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Champion *Gray*
wife the rest of the est. Wit: Robert Parke. 16 9br,
1677. Book 2, p. 153.

WHITEHEAD, Robert: Est.- By Elizabeth Whitehead, admrx. John Threewet, Solomon Wynne, Jollum Sturdivant. 21 April, 1731. Book 8, p. 93.

WIGGINS, Sarah: Makes Gifts as follows: to eldest son, John Bayley, to dau., Eliza. Cooper, to Daughter, Mary Wiggin, to son, William Wiggin. 16 May, 1711. Wit: Richard Hide, Jno. Phillips. Book 6, p. 56.

WIGGINS, Thomas: Leg.- To son, Richard Wiggin, a piece of Land at Johnchehogan Swamp where he dwelleth, 140 acres, part of Land I bought of Mr. John Simmons. To son, John Wiggin, a Plantation at Johnchehogan, which I lately made there and all the remaining part I hold there, and part bought of Mr. John Simmons. To son, Thomas Wiggin, 100 acres of land at Johnchehogan..to a road that comes from Jno. Parsons, also Plantation bought from John Simmons. To my son, William, after my wife's death, Sarah Wiggins, three-fourths of the Plantation where I dwell; the other one-fourth to my son, John Wiggins. To daughter, Eliza. Cooper, two ewes. Daughter, Mary Wiggins, one cow, when sixteen years old. To daughter, Sarah, a cow when sixteen or married. Sons, William and John each a mare at 18 years old. Made: 31 Jan., 1710/11. Prob.: 25 Feb., 1710. Wit: Will. Cocke, Thos. Cocke. Book 6, p. 41.

WILKASON, John: Verbal Will. All of his estate to his wife, Elizabeth for her life, then to his son, Mathew Wilkason. 7 May, 1700. Hump. Folpe, Richard Green, Thos. Adkins. Book 5, p. 203.

WILKINSON, John: Est.- By Eliza. Wilkinson, admrx. 2 July, 1700. Richard Bullock, Adam Heath. Book 5, p. 210.

WILLIAMS, Charles: Leg.- Daughter, Elizabeth Champion 5 lbs. Daughter, Mary Seward, one horse. Grandson, Charles Champion, bed, gun etc. Son-in-law, Benjamin Champion, wearing clothes. Child in esse, whether boy or girl, 100 acres in Lawnes Creek Parish, if it dies to granddaughter, Elizabeth Champion. All estate here or in England, to be equally divided between my wife, Elizabeth and child in esse. Wife made Exerx. Made: 14 Dec., 1720. Prob.: 16 Aug., 1721. Wit: Wm. Gray, James Vaughan, Bartlett Moreland. Book 7, p. 357. *rb*

WILLIAMS, David: Leg.- Bequest to Wm. Harris, orphan of one gun and two pewter dishes. To wife, Martha Williams, my whole estate to be divided between her and her children. Child in esse to have equal portion with my wife and daughter. 28 Dec., 1675. Prob.: 28 March, 1676. Wit: James Murray, Jno. Twyford. Book 2, p. 106.

WILLIAMS, George: Est.- 25 May, 1703. Nath. Harrison, Samuel Thompson. Book 5, p. 282.

WILLIAMS, Jones: Leg.- To brother, Edmund Hubbard, one negro. To my kinsman, John Tyler, one negro. To my brother, Edmund Hubbard my Plantation at Meherrin and an account due me from Abraham Saul. A horse had of John Stevens to my kinswoman, Ann Hunt, and all jewels, gold, silver, goods and chattels. Makes "My kinsman, George Hunt" Exer. Wit:

Edward Harper, Mathew Edloe, John Macon. Made: 8 Nov., 1717. Prob.: 21 May, 1718. Book 7, p. 121.

WILLIAMS, Lewis: Est.- Mrs. Elizabeth Merriweather has made suit to the Court that Commissioners be appointed in right of the orphans of the deceased. Mr. Robert Caufield and Mr. Arthur Allen appointed. Mrs. Eliza. Meriweather to qualify. 16 June, 1679. Book 2, p. 216.

WILLIAMS, Roger: Leg.- To son, Roger, all my Land he now lives on, and he pay his brother, George Williams, 500 lbs. of tobacco. If no issue to surviving brothers. Wife, Mary Williams, to have the use of my Plantation, housing and land where I live, for her life, then to my son Samuell, if no heirs, to my son, George. After my debts are paid the remainder of my estate to be divided between my wife and children. Wife and son, Roger, Exers. Wit: Nich. Smith, Benj. Foreman, Rand. Revell. Made: 24 Oct., 1706. Prob.: 5 March, 1708. Book 5, p. 411.

WILLIAMS, Roger: Leg.- Gives wife use of all Lands and Plantation for her life; at her death to my son, Thomas and one negro. If no heir, negro to my three daughters, Eliza. Bage, Mary Lancaster, wife of Law. Lancaster and Jane Williams. To daughter, Elizabeth Bage one negro for her life, then to granddaughter, Eliza. Lucy Bage. To daughter, Mary Lancaster, wife of Lawrence Lancaster, one negro; if no heirs to three children, Thomas Williams, Eliza. Bage, and Jane Williams. Daughter, Jane Williams one cow. Son, Thomas, a negro. Wife, Exerx. Made: 7 Aug., 1744. Prob.: 20 March, 1744. Wit: Wm. Jordan, John Sharpe, Robt. Gray. Will presented by Katherine Williams. Book 9, p. 497.

WILLIAMS, William: Leg.- To son, Lewis Williams, 40 acres adjoining his own land up Wet Slash to Green Swamp. To daughter, Hester, my Plantation where I live with one-half the remaining part of land and one negro. Son, William, to have the use of the other part of the land for seven years then to my daughter, Lidia. Gives daughter, Lidia, into the care of Wm. Newsum's wife until of age, or married and teach her to read the Catechism. To daughters, Anne, Katherine, Mary, Hannah, Unity, and Faith, each five shillings. Sons John and William five shillings each. Mentions five children, Lewis, Wm., Eliza, Lidia, and Hester. Friend, Wm. Edwards and son, Lewis Williams, Exers. Made: 17 Nov., 1740. Prob.: 16 April, 1741. Wit: Wm. Edwards, John Johnson. Book 9, p. 294.

WILLIAMSON, Guthbert: Est.- Hallum Sturdivant, Elizabeth Sturdivant. 16 June, 1736. John Rottenbury, Susannah Rottenbury. Book 8, p. 636.

WILLIAMSON, John: Leg.- To Elizabeth Sturdivant, wife of Hollum Sturdivant, some ells of ozenburg. To daughter, Susannah Rottenbury, wife of John Rottenbury, 241 acres of land on the south side of Nottoway River where they now live and 100 ells of brown ozenburg. To daughter, Edith Williamson, one negro, bed, horse and 15 pounds. Daughter, Hannah Fox, wife of Richard Fox an account at the store of Thos. Eldridge, four negroes, and my Troopers Arms. To my son, Cuthbert Williamson (a large stain makes this bequest illegible). Brother Cuthbert Williamson, and friend Robert Green supervisors of my will until son, Cuthbert is of age

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negro etc. To daughter, Rebecca, one negro. To wife, Elizabeth, the remainder of the estate. Son, James and Nathaniel Wyche. Made: 24 Feb., 1748. Prob.: 20 June, 1749. Wit: James Terrell, William Pettway. Book 9, p. 611.

WYCHE, James: Est.- 15 May, 1750. Jos. Thorpe, Mary Tiller, Sam. Alsobrooke. Book 9, p. 644.

WYCHE, William: Leg.- To son, Cyrill, all my Land and three slaves. Wife, Judith, to have the labor of the three negroes until Cyrill is 21 years old. Rest of estate to wife, Judith, and "all my children", after debts and funeral expenses are paid. Made: 21 Feb., 1719-20. 15 Feb., 1720. Wit: Richard Parker, Henry Bedingfield, Richard Parker, Jr. Book 7, p. 299.

WYCHE, William: Est.- Richard Parker, Jr., surviving husband of Judith Parker, Exer. 16 Feb., 1731. Wit: Jos. Witherington, Jos. Gee. Book 8, p. 164.

WYNN, Thomas: Leg.- To my son, Thomas Wynn, land on the north side of Surry County, 200 acres, and horse and gun. To my wife a gold ring, one negro for her life, horse, etc. To granddaughter, Leweresy Wynn, one cow. To granddaughter, Martha Wynn, one cow. Wife, Agnes. Son, Robert Wynn. The rest of my estate to be equally divided amongst "my children". Makes son, Robert, Exer. Presented by Richard Bland, admr. Wit: John Roberts, John Hicks, Wm. Moor. 18 Feb., 1716. Prob.: _____, 1718. Book 7, p. 117.

WYNNE, Robert: Est.- By John Brown. Sworn to by Robert Wynne. 21 June, 1727. Wm. Smith, Thos. Willson, Charles Kimbell. Book 7, p. ____.

WYTHINGTON, Katherine: Leg.- To my grandson, William Foster; but if he die, or not return from sea, then to Joseph Witherington, my kinsman. To William Gray, a debt. To Mary, wife of William Gray. Friend, Samuel Thompson, Exer. Made: 5 Jan., 1713/14. Prob.: 17____, 1713. Wit: Samuel Cooke, Robert Payne. Book 6, p. 179.

YOUNG, John: Leg.- Estate to his wife, Tabitha Young. 4 Sept., 1714. Agnis Farmer, Mary Ellis, Clement Lanier. Book 6, p. 238.

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1593

Surrey Court Evl
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7 Mar 1653. Depos. THOS GRAY SR Aged 60 or so test, that Daniell Hutton verbally granted entire estate to Rebecca his wife (S).

p. 119-120 (70) 3 Sept 1658. FRANCIS GRAY brother to THOS. GRAY, both of the parish in the countye of Surrey doe ffor 4 in consideration assignall my right + title to this patent to Abaush THOS. GRAY — (Patent not described).

Francis Gray (F. G.) wit. Jno. Gittings, Sam Swaine,

p. 126-8 (75) Tho. Gray owes acct to Est. Jno. ZANES (Apr. 1659).

p. 128-9 (77) MRS. DORITHY CORKER Aged 58 yeeres or thereabout sworn & examined in Surrey Countye Court 9th. May 1659 saith That Thomas Gates gave to Thomas Gray Seniors his sonne Thomas GRAY & Daughter Jone Gray ffifty Acres of Land upon GRAYES Creek theach. this depts. did heere the sd. Gates say hee had done & ffurther sth. not. Signed The Mke. of Dorithy Corker. (C) (no date but recorded)

↓ JOHN HUX 46 yeeres of the bts sw + ex sur. Ct. 9 May 1659 - depts. married JONE GRAY dtr. to THOS. GRAY Senior & sister to THOMAS GRAY Junior sd. GRAY Senior told depts. that there was 50 ac. of land given to this sd. sonne + daugh. by one Gates. etc + that the sd. GRAY sr. gave this depts. satisfaction for his sonnes part there of with was 25 ac.

↓ LURE MIZELL Aged 45 of the bts sw + ex as above that when this depts. was servant to Tho. GRAY sr decd he did often hear sd Gray + his wife say that Gates had given 50 ac. Land to their sonne Thomas + Daw. Jone. which was part of dividend he lived on 10 May 1659

↓ John Flood aged 44 yrs - lived some time w/ Tho. Gray Sr - decd - as above 10 May 1659.

p. 148-50 (89) Thomas Gray on inquest into death of a servant of Wm Rose, finding the victim hung himself. 2 dcy 1660. Tho. GRAY his mde (Z).

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Grey

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on Declaration
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by Bacon 1675. John Grey (prob. of Southwark Parish).

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on W^m on jury that conv. Baconians from Leewards Creek Par.

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Capt. Grey's Co"

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Gray

Re Public Claim - Survey 1782

9/8) Etheldred Gray 32 gal Brandy + cost:

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Husband's Full Name THOMAS GRAY

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Chart No. ~~GR1~~

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth			1593				
Chr'nd							
Marr.							
Death			1658	SURRY CO. VA.			
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.
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Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.

His Father	Mother's Maiden Name
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Wife's Full Maiden Name MARGRET FLOOD

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation	Church Affiliation	Military Rec.
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Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.

Her Father	Mother's Maiden Name
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Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on Children
	1	CAPT. WILLIAM	2		1628				
		Full Name of Spouse							
		MARY			1677	SURRY			
	2	CAPT. FRANCIS	3		1630				
		Full Name of Spouse							
		MARY?			1679	SURRY			
	3	JOHN	4		6 years				
		Full Name of Spouse							
		JOHN HUX							
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		Full Name of Spouse							
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Husband's Full Name *CAPT. WILLIAM GRAY*

Chart No. *GR2*

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth		<i>1</i>	<i>22</i>				
Chr'nd							
Marr.							
Death		<i>17</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>SURRY CO.</i>			
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arranged in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on Children
	1	Birth							
	<i>LYDIA</i>	Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
	<i>SAMUEL JUDKINS SR</i>	Burial							
	2	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							
	3	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
		Marr.							
	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
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	Full Name of Spouse	Death							
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Husband's Full Name *CAPT. FRANCIS GRAY*

Chart No. *GR 3*

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth			<i>1630</i>				
Chr'nd							
Marr.							
Death			<i>1679</i>				
Burial							

Places of Residence _____

Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.

His Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Wife's Full Maiden Name *MARY*

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence _____

Occupation _____ Church Affiliation _____ Military Rec. _____

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each marr.

Her Father _____ Mother's Maiden Name _____

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info on Children
	1 <i>ELIZABETH</i>	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
	<i>JAMES NICHOLSON</i>	Death							
		Burial							
	2	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	3	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	4	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	5	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	6	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
	Full Name of Spouse	Marr.							
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William Collier, son of his sister Elizabeth; and brother John Phillips. William Phillips, second husband of Faith Flood, was probably the son of William Phillips who married Mary, daughter of Matthew Swan of Surry Co., and died in 1721 in Surry, his will, dated Feb. 14, 1720/21, and probated April 19, 1721, mentioning his sons John, William, Swan and Matthew, and his daughters Anne, Mary and Elizabeth, and his wife Mary.

Anne (Rose) Flood, widow of Captain Thomas Flood, Jr., died in 1728. Her will was dated Nov. 25, 1728, proved March 19, 1728/29. Daughter Faith Phillips; granddaughter Elizabeth Collier; granddaughter Elizabeth Watkins, "a gift made me by Mrs. Potter"; granddaughter Jean Ricks; grandson Thomas Reeks; granddaughter Mary Phillips. Executors, my daughter Elizabeth Collier and her husband, Thomas Collier. Witnesses: John Cargill, Benjamin Chapman Donaldson, Richard Rose. (Surry Book 1715-30, p. 915).

Harry Flood (who may have been a son of Capt. Thomas Flood, Jr.,) married Mrs. Joanna (Joyce) Nicholson, widow of Robert Nicholson, III, (d. 1719). He was married twice and had a daughter by his first wife who married Robert Nicholson, son of his second wife. Harry Flood made his will Dec. 18, 1739, proved Oct. 15, 1740, as follows: . . . to daughter Ann Flood in England, if living; daughter Elizabeth Nicholson and her six children; Henry, Robert, Mary, George, James and Anne Nicholson. Executor: Son-in-law Robert Nicholson, under direction of Col. Allen. Witnesses Thomas Hamlin, L. Delong Elizabeth Rookings. (Surry Book 1738-54, p. 228)

His wife Johanna (Joyce) Flood made her will Oct. 21, 1720, same probated May 18, 1743, as follows: I give to John Nicholson the Great Bible that was his father's which is properly mine; son Robert Nicholson; daughters Joice and Anne Nicholson, under age (in 1720), daughter Elizabeth. Capt. Henry Harrison to have daughters Joice and Elizabeth and their estate until they are of age; Capt. Thos. Cocke, son of Mr. Walter Cocke to have Anne until she is of age; Capt. Thos Cocke to be Executor. Witnesses: Nicholas Cocke, Mary Dawson, Mary Allstin. (Surry Book 1738-54, p. 433).

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GRAY

ADD 2
Thomas¹ Gray (1593-1658), of James City and Surry Counties, Virginia, arrived as a boy of 15 in 1608. He survived the "year of starving", the Indian massacres of 1622 and 1642, and all the other trials and tribulations of the earliest English settlers of what is now the United States. His first marriage was apparently in Virginia in 1618. In the "Musters of the Inhabitants in Virginia 1624/5" (Hotten, p. 228) there were listed: "Thomas Graye, Margrett his wife, Jone their daughter aged 6 yeres, William their sonn aged 3 yeres".

In 1635 Thomas Gray patented 550 acres in James City County "On S. side of the maine river over against James City, adj. on the E. to the plantation now in his possession & to land of Capt. Perry, running along by Rolfes Cr. & S. into the woods upon the Cross Cr., 100 acres due as an Ancient Planter at or before the time of Sir Thomas Dale, 50 acres for the personal adventure of Anis Gray his first wife, 50 acres for the personal adventure of Rebecca Gray his now wife, and 350 acres for trans. of his two sons, Wm. Gray & Tho. Gray, and 5 servants: Jon. Bishopp, Robt. Browne, Robt. Welshe, Luke Misle, Jon. Banckes". (Virginia Land Office Book 1, p. 283.) This patent is identical with one issued - apparently a reissue - May 26, 1638, except that, as shown in "Cavaliers and Pioneers", p. 105, the name of his first wife was stated as "Avis"; this was probably not an actual change but a slight difference in the appearance of the written word. Others have interpreted the word as "Annis". In 1639 Thomas Gray patented 400 acres in James City County, upon the head of Gray's Creek, for the transportation of 8 persons: Richard Deane, Francis Fiveash, Allen Sadome, William Short, John Hancock, and 3 negroes. In 1642 Thomas Gray patented 100 acres in James City County on the east side of Gray's Creek, adjoining his own land, for the transportation of two persons: George Graves and William Browne. On March 14, 1652, Thomas Gray patented 800 acres in Surry County, on south side of James River at the head of Smiths Fort Creek, adj. land of John Kemp; 400 acres thereof were granted sd. Gray July 30, 1639, and 400 acres were purchased by sd. Gray of Samuel Abbott. (Land Office Book 3, p. 158). On March 7, 1653, Thomas

Gray, Senr., aged 60 years or thereabouts, deposed that Daniel Hutton (In the Valentine Papers, p. 556, this name is printed as "Daniel Shelton") in the time of his sickness not long before his departure did bequeath his whole estate to Rebecka his wife verbally. (Surry County Deed Book 1, p. 41).

Thomas¹ Gray married twice. The name of his second wife was Rebecca. The name of his first wife, who was probably the mother of his five children, was listed in the "Muster" of 1624/5 as "Margaret" but his may have been an error on the part of the recorder as in land patents by her husband her name appears to have been "Avis" or "Anis" or possibly "Annis".

Thomas Gray had five children, in the following order:

I. Jane Gray (1619-16), m. John Hux (1613-16).

II. William Gray (1622-1714), m. ca. 164 , Mary _____.
4 children.

III. Thomas Gray (ca. 1625-1676) d. s. p.

IV. John Gray (ca. 1627-1683) m. Mary _____. 1 daughter.

* V. Francis Gray (ca. 1630-1679). (See later.)

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William² Gray (1622-1714) lived in Surry County, Va. In 1677 William Gray and John Gray, planters of Surry County, being joint heirs of Thomas Gray, sold Col. Thomas Swann 100 acres lying between Col Swann's and the mouth of a creek formerly called Smiths Fort Creek but now called Gray's Creek. Witnesses: Thos. Busby, Robt. Penny. (Surry County Deed Book 12, p. 145). In 1660 William Gray patented 680 acres in Surry County adjoining Mr. Richard Briggs, Mr. William Edwards, and Mr. Robert Ruffin, being part of 800 acres granted in 1668 to William Harris of Surry County and by him sold in 1679 to the said William Gray. (Virginia Land Office Book 7, p. 27). In 1679 William Gray sold to Robert Kae of Isle of Wight County and Nicholas Wilson of Surry County a 99-year lease, of a water mill, made to sd. Gray by Robert Parke and Mary his wife. (Surry County Deed Book 12, p. 252). In 1688 William Gray sold to Mr. Chas White 136 acres which had been patented in 1654 by Eliza Hutton and which had descended to the sd. William Gray as next cousin and heir. (D. B. 3, p. 3). In 1689 William Gray sold to Robt. Caufield 680 acres, of which 490 acres had been purchased of Wm. Harris, son of Thomas Harris, decd, and the remainder patented by the sd. William Gray in 1680. Witnesses: Arthur Allen, Wm. Smith. (D. B. 3, p.). William Gray in his will dated February 8, 1710, recorded October 20, 1714, gave a cow to Henry Clark and a cow to Chas. Judkins, and left the remainder of his estate to be equally divided between his wife and his son Thomas Gray. Witnesses were Wm. Foster and David Andrews. (D. B. 5 p. 212).

William Gray married, 164 , Mary _____ and had four

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children: (1) Lydia Gray. She was probably the Lydia who m. 1st. Samuel Judkins (d. 1672), and m. 2nd. Capt. Thomas Pitman. (2) Gilbert Gray (ca. 164 -ca. 1710) d. s. p. (3) John Gray (ca. 1650-1708) d. s. p. He left legacies to "my sister Lidia, my brothers Thomas and Gilbert, and my father". His father William Gray was executor. (4) Thomas Gray (ca. 1652-ca. 1717), married _____ and left one son, Thomas Gray, who was an orphan in 1717 and chose William Foster as a guardian.

Thomas² Gray (ca. 1625-1676), of Surry County, Va., apparently never married. In his will dated April 16, 1676, and proved May 2, 1676, he gave to his brother Francis Gray 3 draughts of hogs, to the wife of Francis Gray his linen cloths, to his brothers John and William Gray his plantation with all the land belonging therewith, and to his three brothers, Francis, John, and William Gray the remainder of his estate to be equally divided. Witnesses were Nathl. Knight and Jno. Ironmonger. On May 2, 1676, his will was proved by Mr. Nathl. Knight and John Jennings, and Francis Gray qualified as administrator, with Thos. Sorsby and George Foster as his securities.

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John² Gray (ca. 1627-1683) lived in Surry County, Va. On Nov. 2, 1675, John Gray, Senr., was ordered to pay to Wm. Tooke 500 lbs. tobacco according to will of Ridley, decd. 1671, for the services of John Gray, Jr., one year more. (Surry County Order Book 1671-90, p. 104). On Nov. 4, 1678, John Gray confessed judgment to Mr. Robert Ruffin for 400 lbs. of tobacco. (O. B. 1671-90, p. 241). John Gray in his will dated May 16, 1683, proved July 3, 1683, gave one-third of his estate to his wife, and the remainder (except for his housing and land) to his daughter with reversion, should she die before coming of age or marrying, to the children of his brother William Gray. His housing and land he gave to his "cousin" John Gray, son of William Gray. He gave a cow to his "cousin" William Gray, son of Francis Gray. He made his wife executrix, and desired his brother William Gray and his "cousin" William Gray to see that his will was performed. Witnesses were John Foster and Thomas Bage. (D. B. 12, p. 330). On July 3, 1683, Mary Gray was granted probate on the will of John Gray decd. John Moreing, Mr. Geo. Foster, and Mr. Thos. Crews were appointed appraisers of the estate. (O. B. 1671-90, p. 408). The widow, Mrs. Mary Gray, married 2nd. 1683, Robert Nicholson.

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Capt. Francis² Gray (ca. 1630 (?) -1679), of Surry County, Virginia, was the youngest son of the immigrant Thomas Gray (1593-1658). On Nov. 3, 1658, Francis Gray for a consideration assigned his right in certain land patents to his brother, Thomas Gray. Witnesses were Jno. Gittings and Sam. Swaine. (Surry

County Deed Book, 1, p. 175). In 1662 William Browne, William Simmons, Nathl. Knight, Henry Francis, Francis Gray, etc. on a special jury panel. (D. B. 1, p. 185). In 1662 Francis Gray bought a heifer of Henry Briggs. (D. B. 1, p. 210). On Jan. 26, 1662/3, Francis Gray deeded to John Tatum 100 acres in Surry County of Chippoakes Creek adj. sd. Tatum's land lately purchased of John Rawlings. Witnesses: Elias Osborne, Selby Sparrow. (D. B. 1, p. 213). On Sept. 4, 1666, Francis Gray acknowledged his deed to his brother Thomas Gray of the plantation on which Mr. Hely lived and which his said brother Thomas Gray had since let to Mr. Dickerson. (D. B. 1, p. 275). In 1668 Thomas Gray and Francis Gray in the list of tithables taken by Mr. George Jordan. In 1673 Francis Gray confessed judgement to Harry Francis for 400 lbs. tobacco & caske with costs. (O. B. 1671-90, p. 22). In 1674 Francis Gray, defendant, vs. Col. Thomas Swann; judgment for plaintiff 2769 lbs. tobacco. (O. B. 1671-90, p. 72). In 1675 Francis Gray and Mary Gray sold to Thomas Crews a parcel of land in Surry County bounded by lands of Thomas Gray, George Foster, and Col. Thomas Swann, near the mouth of Gray's Creek. Witnesses: Wm. Thompson, Fra. Sumner. (O. B. 1671-90, p. 69). On May 2, 1676, Francis Gray qualified as administrator of the estate of his brother Thomas Gray decd., with Thos. Sorsby and George Foster as his securities. (O. B. 1671-90, p. 126). In 1677 Francis Gray in the list of tithables of Surry County. Capt. Francis Gray apparently made no will. He died in 1679 and his widow, Mary Gray, qualified as administratrix; she gave bond for 40,000 lbs. of legal tobacco, with Roger Potter and George Foster as her securities. Witnesses: Thos. Jordan, Wm. Edwards. Recorded June 25, 1679. (D. B. 1, p. 1).

Capt. Francis Gray married, 165 , Mary _____ and had one son, Capt. William Gray who died in 1719, and three daughters. The latter have not been positively identified but they appear on the basis of available data to be those shown in the following list.

Children:

- I. Margaret Gray, m. William Harris (d. 1720), m. 2nd. ^{CA 1655} Thomas Taylor.
- II. Mary Gray, m. Edward Moreland (d. 1723) ^{CA 1657}
- III. Elizabeth Gray, m. James Nicholson (d. 1723) ^{CA 1659 1168}
- *IV. Capt. William Gray (1661-1719). (See below.)
(Mrs. Mary Gray m. 2nd. 1679, Owen Myrick).

Capt. William³ Gray (1661-1719), of Surry County, Virginia, was the only son of Capt. Francis Gray who died in 1679. He was sheriff in 1700, a Justice of the Peace in 1710, and a member of the House of Burgesses in 1710, 1712, 1713, 1714, and 1715. He was a member of the Court in 1716. (O. B. 1713-1718, p. 93).

In 1685 William Gray, planter, of Southwark Parish, Surry County sold Samuel Plaw 400 acres, recently purchased of Sion Hill, adj. Holly Bush Swamp near Mr. Warren's line. Witnesses: Robt. Ruffin, Wm. Newsum. Mrs. Elizabeth Gray gave Robert Ruffin power of attorney to relinquish her dower rights and this was proved by William Williams. (Surry County Deed Book 2, p. 39). On Nov. 7, 1690, William Gray, aged 28 years or thereabouts, testified as to the processioning of the lines between the lands of Capt. Robert Randall now in the possession of Thomas Swann and the lands of Thomas Crews. (D. B. 3, p. 184). In the Virginia Quit Rent Rolls for Surry County in 1704, Capt. William Gray was listed with 1750 acres and William Gray, Junr. with 1050 acres. In 1710 Capt. William Gray sold to William Browne 4 acres in Surry County at Horse Bridge on the head of Grays Cree 3 acres thereof being on the south side and the remainder granted to the sd. Wm. Gray by the Court of Surry County for the purpose of building a water mill. (D. B. 5, p. 14). Capt. William Gray, in his will dated June 3, 1719, proved Nov. 18, 1719, left legacies to his son William and to the latter's four sons (William, Robert, Joseph and Thomas Gray); to his son Gilbert Gray, then unmarried to his daughters Mary Gray, Priscilla Gray, and Faith Ruffin; and to his grandchildren Wm. Andrews, Elizabeth Edwards, Wm. Gray and Willm. Ruffin. His son Gilbert Gray was appointed executor. This will was witnessed by Nichl. Maget, Robt. Judkins, and Sam Maget.

Capt. William³ Gray married, ca. 1682, Elizabeth _____ and had at least seven children. Order of birth not recorded but apparently about as indicated below. NOT OUR

Children:

- I. William Gray (1682-1736), m. 1702, Mrs. Mary (Crawford) Seward (d. 1756). 7 children. (see later).
- II. Elizabeth (?) Gray (ca. 1684(?) - 17), m. William Andrews. 2 (?) sons.
- III. Lucy (?) Gray (ca. 1686 (?) - 17), m. John (?) Edwards
- IV. Faith Gray (ca. 1688(?) - ca. 1720), m. ca. 1707, William Ruffin (ca. 1683-1739) q.v.
- V. Mary Gray (ca. 1690(?) - 17)
- VI. Priscilla Gray (ca. 1692(?) - 17), m. Capt. Thomas Hill (1686-1737).
- VII. Gilbert Gray (ca. 1696(?) - 1764), m. ca. 1720(?), Margaret _____ (d. 1767). 7 children. (See later.)

William Gray (1682-1736) married 1702, Mrs. Mary (Crawford) Seward, daughter of Robert Crafford and widow of John Seward. On March 31, 1701/2, Mary Gray was executrix of the estate of John Seward. Her account was audited by Robert Crafford and Robert Jarrett. William Gray was Sheriff of Surry

in 1718. His securities were William Browne and William Edwards. He was also Burgess from Surry 1723-1726.

He made his will March 10, 1731, same probated June 16, 1736. His will is that of a wealthy man as he bequeaths large tracts of land and many negroes. He gave sons, William, Robert, Joseph, Thomas, "land and plantations where they now live". Also to Robert he gave "land left me by my father called Babb's land and land purchased by me of my brother Gilbert." To Joseph he gave land "purchased of Charles Jones and wife." To son Edmund "land purchased of Robert Scott lying in Isle of Wight County."

Mrs. Mary Gray's will, dated 1756, showed daughter Lucy, wife of Howell Briggs; granddaughter Eliza Rose; sons, William, Edmund, James, Robert, Joseph and Thomas Gray; also son, William Seward. Witnesses, Gray Briggs, Susannah Gray, and William Thorp.

Children:

- I. William, Jr. (1703-1744) (see later).
- II. Robert, (1705-1777). Sheriff of Surry 1740, married Miss Claiborne, moved to Edgecombe County, N. C.
- III. Joseph, (1707-1771), m. Sarah, dau. Col. John Simmons (see later).
- IV. Thomas
- V. Edmund, under 21 in 1731, given land in Isle of Wight.
- VI. James, (1715-1788), under 21 in 1731, m. Sarah, children: Josiah, m. Betsy West; James; Sarah, m. Richard Powell Davis; Ann; Elizabeth; Susannah, Nathaniel.
- VII. Lucy, (1711-), m. Howell Briggs.

William Gray, (1703-1744), son of William Gray (1682-1736), was known at first as William Gray, Jr. On January 16, 1734, Thomas Foster of Surry and John Clements of Isle of Wight, deeded him 175 acres in Surry whereon Thomas Foster now lives being the head of a branch and adjoining Ogburn, Allen Warren, William Marriott and Mary Boston. (D. B. 1730-38, p. 515).

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Captain William Browne (1671-1746), widow of William Chamberlayne of New Kent and removed to that county where he was a Justice in 1742. On December 9, 1740, as "William Gray of New Kent" he deeded John Harris of Surry the 175 acres above mentioned, "being the land that John Clements, deceased, gave to Thomas Foster by will dated May 12, 1704, and purchased by the said William Gray of the said Thomas Foster and John Clements the younger. Teste, J. Gray, Gilbert Gray, Robert Gray. (D. B. 3, p. 273) (see Clement's family).

In 1739, William Gray patented 5000 acres in Goochland where some of the name still resides. December 4, 1744, he again deeded land in Surry "left him" by the will of William Gray, dec. by will dated March 10, 1731. His children were: Ethelred who married a daughter of Captain William Drew; Lucy mentioned in will of Captain William Browne.

4. Gilbert Gray, son of William Gray, Sr., (1661-1719), lived in Surry County where he made his will April 8, 1758, probated December 10, 1764, (WB 9). Same is as follows: "To son, Joseph Gray 550 acres given testator by the will of said testator's father, exclusive of that known as Babbs, containing 360 acres, also gives said Joseph Gray a tract purchased by said testator of the Vestry of the Parish of Southwark, adjoining said 550 acres. Daughter, Eliza Marriott, wife of Mathias Marriott, 3 negroes. Daughter Sarah Gray, 3 negroes, one bed and furniture. Daughter Mary Gray, 3 negroes, one bed and furniture. Daughter Lucy Gray, 3 negroes, one bed and furniture. Son John Gray, son James Gray 4 negroes, one bed and furniture and the tract of land known as Babbs given the testator by the will of said testator's father. Wife, Margaret, the remainder of his estate during her natural life or widowhood. Executrix, testator's wife; Executor, testator's son Joseph Gray. Witnesses: Robert Gray, Hartwell Cocke, George Dawson."

Children:

- I. Joseph, m.
- II. John, m. Mary.
- III. Eliza, m. Mathias Marriott (17-1774).
- IV. Sarah, m. Thomas WASHINGTON, Jr.
- V. Mary, m. Christopher (?) Clinch.
- VI. Lucy, dsp. 1773, left legacies to brother John Gray and James Gray, the latter under age.
- VII. James.

Joseph Gray, (1707-1771), m. 1st December 14, 1729, Sarah Simmons, daughter of Colonel John SIMMONS. The name of his second wife whom he married in 1748 is unknown. Colonel Gray was Burgess from Isle of Wight 1736-1749. His land fell in Southampton County where he was one of the first Justices of the County Court, 1749; Sheriff 1751, Burgess 1755 to 1769. His will was dated August 30, 1769 and proved June 13, 1771.

Children of 1st wife. (V. M. 30, p. 64).

- I. William (1732-1750) dsp.
- II. Mary, (1734-), m. (1st.) Littleton Tazewell, m. (2nd.) Rev. William Fanning.
- III. Elizabeth, (1736-1761).

- IV. Anne, (1738-)
- V. Sarah, (1739-), m. Major James Wall.
- VI. John, (1741-1760).
- VII. Edwin, (1743-1790) (see later).
- VIII. Peter, (1745-1761)
- IX. James, (1747-1807).

Children of 2nd. wife:

- X. Joseph, (1749-1754).
- XI. Lucy, (1751-), m. 1769, Col. John Flood Edmunds, of Brunswick Co., Va.
- XII. Jane, (1753-1754).

Colonel Edwin Gray married Julia, daughter of Thomas Godwin of Nansmond. He was a member of the House of Burgesses 1769-1774, of the Virginia Conventions of 1774, 1775, and 1776; and of the House of Delegates and State Senate. He made his will September 23, 1788 and same probated June 1790.

Children:

- I. Joseph, will proven in Southampton, 1820. Children: Sons, James and Joseph; Daughters, Sally and Nancy Gray.
- II. Edwin, m. (1) Julia Gray (2) Mrs. Gray nee Lewis. He was Member of Congress from Southampton, 1799-1813.
- III. Thomas, m. Mrs. Brewer nee Cocke. His will was dated September 6, 1831, and proven in Southampton September 9, 1831. Children: Catherine, m. Richardson; Edwin, m. (2) Charlotte Langston; Joseph, m. Evelyn Davis; Anne; Robert, m. Mary Nicholson; Thomas Ruffin, m. Mary Gray.
- IV. Mary, m. September 1788, Daniel Simmons.
- V. Henry Mills, m. Martha Hynes, made will 1814.

JONES

The coat-of-arms of this family, as given by Robert Jones, Attorney-general of North Carolina, who was a descendant, was: Ermine three Lions (Wm. and Mary Quarterly, 1st Series, 19, p. 291). These are the arms of the Jones family of Kent and London. The first positively known ancestor of the family was James Jones of Charles City and Prince George Cos., who was born about 1640-42 and died at an advanced age in Prince George Co. in 1719. James Jones was first granted land in Charles City Co. March 1, 1663 (Nugent, p. 504), his land being very close to that of Rev. Richard Jones, who may have been his father. However, it seems slightly more probable that both these men were sons of David Jones, b. 1594, d. in Charles City Co. between 1665 and 1673, who was settled in Virginia as early as 1624 (cf. Hotten, p. 214; Nugent, pp 25, 167, 535; Order Book 1655-65, pp. 104, 343, 529; Order Book 1672/4, p. 524). The above references show that David Jones had a son John, who died in 1657 and left a son John; and two daughters Mary and Ann; but since his land was in the Parish of Weyanoke, close to that of James Jones and Rev. Richard Jones, it is not improbable that they were, also, his sons. The names David and Richard were both perpetuated in the family of James Jones.

James Jones is mentioned in the will of Christopher Lewis, dated Sept. 1, 1673, and probated Oct. 20, 1673, in Surry Co., who left a legacy to Mary Jones, daughter of James Jones, and appointed Mr. Jones his executor (Surry D. & W. 1672-84, p. 35). As executor, he deeded away the land that had belonged to Mr. Lewis July 7, 1696 (D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 99). The above may indicate a relationship to Mr. Lewis, perhaps through James Jones' first wife, whose name is otherwise unknown. The wife, Sarah Jones, referred to in his will, was probably his second wife and not the mother of his children. James Jones was again granted land in Charles City Co., in Weyanoke Parish in 1683 and 1684, and he had a grant in Surry Co. in 1702 (Grants Bks., 7, p. 329, p. 488; 9, p. 497). The will of James Jones, dated April 6, 1719, and probated in Prince George Co. May 12, 1719, leaves his property to "my loving wife and my wife's two sons"; daughter Mary Darden and her

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JOHN OLIVER⁵ BAYLOR, (Thomas, William, Walker, John) was born 25 Nov.1873, d. 25 Oct. 1907, m. 9 Aug.1906 Marie Johnston. Child:

1. Johnston Baylor, b. 3 July, 1907.

Note: The above data were collected by the late Stephen Decatur, whose wife was a descendant of both Baylor and Walker, and by Vera Walker Morel, of New Orleans, Louisiana, who descends from the Walkers of Virginia.

THOMAS GRAY, ANCIENT PLANTER

of

SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

and Descendants

An account of Thomas Gray and his descendants is given in Boddie's Virginia Historical Genealogies, pp.309-316, but the identification of Thomas Gray's children and grandchildren in that book is somewhat defective, and fuller examination of the evidence warrants this article.

Thomas Gray was born in England about 1593 and died in Surry County, Virginia, in 1657 or 1658, certainly before 1662. His birth date is shown by his deposition, March 7, 1653/4, when he gave his age as 60 and testified that Daniel Hutton, deceased, left all his estate to his wife Rebecca. (Surry Bk.1,p.41.) Rebecca Hutton was his daughter, as we shall see later. His probable death in 1658 is indicated by the fact that on November 2, 1658 Francis Gray (unquestionably his son) transferred a patent to his brother, Thomas Gray, probably land inherited from his father (ibid, p.121). He was certainly dead by June 26, 1662, when there is mention of a suit about land between John Corker and the orphans of Thomas Gray Sr., decd. (ibid, p.192). The last record shows that he left orphans under age, a fact ignored in the account of the family in Virginia Historical Genealogies. Who these orphans are, we shall show later.

That Thomas Gray was an "ancient planter" is shown by a grant to him of 550 acres south of the James River on Aug.27,1635, of which 100 acres

was due him "as an ancient planter at or before the time of Sir Thomas Dale", 50 acres for his first wife Anis Gray, 50 acres for his "now wife" Rebecca Gray, and 350 acres for the transportation of his two sons, Thomas and William Gray, and five other persons whose names are given (Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers, p.31). Dr. Stewart's introduction to Cavaliers & Pioneers, p.xxviii, states that Thomas Gray came to Virginia in 1608, but the writer has found no exact confirmation of this. Hotten's Emigrants, p.176, shows among "The Living in Virginia", Feb. 16, 1623/4, Thomas Graye and wife (name not given), Jone and William Graye; in the "Muster Roll", January 1624/5 (p.228), it shows the family more fully as "Thomas Graye came in the _____, Margaret his wife in the _____, William their sonne aged 3 years, Jone their daughter aged 6 years".

* There is some discrepancy between the account of the family in Hotten, and the 1635 grant mentioned previously. The grant shows Thomas Gray's first wife as named Anis or Annis though the renewal of this grant on May 26, 1638 (Nugent, p.105), shows her name as Avis. Neither grant mentions a wife Margaret, only the "now wife" Rebecca, to whom he was married in 1635. It is possible that the name Margaret is a mistake made by the compiler of the "Muster" early in 1625, but it seems possible, too, that Thos. Gray's first wife, Anis or Avis, had died, and that he had married a second wife, Margaret, by 1625. In that case, however, Margaret must have been transported to Virginia by someone else, for Mr. Gray claimed importation for only two wives, Anis and Rebecca. Another difficulty is that Mr. Gray claimed importation for his two elder sons, William and Thomas, in 1635, though it would appear from the records that the children were all born in Virginia, and in fact Thomas was not yet born in January, 1624/5. Perhaps there was a trip to England made by Thomas Gray some time after 1625, in which he took the two boys along with him, which would account for the claim of importation on their return; or Thomas could have gone to England with his son William to fetch his second (or third) wife Re-

becca, and the son Thomas may have been born before their return to Virginia. However the matter may be, Thomas was married to Rebecca by Sept.11,1626, for on this date "Rebecka Graye" was a witness before the General Court in Virginia (Minutes of the Council and General Court, p.111). Thomas Gray was in Virginia at that time, too, for he was a witness Oct.12,1626 (p.119). Mr. Gray was a cousin of William Carter (b.1600), another early settler of Surry County, for in 1629 Carter's wife was reprimanded by the Court for slandering "her cousin Gray's wife", (p.197).

On July 20,1639, Thomas Gray was granted 400 acres near his other land (Nugent, p.113), and on June 7,1642 he was granted 100 acres on the east side of Gray's Creek (p.130), in the same general location. The 1639 grant of 400 acres was voided for lack of seating, and was granted to Samuel Abbott, Gent., April 10,1644, "near the head of Gray's Creek adjoining the land of Mr. John Corker" (Nugent, p.152). However, Thomas Gray later bought it back, and on March 14, 1652/3 he was granted 800 acres at the head of Smith's Fort Creek, 400 acres having been granted to Gray in 1639, and 400 acres patented by Samuel Abbott in 1644 and purchased by Gray (Nugent, p.271). It looks as though there is a duplication of land in this grant, and that it ought to have been only 400 acres in all. However, it seems to have been really 800 acres, as later records show. Mr. Gray was apparently married a third (or perhaps fourth) time around 1645, and left this land in his will to his three youngest sons, William, John and Thomas Gray, the "orphans" mentioned in the dispute about the land with John Corker in 1662. We shall give the evidence later for these three young sons. It is not surprising that Thomas Gray Sr. gave the name William to one of these sons, for the eldest son, William (b.1621), never appears in the records after the 1635 grant, and probably died as a young man. What is somewhat surprising is that the name Thomas was given to the youngest son by this third marriage, even though the elder son Thomas (b. ca 1625-28) was still living. Although it was rather unusual for sons of different marriages to bear the same name, there

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are a number of examples of it that the writer has come across. The will of William Rogers, who died testate in Surry County in 1727 mentions two sons named William, one the son by his first marriage, the other the youngest son of his second marriage (to whom he left his land); and John Sojourner who died in Isle of Wight Co. in 1728 mentions two sons named John, the elder and the younger. Other examples could be supplied from the old records, so that it is not too surprising that Thomas Gray's second son (b. 1625-28) and his youngest son, born about 25 years later, were both named Thomas. The lack of recognition of the "orphans" of 1662, and the fact that there were two Williams and two Thomases among the children of Thomas Gray Sr. has caused a good deal of confusion in the chapter on the family in Virginia Historical Genealogies. This chapter identifies the William Gray who died testate in Surry County in 1714 with the first son of Thomas Gray Sr., who was born in 1621, incidentally making this man 92 or 93 years of age at the time of his death, whereas the William who died in 1714 was really the only son of Francis Gray, son of Thomas Sr., and the utter silence of the Surry records from 1652 on, about the older William Gray, shows that he had died. The chapter (V.H.G.) also identifies the William Gray who died in Surry in 1719 as the son of Francis Gray, while he was actually the William Gray who was the eldest of the three 1662 "orphans", and born about 1648-49. There are other minor errors in the chapter too, due to this failure to recognize the "orphans".

From the extant records, the following is a correct account of the children of Thomas Gray Sr. by his various wives, to whom we shall give numbers in order to distinguish the two Williams and the two Thomases. The proof will come later.

The children of Thomas Gray Sr. (1) by his first wife Anis or Avis, as shown by Hotten, were:

- (2) Joan Gray, b. 1618, of whom later.
- (3) William Gray, b. 1621, last appears in the 1635 grant to Thomas Gray, never appears in the Surry Co. records, and apparently died young.

The children of Thomas Gray Sr. (1) by his wife Rebecca, to whom he was married by 1626, were:

- (4) Thomas Gray, b. ca 1625-28, of whom later.
- (5) Rebecca Gray, b. ca 1628-30, of whom later.
- (6) Francis Gray, b. ca 1630-35, of whom later.

The children of Thomas Gray Sr. (1) by his last marriage were:

- (7) William Gray, b. ca 1648-49, of whom later.
- (8) John Gray, b. ca. 1651-52, of whom later.
- (9) Thomas Gray, b. ca 1652-53, of whom later.

The eldest of the 1662 "orphans", William #7, was under the guardianship of Robert Castle of James City County Sept. 4, 1664, on which date Castle gave security in James City Co. for William's property, recorded in Surry Co. Bk. 1, p. 240. It is not unlikely that Castle had married William's mother, the last wife of Thos. Gray #1, though there is no proof of this, as the James City County records have been destroyed. William Gray #7 does not reappear in the Surry Co. records until 1673, when the Surry records show that he married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Jarrett of Lawnes Creek Parish, Surry County (Surry Co. Bk. 2, p. 33). Apparently there were living in Surry County from 1664 to 1673 only the two sons of Rebecca Gray, Thomas #4 and Francis #5, and their two half-brothers (the younger 1662 "orphans"), namely, John #8 and Thomas #9. William Gray #7 was probably born ca 1648-9, as his younger brother, John #8, testified on July 3, 1672, that he was "above 21 years of age" (therefore born ca 1650-51), and his youngest brother testified on the same date that he was "near 21", indicating his birth as 1652--3. (Surry Co. Bk. 2, p. 20.)

The tithables lists of Surry County are fairly complete from 1668 through 1703, and John Gray #8 first appears in the 1669 list as a tithable (over 16) in the household of his half-

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brother, Francis Gray. Thomas Gray #9 does not appear in the tithables until 1673, when he and his brother John are shown living together as 2 tithables. The chapter referred to in Virginia Historical Genealogies shows only one Thomas Gray (#4) and states that he died unmarried in 1676. The following records show that there were two Thomas Grays, #4 dying in 1672, and #9 dying in 1676, both unmarried; and that both were brothers of Francis #6. It has been mentioned that Francis #6 transferred a patent to his brother Thomas Gray #4 in 1658, apparently part of his inheritance from his father, Thomas Gray #1. On Sept. 4, 1666, Francis Gray testified that he had transferred to Thomas Gray (#4) the plantation that the Hillyers had rented, and that Thomas had rented it to Thomas Dickenson (Surry Co. Bk. 1, p. 275). On Nov. 5, 1667, Thos. Gray (#4) deeded 100 acres on the west side of Gray's Creek to Richard Case and Isabel his wife, and on the same date he deeded 67 acres in the same location to Thomas Cruse (Crews) and Joan his wife (Surry Co. Bk. 1, pp. 291, 292). Thomas Gray #4 died unmarried late in 1672, for on Jan. 7, 1672/3, Francis Gray was appointed administrator of his brother Thomas Gray, decd. (Surry Co. Order Bk. #1, p. 18); on March 4, 1672/3 it is stated that Thomas Gray obtained an order from the Surry Co. Court for a survey of land between him and Thomas Crews, but dying, the survey is ordered for Francis Gray, his administrator (ibid, p. 21); on May 6, 1673 Francis Gray, "brother and heir of Thomas Gray, Decd." was in a suit about the land sold to Thomas Crews by Thomas Gray (ibid, p. 23); on May 27, 1673, the Council and General Court, in the case of Francis Gray vs. Thomas Cruse, ordered the land to be surveyed according to the bill of sale of Thomas Gray to Cruse (Minutes, p. 343); on Aug. 25, 1673 there was an agreement of Francis Gray and Thomas Cruse about the land (Surry Bk. 2, p. 23); and on Jan. 5, 1674/5, Francis Gray and Mary his wife made a deed for the land on Gray's Creek to Thomas Cruse (Bk. 2, p. 69). On July 2, 1672, probably before the death of Thomas Gray #4, Richard Case aged 53, Isabel Case aged 56, John Gray (#8) aged above 21, and Thomas Gray (#9) aged near 21, testified regarding the land sold by

Thomas Gray (#4) to Thomas Crews. The above records show positively that Thomas Gray #4 was a brother of Francis Gray. That Thomas Gray #9, the youngest of the 1662 "orphans", was also a brother, is shown by his will, dated April 16, 1676 and probated May 2, 1676 (Surry Bk. 2, p. 113), in which, after leaving bequests to his brother Francis Gray's three daughters and to Francis's wife, he leaves all his land to his brothers, John and William Gray (#8, and #7). This land was the 800 acre grant made to Thomas Gray #1 in 1652. } On Jan. 25, 1675/6, John Gray (#8) had already granted or let to John Moring "land at the head of Gray's Creek, quantity not known", which was obviously a part of his inheritance in the 800 acres (Bk. 2, p. 98). To confirm the land after the death of Thomas Gray #9 on Sept. 26, 1678, William Gray #7 and John Gray #8 were granted 800 acres at the head of Smith's Fort Creek, formerly granted to Thomas Gray by patent dated March 14, 1652, and "descended to ye said William and John Gray by will of ye said Thomas Graye their father, deceased" (Pat. Bk. 6, p. 653). This grant shows that Thomas Gray #1 left a will (though the first will book of Surry County has been lost) and that he left his 1652 grant of 800 acres to his three youngest children, namely, William #7, John #8, and Thomas #9, or the survivors among them.

It has already been stated that William Gray #3, the eldest son of Thomas #1, born ca 1621 as he was three years old in Jan. 1624/5, apparently died before the records of Surry Co. began in 1652. The preceding paragraph gives all that is known of Thomas Gray #4, and Thomas Gray #9, except that Thomas #4 made a deposition Nov. 7, 1652 as "Thomas Gray Jr." regarding a contract of Daniel Hutton (his brother-in-law) to build a house for Thomas Pittman (Surry Book 1, p. 9). Unfortunately his age is not given in the deposition, but he was probably born ca 1625-28, the eldest son of Thomas Gray #1 and his wife Rebecca, and as shown in the preceding paragraph died unmarried in 1672, his whole brother Francis Gray being his heir. Thomas Gray #9, youngest son of Thomas #1, was born ca 1652-3 and died unmarried in 1676, again as shown above. The following is additional information about Thomas

Gray's (#1) other children: Joan, Rebecca, Francis, William (#7) and John.

JOAN GRAY (#2), the eldest child of Thomas Gray #1 by his first wife Anis or Avis, was born ca 1618, as her age is given as six years in the "Muster" of Jan., 1624/5. She married John Hux, who was born in 1612 or 1613, as he gave his age as 40 in a deposition Nov.7, 1652 (Surry Bk.1, p.9) and as 46 in a deposition May 9, 1659 (ibid, p.131). The first deposition concerned a contract that Daniel Hutton (his brother-in-law) had made to build a house for Thomas Pittman, and Thomas Gray #4 also testified in this case. The second deposition concerned land that was connected with the estate of Thomas Gray #1, who was apparently dead in 1659.

Among others who testified that Thomas Gates gave 57 acres of land to Thomas Gray's children, William and Joan Gray, John Hux aged 46 deposed that he married the daughter, Joan Gray, and that he received 25 acres of the land from her father as her share. Thomas Gates was another ancient planter, who came to Virginia in the "Swan" in 1609, was living with his wife at Smith's Plantation in what later became Surry County in February, 1623/4, is shown in the "Muster" of Jan. 1624/5 at Burrow's Hill with his wife Elizabeth, (who came over in the "Warwick" in 1620), and had planted 100 acres in 1626 (Boddie, Colonial Surry, pp.30,31, and 35, from Hotten). Due to the fact that Thomas Gates deeded half this land to Thomas Gray #1's two children by his first wife, Anis or Avis, one might suspect some relationship here; however, there is no proof of it.

On June 1, 1662 John Hux deeded a mare to Christopher Lewis (Surry Co. Bk.1, p.190), and he died before May 4, 1668, when his second wife and widow, Mary Hux, appointed John Harlow as her attorney (Bk.1, p.302). The marriage contract of John Harlow and Mary Hux is signed June 18, 1668, mention being made therein of her youngest son, John Hux (Bk.1, p.366). This youngest son John Hux was probably the son of John Hux Sr.'s second wife, Mary, but William Hux, who is shown among the tithables (over 16) of John Harlow in 1668, was probably the son of the first wife,

Joan Gray. In 1669 William Hux was living by himself independently with a helper, Thomas Wicks, so he was probably born about 1648--50. His step-mother's second husband, John Harlow, was dead by 1672 (Order Bk.1, p.21). On April 28, 1673 William Hux deeded 25 acres to David Andrews, perhaps the 25 acres that his mother had been given from Thomas Gates's land (Surry Bk.2, p.25). On Jan.15, 1675/6, he deeded land on Grays Creek to George Proctor, amount unspecified, and on Jan.25, 1675/6 he deeded 50 ac. to Edmond Howell (Bk.2, pp.99, 100). One of the witnesses to the first of these deeds was Thos. Ironmonger, who was his brother-in-law, as will be shown. William Hux died unmarried in 1677. His will, dated Oct.31, 1676 and probated May 1, 1677 (Surry Bk.2, p.122), leaves bequests to Samuel, son of William Thompson, and to the daughter of William Foreman; then leaves his land to "the two daughters of my brother Ironmonger, Susannah to have the land that Thomas Ironmonger lives on, and Mary the land that I live on"; and appoints "my brother Thomas Ironmonger" and his brother John Ironmonger, as executors. The above will and the following records show that Joan (Gray) Hux, in addition to her son William, had a daughter Mary who married Thomas Ironmonger. She was probably older than William Hux, for Thomas Ironmonger was born 1630-1635. In a deposition March 3, 1684/85, he gave his age as 49, indicating his birth as 1635-36, (D. & W. 1684-6, unpaginated), but on Nov.7, 1690 he gave his age as 60, indicating his birth as 1630 (Bk.4, p.183). Thomas Ironmonger is shown in the Surry Co. tithables until his death, beginning with 1668; his brother John appears for the first time in Thomas's family in 1673.

Thomas Ironmonger died in 1691, his inventory being dated July 7, 1691, with his wife Mary as administratrix (Bk.4, p.212-13). His brother John was dead by Jan.19, 1691/2, on which date Mary Ironmonger testified as to John Ironmonger's nuncupatory will, in which he left his property to his brother's son and daughter and to his cousin (i.e. nephew) Samuel Alsobrook's two children (ibid, p.242). Mary (Hux) Ironmonger died in 1693, her administration being granted to Samuel Alsobrook and Mary his wife, May 2,

1693 (O.Book 2; p.71). This shows that Mary ✓
Ironmonger, the daughter of Thomas mentioned in
William Hux's will, had married Samuel Alsobrook.
Probably the daughter Susannah of William's will
had died, for the "son and daughter" mentioned
in John Ironmonger's will as his brother's chil-
dren were apparently younger children of Thomas
Ironmonger, namely, Ann Ironmonger who is men-
tioned as an orphan of Thomas Ironmonger Nov.3,
1696 (O.Bk.2, p.170), and Thomas Ironmonger, who
appears first as a tithable in the family of
John Moring in 1702, indicating his birth as
about 1685-86, first appears in the records as
a mature man in 1708 (O.Bk.2, p.312), and died
without a will in Surry Co. in 1711 (Bk.6, p.53).
Samuel Alsobrook died intestate in 1696, admin-
istration on his estate being granted to John
Thompson Nov.5, 1696 (O.Bk.2, p.173). An account
of his estate Jan.3, 1698/9 (Bk.5, p.158a) men-
tions a child who was still at nurse at the home
of David Andrews, so that his wife Mary had prob-
ably also died. John Thompson, in his will
dated Aug.2, 1698 and probated Nov.7, 1699 (Bk.5,
p.185) desires that Samuel Alsobrook, son of
Samuel Alsobrook deceased, be religiously brought
up by his executrix. This Samuel chose a guard-
ian Nov.9, 1708 (O.Bk.2, p.315), indicating that
he was at least 14 years old and born by 1694.

William Howell, in his will dated May 9,
1718 and probated June 15, 1720 (Bk.7, p.272),
mentions his daughter Joan, wife of Samuel Also-
brook, therefore Samuel was married by 1718 to
Joan Howell. Other orphans of Samuel Alsobrook
Sr. and Mary Ironmonger mentioned in 1696 and
1697 (O.Bk.2, pp.177,178, and 190) were Mary,
John and Thomas Alsobrook. Thomas Alsobrook
was still living in 1718, when Thomas Bentley
wrote his will (W.Bk.7, p.455) and left a be-
quest to him. The Alsobrooks seem to have been
the last surviving descendants of Joan Gray #2
and her husband John Hux, though it is barely
possible that Thomas Hux Sr. of Surry County was
her eldest son. This Thomas Hux Sr. was deeded
50 acres by Benjamin Harrison July 4, 1669 (Book
1, p.340), and married as his second wife in 1674
Eleanor, widow of John Rawlings (O.Bk.1, p.66).
He last appears in the records Jan.1, 1679/80,

when he and his wife Eleanor made a deed to
Benjamin Harrison (Bk.2, p.245). His son by a
first marriage, Thomas Hux Jr., appears with
his father in the tithables for several years,
beginning with 1677, but may have been the
second tithable (unnamed) in Thomas Hux's family
in 1669, indicating his birth as being about
1653. Whether this is true or not, Thomas Jr.
must have been born as early as 1656, for he
married Mary, the relict of John Orchard, in
1677 (Bk.2, pp.126, 127, and 129). It is the
age of Thomas Hux Jr. which makes it doubtful
whether he could have been a grandson of Joan
Gray (b.1618), though it is barely possible if
Thomas Jr. was born as late as 1656 and his
father Thomas Sr. was born about 1635. Even in
this case, however, Joan would have been only
17 when Thomas Hux Sr. was born. Whether or not
this is the case (and there is no evidence of
it, except the name Hux). Thomas Hux Jr. was
still living Dec.2, 1695, when he and his wife
Mary deeded 100 acres to William Hunt (Bk.5, p.
75a). He seems to have died in 1696 or early
in 1697, for his widow, Mary Hux, is shown with
her son Thomas for one tithable in 1697 (indic-
ating that the son was born ca 1680-81).

REBECCA GRAY (#5), daughter of Thomas Gray
#1 by his wife Rebecca, was born probably ca
1628-30, married Daniel Hutton (who died early
in 1654), and probably died herself soon after
this as quite a young woman. It has been pre-
viously mentioned that Thomas Gray Jr. (#4) and
John Hux testified on Nov.7, 1652 regarding a
contract by which Daniel Hutton was to build a
house for Thomas Pittman (Bk.1, p.9); also
that on March 7, 1653/4 Thomas Gray, aged 60,
deposed that Daniel Hutton left all his estate
to his wife Rebecca (ibid, p.41). Rebecca Hut-
ton must have died by May 20, 1655, when Arthur
Jordan was guardian of Elizabeth Hutton and
leased to Robert Stanton 136 acres that had be-
longed to her father, Daniel Hutton (ibid, p.77).
Elizabeth Hutton married Nicholas Perry,
and was dead without issue by March 11, 1671/2,
on which date Nicholas Perry deeded to Arthur

Jordan the land of Daniel Hutton, Perry having married Elizabeth Hutton, the heiress of Daniel, and she being dead (Book 2, p.8). That Elizabeth Hutton was the daughter of Rebecca Gray #5 is proved by the fact that on March 7, 1687/8 William Gray of Southwark Parish, as "next cousin and heir of Elizabeth Hutton", deeded the 136 acres of Hutton land to Charles White (Book 4, p.50). This William Gray was the son of Francis Gray #6, whole brother of Thos. Gray #4 and Rebecca Gray #5, as shall be seen.

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FRANCIS GRAY (#6) was apparently the youngest son of Thomas Gray #1 by his wife Rebecca, and born ca 1630-35. It has been mentioned that his first appearance in the records was in 1658, and given the evidence that he was "brother and heir" of Thomas Gray #4, and also brother of the three sons of Thomas Gray #1 by his last marriage, namely, William, John and Thomas Gray #9. It has also been mentioned that Francis Gray was in 1672 and 1673 involved in the dispute about the land deeded by Thomas Gray #4 to Thomas Crews. Francis was also, in 1675, involved in a suit about land with Col. Thomas Swann (Minutes of the Council and General Court, pp.416,421). Francis Gray died in 1679, his widow, Mary Gray, being appointed his administratrix May 27, 1679, with George Foster as one of her sureties (Bk. 2, p.208). By July 6, 1679, Mary had become the second wife of Owen Myrick, who on that date appointed her his attorney, and she is specifically mentioned as "relict of Francis Gray" (O.B. 1, p.288; also O.B. 2, p.248). The records show that Francis Gray #6 and his wife Mary had three daughters and one son, William, who was born in 1662. It has been previously mentioned that the will of Thomas Gray #9 in 1676 leaves bequests to "my brother Francis Gray's three daughters", and "the wife of my brother Francis Gray". One of the daughters was Joan Gray, who as "daughter of Francis Gray", was left a bequest in the will of Thomas Weeks, dated Mar. 1, 1675/6 and probated May 2, 1676 (Bk. 2, p.113). Another daughter was Mary Gray, as on July 3, 1683 Owen Myrick (her stepfather) was ordered to give an account of the estate of Mary Gray,

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orphan of Francis Gray (O.Bk. 1, p.406). The name of the third daughter is unknown, and it is uncertain what became of any of them.

The son, William Gray, as will be shown, is mentioned in the will of his half-uncle, John Gray #8, in 1683, as "my cousin Will Gray, son of Francis Gray, deceased". The tithables of 1678 show Francis Gray with his brother, John Gray #8, and his son, "William Gray Jr." in his family, showing that the son William was 16 in that year and born 1662. This birth date is confirmed by the fact that this William Gray gave his age as 28 in a deposition Nov. 7, 1690 (Bk. 4, p.183a). It has been mentioned that the Gray article in Virginia Historical Genealogies confuses this William Gray both with his older half-uncle William Gray (born 1721), and with his younger half-uncle William Gray #7, the latter being said to be the William who was born in 1662, though he was 12 or 13 years older.

William Gray son of Francis is shown as a tithable in the family of his mother, Mary Gray, in 1679; after her marriage to Owen Myrick, he is shown as a tithable in the family of Daniel Snooks in 1680, and in 1681, 1682 and 1683 he is shown in the family of George Foster. All these records were from Southwark Parish, while the other William Gray (#7) was living at the time in Lawnes Creek Parish. William Gray continues to be shown in Southwark Parish (once or twice called "William Gray Jr." to distinguish him from his half-uncle, William Gray #7, who around 1690 moved to Southwark Parish from Lawnes Creek) through the last tithables list of 1703. None of these lists shows a son, so that he apparently married somewhat late in life.

The will of William Gray (i.e. the son of Francis), dated Feb. 10, 1710/11 and probated Oct. 20, 1714 (Book 5, p.212), leaves a cow apiece to Henry Clark and Charles Tucker, then the rest of his estate to his wife Mary and son Thomas, with his wife, William Foster, and David Andrews as executors; the last two men were witnesses to the will as well. The Surry Quit Rent Roll of 1704 shows William Gray (i.e. son of Francis) with 100 acres of land. The same roll shows his uncle, Capt. William Gray (#7) with 1750 acres, and the latter's two sons, William Jr. and John

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Wm d. 1710/1714 Court Henry Clark, to Charles Jenkins, remainder divided between his wife and son Thomas. Wm Foster, David Andrews (Sp. 212.500) P

Gray, the first with 1050 acres and the second with 200 acres. On May 20, 1713 William Gray petitioned that his son Thomas be exempted from levies, indicating that Thomas had just become 16, therefore born about 1696/7, and that he probably suffered from some physical disability (O.Book 1713-1718, p.5). On Aug.21,1717 Thomas Gray, orphan, chose William Foster as guardian (ibid, p.121). Although they may only have been neighbours, the fact that William Gray, son of Francis, lived for several years in the family of George Foster, that William Foster (son of George) was an executor of his will and later guardian of his son Thomas, may indicate that George Foster was a brother of Mary, wife of Francis Gray #6. If so, a deed from George Foster and Elizabeth his first wife, Aug.1,1674, for land that had belonged to his father adjoining Thomas Woodhouse and John Twy (or Troy)(Bk.2 p.61) shows that the father was William Foster, who jointly with George Adkins was granted 250 acres adjoining Thos.Woodhouse and John Twy, May 23,1642 (Nugent, p.129), and later was granted the whole acreage Jan.6,1643/4 (ibid,p.150). If Mary, wife of Francis Gray, was a sister of George Foster, then she was also a daughter of this William Foster. The article on the Gray family in Va.Historical Genealogies calls Francis Gray (#6) Capt.Francis Gray, identifying him with Capt.Francis Gray who on Nov.16,1661 receipted Nathaniel Stanton of debts (Bk.1, p.175). This identification is possible, but the Capt.Francis Gray of this receipt seems very probably a much older man, Francis Gray of Charles City County, who will be dealt with at the end of this chapter.

WILLIAM GRAY (#7), as mentioned previously, was born probably ca 1648-49, the eldest of the three sons of Thomas Gr. y #1 by his last wife. He was by far the wealthiest and most prominent of Thomas Gray #1's children, serving as Justice and Sheriff of Surry County, and as Burgess 1710--1715. He died in 1719 at the age of about 70 years. He probably spent his early years in James City County with his guardian, Robert Castle, but returned to Surry County in 1673, married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Jarrett, and appears in Lawnes Creek Parish, Surry County,

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in 1673 with 3 tithables.

Richard Jarrett died in Surry County in 1672. His will, dated July 13,1672 and probated Jan.3, 1672/3 (Surry Bk.2, p.21), mentions his son Charles, daughter Elizabeth, wife Margery, and his brothers in England. An account of Richard Jarrett's estate, Dec.2,1673, signed by the widow Margery, now Margery Chambers, shows a legacy of 4 cows, a chest, a gun, an iron pot, 4 pewter dishes, and a mare filly, paid to William Gray (Bk.2, p.33). The items shown in this legacy were exactly the property that Richard Jarrett left to his daughter Elizabeth in his will, showing that William had married the daughter Elizabeth during the year 1673. On March 3,1673/4 (O.Bk.1, p.48) it is stated that William Chambers had married the relict of Richard Jarrett, and mention is made of Richard's son Charles. William Chambers died in 1677, leaving two children, William and Mary Chambers by a previous marriage. On May 12,1677 administration on William Chambers was granted to Margery Chambers, (Book 2, p.128), and in the same year Margery Chambers gave bond for the estate of Charles Jarrett, orphan of Richard, with Capt.Charles Barham and William Gray as sureties (Bk.2, p.125). On Sept.4,1677 William Chambers, orphan of William, chose William Gray as his guardian, and the estate of Mary Chambers was also turned over to William Gray by Margery (O.Bk.1, p.157).

The tithables of 1678 show in Lawnes Creek Parish, William Chambers as one of the 4 tithables of William Gray, and Charles Jarrett, as a tithable of "widow Chambers", indicating that both William Chambers and Charles Jarrett were born by 1662 or earlier. The date 1661-62 seems the probable birth date of Charles Jarrett, but William Chambers may have been born in 1660, as on July 5,1681 he said he was of full age and claimed his estate (O.Bk.1, p.342). However, the estate was not turned over to him until March 5, 1682/3 (Bk.2, p.325), so that probably 1662 is the correct date of his birth after all. The orphan, Mary Chambers, was married by May 3,1687 to William Holliman (O.Bk.1, p.561). Elizabeth Jarrett, the wife of William Gray and daughter of Richard and Margery Jarrett, must have been older than her brother Charles, and born in the

late 1650's to have married in 1673.

On Nov. 15, 1677 William Gray (#7) and John Gray (#8), "joint heirs of their brother Thomas Gray, decd." (i.e. Thomas #9), deeded 100 acres of land to Col. Thomas Swann (Book 2, p. 145). It has been mentioned that these two brothers had been granted in 1678 the whole 800 acre patent of their father Thomas Gray Sr. in 1652. William Gray #7 proceeded to accumulate land rather rapidly. In 1680 he patented 680 acres in Lawnes Creek Parish (Pat. Bk. 7, p. 27) which he and Elizabeth his wife sold to Robert Caufield in 1689 (Book 3, p. 108). He was still living in Lawnes Creek Parish in 1689, though apparently he had moved briefly to Southwark Parish in 1685, when he and his wife Elizabeth deeded 400 acres to Samuel Plaw, and he calls himself "of Southwarke Parish" (D. & W. 1684-86, unpaginated). By 1704, as mentioned previously, he owned 1750 acres and his son William Jr. owned 1050 acres. William Gray #7 seems to have lived pretty steadily in Lawnes Creek Parish, however, up to about 1690; after that he appears in Southwark Parish, where his nephew William Gray, son of Francis, lived. The lists of tithables show him as Lieut. William Gray in 1692; his eldest son, William Gray Jr., appears first in his family in 1693, indicating that he was born about 1676/7; his second son, John Gray, appears in his family for the first time in 1696, showing that he was born 1679-80; and he is called Capt. William Gray in 1700 and later years. The second son, John Gray, was left land by his uncle, John Gray #8, in 1683, and is shown as the owner of 200 acres in 1704. John, son of William Gray #7, was apparently the John Gray who died in Surry County in 1708, unmarried. The will of John Gray, dated June 23, 1708 and probated Nov. 9, 1708 (Bk. 5, p. 403) mentions his sister Lydia, brothers Thomas and Gilbert, and makes his father executor. The article in Va. Historical Genealogies places this John Gray as the son of William Gray who died in 1714 (i.e. the son of Francis Gray), but the tithables lists never show this William with any sons but the son Thomas (b. ca 1697), while William Gray #7 certainly had a son John as well as a son Gilbert, though his will does not mention a daughter Lydia nor a son Thomas.

However, they probably died before their father did in 1719. Neither Thomas nor Gilbert was old enough to be shown as a tithable by 1703.

The will of William Gray #7, dated June 3, 1719 and probated Nov. 18, 1719 (Bk. 7, p. 226), mentions his sons William and Gilbert; the son William's four sons William, Robert, Joseph and Thomas; daughters Mary Gray, Faith Ruffin, and Priscilla Gray; grandchildren William Andrews, Elizabeth Edwards, William Gray and William Ruffin; appoints his son William as overseer of the will; and appoints son Gilbert as executor. From the above records, it appears that William Gray #7 had four sons and six daughters (possibly only five) as follows: (1) William Gray, born 1676-7; (2) John Gray, b. 1679-80, d. unmarried in 1708; (3) Thomas Gray, b. after 1687, mentioned in the will of his brother John Gray in 1708 but apparently died unmarried before his father; (4) Gilbert Gray, b. after 1687; (5) Mary Gray, unmarried in 1719; (6) Faith Gray, the first wife of William Ruffin (b. 1683) and mother of the grandson William Ruffin mentioned in the will of William Gray #7; (7) Priscilla Gray, unmarried in 1719; (8) Lydia Gray, mentioned in the will of John Gray in 1708, either died unmarried before 1719, or was identical with one of the two following daughters: (9) a daughter who married an Andrews and was the mother of the grandson William Andrews mentioned in the will of William Gray #7; and (10) a daughter who married an Edwards and was the mother of the granddaughter Elizabeth Edwards mentioned in the 1719 will. So far as the writer knows, the account given in Va. Historical Genealogies about the children and descendants of the sons William and Gilbert Gray is substantially correct, except that William's birth date is put too late (1682 instead of 1676/7), and that his wife Mary, widow of John Seward, is stated to have been a daughter of Robert Crafford, whereas she seems really to have been a daughter of Randall Holt (d. 1679) and his wife Elizabeth (d. 1709). The evidence for this is as follows: John Seward, Mary's first husband, died early in 1699, Mary being appointed his administratrix March 5, 1698/9 (O.B. 2, p. 195). John and Mary Seward had two children, William who was b. ca 1696, and Mary, b. probably about

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1698. Evidence in a lawsuit about the Seward property in 1713 shows that John was born about 1674 (24 years of age when he died), and that his son William was born about 1696 (17 years of age in 1713) (O.Bk.3, pp.3,4). Mary, orphan of John Seward, is mentioned soon after his death, on March 5, 1698/9 and on July 4, 1699 (O.Bk.2, pp.195, 200). Randall Holt in his will in 1679 mentions only his three sons by name, but the will of Elizabeth Holt, his widow, dated March 4, 1708/9 and probated May 3, 1709 (Bk.5, p.411) mentions among other legatees "my grand-daughter, Mary Seward", who seems unquestionably to have been the daughter of John and Mary Seward mentioned in 1699 above.

JOHN GRAY (#8), the second of the three youngest sons of Thomas Gray #1 by his last marriage, was, as has been seen, born ca 1650-51 and died in 1683. He and his brother William #7 deeded land to Col. Thomas Swann in 1677 and were jointly granted the 800 acres of Thomas Gray #1's patent in 1678. In 1678 John Gray was still living with his brother Francis Gray #6 as a tithable in the latter's family and presumably unmarried. He appears as an independent tithable in Southwark Parish in 1679 and later years and married some time around 1680, Mary _____. His will, dated May 16, 1683 and probated July 3 1683 (Book 2, p.330), mentions his wife and daughter; all his land to "my Cozen John Gray, Will Gray's son"; if the daughter dies, to brother William Gray's children; leaves a bequest to "my Cozen Will Gray, son of Francis Gray decd."; and appoints his brother William Gray and his "cousin" William Gray to oversee the will; and makes his wife executrix. Mary Gray, "relict of John Gray decd.", was appointed his executrix by the Court on Nov.6, 1683 (ibid, p.339). By 1684 John Gray's widow was married to Robert Nicholson. The inventory of John Gray, March 3, 1684/5. was signed by Mary Nicholson, and the account of John Gray's estate for the year 1684 was sworn to by Robert Nicholson, May 5, 1685 (from D. & W. 1684-86, unpaginated). As seen from the above, John Gray #8 left only a daughter, and her name and what became of her is not known. It seems not improbable

that she married William Dennis (b. ca 1664-5), son of Robert and Ann Dennis, for on Nov.19, 1725 William Dennis of North Carolina deeded to William Gray (i.e. William, eldest son of William #7) the 800 acres patented by Thomas Gray #1 on March 14, 1652/3 (D. & W. 1715-30, p.621). It is difficult to see how William Dennis had any claim to this land unless he had married the daughter of John Gray #8. The latter in his will left all his land to John Gray, son of William #7, but this John had died, and it must have been felt that his eldest brother and heir needed confirmation from the heirs of John Gray #8 of the ownership of the 800 acres, which had apparently been kept as a unit for nearly 75 years.

Other Grays Who Appear in the Early Records
of
Surry County

HENRY GRAY of LAWNES CREEK PARISH:

On September 7, 1675 John Gray Sr. was ordered by the Surry Court to pay William Tooke 500 pounds of tobacco according to the will of _____ Ridley, decd., and then John Gray Jr. be free (O.Bk.1, p.104). The name "John Gray Sr." seems to be a mistake for Henry Gray, for William Ridley who died in Isle of Wight County in 1671 was stepfather of William Tooke's wife Jane and in his will specifically states that if Henry Gray will pay Tooke 500 pounds of tobacco John Gray is to be free. This Henry Gray seems to have been from Isle of Wight County originally and not a son of Thomas Gray of Surry Co. He appears in the tithables of Lawnes Creek Parish, Surry Co., from 1674 on. The year 1674 shows him already with John Gray as a tithable in his family, so that John was born at least as early as 1657-8. Richard Gray appears as a tithable with Henry Gray in 1679, so that Richard was born ca 1662-3. On Sept.2, 1684 Henry Gray was excused from all levies, indicating

that he was perhaps around 60 and so born ca 1624 (Book 3). On Jan.4, 1684/5 Henry Gray deeded to his son, John Gray, "who is shortly to marry Hannah, daughter of Thomas Ward, decd." two hundred acres, which John Gray immediately deeded to Hannah as a jointure (Book 3). This Gray family seems not to occur later on in the Surry records, and may have moved to Isle of Wight County.

CAPT. FRANCIS GRAY of CHARLES CITY COUNTY:

It has already been mentioned that Capt. Francis Gray, who, on Nov.23, 1661, receipted Nathaniel Stanton of all debts (Surry Book 1, p.175), was probably of Charles City County, instead of Francis Gray #6 of the Thomas Gray family. This Francis Gray (his name is frequently spelled Grey rather than Gray in the old records) was granted 750 acres in Charles City Co. Nov.24,1653 (Nugent, p.231). A Grace Singleton whom he claimed as one of his transportees in this grant was probably his wife Grace. Capt. Francis Gray appears a number of times in the surviving Charles City Co. Order Book, 1655-66, and was a prominent man, being a Justice of the County and several times a Burgess. In 1665, Mrs. Grace Gray appealed to the Charles City Co. Court about her husband's (Capt. Francis Gray's) treatment of her. According to her testimony, she had been married to Francis Gray for twenty-four years, had brought him a good dower at the time, though he was poor, and had borne him six living children, names not given, of whom three were married in 1665.

Capt. Francis Gray does not appear in the scanty Charles City County records after 1666, and probably died before 1677, the next records extant. Two of his and Grace Gray's children are known and two others very probable.

On April 3,1663 Capt. Francis Gray of Martin's Brandon, Gent., leased 100 acres to Thomas Mudgett for 21 years, and "if Thomas has issue by his wife, daughter of Capt. Francis Gray", the land is to become Mudgett's (O.B. 1655-66, p.381). The daughter was probably Ann Mudgett of Mudgett,

widow of Thomas, decd., who died in Surry County in 1690. Ann Mudgett's will, dated Sept.4,1689 and probated in Surry, July 1, 1690 (Bk.4, p.144) mentions Philip Shelley, Jr., and his youngest brother John Shelley; Elizabeth Sugars; granddaughter Ann Shelley; and Philip Shelley, Sr. Another daughter of Francis and Grace Gray was Elizabeth Gray, of whom nothing further is known.

On Aug.3, 1664 Capt. Francis Gray and Mrs. Grace Gray testified in regard to the property of Shelby Sparrow, decd., and said that Sparrow left a small Bible to their daughter Elizabeth (probably then unmarried) (Charles City County O.Bk. 1655-66, p.491).

The eldest child of Francis and Grace Gray was probably Peter Gray, to whom on June 6,1660 Thomas Busby of Surry County deeded his house and 300 acres on Chippoakes Creek, the deed being witnessed by Francis Gray (Surry Bk.1, p.162). On Nov.10,1660 Thomas Busby and Peter Gray made an agreement that Thomas should have the use of the tobacco house for a year (same reference). This is the only appearance of Peter Gray in the Surry Co. records, though he appears a number of times in the Charles City Co. Order Book 1655-66. One record there shows that Peter Gray sued Francis Hogwood (who later moved to Surry Co.) for being responsible for the death of Peter's wife, Mary Gray. If, as seems likely, Peter Gray was a son of Capt. Francis Gray, he must have been only about 18 years old when he was deeded the land by Thomas Busby in 1660, for Francis and Grace Gray were not married until 1640-41.

The fourth known or probable child of Francis and Grace Gray was probably the wife of Thomas Busby of Surry County, whose name was Susannah. On July 22, 1671, Thomas Busby made a deed of gift to his daughter, Grace Busby, of a mare filly, to come to Grace when she was ten years old, and mention is made in this document of 150 pounds of tobacco, which Thomas owed to Capt. Gray, deceased (Book 1, p.389).

Another daughter of Thomas Busby was Jane Busby, whose mark for cattle was handed in along with that of her father in 1674 (Bk.2, p.55). A son was Jeffrey Busby, who appears as a tithable

in his father's family in 1687, so born ca 1670-1671.

On April 20, 1680 Thomas Busby and Susannah his wife deeded 100 acres to Daniel Roome, George Foster and Thomas Flood being witnesses (Book 2, p.273), and they made a deed Oct.20, 1681 to Edward Greene (Book 2, p.301). In the latter deed the husband is called Thomas Busby Sr., indicating that he had a son named Thomas, as well as a son Jeffrey. Thomas Busby Sr. was b. ca 1632 as he gave his age as 59 in a deposition in 1691 (Bk.4, p.228). He was Interpreter to the Southern Indians 1682-1691 (Journal of the House of Burgesses, 1659/60-1693, pp.171, 254, 341, and 343). He seems to have had two other daughters, Mary and Sarah, who as Mary Malone and Sarah Jones, "daughters of Thomas Busby, decd." made a deed in Prince George County in the 1720's (Prince George D. & W. 1713-28, p.595).

The records regarding Thomas Busby and his family, above, show that Capt. Francis Gray died 1671 or earlier. Though not immediately connected with the family of Thomas Gray of Surry, Capt. Gray may have been a kinsman, since Thomas Gray named one of his sons Francis.

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WEATHERSBEE of VIRGINIA

North Carolina
and

Other Southern States

The name has been spelled in various ways. The Census of Bladen County, North Carolina, 1790 gives Cade Weathersbee as "Kade Witherby". The name also appears as Weathersbie, Wethersby, etc. in early documents.

1. Bartholomew Weathersbee, born 1593/4 in England, married Dorythie _____. "Musters of the Inhabitants in Virginia, Elizabeth Citty": Bartholomew Wethersbie and Richard Boulton their Musters 16 Feb. 1623/24. Bartholomew Wethersbie aged 30 in the Providence 1616. (Adventurers of Purse and Person, Jester and Hiden, p.55.) Dorythie Wethersbie aged 30 in the London Marchant 1620. Richard Boulton aged 28 in the Mary and James, 1610. Richard _____ in the "Swan" 1624 (Hotten, p.251).

Bartholomew and wife Dorythie, b. 1593, were the only Weathersbees listed in Virginia in February 1624.

"A list of the BURIALLES in Elizabeth Citty 1624 (Hotten, p.257) _____ Wethersby, Aug.8". Therefore Dorythie Weathersbee died four years after her arrival in Virginia.

A list of those living in Elizabeth Citty at Bass's Point, Feb.1625/6 (Hotten, p.185) shows

30. FRANCIS³ GRAVES (Francis², Thomas¹), probably born in Rappahannock County, lived most of his life in Essex where he is mentioned, 8-9 Sept. 1709, as of South Farnham Parish when he sold 125 acres in St. Ann's Parish.¹⁵⁰ His will, 25 June 1746-18 Oct. 1748,¹⁵¹ named his wife Anne and children.

Issue: 81. William⁴, of Caroline County, married Dorothy —; ¹⁵² 82. Clara⁴, married, before 1746, Capt. Aaron Higginbotham, Sr., of Amherst county who left will 19 Sept. 1778-3 Oct. 1785;¹⁵³ 83. Jane⁴; 84. Ann⁴; 85. Elizabeth⁴; 86. Mary⁴.

31. RICHARD³ GRAVES (Francis², Thomas¹) had left Essex County by 1714, at which time he probably was engaged in coastwise trade for, about 1708, he had purchased one-half partnership in a sloop from Francis Shackelford.¹⁵⁴ Presumably, he is identical with the Richard Graves who was taxed for the first time in Craven Precinct, N.C., in 1715¹⁵⁵ and who in his will, 11 April 1730-Sept. 1730,¹⁵⁶ mentions Richard and Francis, sons of "Thomas Graves my Brother in Virginia." He represented Craven Precinct in the North Carolina Assembly, 1726.¹⁵⁷ He married Hannah (Kent) Smithwick Green, daughter of Thomas and Ann Kent and widow of John Smithwick and Farnifold Green, who survived him.¹⁵⁸

Issue: 87. Thomas⁴, died about 1767, Craven Co., N.C., married Sara Turner;¹⁵⁹ 88. Mary⁴, married, after 1730, Richard Nixon, who represented Craven County in the North Carolina Assembly, 1742-45,¹⁶⁰ and left will 5 March 1745/6-June 1746.¹⁶¹

32. THOMAS³ GRAVES (Francis², Thomas¹), born about 1684, remained in Essex County and married, about 1708, Elizabeth Moody, born 1690, daughter of John and Mary Moody of Essex,¹⁶² who relinquished her dower rights, 19 June 1739, in land deeded by her husband.¹⁶³ Thomas³ died by 15 Feb. 1742/3 when John Graves obtained administration on his estate.¹⁶⁴

¹⁵⁰ Essex Co. Deeds & Wills 13, pp. 248-50.

¹⁵¹ Essex Co. Will Bk. 8, pp. 90-91.

¹⁵² Essex Co. Deed Bk. 27, p. 136.

¹⁵³ Amherst Co. Will Bk. 2, p. 254; W(1) XXVI, pp. 265-68.

¹⁵⁴ Essex Co. Order Bk. 1708-14, pp. 608-09.

¹⁵⁵ *The North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*, 1, p. 55. In 1719 he was charged with 1900 acres and with 1400 acres belonging to the orphans of Farnifold Green (*ibid.*, p. 59).

¹⁵⁶ Secretary of State records, North Carolina Archives, file SS Wills.

¹⁵⁷ *North Carolina Government, 1585-1979* (Raleigh, 1981), p. 35.

¹⁵⁸ *Journal of North Carolina Genealogy*, X, pp. 1379-83.

¹⁵⁹ W(2) XVII, p. 302.

¹⁶⁰ *North Carolina Government, 1585-1979*, p. 41.

¹⁶¹ J. Bryan Grimes, *Abstract of North Carolina Wills* (Raleigh, 1910), p. 267.

¹⁶² Essex Co. Will Bk. 6, 1735-43, pp. 157-58, will of John Moody, 10 Dec. 1735-20 March 1738/9.

¹⁶³ Essex Co. Deeds & C 21, pp. 422-25.

¹⁶⁴ Essex Co. Will Bk. 6, p. 418.

Issue: 89. John⁴, administrator of Thomas³ and presumed to be a son;¹⁶⁵ 90. Richard⁴, named in the will of his uncle Richard³ Graves; 91. Francis⁴, also named in the will of his uncle Richard³ Graves.

¹⁶⁵ The previous identification of this John Graves as the John, born 10 Dec. 1712, died 30 March 1747, who married, 22 Nov. 1732, Susanna Dicken, born 14 June 1714, was questioned by Charles H. Hamlin, *loc. cit.*, who concluded that John Graves (1712-1747) was the son of 41. John⁴ Graves and his wife Rebecca.

GRAY¹

*1. THOMAS¹ GRAY, "an ancient planter at or before the time of Sir Thomas Dale,"² 1616, was living at James City, 1623/4,³ and was listed there in the muster, 1624/5, with his wife Margaret, son William², aged 3 years, and daughter Joane, aged 6 years. He deposed 7 March 1653/4 that he was aged 60 years or thereabouts.⁴

On 12 Oct. 1626 Thomas¹ Gray appeared as a witness before the General Court at Jamestown.⁵ His first patent, 27 Aug. 1635, for 550 acres on the south side of James River, "over against James City" and on Rolfe's and Cross creeks, included 100 acres as an Ancient Planter and 50 acres each for the transportation of his (1) wife Anis (Annis) Gray, his present wife Rebecca Gray and two sons William² and Thomas², and adjoined a plantation already in his possession.⁶ He added 400 acres of Grayes Creek by patent, 20 July 1639,⁷ and an adjoining 100 acres on 7 June 1642.⁸ Another 400 acres he had patented was lost for failure of planting and seating and repatented by Samuel Abbott, 10 April 1644,⁹ but both this tract, by purchase from Abbott, and his July 1639 patent were included in a new patent for 800 acres, 14 March 1652/3.¹⁰

Thomas¹ Gray was probably dead before 2 Nov. 1658¹¹ when Francis² Gray transferred a patent to his brother Thomas². On 11 May 1659 Luke Mizell testified in court that while he was servant to Tho. Gray, Sr., deceased, he "did often hear sd Gray and his wife say that [Thomas] Gates had given 50 acres to their son Thomas and daughter Jane."¹²

¹ Benjamin C. Holtzclaw, "Thomas Gray, Ancient Planter of Surry County, Virginia, and Descendants," *Historical Southern Families*, XVII (Baltimore, 1972), pp. 81-102; John Bennett Boddie, *Virginia Historical Genealogies* (Redwood City, Calif., 1954), pp. 309-13.

² Patent Bk. 1, p. 283

³ Hotten, p. 176.

⁴ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & C 1, 1652-72.

p. 41.

⁵ *MCCG*, p. 119.

⁶ Patent Bk. 1, pp. 283, 631 (repatent 26 May 1638).

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 669.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 787.

⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 950.

¹⁰ Patent Bk. 3, p. 158.

¹¹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & C 1, 1652-72, p. 121.

He married (1), 29 March 1611 at St. Peter, Paul's Wharf, London,¹³ Anis (Annis) Valentine, who apparently was deceased by 24 Jan. 1624/5 when his (2) wife *Margaret — was listed in the muster.¹⁴ He married (3), by 11 Sept. 1626, Rebecca — who deposed before the General Court that "good wief Wright did tell her this deponent That by one Token w^{ch} this deponent had in her forehed she should burye her Husbunde."¹⁵ This prediction did not come true since Thomas¹ Gray survived Rebecca and, by about 1645, married (4) — by whom he had young children, the orphans mentioned in a controversy about land with John Corker, 26 June 1662.¹⁶

Issue: (by 1) 2. JONE (Jane)²; 3. William², born about 1622, named in his father's 1635 patent, apparently died young; (by 3) 4. Thomas², sold 100 acres on Gray's Creek called Hollowing Point to Richard and Isabella Case, 3 Nov. 1667,¹⁷ and about 80 acres on Gray's Creek and Cross Creek to Thomas and Joane Cruse, 5 Nov. 1667,¹⁸ both tracts apparently inherited from his father, and died before 1 Jan. 1672/3 when Francis² Gray was appointed his administrator;¹⁹ 5. REBECCA²; 6. FRANCIS²; (by 4) 7. WILLIAM²; 8. JOHN²; 9. Thomas², deposed, 2 July 1672, he was near 21 years of age,²⁰ left will, 16 April 1676–2 May 1676,²¹ making bequests to his brother Francis' three daughters and Francis' wife and leaving his land to his brothers John and William.

2. JONE² (Jane) GRAY (Thomas¹), born about 1618, married John Hux who gave his age as 40 in a deposition, 7 Nov. 1652, and as 46 in a deposition, 9 May 1659.²² He married (2) Mary — and died before 4 May 1668 when his widow appointed John Harlow, whom she subsequently married, as her attorney.²³

Issue: [HUX] 10. MARY³; 11. William³, left will, 31 Oct. 1676–1 May 1677, giving his land to his nieces Susannah and Mary Ironmonger.²⁴

5. REBECCA² GRAY (Thomas¹), born probably 1628–30, married Daniel Hutton. On 7 March 1653/4 Thomas¹ Gray deposed that Daniel Hutton left all his estate to his wife Rebecca.²⁵ She

¹² *Ibid.*, p. 131.

¹³ Register, St. Peter, Pauls Wharf, London, MS 5721/1, Guild Hall, London.

¹⁴ The name Margaret may have been an error of the recorder of the muster.

¹⁵ MCGC, p. 111.

¹⁶ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 1, 1652–72, p. 192.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 291.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 292.

¹⁹ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1671–91, p. 18.

²⁰ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 20.

²¹ *Ibid.*, p. 113.

²² Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 1, 1652–72, pp. 9, 131.

²³ *Ibid.*, p. 302.

²⁴ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 122.

²⁵ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 1, 1652–72, p. 41.

apparently died by 20 May 1655 when Arthur Jordan, as guardian of Elizabeth Hutton, leased 136 acres that had belonged to Daniel Hutton to Robert Stanton.²⁶

Issue: [HUTTON] 12. Elizabeth³, as daughter of Daniel Hutton received patent for 136 acres, 26 May 1654,²⁷ married Nicholas Perry and died without issue by 11 March 1671/2.²⁸

6. FRANCIS² GRAY (Thomas¹), born about 1630–35, married Mary — who was granted administration on his estate 6 May 1679.²⁹ His widow married (2), by 6 July 1679, Owen Myrick.³⁰

Issue: 13. Joan³, left a bequest in the will of Thomas Weeks, 1676;³¹ 14. Mary³, on whose estate Owen Myrick was ordered to give an accounting, 3 July 1683;³² 15. (daughter)³; 16. WILLIAM³.

7. WILLIAM² GRAY (Thomas¹), born probably about 1648–9, was a justice of Surry County, sheriff 10 April 1700, and served as a member of the House of Burgesses, 1710–12.³³ He married Elizabeth Jarrett, daughter of Richard Jarrett.³⁴ He owned 1750 acres in Surry County, 1704. His will, 3 June 1719–18 Nov. 1719,³⁵ named his sons William and Gilbert, daughters Mary Gray, Faith Ruffin and Priscilla Gray, and several grandchildren.

Issue: 17. WILLIAM³; 18. John³, left will, 23 June 1708–9 Nov. 1708, naming his father, sister Lydia and brothers Thomas and Gilbert;³⁶ 19. Thomas³, apparently died unmarried before his father; 20. GILBERT³; 21. Mary³; 22. FAITH³; 23. Priscilla³, married Capt. Thomas Hill, on whose estate she returned an inventory dated 15 Jan. 1736/7;³⁷ 24. Lydia³; 25. (DAUGHTER)³; 26. (DAUGHTER)³.

8. JOHN² GRAY (Thomas¹) deposed 2 July 1672 that he was aged about 21.³⁸ With his brother William² as "joynt heirs of Thos. Grey there Brother, Lately deceased," he sold land to Col. Thomas Swann, 15 Nov. 1677³⁹ and, 26 Sept. 1678, they were jointly granted the 800 acres originally patented by Thomas¹ Gray.⁴⁰ He married Mary — who married (2), by 3 March 1684/5, Robert

²⁶ *Ibid.*, p. 77.

²⁷ Patent Bk. 3, p. 26. This land fell to 16. William³ Gray as "next cousin and heir of the said Eliza Hutton" (Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 3, 1684–87, p. 3).

²⁸ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 8.

²⁹ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1671–91, p. 248.

³⁰ *Ibid.*, p. 288; Order Bk. 1691–1713, p. 248.

³¹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 113.

³² Surry Co. Order Bk. 1671–91, p. 406.

³³ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1691–1713, p.

209; Leonard, p. 66.

³⁴ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 33; Holzclaw, *op. cit.*, p. 95.

³⁵ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 7, 1715–30, p. 226.

³⁶ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 5, 1694–1709, p. 403.

³⁷ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 8, 1730–38, p. 703.

³⁸ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 20.

³⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 145.

⁴⁰ Patent Bk. 6, p. 653.

Nicholson.⁴¹ His will, 16 May 1683–3 July 1683,⁴² mentioned his wife and daughter and left his land, if his daughter died, to "my Cozen John Gray, Will Gray's son."

Issue: 27. (Daughter)³, probably married William Dennis of North Carolina who, 19 Nov. 1725, deeded the 800 acres patented by Thomas¹ Gray to 17. William³ Gray.⁴³

10. MARY³ HUX (Mary² Gray, Thomas¹) died by 2 May 1693 when administration on her estate was granted to Samuel Alsobrook and Mary his wife.⁴⁴ She married Thomas Ironmonger who deposed, 3 March 1684/5, he was aged 49, but stated 7 Nov. 1690 he was aged 60.⁴⁵ Mary³ as administratrix returned an inventory of the estate of Thomas Ironmonger, 7 July 1691.⁴⁶

Issue: [IRONMONGER] 28. Susannah⁴, named in the will of her uncle William³ Hux, 1676; 29. Mary⁴, also named in William Hux's will, married Samuel Alsobrook, on whose estate administration was granted to John Thompson, 5 Nov. 1696;⁴⁷ 30. Ann⁴, mentioned as orphan of Thomas, 3 Nov. 1696;⁴⁸ 31. Thomas⁴, died intestate 1711.⁴⁹

16. WILLIAM³ GRAY (Francis², Thomas¹) deposed 7 Nov. 1690 he was aged 28 or thereabouts.⁵⁰ He owned 100 acres in Surry County, 1704. He married Mary — and left will, 10 Feb. 1710/1–20 Oct. 1714,⁵¹ naming his wife and son.

Issue: 32. Thomas⁴, possibly physically disabled,⁵² chose William Foster as his guardian, 21 Aug. 1717.⁵³

17. WILLIAM³ GRAY (William², Thomas¹), born about 1676–77, owned 1050 acres in Surry County, 1704. He was a member of the House of Burgesses 1713–14, 1723–26, 1730–34,⁵⁴ and sheriff of Surry County, 18 June 1718. He married, by 3 March 1701/2,⁵⁵ 8. Mary³ Holt (see HOLT), daughter of Randall² Holt and widow of

⁴¹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 3, 1684–87, no pagination. She signed the inventory as Mary Nicholson; Robert Nicholson swore to an accounting, 5 May 1685.

⁴² Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 2, 1671–84, p. 330.

⁴³ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 7, 1715–30, p. 621.

⁴⁴ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1691–1713, p. 71.

⁴⁵ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 3, 1684–87, no pagination; Deeds, Wills & c 4, 1687–94, p. 183.

⁴⁶ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 4, 1687–94, pp. 212–13.

⁴⁷ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1691–1713, p.

173.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 170.

⁴⁹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 6, 1709–15, p. 53.

⁵⁰ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 4, 1687–94, p. 183a.

⁵¹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 5, 1694–1709, p. 212.

⁵² Surry Co. Order Bk. 1713–18, p. 5. His father petitioned 20 May 1713 that Thomas be exempted from levies.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, p. 121.

⁵⁴ Leonard, pp. 67, 73, 74, 77.

⁵⁵ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1691–1713, p. 222.

John Seward. His will, 10 March 1731/2–16 June 1736,⁵⁶ and her will, 31 March 1756–20 Dec. 1757,⁵⁷ named their children.

Issue: 33. William⁴, born 1703, patented 5000 acres in New Kent County, 29 June 1739,⁵⁸ as resident of New Kent County sold land he had inherited from his father, 4 Dec. 1744,⁵⁹ was justice of New Kent, 1742, Burgess, 1742–47,⁶¹ and vestryman of St. Peter's Parish, 1745–48, 1751–54, when Maj. William Gray was recorded as "Remov'd out of this Colony,"⁶² married Elizabeth (Littlepage) Chamberlayne, daughter of Richard Littlepage and widow of William Chamberlayne of New Kent;⁶³ 34. Robert⁴, born 1704, died 1777, qualified as sheriff of Surry County, 1749,⁶⁴ moved to Edgecombe Co., N.C., left will 18 Feb. 1781–Aug. 1781,⁶⁵ married Mary —; 35. Joseph⁴, born 1707, colonel of militia, justice, 1749, sheriff, 1751, and Burgess from Isle of Wight County, 1742–49, and Southampton County, 1755–69,⁶⁶ left will 30 Aug. 1769–13 June 1771,⁶⁷ married (1), 14 Dec. 1729,⁶⁸ Sarah Simmons, daughter of Col. John Simmons, and (2), about 1748,⁶⁹ Sarah —, named in his will; 36. Thomas⁴, admitted to practice as an attorney in Surry County, 19 Sept. 1745;⁷⁰ 37. Lucy⁴, born 1711, left will 25 June 1778–18 Feb. 1779,⁷¹ married Howell Briggs, of "Wales," Dinwiddie County, justice and captain of militia, who died 21 April 1775 in his 66th year,⁷² leaving will 16 Dec. 1772–21 Sept. 1775;⁷³ 38. Edmund⁴, under 21 in 1731, given land in Isle of Wight County by his father which, as a resident of Goochland County, he sold to his brother Joseph, 26 Sept. 1745;⁷⁴ 39. James⁴, under 21 in 1731, left will 9 Feb. 1788–25 June 1788,⁷⁵ married Sarah —.

20. GILBERT³ GRAY (William², Thomas¹) married (1) — and (2) Margaret Taylor, daughter of John Taylor and his wife Ann who married (2) Nicholas Magit.⁷⁶ Gilbert³ Gray left a will, 8 April

⁵⁶ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 8, 1730–38, p. 604.

⁵⁷ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 10, 1754–68, p. 113; Order Bk. 1757–63, p. 43.

⁵⁸ Patent Bk. 18, pp. 291–92.

⁵⁹ Surry Co. Deed Bk. 4, 1741–46, pp. 277–81.

⁶¹ Leonard, p. 79.

⁶² C. G. Chamberlayne, ed., *The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish* (Richmond, 1937), pp. 287, 293, 306, 309, 316.

⁶³ Malcolm H. Harris, *Old New Kent County* (West Point, Va., 1977), I, p. 127.

⁶⁴ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1749–51, p. 4.

⁶⁵ Edgecombe Co., N.C., Will Bk. B, pp.

64–67.

⁶⁶ Leonard, pp. 79, 81, 85, 87, 93, 96.

⁶⁷ Southampton Co. Will Bk. 2, p. 411.

⁶⁸ Family Bible, in V XXX, p. 64.

⁶⁹ *Ibid.*

⁷⁰ Surry Co. Order Bk. 1744–49, p. 85.

⁷¹ Sussex Co. Will Bk. C, p. 323.

⁷² Albemarle Parish Register; V XLIV, p. 232.

⁷³ Sussex Co. Will Bk. C, pp. 190–92.

⁷⁴ Isle of Wight Co. Deed Bk. 7, p. 365.

⁷⁵ Surry Co. Will Bk. 2, p. 129.

⁷⁶ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills & c 7, p. 366; Deeds, Wills & c 9, p. 503; Deeds, Wills & c 10, p. 8.

1758–18 Dec. 1764,⁷⁷ and Margaret Gray left a nuncupative will, 27 June 1767–17 Nov. 1767.⁷⁸

Issue: (by 1) 40. Joseph⁴, married —; 42. Elizabeth⁴, married Mathias Marriott who left will 13 July 1774–22 Nov. 1774;⁷⁹ 43. Sarah⁴, married Thomas Washington, Jr.; (by 2) 44. William⁴, named in the will of his maternal grandmother, Ann Magit, 5 Sept. 1752, but not in that of his father, 1758; 45. John⁴, resided in Edgecombe Co., N.C., 21 Dec. 1777, when he sold land his father had purchased from William Gray of New Kent County in 1741,⁸⁰ married Mary —; 46. Mary⁴, married — Clinch; 47. Lucy⁴, left will 31 Dec. 1772–28 Sept. 1778;⁸¹ 48. James⁴, under 21 in 1772.

22. FAITH³ GRAY (William², Thomas¹), born about 1688, died about 1720, married William Ruffin who settled in the part of Bertie Co., N.C., which in 1741 became Northampton County. He married (2) Sarah (Crafford) Newsum and died before 10 Feb. 1738/9 when the inventory of his estate was made.⁸²

Issue [RUFFIN] 49. William⁴, born about 1708, of Northampton Co., N.C., left will 1 March 1779–Nov. 1781, Bertie Co., N.C.,⁸³ married —; 50. Ethelred⁴, born about 1710, left will 30 March 1777–June 1777,⁸⁴ of Northampton Co., N.C., married Martha —; 51. Robert⁴, born about 1712, left will 28 March 1767–Aug. 1767⁸⁵ married, 1733, Anne Bennett, daughter of Capt. William and Grace Bennett;⁸⁶ 52. Samuel⁴, born about 1716, died before 23 Feb. 1779 when his sons Ethelred and Gray Ruffin were granted administration on his estate,⁸⁷ justice and sheriff, 1778, of Edgecombe Co., N.C., member of North Carolina Assembly, 1762,⁸⁸ married Sarah McWilliams.⁸⁹

25. (DAUGHTER)³ GRAY (William², Thomas¹) married — Andrews.

Issue [ANDREWS] 53. William⁴, named in his grandfather's will, 1719.

⁷⁷ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills &c 10, p. 376.

⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 489.

⁷⁹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills &c 10A, p. 389.

⁸⁰ Surry Co. Deed Bk. 10, p. 262.

⁸¹ Surry Co. Deeds, Wills, &c 10A, p. 317.

⁸² Bertie Co., N.C., Original Estates Papers, North Carolina Archives file C.R.010.504.1, Box 88.

⁸³ Bertie Co., N.C., Will Bk. C, pp. 28–30; John Bennett Boddie, *Historical South-*

ern Families, IX (Honolulu, 1965), p. 227.

⁸⁴ Northampton Co., N.C., Will Bk. 1, pp. 13–16.

⁸⁵ *Ibid.*, pp. 153–55.

⁸⁶ *Ibid.*, pp. 113–15, will of William Bennett, 7 July 1758–Feb. 1765.

⁸⁷ Edgecombe Co., N.C., Minutes 1772–84, no pagination.

⁸⁸ *North Carolina Government, 1589–1979* (Raleigh, 1981), p. 49.

⁸⁹ Northampton Co., N.C., Deed Bk. 1, p. 7.

26. (DAUGHTER)³ GRAY (William², Thomas¹) married — Edwards.

Issue: [EDWARDS] 54. Elizabeth⁴, named in her grandfather's will, 1719.

G R E N D O N

*1. EDWARD¹ GRENDON was in Virginia by 1616. He was called "an auncient Planter" when he received a patent for 150 acres of land, 5 Dec. 1620.¹ This land, called the Old Fort and Grendon's Hill, was in what is now Surry County, opposite James City, and became part of the Treasurer's (George Sandys') Plantation.² He also owned land on James Island.³ He represented the Plantations over the Water in the General Assembly of 1624 and Shirley in that of 1628.⁴ Although he was in the List of the Living, 16 Feb. 1623/4, alone,⁵ Mistress Grendon is mentioned 7 Feb. 1627/8.⁶ On 4 July 1627 Mr. Grindon was named second in comand to Capt. West to go against the Tappahannaes.⁷ His will, now lost, was proved 9 Dec. 1628.⁸ He left 650 acres of land to Thomas Grendon, "his heir in England," which Thomas sold to Capt. George Evelyn, 3 Aug. 1649.⁹

Issue: 2. THOMAS².

2. THOMAS² GRENDON (Edward¹), a mature man when his father died, seems to have divided his time between Virginia and London. He was a member of the General Assembly of 1633 for Smith's Mount, the other side of the water and Hogg Island,¹⁰ but was a merchant of London 12 April 1638.¹¹ As Thomas Grendon of Dukes Place, citizen and draper of London, he left a will, 15 Dec. 1678–29 Oct. 1680, which referred to lands in Fultherley in Shenston, Staffordshire.¹² His wife Elizabeth — survived him but he survived his only son.

Issue: 3. THOMAS³; 4. Hannah³.

3. THOMAS³ GRENDON (Thomas², Edward¹) died before Dec. 1678, the date of his father's will. He married Elizabeth —,

¹ Patent Bk. 4, p. 316; *R. Va. Co.* 11, p. 95; IV, p. 555. The name also appears as GRINDALL and GRINDON.

² Patent Bk. 1, p. 775.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 630.

⁴ Leonard, pp. 5, 7.

⁵ Hotten, p. 180.

⁶ MCGG, p. 163.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 151.

⁸ *Ibid.*, p. 179.

⁹ Patent Bk. 4, p. 316.

¹⁰ Leonard, p. 12.

¹¹ Patent Bk. 1, p. 630.

¹² P.C.C. 128 Bath, in V XIV, pp. 207–08.