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former situation, they are now no longer a corporation with respect to this country, as a creature of the great seal of this country. They merely say, that it is possible, that the Charity may be applied by them, and therefore submit, [245] that it ought; but it cannot, as the

controul of this Court over them is at an end.

Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Mitford, for the College. There is no reason to disturb this. The present application of it is as near the intention of the testator, as any plan can be. The change, which has taken place, has not produced any impossibility of inquiring into their conduct. The alteration is merely the relinquishment of the government of that country by this. All, that was done by the treaty, was to acknowledge them independent; every thing else remained as before. It must be presumed, this College remains in the same situation as before the separation, except in this single instance. The application of the money can be managed as well now as before by accounts properly transmitted to the officer of this Court. Even a conquered country remains in the same situation, till the conquering power alters it. There has been a case like this; that of the Convents in Normandy and other English provinces in France, which possessed considerable lands in this country; and when they came under the dominion of France, they still continued to hold their property here till the time of Henry the Vth. (2 Inst. 583; 1 Bla. Com. 386; 4 Bla. Com. 112; 1 Rap. Hist. Eng. 509, 2d edit.), and though from time to time it was confiscated upon account of war, yet it was restored with peace. There is nothing in the information suggesting a doubt, that this corpo-ation does not continue. They are sued now as a subsisting College, and put in their answer as such. They state by their answer, that a considerable sum is due to them for educating and maintaining child, in according to the intention of the testator; and therefore, if they are no longer to be intrusted with this fund, yet they are creditors for so much, and ought to be satisfied for that debt.

Attorney General. In the schedule to their answer they only use the general word "expenditures" though ordered by the decree to

transmit particular accounts.

Lord Chancellor [Thurlow], to the Counsel for the College. Where is the scire facias in case of misbehaviour? Suppose your doctrine relative to the conquest holds by analogy to the [246] actual state of America, you must suppose, they might be reformed by scire facial in their own Courts, for it certainly could not be in the Courts of the conquered Prince. As to the case of the Convents the same thing happened to the Knights Templars, and to the Knights of Malta: they were religious institutions, and it turned entirely upon that. The Bishop of London seems not to have a sufficient interest in this fund to sustain a bill; it must be dismissed as to him; the information was proper, but the bill improper. If the agents and receivers have accounted fairly, why should they have costs? If trustees have fairly accounted, and paid the money into Court, their costs are of course; therefore those persons ought to have them out of the fund. I am inclined to give the costs of the College also: but I think it a little irregular. I cannot take notice of them as a corporation; you have not proved them an existing corporation at all; nor can I give them costs individually. Give the City of London and the other Defendants their costs.

CAPTAIN THOMAS GRAVES AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

By William Montgomery Sweeny

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Few names are more familiar to the student of the early history of Virginia than that of Captain Thomas Graves, who came to Virginia in the Mary & Margarett, Captain Newport, and settled at Jamestown in 1608.

His wife, Katherine, (maiden name not known), and two sons, John and Thomas Graves, Jr., came at a later date.

He appears to have taken an active part in the affairs of the infant

colony from the very beginning.

On one occasion, while on an exploring expedition with Captain John Smith, he was captured by the Indians and taken to Opechan-canough's town, where he was held for ransom.

"Thomas Savage was sent by Smith to recover Graves. In this he was successful. Before securing Graves's release, however, some difficulty arising with the Indians, Savage and three others offered to fight thirteen of the Indians at once, but the latter declined the challenge.

Savage had come to Virginia with the first settlers of 1007, as a boy of thirteen years, and, in 1008, was exchanged as a hostage for Namontock, an Indian from Powhatan's tribe, and had remained some time with the Indians and learned their language, which enabled him afterwards to render much service to the Colony as an interpreter."

Pory, writing in 1624, says of Savage: "He with much honestie and good successe hath served the publike without any publike recompense, yet had an arrow shot through his body in their service." (Va. Maga. of History, I, 443; Smith: History of Virginia, edition published in Richmond, Va., 1819, pp. 61-63.)

Governor Yeardley writing to Sir Edwin Sandys soon after April

29, 1619, of affairs at Smythe's Hundreds, says:-

"There hath lately hapened a misfortune done by him who Comanded there Mr Eps whom I found cheife in the busines at my coming Mr Hault and Mr Neman being dead, Mr Eps being a hopefull youg gentleman I constituted Captayne over the people and Comitted the buisines wholly to his disposing in my absence and as he should receave directions from me, but so it fell out one the 30th of May last the one Capt. Stalling employed hether by Sir ffardinando Gorge, Coming to Smythes Hundred some difference ifell betweene them and drunkeness web of late hath bin to common stiring them farther to malice and blowes, so that Epps lett drive at Scalling with his sworde but scabbard and all, yett the blow was so fforcible that he cleft him to the scull and next day he died thereon, this matter is not yett tryed in regard I have bin troubled with these buisinesses of Capt Argalls, in the meane he is Committed to the Provost Mareshalls, and in his stead I have entreated Capt Graves an Antient officer of this Colmpalny to take charge of the people and workes." (The Records of the London Company of Virginia, 111, 121.)

Captain Thomas Graves was a member of the First Legislative Assembly in America and, with Mo. Walter Shelley, sat for Smythe's Hundred when they met at Jamestawn, July 30, 1619. (Va. Maga. of History, II, 60, 70; Brown: Genesia of the United States, 11, 904; Meade:

Old Churches & Ministers & Families of Virginia, I, 130.)

"We have a few details relating to the appearance of this first Virginia Assembly. They sat with their hats on, as in the English Com-

mons, the members occupying 'the choir,' with the Governor and Council in the front seats. The Speaker Master John Pory, with clerk and sergeant, faced them, and the session was opened with prayer by Mr. Bucke, after which the Burgesses took the oath of supremacy." (Cooke: Virginia, 115.)

In 1622, a Thomas Graves is recorded as receiving the following

patent for land:

"At a Quarter Court held for Virginia in the Forenoon the 26th

Nov. 1622.

The Patente Appointed to be drawne upp against this Court were read and compared and beinge found agreeable to the former Presedentes were referred to the Afternoone Court Confirmation Vizt:

A Patente to Thomas Graves of Doublin in the Realme of Ireland, Gent.

All of which have undertaken to transport 100 persons a piece to

(Records of the Virginia Company, II, 132. Quoted by Alexander

Brown in The First Republic in America.)

In 1623, Captain Thomas Graves was living in the Eastern Shore, as is recorded by Hotten:

"Feby. 16, 1623. The Living in Virginia. At the Eastern Shore, Thomas Graves." (Hotten, 1, 188.)

The following references to Captain Thomas Graves have been preserved:

"A Court held the eight daye of February 1624

Present

Sir ffrancis Wyatt Knight Gournor &c., Sr George Yardley Knight

Mr George Sands Threar

Gilbert Peppett Sworne and Examined Saveth that he asked Capt graues why the Tobacco was soe badd, to web he replied it was the best that he could gett. And that some of them said it was good enough to paye dewties, And that Mr How asked Capt graues how that Tubacco Cam to be so badd, he beinge soe Curious in the takinge of hitt Then Capt graves brought in A bundle of good Tobacco about 30 or 40 waight, and said he paid that in him self for Mr How and rohn Willows. & This Examinat sayeth that he tooke exception against the rest of the Tobacco when he received it and said it would be burnt when it Camto James Cyttie.

John How gent sworne and exam sayeth, affrmeth that he hard Liut Peppett take exception against the Tobacco before i cam about and that he said it would be burnt when it cam upp to far es Cyttie."

(Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, 46-47.)

A Court at James Citty the 11th of January, 1,26

Capt John Martin sworne & examined sayeth that about 4 years agoe Mrs Elizabeth Small[ey] being in England was as thee said, set on by ye Company, to deliver a petition to the king ages Sr Samuell Argoll to recover certain oxen of him weh hee had taken fro her no Virginia, hee the said Sr Samuell Argoll did soe cleere himselfe that shee asked him forgiueness at my Lord of Warwickes house: And then afterwards Sr Samuell Argolf told her that the said exen were in Virginia & noe body could tell her better where they were then Capt Tho: Graves then liveing in Virginia.

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(Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, 132.)

A court at James Citty 8th ffebruary 1627

psent

Capt Francis West Esqr Gouernor &c., Doctor Pott Capt Mathewes Mr Secretary Capt Tucker Mr ffarar

It is ordered that Capt Thomas Grayes shall have a Commission to Comaund the Plantation of Accawmacke. (Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia,

165.) "By virtue of an Adventure of five and twentie pounds" Captain Thomas Graves received a patent for 200 acres of land, located in the Eastern Shore.

The document reads:

"To all to whome these psents shall come I John Pott Esqe Gouvernr and Capt General of Virginia send greeting in or Lord God Everlasting Whereas by the orders and constitutions formerly made and established for the affairs of this Colony it hath been ordered and appointed that all devidents of lands any way due or belonging to any Adventurers or planters of what condition soever should be laid out and assigned to them according to the severall conditions in the same mentioned Now know yee that I the said John Pott doo with the consent of the Councell of State Give and graunt unto Capt Thomas Graies an Antient planter and to his heires and assignes for ever by these psents twoo hundred acres of Land as his first divident and on a second division to be augmented and doubled to him and his said heires and assignes when hee or they shall sufficiently have peopled and planted the land situate and lying on the Eastern side of the shoare of the bay of Chesepelake and abutting Southeri, on the Land of Capt Henry Fleete and thence extending Northerly along the bankes by the water side one hundred poles Westerly upon the aid Bay and Easterly directly striking into the maine Woods The said twoo hundred acres accruing by virtue of an Adventure of five as I twentie pounds paid by the said Thomas Graves unto Sr Thomas Smith late Treasurer for the Company of Virginia To have and to hold the said twoo hundred acres of land with the appurtenances and with his due share of all Mines and Mineralls there in contayned and with all rights and privileges of hunting ffishing ffowling and others within the premises and upon the borders of the same to the sole and express use benefitt and behoofe of him the said Thomas Graves his heires and assignes for ever In as large and ample manner to all intents and purposes as is expressed in the said orders and Constitutions or by Consequence may justly bee Collected out of the same or out of his Majties Letters Pattents whereon they are grounded Yeilding and paying for every fifty acres of land herein by these prsents given and graunted yearly at the feast of St Michaell the Archangell the fee rent of one shifting Provided alwaies that if the said Thomas Grates his heires or assignes doe not plante and seate upon the said lands within the time and course of three yeares now next cusuing the date hereof That then it shall and may be lawfull for any Adventurer or planter to make Choice of and seat upon the same In Witness whereof I the said John stott have hereunto set my hand and the scale of the Colony the fourtee th day of March Anno Dom; one Thousand six hundred twentie and light and in the fourth year of the reigne of or Sovereigne Lord King Charles of England &c and in the xxijth year of this Plantacon." Patent Book No. 1, p. 72, Land Register's Office, Richmond, Virginia).

In the winter of 1629-1630, the question of furnishing adequate protection for the Colony, was again brought before the General Assembly, which took action as under:

The General Assembly holden the 24th March, Anno Domini 1629-30.

Act II.

Matter of Fortifications was againe taken into consideration, and Capt. Samuel Mathewes was content to undertake the raysing of a fort at Poynt Comfort, whereupon Capt. Robert Felgate, Capt. Thomas Purfury, Capt. Thomas Graies, Capt. John Utey, Capt. Tho. Wiloby, Mr. Tho, Heyrick, and Leu't. Wm. Perry by full consent of the whole Assembly, were chosen to view the place, conclude what manner of fort shall be erected, and to compound and agree with the said Caut. Mathewes for the building, raysing and finishing the same. And whatsoever bargaine or contracte the said committee shall make concerning the same, the whole Assembly are content to ratifie and confirme and performe. (Hening, 1, 150).

"Captain Thomas Graves was Commissioner [Justice] for Accomac, 1629, and Burgess for the same in 1632." (Stanard: Virginia Land Patents, Va. Maga. of History, II, 70. See also Brown:

Genesis of the United States).

Colonel William Claiborne, in his first expedition to Kent Island, Marvland, in 1631, took with him Thomas Savage, as interpreter, for which he paid him £1 16 shillings, August 12, 1631.

In November, 1631, Claiborne is recorded as purchasing from Captain Thomas Graves "2 lb of powder" for 5 shillings. (Maryland His-

torical Magazine, XXVIII, 32).

In the office of the Land Register are these two patents for land in Elizabeth City County, granted to Captain Thomas Graves and his son John Graves:

Capt. John West to Thomas Purifey, 100 acres, Nov. 28, 1635, Page 323. Eliz. City Co., adj. Thomas Oldis from John Neale. Due by ✓ assignment from Capt. Thos. Graves by order of court dated Feb. 29, 1631, same being due to sd. Graves as an ancient planter

Patent Book No. 1.

(Nugent: Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol. 1, 36.) Sir John Harvey to John Graves, 600 acres, August 9, 1637, Page 443. Elizabeth City County, adj. Capt. Adam Thorogood, about a pole to the E. of the dwelling house of Oliver Vanneck. Due by descent from his father, Thomas Graves, who trans, at his own costs himself, his wife, 2 sons and 8 persons: Katherine Graves, John and Thomas Graves, Jr., Henry Singleton, Thos. Edge, Robt. Phillipps, Thos. Griggs, Thos. Phillipps, Frances White, Wm. Symbee, Joane Packett.

> Patent Book No. 1. (Nugent: Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol. 1, 62.)

Feb. 9, 1635, Hannah Scarbrough, of Acchawmacke, (Accomac) widow, sells to Captain Thomas Graves, Esq., one cow and calf.

(Order Book No. 1, p. 30, Northampton Co., Va.) "Captain Thomas Graves, Esq." is recorded as being present as a Justice at a Court held for Accomac County, April 13, 1635, and at a Court held September 13, 1635, he was appointed a Vestryman of Hungar's Parish.

He attended a meeting of the Vestry held September 29, 1635, at

which it was agreed to build a parsonage house upon the filebe land by "Christyde."

The last reference to Captain Thomas Graves as living is in November, 1635, when he is mentioned as a witness to a deed from Ann Harmer, wife of Mr. Charles Harmer, to Robert Chapman, of Accomac.

(Order Book No. 1, p. 2, Northampton Co., Va.) At Accomac January Court, 1636, his name does not appear among

those reported "present" or "absent."

He appears to have died at some date between November, 1635, when he witnessed the deed of Ann Harmer, and January, 1636, when the Accomac January Court was held, for under date of January 5,

1636, we find Anthony Wills sueing Mrs. Graves:

January 5, 1630, Anthony Wills petitioned in Accomac Court against John Culpeper, servant to Mrs. Graves, for killing two hogs of said Wills which being examined and the depositions of John Hannaman and Robert Pistoll it is ordered that Mrs. Graves shall pay unto the said Wills one sowe of one year and one half old present payment, for default thereof said Culpeper to be whipped presently and have thirty

The meeting of the Vestry of Hungar's Parish held at Accomac,

May 20, 1636, passed a resolution which reads:

Having taken into consideration the remote living of the members of this Parish from the Church. It is agreed that all such persons as live at the Old Plantation from the land of Mrs. Graves unto the head of the sd Old Plantation Creeke that they shall # bodys be buried on the part of the land of Wilm

Blower where Wllm Berriman liveth and likewise that they give notice unto the Ministers and provide convenient means for their coming there to bury the dead wch whoever shall refuse such decent and Christian like burial that then they are to stand censure of the Vestry. # hiatus in record book.

(Records of Northampton County, Virginia, transcript in Virginia

State Library, page 56.)

From the above we conclude that Captain Thomas Graves, when living resided at the Old Plantation, on the shores of Chesepeake Bay, in what is now Northampton County, Virginia.

Besides his sons, John and Thomas, he had at least one other son, Francis Graves, who was born in Virginia

These references to Trancis Graves are to be found among the records of Northampton County, Virginia;

"Court held at Accomac 6th day of May, Anno Domini 1639. Received by me Henry Penington the some of one hundred pounds of tobacco and a cowe calf for the use of Francis Graves that is in full satisfaction for a parcell of land Henry Wilson bought that did belong unto Francis Graves, the cowe calf and the tobacco being paid by Alice Wilson, widowe, and received the twenty eight day of December, 1638. I say received by me.

Henry Penington.

Witness: William Berryman."

(Order Book No. 1, p. 140, Northampton County, Virginia.)

Att A Monthly Cot, holden att Northampton the 28th day of November Ano. 1642

Argoll Yardley Esqre. Commander gnt.

Mr: Obedience Robins Capt: William Stone Mr: John Neale

Mr: Phillip Taylor: Mr: John Wilkins Mr: Edward Douglas

Capt: William Roe

Mr: Stephan Charlton

A Certiff gted, unto Fra: Graves Orphant of Capt. Tho: Graves deceased

Rich. Camhoe William Deacon Capt Tho: Graves Rich: Cox Mrs. Ffrances Jefford

(Order Book No. 2, 1640-45, p. No further reference to Francis Graves, Sr., has been found of record in Northampton County. He may have first removed to Elizabeth City County, where, as we have seen, his father and his brother, John, received patents for land, but owing to the loss of the greater part of the records of that county, nothing definite can be ascertained.

The next reference to him that has been found, is under date of

1672, when he received a patent for land in Rappahannock County: To all &c. Whereas &c. Now know yee that I the said Sr William Berkeley Knt &c. Do give and graunt to Francis Graves 714 Acres of Land in the County of Rappah on the So side the River part on the branch of Gilsons Creeke and part in Hodgkins [Hoskins] Creeke which land boundeth as followeth beginning at Mr Beverleys Corner White Oake near Button bridge [Button Range] runing thence E. by S. 48 pole thence S. E. by S. 500 pole over the new Road to a poplar in a branch of Hodgkins [Hoskins] his Creeke thence So. W. by W. 156 pole thence So. 300 pole thence E. N. E. 100 pole thence No. N. W. 320 pole to the branches of Gilsons Creeke and thence from a Corner N. E. by E. downe by, in and along the Swamp to button bridge [Button Range] thence Southerly 20 pole where it first began, bounded on all sides, which land is due by and for the transportation of fifteen persons into the Colony whose names are under this Patient. To have and to hold &c

Dated the Xth of October 1672 Ao Car. 2nd.

John Oldis Sarah Warner Thomas Hill Henry Milby Tho. Knott John Miles Mathew Lewis Judith Abbott John Cooper Tho. Ichady Jno. Luke Nich, Deprize John Dearing Peter Dyos Robert Young

(State Land Office, Richmond, Patent Book No. 6, p. 443).

It is not known positively that Francis Graves, Sr., settled in Rappahannock County at the date this patent was issued to him, but he certainly was living there in 1674, as on July 11th of that year he is recorded as a witness to a deed from Robert Moss to John Wood.

(Record Book 1671-1676, Rappahannock Co., p. 237). He may or may not have been a married man in 1672, but, if married, there is no surviving record to show it. We do know, however, that by November 28, 1678, he had married a widow Jane Maguffey, or Davenport as the following will show:

Know all men by these presents that whereas I Francis Graves of Rappa County in Virginia, did make a verball promise to my now wife Jane before marriage to confirme the gift of two heiffers & a calfe to her three Children Doe therefore hereby (for the love and affection I have and beare unto the said Children John & Jane Moguffe and Elizabeth Davenport) freely give & grant to the Said John a certaine heiffer cald Rose marked wth two Crops & a hole in the Right eare And to the said Jane a certaine heiffer called nancy marked with two crops in both eares & swallow forks in both eares and to the said Elizabeth a cow calfe called tidy marked wth a Slit in each eare, to them the said John Jane & Elizabeth wth the increase of the same (the male onely excepted) & to their heires & assigns forever, & I do warrant the

same to be free from the Clayme of any person whatsoever, as Witness my hand & Seal this 28th of Novembr 1678

Phi. Pendleton her Mary E Butcher mark

(Record Book 1677-82, p. 200.

Francis Graves Seale

It is possible that his wife, Jane, had been married only once previously and to Maguffey, and that the daughter Elizabeth, had mar-

ried a Davenport.

Francis Graves, Sr., and his wife, Jane, had at least three children: Francis Graves, Jr., Richard Graves and Thomas Graves. Of the above children, Thomas died ca. 1742, as in O. B. 13, p. 123, under date of Feb. 15, 1742/43, upon the petition of John Graves, administration is granted him on the estate of Thomas Graves, deceased. Thomas Coleman goes security on his administrator's bond. William Upshaw, John Garnett, James Reynolds and William Reynolds or any three of them are ordered to appraise the estate, etc. (W. B. 6, p. 418). The inventory and appraisement of the estate of Thomas Graves, deceased, is returned and recorded March 15, 1742/43, by William Upshaw, John Garnett, and William Rennolds according to the order issued Feb. 15. 1742/43. (W. B. 6, p. 425). The final settlement of the estate took place July 16, 1745. (W. B. 7, p. 344). In this final accounting payments are recorded to Richard and Francis Graves, who may have been sons of Thomas.

As regards Richard Graves, son of Francis Graves, Sr., of Essex? Co., O. B. 1708-1714, pp. 608-609, shows that on September 19, 1714,

Richard Graves was living out of Essex County.

He may have been the Richard Graves* whose will was probated in Craven Precinct, North Carolina, at September Court, 1730. (Grimes: Abstracts of North Carolina Wills, 140, and photostat of original will in the possession of the writer.)

In his will, which is dated April 11, 1730, Richard Graves makes bequests to his wife, Hannah, daughter, Mary Graves, son, Thomas Graves, son-in-law, Farnifold Green, James Green, and his (Richard Graves's) nephews, Richard and Francis Graves, "sons of my brother Thomas Graves, in Virginia." It seems probable that this is Richard

Graves, son of Francis Graves, Sr., of Essex County, Virginia. The date of death of Francis Graves, Sr., is not known. He certainly was dead by August 5, 1691, when his widow is mentioned in a

document of record in Rappahannock County:

To the Sheriff of Rappa County or his Depy these Whereas divers complaints are made to this court that several runaway negro and mulatto slaves are in company together and have and still continue to do great mischief to the inhabitants of the southside of this county near or about the plantation of the widow Graves in the neck of land between Hoskins & Gilsons pocoson and in divers other places in this county we do therefore order and require you (in pursuance of the 16th act of Assembly held at James City April 16, 1691) that forthwith upon sight hereof (within your county) you will search and cause diligent search to be made after such negroes and other slaves offend-

^{*}Richard Graves was at various times a Justice of the General Court, Representative from Craven Precinct and Treasurer of the same, etc. (See Colonial Records of North Carolina.)

ing as aforesaid and them to apprehend and safely convey to their respective masters as the law of this colony in that case directs. August 5, 1691.

(Order Book, Rappahannock County, 1686-92, p. 301.)

True to the traditions of Virginia widows, we find that in 1694, the widow of Francis Graves, Sr., had remarried to one John Doughty, a planter of Essex County, as we learn from this deed of gift:

Be it known unto all men by these presents that I John Doughty of Essex County Planter by reason of an intermarriage between me and the widow Graves do give unto the three children of Francis Graves namely Francis Richard and Thomas Graves as followeth

Item one Cow named Gowlden Locks with her female encrease marked with two Crops two underkeels and a nick in each underkeel,

unto my son-in-law [step-son] Francis Graves and his heirs.

Item I give unto my other son-in-law [step-son] Richard Graves one cow named Good luck marked with two half spades taken at the upper side of the ear her and her female encrease forever

Item I give unto Thomas Graves one Cow Called Merygold marked two Crops and a hole in the left Ear her and her female encrease forever as Witness my hand this twenty second day of May 1694 Test

Chas. Rodes

John D. Doughty mark

his John x Maguffey

mark

Acknowledged in Court June 11, 1694.

(D. & W. Book 6, p. 296).

Of the three children of Francis Graves, Sr., and Jane, his wife, (Francis, Richard and Thomas Graves), we shall attempt to trace the descendants of but one, Francis Graves, Jr.

He was born probably in Rappahannock County, but surviving records do not disclose the date. From his will, we learn that his wite was Ann, but her maiden name has not been ascertained.

The records of Essex County furnish the following information con-

cerning him:

On March 10, 1704, a presentment against him for not making Indian corn is dismissed, he being a tradesman. (O. B. 1703-1708, p.

October 4, 1706, James Gouge, of Essex County, deeds to Francis Graves, of the same county, 124 acres of land in Essex County. (D. B. 12, p. 310).

September 8, 1707, Francis Graves, of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, conveys to George Lloyd, of St. Ann's Parish, Essex County, 125 acres of land in Essex County, adjoining land of said Lloyd, John Graves and others. (W. & D. B. 13, p. 248).

He is recorded as a witness to a power of attorney of John Whiteside, of Liverpool, England, dated October 20, 1707. (1). & W. B. 13, p. 122.)

October 11, 1708, he (with Jane Saunders and Thomas Munday) goes on the bond of Jane Saunders as administratrix of her deceased husband, Thomas Saunders. (Book 13, 1707-1711, p. 159).

September 8, 1709, as a resident of South Farnham Parish, Essex County, he sells to George Lloyd, of the same county, 120 acres of land in Essex County, adjoining John Graves. (D. & W. L. 13, p. 248).

He is sued September 19, 1714, by Roger Shackleford for the payment of sixteen pounds due on a protested bill of exchange (which had



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From a mezzorint in the possession of William M. Sweeny, engraved by John Faber after the painting by Arthur Pond.

Behold the Man, who when a gloomy Band. O rare BEN BRADLY may for This, the Bowl. Of vile Excisemen threaten'd all the Land, Help'd to deliver from their Harpy-Gripe The chearfull Bottle and the social Pipe,

Still unexcisid, rejoice thy honest Soul! May still the Best in Christendom, for This. Heave to thy Stopper and compleat thy Bliss.

The best in Christendom without Excise,

been endorsed by Francis), for twenty-eight pounds, drawn about the year 1708, by his brother, Richard Graves, on Benjamin Bradly, the celebrated London merchant, who had extensive dealings with the Virginia planters. (O. B. 1708-1714, pp. 608-609).

August 16, 1726, he purchases from Richard Coleman, fifty acres of

land in Essex County. (D. & W. B. 18, p. 213). December 9, 1730, he is a witness to the will of Thomas Hipkins, of

Essex County. (W. B. 5, p. 50).

March 4, 1736/37, he witnesses a deed from Andrew Phillips and

wife, Sarah, of Essex County, to John Satterwhite, of King & Queen County, conveying 100 acres of land in Essex County. (D. B. 21, pp. 285-286).

As the inventory and appraisement of his estate (November 12, 1745) mentions, among other items, "A Sett of Troopers Armes," it seems probable that Francis Graves was a soldier of the Colonial militia. (W. B. 8, p. 121).

His son, William Graves, was a soldier in Captain John Latane's

Company of Essex County Militia, in 1757. (D. B. 27, p. 308).

The will of Francis Graves, Jr., dated June 25, 1746, was entered for probate in Essex Court, October 18, 1748. He makes bequests to his wife, Ann Graves, and to six children: Jane Graves, Ann Graves, Clarer Higinbotom [Clara Higginbotham], Elizabeth Graves, Mary Graves and William Graves. (W. B. 8, pp. 90-91).

The following deeds are of record in the name of his son, William

Graves:

July 7, 1750. William Graves, of Caroline County, to John Satterwhite, of the same county. Conveys the plantation that Francis Graves deed, and the sd. William Graves formerly lived on claiming a just quantity of 250 acres of land with ten acres adjoining thereunto that the said Graves lately purchased of James Rennolds, the above 260 acres being in the counties of Essex and Caroline. (D. B. 27, p. 135).

March 16, 1756. William Graves & Dorothy, his wife, of Caroline Co., to John Satterwhite, of the same county. Conveys 250 acres of land being the land and plantation that Francis Graves, decd. & the sd. William Graves formerly lived purchased of James Rennolds. (D. B.

27, p. 195). Clara (Graves) Higginbotham was the wife of Captain Aaron Higginbotham, Sr., who lived in that part of Goochland County which later became Albemarle County, and still later, Amberst County, where he died in 1785.

Aaron, Sr., and Clara (Graves) Higginbotham had six children, two

sons and four daughters.

Their eldest daughter, Frances Graves Higginbotham, married her cousin, Lieut. Joseph Higginbotham Morrison, who had served in the War of the Revolution as Lieutenant in Captain Samuel Higginbotham's (his uncle's) Company, of Amherst County, Virginia, Militia.

Joseph Higginbotham and Frances Graves (Higginbotham) Mor-

rison had seven children, three sons and four daughters.

In 1791, Joseph H. Morrison removed with his family from Amherst County, Virginia, to Elbert County, Georgia,

Their second daughter, Mary Dandridge Morrison, (1784-1839), married in Elbert County, Georgia, in 1805, James Reagan, Jr. (1780-

The descendants of their son, Captain Aaron Higginbotham, Jr., are very

numerous and comprise many men of prominence, among others, Dr. George Tully Vaughan, an eminent surgeon of Washington, D. C., and the late Judge Henry Constantine Shields, of Howard County, Missouri.

James Reagan, Jr., and Mary Dandridge (Morrison) Reagan had eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, of whom their eighth child Francis Washington Reagan, M. D. (1821-1865), married, in 1845, Sarah Cecilia Refo (1826-1910).

Their only child, Eugenia Octavia Reagan, (1846-1923), married, in 1867, General Thomas W. Sweeny, U. S. A. (1820-1892).

They had two children: Thomas Francis Sweeny and William

Montgomery Sweeny.
William Montgomery Sweeny, eighth in descent from Captain
Thomas Graves, married, in Elbert County, Georgia, in 1928, Mrs.
Lenora Elizabeth (Higginbotham) Macfarlane, of Bedford County, Virginia, also eighth in descent from Captain Thomas Graves, being a great, great, great, granddaughter of Captain Aaron Higginbotham, Sr., and Clara (Graves) Higginbotham, of Amherst County, Virginia.

For an account of the Higginbotham Family, see Higginbotham Family of Virginia, in William & Mary Quarterly Historical Magazine, XXVI, 3, 4; XXVII, 1, 2, 4.

LIST OF PENSIONERS IN VIRGINIA FOR THE YEAR 1786

Contributed by W. S. Morton.

	Contributed b	y 44		aton.	
Names	Residence	Age	Rank	Corps	Allowance
William Atkinson		27		Lec's Legion	12 lbs.
Mary Armstrong, wide	ow of lames.	-	Serit.	3rd, Reg.	15
John Akin	Nansemond	28	Priv.	Bufort's Det'mt.	12
Edmund Absolum,		35	66	15th. Reg.	18
Robert Beckham,	Chesterfield	45	44	12th. Reg.	15
Robert Burchett,	Halifax	30	**	Ist. Reg.	18
William Bradley,	Rockbridge,	36	Serg.	7th. Reg.	18
Thomas Booth,	Franklin		Priv.	5th. Reg.	6
William Barret		32	Capt.	3rd, Dragoons.	90
Walker Baylor,		26	Capt.	Jru.	45
Mary Butler, widow o	f James,		Priv.	lith. Inf.	8
John Chew, Jr.	Spottsylvania	33	Lieut,	Militia.	48
John Consoluer.	_	27	Priv.	Buford's D't'm.	18
Mary Carver, widow of	of John,		14	8th. Reg.	8
John Cottey,	Hampshire	37	"	11th, Reg.	12
	Louisa,	23	56	Buford Detach'mt	. 18 15
	Caroline,	30	44	10th. Reg.	12
John Caldwell,	Rockbridge,	24	"	Militia	12
Archibald Compton			44	2nd. Reg.	6
John Corbett,	,	43	"	Invalid Corps.	
William Commack,			16	Campbell's D't'm	12
Eve Clark, widow of	lohn,		44	15th Reg.	12
Judith Davis, widow	of William,	35	66	15th, Reg.	12
	Louisa,	35	66	Bul'd. Det'mt.	_
Thompson Davis,	0.1	40	44	3rd. Reg. Dragooi 1st. Reg. "	6
Charles Davis,	Culpeper,	30	66	12th, Inf.	10
Elienor Develin, wido	w, or rienry,	27	66	6th.	18
William Dickinson,	Hanover,	21	66	lst.	š
James Durham,	Caroline,	25	Private		12
Elijah Estes,	Catomie,		Priv.	15th.	ĨŠ
Elizabeth Edwards, V	riuow or vermani		Serg.	14th. Reg.	18
Hannah Gregory, Wit	Culpeper,		Col.	6th.	100
,,	Curpeper	46	Priv.	12th.	15
Martin Griffin, Margaret Gamble, wi	down of James	10	111	lst.	12
Mary Halbert, Widos	w of Richard		41	Militia.	8
John Hughes,	OI Itichara	32	Serg.	Harrison's R'g Ar	t. 18
Benjamin Holmes,	King and Quee		Capt.	2nd. Reg. Inf.	144
William Hubbard	******	,	Serg.	lst	18
Iames Hamilton	Augusta,	30	Priv.	Militia.	10
Sarah Howard, Wido	w of Ignatius.		44	Arbuckle's Co.	12
Ann Hargrave, Wido	w of Michael		66	4th. Reg.	6
Bartlet Hawkins,		23	44	3rd Dragoons.	5
George Hite.		25	Lieut.	lst "	40
Silby Rillion, widow	of John.		Priv.	3rd Inf.	8
William Hogan.		26	44	Buf'd Det't.	18
Samuel Hunt	Cumberland,	30	64	2nd. Reg.	18
Mary Ann Jolly, Wic	low of Joseph.		66	Ist. Reg.	12
Harrison ones	Cumberland.	30	44	Militia	15
Margaret Kremer, W	idow of Michael	,	"	10th. Reg.	8
Martha Lewis, Wido	w or Josepa,		- "	Heth Det'h't'.	8
Isabella Mercer, Wid	low of Hugh,		B. Ger		150
John Morgan,	Henrico,	34		2nd Reg.	18 8
Blanks Moody,	Pittsylvania,	0ذ	••	Militia	0

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GRAVES

CAPT. THOMAS GRAVES, SR., was probably b. C1575 in England or Ireland (NOTE: He appears to have been the same as "Thomas Graves of Doublin in the Realme of Ireland", to whom a patent was granted in Virginia, Nov. 20, 1622, and who was one of several who had "...undertaken to transport 100 persons apiece to Virginia" -[Records of the Virginia Company of London, 1906-1934, vol. II. p. 132, by Kingsbury]);d. in the late autumn or early winter of 1636, Accawmacke Co., Va.; m. in either England or Ireland, Katherine (_____, who may or may not have been his (1) wife, but she was his last wife, and survived him. (NOTE: Katherine was almost certainly the mother of Thomas' five youngest children, but may not have been the mother of his eldest son, John, who seems to have been b. so much earlier than his other children; however, it is certainly possible that she was the mother of all). She was b. C1586; d. aft. May 20, 1636.

(Capt.) Thomas Grawes, "Gent.", was one of those members of the Virginia Company, who actually settled in Virginia, arriving on the Mary and Margrett, as part of the second supply, in Sept., 1608. He came alone, leaving behind him at least one child, and presumably, the child's mother. He was still living alone in Virginia at the time of the taking of the "Musters of the Inhabitants in Virginia", in 1624/25, but since at least five of his six children had been b. by this time, it seems clear that he had made several round trips between Virginia and his homeland, during these difficult years. Beginning about 1616, Capt. Graves seems to have gone home to Ireland for a visit, every couple of years, & leaving Katherine "in a family way" each time he returned to Virginia...at least through C1623. It also seems clear that his son Francis, was born here.

One cannot but wonder whether he endured the terrible "starving time", in the winter of 1609/10, and the Indian massacre, led by Opechancanough, in 1622, or whether he missed one or both of these dreadful events, by being out of the country. We do know that about 1621, he was captured by the Indians, who would have killed him but for the intervention of Capt. John Smith, who sent Ensign Thomas Savage to rescue him.

Capt. Graves lived at Jamestown, in the early years, of course, but he was living in Smythe's Hundred by early 1619, when Governor Yeardley "...entreated Capt. Graves an Antient officer of this Co[mpa]ny to take charge of the people and the workes". It was from Smythe's Hundred (located at the southernmost tip of Elizabeth City Co., but in what is now called, Charles City Co.), that Capt. Graves was sent as one of two representatives, to the first Legislative Assembly held in America, on July 30, 1619, at Jamestown.

It has been said that Capt. Graves was living "on the Eastern Shore" (Accawmacke Co., Va.), "the following year" (1620), and he was certainly there at the time of the muster of 1624/5; and in Feb. 1627/8, the General Court appointed him "Commander of the Plantation of Accawmacke". He was a member of the Quorum, in Jan. 1632/3, when his name headed the list of Commissioners (Justices), at the first extant court of record, held for Accawmacke. He continued in the latter capacity until about the time of his death, and was also appointed a member of the first vestry of Hungar's Parish, there, in Sept., 1635.

There was a period, during 1633 and most of 1634, when the name of Capt. Graves did not appear on the lists of Commissioners for Accawnacke. It has been speculated that he may, at this time, have been "on a voyage to England". (sic, Ireland) It may well have been during this period that he went to fetch his family to Virginia.

We wanted to give a brief resume of what is known of Capt. Thomas Graves and Katherine, his wife, and at least their children and identified grandchildren

for those of our readers who were unfamiliar with the family, and particularly for those of them who are descendants. However, so much research has already been done on the line, and so much has already appeared in print on it (with the exception that little has appeared concerning the descendants of Thomas and Katherine (Graves)-Roper Sprigg, and we give this under the Sprigg chapter), that it seems pointless & repetitious to again go into it all in great detail here, and so, we refer our readers to the following books and articles dealing in varying degrees with Capt. Graves and his children: "Captain Thomas Graves And Some Of His Descendants", by William Montgomery Sweeny [William and Mary Quarterly, 2nd Series, Vol. XV, pp. 385-394];"The Graves Family of Essex Co." by Mrs. P.W. Hiden [Ibid., Vol. XVI, pp. 650-bb0];"Inree Rectors of Hungar's Parish And Their Wife", by Mrs. P.W. Hiden [Ibid., Vol. XIX, pp. 34-41]; and "Addenda" [Ibid., pp. 291-301]; "The Graves Family of York County", by Mrs. P.W. Hiden [Ibid., Vol. XXI, pp. 157-171, & 256-270]; "The Graves Family of Spotsylvania County", by Mrs. P.W. Hiden [Tyler's Quarterly Magazine, Vol. XIX, pp. 176-185 & Vo. XX, pp. 54-64]; The Stones of Poynton Manor, by Harry Wright Newman (1937); and the Graves chapter in Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1625, by Annie Lash Jester, pp. 188-193.] Needless to say, we found Ames, op. cit., extremely useful in regards to this as well as other of our early Virginia ancestors and collateral

Following are chronologically listed, documented abstracts of records concerning Capt. Thomas and Katherine () Graves.

- Sept. (Capt.) Thomas Graves, "Gent", arrived in Va., in the Mary and Margaret, Capt. Thomas Newport, Master. (He was probably 25 to 30 years of age.) [Travels and Works of Captain John Smith (1910), Vol. 1, p. 2, p. 445; also, Jester, op. cit., p. 188.]
- after Capt. Thomas Graves put in charge of Smythe's (later, Southampton)
 Apr. 29
 Hundred, which was apparently located in what is now the southernmost portion of Charles City Co., Va. [Rec'ds of the Va. Co., op. cit., Vol. 3, p. 121; also, Jester, Ibid.]
- July 30
 Capt. Thomas Graves sent as one of two Representatives from Smythe's Hundred, to the very first Representative Assembly, which convened at Jamestown, this date. [Virginia Magazine of History, Vol. II, pp. 60, 70.; Brown, Genesis of the United States, Vol. II, p. 904; Meade, Old Churches & Ministers & Families of Virginia, Vol. I, p. 130; Wm. & Mary, op. cit., Vol. XV, p. 385.]
- "Captain Thomas Graves...had come to Virginia in 1608 and in 1619 was burgess of Smythes Hundred. The following year he was on the Eastern Shore." [Ames. op. cit., p. xxvi.]
- Nov. 20
 "In 1622, a Thomas Graves is recorded as receiving the following patent for land: 'At a Quarter Court held for Virginia in the Forenoon the 20th Nov. 1622...A Patente to Thomas Graves of Doublin in the Realme of Ireland, Gent...[and others] All of which have undertaken to transport 100 persons a piece to Virginia'." [Given in Wm. & Mary, op. cit., p. 386, but from, Rec'ds of the Va. Co., op. cit., Vol. II, p. 132.] Jester, op. cit., p. 188, gives the identical reference as that immediately above, and says, "As a member of the Virginia Company, Captain Graves had agreed to transport 100 persons to Virginia and accordingly was allowed a patent for land, 20 November 1622." Jester therefore identifies Capt. Thomas Graves, and the "Thomas Graves of Doublin...", as one and the same person.
- Capt. Thomas Graves was listed (without family), on the Eastern Shore, in the "Musters of the Inhabitants in Virginia". Here it was erroneously stated that he had arrived in the Mary and Margrett in 1607. [Jester, op. cit., p. 67.] (NDTE: John Camden Hotten, in Lists of Emigrants To America, 1600-1700, p. 187, lists Thomas Graves on the Eastern Shore, at the time of this muster, but gives the date, "February the 16th, 1623 [1624].)

- Feb. 8 Capt. Graues mentioned, with regard to some tobacco... [Wm. & Mary, op. cit., Vol. XV, p. 386, but from, Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, Ed. by H. R. Mc] waine, pp. 46-7.]
- Jan. 11 Capt. Thomas Graues mentioned as "then liveing in Virginia". [Ibid., 1626/7 p. 132; and wm. & Mary, op. cit., Vol. XV, p. 386.]
- Feb. 8 Capt. Thomas Graves was appointed by the General Court, as "Commander of the Plantation of Accawmacke". [McIlwaine, op. cit., p. 165; also, Jester, op. cit., p. 188.]
- Mar. 14 THOMAS GRAIES, (or Graves) Ancient Planter, 200 acs. on the E. side of the Shoare of the bay of Chesepelacke butting Sly. on land of Capt. Henry Fleete, extending Nly. along the water side & Wly. on the bay. 14 Mar. 1628, p. 72. Due by vertue of an adv. of 25 Lbs. paid to Sir Thomas Smith, late Treasurer for the Co. of Va." [Nugent, op. cit., p. 13; but see also, p. xxii.]
- Mar. 24 "Matter of Fortifications was againe taken into consideration, and 1629/30 Capt. Samuel Mathewes was content to undertake the raysing of a Fort at Poynt Comfort, whereupon Capt. Robert Felgate, Capt. Thomas Purfury. [also, Purefoy, Purifye], Capt. Thomas Graies, Capt. John Utey, Capt. Tho. Wiloby, Mr. Tho. Heyrick, and Leu't. Wm. Perry [also, Parry] by full consent of the whole Assembly, were chosen to view the place, conclude what manner of fort shall be erected, and to compound and agree with the said Capt. Mathewes for the building, raysing and finishing the same..." [wm. & Mary, op. cit., Vol. XV, p. 388, but from William W. Hening, The Statutes at Large: Being a Collection of all the Laws of Virginia, from the First Session of the Legislature. to the Year 1619.. Vol. 1, p. 150.]
- 1629/30 Capt. Thomas Graves served Accawmacke Co., Va., as Burgess to the As--1632 sembly. [Ames, op. cit., p. xxvi.]
- Nov. 20 Capt. Thomas Graves' name appears this date in papers concerning the suit of Wm. Clayborne vs. Clobery & Co. [Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Vol. 18, by Beverly Fleet, p. 98; also, Md. Hist. Mag., op. cit., Vol. 28, p. 31.]
- Feb. 29 "CAPT. THOMAS PURIFYE, Esqr., 100 acs. Eliz. Citty Co., 28 Nov. 1635, p. 323. N.W. upon a Cr. next upon the fort feild, S. upon the maine river, E. upon Thomas Oldis & N.E. upon land of John Neale. Due by assignment from Capt. Thomas Grayes as by order of court 29 Feb. 1631, to whom it was due for his per. devident as being an Ancient Planter. [Nugent, op. cit., p. 36.]
- Jan. 7
 1632/3
 1632/3
 Capt. Thomas Graves (of the Quorum), headed the list of Commissioners at the first extant court of record, held for Accawmacke. [County Court Records of Accomack-Northampton Virginia 1632-1640, by Susie M. Ames., pp. xxvi, 2; also, Jester, op. cit., p. 188.]
- Capt. Thomas Graves' name did not appear on the list of Commissioners for Accawmacke during this year or most of 1634. "The service of Thomas Graves extended from 1627, beginning probably in July, through the fall of 1636 with, however, an interval in the spring and summer of 1634" [sic, should read, "spring, summer and winter of 1633, and spring and summer of 1634"]..."when Obedience Robins served. Graves was probably on a voyage to England." [Ames, op. cit., p. xxxviii.]
- Oct. 23 Capt. Thomas Graves' name once again headed the list of Commissioners for Accawmacke Co. [Ibid., p. 23.]
- Nov. 3 Ditto. [Ibid., p. 24.]

Jan. 5 Ditto. [Ibid., p. 25.] In speaking of the first Clerk of Accomack, Henry Bagwell, there is this: "Captain Graves, the Commander; Captain Edmund Scarburgh [or Scarborough], and Obedience Robins - were men of education and ability..." [Ames, op. cit., p. xxi.]

"Captain Thomas Graves, also of the quorum of that first commission, had been commander of the Plantation of Accomack since 1627. An ancient planter and one listed as a gentleman, he had come to Virginia in 1608 and in 1619 was burgess of Smythes Hundred. The following year he was on the Eastern Shore, where in 1628 he patented two hundred acres by virtue of an early bill of adventure of £25. He served as one of the burgesses for Accomack in the March 1629[1630] Assembly and in that of September 1632. In 1635 when the vestry of the parish was organized be became a member. By the spring of that year he was called Esquire, a title accorded members of the Council. As he was apparently one of the smallest landholders on the Eastern Shore, his appointment to the Council is of interest as furnishing a contrast to the appointment usually of those having a large landed estate. Certainly as a representative of the gentlemen class there were but few, if any at that time could equal the length of his residence in Virginia." [Ibid., p. xxvi.]

- Jan. 9 "Captain Thomas Graves Esq.", bought a cow and calf from Hanna Scar-1634/5[?]borough of Accawmacke Co., widow. [Ibid., p. 30.]
- Feb. 19 Capt. Thomas Graves' name headed list of Commissioners for Accawmacke 1634/5 Co. [Ibid., p. 26.]
- Apr. 13 "Capt. Thomas Graves Esq.", ditto. [Ibid., p. 31.] (NOTE: The term 1635 "esquire", denoted a member of the Council. Ibid., p. xxvi.]
- June 16 Ditto. [Ibid., p. 36.] 1635
- Sept. 14 Ditto. Also, this date Capt. Thomas Graves was appointed a member of the first vestry for Hungar's Parish. [Ibid., p. 39.]
- Sept. 29 Capt. Thomas Graves, vestryman, was present at the first vestry meet-1635 ing held in the Parish. [Ibid., p. 43.]
- Nov. 16 Capt. Thomas Graves not listed as a Commissioner at Court this day. 1635 [Ibid., p. 40.]
- Nov. Thomas Graves wit. a deed for Mrs. Elizabeth Harmer. [Ibid., p. 43.]
- Jan. 5 Capt. Thomas Graves was deceased by this day, when Mrs. Graves, (as 1636/6 feme sole), was sued for a hog killed by her servant, John Culpepper. [Ibid., p. 49.]

"The service of Thomas Graves extended from 1627, beginning probably in July, through the fall of 1636 with, however, an interval in the spring and summer of 1634 [summer and winter, 1633] when Obedience Robbins served. Graves was probably on a voyage to England [Ireland] John Howe served from the death of Graves during the winter of 1637 until his own death the following winter. [Ibid., p. xxxviii.]

- Feb. 1 Anthony Wills sued at this board for an execution against Mrs. Graves for a Sow of a yeere and halfe old for default of her man John Culpepper which [was] granted according to an order made 4th of January last.
- May 20
 1636
 "Haveing taken into consideration the remote liveing of the [members]
 of this parish from the church. It is agreed that all suc[h persons
 as live at] the old plantation from the land of Mrs. Graves unto Magoty Bay the head of the said old plantation creeke that they shall
 have ther bodys to be buried one part of the land of William Blower

where William Berriman liveth and likewise that they give notice unto the minister and provide convenient meanes for his coming ther to bury the dead which whosoever shall refuse such decent and christian-like burial. that then they are to stand to the censure of this vestry. Alsoe it is agreed that the Clarke shall have notice of all such dead people [soe that] he may be able to make the graves ready which if any shall refuse to give notice, yet he shall be liable to pay 10 lbs. of tabacco and if upon notice given the said Clarke shall refuse to come and make the graves that then the said Clarke shall stand the censure of the vestry, complaint being m[ade]. [[bid., p. 54.

- Aug. 9 "JOHN GRAVES, 600 acs. Eliz. Citty Co., 9 Aug. 1637, p. 443. Neare 1637 unto the upper end of the back river, bounded upon Eastermost side of the land of Capt. Adam Thorogood, beg. to measure the breadth of 300 po. about a pole to the Ewd. of the now dwelling howse of Oliver Vanheck, runing W.S.W. up the river &c. Due in right of descent from his father Thomas Graves, whoe trans. at his own costs: himselfe, Katherine Graves his wife, John Craves the pattentee & Thomas Graves, Jum. & 8 pers: Henry Singleton, Tho. Edge, Robt. Phillipps, Tho. Griggs, Tho. Phillipps, Franc. White, Wm. Symbee, Jone Packett."[Nugent, op. cit., p. 62.] (NOTE: Capt. Craves had undoubtedly also transported into Va., his three daughters, but, as they were all married by now, as we believe, John presumably was allowing their husbands to claim land for having transported them. This was frequent practice...probably in lieu of a dowry. Note also, that this land was in the same area where John's father. Capt. Thomas Grayes, had formerly patented 100 a. (although he apparently never lived there) and which he assigned to Capt. Thomas Purifye, on Feb. 29, 1631/2.]
- Apr. 30
 Nathaniel Oldis, Gent. & William Parry, both of Kecoughton [Elizabeth City Co.], assumed the administration of the Estates of John Graves and Thomas Graves, deceased, from William Cotton, Clerk [Cleric], Capt. William Stone & Capt. Wm. Roper, who had previously administered the Estates, jointly. Given in full, infra. [Northampton Co. Orders, Deeds, Wills #2, p. 28].
- Nov. 28 "A certificate granted unto Francis Graves, orphan of Capt. Thomas 1642 Graves, deceased..." [Ibid., p. 187 Given in full, infra.]
- - I. John Graves (q.v.)
 II. Thomas Graves, Jr. (q.v.)
 III. Verlinda Graves (q.v.)
 IV. Ann Graves (q.v.)
 V. Katherine Graves (q.v.)
 VI. Francis Graves (q.v.)

I. JOHN GRAVES

- I. John Graves, said to have been b. "by 1605"; and to have d. "by April 1640" [Jester, op. cit., p. 189]; m. in Va., ____ (____). Following are the few references we have to him.
- Feb. 19 "Upon the Complaynt of John Graves against John Parrowmore for 100 lbs. of tobacco which appeareth to be dew unto the syd Graves, It is therfor ordered by this board that the syd Parrowmore shall paye the syd tobacco." [Ames, op. cit., p. 27.] (NOTE: The above decision was reached by Accawmacke Co., Commissioners, "Capt. Thomas Graves, mr. Obedyence Robins, mr. John How, mr. william Storne, mr. william Burdett, mr. william Andrewes, mr. John wilkins". [Ibid., p. 26.]

- Aug. 9 John Graves patented 600 a., in Elizabeth City Co., by right of descent from his father Thomas Graves (etc.). Given in full supra.
 [Nugent, op. cit., p. 62.]
- May 15 "JOHN GRAVES, 200 acs. Eliz. Citty Co., 15 May 1638, p. 556. Neare the back river, Nly. upon land of sd. Graves, S.E. upon the Cr. &c. Due by assignment from John Trussell." [[Ibid., p. 88.]]
- May 29 "JOHN GRAYES, 150 acs. Eliz. City Co., May 29, 1639, page 655. At the head of the back river, E. upon his own land. Trans. of 3 pers: John Anderson, John Sassell [Trussell?] & Thomas Brigson." [Ibid., p. 110.]
- Apr. 30 "Know all men by these preents that wee Nathaniel Oldis of Kicoughton Gent, and William Parry of Kicoughton aforesd doe by these prsents as our Acts & deeds for us & either or heyres & assignes prmise assume covinnte & agree to & wth Mr William Cotton Clerk, Captayne William Stone & Capt. Roper the late Administrators of the [e]state of John Graves & Tho: Graves deceased upon their relinguishing the sa Commission of Administration and leaveing the same unto the sayde WM Parry - the full power thereof to secure same harmles & at all tymes keepe indamnifyed the sd Mr Cotton Capt Stone & Capt Roper of & from any molestation trouble damage & incumbrances that may hereafter grow or arise or anyway happen unto them or either of them for or by reason of the sd Estate or in or concerning the same or concerning the bond entird into by the sd Mr Cotton, Capt Stone, Capt Rop; wth security for the [same] saveing harmles & infamnifying this Cort upon ye graunt of the same ffor the p'formance of with our act & deeds wee & either of us have hereby firmly bound us or hexres & assigns of these presents to bee p^d unto all demands unto the s^d Mr Cotton, Capt Stone, Capt Roper their heyres or Asss. In Withis of all wch wee have hereunto put or hands this 30th day of Aprill 1640. Nathaniel Oldis, the mark x of William Parry. Signed & delivred in the pr sence of John Trussell, Geo. Dawe. [Northampton Co. Orders, Deeds, Wills #2, p. 281.]

Issue of John Graves, as shown by Jester, op. cit., pp. 189, 191.:

(I.) Ralph Graves, m. Rachel Croshaw
(II.) William Graves, prob. m. Ann (
(III.) ?Thomas Graves, prob. m. Elizabeth (
(IV.) Sarah Graves, m. by 1661, Thomas Diprall
(V.) Graves (dau.), m. _____ Grenther

II. THOMAS GRAVES, JR.

- II. Thomas Graves, Jr., said to have been b. C1617; d. "by 1674", Gloucester Co., Va. [Jester, op. cit., p. 189]; m. (). He and his family are discussed at length, in Tyler's, op. cit., vol's XIX & XX. Abstracts of some records concerning him, follow.
- Aug. 9 Thomas Graves [Jr.] was mentioned as a son of his father in the patent for land this date, of his bro. John, given supra. [Nugent, op. cit., p. 62.]
- May 28
 Thomas Graves [Jr.] patented land in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co.55 a. "about a mile from Timberneck Creek" and 240 a. in a swamp "betwixt Seaverne & the Indian Path". Also, 300 a. in Westmoreland Co.
 [Jester, op. cit., p. 189.]
- Mar. 6
 1674/5
 He was deceased when on this date, "Governor Berkeley confirmed to 'Thomas and Jeffry Graves, son of Thomas Graves, dec'd., 440 acres in Abingdon, Gloucester, near the dwelling house of said Jeffry, due unto said Thomas and Jeffry by the last will and testament of their dec'd father Thomas Graves'." [Ibid.]

Issue, as known, of Thomas Graves, Jr. [Ibid., pp. 189, 192.]

(I.) Thomas Graves, III, m. prob. bef. 1677, Mary (____)
(II.) Jeffrey Graves, m. by 1680, Dorothy (____)
(III.) ?William Graves, m. by 1687, Mary (____)

III. VERLINDA GRAVES

III. Verlinda Graves, appears to have been the eldest dau., and 'though the date of her birth isn't known, she was surely b. bef. 1620; d. by July 13, 1675, testate, Charles Co., Md.; m. Capt. William Stone, probably aft. June 4, 1635 (when he claimed land for his own and his brother Andrew's transportation, & the transportation of 34 servants [Nugent, op. cit., p. 28], but not for a wife...but bef. Aug. 20, 1640, when William Cotton (first husband of Verlinda's sister, Ann), mentioned William Stone as one of his "brothern in law", in his will [Northampton Co. Orders, Deeds, Wills #3, p. 55]. (NOTE: One "mirs Stonne" is mentioned in Northampton Co., Feb. 1, 1635/6-Ames, op. cit., p. 49 - who probably was Verlinda (Dr. Ames lists this entry in her index, under the name of Verlinda Stone). However, William Stone had a bro., Andrew, there, and his "relative" (perhaps another bro.?), Capt. John Stone, had at least been familiar with the area, bef. his death in 1633 - Ibid., p. xxxi - his bro. Matthew, whom he mentioned in his will, was presumably living in Maryland by the date of the will, and could have been in Va., earlier; and there was a Richard Stone, in Northampton Co., who was associated with him by 1640 (another bro.?) - IBid., p. 169 - therefore, it appears to us that the "mirs Stonne" of 1635/6, could have been the wife or widow of one of these other men.)

William Stone is said to have been b. in England, in 1603, probably in Lancashire Co. [Virginia Historical Genealogies. by Boddie, p. 1], although he has been erroneously listed many times, as a native of Northamptonshire, Eng. He d. 'testate, early in 1660, Charles Co., Md. He was a grandson of Richard and Isabel (Girdler) Stone, probably through their son, John [Ibid.], and a nephew of Thomas Stone, haberdasher of London [Ames, op. cit., p. xxx]. Dr. Ames [Ibid.] says that "he had emigrated to Virginia before 1628 and was on the Eastern Shore by 1629, possibly earlier". There is much concerning him and his activities in the early records for the Eastern Shore of Va., as well as in those of Maryland, which we will not go into here except to note that he was one of the noteworthy men of his day, and served as one of the Justices for Accaymacke Co., and as a member of Hungar's Parish, there, and as the first protestant Governor of Maryland, in 1648, when Lord Baltimore removed Thomas Greene from that office, and appointed William Stone in his place. He served as Governor from them until late in 1652, except for a 3 month interval in the spring of the latter year [Flowering of the Maryland Palatinate, by Newman, p. 148]. He owned, and was Lord of. 5,000 a. in Nanjemoy Hundred, Charles Co., Maryland, called "Poynton (sometimes called "Nanjemoy") Manor", with privileges of Court Leet & Court Baron [Seigniory In Early Maryland, by Newman, pp. 61, 69.]

Besides naming his wife and children and his bro. Matthew, in his will, Gov. Stone also mentioned his "brother[-in-law, Thomas] Sprigg", & his "brother-in-law, Francis Doughty". [Wills,#], p. 89, Hall of Records, Annapolis.]

Issue of Gov. William and Verlinda (Graves) Stone, as per his will, were:

(I.) Thomas Stone (q.v.)
(II.) Richard Stone (a.v.)
(III.) Matthew Stone (q.v.)
(IV.) Elizabeth Stone (q.v.)
(V.) Mary Stone (q.v.)
(VI.) Katherine Stone
(VII.) John Stone (q.v.)

(I.) THOMAS STONE

(I.) Thomas Stone, was called "eldest son" in the 1659 will of his father, and also named his father's Executor; therefore was of age, and was likely b. on the Eastern Shore of Va., in the late 1630s; d. testate bef. Oct. 5, 1676 (date of Probate of his will), Charles Co., Md.; & m. Mary (_____). (NOTE: Mr. Newman, in his, Flowering of the Maryland Palatinate, p. 183, advanced the theory that Thomas (and most of the other children of Gov. Stone), may have been the issue of an earlier, aledged marriage to a "Miss Fowke"; however, there is proof positive that Thomas was a son of Verlinda Graves(& since he was the eldest...then all were!), as shown in an assignment of 100 a. of land which he made "to my uncle Thomas Sprigg", on Aug. 3, 1662 (Thomas Sprigg being the then husband of Thomas Stone's aunt, Katherine (Graves)-Roper Sprigg - Liber 5, f. 182, Land Office, Annapolis.]

Issue of Thomas and Mary (____) Stone (and both of whom were mentioned in the 1676 will of John Blackfan, of Charles Co., Md. (could he have been their maternal uncle?), Samuel Eaton (Thomas' cousin), wit.):

i. Richard Stone, under 18, 1676 ii. William Stone, under 18, 1676

(II.) RICHARD STONE

(II.) Richard Stone, of Charles Co., Md., made a deed of gift to his bro. Matthew, Dec. 20, 1664, and which was wit. by Thomas Sprigg. [Archives, op. cit., vol. 49, p. 335.] John Stone was Administrator for the Estate of one Richard Stone, dec'd, Dec. 12, 1668 [Ibid., vol. 57, p. 371]. Mr. Newman, in his, The Stones of Poynton Manor, p. , stated that Richard, son of Gov. William, was "d.s.p. 1667", but if these men were one and the same, we wonder about the identity of the John Stone, mentioned here, as John, son of Gov. William, certainly was not old enough to have administered his brother's estate in 1668, and indeed this duty would more likely have gone to his eldest bro., Thomas.

(III.) MATTHEW STONE

(III.) Matthew Stone, said by Mr. Newman [Ibid.], to have m. Margery (____). The Matthew Stone who did m. Margery, d. testate, by Oct. 5, 1676, Chas Co., Md., apparently d.s.p., but was he indeed the Gov's son, or his bro.?

(IV.) ELIZABETH STONE

- (IV.) Elizabeth Stone, called "eldest daughter" in father's will, m. bef. Nov. 5, 1662 [Jester, op. cit., p. 190], William Calvert, son of Gov. Leonard Calvert, first Governor of Maryland. Issue, as shown in <u>The Stones of Poynton Manor</u>, op. cit., p. ___.
 - Charles Calvert, of Stafford Co., Va., who, on Oct. 11, 1707, appointed his "well beloved cousin Thomas Sprigg of Prince Georges Co.", Maryland, to convey land for him. (This was Thomas Sprigg, Jr., and actually Charles' first cousin, once removed.) [Pr. Geo's Co., Md., Deed Bk. C. p. 206.]
 - ii. George Calvert
 - iii. Richard Calvert
 - iv. Elizabeth Calvert
 - v. William Calvert, Jr.

(V.) MARY STONE

(V.) Mary Stone, mentioned in her mother's will of 1675 [Wills, #2, p. 364, Hall of Records, Annapolis], m. (1) _____ Thomas; m. (2) Robert Doyne. Known issue: Benoni Thomas, mentioned in will of his maternal grd-mother.
 Sarah Doyne, said (by a descendant) to have m. William Hutchinson. She was a legatee in the 1683 will of her grt-aunt, Ann (Graves)-Cotton-Eaton Doughty, in Charles Co. [Ibid., #4, p.210].

(VII.) JOHN STONE

(VII.) John Stone, apparently the youngest son, was probably b. C1656, as he was still a minor when his mother made her will in 1675. According to The Stones of Poynton Manor, he d. testate, 1697. However, in the will of the John Stone who d. in Charles Co., bet. Sept. 17, 1697, and Aug. 10, 1698 (dates of the making and of the proving of his will), he mentions that his "son Walter to have that portion where the dwelling house stands after the decease of testator's mother"! [Cotton, op. cit., vol. 2, p. 156.] We infer from this that the mother of the John who was making the will, was living in 1697? However, we have not seen a full copy of the will, and perhaps the abstract is misleading, as Mr. Newman seems to be correct in his appraisal that the John Stone of the will was indeed the son of Gov. William Stone, since the latter left his son John, 500 a. of "Nanjemy" (same as Poynton"), and the John of the will devised to his sons Thomas and Walter, 500 a., "part of Poynton Manor"...

Mr. Newman, in The Stones of Poynton Manor, p. , says that John Stone m. (1) Elizabeth (); m. (2) (); m. (3) in 1684, Elinor Bayne, dau. of Walter and Elinor (Weston) Bayne, of Charles Co., and who m. as her (2) husband, Hugh Tears; and m. (3) John Beale, Sr. Issue:

By (1) m.:

i. Thomas Stone, b. 1677; d. 1727

ii. John Stone, Jr., d. 1702

By (2) m.:

iii. Mathew Stone, b. 1679; d. 1750
By (3) m.:

iv. Walter Stone

v. Elinor Stone

vi. Elizabeth Stone, m. (1) C1704, Peter McMillion, of Chas. Co.; m. (2) bet. 1706 & 1708, Pryor Smallwood.

IV. ANN GRAVES

IV. Ann Graves, probably the second dau., was b. in 1620, as she twice deposed as to her age - first on Oct. 28, 1650, as Ann Eaton, she was "aged xxx'y yeares or thereabouts" [Northampton Co. Deeds, Wills, etc. No. 3, 1645-51, p. 227a], and secondly, on Nov. 5, 1662, as Mrs. Ann Doughty, she was "ageed 42 yrs. or thereabouts" [Charles Co., Md. Court Proceedings, 1662-1666, p. 281]. She d. testate in July 1683, Charles Co.; m. (1) bef. July 10, 1637, Northampton Co., Va., Rev. William Cotton, Rector of Hungar's Parish, and who, on that date was granted, "350 acs. called the old mans neck, bet. two maine branches of Hungars Cr., Ely. into the woods, Wly. down sd. Cr. & N. upon land of Capt. William Stone, parted from same by one of the sd. branches. 100 acs. for his own & the per. adv. of his wife Ann Graves & 250 acs. for trans. of 5 pers: Elianor Hill, Richard Hill, Edward Esson & 2 Negroes..." [Nugent, op. cit., p. 59.]

The Rev. William Cotton d. in Northampton Co., Va., aft. Aug. 20, 1640 (date of his will). In the will he requested burial "by my towe little children: He also named "my child (nowe unborne)...my mother Joane Cotton in Bunbury in Cheshire...my well beloved wife Ann Cotton (whom he constituted his Executrix)..my beloved ffriends and Brothern in Lawe Capt, William Stone and Capt. William Roper". On Apr. 30, 1640, William Cotton, together with his brothers-in-law, Capt. William Stone and Capt. William Roper, relinguished their Administration on the Estates of "John and Thomas Graves" [Northampton Co. Orders, Wills, etc., No. 2, p. 281].

Ann (Graves) Cotton had m. (2) by Oct. 7, 1642, Rev. Nathaniel Eaton, who, on that date as "Nathaniel Eaton, Clerke" [Cleric - he was also a Rector of Hungar's Parish], assigned 350 a. of the lands formerly owned by William Cotton, Clerke" (Cleric)...to John Holloway (Surgeon, and (1) husband of Elizabeth (Bacon)-Holloway, who m. (2) John Nuthall). [Nugent, op. cit., p. 135.]

Nathaniel Eaton was a rogue and a scoundrel, who'd been previously married (see his reference to his wife in Governor Winthrop's Journal, Vol. 1, p. 186 ...and p. 187, where his age in 1639 is given as "about 30 years of age and upwards"), and had come to Virginia in 1639 "in Nole's barque", from Massachusetts. (NOTE: On June 11, 1635, Mr. Jeremiah Clement claimed land for the transportation into Virginia of one Nathaniel Eaton - Nugent, op. cit., p. 28; and in 1652, John Phillips also claimed land for having transported Nathaniel Eaton - Ibid., p. 269.] While living in Mass., he had served as the first principal of Harvard [Va. Mag., vol. 5, p. 130]. He'd got himself in trouble, there, and had run away, leaving behind him considerable debts and much ill feeling. IN Gov. Winthrop's Journal, vol. II (1826, James Savage, edition), p. 342, Gov. Winthrop, after confusing Ann's father with another Thomas Graves, called Nathaniel Eaton "that apostate...who having spent all she (Ann) had, fled away, and left her miserable, 1646".

It appears that the Eaton's had removed from the Eastern Shore to Warwick Co. (now Newport News), Va., for it was from the latter place that Nathaniel Eaton is said to have "slipped" away "deserting Ann and their children" [Wm. & Mary, op. cit., vol. XIX, p. 37 - also, his land in Warwick Co., is mentioned in a patent of Francis Rice, dated 1646 - Nugent, op. cit., p. 174 - and, in a patent of William Parry, who earlier assumed Admn. of the Estates of John and Thomas Graves, "Mr. Eaton's house", is mentioned - Ibid., p. 175.] Incidentally, speaking of William Parry...that gentleman patented 550 acs. Northumberland Co., 11 Nov. 1657, p. 349, Abutting upon Potomek Riv., & Wly upon land of George Fauster, Gent. Trans. of 11 pers: Thomas Graves, Katherine his wife, John Graves, Thomas Edge, Thomas Graves, Junn. Henry Singleton, Robert Phillips, Ailce Grinder, John Peck, Francis White, William Onesby (or, Onesly). [Ibid., p. 222.] Obviously, there was a great deal of pure fraud going on, where claims for land were concerned!

Nathaniel Eaton died in England, in 1674 (while in prison for debt), but Ann clearly thought him dead long before this, for on June 8, 1657, she entered into a marriage contract with the then Rector of Hungar's Parish, the Rev. Frarcis Doughty [Northampton Co. Records, No. 7, p. 48], who then became her (3) and last husband. They removed from the Eastern Shore to Rappahanock Co., Va., where Francis Doughty was Rector of Sittenborn and South Farnham Parishes, in 1665, and they subsequently settled in Charles Co., Md. [Jester. op. cit., p. 190. Also see, <u>Captains and Mariners of Early Maryland</u>, by Sewmes, p. 204, wherein it is stated that Col. Ninian Beall, of Maryland, "was well acquainted with the Reverend Francis Doughty, the Reverend Mathew Hill, and others, who founded the first presbytery in the province [Maryland]"; and Old Somerset On The Eastern Shore Of Maryland, by Clayton Torrence, p. 529, who gives further Comments on the Reverends Doughty and Hill.]

They were again in Rappahanock Co., Va., by Mar. 18, 1668/9 (or, perhaps had lived in Maryland bef. coming here?), when they agreed to go their seperate ways, and he deeded to her for life, 200 a. in Chas. Co., Md. [Rappahanock Co. Records, 1668-72, p. 119.] In Whitelaw's, Virginia's Eastern Shore, vol. 1, p. 140, he states that "presumably the (Ann's) first marriage was a happy one, but the last two brought her much grief". Known issue:

- (I.) Infant Cotton, d. bef. 1640
- (II.) Infant Cotton, d. bef. 1640
- (III.) Verlinda Cotton (q.v.) (IV.) Samuel Eaton, d.s.p. C1681. (In 1671, he served on a Md.
- (IV.) Samuel Laton, d.s.p. LIBBL. (In 16/1, he served on a Md. Jury with his cousin Samuel Sprigg, & one Samuel Graves-[Archives, op. cit., vol. 51, pp. 68-9.]
- (V.) Nathaniel Eaton, Jr.

(III.) VERLINDA COTTON

- (III.) Verlinda Cotton, b. 1640; m. (1) Thomas Burdett, with whom she entered into a marriage contract, Sept. 1, 1658 [Northampton Co. Records, etc., No. 9, p. 19]; m. (2) Richard Boughton, soon aft. June 20, 1668, when she made a deed of gift to her children bef. her "intended marriage" to Boughton [Charles Co., Md., Book C-1, p. 271]. Issue of both m., as given in Jester, op. cit., p. 192:
 - Elizabeth Burdett, m. (1) John Hamilton; m. (2) by 1683, Richard Chandler, son of Job and Anne (Thoroughgood) Chandler.
 - ii. Frances Burdett, prob. m. Col. Charles Ashton, of Westmoreland
 - iii. Parthenia Burdett, d.s.p., testate, Chas. Co., Md., 1697. iv. Sarah Burdett, m. Dec. 31, 1686, Gerard Fowke, Jr., son of Ger
 - iv. Sarah Burdett, m. Dec. 31, 1686, Gerard rowke, Jr., son ut gerard and Anne (Thoroughgood)-Chandler Fowke, and half-bro. of Richard Chandler, who m. her sister, Elizabeth.
 - v. Samuel Boughton
 - vi. Verlinda Boughton
 - vii. Katherine Boughton
 - viii, Mary Boughton

V. KATHERINE GRAVES

V. Katherine (or, "Kathryne", as she signed it, in Va. records) Graves, name-sake of her mother, is believed to have been the youngest dau., and was evidently b. C1622; d. by July 4, 1668, Calvert Co., Md., when her (2) husband had m. again [Testamentary Proceedings, Liber 3, f. 12, Hall of Records, Annapolis]. She m. (1) prob. by Aug. 1, 1637, Capt. William Roper, who, on this day, was granted 100 a. of land "due for the transportation of his wife and one servant viz. William Sterlinge" [Ames, op. cit., p. 81.]

William Roper was elected Burgess for Northampton Co., in the spring of 1636. In November of the same year he was designated as lieutenant, and a month later, as captain, and in May 1637, he first attended Northampton Co. Court as one of the commissioners [Ibid., p. xxxiv]. Dr. Ames [Ibid.] says that his "interests were primarily mercantile, [and that] he plied a profitable trade in Chesapeake waters, often with Maryland colonists", and that he owned "a small neck of land with a water location, 'Aquasca'... only 150 acres".

Capt. Roper was present at Court in Northampton Co., on Aug. 28, 1650 [Northampton Co. Deeds, Wills, etc., No. 3, 1645-51, p. 223a], but dead by Jan. 21, 1650/1, when the Northampton Co. Court ordered "payment be made to Katherine Roper, wife of deceased Capt. William Roper". [Ibid., p. 236a]

On Mar. 1, 1650/1, Katherine (Graves)Roper made a deed of gift to her child, Verlinda Roper, which both she and Thomas Sprigg, signed. Two days later, on Mar. 3, Katherine added a note to the above deed, in which she mentioned that in making the deed, she had the "approbacon of my nowe husband, Mr. Thomas Sprigge", and this note also was signed by "Kathryne Roper" and "Thomas Sprigg" [Ibid., No. 4, 1651-54, pp. 14a & 14].

Thomas and Katherine (Graves)-Roper Sprigg, together with her dau. Verlinda Roper, and (their son), Nathaniel Sprigg, removed to Maryland sometime in 1656 or 1657 [Liber 2, ff. 309-10, Land Office, Annapolis].

Just how many children Katherine had is not known. She may have lost several. Certainly only one child is known of her (1) m., but since she appears to have been m. to William Roper for perhaps as many as 13 years, it may be assumed that she lost other children during this period. Mrs. Hiden [wm. & Mary, op. cit., Vol. XXI, p. 157] says that in the 1643 will of William Burdett, of Northampton Co., he mentioned his "Godchild wm. Roper". This child probably was Katherine's.

Following are abstracts of records concerning Katherine and/or her husbands.

- Sept. 6 "WILLIAM ROPER, 150 acs. Accomack Co., 6 Sept. 1636, p. 375. Being a small neck of land betweene lands of John Dennis & Henry Charlton, S. by E. upon the maine woods, & N. by W. into the maine Cr. 50 acs. for his own per. adv. & 100 acs. for trans. of 2 servts: Wm. Jacob, Georg Cottington." [Nugent, op. cit., p.46.]
- Aug. 1
 "Whereas Lieftenante William Roper hath made it appeare unto this
 Courte that there is one hundred acres of Land due unto him Itt is
 thereupon thought fitt and soe ordered that the said land bee granted and confirmed unto the said Roper beinge due for the transportation of his wife and one servante viz. William Sterlinge." [Ames. op.
 cit., p. 81.]
- Jan. 20
 "J[udgemen]te ordrd by y? Court that Dan!! Baker shall forthwth make paym! unto M. Kathryne Roper y? Relict of Capt. M. Roper decd. The Sume & quant. of one Thousand sixe hundd pownds of Tobac, & caske (due unto her sd deceased husband Capt Roper by spec.) wth Court Charge atr, Exec." [Northampton Co. Deeds, Wills, etc. No. 3, 1645-51, p. 236a.]
- Mar. 1

 "The Estate of Virlinda Roper Daughter of Capt. W! Roper decd. set aparte for her use this first day of March Ano Dm 1650. first, floure cowes by name old Nancy, & younge Nancy, Blackebeard & Mandlyn and Towe yearling heyffers wth all their Increase male & female; one Greye Mare wth all ye increase male & female (only the first coult that the Mare shall [have] beinge excepted) A dozen of spoones silver, & a silver Tanker. A featherbedd wth furniture to it And three payr of Hollan[d] Sheets, Towe dozen of Napkins & Towe Table Cloathes Thirty pownds of pewtr. These to bee deliverd unto the abovesd Virlinda Roper att y! age of Seaventeen yeares (or att y! daye of her marriage, wth shall first come) /s/ Kathryne Roper, /s/ Tho: Sprigg. Witness: Obedience Robins, W! Andrews. This was done by my Consent Witness my hand this first of March 1650. Tho: Truman witness."

 [Northampton Co. Deeds, op. cit., No. 4, 1651-54, p. 14a.]
- Mar. 3 "Memorant y. I the above named Kathryne wth the aprobacon of my nowe husband M. Tho: Sprigg doe further declare & desire that it is not my intent or meaneinge y. any pte of ye porcon herein expressed shalbe diminished (or accomptable) ffor my Daughter her Education, Dyett, or Apparell But that my sd child (until) she Atayne unto life (or marrye[)] bee mayntained out of the Estate wch my said husband M. Sprigg is possessed of by mee. witness our hands this third day of March 1650. /s/ Kathryne Roper, /s/ Tho: Sprigg. Teste. Jn. Stringer. Tho: Truman, Ann Stringer." [Ibid.,, & p. 14.]
- Oct. 5
 "THOMAS STRATTON, 257 acs. Northampton Co., 5 Oct. 1654, p. 289. Being a neck called Aqusca, Wly. upon Old Plantation Cr., & cr. Nly. on John Dennis, & Sly. on Henry Charlton. 150 acs. granted to Wm. Roper 6 Nov. 1636 & assigned unto sd. stratton, & 107 acs. for trans. of 2 pers: Alice (or Alin altered) Stratton, Tho. Stratton." [Nugent, op. cit., p. 295.]
- Jan. 18 Thomas Sprigg proved rights for transporting himself, Catherine his wife, Verlinda Roper, Edward Bushell, Nathaniel Sprigg and Hugh Johnson, into the Province of Maryland. [Maryland Land Office, Liber 2, ff. 309-10.]
- Aug. 17 "Catherine Sprigge" signed, and with her husband "Thomas Sprigge", deeded over to Symon Carpender, 600 a. in Talbot Co., called "Spriggely". Given in full, in the Sprigg chapter. [Ibid., Liber P.C. # BB, ff. 175-6.]

The issue of Kathryne's m. to Thomas Sprigg, will be found under the Sprigg

- chapter. The issue of her (1) m., was:
 - (I.) ?William Roper, Jr., d.y. (II.) Verlinda Roper (q.v.)

(II.) VERLINDA ROPER

(II.) Verlinda Roper, known only from the deed of gift made to her by her mother, in Northampton Co., Va., in 1651, and through having been transported into Maryland by her step-father Thomas Sprigg, bef. Jan. 1659 [both refs. given above]. It seems quite likely that she m. in Maryland, and probably reared a family.

VI. FRANCES GRAVES

VI. Francis Graves, b. C1634, Accawnacke Co., Va.; d. by Aug. 5, 169), Rapphanock Co., Va.; m. by Nov. 28, 1678, Jane (____) Maguffey (or, Davenport), who survived him and m. as her (3) or (4) husband, John Doughty of Essex Co. [Jester, op. cit., p. 191.]

Following are abstracts of some records concerning him.

- May 6
 Henry Penington (often spelled, "Peddenden"), signed the following
 "Court held at Accomac 6th day of May, Anno Domini 1639. Received
 by me Henry Penington the some of one hundred pounds of tobacco
 and a cowe calf for the use of Francis Graves that is in full satisfaction for a parcell of land Henry Wilson bought that did belong unto Francis Graves, the cowe calf and the tobacco being paid
 by Alice Wilson, widowe, and received the twenty eighth day of
 December, 1638. I say received by me." [Northampton Co. Order Book
 No. 1, p. 140.]
- Nov. 28 "Att a Monthly Col. holder att Northampton the 28th day of November Ano. 1642...A Certiff g unto Ffra: Graves Orphant of Capt Tho: Graves, deceased. [For land, for the transportation of the following persons.] Rich. Cambor Capt Tho: Graves Mrs Ffrances Jefford William Deacon Rich: Cox" [Northampton Co. Orders, Wills, etc., No. 2, 1640-45, p. 187.]
- Oct. 10 Francis Graves rec'd a patent for 714 a. of land in Rappahannock Co.
 [Va. Land Office, Richmond, Patent Bk. No. 6, p. 443. Given in km.
 <u>& Mary</u>, op. cit., vol. XV, p. 390.]
- Nov. 28 By this date he had m. widow, Jane (_____) Maguffey, or Davenport, as shown, following: "Know all men by these presents that whereas I Francis Graves of Rappa County in Virginia, did make a verball promise to my now wife Jane before marriage to confirme the gift of two heiffers & a calfe to her three children Doe therefore hereby (for the love and affection I have and beare unto the said Children John & Jane Moguffe and Elizabeth Davenport) freely give & grant to the said John a certaine heiffer cald Rose marked with two Crops & a hole im the Right eare And to the said Jane a certaine heiffer called mancy marked with two crops in both eares & swallow forks in both eares and to the said Elizabeth a cow calfe called tidy marked wth a Slit in each eare, to them the said John Jane & Elizabeth wth the increase of the same (the male onely excepted) & to their heires & assigns forever. & I do warrant the same to be free from the Clayme of any person whatsoever, as Witness my hand & Seal this 28th of Novembr 1678 /s/ Francis Graves" [Given, Ibid., but from, Rappahannock Co. Record Book 1677-82, p. 200.]
- Aug. 5 By this date, Francis Graves was deceased, and his widow remarried, as shown by a deed of gift from her then husband, John Doughty, of Essex Co., to her children by Francis Graves. [Essex Co. Deed & Will

Book 6, p. 296. Also given in Wm. & Mary, op. cit., vol. XV, p. 392.]

Issue of Francis and Jane (____)-Maguffey (or Davenport) Graves, as per Jester, op. cit., p. 193.

(II.) Francis Graves, Jr., m. Ann (____)
(II.) Richard Graves, m. Hannah (___)
(III.) Thomas Graves, m. Elizabeth Moody

WILL OF WILLIAM COTTON

In the Name of God Amen I William Cotton of Acchemacke Now beinge in prect sense & memory but weake in body doe this p^t sent xx^{th} of August 1640 make this my last Will & Testament - wherein I bequeath my Soule to God beseeching him in 6 through ye merrits of his wellbeloved sonne our Lord 6 Savior Jesus Christ to bee mercifull unto mee, my bodey to ye ground to be buried by my towe little children And my goods as followeth first I desure my debts to bee truly & honestly paid & satisfyed and All wen I have copied under my owne hand in a booke - And if any other can bee in ly proved to bee in ye like kind satisfyed Secondly I give & bequeath unto my (nowe unborne) sonne or Daughter my plantation of Bunbury, my Negro Domingo & one younge heyffer being flower de Luce on ye right eare only, however these if my child shall dye in his Infancy then I give & bequeath ye one halfe of those goods to my Mother Joane Cotton in Bunbery in Cheshire the other to my welbeloved wife Ann Cotton, They beinge represented by four honest men upon oath Ane my wife to have ye refusall 660r ye rest of my goods Chattels & Estate moveable & immovable. I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Anne Cotton makeing her to be Executrix And desyre my beloved ffriends & Brothern-in-Lawe Capt. William Stone & Capt. William Rop[er] to bee overseers hereunto witness my hand this present xxth days of August 1640. /s/ W. Cotton Proved 1646(?)

NOTE: He was married to Ann Graves by July 10, 1637 [Nugent, op. cit., p. 59]; and dead bef. Oct. 7, 1642, when his widow was m. to Nathaniel Eaton, Clerk. [Ibid., pp. 101, 135.]

WILL OF GOV. WILLIAM STONE

 4^{th} January 1659 Mr. Thomas Stone came this Day and Demanded the will of Cap^n Thomas (sic) Stone hereafter written to be recorded viz. The Last Will and Testament of Cap^t William Stone of Nangemy in the Province of Maryland as followeth.

IN THE NAME OF GOD. I William Stone abovesaid being very sick and weak of body. but of perfect memory and understanding Expecting Death Do bequeath my Soull to Christ my Redeemer and my Body to the Grave till the Resurrection and Touching my worldly Estate and goods I thus bequeath them. First I make and Constitute my beloved sonne Thomas Stone Sole Executor of this my last Will and testament and in case he should Dye my order is that his brother Richard Stone shall be Executor in his roome and place, and after that John his brother shall be assistant to Richard and have equal Power with him in the said office, and by this my Will I give first to my eldest Daughter Elizabeth Stone in parte of Satisfaction for what I had formerly given her nine hundred acres of Land at Bustards Island in Patuxent River and the half of my sloop in my Sonne Thomas Stones keeping and the rest of the said sloop I give to my said sonne Thomas, also I give one mare and one mare colt with all their increase to my daughter Elizabeth, and also I give my Daughter Elizabeth one horse, the said mare and horse being now at Accomacke and also I give my Daughter Elizabeth my Tobacco due me from Armstrong Foster of Accomacke. Also I give Elizabeth my Daughter six Cows with calves in my Lands of Nangemy and six hundred acres of my lands of Nangemy lying in any how Excepting between my Dwelling house and Cheshiers.

Moreover, if she shall marry with a man that will build and settle upon the said land, my will is that my Executor shall assist her husband in his said building and so long as she shall remain unmarried she shall be maintained out of the general & joint stock. Moreover _____ it may be understood what I formerly gave her by a trust in my brother $\overline{\text{Sprigg shall}}$ be of no force meither shall he be questioned for the said trust. Also that my said Daughter Elizabeth shall have in my house and from my whole farmes all such service and respects as in my life time and for my good wife Verlinda Stone I give her my house and Lands at Saint Maryes with all the cattell of mine feeding there and my horse called Jack and also one fourth part of all my other Estate and goods excepting Land and she shall continue in my Dwelling house of Nangemy and Enjoy all services and Respects from my Whole family of Children and Servants During Life Shee so long liveing Sole and unmarried. And for my beloved sonne Richard Stone my will is that for the Cattle given him by his uncle Richard Stone Look what my overseers find in Conscience and Equity to be fitt they shall give out of the generall and joint stock bequeathed, and when my sonne Richard shall seat a plantation my will is that my overseers shall out of the said stock furnish him with a Servant and a horse and what else they think reasonable. If they my overseers like his seating also my son Richard shall have five hundred acres of Land in my mannor of Nangemy also my wil is that all Lands of Nangemy given to my children shall remain to their heirs forever, observing the service and homage of the mannor. Moreover my Daughter Elizabeth shall have a third part of my sheep and their increase here at Nangemy and as touching thereoft of my children- John, Matthew, Mary and Katherine, my will is that they shall have their maintainance and Education out of the joint & General stock as my Executors by good care shall provide and that they four my children shall have their portions Equal and alike to my other four children John, Matthew, Mary and Katherine and further out of my lands of Nangemy I give to my sonns John five hundred acres and to my sonne Matthew five hundred acres and to be held also by their heirs of the said John and Matthew forever. And the rest and remainder of all my Lnads wheresoever I give and assign to my heir Thomas Stone and his heires forever. Further in case there shall be any differences or arise any question of interest or Claim to my bequeathed Estate and goods concerning particular Rights and properties to prevent Suites in Law my will and order is that the Question and Controversy shall be referred to my overseers to Judge Determine and give ___ ence in it and what two or one surviving the rest shall stand for my will is that as my Executors should be careful to pay my Just Debts also they be discreet not to pay any but upon good deliberation not withstanding my hand to bills. And above all I desire my overseers that they will have a special care that my Children may be Educated in the knowledge and fear of God in Christ and as touching my overseers, I name and constitute my well beloved friends Josias Fendall Governor Francis Doughty my brother in Law and Matthew Stone my natural brother and in witness of the Premisses and for Consideracon of them I have sett to my hand and Seall December the third one thousand six hundred fifty nine. /s/ William Stone Witness Francis Doughty

Witness Francis Doughty Stephen Mountague Stephen Clifton

21 Dec! 1660. Stephen Montague hath sworne before me to the truth of this Will in Comon forme P Bathe 15th of Jany 1660 Stephen Clifton hath duly Sworne before me to the truth of this same Will In Comon form. Peter Bathe

[Md. Hall of Records, Prerogative Court (Wills) 1, pp. 89-92.]

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF VERLINDA STONE

To Benony Thomas and hrs., 400 a., "St. Verlindas."

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To son John, ex., residue of estate, real and personal, at 21 yrs. of age. Test: Mangaret Baghay, Barbarie Kendall, Ann Roughey. 2. 364.

[3rd Mch., 1674-5; 13th July, 1675-Charles Co., Md., Cotton, op. cit., vol. 1, p. 111.]

WILL OF ANNE (GRAVES)-COTTON-EATON DOUGHTY

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Anne Doughty being sick and weake in body but of sound mind and perfect memory praised be God for the same doe make constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament by me humbly made, and first comtiting my Soule to God that gave itt and my Body to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, as to my temporall Estate after the satisfaction of my Just debts I doe hereby dispose of the same in manner as followeth viz. First I give and bequeath to my Grandchild Samul Boughton a certain tract of land lying between Potomack River and the dwelling Plantation of Samul Eaton my deced son called Eatons Delight containing two hundred acres and by my said deced sonne's last will and Testament in writing bearing date the seventeenth day of October 1679, Given and bequeathed to me to have and to hold the said land to the said Samul Boughton his heires and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to the said Samu^{ll} Boughton, Verlinda Boughton, Katherine Boughton, and Mary Boughton the four children of Richard Boughton my whole stock of horses and mares running in the woods together with their whole increase to have and to hold the same to the said four children joyntly and severally and to their heirs and assigns forever to be equally divided between them all at their severall days of marriage or their several ages of one and twenty years.

Item I give and bequeath to Sarah Doyne daughter of Robert Doyne gent. one thousand pounds of tobacco to be payd to Coll. Wm. Chandler for her use by my Exec? Adm? or assigns to M? John Hambleton according to a certain demise or lease of the dwelling plantation of the said John Hambleton bearing date the day of November 1.679 and itt is my will that the said one thousand pounds of tobacco to be payd to the said Coll. Chandler as soon as the same shall become due after my decease and shall be disposed of p the said Collo Wm. Chandler to by [sic] the said Sarah Doyne a gold ring and necklace.

Lastly I give and bequeath to Coll? Wm. Chandler and in case of his death to Mt Richard Chandler his brother for the sole use and behoof of my two grand-children Parthenia Burdoch and Sanah Burdock all the remaining part of my Estate personall or real to have and to hold the same to the said Parthenia Burdoch and Sanah Burdoch their heires and assigns forever constituting my said Grandchildren Parthenia and Sanah Burdoch to be my whole and sole Executors joyntly and severally of this my last Will and testament. In Testimony hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this 26th day of December Anno Domini 1683.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

John Stone

John Hambleton Nich, Swinburne

The will of Mrs. Anne Doughty was proved before me by the baths of Mr. John Hambleton, John Stone and Nicholas Swinburne by virtue of a Comission directed to me out of the affairs for probate of wills as witness my hand this 15th day of July 1683.

/s/ Robert Doyne
Prerocative Court (Wills) 4 no. 210-11 }

/s/ Anne BV Doughty (Seale)

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[Md. Hall of Records, Prerogative Court (Wills) 4, pp. 210-11.]

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