

Roger Thornton of Lancashire, England

Generation No. 1

1. **Roger¹ Thornton¹** was born in Rivington, Lancashire, England.

Child of Roger Thornton is:

- + 2 i. **William² Thornton** "The Immigrant", born circa 1620 in Chorley Parish, Lancashire, England; died 1708 in Cod's Creek, Stafford County, Virginia.

Generation No. 2

2. **William² Thornton I** (Roger¹) was born circa 1620 in Chorley Parish, Lancashire, England², and died 1708 in Cod's Creek, Stafford County, Virginia³. He married **(1) Avice Russell⁴** 1640 - 1642 in Rappahannock County, Virginia. She was born circa 1620^{5,5}, and died Bef. March 27, 1648 in Virginia (Wm. md. 2nd wife 27 Mar 1648). He married **(2) Elizabeth Rowland** March 27, 1648 in York County, Virginia (called Gloucester after 1651)⁶, daughter of John Rowland and Margaret Bayly. She was born 1627 in Middle Plantation, Williamsburg County, Virginia^{7,8}, and died Aft. 1679 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

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In Virginia, there have been several different families of this name, the largest and most prominent has been that which originally settled in Gloucester county, spread to Stafford, King George, Richmond, Northumberland, Essex, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Orange, Culpeper,

Madison, Brunswick, and other counties, and has now representatives in almost every State in the Union. (2)

This William Thornton originally settled in York County and later moved to Stafford County where he built a home and named it "The Hills."

William Thorneton is a headright of William Pryor who received 1300 acres on the north side of Charles River in 1642 (York County, Va.?) (5) This may be the same William Prior who died between 1646 - 1647 and owned the ship Honor.

The first of the name of whom there is any record is said to have come from Yorkshire. On May 11, 1646, William Thornton obliged himself, by a paper recorded in York county (including Gloucester), to care for the cattle of John Liptrot until the latter came of age. [York County, Virginia Wills & Deeds, 1645-1649, #2 page 278/9] (2)

In 1649 he received a land grant of 164 acres in Gloucester County, the grant being awarded for the transfer of 4 persons from England, this being one of the first Patents in Virginia. (Virginia Land Patent Book 5, page 573.)

On February 16th, 1665-'66, as "Mr. William Thornton", he had a grant of 164 acres of land, in Petsworth parish, Gloucester, adjoining the land where he lived, and that of Mr. Richard Barnard. And in 1675, William Thornton, Sr., filed a deed of gift to his four children: Francis, Rowland, William and Esther.

He was a vestryman of Petsworth parish in 1677.(1) There is on record in Essex a power of attorney, dated September, 1673, from William Thornton, of Gloucester, to James Kay, of Rappahannock County, concerning 2,000 acres of land in the freshes of Rappahannock, on the north side of the river, adjoining the lands of Andrew Buckner, Col. Wm. Ball, and Mr. Richard Whitehead, and Muddy Creek, a tract of land which he had bought from Mott. (2)

On November 4, 1679, William issued the below deed to his wife, Elizabeth in Rappahannock County, Virginia. (4)

William Thornton to his wife, Elizabeth (NOTE: Spelling updated to current practice)

November 4, 1679

Know all men by these presents that I, William Thornton for the consideration of the acknowledgement of the thirds or dower my wife, Elizabeth Thornton, now has or hereafter may have of and to one dividend of six hundred acres of land sold to Mr. Waters and his heirs, have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, feeoffeed and confirmed unto my said now wife, one mare about three years old also a sorrel color, whitish in the forehead and marked with a hole in the right ear. And also one yearling cow calf marked with two cross and two shoats natural marked, being black with a white face. To have and to hold the said mare and her increase (except one weanable foal), such as the said William Thornton or his heirs or assigns shall at any time hereafter make choice of happens to have fallen so from

the above said mare, upon such demand as the said Thornton or his assigns shall make together with the so above said yearling cow calf, with all their & every of their increase, unto the aforesaid Elizabeth Thornton & to her own proper use, & to her heirs and assigns forever (except as before excepted)..... all of him the said William Thornton, his heirs or assigns, or any other person claiming from by or under him, them any of them.

In witness whereof I have here unto set both my hand & seal this 4th day of November 1679.

Sealed & delivered in fee (S) William Thornton

(SEAL)

Recorded in Circuit Court Rappahannock

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NOTES:

1. As shown in (Old) Rappahannock Deed Book 6, Page 86, William Thornton issued a deed to John Waters on October 22, 1678.

2. Rappahannock County Deeds 1682-88, VII, Page 265 includes a deed dated 7 April 1686 from John Waters to John Savage showing Savage paying Waters 3,750 pounds of tobacco for 200 acres in Gloucester County on the South side of Piscaton Creek, land purchased by Waters from Wm. Thornton.

There is also recorded in Essex, in 1708, a deed, dated July 16, 1675, from William Thornton, of Gloucester, gentleman, to Francis and Rowland, "two of his sons", conveying 2,000 acres in Rappahannock county, and also a power of attorney, dated 1708, from Wm Thornton, formerly of Gloucester, but now of Stafford, authorizing the confirmation of said deed. So in his old age Wm. Thornton removed from Gloucester to Stafford. (2)

He died in 1708 at the home of his son, Col. Francis Thornton, in Stafford County, and it is stated that his tombstone bears his Coat of Arms, (See Crozier's "General Armory," 1904 edition, page 126, Burke's "General Armory," 1878 edition, page 1010.). (3)

Arms: Argent, a chevron sable between three hawthorne trees proper.

Crest: Out of a ducal Coronet or, a lions head proper.

Motto: None recorder, few of the older arms being accompanied by recorded mottos. One Yorkshire line of the family used the motto: Deo spes mes (My hope is in God).

Authority: Crozier's "General Armory," 1904 edition, page 126. Burke's "Geneal Armory," 1878 edition, page 1010.

Note:

Crozier, best considered of all of the published American heraldic authorities, records the above described coat and crest as authentic for descendants of William Thornton, of "The

Hills," Yorkshire, England, who came to America and settled in York County, Virginia, in the year 1646.

Burke, British authority, records the same as authentic for the family of Thornton, Scarborough, Yorkshire, which was the center of the residence of this family. Kirkland Hall, in Lancaster, was the seat of one line. This line bore the lion's head of red. A line owning the estate of Birkin, in Yorkshire, England, bore the lion's head of purple, and placed the coronet around the neck of the lion rather than under it. A Yorkshire line with branches in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, England, bore the same arms, but changed the crest to a dragon's head and wings of silver issuing from the ducal coronet of gold.

O'Hart, in the 1923 edition of his "Irish Pedigrees," Volume 2, states that the Thorntons of England were among the twelve families among whom Queen Elizabeth divided 111,000 acres in the County of Limerick, in Ireland, which she had taken from the FitzGerald, Earls of Desmond. This accounts for the branches of the family which settled in Ireland.

It is believed, although no proof exist, that William Thornton married, first Elisa Belling, about 1640/42, a daughter of Luke Belling (Bellington?) and Elisa Russell in Linenburg Parish, Richmond County, Virginia. (13) He married second Elizabeth Rowland, March 27, 1648 in Gloucester County, Virginia. (See also deed, Rappahannock County, Deed Book 6, Page 83 which lists wife "Elizabeth"). I believe the importance of the Thornton - Belling marriage was to legitimize Luke Thornton as a son of William. However, the Thornton DNA project has conclusively proved that Luke was not a son of William the Immigrant. There has been no evidence to show that William the Immigrant had a first wife nor any additional children than the one's listed by Elizabeth Rowland.

After doing lots of research I have concluded that William THORNTON could NOT have married Eliza BILLINGTON, the daughter of Luke BILLINGTON as is currently believed.

To come to this conclusion, I first searched for information on the Wills of Luke Billington and his wife Barbara, of Rappahannock County, Va. which were proved in 1672 and 1674. This listed their children: Luke, Elitia, Elizabeth, Jane, Barbara and Mary. (6) (12)

Several sources have shown that Elizabeth is the one who went by Eliza and that Elitia was also known as Alicia. I also found that Eliza Billington married Dennis McCarty and had at least one child by 1679 as is shown in the quote below. (7) (12)

"Captain Daniel McCarty, of Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, the son of Dennis and Eliza (Billington) McCarty of Northumberland County, was born in 1679, and died May 4, 1724." (12)

Since it is believed that Luke and Edward Thornton were born circa 1642-1646, you could assume that their mother was 18 when Luke was born - but this would make Eliza 55 years old when her son Daniel was born by Dennis McCarty. Something which is quite unlikely. I therefore decided that Luke, Jr. must have had a daughter named Eliza and that this is the

one who married Dennis McCarty. However, I've discovered that Luke, Jr. died without issue. (8)

I also checked on Alicia/Elitia in case I had the wrong daughter and found that Alicia married John Russell on September 11, 1673. (9)

"RUSSELL, JOHN married Alicia Billington, 11 September 1673. NFPR, p.161 (North Farnham Parish Register) (The bride was the daughter of Luke and Barbara Billington. Sweeny, p.16-17, 29.)" (9)

William had three sons by his second wife, William, Francis and Rowland. The son, William, was born 27 March, 1649, died 15 Feb., 1727. Like his father, he was a vestryman of Petsworth Parish. He married three times, and had sixteen children. Francis Thornton of Stafford County was born 5 Nov. 1651, and died 1726. His first wife was Alice, daughter of Capt. Anthony Savage of Gloucester, and by her had issue, seven children. He had no issue by his second wife. Rowland Thornton, third son of William, married Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Fleming. He was dead in 1701, and it is thought left no issue. (3)

We also know of one daughter. In a deed of gift to his sons, Francis, Rowland, and William, he named a daughter Esther. (Rappahannock County).

Various Virginia records reveal that the elder William and his three sons were active in matters pertaining to the purchase and sale of lands, involving some extensive tracts; they were active in the Church of England, the High Church, though at one time were, by their own request, removed as Vestrymen, publicly avowing their disbelief in the doctrine of Transubstantiation. They were Justices, members of the Burgess, and honored with various offices of public trust. (5)

(1) Meade, William. Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia, Volume I. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1857. Article XXVII.

The following people were listed in the Vestry of Petsworth Parish: William Thornton, William Thornton, Jr., Francis Thornton, Seth Thornton, Sterling Thornton, and Meaux Thornton.

(2) William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 4, No. 2. (Oct., 1895), pp. 89-93. "The Thornton Family" By W. G. Stanard. Online Source: <http://searches.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ifetch2?/u1/data/va+index+6584106797913+F>

(3) Crozier, William Armstrong. Virginia Heraldica, Being a Registry of Virginia Gentry Entitled to Coat Armor, With Genealogical Notes of the Families. Richmond, VA: - , 1908.

(4) Deed, (Old) Rappahannock Deed Book 6, Page 83 (this deed is now kept in the current Essex County Courthouse). William Thornton to his wife, Elizabeth, November 4, 1679.

- (5) Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, "Some Thorntons", Pages 67-75.
- (6 1) O'Brien, Michael J., The McCarthys in Early American History. New York: Dodd, Mead and Company, 1921. Call Number: R929.2 M12
- (7 2) Ancestral Records and Portraits vol.2 The Grafton Press. New York. 1910. Page 817. Call Number: R929.1 C72 v.2
- (8) King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 246, "Luke, Jr., d.s.p., 1687 [Sweeny, p. 127-8]."
- (9) King, George Harrison Sanford, (Compiled and Published) Marriages of Richmond County, VA 1668-1853, 1964, page 175.
- (10) Wilkerson, Eva Eubank, Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock & Essex Counties, Virginia, (Whittet & Shepperson, Richmond, Virginia, 1953), Page 22, "1672 - Billington, Elitia, daughter of Luke Billington, married John Russell, Book W & D, Page 1, 114, 165."
- (11) Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, The Thornton Family (Compiled by W.G. Stanard), Pages 44-57. I have seen this article also in the William and Mary Quarterly.
- (12) Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, The Thornton Family (Compiled by W.G. Stanard), Pages 586-594.
- (13) Thornton lineage by Adelle B. Harper, in the Georgia Magazine, volume 11, number 4 (Dec. 1967), pages 32-33.

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From the genealogical column of the Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch of Sunday, October 23, 1904:" Later the following "From them was William Thornton, gentleman of the Hills, Yorkshire, who emigrated to Virginia and settled in York County 1646 in Pentworth Parish, new Gloucester County. He built his home four miles north of Gloucester Point, which he called "The Hills, after his English home. In later life he moved to Stafford County. He married THREE TIMES and had NINETEEN CHILDREN". [Marcine's note: William, Jr. married three times, no proof found that William, Sr. married three times. I believe he's got the two William's confused.]

Lineages of Hereditary Society Members, 1600s-1900s), Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors, Ancestors, Page 252.

The book says it's true but where did they find the documents that say so?

"Thornton, William (1620 -) Va.; m. Avice Russell & Elizabeth Howland (Rowland?). Landowner."

"Thornton, William (1642-1708) Va.; m. Elisie Bellington. Landowner"

Virginia County Records, VII; Gloucester County, Book 5.

Original Source Page #: 573

Name: Wm. Thornton

Date: 1665

Comment: 164 acres

More About William Thornton I:

Baptism: January 06, 1622, Chorley Parish, Lancashire, England^{9,10}

Coat of Arms: Per Burkes¹¹

Deed: November 04, 1679, Rappahannock County, Virginia¹²

Immigration: 1634, Left England for Virginia¹³

Property: Rappahannock County, Virginia Deed Book 6, Pg. 83.

Residence: February 16, 1666, Gloucester County, Virginia¹⁴

Notes for Elizabeth Rowland:

I have seen, Elizabeth Rowland, born 1627 in Lunenburg, Richmond, Va., daughter of John Rowland b: 1614 in England.

Children of William Thornton and Elizabeth Rowland are:

- + 3 i. William³ Thornton II, born March 27, 1649 in Petsworth Parish, "The Hills", Gloucester County, Virginia; died February 15, 1727 in Gloucester County, Virginia.
- + 4 ii. Colonel Francis Thornton I, born November 05, 1651 in Petsworth Parish, "The Hills", Gloucester County, Virginia; died May 10 - October 07, 1726 in King George County, Virginia.
- + 5 iii. Rowland Thornton, born 1654 in Petsworth Parish, "The Hills", Gloucester County, Virginia; died Bef. May 1701 in Richmond County, Virginia.
- 6 iv. Esther Thornton^{15,15,16}, born 1655 in Petsworth Parish, "The Hills", Gloucester County, Virginia¹⁷; died Aft. 1675 in Virginia¹⁸.

More About Esther Thornton:

Record Change: September 01, 2001¹⁹

Generation No. 3

3. William³ Thornton II (William², Roger¹) was born March 27, 1649 in Petsworth Parish, "The Hills", Gloucester County, Virginia²⁰, and died February 15, 1727 in Gloucester County, Virginia^{21,22}. He married **(1) Anne** August 24, 1671 in Virginia. She was born in I have seen this wife listed as Elizabeth Fitzhugh.. He married **(2) Prudence Willis**^{23,24} April 11, 1688 in Gloucester County, Virginia. She was born 1667 in Virginia, and died in Gloucester County, Virginia. He married **(3) Unknown Wife #3** October 20, 1720 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

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On April 26, 1704, as William Thornton "the younger" he received a grant of 110 acres of land in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester, adjoining the land of Mr. William Thornton "the elder". He was vestryman of Petsworth.

William Thornton, Will Book, Vol. 3, 1726-1734 (Reel 23), Isle of Wight County (Va.), p. 272-273. Inv. & Appr. rec. 27 Feb. 1726, p. 388-389. Accounts rec. 25 Feb. 1733. Can't be this William so who is he?

I have seen on other's genealogy where William Thornton, Jr. married Elizabeth FitzHugh on August 24, 1671. I do not have any documented confirmation of this.

Smithsons and Relatives by Jesse Hezekiah Smithson, Edited by Kenneth Wayne Smithson. This book can be found at the LDS Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City, UT:

William was a vestryman of Petsworth, Gloucester County, and owned a good deal of land in that parish. He married three times, but his Bible while giving the date of his marriages and the names and dates of birth of his fifteen children does not give names of his wives. Elizabeth Thorton Carter being the eldest child, as his first marriage took place Aug 24, 1671.

Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume II, Pages 838-861, The Fitzhugh Family, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, (with an introduction by John Frederick Dorman); indexed by Thomas L. Hollowak. Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1981. 5 v. : ill. ; 23 cm.

"...And also a deed, August 2d, 1802, from John Taliaferro, Jr., administrator of John Taliaferro, of "Hayes," deceased, who was executor of Mrs. Lucy Alexander, late of King George county, and relict of John Alexander, of "Salisbury," King George, reciting that the said Mrs. Lucy Alexander was the only surviving child of Colonel William Thornton, of King

George, many years deceased, and that the said Lucy Alexander, in her will, January 6, 1781, directed that, among other things, 50 acres should be sold and the proceeds divided between her daughters, Lucy Taliaferro, now Lucy Fitzhugh, and Mary Thornton, now Mary Posey..."

Genealogies of Virginia Families Volume V; The Thornton Family 1600s to 1800s; From the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine.

William Thornton, of Gloucester county, was born March 27, 1649, and died February 15, 1727 (Family Bible). He was married three times, viz, on August 24, 1671; April 11, 1688; and October 20, 1720; but the name of none of his wives is known. . . . Issue (1st m.): 4, Elizabeth, born August 26, 1672; 5, Margaret, born August 14, 1674; 6, Mary, born May 11, 1676; 7, Esther, born January 6, 1677; 8, Sarah, born August 17, 1679; 9, Jane, born August 10, 1681; 10, Judith, born October 22, 1683; 11, Anna, born June 15, 1681; 12, William, born September 11, 1686; (2nd m): 13, Susan, born June 11, 1686; 14, Francis; 15, Seth, born October 13, 1694; 16 and 17, William and Prudence (twins), born March 31, 1699; 18, John, born April 17, 1701; 19, Johanna, born December 3, 1703.

MISCELLANEOUS FACTS

- 1) Born March 27, 1649, according to Francis Thornton and Alice Savage Bible transcript; William, Jr. and Elizabeth had at least nine children, according to J. Duvall
- 2) Owned land adjacent to his father in 1704
- 3) Married three times, but full names of all wives are not known
- 4) Vestryman for Petsworth Parish; no issue by wife number three; according to Betty Vaughn over Prodigy network, he had daughter Prudence, who married Samuel Pryor.

More About William Thornton II:
Burial: Gloucester County, Virginia

Children of William Thornton and Anne are:

- 7 i. Elizabeth⁴ Thornton, born August 26, 1672 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia; died 1743 in Lancaster County, Virginia. She married Edward Carter June 03, 1697 in Gloucester County, Virginia; born April 09, 1671 in Barford, Lancaster County, Virginia; died 1743 in Lancaster County, Virginia.
- 8 ii. Margaret Thornton, born August 14, 1674 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia; died 1756 in King George County, Virginia (Unconfirmed).

Notes for Margaret Thornton:

I have very little information on Margaret Thornton and what I do have is not proven in anyway but comes from other researchers.

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Margaret Thornton married William Strothers on 2 Apr 1698 (King George County, VA?)

William Bryant <wmfbryant@hotmail.com>
Also shows the same marriage to William Strothers.
LDS Baptism: 23 MAY 1931
Endowment: 10 JUN 1932 Temple: SL
Sealing Child: 20 NOV 1957 Temple: SL
Note: Ancestral File Number: 1QRN-N4

Deborah Stanley <Deborah.Stanley@gecapital.com>
Marriage 1 William STROTHER b: 1665 (son of William STROTHER & Dorothy SAVAGE)
Married: 2 APR 1698 in King George County, VA (King George wasn't created until 1720 from Richmond County)
Children: Anthony STROTHER b: 1 AUG 1710 in St. George Parish, Fredericksburg, VA

To support the marriage to a Strother are the below notations. However Margaret's father, William, died 15 Feb 1727 so this couldn't be him. It could possibly be her half brother, William, born 1699.

William Thornton to Anthony Strother, lease, King George County, 1738.
William Thornton to Anthony Strother, 225 acres, King George County, 1742

These were found in Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, Pages 67-75, Some Thorntons, 1642-1826, Genealogical Publishing Company. Indexed by Robert and Catherine Barnes, Genealogical Publishing County, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland 1982.

And in William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Williamsburg, Virginia. Ser.2, v.19 (1939), p. [309]-317. By Nicklin, John Bailey Calvert, 1891-1949.

- 9 iii. Mary Thornton, born May 11, 1676 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- 10 iv. Esther Thornton, born January 06, 1677 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- 11 v. Sarah Thornton, born August 17, 1679 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- 12 vi. Jane Thornton, born August 10, 1681 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- 13 vii. Judith Thornton, born October 22, 1683 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- 14 viii. Anna Thornton, born June 15, 1685 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.

- 15 ix. William Thornton III, born September 11, 1686 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia; died in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia. Died in infancy..

Children of William Thornton and Prudence Willis are:

- 16 i. Susan⁴ Thornton, born June 11, 1688 in Gloucester County, Virginia.
 + 17 ii. Francis Thornton, born June 07, 1692 in Gloucester County, Virginia; died February 06, 1737 in Snow Creek, Franklin County, Virginia.
 18 iii. Seth Thornton, born October 13, 1694 in Gloucester County, Virginia. He married Mary; born 1700; died 1739.

Notes for Seth Thornton:

Virginia County Records SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY 1721-1800

DEEDS

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Nov. 3, 1767. John Smith of Middlesex Co. to Michael Robinson of Spts. Co. £272 10s. curr. 545 a. in Spts. Co., part of a pat, granted George Warner, etc. Witnesses, Fielding Lewis, Jno. Thornton, Seth Thornton, John Glassell, James Somerville. Augt. 3, 1768.

- 19 iv. Prudence Thornton, born March 31, 1699 in Twin, Gloucester County, Virginia. She married Samuel Pryor 1720²⁵.
 + 20 v. William Thornton III, born October 31, 1699 in Gloucester County, Virginia; died May 03, 1742 - 1745.
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July 16, 1675 - William Thornton to Francis and Rowland Thornton. [Richmond County, Virginia, Deed Book No. 5, Page 49] Since Richmond County wasn't formed until 1692, this would have been Old Rappahannock County, Virginia at the time.

[Source: Virginia Colonial Records, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Volume I, Richmond County Records, 1692-1704, Page 241]

P. 20. Deed. 6 Sept. 1692. Thomas Pace of Rappa. County, Planter and Jane his wife and Rowland Thornton of the same County, planter, and Eliz: his wife one of the Daughters of Alexand'r Flemming dec'd to Francis Thornton of the same County, Gentleman, for 5 shillings Sterling, 320 acres, now in occupation of the said Thomas "being on the River side on the North Side Rappa River in the county aforesaid and is that part of the Tract or dividnt of Land Nine hundred and sixty acres of Land given by the said Alex'r Flemming betwixt his wife and Two Children which three hundered and Twenty acres was the dividnt allotted to the said Tho Pace and Alexia his late wife the other of the Daughters of the said Alexander as by the Platt and devidnt made by Edwin Conway Surveyor Warwick Camock Fran: Stone Wm Clapham Fran: Sterne and David Sterne will more fully apppeare". Signed Fran Thornton, Tho: Pace, Jeane x Pace, Row: Thornton, Eliz: X Thornton. Wit: Hen: Berry, Ja Roy. Recorded 29 Sept. 1692. [Richmond County, VA, Deed Book No. 1, Page 20]

August 31, 1706 - Deed of Francis Thornton, of Stafford County, Parish of St. Paul's, to his daughter Sarah, wife of Lawrence Taliaferro.

Will of Francis Thornton of King George County, Virginia, Will Book 1-A (1721-1751), pp. 48-51.

Will dated May 10, 1726, probated October 7, 1726.

In the will of Francis Thornton (1651-1726), it states "I give and bequeath.....to my Loving Wife Ann Thornton".

".....after the death of my said wife Ann then the said five hundred acres of land I give and bequeath unto George Riding, the son of my wife Ann Thornton" "I give and bequeath to George Riding the son of my wife Ann Thornton, one tract or tenement of land containing one hundred and seventy odd acres which I purchased of Capt. John Washington...."

[Source: Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Compiled and Published by: George H.S. King, Page 210.]

THORNTON, FRANCIS [MAJOR] (1651-1726) of Richmond, Stafford and King George counties, married (1) 13 April 1674, Alice Savage, daughter of Captain Anthony Savage (16??-1695) of Richmond County; she was the mother of all his children. He married (2) circa 1701, Jane Harvey, widow of John Harvey of Stafford County, and (3) circa 1709, Ann ? who survived him and proved his will in King George County in 1716. Rappahannock County DB#6, p. 64; King George County COB#1, p. 330, 349 and DB#1, p. 453; Stafford County Book "Z" p. 55; Westmoreland County W&D#3, p. 439; 12T65; 19T170-173; 20T114-119; Bible record of Major Francis Thornton (1651-1726) in Virginia Historical Society. Francis was a Colonel of the Virginia Militia, and members of the House of Burgesses from Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

More About Colonel Francis Thornton I:

Deed: July 16, 1675, William Thornton to Rowland and Francis Thornton³⁹

Probate: October 07, 1726, King George County, Virginia

Will: May 10, 1726, King George County, Virginia⁴⁰

Notes for Alice Savage:

[Source: Wilkerson, Eva Eubank, Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock & Essex Counties, Virginia, (Whittet & Shepperson, Richmond, Virginia, 1953), Page 233].

1678, Thornton, Francis married Alice, daughter of Anthony Savage, Book D 6, Page 64.

[Source: The Library of Virginia. Bible Records Collection; 29533, Thornton Family Bible Record, 1651-1758. Bible printed in 1672. This accession is updated in Acc. 29785. <http://image.vtls.com/Bible/29533/0003.tiff>]

The above mentioned bible records indicate that Francis married Alice Savage on April 13, 1674 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

Notes for Jane Harvey:

Jane Harvey was a widow of John Harvey, they had no children.

Jane (nee?) Baynham? Butler Berryman Harvey Thornton died before January 23, 1716/17 (see deed below)

Jan 23, 1716/17, Anthony Thornton sold two separate parcels of (John Harvey's) land to Benjamin Berryman. In the deeds is this wording: "Jane Harvey, alias Thornton died seized in fee of ... acres of land in the County aforstd (Westmoreland) not leaving any heirs nor making any legal Disposal of the same in her lifetime"... (the earlier deeds [gifts to Anthony] had been found "insufficient to convey")

Children of Francis Thornton and Alice Savage are:

- + 23 i. Elizabeth⁴ Thornton, born January 03, 1675 in Old Rappahannoch County, Virginia (known as Essex County after 1692); died 1732 - 1733 in King George County, Virginia.
- + 24 ii. Margaret Thornton, born April 02, 1678 in Richmond County, Virginia; died 1756 in Williamsburg, King George County, Virginia.
- + 25 iii. Sarah Thornton, born December 14, 1680 in Richmond County, Virginia.
- + 26 iv. William Thornton, born December 14, 1680 in Richmond County, Virginia; died 1742 - 1743 in King George County, Virginia.
- + 27 v. Francis Thornton II, born January 04, 1682 in Stafford County, Virginia; died February 09, 1758 in Snow Creek, Frederick County, Virginia.
- + 28 vi. Rowland Thornton, born August 01, 1685 in Stafford County, Virginia; died 1741 - 1742 in King George County, Virginia.
- 29 vii. Ann Thornton, born March 22, 1689 in Stafford County, Virginia^{41,41}; died May 1726.
- + 30 viii. Captain Anthony Thornton, born September 27, 1691 in St. Paul's Parish, Stafford County, Virginia; died 1757 in Stafford County, Virginia.

Children of Francis Thornton and Ann Riding are:

- 31 i. George⁴ Riding, born in King George County, Virginia; Stepchild.
- 32 ii. Margaret Riding, born in King George County, Virginia; Stepchild.

5. Rowland³ Thornton (William², Roger¹)⁴² was born 1654 in Petsworth Parish, "The Hills", Gloucester County, Virginia, and died Bef. May 1701 in Richmond County, Virginia⁴³. He married **Elizabeth Fleming** Bef. June 01, 1691 in Richmond County, Virginia^{44,45}, daughter of Alexander Fleming and Joyce Jones. She was born circa 1668⁴⁶.

Notes for Rowland Thornton:

1634, York County, Virginia was formed (known as Charles River County until 1643).

1651, Lancaster County was formed from York and Northumberland Counties, Virginia.

1651, Gloucester County was formed from York County, Virginia.

1653, Westmoreland County was formed from Northumberland County, Virginia (part of King George County was added in 1777).

1656, (Old) Rappahannock County was formed from Lancaster County. It became extinct in 1692 when it was divided into Essex and Richmond counties.

1664, Stafford County was formed from Westmoreland County, Virginia.

1669, Middlesex County was formed from Lancaster County, Virginia.

1692, Richmond County and Essex County was formed from Old Rappahannock County, Virginia.

1720, King George County was formed from Richmond County (Part of Westmoreland County was added in 1777).

1720, Spotsylvania County was formed from Essex, King and Queen and King William Counties, Virginia.

1833, Rappahannock County was formed from Culpeper County, Virginia.

William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 17, No. 2. (Oct., 1908), pp. 73-85, Deed Book No. 1

September 6, 1692 - Thomas Pace and Jane, his wife, and Rowland Thornton and Elizabeth, his wife, one of the daughters of Alexander Fleming - Alexia, late wife of Thomas Pace, being the other--to Francis Thornton. [Richmond County, VA, Deed Book No. 1, Page 20]

[Source: Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), (Compiled and Published) by King, George H.S., Page 211-212.]

THORNTON, ROWLAND [GENTLEMAN] (165?-1701) married by 1 June 1691 Elizabeth Fleming, born circa 1668, only child of Captain Alexander Fleming and his third wife nee Joyce Jones (q.v.), p. 69-70, who married shortly after the death of Captain Fleming, Captain Lawrence Washington (1635-1677). Elizabeth (Fleming) Thornton married (2) 7 July 1703, John Jones (q.v.), p. 108. Rowland Thornton (165?-1701) was the son of William Thornton, Gentleman, who settled in York County circa 1641 and lived successively in Gloucester County 1665-76; Rappahannock County, 1679 and Richmond County, 1693. In his old age he moved to Saint Paul's Parish, Stafford County, where his son Major Francis Thornton (1651-1726) (q.v.), p. 210, was living and there in 1708 confirmed and acknowledged a deed dated 16 July 1675 to his sons Francis Thornton and Rowland Thornton for 2,000 acres of land on the north side of Muddy Creek which he had purchased 27 September 1673 from John and George Mott, the patentees. The document, of record in Richmond County DB#5, p. 49-51, states the land was then in Richmond County; it fell into King George County in 1721 and into Stafford County in 1777.

[Source: Virginia Colonial Records, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Volume I, Richmond County Records, 1692-1704, Page 241]

P. 20. Deed. 6 Sept. 1692. Tho: Pace of Rappa. County, Planter and Jane his wife and Rowland Thornton of the same County, planter, and Eliz: his wife one of the Daughters of Alexand'r Flemming dec'd to Fran: Thornton of the same County, Gentleman, for 5 shillings Sterling, 320 acres, now in occupation of the said Thomas "being on the River side on the North Side Rappa River in the county aforesaid and is that part of the Tract or dividnt of Land Nine hundred and sixty acres of Land given by the said Alex'r Flemming betwixt his wife and Two Children which three hundered and Twenty acres was the dividnt allotted to the said Tho Pace and Alexia his late wife the other of the Daughters of the said Alexander

as by the Platt and devident made by Edwin Conway Surveyor Warwick Camock Fran: Stone Wm Clapham Fran: Sterne and David Sterne will more fully appeare". Signed Fran Thornton, Tho: Pace, Jeane x Pace, Row: Thornton, Eliz: X Thornton. Wit: Hen: Berry, Ja Roy. Recorded 29 Sept. 1692. [Richmond County, VA, Deed Book No. 1, Page 20]

p. 22 Power of Atty. 6 Sept 1692. Eliz: Thornton wife of Rowland Thornton of Richmond County, to Arthur Spicer to ack above and relinq dower rights. Wit: Fran: Thornton, Tho: Pace.

p. 22. Bond for foregoing deed.

[Source: Virginia Colonial Records, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Volume I, Richmond County Records, 1692-1704, Page 255]

p. 21. Deed. 1 June 1691. "Rowland Thornton of Rappa County, in the Colony of Virginia planter and Elizabeth my wife" to Edmond Maglentina, for 3000 lb tobo, 100 acres, in Rappa Co on N. Side of river "being part of a Track of Land formerly belonging to Capt Alexander Fleming dec'd and then bequeathed to his Daughter Elizabeth by will". Adjs line of John Barrow "at the Head of Colemans Gutt so running along the said line till comes to the Main Swamp then binding up the South side of the said Swamp till come to the devident Line betwixt John Washington and Rowland Thorntons, along the said Line till comes to the River side." Signed Rowland Thornton, Eliz: x Thornton. Wit: Nabu Jones, Farmer Wheatley. Rec. 16 April 1694.

[Source: Virginia Colonial Records, Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Volume I, Richmond County Records, 1692-1704, Page 273]

p.9-A. Executors Bond. 6 May 1701. Elizabeth Thornton of Richmond County, Extx of Estate of Rowland Thornton of Rd. Col, late deceased. 60000 lb tobo. [Also issued in names of Tho: Pacie and Geo Payne whose names do not appear in the record as signing the bond.] Signed Elizabeth Thornton her mark. Wit: Wm Underwood, John Tarpley.

P.9-A. Bond. 6 May 1701. Elizabeth Thornton to Thos Pacie and George Payne, 12000 lb tobo, to hold them harmless in above. Signed and witnessed as in foregoing entry.

More About Rowland Thornton:

Deed: September 06, 1692, Rowland Thornton to Francis Thornton⁴⁷

Notes for Elizabeth Fleming:

There is a deed, Richmond County, from Rowland Thornton of Rappahonock County, planter, and wife Elizabeth, to Francis Thornton, of the same county, gentleman. In May 1701, the bond of Elizabeth Thornton, as administratrix of Rowland Thornton, of Richmond County, deceased, was recorded. No issue given.

Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649-1800, Page 205. Jones, John & Thornton, Elizabeth (wid.); bef. 7 Jul 1703; bride was a dau. of Capt. Alex. Fleming and the wid. of Rowland Thornton (d. 1701); RC DB 7:118, 120; OB 3:96, 264).

Child of Rowland Thornton and Elizabeth Fleming is:

- + 33 i. Rowland⁴ Thornton, born circa 1692 in Richmond County, Virginia; died circa 1750.

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17. Francis⁴ Thornton (William³, William², Roger¹) was born June 07, 1692 in Gloucester County, Virginia⁴⁸, and died February 06, 1737 in Snow Creek, Franklin County, Virginia⁴⁸. He married **Ann Sterling⁴⁹** circa 1716 in Brunswick County, Virginia. She was born circa 1695 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and died August 01, 1741 in Gloucester County, Virginia.

Notes for Francis Thornton:

Providence of North Carolina 1663-1729, Abstracts of Land Patents by Margaret M. Hoffmann

Patent Book Eight, Page 233

Fra. Thornton, 9 September 1714, 600 acres in Chowan precinct, joining John Burket, ye widow Erby, ye head and side of Bear Swamp, ye Branch, William Copeland, and Sandy Run. Whitwitnesses: Cha. Eden, Thos. Boyd, N. Chevin, Wm. reed, C. Gale, fra. Foster.

H-55: Mr. Francis Thornton of Caroline Co. 4452 A. in Culpeper Co. Surv. Mr. George Hume. Surplus of 852 A. in two tracts to Thornton 11 June 1732 and 20 June 1733, on Thornton R. commonly known as R. Firth, adj. Thornton's Sterling Tract, Rush R., White Walnut Run. 1 Dec 1751

Children of Francis Thornton and Ann Sterling are:

- + 34 i. John⁵ Thornton, born 1716 - 1729 in Brunswick County, Virginia; died November 10, 1754 - September 02, 1755 in Granville County, North Carolina.
- + 35 ii. William Thornton, born December 20, 1717 in Gloucester County, Virginia; died November 23, 1790 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
- 36 iii. Sterling Thornton, born circa 1721 in Brunswick County, Virginia; died circa 1751 in Brunswick County, Virginia.

20. William⁴ Thornton III (William³, William², Roger¹)⁵⁰ was born October 31, 1699 in Gloucester County, Virginia⁵⁰, and died May 03, 1742 - 1745⁵⁰. He married **Ann (Meux) Meaux⁵⁰** circa 1730 in New Kent County, Virginia⁵¹, daughter of John Meux and Elizabeth Lanley. She was born April 15, 1709 in New Kent County, Virginia⁵², and died February 09, 1787 in "Ferry Farm", King William County, Virginia⁵².

Notes for William Thornton III:

I find several different birth and death dates for this William. Until I see documentation, none are set in stone.

Birth: 31 MAY 1699 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester, VA

Death: 1745

Birth: 31 OCT 1699 in Gloucester, Virginia

Death: 1745

epitaph- "He was a loving husband, a firm father and a kind neighbor"

More About William Thornton III:

Burial: Gloucester County, Virginia⁵²

Children of William Thornton and Ann Meaux are:

- 37 i. Elizabeth⁵ Thornton⁵², born circa 1731.
- 38 ii. Ann Thornton⁵², born circa 1733.
- 39 iii. William Thornton IV⁵², born circa 1735; died in Culpeper County, Virginia⁵².
- 40 iv. John Thornton⁵², born 1737⁵².
- + 41 v. Meux Thornton, born circa 1739 in Virginia; died 1808 in Virginia.
- 42 vi. Richard Thornton⁵², born circa 1741.

23. Elizabeth⁴ Thornton (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{53,53} was born January 03, 1675 in Old Rappahannock County, Virginia (known as Essex County after 1692)⁵⁴, and died 1732 - 1733 in King George County, Virginia. She married **(1) Edwin Conway**^{55,55}. He was born circa 1640, and died 1697 - 1698 in Richmond County, Virginia. She married **(2) Jonathan Gibson** Bef. March 03, 1698 in King George County, Virginia^{55,56}. He died 1727 - 1729 in King George County, Virginia^{57,57}.

Notes for Elizabeth Thornton:

Elizabeth Thornton Will dated November 14, 1732, probated February 2, 1732/3 in King George County, Virginia.

Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649-1800, Page 147
Gibson, Jonathan & Conway, Elizabeth (wid.); bef. 3 Mar 1698; bride was a dau of Francis & Alice (Savage) Thornton & the wid. of Edwin Conway (d. RC 1698); RC OB 2:331, 396, 442, 505, 506, 517; OB 3:15; MRC: 43-44, 77: Thornton Fam. Bible (#29533, VSL)

Notes for Edwin Conway:

Edwin Conway Will dated March 19, 1697/8, probated September 7, 1698 in Richmond County, Virginia.

This branch is being researched by Fran <franinma@attbi.com>

Child of Elizabeth Thornton and Edwin Conway is:

- + 43 i. Francis⁵ Conway, Sr..

24. Margaret⁴ Thornton (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{58,58} was born April 02, 1678 in Richmond County, Virginia^{59,59}, and died 1756 in Williamsburg, King George County, Virginia. She married **William Strother** April 02, 1698 in King George County, Virginia⁶⁰, son of William Strother and Dorothy. He was born 1653 - 1665 in King George County, Virginia, and died July 26, 1726 in King George County, Virginia.

Notes for Margaret Thornton:

Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky by Wm.Kozee, p.691

William Strother married Margaret Thornton, b. 4-2-1679 dau of Francis Thornton son of the first Wm. Thornton of Gloucester County, VA and his wife Alice dau. of Capt. Anthony Savage of Gloucester County, VA

Notes for William Strother:

William Strother Will dated April 7, 1726, probated July 1, 1726 in King George County, Virginia.

Colonial Families, Volume V, Strother Family, Page 493

William Strother, V, b. 1653; d. 1726, in King George County. He lived at the original seat of his father and was a Vestryman of Hanover Parish as well as Sheriff of King George County. To William Cocke, Chicheley Corbin Thacker, Francis Thornton, Jr. (his brother-in-law), and himself there was patented, on 20th December, 1718, 6000 acres of land in St. Mary's Parish, Essex County, near the Falls of the Rappahannock. He m. circa 1694, Margaret Thornton, b. 2d April, 1678, dau. of "Capt. Anthony Savage, Esquire," Justice of Gloucester County, and High Sheriff.

More About William Strother:

Occupation: Sheriff of King George County, Virginia. W.W.T.

Child of Margaret Thornton and William Strother is:

- 44 i. Margaret⁵ Strother, born 1695 in King George County, Virginia. She married Gabriel Jones October 16, 1749⁶¹; born May 17, 1724⁶¹; died 1806⁶¹.

Notes for Gabriel Jones:

Crozier, William Armstrong, Virginia Heraldica, Being a Registry of Virginia Gentry Entitled to Coat Armor, With Genealogical Notes of the Families, New York, NY, USA: 1908.

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Jones. Frederick County.

Arms: Argent, a lion rampant vert, vulned in the breast gules.

Crest: The sun in splendour or.

Arms taken from a book plate of Gabriel Jones of Frederick county, born 17 May 1724, died 1806, the son of John Jones of Montgomery county, Wales, and Elizabeth, his wife, who came to Virginia in 1720. His mother

was born 1689, and died 1st Jan., 1745. Gabriel Jones was King's Attorney for Augusta county. He married 16 Oct., 1749, Margaret, daughter of William Strother of King George county, and widow of George Morton, by whom he had issue: (1) Margaret, married Col. John Harvie; (2) Elizabeth, third wife of John Lewis of Fredericksburg; (3) a daughter, married John Hawkins of Kentucky; (4) William Strother Jones, married Francis Thornton, widow of Dr. Horace Buckner of Culpepper.

25. **Sarah⁴ Thornton** (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{62,62} was born December 14, 1680 in Richmond County, Virginia^{63,63}. She married **Lawrence Taliaferro^{63,63}** Bef. August 31, 1706 in Richmond County, Virginia⁶⁴, son of John Taliaferro and Sally Smith. He was born 1683, and died 1726 in Essex County, Virginia (Will dated May 7, 1726, probated June 21, 1726 in Essex County, Virginia).

Notes for Sarah Thornton:

William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 17, No. 2. (Oct., 1908), pp. 73-85.

Order Book No. 3

August 31, 1706 - Deed of Francis Thornton, of Stafford county parish of St. Paul's, to his daughter Sarah, wife of Lawrence Taliaferro.

Children of Sarah Thornton and Lawrence Taliaferro are:

- 45 i. Francis⁵ Taliaferro, born in Virginia.
- 46 ii. Colonel John Taliaferro, Sr.⁶⁵, born in Virginia. He married Ann Champe⁶⁵.

Notes for Colonel John Taliaferro, Sr.:

William & Mary Quarterly, by William Buckner McGroarty, 2nd, Ser., Vol. 1, No. 3. (Jul., 1921), pp. 145-166.

Col. John Taliaferro, Sr., of "Dissington", King George, was the son of Lawrence T. and Sarah Thornton. He married Ann Champe, the daughter of Col. John Champe, Sr., of Lamb's Creek, King George, one of the wealthiest and foremost men of the colony. (Hen. 6 and 7). Col. Champe had six daughters, all noted beauties. Elizabeth married Judge Fleming. Jane married Col. Sam'l Washington; Mary married Col. Lewis Willis; Lucy married Austin Brockenbrough; Ann married col. John Taliaferro of "Dissington", and Sarah married Col. Edward Carter of "Bleinheim", Albemarle County. "Oct. 31st, 1781; St. Thomas parish; Nicholas Taliaferro and Ann Taliaferro.

Witness, Francis Taylor; Bondsman, Francis Taliaferro; Permission Ann Taliaferro." (Orange Co. M. Records).

The witness mentioned was Col. Frank Taylor, the Diarist. The bondsman was the bride's brother and permission was given by her mother.

26. William⁴ Thornton (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{66,66} was born December 14, 1680 in Richmond County, Virginia^{67,67}, and died 1742 - 1743 in King George County, Virginia. He married **Frances Bernard**^{67,67}. She died 1743 - 1745 in King George County, Virginia.

Notes for William Thornton:

William Thornton, son of Francis Thornton of Stafford county, and grandson of the immigrant, William Thornton (descended from the Thorntons of Yorkshire), was born December 14, 1680; settled in that part of Richmond county afterward known as King George county; sheriff of Richmond in 1709 and 1711; burgess for Richmond in 1712-1714, and one of the two first burgesses for King George county in 1720-1722. He married Frances ---, and died in 1743 (William Thornton Will dated November 3, 1742, probated March 4, 1742/3 in King George County, Virginia), leaving a son William. Probably he was the Thornton who represented Stafford county in 1727-1734.

[Source: Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography, Volume I-IV--Burgesses and Other Prominent Persons.]

Notes for Frances Bernard:

Frances (Bernard) Thornton Will dated January 7, 1743/4, probated April 5, 1745 in King George County, Virginia. Also in 1743, Frances Thornton, widow of William Thornton (d. 1742) of King George County, signed over her dower rights to his only son, William Thornton. (Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, Pages 67-75)

Children of William Thornton and Frances Bernard are:

- 47 i. William⁵ Thornton, born in King George County, Virginia.

Notes for William Thornton:

Frances Thornton, widow of William Thornton (d. 1742) of King George County, signed over her dower rights to his only son, William Thornton. (Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, Pages 67-75)

- 48 ii. Alice Thornton. She married Maximillian Robinson circa 1727.

Notes for Alice Thornton:

Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649-1800, Page 300.

Robinson, Capt. Maximillian & Thornton, [Alice]; c. 1727; groom was the only child of Col. Wm. (d. KGC 1742) & Francis Blomfield) Robinson; bride was a dau. of Col. Wm. Thornton (d. KGC 1742); groom mar. (2) Hannah Fauntleroy; (KGC WB A1:151, 153; MRC:260)

27. Francis⁴ Thornton II (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{68,68} was born January 04, 1682 in Stafford County, Virginia^{69,70}, and died February 09, 1758 in Snow Creek, Frederick County, Virginia. He married **Mary Taliaferro**^{71,71} September 17, 1703 in St. Marks Parish, Snow

Creek, Essex County, Virginia⁷², daughter of John Taliaferro and Sarah Smith. She was born circa 1686 in Powhattan Plantation, Essex County, Virginia, and died circa 1780 in Virginia.

Notes for Francis Thornton II:

Francis Thornton Will probated February 9, 1758 in Caroline County, Virginia. Although I've also seen a death date for him of 6 Feb 1737 in Snow Creek, Frederick County, Virginia. [Marriages of Some Virginia Residents, Page 63 indicates died 1752.]

Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, volume XXIII, number 4 (01-NOV-1985), Virginia Land Patent Book 15

FRANCIS THORNTON, 600a, NL, Spotsylvania Co., St. Marks Par.; Goardvine fork; another p. of the sd. Thornton called Shirling (p. 15). 20 Jun. 1733

Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, volume XXIII, number 4 (01-NOV-1985), Virginia Land Patent Book 15

(p. 53) FRANCIS THORNTON of St. Georges Par., Spotsylvania Co., 600a. NL, in par & co. afsd.; c. of sd. Thornton's p. in Abraham Fields line; sd. Thorn's [sic] line; Samuel Balls line; c. to Peter Russel; c. of the sd. Russels in Joseph Coopers line. 20 Jun. 1733

The date of death for Francis Thornton, II is in question and I've seen several different dates. This is most likely due to the numerous Francis' living in the area. Compelling evidence has been offered by Robert Thornton of Duluth, Georgia that "Francis III's father, Francis II, was certainly alive in November of 1748 when his son appointed him a co-executor of his estate."

Notes for Mary Taliaferro:

William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, 2nd, Ser., Vol. 1, No. 3. (Jul., 1921), pp. 145-166.

Snow Creek flows into the Rappahannock river a short distance below Fredericksburg. When John Taliaferro and Francis Thornton settled there, that section belonged to Essex Co. and they were near neighbors and brothers-in-law, the latter having married the former's sister, Mary. The act creating Spotsylvania Co. (1720), specified Snow Creek as its Southern boundary. This threw John Taliaferro into the new county and left Francis Thornton in the old. According to the Westover Papers, John Taliaferro settled at Snow Creek in 1707.

John Taliaferro of "Snow Creek" was the son of John Taliaferro (the first to bear the name of John in Va.) and the grandson of Robert Taliaferro the immigrant.

Mary Thornton (1731-1757), wife of Capt. Nicholas Battaile, was the daughter of the second Francis Thornton and Mary Taliaferro, his wife. He was the son of Francis Thornton and Alice Savage and grandson of William Thornton, the immigrant. (16) Col. John Thornton, the infant's maternal great-uncle. His wife was Mildred Gregory, one of the three Gregory sisters, who married Thornton brothers. They were the daughters of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington, aunt and Godmother to the President.

Col. John Thornton and his wife, Mildred (Gregory), were sponsors for the next child, Warner Lewis, 1755; and for Samuel, another son, the sponsors were Rev. Musgrove Dawson and wife (Notes 24 and 32), and Mr. Joseph Jones and wife, the latter another daughter of Mrs. Mary (Catlett) Taliaferro, the daughter, Mary, mentioned in the will of her father, 1744. For the son, Lawrence, 1767, one of the sponsors was Mr. Francis Thornton; another Francis Thornton was a fellow sponsor with Col. Charles Washington and Betty Lewis at the christening of her grandson, Samuel, in 1780.

Most of the sponsors here mentioned were closely related to the parents of Nicholas Taliaferro by blood or marriage, or both. As has been noted elsewhere the wives of the three Thornton brothers were sisters, and first cousins of Betty Washington Lewis.

In passing it is interesting to note that one of the Excrs to the elder Charles Taliaferro's will was Francis Thornton, whose wife was Mary, the sister of John Taliaferro of Snow Creek and a niece of the decedent; one of the witnesses to the will was Thomas Slaughter, whose wife was Sarah, Francis Thornton's daughter. The grouping of these people in this connection may give a hint as to the identity

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of Sarah Taliaferro, the daughter-in-law. She was probably a Slaughter. "Bishop Meade says that Col. George Taylor had fourteen sons of whom seven served in the Rev. Army and that thirteen held office under the Government at one time. Mr. Stanard says that Col. Geo. Taylor was Burgess from Orange co. 1748-58, Member Orange Co. Committee, 1774, and of the Va. Convention, 1775." (Hayden, p. 673). (27) Erasmus Taylor was the brother of Col. George. He married Jane Moore. Their daughter, Milly, married Wm. Morton. Jane Moore was the daughter of John and Rebecca (Catlett) Moore, who was the widow of the first Francis Conway and whose daughter, Nelly Conway, half-sister to Jane Moore, married Col. James Madison. They were the parents of the President. Col. Frank Taylor, in his diary, quoted by Dr. Slaughter, records, "July 19, 1794, died, Erasmus Taylor, eighty three years old." (28) She was Sarah Thornton, the infant's great aunt, and sister of Col. John, Reuben and Francis Thornton 3d. Her husband was Thomas Slaughter, the witness to the will of Charles Taliaferro, of which her father, Francis Thornton 2d, was an Eexc'r. Thomas Slaughter4 (Robt.3, Francis2, Francis1) was the great-grandson of the first Francis Slaughter and Elizabeth Under- wood, who married, 2d, the first Col. John Catlett. He was a vestryman in St. Mark's. (29) Not able to identify; presumably a daughter of Thomas and Sarah.

Nicholas Merriwether was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thornton) Merriwether and grandson of Francis and Mary (Taliaferro) Thornton.

(58) It is somewhat remarkable that Nicholas Taliaferro had not earlier introduced the name of Washington among his children, for his kinship with that family was close. His three great-uncles, Thornton brothers, had married the three Gregory sisters who were Washington's first cousins, and their children, who, in turn, had married Washingtons, were

his mother's own cousins; these were Mildred (of Francis) who m. Charles Washington, Mildred (of Col. John) who m. Col. Sam'l Washington, and John (of Francis) who m. Jane Washington -- the President's two brothers and niece. In addition, Elizabeth Thornton (of Col. John) had m. Col. John Taliaferro, of "Dissington", the brother of Ann, his wife, whose maternal aunt, Jane Champe, had been the first wife of Col. Sam'l Washington and whose maternal uncle, Wm. Champe, had m. Mary Thornton (of Francis), the sister of Mildred and John who had married Charles and Jane W., and own cousin of Mildred (of Col. John), the 2d wife of Col. Sam'l W. A blood relationship so often repeated and so involved, could not well be forgotten. Another link connecting the two families (Note 18) was the marriage of Lucy Taliaferro, the aunt of Nicholas, with Col. Charles Lewis, brother to Fielding Lewis, who had married into the Washington family twice.

9. Thornton, Francis - Here lies the body of Francis Thornton who departed this life the seventh of April Anno Dom One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine in the thirty eighth year of his age. (Stone renewed August 1881) [Oldest marked grave in cemetery]

10. One obelisk marker for the following four individuals: Forbes, David Sterling. February 3, 1835 December 24, 1908 Thornton, Delia Smith Forbes. July 6, 1818 1881 Forbes, Sally Innes Thornton. January 11, 1799 1885 Bastable, Katherine Marshall Forbes. July 25, 1822 Oct 1896

11. Thornton, Francis - To our Father. Here Lie the Remains of Francis Thornton of Fall Hill. Born at the Falls 11th June 1767. Died at the White Sulphur Springs, VA 15 July 1836. Married 2nd June 1792 Sally daughter of Judge Harry Innes and Elizabeth Callaway, who bore him four sons and four daughters and Died 2nd May 1807 in Frankfort, KY. (note: This is the grandson of the other Francis Thornton buried here.)

13. Thornton, Butler Brayne - Died August 3rd 1833. Aged 26.

18. Next to these is a plaque for Mary Walker placed here in 1970. Mary Thornton Walker Beloved wife of Groom Ware Walker 1869-1927 and a descendent of Augustine Washington 1694-1743 Father of Gen'l G. Washington M. 1st 1715 Jane Butler Augustine Washington, Jr. 1720-1762 M. Anne Aylett Jane Augusta Washington 1756-1833 M. 1784 John Thornton Lieut. Col. 3rd Virginia. RGT. C.L. (Her cousin) Frances Gregory Thornton 1792-1828 (C) M. 1806 Dr. George Alexander Thornton (Her cousin) Alfred Augustine Thornton 1810-1869 M. 1834 Delia Smith Forbes (His cousin) George Alexander Thornton 1837-1887 Lieut. Of Artillery C.S.A. M. 1863 Ella Spencer Roberts Mary Thornton 1871-1943 M. 1889 Groom Ware Walker Reinterred 1970

I won't try to give a description or genealogy of all those interred here, but will give a few highlights about Francis Thornton and his family. Francis' father, also Francis Thornton, patented this land in 1720. It covered the area from the cemetery, upstream to just about where the Embrey Dam is located. He built a grist mill just above where the Falmouth bridge is today located (a sign marks its location on River Road). In 1736, his son, Francis married Frances Gregory and built his home next to the current cemetery (site of what is now known

as the George Washington Executive Center). Frances was the daughter of Mildred Washington Gregory Willis making her a cousin to George Washington and a step-daughter to the town's first entrepreneur, Henry Willis. Additionally, Francis and Frances' daughter, Mildred, and their niece, Mildred (daughter of Francis' brother John), both married brothers of George Washington; Charles and Samuel, respectively. Francis and his two brothers, John and Reuben, married three Gregory sisters and were active in the town's early history. John purchased the Long Ordinary from Henry Willis' estate. Francis was elected to the Spotsylvania county court and to St. George's vestry in 1734, headed the county militia from 1742 until his death, and was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1744 (John also served there from 1753-55).

Additionally, the Thornton family had ties to several other prominent families of the area including: Taliaferro, Fitzhugh, Lewis, Woodford, Strother, Conway, Taylor, and Madison. (Yes, THAT Madison.) Many people ask why the east side of the cemetery wall juts out around the grave of William Storke. The last family owner of "The Falls" was Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Thornton) Fitzgerald, the great-granddaughter of Francis Thornton. Her neighbors were the Storkes who lived at the other great estate at that end of town, "Bunker Hill", located approximately 100 years to the south of the cemetery. Since Mr. Storke was a Washington (and a distant cousin of Mrs. Fitzgerald) and they were neighbors of the Thorntons/Fitzgeralds, it was naturally assumed that they would also be interred into the family cemetery. So when they died in 1847, they were interred. The Fitzgeralds were in Europe at the time. Upon their return, Mrs. Fitzgerald was quite unhappy, and following her husband's death in 1852, she had a wall erected around the cemetery going right through the grave of her cousin William Storke. She is noted to have said, "I'll put the Washington side of him in the cemetery and the Storke side of him on the outside." The wall remained until the 1970s when the cemetery had fallen into great disrepair. In 1977 the city of Fredericksburg formally assumed responsibility for upkeep of the cemetery and the wall was repaired as an Eagle Scout project. Today it is a well maintained "attraction" honoring the pioneers of the area.

Children of Francis Thornton and Mary Taliaferro are:

- 49 i. Sarah⁵ Thornton^{73,74}, born 1704 - 1720 in Virginia. She married Thomas Slaughter⁷⁴.

Notes for Sarah Thornton:

The Family Register of Nicholas Taliaferro with Notes; Wm. and Mary Qrtly., 2nd, Vol.1, No. 3

Sarah Thornton, the infant's great aunt, and sister of Col. John, Reuben and Francis Thornton 3d. Her husband was Thomas Slaughter, the witness to the will of Charles Taliaferro, of which her father, Francis Thornton 2d, was an Eexc'r. Thomas Slaughter⁴ (Robt.3, Francis2, Francis1) was the great-grandson of the first Francis Slaughter and Elizabeth Underwood, who married, 2d, the first Col. John Catlett. He was a vestryman in St. Mark's.

- 50 ii. Mary Thornton, born 1706 in Virginia⁷⁵; died 1757 in Virginia⁷⁵. She married Captain Nicholas Battaile 1725⁷⁵; born 1701⁷⁶.
- + 51 iii. Colonel John Thornton, born 1706 - 1715 in Virginia; died 1777.
- + 52 iv. Alice Thornton, born circa 1708 in Virginia.
- + 53 v. Elizabeth Thornton, born 1710 - 1715 in Virginia.
- + 54 vi. Colonel Francis Thornton III, born circa 1711 in "The Hills" near Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia; died April 07, 1749 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.
- 55 vii. Reuben Thornton⁷⁷, born 1711 - 1720 in Caroline County, Virginia; died 1768. He married Elizabeth Gregory April 29, 1743 in St. George Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia⁷⁸; born circa 1725 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia⁷⁹.
- 56 viii. Mildred Thornton⁸⁰, born March 09, 1721 in Virginia. She married Samuel Washington⁸⁰; born November 16, 1734.

28. Rowland⁴ Thornton (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{81,81} was born August 01, 1685 in Stafford County, Virginia, and died 1741 - 1742 in King George County, Virginia⁸². He married **Elizabeth Catlett**^{83,83} Bef. March 24, 1716 in Hanover Parish, Richmond County, Virginia, daughter of John Catlett, Jr.. She was born September 06, 1689, and died 1751 in King George County, Virginia.

Notes for Rowland Thornton:

Rowland Thornton Will dated September 21, 1741 and probated March 5, 1741/2 in King George County, Virginia.

Will of Rowland Thornton, Gent, of King George County:

In the name of God Amen, I Rowland Thornton of the parish of Hanover in the County of King George being of Perfect sence and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

Imprimis: I give to my son Francis Thornton all my land lying in Spotsylvania County near the great falls as also one tract of Land lying in King George county containing three hundred acres it being the land whereon he now dwells which said two tracts of Land I give to my son Francis and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my loving wife Elizabeth Thornton the followig five negroes viz: Frank, Robin, Peter, Caesar and Bess to her and her heirs forever. I also give my said wife the use of my two negroes Joe & Jenny during her life and after her decease my will is that my daughter Elizabeth Thornton have my said negroe Jenny and my daughter Alsey to have negroe Joe. I also give my loving wife Elizabeth her first choice of Thirty head of cattle out of my whole stock together with all my stock of Hogs as also all my household goods with all my personal Estate both in Virginia and England to enable her to pay my debts and Legacies except such particulars as I shall hereafter give to my children.

Item: My will and desire is that my wife Elizabeth have the use of my dwelling plantation with all the Land belonging to it on the upper side of crows swamp during her natural life and then to my son Francis and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Thornton my whole right title property and interest (to a purchase I made jointly with Colonel John Catlett my wife's Father) one moiety of five hundred acres of land lying in Caroline county and being the land Dorothy Roy now dwells on which said moiety of land containing two hundred and fifty acres (if recovered from the heirs of Charles Smith who mortgaged the same to Micajah Perry Merchant in London of whom the said Catlett and I made the purchase), I give to my daughter Elizabeth and her heirs forever. And in case the law is such that the said land be not recovered from the heirs of the said Charles Smith then I give to my Daughter Elizabeth all the money that shall or may be hereafter recovered by virtue of the said purchased mortgage.

Item: I give to my daughter Elizabeth the following twelve negroes viz: Tom, Kate, Little Bess, Stephen, Sias, Hannibal, Judy, Grace, Moll alias Poll, Ben, Ralph, and Phillis.

Item: I give to my daughter Elizabeth thirty pounds sterling also a good feather bed and furniture, a black horse called Button with her side saddle and furniture, a mare call'd Phenix and her next choice of eight head of catle after her mother. I also give to my daughter Elizabeth negroe Jenny after my wives decease.

Item: My will is that my daughter Alcey have the use of my Quarter with the Land adjoining to it below Crows swamp untill she marries then I give the said land to my son Francis and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Alcey the following fourteen negroes viz: Caesar, Floria, Frank, Nan, Milly, Ester, Bristol, Sibby, Jeffery, Harry, Titus, Mariah, Davy and Jenny. I also give to my daughter Alcey her choice of eight head of cattle of the remaining part of my cattle with one good feather bed and furniture and five pounds sterling to buy her a side saddle. I also give to my daughter Alcey negroe Joe after my wives decease.

Item: I give to my son Francis the remainig part of my negroes not herin bequeathed and fifty pounds sterling together with the remaining part of my cattle and also my new Gun, pistols, Holsters, Sumpter and new trooping saddle.

Item: My will is that my Estate be not appraised and lastly I constitute and appoint my loving brother Anthony Thornton and my son Francis Thornton executors of this my last will and testament hereby making void all wills by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale this 21st day of September 1741.
Roland Thornton *Seale*

Signed sealed published and declared to be his last will & Testament in presence of us:
William Mackay

John Moore

Will dated 21 September 1741 Will proved 5 March 1741/2, Part of index to wills not listed in Virginia Wills and Administrations, 1632-1800 (Torrence). The Library of Virginia <http://eagle.vsla.edu/cgi-bin/torrence.gateway?authority=0030-83280&conf=0>
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Rowland Thornton was a vestryman of Hanover Parish between the years 1723 and 1779. [Source Information: Meade, William. Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia, Volume II. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott, 1857.]

[Source: Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Volume II, Essex County, Wills and Deeds, 1714-1717, Page 46]

p. 335. Lease and Release. 8 and 9 December 1714. John Spicer, Junr of Sittenbourne Parish in Richmond County, Gent., buys from Rowland Thornton of Hanover Par. Richmond County, planter, all that part of 2750 acres "w'ch in Right belongeth to him" in Essex County, adj. land formerly granted to Alexander Ffleming 17 April 1667. Signed Rowland Thornton. Wit: Nicho Smith, James Phillips. Rec. 13 January 1714/15.

Family Archive #503 Genealogical Records: Virginia Colonial Records, 1600s-1700s, English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records, County Officers, Page 47
King George County, Virginia
Coroner: Wm. Thornton
Justices of the Peace: " ...Rowland Thornton..."

Notes for Elizabeth Catlett:
Elizabeth (Catlett) Thornton Will dated September 2, 1748, probated September 5, 1751 in King George County, Virginia.
King George Co, VA Will Book 1, pgs 264-65:
Will of Elizabeth Thornton
In the Name of God Amen, this Second day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Forty eight. I Elizabeth Thornton of the County of King George being sick in body but of good and perfect memory (thanks be to Almighty God) do make constitute ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testament & Testaments, Will or Wills heretofore by me made or declared either by word or writing and this is to be taken only for my Last Will & Testament and none other.

And first repenting earnestly for my former sins and humbly desireing forgiveness for the same after I give and commit my soul to God Almighty, I give and dispose of my temporal estate as follows, that is to say after all my debts are duely satisfied and paid by Francis Thornton my son and by John Fitzhugh my son in law both whom I leave and appoint to be my Executor's of this my last Will and Testament.

Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my daughter Alce Fitzhugh my two Negroes Caesar & Bess and what money I have at my death as also all my wearing cloaths either made up or unmade and my grey horse called Baldwin or Blewbird.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson William Thornton my silver watch and my desk.

Item: I give and bequeath to my grandson Francis Thornton all my silver tea spoons and my gunn.

Item: My will is that my son Francis Thornton and my daughters Elizabeth Thornton and Alse Fitzhugh shall each have a Mourning Ring out of my estate.

Item: My will is also that all the remainder of my estate (which I have not already given away) may be divided equally between my son Francis Thornton and my daughter Alse Fitzhugh, as witness my hand and seale.

Her
Elizabeth [E] Thornton
Mark

In presence of us

John Brown

George Riding

At a Court held for King George County on Thursday, September 5th 1751.

The Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Thornton, Deceased, was presented into Court by Francis Thornton and John Fitzhugh, her Executors who made oath thereto and the same was proved by the oaths of John Brown and George Riding and admitted to record.

Copa. Test

Harry Turner, C.C.

Children of Rowland Thornton and Elizabeth Catlett are:

- 57 i. Elizabeth⁵ Thornton, born 1716 - 1742 in Hanover Parish, Richmond County, Virginia.
- 58 ii. Francis Thornton, born 1716 - 1742 in Hanover Parish, Richmond County, Virginia.
- + 59 iii. Alice Thornton, born August 21, 1729 in "Crowes, " King George County, Virginia; died March 05, 1790 in "Bellaire, " Stafford County, Virginia.
- + 60 iv. Presley Thornton, born 1730 in Hanover Parish, Richmond County, Virginia; died 1812.

30. Captain Anthony⁴ Thornton (Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{84,84} was born September 27, 1691 in St. Paul's Parish, Stafford County, Virginia, and died 1757 in Stafford County,

Virginia. He married **Winifred Presley** Bef. August 12, 1748 in Stafford County, Virginia⁸⁵, daughter of Peter Presley and Winifred Griffin.

Notes for Captain Anthony Thornton:

Anthony Thornton Will dated January 3, 1757, probated November 8, 1757 in Stafford County, Virginia.

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(On margin: Page 101-102, THORNTON's Lease to BERRYMAN)

THIS INDENTURE made the fourteenth day of May in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland, King, Defender of the faith &c., And in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty eight; Between ANTHONY THORNTON of the Parish of ST. PAUL in the County of STAFFORD, Gentleman, of one part and BENJAMIN BERRYMAN of the Parish of Washington in the County of Westmoreland, Gentleman, of the other part. Witnesseth that ANTHONY THORNTON in consideration of the sum of five shillings to him in hand paid by BENJAMIN BERRYMAN the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto BENJAMIN BERRYMAN all those plantations tracts of land situate in Parish of Washington and County of Westmoreland containing by estimation One hundred and fifty acres one part thereof begining at a marked Beach standing in a Swamp that falls into Capt. BERRYMAN's MILL DAM, at a place called IVY POINT and runing North North West twenty poles to a marked Locus Post standing in the Old Field, thence West by South two hundred poles to a marked Oak, thence North by West eighty poles to a marked red Oak standing on the BEVERDAM of MACHOTIOUE, the Fork, thence down the Dam North East forty poles East by North one hundred and fifty poles, South East by South one hundred and ten poles to a marked tree standing in the first mentioned Swamp. thence up the Swamp to the first station, the Land containing One hundred and Twenty three acres, being granted to ANTHONY THORNTON by Patent from the Proprietor's Office dated the Second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixteen as in and by the same will more fully appear. And the remaining twenty and seven acres being part of the abovesaid one hundred and fifty acres as by a particular Deed of Exchange thereof made between my Father, FRANCIS THORNTON. deced., and the said BENJAMIN BERRYMAN, which land, Begining at a place called the IVY POINT close and adjoining to the BEAVERDAM and so extending up a Branch to a line of fifty acres of land and all that upper end of the said fifty acres towards RICE HOOE's MILL being by estimation seven acres be the same more or less, the other twenty acres is taken out of another parcel of land belonging to said BERRYMAN, begining at a marked Beach standing in a deep Branch thence up the Branch till it sets of with a line of posts cross the Old Field one hundred and sixty poles to a marked white Oak standing in another Branch the line being a paralell line of the One hundred and fifty acres being formerly GILES's Land and to containe Twenty acres with the

other seven makes up the quantity of twenty and seven acres of land in all containing One hundred and fifty acres as abovesaid. Together with all houses orchards commodities and appurtenances to the land and premises belonging: To have and to hold the land and premises with appurtenance unto BENJAMIN BERRYMAN his heirs during the full term of one whole year paying therefore the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corne on the Birth Day of our Lord God if lawfully demanded to the intent that by virtue of these presents and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession BENJAMIN BERRYMAN may be in the actual possession of all the premises and be thereby enabled to take a release of the inheritance thereof to him and his heirs; In Witness whereof ANTHONY THORNTON hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above writte Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

FRANCIS SANDS.
JAMES DISHMAN

ANTHONY THORNTON

Westmoreld. ss. At a Court held for the sd. County the 25th day of September 1728 ANTHONY THORNTON. Gent., personally acknowledged this Lease of Land by him passed to BENJAMIN BERRYMAN, Gent.. to be his proper act and deed, which at the instance of the said BERRYMAN. is admitted to Record

Test G. TURBERVILLE. C. C. W.

Recorded the Third day of October 1728 pr. G.T.. C.C.W.

(On margin: THORNTON's Release to BERRYMAN)

THIS INDENTURE made the fifteenth day of May in the first year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the grace of God of Great Brittain France and Ireland. King. Defender of the faith &c.. and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty eight: Between ANTHONY THORNTON of the Parish of ST. PAUL in the County of STAFFORD, Gentleman, of one part and BENJAMIN BERRYMAN of the Parish of Washington in the County of Westmoreland, Gentleman. of other part; Witnesseth that ANTHONY THORNTON in consideration of the sum of Seventy pounds Sterling to him in hand paid by BENJAMIN BERRY the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath and by these presents doth bargain and sell unto BENJAMIN BERRYMAN his heirs (the said BENJAMIN BERRYMAN being in actual possession of the land and premises by virtue of a Lease thereof made and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession) all those plantations tracts of land lying in Parish of Washington in the County of Westmoreland containing by estimation one hundred and fifty acres, (this Release continues with the description of the bounds of the three parcels of land that make up the amount of land as in the foregoing Lease); To have and to hold the land and premises with appurtenances unto BENJAMIN BERRYMAN his heirs free and clear from all incumbrances and that he shall warrant and forever defend the land and premises to BENJAMIN BERRYMAN his heirs against the claims of all manner of persons: in Witness whereof ANTHONY THORNTON hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day month and year first above written

Sealed and Delivered in the presence of

FRANCIS SANDS
JAMES DISHMAN

ANTHONY THORNTON

June the 6th 1728: Then received of BENJA: BERRYMAN seventy pounds Sterling being the consideration of the within mentioned Deed. Witness my hand the day month and year abovesaid

FRANCIS SANDS.
JAMES DISHMAN

ANTHONY THORNTON

Westmoreld. Ss. At a Court held for the sd County the 25th day of September 1728 ANTHONY THORNTON, Gent. personally acknowledged this Release of Land by him passed to BENJAMIN BERRYMAN. Gent., together with the Receipt for the consideration money thereon endorsed, to be his proper act and deed. And GEORGE TURBERVILLE. by virtue of a Power of Attorney duly proved to him for that purpose made by WINNIFRED, Wife of the said ANTHONY THORNTON. relinquished her, the said WINNIFRED's Right of Dower and Thirds in and to the Lands by the said Deed to be conveyed, which at the instance of the Sd BERRYMAN are admitted to Record

Test G. TURBERVILLE. C C W.

Recorded the Third day of October 1728 pr G T. C C W

(On margin: THORNTON's Power Atto. to TURBERVILLE)

I WINNIFRID THORNTON, Wife of ANTHONY THORNTON of STAFFORD County, Gent., do hereby authorize and empower GEORGE TURBERVILLE Gent., my Attorney in Westmoreland County Court for to acknowledge my Right of Dower and Thirds at ye Common Law to a certain tract of land sold and conveyed by my Husband, ANTHONY THORNTON, to BENJAMIN BERRYMAN. Gent., by a certain Deed of Release, ratifying and confirming all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done in the premises by virtue of these presents; As Witness my hand this fifteenth day of May Anno Dom:

1728

Sealed & Delivered in the presence of

FRANCIS LACON.

RICHD: BERNARD

WINIFRED THORNTON

JAMES BAXTER

Westmoreld. Ss. At a Court held for the Sd County the 25th day of September 1728 This Power of Attorney from WINNIFRED THORNTON, Wife of ANTHONY THORNTON, Gent., to GEORGE TURBERVILLE, Gent., was presented into Court by the sd. TURBERVILLE and proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto, and is admitted to Record

Test G. TURBERVILLE, C. C. W.

Recorded the Third day of October 1728 pr. G. T., C. C. W.

Notes for Winifred Presley:

Diary of John Blair: William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 8, No. 1. (Jul., 1899), pp. 1-17.

(1) "On Friday last James McGuire for murder and William Simmons for robbery (suppos'd an accomplice in the murder of Col. Presley) were executed in this city. They both behaved penitently, and confesed the facts for which they died". - Virginia Gazette, January 24, 1751. Colonel Presley thus mentioned was Colonel Peter Presley, of "Northumberland House", who was murdered by his own servants. He was the last of his name in Northumberland. His

daughter and heiress, Winifred, married Anthony Thornton, of Stafford county, and was mother of Hon. Presley Thornton, of the colonial Council, who died December 8, 1769 - QUARTERLY IV., pp. 93, 163.

William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 8, No.3. (Jan., 1900), pp. 187-191. (PERSONAL NOTICES FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE. Virginia Gazette, edited by William Rind, January, 1769 to January, 1770.)

On Friday died at his house in Northumberland county the Hon. Presley Thornton, Esq., one of his Majesty's council in this Colony &c. Dec. 14.

Children of Anthony Thornton and Winifred Presley are:

- 61 i. Winfred⁵ Thornton.
- + 62 ii. Honorable Presley Thornton, born March 02, 1720 in Northumberland County, Virginia (Exact date not confirmed); died December 08, 1769 in Cod's Creek, Northumberland County, Virginia.
- + 63 iii. Francis Thornton, born July 20, 1725 in St. Paul's Parish, King George County, Virginia; died August 03, 1784 in King George County, Virginia.
- + 64 iv. Anthony Thornton, born November 15, 1727 in "Ormesley", Caroline County, Virginia.
- 65 v. Judith Presley Thornton, born October 03, 1731 in King George County, Virginia⁸⁶; died October 11, 1733 in King George County, Virginia⁸⁷.
- 66 vi. Peter Thornton, born March 29, 1734⁸⁷.

33. Rowland⁴ Thornton (Rowland³, William², Roger¹) was born circa 1692 in Richmond County, Virginia, and died circa 1750⁸⁸.

Notes for Rowland Thornton:

King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 212.

"Rowland Thornton (169?-ante 1750), planter, of King George County. 1714 conveyed land in Essex County as the heir of his grandfather Fleming and in 1716 was guardian to John and Elizabeth Jones, probably his half-brother and sister. 1723 and 1725 leased portions of his 1,000 acre Muddy Creek tract inherited from his father. The name of his wife is unknown; they had two sons, Rowland Thornton and Colonel William Thornton.

Children of Rowland Thornton are:

- + 67 i. Rowland⁵ Thornton, born Aft. 1710; died 1755.
- + 68 ii. Colonel William Thornton, born Aft. 1711; died 1776.

Generation No. 5

34. **John⁵ Thornton** (Francis⁴, William³, William², Roger¹) was born 1716 - 1729 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and died November 10, 1754 - September 02, 1755 in Granville County, North Carolina⁸⁹. He married **Sarah Eaton** October 17, 1747 in Granville County, North Carolina, daughter of William Eaton and Mary. She died Aft. 1759 in Granville County, North Carolina.

Notes for John Thornton:

Granville County, North Carolina

Will date: 10 Nov 1754; Probate Date: 02 Sep 1755

Abstract: Wife and Executrix: Sarah (three negroes). Son: Francis (lands in Granville). Daughter: Mary Thornton (lands in Virginia and Northampton County). Executor: Robert Jones, Jr. Witnesses: William Person, Mary Jordan, William Lankford. Clerk of the Court: Daniel Weldon.

The Granville District of North Carolina, 1748-1763, Abstracts of Land Grants, Volume 2, by Margaret M. Hoffmann.

Patent Book 11, Page 354

William Eaton, 26 October 1752, 180 acres in Granville County on both sides of Anderson's Swamp OR: /s/ Willm. Eaton Wits: Jno Haywood, Jno Pryor (?), surveyed 8 March 1750 SCC: John Thornton, Little Spivey, Dan Weldon Surveyor.

Notes for Sarah Eaton:

North Carolina Wills and Inventories

William Eaton's Will.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter, Sarah Johnson, Wife of Charles Johnson, all the Slaves and Personal Estate whereof I Possessed her in the Lifetime of her former Husband, John Thornton, And it is my Will and desire that the said Slaves with their Increase, and personal Estate, shall go, descend, pass & remain according to the disposition made of them respectively, by the last Will and Testament of the said John Thornton. Also I give to my said Daughter five Shillings, Virginia Currency.

Children of John Thornton and Sarah Eaton are:

- 69 i. Francis⁶ Thornton, born January 22, 1747 in Granville County, North Carolina; died December 1808 in Cub Creek, Charlotte, Virginia.
- 70 ii. Mary Thornton, born 1747 - 1759 in Granville County, North Carolina.
- 71 iii. Thomas Thornton, born 1747 - 1759 in Granville County, North Carolina.

35. **William⁵ Thornton** (Francis⁴, William³, William², Roger¹) was born December 20, 1717 in Gloucester County, Virginia⁹⁰, and died November 23, 1790 in Brunswick County, Virginia⁹¹. He married **Jane Sterling Clack** January 25, 1738 in Brunswick County, Virginia, daughter of James Clack and Mary Sterling. She was born June 09, 1721 in Gloucester County, Virginia^{92,93}, and died in Gloucester County, Virginia.

Notes for William Thornton:

William Thornton, son of Francis Thornton of Gloucester county, was born December 20, 1717, and removed to Brunswick county. He was a member of the house of burgesses from Brunswick from 1756 to 1768, inclusive. He married, June 25, 1738, Jane Clack, born January 9, 1721, daughter of James Clack, of Brunswick county. His will was proved in Brunswick county, November 23, 1790.

[Source: Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography, Volume I-IV--Burgesses and Other Prominent Persons]

Clark, Peyton Neale, Old King William Homes and Families, (John P. Morton and Company, 1897, Louisville, Kentucky), Page 105.

William Thornton. Son of Francis Thornton... Born December 20, 1717. Burgess from Brunswick County, 1756-1768. Married June 25, 1736, Jane, probably daughter of Sterling Clack. He left thirteen children. His sons were: Francis, born June 25, 1738; James, born July 11, 1743; John, born September 13, 1744; Francis, born January 22, 1747; William, born April 14, 1751; Sterling, born August 12, 1753; Reuben, born March 28, 1756, and Peter Presley.

Notes for Jane Sterling Clack:

Author: Donna Edwards Date: 16 Aug 2005 11:22 PM GMT

In Reply to: Re: Wills of Sterling Thornton and John Seawell - Gloucester, VA by: Stella Cotrill

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This is what I have on Jane and William.

Generation No. 1

1. JANE 3 CLACK (JAMES2, JAMES1) was born 09 Jan 1721 in Gloucester Co., Va, and died Abt. 1792. She married WILLIAM THORNTON 25 Jan 1738 in Brunswick Co., VA, son of FRANCIS THORNTON and ANN STERLING. He was born 09 Jun 1721 in Gloucester Co., Va, and died 02 Nov 1790 in Brunswick, now Halifax Co., VA.

Children of JANE CLACK and WILLIAM THORNTON are:

i. ELIZABETH4 THORNTON.

ii. MARY THORNTON.

iii. ANN STERLING CLACK THORNTON, m. BENJAMIN BALDWIN, 11 Jun 1807, Charlotte, VA.

iv. JANE THORNTON.

v. JAMES THORNTON, b. 11 Jul 1743; m. ELIZABETH JONES SMITH, Oxford or Granville Co., NC.

vi. JOHN THORNTON, b. 13 Sep 1744; d. 1822; m. CATHERINE YATES, 1789.

vii. FRANCIS THORNTON, b. 22 Jan 1747; m. (1) JANE* BOSWELL; m. (2) UNKNOWN LACY.

viii. WILLIAM THORNTON, b. 14 Apr 1751, Brunswick, Brunswick, VA; m. SARAH GOODRICH, 16 Feb 1774, Brunswick Co., VA; b. Aft. 1755, Brunswick, Brunswick, VA.

ix. STERLING CLACK THORNTON, b. 12 Aug 1753, Gloucester Co., Va; d. 1790, Gloucester Co., VA; m. MRS. MARY JONES, Bet. 12 Feb - 17 Mar 1777, Amalia Co., VA.

x. REUBEN THORNTON, b. 28 Mar 1756; m. PRUDENCE JONES, 06 Mar 1784, Amelia Co., VA.

xi. HON. PETER PRESLEY CLACK THORNTON, b. 12 Nov 1765, Brunswick Co., VA; d. 06 Aug 1856, Amherst Co., VA; m. MARY/ELISABETH MCCULLOCK, 17 May 1792; b. 25 Feb 1771, Amherst Co., VA; d. 19 Sep 1851.

Now then I also have this under my notes on the wife of John Seawell: *In the unabridged version of Maria Edwards's account of the Seawell family, written on 22 June 1859, is the following:

A description of the marriage of John Seawell to Jane Boswell, widow of Sterling Thornton, and named two step-sons, Francis Thornton and Sterling Thornton, who "were fond of him". Then she goes on to describe these two Thorntons:

"Sterling, the elder (from whom my husband and mother got their names) was a man of wealth and influence and a very polished gentleman, was a great racer and owner of the celebrated horse. He had but one son, a young man named John, who was a student at Wm. & Mary College when he died. His death occurred in this wise: Returning home to spend Christmas, he was detained on the shore at Yorktown until a late hour waiting to be ferried over, when at length he crossed he went to the residence of Aunt Cary at Gloucester Town to pass the night. There he was taken sick and died in a few days. Having no other child his father divided his estate at his death between my grandfather's children (he had only them) and his own brother Francis Thornton's three eldest, equally. My father had a great many of his uncle Sterling's papers, and I have often seen his name written by himself and always spelled Sterling.

My brother Sterling has changed the spelling to Stirling. I know not why. Francis Thornton, the other brother, had numerous children and several wives, and has many descendants now living in Gloucester County, and some in other parts of Virginia and other states. His daughter Elizabeth married to a sea captain named Harry Brown, was the mother of Eliza Norman Brown, and intimate acquaintance of ours, with whom the fate of some members of our family seems blended...."

The paragraph states that Maria Edwards's father had many of Sterling Thornton's papers. I have been trying to find the original hand written version of her narrative. I wonder if these other papers might also be in the possession of whoever has the narrative. My copy was typed up by Dennis Myers who borrowed it from a descendant of the Seawell family perhaps 40-50 years ago. Does anyone know where the original hand written version of Maria Edwards's narrative is located?

Allen Cooke

Sub: Bob Thornton - June 6, 2005

NOTE: IF Jane Bowell was a WIDOW of Sterling Thornton, Sterling's Will would not have divided his estate between John Seawell's children and his brothers Francis ??? Other

records indicate she had first married Francis Thornton which is indicated by the naming of her son, Francis. - DE

Children of William Thornton and Jane Clack are:

- + 72 i. Francis⁶ Thornton, born June 25, 1738 in Brunswick County, Virginia; died in May have died before 1747 when a second Francis is born..
- 73 ii. James Thornton, born July 11, 1743 in Brunswick County, Virginia⁹⁴; died January 25, 1834. He married Elizabeth Jones March 02, 1762 in Granville County, North Carolina^{95,96,97,98,99}; born circa 1741 in Oxford, Granville County, North Carolina¹⁰⁰.

Notes for Elizabeth Jones:

I have in my notes that an Elizabeth Jones married a Francis Thornton in 1762 in Granville County, North Carolina. I'm in the process of verifying that.

More About Elizabeth Jones:

Baptism: June 07, 1741, Burford, SHRO, England¹⁰⁰

- + 74 iii. John Thornton, born September 13, 1744 in Brunswick County, Virginia; died 1822 in Saline County, Missouri.
- 75 iv. Francis Thornton, born January 22, 1747 in Brunswick County, Virginia¹⁰¹.
- 76 v. William Thornton, born April 14, 1751 in Brunswick County, Virginia¹⁰¹. He married Sarah Goodrich February 16, 1774 in Brunswick County, Virginia¹⁰².
- + 77 vi. Sterling Clack Thornton, born August 12, 1753 in Brunswick County, Virginia; died 1790 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- 78 vii. Reuben Thornton, born March 28, 1756 in Brunswick County, Virginia^{102,103}. He married Prudence Jones 1784.
- 79 viii. Jane Thornton^{104,104}, born January 09, 1762 in Brunswick County, Virginia.
- 80 ix. Peter Presley Thornton^{104,104,105}, born November 12, 1765 in Brunswick County, Virginia; died August 06, 1856. He married (1) Elizabeth McCulloch March 09, 1792; born February 25, 1771 in Amherst County, Virginia; died September 19, 1851. He married (2) Susanna Stith October 1795¹⁰⁶.

41. Meux⁵ Thornton (William⁴, William³, William², Roger¹)¹⁰⁷ was born circa 1739 in Virginia, and died 1808 in Virginia. He married **Ann Jones**. She was born circa 1734 in Virginia, and died 1808.

Children of Meux Thornton and Ann Jones are:

- 81 i. Meaux William⁶ Thornton, born circa 1756.
- 82 ii. William Thornton, born circa 1758.

83 iii. Eliza Jane Thornton, born circa 1760.

43. Francis⁵ Conway, Sr. (Elizabeth⁴ Thornton, Francis³, William², Roger¹) He married **Rebecca Catlett**.

Child of Francis Conway and Rebecca Catlett is:

+ 84 i. Francis⁶ Conway, Jr..

51. Colonel John⁵ Thornton (Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)¹⁰⁸ was born 1706 - 1715 in Virginia, and died 1777. He married **Mildred Gregory** October 28, 1740 in St. George Parish, Spotsylvania County, Virginia^{109,110}, daughter of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington. She was born 1718 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and died 1758.

Notes for Colonel John Thornton:

29 Apr 1755. Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

John Thornton, Gent., and Mildred, his wife, of Spts. Co., to Charles Colson of same county. £64 10s. curr. Part of Lot No. 43, in town of Fredericksburg. 04 May 1756.

April 29, 1755. Spotsylvania County, Virginia Land Deed Book E.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

Notes for Mildred Gregory:

17 Mar 1758. Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

Mildred Thornton, Grantor's Wife

Property: Slaves, Stocks, plate, goods and chattels.

Spotsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book E.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

Mildred was his 3rd wife per Marriages of Virginia Residents Vol I, Part III, Surnames F-G, Page 157.

Child of John Thornton and Mildred Gregory is:

+ 85 i. Mary⁶ Thornton, born circa 1744 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

52. Alice⁵ Thornton (Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born circa 1708 in Virginia. She married **Colonel James Thompson Taylor**, son of James Taylor and Martha Thompson. He was born 1703.

Notes for Alice Thornton:

Sen. Taylor was the son of Col James Thompson Taylor b 1703 and Alice Thornton b 1708, JTT was the son of my husband's ancestors James Taylor, Jr b 1674 and Martha Thompson of Orange County, VA who were the Great Grandparents of both Pres' James Madison and Zachary Taylor.

Fran <franinma@mediaone.net>

[Source: Wilkerson, Eva Eubank, Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock & Essex Counties, Virginia, (Whittet & Shepperson, Richmond, Virginia, 1953), Page 233].

1724 - Thornton, Alice, daughter of Francis, married Lawrence Catlett, Box 105, Page H. I'm not sure if it's this Alice or not.

Child of Alice Thornton and James Taylor is:

- 86 i. Senator James⁶ Taylor, born in Caroline County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Fitzhugh; born October 10, 1754; died February 25, 1825.

53. Elizabeth⁵ Thornton (Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{111,112,113} was born 1710 - 1715 in Virginia^{114,115}, and died ^{116,117}. She married **Thomas Meriwether**^{118,119} WFT Est. 1728-1752^{120,121}, son of David Meriwether and Anne Holmes. He was born 1708 in Charlottesville, Virginia¹²², and died 1756^{122,123,124}.

Notes for Thomas Meriwether:

01 Jun 1736. Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Francis Thornton of St. Maries Parish, Caroline County, Gent., to his son, Francis Thornton, Junr. Deed of Gift. 41 a. at the falls of Rappk. River, pat. By sd. Thornton, Senr., Feby. 25, 1720. Dated June 1, 1736, Recd. June 1, 1736. Witness: Thos. Meriwether.

Spotsylvania County, Virginia Land Deed Book C.

Children of Elizabeth Thornton and Thomas Meriwether are:

- + 87 i. Lucy⁶ Meriwether, born February 04, 1751; died 1837.
- + 88 ii. Mary Meriwether.
- 89 iii. Elizabeth Meriwether^{125,126,127}, died 1812^{128,129}.
- 90 iv. Mildred Thornton Meriwether¹³⁰, died WFT Est. 1736-1829^{131,132}.
- 91 v. Thomas Meriwether¹³³.
- 92 vi. Nicholas Meriwether^{134,135,136}, born September 07, 1736^{137,138}; died December 19, 1772^{139,140}.
- 93 vii. Francis Meriwether^{141,142}, born October 31, 1737^{143,144}; died Aft. 1791 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia^{145,146}. He married Mary; died Aft. 1791 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.
- 94 viii. David Meriwether^{147,148}, born September 02, 1739^{149,150}; died WFT Est. 1740-1829^{151,152}. He married Mary Harris in Louisa County, Virginia¹⁵³.
- 95 ix. Sarah Meriwether^{154,155}, born November 26, 1746^{156,157}; died WFT Est. 1747-1840^{158,159}.

- 96 x. Ann Nancy Meriwether, born 1750¹⁶⁰; died WFT Est. 1751-1844^{161,162}. She married Richard Anderson VII.
- 97 xi. Thomas Meriwether^{163,164}, born 1755^{165,166}; died 1755^{167,168}.
- 98 xii. Jane Meriwether^{169,170}, born April 03, 1757^{171,172,173}; died WFT Est. 1758-1851^{174,175}. She married Samuel Dabney¹⁷⁶.

54. Colonel Francis⁵ Thornton III (Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)¹⁷⁷ was born circa 1711 in "The Hills" near Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia¹⁷⁸, and died April 07, 1749 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia^{178,179}. He married **Frances Gregory**¹⁸⁰ September 03, 1736 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia¹⁸¹, daughter of Roger Gregory and Mildred Washington. She was born circa 1718 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia¹⁸².

Notes for Colonel Francis Thornton III:

01 Jun 1736. Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Francis Thornton of St. Maries Parish, Caroline County, Gent., to his son, Francis Thornton, Junr. Deed of Gift. 41 a. at the falls of Rappk. River, pat. By sd. Thornton, Senr., Feby. 25, 1720. Dated June 1, 1736, Recd. June 1, 1736. Witness: Thos. Meriwether.

Spotsylvania County, Virginia Land Deed Book C.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, volume XXVI, number 1 (01-FEB-1988), Land Patent Book 20, Pages 1-274 (1741-1742)

FRANCIS THORNTON, JR. and HANCOCK LEE, 400a. (p. 273) Orange Co., bounded by John Bush & Garth's run; L. originally g. to John Tennent 17 Mar 1736 who failed to cultivate, and now g. sd. Francis Thornton, Jr. & Hancock Lee (p. 274). 15 Jun 1742.

FRANCIS THORNTON, JR. and HANCOCK LEE, 1000a, Orange Co., bounded by a c. of George Procter & Edward Price on the head of the S. br. (p. 275) of North R. & two brs. of Cattle Run (p. 276). 15 Jun 1742

Will Book B, 1749-1761, Pages 1-4, Spotsylvania County, Virginia

Will of Francis Thornton of Spotsylvania County, 11 November 1748

Transcribed by Robert M. Thornton, Duluth, Georgia, November 2002

Original Document Copied at Spotsylvania Court House by Lori Morelock of Raines Record Research of Rixeyville, Virginia, November 2002

In the Name of God Amen; Francis Thornton of Spotsylvania County being in perfect sence and memory thanks be to God Therefore do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in Manner & form following

Imprimis I lend to my beloved wife Frances Thornton Twelve Negroes (to wit) Cafe Jack old Jamey & Salley his wife and young Lett Negroes I had with my said Wife and Mavis late husband Peter & Venus his wife York Abraham Bess & Sam and their future increase during her Natural Life and I Likewise Lend her one fifth of all my Cattle and horses for the time afores.d but if she remain a Widow Till her Death my will & Desire is that she may have Disposal of the af.d Negroes Cattle and horses to any one or all of my Children as she shall think fit and my will & desire is that my wife have during her widow hood the use of the lower half of my Plantation or Cleared ground whereon I now live with the houses and fences thereon & half the Orchard and as much Land on the back adjoining to it as will make up her half of the plantation of two hundred acres of Land with the Liberty of Cutting firewood & rail stuff on any part of my Land for use of her half of the said plantation together with The use of all my household Goods during her widowhood

Item I give & bequeath to my son Francis Thornton and his Heirs forever the remaining Part of my Land and Plantation whereon I live and all my Land there to adjoining & my Intent is that he have that part also hereby Bequeathed To his Mother at the time of her Marriage or Death which ever shall first happen to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my son George Thornton all that Tract of Land in King George County that I bought of M.r Benjamin Berryman and Them two Tracts of land lying in Orange County which I bought of M.r Thomas Meriwether & M.r Mosley Battiloy to him and his Heirs Forever but in case the Land whereon I live hereby given to his Brother Francis should Descend to him the s.d George then my will is that the Land hereby given to my son George do pass to his Brother William and his Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my son William Thornton all my Lands at the Great Mountains in Orange County being about two thou.d six hundred Acres to him & his Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my son John Thornton all my Tract of Land Lying in the branches of the hasel and Nassaponnax Runs being about seven hundred & fifty Acres and my two lotts in Fredericksburg Town & the houses thereon & one hundred pounds Cash to him and his Heirs forever

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mildred Thornton five hundred pounds Cash & one Mullata girl Named Mary & her increase to her heirs forever to be paid her on the day of Marriage or when she comes To the age of twenty one years whichever shall first happen

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Thornton five hundred Pounds Cash & one negro Girl named Moll & her increase to her & her heirs forever to be paid the day of Marriage or when she Comes To the age of twenty one years which ever shall first happen and if either of my said Daughters should die before they come to age or Marry the Survivor of them to have seven hundred pounds Cash paid the day of Marriage or Attaining the age of twenty one years instead of the five Hundred pounds before mentioned

Item My will is that my Executors as Soon as conveniently do Buy young Men & Women Slaves with the Cash left in my house and Debts due to my Estate for the Use & Benefit of my four sons Francis George William & John which I hereby Give together with all my other Slaves and their increase & my horses Cattle Sheep Goats hoggs not before mentioned to be Equally Divided between the said four sons And their Heirs forever

Item My will and Desire is that my Estate be Kept together and undivided and my Sons to have their Shares or part thereof as they come of Age

Item It is my will & Desire that if either of my two sons William & John should happen to die without issue that the land hereby given them do Decend to the Survivor of them and their Heirs forever and in case they both die without Lawfull issue then to the next Heir at Law

Item My Will & Desire is that my wife give and divide my household goods and Furniture amongst all of my sons as she shall Think fit as they come of age or Marry & if my Estate raises more money than I have hereby disbursed of I desire it may be laid out in Building and household Goods for my sons

Item It is my will & Desire that my beloved wife Frances Thornton shall not be accountable for any profits of my Estate whilst she lives a Widow but if she Marry that then she account with and pay unto my Estate all the Profits arising from the time of my death for the use and benefit of my sons To be Settled & finally Determined by Arbitrators

And Whereas I have sold a piece of Land to Joseph White for Eighty Pounds Current money containing one thousand three hundred acres Not yet impattented but is under an Entry and Survey whereupon Lord Fairfax has promised me a pattent and I am informed the s.d White has sold the same to another person Now if the Lord Fairfax should not grant a pattent for the s.d Land to my Executor or the said Joseph White or the person to whome the said White has sold the land then my Will is that my Executors pay the s.d Eighty Pounds back to the said White or his Order out of my Estate

Lastly it is my Will that my Estate be not Appraised and I do herebye Constitute and appoint my beloved Wife Frances Thornton my Hon.d father Francis Thornton my loving brother John Thornton & my son Francis Thornton Executrix and Execrs of my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other Wills & testaments by me heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Affixed my seal this Eleventh day of November Anno Domini 1748

Sign;d Sealed and Published
in the presence of
Rob.t Jackson
John Sutherland
Sarah Slaughter
Ann Jackson

Fra.a Thornton seal

James Allan

More About Colonel Francis Thornton III:

Burial: Thornton-Forbes-Washington Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Virginia¹⁸³

Children of Francis Thornton and Frances Gregory are:

- 99 i. Mildred⁶ Thornton, born 1739 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. She married Charles Washington¹⁸⁴; born May 02, 1738¹⁸⁵.

Notes for Charles Washington:

03 Aug 1761. Warner Lewis of Gloucester Co., Esqr., and Eleanor, his wife, to Charles Washington of Spts. Co., Gent. £80 curr. Lots 87 and 88, in extension of the town of Fredksbg. No Witnesses. 3 Aug 1761. Spotsylvania County, Virginia Land Deed Book E.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

11 Mar 1773. Mary Steward, widow, and Benjamin Steward and Wm. Steward, her sons, of Spts. Co. to Charles Washington of sd. Co., Gent. £200 curr. 200a. of land. Whereas, George Proctor, late of Spts. Co., by his deed of Gift, 2 Nov 1725, gave to his daughter Mary, and her then husband Charles Steward, and to her heirs, one tract of 200 a. of land, which tract sd. Mary Steward, after the decease of her husband Chas. Steward, gave to her two sons the sd. Benjamin and Wm. Steward as by deed, 2 May 1758, etc. 19 Mar 1773.

Spotsylvania County, Virginia Land Deed Book H.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

20 Apr 1780. Charles Washington of Spts. Co., Gent., and Mildred, his wife, to Thomas Strachan of sd. County, Gent. £8000 curr. 759 a. in Spts. Co., purchased of John Smith and Mary, his wife, as by deed, Octr. 29, 1759. Fras. Thornton, Jno. Chew, Rob Bevy. Chew, Joseph Brock, Jno. Chew, Jr. June 15, 1780.

April 20, 1780, Spotsylvania County, Virginia Deed Book J.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

06 Oct 1786, Charles Washington and Mildred, his wife; Geo Augustine Washington and Frances, his wife, to George French. 06 Oct 1786, Charles Washington and Mildred, his wife; Geo Augustine Washington and Frances, his wife, to George French. Whereas, the sd. Chas. Washington, etc., did for affection they bore the sd. Geo. Augustine, give him a track of 145 a. in Spots. Co., purchased of Mary, Benj., and Wm. Steward, and never having

made the sd. Geo. Augustine conveyance thereof, and the sd. Geo. Augustine, etc., for the sum of £200, conveys the said land to the sd. French, the sd. Charles Washington and wife joining in conveyance etc., etc. Witnesses, Chas. Mortimer, Fran Thornton, Zachariah Lucas, R. B. Chew. April 3, 1787.

October 6, 1786, Spotsylvania County, Virginia Land Deed Book L.

"Virginia County Records - Spotsylvania County, 1721-1800, Volume I", by William Armstrong Crozier.

- 100 ii. John Thornton, born 1748 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia; died Bef. 1778. He married (1) Jane Washington. He married (2) Jane Washington.
- 101 iii. Mary Thornton, born 1743 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. She married (1) William Champe; died April 19, 1784¹⁸⁶. She married (2) Churchill Jones.
- + 102 iv. Francis Thornton IV, born 1736 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia; died April 08, 1795.
- 103 v. George Thornton, born 1737 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia.
- 104 vi. William Thornton, born 1742 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia¹⁸⁷.

59. **Alice⁵ Thornton** (Rowland⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born August 21, 1729 in "Crowes, " King George County, Virginia¹⁸⁸, and died March 05, 1790 in "Bellaire, " Stafford County, Virginia¹⁸⁸. She married **John Fitzhugh** October 30, 1746 in Stafford County, Virginia¹⁸⁸. He was born June 30, 1727 in "Bellaire", Stafford County, Virginia¹⁸⁸, and died May 01, 1809 in "Bellaire", Stafford County, Virginia (have also seen 29 May)¹⁸⁸.

Notes for John Fitzhugh:

Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume II, Pages 838-861, The Fitzhugh Family, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, (with an introduction by John Frederick Dorman); indexed by Thomas L. Hollowak. Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1981. 5 v. : ill. ; 23 cm.

JOHN FITZHUGH, of "Bellair," Stafford county; born June 30, 1727; "baptized by Rev. David Stuart; had for sureties Mordecai Cooke and William Brent, of Peace Neck; also Anna and Mrs. Elizabeth Buckner, his aunts." He married, October 30, 1746, Alice (born August 21, 1729; died March 5, 1790), daughter of Rowland Thornton, of "Crowes," King George, and died May 1st, 1809. He does not appear to have held any public office, except perhaps that of justice of the peace.

Issue: 50. Henry⁵; 51. John⁵, born September 29, 1749; died February 9, 1807. Did he marry or leave issue? 52. George⁵, born April 24, 1751, died November, 1810. There is on record in King George a deed, February 20, 1787, from John Fitzhugh, of "Bellair," and his son George, conveying to Daniel McCarty Fitzhugh 473 acres in King George, called Feneaux, or the Hop Yard; and on January 12, 1788, George Fitzhugh, of King George, and his wife, Humphrey Francis Toy Fitzhugh, conveyed to Thacker Washington, of King George, a track of land in that county. It seems probable there was no issue of this marriage, as the will of

Mrs. Humphrey Frances Toy Fitzhugh, proved in King George in 1791, names only her husband and niece, Caroline Matilda Fitzhugh. Her surname was probably Tabb; 54. Thomas,⁵ born June 15, 1753. Did he marry or leave issue? 55. Elizabeth,⁵ born October 10, 1754, died February 21, 1823, married March 20, 1770, Francis Conway of "Port Conway," King George, who served in the Revolution as a captain in the Continental Line. (See Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, 263, &c.). A full length portrait of her, by Heselius, and a miniature have been preserved; 56. Susannah,⁵ born February 6, 1756, died March 15, 1819, married, about 1775, Catlett Conway of "Hawfield," Orange (Hayden, 264, &c.) 57. William,⁵ born August 11, 1757, died October 4, 1803. Did he marry or leave issue? 58. Alice,⁵ born February 20, 1759; married - Pratt? 59. Francis, born February 4, 1761, died March 30, 1821. His will was dated October 22d, 1798, and proved April 5, 1821, in King George County. He leaves his whole estate to his wife, Lucy W. Fitzhugh, with reversion of most of it at her death to his nephew, Edwin, son of Francis Conway, of Caroline county; and if he dies, then to his brother, John Conway; legacy to his niece, Lucy, daughter of his brother, Thomas Fitzhugh. Wife and nephew, Francis Fitzhugh Conway, executrix and executor. Codicil giving 100 guineas to his nephew, Francis, son of his brother, John Fitzhugh. There was no issue, as Mrs. Lucy Fitzhugh, in her will dated November 16, 1827, and proved in King George, July 1st, 1830, leaves her property to Sarah Ann Beverley, her adopted daughter, and to her (S. A. B.'s) daughters; to nephew A. S. Hooe, nephew Wm. C. Posey, and to Henry M. R. Beverley, son of her niece, Sarah Ann Beverley. There is in King George a deed, March 1st, 1795, from Francis Fitzhugh and Lucy, his wife (late widow of John Taliaferro, deceased), of King George, conveying to William Thornton Alexander 600 acres in King George, called "Hayes," which was the dower of said Lucy as widow of said Taliaferro -- consideration: Love and affection for said W. T. Alexander. And also a deed, August 2d, 1802, from John Taliaferro, Jr., administrator of John Taliaferro, of "Hayes," deceased, who was executor of Mrs. Lucy Alexander, late of King George county, and relict of John Alexander, of "Salisbury," King George, reciting that the said Mrs. Lucy Alexander was the only surviving child of Colonel William Thornton, of King George, many years deceased, and that the said Lucy Alexander, in her will, January 6, 1781, directed that, among other things, 50 acres should be sold and the proceeds divided between her daughters, Lucy Taliaferro, now Lucy Fitzhugh, and Mary Thornton, now Mary Posey; 60. Daniel McCarty,⁵ of King George county, born May 9, 1763, died May 2d, 1823, died without issue. 61. Sarah Ann,⁵ born February 13, 1765, died in Kentucky, November 1820, married Charles Thornton, of "North Garden," Caroline County (see William & Mary Quarterly, VI, 109). 62. Thornton,⁵ born June 4, 1768, died June 29, 1814. Did he marry or have issue? 63. Ann Rose,⁵ born December 26, 1769, married Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton, Caroline county (see William & Mary Quarterly, VI, 111); 64. Frances⁵ ? married John Waugh.

Children of Alice Thornton and John Fitzhugh are:

- 105 i. Ann Rose⁶ Fitzhugh, born circa 1765; died Bef. 1820. She married Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton September 22, 1785; born July 14, 1763 in Caroline County, Virginia; died 1820 - 1830 in Caroline County, Virginia.

Notes for Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton:

1820 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: M33_129; Page: 183; Image: 194.

Henry Thornton

Males: 1 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 1 age 45 & Over (born before 1775).

Females: 1 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 2 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804).

Slaves: 34

1830 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 197; Page: 214.

Henry Thornton Estate

Males: 2 age 10-15 (born 1815-1820); 1 age 30-40 (born 1790 to 1800).

Females: 0

Slaves: 18

More About Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton:

Occupation: Physician

- 106 ii. John Thornton Fitzhugh, born September 24, 1749 in "Bellaire", Stafford County, Virginia; died February 09, 1807 in Prince William County, Virginia. He married Margaret Helm; born January 21, 1758¹⁸⁹; died February 13, 1814¹⁸⁹.

Notes for John Thornton Fitzhugh:

Register of Overwharton Parish p 230. Born at his grandmother Elizabeth Catlett Thornton's home. Christened by Rev. Archibald Campbell.

He was named John Fitzhugh after his father and baptized John Fitzhugh. However, he was known and started using the name John Thornton Fitzhugh which is the name on his will. DAR application says married in Dettingen Parish, Virginia.

Will dated Jan 5, 1809 and recorded in Manassas, Prince William County, Virginia on 3 July 1809, p 446-448. He died 3 months before his father. The deaths of John and Margaret are recorded in the Bible of his son John Fitzhugh of Brentsville.

Source--Living Descendants of Blood Royal p 45-47.

In 1985, John Thornton Fitzhugh was a new ancestor in the DAR. This application was submitted by Virginia Fitzhugh Moore (no. 698498), P.O. Box 305 Philadelphia, MS 39350. This is listed in DAR magazine October 1988 Vol 122 #8 p 577.

Burke's American Families, p 2685 says: John Thornton Fitzhugh married Margaret, daughter of the Rev. William Stuart. This is different than family tradition.

Entered the Army Feb 7, 1777. Military records in the possession of Davis Moore.

He had offices in Brentsville, Prince William County, Virginia; Westmoreland Co, Virginia near Mt. Stuart; and Belmont, King George Co. Virginia. He had 6 children and raised 2 boys and a girl from wife Margarets first marriage.

Father: John FITZHUGH b: 30 Jun 1727 in Bedford, Stafford, Virginia, USA
Mother: Alice THORNTON b: 21 Aug 1729 in Crowes, King George, Virginia, USA

Marriage 1 Margaret HELM b: 22 Jan 1752
Married: Abt 1778 in of DettingParish, Prince William, Virginia

Children

George E. FITZHUGH b: 1780 in , King George, Virginia, USA
John FITZHUGH b: 1 Jun 1781 in , , Virginia, USA
Lynaugh (Lina) Helm FITZHUGH b: in , of Fauquier, Virginia, USA
Philip Giles FITZHUGH b: Aft 1788 in , of Prince William, Virginia, USA
Frances Tabb FITZHUGH b: 2 Jan 1794 in , , Virginia, USA
Francis Thornton FITZHUGH b: 2 Jan 1794 in , , Virginia, USA

Notes for Margaret Helm:

Much of the information on this family was received from Ron Volkmar <volkmar@lvcm.com> and Jennifer Smith <jenny@jaredsmith.net>.

+ 107 iii. Elizabeth Fitzhugh, born October 10, 1754; died February 25, 1825.

60. Presley⁵ Thornton (Rowland⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born 1730 in Hanover Parish, Richmond County, Virginia¹⁹⁰, and died 1812¹⁹⁰. He married **Mary** 1762¹⁹⁰. She died 1829¹⁹⁰.

Child of Presley Thornton and Mary is:

+ 108 i. Zachariah⁶ Thornton, born 1763; died 1830.

62. Honorable Presley⁵ Thornton (Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born March 02, 1720 in Northumberland County, Virginia (Exact date not confirmed)¹⁹¹, and died December 08, 1769 in Cod's Creek, Northumberland County, Virginia¹⁹². He married **(1) Elizabeth**. He married **(2) Charlotte Belsom**¹⁹³ July 1758 in Northumberland County, Virginia (UNCONFIRMED). She was born in England, and died in England (moved there with the onset of the Revolutionary War).

Notes for Honorable Presley Thornton:

Diary of John Blair: William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 8, No. 1. (Jul., 1899), pp. 1-17.

(1) "On Friday last James McGuire for murder and William Simmons for robbery (suppos'd an accomplice in the murder of Col. Presley) were executed in this city. They both be-haved penitently, and confesed the facts for which they died". - Virginia Gazette, January 24, 1751. Colonel Presley thus mentioned was Colonel Peter Presley, of "Northumberland House", who was murdered by his own servants. He was the last of his name in Northumberland. His daughter and heiress, Winifred, married Anthony Thornton, of Stafford county, and was mother of Hon. PRESLEY THORNTON, of the colonial Council, who died December 8, 1769 - QUARTERLY IV., pp. 93, 163.

"Col. Presley Thornton of Northumberland House married Charlotte Belson, ward of Col. John Tayloe of Mount Airy." [Virginia Cousins, p. 216]

It appears that Presley Thornton was married twice with Charlotte Belson/Belsom being his second wife and an Elizabeth being his first.

William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. 8, No.3. (Jan., 1900), pp. 187-191. (PERSONAL NOTICES FROM THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE. Virginia Gazette, edited by William Rind, January, 1769 to January, 1770.)

On Friday died at his house in Northumberland county the Hon. Presley Thornton, Esq., one of his Majesty's council in this Colony &c. Dec. 14.

Culpeper County, Virginia Deed Book D (1762-1765)

Presley Thornton of Northumberland County, VA to Thomas Jordan of Culpeper County, VA, 19 April 1765, Deed Book D, Pages 704-706.

Presley Thornton of Northumberland County, VA to Wm. Davis of Culpeper County, VA, 19 April 1765, Deed Book D, Pages 706-709.

Presley Thornton of Northumberland County, VA to Moredock Mackenny of Culpeper County, VA, 19 April 1765, Deed Book D, Pages 710-712.

Presley Thornton of Northumberland County, VA to Jacob Hindrick of Culpeper County, VA, 18 April 1765, Deed Book D, Pages 712-715.

Presley Thornton inherited almost all the large estate of the Presley family, under the will of his grandfather, Col. Peter Presley of Northumberland. At an early age he was elected to the House of Burgesses and served continuously in that body from about 1748-1760. He was then appointed a member of Council 1760-1769. He appears to have been a man of influence and high standing in the colony. Washington, writing in 1777, when appointing one of his sons to office speaks of "the great worth of his father", and again in 1799, says he was "one of the most respectable gentlemen, now deceased, of this State".

From Ford's Writings of Washington.

The Virginia Gazette on Dec 14, 1769: "On Friday last died at his house in Northumberland county, the Hon..... Presley Thornton, Esq., one of his Majesty's council in this colony. The virtues of this gentleman are so generally known that it may be unnecessary to enlarge on them in this place. In justice to his memory, we must say his mind was as exalted as his station; that in his youth he imbibed the sentiments of benevolence, honour, and integrity, and to his death invariably practiced them. The happiness of the good and estimation of mankind, he amply and deservedly enjoyed. It is much to be wished that his survivors would follow his fair example.

He was a gentleman possessed of every amiable qualification, which will endear and keep his memory alive with his family and the public who were all his friends, to many a one of whom he was a most liberal comforter."

The will of Col. Presley Thornton was dated Mar 9, 1768 and proved in Northumberland 14 May 1770. He directed that all his estate, excepting certain specific legacies, shall be equally divided between his sons, Peter Presley Thornton, and Presley, and if they dies without issue, between his daughters, Elizabeth, Winifred and Charlotte; gives each of these daughters 150li current money; to wife, Charlotte, during her widowhood, the use of his dwelling-house and furniture, the choice of eight slaves, and 150li current money annually. Desires his friend, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Wm. Flood, to have charge of his daughter, Winifred, and appoints his friends, John Taloe, Esq., Dr. Nicholas Flood, his brother Francis Thornton, and friend Capt. Richard Hull, executors, and wife, executrix. Two sons were born after this will was made.

More About Honorable Presley Thornton:

Probate: May 14, 1770, Northumberland County, Virginia¹⁹⁴

Property: 1750, Inherited almost all the large Presley estates under will of his grandfather, Col. Peter Presley

Notes for Charlotte Belsom:

Charlotte Thornton left Virginia shortly before the Revolutionary War and returned to England where she remained until her death. Two of her sons returned to Virginia after the war.

Child of Presley Thornton and Elizabeth is:

- 109 i. Winifred⁶ Thornton¹⁹⁵. She married John Catesby Cocke.

Children of Presley Thornton and Charlotte Belsom are:

- 110 i. Charlotte⁶ Thornton¹⁹⁶. She married Philip Fitzhugh March 09, 1788 in Northumberland County, Virginia¹⁹⁷.

Notes for Charlotte Thornton:

Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649-1800, Page 133

Fitzhugh, Philip & Thornton, Charlotte; 1. 9 Mar 1788; b. 8 Mar 1788; Jn. Taylor Thornton (sec.); bride was the sis. of Presley Thornton; mar. by Thos. Davis, Clerk Rector of SSP; (MLR NC; MLB NC)

- 111 ii. Elizabeth Thornton¹⁹⁸.
- + 112 iii. Captain Presley Thornton, died 1807.
- 113 iv. Peter Presley Thornton, born circa 1750¹⁹⁸. He married Elizabeth Carter.

Notes for Peter Presley Thornton:

King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 211.

THORNTON, PETER PRESLEY and Elizabeth Carter, bond 4 May 1778.

[Peter Presley Thornton, Esq. (1750-1780), was the only son of the Honorable Presley Thornton and Elizabeth ?, his first wife; Elizabeth Carter was the daughter of Robert Wormeley Carter, Esq. Of Sabine Hall. Sally Carter, the only child of this couple, died shortly after her father and the landed estate of Peter Presley Thornton reverted to his only whole sister, Winifred Thornton, wife of John Catesby Cocke (q.v.), p. 40-41. Elizabeth (Carter) Thornton, widow, married (2) 16 March 1782 her cousin, Landon Carter, Esq. (1751-1811) of Cleve in King George County (q.v.), p. 34. See suite papers, Thornton vs. Cocke, FDC#282.]

Virginia Biography, Volume I-II, Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography, IV-Bugesses and Other Prominent Persons

Eskridge, Samuel, son of Colonel George Eskridge, was a burgess for Northumberland County in the assemblies of 1769-1771 and 1772-1774, but died before the last session and Peter Presley Thornton took his place. He married Jane Steptoe.

63. Francis⁵ Thornton (Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born July 20, 1725 in St. Paul's Parish, King George County, Virginia¹⁹⁹, and died August 03, 1784 in King George County, Virginia. He married **Sarah Fitzhugh** April 02, 1747 in St. Paul's Parish, King George County, Virginia^{200,201}.

Children of Francis Thornton and Sarah Fitzhugh are:

- 114 i. George Francis⁶ Thornton, died 1824. He married Mary Alexander October 09, 1773 in St. Paul's Parish, King George County, Virginia²⁰².

Notes for George Francis Thornton:

Genealogies of Virginia Families, Volume V, The Thornton Family, Pages 39-48 indicates that George Francis Thornton died unmarried in 1824 in Alexandria, Virginia. His Will dated September 1, 1823 and proved in King George July 1, 1824 gave his whole estate to his friend William Herbert of Shooter's Hill.

More About George Francis Thornton:
Will: September 01, 1823, King George County, Virginia
Will Probated: July 01, 1824, King George County, Virginia

115 ii. William Mason Thornton.

Notes for William Mason Thornton:
Died unmarried at Princeton College.

64. Anthony⁵ Thornton (Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born November 15, 1727 in "Ormesley", Caroline County, Virginia²⁰³. He married **(1) Sarah Taliaferro**. He married **(2) Suzannah Fitzhugh** January 05, 1764 in St. Paul's Parish, King George County, Virginia^{203,204}.

Notes for Anthony Thornton:

This branch of the family is being researched by Bob Thornton (in Atlanta), e-mail bob4090@aol.com

Children of Anthony Thornton and Sarah Taliaferro are:

- 116 i. Judith Presley⁶ Thornton.
- 117 ii. Presley Thornton.
- 118 iii. Reuben Thornton.
- + 119 iv. Anthony Thornton, born February 01, 1748 in Caroline County, Virginia; died December 01, 1828 in Kentucky.
- + 120 v. George Thornton, born November 18, 1752 in Ormesby, Caroline County, Virginia; died August 30, 1853 in Green County, Virginia.
- 121 vi. Charles Thornton, born Bef. 1765 in "North Garden" Caroline County, Virginia. He married (1) Mary Jones²⁰⁵. He married (2) Sarah Fitzhugh²⁰⁵.

Notes for Charles Thornton:

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 46; Image: 49.00.

Charles Thornton

Males: 6 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 1 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 45 & over (born before 1765).

Females: 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 2 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Slaves: 29

Around 1812, Charles moved to Oldham County, Kentucky (Per Marriages of Virginia Residents, Vol II, Part IV, Page 62)

There is also the below Thorntons listed with Charles, John and Thomas Thornton who "may" be related.

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 46; Image: 49.00.

Philip Thornton

Males: 1 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 2 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794);
1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Females: 1 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Slaves: 34

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 47

James B. Thornton

Males: 5 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 1
age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Females: 1 under age 10 (born after 1800); 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795);
1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Slaves: 25

1820 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: M33_129; Page: 183; Image: 194.

James B. Thornton

Males: 1 under age 10 (born 1810-1820); 2 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 2
age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 1 age 45 & Over (born before 1775).

Females: 1 under age 10 (born 1810-1820); 1 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810);
1 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 1 age 26-45 (born 1775-1794);

Slaves: 45

1830 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 197; Page: 214.

George F. Thornton

Males: 2 under age 5 (born after 1825); 1 age 5-10 (born 1820-1825); 1 age
30-40 (born 1790-1800).

Females: 1 under age 5 (born after 1825); 1 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810).

Slaves: 11

- + 122 vii. Peter Thornton, born 1775 - 1794 in "Ross Hill", Caroline County, Virginia;
died September 1833 in Caroline County, Virginia.

Children of Anthony Thornton and Suzannah Fitzhugh are:

- 123 i. Dr. Henry Fitzhugh⁶ Thornton, born July 14, 1763 in Caroline County,
Virginia; died 1820 - 1830 in Caroline County, Virginia. He married Ann
Rose Fitzhugh September 22, 1785; born circa 1765; died Bef. 1820.

Notes for Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton:

1820 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: M33_129; Page: 183; Image: 194.

Henry Thornton

Males: 1 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 1 age 45 & Over (born before 1775).

Females: 1 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 2 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804).

Slaves: 34

1830 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 197; Page: 214.

Henry Thornton Estate

Males: 2 age 10-15 (born 1815-1820); 1 age 30-40 (born 1790 to 1800).

Females: 0

Slaves: 18

More About Dr. Henry Fitzhugh Thornton:

Occupation: Physician

- 124 ii. John Thornton, born 1770 - 1780 in Caroline County, Virginia; died Aft. 1840 in Caroline County, Virginia.

Notes for John Thornton:

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 46; Image: 49.00.

John Thornton

Males: 4 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 1 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Females: 1 under age 10 (born 1800-1810).

Slaves: 23

1820 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: M33_129; Page: 183; Image: 194.

John Thornton

Males: 1 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 2 age 16-18 (born 1802-1804); 3 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 2 age 45 & over (born before 1775).

Females: 2 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 1 age 45 & Over (born before 1775).

Slaves: 61

1830 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 197; Page: 213.

John Thornton

Males: 1 under age 5 (born after 1825); 3 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810); 1 age 50-60 (born 1770-1780).

Females: 1 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810); 1 age 50-60 (born 1770-1780).

Slaves: 71

1840 Caroline District, Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 553; Page: 114.

John Thornton

Males: 1 age 10-15 (born 1825-1830); 1 age 20-30 (born 1810-1820); 1 age 60-70 (born 1770-1780).

Females: 1 age 50-60 (born 1780-1790).

- + 125 iii. Thomas Griffin Thornton, born June 11, 1775 in Caroline County, Virginia; died November 02, 1830 in Caroline County, Virginia.

67. Rowland⁵ Thornton (Rowland⁴, Rowland³, William², Roger¹) was born Aft. 1710, and died 1755²⁰⁶. He married **Sarah Bruce**. She died 1790²⁰⁶.

Notes for Rowland Thornton:

King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 212.

Rowland Thornton (171?-1755) m. Sarah Bruce (17??-1790) and had one son, William Thornton. She m. (2) Thomas Casson (17??-1788)O and had an only child Sarah, who m. William Alexander (1758-1804).

Child of Rowland Thornton and Sarah Bruce is:

- 126 i. William⁶ Thornton, born 1728 - 1755.

Notes for William Thornton:

King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 212.

William Thornton, only child of his parents (Rowland Thornton & Sarah Bruce), d.s.p., and the 1,000 acre tract on Muddy Creek reverted to his uncle, Col. William Thornton. In 1758 Thomas Casson was guardian to Wm. Thornton.

68. Colonel William⁵ Thornton (Rowland⁴, Rowland³, William², Roger¹) was born Aft. 1711²⁰⁶, and died 1776²⁰⁶. He married **(2) Sarah Newton**, daughter of Major William Newton. She died 1816²⁰⁶.

Notes for Colonel William Thornton:

King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 212.

Colonel William Thornton (171?-1776) m. (1) unknown, mother of John. m. (2) Sarah Newton (17??-1816; she was much his junior and m. (2) Captain Nathaniel Fox. (1748-1819).

Child of Colonel William Thornton is:

- 127 i. John⁶ Thornton, born circa 1740²⁰⁶; died 1780²⁰⁶.

Notes for John Thornton:

King, George H.S. (Compiled and Published), Marriages of Richmond County, Virginia (1668-1853), Page 212.

John Thornton, Gent. (c. 1740-1780) possessed the 1,000 acre Muddy Creek tract by descent. He moved to Loudoun County in 1779 and died

there in 1780, testate. He was twice married and left two children by each wife, (q.v.), p. 213.

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72. Francis⁶ Thornton (William⁵, Francis⁴, William³, William², Roger¹) was born June 25, 1738 in Brunswick County, Virginia²⁰⁷, and died in May have died before 1747 when a second Francis is born..

Children of Francis Thornton are:

- 128 i. James⁷ Thornton.
- 129 ii. Elizabeth Thornton.
- 130 iii. Ann Thornton.
- 131 iv. Francis Thornton.

74. John⁶ Thornton (William⁵, Francis⁴, William³, William², Roger¹) was born September 13, 1744 in Brunswick County, Virginia²⁰⁷, and died 1822 in Saline County, Missouri^{208,209}. He married **Catherine Yates**.

Child of John Thornton and Catherine Yates is:

- + 132 i. Daniel⁷ Thornton, born 1788; died 1855.

77. Sterling Clack⁶ Thornton (William⁵, Francis⁴, William³, William², Roger¹) was born August 12, 1753 in Brunswick County, Virginia^{210,211}, and died 1790 in Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia. He married **Mary Jones** February 12, 1777 in Amelia County, Virginia^{212,213,214,215}, daughter of Peter Jones and Dorothy. She died November 22, 1777²¹⁶.

Notes for Sterling Clack Thornton:

Will of Sterling Thornton

In the name of God, Amen. I, Sterling Thornton, of the Parish of Petsworth and county of Gloucester, being in my perfect senses, do make and constitute this my last will and testament in manner following: Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my son John Thornton my whole estate, both real and personal, to him and his heirs forever, but in case my son John should die under the age of twenty-one years, and without a child or children, living at his death, then my will and desire is that my whole estate so as aforementioned be divided equally between Watt Cole, half brother to my son John, and the children of my brother John Seawell, and my brother Francis Thornton, whom they have now, that is to say, one-eighth thereof to Watt Cole, three-eighths between the children of my brother John Seawell, by name, John, Sterling and Francis, and other four-eighths between the four children of my brother Francis Thornton, by name James, Elizabeth, Ann and Francis, to them and their

heirs forever as tenants in common. They, the said Watt Cote, and the children of my brother John Seawell and Francis Thornton, paying, and their estates above given to be chargeable with the sum of one hundred pounds to my relation Meaux Thornton, and twenty-five pounds to each of the children of Capt. William Vaughn and Capt. John Camp, whom they have had by the daughters of Mr. John Seawell, Senr., but if either of the children of my brothers John Seawell and Francis Thornton should die under the age of twenty-one years, and without a child or children, living at his or her death, then I desire and will the part or proportion of the deceased may be equally divided amongst, the survivors and their heirs.

Item. I desire that my executor hereafter named do build a comfortable house, twenty by sixteen feet, for my negro woman Cate and her children to live in, and that it be placed in the peach orchard back of the little house in the garden, and that the said Cate be annually furnished out of my estate, with two hundred weight of good pork, salt and meal, as well as clothes, and it is my will that the said Cate may never be compelled to work unless she chooses and that she may be found fire wood.

Item. I desire that the old woman Leah shall have to her own use and disposal, one-half the money she may earn as a midwife. I do constitute my brother John Seawell guardian to my son John Thornton.

Item. I desire that my estate be kept together, and land and negroes and team be worked as usual until my son arrives at the age of twenty-one years. I direct that my executor do sell my studd horse Brilliant and my old gray horse, and my large bay mare called Phoenix.

Item. I do direct and order that my executor hereafter named may, if he shall see it advantageous, sell as many negroes or personal estate as he shall think proper to purchase lands for my son John and his heirs, which, if he doth, I desire shall be in all respects under the like limitations and restrictions as the estate above devised. Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my brother John Seawell my whole and sole executor, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. I do constitute this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this 28th day of March, 1790.

Signed: Sterling Thornton (Seal)
Test, Ben. Dabney, Alice Brodie, Jane Seawell
Recorded April 6, 1790

Notes for Mary Jones:

Virginia Vital Records, Personal Notices from the Virginia Gazette, Page 245
Died, Mrs. Mary Thornton, spouse of Sterling Thornton, Esq., of Gloucester County Nov. 22 (1777)

Child of Sterling Thornton and Mary Jones is:
133 i. John⁷ Thornton, born circa 1777.

84. Francis⁶ Conway, Jr. (Francis⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Thornton, Francis³, William², Roger¹) He married **Sarah Lucy Taliaferro**.

Child of Francis Conway and Sarah Taliaferro is:

+ 134 i. Sarah⁷ Conway.

85. Mary⁶ Thornton (John⁵, Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born circa 1744 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. She married **General William Woodford** 1763²¹⁷, son of William Woodford and Ann Cocke. He was born October 06, 1734, and died November 13, 1780 in `.

Children of Mary Thornton and William Woodford are:

- 135 i. John Thornton⁷ Woodford, born July 29, 1763²¹⁸; died January 31, 1845 in Kentucky²¹⁸. He married Mary Turner Taliaferro; born March 13, 1772²¹⁸; died March 01, 1828 in Kentucky²¹⁸.
- 136 ii. William Catesby Woodford, born 1768²¹⁹; died 1820 in Caroline County, Virginia²¹⁹.

87. Lucy⁶ Meriwether (Elizabeth⁵ Thornton, Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)^{220,221} was born February 04, 1751^{222,222,223}, and died 1837^{224,225}. She married **Colonel William Lewis**^{226,227,228} August 31, 1760 in Albermarle County, Virginia^{229,230}, son of Robert Lewis and Jane Meriwether. He was born 1738 in Belvior Plantation, Albermarle County, Virginia^{231,231,232}, and died November 1779.

Notes for Colonel William Lewis:

Much of this information came from <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=cgm&id=I03054>

More About Colonel William Lewis:

Cause of Death: Pneumonia

Medical Information: Died of pneumonia, after attempting to cross the Rivanna River at Secretary's Ford.

Children of Lucy Meriwether and William Lewis are:

- 137 i. Jane Meriwether⁷ Lewis, born March 31, 1770²³³; died March 15, 1845²³³. She married Edmund Anderson 1785 in Albermarle County, Virginia²³³.
- 138 ii. Meriwether Lewis²³⁴, born August 18, 1774 in Charlottesville, Albermarle County, Virginia; died October 11, 1809 in Hohenwald, Lewis County, Tennessee.

Notes for Meriwether Lewis:

Meriwether Lewis was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, on August 18, 1774, the second child and first son of William and Lucy Meriwether Lewis. His father, who had served as a lieutenant in the Continental Army, died in November 1779 after his horse fell into an icy stream while he was homeward bound. His widowed mother married another Army officer, Captain John Marks, six months later. The two raised Meriwether and his two siblings while managing a 1,000-acre plantation about 10 miles from Monticello (Jefferson's home). The young Lewis was said to have an eye for plants, which was encouraged by his mother Lucy, a noted herb doctor.

Lewis joined the U.S. Army in 1794, serving six years in the Frontier Army and rising to the rank of captain in 1800, then serving as paymaster of the First Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army. In early 1801, Lewis was appointed by President Jefferson to be his personal secretary. Lewis was a childhood protege of Jefferson's, and they renewed their bond years later while Lewis was on army duty in Charlottesville, Virginia. There is no doubt that part of Jefferson's reason for appointing Lewis to this position was political; like Jefferson, Lewis was a firm Republican. Later, Jefferson would write that "[Lewis] was brave, prudent, habituated to the woods & familiar with Indian manners and character." At Jefferson's direction, Lewis planned an exploration of a route west to the Pacific coast of North America, whose stated "aim would be to make friends and allies of the far Western Indians while at the same time diverting valuable pelts from the rugged northern routes used by another nation [Britain]. . . and bringing the harvest down the Missouri to the Mississippi and thence eastward by a variety of routes." During the journey, the expedition would also gain much-valued knowledge of continental geography and wildlife. In early 1803, Congress approved the expedition, which would be the first in series of military explorations launched by the U.S. government.

Lewis possessed many intellectual and physical qualities, which were refined during additional training prior to the start of the expedition. Physically, he was in superb condition, over six feet tall with a lean frame. Given his army conditioning, he was fiercely loyal, disciplined, and flexible, yet was also prone to being moody, speculative, and melancholic. His keen sense of observation and knack for writing detailed naturalistic and ethnographic accounts would prove to be invaluable for a man who would lead this strategically important expedition. Lewis had an especially sharp eye for the details of flora and fauna, which is reflected in his journals. Immediately after Congress' approval, Lewis began preparing himself and defining requirements in terms of supplies and men who would be recruited to accompany him. Lewis learned the theories and practices of navigation first from Jefferson, then later from trained astronomers and cartographers in Philadelphia. He took in all the data known about the

Western frontier at the time, including distances, topography, and potential enemies, much of which his expedition would end up revising.

After the Louisiana Purchase was completed on April 30, 1803, it became more clear that the expedition was not simply charged with scientific inquiry, geographic mapping, and clearing the way for commerce. The mission was to be more diplomatic, in that it would require the explorers to communicate the transfer of sovereignty to every Indian tribe and foreign interest occupying the lands within the Missouri watershed. This increase in importance warranted a need for a second-in-command to be named to assist Lewis on the journey. Both Jefferson and Lewis thought of William Clark, under whom Lewis had served briefly during his army career. On June 19, Lewis penned a letter to Clark expressing his desire that Clark share the command of the expedition with him, and seeking Clark's help in populating the expedition with able-bodied and qualified men. Lewis and the President offered him a permanent commission as captain (jumping him up a full rank), with equal rank to Lewis should he accept the command. This offer was made to eliminate any tension that would result from the fact that Clark had been Lewis' commanding officer in the rifle company at Fort Greenville. Lewis asked that Clark respond to him in Pittsburgh, where he would be readying boats and supplies for the journey. On July 29, Lewis received Clark's response: "My friend I assure you no man lives with whome I would perfur to undertake Such a Trip &c as your self."

In mid-October, the two met in Clarksville, Indiana Territory, near the Falls of the Ohio, to make final preparations for the journey and assemble what would later be named the Corps of Discovery. During this time, Lewis transferred some of his recently acquired knowledge about surveying to Clark, who immediately began conducting measurements of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The two easily determined how their labors would initially be divided. Given Lewis' more extensive social and political training under the President Jefferson, he would be in charge of finding men who could provide knowledge of the Upper Missouri, its Native Americans, and secure safe and expeditious routes for American commerce. Lewis would also serve as the party's naturalist, collecting plant, animal, and mineral specimens to be taken back to Monticello and the East for examination and study. Their assignments were not fixed, though, and they would both be required to exchange places often during the journey to come.

As part of his diplomatic position, Lewis was often the leader in conducting speeches and granted "certificates" to the various Native American tribes. Even before leaving St. Louis, dozens of Native American representatives were visiting the town, hoping to discover more about the

plans the white man had for the future. Stoddard, the military governor of Missouri, assisted Lewis in telling the natives, "You will be protected and sustained by your new father, the head chief of the United States" (meaning Jefferson). The speeches communicated that other European nations were no longer their "Great Father," but that the leader of the 17 nations (the seventeen states) of America was now in that role. They were advised to live in peace and cooperate with the traders who would be traveling in their midst. If they did so, the natives would have access to goods brought into the interior by the White Man. In order to prove the value of their cooperation, Lewis invited the natives to come to the lodge of their Great Father in Washington to see for themselves the great cities and the sources of the gifts that they bore. By giving these speeches, Lewis was an effective agent of American imperialism, even as the Corps passed out of the recently-acquired Louisiana Territory into the Western lands of the Columbia River Basin.

Lewis' strength, stamina, and overall health was put to the test on a number of occasions during the journey of the Corps of Discovery. Just after beginning the trek up the Missouri, Lewis and Clark stopped at a place called Tavern Cave, where sandstone cliffs three hundred feet high rose along the southern side of the river. While he and Clark were climbing to the top to engrave their names into a register inside the tremendous cavern, Lewis slipped and fell about twenty feet. "He saved himself by the assistance of his knife," wrote Clark, presumably driving it into a crevice to break his fall. Later, just after the close of the Oto Council, Lewis accidentally poisoned himself while conducting some experimental tastes of ore found in a bluff. He was able to relieve his symptoms by purging himself with "salts," which he used throughout the journey for the occasional intestinal flare-ups that resulted from extreme changes in diet and other factors. In August 1806, during an elk hunting trip, Pierre Cruzatte accidentally shot Lewis in the "thye," an incident that caused Lewis to believe that Blackfeet were in their midst. Later, after the Corps found no evidence of the Indians' presence, Cruzatte admitted his fault. Lewis graciously let the matter go, and got on with a very painful healing process.

Upon arriving safely in St. Louis in September 1806, Lewis drafted the first few letters which served as a preliminary report to President Jefferson. These letters were delivered by the dependable George Drouillard to the Cahokia postmaster, John Hay, who then saw them safely into the U.S. Mail. In one of these letters, Lewis wrote, "In obedience to your orders we have penetrated the continent of North America to the Pacific Ocean, and sufficiently explored the interior of the country to affirm with confidence that we have discovered the most practicable rout which does exist across

the continent by means of the navigable branches of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers."

Months later, Lewis returned home to Ivy Creek in Albemarle County, Virginia, where he spent Christmas with his mother. Shortly thereafter, he went to Washington to receive his rewards for successfully completing the expedition: double pay while on service with the Corps (amounting to \$1,228), a warrant for 1,600 acres of land, and a naming as Governor of the Territory of Upper Louisiana, which was put into effect in early March 1807. Shortly thereafter, Lewis traveled to Philadelphia to seek out editors and publishers for his and Clark's journals. At the same time, other efforts to publish the accounts of Sergeant Gass and Private Frazer discouraged Lewis, and he never followed through with providing the publishers with the manuscript. The following summer, a couple of attempts at marrying were unsuccessful, and his alcohol consumption became more prevalent. His relationship with Jefferson became problematic, due to his drinking and his delay in returning to St. Louis to take up his duties as governor. It was March 1808 before Lewis made it to St. Louis, one full year after his appointment. By that time, the city was awash with opportunists, land speculators, eager traders, and Native Americans, who were becoming increasingly restless in anticipation of the changes that were to come.

In September 1809, after much difficulty in trying to mediate between the Natives and commercial interests, Lewis fled St. Louis for Washington to plead his case before the new administration. He caught a riverboat to Memphis, during which his feelings of melancholy were enhanced by his continued drinking, and he twice attempted to take his own life. Later, while staying in a roadhouse along the Natchez Trace, Lewis took his own life by shooting himself first in the forehead then in the breast. He was buried next to the tavern, and today the site is marked by a monument that was erected in his honor in 1846.

http://www.pbs.org/lewisandclark/inside/idx_corp.html

According to the National Park Service (in a brochure, "Natchez Trace Parkway), in 1801, Meriwether Lewis was invited by newly elected President Thomas Jefferson to serve as his personal secretary "to aid in the private concerns of the household" and "to contribute to the mass of information which it is interesting for the administration to acquire." Meriwether Lewis was Commander of the "Lewis and Clark Expedition" which began in the spring of 1804. In 1807, President Jefferson and Congress rewarded Meriwether Lewis by appointing him Governor of the Louisiana Territory. He arrived in St. Louis to begin his new job in 1808 and soon found himself embroiled in political and financial difficulties. In an effort to obtain reimbursements for expenditures, he left St. Louis by boat for Washington, D.C., in September, 1809. Not wanting his expedition journals

to fall into British hands while traveling by sea, Lewis disembarked at Ft. Pickering (now Memphis, TN) in order to take the overland route. Lewis had become sick on the boat and crew members reported to Commander Gilbert Russell at Ft. Pickering that Lewis had tried to commit suicide twice on the boat. After a week of recovery at Ft. Pickering, Lewis and his party first went to Chickasaw Station in Mississippi and then northeast on the Natchez Trace. The party lost a horse when they crossed the Tennessee River. Chickasaw Indian Agent James Neely went to search for the horse while Lewis and the servants continued on to Grinder's Inn (just north of what is now TN Highway 20 in Lewis County, Tennessee). During the night of October 10 - 11, 1809, two gunshots were heard. The next morning Lewis was found with gunshot wounds to the head and chest.

More About Meriwether Lewis:

Cause of Death: Suspected Suicide

- 139 iii. Reuben Lewis, born February 14, 1777 in Locust Hill, Albermarle County, Virginia²³⁵. He married Mildred Dabney.
- 140 iv. Lucinda Lewis, born circa 1778²³⁵.

88. Mary⁶ Meriwether (Elizabeth⁵ Thornton, Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) She married **Peachy Ridgway Gilmer**.

Child of Mary Meriwether and Peachy Gilmer is:

- 141 i. Frances Walker⁷ Gilmer. She married Richard Henry Taliaferro.

102. Francis⁶ Thornton IV (Francis⁵, Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born 1736 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and died April 08, 1795²³⁶. He married **Anne Thompson** circa 1759^{236,237,238}, daughter of John Thompson and Butler Spotswood.

Notes for Francis Thornton IV:

5 Jun 1769 Francis Thornton of Spotsylvania County, Virginia to Gerard Banks of King George County, Virginia.

Culpeper County, Virginia, Deed Book E, Page 702.

Child of Francis Thornton and Anne Thompson is:

- + 142 i. Francis⁷ Thornton V, born June 11, 1767 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia; died July 15, 1836 in White Sulphur Springs, Virginia.

107. Elizabeth⁶ Fitzhugh (Alice⁵ Thornton, Rowland⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born October 10, 1754, and died February 25, 1825. She married **(1) Senator James Taylor**, son of James Taylor and Alice Thornton. He was born in Caroline County, Virginia. She married

(2) **Francis Conway** March 20, 1770 in King George County, Virginia, son of Francis Conway and Sarah Taliaferro. He was born March 07, 1749 in King George County, Virginia, and died February 13, 1794 in King George County, Virginia.

Children of Elizabeth Fitzhugh and Francis Conway are:

- 143 i. Francis Fitzhugh⁷ Conway, born December 10, 1772; died December 27, 1803.

Notes for Francis Fitzhugh Conway:

Per Colonial Families, Volume V, Conway Family, Page 138, Francis Fitzhugh, b. 10th December, 1772 was killed 27th December, 1803, at Fredericksburg in a duel with William Thornton who also fell mortally wounded. Both were in love with the innocent cause of the duel, Lucie H. Macon, the niece of President Madison.

More About Francis Fitzhugh Conway:

Cause of Death: Killed in a duell with William Thornton.²³⁹

- 144 ii. Alice Conway, born August 11, 1775.
145 iii. John Fitzhugh Conway, born August 28, 1777.
146 iv. Catlett Conway, born February 07, 1780.
147 v. Sarah Taliaferro Conway, born October 01, 1781. She married Philip Thornton May 28, 1800 in Caroline County, Virginia^{239,240}.
148 vi. Elizabeth Conway, born July 11, 1783. She married Lawrence Catlett 1802²⁴¹.
149 vii. Edwin Conway, born March 11, 1785.
150 viii. John Conway, born March 21, 1787; died March 22, 1865 in Mt. Scion, Caroline County, Virginia. He married Harriett Elizabeth Thornton; died November 17, 1879.
151 ix. George Conway, born September 27, 1789.
152 x. Thomas Conway, born November 29, 1791.

108. Zachariah⁶ Thornton (Presley⁵, Rowland⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)²⁴² was born 1763²⁴³, and died 1830²⁴³. He married **Mary Oakes** 1795²⁴³. She was born 1776²⁴³, and died 1864²⁴³.

Child of Zachariah Thornton and Mary Oakes is:

- 153 i. George W.⁷ Thornton, born 1822²⁴³; died 1893²⁴³. He married Mary E. Moore 1856²⁴³; born 1836²⁴³; died 1905²⁴³.

112. Captain Presley⁶ Thornton (Presley⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born ²⁴⁴, and died 1807. He married **Susan**²⁴⁵.

Children of Presley Thornton and Susan are:

- 154 i. Charlotte⁷ Thornton²⁴⁵. She married John Tayloe Lomax July 25, 1805.
- 155 ii. Elizabeth Thornton²⁴⁵.
- 156 iii. Winifred Thornton²⁴⁵.

119. Anthony⁶ Thornton (Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born February 01, 1748 in Caroline County, Virginia^{246,247}, and died December 01, 1828 in Kentucky^{248,249}. He married **Mary Rootes** May 08, 1772 in Caroline County, Virginia^{250,251}, daughter of Philip Rootes and Mildred Reade. She died December 21, 1828 in Kentucky^{252,253}.

Children of Anthony Thornton and Mary Rootes are:

- 157 i. Rootes B.⁷ Thornton, born 1810 - 1820 in Caroline County, Virginia. He married Ellen M. Buckner January 10, 1838 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁵⁴.

Notes for Rootes B. Thornton:

1840 Caroline District, Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 553; Page: 111.

Rootes B. Thornton

Males: 1 age 20-30 (born 1810-1820).

Females: 2 age 5-10 (born 1830-1835); 3 age 10-15 (born 1825-1830); 1 age 20-30 (born 1810-1820).

- + 158 ii. Mildred Rootes Thornton.
- 159 iii. Katherine Taliaferro Thornton²⁵⁵.

Notes for Katherine Taliaferro Thornton:

Died young.

- 160 iv. Anthony Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 161 v. Phillip Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 162 vi. Charles Taliaferro Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 163 vii. Mary Reade Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 164 viii. Lucy Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 165 ix. Elizabeth Edmondson Thornton²⁵⁵.

Notes for Elizabeth Edmondson Thornton:

Died young.

- 166 x. Judith Presley Thornton²⁵⁵, born June 28, 1788. She married William Thornton; born January 17, 1789²⁵⁵; died May 07, 1871²⁵⁵.

Notes for William Thornton:

Moved to Sangamon County, Illinois in 1834.

- 167 xi. J. Rootes Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 168 xii. Lewis Thornton²⁵⁵.
- 169 xiii. Walker Thornton²⁵⁵.

120. George⁶ Thornton (Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)²⁵⁶ was born November 18, 1752 in Ormesby, Caroline County, Virginia^{257,258,259,260}, and died August 30, 1853 in Green County, Virginia^{261,262,263}. He married **Margaret Stanley** June 09, 1774 in Caroline County, Virginia^{264,265}. She was born June 20, 1758 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁶⁶, and died January 29, 1823 in Green County, Virginia²⁶⁷.

Notes for George Thornton:

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Mrs. Lelia Thornton Gentry.

DAR ID Number: 111902

Born in Orange County, Va.

Wife of James Clay Gentry.

Descendant of George Thornton, Robert Mansfield, Capt. Nathaniel Mills, Anthony Thornton and Corp. Micajah Clarke, as follows:

1. Jackson La Fayette Thornton (1824-94) m. 2nd 1861 Mary Lindsay Mansfield (b. 1840).
2. Anthony Thornton (1790-1855) m. 1816 Nancy Turyman (1793-1867); Joseph Allen Mansfield (1798-1892) m. 2nd Susan Ann Lindsay.
3. GEORGE THORNTON m. 1774 Margaret Stanley (1758-1823); Robert Mansfield m. Mourning Clarke (1763-1831); Reuben Lindsay (d. 1834) m. 1796 Frances Mills (b. 1843).
4. Anthony Thornton m. 1st 1745 Sarah Taliaferro (b. 1728); Micajah Clarke, Jr. (1741-74), m. 1st 1760 Mildred Martin (b. 1742).
5. Micajah Clarke m. 1736 Judith Adams (b. 1716).

George Thornton (1752-1853) served several enlistments as private, 1775-81, under different commands, Virginia troops. In 1845 he applied for a pension. His claim was allowed. He was born in Caroline County; died in Greene County, Virginia

Also No. 53011.

Anthony Thornton (1727-82) was a member of the Committees of Safety and Correspondence. He was born in Stafford County; died in Fairfield, Caroline County, Va.

-DAR Magazine, Sept. 1950, p. 769, DAR, Washington, D.C. (Anthony Thornton Bible of Greene County, VA)

More About George Thornton:

Military service: Revolutionary War²⁶⁸

Children of George Thornton and Margaret Stanley are:

- 170 i. Catherine Taliaferro⁷ Thornton, born July 18, 1775²⁶⁹.
- 171 ii. Ann Thornton, born December 25, 1776²⁷⁰.
- 172 iii. Mary Presley Thornton, born March 05, 1779.

173 iv. Peter Thornton, born March 05, 1779²⁷⁰.

Notes for Peter Thornton:

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 48; Image: 51.00.

Peter Thornton

Males: 2 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Females: 2 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 45 and over (born before 1765).

Slaves: 23

174 v. Charles Thornton, born September 20, 1781 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁷¹.

Notes for Charles Thornton:

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 46; Image: 49.00.

Charles Thornton

Males: 6 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 1 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 45 & over (born before 1765 -- his father perhaps?).

Females: 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 2 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Slaves: 29

175 vi. George Thornton, Jr., born December 12, 1783²⁷¹.

176 vii. Lucy Buckner Thornton, born March 03, 1786²⁷².

177 viii. Thomas Stanley Thornton, born February 14, 1788²⁷².

+ 178 ix. Anthony Thornton, born October 14, 1790; died 1855.

179 x. John Thornton, born October 31, 1792²⁷².

180 xi. Nancy Twyman Thornton, born May 31, 1793²⁷³.

181 xii. William Thornton, born August 30, 1795²⁷⁴.

122. Peter⁶ Thornton (Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born 1775 - 1794 in "Ross Hill", Caroline County, Virginia, and died September 1833 in Caroline County, Virginia. He married **Mary Todd Taylor²⁷⁵**. She was born in Caroline County, Virginia.

Notes for Peter Thornton:

1820 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: M33_129; Page: 183; Image: 194.

Peter Thornton

Males: 2 under age 10 (born 1810-1820); age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 1 age 26-45 (born 1775-1794).

Females: 1 under age 10 (born 1810-1820); 3 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 1 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 2 age 26-45 (born 1775-1794); 1 age 45 & Over (born before 1775).

Slaves: 34

Children of Peter Thornton and Mary Taylor are:

- 182 i. Lucy Ann⁷ Thornton, born in "Hunters Hill" Caroline County, Virginia. She married Robert Williams.
- + 183 ii. James Bankhead Taylor Thornton, born in "Hunters Hill", Caroline County, Virginia; died in "Savanah", Prince William County, Virginia.
- 184 iii. Edmund Taylor Thornton, born in "Hunters Hill" Caroline County, Virginia. He married (1) Mary Conway. He married (2) Charlotte Conway December 10, 1832 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁷⁶.
- 185 iv. Hubbard Thornton.

Notes for Hubbard Thornton:

Died unmarried.

- 186 v. Reuben Taylor Thornton, born in Caroline County, Virginia; died in Newport, Kentucky.

Notes for Reuben Taylor Thornton:

Died unmarried in Newport, Kentucky.

- + 187 vi. John Minor Thornton, died in Newport, Kentucky.
- 188 vii. Mildred Thornton.
- 189 viii. Eliza Thornton.
- 190 ix. Bettie Thornton.
- 191 x. Julia Thornton.
- 192 xi. Alice Thornton.

125. Thomas Griffin⁶ Thornton (Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born June 11, 1775 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁷⁷, and died November 02, 1830 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁷⁸. He married **Ann Harrison Fitzhugh** October 27, 1795 in Fauquier County, Virginia^{279,280}, daughter of William Fitzhugh and Sarah Digges. She was born 1775 - 1784 in Fauquier County, Virginia²⁸¹.

Notes for Thomas Griffin Thornton:

1810 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 67; Page: 46; Image: 49.00.

Thomas G. Thornton

Males: 1 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Females: 3 under age 10 (born 1800-1810); 1 age 10-15 (born 1800-1795); 1 age 16-25 (born 1785 to 1794); 1 age 26-44 (born 1766-1784).

Slaves: 20

1820 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: M33_129; Page: 183; Image: 194.

Thomas G. Thornton

Males: 3 under age 10 (born 1810-1820); 3 age 16-26 (born 1794-1804); 1 age 45 & Over (born before 1775).

Females: 2 under age 10 (born 1810-1820); 1 age 10-16 (born 1804-1810); 2 age 26-45 (born 1775-1794).

Slaves: 24

Child of Thomas Thornton and Ann Fitzhugh is:

+ 193 i. Thomas G.⁷ Thornton, born 1790 - 1800 in Caroline County, Virginia; died in Newport, Kentucky.

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132. Daniel⁷ Thornton (John⁶, William⁵, Francis⁴, William³, William², Roger¹)²⁸² was born 1788²⁸³, and died 1855²⁸³. He married **Mary "Neff" Nave**. She was born 1791²⁸³, and died 1874 in Saline County, Missouri²⁸³.

Child of Daniel Thornton and Mary Nave is:

194 i. Isaac⁸ Thornton²⁸⁴.

134. Sarah⁷ Conway (Francis⁶, Francis⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Thornton, Francis³, William², Roger¹) She married **Dr. Charles Taylor**.

Child of Sarah Conway and Charles Taylor is:

+ 195 i. Matilda Rachel⁸ Taylor.

142. Francis⁷ Thornton V (Francis⁶, Francis⁵, Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born June 11, 1767 in Spotsylvania County, Virginia²⁸⁵, and died July 15, 1836 in White Sulphur Springs, Virginia²⁸⁵. He married **Sally Innes** June 01, 1792 in Henrico County, Virginia^{286,287}. She was born 1776, and died May 02, 1807 in Frankfort, Kentucky.

More About Francis Thornton V:

Burial: Thornton-Forbes-Washington Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Virginia²⁸⁸

Notes for Sally Innes:

Clark, Peyton Neale, Old King William Homes and Families, Pages 105-106, (John P. Morton and Company, 1897, Louisville, Kentucky).

Francis Thornton. Son of Francis Thornton. Married Sallie, daughter of Judge Harry Innis, of Kentucky. "She was a woman of great beauty and strength of mind." Issue: Elizabeth Anne, born December 22, 1793, married James Fitzgerald; and Francis.

Children of Francis Thornton and Sally Innes are:

- 196 i. Judge Harry Innes⁸ Thornton, born April 03, 1787 in Henrico County, Virginia²⁸⁹.
- 197 ii. Elizabeth Anne Thornton, born December 27, 1793 in Henrico County, Virginia²⁹⁰. She married James Fitzgerald.
- + 198 iii. Francis Thornton, born September 12, 1795 in Henrico County, Virginia.

158. Mildred Rootes⁷ Thornton (Anthony⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹)²⁹¹. She married **James Bankhead Thornton, Sr.**, son of Peter Thornton. He was born 1770 in Mount Zephyr, Caroline County, Virginia²⁹², and died March 29, 1843 in Caroline County, Virginia²⁹².

Children of Mildred Thornton and James Thornton are:

- 199 i. Anthony⁸ Thornton²⁹².
- 200 ii. Ellen Thornton²⁹².
- 201 iii. Peter Thornton²⁹².
- 202 iv. James Bankhead Thornton, Jr.²⁹².
- 203 v. Rootes Thornton²⁹².
- 204 vi. Charles Thornton²⁹².
- 205 vii. Mary Rootes Thornton²⁹².
- 206 viii. Mildred Thornton²⁹².

178. Anthony⁷ Thornton (George⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born October 14, 1790²⁹³, and died 1855²⁹³. He married **Nancy Twyman**.

Child of Anthony Thornton and Nancy Twyman is:

- 207 i. Jackson LaFayette⁸ Thornton, born 1823; died 1894.

183. James Bankhead Taylor⁷ Thornton (Peter⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born in "Hunters Hill", Caroline County, Virginia, and died in "Savanah", Prince William County, Virginia. He married **Louisiana Elizabeth (Locien) Ratcliffe**. She was born in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Children of James Thornton and Louisiana Ratcliffe are:

- + 208 i. William Willis⁸ Thornton, died October 1886.
- 209 ii. Mary Mildred Thornton.

187. John Minor⁷ Thornton (Peter⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) died in Newport, Kentucky. He married **Mary McKenny**.

Child of John Thornton and Mary McKenny is:

+ 210 i. Sarah Todd⁸ Thornton.

193. Thomas G.⁷ Thornton (Thomas Griffin⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born 1790 - 1800 in Caroline County, Virginia, and died in Newport, Kentucky. He married **Sarah Todd Thornton**, daughter of John Thornton and Mary McKenny.

Notes for Thomas G. Thornton:

1830 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 197; Page: 213.

Thomas G. Thornton

Males: 1 age 5-10 (born 1820-1825); 3 age 15-20 (born 1810-1815); 2 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810); 1 age 30-40 (born 1790 to 1800).

Females: 1 age 5-10 (born 1820-1825); 2 age 15-20 (born 1810-1815); 1 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810); 1 age 40-50 (born 1780-1790).

Slaves: 41

This family resided in Newport, Kentucky.

Children of Thomas Thornton and Sarah Thornton are:

- 211 i. Lewis⁸ Thornton.
- 212 ii. James Bankhead Taylor Thornton.
- 213 iii. Edmund Thornton.
- 214 iv. Reuben Taylor Thornton.
- 215 v. John Hubbard Thornton.
- 216 vi. Mary Taylor Thornton.
- 217 vii. Horatio Harris Thornton.
- 218 viii. Griffin Thornton.
- 219 ix. Bettie Moss Thornton.

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195. Matilda Rachel⁸ Taylor (Sarah⁷ Conway, Francis⁶, Francis⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Thornton, Francis³, William², Roger¹) She married **Major William Catlett Moore**.

Child of Matilda Taylor and William Moore is:

- 220 i. Sarah Martha Taylor⁹ Moore. She married John Gibson Terrill.

198. Francis⁸ Thornton (Francis⁷, Francis⁶, Francis⁵, Francis⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) was born September 12, 1795 in Henrico County, Virginia²⁹⁴. He married **Jane Washington Thornton**.

Children of Francis Thornton and Jane Thornton are:

- 221 i. Mary Frances⁹ Thornton, born in Virginia.
- 222 ii. Elizabeth Fitzgerald Thornton, born in Virginia.

208. William Willis⁸ Thornton (James Bankhead Taylor⁷, Peter⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) died October 1886. He married **Mary Susan Buckner** December 21, 1851, daughter of William Buckner and Mildred Hawes. She was born in Caroline County, Virginia, and died July 17, 1893.

Children of William Thornton and Mary Buckner are:

- 223 i. Mildred Hawes⁹ Thornton, born September 21, 1852.
- 224 ii. Nannie Ratcliffe Thornton, born August 26, 1854.
- 225 iii. James Bankhead Taylor Thornton, born October 26, 1856.
- 226 iv. Bickley Buckner Thornton, born May 30, 1858.
- 227 v. Richard Ewell Thornton, born January 07, 1865.
- 228 vi. William Willis Thornton, born October 02, 1865.
- 229 vii. Mary Susan Thornton, born August 12, 1872.

210. Sarah Todd⁸ Thornton (John Minor⁷, Peter⁶, Anthony⁵, Anthony⁴, Francis³, William², Roger¹) She married **Thomas G. Thornton**, son of Thomas Thornton and Ann Fitzhugh. He was born 1790 - 1800 in Caroline County, Virginia, and died in Newport, Kentucky.

Notes for Thomas G. Thornton:

1830 Caroline County, Virginia; Roll: 197; Page: 213.

Thomas G. Thornton

Males: 1 age 5-10 (born 1820-1825); 3 age 15-20 (born 1810-1815); 2 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810); 1 age 30-40 (born 1790 to 1800).

Females: 1 age 5-10 (born 1820-1825); 2 age 15-20 (born 1810-1815); 1 age 20-30 (born 1800 to 1810); 1 age 40-50 (born 1780-1790).

Slaves: 41

This family resided in Newport, Kentucky.

Children are listed above under (193) Thomas G. Thornton.

Endnotes:

1. Robert M. Thornton, Atlanta, Georgia (bob2626@charter.net), <http://genforum.genealogy.com/thornton/messages/7253.html>, "I have my ancestor William Thornton who came to VA in January 1641 (research not yet published) and lived most of his life in Gloucester County. My research (published last year) has shown he was baptized on 6 January 1622 in Chorley Parish, Lancashire, England. His father was Roger Thornton of Rivington, Lancashire. It has been long and widely claimed that he came from Yorkshire but there has never been any proof of that by credible contemporary documents."

2. *Ancestry.com World Tree Downloaded Gedcom - RickCoila.GED*, (Rick Coila (areta@aol.com)), "Electronic."
3. Crozier, William Armstrong, 1864-1913, ed, *Crozier's General Armory; A Registry of American Families Entitled to Coat Armor*, (New York, NY, USA: 1908), Crozier's "General Armory," 1904 edition, page 126, William Thornton died in 1708 at the home of his son, Col. Francis Thornton, in Stafford County, Virginia.
4. *Seventeenth Century Colonial Ancestors*, Introduction to Family Archive 506, (Lineages of Hereditary Society Members, 1600s-1900s), Page 252. Thornton, William (1620-?) Va.; m. Avice Russell; Elizabeth Rowland. Landowner.
5. Date of birth is estimated. If son Luke was born around 1641, then Avice most probably was at least 18 years of age at the time of his birth.
6. Lineages of Hereditary Society Members (1910), *Lineage book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America*, (<http://www.archive.org/details/lineagebookofnat14wash>), Volume XXIV, Page 161 and Volume XIV, Page 33, gives marriage date of W.H. Thornton and Elizabeth Rowland as March 27, 1684.
7. On-Line Genealogy Web Site (Data Unconfirmed), No source information was given, <http://incolor.inetnebr.com/chrisbry/fam00788.htm>, UNCONFIRMED.
8. RootsWeb World Connect databases, *Ancestry.com World Tree Downloaded Gedcom - Patrick Childress <patchildress@prodigy.net>*, (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=DESC&db=patchildress&id=I2373>), "Electronic."
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10. The Registers of the Parish Church of Chorley, County of Lancaster, 1548-1653, Transcribed by the Late Edward McKnight, Librarian of Chorley, and Henry Brierley, Cambridge: The University Press, 1910.
11. Burke's General Armory, 1878 edition, page 1010.
12. On November 4, 1679, William Thornton issued the below deed to his wife, Elizabeth in Rappahannock County, Virginia.
13. RootsWeb World Connect databases, *Ancestry.com World Tree Downloaded Gedcom - Patrick Childress <patchildress@prodigy.net>*, (<http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=DESC&db=patchildress&id=I2373>), "Electronic."
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