

## Hatch

John Hatch was transported into Maryland in 1637. (L 1, F 19) He was transported again in 1641. (L ABH, F 101 and L 1, F 127) He was transported with his wife in 1644 (L ABH, F 23) John was transported out of Kent Island by Captain George Evelyn as his servant in April, 1638.

Captain Evelyn, an agent of Clobery and Company was dissatisfied with William Claiborne the founder of Kent Island. He was appointed by Lord Baltimore as the proprietor's commander of Kent Island. A supply of servants were wanting to enable Evelyn to keep up the dignity of his position and cultivate a portion of the territory of which he had become a proprietor. Then nine servants including John Hatch intended to Clobery and Company who were to serve for a number of years on Kent Island were withdrawn to St. Mary's County and employed erecting buildings, cultivating the soil and other labor at the manor of "Evelinton". Kent Island was stocked and planted by William Claiborne and his partners in 1631. Evelyn arrived on Kent Island in December 1636.

Hatch was transported out of Kent Island by Captain Evelyn. In 1643/44 he immigrated with his wife to St. Michaels Hundred in St. Mary's County. (L ABH, F23 and (L 2, F 511) On October 2, 1650 250 acres "Hatch" was surveyed for John in Charles County.

John Hatch was one of ten appointed commissioner by a parliamentary commission from 1654 to 1657. Richard Bennett and William Claiborne with authorization from the Puritan government in England issued an ordinance on July 22, 1654 to ten Marylanders for the well ordering, directing and governing the affairs of Maryland with powers that included the right to summon Assemblies.

John Hatch surrendered to the Calverts and was tried in Provincial Court for his part in Fendall's rebellion and sentenced to banishment and forfeiture of his estates. Gerard and Hatch's sentences were mitigated to a fine and disenfranchisement. John paid a 200 pound fine. The record shows that Mr. John Hatch and the St. Mary's County Burgeesses were to present the names of persons qualified for the office of County Justices.

On 1/29/1647 Francis Posey Petitioned against John Hatch, sheriff, that said sheriff disposed of the Peters' estate and made delivery thereof without judgment of the Court. The major part of the House censured that Hatch did the petitioner no injury executing what he was commanded. John Hatch was involved in various court proceedings from 1641 thru 1650. He was sheriff of Charles County on January 12, 1659. Mary Hatch daughter of John wed John Dent, widower as his second wife before 1678.

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