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FIRST GENERATION

1. James¹ Nicholson¹. Born, circa 1657 (?). Died, 1723, in Surry Co., VA. A possible ancestor is Richard Nicholson who died 1669 in Isle of Wight Co., VA. (W & D Book II p. 22 and 118). Mariable, his widow requested administration Feb 9, 1669, recorded March 2, 1669, security Thomas H---- and John Richards, and whose inventory of estate on Sept. 9, 1673 is given by Mariabele Pullen, now the widow of Abraham Pullen, to the best of her memory.

The will of James Nicholson, Surry Co., VA., 1723 did not mention his daughter Elizabeth, who married John Egerton. It was very short, and left everything to his wife, Elizabeth and after her death, to his two sons. He had three daughters not mentioned in the will, all young at the time of his death.

He married Elizabeth Gray², daughter of Capt. Francis Gray and Mary Unknown Surname. Born, circa 1659 (?), in Surry Co., VA. Died, 1767 (?), in Edgecomb Co., NC³.

Will of Elizabeth (Gray) (Nicholson) Andrews 24 April 1767, recorded in January Court 1768, ("Edgecomb County Wills - 1758-1830". C. R. 37.036, p. 14):

In the name of God, Amen - I Elizabeth Andrews of Edgecomb Co in the Province of North Carolina, being old and weake in body, but of perfect sens and sound mind and memory, for preventing any disputs (sic) amongst my Children about the Estate I may leave at my Death, do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner following, that is to say- IMPRIMIS - I give and bequeath to my three Daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah all my wearing Cloathes to be equally divided between my said daughters, except one Blue and white striped cotton gound (sic) and one white cotton pettycoat bordered with Callico, which said gound and petticoat I give to my Grand Daughter, Sarah Nicholson. ITEM - I give and Bequeath to my son Benjamin Nicholson, and to his Heirs forever (after my just debts and legacies are paid), all the Remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever or where so ever. ITEM - I nominate, constitute and appoint my said son Benjamin Nicholson my Whole and sole Executor of this My last Will and Testament, Revoking all former wills by me made and declaring this only to be my Last Will and Testament - In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Twenty fourth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred, Sixty Seven. Elizabeth Andrews, her Mark in the presence of Samuel Tanner, his Mark, Pamela Nicholson, her mark, and James Gray.

For the Continuation of this line see the NICHOLSON FAMILY Children:

- i. Elizabeth² Nicholson⁴. Born, circa 1702, in Surry Co., VA. Died, after 1779, in Granville Co., NC. She married John Egerton Jr.⁵, son of John Egerton Sr. and Rachel Wilmot, 27 Nov 1726, in Surry Co., VA.

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In 1779 Elizabeth Egerton, Wilmot Egerton, and Elizabeth Egerton, Jr., petitioned, which was rejected. (Clark's Colonial Records Vol. 4, p. 759.).

For the continuation of this line see the Egerton Family.

- ii. Sarah Nicholson.
- iii. Mary Nicholson.
- iv. Benjamin Nicholson⁶.

On 18 June 1748, he witnessed the will of John Watkins. D & W Book 7, p. 619, Surry Co. VA.

Served in Captain Daniel Harris's Company of Granville County Militia in 1754, together with Benjamin Egerton and Edward Holiman. (Ray, "Colonial Granville and its People", p. 293)

Principal heir of his mother Elizabeth Gray's (then Andrews) estate.(C.R. 37.036 Edgecomb Co. NC).

NOTES AND REFERENCES

- ¹Mrs. R. B. Parker, The Egerton Family, (Unpublished, Manuscript), in custody of Walter Orien Holliman Jr. "Walt", 2601 Chandalar, Lane, Pelham AL 35124 p. 19.
- ²Ibid. p. 54 & John Bennett Boddie, Southside Va. Families, Vol. II, Pacific Coast, Publishers, Redwood City, CA 1958, in custody of Birmingham, AL, Library (Southern History), Birmingham, Al. p.312.
- ³Will dated Apr. 1767 Prob. 1/1768 WB 1758-1830 C.R. 37.036 p.14.
- ⁴"Egerton Family", p. 22.
- ⁵Ibid. p. 22, 52. Home in Macon still in good condition.
- ⁶Ibid. p. 54. Eliza Timberlake Davis, Wills and Administrations of Surry Co. VA 1671-1750, (Baltimore, 1980, Geneal. Publ.Co), in custody of Birmingham, AL, Library (Southern History), Birmingham, Al. p. 139.