

James Crewes – Purchase of estate lands by Wm. Randolph

August 24, 1684. William Randolph, of Varina Parish, Henrico County, Gent., from Giles Carter and Hannah x, his wife, of Parish and county aforesaid, 20 pound sterling for 60 acres, which was by the last will and testament of Capt. James Crewes given unto said Giles and Hannah Carter, being part of ye dividend of land or plantation at Turkey Island of which said Crewes died seized, which tract of land or plantation is since purchased by said William Randolph of ye heir and executor of said Crewes, deceased, as by conveyance. Recorded April 1, 1685. (Valentine Papers, vol. iii, Randolph Family, p.1392)

[This deed confirms that James Crewes gave the plantation to both Giles and Hannah. Hannah's inclusion as joint recipient of the land, considered in the context of an era of limited female property rights, supports the conclusion that Hannah was the daughter of James Crewes.]

August 25, 1684. William Whittingham, of London, Gent, and Sarah, his wife, niece of James Crewes, hereafter mentioned, and Matthew Crewes, citizen and haberdasher of London, heirs and executors of James Crewes, late of Henrico County in Virginia, aforesaid, Gent., for 75 pound of lawful money of England, convey 500 acres known and commonly called by the name of Turkey Island or Turkey Island plantation in Henrico County, Virginia, and all other messages, lands, tenements, whatsoever of them of the said Whittingham and wife and Matthew Crewes, in said county of Henrico, whereof said James Crewes died possessed. Recorded in Henrico County, Virginia, April 1, 1685. (Henrico County, Virginia, Records, p. 302)

June 1, 1692. Capt. William Randolph did exhibit in court a conveyance for 500 acres of land lying at Turkey Island in this county of Henrico to himself, his heirs and assigns from William Whittingham, Sarah Whittingham, and Matthew Crewes, dated ye 25th of August 1684 and entered in ye records of this county April 1, 1685, which said conveyance was witnessed (amongst others) per Capt. John Wynn, and the said John Wynn being now present in court and viewing ye same did on his oath declare the said conveyance to be signed, sealed, and held as their act and deed by ye subscribed William Whittingham, Sarah Whittingham, and Matthew Crewes, parties to ye same. (Henrico County, Virginia, Records, p. ?)