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Hi Cousins,

Following is the Will of James CREWES, along with other documentation showing that he did not leave ISSUE (sons or daughters). below each entry in bracket's [BTM] will be my comments

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In the name of God Amen I James CREWS of Turkey Island planter in Henrico County being of sound & perfect memory prayed be God doe make and ordaine this my last will testatment in manner & forme following first & parinciple I committ my soule into the hands of Almighty God my creater hoping & assured by beleiving throuthe merritts death & passion of Jesus Christ my only Saviour and Redeemer to have & obtaine free and full remission & pardon for all my sins, as touchinge concerninge all my worldly estate, either here in Virginia in England or elsewhere dew either by bill bon or accoumpt.

Imprimis. Item I give & bequeath unto **Mary CARTER** daughter to **Giles CARTER** tenn thousand pounds of tobo: & cask one feather bed two blanketts & one good rugge, this to be payd in three years after my decease, the interest hereof to be toward her clothinge.

Item. I give unto my man Tero his his freedome he servinge three years after my decease, and at the expiration of the said tyme I give unto him one Cow, one sow if I have any left, and as much land as he shall tend for him & another during life.

Item. I give unto Hannah CARTER wife to **Giles CARTER** my negroe maid Keate for ever and her increase.

Item. I give unto **Giles CARTER** what he owes me by bill or books and further the plantacon which I have formerly lett him that he & his wife Hannah CARTER shall have it during both their lives rent free, only paying one Graine of Indian Corne when demanded and further it is my will that what I have given to the said **Giles CARTER's** children, that if either of them should dye that it should come to the rest of his children. It is further my will that when the said Hannah CARTER wife to the said **Giles CARTER** shall die, then the said negroe wench returne to **Theodrick CARTER** her son and if shee hath any children them to be at her disposing who she will give them too.

Item. I make my loving Cozen Mr. Mathew CREWS my sole executor of all my lands here in Virginia, or else where & all the rest of my estate to him or his heirs forever, my just debts being payd.

Item. It is my desire that my loving friend **Giles CARTER** shall live here in my said house & command my servants & make crops or any other thinge as shall be convenient & necessary for the said plantacon, and soe to give an account yearly as my said Executor shall order.

Test.Ja: CREWES.

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proved in Henrico County Court to be the last will & testament of Capt. James CREWES (dece'd) by the witnesses to the 10th of Xber 1677 (in case of mortality) will appeare & certified & entered amongst the records of the said Court **this 2nd day of August 1680.**

H. DAVIS, dep. cler. cur.

SOURCE: Book Giles CARTER of Virginia Genealogical Memoir by General

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William Giles Harding CARTER United States ARMY.
Author of "Horses, Saddles, and Bridles," "From Yorktown to Santiago,"
"Old Army Sketches," etc. The Lord Baltimore Press, Baltimore, MD USA
1909

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[BTM] You will notice in the Will of James CREWES he calls Giles CARTER his friend and leaves items to Giles CARTER's wife Hannah and their children. He does not mention any family other than his cousin Mathew who was his executor. My QUESTION, how can anyone state that Hannah wife of GILES CARTER was a daughter of James CREW(E)(S) as fact?

FACT: all the records show, James CREW(E)(S) did NOT leave a daughter named Hannah, nor did he have any lawful issue. see below

p. 7:161 (CWHCVa) Petition to Court: That Capt. James CREWES, late of this county, dec'd, left NO widow or lawful child. Whereas Mr. William SHERWOOD, attorney of Rowland Place, Esq., attorney of Matthew CREWES, Gent., nephew of said James, and son of Francis CREWS, one of the brothers of said dec'd, and Lt. Col. Thomas GRENDON, as attorney of Sarah WHITTINGHAM (als. CREWS, and niece of said James CREWS and sole daughter of Edward CREWS, older brother of James CREWES) did at Court at Varina 1 Dec. 1680 make suit that a commission of administration might be jointly granted to them. The court appoints said SHERWOOD and GRENDON administration of the estate, and they are to produce an inventory.

Recorded 21 Dec. 1680

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[BTM] Here it clearly show's that James CREW(E)(S) "left NO widow or lawful child,". So, in fact NO daughter named Hannah!

p. 12:169 (HCVD) We Thomas GRENDON, attorney of Sarah WHITTINGHAM, niece of James CREWS, dec'd, nephew of said CREWS, administrators of the estate, appoint William RANDOLPH of Henrico to be their attorney to handle the estate.

Recorded 2 Feb. 1780/81

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p. 15:369 (CWHCVa) Accounts of estate of James CREWS, dec'd, by Will SHERWOOD and Lt. Coll. Thomas GRENDON, attorneys of the administrators.

Recorded June 1, 1686

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SOURCE: [CWHCVa] =Colonial Wills of Henrico County, Virginia, Part One 1677-1737, Abstracted & Compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, copyright 1976 by Benjamin B. Weisiger III.

1677 MATHEW CREWES - 9-26/7 - Deposition by John Savile of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, Middlesex, weaver aged 72, and Roger Hunt of St. Ethelburg without Bishopsgate, London, citizen and merchant tailor of London, aged 61, that MATHEW CREWES, citizen and leatherseller of London, had two sons: FRANCIS CREWES of (?) Middlesex, citizen and grocer of London, by trade a silkman, deceased; and COLONEL JAMES CREWES of Va, now also deceased. Deposition by Arthur Miles of London, scrivener aged 53, and

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Giles Sussex of London, citizen and gardener of London, aged 52, that SARAH WHITTINGHAM, whom they have known since her infancy, is the only surviving daughter of EDWARD CREWES of London, merchant, deceased, and administratrix of COL. JAMES CREWES of Va, deceased. A certificate of the ages of EDWARD, FRANCIS and JAMES CREWES taken from the register of St. Pancras, Soper Lane, London, is produced. SOURCE: (Complete Book of Emmigrants, p. 298)
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[BTM] This was posted to the COMBS-L by a CREW(E)(S) researcher with the following note:

[CLS: not my original research, so I can't vouch for the accuracy of the transcription] Posted by Connie Sheets 5-2-1998 to the COMBS-L

25 Feb 1684/5 p. 27:302 (HCVD 1677-1705) Giles CARTER and Hannah his wife of Varina Parish, Henrico Co., planter, to William RANDOLPH of sane<sic>, Gent., for 20, 50 acres, given to them by will of James CREWS, dec'd, dated 23 July 1676, beign part of CREWS' land at Turkey Island, which land was since purchased by said RANDOLPH 25 Aug. 1684. Wit: Wm COCKE, All. CLERKE, James COCKE
Signed: Giles CARTER, Hannah (H) CARTER Recorded 1 April 1685
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SOURCE: (HCVD)=Henrico County Virginia DEEDS 1677-1705, Compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, copyright 1986.

25 Aug 1684 (HCVD p. 27, 28:302) William Whittingham of London, Gent., and Sarah his wife, niece of James Crews, dec'd, and Matthew Crews, citizen and haberdasher of London, being heirs and executors of James Crews of Henrico Co., Va, dec'd, to William Randolph of Henrico Co., Gent., for 75, land known as Turkey Island and "Turkey Island Plantation", 500 acres.
Wit: Rich'd JOHNSON, Zach'y TAYLOR, Xpher MORGAN, John WYNN, Rich'd Starke, Rich'd Fassett
Signed: William Whittingham, Sarah Whittingham, Matt. Crewes
Recorded 1 April 1685
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