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I am seeking all genealogical and biographical details for the family documented below including their ancestors, children, and grandchildren and the spouses thereof, including the full names of those spouses' parents. All additions and corrections within this scope, however speculative, will be greatly appreciated.

William Burgess of Kingstown, Rhode Island

I gratefully acknowledge the following individuals for their contributions to this brief chapter: Charlie Carpenter of Washington County, Rhode Island and Margery Matthews of Foster, Rhode Island.

1. WILLIAM BURGESS, also known by Burge or Burges, born circa 1647-1653, based on the probable range of birth years for his daughter, Mary (Burgess) Bates. William married SUSANNAH ___.

3 June 1709—William was one on the buyers associated with "Bly's Purchase" of 1618 acres:

Bly's Purchase, otherwise, on the old map, Swamptown, the name it bears to this day. June 3, 1709. To Daniel Bly, Joseph Northrup, John Austin, Jame Highams, John Highams, John Wells, John Morey, Stephen Arnold, William Burge [*sic*], William West, Martha Card and John Nichols." (Elisha Reynolds Potter, *Several Purchases of the Lands West of Wickford Sold by the Committee of the Colony for the Sale of Vacant Lans [sic, Lands] in 1709 as Shown on a Map*, [1838], 8)

2 December 1714—William Burgess with consent of wife Susannah sold to Robert Reynolds 40 acres as part of the land that the colony sold to 12 purchasers, Daniel Bly and others, called the Bly Purchase (North Kingstown, Washington County, Rhode Island; Book of Deeds 2, page 10).

1716—William Burges "of Kingston" purchased land in Windham County, Connecticut (Margery Matthews).

16 May 1719—William deeded 50 acres to "Francis Bates son-in-law and Mary his wife of Windham and the children of Mary" (*Windham Deeds*, ?:338).

26 May 1722—William had the inclusion of the children annulled and confirmed the same to Francis Bates. On the same day, Francis Bates "of Windham" sold the 50 acres to Paul ___. (Margery Matthews)

1726—Francis and Mary (Burgess) Bates returned to Kingstown, Rhode Island (Margery Matthews).

Child, surname *Burgess* (there were perhaps others):

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 - ii. MARY, b. probably between 1668 (when her husband was born) and 1674 (based on the birth of a *grandchild* on 6 May 1716); d. after 14 April 1726 (when she signed a deed with her husband) but before 9 July [1727-29] (when her husband remarried); m. FRANCIS² BATES (*Francis*¹), son of Francis¹ and Anne (Oldham) Bates, b. probably Topsfield, Essex Co., MA 1668, d. died North Kingstown, Rhode Island after March 1741 (deed executed) but before 8 June 1742 (will proved); m. (2) North Kingstown, 9 July [1727-29] MARGARET NICHOLS. Francis and Mary are my direct ancestors; see *Francis Bates of Topsfield, Massachusetts* for more information.

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