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## THE NEWSOM FAMILY

and Related Families of Surry, Isle of Wight, Southampton and  
Sussex Counties, Va.

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### Origin of the Family.

The tradition in the Newsom family is that three brothers (the traditional three) came to Virginia from Dublin, Ireland. The original home of the family was in Yorkshire. The following pedigree, taken from "Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica," an English publication, may show some connection with the Virginia family. The last generation shows Irish connections, and there is a similarity of names. The pedigree is that of the Newsoms of Newsom Hall in Lancashire. It shows the following coats-of-arms:

*Newsom* (Co. Lancaster 1567): Azure on a fesse argent three crosses crosslet gules.

*Singleton* (Co. Lancaster): Argent three chevrons gules.

*Kighley* (Co. York): Argent a fesse sable. The pedigree is as follows:

1. *William Newsom* of Newsom Hall had issue
2. *John Newsom* of Newsom Hall, d. 1516; m. Miss Singleton; had issue:
3. *George Newsom* of Newsom Hall, b. 1502; m. Alice dr. of Sir Henry Kighley, Kt., of Inskipp, Co. Lancaster, who commanded archers at Flodden Field in 1513, he then being in years; issue: (1) John Newsom; (2) Richard Newsom of Ekington, Co. Derby, m. Goditha Columbelle; (3) Elizabeth Newsom m. John Watson, yeoman.
4. *John Newsom* of Newsom Hall, m. Grace Preston, dr. of Henry Preston of Preston; issue: (1) George Newsom; (2) Elizabeth Newsom m. Thomas Wilkinson of Garstang, yeoman.
5. *George Newsom* of Newsom Hall, d. 1585, his eldest son Robert then being 32 years of age; m. (1) Elizabeth dr. of Rafe Elston of Brockholes and had one daughter, Grace Newsom; m. (2) Catharine Colville, dr. of Thomas Colville of Enderby, Co. Richmond, and had issue: (1) Robert Newsom, b. 1553; (2) George Newsom d.s.p.; (3) Bridget Newsom m. James Taylor of Hauton, Co. Lancaster; (4) Anne Newsom d.s.p.; (5) Isabell Newsom, d.s.p.
6. *Robert Newsom* of Newsom Hall, b. 1553; d. 1624 and buried at Bispham Feb. 9, 1624; m. Elizabeth Sherbourne of Greenhalgh Castle; issue: (1) Richard Newsom, succeeded his father at Newsom Hall;

proved his brother Thomas' will in 1634; m. Barbara dr. of Edmund Fleetwood of Rosshall, Co. Lancaster; (2) *William Newsom* who had three sons, Robert, Richard and William (these sons, particularly William may have been the progenitors of the Virginia family); (3) Thomas Newsom, citizen and merchant tailor of London; will proved 1634, m. Anne dr. of Abraham Hedges of Chalberry, Co. Oxford, had two sons, Thomas and Richard; (4) George Newsom; (5) John Newsom, d.s.p.; (6) Alice Newsom m. Thomas Sharples of Co. Lanc.; (7) Ellen Newsom m. Henry Lundhop, widower, of Co. Lanc.; (8) Grace Newsom m. James Draper of Cockerhouse, Co. Lanc.; (9) Bridget Newsom m. in Ireland; (10) Catharine Newsom m. in Ireland.

## THE NEWSOMS OF SURRY CO., VA.

### First Generation.

1. *William Newsom*, planter, of James City, later Surry Co., Va. was possibly the son of William Newsom mentioned in the above pedigree, and grandson of Robert Newsom of Newsom Hall, Lancashire, England. The tradition is that he came to Virginia from Dublin, Ireland. He may be identical with "William Neesum aged 21 years" who came to Virginia in the "George" Aug. 21,—(probably 1635) (cf. Hotten's "Emigrants," p. 125). On May 3, 1636 he was granted 550 acres of land "in the County of James City toward Sunken Marsh" for the transportation of 11 persons to the Colony of Virginia, these persons including his first wife, Penelope Ramsay; his second wife, Sarah Fisher; and his wife at the time, Elizabeth Wilson. This patent was renewed Aug. 26, 1643 (Grant Book 1, p. 338, Va. Land Office). This land fell into Surry Co. on the formation of that county.

The records of William Newsom are very scanty in the documents of Surry. On Sept. 6, 1653 Henry Banister deeded to William Batt land which had been left him by the last will of William Shepard, and which was bought of Newsome in 1640 (Surry Deeds and Wills, 1645-72, p. 30). On Jan. 22, 1658 William Batt sold this land and mentioned that it had been patented by William Newsom in 1636 and was commonly called Rich Neck (id., p. 127). This was only a part of the original patent, however, for William Newsom, second, still possessed the "Plantation in Rich Neck," which he left to his eldest son, William (Surry D. & W., 1686-93, p. 226). The last record of William Newsom, Sr. in Surry Co. appears Nov. 1, 1657, when there is recorded a promissory note to John Flower from "William Newsome of Lower Chip-pocks in James, Virginia, planter" (D. & W. 1645-72, p. 111).

It is possible that William Newsom married a fourth time Gertrude —, who later became the first wife of Capt. George Watkins, Clerk of Surry Co. William Newsom, Jr., referred to Capt. Watkins as his "father" in his testimony in a law suit on May 7, 1672. In this deposition, he gave his age as 24 years, showing that he was born in 1648. The case concerned the disputed ownership of a heifer and young Newsom testified that it had "wintered in my father Watkin his

pastur." (D. & W. 1671-84, pp. 18-19). Capt. Watkins, as we shall see later, could not have been connected with the wife of William Newsom, Jr. His second wife, Elizabeth, was about the same age as William Newsom, Jr., and after Capt. Watkins' death in 1673, she married Robert Ruffin and had several Ruffin children. The conclusion seems unavoidable, then, that William Newsom, Sr. m. (4) Gertrude —, who later became Mrs. Watkins, and that she was either the mother or the stepmother of William Newsom, Jr., George and Gertrude Watkin were witnesses to a deed Mar. 12, 1667/8 (D. & W. 1645-72, p. 303) and George Watkin and Gertrude his wife deeded 500 acres of land to Joseph Rogers May 6, 1668 (id., p. 312). Gertrude Watkins was still living on Sept. 24, 1670, when she and her husband witnessed a deed (id., p. 379). She died between that date and 1673, and Capt. Watkins m. (2) Elizabeth (Price?), who later became Mrs. Ruffin. If the above conclusions are correct, William Newsom, Sr. must have died between 1657 and 1667.

Because of his connection with the Newsoms and other families dealt with in this article, especially the Barhams, it may be well here to give an abstract of George Watkins' will (D. & W. 1671-84, p. 35). It was dated Sept. 17, 1673 and probated Nov. 20, 1673 and divides most of his property between his wife Elizabeth and his "loving cousin Christopher Watkin of White Hart Cort near Long Lane London." Other bequests are to his goddaughter Elizabeth Spencer dr. of Capt. Robert Spencer; his cousin Charles Barham son of his loving uncle, Capt. Charles Barham; loving uncle Capt. Charles Barham; John Price, who is left 300 acres of land and his best suit; William Newsom, who is left the coat of his best suit; friend Will Sherwood; and appoints his wife and uncle Charles Barham his executors.

So far as can be proved, William Newsom, Sr. left only two children, namely, William, Jr. and a daughter Alice Newsom who married Roger Rawlings. On Jan. 4, 1669/70, William Newsom (Jr.) and Anne his wife deeded 50 acres of land to "Roger Rawlings his wife Alce our sister," the land to descend to William Rawlings as "first heir" (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 355). We shall see later that Anne Newsom, wife of William, Jr., had no sister Alice, so the above is bound to refer to William's sister. We have, then, the following very probable data regarding William Newsom, Sr. He was born about 1614, came to Virginia about 1635, m. (1) Penelope Ramsay, (2) Sarah Fisher, (3) Elizabeth Wilson, and (4) after 1636 Gertrude —. He died 1657-67. His children by either the third or fourth wife were:

2. *William Newsom*, b. 1648

3. *Alice Newsom*.

[It is possible that William Newsom, Sr. had other children. This is almost certain if he is identical with a William Newsom who was granted much land in Lancaster Co. during the period 1649-69 (Grant Book 2, p. 202, 203; Grant Book 5, p. 465; Grant Book 6, p. 264). A son of this William Newsom who was granted land in Lancaster was

probably Robert Newsom, whose will was dated Dec. 20, 1693 and probated in Lancaster July 10, 1695, and who left his property to his sons William and Robert and his daughter Elizabeth. The son William died in Lancaster in 1700 and left his land to his sons William and Robert. His will is dated April 26, 1700 and probated Oct. 10, 1700.

Another possible son of William Newsom, Sr. was Thomas Newsom (Nesham) who was granted land in James City Co. in 1696 (Grant Book 9, p. 51).]

#### Second Generation.

2. *William Newsom (William)*

b. in Surry Co. 1648.

d. in Surry Co. 1691.

m. 1669 Mrs. Anne (Sheppard) Hart, widow of Thomas Hart, and daughter of Major Robert Sheppard of Surry Co. (For her ancestry, see Appendix A, The Sheppard and Spencer Families.)

Thomas Hart, first husband of Anne Newsom, was the son of Henry Hart and his wife Elizabeth. Henry Hart first appears in the Virginia records in 1627, when testimony was given that Caleb Page on his death bed gave his man Henry Hart two years of his time (Minutes, Council and Gen. Court of Colonial Va., p. 147). Henry Hart was granted 250 acres of land in James City Co. Aug. 15, 1637, for the transportation of 5 persons, among them his wife Elizabeth. (Nugent, "Cavaliers and Pioneers," p. 63). On July 3, 1648 Thomas Hart son of Henry Hart, deceased, was granted 100 acres at Smith's Fort in Surry Co. (Nugent, p. 176). Thomas Hart was still living June 10, 1668, when he and his household were listed among the tithables of Surry Co. He was dead by June 10, 1669, when the list of tithables gives only "the widow Hart." Mrs. Hart married (2) William Newsom between June 10, 1669 and Jan. 4, 1669/70, when she and William Newsom deeded land to their sister Alice Rawlings. The proof of the marriage and of Anne Newsom's ancestry is given in the following records:

(1) Surry D. & W. 1671-84, p. 61. William Newsome presents the account of the estate of Thomas Hart, deceased, Nov. 4, 1674; mentions "my wife's third part," and the "rest due to the three orphans of Tho. Harte, decced., (vizt.) Henry, Thomas and Robert Harte. Subscribed by William Newsom 2d 9ber 1674."

(2) id., p. 338. "I Henry Hart doe hereby acknowledge to have received of my Father and Guardian William Newsom my full due and part of my deced. Father and Nuckle (Uncle) John Sheppard's estate due unto me by will and otherwise." 6 Nov., 1683. Teste, Robert Ruffin.

(3) Surry D. & W. 1694-1709, p. 280. May 4, 1703, Henry Hart of Lawnes Creek Parish, planter, deeds to Robert Hart 1000 acres of land lying on the main Black Water, which said land "the said Henry Hart should and ought to have after ye Expiration of ye Terme of ninety nine years," the land having been "given and granted to ye said Robert

Hart to him and his heirs by ye last will and testament of John Sheppard deced. dated the third of February, 1668," etc. The description of the above land is exactly the same in all details as that of a grant to Capt. Robt Sheppard of Surry county on Oct. 8, 1650 (Grant Book 2, p. 269).

(3) Grant Book 9, p. 637, Va. Land Office. Oct. 20, 1704, Robert Hart is granted 1000 acres in Surry Co., the same "being formerly granted to Major Robert Sheppard Grandfather of the said Robert by patent dated the 8th of October 1650."

(4) Surry D. & W. 1715-30, p. 40. Nov. 20, 1716, Henry Hart, "eldest son and heir of Anne, who was Anne Sheppard, sister and heir of John Sheppard," deeded away his right to the reversion in a tract of land left to Thomas Hart for a term of 81 years by the will of John Sheppard.

(5) Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, p. 219. On April 25, 1670, "the will of John Sheppard, deced. is referred for pbte. thereof to the next Court to be held for Surry County, whether the said Sheppard was of age or not at the tyme of making his said will and make report thereof to the third day of the next Genll. Court." (There is no further reference to this will, though it would seem from the above that John Sheppard was probably found to be of age. Since the will was made Feb. 3, 1668/9, this would put his birth at about 1648 the same age as William Newsom. His sister, Anne Hart Newsom, was probably born a few years earlier, about 1645. John Sheppard appeared in the household of Thomas Hart in the tithables of 1668; neither he nor Thomas Hart appear in 1669, but only "the widow Hart." John Sheppard died, then, between Feb. 3, 1668/9 and June 10, 1669.)

William Newsom and his wife Anne appear in numerous documents in Surry Co. He is usually called "William Newsom of Lawnes Creek Parish, planter." Several large grants of land were made to him in partnership with Robert Ruffin and Arthur Allen (cf. Grant Book 6, pp. 650, 652, and 654). In 1687, he was listed among the cavalry in the militia of Surry Co. (Crozier, "Virginia Colonial Militia, p. 101). He died in 1691, aged 43 years. His will, dated June 10 and probated Sept. 5, 1691, mentions his wife, Anne; leaves the home-place, the plantation in Rich Neck, to his son William; to his son John the plantation bought of William Harrison; to his sons Robert and Thomas the lands called Hopewell; several negroes to his four sons and his daughters Elizabeth and Anne; and makes his sons, William and John, and wife Anne executors.

After his death, Anne Newsom married (3) George Foster. The account of William Newsom's estate, dated Mar. 4, 1694 and recorded May 28, 1695, shows the estate indebted to "George Foster and Anne his wife one of the executors of the said deceased." The marriage probably took place between April 11, 1693 and Jan. 2, 1693/4, for on the former date Anne Newsom released her dower in the estate of William Newsom (Surry Orders, 1691-1715, p. 63) and on the latter

date George Foster rendered an account of William Newsom's estate (id., p. 95). George Foster gave his age as 55 in 1694, which shows that he was born in 1639. His first wife was named Elizabeth — (cf. a deed Aug. 1, 1674, D. & W., 1671-84, p. 61). She was perhaps related to the Byrd family, as John Thompson, aged 33, deposed in 1695 that John Byrd left his property to his cousin William Foster (D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 30). George Foster died in 1697. His will, dated Dec. 6, 1697 and probated Jan. 4, 1697/8, mentions his wife Anne, sons William and Thomas Foster, daughters Mary and Elizabeth Hart, and appoints his son William executor, (id., p. 148). The son, William Foster, seems to have married a daughter of Nicholas Witherington and his wife, Katherine (cf. a deed from them to their grandson William Foster in 1712 D. & W. 1709-15, p. 107). William Foster died in 1721, his will leaving his property to his son Henry, his daughter Mary and his brother Thomas (D. & W. 1715-30, p. 327). Mary Foster and Elizabeth Foster, as we shall see later, married respectively Henry Hart and Thomas Hart sons of Anne Newsom Foster by her first marriage. Thomas Foster seems to have married the daughter of Robert Hart, her other son.

Mrs. Anne Foster died in 1711. Her will, dated Mar. 27, 1707 and probated in Surry Co. Mar. 20, 1710/11, leaves all her property to her "youngest sons Robert and Thomas Newsome," with the exception of her wearing apparel, which she leaves to her daughters Elizabeth and Anne (D. & W. 1709-15, p. 48). It is unfortunate that she did not mention the last names of her two daughters. So far it is quite uncertain whether, or whom, they married. The following sums up briefly the information that has been gathered regarding Anne Foster's children by her first marriage, namely, Henry, Thomas and Robert Hart. She seems to have had no children by her third marriage.

1. Henry Hart, son of Thomas and Anne (Sheppard) Hart, was born in 1662, as he must have been of full age when he received his stepfather, William Newsom, for his property in Nov., 1683. This tallies with the list of tithables in Surry Co., also, for tithables were supposed to be first shown at the age of 16 and Henry Hart appears first in the family of William Newsom in 1769, which would put his birth in 1662 or 1663. Henry Hart married Mary, daughter of his stepfather, George Foster (see George Foster's will above; also a deed dated Feb. 18, 1705/6 from Henry Hart of Lawnes Creek Parish and Mary his wife to Robert Hart, Surry D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 343). He died in Surry Co. in 1739. His will, dated Nov. 8, 1734 and probated Nov. 21, 1739, mentions sons Thomas and John, both living in North Carolina; sons Joseph and Henry; his wife; daughters Lucy and Lydia; and his "six eldest daughters, not mentioned by name.

2. Thomas Hart was born 1664-5, as he first appears as a tithable in William Newsom's household in 1681. He married Elizabeth Foster, daughter of George Foster (cf. George Foster's will; also, a deed dated July 4, 1704 from Thomas Hart of Southwark Parish, Surry, and Eliza-

both his wife to Robert ffacke, Surry, D. & W., 1693-1709, p. 326). Thomas Hart moved to Isle of Wight Co. between 1704 and 1709, and died there between 1709 and 1716 (cf. Surry D. & W. 1715-30, pp. 44-5, bond of Thomas Hart of Isle of Wight Co. to Samuel Cornwell Jan. 4, 1709; also, id., p. 40, deed of Henry Hart mentioned above dated Nov. 20, 1716 which mentions "Thomas Hart late of Isle of Wight Co., deced."). It is uncertain whether he left issue.

3. Robert Hart was born 1666-7, as he first appears as a tithable in the year 1683. His will, dated June 23, 1720 and probated in Surry Co. July 20, 1720, mentions sons William, Thomas (under 18) and Robert; daughter Anne and her sons; daughters Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, and Priscilla; (the last two under 16 years of age); wife Priscilla; and grandson Robert Hart (D. & W. 1715-30, p. 277). The account of his estate dated Sept. 16, 1724, shows that the daughter Anne married a Warren. It also shows that Thomas Foster was paid a legacy (not mentioned in the will), which indicates that between 1720 and 1724 one of his daughters had married her father's step-brother, Thomas Foster. This seems to have been the daughter Elizabeth, as she is not mentioned in the account, whereas her sisters Sarah, Mary and Priscilla are.

Issue of William Newsom (b. 1648, d. 1691) and his wife Anne Sheppard (b. abt. 1645, d. 1710-11):

4. *William Newsom*, b. 1672-3 (first appears as a tithable 1689).
5. *John Newsom*, b. 1674-5 (first appears as a tithable 1691).
6. *Robert Newsom*, b. 1681-2 (first appears as a tithable 1698).
7. *Thomas Newsom*, b. 1685-6 (first appears as a tithable 1702).
8. *Elizabeth Newsom*.
9. *Anne Newsom*.

(To be continued)

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### Second Generation (continued)

3. *Alice Newsom* (William).

b.

d. 1670-75.

m. Roger Rawlings. Alice Newsom was married to Roger Rawlings and had a son William Rawlings prior to Jan. 4, 1669/70, when William Newsom deeded 50 acres of land to her and her husband. She was dead prior to Jan. 4, 1675/6, when Roger Rawlings in a deposition mentioned his father-in-law Richard Skinner. Roger Rawlings was born in 1634, as he gave his age as 26 in a deposition in Surry Co. dated Aug. 19, 1660. Richard Skinner's will in 1677 in Isle of Wight Co. mentions Skinner Rawlings; wife and two daughters; and daughter Betty. Roger Rawlings died in Surry Co. in 1695. His will, dated Mar. 5, 1694/5, mentions his daughters Elizabeth Petway, Mary Rawlings, Elizabeth Rawlings; wife Elizabeth; and William Petway's sons.

Issue of Roger and Alice (Newsom) Rawlings:

1. *William Rawlings*, d. young.

2. *Elizabeth Rawlings*, married (1) *William Pettaway* or *Petway* and (2) *John Davis*. *William Petway* was the son of *Edward Petway* of Surry Co. *Edward Petway* married *Elizabeth*, widow of *William Carter, Jr.* of Surry Co. (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 75; see Appendix B). *Edward Petway* had at least two children, *William* and *Joyce*, who m. — *Fiveash* (cf. D. & W. 1671-84, p. 324, deeds of gift from *Edward Pettway* to his daughter *Joyce Fiveash* and his son *William Pettway*, Sept. 5, 1682). *William Pettway's* will, dated Dec. 15, 1696 and probated Mar. 5, 1699/1700 mentions wife *Elizabeth*, sons, *Robert*, *Edward*, and *William*, and child, (D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 197). *Elizabeth Petway* m. (2) *John Davis* (cf. D. & W. 1709-14, p. 47, Account of *William Pettaway's* estate, signed *John Davis* as marrying the widow of *William Petway*). *Elizabeth Petway* married *John Davis* prior to April 29, 1705, for on that date she and her second husband deeded away the land given by *William Newsom* to her mother and father, *Roger* and *Alice Rawlings*, *Elizabeth* being daughter and heiress of *Alice Rawlings*,

### Third Generation.

#### 4. *William Newsom (William, William).*

b. in Surry Co. 1672-3; d. in Surry Co. 1751; m. (probably) Phyllis —, who appears with William Newsom as witness to the will of Thomas King Aug. 23, 1731 (D. & W. 1730-38, p. 207). William Newsom was a Justice of Surry Co. in the years 1699, 1700, 1701 and 1702 (cf. D. & W. 1693-1709, pp. 175, 199, and 255), and probably in later years. He died in Surry in 1751, his wife having apparently predeceased him. His will, dated Oct. 23, 1747 and probated Nov. 19, 1751, mentions his sons John and Joseph; daughters Elizabeth wife of Thomas Edwards and Mary the wife of William Holt; and grandsons, William and John Newsom.

#### Issue:

##### 10. *John Newsom.*

11. Joseph Newsom, m. Elizabeth ..... (cf. Sussex Co. Deed Book A, p. 35 ff, deed of Joseph Newsom and Elizabeth his wife of Surry Co. dated Oct. 14, 1754, to Edward Prince of land granted to Charles Gilliam in 1715); d. in Surry Co. in 1771, the inventory of his estate occurring in that year; served as Sub-Sheriff of Surry; apparently left only two daughters, Mary Newsom who married ..... Anderson (cf. Surry D. B. 1760-9, deed of gift of Joseph Newsom dated Sept. 19, 1763 of slaves and other goods to his daughter Molly Anderson), and Martha Newsom m. Joseph Stevenson in 1768 (Marriage bond Jan. 29, 1768 of Joseph Stevenson and Martha dr. of Joseph Newsom).

12. Elizabeth Newsom m. Thomas Edwards. Thomas Edwards died in Surry in 1762. His will, dated Jan. 25, 1761 and probated May 18, 1762, mentions his daughter Elizabeth Barham (cf. Appendix C: The Barham Family), daughter Lucy Clark, grandson Thomas Edwards, and son William Edwards. His widow Elizabeth died in Surry in 1771, her will being probated in that year, and mentioning among other legatees her grandson Jesse Barham.

##### 13. Mary Newsom m. William Holt.

#### 5. *John Newsom (William, William).*

b. 1674-5; d. in Surry Co. 1724; m. Sarah Crawford, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Carter) Crawford of Surry Co. (See Appendix B: The Crawford and Carter Families). John Newsom's will, dated Dec. 15, 1723 and probated in Surry July 15, 1724, mentions his wife Sarah, sons William and Joel (both under 18), and "all my children." The account of John Newsom's estate, dated Feb. 16, 1725/6, is signed by William and Sarah Ruffin, Sarah Ruffin being executrix of John Newsom. This shows that his widow m. (2) William Ruffin. He was the son of Robert Ruffin and his wife Elizabeth of Surry Co., Mrs. Ruffin having m. (1) Capt. George Watkins, whom we have mentioned (cf. The Ruffin Genealogy, William and Mary College Quarterly, July

1909-April 1910, pp. 251 ff.). Robert and Elizabeth Ruffin had five children, Robert (b. 1682), William, Olive m. William Chambers, Elizabeth, and Jane. It is uncertain whether Sarah Newsom had any children by her second marriage to William Ruffin.

#### Issue of John and Sarah Newsom:

##### 14. *William Newsom.*

##### 15. *Joel Newsom.*

#### 6. *Robert Newsom (William, William).*

b. in Surry Co. 1681-2; d. in Southampton Co., Va. in 1757; m. Elizabeth —. Robert Newsom, with his brother Thomas, moved from Surry to Isle of Wight Co. at an early date. He was granted land there in 1725 (Grant Book 12, p. 454). Several deeds are recorded in Isle of Wight from him and his wife Elizabeth, one dated July 20, 1740, being a deed of gift of land to their sons Thomas and Joseph Newsom. Robert Newsom's lands fell into Southampton Co. on the formation of that county, and his will, dated Feb. 16, 1750/1, was probated in Southampton June 9, 1757 (Will Bk. 1, p. 224). It mentions his daughters Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Julian, Ann Settle; wife Elizabeth; sons Thomas, Robert and Joseph (the two last being executors and residuary legatees).

#### Issue of Robert and Elizabeth Newsom:

##### 16. Mary Newsom.

##### 17. Elizabeth Newsom.

##### 18. Sarah Newsom.

##### 19. Julian Newsom.

##### 20. Ann Newsom m. .... Settle.

##### 21. Thomas Newsom.

##### 22. *Robert Newsom.*

##### 23. *Joseph Newsom.*

#### 7. *Thomas Newsom (William, William).*

b. in Surry Co., Va. 1685-6; d. in Isle of Wight Co. 1745-6; m. abt. 1705 Elizabeth Crawford, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Carter) Crawford, and sister of Sarah Crawford who married his brother John Newsom (See Appendix B: The Crawford and Carter Families). Elizabeth Newsom was born in 1685, as on July 3, 1705 "Elizabeth Newsom daughter of Robert Crawford, aged about 20 years" made a deposition regarding events that occurred when she was living at her father's house in 1703. She died in Southampton Co. in 1755. Thomas Newsom, like his brother Robert, moved to Isle of Wight Co., Va. where he received land grants totalling over 1000 acres, the first in 1714, the last in 1745 (cf. Grant Book 10, p. 196; 12, p. 78; 14, p. 525; 19, p. 789; 22, p. 291; 22, p. 324). Most of this land became a part of Southampton Co. on the formation of that county, and there his wife died and many of his children lived. Thomas Newsom's will, dated Oct. 14, 1745 and

probated in Isle of Wight Co. Jan. 27, 1745/6, mentions his sons Nathan, Benjamin, Jacob and David (both under 18); daughter Sarah Barham and son-in-law Thomas Barham; wife Elizabeth. Elizabeth Newsom's will, dated Sept. 18, 1751 and probated in Southampton Co. Aug. 14, 1755 (Will Bk. 1, p. 175) mentions her sons Jacob, Thomas, Moses, Sampson, Solomon, Nathan, Amos; daughters Ann Holt and Sarah Barham; and son David, to whom she leaves most of her estate and makes her executor. The ages of these children are uncertain. There was probably another son, William Newsom, whose inventory is recorded in Isle of Wight Co. in 1736, though this William may have been a son of Thomas Newsom's brother Robert, who also lived in Isle of Wight. Thomas Newsom seems to have been the eldest of the other children. Jacob and David were the youngest. Both were under 18 in 1745, which shows that they were born after 1727-8. David, who was youngest of all, judging from his mother's will, seems to have been of age Aug. 13, 1752, when he was deeded land in Southampton Co. (D.B. 1, p. 372). This would indicate that he was born not later than 1731. Probably we shall not be far wrong in putting Jacob's birth in 1727-8 and David's in 1730-1.

Issue of Thomas and Elizabeth Newsom (in what appears to be the approximate order of their ages):

24. William Newsom (probably), d. without issue 1736.
25. *Thomas Newsom.*
26. Moses Newsom, who perhaps moved to North Carolina; a Moses Newsom was a soldier there in the Revolution.
27. *Sampson Newsom.*
28. *Solomon Newsom.*
29. *Amos Newsom.*
30. Nathan Newsom, d. 1762 in Southampton Co. (inventory of Nathan Newsom dated Mar. 11, 1762); m. perhaps Priscilla ..... (inventory of Priscilla Newsom, Southampton Co., dated Mar. 19, 1762); had at least two daughters: (a) Pamela Newsom, who as "orphan of Nathan" chose Nathanael Newsom as her guardian Dec. 9, 1768 in Southampton Co. (Order Book 5.); and (b) Ann Newsom who as "orphan of Nathanael" on Sept. 12, 1771 chose Benjamin Simmons as her guardian (Order Book 5), and married John Hargrove in 1772 (marriage bond in Southampton dated Jan. 16, 1772).
31. Benjamin Newsom, probably moved to Brunswick Co. where he died in 1762, his inventory being dated that year in Brunswick.
32. Ann Newsom m. .... Holt.
33. Sarah Newsom m. Thomas Barham.
34. *Jacob Newsom.*
35. *David Newsom.*

*Major Robert Sheppard*, father of Anne Newsom, was born about 1604 in England. He was living at James City Feb. 16, 1623 (cf. Hotten "Emigrants," p. 174) and is probably identical with "Robert Sheppard" aged 20, in the "Hopewell," living at Mr. Edward Blaney's plantation over the Water in the Muster of 1624 (id., p. 232). It is possible however, that he may have been identical with another Robert Sheppard who was living at the Treasurer's Plant in James City in the same muster, 1624 (id., p. 245), who came over in the "George" in 1621. He is mentioned as "Lieutenant Sheppard" and "Lieutenant Robert Sheppard" in 1625, 1640, and 1641 (cf. Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia, pp. 52, 477). On July 19, 1635, he was granted 300 acres of land near the head of Chippoakes Creek toward Sunken Marsh, part of this land being due for the transportation of his wife Priscilla Sheppard as well as his own personal adventure (Grant Book 1, p. 250). July 26, 1638 he was granted 650 acres on the south side of the James River at the lower Chippoakes Creek (id., p. 584); and on Oct. 8, 1650, as "Captain Robert Sheppard," he was granted 1000 acres on the Main Black Water (Grant Book 2, p. 269). This is the same land later granted to his grandson Robert Hart. This grant mentions not only the transportation of Priscilla Sheppard, but of Dorothy and Mary Sheppard as well. Whether these were his sisters, or second and third wives, is uncertain—probably the former. Dorothy Sheppard may have married Henry Medhouse or Meddows, to whom Robert Sheppard, now "Major Robert Sheppard," made a deed of gift of 100 acres of land in Surry Co. Aug. 14, 1653 (Surry D. & W. 1645-71, p. 59). Henry Meddows was dead by 1662, and his widow Dorothy m. (2) Patrick Bartley and (3) Anthony Evans prior to 1670 (id., pp. 206, 354). John Sheppard, who was Burgess from James City Co. in 1644 may have been a brother; and William Sheppard (mentioned in connection with William Newsom, Sr. as having bought land of Newsom in 1640 which was later inherited by Henry Bannister) may have been another brother.

Robert Sheppard was Burgess from James City Co. (then including Surry) in Oct., 1646, and again in the session of 1647-8 (cf. Journal of the Va. House of Burgesses, Vol. I p. xix). An interesting letter dated Sept. 14, 1646 from London, from John White to Capt. Robert Shepard "at his house on Chipooks" is recorded in the first Surry record book (p. 60-61). On Jan. 5, 1652/3, "Robert Sheppard of Lawnes Creek, Gent." deeded 1100 acres at the mouth of Lawnes Creek to Lieut. William Caufield (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 21). This same land was confirmed to Capt. William Caufield by a grant dated Mar. 4, 1656, in which it is stated that the land was part of a patent originally granted to William Spencer and afterwards in the tenure of Major Robert Sheppard and by him sold to the said Caufield (Nugent "Cavaliers and Pioneers," p. 342). Major Sheppard died between Aug. 14, 1653, when he deeded land to Henry Medhouse, and July 5, 1654, when his widow

(second wife), Elizabeth Sheppard, wrote a note to "Mr. Brewster," witnessed by William Cockerham, to "pass judgment for me to Capt. Baker for 2834 lb. of tobacco and caske." (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 50). On Sept. 7, 1654, she again wrote a note recorded in the first Surry record book, to "Dear Brother Cockerham," signed "Your loving sister, Elizabeth Sheppard," asking him to represent her in Court, (id., p. 53). William Cockerham married a daughter of William Spencer and it is probable that Elizabeth Sheppard was another daughter. On Feb. 27, 1656 Lieut. William Cockerham was granted 1230 acres of land in Surry Co., 1100 acres of it being "duc to the said Cockerham as marrying the daughter of Mr. Spencer to whom it was granted" (cf. Nugent, p. 341; Mrs. Nugent, in "Cavaliers & Pioncers," assumes, quite naturally, that Mrs. Cockerham was the daughter of Nicholas Spencer, who is referred to in one part of the grant. This is an error, as we shall see; Nicholas Spencer was the uncle of Mrs. Cockerham, not her father). On May 14, 1667, Nicholas Spencer, Jr. transferred to William Cockerham all right he might have to the lands of his uncle, William Spencer (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 287). This deed was witnessed by Nicholas Spencer, Sr. and Daniel Williams. On Jan. 4, 1685/6, William Cockerham (son of William above) deeded to William Harris a parcel of land on Hog Island Main, part of a patent of 1350 acres "granted to Mr. William Spencer late of this county, decd., the 10th day of Feby., 1637 and from the said Spencer descended to me the said Cockram." William Spencer was granted two large parcels of land; the first, June 19, 1635, for 1100 acres (cf. Nugent, p. 28) was "in the tenure" of Major Robert Sheppard, who sold it to William Caufield, as mentioned above; the second, Feb. 10, 1637, for 1350 acres (cf. Nugent, p. 81) descended to William Cockerham and later to his son, William, who deeded part of it away in 1685/6. Taken in conjunction with the fact, noted above, that Elizabeth, widow of Robert Sheppard, called William Cockerham "brother," the conclusion seems unavoidable that William Spencer left no male heirs; that one of his daughters married William Cockerham; and that the other, Elizabeth, married Robert Sheppard, as his second wife.

On Sept. 23, 1654 is recorded a marriage contract between Mr. Thomas Warren of Smith's Fort, Surry, Gent. and Mrs. Elizabeth Shepard, widow, of Lower Chippoakes (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 56). This interesting document states that Thomas Warren is to have and enjoy all the estate of Major Robert Shepard, deceased, now in the possession of the said Elizabeth his relict, except the land and the following articles, which Mrs. Elizabeth shall dispose of at her own pleasure, viz., one gold seal ring marked D.S., one paid of silver tongs marked R.S., and one silver ink-horn marked I.S.; and she may appoint feoffees in trust to oversee her children's estate and it is agreed that on Sept. 29, 1656 Mr. Thomas Warren shall give to Anne, John, Robert and Will Shepard certain horses and cows; and to Priscilla and Susanna Shepard their full share of their father's estate, and besides give each a cow and calf, etc. This contract was recorded Nov. 9, 1654, after the

marriage, the names of the witnesses being Edward folliot and William Cockerham. The feoffees appointed for the children were Mr. John Coker, Mr. William Cockerham, Mr. folliot and Mr. Caufield. This Thomas Warren was born in 1621, as he gave his age as 40 in a deposition May 3, 1661. He represented James City and Surry Counties on a number of occasions in the House of Burgesses, the last occasion being in 1666. He had been married previously, and had at least two children by the first marriage, namely, William Warren and Alice Warren b. 1645, who married Matthias Marriatt (cf. deposition of Alice Marriatt aged 32 Sept. 15, 1677, D. & W. 1671-84, p. 149). An article from this magazine (Vol. VI, p. 201) states that his first wife was Susan Greenleaf, widow of Robert Greenleaf, "ancient planter." This is an error. It is true that a land grant was made in 1635 to a Thomas Warren who married Susan Greenleaf in Charles City Co. (cf. Nugent, p. 34); but later grants in 1636 and 1637 to Thomas *Markham* in Henrico Co. as marrying Susan Greenleaf seem to show that the name Warren was an error (cf. Nugent, pp. 45, 60). The article from the Virginia Magazine also states that Mr. Warren had three sons, John, Richard, and Thomas, Jr. and that the latter died in Isle of Kent, Md. in 1685. So far I can not confirm this. I have found no traces of John and Richard Warren and the son Thomas seems to have lived all his life in Surry Co. Thomas Warren lived in the old stone house at Smith's Fort. He died between June 10, 1668 and June 10, 1669, as the lists of tithables in those years shows. His second wife, Elizabeth, had died previously, and he married (3) Jane —, who after his death seems to have become the wife of Samuel Plaw. William Warren, son of Thomas Warren of Surry was granted probate on his father's will April 21, 1670 (Journals of the Council and Genl. Ct. of Col. Va., p. 213). This son, William, died prior to Sept. 24, 1670, on which date a deed was made by Mrs. Jane Warren, relict of Thomas Warren, and Mathias Marriatt, who married "Alyce Warren, only sister of the whole blood of Mr. William Warren, deceased" (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 379). This deed mentions Thomas Warren, son of Thomas and Jane, under 21, and William Warren, youngest son of Thomas and Jane, thus showing that Thomas Warren, Sr. had two sons named William, one by his first wife and one by his third, the first dying unmarried. There were four sons by the third marriage, Thomas, Allen, Robert and William. Thomas, Jr. was born Jan. 9, 1659/60, for on Jan. 4, 1680/1 the Court of Surry Co. ordered that Thomas Warren, son of Thomas Warren, decd., who would be of age on the 9th inst., should have his estate from Samuel Plaw, and that the latter should deliver to him the estates of the three orphans of Thomas Warren, decd. (Surry Orders 1671-90, p. 329). On Mar. 1, 1680-1 Thomas Warren, Will Foreman, and Nicholas Sessums gave bond for the estates of Allen, Robert and William, orphans of Mr. Thomas Warren, decd. (D. & W. 1672-84, p. 14 in back of the book). Allen Warren appeared as a tithable in the household of Samuel Plaw in 1679, showing that he was born 1662-3. Robert Warren first appears with his brothers Thomas and



Allen in 1683, showing his birth as 1666-7. William the youngest son, was probably an infant when his father died. There is record of one other child of Thomas Warren, and she was probably the daughter of his second wife, Elizabeth, widow of Robert Sheppard, and therefore a sister of Anne Newsom. This was Elizabeth Warren who married John Hunnicutt, the marriage contract being dated Feb. 26, 1670/1 (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 380; also p. 389, John Hunnicutt's receipt to Matthias Marriatt for the estate of his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Warren, decd.). John Hunnicutt died intestate in 1699, his inventory being dated April 17, 1699, and showing Elizabeth Hunnicutt as his executrix (D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 173). The tithables from 1699 through 1702 show the names of William, John and Thomas Hunnicutt as tithables in the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Hunnicutt, thus indicating them as sons. The above data show that Elizabeth Sheppard, second wife of Thomas Warren, Sr., died between 1654 and 1659, when Thomas Warren, Jr., eldest son of Thomas by his third wife, Jane, was born. The will of Mathias Marriatt, who married the eldest daughter of Mr. Warren, is recorded in Surry Deeds and Wills, 1693-1709, p. 374. It mentions his wife Alice, son William, grandson Thomas Flake son of Robert Flake, daughter Margaret Flake, daughter Elizabeth Hill, and daughter Marriatt Crips. Thomas Warren, son of Thomas, died in Surry in 1721. His will, dated Aug. 16, 1715 and probated Aug. 16, 1721, mentions his wife Elizabeth, and sons William, John, Joseph and Robert (D. & W. 1715-30, p. 362).

We now return to the family of Major Robert Sheppard to summarize what we have learned:

Major Robert Sheppard was b. 1604, d. in Surry Co., Va. 1654, was Lieutenant, Captain and Major in the Militia, Justice of Surry Co., Burgess in 1646, 1647 and 1648. He m. (1) Priscilla —, and had two daughters: 1. Priscilla Sheppard. 2. Susannah Sheppard. He m. (2) Elizabeth, dr. of William Spencer, and had issue: 1. Anne Sheppard, b. abt. 1645, d. 1711, m. (1) Thomas Hart; m. (2) 1669 William Newsom; m. (3) 1693 George Foster. 2. John Sheppard, b. abt. 1648, d. without issue Feb.-June, 1669. 3. Robert Sheppard died young. 4. William Sheppard, d. young. Elizabeth (Spencer) Sheppard m. (2) 1654 Thomas Warren, and had issue (possibly): 1. Elizabeth Warren b. abt. 1655, m. 1671 John Hunnicutt. Mrs. Warren died 1655-59.

#### THE SPENCER FAMILY OF SURRY

1. *Ensign William Spencer.* "William Spencer, yeoman and ancient planter, came to Virginia in the 'First Supply' in 1608, was an honest, valiant and industrious workman, and first to choose land. He was an Ensign; Burgess for Jamestown in the first Assembly in 1619; Burgess for Mulberry Island in 1624; patented 12 acres on Jamestown Island in 1624; at which time he had a wife Alice and a daughter Alice, b. 1620. In 1932-3 he was Burgess of Mulberry Island." (From Tyler "Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography," Vol. I, p. 329.) Hotten's "Emigrants" (p. 228) shows among those living at James Island in 1624 "William

Spencer came in the Sarah, Alice his wife in the—, Alice their daughter aged 4 yeres." Among the dead at James City and in the island is mentioned "William Spencer a Child" (id., p. 229), who was almost certainly a son of this family. Numerous land grants were made to William Spencer in Surry Co. In 1624 he is referred to as "Ensign William Spencer" in a grant to John Johnson, yeoman (Nugent, p. 4). A grant of 550 acres in Surry in 1635 calls him "William Spencer, Gent.", indicating that he was a Justice of the county at that time. We have mentioned the two largest grants made to him, one for 1100 acres in 1635 which was later held by Robert Sheppard and by him deeded to William Caufield in 1652; and one for 1350 acres in 1637, which was inherited by William Cockerham. The date of William Spencer's death is uncertain. The last reference to him is in the land grant of 1637. On Jan. 21, 1628 Nicholas Spencer testified that John Lightfoot left his property to William Spencer (Minutes of the Council and Genl. Ct. of Colonial Va., p. 181), which may indicate a relationship between Spencer and Lightfoot. Only the two daughters, Elizabeth, wife of Robert Sheppard, and —, wife of Capt. William Cockerham, seem to have survived him; at least, Robert Sheppard and William Cockerham seem to have inherited all his land. We have dealt with the Sheppard family, and shall now discuss briefly the Cockerhams, as these two families alone represent the line of William Spencer.

William Cockerham, Lieutenant and later Colonel of Militia in Surry, and Burgess from Surry in 1665, was married to William Spencer's daughter at least as early as Sept. 7, 1654, when Elizabeth Sheppard wrote to him as "Brother Cockerham." Capt. Cockerham died in 1668 or 1669, as on May 13, 1669 Charles Amry, Robert Spencer and William Oldis gave bond for Amry's guardianship of the orphans of William Cockerham, decd., namely William and Thomas Cockerham (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 334). It is probable that his widow m. (2) Charles Amry. William Cockerham, the eldest son, was declared of full age Nov. 2, 1680, which shows that he was born in 1659. (Surry Orders, 1671-90, p. 326). He married (1) prior to July 3, 1686 Hannah —, as he and she deeded land on that date. He m. (2) Mary —. He died in 1707. His will, dated Jan. 22, 1706 and probated Mar. 4, 1706-7, mentions his brother Thomas Cockerham, his wife Mary, and his son William, not yet 18 years of age. (D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 361).

Thomas Cockerham, the second son, receipted John Fenly for his father's estate Nov. 2, 1686 (Surry Orders 1671-90, p. 544), showing his birth date as 1665. He died in 1717. His will dated Jan. 17, 1709/10 and probated in Surry May 15, 1717, mentions his son Timothy, grandson Samuel Bension (under 21), daughters Elizabeth and Ann, wife Elizabeth, and daughter Priscilla (D. & W. 1715-30, p. 60).

2. *Nicholas Spencer.* Nicholas Spencer was a brother of William Spencer, as shown by the deed already mentioned, dated May 14, 1667, in which Nicholas Spencer, Jr. transferred to William Cockerham all his right to the lands of his uncle William Spencer. He was living in Virginia as early as Jan. 21, 1628/9, when he testified that John Light-

foot left his property to William Spencer. He may have married a daughter of David Williams of Surry Co., who on Jan. 9, 1658/9 appointed Robert Spencer his attorney to acknowledge the gift of a small tract of land to Nicholas Spencer and his wife (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 125). In addition to the son Nicholas, Jr., Nicholas Spencer had a son, John, who died without issue in 1675, and two daughters, Elizabeth who married William Hancock, and Mary. On Oct. 24, 1667 Nicholas Spencer, Sr. bound out his son John to serve Capt. William Cokerham for seven years. Appended to this agreement is a statement, dated July 7, 1668, that "It appears that John Spencer has some wearing clothes given him by the will of his father," etc., which shows that Nicholas, Sr., died 1667-8 (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 305). On Dec. 27, 1675, Thomas Clay and Elizabeth his wife aged 32 stated that John Spencer was sick at William Hancock's and said that he would leave his property to his sisters Mary and Elizabeth (D. & W., 1672-84, p. 103) and on Jan. 21, 1675/6 probate was granted William Hancock in right of his wife and sister on the estate of John Spencer (Order 1671-90, p. 112). William Hancock married the daughter Elizabeth (cf. deed of William Hancock and Elizabeth his wife dated April 27, 1667, D. & W. 1671-84, p. 198). John Spencer was born in 1653, as he petitioned for his estate Mar. 16, 1674 (Order 1671-90, p. 87).

3. *Capt. Robert Spencer*. It is uncertain just what the relationship was between Robert Spencer, and William and Nicholas. In a deposition dated Oct. 16, 1660, Robert Spencer gave his age as 30, showing his birth as 1630 (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 166). He may have been a son of Nicholas. He took a prominent part in the affairs of Surry Co. and was Sheriff in 1675 (D. & W. 1671-84, p. 74), as well as a Justice of the County. His first wife was probably a sister of Thomas Taber of Isle of Wight Co., as the latter wrote to him in 1672 calling him "Brother Spencer" (id., p. 14). By his first marriage he had two daughters, Anne and Elizabeth. The former married John Whitson and was dead by Sept. 5, 1671, when Robert Spencer decided goods to his granddaughter Martha Whitson, child of his deceased daughter Anne Whitson who m. John Whitson (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 390). John Whitson seems to have been a somewhat turbulent character. In 1672 he was hailed before the court for abusing Capt. Robert Spencer, calling him among other epithets "Welsh rogue" and "Welsh dog" (1). & W. 1672-84, p. 17-18). This is of interest as indicating that William, Nicholas and Robert Spencer came from Wales. Later, Whitson got into trouble in Bacon's Rebellion, and was dead by 1678 when Capt. Spencer wrote his will. Martha Whitson, the granddaughter, was born in June, 1671 (Order 1671-90, p. 500, Dec. 4, 1685, Martha Whitson orphan of John Whitson, being 14 years of age June last, chooses John Watkins her guardian). Capt. Spencer's daughter Elizabeth married John Watkins of Surry Co. (D. & W. 1694-1709, p. 221). He was the son of John Watkins, Cooper, who appears in a bond in 1652 (D. & W. 1645-71, p. 24). The latter's widow, Elizabeth Watkins, married (2) Thomas alias Sackford Brewster, Gent., of Sackford Hall in the County

of Suffolk, a Justice of Surry Co. The marriage took place April 23, 1655 (D. & W., 1645-71, p. 63). Elizabeth Brewster died in 1675 and John Watkins was granted administration on her estate June 18, 1675. On Mar. 20, 1678/9 John Watkins was granted administration on the estate of his brother Henry Watkins, who gave his age as 21 in a deposition dated July 6, 1675. There were three Watkins children mentioned in the marriage contract between Mrs. Watkins and Sackville Brewster, but the name of the third is uncertain. John Watkins who married Elizabeth Spencer died in 1708-9. His will, dated Nov. 5, 1708 and probated Mar. 1, 1708/9, mentions his wife Elizabeth, son Robert, sons John and Henry (both under 21), son William, daughter Mary (under 21) and daughter Elizabeth. Capt. Spencer married (2) between 1673 and 1675 Elizabeth White, daughter of Capt. John White of Surry Co. There were three White children, Elizabeth, Mary and John. Their mother married (2) Capt. William Coker, son of John Coker of Surry Co. Both William and John Coker represented Surry Co. in the House of Burgesses on a number of occasions. On Nov. 20, 1673 William Coker made a deed of gift of 200 acres of land to Elizabeth White and Mary White, sisters (D. & W. 1672-84, p. 34). On June 17, 1675 Capt. Robert Spencer as marrying the daughter of Capt. John White sued William Coker, and the latter was ordered "to deliver to John White a feather-bed and furniture according to the will of Capt. White, decd." (Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Va., p. 413). Capt. Coker died in 1676. His nuncupative will, Feb. 26, 1675/6, when he was ill at the house of his daughter Judith Clay, widow, in Isle of Wight Co., mentions his wife; "her children being orphans"; his eldest daughter Susannah Coker; daughter Lucy; and confirms the gift of land made in 1673, 100 acres to go to Mary White and 100 to Robert Spencer who married Elizabeth White (id., p. 139-40). It has been asserted that Elizabeth Spencer who married John Watkins was a daughter of Elizabeth White, Robert Spencer's second wife, but an examination of the dates shows that this is impossible, for Capt. George Watkins, in his will dated Sept. 17, 1673 which was quoted in connection with William Newsom, Sr., left a bequest to his goddaughter Elizabeth Spencer daughter of Capt. Robert Spencer, which shows that she was born before her father's second marriage. Capt. Spencer married (3) June —, and by his second or third wife had a daughter Ann. He died in 1679. His will, dated Mar. 5, 1678/9 and probated May 6, 1679 leaves his property to his daughters Elizabeth and Ann, his granddaughter Martha Whitson, and his wife Jane (id., p. 207-8). Mrs. Jane Spencer married (2) Thomas Jordan prior to Sept. 6, 1681 (cf. D. & W. 1672-84, p. 291) and left two daughters, Jane Jordan and Mary Jordan, who m. Francis Sowerby (D. & W. 1693-1709, p. 181). Capt. Spencer's daughter Anne seems never to have married, and was dead by Sept. 5, 1699 (id., p. 181), so that his only descendants today are through the line of John Watkins. The Whites also seem to have died out. John White died in 1679 and left most of his property to his sisters Mary