

COLONEL EDWARD DORSEY

On November 15, 1739, John Elder Jr. received from his father two tracts of land, Addition to Huntington Quarter and Laxford, in all 150 acres. (*A.A. Co. Deeds B.B. No. 3, f. 205*) (See page 196)

John Elder purchased from Margaret Higginson of the Kingdom of Great Britain, daughter and heir of John Tailor of said Kingdom, part of a tract called Tailor's Park, on May 8, 1744. (*A.A. Co. Deeds R.B. No. 2, f. 25*)

John Elder Jr. was a vestryman in 1744 in St. Anne's Church.

On September 1, 1755, John Elder, gentleman, and Jemima, his wife, sold 199½ acres of a former grant called Elder's Plague. (*Balt. Co. Deeds B.B. No. 1, f. 447*)

The will of John Elder Jr. made September 20, 1762 and proved November 9, 1762 named his lands. He devised:

To wife Jemima, slaves and personal estate, she to live on dwelling plantation
To my five sons, John, Owen, Charles, Ely, Elijah Elder, all my lands, namely my dwelling plantation, part of Tailor's Park, 660 acres, two tracts in fork of the Patuxent River, Addition to Huntington Quarter & Laxford. Land in Baltimore County, Adam's Garden, 397 acres, Elder's Puzzel, 160 acres, Elder's Plague, 125 acres, if any son die before reaching age of 21 years, land to surviving sons
To eldest daughter Elizabeth Elder, 10 pounds, to 2 daughters Honor and Jemima Elder, 30 pounds, at age of 16 years or marriage
Exrs: sons John and Owen Elder (*Wills 31, f. 844*)

Jemima Elder did not long remain a widow. A deed dated June 10, 1763, shows that a marriage is intended to take place between Jemima Elder, widow, and Joseph Hobbs. Jemima, therefore, made over to James Elder, greatest creditor, all real and personal estate of her late husband John Elder deceased. (*A.A. Co. Deeds B.B. No. 2, f. 791*)

On November 12, 1763, Joseph Hobbs, and Jemima, his wife, executrix of John Elder late of Anne Arundel County, deceased, paid to daughter Elizabeth, who married Joseph Gist, her part of the estate. (*Accts. 50, f. 34*) On November 23, 1764, John Elder of Baltimore County and Vachel Dorsey were bound unto Joseph Hobbs and Jemima, his wife, administratrix of John Elder deceased, for 1,000 pounds. The names of John Elder's children are given in this deed.

(*A.A. Co. Deeds B.B. No. 3, f. 383*)

A deed made October 17, 1770 shows that Jemima's health was failing and she conferred to Joseph Hobbs her personal estate during her natural life. Her name does not appear on later records or in his will in 1773. (*A.A. Co. Deeds I.B. No. 2, f. 219*)

Children of John and Jemima (Dorsey) Elder:

(Named in father's will)

1. John⁵ Elder, d. 1794
 - m. (1) c 1759 Honor Dorsey, b. 1737; d. 1771, dau. of Michael (See page 84)
 - m. (2) Sarah _____
 2. Charles Elder, m. Feb. 14, 1769 Ruth Howard, d. 1827 (*Balt. Co. Wills 12, f. 409*)
 3. Owen Elder, d. 1774, m. Apr. 10, 1766 Ann Dorsey, dau. of Michael
She m. (2) Mar. 25, 1775 Charles Dorsey (See page 90)
 4. Ely Elder, d. bef. 1788 unm. (*A.A. Co. Test. Papers, Box 13, Folder 54*)
 5. Elizabeth Elder, b. 1742; d. Apr. 6, 1814
 - m. Nov. 12, 1763 Joseph Gist (See pages 57 and 59)
 6. Honor Elder, b. after 1746; d. 1817. m. c 1764 Michael Dorsey (See page 95)
 7. Elisha Elder, m. July 28, 1778 Mary Davidge
 8. Jemima Elder, m. (1) Jan. 8, 1778 Samuel Howard, d. 1788 (See page 59)
 - m. (2) Daniel Elliot
5. ELIZABETH ELDER⁵ (Jemima⁴ (Dorsey) Elder, John,³ Col. Edward,² Edward¹)
 - b. 1742; d. Apr. 6, 1814 Brooke County, West Virginia
 - m. Aug. 30, 1759 Major Joseph Gist, b. Sept. 30, 1738; d. Jan. 22, 1803

DORSEY FAMILY

Major Joseph Gist was the son of William and Violetta (Howard) Gist of Baltimore County, Maryland; the grandson of Richard and Zipporah (Murray) Gist; and the greatgrandson of Christopher Gist, the immigrant and his wife, Edith (Cromwell) Gist.

On April 3, 1767, there was laid out for Joseph Gist of Baltimore County, 120 acres of land called Gistsylvania. (*Patents B.C. & G.S.*, f. 53) In 1773 Gist's Hope and Gist's Contri-vance containing 26½ acres were patented to Joseph Gist, (*Ibid.*, f. 342) which he transferred to Thomas Renbottom in 1779. (*Balt. Co. Deeds W.G. No. D.*, f. 27) -

Joseph Gist secured his commission as Quartermaster of the Soldier's Delight Battalion, Militia of Baltimore County, Maryland, May 25, 1776. (*Arch. of Md.* XI, 443) He was promoted to First Lieutenant, June 6, 1776, and to Major, September 10, 1777. (*Ibid.*, folios 467, 368) In November, 1781, Major Joseph Gist of Col. Hammond's Battalion resigned.

(*Arch. of Md.* XLVII, 560)

On June 18, 1793, Joseph Gist bought from Samuel Owings part of two tracts called Harrison's Meadows and Gist's Enlargement. (*Balt. Co. Deeds W.G. No. L.L.*, f. 339)

On August 24, 1794, Joseph Gist sold to Charles Carnan for 423 pounds, parts of 4 tracts, Gist's Enlargement, Addition to Harrison's Meadows, Gist's Den, and Gist's Hope, 140½ acres. Elizabeth, his wife, signed the deed. (*Balt. Co. Deeds W.G. No. O.O.*, f. 575)

Shortly after this Major Joseph Gist and some of his family moved to Ohio County, Virginia (now Brooke Co., W. Va.) He paid taxes in 1797 in Brooke County, the first year the county was legally organized. (*Brooke Co. Tax Records* Vol. 174, Va. Archives, Richmond, Va.)

On March 24, 1801, Major Joseph Gist purchased 400 acres of land on Buffalo Creek, Brooke County, West Virginia, from George McCulloch. (*Brooke Co. W. Va. Deeds 2*, f. 363)

The will of Joseph Gist made November 16, 1801 and probated in 1803 bequeathed:

To son in law John Dorsey, 50 acres of land and a part of a tract of land I now live on

To son James Gist and his heirs, 200 acres of land, part of my tract of land afore-said, brothers Samuel and George be permitted to make sugar at sugar camp now in use by family

To son Samuel Gist and heirs, 130 acres of above tract adjoining John Dorsey's land
To wife Elizabeth, residue of my tract of land and after her death to son George Gist and heirs

To daughters Elizabeth and Ann Gist, personalty
To wife Elizabeth, remainder of personal property during her life and after her death to be divided equally between 5 children now living, James, Samuel, George, Elizabeth, and Ann Gist

Sons James, Samuel, and George Gist to pay to Cornelius Gist of Baltimore County Maryland, balance of a bond due from me

Exrs: son James Gist and wife Elizabeth Gist

Wit: George Hammond, James Thompson, Henry Harvey

(*Brooke Co. W. Va. Wills 1*, f. 18)

Joseph and Elizabeth Gist are buried on the old Gist farm in Brooke County, West Virginia. The burying ground was ploughed over about 25 years ago and some of the stones used inside the old spring house. In the fall of 1946, the stones of Joseph and Elizabeth Gist were removed to the Franklin Cemetery, where three generations of Gists are buried.

The sugar grove mentioned in Joseph Gist's will, stands across the road from the site of the old home, which burned some years ago.

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth (Elder) Gist:

(Births of first eleven children are recorded in St. Thomas' Parish Register, Baltimore. Last three children are mentioned in father's will)

1. John Elder Gist, b. Jan. 1, 1761, m. Nov. 13, 1783 Frances Trippe (*St. Paul's*)
2. Cecil Gist, b. Nov. 12, 1762, m. Dec. 12, 1790 Abraham Cole
3. Joseph Gist, b. Aug. 12, 1764; d. Dec. 15, 1786 (*St. Paul's*)
4. Jemima Gist, b. May 4, 1766, m. John Dorsey (See page 108)