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Captain William Powell Jamestown Virginia (1577-1623)

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The Powell Surname

From family Surname History and Coat of Arms is on the Internet at <http://www.infokey.com/egi-bin/getname>, "The history of this ancient Breconshire family traces its ancestry as a family of Welsh origin before the year 1100 and appears first in the ancient records in Breconshire. "From Colonial families of the United States of America: Volume 1: "The Powell's of Loudoun County, Virginia, are descended from the family of that name in the County of Brecknock or Brecon in Wales. The name of Powell was AP [son of] Howell until the time of William ap Howell, of Bevalt, A>D> 1550 who was called William Powell.

William Powell's Parents

One version of the parents of Captain William Powell is given in Family Tree Maker's CDRÖM #5, William Powell (b.cir.1470-d, cir1530) Castle Madoe, Wales; (son of Wm.) Hugh Powell (b.cir.1510-d.cir.1570) married Elizabeth Gwyn, cir. 1530; (son of Hugh) Hugh Powell (b.1545-d.cir 1600) m. Ann (Unknown); (son of Hugh Jr) Captain William Powell (1585-1623) m (1) Elizabeth Wells (2) m. Margaret Stitt. A second parent version, the one used here, is Captain William Powell. (abt 1577-bat 1623) had a father John Powell (bat 1558-?) of St Olive Parish, Surrey County, and England who married (bat 1576 in England of an unknown lady born in England

William Powell

William Powell was born abt1577 (or possibly 1585) in St Olive Parish, Surrey County, in England. He married (1) abt 1599, in England, Elizabeth Wells, born aft 1585 in St Olive Parish, Surrey, County England and who presumably died abt 1619 (or after 1628) in Virginia, and married (2) bef 1621 in England, Margaret Stitt, born abt 1589 in and died in Surrey County Virginia. William died in 1623.

William's Brothers and Relatives

William had two (or more) brothers who also immigrated to early Virginia: Nathaniel Powell Sea Captain & Gov. born abt 1587 in England (1598?), ! occupation Acting Governor Jamestown who married abt 1607 in England, Joyce Tracey born abt 1590 in England (daughter of William Tracey, Sea Captain Esquire. Nathaniel died Mar 22,1622 in Va. Hacked to death by Indians. <http://www.linkline.com/personal/xymox/roh/powell.htm> 11/6/2002

Nathaniel had immigrated 13 May, 1607 (E1607) in either the "Discovery" or the "Godspeed" and (2) Thomas Powell born abt 1590 in Powelton, Sufflok, married bef 1618 in England Gody Unknown born abt 1590 in England, abt 1618 immigrated to Va. to east shore on the ship "Sampson". Thomas died 9 Feb 1687 on the Isle of Wight, Va. and buried: 12 July 1626, he petitioned for his brother Captain Nathaniel Powells lands in 1626 and won.

William Powell, John Smith and John Burrow appear to be related- in "Colonial Surrey" by John B. Bodie, Genealogical Publishing Company in Baltimore, 1996, p.53 It says "John Smith, ancient Planter, came over in the ship "Elizabeth" in 1611. He later purchased or rented "Burrows Hill" and called "Smiths Mount" He and Captain William Powell were brother- in- law of the Provost Marshall of Middlesex County, England, quite an influential gentleman in the Virginia Company. From another source (Flo DeFoor by Email): "Capt [William] Powell and Capt. John Smith (not the swashbuckler John Smith of the original Colonists) were brother-in-law of the Provost Marshall John Burrows. But I never found out if it was through Capt. Powell's wife Margaret Stitt, Capt. Smiths wife Susanna, or John Burrows wife Bridgette or what. {Note a John Burrow is shown in the 16 Feb 1623 Va. census . It isn't always clear which John Smith is being referred to in these documents.

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The Children of Captain Willam Powell and Elizabeth Welles were

1. Thomas Powell Sr born abt 1600 mar abt 1629 Lucretia
2. Capt George born abt 1609 mar abt 1626 Sarah
3. Cuthbert born abt 1610 mar abt 1634 Mary Sayre
4. Ann born abt 1611 mar abt 1632 William Parker
5. Samuel Possibly born abt 1616 mar abt 1638 Ann

2nd wife Margaret Stitts

Alice born abt 1622 m abt 1642 Thomas Warren Sea Captain

BY JOHN PATRICK PECK PITTSBURGH< PENNSYLVANIA

POWELL

From the files of Stephen M. Lawson

The name is of Welsh origin and was originally Ap Howell, being gradually contracted to Powell, this was done by abbreviating Ap Howell, leaving out the letters A and H.

The first family of Powell's lived in Brechnockshire, South Wales, now known as Breconshire. The Powell's are descendants of the Royal family of Wales, coming from one of the sons of the old Kings of Wales. Castle Madoc Brecon, in the county of Brechnoc was there home. Three of the family were Judges on the Kings bench in England.

The year of our Lord (1087) is as far back as we have been able to trace the Powell family.

During the reign of William Rufus (1087) at which period "Lord Brecon" whose name was "Bleddyn Ap Maenyrch Ap Driffyn Ap Hwgan". It was in this year that his Lordship was invaded by Bernard Newmarch, (a Norman) who with his forces defeated Lord Brecon in battle at Caerbaunan. In this battle Lord Brecon was slain and his body was carried by his two sons to the Abbey of Strata Florida, Cardiganshire and there buried.

The lands of his Lordship were divided by Newmarch (the Norman), between himself and his followers, EXCEPT A SMALL PART, WHICH THE SONS OF HIS LORDSHIP WERE

ALLOWED TO RETAIN. From one of these sons, name Bleguryd, descended in the 5th degree, Einon Sais, Third in descent from Einon Sais, was Lewlyn, who married Matilda, daughter of Jenan Ap Ryhs Ap Ivor, of Ebrl. by whom he had two sons. HOWELL, ancestor of the Powells and David Gam, celebrated in Welsh history as the enemy of Owen Gledower, (and more renowned for his valor at Agincourt) where he supported the English monarch Henry the V.

Howell married Margaret the daughter of Gwyllym Philip Thomas ap Elydor; by this marriage there were two sons and two daughters.

The elder son Gwylden Dew, married Mary, the daughter of Jenkins Richard Jenkins, of Aberschin; there was a son Howell Dew, by this marriage. Howell Dew married the daughter of Roger Madoc Rich David; by this marriage there was a son Gwyllym. Gwyllym married Catherine, the daughter of John Rees Jenkins, of Glynedd; by this marriage there was a son Howell of Argoed.

Howell was married twice, His first wife was Margaret, the daughter of William John Haverd. They had one son, "Thomas" his heir, and one daughter, Margaret Maud-- she became the wife of John Meridith Watkins Morgan.

Howell's second wife was Eleanor, the daughter of Roger Vaughn, their children were; William Powell, of Bwalt--Ancestor of the Powells of Cimen.

Thomas Powell who married Sibil, daughter of Sir William Vaughn Knt and by this marriage there was a son, William of Castle Madoc.

William Powell of Castle Madoc, married Matilda daughter of Griffith Jeffrey, of Glyntane and by this marriage there was a son Hugh Powell.

Hugh Powell married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Gwyn of Trecastle, and by this marriage there were three sons and one daughter; William Powell (his heir) second son unknown Thomas Powell and Janet Powell.

William Powell married Ann, daughter of Rees Keemys, of Llanvair ys Coed; they had by this marriage five daughters and three sons Hugh Powell Thomas Powell and Griffith Powell

Hugh Powell was the father of Captain John Powell, also Anthony Powell

Captain John Powell was the first Governor of Barbados, under English rule.

Anthony Powell was the Military Commander of Sir Walter Raleigh's Colonists, who first landed in America in 1583, at Roanoke Island Virginia, wher Fort Raleigh was built, and Powell's Point on the coast was named in his honor. He was killed at St Augustine in 1586 in the expedition of Sir Francis Drake against the Spaniards.

Captain Nathaniel Powell, who came to Jamestown, Virginia in 1607, wrote much of John Smiths "History of Virginia" and it was he who made the first map of Virginia and sent it back to England where it is now preserved in the British Museum. In 1618, Captain Nathaniel Powell was Governor of Virginia for a short time. He was appointed a member of the council in 1621. He married a Miss Tracy, daughter of William Tracy, who brought a Colony to Virginia in 1620: she was the granddaughter of Sir John Tracy.

Captain Nathaniel Powell and all his family were massacred by Opechanough, at Powell's

Brook, March 22, 1622; twelve in all were massacred, no person was better known among the Indians; yet they slew him and his family, haggled over their bodies and cut off his head to express their utmost scorn and cruelty.

Captains William and Nathaniel Powell had large grants of land from the Crown. In 1626 Thomas Powell (the elder brother of Captain Nathaniel Powell), then living in England petitioned the Government in regard to his estate. They stated that William Powell, who had gotten possession of all Nathaniel Powell's estate in Virginia, was no relative of Nathaniel Powell. How the matter was decided there is no record, but in 1653, George Powell, Richard Powell and Mary Powell, supposed to have been the niece and Nephews of Nathaniel Powell, made petition for the property, which would indicate that Nathaniel and William Powell left no lineal descendants in Virginia or elsewhere.

Nathaniel Powell, kinsman of Captain William Powell, had been elected by vote of the people in 1619, until the arrival of Yeadley. Nathaniel Powell was then of the Governor's Councilors. Nathaniel Powell was appointed by King James the 1st to draw the map of Virginia and write an account of the country, its people, climate and productions and all items of interest regarding the Province. In return the King gave Nathaniel Powell for these services a tract of land on the south bank of the James river at Powellbrook.

The map and history fell into the hands of John Smith, who copied the pamphlet and map, he also copied pamphlets written by six other gentlemen. And for more than 200 years they were known as "John Smith's map of Virginia". Alexander Brown, the historian, of Virginia succeeded in having the safe of the London Company opened, which contained more than 300 official documents, maps and grants. One of these was the original grant given by the King to Nathaniel Powell. From these 350 official documents, Alexander Brown wrote his two volumes of "Genesis of the United States". The first complete and correct history of the settlement of America.

Nathaniel Powell and his wife Joyce Tracy, daughter of Sir William Tracy, of Toddington Castle, Hayles, England, and their only child were massacred by the Indians in 1622

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In the records of Surrey County Virginia there is evidence that William left a son, George Powell George Powell, on February 18, 1642 made a deed of lease for 99 years to Stephen Webb for 300 acres on Chipooke Creek and Crouches Creek. (Crouches Creek being just west of Chipooke Creek. Adjoining other land of George Powell ". George Powell is described in this lease as of "The Lower Chipooke" and signed by him in presence of witnesses. This land is a part of the land patented to Captain William Powell. Under the law of primogeniture the elder son inherited the real estate of the father to the exclusion of younger sons.

George Powell's name does not appear in any other record in Virginia after the lease to Stephen Webb. February 18, 1642 except as follows; Richard Marydale, by an instrument dated March 7, 1652, "for William Powell of Parish St Mary's Onerges, Borough of Southwark, Surrey England, brother and heir of Captain William Powell, George Powell of this Collyone and his nephew

Richard Powell and Mary, daughter of Richard, maketh claim for plantation now in possession of John Bishop near Crouches Creek, Surrey County

July 1st 1656 Ralph Dunstan and Sam Higley under a Power of Attorney dated July 1 1656 made to them by William Powell, of Parish of St Mary's of Southwark, Surrey England, made a deed dated July 1, 1656, to William Batt, reciting that he, the said William Powell was administrator of Captain William Powell, his brother and heir to George Powell, son of Captain William Powell to 600 acres situated on Lower Chippoake and 200 acres on Crouches Creek. This administration of Captain William Powell was in Surrey County, England, and none appears either in England or Virginia of George Powell. They had no evidence of the death of George Powell, nor did William in England, claiming to be a brother of Captain William Powell in Virginia, inherit the land as heir of Captain William Powell, as George his son inherited the land of Captain William Powell and had on February 18, 1642 leased 300 acres to Stephen Webb for 99 years. The entire recitals and proceedings were speculative conjecture.

No administrator appears on the estate of George Powell in Virginia nor is there any evidence of his death. George Powell in the course of years after he made the lease to Stephen Webb, February 18, 1642 most probably left Virginia. Genealogists say: That where the line of Virginia ancestors fail in Virginia, the thread may be found in Maryland. After Lord Baltimore planted his colony at St Mary's in 1634, he offered in 1649 and 1658 gift's of 50 acres for each settler transported into Maryland. Many left Virginia and settled in Maryland. Did George Powell emigrate to Maryland? (Yes George Powell emigrated to The Eastern Shore Maryland in 1660 Dorchester County. We do not know whether George Powell married or left descendants. There are facts that furnish a strong presumption that he at some time, after he made his lease to Stephen Webb, or a son of George Powell, came into Maryland, as a George Powell is listed as an inhabitant of Talbot County in 1678.)

George Powell by Gene Long

George Powell son of Captain William Powell of early Virginia moved to Dorchester County Maryland in 1660 he had a wife Sarah and a son George Powell. This George Powell made a will January 1, 1648 in Dorchester County Maryland naming his son **George** as receiving 2/3 of his estate at age 21 and entire estate at death of his mother. George Sr will was Probated July 19, 1685 he was listed as being born abt 1609 in the early Virginia records that would make him abt 76 at his death. The son George was born in Somerset County probably shortly before his fathers will in 1648. His wife was Ann----- George moved to Talbot County Maryland sometime before 1700 as his last two daughters Judith born in 1701 and Rachel born in 1703 were listed as being born in Talbot County later known as Queen Annes County which was formed in 1706. George made a will September 2, 1717 and was probated November 28, 1717. If George was born before 1648 as George Srs will indicated he would have been at least 70 at his death. George and Ann his wife had 8 children, John, Thomas, Jaunes, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Judith and Rachel. His last child Rachel was born in 1703, so projecting back Georges daughter Elizabeth (found in IGI) was born in 1681, if we use 1681 and go back 23 years (22 years between the first and last child), George would have been married around 1680 and using 1646 for his birth date would make him 56 when his last child was born.

Will of George Powell made September 1717

Probated November 28, 1717

To wife Ann Powell Q Annes County Maryland, the dwelling plant, of 160 acres (not named) except the part where son John Powell now lives. After the death of Ann- the above to go equally to my sons: John and Thomas with the my now dwelling part to Thomas.

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To son James Powell- part of tract "Partnership" of 250 acres.
to each of 3 daughters: Mary Burras - 1 shilling silver sterling
Elizabeth Long - " " "
Jane Jones - " " "

Personalty - inc. 1000 lbs of tobacco each :
To son Thomas when he reaches 21
To son James when he reaches 21
To daughter Judith - a chest, etc. and 2 cows and calves
To daughter Rachel- a cow and calf; and 2 yeows (ewes)

To grand daughter Ann Powell- 1 (yeow) to be delivered to her father and increase to be Anne's
Wife Ann Powell- named Executrix.


Signed George Powell

Witnesses John White (Mark)
Henry Rawlings (Mark)
August Thompson (Sign)

Our John Long was most probably born between 1670 and 1675 as his father David came to Maryland in 1677 with three children including John so he had to be born before 1677. After his fathers death in 1697 John inherited his fathers farm (Winchester) Then in 1702 he sold this farm to Robert Smith I have a copy of this transaction.(Deed Bk JD#1 Pg 83-84 dated 6/20/1702 at Hall of Records Annapolis Md. John Long married Elizabeth Powell daughter of George and Ann Powell in 1705/06. Ann is listed in the IGI as being born in 1681. John and Elizabeth had four (4) children

David	Long	b @	1707	Queen Ann County	married	Ann Lockwood
Mary	Long	b @	1709	Queen Ann County	married	John Flowers
Elizabeth	Long	b @	1711	Queen Ann County	married	William Roberts
John	Long	b @	1713	Queen Ann County	married	Ann Herrington

John and Elizabeths daughter Elizabeth married William Roberts in the St Lukes Episcopal Church at Church Hill Maryland on March 17,1737, John and Elizabeth son John Jr married Ann Herrington at the same Church July 12,1743/44 found in the Eastern shore Vital Records. The rest of this information can be found in the Long History written by Gene Long. This report was intended to tie in the Long family with the Powell family through Elizabeth Powells father George and her grandfather George Sr who was the son of Captain William Powell of the early Virginia History


Cecil Gene Long

If you go to the internet for the Powell History you will find that this line goes back prior to 70 A.D.