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SUBJECT: Mills & Associates (Benston, Brewer, Stockley, Stratton, Tunnell) of Accomack & Northampton Counties, Virginia, c1634–c1750¹

BACKGROUND: The William Mills who is the primary focus of my colonial Virginia research (born c1695; d. 1755) first appeared on record in Goochland County, Virginia, in 1730, when a suit he had filed against one Robert Wade was dismissed because neither party appeared. He was likely there by 1729 in order to complete, by early 1732, the process for his land grant on the waters of Lickinghole Creek. He died in Albemarle County (cut from Goochland in 1744) leaving a large family. Reasonably exhaustive research in Goochland, Albemarle, and all surrounding counties and parent counties has yielded no evidence to suggest a prior residence.²

One family tradition contends that William and his eldest son Ambrose—i.e., Col. Ambrose Mills (c1721–1780) the Tory officer captured and hung at the Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain—came to Virginia from Maryland. No evidence has been offered, and I have found none heretofore, to support that tradition.

A literature survey of published record abstracts for Virginia pre-1750, housed at Richmond's Library of Virginia (records created at both the county and state levels) has yielded a variety of men bearing his name. The current project now explores one of them.

In 1718, in Accomack County along the Virginia-Maryland border, a yeoman planter named Charles Stockley drafted his will, leaving to "my son-in-law William Mills" the personal items that *was* the property of William's mother.³ Under the language of the era "son-in-law" was a term used for step-son. Stockley's will named a living widow, Rebecca; however, he had previously wed (1796) a woman named Mary, the recent widow of one Nathaniel Tunnell.⁴ Either wife could be the mother of Stockley's step-son.

¹ I'm also including a variety of other research notes that help me understand the social, legal, and economic context of the region.

² Much of this Mills research has been posted at my website *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" and "Articles" tabs. For everything proved for this William, and identification of all records searched, see especially the following:

- "William Mills (c1695–1755) of Goochland and Albemarle Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary [—?—]: Research Notes," 104 pp., a work in progress last updated 1 November 2023 (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/MillsWilliamMaryofGoochAlbemarle.pdf>)
- "William Mills (c1695–1755): Correcting His Identity and Identifying His Y-Signature," a case study and targeted genealogy, 35 pp. (<https://www.historicpathways.com/download/WilliamMillsCorrectingIdentityIdentifyingY.pdf> : October 2023).

³ Stratton Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Cottonport, LA: Polyanthos, 1973), 46.

⁴ Court order of 16 June 1696 accepting will of Nathaniel Tunnell, dec'd, presented by Mary, widow of Nathaniel Tunnell, "now wife" of Charles Stockley. See JoAnn Riley McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1999), 209, citing p. 192.

This research segment delves more deeply into the records of Accomack and Northampton Counties, which shared a common root, with emphasis on the Mills, Stockley, and Tunnells who settled the county. It has four principle goals:

- Extract all Mills records from Accomack and its offshoot, Northampton, and assemble individuals into family groups, to the extent that findings permit.
- Identify the Mary [—?—] Tunnell Stockley who might have borne William Mills before her marriage to Stockley.
- Glean all possible records on the William Mills cited in Stockley’s will—and, if necessary, sort him from other contemporary men of his name.
- Determine whether any connections can be established between this William Mills of Accomack 1718 and the William Mills who emerged in Goochland in 1730.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE FOR ACCOMACK

1634	Accomac Shire created as one of the eight original shires established for Virginia
1642	Accomac Shire renamed Northampton
1663	Accomac County cut from the northern half of Northampton
1670	Accomac County abolished by Governor William Berkely
1671	Accomac County recreated by Virginia’s General Assembly
1940	The letter “k” was officially added to the end of “Accomac” by Virginia’s General Assembly

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The records gathered in this project cast considerable doubt on the possibility that William of Goochland originated in Accomack, although unanswered questions remain.

Fourteen individuals named Mills appear in the Accomack-Northampton records as immigrants or in a manner that implies they might be:

1642/3	3 Jan	Rowland Mills; probate opened 4 Feb 1646/7, no apparent heirs in colony
1643/4	10 Feb	William Mills cited as a transportation right; <i>3 November 1649</i> , first actual appearance in Accomack; <i>19 Nov 1654</i> , in last known appearance, claimed transportation right for Joane Mills who was also claimed by others
1653	16 Feb	Cornelius Mills; no further record
1654	Apr	James Mills called “Mr. James”; might be James of 16 Mar 1668/9 and 16 Oct 1673
1654	29 May	John Mills cited as a transportation right; no further record
1654	19 Nov	Joane Mills, cited as transportee in grant to William Mills , was also claimed by others
1658	9 June	Joan [—?—], widow of Joseph Huet, donated a “cow calf” to daughter Sarah; <i>c1658</i> married Alexander Mills who died cFebruary 1680/1; before <i>29 November 1688</i> , married John Brewer , Northampton
1658		Alexander Mills m. Joan, widow Huet; <i>18 Apr 1662</i> , named constable; <i>c1667–80</i> , he and Joan took in Robert Wilson, infant of John Wilson; <i>1 December 1769</i> , said he was formerly in service of John Wilson of New Kent Co. and gave power of attorney to Mrs. Elisa ___ Vault of York Co. to collect debts owed him by “Coll. Abrahall” of New Kent; <i>5 Nov 1674</i> , alleged self to be kin/heir to Walter Mills but was denied for want of proof. Died by <i>28 Feb 1680/1</i> when Joan opened his estate.
1661	26 Sep	Peter Mills named as a transportation right; no further record

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1662		Walter Mills, tithable of Northampton; born c1629 according to 1664 deposition; d. before 5 Nov 1674
1664	10 Aug.	Rich./Richard Mills, named in transportation right; ditto on 17 Aug 1664
1670	12 Oct	Henry Mills of Nansemond made cameo appearance in Northampton records
1672	17 May	Sarah Mills named as transportation right; no further record
1682/3	2 Mar	John Mills and “Joane Mills” are named as transportees in grant to Col. John Stringer. (Many transportees in this time and place are named by multiple land petitioners and many are named long after their arrival.)

Among these fourteen, two family units can be defined.

Mills Family 1:

John Mills, possible son of **William** and **Joane**, was born before 1650 and married by 1670, wife unknown. On 28 August 1668, he appeared on a Northampton tax roll near John & William Stockeley.⁵ On 31 December 1677, he entered his cattle mark registration as “**Jno. Mills plus Wm.**”⁶ (The tax rolls of 1676 and 1677 place him in a different district from the family of Alexander Mills.⁷) On 2 March 1682/3, he and “Joane Mills” were named as transportees in a grant made to Col. John Stringer. Possibly, he was the John who was taxed 15 November 1692, in northern Accomack, amid Benstons, Stocklys, Taylors, and Tunnells⁸—the only appearance found for a John Mills in Accomack during the studied era. He served on Northampton jury in 1697⁹ and, on 29 November 1699, was sued in Northampton.¹⁰ In 1701, he was again appointed to Northampton’s jury for a full year;¹¹ and, in 1704, in Northampton, he sued Thomas Burroos?¹² Before 28 March 1705, he married, secondly, **Martha [–?–], widow of Michael Underhill.**¹³ On 17 September 1706, he announced that he was about to depart for North Carolina.¹⁴ In April 1710, his son Edward opened a probate for him; and, the following month, Edward was chosen guardian by Amos Underhill, John’s stepson.¹⁵

Children born to John and his unidentified first wife were:

1. **EDWARD MILLS**, born before 1671. In 1680, aged 18, he gave a deposition in Northampton and made his mark as **ME**;¹⁶ in 1691, Northampton, his registered his cattle mark as **E:M**.¹⁷ By 14 November 1701 (and likely a year or more before that), he married **Grace [–?–]**; on that day in 1701, John Fathrey gave

⁵ John B. Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 33–38; citing “OB p54, f54, p. 55.”

⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 241.

⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 189–91; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 349–50. Also Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 60–65; citing “Book XII, p. 148–150.”

⁸ JoAnn Riley McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690 (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2012), 351–52, 355; citing pp. 258a, 259.

⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 427; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1082.

¹⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills &C No. 14, 1698–1710: 28–29; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 39.

¹¹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills &C No. 14, 1698–1710: 63; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 56.

¹² Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills &C No. 14, 1698–1710: 212; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 132.

¹³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills &C No. 14, 1698–1710: 229; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 140.

¹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills &C No. 14, 1698–1710: 302; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 171.

¹⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills &C No. 14, 1698–1710: 302; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 171. Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 10, 16–17; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 311, 314.

¹⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills, 1683–89: 420; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 824.

¹⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 246.

a heifer to his god-daughter **Ann Mills, daughter** of the “planter” Edward Mills and wife Grace.¹⁸ On 17 April 1710, Edward filed for probate on the estate of his father John¹⁹ and, on 13 May 1710, John’s stepson Amos Underhill chose Edward as his guardian.²⁰ On 15 December 1713, Edward sued Thomas Tompson in Northampton²¹ and, on 15 May 1716, he was sued in Northampton by Sheriff John Powell for 826 pounds of tobacco.²² By 18 September 1716, he had married, secondly, **Agnus Moore**, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Moore of Northampton.²³ On 15 January 1716/7, he was summoned by the Northampton court for failure to appear as a grand juror.²⁴ On 19 January 1720, he and Thomas Freshwater purchased 100 acres at Harper’s Field from John Moor²⁵ and, on 10 June 1721, he was on Capt. Ralph Pigot’s list of tithables in Northampton.²⁶ Through 1737, he continued to be taxed in Northampton, amid Freshwaters and Stockleys, on lists that imply his sons were **Southey, Jacob, Littleton, and Nathan**.²⁷

2. **THOMAS MILLS**, apparent son, married **Mary, widow of Benjamin Cowell**, in Northampton shortly before 2 March 1702/3.²⁸ This Thomas could not be the son of Alexander; Alexander’s son Thoms was fathering children by Rebecca Bagwell from the 1780s. In August 1718, Thomas of Northampton was sued by Hugh Allen.²⁹ He is not found on tax rolls of the 1720s and 1730s.

Mills Family 2:

Alexander Mills and wife **Joane [—?—], widow of Joseph/Josiah Huet**, married c1658. After his death about February 1680/1,³⁰ Joan married (before 29 November 1688), **John Brewer**,³¹ whose transportation right was used in February 1674 by Daniel Neech.³² Joane is last found on record on 28 May 1691, when she and Brewer gave land to her son Edward Mills.³³ She was not mentioned in Brewer’s 4 November 1708 will.³⁴

1. **EDWARD MILLS**, born c1659. On 17 December 1680, he was a blacksmith in Accomack, who sued his partner Baptist Newcomb,³⁵ an act that required him to be of legal age. In August 1682 he admitted owing 958 pounds of tobacco to “Mr. William Anderson as assignee of Thomas Middleton” and, on 18 December 1682, he admitted owing 1212 pounds of tobacco to William Silverthorne.³⁶ On 16 August

¹⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:317–8; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 735–36.

¹⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 10; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 311.

²⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 16–17; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 314.

²¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 140; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 377.

²² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 246; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 425.

²³ Northampton Co., VA, Wills, Deeds & C, 1711–1718 [Book XXI] : 112; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 130.

²⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 272; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 439.

²⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills & C, 1718–25: 104; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 924.

²⁶ John B. Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 17.

²⁷ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*.

²⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 129–3–; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 90–91.

²⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 89; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 494.

³⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 142; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 516.

³¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills No. 12, 1683–89: 394; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 811.

³² JoAnne Riley McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2010), 27–28; citing p. 87

³³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & C, 1668–80: 292–93; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 547.

³⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 447; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 238.

³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 132; citing p. 196.

³⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 226, 228, 232; citing pp. 315, 318, 324.

1683, he sued Benjamin Eyre over a hat.³⁷ From February to June 1683/4, he was sued by the tavern keeper John Cole.³⁸ In 1685, still in Accomack, he was sued by William Mason and offered no defense.³⁹ On 13 March 1691/2 he was gifted 25 acres in Northampton on King's Creek, by his stepfather and mother John and Joane Brewer, with Michel Underhill (see John Mills of Family 1, above) as witness.⁴⁰ On 4 December 1705, he bought land in Accomack from his brother Thomas,⁴¹ part of the land Thomas had purchased from William Jarman. On 17 February 1708/9, his brother Thomas made his will with Edward as witness.⁴² Edward married **Ann [Barnes]** who, on 5 February 1711/12, filed for administration on his estate with her father Jno. Barnes Sr. and Walter Warrington as securities. No children are named in the subsequent proceedings.⁴³

2. **THOMAS MILLS**, born c1663; aged eighteen on 10 February 1780/1 when he made an affidavit for Henry Allen in Northampton, over his mark **T**;⁴⁴ aged twenty-eight on 23 September 1692 in Accomack when he made a second affidavit in which he referenced travel to New York and Whorekill, Delaware.⁴⁵ Before c1690, he married **Rebecca Bagwell**, daughter of Thomas Sr. On 4 December 1705, he sold to his brother Edward part of the land he had purchased from William Jarman in the area of Peach Creek and Gilford Creek.⁴⁶ Thomas made his will 17 February 1708/9 naming widow Rebecca, "brother Alexander Bagwell" (as executor), and children.⁴⁷ Rebecca is widely believed to be the "wife, Rebecca" named in the 1718 will of Charles Stockley.⁴⁸ Children of Thomas and Rebecca were
 - a. **EDMUND MILLS**, born before 1690; in January and February 1704/5, he made affidavits in a suit John Brewer launched against Joan Dauly/Dolly for theft.⁴⁹ On 4 November 1708, John Brewer's will bequeathed to him, as "grand son in law" [step-grandson], "all my Smith's Tools."⁵⁰ On 17 February 1708/9 Edmund was named first in the will of his father Thomas, who bequeathed him "pistolls and houlsters & one [long] gun and all my Carpenter Tolls," but no land.⁵¹ He has not been found thereafter.
 - b. **THOMAS MILLS JR.**, named as second son in the will of his father, who bequeathed him "all my Lands and plantations Lying on the hed of Peach Creek bought betwixt Tho: Braggwell [Thomas

³⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 31, 34; citing p. 2a, 20.

³⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 62, 60, 71–72, 81–82; citing pp. 37, 40, 41a, 42, 52a–53a.

³⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 120; citing p. 68a.

⁴⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & C, 1668–80: 292–93; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 547.

⁴¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 77; citing p. 31a.

⁴² Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁴³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 58, 62; citing pp. 32, 35a. Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 563; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 624. Ann's father John Barnes died between 2 April 1714 and 5 April 1715, naming "daughter Ann Mills"; see Stratton Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (New Orleans: Polyanthos, 1973), 51.

⁴⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 130; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 510.

⁴⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 189, 89; citing pp. 75a–76a.

⁴⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 377–78; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > images 407–8.

⁴⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁴⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, pp. 73–74; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643797 > image 92. I've found no evidence to that Rebecca married Stockley other than "name's the same"—i.e., Stockley's will named a wife Rebecca and a stepson William Mills. However, as seen in the 1718 section of this report, questions remain unanswered.

⁴⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 219–20; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 124, 136.

⁵⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 447; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 238.

⁵¹ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

Bagwell Jr.] and my Selfe of Will Jarmon,” as well as one gun.⁵² Thomas Mills died before 3 May 1726, when his brother William, as “heir-at-law” to his land, qualified (as a landowner) to serve on a jury.⁵³ Thomas left no leaving no issue.

- c. **ALEXANDER MILLS**, named as third son in the will of his father, who bequeathed him “all my Lands Leased on the north Side of Gargapha Neck of Richard Kitson.”⁵⁴ Apparently died before 1737.
- d. **ELIZABETH MILLS**, named as first daughter in the will of her father, who bequeathed her a feather bed, its “furniture” [the bedstead], and a yearling mare.⁵⁵ No further record.
- e. **ANNE MILLS**, named as second daughter in the will of her father, who bequeathed her a feather bed and its “furniture.”⁵⁶ No further record.
- f. **WILLIAM MILLS**, named as fourth son in the will of his father, who bequeathed him one enslaved man, Limus, at the death of his mother.⁵⁷ In 1726, he served on an Accomack jury⁵⁸ and, in June, inventoried (with John Barns and Thomas Simpson) the estate of Daniel Sturges.⁵⁹ In September 1726, he witnessed the will of Catherine Moore (widow of Edward Moore of Mapongo Creek,⁶⁰ who left bequests to “son in law Thomas Stockly” of Sussex County Delaware; Catherine also left legacies to “Elizabeth Blair, daughter of William and Easter Blair,” and Samuel Cowley, son of “Mary Cowly, now Mary Shake,” both legatees under twenty-one.⁶¹) **He has not been found in 1727–28**, but from 1729 through 1837 he is taxed annually on Northampton’s rolls. Before 2 August 1737 (possibly before 1723⁶²) he married **Ann [—?—]**, who joined him that day, in Northampton, in the sale of parental land he inherited from his childless brother Thomas.⁶³ (The fact that William was considered “heir at law” and sold all the property without any joint owner implies that he was the sole remaining sibling.) He appears to be the William Mills who, in February 1738/9, filed suit in Accomack against John Cain and wife “Hannah (the adm. of Thomas Merrill)” —i.e., daughter of Charles Stockley’s brother Thomas— but did not pursue it.⁶⁴ Died 1750, naming children **Thomas, Edmund, leaca (wife of Moses Cox)**.⁶⁵

This William is widely believed to be the William named as “son-in-law” (stepson) in the 1718 will of Charles Stockley, who left a widow Rebecca.⁶⁶

⁵² Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁵³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2007), 116. For William as Thomas’ heir-at-law, see Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1729–1837: 285–86; *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643797 > images 690–91.

⁵⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁵⁵ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁵⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁵⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁵⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 116.

⁵⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 116.

⁶⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 36; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643797 > image 54.

⁶¹ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 258b–259; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643797 > image 267.

⁶² Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 302, citing Orders, 1777–1780, p. 117.

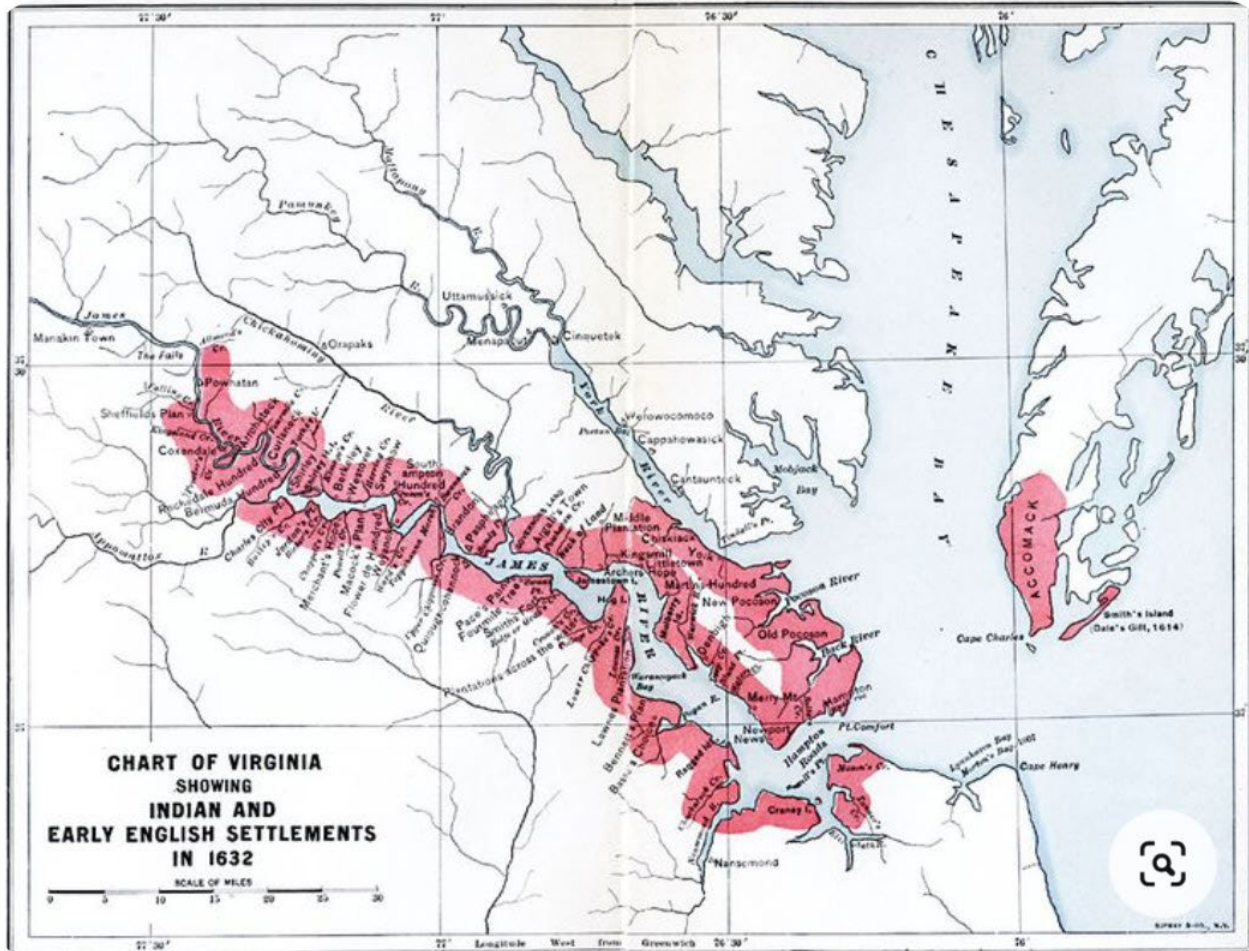
⁶³ Accomack Co., Wills & Deeds, 1729–1837: 285–86; *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643797 > images 690–91.

⁶⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 17, 1737–1744 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2007), 88, 94.

⁶⁵ F. Edward Wright, *Northampton County, Virginia, Marriage References and Family Relationships, 1634–1800* (Lewes, DE: Colonial Roots, 2012), 136.

⁶⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, pp. 73–74; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643797 > image 92.

Figure 1
Virginia Settlements c1632⁶⁷



⁶⁷ Albert Bushnell Hart, *The American Nation*, vol. 4 (New York: Harper and Brothers, 1906); imaged, online at *Florida Center for Instructional Technology* (<https://etc.usf.edu/maps/pages/2400/2445/2445.pdf> : downloaded 9 September 2023).

RESEARCH NOTES

3 NOVEMBER 1634

The name *Francis Stockley* appears in the recopied court minutes without explanation, apparently as a witness to Lewis Whyt's affidavit regarding accusations against Edward Drew's wife.⁶⁸

29 SEPTEMBER 1635

"Upon the complaynt of William Stone agst **Francis Stockley** for two hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco as by bill appeared, it is therefor ordered that the sd. **Stockley** shall make present payment of the sd. Lbs. of tobacco."⁶⁹

"**Francis Stockley** commenced a suit agst. James Berry for 125# of tobacco as by bill appeareth wch upon due examination it is ordered that the sd Berry shall make present payments of s__e of 126# of tobacco."⁷⁰

3 JULY 1637

"The deposcon of John **Walton**: This deponent sayeth that he saith to **Francis Stockley** the must not work on hollidayes where upon the sd. Stockley replied unto this deponent in these words vizt: Are you a petty Commander or not[?] Whereupon he answered not. After wch the sd. Stockley replied wee cannot speak for petty Commanders. We have so manie. Whereupon this deponent advised the Company to take notice thereof."

"Itt is thought ffitt and so ordered that an especiall warrant be granted agt. **Francis Stockley** for his personall appearance at the next Monthly Cort."⁷¹

20 NOVEMBER 1637

"Whereas it appeareth to this Courte that **Francis Stokeley** hath payde two barrells of Corn to George Willes for Roger May. It is thought fitt that the same bee recorded the the sd. Stokely's discharge."⁷²

23 NOVEMBER 1640

"Whereas **Nathaniell Littleton Esq.** have made it appeare to the Courte that there is the full & Compleate somme & quantitie of three thousand and five hundred acres of land properly due & of right belonginge unto the said Nathaniel for his own personall adventure and Anna his wife as also for the transportacon of those sev'all p'sons whose names shall be hereunder menconed. Moreover, there is nyne hundred acres more properly due for & in the right of an order of Court dated at James Cittye the ninth of March 1626 where by the said nine hundred acres was granted unto **Mr. Henry Southey, father to Mrs. Anna Littleton** & thereby Confirmed & consequently nowe due unto the sd. Nathaniell. It is thereupon thought fitt & so ordered that the same be accordinglye Certified unto the right Wor[ship]ll the Governnor & Counsell at James Cittie for his obeyninge a Patent for enjoying the same wch Certificate is here by accordinglye granted att the request of the said Nath. Littleton. [Several dozen names follow.]"⁷³

⁶⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1632–1640: 25; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > Image Group No. (IGN) 7643791 > image 32.

⁶⁹ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1632–1640: 45; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 42.

⁷⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1632–1640: 47; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 43.

⁷¹ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1632–1640: 75–76; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > images 57–58.

⁷² Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1632–1640: 91; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 65. **This volume is followed by "Accomack County Records, 1640–1642; also Northampton County, Virginia Records, 1642–1645."**

⁷³ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 33; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 155"

[N.D.] 1640

“The deposicon of **John Stockley** had and taken before Nath. Littleton, esq., This depon[en]t saith that hee lately heard Jane Paramore, wife of John Paramore ... was a ruffian ... a robber killinge and slayinge in the highway ...”⁷⁴

6 JULY 1640

“Upon the peticon of **Francis Stokely** this present day preferred unto this Court therein demonstration that Whereas Mr. John Augood hath hired a servant by name of **John Stokely** wch sd s’vant doth properlie belong unto the said **Francis** as he pretendeth by reson he was as he saith transported into this countrie att his proper cost & charges. It is thereupon thought fitt & so ordered y this Court that the sd Mr. Augood shall deliver unto the sd. **Francis** the s’vant in question as also to pay Charges of Court th^t he the said Mr. Augoon doe not shew case to the contrarie the next Court.”⁷⁵

23 NOVEMBER 1640

According to the index to this volume, **Henry Stockley** supposedly is named in a certificate on p. 33. I did not find him there.⁷⁶

11 JANUARY 1640

“The deposicon of **Francis Stokeley** had & taken in Open Court. This depon[en]t saith that he transported his **brother John Stokeley** unto this Collony upon his owne proper cost & charges & more he saith not.”

“Upon the peticon of **Francis Stokeley** preferred this present day unto this Court wherein he hath made it appear that Mr. John Augood hath hired John Stokeley, brother to the said Francis, he the sd. John Stokeley being s’vant unto his brother for three years wch sd terme is not thet expired. It is thought fitt & so ord. by this Court that the said Francis shall have & enjoye his brother as his proper s’vant. They the said Francis & John Stokeley acknowledging to be fullie Satisfied by him the sd Mr. Augood for that tyme wch the aforesaid John Stokeley was wth him the sd Augood as his servant. And the said Mr. Augood is to paye all Charges of Court.”⁷⁷

1642

Accomac Shire’s name was changed to Northampton County.

MARCH 1642–1658

SERVANTS

“Because ‘divers controversies {had} risen between masters and servants being brought into the colony without indentures or covenants,’ the General Assembly moved to clarify the status of uindentured servants in **March 1642/43**. It specified terms that varied according to the servants ages: adults (those twenty and older) served four years, while adolescents (those between the ages of twelve and twenty) and children could be held five and seven years, respectively.* The statute proved unworkable, and it was altered in **March 1657/58**. ... anyone over sixteen would be bound for four years but ... children would serve until they reached the age of twenty-one.** Four years later, **[1661–2]** the assembly further modified the law. It obligated adult laborers for five years, but children under fifteen would remain in service ‘until they be fower and twenty yeares old, that being the time lymitted by the laws of England’ ***”⁷⁸

⁷⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 1; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 128.

⁷⁵ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 9; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 132.

⁷⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 33; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 144.

⁷⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 54; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 155.

⁷⁸ Warren M. Billings, “The Law of Servants and Slaves in Seventeenth-Century Virginia,” *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 99 (January 1991): 45–62; citing *Hening 1:257, **Hening 1:441–42, ***Hening 2:113–14.

“[Bastard] children were routinely baptized and put into service. They could not be held past their thirty-first birthdays.”⁷⁹

“An act of March 1642/43, the earliest of such laws, ... required owners to regard African women, as well as black males, as tithable for tax purposes. (English servant womn were not so taxed.)”⁸⁰

29 AUGUST 1642

(NORTHAMPTON)

“A Certificate granted unto William Waters Gent., Sonn & Heyre to Luft. Edward Waters, deceased” for transportation of “Edward Waters, Anne Jackson, Anthony Brewster, Thurman Killit att the Ma____ers, Samp. Nichols, Wm. Coule, Edw. Brian, Wm. Warren, **Jno. Myles**, John Dyer, Zachary, John Bowley, 4 men & a mayde cast away in the Bay, Wm. Arnold. _____ Willm.”⁸¹

COMMENT:

No further evidence has been found of this “Jno. Myles” and no evidence suggests he was a Mills.

“It is ordered by this Cort That **John Stockley**, Taylor, shall by the tenth of November next satisfy & pay unto Willm. Stevens, Boatewright, fifteen pounds weight of good tobacco in leafe as satisfaccon for the spoyleing a frize shute [a friezed suit] of Cloathes and all charges expended in the sd suite or else & c.”

“It is ordered by this Cort that Willm. Stevens, Boatwright, shall by the tenth of November next give satisfaction unto **John Stockley** for making a Frize shute for the sd. Stevens or else &c.”⁸²

20 SEPTEMBER 1642

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The deposicon of **Joan** the wife of **Frances Stockley** taken in open Cort. This depon’t saith, that about three years agoe, Roger Moye being in drinke, did accuse fower persons for killing a hogg and told Mrs. Burdett deceased that four of his s’vants had killed a hogg & roasted it at the Creeke side, att wch tyme Ann, the wyfe of Roger Moye was asleepe and in the morn when the sd Ann awaked, this depont told the sd Anne saying the husband told my mist[er] that four of his men had killed a hogg & roasted it by the Creeke side, And the sd Anne replyed saying, I know of noe such thing by God, soe immediately after the sd Anne went & awaked the sd Roger Moye, her husband and told him [more of the same, back and forth]. [Signed: The marke S of Joane Stockely.”⁸³

3 JANUARY 1642/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

“A Certiff granted unto Capt. Francis Yardley for 3000 Acres of land” for transportation 60 people, including: Capt. Francis Yardley ... **Rowland Mills** ...⁸⁴

“A Certiff: granted unto Mr. Tho: Johnson” for: James Gutts, Tho: Johnson, Mary Johnson, Mary Wilson, **Mary Mylls**, John Jenkins, Willm. Coart, Willm. Quick.”⁸⁵

COMMENT:

According to the index to this volume, Rowland Mills is also named in a deposition on p. 201. I’ve not found him there.

⁷⁹ Ibid., 55; no citation or time frame.

⁸⁰ Ibid., 61; citing Hening, 1:242; 2:19, 84, 288, 479.

⁸¹ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 165; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 212.

⁸² Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 167; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 213.

⁸³ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 171; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 215.

⁸⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 191; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 225.

⁸⁵ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 201; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 230.

**30 JANUARY 1642/3
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas it app’reth to this Cort by the Confession of George Cottingham that the sd Cottingham doth owe and stand indebted unto **John Stokely** one whole months worke. It is therefore ordered by this Cort that the sd George Cottingham shall satisfy & pay the sd month’s worke unto the sd. John Stokeley or his assignee or alias execn &c.”⁸⁶

**4 JULY 1643
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Francis Stockley served on jury.⁸⁷

**31 AUGUST 1643
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“A Certiff. Granted unto **Mrs. Anne Littleton** in right of her father **Henry Southey, Esqr.: Henry Southey, Esqr., Eliz: his wife, Henry Southey, his child; Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth Southey;** John Davenport, Tho: Browne, Margaret Sharlley, Roger Duke, Tho Shoare, Valentine Gentill, Izaaz Woolley, Will Bricklayer, Alice Davenport, Ellinor Paynter, Zaiah Sharlley, Dinah Gver, Tho: Lewis, Robt. Swamp, Roger Marshall, Annie Aimes, Richard Williams, John Rose”⁸⁸

**20 DECEMBER 1643
(NORTHAMPTON)**

The estate of Wm. Burdett deceased owes 260 lbs. tobacco to **John Stockley**. ... “It is ordered by this Cort that Tho. Duvin, John Little, **John Stockely & Francis Stockeley** shalle [pay] 30# of tobaco a piece for prophaning God’s name.”⁸⁹

**10 FEBRUARY 1643/4
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“A certiff: gtd. unto Edward Douglas [for] Edward Douglas, His wife Elizabeth, William Barrett, **William Mills**, William Pritchett, John Powell, John Browne, John Thomas, Benjamin Bowden, George Holmes, Henry Crafford, Peter Nutt, Walter Cooke, Oliver? Long, Rowland Mortimore.”⁹⁰

**23 FEBRUARY 1643/4
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The deposition of John Gibbins taken in open Cort. This depont. Saith that Mr. William Burdett deceased did absolutely **give unto Rowland Mills one heifer of a yeare old**, and did give order three months before his decease to make the sd. Heifer for the sd. Rowland, and the sd. Wm Burdett would have brought the sd heifer to Hunder’s in his Boate but tyme would not permitt and further saith not. The X mark of John Gibbins.”

Whereas it appeareth unto this Cort by the affidavit of John Givins that the [e]state of Mr. William Burdett deceased doth owe & stand indebted unto **Rowland Mills** one heifer of two yeares old. It is therefore ordered by his Cort that the Adm^{ix} of the state of the sd Mr. William Burdett shall forthwith satisfy pay & delivr one heifer on [of] the age of two yeares unto **Rowland Mills** or his assignee all formr Judgmts

⁸⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 208; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 234.

⁸⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 246; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 253.

⁸⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 264; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 262.

⁸⁹ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 269–70; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > images 264–65.

⁹⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 280; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 270.

granted agt the sd estate being first satisfied.”⁹¹

**7 JANUARY 1644/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“A certifficate gtd unto Henry Armitrading for 200 Acres of land on assignment from **Francis Stockley & Dame Kiffin: Francis Stockley, John Stockley**, Katherine Abbott, Christian Folly [Follis?].”⁹²

**1 FEBRUARY 1644/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Francis Stockley served on jury.⁹³

**1 MARCH 1644/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas it appeareth unto this Court by the oath of Elizabeth the wife of Davis Wheately, That **the mother of the wife of Francis Stockley sent her into this country** a Looking Glass of a Dea____ [Diamond?] by Ane, the wife of John Johnson wch was not delivered wch was not delivered [sic] to the wife of the sd. Stockley. And whereas the sd. Francis Stockley pretendeth certayne other Commodities? were sent in to his wife by the sd. Ann Johnson, it is therefore ordered that the sd John Johnson shall forthwith make satisfaction for sd. Looking Glass unto the sd. Francis Stockley and for any thing else that the sd. Stockley shall make appeare was sent in to thus Country by the sd. Anne Johnson unto the wife of the sd. Francis Stockley or its Exec &c. ⁹⁴

**28 JULY 1645
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“It is ordered by this Court that Willm Ennis Shall have an attachmt to issue out agaynst the wages belonging to **John Stockley** that it may bee responsible for a debt of six hundred & odd pounds of tobacco wch the sd Ennis is security with sd Stockeley unto the [e]state of Luke Stebbing Mrcht. Deceased, until a legall tryall shall further determyne thereof.”⁹⁵

**29 AUGUST 1646
(NORTHAMPTON)**

John Stockley (his Ɔ mark) and Hen: Williams (his X mark) witnessed the will of Nicholas Pall? (Yall?).⁹⁶

**11 NOVEMBER 1646
(NORTHAMPTON)**

The testimony of Mr. Stepen Charlton in open Cort the 11th November 1646: Saith that hee h[e]ard **Rowland Mills** say that Morton Kemmett should say that [more hearsay of the common sort.]⁹⁷

**12 NOVEMBER 1646
(NORTHAMPTON)**

⁹¹ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 297–98; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > images 278–79.

⁹² Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 338; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 298.

⁹³ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 343; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 301.

⁹⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 347; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 303.

⁹⁵ Accomack Co., VA, Orders, Wills, Deeds, etc., 1640–1642: 338, 385–86; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643791 > image 322.

⁹⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 41a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 328.

⁹⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 79–80a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > images 369–70.

Rowland Mills is ordered to pay Hannah Mounteny? 250 lbs. tobacco for the debt he owes her.⁹⁸

**4 FEBRUARY 1646/7
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The Court hath granted a commission of Administration upon the **Estate of Rowland Mills** [deceased] unto William Denham ...” Inventory and appraisement to be made.⁹⁹

**5 [SIC] FEBRUARY 1646/7
[NORTHAMPTON]**

“In the Name of God the ___ and ___ will of **Rowland Mills** being nowe in good memory. Imprimis, first I doe give and bequeath my Soule unto god and my body into the earth and all the rest of my goods after the paymt. of my Debts unto **William Denham**. I doe give unto **Martyn Kennett** one shute of weareinge Sloathe [one suit of wearing clothes] th^t I doe wear enye Day[.] for witnes th^t this is my first will & I doe hereunto sett my hand the fifth day of Febur. 1646. **Rowland Mills.**” Witnesses: Patrick Symson, Fran. Jarriss? Probated upon the testimony of the two witnesses, 20 March 1646. Additional affidavits by Mills acknowledging debts to William Denham, John Badham, Mr. Putter, John Custis, Thomas _____, John Charles, Thomas _____, Mr. Monntney, and Mr. Yardly, and others. Same two witnesses.¹⁰⁰

COMMENT:

None of Mills’s documents mention any other individual of his surname, no place of origin, and no kin.

**22 MARCH 1646/7
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Whereas it appeareth to this Court ... by the oath of John Badham that there is due unto him from **Rowland Mills** dec’d the summe & quantity of Two hundred Sixty-five pounds of tobaco ... to be satisfied out of the estate of Row. Mills.”

It is ordered that William Stone bee Satisfyed out of the estate of **Rowland Mills** dec’d the same quantity of one hundred forty eight pounds of tobacco ...

“It is ordered yt the estate of **Row. Mills** dec’d shall make payment, the summe & quaty of four hundred Eighty eight pounds of tobac unto **John Watte?**

“It is ordered by this Court that the estate of **Rowland Mills** dec’d shall make payment unto John Rutter in the summe & quantty of four hundred and fifty ounds of Tobacco ...”

“It is ordered that the estate of **Row. Mills** dec’d shall make payment unto Mr. John Stimser? the summe & quantity of one hundred forty eight pounds of tobacco ...

“It is ordered that the Estate of **Row. Mills** dec’d shall make payment unto Luke Billington one fatt hogg of some years old ...”

“It is ordered that the Estate of **Row Mills** dec’d shall make payment unto Mr. William Waters halfe an _____ of stronge _____.¹⁰¹

COMMENT:

Also see August 1647 for deposition of John Colson relevant to a contract between Andrew Chree_? and Mills on behalf of Mr. Jno. Nuthall for wages of 4 pieces of eight per month “to goe to sea ... from Holland to France from France to Portugall, from Portugall to England, And from

⁹⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 50; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 338.

⁹⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 61a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 350.

¹⁰⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 50; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 338.

¹⁰¹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 68, 6a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 357.

England to Holland.”¹⁰²

**2 FEBRUARY 1647/8
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Francis Stockley served on jury.¹⁰³

Certificate granted unto Capt. Samll. Lewis? for five hundred and fifty Acres of Land ___ due by rights on ... **Wm. Fisher**, Rich. Smyth, Franc Smyth, Jno. Soloman, Ann Stephenson, Rich: Hill, Elias Harman, Wm. Hawkee, **Jno. Stockley.**”¹⁰⁴

**28 APRIL 1648
(NORTHAMPTON)**

The Depo[sition] of Wm. Guildre (+) taken at a C[o]urt this 28th of Aprill 1648, sayth, That this Dep^t [deponent] was at **Francis Stookley's** house wth Capt? Samll Lewis?” where the captain and **Jno. Stookley** were provoking each other. Angry words were spoken. Francis Stookley said unto Capt. L_____ that he was a dishonest man, a knave, who had a wife in England & child and that he had deluded his father & mother in England, saying that he had a plantation Serr _____ and twenty head of cattle in Virginia, ... Recorded May 1648.¹⁰⁵

**MAY 1648
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Capt. Samll. L_____ “hath arrested” **Francis Stookely** who declared that the sd. Mr. L_____ hath a wife & child in England. ...¹⁰⁶

12 MAY 1648

Inventory and appraisal of the Estate of Wm. Many by **Francis Stockley**, Jno. Darman, Jno Williams, Wm. Geldinaem. Includes “A plantation att Dunn beinge a Lease for eight yeares to Come.” Presented in court 22 October 1648, recorded 23 October 1648.¹⁰⁷

**20 JUNE 1648
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“To All Christian people to whome these pressents shall Come, Greeting ... Know the yt I Anthony Reboone of Northampton County in Virginia for ... naturalle Love and affection that I beare unto my Daughtr Elizabeth Reboone, Doe by these presents & my voluntary Act & Deede give & confirme unto my sd Daughter Elizabeth Reboone & her heyres forever, one heiffer and all her increase, aged about two? yeares & a halfe [etc.] ...” Signed Arth. Reboone his AR mark. Witnesses: **Jno. Stockley** Ɔ [a backward S], Evan Daniel?, Nath : Porqu____. Recorded 7 July 1648.¹⁰⁸

**10 NOVEMBER 1648
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Wm. Dynham, Admr. of estate of **Row. Mills** Dec'd. Jno, Badham claims a debt due him. Etc.¹⁰⁹

¹⁰² Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 111a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 401.

¹⁰³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 98a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 388.

¹⁰⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 112a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 402.

¹⁰⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 135; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 427.

¹⁰⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 136; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 428.

¹⁰⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 157; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 450.

¹⁰⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 146; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 439.

¹⁰⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 159; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 453.

**JANUARY 1648/9
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas it appeth [appeareth] to the Court th^t **Jno. Stockley** standeth indebted unto Jno. Dennis one ___ of Tobac for Hoggs bought of the sd. Dennis, it is therefore ordered that hee shall make payment of the sd. Tobac in 10 days.”¹¹⁰

3 NOVEMBER 1649

“I, **William Mills** doe assigne all my whole right & Title of this Wthin written from me and my heires to Phillip Watkins and his heires or assignes for ever, In Confirmation hereof I have sett my hand this 3d of November 1649 [47?]. the Signe of Wm. Mills W. Teste Edward Douglas. Recorded the 14th of April 1663 p me Robt. Hutchinson, Clk Cir Ct North^{ton}.¹¹¹

**3 JUNE 1650
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Jno. Parramore of Mangatten Bay? in Northampton County, planter, to Thomas Hunt & Joane Hunt his wife, Richard Hill & Jno. Potte of Northampton, for love and affection toward his children Thomas Parramore, John Parramore, and Elizabeth Parramore (whose mother it hath pleased God to take to his ___), gives title to various cattle. Witnesses: Roger Isham, **Woodman Stokley**. Recorded January 1651/2.¹¹²

COMMENT:

This Woodman Stockley would have been born at least by 1736—i.e., the age of reason at which he had certain legal rights. Odds are, he was older.

**28 AUGUST 1650
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The Depo. Of **Wm. Mills** taken ... 28 August 1650, sath that in the month of February (ye best this Deptnt remembers) hee was present the same day that George Lee de _____ this ___ull life, [departed this life?] att wch tyme the sd George Sent for the Dept. and desieded tht hee would be and ___tuds that hee freely gave unto George Hutchinson some barren Cows & one Heyffer & his Bed {and household items] unto Sara Walter Dixon his Daughter ... and unto Walter Dixon himself ... Wm Mills his mark.”¹¹³

**28 JANUARY 1650/1
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Francis Stockley acknowledges owing Mr. Edm. Scarborough ___ pounds of Tobacco. Ordered that Stockley pay the sum “forthwith.”¹¹⁴

**12 APRIL 1651
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“An Acctt. What cattle I have delivered unto Mr. Richard Hamby October 5th 1650, being ___ to him by Mr. Wm. Shrimpton ... Delivered att severall tymes Cowes, Steares, Cattle & Heyffers (all above foure years old) = 11 ,, The mare s ___ att Mr. Littletons, one sowe .001 ... Att Mr. Walkers, three shoates aged 4 & 5 003, At the Emond Feelder? .003, Att Mr. Wilkins one cowe 001 Att Magulley Bay towe 002 [signed] Edward Douglass.” [Addendum] “In the old plantacon necke delivered mare, one cowe & calfe att Mrs. Moores,

¹¹⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 165; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 449.

¹¹¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, folio 86; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 116.

¹¹² Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 34–35; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > images 39–40.

¹¹³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 224; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 524.

¹¹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1645–1651: 239; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645516 > image 540.

Two steares, one at Robt Warrens & one att George Smyths ... I acknowledge ... this 12 of Aprill 1651 ... Rich Hamby. Teste: **Willm Mills.**" [Addendum] Recd of Mr. Edw. Douglas, Attor[ne]y of Mr. Wm. Shrimpton, for the ____ of Mr. Charles Frankling [more carrle] Teste: Rich. Hamby, Witness: Henry Walker. Recorded 12 September 1654.¹¹⁵

COMMENT:

See 16 August 1654 for Wm. Hamby "of the province of **Maryland.**"

**15 JANUARY 1651/2
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"The Depo. of Mary, the wife of Jno. Little, taken this day saith that last yeare she went to **Jno. Stockley** his house & seeinge some rosemary in his Buttery, this Dept. asked the sd. Stockley his wife where she had [gotten] that rosemary, whereupon she replied att Mr. Higby his house, more saith not. Mary Little. Recorded 10 February 1651."

"The Depo. of X^{pofer} Turner taken in open Court 15 January saith that hee did now [not?] see a boye belongeing unto Mr. Tho. Higby fetch any wood for **Jno. Stockley.** [Signed] X^{pofer} Turner. Teste: Edm. Matthews."¹¹⁶

COMMENT:

The entry before these two identify "Mr. Tho: Higby" as "minister of this parish."

**24 AUGUST 1652
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"I **Wm Boucher** of Northampton County in Virginia doe by this my Act and deed give, grant & transferre unto Jno. ____ the sonne of Je ____ Prie of the county of ____ one cow & calfe [description]. [Signed] **Wm. Boucher** his mark. Signed & ____ in presence of James Johnson. Recorded 12 September 1652."¹¹⁷

COMMENT:

Re Boucher: In 1733, a younger William Boucher died in Hanover County, leaving all his goods to Mary Chiles his apparent granddaughter, whom he also named as executrix, although Mary was too young to serve. Mary's uncle Henry Chiles at that time was a landowning resident on the waters of Lickinghole Creek in Goochland County. When the William Mills (c1695–1755), who is the focus of my study, chose his land grant on the waters of Lickinghole in 1729–32, he chose land adjacent to Henry Chiles; and bought a second tract from Henry a few months later. By February 1735/6, William appears to have married a new wife, whose name was Mary.

Note below, 15 December 1656, Boucher stated that he was "about 40."

From the late 1640s through the 1650s, these Northampton records reflect a striking dearth of settlers from the northern half of the county (the part that became Accomack). Edmund Scarburgh, justice, is always there. The Custises show up in 1652.

**16 FEBRUARY 1653
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"Capt. Francis Pott, 2,000 acs. Northampton Co., 16 Feby. 1653 [Patent Book 3] p. 48. At Matchepungo Cr., bounded on the Eastern part by the Seaboard side &c. Trans. of 40 pers: Fra. Pott, Hattill Pott, Hen. Pott, Jno. Pott Junr., Bridgett Pott, Richd. Townshend, Richd. Pritchard, Jno. Turner, Hen. Bowyer, **Cornelius Mills**, Ralph Partin, Richd. Britten, Eliza. Green, Eliza. Hill, Mary Booker, Jane Salmon, Edwd. Hartford, Edwd.

¹¹⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 196; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 202.

¹¹⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 73; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 78.

¹¹⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 78; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 83

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Normamsell, John Milshire Robert Nelmes, Chr. Feild, Tho. Tutty, Arthur Jeffreys, Jno. Cittinge, Joseph Colston, Geo. Sweet, Mary Sumner.”¹¹⁸

COMMENT:

- See Francis Pott below under 13 October 1657, with transp. right of David Miles.
- I have found nothing further on this Cornelius Mills and nothing to connect Pott or his cluster of importees to Accomack County.
- Pott appears to have settled in the southern part of Northampton—rather than the northern part that became Accomack.

28 APRIL 1653 (NORTHAMPTON)

“It is ordered by the court y^t Jn^o **Stockley** shall forthth make payment unto Leift. [Lieut.] Thomas Hunt thirty eight pds of tobacco with costs & court charges, whereupo the sd Mr. Hunt is to de ___ the sd Jno Stockley his _ill now in question als. Exctn.”¹¹⁹

COMMENT:

This page is quite faded.

28 AUGUST 1653 (NORTHAMPTON)

“Cirtiffct was this daye remited unto **Jno. Stockley** for three hundred and fifty Acres of Land due by the rights underwritten: **Alice Stratton, Thomas Stratton**, Elizabeth Wolsy, Jno. Druckett.”¹²⁰

1654

“Whereas the courts in other Virginia counties could not try any appellate cases over the value of 1600 pounds of tobacco or ten pounds sterling, ‘in respect of the remoteness from James City,’ Northampton county court could hear appeals in cases valued at twice that sum.* The time and expense involved in traveling to James City for a hearing in front of the Quarter Court proved to be more vexing to the local settlers than the idea of a limited right of appeal. The journey across the bay, however, was only part of the problem. In the seventeenth century, English courts expected jurors to know the parties involved in a case, by reputation if not by personal acquaintance. ... In Virginia, the disputants travelled to Jamestown to be heard, separated from their neighbors.”¹²¹

“Unlike the colonists on the west side of the Chesapeake, the Northampton residents had maintained amicable relations with the local Indian population. By 1650, however, the English on the Eastern Shore were encroaching upon the Indian lands to the north, and interracial tensions increased. One impetuous attack against the Indians in 1651, led by Edmund Scarborough and Thomas Johnson, ended with a trial in Jamestown for the fifty-odd Englishmen involved. Many settlers were outraged that these men had endangered the peace and safety of their community but others viewed the raiders as heroes.”¹²²

COMMENT:

The orderbook cited by Haight at n. 56 does not provide all the information stated in that paragraph. The information or assertions there are undocumented.

¹¹⁸ Nell Marion Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623–1666*, vol. 1 (1934; reprinted Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1983), 248–49.

¹¹⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 177; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 183.

¹²⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 196; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 202.

¹²¹ Elizabeth S. Haight, “The Northampton Protest of 1652: A Petition to the General Assembly from the Inhabitants of Virginia’s Eastern Shore,” *The American Journal of Legal History* 28 (October 1984): 371; citing at *: Hening, *Statutes* 1:345.

¹²² Haight, “The Northampton Protest of 1652, 372; citing Northampton County Orders, Deeds and Wills 4:40.

**8 MARCH 1654
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Deposition by Capt. Samll. Goldsmith against Anthony Johnson, Negro, for illegally holding another Negro, Jno. Casae in servitude. Jno. Casae had been indentured for 8 years, had served out his term, had demanded freedom, and Johnson would not comply.¹²³

COMMENT:

There was an earlier document relevant to this case that I did not note—several dozen pages earlier. On 23 November 1654, “Anthony Johnson Negro” acquitted and discharged John Casar Negro from all futher demands (Deeds, Wills &c No. 5, 1654–1655, folio 35). Also see Deeds, Wils &c Nos. 7–8, 1655–68 [illegible page numbers]; imaged FamilySearch.org > IGN 7645510 > 30.

**MARCH 1654
(NORTHAMPTON)**

COMMENT:

Court orders end at this point of this register. The remainder of the register is labeled “A Record of Marks of Cattle belonging to the Inhabitants of this Count of North^{ton} 1665.”

**APRIL 1654
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Ordered the Last will & Testament of Wm. Strangridge late of Northampton County in Virginia, Marryner, was presented (in open Court) And part of the ____ being present this Court, when the sd will was p[resen]ted by the Corporal hands? of **Mr. James Mills** & Tho : Poyer, satisfied their testimonials wherupon the sd Mr. Wm. Strangridge m’yner, his Act & Deede is now ___yed & allowed to stand good in Lawe And Order to be Recorded.”¹²⁴

**29 MAY 1654
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Oath of Hon. Edm. Scarburg listing names of servants he has transported into Virginia for which he has not taken up land: **Servants aboard the Anne Clare** (added note at side states: May 8 1655 but may not related to the date of the ship) ... **Jno. Mills**.¹²⁵

**8 JULY 1654
(NORTHAMPTON/ACCOMACK)**

“The Sheriff of Accomacke complayned to the Court that whereas there are diverse orders, sequestracõns & execucõns of the estate & person of Leift. Colonel Ed : Scarburgh; thet the sd Scarburgh hath (in great contempt) carryed parte of his Estate soe sequestred out of the County ...”¹²⁶

COMMENT:

Accomack County has not that been cut off from Northampton. The region that became Accomack in 1663 appears to be recognized now as a separate jurisdiction. Several prior pages carried entries for at least two individuals called “of Accomack.”

¹²³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 226; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 232.

¹²⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., Nos. 7 & 8, 1655–68: [illegible page numbers; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 14.

¹²⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 9; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 269.

¹²⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 199; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 205.

29 JULY 1654

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas it appeared to the Court by the depositches of Thomas West, Robert Threayte, Robert Treakley, Margaret Arasid? & many undemable circumstances that Jno. Daniel and his wife Elizabeth have in a most opprobious, menaceinge manner with presateinge, disporaching speeches _____ Scandalized & villyfyed **John Stockley**, it’s therefore thought fitt & ordered that the sd Jno. Danyell bee fyned the sume & grant of three hundred pounds of Tobac wch (by the free consent & desire of the sd John Stockton is to bee employed for the use of the County and bee sent by the sherf att the next cropp. It is further thought fitt & ordered that the sd. Jno. Dannell shall enter his bond with security for his good behavior towards the sd Jno. Stockley & his wife and forthwith make payment of all charges on the suit & execution.”¹²⁷

16 AUGUST 1654

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Knowe all men by these presents that I, Capt. Wm. Hamby of the province of **Maryland**, Esq. ... appoints “my trusty & well beloved friend Mr. Thomas Courtney of same province” to retrieve for him two Negroes named Mingoe & Philipp in custodye of Mr. Jno. Stringer of Accomacke. ...”¹²⁸

9 SEPTEMBER 1654

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Know all men by these presents that I James Berry doo aloouth [alloweth?] the sale of one cowe & calfe (her name is Jenny) sould by **Woodman Stockley** unto Thomas Stott, for him & his heyres wthout any mollestaton by any pson or psons whatsoever pvided hee payeth seven hundreds pounds of tobacco. This th^e first of June 1653. [Signed] James Berry. Witness: **Francis Stockley** & Wm. Berry. Recorded 12 January 1654.¹²⁹

COMMENT:

Is Woodman a minor who must need consent of his guardian to sell inherited property? Were the Berrys his mother’s family?

21 NOVEMBER 1654

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Wm. Thorne, 387 acs. Northampton Co. at Occahanock Cr., 21 Nov. 1654 [Patent Book 3] p. 296. Adj. land of Richard Smith & Richard Kellam. Trans. of 8 pers: **Joan Mills**, *Rich. Knight*, *Tho. Stratbridge*, Dorothy Jordan, Wm. Jordan, Wm. Marloe, Sanders Mitchener, John Thompson.”¹³⁰

COMMENT:

Note that eight days later **William Mills** claimed Joan Mills, Rich Knight, & Tho. Stratbridge.

See also 23 February 1663 and 10 April 1663 for other claims under the name “Joan” or “Jone Mills.”

29 NOVEMBER 1654

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Certiffct was this daye granted unto **William Mills** for one hundred and fifty Acres of Land ___ due by the rights ___ written: **Joane Mills**; Tho : Scartbary; Rich. Knight.”¹³¹

¹²⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 20; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 280.

¹²⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 196; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 202.

¹²⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 32; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 292.

¹³⁰ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 296.

¹³¹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 212; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 218.

COMMENT:

Note that on 21 November 1654 there was a patent issued to Wm. Thorne, claiming Joan Mills, Tho. "Stratridge" and Knight.

APRIL? 1655

(NORTHAMPTON)

Divorce petition of "Mary Shillocke als. Breckland)" against husband Richard Brickland "who hath lived from her many years & continued in an adulterous life." Granted. Recorded 20 September 1655. ¹³²

7 MAY 1655

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Whereas **Alice Clawson** the wife of **Wm. Clawson** of Northampton County in Virginia hath peticoñed the Court for a bill of divorce from Wm. Clawson her husband, who (as the Court hath sufficiently been informed) hath lived in an Adulterous Life amongst the Indyans, the greatest part of the tyme hee hath been married And is now soe Naturel likened to the pagans that hee is knowne by the name of the Emperor of the Nanticoke Indyans (sonne in law to Cockusimon the Kinge of Nanticoke) the court seriously considering th^t the sd Wm. Clawsson is known to bee guilty of the crymes layd to his charge (for wch cause Divorce by Law maye bee granted). It's therefore ordered that the sd Alice Clawson bee hereby declared to bee divorced by lawfull authorizⁿ; and consequently to dispose of her selfe in marriage." ¹³³

COMMENT:

This is the earliest divorce I have seen in the colonies.

5 AUGUST 1655

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Stringer "of Accomacke in Virginia," gentleman, obliges himself to deliver to Capt. William Stone, Governor of the province of Maryland, "one Heyffer with calfe (or a calfe by her side) att or before first of March next, beinge for the use & behoofe of **Frances Yardley**, daughter unto Collon^{ll} Argoll Yardley & the God-Daughtr of the sd Capt. William Stone, wch is in full satisfaccon of all differences betweene the sd Capt. William Stone & myselfe." ¹³⁴

20 NOVEMBER 1655

(NORTHAMPTON)

A mostly illegible order regarding **Henry Southey Esq. & Elizabeth Southy, his wife**, [vs.?] Thomas Mary & Elizabeth Southey? ¹³⁵

COMMENT:

This is an original volume, not a transcription. Legibility is extremely poor. Some pages are torn fragments. Much of it suffers from bleed-through.

12? DECEMBER 1655

(NORTHAMPTON)

In the Name of God Amen. I **Francis Stockley** bequeath my soule to god And my body to the Earth from

¹³² Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., Nos. 7 & 8, 1655–68: [illegible page numbers]; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 42.

¹³³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 135; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 395.

¹³⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 69; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 329.

¹³⁵ Northampton Co., VA, "Orders, 28 Apr 1655 to 12 Jany 1655–6, no visible page number; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645512 > image 622. Note: image 608 (first page of coverless book), states "no index to this book. N.C. Some of the entries in this book are recorded in the book from 1655 to 1657." The *FamilySearch* title board at image 605 erroneously identifies the dates as 1755–1756.

whence it came; And I doe give to my beloved wife three coves & foure steers, And I doe give to my **Daughter Ann Stockley** tow coves & three steers. And I give to my sonne **John Stockley** three Coves & three steers; If in case that any of these children should dye, then th^t Estate shal be equallye divided betweene th^t other tow [note that *ony two children have been named*]. And if in case that it please god to call all three of these children, then th^t Estate falls to the mother her disposinge: I doe give unto my beloved wife the best Bedd wth curtains & vallenge And all that belongeth to it; I doe give unto my daughter **Frances Stockley** one bed; And to my Daughter **Ann Stockley** one Bedd; And I give unto my sonne my gun & the first foure calves that falleth from sonn's Cows & [from] my Daughter Ann her coves [shall] the next yeare [be] give[n] to my Daughter Frances Stockley. I doe give to my godson Francis Willyams one Cow & calfe the next year (that Cowe calfs that **my brother Jno Stockley** oweth mee) I give unto **his son Willyam Stocley**. I give unto my beloved wife all moveables; And all things that belongeth unto mee. And I give unto my well beloved wife the plantacon dureinge her life time. And after her decease it shall return unto my sonne Jno. Stockley. And after the debts of the sd **Richard Wootton** deceased [*no previous mention has been made of Richard Wootton*] bee p^d, the remayndr of the estate is to bee equally divided between Jno. Stockley And his sister Frances Stockley. This is my last will & testament unrevocable. In witness of the truth I have hereunto sett my hand this being the twelve? Daye of December in the yeare of our^r Lord 1655. [Signed] Francis Stockley. Witnessed by Wm. Geldrige, Wm. Ennes, & Fr^s Stockley. Recorded 28^o die menses January Ano 1655[/6].

“This day the last will & testam^t of Richard Wootton late of Northampton County in Virginia, coop^r., was approved in open Court by the corporall oathes of William Goldrige & Francis Boulton.

“In the Name of god I **Richard Wootton** bequeath my soule to god; And my body to the Earth; weake in body, but in perfect memorye (blessed bee god for it), I doe give unto Stephen Costine my bond with surity. I give unto Jno. Pashe one cove & chest & boxe & with necessarys for him & gun; I give unto Marke Marlowe his child one sowe[and] shoats. And to my well beloved friends I give the rest of my Estate unto **Francis Stockley & Jno his brother** (after my debts are paid). The marke of Rich Wootton **W**. Witness: Sam Geldrige & Francis Boulton. Recorded 28 die mensis January Ano 1655.”¹³⁶

28 JANUARY 1655/6

(NORTHAMPTON)

Jno. Stockley witnesses (with the prominent Wm. Kendall, Wm. Johnson & Tho. Leatherbery) a sale by Will. Mellinge of Northampton to “John Dan^{ll} of the same” planter,” 354 acres in Northampton adjoining Stebbins, a creek, and Mr. Thomas Sprigge [also written as Sprigg], patented to Mellinge on 4 July 1653.¹³⁷

JANUARY 1655/6

(NORTHAMPTON)

Last will & Testament of **Francis Stockley** proved by oaths of Wm. Goldrige & Wm. E___s & **John Stockley**.¹³⁸

Jno Pash files complaint against **Jno. Stockley** re the estate of Rich. Wootten.¹³⁹

15 DECEMBER 1656

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The Deposition of **Wm Boucher** aged 40 years or thereabouts sworn & Exam'ed in open Court, Sayeth

¹³⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 83; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 343.

¹³⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 92; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 352.

¹³⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, 28 Apr 1655 to 12 Jany 1655–6, no visible page number; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645512 > image 633.

¹³⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, 28 Apr 1655 to 12 Jany 1655–6, no visible page number; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645512 > image 634.

that five coves, one yearling Heyffer, the sd coves and calves by their side, & three of them were cove calves, All were delivered to Capt. Steph. Charlton, Eleaven years since, for the use of Jno. Willams as alsoe three yearlings steares, And further sth [saith] not. [Signed] Wm. Boucher.”¹⁴⁰

COMMENT:

This volume’s court minutes, deeds, and wills end with July 1655. The rest of the volume offers cattle brands and marks from January 1706/7 through 1740.

**13 OCTOBER 1657
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Mr. Georg Marsh, 1000 acs. Northampton Co., 13 Oct. 1656 [Patent Book 4], p. 111 (165). At Matchepungoe; being a moiety of 2000 acs. granted to Capt. Francis Pott, 15 Apr. 1653, by him relinquished & due sd. Marsh for tras. of 20 pers: **David Miles**, Andrew Scott, Hugh Percy, Jno. Allen, Rich. Grimes, Robert Peck, Tho. Powell, Tomboy & Maria—Negroes, Tho. Hatton, Nola Evorahoo (?), Geo. Hickson, Joseph Chizell, Tho. Cooke, Ralph Bricks, Jno. Parker, Daniell Cooper, Wm. Coll, Edward Foster, Jno. Walker.”¹⁴¹

COMMENT:

- See Francis Pott above under 16 February 1653, with transp. right of Cornelius Mills.
- I have found nothing further on this David Miles [Mills?] and nothing to connect his cluster to Accomack.

**29 MARCH 1657/8
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“This Day **John Stoakly** did acknowledge Judgt. In open Court unto Lt. Coll^l Wm. Kendall Atty of Capt. Wm. Whittington for the Sume of one thousand three hund^d Thirty four pounds of Tobacco.” Ordered that Stockley make payment.

“Ordered by the court that **John Stoakley** be nonsuited at the suite of John Daniell wth Court Charges for not making good his plea.” Stoakley also ordered to make payment to Lt. Coll. William Kendall, atty of Mr. Wm. Paine, 824 pounds of Tobacco.¹⁴²

COMMENT:

This John Daniel would appear to be the older John (brother of Francis), who sued John Daniel in 1654.

**JUNE 1658
(NORTHAMPTON)**

In the difference between **John Stockly** and John Daniell, Daniell petitions for a hearing in equity, which is granted. “The business is to bee heard at the Court of Orphans.”

Depositions of John Moore (aged about 22) and Robt. Twilly (aged about 21) re John Daniell driving Calves? Into the corn field of **John Stockly**. Deposition of Joⁿ Waterson (aged about 28) re “**Elizabeth, the wife of John Daniell Stokly**” who said that “for the woman’s sake (meaning John Danell’s wife) shee would putt up those Controversies and differences ____ of John Daniell would Enter unto bond not to abuse Elizth Stokly or her famely.”

Deposition of Christopher Turner that John Daniell promised Elizabeth Stockley “that he would not abuse

¹⁴⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 124; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 384.

¹⁴¹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 350.

¹⁴² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64: 12–13; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 42–43. This volume’s penmanship is considerably different from the 1655–66 volume—more modern, though the spelling is still archaic.

any of her husband's family or suffer any of his people or Cattle" to do so. John Daniel was to pay court charges and had entered into a bond of 5000 pouds tobacco.

Judgment issued against John Daniell in his difERENCE with **Jno. Stockly**. Daniell shall Satisfie for his damage done by his Calves two barrills of Indian corn & all Cost of suit as also to make his Acknowledgment in open Court unto **Elizabeth Stockly** the wife of John Stockley for former abuses."¹⁴³

**9 JULY 1658
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"**Joane Mill** doth this day make deed of gift of a Cow Calfe to her Childe named Sarah Huet. the Cow Calfe is marked on the right Eare with a Crop and a hole, and on the left Eare with a hole in it."¹⁴⁴

**28 JULY 1658
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"John Daniell accordinge to an ord^r of Court of the 29th of June did give his ___ondance this Court to aske the wife of **John Stokly** forgiveness but shee not Comine hee did Acknowledge his offence and aske forgiveness in open Court."¹⁴⁵

**21 SEPTEMBER 1658
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"In the difference depending between Mr. Anthony Hodgskins pt. and **Tho: Stratton** & Phillip Fisher defts. And overseers of the Estate of Rebeccka Fisher orphn. of Steph. Fisher dec'd, concerning a devident of Land & housinge Situate & Lying & beeinge at King's Creek 4 yeares ..." ¹⁴⁶

**28 DECEMBER 1658
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"Judgmt is acknowledged in open Court by **John Stokely** to Wm. Smith for seaven hundred forty two pounds of tobacco and Cask without grounds ____ all but fifty of it. It's Orderd by the Court it shall bee paid in kind ... wth Court Charges" etc.¹⁴⁷

"Whereas **John Stockly** Commenced Suit against John Daniell for trespass done to the sd. Stockley his Wife and Creatures and then the Court not being rightly informed ajudged nonsuit agt. the sd Stockly, but answered that if hee the said Stockly could prove his Plea good in Law that all Just charges expended in the Suit about Sd Shuld bee allowed him. And Sence the Sd Stockly hath proved that their was cause of action agt. the sd. Daniell and Injury done as abovesaid, It's therefore Ordered that John Daniell make present paymt unto the sd Stockly or his Assignes ..." **Thomas Stratton** served on jury that day.¹⁴⁸

**29 JANUARY 1658/9
(NORTHAMPTON)**

John Watts and Dorothy Williams are presented for fornication, which they publicly acknowledged. It is ordered that after Dorothy's delivery ("shee appearing to bee wth Child") receive ____ lashes on her bare back. Watts shall have the same punishment and pay 500 lbs. tobacco.¹⁴⁹

COMMENT:

¹⁴³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, pp. 17–19; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 47–49.

¹⁴⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, folio 8; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 14.

¹⁴⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 34; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 54.

¹⁴⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 30; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 60.

¹⁴⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 37; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 67.

¹⁴⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 38; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 68.

¹⁴⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 40; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 70.

Court entries on the preceding two pages identify Dorothy as widow of Walter Williams, to whom the administration of his estate was granted.

30 MAY 1659

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Certificate is granted to Coll. Edmond Scarburgh for those names under written: John Watts ... [29 others].¹⁵⁰

1 NOVEMBER 1659

(NORTHAMPTON)

Will of **Thomas Stratton** proved in court by witnesses Wm. Smith and Barth. Cozier.¹⁵¹

28 NOVEMBER 1659

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Ordered that Mrs. Alce? Johnson Widdow and Administratrix of Wm. John deceased, shall pay unto **Mrs. Agnes Stratton** the sume of one hundred & ninety pds. Of tobb & Cask out of her deceased Husband’s estate beinge Justly due for a Coffin & acco^t.”¹⁵²

“This day John Daniell[’s] wife brought her Irish Man Servt. named **John Mulls** to the Court & did declare yt the sd. Servt. should bee freely forgiven for his runinge away, provided hee do true & faithfull Servis to his master Jno. Daniell from this day for the full terme of Six yeares wth[out] Runninge away.”¹⁵³

COMMENT:

Many subsequent documents make clear this John Mulls was not a John *Mills*.

29 NOVEMBER 1659

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Upon the pettn of Charity Coulstone to the Court for her Bed & pott, It is Ordered yt she have her pott & Bed and all things thereunto belonging as is usuall in such Cases, out of her Husband’s Estate.” ...

“Upon the humble pettn of Barbary Hudson, It is ordd. By the Court yt the sd. Barbary Hudson be possessed with her bed and all ____ thereunto belonging as is usuall in such Casses.”¹⁵⁴

COMMENT:

Prior page: “The last will & Testamt. of Richard Hudson is proved by the Corporall Oathes of John Robinson & John Winburg and approved of by the court” Apparently, Barbary was his widow.

30 JANUARY 1659/60

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas **John Stockly** has order from Daniel Stockwell of London to receive of Wm. Smith of Northampton county in Virginia two hhds. [hogsheads] of tobacco, but the said Stockleys power not appearing sufficient the said Smith refused to make payment unto the sd. Stockley of the sd. Debt due to Daniell Stockwell. It is therefore ordered upon & request [ed] of the said Jno. Stockly th^t the said Stockly have Certificate from this Court for confirmation.”¹⁵⁵

¹⁵⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 49; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 79.

¹⁵¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 52; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 82.

¹⁵² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 55; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 85.

¹⁵³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 57; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 87.

¹⁵⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 59; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 89.

¹⁵⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 61; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 91.

22 FEBRUARY 1659/60
(NORTHAMPTON)

“The Depossetion of **Joane Mill** ... saith that the deponant’s *late Husband Josua Huit*, a little before his death tould the deponant that hee was Sorry for nothing more than for killing Wm. Ennis’ his hogg & a little before hee fell sick the Deponant had _urked att Jeremy Robinson __ wch was killed by Capt Pott his coult & he said Jeremy Robinson gave the Deponant’s **Husband Jossua Huit** a Sow Shott but hee would not have it but tould mee it should bee mine for hee thought hoggs would not thrive wth him & further saith not. Joane Mill the X mark, Sworn before mee, Edw. Littleton.”

Deposition of George Smith 28 February 1659/60 “Saith that their was a Company of fatt hoggs came to the dore? of my master **Jeremy Robinson & Joseph Huet** said I could fine in my hart to shoot one & my Master Jeremy Robinson bid him shoot one, & when hee was shott hee bid Joseph & t deponant (*wee being both his servants*) carry it into the thicket by the Creeke Side & singe it, then hee bid us bring it in, & after wee had brought it in hee ___ it out and gave us of it what hee pleased & hee tould mee If I spoke of it, it would bee more my shame than his. The Hogg that was killed belonged to Wm Ennis and further saith not. The marke of George Smith.”

“The Depossetion of **Joane Mill** sworne & taken in open Court February the 28th 1659. Saith that the deponants Husband had a Sow Shot given to him by Jeremy Robinson wch hee gave to the Deponant (for her [saying] hogge wold not thrive wth him) wch ____ the deponant tould Jeremy Robinson’s wife[;] shee replied the Reason why hoggs woud not thrive wth him [as that] he had killed a hogg of Wm. Ennis about the time that hogg was killed & Wm. Ennis sent his son & Jno. Park to looke his hoggs & shee tould mee yt then then Jno Park came to the house their was a peece of the hogg in the pott a boyling & att this time the deponant’s husband was Jeremy Robinson’s servant, att the ould house and further John Gorrall was blamed about the hogg but the deponant’s husband tould the deponant yt hee was innocent of it & desired of God the truth might bee known for the man was innocent of it & about a yeare ago when the bisness was like to bee prestioned? she bid __ say nothing for it was enufe to make the dead rise and further saith not. The X marke of Joane Mill.”

“The Depossetion of **Alexander Mill** Sworne & taken in open Court February 28th 1659, Saith that what is above written is all yt hee knows conserning the hogg & further that I heard my Wife say so much moree saith not.” the X marke of Alexander Mill.”¹⁵⁶

COMMENT:

“Joseph Huitt” and “Sarah Huitt” were named among transportees whose rights Littleton Scarburgh, John Alexander and Tabitha Smart used to acquire 1500 acres in Nortampton on “little Matomkin Cr. Includeinge Wattchepreag on the S. & little matomkin Towne on the N.”, 24 March 1659.¹⁵⁷ There was no “Joan” or “Jone” in that cluster—although there were three women whose names were transcribed as “Jane.”

Alex Mills appears to have married Joane, widow of Joshua/Joseph Huit, before 9 June 1658 when “Joan Mills” gifted a cow calf to “her child” Sarah Huit. Joan appears to be the second wife of Huitt and stepmother to Sarah.

Alexander and Joan had at least two children before Alex’s death about the winter of 1680/1: Thomas and Edward. **One or more additional children should have been born 1659–62 and 1664–1669.**

After the 1674 death of Walter Mills (who first appears in 1662), Alex claimed to be the next of kin to Walter but he had no proof.

¹⁵⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, pp. 64–65; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 94–95.

¹⁵⁷ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 393.

**29 SEPTEMBER 1660
(NORTHAMPTON)**

It is ordered yt Mrs. **Agnes Stratton** bee paid out of the estate of Rebecca Fisher, orphant of Phillip Fisher, six hundred & ninety Seaven pds of tobacco & cask being the balance of her Account for Sallery & expences _____ & dibursted by her late husband deceased & to bee cleare of the said orphants estate.”¹⁵⁸

**31 DECEMBER 1660
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas the Indians of Annancock invited **John Williams** and George Truett to come & live upon their Lands at Anancock & did promise sale of the same lands unto them, upon wch promise the said John Williams & Geo. Truett did pattent & seale each of them a Divident & hath built & cleared upon the Same, the Indians noe way for warning them, It is the Judgt of the Court yt the Sd Jno. Williams and Geo. Truett shall possess the same for the terme of five yeares according to Act of Assembly unless the said Indians shall in the Interim make satisfaction for their building & clearing ...”¹⁵⁹

**28 JANUARY 1660/1
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“A List of Sheepe male & female taken in Northampton County January 28th 1660 ... Richard Hill 02, **John Watts** 01, Coll. Scarburgh at Rich: Hill 04 ... Jno. Waltom 60 ... [total] 1714.”¹⁶⁰

“Certificate granted to Robert Windly for five hundred acres of Lands due pr Rights under written ... **Jno. Mill.**”¹⁶¹

**26 JUNE 1661
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Petition of High Sheriff Coll. Edm. Scarburgh finds the late sheriff Mr. Anto. Hodgkins faulty in concealing severall persons sums payable & some not able to pay. It is ordered that Hodgkins deliver unto the court upon oath, a satisfactory record & bill of the inhabitants due to countys credit ... [the sums represent tobacco]: **Rich. Bayly** 4, Ambrose Dickson 2, Rich. Hill 4, Robt. Huett 4, **Jno. Watts** 1, Jno. Millby 1 Geo. Freshwater 1, Wm. Harper 1, James Taylor 1, Tho. Moore 4, Walter Taylor 3, Tho Stott 2, Jno. Die 1, Christopr Dixon 2, **Alexander Milles** 2, John Lewis 5, Geo. Frizell 2, John Waltham 7, [skip 20] Tho. Harmanson 3, Rich. Burkland 2, Jno. Reneere 1, **Jno. Stockly** 3, Robt. Marriot 3, Jno. Clark 1, [skip 44] Wm. Starling 3, Rich. Bundick 2, **Jno. Williams** 1, Cristopr. Calvert 2, Dr. Hark 2, **Robt. Bayly** 2, Jno. Badum 2, Jno. Romney 4, [skip 14] Jno. Wise 4, Mrs. Mellings 3, Thos. Newton 1, **Widdow Stratton** 1, _____ Tony, Negro 1, Rich. Whittmash 1 [128 more].¹⁶²

**26 SEPTEMBER 1661
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“George Parker, 1300 acs. Northampton Co., 26 Sept. 1661 [Patent Book 4] p. 313 (431). At **Anancock Cr.**, beg. at land of Mr. Wm. Watters. Trans. of 26 pers: **Peter Mills**, 17 Negroes, Judeth Barber, An Barber, Henry Wms. (Williams), Stephen Norgrove, Wm. Hart, An Stone, Wm. Norton, Mary Jones.”¹⁶³

COMMENT:

¹⁵⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 76; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 106.

¹⁵⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 88; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 118.

¹⁶⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, pp. 89–90; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 118–19.

¹⁶¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, pp. 92–93; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 122–23.

¹⁶² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, pp. 100–2; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 130–32

¹⁶³ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 400.

Onancock fell within Accomack County. However, I have found nothing further on this Peter Mills.

**28 OCTOBER 1661
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Certificate granted to Lt. Coll. Jno. Stringer for 2100 acres of land on the rights of ... **Jno. Stockly**, Anne Stringer ...etc.¹⁶⁴

**29 OCTOBER 1661
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Expense account of Major William Walton? for Bridgitt & Elizabeth Charlton from 25 June 1659? to 25 June 1662: ... "Mr. Jno. West for soo much paid by him to **John Walton** 0144."¹⁶⁵

**3 NOVEMBER 1661
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Jno. Stockley served on jury. Six of the twelve jurors "signed" with their marks. Stockly was one of the six who could sign their names.¹⁶⁶

**28 FEBRUARY 1661/2
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"It is ordered that John Allen and **Alexander Mills** enter into recognizance to make their p'sonall appearance the next Court houlden in this County of Northampton."¹⁶⁷

"It is ordered yt the sheriff summon Mr. Voss, Francis Bonston [Benston], **John Williams** & John Jenkins to answer the complaint of the Annanocock Indians the next court."¹⁶⁸

COMMENT:

Other entries of that time frame refer to *Henry Voss*.

**28 APRIL 1662
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"Whereas **Alexander Mill** hath abused John Allen in his [Mills'] office as Constable, and? Hath been that day made appearance to the Court, It's therefore ordered yt [that] he ask forgiveness for his sd offense in open Court and enter into Bond wth Security for his good behavior to all his Maj^{ys} leige people, especially to John Allen & pay Court charges." ... "For as much as Alexander Mill hath ____ and indecent words (at ____ by the declaration of John Allen attested upon oath) containing his Ma^{ty}, it is therefore ordered th^t the sd Alexander Mill be *whipt at a Horse Sayle* for his sd offense."¹⁶⁹

"Upon the humble petition of **Alexander Mill** declaring his sorrow for his late misbehavior, the Court order th^t the sd Mill be released and Sett at Liberty from his p'sent Imprisonment ... the sd Mill having entered into Bond wth security for his good behavior."¹⁷⁰

**25 JUNE 1662
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"Whereas **John Stockley Sen^r** by accident killed a heiffer belonging to the children of Charity the wife of

¹⁶⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 107; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 137.

¹⁶⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 108; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 138.

¹⁶⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 118; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 148.

¹⁶⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 125; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 155.

¹⁶⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 126; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 156.

¹⁶⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 128; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 158.

¹⁷⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 132; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 162.

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Richard Burkland, by falling a tree onto was acknowledged by the sd Stockley it is therefore ordered th^t the sd John Stockly shall deliver a sufficient yeareling heifer for satisfaction of the sd Heiffer killed and pay costs of suit.”¹⁷¹

COMMENT:

John Stockley “Senr” would be the brother of Francis and husband of Elizabeth.

“A List of Tithables in Northampton County in 1662: Coll. Edm. Scarborough (2 coopers, 4 shoemakers, 3 wood workers?, 1 carpenter, 2 salt b____, 2 taylors, all unnamed), [skip 7], Widow Bayley 5, Mr. Devorix Browne, Rich Hill [skip 7], Anto. Jonson, **Jno. Watts** [skip 5] **Jno. Williams 4**, Geo. Truett 3, Xpofer Calvert 3, **Thomas Tunnell 2**, Jno. Ricketts, Rich. Bundick 3, [skip 100], Wm. Burton, **Walter Mills 2**, **Jno. Stockly 3?**, [skip 40], Manuell Driggus 2, Mathew Pippen, **Alex Mill 1**, Capt. Edw. Littleton, [skip 8], Robt Warren 2, Jno. Waterson, pskip 9], John Daniell 4, [skip 38 to end of list].” Total 707.¹⁷²

“It is ordered yt **Alexander Mill** have his Bond for good behavior delivered up, he paying ____ & Clerk’s fees.”¹⁷³

1662

(NORTHAMPTON)

Tax list. Collector: Edm. Scarborough: ... Christopher Calvert, **Thomas Tunnell (1)**, Jno. Ricketts, Rich: Bundick [skip several dozen] Wm. Burton , **Walter Mills (2)**, **Jno. Stockly (3)**, Wm Stevens ...¹⁷⁴

COMMENT:

- Edmund Scarborough, Thomas Tunnell, Richard Bundick, William Burton, and John Stockley appear numerous times in Accomack County after it was cut away in 1663.
- “Burton” and “E. Scarborough” appear on McKee’s Accomack County Settlers Map (see Appendix) just below the fold, in the area of Onancock.
- “E. Scarborough” is also shown thereon with land just below the Maryland line, north of Stockleys and east of Bentsons.
- I have found no references to Walter Mills in Accomack records, or anywhere after 1767 Northampton.

4 DECEMBER 1662

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Stockley served on jury.¹⁷⁵

28 JANUARY 1662/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Certifficate granted to Lt. Coll. Wm. Kendall for nine hundred and fifty Acres of Land as pr Rights under written vizt. Wm. Kendall ... **John Watts** ...”¹⁷⁶

23 FEBRUARY 1663

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Robt. Marriot, 450 acs. N’ampton Co. 23 Feb. 1663, [Patent Book 5], p. 273 (221). At the old plantation Cr., adj. to the head of land which Capt. Wm. Rooper lived on & bounded on the other parts by the ‘Ancient

¹⁷¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 135; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 165.

¹⁷² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 138; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 168.

¹⁷³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 140; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 170.

¹⁷⁴ John B. Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677* (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2008), 1–5; citing “OB p. 138, f. 139.”

¹⁷⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 147; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 177.

¹⁷⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 152; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 182.

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Adjacent devidents.' Trans. of 9 pers: Wm. Salt, Morras Mathews, Theo. White, **Jone Mills**, James Southfeild, Mary Williams, John Turner, Jeffry Marlin, Tho. Spann."¹⁷⁷

COMMENT:

See 21 November 1654, 10 April 1663, and 21 April 1663 for other claims under the variant "Joan Mills." have found nothing further on this woman.

28 APRIL 1663 (NORTHAMPTON)

"Whereas **John Stockly** hath in a turbulent manner disturbed and abused the vestry of Hungers & _____ parish as appeareth by the petition of the sd vestry, chargeing them to tax unjustly and calling them an Illegall vestry, it not only appeareth by the depos^{ns} of Henrick? Wagaman, Nehemiah Coventon & Wm. Jagoine but partly his owne Confession, and the said Stockly not proveing his assertion either by Law or other wise, the Court taking into Consideracōn the bad carriage of the Sd Stockly to be of Sad? & dangerous Consequences hath adjudged that the said John Stockley stands committed to the Sheriff's custody untill hee enter into bond wth sufficient security for his good behaviour, as also to make his publick Recantation in the Church for his sd. Offense, in wch place it was committed (the next time Mr. Teackle shall them preach) in the presence of the then Auditory."

"The Deposⁿ of William Gaskins Sworne & examined inopen Court the 28th of Aprill 1663, saith That on the 10th Day of tis instant April the deponent heard **John Stockly** say that the vestry of Hungers Parish was an Illegal Vestry, because they were not chosen by the Consent of the parish, Mr. Teackle asked him if hee would prove it, and he answered hee woould prove that the said vestry was Illegally chosen. More saith not. [Signed] Willm. Gaskins.

"Nehemiah Coventon, servant & examined the 28th of April 1663 saith the Same as William Gaskins doth & more saith not. the mark of Nehem^h Coventon [a large circle with two small circles inside]."

"The Deposition of Henrick Wagaman, Servant & examined in open Court the 28th of April 1663, saith that the deponent heard **John Stockly** on the 20 day of this instant month say that the vestry of Hungars parish was an illegall vestry, because they were not chosen by the Consent of the Parish. More saith not."¹⁷⁸

10 APRIL 1663

"John Sturgies, 200 acs, Accomack Co. 10 Apr. 1663 [Patent Book 5], p. 181 (70). Nere Machepungo, bounded on N. by land of Thomas Selby, on S. by Edward Smith & on E. by Catt tale branch. Trans. of 4 pers: Jno. Sanderson, Jane Murry, **Joan Mills**, Thomas Evans."¹⁷⁹

COMMENT:

See 21 November 1654, 29 November, 23 February 1663, and 21 April 1663 for other claims under the variants "Joan," "Joane," and "Jone" Mills. have found nothing further on this woman. Machepungo remained in Northampton County after the split.

21 APRIL 1663

"Certificates granted to John Sturgis for two hund Acres of Land due p: Rights underwritten Vizt: John Sanderson, Jean Murry, **Joan Mills**, Thomas Evans.

"Certificate is this Day granted unto Robert Hicknett for two hundred & fifty acres of and due p: Rights

¹⁷⁷ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 482.

¹⁷⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 166; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 196.

¹⁷⁹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, 1623–1666, vol. 1, 452.

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underwritten vizt: Morris Mathews, Theodorick White, **Joan Mills**, James Southfeild, Mary Williams.”¹⁸⁰

“**John Sturgis** was granted a certificate for 200 acres for transporting John Sanderfer, Joan Murry, **Joan Mills**, Thomas Evans.”¹⁸¹

“Robert Hicknett was granted a certificate for 250 acres for transporting Morris Mathews, **Joan Mills**, James Southfield, Theodorik White, Mary Williams.”¹⁸²

COMMENT:

- See 23 February 1663 and 10 April 1663 for other claims under the name “Joan” or “Jone Mills.” I have found nothing further on this woman.
- See 18 July 1664, below, for charges against John Sanderson made against Sturgis for mistreatment.

22 MAY 1663

“Ordered that **Thomas Tunell** give security to Samuel Carter, to whom Tunell owed 2000 lbs. of tobacco for the purchase of a servant. Tunell paid court costs.”¹⁸³

25 JUNE 1663

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**John Stockly** brought his Indian boy to the Court desiring? they would be pleased to Judge of his age, whom they adjudged to be Six yeares of age.”¹⁸⁴

“It is ordered that the Sheriff be impowered to impl[o]ye workmen to build a pillory, a paire of stocks, a whipping post, and a dunking stoole, for wch said pillory stocks whipping post & dunking stoole the sd Lt. Coll. Wm. Watson, High Sheriffe, shall be sattisfied out of the next County Levie fifteen hundred pds. Of Tobacco & Caske.”¹⁸⁵

“Upon the petition of **John Stockly** th^t his bond for good behavior be delivered up, whereupon proclamation in open Court [being] made and noe objection against him, Its therefore ordered that his said bond be delivered up, hee paying Court charges.”¹⁸⁶

18 AUGUST 1663

“A list of Tithables in Accomack County [*sic*] 1663 [130 men]: ... William & Francis **Benstone** Richard Johnson, Ano. Johnson, Mihill Ricards, Mr. Jno. Wise, Jno. Alford, Mr. Southee Littleton, Geo. Crump, **Tho. Tunnell**, Jno. Macele, Tho. Newton, Jno. Holding, Mr. Geo. Hack, Rich. Buckland, Cristopher Calvert, Capt. Geo. Parker.”¹⁸⁷

1663

(NORTHAMPTON)

Tithables ... Gilbert Skiner, Wm. Harper, Tho: Moore, **Alexander Mill** (1), George Smith, George Frizell ...”¹⁸⁸

¹⁸⁰ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709* (1929; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 1997), 1; citing “Deeds & Wills 1663–1666,” p. 2.

¹⁸¹ JoAnn Riley McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 1; citing p. 2a.

¹⁸² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 1; citing p. 2a.

¹⁸³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 4; citing p. 3b.

¹⁸⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 168; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 198.

¹⁸⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 170; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 200.

¹⁸⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 171; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 201.

¹⁸⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 39–40; citing p. 35a.

¹⁸⁸ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 6–8; citing “OB VIII, pp. f. 175, p. 176.”

5 SEPTEMBER 1663

(NORTHAMPTON)

"A List of Tithables in Northampton County Anno 1663: [skip 24] **Jno. Stockly** 2, [skip 9], Simon Fossett 4, **Walter Mills** 2, Wm. Satchell 3, [skip 11] Coll. Jno. Stringer 7, [skip 40] Lt. Coll. Wm. Kendall 10, [skip 11] Emanuell Drigges 3, [skip 31] Tho. Moore 5, **Alexander Mill** 1, George Smith, [skip 17 to end of list]." 470 total.¹⁸⁹

COMMENT:

Walter Mills died 1667 without a family. The second tithe would appear to be a hireling or partner. Note that in 1664 he was taxed jointly with Thomas Howard, for a total of two tithes.

29 SEPTEMBER 1663

"**Edmond Scarburgh**, 1450 acs. Accomack Co., 29 Sept. 1663 [Patent Book 4] p. 91 (581). Being a neck of land at the seaboard side, formerly elected by Richard Burdock & by him againe Declined called **Arcadia Neck**, bounded on the N. by a Cr. & br. called by the Indians **Amburrocomico, or Gargaphe**, on the S. by Arcadia Cr. &c. Trans. of 29 pers: Edward Fleetewood, Roger Noell, Wm. Bannister, Henry Farrington, John Dickinson, William Asley, Ralph Castleton, Robert Drury, Edward Morris, Thomas Caros, John Byram, Henry Porter, Robert Fleetewood, William Wall, Nicholas Woodward, Thomas Crispe, **Richard Mills**, James Jolly, Thomas Perry, William Pearle, Robert Drury, Francis Cranly (or Crauly), Elizabeth Bydolph, James Silverlocke, Thomas King, Peter Solm, Robert Parker, John Hodge, John Angel."¹⁹⁰

COMMENT:

- This land would fall into Accomack in 1671. A town or village called "Gargatha" is shown on modern maps north of Metomkin town, West of the Great and Little Metomkin Inlets. The two inlets appear to be linked by a creek.
- I have found nothing further on this Richard Mills, aside from the fact that he was also claimed by Scarburgh's neighbor John Dye, below.
- Col. Edmund Scarburgh cashed in the transportation rights of over 200 people in April and June 1663. Richard Mills, in September above and Rowland Mills, of October below, were the only two Millses.

20 OCTOBER 1663

"**Col. Edmund Scarburgh** ... 2400 acs. 20 Oct. 1663, [Patent Book 5], p. 184 (73.) "Same Co." At the seaboard side, bounded on N. by the maine Cr. & branch of a middle cr., lying bet. great & little **Matomkins Cr.** Trans. of 48 pers: ... **Rowland Mills**."¹⁹¹

COMMENT:

- The first reference to Rowland Mills was in 3 January 1642, when his right was claimed by Capt. Francis Yardley. (A Mary Mylls and William Mills also were claimed at that time by different parties.) In **1743/4 Rowland** was owed a heifer by the estate of **Wm. Burdett**, who also owed John Stockley. *Burdett's estate in November 1651 was in Maryland, with minor heir Thomas Burdett.*¹⁹² **On 5 February 1646, Rowland made his will.** Its terms and its administration was that of a single man with no kinsmen as heirs.

¹⁸⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, pp. 174–75; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 204–5.

¹⁹⁰ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 425.

¹⁹¹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 453.

¹⁹² Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 4, 1651–1654: 135; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 37.

10 NOVEMBER 1663

“The suit brought against **William Benstone** by Phillip Smith was dismissed because Smith failed to enter his complaint. Smith paid court costs.”¹⁹³

COMMENT:

I am noting here that William Benston(e) was in the county by 1663. I will not continue to gather records on him unless they shed light on the question whether a daughter of granddaughter married William Mills, stepson of Charles Stockley.

“**John Stockly** paid a heifer to Richard Buckland for the use of *John Coulston’s* children, but because Buckland had not used the heifer for the good of the orphans as was intended, it was ordered Buckland pay a good three year old heifer with calf next spring. Capt. Parker and Mr. Wise were requested to witness the delivery of the heifer for the good of the children, with Buckland paying court costs.”¹⁹⁴

COMMENT:

No Stockly or Coulston are on the typed 1663 tithable list attributed by McKee to Accomack County, not under any conceivable spelling. John Stockley was taxed 1662 and 1664 in Northampton.

1664

(NORTHAMPTON)

Tithables: **Jno. Stockley** w/ Abraham Neet, Jno. Bowin, Tho: Estmeath (4) ... [skip 10 households] **Walter Mills** w/ Tho: Howard (2) ...¹⁹⁵

16 APRIL 1664

“Certificate is granted to Samuell Taylor for four hundred acres of Land due p: Rights underwritten vizt: Henry Tomlin, Rich: Whight, **Ralph Mills [Miles]**, Robert Row, Jeffry Norton, Mathew Williams, Job. Salsbury, Robt. Rathborn.”¹⁹⁶

18 JULY 1664

“William Roberts, planter of Accomack, deeded to his daughter Mary Roberts: one mare, four cows, a featherbed, curtains and valence along with furniture. This was to be delivered on the day of his death. Signed 12 November 1663, William (W0) Roberts. Witnesses: **John Stockly**, Alex. (AA) Addison, Henry White. Acknowledged in open court by Roberts, 16 April 1664.”

COMMENT:

This John Stockley of Accomack appears to be the John who was son of Francis. John Sr. and wife Elizabeth appear in Northampton records for the next decade or so.

“John Sanderson made complaint against his master **John Sturgis** for harsh usage, which appeared true to the court. Ordered that John Sturgis post bond with security for his good behavior and pay court charges. If Sanderson grew disobedient and insolent toward his master, then Sturgis could appeal for the delivery of his bond and Sanderson would have to pay court costs.”¹⁹⁷

19 JULY 1664

“Certificate is this day granted to **John Stockley** for four hundred acres of Land due p: Rights underwritten

¹⁹³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 42; citing p. 35b.

¹⁹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 43; citing p. 36b.

¹⁹⁵ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 9–14; citing “OB VIII f. 197, p. 198, f. 198.”

¹⁹⁶ Stratton Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709*, 5; citing “Deeds & Wills 1663–1666,” p. 6.

¹⁹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 82–83; citing p. 67b, 69a.

vizt: **John Stockley, Eliz^a Stockley**, John Moore, Abraham Heath, Benjamen Hickman, Eliz^a Ashdon, John Bowin, James Owin.”¹⁹⁸

“Certificate was granted to **John Stockley** for 400 acres for transporting Eliza. Ashton, John Bowin, Abraham Heath, Benjamin Hickman, John Moore, James Owin, **Eliza Stockley, John Stockley**.¹⁹⁹

COMMENT:

Note that McKey has rearranged the names to present them in alpha order.

On 16 August, John Stockley also claimed 800 acres for 16 named headrights and on 17 November 1664 he claimed 1050 acres for 21 named headrights (Nottingham, pp. 7, 15)

This volume also includes under “Stowkly (Stockle, Sokely, Stewkley)”: Alice (1665, claimed by James Hindersom), Mary (1666, claimed by George Watson), and Thomas (1664, claimed by both Edm. Scarburgh and John Dye—as was **Richard Mills**). (See Nottingham 9, 15, 19, 30.)

“Certificate is granted to **Thomas Tunnell** for one hundred Acres of Land due p: Rights underwritten vizt: Thomas Tunill, Richard Holland.”²⁰⁰

“Certificate is granted to **Thomas Tunnell** for 100 acres for transporting **Thomas Tunell** and Richard Holland.”²⁰¹

“Henry White bound himself to pay upon demand 40,000 pounds of tobacco to **John Stockley** and **Alexander Addison**. The condition: John Stockley and Alexander Addison were security for White’s performance of the agreement by which White held his home plantation. If Stockley and Addison received no damage by White’s nonperformance of the condition, then the obligation was to be void. Signed 18 July 1664. Henry White. Witnesses: John Fawsett, **John Sturges**. Recorded by Robt. Hutchinson”²⁰²

COMMENT:

Note that the witness for Stockley’s bond was John Sturgis, one of the three men who cashed in the transportation right of **Joan Mills** in 1654 and 1663.

10 AUGUST 1664

“John Dye, 450 acs. Accomacke Co., 10 Aug. 1664 [Patent Book 5] p. 184 (75). Near Seaboard side at S. side of Mathomkin branch & bounded on E. by land of **Coll. Edmond Scarburgh**. Trans. of 9 pers: Walter Duble (or Dubte), **Rich. Mills**, Charles Brett, Thomas Seafort, George Joy, Tho. Stewkly [**Stockly**], Richard Long, Jno. Bearecraft, Thomas Wild.”²⁰³

COMMENT:

- Note under 1663, above, that Scarburgh also claimed importation right for Richard Mills.
- Note under 17 August 1664, below, that “Stewkly” is spelled “Stowkly,” suggessting this man may have been Thomas Stockly aka Stoakly.
- Note under 17 November 1664, below, that Col. Scarbrough was granted a certificate for transporting “Tho. Stewkley.”

16 AUGUST 1664

“Certificate was granted to **Thomas Tunill** for 500 acres for transporting: Abram. Ascough, James Austin,

¹⁹⁸ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709*, 6; citing “Deeds & Wills 1663–1666,” p. 69.

¹⁹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 83; citing p. 69b.

²⁰⁰ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709*, 6; citing “Deeds & Wills 1663–1666,” p. 69.

²⁰¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 84; citing p. 69b.

²⁰² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 85; citing p. 71a.

²⁰³ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 454.

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Robt. Bickerstasse [Bickerstaff], Geo Cullen, Rich. Eneling, Tho. Rogers, Samuel Rouse, Jno Stidolfe, Thomas Turgis, Geo. Westbrooke.”²⁰⁴

17 AUGUST 1664

“Certificate is this Day granted unto **John Dye** for foure hundred & fifty acres of Land due p: Rights underwritten vizt: Walter Dube, **Richard Mills**, Charles Breet, Thomas Seafort, George Joy, **Tho: Stowkly**, Richard Longe, Jno. Bearcroft, Thomas Wild.”²⁰⁵

COMMENT:

Richard Mills was also claimed by Col. Scarborough, the adjacent neighbor of John Dye who is claiming Thomas “Stewkly/Stowkly.”

18 AUGUST 1664

“Tithables in Accomack [*sic*] in 1664 [424 men]: ... George Crump, David Williamson, Anto Longe, Gausaim van Nitsin, **Tho. Tunell (3)**, Mr. Southee Littleton, Mr. Geo. Hack, Wm. Chase. ...”²⁰⁶

29 AUGUST 1664

(NORTHAMPTON)

“A List of Tithables in Northampton County An^o Dom 1664” [*grouped by household list*]: [15th list] **Jno. Stockley**, Abraham Heath, Jno. Bowin & Tho. Eslmeath 4; [*skip 23 lists*] **Walter Mills** & Tho. Howard 2; Browne Henricks; John Dolbey, **Denil Odem** [& 6 others; [*skip 65 lists*] Wm Harper & Richard Wuick? 2; **Alexander Mills** 1; George Frizzel 1; [*skip 31 to end*]. 429 total.”²⁰⁷

COMMENT:

Rarely is the head-of-household being taxed for another tithable bearing the same name (as with a son). Almost always, the extra tithables (those not labeled “Negro”) carried a variety of names, implying that they were white servants.

There are no listings for William Mills or widow Joane Mills and no John Brewer (Joan’s second husband) or any other Brewer.

28 OCTOBER 1664

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The Deposition of **Walter Mills aged thirty five** or thereabout Sworn & Examined in open Court ... saith that the depon^t heard Lambert Groton forwarne his wife not to goe any more to Browne Henricks and after yt she came to the depon^t house for bread? for Browne Henricks. More saith not. The marke of Walter Mills [sort of a curlicue plus O plus curlicue – all attached].”²⁰⁸

COMMENT:

This places Walter Mills’ birth about 1729. The first reference to him was 1662. This should not be a son of William and Joan.

28 DECEMBER 1664

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas it appeared to the Court yt Willim Stevens standeth indebted unto **John Stockly** in the Sume of

²⁰⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 87; citing p. 72a.

²⁰⁵ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709*, 9; citing “Deeds & Wills 1663–1666,” p. 72. Also McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 88; citing p. 72a.

²⁰⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 891; citing p. 72b.

²⁰⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 196–97; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 226–27.

²⁰⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 200; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 229.

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Nine hundred pounds of tobacco & Cask being for soe much paid to Coll. Scarburgh for the Survey of his Land, It is therefore ordered th^t hee forthwith make payment unto the abovesaid John Stockley the abovesaid sume of nine hundred pds of tobacco & Cask wth Court charges.”²⁰⁹

COMMENT:

This should be John Stockley Sr., husband of Elizabeth and brother of the late Francis.

17 NOVEMBER 1664

“Certificate was granted to **John Stockley** for 1050 acres for transporting: James Bane, Easter Bayley, Charles Bishopp, John Boyes, Wm. Brent, Tho. Brewer, Jno. Cane, Tho. Carns, Peter Heyman, Philip Hitley, Henry Hunte, Rich. Leigh, Robert Lewkner, John Newton, James Orton, John Palmer, Petter Pett, Wm. Radley, Herert Rye, John Smith, Thomas Thorey.”

“Certificate was granted to Col. Edm. Scarburgh for 7150 acres for transporting [160 men].... **Tho. Stewkley** ...²¹⁰

COMMENT:

This should be John Stockley Sr., husband of Elizabeth and brother of the late Francis.

16 FEBRUARY 1664/5

Jury of inquest for 1665 (24 men) included **Thomas Tunnell**.²¹¹

COMMENT:

This appointment implies that Tunnell was a landowner by February 1664/5.

Thomas patented 700 acres at Accomson adj. Jno. Watts on 30 Oct 1669, being 400 acres from Southby Littleton’s 850 acres *patented 12 Sept. 1664*, plus 300 acres for trans. of six persons: Tho. Thunnell, Tho. Beare, Richd. Holland, Phill. Shapcott, Jno. Strangwies, and Mary Napper.” By extrapolation, his land purchase from Littleton was between September 1664 and February 1664/5.

Six other men patented land using the name “Thomas Tunnell,” including two from Accomack/Northampton:

9 Nov 1666 Robt. Richardson of Accomack, “near Backanoctun”²¹²

9 Oct 1672 Nicholas Milchopp of Northampton, Muddy Creek²¹³

28 Oct 1673 Mr. John Porter Sr. of Lower Norfolk Co.²¹⁴

7 Nov 1673 Wm. Blake [Accomack] adj. land of Capt. Southey Littleton at Accomson, granted to Tho. Tunnell 30 Oct. 1669, deserted, and now claimed anew on several importation rights, including “Sarah Miles.”²¹⁵

29 Nov 1674 Mr. James Harrison, John Bowzee, & Eliz., Margerett, Ann & Elin Mott, S sode pf Rappahanock River, 9019 acres for 180 persons, including “Tho. Tunill.”²¹⁶

15 Jun 1675 Enoch Doughty, 4763 acres on S. side of Rappahannock, 97 persons including “Sarah Mills and Tho. Tunnell.”²¹⁷

²⁰⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book 1657–64, p. 203; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 232.

²¹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 101, 103; citing pp. 81a, 81b, 82a.

²¹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 114; citing p. 92a.

²¹² Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 10.

²¹³ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 119.

²¹⁴ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 136.

²¹⁵ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 140–41.

²¹⁶ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 159–60.

²¹⁷ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 164.

17 APRIL 1665

“John Barret, who recently died leaving only a small estate, owed Mr. Browne 820 lbs tobacco. Ordered that James Armitage be servant, and that Mr. Browne receive the estate for payment of the debt and be accountable for the rest for payment to creditors. Mr. Littleton and **Thomas Tunnell** were appointed to appraise the estate.”

“**Thomas Tunnell** claimed that John Barret owed him 141 lbs tobacco and an additional 100 lbs tobacco for trouble in tending him in his sickness. Ordered that Tunnell be second in line for payment.”

Thomas Tunnell signed the jury list as TT.²¹⁸

16 JUNE 1665

“Deposition of William Major ... In April he heard Henry White speak to Japhet Cooke about setting up some casks. Cooke agreed to come in May to hew the timber. There had been some previous ‘squabbling’ between them regarding a conversation with **Thomas Tunnell**.”²¹⁹

**4 SEPTEMBER 1665
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Tithable list delivered to court this date, beginning with: Mr. Edward Gunter w/Thomas Ast & Richard Wildgoose, Tague Harman, Richard Dibbins, **Walter Mills**, Richard Nottingham w/ William Ewins [skip many, then 22 & 21 dwellings from the end] John Bagwell w/ **Thomas Bagwell (2)**, **Alexander Mill (1)**.”²²⁰

**16 SEPTEMBER 1665
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Tithables in Accomack [Northampton] County, 1665 (468 men): ... Tobias Sellvey, Robt. Brace, Richard Johnson, Mihill Ricketts, **Thomas Tunnell**, Mr. Littleton, Jno Mickeele, Jno. Holding, Wm. Houton, Richard Cox ...”²²¹

**__ JANUARY 1665/6
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Richard Patrick to Joseph Godwin, both of Northampton. Sale of 1200 acres “being the one halfe of my dividant” adjoining James Prey-John. Signed: Richard Patrick, Ellener Patrick EP (her mark). Witnesses: Tho : Evans, Nicholas Powell, **John Stokely**.²²²

COMMENT:

This should be John Stockley Sr., husband of Elizabeth and brother of the late Francis.

See also, Patrick to Godwin 2 November 1672, with Tho: Delahay and Joseph Hickman as witnesses.²²³

1666

(NORTHAMPTON)

Tithe roll: [skip 23 households] Thomas Bagley, [skip 3 households] Rich: Nottingham w/ Wm. Ewin, Thomas Ast, att the widdow Gunters: Rich: Widegoose, Tony (a Frechman), Simon Focus household, **Walter Mills** [skip 44 households] John Bagwell, [skip 10 households] Will: Starlinge with Tho: **Tunnell &**

²¹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 118–20; citing pp. 95a, 95b, 96a.

²¹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 122; citing p. 97b.

²²⁰ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 15, 20, citing “Book X, p. 14-15, 1664–74.”

²²¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 1, 1663–1666, 129; citing pp. 102 a,b.

²²² Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., Nos. 7–8, 1655–1657, 1666–1668: illegible page number; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 183.

²²³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 40; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 19’.

Hen. Morgan & **John Willett**, att Mathew Getting's Constable: Walter Carter & Howell James & John **Fathery**, Francis Harper, George Frizell, Dormand Loffland, **Alex: Mills w/ Rich: Core, Thos. Bagwell**, Capt. John Custis ...²²⁴

**11 AUGUST 1666
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"**John Mulls** his marke, Cropt on both eares & 2 slitts in the left Eare & one Slitt in the Right & a hole in it & underbitt. [Later note:] Novr 17 1693? Recorded for his Grandson Mulls Cornuck the son of Michael? Cornick & Frances his wife, daughter of the said John Mulls."²²⁵

COMMENT:

In 1659, above, John Mulls was the "Irish man servant" of John Daniells.

17 OCTOBER 1666

"Certificate is this Day granted unto **Thomas Tunnell** for two hundred Acres of Land due p: Rights underwritten vizt: Nicholas Long, Thomas Peiroy, James Smith, John Killigrew."²²⁶

"Certificate was granted to **Thomas Tunnell** for 200 acres for transporting: John Killgrew, Thomas Peiroy, Nicholas Slany, James Smith."²²⁷

16 JULY 1667

Thomas Tunnell served on jury.²²⁸

16 AUGUST 1667

Thomas Tunnell served on jury.²²⁹

**4 SEPTEMBER 1667
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Tithe roll: [*skip several dozen*] John Dorson w/John Margett & Lewis Williams, **John Mills (1)**, Francis Pettit [*skip 26 households*] Wm. Harper household, Thomas Moore household, Tho: Poynter household, John Adolpf household, **Alex : Mills (1)**, Eustis Sanders w/ Daniell Neech, Francis Harper [*skip 6 households*] Hen: Marshman w/ **John Watts** ...²³⁰

9 OCTOBER 1667

"Mr. Henry Smith, 1000 acs. Accomack Co., being part of an island where the E. & W. line from **Smith's Island** intersect, &c. & bounded by parts of **Chesepaik Bay** &c. Trans. of 20 pers: Jno. Smith, Henry Smith, Margery Smith, Saml. Holbrooke, Joan Holbooke, Rich. Webb, **Wm. Nock**, Eliza. Nock, **Roger Mills [Miles]**, Rachell Moodey, Rich. Chambers, Jane Powell, Wm. Turner, Roger Burkum, Judith Godfrey, Wm. Underwood, Joseph Morley, Michael Frost, Mary Slingsby, Jasper Marding."²³¹

COMMENT:

²²⁴ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 22, 24.

²²⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 237.

²²⁶ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709* (1929; reprinted: Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 1997), 26; citing "Deeds & Wills 1666–1670," p. 5.

²²⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 6; citing p. 5a.

²²⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 45; citing p. 28b.

²²⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 52; citing p. 33b.

²³⁰ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 30–31.

²³¹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 24.

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This would be Roger Miles. See vol. 2 of the 3-vol. set of Accomack genealogies itemized in *FamilySearch Wiki's* page for Accomack, which deals with the Roger Miles family—i.e.,

Carey, Mary Frances, Barry W. Miles, and Moody K. Miles. *Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Virginia*. 3 vols. Lewes, Delaware: Colonial Roots, 2004-2007. [FS Library US/CAN Book 975.51 D2c 3 volumes](#).

- v. 1. Descendants of James Bonnewell, Richard Bundick, William Mason, Edward Thornton, Henry Trader, and Henry Wright
- v. 2. Descendants of Edward Bayly, Richard Bayly, Edward Byrd, Edward Ker, John Lewis, Samuel Marshall, and Roger Miles
- v. 3. Descendants of Thomas Elliott (Northampton County), Thomas Elliott (Onley, Accomack County), Thomas Elliott (Wachapreague, Accomack), John Fisher, John Mapp, and Bartholomew Mears.

17 DECEMBER 1667

“Henry White was sued by **John Stockly** and Alexander Addison, but the court found no cause of action and dismissed the suit with Stockly and Addison paying court costs.”

“The will of George Crump was proved by the testimony of Edw. Smally and, at the last court, by Richard Holland. Ordered that **Thomas Tunnell** be administrator of the estate of George Crump after posting security for true performance.”²³²

COMMENT:

Thomas Tunnell cashed in the importation right of Richard Holland. See 19 July 1664.

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

17 JANUARY 1667/8

(NORTHAMPTON COUNTY)

“By the Coll: [Colonel] & Comander of Northampton County Whereas I am credibly informed & after Complaint hath been made unto mee, that some p’sons in this County whome it hath pleased God to visit with that Leaprous & spreadinge disease named the Small pox & for want of better Judgmt & Christian civility, have sufferered such of their family to wander forth amongst such people as are cleare from the same, without any the least restriction & for as much as the sd. Disease is not only very dangerous to those p’sons soe visited, if they be engaged to the aire, but alsoe as dangerous & infectious unto all other such cleane p’sons, as they soe infected shall presume to come amongst untill they be fully curred & clensed, for p’veention of the like uncivill demeanor for the future.

“hese whom this att present may concerne & all other inhabitants that it may or shall please God to Visitt in this County, are hereby advised & p[rope]r admonished, as alsoe strictly charged, & comanded to exercise such restrictions over there sd family respectively (in case of such visitation) according to the Laws of God & Man & justifiable to the rules & Government of Christianity, & that they suffer none of their sd: familiy soe visited to goe forth their doors, untill their full clensinge (that is to say) thirtie dayes after there recovery of the sd: small pox, least the sd: disease should spreade by Infection like the plague [sic] of leaprosie throughout this County, & such as shall not take notice of this premonition, & charge, but beastlike shall p’sume to Act & doe contrarily, may expect to be severely punished accordinge to the Statute of the Trist? of King James in such cases provided for their contempt herein. God save the King. Recorded the 7th of January 1667. Will: Mellinge, Cur: Com: North’amton.”²³³

17–18 FEBRUARY 1667/8

²³² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 70; citing p. 44a.

²³³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., Nos. 7–8, 1655–1657, 1666–1668: illegible page number; imaged, *Family Search.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 206.

Thomas Tunnell served on grand jury.

“A ‘thievish runaway Indian called Pickpocket’ was charged and confessed to ‘felonious cheats’ and housebreaking. He had continued this behavior for several years and now endeavored to make trouble between the English and the Indians by telling **John Stokely** that the Indians were very afraid of Col. Scarburgh, but before long they would make Scarburgh afraid of them.” Pickpocket was ordered to be “sent out of the country by Mr. Pitt, who was to dispose of him in the Indies.”²³⁴

23 MAY 1668

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Anne **Stratton**’s marke Cropt & Sitt on the left eare & un’bitted on the Right & a hole in it.”²³⁵

28 AUGUST 1668

(NORTHAMPTON)

... **John Stockely w/ Will: Stockely** (2), John Wimbrough Jun., Tho: Dunton, Will: Satchell ... [skip several dozen] Daniel Pane, **John Mills** (1). Mrs. Vosses ...²³⁶

COMMENT:

- This John Mills remained in Northampton County after the split.
- This John Stockley of Northampton appears to be the son of Francis.
- Bell’s transcription of these tithe list do not show a John Mulls in the county—i.e., the spelling used in the 1666 recording of animal marks.

27 OCTOBER 1668

Thomas Tunnell served on jury.”

“Corn left by the Aquinakee Indians was deposited in the barns of Mr. Henry Smith (8 barrels), **Mr. Jno Stokely** (6 barrels), and Mr. Robert Pott (12.5 barrels), who were to be answerable to the county for the full value, which was determined to be 150 lbs tobacco for each barrel of corn.”²³⁷

COMMENT:

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

9 DECEMBER 1668

“**Thomas Tunnell** acknowledged a debt of 285 lbs tobacco to William Taylor. Ordered that Tunnell pay the debt and court charges. Thomas Tunell acknowledged a debt of 737 lbs. tobacco to Capt Jno. West. Ordered that Tunnell pay the debt and court charges”²³⁸

COMMENT:

McKee’s Accomack County Settlers Map places “W. Taylor” on the sea side of upper Accomack beside “Stringer” and “Stockley.”

12 JANUARY 1668/9

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**Frances** the daughter of **John Mulls**, 2 slitts on the Right Eare & a Cropped slitt & a hole underbitt on the Left Ear. [Later note:] Augt. 26th 1698 Entered for Michael Cornick, husband of the Said Frances Mulls.

²³⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 75, 84; citing pp. 47b, 49a, 53a.

²³⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 239.

²³⁶ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 33–38; citing “OB p54, f54, p. 55.”

²³⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 103 & 106; citing p. 64b, 66.

²³⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 116; citing p. 79.

“**Mary** the Daughter of **John Mulls**, her marke a Cropt of both Eares & two Slitts on both Eares & underbitted of both Eares.”²³⁹

4 FEBRUARY 1668/9

Thomas Tunnell served on jury.²⁴⁰

16 MARCH 1668/9

“Jno. Wallop, attorney of Thomas Miller (the assignee of Tho. Wescott), petitioned for 4357 lbs tobacco against **Ja. Mills**, who had moved from the county. Ordered that attachment be granted against **Mills’** estate in Accomack County for the debt and court costs.”

COMMENT:

“James” Mills surfaced again in the county on 16 October 1673 when a certificate was issued to him for 1500 acres, due for transportation rights of **James Mills**, **Fortune Mills**, **Roger Miles**, Bernor Trente and 28 others.”²⁴¹

“Certificate was granted to **Jno. Stokely** for 200 acres for transporting Thomas Gwin, Michael Leigne, Owin Morris and Edgar Powell.”²⁴²

COMMENT:

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

31 MARCH 1669

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**Walter Mills** his marke cropt on the Left eare & slitt, wth a Nick under the Right.”²⁴³

17 MAY 1669

Tho. Tunnell served on jury.²⁴⁴

16–17 MARCH 1669/70

Tho. Tunnell served on jury.

“Richard Kellam and Edward Hammond differed over a small tract of land lying between them at **Matchepungo**. At the court’s proposal, Hamond chose **John Stokely** and Kellam chose Nathaniel Bradford to determine the value of the work done on the land; Kellam would pay that sum to Hammond, who was to transfer ownership to Kellam. If they did not agree, the order was void, and the first prosecutor would pay the charges. If they agreed, the court charges could be shared equally.”

“At Thomas Mattock’s request, the case between him and **John Stokely** and Alex. Addison, defendants, was referred to the next court. Ordered that **Stokely** and Addison release themselves from their engagement in behalf of Henry White, or otherwise perform the condition”²⁴⁵

COMMENT:

- Machipongo Creek *aka* River is a 16.5 mile waterway in lower Accomack County. Its

²³⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 239.

²⁴⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 133; citing p. 101.

²⁴¹ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709*, 1; citing “Wills 1673–1676,” p. 1.

²⁴² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 147; citing p. 119.

²⁴³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated (right side); imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 239.

²⁴⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 161; citing p. 138.

²⁴⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 2, 1668–1670, 195–96; citing pp. 185–86.

headwaters lie east of Pungoteage, from which it flows downward into the sea along the Northampton County line.

- Machipongo, the unincorporated town, lies in Northampton County.
- Note John Stockley's association with Addison and "Fawsett" below under 16–17 August 1671. McKey's settlement map places Addison and Fawsett on the Accomack side of its line with Northampton line, Occohannock Creek, bayside—and places "Browne" two bays northward, bayside. Whether this is John Stockley Sr. or Jr. is unclear.

1670

(NORTHAMPTON)

Power of attorney by William Crabb of the city of Bristoll, principal creditor and administrator of the estate of John Hopkings "Late of the said city," to John ___ncke of the same city. Witnessed: "**Hen: Mills**, Jo: Cary." Proved in **Nansemond** Court 12 October 1670 by oaths of **Henry Mills** & John Cary. Recorded Northampton February 1670/1.²⁴⁶

19 JULY 1671

"**John Stockley** was foreman of the jury summoned for this court." John Sturgis served on the jury.²⁴⁷

COMMENT:

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

16 AUGUST 1671

"It appeared to the court by the oath of Mr. John Fawsett and other proofs that **John Stokely** owed Mr. Deverax [*sic*] Browne 331 lbs tobacco. Ordered that Stokely pay the debt and court costs."

"The case between Mr. Jno. Tankard, defendant, and **Jno. Stokly** and Alexr. Addison, plaintiffs, was referred to the next court."²⁴⁸

17 AUGUST 1671

"John Fawsett declared that in 1664, he went to **John Stockley's** house to get some tobacco for Mr. Devereux Browne. He received 5 hogsheads from **Stockley**, with 200 lbs more due to Browne. **Stockley** asked Fawsett to give him a receipt, saying he should have some to cover damages, pretending that Browne was to allow him 3 half pence per pound, which he thought would cover the balance. Signed 16 August 1671, by John Fawsett."²⁴⁹

28 AUGUST 1671

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Capt. Jno. Custis his List: [skip 10] John Moore, John Morgan, John Knight, **Alexander** Mills, John Heyns, John Tankard ...²⁵⁰

COMMENT:

McKee seats Custis in Accomack, about 10 miles above the headwaters of Machipongo, near Burton, John Watts, and E. Scarbuurgh. However, Custis owned numerous tracts.

²⁴⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 18; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 269.

²⁴⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2011), 1–2; citing p. 7.

²⁴⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 10–11; citing pp. 16–17.

²⁴⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 14; citing p. 19.

²⁵⁰ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 39–44; citing "OB f. 114 – f. 115."

16–17 NOVEMBER 1671

“**Mr. John Stockley**” served on the jury. Of the twelve jurymen, only three were accorded the honorific “Mr.”

COMMENT:

This John Stockley serving as an Accomack juror should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

“**John Stockley** and Allexr. Addison petitioned against John Tankard, executor of Henry White, to save themselves from damages they might sustain for being security for Henry White, who did not fulfill a lease granted to Thomas Madox. As Tankard had undertaken to keep Stockley and Addison liable, it was ordered that Tankard, as executor for White, perform the conditions of the lease and pay all court costs.”²⁵¹

COMMENT:

I am still unclear as to which John Stockley this defendant was. John Sr. of Northampton appears to have lived near the Accomack line. The role of the defendant John, as security for someone else who was being sued, is a role that could be filled by John Sr. of Northampton.

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 1671

“List of tithables in the Upper Part of Northampton County for 1671 [545 men] ... Capt. Bowman’s list: German Jillitt, **John Stockley**, Wm. Hichman, Richd. Bundick, **John Sturgis**, Wm. Marshall, Thomas Lampin [and 43 others].”²⁵²

COMMENT:

McKee seats “Bowman” mid-Accomack, east-northeast of Onancock, above E. Scarburgh and some 10 miles above “Custis,” seaside.

20 DECEMBER 1671

John Stokely served on the jury.

“Capt. Jno. West and Mr. John Wise were requested to take three or four men with them to view both the old highway at **John Stokeley’s** plantation and the new one that **Stokely** had made. They were to report to the next court.”

COMMENT:

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack, who inherited his father’s plantation.

“John Parkinson of Cloughton in Lancashire, and now a resident of Virginia, assigned power of attorney to Allexander Addison. Signed the last day of March 1670, by John Parkinson. Witnesses: **John Stockley** and William Wouldhand. Recorded 27 December 1671.”²⁵³

17 JANUARY 1671/2

“**Mr John Stockley** was foreman of the following grand jury, which was sworn for the following year ...”²⁵⁴

COMMENT:

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

²⁵¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 17; citing p. 24.

²⁵² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 24; citing p. 29.

²⁵³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 28, 32; citing pp. 39, 43.

²⁵⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 35; citing p. 49.

7 MARCH 1671/2

“Deed: Daniell Jenifer sold to Morris Dennis 500 acres on the northern branch of Gilford Creek. This was part of the land patented to Mrs. Anne Toft, now the wife of Daniell Jenifer. Signed 5 March 1671/2, Daniell Jenifer and Anne Jenifer. Witnesses: **John Stockley**, Wm. Turvile, and George Kirkham.”²⁵⁵

COMMENT:

This John Stockley should be John Jr., son of the late Francis of Accomack.

**17 JANUARY 1670/1
(NORTHAMPTON)**

William Whittington, late of Northampton County sold to **John Stockley** of same, 400 acres now in the possession of Stockley, bounded on the north by Mountney & Custis, on east “by the sea side itself, in breadth Southerly halfe way from the first Creeke to ____ Hills old House, in length westerly into the woods.” “William Whittington Son & heyre to the said Capt: William Whittington (out of a Dutifull respect to my said father, & tender Care of his honor & reputation), doth by these presents fully & absolutely ratify ... & release the said” 400 acres. Witnesses: John West, John Tankard. Presented in court 17 January 1670[/1]. Recorded 25 February 1670[/1].²⁵⁶

COMMENT:

The witness Tankard was the man who sued John Stockley in Accomack County court, together with Allison, for whom Stockley was surety.

**13 APRIL 1671
(NORTHAMPTON)**

John Stockley of Northampton as. [alias] Accomack in Virginia, for 4,000 pounds tobacco, sold to Christopher Stanley, 200 acres of land “being a Neck of land ... his Grand pattent in Northampton County, bounded Northwardly on the South side of the Northernmost branch of a Neck of land commonly called **Poplar Necke, lands of John Shockley**, eastwardly runing along the **branch of Ma[ssa]waman Creek**, Westerd by extending itself to the head one of marked trees of the said Stockley, Southwardly on the Southside of the said Poplar Neck. Witnesses: Edward Ashby; Will: Stebens. Acknowledged in court 28 April 1678. Recorded 8 May 1671. Release of dower rights by **wife Elizabeth Stockly** 28 April 1671; same witnesses.”²⁵⁷

COMMENT:

The identity of the wife (Elizabeth) establishes this John as John Sr., brother of Francis.

17 MAY 1672

“Certificate is this day granted to Richd. Bayly for four hundred Acres of Land according to the Rights underwritten: Rich: Marriner, Anne & George negroes, **Sarah Mills**, Philli Wheeler, Rih: Houffington, Peter Watkinson, John Wheeler.”²⁵⁸

John Stokely served on jury.

“Certificate was granted to Richd. Bayly for 400 acres for transporting: Anne, a Negro, George, a Negro, Nich. Houffington, Rich. Marriner, **Sarah Mills**, Peter Watkinson, John Wheeler, Phillip Wheeler.”

COMMENT:

²⁵⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 55; citing pp. 77–78.

²⁵⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 18; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 269.

²⁵⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 22; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 273.

²⁵⁸ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709* (1929; reprinted: Baltimore: Clearfield Co., 1997), 48; citing “Deeds & Wills 1663–1666,” p. 101.

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I have found no further reference to this Sarah Mills. Accomack court minutes of this period suggests that the illnesses and dangers of wilderness life were especially felt by the servant class.

“Ordered that **John Stokely** be appointed surveyor of the highways for the ensuing year to see that the highways be cleared on the **Sea Side from the division line to Gargaphia**. The sheriff was to notify him.”²⁵⁹

17 JULY 1672

“**William Stokeley** recorded his earmarks for cattle.”²⁶⁰

COMMENT:

This William should be the son of John Sr., as named in the will of his uncle Francis Stockley.

18 OCTOBER 1672

(NORTHAMPTON)

Robert Foster assigns to Jno. Stringer all his rights to the transportation rights of **Jno. Mills** and six others. Recorded 29 December 1673.²⁶¹

COMMENT:

John Stringer was an associate of Northampton’s John Stockly. See image 291.

18 NOVEMBER 1672

“**John Stokely** and **Wm. Stokely** were requested by Sheely, the wife of Wm. Morris, ‘to view the corpse of a child she had accidentally killed by the fall of a tree.’ They confirmed the accident, and since it occurred on a remote plantation, the court ordered, with the consent of High Sheriff Mr. John Culpeper, that further inquiry into the death be waived and that the child be buried.”²⁶²

COMMENT:

This should be John Sr. and his son William, both named in the will of John Sr.’s brother Francis.

20 NOVEMBER 1672

“Declaration of **John Stokely** and **William Stokely**: Sheely Morris, the wife of Wm. Morris, came to the house of **John Stokely** and ‘told me that her child was making water at the end of the house on Friday last and the child cried “Oh, Mother!” And instantly a tree fell down at the end of the house and killed the child, and the print of the side of his head and the blood to be seen to this day.’ Sheely requested Stokely to send someone home with her, so he sent **his son William**, ‘who saw the same.’ Sheely asked Stokely’s advice, so he went to Capt. Danll. Jenifer to declare the manner of the child’s death. Jenifer asked Stokely to inform the court. Signed 18 November 1672, by John Stokely and William (M) Stokely.”²⁶³

COMMENT:

This should be John Sr. and his son William, both named in the will of John Sr.’s brother Francis.

20 NOVEMBER 1672

(NORTHAMPTON)

William Kendall of Northampton to “**John Stockely** of Assawom in the said county,” sale for valuable considerations already received 500 acres “in or neare the said Assawom bounded eastward on the marked trees of the said John Stockely & running along them from Assawom branch” 1234 poles SW &

²⁵⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 71, 63; citing p. 101, 103.

²⁶⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 85; citing p. 125.

²⁶¹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 64; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 305.

²⁶² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 97; citing p. 144.

²⁶³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 100–1; citing pp. 147–48.

by S onto the Southern end of the said Stokelys Land, then NW by W 64 poles, then NE & North neare the head of the said Assawom branch. Land is part of a larger patent to Kendall dated 25 September 1671. Witnesses: Jno. Stringer, Dan: Neech. Acknowledged in open Court 29 September 1672. Recorded 10 October? 1672.”²⁶⁴

COMMENT:

This should be John Sr. who, with wife Elizabeth, sold part of his Assawoman land in 1671 to Christopher Stanley.

**30 NOVEMBER 1672
(NORTHAMPTON)**

John Stokely acknowledges that he has received full satisfaction from Wm. Kendall for “a bill in my hands of the sd. Kendalls for six thousand ounds of tobacco casks mentioned in my Deed for Land sold to him ... 17 January 1670.” Witness: Jseph Godwin. Proved in court 29 December 1676 by Joseph Godwin. Recorded 30 December 1676.²⁶⁵

6–8 FEBRUARY 1672/3

Jno. Stokeley served on jury.

“It was judged that Henrick Waggamon owed **John Stokely, Sr.**, 1000 lbs tobacco and the costs of the suit.”

“**Representatives** chosen by the general vote: Tho. Browne, Wm. Burton, Timothy Coe, Jno. Drumond, Geo. Johnson, Obedience Johnson, Roger Michael, **Jno Stokely**, Robt. Watson.”²⁶⁶

3–4 MARCH 1672/3

Jno. Stokely served on the jury.

“**Jno. Stokely** acknowledged that he had received full payent from Herick Waggaman as ordered at the last court”²⁶⁷

19 AUGUST 1673

“**Elizabeth Stokely** requested the court to ‘swear witness of her husband’s will and put it to record She would have waited for the court, but ‘I am not well at present.’ Signed 15 August 1673, Elizabeth Stokely. Witness: **John Stratton**.”

“Will: **John Stokely** planter, left his 2700 acre plantation at Assewoman to his sons as they came of age. Stokely mentioned his **wife Elizabeth** and **children: Thomas, Elizabeth, Inez, Hanna, Anne, William, Woodman, and John**. Part of his land bordered Christopher Stanley’s plantation. Executors were: Elizabeth Stokely, William Custis and Mr. Edward Revell. Signed first on 8 February 1670, and then on 9 April 1673 by **John Stockly**. Witnesses: Wm. Custis and Thomas Bagwell.”

COMMENT:

Assawoman lies in northern Accomack, about halfway between the Gargathy community and the Maryland line. It is considerably north of the Addison-Fawcett area.

Note that this John’s children do not include the Charles who married Nathaniel Tunnell’s widow Mary about 1696. A deed of 17 February 1690/1 identified Charles Stockley and Francis Stockley as sons and heirs of “John.”

²⁶⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 40; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 291.

²⁶⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 129?; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 338.

²⁶⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 105, 108–10; citing pp. 158, 161, 165.

²⁶⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 112, 114; citing pp. 173, 175.

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McKee's abstracts does *not* do justice to the will whose terms are irregular. Among other points, the will states that "my sons" were to share his 2700 acres but his will named none of them. William, Woodman, and John are named in a codicil added right before his death, stating that those three had already received their land shares. Thomas is not named. Nor does the will name Francis, Joseph, or Charles who also received 300–360 acres of land in February 1690/91 (see that date below).

"Indenture." On 6 May 1672 Wm. Crabtree, planter, for 4000 lbs tobacco, had "indentured himself to serve John Watts, Planter, for a term of three and a half years to end on November 1675. [Terms stated here.] Watts was such a cruel master that Crabtree sought help from **Elizabeth Stockely**. On 7 August 1673, "John Watts signed over to **Elizabeth Stockly** all his rights in the above indenture. Signed ... **John (scissors) Watts**. Witnesses **John Stratton** and Edward (ES) Smith. On 15 August, Crabtree pledged that, in exchange for Elizabeth redeeming him from "my hard service, I do freely and voluntarily oblige myself to serve **Mrs. Elizabeth Stockley** one year longer than the within specified indenture." "Signed ... Will. (R) Crabtree. Witnesses: **John Stratton** and Edward Hussard."²⁶⁸

16 OCTOBER 1673

"Certificate is this Day granted to **James Mills [Miles]** for fifteen hundred Acres of Land p: rights underwritten: **James Mills, Fortune Mills, Roger Miles**, Bernor Trente ... [28 others]."²⁶⁹

COMMENT:

The Miles family has been well-studied, as previously noted. I've seen nothing in my own study of the records to imply a connection to (1) the William Mills who was a step-son of John Stockley's son Charles in 1718; or (b) the Thomas Mills family that also settled in northern Accomack.

"Certificate was granted to **James Mills** for 1550 acres for transporting ..." Same list as provided by Nottingham, with two exceptions: (1) McKee rearranged the list in alphabetical order; (2) Nottingham's Roger Miles is read by McKee as Roger Wiles.²⁷⁰

30 OCTOBER 1673

"**Capt. Danll. Jenifer** & Ann his wife, lately called Ann Toft, 2350 acs., N'amnton Co., [later Accomack] 40 Oct. 1673, [Patent Book 6] p. 483. Adj. part of 2600 acs. granted said Ann Toft; bet. 2 brs. of Muddy Cr., now called Guilford; &c to br of Arathusa, formerly Keokotanck; **towards Gorgaphie B.**, which lyeth next S'wd. to Gorgaphie house, 200 acs. paft or 2600 acs. granted sd. Ann Toft 9 Oct. 1667; 2150 acs. part of surplus within sd. bounds; due by order &c. Trans. of 43 pers: **Wm. Mills**, Wm. Prichard, Robt. Boyston, Wm Barrett, Alice Staples, Alice Alepp, Jno. Powell, Gilbert Coalinge, Hugh Eglstone, Cha. Hollingsworth, Marryn Cole, Tho. Poynder, Tho. Pecke, Richd. Baker, Diana Mallery, Robt. Thwait, Edwd. Bishopp, Robt. Dollyson, Tho. Strange, Joane Quicksall, Jno. Durman, Myles Dowlass (?), Richd Tatlock, Jno Alvon (or Albon), Mary Peirely, John Luke, Dorras Grinsden, Joseph Ames, Hen Pecke, Jno. Maucke, Roger Wolford, Richs. Niblett, James Sanson, Honor. Rugg, Edwd. Brockhouse, Geo. Russell, Margerett Martin, Rosse Guissiso (?), Wm. Bromfil, Dorothy Olive, Jno. Waford, Martha Ellett, Hen. Gibbons, Sam. Poncey."²⁷¹

28 NOVEMBER 1673

(NORTHAMPTON)

Elizabeth Stokely (S) "of the Upper part of the County of Northampton at its Accomack, widow, the relict

²⁶⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 3, 1671–1673, 139; citing pp. 231–34.

²⁶⁹ Nottingham, *Certificates and Rights, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1709*, 1; citing "Wills 1673–1676," p. 1.

²⁷⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 1; citing p. 1.

²⁷¹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 135.

of **John Stokely Senr.** late of the same place, planter, dec'd., and **William Stokely (W)** the oldest son & heir apparent," for 5500 lbs tobacco, sell to Eustace Peasons of Northampton, planter, on the behalf of Emanuel Hall, the son of Emanuel Hall, late of Northampton, dec'd, and Anne, formerly the wife of the said Emanuell Hall now wife of the said Eustace Peasons, 200 acres in Nortampton County on the lands of the seaboard side. Bounded between a former dividend of the said **John Stokely, dec'd** (on the South) and the marked trees of Billioulos land (on the north) and on the west by a land of marked trees drawn from the Northern corner of the said Stokely's former dividint, NNW 160 poles unto Billioates Land, which said 200 acres was granted from to John Stockley by patent dated 3 October 1671 and assigned to Emanuell Hull the 31st day of March 1673. Witnesses: Dan : Neech, Owen Marsh. Acnowledged in open court by Elizabeth and William on 28 November 1673. Recorded 3 February 1673/4.²⁷²

29 SEPTEMBER 1674

"Scarburgh, Capt., Edmund Scarburgh, & Mrs. Tabitha Browne, 8000 acs. Accomacke Co., bet. **Gr. & Little Matomkin** Creeks, 29 Sept. 1674, [Patent Book 6], p. 533. Beg. neere the **Road to Gorgaphya;** by the Middle br. or cr. to Wm. Waltham; to Capt. Wm. Custin; to Wm. Burton &c. ... Trans. of 100 pers: ... **Wm. Mabry,** Hugh Houson; Tomboy Martha & Delitia, Negroes."²⁷³

8 JANUARY 1673/4

"The court found no cause for action in the case between plaintiff Wm. Whittington and defendant **James Mills** (attorney: Wm. Anderson)."²⁷⁴

Jno. Vines (attorney: Jno. Tankard) suit against Jno. Field was referred to the next court at the request of **Wm. Stokely** in Field's behalf."

"Deposition of **Elizabeth Stokely,** aged about 40 years: About four months ago at **Jno. Watts' house,** Wm. Crabtree admitted owing Watts 361 lbs tobacco, which Watts was 'very urgent to have.' Crabtree said he had nothing but a cow and yearling; he said he would sell the cow and pay Watts. Crabtree wanted Elizabeth to buy the cow, but she decided against it. **John Stratton** agreed to buy the cow; he paid Watts the tobacco and asked him to care for the cow, which he agreed to do. Watts said he told only Capt. Littleton, who commended him for his dealing with Crabtree. Two months later at **Stokely's house,** **Stratton** requested the cow from **Watts,** who said if he would have the cow, he should get it by law. Signed 8 January 1673/74, Elizabeth Stockly.

"Deposition of **Wm. Stockley** aged about 25 years: **John Watts** declared to Stockly that if **Jno. Stratton** would have a cow, he should get it by law. Signed 8 January 1673/74, William (W) Stockly.

"Deposition of **Woodman Stockley,** aged about 21 years: At Elizabeth Stocklye's house about two months ago John Watts declared that if John Stratton would have a cow, he should get it by law. Signed 8 January 1673/74." [presented in court 9 January 1673/4]²⁷⁵

"Ordered that the case between plaintiff **Jno. Stokely** (attorney: Charles Holden) and defendant *Jno. Fenn* be referred to a jury. Stokely sued Fenn for 1600 lbs tobacco for the cure of a horse shot by Fenn. Verdict: The jury found for the plaintiff; Fenn was to pay **Stokely** 300 lbs tobacco and the cost of the suit. Signed 9 January 1673/74, Robt. Hutchinson. It was so ordered by the court."

"Southy Littleton declared that he was at *Jno. Coale's* house where several persons, some on horseback and some on foot, were drinking. There was a gunshot, and sometime later, it was noticed the **Jno. Stokelye's** horse was wounded in the head. Very angry at this, **Stockley** pulled off his clothes and vowed

²⁷² Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 63–64; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 304–5.

²⁷³ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 155.

²⁷⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 8; citing p, 25.

²⁷⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 16; citing pp. 39–40.

if he knew who shot his horse, he would immediately fight him. Littleton heard *John Fenn* say that he had shot the gun. Signed 8 January 1673/74, Southy Littleton.

Deposition of *Roger Micheel* aged about 30 years: Sometime last summer Micheel, in the company of **Jno. Stocklye** and others, went to the house of *Jno. Coale*. At that time **Jno Stocklye's** horse was shot, and when he was informed of it, he stripped off his clothes saying he would strike or beat whoever shot his horse. *Jno. Fenn* said, 'I shot the horse.' Micheel reproached him for saying so; Micheell said it was a mistake, whoever it was that shot the horse. Signed 9 January 1673/74, Rodger Mikell."

"Deed: **Elizabeth Stokely**, for 3000 lbs tobacco, sold to *Edward Vaughan*, planter, 100 acres on **Gum Branch** bordered by *Christopher Stanly*. Signed 6 January 1673/74, Eizabeth Stockley. Witnesses: John Stratton and William (W) Stockley." [presented in court 9 January 1673/4]²⁷⁶

COMMENT:

- This would be John Stokely, son of John Sr.
- HomeTownLocator.com places Gum Branch off Messongo Creek/Bay, west of Assawongo,

21 FEBRUARY 1673/4

Certificate granted to **Danll. Neech** for 1600 acres for transporting ... **Jno Brewer** ... Jno. Hanson."²⁷⁷

17 MARCH 1673/4

"Henrick Waggaman was granted a judgment of 1000 lbs tobacco and court costs against Jno. Tankard. The tobacco had been paid to **John Stockley** as security for Tankard."²⁷⁸

20 APRIL 1674

"Christopher Stanley assigned power of attorney to **John Stratton**. Signed 18 April 1674, Christoph. (C) Stanley. Witness **Elizabeth Stockley**."²⁷⁹

19 MAY 1674

"Ordered that the following persons be summoned to appear at the next court to answer their presentments: ... **Sarah Miles** for fornication (informer: Capt. S. Littleton, churchwarden)."

"Deposition of **William Stockly** in the difference between *Jacob Glanfeild* and *Christopher Stanly*: Stockly heard *John Clerck* say that he had received meat and a churn in exchange for a saddle he sold to Stanley. Signed 19 May 1674, Wm. (W) Stockly."²⁸⁰

16 JULY 1674

"**Sarah Miles** was presented by the church wardens for the sin of fornication. Ordered that she be fined 500 lbs tobacco along with court charges and repay that sum by her servitude. "Jno. Cole agreed to pay the fine and court costs of Sarah Miles."²⁸¹

COMMENT:

- I have not found a Sarah Miles previously. In May 1672, above, Richard Bayly received land for the transportation right of one Sarah Mills.
- This court order would appear to place Sarah Miles in the neighborhood of Jno. Cole, whose house John Stockley frequented for drinking.

²⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 10, 17–19; citing pp. 28, 60, 61.

²⁷⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 27–28; citing p. 87.

²⁷⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 36; citing p. 116.

²⁷⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 43; citing p. 133.

²⁸⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 49–50; citing p. 146.

²⁸¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 36; citing p. 116.

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- Note that John Cole/Coale's house is cited 8 January 1673/4, above, as the site where John Stockley was visiting when his horse was shot. The numerous records created by Cole (not all transcribed/abstracted here) imply that he operated a tavern or "public house" near the Accomack courthouse, and also served as jailer.

4 NOVEMBER 1674

Recording of a list of tithables for the year [651] ...

Capt. Southy Littleton's list: ... **Arthur Frame** ...

Maj. Bowman's list: ... "**John Bowen & William Stockly (2)**" ... Xtopher Stanly (1), **Will. Stockly (1)**, Mr. Wallop, Rich. Bundock, Sr., Will. Hickman, **Woodman Stockly**, Will. Tayler, Sr. & Jr., Edm. Bowman, Edward Smith, Jno. Stratton ...²⁸²

COMMENT:

McKee's settlement map places one "Wallop" and "Benston" adjacent just below the Maryland line, with a second "Wallop" site a couple of plantations above Watts.

Known records do not account for two different William Stockleys. Only one has been named: William, son of John Sr., who was named as a nephew in will of Francis Stockley.

5 NOVEMBER 1674

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Upon the petition of **Alex^r Mills** administration is this day granted him on the Estate of his Kinsman **Walter Mills** deceased as next of Kinne hee making the Same appeared upon oath by sufficient testimony & putting his security accordinge to Law in Such cases made and provided."²⁸³

6 NOVEMBER 1674

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Whereas **Walter Mills** late of this County dyed Intestate & left noe p'son in care of his Estate [and] forasmuch as **Alex^r Mills** (pretending heretofore his kinsman) petitioned this Court for admin thereupon wch the Court gave too him provided hee made manifest proof? of the same, explained the Law in such case whereof hee havinge failed it is therefore ordered by the Court that the Sheriff take an Inventory of the sd Estate & sell the same att an outcry & give an acct thereof in the next Court & if any surplusages remain after debts & charges, satisfied the same to bee pd to the sd Alex^r Mills hee provinge himself his Kinsman within time accordinge to Law."²⁸⁴

11 NOVEMBER 1674

"Deposition of *Will. Starling* aged about 50 years: **About 1669** Starling went to the **house of Jno. Stoakely** in **Northampton County** to receive tobacco for the account of Hopkins and Crabb. **Jno Stockly**, who still owed 234 lbs tobacco, passed a note and afterwards asked Starling to let him have the note to carry to court, because he had laid out some of the tobacco for someone else. **Stockly** said he would give a bill the next time he saw Starling, but Starling never received the tobacco, a note or a bill. Signed 7 October 1674, William (W) Sterling."²⁸⁵

30 DECEMBER 1674

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Judgmt is this day granted to Mr. Wm. Westerhouse, chyrugeon, agt. the Estate of **Walter Mills**, dec'd, for

²⁸² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 71–72; citing p. 196.

²⁸³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 2; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 256.

²⁸⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 2; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 256.

²⁸⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 36; citing p. 203.

the sum of three hundred & fifty pounds of tobacco & caske & that the Sheriff who was ordered to take the sd Estate in his possession make paymt thereof with costs of Suite.”

“Upon the Peticõn of Sy____ Fossett Sen agt the Estate of **Walter Mills** decd for the Sume of eight hundred thirty nine pounds of tobacco & caske, It is ordered by the court that Mr. Jno. Robins High Sheriffe, who was ordered to take the sd. Estate into his possession, make payment unto the said Fossett only the sume of five hundred thirty-nine pounds of tobacco & caske with costs, And if there bee assetts remaininge of the Estate after the sd Mills his debts are paid, then to pay the said Fossett the other three hundred pound of tobacco & caske according to his peticõn.”²⁸⁶

**28 JANUARY 1674/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Administrative account dated 28 October 1674 is this day filed for the estate of **Walter Mills**. Proceeds and debts included “his share” in orchard, from “his share of tobacco to a cooper,” cyder, sugar, poultry. Associates named included Cornelius Harman, Wm. Westerhouse, Abaham Buniger, Alice Winbuerry who helped dress him for the funeral and her troube in his sickness. Aproved funeral charges 0854, debts 0315, balance 0539.²⁸⁷

**1 FEBRUARY 1674/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas it appeared to the Court upon the oath of Mathew Patrick that there is due to him pr ____ of Bill from the estate of **Walter Mills** decd the sum of four hundred pds. of tobacco & caske. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Mr. John Robins, High Seriff intrusted & Impowered by the Court as admr. on the Estate of the said Walter Mills decd. forthwith make payment unto the said Mathew Patrick the said Sum of four hundred pounds of tobacco & casks (if assetts remaine) with charges of court.”²⁸⁸

**2 FEBRUARY 1674/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas Major Wm. Spencer exhibited an acct. agt. **Walter Mills** decd. for the sum of thirteen hundred thirty tree pounds of tobacco & caske, It is the judgment of the Court & accordingly ordered that Mr. Jno. Robins, High Sheriff intrusted & Impowered by the Court as Adm. on the said Estate make paymt unto the said Major Spencer eight hundred pounds of tobacco & caske thereof if assetts remaine And if assets further holds out the other five hundred thirty-three pounds of tob. & caske beinge for Extraordinary Expenses wth his charges of Court.”²⁸⁹

16 APRIL 1675

“**Ince Stokely** (attorney: Mr. Revell) petitioned against her ‘father-in-law’ {step-father} **John Stratton** for what had been given her in her father’s will. Ordered that Stratton deliver to her what was due from her father’s estate: William Tayler, Sr., and Charls. Ratcliff were appointed to see that the order was performed.”

“**Ince Stokely [Inez in father’s will]** petitioned her father-inlaw [step-father] **John Stratton** for ‘breach of his Majesty’s peace’ by beating and abusing her. Ordered that **Stratton** be committed into the high-sheriff’s custody ‘during the court’s pleasure’ and post security for his good behavior.”²⁹⁰

COMMENT:

²⁸⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 18; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 264.

²⁸⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 2; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 256.

²⁸⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 23; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 266.

²⁸⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 27; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 268.

²⁹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 110; citing pp. 262–63.

“Ince” was called “Inez” in her father’s will. That will stated that she was to receive her inheritance when she became “marriageable.” Under common law, that would have been age 12. However, by common practice discussed in other wills, it’s more likely that John Sr. meant aged 16–18. That would place her birth before 1759, likely before 1757.

18 MAY 1675

“The Qiquotanck [Kiquotank] Indians complained of being robbed of corn; **Jno. Stockely Jr.**, John Field, and Jno. Jackson confessed and petitioned for the court’s mercy. Ordered that they pay the Indians six yards of new trading cloth and pay court costs. It was further ordered that the constable return to the Indians the corn, which he had found and was now in his possession.”²⁹¹

COMMENT:

The Kiquotank were on seaside, east of Gargatha and just above Matomkin—i.e., the neighborhood of the Stockley land at Assawoman.

The “Jno. Stockely Jr.” of this record would be the son of John Sr. of Assawomack—not the John named as a son in the 1655 will of Francis.

19 MAY 1675

“In the suit of Wm. Tayler, Sr., (attorney: Mr. Amb. White) against **Jon. Stockley, Jr.**, for defamation, Stockley admitted saying the words and requested that the case be referred to the next court, which was granted.”

“Deposition of Oliver Turner aged about 21 years: **Jno. Stockely** said ‘Mrs. Marshall should say that her son would have a cow stealer’s daughter. Let her do what she could, and that he was upon the records.’ Stockely said he was referring to Winifrid Tayler. Signed, Oliver (T) Turner. **Jno. Stockly** declared that these deponents have spoken the truth. Signed, Jno. Washbourne.”²⁹²

1675

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Stockley sells to **Thomas Eastmed**, both of Northampton, for 2500 pounds of tobacco, 200 acres in Northampton “in the woods neare the seaboard side,” granted to John Stockly 30 October 1559, bounded on the marked trees of Robert Foster, son of John Foster Deceased ...” Signed **John Stockley**, his seale. Witnesses: Tho : Huntt, **Owen Stockly**. Recorded 30 August 1670. Acknowledgment of dower release by **Elizabeth Stockley, wife of John**, same day, witnessed by John Vines, **John Stockly Junr.** Recorded 10 May 1671.”²⁹³

COMMENT:

This John, whose wife was also Elizabeth, should be the son of Francis—not the John Sr. of Assawoman whose widow Elizabeth had already remarried to John Stratton.

Owen Stockly and “John Stockly Jr.” of this document should be sons of John-of-Francis.

30 AUGUST 1675

(NORTHAMPTON)

Alex^r Mills served on jury [i.e., he is now a landowner].²⁹⁴

COMMENT:

I’ve not found record of his acquisition of this land by patent or by purchase. He would not have

²⁹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 119; citing p. 285.

²⁹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 121, 123; citing pp. 287, 293.

²⁹³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &c, 1668–1680: 16; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 267.

²⁹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79: 68; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 289.

married it, given that his wife Joan was the widow of Josiah/Joseph Huit, a servant man at the time of his death.

**31 AUGUST 1675
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The List of Tythables in Northampton Ano 1675.” No Brewer, Mills, or Stockley.

17 SEPTEMBER 1675

“The suit of **Frans. Branston** [Benston?] against **Wm. Stokely** was referred to the next court.”²⁹⁵

COMMENT:

Branston appears on the 1676 tax roll of Northampton, below. Stocklys do not. Branston does not appear in the same division as any of the Northampton Millses.

William is now an adult. In January 1673/4 (above), he stated he was aged 25—i.e., born 1648–49

18 SEPTEMBER 1675

“At the complaint of **Munatack** Kickatananck [Kiquotank] (Indian), who accused **Jno. Stratton** of assaulting and beating him, Maj. John West had Stratton committed into custody to give security for his appearance at this court. Because he failed to prosecute, Manatuck was ordered to pay court costs.”

“Deed: **Mr. Jno. Stratton** and his **wife Elizabeth, formerly the wife of Jno. Stokely** (deceased), for 5500 lbs tobacco sold to James Powell, planter, 250 acres at the **head of Assawomen Branch**. Part of a neck of land near Christopher Standley, Edward Vahun, and Col. Kendall, it had been bequeathed by **Jno Stokely** to his **wife Elizabeth**. Signed 13 August 1675, Jno. Stratton and Elizabeth Stratton. Witnesses: **Jno. Stokely**, Christopher (O) Stanly and Edwd. (X) Vahan.”

COMMENT:

John’s will did not leave land to his wife Elizabeth. He left her the right to “keep and possess” their homestead, but at her death or remarriage it was to go to John’s son Thomas and his heirs. Note below under 19 January 1675/6, the executors of John Sr.’s estate sued Stratton to force him to deliver the children’s inheritance.

“**Jno Stratton** gave notice that before the last of January he intended to leave the county. Anyone with something to say to him should come to his house between 20 September and the last {of January}. Signed 5 September 1675, Jno. Stratton.”²⁹⁶

COMMENT:

One might read this to mean that John Stockley’s widow, to rid herself of the second husband who was abusing her daughter (and likely herself as well), sold the land that was to go to the son Thomas, and the second husband used the money to leave her. If so, as noted below, he did not stay gone.

1675 list of tithables [702 men]:

Capt Wm. Custis’ list ... **Wm. Benston**, Jonath. Owen, Capt. Wm. Custis, Nicholas Millechop, Jon. Bowen, Peter Walker, **Jno. Wallop**, Jno. Willis, Robt. Mason, **Wm. Nock**, Henry Chancy, **Wood Stockely**, Edmd. Allin, Wm. Parker, Alex. Fowkes, James **Ewell** ... Rich. Bundick, **Jno. Sturges** ...²⁹⁷

²⁹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 134; citing p. 313.

²⁹⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 135, 139; citing pp. 314, 323–35.

²⁹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 142; citing pp. 325–27.

COMMENT:

John Stockley Jr. and William Stockley were omitted.

James “Ewell” wrote his name on various records of this era as James *Youel*. I am noting him for two reasons. First, the Youel spelling is uncommon in Virginia. Second, a man of this name (“Yuill”) sued William Mills of Goochland in 1742. Individuals of that surname were also in Hanover and New Kent Counties prior to William’s settlement in Goochland.

17 NOVEMBER 1675

“*Frans. Branson*, who sued **Wm. Stokly**, did not prove the debt; the suit was dismissed with Branson paying court costs.”

“On the petition of **Wm. Stokely**, it was ordered that a nonsuit be granted against Frans. Branson (attorney: Ch. Holden) with court costs.”²⁹⁸

19 JANUARY 1675/6

“Capt. Wm. Custis and Mr. Edward Revell, executors of the estate of **Jno. Stokely**, petitioned against **Jno. Stratton**, who at the last court was ordered to post security for the delivery of the children’s estate according to Stokely’s will. Ordered that, between now and the next court, Stratton should give security for the performance of the order, or the sheriff would seize the children’s estate and give it to Custis and Revell. Stratton was to pay all court charges out of his own estate.”²⁹⁹

18 FEBRUARY 1675/6

“Wm. Anderson entered an action against **Jno. Stratton** for 255 lbs tobacco, but the **sheriff could not find Stratton**. Ordered that attachment for the debt and court costs be granted against Stratton’s estate where it could be found in the county.”

“The following were appointed as surveyors of the highways for the following year ...

- **Woodman Stokely**, on the Sea Side of **Stratton’s** precinct; *Mr. Wallop’s* path to be the division line.
- Tho. Barret, on the Bay Side part **of Stratton’s** precinct.
- Jno. Sturges, on the Sea side parts.”³⁰⁰

18 JULY 1676

“Capt. Custis exited the court for the following action: **Elizabeth Stratton** sued Wm. Morgan (attorney: Mr. Tankard) for defamation, but the court found no cause for action and dismissed the suit. On the petition of Wm. Morgan, a nonsuit was granted against **Elizabeth Stratton**, who was also to pay court costs.”³⁰¹

COMMENT:

The justices “exited the court” when they have a conflict of interest with the trial that would be adjudicated in their absence.

1676

(NORTHAMPTON COUNTY)

Col. John Stringer’s Division: ... Wm. Bookes, Tho: Wilson, **John Mills 1 [Mulls?]**, Josias Cowdrey ...

Lt. Coll. Wm. Waters his Division: ... **Francis Branston 1**, Abm: Vansoldt, Wm Cowdrey, Walter Talbutt, John Johnson, Cornelius Berry, *Coll. Jno. Stringer*.

²⁹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 145; citing pp. 320–30.

²⁹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 161; citing p. 366.

³⁰⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 4, 1673–1676, 167–68; citing pp. 375–76.

³⁰¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678 (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2011), 13; citing p. 14.

Col. John Custis' Division ... Mrs Willett (2), John Watts, John Webb, Manuell Driggus, Mr Clere, Benoni Ward, Thomas Clay, John Moore, Capt. Pigott, Dennis Amulegon, John Adolph, Alexr: Mills 1, John Hawkins
...³⁰²

COMMENT:

Mills-Wilson:

Alexander first appeared c1659/60, having married c1658 Joan, widow of Josiah/Joseph Huit. He is taxed in Northampton for the years 1665 and 1667. Below in 1679, he states that he was “formerly in the service of one **John Wilson** of New Kent, County of Virginia [*presumably before 1658*] and that he has debts due from **Coll. Abrahall** of New Kent, for which he gives power to “honorable friend **Mr Elisha Vault**” of York County, to collect.

New Kent is a county of interest already to this Mills study for two reasons:

- The first tithe roll of 1688 includes one Nicholas Mills.
- Henry Chiles, whom William Mills of Goochland chose his first land next door to, was also of New Kent.

New Kent records do not survive for the Wilson/Alexander Mills period.

A quick skim of Nugent’s transportation rights indicates one John Wilson took out land in Charles City and Henrico in the 1640s (possibly same man). One James Wilson took out 700 acres in New Kent in January 1661. Subsequently Elizabeth Wilson “widow of John” of Charles City appears in the records. Given the losses in New Kent and Henrico, it is fortunate that Charles City has a wealth of records from 1634.

TO DO:

Investigate whether Wilson’s widow Elizabeth was the Mrs. Elisa__Vault of York County whom Alexander Mills called his “trusty and honored friend.’ (See 1 December 1679 below.)

Abrahall:

The earliest records found for Capt./Col. Robert Abrahall place him in **Gloucester Co.**, immediately across the Bay from Northampton. **Gloucester Co. lost “all” its earlier courthouse records in 1820.**

York County, from which Gloucester was cut in 1651, has **court, land, and probate records from 1633.**

Timeline for Capt./Col. Robert Abrahall.

- 1653: “Capt. Abrahalls plantation” lay in **Gloster Co.**, on Matchepongo Creek adj. Mr. William Wiatts and Mr. Henry Soanes.”³⁰³
- 1653: “Cap. Robert Abrahall” was granted 160 acres in **York Co. S side of York River opposite to Mattapony River**, bounded SSE on land of Thomas Holmes, bounded NNW on Hanke or Hawke, transportation of Nichol. Watson, Wm. Lucas, Jon. Townshend, Robert Bent., 40 acres of which was assigned to him by Capt. [Mr. Richard] Barnhouse.³⁰⁴
- 1654: “Capt. Robert Aabrahall” was adjacent landowner on NE side of Mattapony in **Gloucester Co.** to new patent of Capt. John West, who also adjoined Ralph Green and Thomas Bell.³⁰⁵
- 1660: “Lt. Col. Robert Abrahall” patented 640 acres in **New Kent Co.**, on N. side of Mattapony,

³⁰² Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1662–1677*, 60–65 ; citing “Book XII, p. 148–150.”

³⁰³ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 280.

³⁰⁴ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, pp. 242, 276.

³⁰⁵ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 232.

branches of Oppactenoke Co.³⁰⁶

- 1662: “Lt. Col. Robt. Abrahall” patented 1550 acres in **New Kent Co.** on branches of Peanketanke Sw., at Capt. Claiborne’s corner, fatted to Capt. Wm. Claiborne.³⁰⁷
- 1663: “Coll. Robt. Abrahall formerly Mr. Haines land” in **New Kent Co.** was adjacent to new patent issued to George Morriss on N. side of Mattapony on branches of Horecock and Aquintenocoe Swamp.³⁰⁸
- 1664: “Col. Robt Abrahall, formerly Capt. Wm. Claiborne &c,” lay adjacent to **New Kent** patent of Stephen Benbridge.”³⁰⁹

**DECEMBER 1676
(NORTHAMPTON)**

List of Tithables for 1676.³¹⁰

COMMENT:

The list, as filmed, is extremely faint. Using Bell’s published list, within John Custis’s division, I was able to spot the sequence from “Mrs. Willett” through Dennis Amulegon. However, the original list at that point differed radically from the rest of Bell’s list. The sequence “John Adolph, Michael Dixon, **Alex’ Mills 1**, John Hawkins ...” does appear on Curtis’s list, but in a different column.

I did not spot John Brewer or any other Mills-surnamed tithable.

2 FEBRUARY 1676/7

Jno. Stratton served on jury.

“Wm. Morgan addressed the ‘Worshipful Honorable Gentleen’ of Accomack County and confessed that he had done **Jno. Stratton** a ‘great deal of wrong in abusing of him *in his absence*’ by saying that he had killed a calf. Admitting that he had never known Stratton to wrong any man, Morgan regretted the injuries he had caused and said, ‘I am very sorry for it and will never do the like again.’ Signed, Wm. (O) Morgan. After Wm. Morgan acknowledged his abuse of **Mr Jno. Stratton** in open court, Stratton acquitted him of the same.”³¹¹

COMMENT:

Stratton has returned. The court dismissed the wife’s charge that Morgan had defamed her, saying she had no ground, and then Morgan apologized to her husband.

7 FEBRUARY 1676/7

List of Tithables for 1676 [736 men]. The sequence in which relative names appeared is this: ... **Wm Nock**, Jno Willis, Rich. Holland [Thomas Tunnell used Holland’s transportation right], Henry Chancy, Mr. Edward Revell, Richard Franklin, **Jn. Stokely, Sr. (1 tithable)**, Darby Regon, Henry Williams, **Wm. Burton**, James Walker, Tho. Bagwell, Danl. Owen, Jno. Bagwell ... [skip several dozen] **Mr. Jno. Wallop**, Samul. Tayler, **Xopher Stanly**, Jno. Parsons, Jonathen Owen, **Jno. Stokely [Jr.] (6)**, W. Kennet, Jno. Bowen, Wm. Blake, Wm. Brightinham, Tho. Clifton, Jno. Francisco Negro, **Woodman Stokely (2)**, **Wm. Stokely (1)**, Edward Wright, Wm. Prettiman, Henry Armstrong, **Wm. Benston** ...³¹²

³⁰⁶ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 467.

³⁰⁷ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 490.

³⁰⁸ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, pp. 541–42.

³⁰⁹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 280.

³¹⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 149–50; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 329–30.

³¹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 21, 24; citing pp. 24, 28.

³¹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 28–30; citing pp. 32–34.

COMMENT:

The reference to “Jn. Stokely, Sr.” should be a reference to his estate, implying that his remarried widow held one enslaved person. A Stockley son, if still a minor, should be charged to his mother. Stockley’s will named four sons: **Thomas, William, Woodman, and John**. All are charged above except Thomas, who would appear to be the unnamed tithable. Two issues are relevant here:

- John Stockley’s will of 1770 left Thomas the homestead on which he lived, at the death or remarriage of the widow—a bequest that usually went to the oldest son (as his firstborn privilege) or to the youngest son (in expectation that he would stay at home to care for the widowed mother). At the time of the will, Thomas appears to be the youngest son. Note that a deed of 17 February 1690/1 identified **Charles** as another son and heir; he was not named in his father’s will, which generically referenced “my sons” then added a codicil identifying only the older ones who had already received their lands. Also relevant: While Thomas was to receive the home place, all of John Sr.’s sons, as they came of age, were to take a share of John Sr.’s land at Assawomack when they reached 18 (if both John and his wife were dead) or 21 (if the widow still lived).
- On 21 November 1677, Widow Stockley’s new husband, John Stratton, sued John Stockley Jr. (his stepson) on behalf of Thomas Stockley. From this, we may deduce that Thomas was still a minor—placing his birth after November 1656.

17 APRIL 1677

“Robt. Adkins, Jno. Moore, **Frans. Stokely**, Nath. Ratclife and James Camell were prosecuted for not turning in their lists of tithables. The court considered that the times were unsettled [Bacon’s Rebellion had just occurred], so it was ordered that they only pay the taxes and prosecution charges to the sheriff. The county was to have credit for their taxes for the ensuing year.”³¹³

COMMENT:

Francis, like Charles, was not named in John Stockley Sr.’s will, but in February 1690/91 (see that date below) he swapped part of his inherited land with his brother Charles.

18 APRIL 1677

“Mr. Tho. Welburne sued **Jno. Stratton** for 775 lbs tobacco, but Stratton failed to appear. If Stratton failed to appear at the next court, the judgment was to pass against the sheriff.”³¹⁴

18 JUNE 1677

“At the last court an order was passed against the sheriff at the suit of Mr. Tho. Welburne for the appearance of **Jno. Stratton**; at this court the sheriff produced Stratton. Ordered that the judgment against the sheriff be reversed.”

“The estate of Henry Armstrong was appraised by **Jno. Watts** and Wm. Bosum by the order of Daniel Jenifer, the sheriff. Items brought before them were valued at 1840 lbs tobacco More of the estate ‘not brought to light’ was affirmed by the neighbors: Griff. Savage had two sows, Capt. Foxcroft had a gun, and **Jno. Stokely** of Assewoman had, without permission, taken away some red cloth, white linen, some peas and some Indian corn.”³¹⁵

COMMENT:

John Stokely “of Assewoman” was John Jr., son of John Sr. who left his Assewoman land to be

³¹³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 33; citing p. 37.

³¹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 36; citing p. 42.

³¹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 40–41; citing pp. 47, 49, 52.

divided among his sons as each came of age.

19 JUNE 1677

“On the petition of Mr. William Anderson on behalf of *Elizabeth Smith* (orphan), it was ordered that **Jno. Stokely** give oath at the next court that a full account of Smith’s estate had been given and that the estate had been divided according to the intent of the will. **Mary Stokely** was to go to Mr. Jno. Wallop’s to take her oath before the next court.” [Was Mary the wife of John Jr.?]

“Mr. Wm. Anderson, overseer of the estate of *Elizabeth Smith* (orphan) sued **Jno. Stokely Jr.**, at whose request the case was referred to the next court.”³¹⁶

“Accomack County tithables for 1677 [768 men]:

- *Capt. Wm. Custis’ list*: Edward Revell, **Jno. Stokely, Sr. [Estate]** (1), **Wm. Burton**, Tho. Morinford, Wm. Custis, **Wm. Nock**, John Willis, Henry Williams, James Walker, Jno. Bagwell ...
- *Capt. Hill’s list*: Arthur Frame (1)
- *Mr. John Wallop’s list*: Jno. Wallop, Danl. Jenifer (24), **Wood. Stokely (4)**, Nath. Ratcliff, Rich. Hasting, **Jno. Stratton (1)**, **Jno. Stokely (2)**, Petr. Walker, Jno. Tarr, Wm. Tayler Sr., Jno. Owen, Jno. Bowen, Max. Gore, Jno. Moore, **Jno. Watts**, **Wm. Stokely**, Robt. Atkinson, Inquisn. Venetson ...
- *Saml. Tayler, James Tayler, Alexdr. Massy, Cornutus Bence, Warrn. Harder, Wm. Brightingham, Wm. Benston, Tho. Barrit, Wm. Blake, Wm. Kennet, Tho. Clifton, Jno. Francisco [called “Negro” in other years], Hen. Rogers, Xopr. Stanly, Tho. Nubold, Edwd. Rahan, Petr. Morgin, Roger Miles, Nich. Millechop ...*³¹⁷

COMMENT:

Note that Thomas Stockley is still not being taxed in his own name.

13 SEPTEMBER 1677

“**Mr. Jno. Stratton** proved (by the oath of Capt. Nath. Walker) that Walker, by order of the Governor, had commanded **Stratton’s shallop** in the King’s service against the late rebels. The boat was lost at Warrwick’s Creek Bay. Ordered that this be a certificate {proving the loss} to the next assembly: Some time last September, Nath. Walker while serving the Governor over the bay for the suppression of Bacon’s Rebellion, commanded a shallop belonging to **Mr. Jno Stratton**. During a storm this boat was ‘cast away’ in Warrwick Bay. Signed 13 September 1677, Nath. Walker. Proved in open court by the oath of Capt. Nath. Walker and recoded by Jno. Washbourne.”

“**Jno. Stratton**, empowered by Governor Wm. Berkely to procure or impress needed provisions, certified that he had killed a barren cow belonging to Morris Dennis, for which he gave this certificate 15 October 1676. Signed, **Jno Stratton**, commissary. On 13 September 1677, Stratton swore to the above certificate in open court.”

“Mr. Wm. Anderson, overseer of the estate belonging to the orphan Eliz. Smith sued **Jno. Stokely** (attorney: Cha. Holden). Ordered that the suit be dismissed. Examined in open court by [Justices] Southy Littleton, Jno. Wise, Rich. Bally and *Jno. Wallop*.”³¹⁸

14 SEPTEMBER 1677

“Col. Southy Littleton’s suit against **Jno. Stratton** for defamation was referred to the next court at the request of Stratton and with the consent of Littleton.”

³¹⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 43–44; citing p. 52.

³¹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 46–48; citing pp. 32–34.

³¹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 50–52; citing pp. 59, 61, 62.

Jno. Stratton, who had been empowered by Governor Wm. Berkeley to procure necessary provisions, certified that he had killed a steer belonging to Frans. Wharton. Signed 15 October 1676, John Stratton, commissary. Stratton made oath to this certificate 14 September 1677.”³¹⁹

28 SEPTEMBER 1677

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas the Inhabitants of the **lower part of this county** of Northampton, in the **precincts heretofore taken by Coll. Jno. Custis ...**”³²⁰

21 NOVEMBER 1677

“The suit of **Jno. Stratton** (on behalf of **Tho. Stokely**) against **Jno. Stokely Jr.**, in an action of trespass, was dismissed.”³²¹

COMMENT:

Thomas is still a minor (under 21) although he is old enough to be taxed as a tithe (16 or over by 7 February 1676/7). His birth falls between 1757 and 1760.

23 NOVEMBER 1677

“**John Stratton** admitted that on 6 February 1676/77, at an election of burgesses, in the hearing of several persons he said that **Col. Southy Littleton** was a mutineer and used other disparaging words. Acknowledging this to be scandalous and abusive to Littleton, **Stratton** expressed his sorrow, submitting himself and promising to pay the charges in a suit arising from the incident. Signed 23 November 1677, **John Stratton**. The above was acknowledged in open court by Stratton, at which Littleton acquitted him.”

Wm. Custis accused James “Ewel” of unlawfully killing cattle. “**James Youel** admitted and bound himself to pay 10,000 lbs tobacco (on the Bay Side) to Nathaniel Bradford and Richard Franklin upon demand. Signed **James (I) Youel**. Condition of the above obligation: If **James Youell** saved Nathl. Bradford and Rich. Frankling from any suit arising as by virtue of a warrant from Capt. Wm. Custis and a commitment of James Ewell, then the obligation was to stand in full force. Otherwise it would be void. Signed, **James Youel**. Witnesses: Jno. Stratton and Tho. Barrit. **James Youel** bound himself to pay Richard Frankling one good cow and calf on the last of April **within seven miles of Marchepungo.**”

“Mr. William Anderson in behalf of orphan **Eliz. Smith** was granted a judgment of 2146 lbs tobacco against **Jno. Stokely**, it being half of the nine hogsheads of tobacco made on the plantation of **Edwd. Smith** (deceased).”³²²

18 DECEMBER 1677

“**Mr. John Wallop** petitioned to be paid for attending court five days as a witness for Col. Littleton against **Mr. John Stratton**. Since Stratton obliged himself to pay all charges arising in the suit, it was ordered that he pay 200 lbs tobacco to Wallop along with the court costs.”

COMMENT:

Numerous Northampton County court records refer to John Wallop as the official surveyor of various tracts.

“**Jno. Stokely** made it appear that he had paid debts of 544 lbs tobacco for **Edward Smith** (deceased). Ordered that the above sum be deducted from the judgment of 2146 lbs tobacco obtained by Mr. Wm.

³¹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 54, 56; citing pp. 64, 67.

³²⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills & C) No. 10, 1674–79, 180; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 345.

³²¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 61; citing p. 76.

³²² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 65–67; citing pp. 81–83.

Anderson on behalf of *Eliz. Smith, Orphan*. Anderson was to pay court costs.”³²³

20 DECEMBER 1677

“Deposition of **Mary Stokely** (widow and executrix of **Edward Smith**), aged about 24 years: She had given a complete account of the moveable estate of Edward Smith, her late husband, to Will. Andrews. All had been divided except the hogs, a heifer and a steer; nothing had been concealed. Signed 14 July 1677, by **Mary Stokely**, and sworn before Jno. Wollop on 18 December 1677. Recorded at the request of Mr. Wm. Anderson.”³²⁴

COMMENT:

The marriage of Mary, widow Smith, to John Stokely Jr. would have occurred before 18 February 1675/6 when Stokely was first sued by Anderson on behalf of the Smith orphan.

31 DECEMBER 1677

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**Jno. Mills plus Wm?** ____ (or “plus te__os”) his marke of cattle entred (____?) the Right eare a hole in it & underbitted. The left eare cropt & three Slitts & underbitted.”³²⁵

COMMENT:

The 1666 registrations show John Mulls using one slit in *right* ear, while his two daughters used two slits in *right* ear, with other variances. The John Mills of 1677 is not using a variant of the John Mulls of 1666.

This John Mills, on the 1676 and 1677 tithe rolls, was in a different tax division than Alexander.

1677

(NORTHAMPTON)

List of tithables for 1677: Coll. John Stringer’s division: [*skip 89*]: Sam^{ll} Powell, **John Mills 1**, Aben? Shephard, **John Mulls 1**, Mr. Wilson, Sam^{ll} Church [*skip 9 to end of division*].

COMMENT:

The distinction between John Mills and John Mulls is very clear.

“Mr. John Michael, his Division: [*skip 5*]: Manuell Driggus, [*skip 3*], John Adolph, Michael Dickson, [*skip 16*], Mr. Thos. Eyres & 2 Negroes, **Alex Mills 1**, John Knight, John Mime?, Joseph Frilly, John Hawkins, Thomas Moore, [*skip 6*], Geo. Freshwater, [*skip 15*] John Watts 1, John Webb, [*skip 6*], John Curtis, [*skip 12*] John Custis Senr. [*skip 22 to end of list.*] 467 total.”³²⁶

COMMENT:

No John Brewer (or any Brewer) and no other Millses.

29 JANUARY 1677/8

(NORTHAMPTON)

Deposition of **Ambrose White**, aged 43 or thereabout.³²⁷

³²³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 70–71; citing pp. 88–89.

³²⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 76–77; citing p. 97.

³²⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 241.

³²⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 189–91; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 349–50.

³²⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 236; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 374.

COMMENT:

This is the first man named *Ambrose* that I have spotted in these Northampton/Accomack records.

28 MAY 1678

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Anne Winberry her mark of cattle wch was **Walter Mills** (Vizt.) Cropt on the left eare & slitt with a nick under the right.”³²⁸

COMMENT:

The estate settlement for Walter Mills indicated that Anne Winberry provided care at the time of his death.

7 NOVEMBER 1678

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas Robt. Hambleton Commenced suite agt. **Alexand^r Mills** to this Court & not filing his peticõn according to Law, Itt is therefore ordered by the Court upon the Peticõn of the said Mills that non Suite bee granted him agt. the said Hambleton with Payment of costs of suits at Execuõn.”³²⁹

27 FEBRUARY 1679

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the last will and Testamt. Of **Jno. Mille_** [Miller] dec’d was partlie proved in open Court by the Corporall oath of Robert Harrison & allowed of & ordered to bee Recorded Provided the other Evidence to the said willl appeare at next Court to give his oath by the further confirmacion of the probate thereof.”³³⁰

COMMENT:

The will is recorded at pp. 343–44 (images 427–28). There, the name is clearly John Miller.

27 MARCH 1679

(NORTHAPTON)

COMMENT:

Order Book 11 runs from this day through 30 May 1683. I have extracted Mills & Stockly data via the index, which covers only principal parties. **I have not read it page by page for buried references.**

16 SEPTEMBER 1679

ACCOMACK COUNTY

“**Littleton, Southy** – Dated in Albany, upon Hudson River, 16 Sept 1679 – Rec. in Albany, N.Y. 12 Oct. 1679 – Probated in Accomack 17 Dec. 1679 – To eldest son **Nataniel** Littleton land on Magety Bay cont. 4050 A. in **Northampton County** for life remainder to his male heirs, & for want of such heirs to my heirs at common law. To **dau. Ester** a Neck of land at Jengotege called King’s Neck on Swansicut Creek. To youngest son **Southy Littleton**, for life 2270 acres at **Nandua in Accomack County**, remainder to his male heirs, & for want of such heirs to my heirs at common law. To *John Rust* 200 A. in **Somerset County, Md.**, all the rest of the land on that neck I give to my **dau. Gertrude** Littleton. To *Francis Williams* 300 A. in **Somerset County, Md.**, where he now lives provided he pays for it as shown by my books. The remainder of said

³²⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: 236a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 242.

³²⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 293–94; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 402–3.

³³⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book (Wills &C) No. 10, 1674–79, 328; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 420.

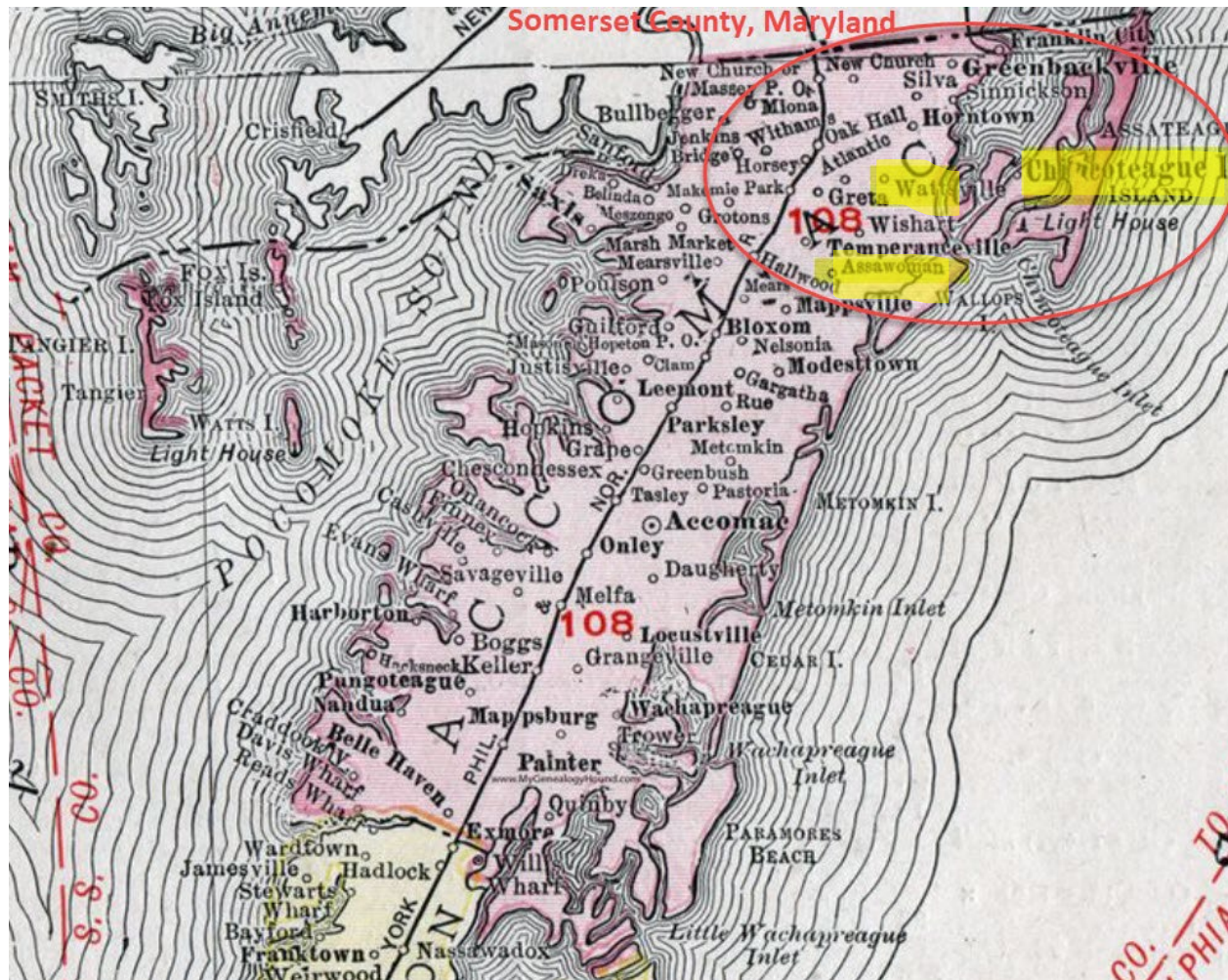
Neck I give to my **dau. Elizabeth** Littleton. All the rest of my land at Jengotege in **Somerset County** to my son Bowman Littleton. To dau. Sarah Littleton 500 A. at Pokimoke in Accomack County To **Nathaniell Tunnell** all my land at **Occokonson in Accomack County**. To *Richard Jones, Jr.* 200 A. in Accomack County as provided by deed, he paying accordingly. To William White, planter, 155 A. at the head of the beaches of Pungotege. Bal. of my and not disposed of to my four daus. Personal est. to be divided between my 7 children. Sons to be at age at 18 & daus. at 16. Ester to be kept at my sister Robins & dau. Sarah at Mrs. Bridget Foxcroft's. Dau. Elizabeth at Mrs. Ann Jenifer's & dau. Gertrude at Mrs. Bowman's. Son Bowman to be kept at **Richard Bally's** & Southy Littleton to be kept 4 years with his nurse, Nicholas Tyler's wife. Thomas Teagle, Clerk, Col. William Kendall, Maj. Edmund Bowman, Capt. John Robins, Capt. Daniel Jenifer & **Mr. Richard Bayly** overseers of my will & to look after the education of my children. Witt: John Willett, Thomas Eares, Robert Livingstone – p. 171.”³³¹

COMMENT:

- This is the first reference I've found to Nathaniell Tunnell, who seems to have been son to the previous Thomas Tunnell. On 5 January 1786/7 (see that date below) Nathaniel Tunnell gave a deposition in which he said he was “about 26 years.” That places his birth at about 1760. The sons named in his will should have been born between 1682 and 1690. His marriage to Mary (later wife of Charles Stockley) and his subsequent death, c1695–96, would have occurred when he was in his mid-thirties.
- Gingoteague Creek, said above to be in Somerset County, Maryland, flows off Chincoteague Inlet and Chincoteague Island along Accomack's eastern line with Somerset.
- Nandua is in lower Accomack, bayside, WSW of Pungoteague.
- Occokonson appears to be “Accoman” on nineteenth century maps. John Watts is said in multiple documents below to be from Occokonson; more modern maps place Wattsville in the extreme NE corner of Accomack, near Chincoteague, a few miles NE of Assowoman. In March 1686/7, John Stockley Jr. was also said to be of Occokonson.
- ***All of this suggests that William Mills (b. c1690), stepson of Charles Stockley, was centered in that extreme NE corner of Accomack, just below the Maryland line. I should seek him in Somerset.***

³³¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (1990; reprint, Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 10.

Figure 3
Tunnell–Stockley–Mills Neighborhood,
Accomack County, 1671–1718



19–21 FEBRUARY 1677/8

John Stokely and James Walker served on jury.

“**Woodman Stockly** failed to appear to answer the complaint of Mary Willson in chancery. Ordered that the sheriff take him into custody for contempt and cause him to appear at the next court.”

“George Charnock, who was summoned as a witness in the suit of Col. Southy Littleton against **Jno. Stratton**, attended court five days. Since Stratton had agreed to pay all charges arising in the suit, it was ordered that Stratton pay Charnock 200 lbs tobacco and court costs.”³³²

16–17 APRIL 1678

“Presentments of the grand jury ... **John Stokly**, for breaking the sabbath. ... **Mr. John Stokely** was sworn in to serve on the grand jury for the following year.”

“**John Stratton** sued Jane Broade for a pot she had broken. Upon examination of the case, the court

³³² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 85, 88, 94; citing pp. 113, 116.

determined that the pot was broken accidentally and that Stratton had no cause for action. He was to pay court costs.”

“Deposition of Darkes Aleworth aged about 50 years: A year ago February 15 at **Mr. Jno. Stratton’s house** ‘I heard the wench say she was undone.’ She said she would be hanged, for “I have broken the pot foot”.’ Signed 17 April 1678, Darkas (X) Aleworth. Deposition of Patience Thornton aged about 17 years: ‘I did see the wench roll the pot from the quarter house to the great house and took up the foot and fell acrying.’ Signed Patience (X) Thornton.”³³³

20 AUGUST 1678

“According to the presentment of the grand jury and the attestation of **Mr. John Stratton, John Stokely** [his step-son] broke the Sabbath by ‘talking and making a noise when the minister was in divine service.’ When he was admonished by Stratton, Stokely answered ‘{I} came here to do business.’ Ordered that stokely be fined 50 lbs. tobacco and pay court charges.”

“**Mr. John Stratton** sued Mathew Maly (attorney: Mr. Tho. Clayton) but failed to file a petition. Maly was granted a nonsuit and court costs against Stratton.”

John Stretton served on jury.³³⁴

20 AUGUST 1678

“Accomack County tithables for 1678 [694 men]:

Maj. Bowman’s List: ... Wm. Benston (3), Jno Wallop, Jno. Franklin, Jno. Booth, Jno. Jno. Brookes, George Johnson, Nich. Milechop, Jno. Blocksum, **Wood. Stokely (2)**, **Wm. Wallis**, Jno. Millton, Wm. Aileworth, Huslin Venetson, Tho. Osburne, Jno. Francisco, Wm. Lowin, Geo. West, Xopr. Standly, Wm. Taylor Jr., Nath. Ratcliff, Rich. Hastings, Jno. Watts, planter, Dennis Morris, **Wm. Stokely (3)**, Jno. Parsons, Peter Walker, Jno. Bowin, Max. Gore, Robt. Atkinson, Edwd. Vahan, Jnoathan Owen, Jno. Collens, Teage Mickell, Tho. Smally, Tho. Clifffen, Wm. Kennett, Jno. Chancell, Bens. Canutus (sic), Jno. Tarr, **Jno. Stratton (1)**, Simn. Smith, Danl. Harcard, Roger Miles ...”

COMMENT:

McKee’s settlement map places Benston and Wallop just below the Somerset County, Maryland, line.

Mr. Charles Scarborough’s list: Wm. Nock (5) ...

“Mr. Samuel Sandford was granted a judgment of 331 lbs tobacco against **Woodman Stokely**. Ordered that **Stockley** pay the debt and court costs. (Side note: The order was executed on Stockly 14 December 1678, signed by Ben Eyre, subsheriff.)”³³⁵

17 OCTOBER 1678

“The goods of William Wallis (deceased) were sold at auction on 26 August 1678. An account of the purchasers, items and prices (in lbs tobacco) included ... **Jno. Stokely**: a friezed coat, canvas drawers, serge trousers and 11 spoons (95).”

“**William Stokely** swore that he had not been paid for spending five days in the country’s service doing sentry duty on Sickses Island; he was granted a certificate to the next assembly.”³³⁶

³³³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 5, 1676–1678, 95, 99; citing pp. 127–28, 132.

³³⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682 (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2012), 8–9; citing pp. 12, 14–15.

³³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 12–14; citing pp. 17–18, 20.

³³⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 16, 18; citing pp. 25–26, 29.

18 OCTOBER 1678

“**John Stratton** was granted an attachment for 500 lbs tobacco against Mathew Maley. Ordered that Maley pay the debt and court costs.”³³⁷

11 NOVEMBER 1678

“**Woodman Stokely** confessed a judgment for 500 lbs tobacco due for the fine of Seaborn Williams, who committed fornication. Ordered that **Stockley** pay the fine and court charges, with stay of execution till next October.”³³⁸

18 MARCH 1678/9

“Capt. Sebastian Gingeer was granted a judgment of 24 lbs sterling against **Baptis Newcomb**. Ordered that he pay the debt and court costs.”

“Sebastian Gingeer assigned power of attorney to Mr. Thomas Clayton, who was to appear at the next court in the action against **Baptist Newcomb**. Signed 8 March 1678/79, by Sebastian Gingeer before Ben Eyre.”³³⁹

COMMENT:

At the first appearance found for **Edward Mills** in Accomack, 17 December 1680 (see below), Mills swore that he had been in a blacksmith partnership with **Baptiste Newcomb** “until last July,” and that they were living at the house of **William Nock**. He did not say when the partnership began. On the tax list of 1678, above, neither Newcomb nor Mills appeared; but the William Nock household had 5 tithables.

27 MAY 1679

Jno Stockley served on jury.³⁴⁰

28 MAY 1679

“Jane Broad petitioned against **Jno. Stokely** and **William Stokely** complaining that they had sold her for a year’s service; she requested her freedom. It was ordered that John Barnes keep Jane till the next court. It was further ordered that the sheriff summon the Stokelys to answer the complaint and prove their rights, or otherwise be debarred.”³⁴¹

COMMENT:

See April 1678 above, whereby Jane Broad broke a pot belonging to Jno. Stokely and feared he would have her hanged. Stokely sued her, instead, and the suit was dismissed. Apparently, he exacted his revenge on her by selling her.

16 JULY 1679

“At the last court Jane Broad had complained that **John Stokely** had sold her for a year’s service contrary to law. Stokely was summoned to this court, and it appeared that he sold Jane contrary to the agreement he made with her before *Mr. John Wallop* [a neighborhood justice]. Ordered that Jane Broad be free. It was further ordered that no one presume to make any bargain with her except in the presence and approbation of a justice of the peace.”³⁴²

17 JULY 1679

³³⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 21; citing p. 33.

³³⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 24; citing p. 37.

³³⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 46; citing p. 69.

³⁴⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 58; citing p. 90.

³⁴¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 59; citing p. 92.

³⁴² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 8; citing p. 12.

Tithables for Accomack County 1679 [688 men, one single list]:

Capt. Daniel Jenifer, Mr. Tho. Welburne, At Col. Littleton's plantation at Pungotege, **Jno. Wallop**, Wm. Tayler Sr. and Jr., Wm. Briggingham, Jno Brookes, Jno. Booth, Jno. Franklin, Simon Smith, **Sebast. Delestase**, Jo. Evens, Oliver Morgen, Jo. Melson, Teage Miskell, **Will. Stokely (1)**, *Christ. Stanly*, *Jno. Watts'* Negro, Jno. Tarr, Tho. Osburne, Elisab. Bowen, Peter Walker, Rbt. Atkinson, Jonathan Owen, Tho. Smally, Wm. Lake Sr., Rich. Hastings, Wm. Kennet, **Jno. Stokely (3)**, Alex **Massee**, James Tailer, **Woodman Stokly (1)**, Daniel Harrard, Nath. Ratliff, Joseph Basnet, Guslin Venetson, **Jno. Stratton**, Edwd. Vahun, Tho. Clifton, Howel Glading, Jno. Besely, Wm. Ailworth, Edwd. Thornton, Wm. Lowin, Geo. West, **Jno. Francisco**, **Wm. Benston**, Robt. Burton, Dennis Morris, Morris Dennis [*sic*], Jno. Barnes, Peter Morgan, **Fran. Stokely (1)**, Tho. Briggs, Jno. Pretiman Sr., Wm. Freeman, Samuel Tahlor, Nich. Millechop ... [skip several dozen] Arthur Frame ... [skip several dozen], James Fowkes, Steph. Hilby, Jno. Travally, Wm. Sill, **John Whitt**, Jno. Hamering, Nich. Layler, George Due, Hen. Hill, Samson Dos, Alexandr. Addyson ... [skip several dozen], Mr. Teakle, Robt. Huchinson, **Robt. Walton Jr.**, Tob. Selby, Dormt. Sullivant, Robt. Hudson ...³⁴³

COMMENT:

Edward Walton (ca. 1672–1710) who first appeared in New Kent County in 1701/2 is said to have married Elizabeth Mason, possibly daughter of Lemuel Mason and Ann Seawell; he named his first son Robert.³⁴⁴ Masons were also in Accomack.

6 NOVEMBER 1679

"**John Stratton** petitioned the court for a certificate to the next assembly for his shallop that was lost in the country's service. He swore that he never received payment for it. It was ordered that the certificate be granted."³⁴⁵

**1 DECEMBER 1679
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"**Alexand^r Mills** of the County of Northampton in Virg^a. formerly in the service of one **John Wilson** of **New Kent County** in Virg^a, gave power of attorney to "my Trusty & ever Hon[ore]d friend **Mrs. Elisa ___ [in crack of book] Vault** of the County of Yorke in Virg^a aforesaid, widow," to demand and receive ... such sums or sums of Tobacco, goods, wares, Merchandise, plate, money, and other things whatsoever As shall or may bee justly due to and from **Coll. Abrahall** in the County of New Kent ... or any other p'son ... in the said county." Signed: Alexander Mills his + mark. Witnesses: Dan : Neech, Jno. Burroughs. Acknowledged in open court by Mills 30th Decemer 1679. Recorded 14 January 1679[/80].³⁴⁶

COMMENT:

Re his trusted friend "Mrs. Elisa ___ Vault":

1 Nov 1654: Grant to "Mr. Francis Hamond" 2000 acres **York Co.** bounded on N. by Metopony Riv. & Wm. Lewis, transportation of Robert Vaus, **Eliz. Vaus**, **Susan Vaus**, **Humphrey Vaus** ... Fra. Hammond, Mana. Hamond, & others.³⁴⁷

1 Apr 1661: Grant to Francis Bunell, Gent., 2300 acres, **New Kent Co., lower part in York**, "about 7 miles up the narrowes on the s. side, granted 20 Jan. 1650 to **Thomas Vaulx**, & by order 6 June 1657 granted to **Robert Vaulx** heir to sd. Thomas & by sd. Robert & Elizabeth his wife sold to sd. Bunell."³⁴⁸

³⁴³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 65–69; citing pp. 99–101.

³⁴⁴ Wilmer L. Kerns, *Waltons of Old Virginia and Sketches of Families in Central Virginia [including] Stratton* (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2009), 9.

³⁴⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 75; citing p. 113.

³⁴⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & C, 1668–80: 200; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 374.

³⁴⁷ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 298–99.

³⁴⁸ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 410.

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5 Aug 1668: Grant of 300 acres in **New Kent Co.** on S side of **Yorke Riv.** *7 miles up the narrowes*” to Richard Austin, adj. **Mr. Thomas Vaulx.**³⁴⁹

2 July 1669: Grant of 780 acres in **Westmoreland Co.**, to Mr. Tho. **Yowell** of **Nominy Riv.**, 500 acres of which was “granted **Mr. Tho. Vaulx, 18 Oct. 1650**, who with **Eliz. His wife** sold to sd. Yowell.”³⁵⁰ [*Westmoreland was cut from Northumberland which lay just across the bay from Accomack.*]

COMMENT:

For Alexander Mills to call Elizabeth Vaulx his “trusty friend” implies familiarity with someone well placed in society. I have not thet found evidence of Alexander’s transportation to the colony.

16 DECEMBER 1679

“Upon the information provided by Mr. Thomas Welburne, it was ordered that **Woodman Stokely, surveyor** [road overseer] be summoned by the sheriff to the next court to answer for delinquency in not causing the highways to be cleared in his precincts.”³⁵¹

“**Bapt. Newcomb** swore that he heard Lewis Russell, steward of the skiff called the *Mary Gold* of London, say that John Robinson (son of Lawrence Robinson, deceased) was eight years old when he first came to Virginia in 1666/67. Signed and sworn in open court 16 December 1679, by Bapt. Newcomb.”³⁵²

17 JANUARY 1679/80

“**Woodman Stokely, surveyor**, had been ordered to appear for not causing the highways to be cleared in his precincts. Woodman alleged that he did not know when he was required to clear the highways, but he had since cleared them. Ordered that he be dismissed this time, and that he pay court costs.”³⁵³

18 DECEMBER 1680

“**Edward Mills, blacksmith**, petitioned against **Baptist Newcomb**, claiming that Newcomb had been his **partner blacksmith** till last July, when they argued Newcomb complained against Mills to Capt. Wm. Custis, who sent the constable a warrant to apprehend Mills and take him to the sheriff to post security. A while later, Mills got John Parker to go with him to **Wm. Nock’s (where Mills and Newcomb lived)**, and there they discussed their differences; Newcomb discharged Mills and said he was sorry that he had sworn against Mills. However, Newcomb (in Mills’ absence and without any provocation) complained that he was not safe unless Mills was committed to prison and ordered the sheriff to perform the contents of the first warrant. The court considered Mills’ complaint; it appeared that Newcomb procured the warrant and bound Mills for his own private interests, and when he had accomplished his ends, desisted, but feared that if he did not perform the warrant, he would ‘be damnified.’ Ordered that Mills be discharged from his bond; Newcomb, ‘for his abuse to justice’ was fined 500 lbs tobacco and was ordered to pay all court costs.”³⁵⁴

COMMENT:

The given name Baptist(e) suggests that Newcomb may have been a Catholic from Maryland. Include Newcombe when I begin my Somerset research.

In order to sue as an adult, Edward would have been born by December 1659.

³⁴⁹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 43.

³⁵⁰ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, p. 60.

³⁵¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682 (, 94; citing p. 148.

³⁵² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 94; citing p. 147.

³⁵³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 97; citing p. 152.

³⁵⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 132; citing p. 196.

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One Baptiste Newcombe, was christened 5 Apr 1650 at Derby, All Saints, Derbyshire, England, as son of William Newcombe.³⁵⁵ At least two land transactions in Delaware carry that name:

- 1684: Kent Co., Delaware, sold land on W side of Delaware and on the N side of Mispillion Creek, adjoining William Clark called Mount Pleasant, held by warrant of 15th day of 1st month, 1781. Witnesses: Henry Bowman, Thomas Besent.³⁵⁶
- 1714: Sussex Co., Delaware, purchased property from **John Fisher** and Nathaniel Starr; witnesses: **Thomas Fisher** and Edward Crage, his E mark.³⁵⁷

The Sussex, Delaware, man made his will on 12 April 1735, probated 12 April 1739, leaving wife Rachel, daughters Ann and Rachel Dvd?, sons Thomas and Baptiste.³⁵⁸

John Dyer and John Stratton (son of John Sr.) both moved to Sussex in the 1790s.

An extremely cursory search turned up no record of Millses in Sussex during that time frame.

“John Watts of Occocomson [Accomman], by virtue of a warrant from Maj. Cha. Scarburgh, was summoned to answer for killing an ox that was not his own, as reported by **Mr. John Stratton** ... Deposition of Robert Watson, Sr., aged about 57 years: About June or July Watson was at the house of John Watts (of Occaconson), who requested him to put up a note at the church door concerning a stray steer that had used the Watts pen for four or five years. Watson posted the note ... Afterwards the note was posted at the **Mattomkin Church** ... Then Watson posted the note at **Mr. Stratton’s**.”

COMMENT:

By implication, Stratton operated a tavern, inn, or other “public house.”

Matomkin inlet was below Gargantha, east of Onancock, in the lower middle portion of the county.

“The suit of Maj. Charles Scarburgh against Dennis Morris was referred to the next court. Deposition of **William Stockley aged about 32 years**: About four years ago last spring, Dennis Morris came ‘to my mother’s house’ and claimed a cow and took her away. Signed and sworn in open court on 18 December 1680, by Will [W.] Stockley.”³⁵⁹

10 FEBRUARY 1680/1 (NORTHAMPTON)

“The Deposition of **Tho: Mills** aged 18 yrs or thereabouts saith that [the horse] that John Custin toke up for a stray horse was to the best of my knowledge **Henry Allen’s** horse and further Saith not. [Signed] Thomas Mills T.” Rowland Williams (36) was also deposed.³⁶⁰

“Disbursemts by Eliz. Willett [widow of John Willett] for helpe & service done in the time of the sicness of her husband & at his funerall (vizt.) :

To Samll. Bennett for services ...

To John Webb for like services

³⁵⁵ “Derbyshire, England, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1538–1812,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/3928532:61407> : accessed 28 December 2023)

³⁵⁶ “Delaware, U.S., Land Records, 1677–1947,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1634504:61025> : accessed 28 December 2023) > Kent > 776 > image 36 of 666.

³⁵⁷ “Delaware, U.S., Land Records, 1677–1947,” database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/1634504:61025> : accessed 28 December 2023) > Sussex > 003 > image 79 of 437.

³⁵⁸ “Delaware, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1676–1971, database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/223152:9044> : accessed 28 December 2023) > Sussex > General Index, 1682–1948; Wills, Book A, 1682–1781) > image 457; being pages 306–7 of Book A.

³⁵⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 133–34; citing pp. 198–99.

³⁶⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 130; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 510.

To Margaret Tyler pr ditto
To Benjn **Stratton** for a Coffin
To **John Stokely** for Sugar in his sickness
To Mrs. Powell for a sheepe for his funerall
To Jno. Daniell for Butter & poultry
To Henry Tyson for help in his sickness
To Mrs. Lee for wine in his sickness & funerall
To Mr. John Eyre for wine in his sickness & at his funerall
To Wm. Cripps for services in his sickness ...
[Other payments to John and James Watts, Charles Parkes.³⁶¹

“Deposition of Edmund Allen, aged 36 years or thereabouts” ... re Thomas Moore taking up the horse referenced in **Thomas Mills’** deposition. “Ye horse belonged to John Jones by the right of his wife Elizabeth Allen.”

“Deposition of **Thomas Mills** aged 18 years or thereabouts Saith that hee heard Thomas Moore say that that horse that hee had tooke up had Edmund Allens’ eare marks & [that] hee had rubbed him & could find no other marke upon him soo he had turned him loose again; for I saw that that horse was not the horse I had bought of Somers, for that Horse was to bee Six yeare old & this horse [he] tooke up waas not above three years old & further that the horse belonged to John Jones by the right of his wife Elizabeth Allen. Signed Thomas Mills T. This 1st of Feby 1680 sworn in open court.”³⁶²

COMMENT:

On 29 March 1682 (p. 159, i524) Edmund Allen made a deposition that identified the relationship between himself and Elizabeth: “which [said horse] did belong to *my broth’ John Jones* by the right of his wife.”

**28 FEBRUARY 1680/1
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“This day on the peticoñ of **Joane Mills** widow, Admcoñ is granted her on the estate of her husband **Alexr. Mills**, late of this county decd, shee puttinge in security according to Law in such cases made & probated.”³⁶³

17 MARCH 1680/81

“William Bouden and his wife Grace were bound over to this court (by virtue of *Capt. Wallop’s* recognizance) concerning a waistcoat found in their custody; **Mr. John Stratton** and his wife swore that the coat was theirs. Bouden said that he had bought the waistcoat from Mr. Wm. Tayler’s Negro. Ordered that Bouden deliver the coat to Stratton and be committed into the sheriff’s custody till posting a bond for good behavior and paying court charges.”³⁶⁴

18 MAY 1681

“Deposition of **Wm. Stockley** aged 32 years: Stockley, who was at Mr. Sandford’s a short time before he [Sandford] was accused of killing Samuel Tayler’s hogs, saw about six hogs marked with Wm. Wallis’s former mark, except for one with a different mark. Sandford said that his hogs had come home. Signed 9 May 1671 (sic), by **Will. (W) Stoklely**. Witnesses: **John Wallop (alias)** and Thomas Welburn. Sworn in open

³⁶¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 133–34; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 511–12.

³⁶² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 135; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 512.

³⁶³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 142; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 516.

³⁶⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 144; citing p. 211.

court 17 May 1681.”

“The suit of Mr. Samuel Sandford (administrator of the estate of **John Hanson, deceased**) on behalf of **Samuel Hanson** against Mrs. Ann Bote was dismissed because no cause of action appeared to the court.³⁶⁵

13 JULY 1681

Woodman Stokeley served on jury.

“Deposition of **John Stockly** aged about 24 years: (This deposition was only partially legible.) At Osburne’s house **Stockly** saw a light gray horse branded with R and being used by Ben. Eyre. Afterwards **Stockly** heard that it was Richard Robinson’s horse Signed and sworn in open court 13 July 1681 by John Stockly.”

“**Woodman Stockley** ‘arrested’ **John and Dorothy Watts** at court in an action of defamation, but Dorothy failed to appear. If she did not appear at the next court, the sheriff was ordered to abide the award of the court. Deposition of Elizabeth Osburne: Some time last June, Dorothy Watts was at the Osburne house and said that ‘Sarah Price carried a bastard child about for **Woodman Stockely**.’ Mary Story answered, ‘You cannot prove that.’ Dorothy, however, replied ‘that she could prove it, and so could somebody else also, if need required.’ Signed and sworn in open court 12 July 1681, by Elizabeth (3) Osburne. Capt John Wallop gave information against Dorothy Watts, the wife of John Watts, for the contempt of a warrant he directed to her to answer the complaint of **Woodman Stokely**. Ordered that the sheriff take her into custody until she gave security for her appearance at the next court.”³⁶⁶

COMMENT:

The tax rolls have two John Wattses, one called “planter” and one called “cooper.” This appears to be the cooper.

17–18 AUGUST 1681

[More actions in Washburne Stokely’s case against Dorothy Watts. “Deposition of **Woodman Stokely** aged about 27 years ...”

“William Willet sued Francis Bettson [Bentson], who failed to appear. ...”

Woodman Stokely served on jury.³⁶⁷

16 DECEMBER 1681

“Ordered that Nicholas Millechops be surveyor of the highways from **Gargaphia to John Stokely’s Bridge**, and that **Woodman Stockely** be surveyor for the rest of Sea Side.”³⁶⁸

ABOUT 1682

[4 November 1718] **Joseph Stockly & Thomas Stockly** of Accomack County planters, being Sworn in open Co^{rt} held for sd. County of Accomack upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God do Say that Coll. Daniel Jenifer about thirty six years ago [i.e., c.1682] took away from **John Stockley & Benjamin Ayres** a Tract of Land being an Island called **Hobson’s Choice** Situate in Accomack County and that it was commonly reported that the sd. Jenifer had a Patent for the same in his own name and that the sd. Island was never seated by the sd. Jenifer nor Stockt as the law directs to the best of their Knowledge nor by any other Excepting George Parker who Stockt the Same but on what right they know not. [Signed] Joseph Stockly (J), Thomas Stockly. The within deposition was Sworne to in open Co^{rt} of Accomack County by sd. Within

³⁶⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 156; citing pp. 223–228.

³⁶⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 167–69; citing pp. 242–44.

³⁶⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 174–75, 180; citing pp. 250–52, 258.

³⁶⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 191; citing p. 271.

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Joseph Stockly & Thomas Stockly According as within mentioned this 4th day of November 1718.”³⁶⁹

COMMENT:

This Joseph appears to be the son of John Sr. and Elizabeth.

16 FEBRUARY 1681/2

“At the last court the sheriff was ordered to summon Mr. Henry Towles to this court to take the oath of constable in the place of *John Watts*, who at this court petitioned to be discharged from his office Towles appeared and also asked to be excused, so the court ordered the **John Stokely** be summoned to the next court to be sworn in the place of Watts, who was to remain in office till then.”³⁷⁰

16 MARCH 1681/2

“**John Stokely** appeared as summoned to take the oath of constable to serve in the place of *John Watts*, who petitioned to be discharged from his office.”³⁷¹

COMMENT:

This should be John Jr., son of John Sr.

**29 MARCH 1682
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The Deposicōn of Peter **Grice** aged 25 years or thereabout Saith that Whitsun Tuesday last as the depont. Was ridinge along the Roade with John Haggaman to his father Tomlinsen’s house to worke[,] the said Haggaman told the depon^t that the horse in dispute betweene his said father & Wm. Gaskins was branded with a Crooked hooke or words to that effect to the best of the deponts memory and further saith not. [Signed] Peter Grice.”³⁷²

**1 JUNE 1682
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“It is Ordered by the Court that Mr **John Stokely** bee Surveyor of the Highway this ensuinge yeare to see the Highways cleared in his pcincts (Vizt.) from William Geldings to George Freshwater on the seaside to see the Roads cleared & the ways from house to house & outt into the Main Roads And that hee hath notice [by] a copy of this order ...”³⁷³

16 JUNE 1682

“**John Stokely**, constable, was bound over to this court by virtue of a warrant from Col. Jenifer and Mr. Welburne. **Stokely** was charged with delinquency in the execution of his office because he released Joseph Palmer, whom the court ordered taken into custody till giving security for good behavior. Palmer had originally escaped from the sheriff’s custody, had been apprehended again and was brought before Welburne, who issued the warrant and directed **Stokely** to deliver the prisoner to the sheriff. Contrary to his oath of office, in contempt of the law and without a command or warrant, **Stokely** set the prisoner free. **Stokely**, who acknowledged his error, said he did it through ignorance and asked to be remitted. Since neither Col. Jenifer or Mr. Welburne were present, the court referred the matter to the next court; they cautioned **Stokely** to ‘use his utmost endeavor to produce the said Palmer to the next court.’”³⁷⁴

³⁶⁹ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 62; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 80.

³⁷⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 199; citing p. 283.

³⁷¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 207; citing p. 292.

³⁷² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 219; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 554.

³⁷³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 226; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 558.

³⁷⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 217; citing pp. 304, 305.

17–18 AUGUST 1682

“**Edward Mills** admitted owing 958 lbs tobacco to Mr. William Anderson as assignee of Thomas Middleton. Ordered that Mills pay the debt and court costs.”

“Ordered that **Edward Mills** be fined 50 lbs tobacco for swearing profanely in open court.”³⁷⁵

COMMENT:

William Anderson was an attorney used by many of those I’m studying.

18 DECEMBER 1682

“**Edward Mills** admitted owing 1212 lbs tobacco to William Silverthorne. Ordered that he pay the debt and court costs”³⁷⁶

5 JANUARY 1682/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The Suite commenced by Mr. Thos. Teackle as guardian to **Wm. Willett**, son and Heire of Mr. John Willett decd. pltf[,] agt. Coll. Wm. Kendall deft, Itt now appearing to the Court that the said Plt. is qualified as aforesaid, they have this day dismissed the same.”³⁷⁷

19 FEBRUARY 1682/3

Woodman Stokelly served on jury. **John Stratton** was jury foreman.³⁷⁸

21 FEBRUARY 1682–3

“**William Stokeley** entered action against George Parker, who could not be found. Stokeley was granted an attachment against Parker’s estate where it could be found.”³⁷⁹

2 MARCH 1682/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Certificate is this day granted to Coll. Jno. Stringer for Eighteen hundred Acres of Land pr rights underwritten ... **John Mills, Joane Mills** ...”³⁸⁰

28 MARCH 1683

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Judgmt is this day granted to **John Stokely** agt. Henry Pike for the sume of foure hundred forty-two pounds of Tobacco & caske, appearinge due by bill forthwith to bee paid wth Costs of Suite & Executn.”³⁸¹

COMMENT:

This John appears to be the son of the immigrant Francis, who made his will in December 1655.

1683-89

(NORTHAMPTON)

COMMENT:

Order Book 12 has a reasonably legible index. I have extracted relevant entries from it, but **have**

³⁷⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 226, 228; citing pp. 315, 318.

³⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 6, 1678–1682, 232; citing p. 324.

³⁷⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 256; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 573.

³⁷⁸ JoAnn Riley McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690 (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2012), 2; citing p. 2a.

³⁷⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 5; citing p. 4.

³⁸⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 284; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 587.

³⁸¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 11, 1678–83: 292; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 591.

not yet read the entire book.

15 JUNE 1683

“Edward Vahan’s will was probated by the oaths of **John Stratton** and Edward Throneton.” **Wood Stockely** and **John Stratton** served on jury.³⁸²

2 JULY 1683

“**John Stratton** admitted owing 420 lbs tobacco to Thomas Rably (attorney: Cha. Holden). Ordered that he pay the debt and court costs by the 10th of October.”³⁸³

7 JULY 1683

“A complaint had been made that the surveyors had neglected the clearing of the highways according to the law. Because the surveyors in the county were so few and the precincts too large, the court appointed the following surveyors to care for ‘necks and roads’ in the following precincts: ...

- *Samuel Tayler* from the dividing line to and including *Tayler’s Bridge* (Sea Side)
- **John Stratton** from *Tayler’s Bridge* to and including the bridge dividing him and **Stockeley**.
- **John Stockeley** from the branch {under the bridge} to and including the Salt House Bridge at Gargaphia.
- George Hope from the Salt House Bridge to and including John Cole’s.”³⁸⁴

16 AUGUST 1683

“John Baily sued **John Stratton** for entering upon a plantation owned by Baily and ‘continuing the possession thereof by violence and force.’ It appeared to the court that Stratton did not use violence in the possession of the land. Ordered that he have the benefit of his crop for this year along with the use of the housing and fencing. ‘With all possible conveniency’ Stratton was to remove his crop and give the land back to Baily.”³⁸⁵

“At the last court an order was passed to decide the difference between **William Stockley** (overseer of Edward Vahan’s orphans) and **John Watts, Planter**, who allegedly transported a mare out of the county. The mare was to be brought to this court, but Watts pleaded that he had tried but was prevented by the magistrates of Maryland. Since the mare was not present, the court renewed the order that Watts bring the mare to the next court or produce written reasons from the magistrates involved.”

“Ann Vahan, executrix of Edward Vahan (deceased), petitioned that *some of her nearest neighbors* might appraise the estate for the benefit of her children. The court accepted her choice of **Nathaniel Ratcliff** and **John Stockley** and ordered them to appraise the estate before the next court, at which time they were to return an inventory.”

“At the last court **John Stockley** was appointed surveyor, but since he was a constable, the court appointed Daniel Harwood to be the surveyor from the bridge by **Stockley’s** to the Salt House bridge at Gargaphia.”³⁸⁶

COMMENT:

Considering that William Stockley was overseer of Vahan’s children and that John Stockley was one of the Vahan’s “nearest neighbors,” we may conclude that William Stockley lived in proximity to his brother John.

³⁸² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 18–19; citing pp. 12, 13.

³⁸³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 21; citing p. 14.

³⁸⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 27–28; citing p. 17.

³⁸⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 219; citing p. 17a.

³⁸⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 30, 33; citing pp. 18, 19a.

“**Edward Mills** declared that Benjamin Eyre had detained a hat belonging to Mills, but Eyre alleged that he had paid for the hat by charging it to an account.³⁸⁷ Ordered that the case be suspended till the next court so the account could be produced.”³⁸⁷

9 OCTOBER 1683

“**Edward Mills** sued Benjamin Eyre, saying that Eyre took the hat, for which Mills had paid four bushels of wheat. Eyre said that Mills had charged him for the hat in an account, which he exhibited. It appeared to the court that the hat had not been included in the account, so it was ordered that Eyre give Mills a ‘good hat to the said Mills’ liking’ or pay him 4 bushels of wheat with court costs. (Side note: The order was served on Eyre by Mr. Geo. Nich. Hack on February 1683/84.)”³⁸⁸

“At the last court it was ordered that determination be made in the suit of **William Stockley** (overseer of Edward Vahans orphans) against **John Watts** concerning a mare caimed by Stockley on behalf of the orphans. Watts had been ordered to bring the mare to court from his plantation in Maryland, which he did at this court. After viewing and examining the evidence, the court judged that **Stockley** could not prove his claim and there was no cause of action against Watts. The suit was dismissed with Stockely paying court costs.”

“**Woodman Stockley** informed against **John Watts** for transporting a mare out of the county contrary to law. The information was defective (in time and place) so the court ordered that the information be quashed and that Stockley pay court costs.

“**Woodman Stockley** informed the court against **John Watts**, saying that he secretly transported ten cattle contrary to law; Stockley requested an order against Watts, but the information was defective (in time and place), so the court quashed it, with Stockley paying court costs.”³⁸⁹

13 NOVEMBER 1683

Wm. Stockley served on jury.

“It appeared to the court that John Watts owed Alexander Massy 360 lbs tobacco for being summoned to testify against **William Stockely** (overseer of Edward Vahan’s orphans). It was ordered that Watts [Stockley?] pay that amount and court charges. **Stockley** alleged that there was so much due that the payment should be delayed till the next court.”

“Jonathan Owen petitioned to be paid for being summoned as a witness for **Wm. Stockely** against John Watts. Owen, who had attended for five days at four courts, “besides his coming and going,” wanted 360 lbs tobacco, which Stockely acknowledged was due. (In an obvious clerical error) Owen was ordered to pay the debt with court costs.”³⁹⁰

COMMENT:

In 1714 in adjacent Somerset Co., MD, one Alexander Mercy/Massy served as surety for one “William Stokely of Baltemore Hundred, Somerset ... planter” when he was accued of stealing a horse and branding it with his mark.³⁹¹

14 NOVEMBER 1683

Wm. Stockley served on jury.³⁹²

³⁸⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 31; citing p. 2a.

³⁸⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 34; citing p. 20.

³⁸⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 39–40; citing p. 23.

³⁹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 44; citing pp. 25a, 26.

³⁹¹ Frank V. Walczyk, *Somerset County, Maryland, Judicial Records, 1713–1715* (Coram, NY: Peters Row, 1998), 145.

³⁹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 44; citing p. 25a.

1 JANUARY 1683/4

“**William Stockley** owed John Bloxum 646 lbs tobacco, but it appeared that Bloxum had not fully completed the work at the upper church as agreed; he had not finished the pulpit. Ordered that Bloxum ‘forthwith made a decent rail ascending the pulpit in the upper church.’ Upon completion, Stockley was to pay the 646 lbs tobacco and court costs.”³⁹³

7 FEBRUARY 1683/4

William Stockeley was granted a judgment of 426 lbs tobacco against George Parker. Ordered that Parker pay the debt and costs of the suit.”

“John Cole sued **Edward Mills**, who failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, the sheriff would have to abide the award of the court.”³⁹⁴

27 MARCH 1684

“The suit of John Cole aganst **Edward Mills** was referred to the next court at the request of Mr. Anderson, who appeared on behalf of Mills.”³⁹⁵

“Richard Hill, on behalf of **Woodman Stockley**, admitted owing 1200 bs tobacco to Mr. George Nicholas Hack. Ordered that Hill pay the debt with the costs of the suit.”

“Nicholas Millechop sued **Woodman Stockley** but failed to appear to prosecute. The suit was dismissed with Millechop paying court costs.”³⁹⁶

3 JUNE 1684

“Since he had not appeared at a former court, William Tayler Jr. had been taken into the sheriff’s custody to give security for his appearance at this court to answer for entertaining **Rodia Fawset** contrary to law. **An inhabitant of Maryland, Rodia** gave birth to a bastard child at the house of Tayler, who now acknowledged it. Ordered that he give security for his good behavior. The court accepted **William Stockley** as Tayler’s security; they were jointly bound in the sum of 500 lbs tobacco.”

“John Cole sued Nicholas Millechop, declaring that on 8 June 1681, he had paid 800 lbs tobacco for half a lot at Onancok Town from Millechop, who had purchased it from **Woodman Stockley**. Formerly belonging to Garret Supple, the lot had two houses on it. Millechop engaged himself to give ‘good insurance’ within a year or forfeit 1200 lbs tobacco—the same amount that **Stockley** was to pay Millechop for the same insurance. An undated discharge presented by Millechop was judged to be not valid; he was ordered to pay the sum and the costs of the suit.”³⁹⁷

4 JUNE 1684

“John Cole brought an action against **Edward Mills**, declaring that on 16 November 1681, he had obtained an order of 7 pounds 3 shillings 4 pence against Mills, and that Mills also owed him 1788 lbs. tobacco. Mr. Anderson (Mills’ attorney) pleaded that Cole had not proceeded according to law. Ordered that the suit be dismissed with Cole paying court costs.”³⁹⁸

5 AUGUST 1685

³⁹³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 52; citing p. 31.

³⁹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 62; citing p. 37.

³⁹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 69; citing p. 40.

³⁹⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 71–72; citing pp. 41a, 42.

³⁹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 73–74; citing pp. 43, 43a.

³⁹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 75; citing pp. 43a, 44.

“Nicholas Millechop claimed that **Woodman Stockley** had sold him half a lot at Onancock Town which had been taken up by Garret Supple. Stockley had obliged himself in the sum of 1200 lbs tobacco to make assurance of the sale. Since he had failed in doing so, Millechop requested an order for the penalty to be paid. The court gave Stockley liberty till the second court after this to meet his obligation or pay the penalty.”³⁹⁹

6 AUGUST 1684

Wm. Stockley served on jury.

“**Edward Mills** was summoned at the suit of **John Cole** to show why execution should not issue on an order returned in December 1681, for 8 pounds 3 shillings 4 pence with court costs. It was ordered that the judgment be confirmed, but execution was suspended till next November with Mr. Anderson [his attorney] entering himself security for Mills.”

“**Woodman Stockley** petitioned for payment for being summoned as a witness in the suit of Samuel Fittiman against Mr. William Anderson. Ordered that Fittiman pay court charges and 80 lbs tobacco to Stockley for two days attendance.”⁴⁰⁰

7 OCTOBER 1684

“**Woodman Stokley** sued Arthur Hill for a debt, but Hill failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, the order would pass against the sheriff.”⁴⁰¹

7 NOVEMBER 1684

“**John Dyer** requested time to perform an order (granted against him at the suit of the church wardens) in which he was ordered committed to the sheriff’s custody till giving security to reimburse and pay future charges to the parish (for the support of two illegitimate children). **John Stockley** was accepted as security for Dyer, who as to appear at the next court to fulfill the contents of the former order.”⁴⁰²

COMMENT:

On 8 October 1684 “John Dyer, recent servant of Mr. Thomas Welburne [church warden], was ... convicted of fathering the bastard child of Ann Fishe, recent servant of Welburne. ... Dyer was also convicted as the reputed father of Rachel Hosted’s bastard child.”⁴⁰³

2 DECEMBER 1684

“Mr. William Anderson, as overseer of the orphan *Elizabeth Smith*, informed the court against Samuel Fittiman for unlawfully killing a hog and requested to be paid as the informer and owner. ... Deposition of Katherin Glenn: Katherin was a servant to **William Anderson at his plantation at Pokomoak** in June 1682, when Samuel Fittiman spoke ‘persuadingly and or seducingly’ to her and the other servants, saying that he wondered that they contented themselves ‘to feed upon milk, and what was produced from it and corn, since there was such plenty of fat shoats and hogs around the plantation’ ... and that it was not long since he killed a fat shoat one night when Henry Towles and **Hannah Stockly** was there. ... Signed 7 October 1684. Sworn in open court 4 November 1684, by Katherin (K) Glenn.”⁴⁰⁴

3 DECEMBER 1684

“*John Dyer*, who had requested additional time to reimburse the parish and pay future charges (for the

³⁹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 79; citing p. 46a.

⁴⁰⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 81–82; citing pp. 47a, 48.

⁴⁰¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 83; citing p. 49.

⁴⁰² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 89; citing p. 52a.

⁴⁰³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 86; citing p. 50a.

⁴⁰⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 90–92; citing pp. 52a–53a.

support of two illegitimate children), had presented **John Stockly** as his security at the last court. Now he presented Benjamin Eyre [sheriff or former sheriff] for his security and requested more time for payment. Eyre promised to pay 800 lbs tobacco per year for three years, which the court accepted, with Dyer paying court costs. However, since more was due to the parish it was ordered that Dyer appear at the next court to answer for it.”⁴⁰⁵

12 JANUARY 1684/5

“Nicholas Millechop sued Benjamin Southward for 500 lbs tobacco. Southward failed to appear, but the sheriff returned **William Stockley** as bail for Southward’s appearance. If he did not appear at the next court, then **Stockley** would have to pay the debt to Millechop.”⁴⁰⁶

8 JULY 1685

“William Mason sued **Edward Mills** but filed no petition; a nonsuit was granted against Mason with the costs of the suit.”⁴⁰⁷

17 NOVEMBER 1685

William Stockley appointed to grand jury for the ensuing year.⁴⁰⁸

23 DECEMBER 1685

“At the last court Mr. Joseph Robinson sued *John Barker* for 1676 lbs tobacco and an order was passed against **John Stockley** as Barker’s bail. Since Barker failed to appear at this court, it was ordered that Stockley pay the debt and the costs of the suit.”⁴⁰⁹

2 FEBRUARY 1685/6

“Benjamin Eyre brought an action wanting to be paid for informing against John Barker for illegally transporting cattle out of the county. Barker failed to appear; since the sheriff returned **John Stockley** as bail, it was ordered that he pay the penalty if Barker did not appear at the next court.”⁴¹⁰

3 FEBRUARY 1685/6

“Mr. Robert Hutchinson sued *Robert Tayler* for taking a canoe from Hutchinson’s landing without his consent and not bringing it home. Tayler claimed Hutchinson lent him the canoe upon his promise to return it that day. He also claimed that he did not use it when he borrowed it. The court found that Tayler was “defective” in not returning the canoe, and by his own confession, ‘offered satisfaction.’ He was ordered to pay court costs. **Deposition of John Stockly, aged about 18 years:** Last November, Robert Taylor boarded Mr. Wm. Preason’s ship the *Vine* (now at Pungotege) with Robt. Hutchinson’s canoe and stayed aboard for two nights and part of two days. While Taylor was aboard the *Vine*, the wind was ‘blowing hard (and) the canoe went adrift, and before the said Taylor went from the ship, Robt. Hutchinson came to the shipside to know who brought his great canoe aboard the ship, whereupon Robert Taylor leaned over the ship’s side and owned he did it.’ Signed and sworn in open court 22 December 1685, by John Stockley.”⁴¹¹

COMMENT:

This John Stockley, aged about 18, would not have been the John Stockley Jr., son of John Sr.

⁴⁰⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 93; citing p. 54.

⁴⁰⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 95; citing p. 55.

⁴⁰⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 120; citing p. 68a.

⁴⁰⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 129; citing p. 74.

⁴⁰⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 135; citing p. 77.

⁴¹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 138; citing p. 78a.

⁴¹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 139; citing p. 79a.

Because John Jr.'s activities suggest he was the eldest son of John Sr., the 18-year-old John above (born c1664) would appear to be John III, son of John Jr.

4 FEBRUARY 1685/6

William Stockley served on jury.⁴¹²

9 MARCH 1685/6

"Benjamin Eyre sued *Benjamin Southward* (who married Alice, the widow and executrix of William Lewin) for 520 lbs tobacco. **William Stockley** appeared as bail, so it was ordered that he be security for the payment of the debt and the costs of the suit."⁴¹³

COMMENT:

In January 1684/5, William Stockley stood as bondman for Benjamin Southward in a suit by Millechamp.

TO DO:

Investigate whether William married into the Southward family—or whether Southward married a sister of William Stockley.

10 MARCH 1685/6

Wm. Stockley served on jury.⁴¹⁴

11 MAY 1686

"Capt. William Custis had procured an attachment against the estate of **Francis Bateson [Benston]**, who owed him 378 lbs tobacco worth of 'English goods at prime cost in England.' The court allowed 12 shillings for every 100 lbs tobacco, which amounted to 45 shillings 4 pence, a debt proved by the oaths of Henry Allin and **Thomas Mills**. Ordered that the debt and court costs be served on a horse belonging to Bateson. (Side note: The order was served on the horse 13 May 1686 by Maj. Scarborough, sheffiff)."⁴¹⁵

COMMENT:

Note Thomas's association with the Benstons, who lived along the Maryland line according to McKey's vol. 2 (front-papers), map of Accomack Co. landowners.

6 JULY 1686

"In the dispute between **Mr. John Stratton** and **William Stockley** over the guardianship of Elizabeth Vahan (orphan), Stratton claimed the right by virtue of Edward Vahan's will and by assignment of her mother. The court questioned Elizabeth, who said she was willing to remain with **Stockley** until she attained to age. Stockley gave security to save the parish from charge or trouble, and Elizabeth remained with him."⁴¹⁶

7 JULY 1686

Wm. Stockley served on jury.

"The suit of **William Stockley**, assignee of John Onions, against John Barker (attorney: Cha. Holden) was referred to the next court."⁴¹⁷

⁴¹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 142; citing p. 81a.

⁴¹³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 144; citing p. 82a.

⁴¹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 148; citing pp. 85, 88.

⁴¹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 151; citing p. 86a.

⁴¹⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 157; citing p. 90.

⁴¹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 160–61; citing pp. 91a, 92.

7 SEPTEMBER 1686

John Stratton (foreman), **Francis (A) Stockly**, **Woodman Stockly**, and **Nath. Tunnell** served on a jury of inquest into the death of Ellinor “Nell” Hew, servant of *Capt. John Wallop*, who apparently had died from punishment inflicted upon her by several members of the household and by one “mulatto boy” slave. Deposition of Thomas Worsley aged about 22: About last 18 June, *Mrs. Wallop* sent a servant named Wm. Dixson to **Woodman Stockeley’s** and asked Worsley ‘to come over to Mr. Wallop’s to bury a servant of theirs named Ellinor Hew, whereupon in company with **Woodman Stokeley**, Wm. Blake, Jr., and John Blacke, we went over where the said Ellinor lay dead in Mr. Wallop’s tobacco ground. And after we had looked upon her, we went into the house, but **Woodman Stockely** before that took notice of a small stick that lay by her and some splinters which Woodman showed us. Afterwards, going out of the house to bury the said Ellinor, the said **Woodman** missed the stick and it were gone. And inquiring for it, Wm. Dixon [a Wallop servant] told him he threw it away, but Woodman bid him fetch it again ...and then **Woodman** asked him how it came to be broke. Wm. Dixson replied he broke it beating of cows ...”⁴¹⁸

COMMENT:

McKee’s map of Accomack landowners also puts Wallop’s plantation just south of the Somerset Co., Maryland, line.

“William Tilny and **Thomas Mills** made it appear to the court that for eight days they were made to assist in conveying Warner, a Negro slave, who once belonged to Mr. Henry Jenkins. Warner, who broke prison at James City, was carried over the Bay in John Aires’ sloop. Tilny and Mills were granted a certificate for the next assembly.”⁴¹⁹

“**John Stockley** ‘in an insolent and most contemptuous manner came into open court uttering many profane oaths and execrations.’ The court ordered the sheriff to take him into custody, but when he tried to do so, **Stockley** ‘refused to submit, using words of threat in contempt of the said order.’ The sheriff was ordered to ‘keep him in safe custody until tomorrow morning’ when he was to appear at the court and receive further censure for his misdemeanors.”⁴²⁰

8 SEPTEMBER 1686

“Yesterday **John Stockley** had been taken into the sheriff’s custody for insolent and contemptuous behavior in the court. At this court he was to receive further censure for ‘his high contempt of His Majesty’s authority.’ After Stockley was brought before the court to answer the charges, the court dismissed him from his office as constable, ordered that the sheriff detail him till he gave security for his good behavior, and fined him 500 lbs tobacco with court costs.”⁴²¹

29 NOVEMBER 1686

(NORTHAMPTON)

“These are to Certifye the whome it may Concerne That I the Subscriber hath lost one gray paceinge mare swallow Tayle on the Neare Eare & Duckt about the first of September last. Shee went stray from me if any pson can give Intelligence of the mare to me they shall be Satisfyed by me. November the 29th 1686 & 30th ditto as also the first day of Decembr following. This note sett up at Court. **John Stockly.**”⁴²²

11 JANUARY 1686/7

“**John Stockley**, who was formerly bound to good behavior, petitioned to be discharged. No objections

⁴¹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 165–66; citing pp. 93a–94a.

⁴¹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 1567; citing p. 95.

⁴²⁰ *Ibid.*

⁴²¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 169; citing p. 96.

⁴²² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills No. 12, 1683–89: 253; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 740.

were made; he was discharged from his bond but paid court charges.”

John Stockley served on jury.⁴²³

12 JANUARY 1686/7

“In the suit of **John Stockley** against Mr. Thomas Welburne, it appeared to the court that Welburne owed Stockley 720 lbs tobacco. Ordered that he pay the debt and the costs of the suit.”⁴²⁴

13 JANUARY 1686/7

“Informing the court on behalf of the King, Mr. Thomas Welburne (who claimed possession of Gingoteage Island) complained of ‘a forcible entry and riot lately done and perpetrated upon Gingoteage Island’ by order of Col. Daniel Jenifer, Maj. John Robins, Mr. William Kindall, Dr. Eyres, **John Stockley**, Henry Toles, and John Jackson along with twelve or fourteen others ‘with force and arms with strong hand and multitude’ on last Thursday or Friday entered the lands with ‘threatening and terrifying words.’ Ordered that the sheriff forthwith take into custody the bodies of **Stockley**, Toles and Jackson till they each gave security for their appearance at the next court to answer the charges. Ordered that Robins, Kendall and Eyres similarly be arrested when found. An others identified as perpetrators by Welburne were also to be arrested.”⁴²⁵

16 FEBRUARY 1686/7

“Mr. Thomas Welburne sued **John Stockley** who failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, the sheriff would be required to pay the sum awarded against Stockley.”

“At the last court Mr. Thomas Welburne complained of a ‘forcible entry and riot lately done and perpetrated’ on **Chingoteage Island** by Maj. John Robins, Mr. William Kendall, Doctor Eyres, **John Stockley**, Henry Toles, John Jackson and about 12 or 13 others. The sheriff had been ordered to take them into custody until they gave security to answer the charges. The sheriff reported that he had arrested Robins, Kendall, **Stockley** and Toles, who were present in court to make their defense. Welburne, who claimed that some of the **witnesses** to be produced ‘on behalf of His Majesty’ **were in Maryland** requested that the case be continued to the next court, which was granted.”⁴²⁶

COMMENT:

Chingoteage Island lies off the extreme northeast part of Accomack, just off Somerset County, Maryland.

15 MARCH 1686/7

“The suit of Mr. Thomas Welburn against **John Stockley** was continued to the next court.”⁴²⁷

16 MARCH 1686/7

Welburne vs. Stockley et al. “Welburne exhibited more information against Robins, Kendall, Eyres, [**John**] **Stockley**, Toles, Jackson (a shoemaker), **Francis Stockley**, Thomas Worsley, a son of Maj. Robins, and a man named Manningham. ... The defendants claimed that Welburne had ‘cut off the most material part of the information which made for their defense’ and Welburne acknowledged ‘that he had taken off a very small part of the said information.’ Since there were no persons present to impanel for a jury and since the general court was near at hand, the court (who doubted their own abilities to decide the case, which concerned title to land) decided to recommend the case to the Governor and his council. The evidences

⁴²³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 181–82; citing p. 103.

⁴²⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 186; citing p. 106.

⁴²⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 188; citing pp. 106a, 107.

⁴²⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 190, 193; citing pp. 108, 109a.

⁴²⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 195; citing p. 110a.

were to be transferred and the sheriff was to take bond from the prosecutor and the defendants.

“Deposition of **Woodman Stockley** aged about 32 years: While Stockley was at **Capt. John Wallop’s**, Mr. Tho. Welburn came and complained of a forcible entry made on his island called Jengotege. When Stockley found out that Mr. John Robins, his son, **John Stockly**, and John Jackson were at his [Woodman Stockley’s] house, Stockley went home and told them what Welburn had come to Wallop about, but could not say if Wallop would do anything. **Stockley** also told them that Welburn said he would be over the next day. Robins said he would be welcome if he came peaceably, but ‘if he hindered them from building a house, they would tie him and bring him off.’ Signed and sworn in open court 16 ebruary 1686/87, by **Woodman Stockley**.

“Deposition of Tobias Bull aged about 39 years and Rebecca Bull his wife aged 27 years: About the beginning of last December, **John Stoackley of Occaconson** came to the *Bulls’ house near Capt. Wallop’s* and demanded some nails and ‘matcoat’ for Mr. Kendall’s. When Tobias asked what he was going to do with the nails, **Stoackley** said he was going to build a house at Chingoteague Island. Stoackley said that Thomas Welburn had warned him that he would shoot him if he came to Chingoteague, but Stoackley did not care, for Stoackley’s gun ‘was as long as his, meaning Welburne’s.’ Stockley said ‘A house there must be and a house there should be built, and that he had left him, the said Welburne, damnably mad.’ Signed before John Wollop, alias, on 11 February 1686/87 by Tobias (small circles and vertical line) bull and Rebecca (R) Bull. Sworn in open court by Tobias Bull and Rebecca his wife on 16 March 1686/87.”

COMMENT:

Re ‘A house there must be’: this referred to the land law requiring that, after land was granted by transportation rights, a house must be built and crops planted (i.e., the land must be “seated”) or else the land would be forfeited

“Deposition of **Nathaniel Tunnell** aged about 26 years: About 5 January, Tunnell was at Mr. Jonathan Mathews’ store at Onancok, where he saw Walter Mannington, an acquaintance. In the course of the conversation, Mannington said he was going to build a house on Gingoteage Island with Mr. Kendall and Dr. Eyres, who were both also present in the store. Afterwards when Mannington was leaving with Kendall and Eyres, John Lawes asked Eyres to fire a pistol, but ‘Eyres answered, no, he must keep his or their powder for their enemies.’ Signed and sworn in open court 16 March 1686/87, by Nath. Tunnell.”

COMMENT:

Nathaniel Tunnell’s widow would marry Charles Stockley, whose subsequent will cited his “son-in-law” William Mills. Almost certainly, Nathaniel was the son of Thomas Tunnell, the only older settler of that surname.

“Deposition of *John Bonner* aged about 32 ... Tolls and **Francis Stoackley** each had a gun; there was another gun in the boat that *Capt. Robins* and **John Stoackley** came in, but Bonner did not see Stoackley use a gun. They built a small house about ten foot long like the roof of a house upon the ground. ...”

“Deposition of *Tobias Bull* aged about 39 years ... About seven years ago on the 20th of January [i.e., 1679], Bull, Thomas Welburne, Joseph Mathews, Joseph Thorne and an Indian called Pinato went over to Genteague Island to ‘seat it.’ They carried provisions, axes, wedges, hoes, and other tools. After they found a convenient place, Bull set to work felling tees, got board timber and built a house 15 feet long, 12 feet wide and 7½ feet high from the ground to the wallplate. Bull continued working there till the middle of February, during which time about an acre of ground was cleared, stumped, and grubbed {with} a stout brush fence being then made round the said ground. ... [etc.]”

Deposition of **Woodman Stockley**, aged about 32 years: Basically the same as his previous testimony.⁴²⁸

⁴²⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 198–201; citing pp. 112–113a.

9 APRIL 1687

“Bull, Tobias – 29 Apr. 1687 – 16 Nov. 1687 – To wife Rebeccah whole est. Wife Exec. Witt: *John Wallop, Nathaniel Tunnell*, Thomas Conaway – p. 458.”⁴²⁹

**29 AUGUST 1687
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“On the peticoñ of **John Stokeley** summonsed as an Evidence for Robert Poole plttf. against Giles Sprakeling & Rose his Wife defts. Order it granted him Agt. the sd. Poole for his Sd. Attendance Accordinge to Act.”

“Upon the peticoñ of **Thomas Mills** order is granted him Against Robert Poole for his comeinge to Attendance at & returninge from this Court sumoned as an Evidence for him agt. Giles Sprakeling & Rose his wife, According to Act with Costs.”⁴³⁰

COMMENT:

Thomas Mills and John Stockley, whose brother Charles had a “son-in-law” [stepson] William Mills, were clearly associates. Both in this case were witnesses for the same man regarding the same event or situation.

21 SEPTEMBER 1687

“The report on the estate of Tho. Wooslee [Worsley]:... In a note dated 4 December 1686 **John Stokely** was to be accountable to Tho. Wooslie for 500 lbs tobacco if Mr. Nicholas Hill (subsheriff) accepted Wooslie’s note for the same quantity. ... **Tho. Woosle** had planted with **Woodman Stokely** for a share of last year’s tobacco Which amounted to two hogsheads of tobacco at Stokley’s house. **Woodman Stokely** informed Jonathan Owen (who took the inventory) that Woosley had left 19½ lbs of feathers at the house of Widow Watts, who said that they were still there.”

COMMENT:

“Widow Watts” would be the litigious Dorothy Watts, widow of John Watts Sr.

“Upon the petition of Mr. William Anderson (administrator of the estate of Abel Porter, deceased), four persons were appointed to inventory and appraise the estate. The count [*sic*] appointed Mr. William Turville, Mr. John Curtis, **Mr. John Stratton**, and Mr. Henry Toles, who were to be sworn by a justice and were to report at the next court.”⁴³¹

22 FEBRUARY 1687/8

“Upon the petition of Martha Eyre, widow and executrix of Benjamin Eyre [former sheriff], it was ordered that Nicholas Millechop, George Hope, Peter Morgan and **John Stockley** be appointed to inventory and appraise Eyres’ estate sometime between this and the next court, at which time Martha was to be present to swear to the inventory.”⁴³²

20 MARCH 1687/8

“Mr. Nicholas Hill had brought information against **Woodman Stockley** for delinquency in giving in his list of tithables. The case was referred to this court for Stockley to produce evidence; upon examining it, the court found sufficient evidence that Stockley requested *Thomas Perry* (who took several persons’ lists) to

⁴²⁹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800*, 15.

⁴³⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills, No. 12, 1683–89: 299–300; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 763–64.

⁴³¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 213, 215; citing pp. 120, 120a, 121a.

⁴³² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 224; citing p. 126a.

write his at the time that *Capt. Wallop* was appointed to receive them. By Wallop's admission, he had inadvertently omitted the list with no attempt at fraud. Stockey was acquitted, but had to pay court charges and taxes."⁴³³

2 APRIL 1688

"*John Prettiman* petitioned for and was granted the administration of the estate of his late father, John Prettiman, who died intestate. Prettiman presented Henry Williams and **Thomas Stockley** as securities for the performance of the administration, and they gave bond to the clerk."

Tho. Stockley, Wood. Stockley and John Sturges were sworn in to serve on the grand jury for the coming year.⁴³⁴

3 APRIL 1688

"**John Stockley** had entered his claim of 132 lbs tobacco against the estate of Edward Hues (deceased) and proved his claim. Ordered that Lt. Col. Daniel Jenifer (high sheriff) pay the debt and court costs out of Hues' estate."⁴³⁵

19 JUNE 1688

"Ordered that *Thomas Perry* be surveyor in place of **Mr. John Stratton**; Perry was to cause all highways and bridges in the precinct to be cleared and mended."⁴³⁶

20 SEPTEMBER 1688

"**Woodman Stockley** had been summoned as a witness by *John Deane* against *Dorothy Watts* for three days. Ordered that Dean pay **Stockley** 120 lbs tobacco and court costs."⁴³⁷

18? DECEMBER 1688

"Henry Selman, John Smally, Robert Tayler, **Woodman Stockley**, George West, John Littleton and **Thomas Stockley** were delinquent in appearing [for jury duty]; they had been sworn 'of the grand inquest for the year 1688, at a court held in Accomack County December 18, 1688.' Ordered that they each be fined 200 lbs tobacco."⁴³⁸

17? DECEMBER 1688

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Grand juryman **Woodman Stockley** presented Mr. Maximilian Gore's woman servant for fornication."⁴³⁹

29 NOVEMBER 1688

(NORTHAMPTON)

"On the petition of **John Brewer & Joane his wife** for Robt. the son of **John Wilson** brought up by the said Jone from his birth ___ to Continue with them According to their peticōn till Twenty one yeares of Age: which the Court ordered with the said Roberts Consent *unless his father comes or sends & make satisfaction* for his said sons keeping (or show Sufficient cause appears to the Court to the Contrary) the said John Brewer Indeuvoiring (if the said Robert bee willinge) to learne him his trade as long as hee shall

⁴³³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 227; citing p. 128.

⁴³⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 229–33; citing pp. 129a, 131a.

⁴³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 235; citing p. 132a.

⁴³⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 239; citing p. 135a.

⁴³⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 245; citing p. 139a.

⁴³⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 258; citing p. 140a.

⁴³⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 282; citing pp. 163a, 164.

Continue with him as aforesaid.”⁴⁴⁰

COMMENT:

Joane was the widow of Alexander Mills and mother of Thomas and Edward Mills. In 1665, Alexander Mills informed the Northampton Court that he was “formerly in the service of **John Wilson** of New Kent.”

Joan’s statement that she ‘brought him up since birth’ implies that the child’s mother (presumably Mrs. John Wilson) was in **Joan and Alexander’s vicinity at the time of the child’s birth and the mother’s death; that event would have occurred after November 1667 and likely several years after**, considering that the above court action implies he had enough time left to justify the court costs. However, Joan—when Alexander married her c1659—was recently widowed from a man who was in servitude in Northampton, not New Kent (Joseph Huit, servant of Jeremy Robinson). One of two situations seem to have occurred:

- Alexander and Joan, after their c1659 marriage, migrated to New Kent where he was in service to John Wilson
- Wilson and his family were in Northampton in the 1668–70 period.

Alexander is on record almost every year in Northampton from January 1659/60 until his death. One gap is found between 1667 and 1671. This falls within the period of Robert Wilson’s birth.

BREWER:

This is the first reference I’ve found to Brewer in the Northampton/Accomack records. He is likely to be the John Brewer whose transportation right **Capt. Southey Littleton** used for his patent to 600 acres in Accomack Co. “at Pocamoke ... adj. Mr. Ambrose White, 8 Oct. 1674.”⁴⁴¹

18 DECEMBER 1688

Jno. Stockly served on grand jury.⁴⁴²

**29 DECEMBER 1688 & 19 JULY 1689
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Joseph Benthall, Anthony Mullins, John Robins, John Wisecott, John Northam, Richard Davis, and **John Brewer** (his JB mark) witnessed the codicil of the will of Lt. Coll. William Waters [a former court justice].⁴⁴³

19 SEPTEMBER 1689

“**John Stockley** sued James Glen but did not file his petition; a nonsuit was granted against Stockley, who was also to pay court costs.”

“James Glenn admitted that he owed **Woodman Stockley** 140 pounds of beef. Since it appeared that Stockley had Glenn’s ‘fowleing’ axe, it was ordered that Glenn pay the beef and that Stockley return the axe. The order was made 23 November 1689 and recorded five days later.”⁴⁴⁴

21 NOVEMBER 1689

Nathaniel Tunnill served on jury.⁴⁴⁵

⁴⁴⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills No. 12, 1683–89: 394; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 811.

⁴⁴¹ Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents*, vol. 2, 1666–1695, 158.

⁴⁴² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 283; citing pp. 164a, 165.

⁴⁴³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills No. 12, 1683–89: 454; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 841.

⁴⁴⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 287–88; citing pp. 167a, 168.

⁴⁴⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 293; citing p 171.

17 DECEMBER 1689

William Jarman of Accomack to **Thomas Mills** of same, for 5500 pounds of good tobacco and cask in hand paid, sale of 125 acres by a grant, being part of 1350 acres “bounded by Wharton’s Land and John Abbott’s Land and Thomas Nixon & upon the branch by Griffin Savage.” Signed: Wm Jarman, his X mark. Witnessed: Henry Read Senior, Wm. Denison. Acknowledged by Jarman in court 17 December 1689.⁴⁴⁶

18 DECEMBER 1689

“William Hinchman sued **John Stratton** over a title to land. *Mr. William Anderson* appeared and claimed title to the land in controversy; at his request the case was referred to the next court.”⁴⁴⁷

COMMENT:

This appears to hark back to the prior lawsuits of Anderson against John Stockley (stepson of Stratton) in Stockley’s role as husband of the widow of Edward Smith and stepfather to the minor heir Elizabeth Smith.

20 FEBRUARY 1689/90

“At the last court William Hinchman brought his action of ejection against **John Stratton**; *Mr. William Anderson* appeared as tenant in possession and was granted reference to this court. Now **John Stockley** produced the will of *Edward Smith* (deceased) and claimed 625 acres at **Occaconson [Accoman]** devolving to him in the right of **his wife Mary (widow and executrix of Edward Smith)** by virtue of the will and by the death of *Elizabeth Smith*, daughter of Edward. Hinchman pleaded that **John and Mary Stockley** had sold the 625 acres along with 1200 acres of Smith land (bequeathed to Mary and the children) and produced a patent on the back side of which John and Mary Stockley had assigned ownership to Anderson. However since no price was mentioned, its validity was questioned. A conveyance in which the Stockleys agreed to sell the 625 acres to Anderson for 8000 lbs tobacco was also produced and questioned by Stockley who claimed he had not been able to read it the day before it was acknowledged. Considering the complexity of the case, the court decided to refer it to the next general court.”⁴⁴⁸

COMMENT:

McKee’s Accomack County Settler Map places “E. Smith” SE of Oak Hall, NE of “Stockley,” and between “Littleton,” “Watts” and J. Michael. All is within a 3-4 mile radius.

**29 MARCH 1689
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The Deposicoñ of **Edward Mills** aged 18 yrs. Or thereabouts saith that Depont beinge p’sent at the house of Wm. Sterlinge, Henry Pike in the depont’s hearinge called Mr. Barons Bankerupt due thereupn the said Barons speakinge to me & to Richd. Sterlings to beare witness That the said Pike called him Bankerout [*sic*], the said Henry Pike replied that Mr. Uxford said Enough of him when hee was _____. This is to the best of the deponts memory & Knowledge & further saith not. [Signed] Edward Mills **ME**.”⁴⁴⁹

COMMENT:

The subsequent deposition of Wm. Sterling, aged about 64, identified Baron as John Baron.

If the age is given correctly, this would not be the Edward Mills, blacksmith, in Accomack from 1680–85.

Note the mark ME. Susquently Edward Mills of Northampton would enter his cattle brand as EM.

⁴⁴⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills and Deeds 1676–90:549; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 643793 > image 688.

⁴⁴⁷ McKee, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 298; citing p. 174.

⁴⁴⁸ McKee, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 301–2; citing pp. 176a–177a.

⁴⁴⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills, 1683–89: 420; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 824.

18 JUNE 1689

“Deposition of **John Stockly**, aged about 31 years: In 1686, Stockly was with Benjamin Eyres at Mr. Thomas Welburne’s house; Eyres said he had come for his horse. Welburne said he ‘must go into the neck and catch him.’ Stockly helped Eyres catch the horse and brought him up to the house. Welburne made no objection, but took a receipt for the delivery of the horse. Signed and sworn in open court 1 March 1688/89, by John Stockley.”⁴⁵⁰

COMMENT:

John was first sued as an adult in January 1673/4, implying that he was born 1753 or earlier. That would make John thirty-six now.

TO DO:

Check the original court orders to determine if one or the other misread his age.

28 NOVEMBER 1689

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Upon the peticoñ of **John Brewer** order is granted him agt. Jacob Preen for forty pounds of Tobacco for three Days attendance the Court Summoned as an Evidence for him agt. Jno. Hawkins forthwith to bee pd According to Act with costs.”

COMMENT:

There should be an earlier deposition by him in the Preen-Hawkins case.

TO DO:

Find that deposition because it may give his age. (I rechecked the index for Preen & Hawkins, but did not find the prior case among the legible entries.)

“Upon the peticoñ of **Edward Mills** ordr is granted him agt. **Jno. Barons** for one hundred & sixty pounds of Tobacco foure dayes Attendance att the Court for him as an Evidence Agt. Henry Pike forthwith to bee pd wth costs att Execoñ.”⁴⁵¹

COMMENT:

Note below, under May 1790, the presentment of Baron’s servant Margaret—and, under February 1689/90, Margaret’s association with Joan [—?—] Mills Brewer.

28 FEBRUARY 1689/90

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Upon the declaration of Margaret Hamond that **Joane the wife of John Brewer** told her that Brewer gave Coll. Custis [the high sheriff] or Mr. Harmanson [a constable] three pounds in money _____ that they would not take the said Margaretts Evidence in Court concerning her child, Itt is therefore ordered that the sheriff sumons the said Margaret Hamond & **Joane Brewer** to the next Court for the fullest manifestacon thereof.”⁴⁵²

“This Day Mr. Ralph Pigot & **John Brewer** Confessed Judgmt to Capt. John Custis High Sherriff in the Sum of two thousand pounds of Tobacco in caske for the Appearance of Richard Shoulster? at the next Court to Answer the suite of Thomas Middleton on an Account of debt.”⁴⁵³

28 MAY 1690

⁴⁵⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 276; citing pp. 160, 160a.

⁴⁵¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book & Wills No. 12, 1683–89: 470; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 849.

⁴⁵² Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 26–27; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 881.

⁴⁵³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 28; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 882.

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the Widow Odeare, **Margarett** late servt. to Mr. Jno. Bacons, Mary Ball, and Frances **Harman** was p’sented by the Grand Jury for fornication, And Francis Betterley likewise for Sabbath breaking. It is ordered by the Court that the Sherriff summons the above said psons to the next Court to Answer their said presentmts. Likewise, Susanna Gunter, Grace Church & Urana Robinson to answer to their former p’sentments by the Grand Jury.”⁴⁵⁴

“The p’sentmts of the Grand Jury May the 28th 1690:

The **Widow Odeare** for fornication

Francis Betterly for Sabbath breaking

Margarett, late servent to Mr. Jno. Barons for fornication,

Mary Ball for fornication

Frances **Harman** for Fornication.⁴⁵⁵

23 JULY 1690

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Upon the Peticōn of Coll. Jno. Custis & Mr. Thomas Harmanson agt. **Margarett Hamond** for Scandalous words by her owned to bee spoke Agt them as informed y **Joane, the wife of John Brewer**, who denying the same upon Oath, Itt is therefore ordered by the Court that the sheriff take her into his Custody and see that shee forthwith receive 39 lashes on her Naked Shooulders as is just reward for her said offence & pay court Charges att Execution.”⁴⁵⁶

“Whereas Esther Odeare & **Margarett Hamond** were sumoned to this court to Answer their p’sentmts by the Grand Jury, who failing to Appeare Itt is therefore ordered that the Sherriff summons them to the next Court for their said Contempt.”⁴⁵⁷

18 SEPTEMBER 1690

List of Tithables in Accomack County for 1690 [731 males]:

Mr. Tho. Welburne’s precincts: Jo. Stockley (2), Tho. Stockley (2), Tho. Perry, Jno. Gladding, James Smothers, Saml. Sandford, James Davis, **Jno. Stockley (2)**, Peter Walker, *Max. Gore*, Jno. Abbot Jr., Isaac Glover, Richd. Sanders, Jno. Gauslin, Wm. Richards, Ja. Truitt, Geo. Middleton, Hen. Gibbon, **Wood. Stockley (1), Jno. Stratton (2)**, Cha. Colvert, Wm. Shepherd, Rich. Price, Robt. Hawley, Richd. Hastin, *Jno. Custis (8)*, Danl. Harwood, Rich. Flowers, Jno. Hudson, Peter Morgan, Jno. Jackson, Geo. West, Hen. Brooks, Rich. Cooper, Jo. Macknoll, **Jno. Wallop**, Hen. Rogers, *Jno. Francisco*, Alex. Gould, Robt. Atkinson, Jno. Wheelon, **Wm. Benston Sr. (2), Alex. Benston (2), Saml. Fittiman (1)**, Jno. Morris, Dennis Morris, *Nich. Millechop*, Wm. Lucus, Geo. Hope, Hen. Gibbon, Morgan Liston, James Hartley, Anth. Gerrard, Robt. West, Wm. Anderson, Lewis Knight, **Fran. Stockley (1)**, [skip 19], *Nath. Ratcliff, Danl. Jenifer, Jno. Watts*, Wm. Daniel, Jo. Newton, Jno. *Prettiman*, Jn^oath. Aileworth, **Nath. Tunnell (1)**, *Jno Massey*, Wm. Atkins, *Walt. Hendrick, James Tailer*, Jno. Ferrill, Tho. Wheeler, *Jno. Robins [skip 13 to end of list]*.

*Maj. Bowman’s precincts: Jno. Jones, Jno. Cole [jailer and tavern keeper near or beside courthouse] Jno. Doe, Hen. Hubanck, Edwd. Gellson, Tho. Mills, Jno. Abbott, Sr., Robert Abbott, Wm Martiall [skip 44 to end]*⁴⁵⁸

COMMENT:

At this point McKee notes: “In the last pages of the court order book, deeds and wills were

⁴⁵⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 35; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 885.

⁴⁵⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 45; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 890.

⁴⁵⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 53; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 894.

⁴⁵⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 39; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 897.

⁴⁵⁸ McKee, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 320–21; citing pp. 190a–192.

recorded.” She then abstracts those deeds and wills.

The “Jo. Stockley” [Joseph] of the list above appears in a 21 June 1692 deed, cited as a brother of John Stockley (Jr.). Given that John Sr.’s son Charles is not cited as a tithe on the 1690 list above, it is possible that Charles’ tithe is one of the two charged to Joseph.

**30 SEPTEMBER 1690
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“The Suite Comenced by **John Brewer** pltf Agt. The Executors of the Estate of Charles Holden, decd, defts, att said pltf’s request (through his indisposition and inability of attendinge the Court) is Continued till next Court.”⁴⁵⁹

16 NOVEMBER 1690

“**Thomas Mills** petitioned to be paid for being summoned to court as a witness for John Parker, Jr., against *James Walker, Jr.* Since Mills attended three days in that case and also five days against Mr. Henry Custis, it was ordered that Parker pay 320 lbs tobacco to Mills and court charges.”⁴⁶⁰

COMMENT:

William Mills of Goochland (who named a son Thomas) associated with one James Walker c1740. This appears to be coincidence, however.

20 NOVEMBER 1690

“**Thomas Milles** sued William Thornton but did not appear to prosecute. The case was dismissed.”⁴⁶¹

16 DECEMBER 1690

“**Thomas Mills** sued Mr. William Dennison for 400 lbs tobaco, though Dennison denied the debt was due. The court ordered that Dennison pay the debt and the costs of the suit.”

“**Christopher Stockley** (attorney: Mr. Tully Robinson) declared against Capt. George Nicholas Hack for 3 pounds 7 shillings sterling, but Hack failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, the sheriff would have to ‘abide the award of the court.’”

Fra. Stockley and Wm. Willet did jury duty.⁴⁶²

COMMENT:

Christopher, who would have been born by 1669, could be the son of John Sr. *or* John Jr.

**28 JANUARY 1690/1
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Frances Harman, mulatto” (also called “Frances Harmanson Malatto”) was charged with defaming Madam Tabitha Custis “whose servt. Shee lately was” and sentenced to 39 lashes on her naked shoulders. Subsequently recorded depositions attested that during her servitude, Frances had told Mr. Jno. Baron, a merchant, that “Joseph Webb & Capt. Robert Pitt had frequently the knowledge of the body of Madam Tabitha Custis.” (The F-word was also used).

“The Deposition of **Joane Brewer** aged fifty-six years or thereabouts, saith that sometime this last summer **Frances Harman** malotte being att the house of the depon^t did say to me that her mistris, Namely Mrs.

⁴⁵⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 64; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 900.

⁴⁶⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 313; citing p. 186.

⁴⁶¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 6, 191; citing p. 6.

⁴⁶² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 12; citing p. 11a.

Tabitha Custis, did bringe to her husband Coll. Custis a paire of Stockins to putt on to goe to church and they being of two Colours he asked her if she intended to make a pedlar of him and called her **papist bitch** and at another time the deponent being in our Orchard pickinge of apples with the said Francis Harman, she did tell me that her Mistress Madam Custis had bene the Ruine of Capt. Pitts and did keepe him Company and keepe him from his wife & further Saith not. [Signed] the marke of **Joane Brewer** X. Sworn before me John Robins the twenty-sixth day of January 1690.”⁴⁶³

COMMENT:

This deposition by Joane Brewer, giving her age, was *not indexed*, perhaps because of the defamation of Col. Custis’ wife. I found it only by *reading* court minutes.

17 FEBRUARY 1690/91

“Deed: **Woodman Stockly** sold **Charles Stockly** the 360 acres on which **Frances Stockly** dwelt near **Assawaman Branch**. Signed 1 February 1690/91, by Woodman Stockley. Witnesses: William Parker and Cha. Scarborough.”

“Deed: **Charles Stockley**, planter, upon the receipt of 400 acres and 2000 lbs tobacco, sold to **his brother Francis Stockley** 364 acres of land bequeathed to Charles by **John Stockley, their deceased father**. The 364 acres lay on **Assawaman Creek** and was bounded by the land of his **brother John Stockley** and by *John Hudson*. Signed 17 February 1690/91, by Charles (C) Stockley. Witnesses: Cha. Scarborough and Nich. Hill.”⁴⁶⁴

COMMENT:

John Stockley’s will, the actual will, did not name his sons. In a codicil dated 9 April 1673, shortly before his death (probated 18 August 1673), he said that he had already given sons William, Woodman, and John their land shares. Neither the will nor the codicil named his other sons.

TO DO:

Investigate John Hudson to determine whether he married a Stockley daughter.

17 FEBRUARY 1690/1

“**Mr. John Stratton** was sworn as constable in the place of Mr. Samuel Tayler, who was now discharged from the office.”⁴⁶⁵

18 FEBRUARY 1690/1

“Citing a note of 26 July 1689, **Christopher Stockley** sued Capt Geo Nich. Hack for 3 pounds 7 shillings for service done in Hack’s sloop. It appeared to the court that the note was conditional, being included in a bill of exchange passed by Capt. William Burnham to Hack. When the bill was paid, Hack was to pay **Stockley**. Hack swore that he had not received payment; he promised to pay **Stockley** when the money was paid. The court dismissed the case.”⁴⁶⁶

16 JUNE 1691

“At the request of **John Stoackly**, the undersigned men viewed (at William Bradford’s pen at Wattchepreague) 49 head of cattle, 48 of which bore the mark of Mr. Nathanl. Bradford, deceased. **John Stockley planned to transport the cattle to his plantation in Pennsylvania**. Signed 30 June 1691, by John washbourne, Will. Bradford, James Walker and Robert (RA) Adkins.”⁴⁶⁷

⁴⁶³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 82, 84–85; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 909–10.

⁴⁶⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 325; citing pp. 194a–195a.

⁴⁶⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 17; citing p. 16.

⁴⁶⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 22; citing p. 20.

⁴⁶⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 329; citing p. 207a.

MILLS: Mills & Associates of Accomack & Northampton Counties, VA c1634–c1750...10 November 2023

“Ordered that the following individuals be surveyors of the highways: ... **Mr. John Stratton** to continue in his former precincts.”⁴⁶⁸

COMMENT:

Wachapreague lies on the sea side in Lower Accomack County, due east of Pungoteage. McKee’s Accomack County Settlers Map places there the families of Revell and Jackson, with Robins, burton, and Custis nearby. The map places “Bradford” just south of there.

As seen subsequently, Stockley moved to Sussex County, “Pennsylvania,” which became Sussex County, Delaware. His friend John Dyer also settled there, as did Baptiste Newcombe who was the 1680 Accomack partner of the blacksmith Edward Mills.

22 JUNE 1691

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**Edward Mills** his Burnt or Brand marke of Horses and Cattle is E:M:”⁴⁶⁹

COMMENT:

Note that the Edward Mills of Northampton, aged “18” in 1689, made his mark as ME, rather than EM.

22 JUNE 1691

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The said day the Gentlemen underwritten were made choice of and Elected Vestrymen for the whole parish in the said County by the Major part of the Inhabitants thereof by Subscription (Vizt.): Major Robins, Capt. Custis, Capt. Foxcroft, Jno. Shepheard, Peirce Davis, Benja. Nottingham, Jno. Powell, Jacob Johnson, **Jno. Stokely**, Benja. **Stratton**, Thomas Eyre, Michael Dickson.”⁴⁷⁰

COMMENT:

This Jno. Stokely should be the son of Francis.

28 JULY 1691

(NORTHAMPTON)

“On the peticõ of Joseph Godwin Lycence for ordinary keepinge is continued to him for one whole yeare from this day hee Enteringe into Bond wth Security as the Law in such cases provides & Enjoynes.

This day **Mr. John Stokely** & Mr. Peirce Davis tendered themselves security for Joseph Godwin on his rendering? of Lycence wch the Court Accepts they Entringe in Bond Accordingly.”⁴⁷¹

COMMENT:

This Jno. Stokely should be the son of Francis.

2 AUGUST 1691

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Watts witnessed the will of Jno. Bonewell. He appeared in court on 28 August to prove the will.⁴⁷²

28 AUGUST 1691

(NORTHAMPTON)

⁴⁶⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 35; citing p. 31.

⁴⁶⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: unpaginated; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 246.

⁴⁷⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 117; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 926.

⁴⁷¹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 124; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 930.

⁴⁷² Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 138; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 937.

MILLS: Mills & Associates of Accomack & Northampton Counties, VA c1634–c1750...10 November 2023

In according to the law for ordinary licenses, Joseph Godwin, **John Stokely [signed thusly]** and Price Davis (his P mark) posted bond for ten thousand pounds of tobacco.⁴⁷³

COMMENT:

This John Stokely/Stockly of Northampton, who could sign his name, should be the son of Francis. John, the son of John, lived in upper Accomack.

15 SEPTEMBER 1691

“Deed: For 10,000 lbs tobacco, Thomas Gillett, planter, sold to *John Dyer* of **Sussex County, Pennsylvania**, the 200 acres where Gillett was then living. Signed 15 September 1691, by Thomas (mark obliterated) Gillett, and on 17 September 1691, by his wife Jane (X) Gillett. Witnesses: **John Stratton** and John Prittimin.”⁴⁷⁴

COMMENT:

Sussex County, “Pennsylvania,” after the resolution of boundary disputes between Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, ended up as the Southern-most county of Delaware in the DelMarva Peninsula that included Accomack and Northampton Counties, Virginia.

John Stratton’s stepson, **John Stockley Jr.**, also moved to Sussex County, “Pennsylvania,” in this era.

“**Mr. John Stratton** complained that the upper precinct (from Gargaphia to the line) [the Maryland line] was too large for him to perform his duty ‘without great damage’ and requested that another constable be ordered to serve part of his precinct. Ordered that *John Watts* go to the nearest magistrate too be sworn as constable ‘from Occasomson Path, which goes to the plantation that was formerly **Edward Smith’s**, to Poakamoce.”⁴⁷⁵

COMMENT:

Pocomoke Sound was the western border of upper Accomack. From it, the Pocomoke River flowed northward into Somerset County.

McKee’s settlement map places the “E. Smith” plantation just below John Watts and Littleton, on the NE seaside of Accomack. Watts’ plantation marked about the halfway point between the Stratton/Stockley land and the Maryland line.

16–17 NOVEMBER 1691

“Peter Morgan, planter, sent a note to the court: About last October, while clearing the highways with **Fran. Stoakly** and several others, Morgan did ‘unadvisedly, falsely and wickedly say and declare that the said **Frn. Stoakly** was a hog stealer, and that I would prove it,’ For this false accusation he now begged **Stoakly’s** pardon, ‘he ever being reputed an honest man.’ For the full manifestation of his hearty scornfulness for his offence, Morgan asked that the confession be put on county record. Signed and acknowledged 16 November 1691, by Peter (X) Morgan.”⁴⁷⁶

Deed: **Francis Stokely** sold **John Stokeley** the 364 acres called ‘**Little Neck,**’ where **John** resided. Signed 17 November 1691, by **Francis (4) Stokeley** [sic]. Witnesses: Jno. Washbourne and William Dennison.

COMMENT:

The (4) amid Francis Stockly’s name in this abstract appears to replicate the manner in which he

⁴⁷³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 131; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 933.

⁴⁷⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 330–31; citing pp. 211–212.

⁴⁷⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 44; citing p. 38.

⁴⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 51–52; citing p. 44a.

made his mark of an 'F'.

Deed: **Joseph Stockeley** sold **John Stokeley** 364 acres on Assawoeman Creek joining on the land of **Francis Stokeley**, Mr. William Kendall, **Great Neck** and a parcel **given to Francis by his deceased father**. Signed 17 November 1691, by **Joseph (J) Stockley**. Witnesses: Jno. Washbourne and William Dennison.”

Deed: For 30,000 lbs tobacco, **John Stokeley** (recently of Accomack County and **now of Sussex County Pennsylvania**) sold **Thomas Bud** 728 acres at Assawamon Creek near **Joseph Stokely** as surveyed **6 November 1691**, by Capt. John Wallop. Signed 1 November 1691, by **John Stockley**. Witnesses: Jno. Washbourne, William Dennison and John West Jr. The **wife of John Stockley, Mary**, assigned power of attorney to Mr. John Washbourne to acknowledge her release of the property. Signed in 1691 by **Mary Stockly**. Witnesses: Thomas (T) Gillet and William White. **John Stockley** posted a bond of 60,000 lbs tobacco to guarantee the sale.”

COMMENT:

John Stockley’s wife Mary was the widow of Edward Smith mentioned under 15 September 1691, above.

Deed: For 900 lbs tobacco and four hogs, **Woodman Stockley** sold to William Blake Jr., 15 acres at **Accocomson [Accoman]**. Signed *17 February 1690/91*, by **Woodman Stockly**. Witnesses: John Wallop, alias, and James Glenn. Signed *17 November 1691* by **Jane Stockly, wife of Woodman**. Witnesses: Jno. Washbourne and Geo. Charnock.”

COMMENT:

Accoman appears to have lain at the upper end of John Stockley Sr.’s 2700 acres.

Deed: For 14,000 lbs tobacco **Woodman Stokely** sold James Glenn the 217 acres where Stokely then lived. Signed *24 February 1690/91*, by **Woodman Stockly**. Witnesses: **John Wallop, alias**, and John Morris. Acknowledged in open court 18 November 1691.”⁴⁷⁷

17 NOVEMBER 1691

Tithables for Accomack County, 1691 [762 men]:

Capt. Wallop’s precincts: ... **Jos. Stokeley (1)**, Wm. Blake Jr., John Blake, Dennis Morris, Jos. Newton, Wm. Blake Sr., **Fran. Stokeley (1)**, John Scott, John Deale, James Tailer Sr., Alex. Massy Jr., Alex. Johnson, *John Masse*, Wm. Paterson, Tho. Toldershee, Wm Paine, Jno. Hancock, Jacob Wagaman, Wm. Glover at **Mr. Strattons (1)**, **Tho. Stokely (1)**, Jno Jackson, Tho. Wheeler, Jno. Robins, *John Watts*, Jonath. Owen, John Collins, *Saml. Fittiman*, Jam. Tailer Jr., Van Netson, Jno. Wheelton, Robt. Atkins. Cha. Colvert, Nath Price, Hen. Brombill, Simon Smith, Jno. Wheeler, *Roger Miles (1)*, Edw. Wright, James Askew at Robt. Burton’s, John Bloxum, Hen, Brooks, Robt. West, Hen. Hubanck, Jno. Preteman, Jeremia Wood, Danl. Harwood, Jno. Hews, Jno. Abbot, Sr., Rich. Hinman, **Tho. Mills (1)**, Julian Martin, Saml. Young, Tho. Simpson, Garrt. Sipple, Hen. Sadbery, Wm. Atkins, Will. Parker, Gabriel Waters at Sevat’s, Geo. Ginn, Jos Gladin, Will. Silverthorne, John Aires Jr., Abell Johnson, Wm. Johnson, *Col. Danl. Jenifer*, James Powell, Hen. Rogers, *John Francisco*, Alex. Gold, Max. Gore, David Hassard, James Smith, *Mr. Wm. Anderson*, John Booth, David Jones, Lues Debrear at Sevat’s, *Tho. Gillet*, James Truet, John Arue, Jno. Gray, Jno. Parks, James Davis, Peter Booten, Roger Ternall, **Alex Benston (1)**, Peter Clavell, Hen. Gibbbsen, Robt. Davis, **John Wallop (7)**, Tho. West, **Wm. Benston Sr. (2)** [that number should include son Ambrose]], Edwd. Moore, John Evans, Wm. Ballard, Robt. Haly, Fra. Wharton, Tho. Nickson, Rich. Price, Edwd. Broderton, Fra. Moore, John Abbot, Jr., Jos. Wagnab at Jester’s, Lewis Knight, **Nath. Tunnell (1)**, Wm. Page, Will. Brittingham, **Wm. Benston Jr. (1)**, John Custis [at] Jolley’s Neck [skip 7 to end of list]

⁴⁷⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 334–35; citing pp. 218–221a, 223–224.

Capt. Wm. Custis' precincts: ... Wm. Nock (4) ... William Tilney (4), Hen. Custis ...

[two other lists; no persons of interest]⁴⁷⁸

18 NOVEMBER 1691

“On behalf of John Bowing, Elizabeth Johnson and Elinor Bowing, **Woodman Stockley** (as entrusted in the will of John Bowing, deceased), brought action against Elias Tayler, who failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, the sheriff would have to pay the amount awarded.”⁴⁷⁹

20 NOVEMBER 1691

“Deposition of Roger Miles and Ann his wife: Andrew Steward agreed to pay Mr. Joseph Robinson 450 lbs tobacco for the use of Jonathan Newton and **Rodger Miles**, who was discharged when he delivered Jonathan’s bill to Robinson. At the last court Steward said he would pay the debt if Robinson would produce the bill; Robinson said he would give his discharge, but Steward wanted the bill ‘otherwise he could not recover pay from the other creditors concerned.’ Signed and sworn in open court 19 November 1691 by **Roger Miles** and Ann (P) Milles. (p. 48a, 49).⁴⁸⁰

COMMENT:

I’ve seen nothing to indicate that this Miles family should be *Mills*.

30 NOVEMBER 1691

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The Suite Commenced by **John Brewer** plt. Agt. Charles Somerville as marrying the Executrix of John Burt decd, deft. For the Sum of Seven hundred forty-five pounds of Tobacco & caske on his failor of appearance w[ith] Answer the same, ordr is granted the Sheriff in case of a nihil dicit of the said deft. at next court.”

“On the motion of the Sherriff, Attachmt is granted him Agt. The Estate of Charles Somerville as marrying the Executrix of John Burt decd’d for the Sume of Seven hundred forty five pounds of Tobacco & casks According to Act until A legall tryall determine thereof.”⁴⁸¹

15 DECEMBER 1691

“On behalf of John Bowing, Elizabeth Johnson and Elinor Bowing, **Woodman Stockley** (who was so entrusted in the will of John Bowing, deceased) declared against Elias Tailor, saying he had a mare and colt in his custody that belonged to the children of Bowing. (Col. Jno. West was attorney for the plaintiffs). At the last court an order passed against the sheriff for the appearance of Tailor; now *Mr. William Anderson* (who claimed priority to the mare and colt) asked to defend his case. It appeared to the court that the animals were the property of Anderson; the suit was dismissed.” Several additional paragraphs detail depositions by Henry Towles, Nathaniel Racklife and William Taylor.⁴⁸²

17–18 FEBRUARY 1691/2

Nathanl. Tunnell, Tho. Mills, Thomas Bud, and Arth. Frame were among the freeholders who served on juries.⁴⁸³

13 MARCH 1691[/2]

⁴⁷⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 336–41; citing pp. 227a–228a.

⁴⁷⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 53; citing p. 45a.

⁴⁸⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1999), 56–57.

⁴⁸¹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 82, 84–85; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 909–10.

⁴⁸² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 61–62; citing pp. 52a, 53a.

⁴⁸³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 67, 69; citing pp. 57a, 59.

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Brewer of Northampton County “for and in consideration of the love and affection I beare to my well beloved **Son in Law Edward Mills**, as also for one Shillinge Sterlinge, conveys 25 acres of land “being part of my Dievident I lately purchased of Mr. Wm. Waters ... by deed dated 22 May 1689, lying in said county on head of a Branch belonging to King’s Creek. “to have and to hold the said Land with all Apurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, by him the said Edward Mills & his heires lawfully begotten of his body But for want of such issue then to Return to me the said John Brewer my heires &c. But if in case the said Mills has Issue as aforesaid, then to enjoy it Soe that Neither I the said John Brewer nor any claimings by from or under me shall at any time or times hereafter aske challenge claim or demand any Right title Interest Use or possession in or to the said Land ...” Signed: John Brewer, his **JB** mark. Witnesses: Mich. Underhill, Esther Hitchett?, er X mark. Acknowledged in open court by Brewer 30 March 1691.

Dower Relinquishment dated 21 April 1691 in favor of “**my son Edward Mills**” by **Joane Brewer**, wife of John, witnessed by Dan: Neech, Margaret Neech, acknowledged in open court 28 May 1691.⁴⁸⁴

16 MARCH 1691/2

“The suit of Lt. Col. Daniel Jenifer against **Charles Stoackley** and *Thomas Perry* was referred to the next court.”⁴⁸⁵

21 JUNE 1692

“Deed: **John Stockly**, planter of Sussex County, Pennsylvania [Delaware], sold his brother **Joseph Stockly** 364 acres at Assawamon bequeathed to John by their father **John Stockly** (deceased). The land bordered that of their brother **Thomas Stockly**. Signed and acknowledged in court 21 June 1692, by **John Stockly**. Witnesses: Wm. Custis, **Jno. Stratton** and *Tho. Perry*.”

Deed: For 4500 lbs tobacco, **John Stratton**, gentleman, sold John Lawes, tailor, 200 acres on the southern branch of Forked Neck. Signed 21 June 1692, by **John Stratton** and his wife **Elizabeth Stratton**. Witnesses: Robert Scott, John Prettiman and Robert Pitt.”

COMMENT:

John Stockley Sr.’s widow Elizabeth, who was “about 40” in January 1673/4, before her marriage to Stratton, is still alive. She would be about 53 years old at the making of this 1692 document.

Will: Dorman Silevant, being weak in body, named the following: sons Daniell and Dorman (to share the home plantation); daughter Mary (feather bed, chest and kitchen ware); and his wife. Signed 2 March 1691/92 by Dormand (DZ) Silivant. Witnesses: **Christopher Stokelee**, Daniall (squiggle) Darby and William (W) French. Proved in open court 22 Jun 1692.”⁴⁸⁶

28 SEPTEMBER 1692

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Certificate is this day granted to **Thomas Mills** for foure dayes himselfe & horse on speciall Occasion for their Ma^{ties} & the Countrey’s service being Impressed thereunto by Capt. Nathl. Littleton for which hee charged fifty pounds of Tobacco p day and by this Court deemed Reasonable but refers him to the next Assembly for Approbacion & paymt Accordinge to Act.”⁴⁸⁷

COMMENT:

⁴⁸⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 292–93; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 547.

⁴⁸⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 73; citing p. 63.

⁴⁸⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 346–47; citing pp. 239, 240–42.

⁴⁸⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 188; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 962.

This appears to be the Thomas Mills, son of Alexander and Joane, who left his will in February 1708/9. His “neighbor” Elias Tayler owned more than a thousand acres at Occasomson, and associated with the Stockleys. Tho. Perry, listed five names after John, was also associate of Tayler and the Stockelys.

15 NOVEMBER 1692

Tithables of Accomack County for 1692:

[untotaled tithes; about 420 names]

Capt. Wallop’s precincts: Jno. Hues, Cha Colvert, John Wallop, Peter Morgan, Wm. Tailer, Jona. Owen, Rich. Hastings, Wm. Weight, Danl. Harwood, Lewis Knight, Julian Martin, James Glenn, Martin Venetson, Wm. Lewis, Wm. Paine, Hen. Brombill, Wm. Black Jr., John Blake, Wm. Blake, Hen. Rogers, *John Francisco*, Jno. Robinson, Edwd. Robins, **Nathl. Tunnell (1)**, Max. Gore, Abrah. Shepherd, **Fran. Stockley (1)**, Edwd. Thornton, James Smith, Saml. Tailer, **Tho. Stokeley (1)**, **Mr. Stratton (1)**, **Josep. Stokeley (1)**, Wm. Lucas, Nch. Millechop, Alex. Gold, Robt. Atkins, Jno. Wheelton, Peter Watson, James Powell, John Abbot, Hen. Gibbons, Walter Mackhendrick, Wm. Wright, Rich. Price, **Jno. Mills (1)**, **Elias Tailer**, Tho. Allen, Tho. Toldersby, Jno. Bonner, Tho. Perrey, Jno. Glading, Rich. Cooper, *Jno. Watts*, Jno. Collins, Auth. Gerwood, Jno. Deane, Peter Walsoker, Hen. Towles, Hen. Brookes, George West, Jno. Hudson, Richard Jester, James Tayler Sr., James Tailer Jr., Edmd. Needham, Hen. Sadbury, Jno. Beasley, **Wm. Benston Sr. (1)**, Alexdr. Benston (1), Ralph Justice, Jno. Jones, **Wm. Benston son of Fran. Benston (1)**.

Mr. Edmd. Custis’ precincts: Wm. Hudson, Jno. Wheeler, Geo. Middleton, Peter Ease, Tho. Ryley, Roger Turnell, **Wm. Willet (1)**, Tho. Scott, Cha. Courtney, Hen. Lamberson, Math. Layler, Edmd. Tatham, Jno. Littleton, Jno. Abbot, Rbt. Abbot, Wm. Yeow, **James Ewell Sr.**, Wm. Martiall, Edwd Carter, Wm. Chance, **Tho. Mills (1)**, Wm. Parier, Wm. Bunting, no. Mason, Tho. Nickson, Tho. Jenkins, Rich. Hinman Sr., Wm. Ballard, Xopr. Jones, Geo. Johnson, Tho. Crippin, Jno. Drumond Jno. Tounsend, jno. Coe, Jeremiah Wood, Robt. Davis.”⁴⁸⁸

COMMENT:

- The above marks the first reference I’ve found to John Mills in Accomack. Given his proximity to the Tunnells and Stockelys, he *superficially* poses a possibility for the father of William Mills whose mother married Nathaniel Tunnell and then Charles Stockley—assuming that Mary was not née Mills. However, that possibility must be eliminated because (a) the still-living John Mills served on a jury in May 1697, while Mary was the wife of Charles Stockley; and (b) William Mills would not be using the surname Mills if he had been fathered by John outside of marriage.
- It has been fifteen years since the last appearance of a John Mills on the tax rolls of Northampton.
- Note that Charles Stockley is missing from this list and no other Stockley is charged with a second tithe. Might Charles be in Maryland?
- The **John Mills** of this tax roll is cited immediately before Elias Tailer, who was subsequently the adjacent neighbor of Thomas Mills of Accomack. John was likely another son of Alexander and Joane Mills.

28 NOVEMBER 1692

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Upon the petiçõn of **Elizabeth Watts**, widow of **John Watts Sen., deceased**, Amicõn [Administration] is granted her on the Estate of her said deceased husband” Mr. Wm. Harmanson, Thomas Taylor, Daniel

⁴⁸⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 7, 1682–1690, 351–52, 355; citing pp. 258a, 259.

Hanby, and George Parker were appointed to appraise the estate.⁴⁸⁹

22 MARCH 1692/3

“George Layfield (sic), Esq. (who married Elizabeth the widow and executrix of Col. William Stevens) sued **Mr. John Stratton**. Mr. Thomas Welburne (Layfield’s attorney) by reason of his wives (sic) dangerous sickness could not attend the court, so the case was continued to the next court.”⁴⁹⁰

4 APRIL 1693

“**Wallop, alias Wadlow, John** – 4 Apr. 1693 – 19 Sept. 1693 – To son Skinner Wallop als. [alias] Wadlow, 1985 A. on the East & South-east side of Gingoteage Creek on the main land of Accomack County, also house on *Mr. Anderson’s planta*. at Crooked Creek & land belonging to it. To dau. Sarah Wallop, als Wadlow, 400 A. on Gingoteage Creek, being part of my dividend of 2385 A., & 2000 A. on my Island formerly called Keeckotanck Island on the seaboard side – to son Skinner 600 A. on Keeckotanck Island – Son Skinner & dau Sarah resid. Legatees & Ex’rs. Dau. Sarah to make division. Witt: Samuel Taylor, **Nathaniel Tunnell**, Will: Wright, James Glenn, Thomas Conway – p. 18.”⁴⁹¹

COMMENT:

- HomeTownLocator and other maps I’ve checked do not show a Crooked Creek in Accomack County.
- Gingoteage is currently spelled Chincoteague, in extreme NE Accomack.

21 JUNE 1693

“The suit of George Layfield, Esq., (who married the executrix of Col. William Stevens, deceased) against **Mr. John Stratton** was dismissed because Layfield failed to appear.”⁴⁹²

12 SEPTEMBER 1693

Nathaniel Tunnell and Tho. Teackle witnessed the power of attorney given by Elizabeth Scarborough, wife of Edmund Scarborough, to John Washbourne, to acknowledge her relinquishment of dower to lands being sold by her husband. Tunnell and Teackle subsequently witnessed several deeds for Edmund Scarborough.⁴⁹³

23 SEPTEMBER 1692

“Deposition of **Thomas Mills aged about 28 years**: ‘In the fall of the leaf’ [year] of 1687, Mills asked *Francis Saccor [Sacker]* why he did not ‘bring back his horse from the **Hore Kill’ [Whorekill, Delaware]** and whether he had sold him. Saccor said he had borrowed his brother William’s horse; he had been forced to leave his own horse behind because its back was sore. Some time later, when Mills **was ‘bound up so far as New York’**, Francis asked him to tell his brother William ‘that if he did dispose of his horse, he did expect the land for him.’ The horse now belonged to Mrs. Comfort Scott Signed and sworn in open court on 17 February 1691/92 by Thomas Milles.”⁴⁹⁴

21 DECEMBER 1692

Cha. Stockley served on jury. ... “The suit of **Charles Stockley** against Ingold Cob was referred to the next court.”⁴⁹⁵

⁴⁸⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 201–2; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 968–69.

⁴⁹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 110; citing p. 100.

⁴⁹¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800*, 23.

⁴⁹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 116; citing p. 105a.

⁴⁹³ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 21–27; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 48–53.

⁴⁹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 189, 89; citing pp. 75a–76a.

⁴⁹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 98–

20 FEBRUARY 1693/4

“The List of Tith^{bls} for Accomack County for Ann^o 1693 ...”

COMMENT:

The arrangement of the columns and headers (appearing in sidebars) leaves me uncertain as to where the division lies between sections. Those in Columns 2 and 3 below could belong to Welborne’s list.

Taken p[er] M^r Sandford ... [col. 2] Jno. Blocksom, Danl. Esham, Rich: Hase, Rich: Hasting; Fran: Wharton; **Tho: Mills (1)**; Brown Littleton, Jno. Martiall, Nath Ratlif, Tho. Perry, Wm. Wright, Jno. Blake, Ed. Thornton, Jno. Hancock, Jno. Ailssworth?, Robt. Rennalls [*col. 3*] Xo: Chipindale, Wm. Brunting, Jno Cole, **Wm. Benston Junr., Alex Benston**, Jno. Dyer, Skinner Wallop, **Nath Tunell (1)**, Wm. Posombill, Wm. Paine, Danl. Blake, Wadl. Mackendrick, Jo: Beake, **Jno. Watts (5)**, Mart. Vanetron, Nath Price

Taken p[er] M^r Welburne: [col. 1] Wm. Wyat, Geo. Barret, Jaco Waggaman, **Jos: Stockley (1)**, *Alex. Massy*, Jno. Collomb, Jno. Newston, **Wm. Benson Junr.** David Hazard, Alex: Johnson, *Jno Massy*, Robert Atkins, Wm Blacke, James Smith, Jno Robinson, Saml. Tayler Senr., Peter Walker Senr., Edwd Robins, Jon? [Wm?] Gibbins, James Hartley, Richard Price, Wm? Rich, Jno. Wheelton, **Fran Stockley (1)**. [*col. 2*] Jno. Onions, **Tho Stockly (1)**, Wm Mathews, Nich: Millechop, Wm Lucas, Saml. Jester, Robt. West, Lewis Knight ...⁴⁹⁶

COMMENT:

- In all, there were roughly 325 tithables names.
- Charles Stockley is still missing from the tithe rolls.

19 SEPTEMBER 1693

“Thomas Perry had brought action against Elias Taylor over 1250 acres (at Occasomson on the Sea Side) rented to Perry by Mr. William Anderson. James Glenn, tenant in possession of the land, now appeared to defend his title and confess the lease...” references to Edward Smith and his orphaned daughter Elizabeth. According to Glenn, “he later purchased the fee simple from **John Stockley**, on whom it descended at the death of Elizabeth.”⁴⁹⁷

COMMENT:

- I did not copy all of McKey’s abstract. The original order book needs studying. See also court order of 15 September 1696 for another Stockley connection to John Glenn (wife Catherine).
- “Death of Elizabeth” apparently refers to John Stockley’s stepdaughter, Elizabeth Smith.

20 SEPTEMBER 1693

“*William Benston* (on behalf of the children of **Ambrose Benston** and *Elizabeth Benston*) sued **Joseph Stockley** and declared that *Francis Benston* (by deed of gift signed 25 July 1684) had given to Rachell Benston (daughter of *Wm. Benston*) a cow and calf with all her increase. If Rachell had no issue, then the animals were to be divided between Ambrose and Elizabeth Benston. **Stockley, who had married Rachel**, had taken four head of cattle that were part of the increase of the cow. Since Rachel had long since died without issue, William asked for an order against Stockley and produced the deed of gift. Ordered that Stockley deliver the cattle to Wm. Benston for the use of the children and pay court costs.”⁴⁹⁸

99; citing pp. 84a, 85.

⁴⁹⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 40–41; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 67–68.

⁴⁹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 119–20; citing pp. 108–9.

⁴⁹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 123; citing pp. 111a, 112.

COMMENT:

- Joseph Stockley's brother Charles was stepfather of **William Mills**—potentially the William Mills who named his first son Ambrose. The above abstract documents that the Benstons and Stockleys were inlaws; specifically, William Mills's step-uncle Stockley married Ambrose Benston's sister Rachel.
- This is the earliest reference I've found to Ambrose Benston. He was not on the 1690–92 tax rolls, suggesting that (**if he were indeed an adult**) he may have been living across the line in Maryland. (His father, William Benston Sr., lived just south of the line in Accomack.)

COMMENT:

I've checked the original document. It does say "the children *of* Ambrose and Elizabeth" rather than "the children Ambrose and Elizabeth." However, the sense of the document—repeatedly identifying Ambrose and Elizabeth as legal heirs of Rachel, with no further reference to any "*children of* Ambrose and Elizabeth—and the fact that Ambrose was still alive both imply that the word "of" is there in error. Ambrose and Elizabeth should be minor siblings of Rachel, whose father William is acting on their behalf..."⁴⁹⁹

20 DECEMBER 1693

"*John Cole* (as attorney of **John Stockly**) sued *John Dyer* for 400 lbs merchantable pork, but Dyer failed to appear. The sheriff returned Garret Supple as bail for his appearance at the next court."⁵⁰⁰

21 FEBRUARY 1693/4

"**Tho. Mills** had served as a witness for Hendrick Johnson against Col. John West for five days; it was ordered that Johnson pay Mills 200 lbs tobacco."⁵⁰¹

COMMENT:

Johnson and West sued each other, in various combinations, for a couple of years. I reviewed the earlier abstracts and found no participants whose name might have been a misreading of *Mills*.

20 MARCH 1693/4

Jo. Stockley served on jury.⁵⁰²

20 JULY 1694

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Whereas Frances Driggus, Negro servt. to **John Brewer** was presented by the Grand Jury for fornication & this court appearinge to Answer the Same & havinge Acknowledged her said offence the Sheriff is ordered to take her into his custody & see that she forthwith receive thirty lashes on her bare shoulders well laid on for her said offence Accordinge to the late Law And that shee serve her said master two yeares According to f_____ Law, for her said crime after the time of her service to him by Indenture is Expired & pay costs."⁵⁰³

30 JULY 1694

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Hall of Northampton as "heir apparent to my Brother Emanuell Hall, late of this place" sells for 5000 lbs to Morgan Williams of same, 200 acres in same granted by Gov. William Berkeley to **John Stokely decd.**,

⁴⁹⁹ Accomack Co., VA, Court Orders 1590–1697:153; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 8357973 > image 250.

⁵⁰⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 129; citing p. 117a.

⁵⁰¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 189, 136; citing p. 123a.

⁵⁰² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 138; citing p. 125.

⁵⁰³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 279; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1007.

MILLS: Mills & Associates of Accomack & Northampton Counties, VA c1634–c1750...10 November 2023

by patent dated 3 October 1671 and by him sold to Emanuell Hall on 31 March 1673, bounding a former dividend of Stockley's land (on South) and marked trees of Belioues land on NW and on W by a line of marked trees drawn from the NW corner of said Stokely's former dividend, NNW 160 poles to Belioties land. Signed John Hall (JH). Witnesses: Rbert Scot, Joachin Michael. Wife Frances Hall (F) relinquished her dower same day. Acknowledged in open court, 30 July 1694.⁵⁰⁴

7 AUGUST 1694 (NORTHAMPTON)

"The Deposicōn of **John Stokely** Aged 42 yeares or thereabouts saith that sometime about the latte End of Aprill or beginninge of May Last to the best of this depnt's memory, beinge at Wm. Sterlings in Company with John Gibb & Thomas Moore, the said Thomas Moore was Urging the said Gibb to Satisfye the six pounds hee owed his brother John Moore, whereupon the said Gibb replyed there was seven barrells of oyle which hee had below which should lye deposit in his hands or lye in plege till his said brother was satisfied his said debt this beinge truth to the best of this depon^{ts} Knowledge & further sd not. John Stokely."⁵⁰⁵

19 SEPTEMBER 1694

"The List of Tithables belonging to Accomack County for ann^o 1694:

Mr. Ed Custis, his p[re]cincts: ... Robt. Pitt, Danl. Esrom, Wm. Parker, **Tho: Mills (1)**, Jonat: Aleworth, James Dais, Edwd Thornton, Timo: Poe, John Prettiman, John: Abbot Senr., Robt. Abbott, Wm Hudson, Geo. Midleton Sen., Tho: Wolburne, John Collins, Wm Marshall, Geo Powncy at Mrs. Bowman's, **Fran: Stockly (2)**, Wm. Lucus, Hen: Brombill, Wm. Wright; Jos. Thorne, James Atkins, ___len Brooks, ___ Jones ... [several dozen more]

COMMENT:

Thomas Mills, as a resident of Custis's precinct, should be in the upper part of lower Accomack. McKee's Accomack County Setters Map places the Parkers up and down the bayside in the lower half of Accomack.

The precinct of "Mr. Bally" below, appears to be the western half of the bottom quarter of Accomack, just below Custis's precinct. Burton' precinct should be the eastern half of the bottom quarter.

Mr Bradhurst, his precinct ... Henry Gibbons, Tho: Perry, Alex Mercy Senr., Alex Johnson, Rob. Smith, **Jos: Stockley, Tho: Stockly, Wm. Benston Senr.**, Richd. Flowers, Cash^o West, John Simcok, Geo: Parker, Peter Pritchard, Perry Letherbury, Irre Carter ...

Mr. Burton's pcincts: Arth. Upshor, **Wm. Nock**, Wm. Lurton, Robt. Tayler, Wm. Chancy, Edwd. Kitchins ...

Mr. Bally's pcincts: Edm. Scarburgh at Mr. Teacker's, Robert Hutchinson?, And. Stuart ... **Rich Bally Junr., Rich. Bally Senr.** ...⁵⁰⁶

28 NOVEMBER 1694 (NORTHAMPTON)

"The Deposicōn of John Luke Aged forty-seven years And **John Stokely** aged forty-two years or thereabout, Saith that Capt. Wm. Kendall and John Hawkins desired your deponents to deliberate A difference betwixt the said Kendall (as Attorney of Major. Holloway) and the said Hawkins concerning Drywood, but the depon^{ts} told them they were no ways competent, being Ignorant of the value of the wood Whereupon the

⁵⁰⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds &C, 1668–80: 33–34; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 597–98.

⁵⁰⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 283; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1009.

⁵⁰⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 57–58; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 84–85.

said Kendall demanded of the said Hawkins five hundred pounds of Tobacco for the wood but Hawkins would give no more but foure hundred and so they did not Agree and John Luke Advised Hawkins to Agree, and give the other hundred for he had better doo soe, then goe to Law & give an Attorney four hundred for pleadings & may loose the cause ... [Signed] Jno. Luke, John Stockly.”⁵⁰⁷

20 FEBRUARY 1694/5

“Henry Brownebill, who was summoned to court at the suit of **Nathaniel Tunnell**, failed to appear. Ordered that the sheriff take Brownebill into custody till he gave bond for his appearance at the next court. (p. 144).”⁵⁰⁸

“*John Cole*, attorney of **John Stockley**, made it appear that *John Dyer* owed **Stockley** 400 lbs pork. Ordered that Dyer pay the debt and court costs.”⁵⁰⁹

19 MARCH 1694/5

Charles Stokley of Accomack County, planter, to Edward Bayley, Wheelright of same county, for 6000£ Tobacco and Cash in hand already received, sells 150 acres on S side Assawoman branch, bounded E by Assawoman branch and a little branch issuing out of **Assawoman** branch, beginning at a marked tree of the land and was formerly **Woodman Stokley** and standing __ said branch & thence by lines of marked trees drawn as follows, first W 146 poles, then S 122 poles, then E unto Assawoman branch, with all appurtenances and rights. Signed: **Charles Stockly**. Witnesses: Daniel of St. Tho. Jenifer [Daniel of St. Thomas Jennifer], George Parker Senr., Robert Norton. Acknowledged in court 19 March 1694/5. Recorded 25 March 1695.⁵¹⁰

COMMENT:

Charles Stokley has not been previously taxed, unless he was the second tithe attributed to his brother Francis Stockly in 1694. Above, he is selling roughly half of his inheritance. Why?

Tho. Mills served on jury, for which *William Willet* was the foreman. All the jurymen were addressed as “Mr.”⁵¹¹

6 JANUARY 1695 [RECORDED]

Charles Stockly and Wm. Yeo witnessed will of William and Dorothee Jorman, land called “Hills Choice or Job Island” adjoining Edward Brotherton and Griffith Savadge to Rich Grenell, Jno. Jackman, and Wm. Hickman. No date on doocument.⁵¹²

28 MARCH 1695

(NORTHAMPTON)

Edwd Mills and **John Brewer** served on jury.⁵¹³

“This day Ann Smith widow & **Frances Driggus Negro servt. to John Brewer** were presented by John Wescott, one of the Grand Jury, on behalfe of himselfe & the rest of them for bastard bearing.”⁵¹⁴

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⁵⁰⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 289; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1012.

⁵⁰⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 160.

⁵⁰⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 135; citing p. 123.

⁵¹⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 70; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 97.

⁵¹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 163; citing pp. 146a, 147.

⁵¹² Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 92; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 119.

⁵¹³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 309; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1022.

⁵¹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 314; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1025.

Tithables for 1695:

Capt. Thomas Welburne's Precinct: John Watts 7 ... Nathaniel Tunnell 1 ... Wm. Benston Jnr 1 ... Wm Benston Sen, Alexdr. Benston 1, Wm. Benson Junr. [sic] 1, ... Sebast. Delastatius (2), Tho: Stockley (2); Fran Stockley (1) ... Coll. Custis (4) ...

*Mr. E: Custis Precincts: ... Xop^r [Christopher] Thomson, Tho: Mills 2, Wm. Parker, Henry Read, Tho. Scott ...*⁵¹⁵

COMMENT:

Thomas Mills appears to have a servant/hireling or brother taxed to him. Given his birth c1662, he should not have a son of tithable age.

28 JUNE 1695

Francis (P) Stoackly and **Nath Tunnell** served in Jury.⁵¹⁶

COMMENT:

Earlier, McKee rendered Stoackly's mark as a 4. A 'P' mark would be unusual for a man whose initials were F and S.

This June 1695 jury service is the last document found for Nathaniel Tunnell. His will was probated 16 June 1696, by which time his widow Mary had married Charles Stockley.

29 JULY 1695

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Whereas Frances Driggus, a free-born Negro, servant by covenant or Indenture to **John Brewer** was presented by the Grand Jury for barstard [sic] bearinge and being summoned to this Court to Answer the Same Acknowledging her said offence, the Court demandinge of her who was the father of the said Child shee was lately delivered of, she not only declared but professed to sweare that her said master **John Brewer** was the only man that new her & gott the same. Which Appearing to the Court soe tender A case would not p'sume to take her Oath: But humbly Represents the matter to his Ex^{cie} at Councill for their discrechen therein. The said Brewer beinge A free born Subject of the Kingdome of England and a freeholder of this County And tendering his Oath that hee was nigh a hundred miles from home (by computacõn of him) when his said servant's chilc was gott. And hee never knew her or was Concerned with her in any Such Way. Now weighinge and consideringe of which evill consequences such Presidents [precedents] may futurely be If unduely grounded And heretofore humbly cease Excuse for their p'sumption herein.

"Whereas Frances Driggus Negro servt. to John Brewer being p'sented by the Grand Jury for barsted bearinge And having Acknowledged the said offense Itt is therefore ordered by the Court that the Sheriff take her into his Custody. And soo that shee forthwith receive Thirty lashes on her bare back well laid on nor give good security for paymt of her fine According to Act with costs att Execun[executon]."⁵¹⁷

COMMENT:

There have been many cases in both Northampton and Accomack in which the mother of an illegitimate child named the putative father. However, this is the first case I've seen in either county in which an accusation of paternity was met with a court defense of him being "a free-born subject of the Kingdome of England," whose charge might create a precedent and therefore the case needed to be referred to the colony's council for a decision.

⁵¹⁵Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 99–100; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 126–27.

⁵¹⁶McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 187.

⁵¹⁷Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 322; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1029.

18 SEPTEMBER 1695

“**Frances Odriggus**, eighteen-year-old daughter of Thomas and Sarah Odrugis (attorney: Mr. Tully Robinson) complained that though she had been free born in this country, **John Brewer** of Northampton County had kept her in his service for nearly five years and had sold his pretended right to her to **Thomas Mills**. Brewer and **Mills** intended to transport her to some part of the world where her freedom would be endangered and she would be made a slave. Frances asked to be released from servitude. Capt. John Custis (attorney for Brewer) was granted his request that the complaint be referred to the next court, when Brewer would appear to prove his right to Frances’ service. Ordered that Frances return to the service of **Mills** till the next court.”

“John Lewis and **Thomas Milles**, who had been summoned as jurymen in the suit of Mr. Thomas Teackle against Phillip Parker and his wife Elizabeth, failed to appear to be sworn. Ordered that Lewis and Milles be fined 100 lbs tobacco and court costs for their contempt.”⁵¹⁸

COMMENT:

Note that Frances was charged in Northampton, but she brought her suit for freedom in Accomack, the home of Brewer’s stepson, Thomas Mills.

19 SEPTEMBER 1695

“On 28 June 1695 Daniel of St. Tho. Jenifer was foreman of following jury, they fund that Mr. Wm. Anderson sustained 600 lbs tobacco in damage because of *James Glen’s* force and fraud ... Daniel (half circle) Blake, Jonathan Owen, Nathaniel Ratclift, **Joseph {loops} Stoackley**, **Francis (P) Stoackly**, **Thomas Stokly**, *John Stratton*, Sam. Taylor, William Taylor, **Nath Tunnell**, *John Watts*.”⁵¹⁹

COMMENT:

Glenn is previously mentioned in association with the Stocklys.

10 NOVEMBER 1695

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**John Watts**, **Aged 57 yeares** or thereabouts saith beinge at the house of John Hamerin? he being very Sick called Bethula Barker and the depon^t to his bed side and declared that hee give to his wife fifty Acres of Land for ___ from A Mullberry tree to A Valley. William Hameden said there was not fifty, his father said there was fifty, she should have fifty and all other things should bee devided between them there beinge a disturbance & your depon. said it was good to have a written will, John Walker was neare and would come quickly. William Hameren said he should not come to make a will there and a little after said there was a will already and there should be noe more. the depon^t willinge there should bee a Right understandng asked John Hamerin where hee meant all n___ and without that should bee devided and he said thes all willing and without this is the truth wch I shall depose. John Watts.”⁵²⁰

17 NOVEMBER 1695

(NORTHAMPTON)

Mulls Cormerick the son of Michael Cormerick & Frances his wife Daughter of John Mulls, deced, his marke of Cattle & Hogs wch was his said Grandfathers. Recorded for him att the Request of his said Father (Vizt.) The Right Eare Cropt, holed, one slitt and Underbitted. The left eare cropt and two Slitts.”⁵²¹

⁵¹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 175–76; citing pp. 157a, 159a.

⁵¹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 186–87; citing pp. 167a, 168.

⁵²⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 365; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1051.

⁵²¹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: 243; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 249.

20 NOVEMBER 1695

“Elizabeth Odrygus (mulatto) [Driggus] swore that John Pash was the father of her bastard child. Ordered that the sheriff take Pash into custody till he gave security to save the parish from supporting the child and pay court charges.”

“At the last court **Frances Odrigus**, daughter of Thomas Odrigus and Sarah his wife, petitioned for her freedom. Capt. John Custis (attorney of **John Brewer**) asked that the complaint be referred to this court so he could prove Brewer’s right to her service. He produced a writing made between Sarah Odrigus (mother of Frances) and Brewer. The court, after perusing the document and hearing the pleas on both sides, judged that the writing was invalid and declared that Frances was free. Brewer paid court charges.” [No mention of Thomas Mills.]

“**John Brewer** was granted liberty to appeal the above decision to the next General Court. Maj. John Custis was security for Brewer; Capt. Foxcroft for the defendant. (p. 170).”⁵²²

**10 FEBRUARY 1695/6
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas **Christopher Stokely** Commenced Suite to this Court Agt. Capt. Wm. Kendall who, failing to file his peticoñ According to Law, nonsuite is therefore granted the said deft. Agt. the said plt. with paymt of court charges al[ias] Execoñ.”⁵²³

**11 FEBRUARY 1695/6
(Northampton)**

John Stokely served on jury.⁵²⁴

19 FEBRUARY 1695/6

“The grand jury presented the following individuals ... Delinquents of the jury: John Carey, Jr., *John Dyer*, **Jos. Stockley**, Richard Sturgis and John Wheelton. Ordered that the above persons be summoned to the next court.”⁵²⁵

COMMENT:

John Dyer moved to Sussex County [Delaware] about this time.

**30 MARCH 1696
(Northampton)**

John Stokely served on jury.⁵²⁶

1 MAY 1696

Will of **John Stratton** of Accomack. First named legatee: **Joseph Stockly** “my great Bible of the old translation and my Book of Divotions.” Second legatee: **Thomas Stockley** my other great Bible of a new translation and Baxter’s Call to the uncovered. Others: Francis Conner, my looking glass. Elizabeth Tayler the book that I lent her. All personal estate to loving wife **Elizabeth Stratton**. **Eliner Messy [Massey]** and the heirs of her body “my plantation and the Land appertaining to it being by estimation 80 acres” after the decease of his wife Elizabeth Stratton. Testators: **Joseph Stockly** and **Thomas Stockly**. Witnesses:

⁵²² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 188; citing pp. 169a, 10.

⁵²³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 353; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1045.

⁵²⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 354; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1045.

⁵²⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 157; citing p. 141a.

⁵²⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 371; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1054.

Thomas Perry, Nathaniel Price, **Alexander Massie**.

Will was presented to court on 20 June 1697 by “Tully Robinson on behalf of **Alexander Messy who married Elinor**, one of the Legataries in the said will [who] desired probate.”⁵²⁷

COMMENT:

- The bequest to Francis Conner implies a relationship. I’ve not that determined one.
- Elizabeth Tayler may well be Elizabeth Stockly Jr., named in her father’s will, considering John Stratton’s bequests to two other stepchildren.
- John Stratton did not have a stepdaughter named Elinor. I have not seen hint of a prior marriage for John Stratton by which he could have fathered Elinor.
- Alexander Massey’s will, below, states that his daughter Mary was married to Joseph Stockly, the first legatee above.

16 JUNE 1696

Probate of undated will of Nathaniel Tunell:

“In the name of God Amen, I **Nathaniel Tunell** of Acamack County, being sound of mind & of good & full memory, consd. that all men are mortall & the [the] time of death is uncertain, doe therefore for the setling [of] my Estate after my death doe make this my last will and testament.

First, I make null and void all other of my former wills and Testaments whatsoever and doe bequeath my soul to God yt [that] gave it and my body to be burried in a Christian manor hopeing at the last day to be raised to a glorious and happier being and after my just detes and Funerall Charges paid I will and bequeath all the rest of my Estate and goods as follows:

First, I give and bequeath to my Son **Washbourn Tunell** my now dwelling house, with all the other out houses thereunto belonging and a one fifth part of my four hundred acres of Land thereunto belonging to him & his heirs.

2ly, I give and bequeath unto my foure yongest Suns **Nathaniell**,^[r] **Edmond**,^[r] **Scarborough**,^[r] & **Elias** the other partes of my fore hundred Acres of Land to bee equally devided amongst my five [sic] yongest Sunes before mentioned and to them and their Eyres [heirs] for Ever

3ly, I give and bequeath to my Sun Washburne Tunnill my Gun.

4ly, I give and bequeath unto my Loveing wife **Mary** and to her management all the rest of my goods and chattles to have the management of so long as she my loving wife Mary shall and doth keep her self a widow, but if she shall marry then all my goods and Chattels to be equally devided amongst my five Sunes and if any of my Sunes Die without heritable Ishew [issue], then his or theires part to be Equally devided amongst the revivals [survivals]. **[Signed] Nathaniel Tunell**. Test: *Sam Taylor, Jonathan Owen, James Glenn*.

“The within Last Will of Nathaniel Tunnel presented to the Court June the 16th 1696 by **Mary the Relict of the sd Nathaniel Tunnell, Now wife of Charles Stockley** and desired probation thereof and Jonathan Owen, one of the witnesses to the said will made oath upon Cort of Accom^k County y^t he Saw Same will sealed Delivered & published as his last will, the other witnesses to the s^d will being since dec’d.”⁵²⁸

COMMENT:

The will disposes of all his land with no widow’s third to Mary, as her dower right.

Given that Nathaniel did jury duty in June 1695 and the widow was remarried by June 1696, the she did not long remain a widow.

⁵²⁷Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 164; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 102.

⁵²⁸Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 112; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 139.

The fact that two of the three witnesses to the will died before it was proved suggests there may have been a spell of sickness in the community.

In 1718/9, below, **Charles Stockley's will left to his stepson William Mills personal goods that "was" the property of his mother.** The past tense used by Stockley implies that William's mother was deceased. However, Charles left a widow—a woman named Rebecca whom other writers have assumed was Rebecca, the widow of Thomas Mills, who died leaving a son William.

If William Mills were the son of Nathaniel Tunnell's widow, given the short period between Tunnell's death and Mary's remarriage, she would have had William before she married Tunnell.

There are several possible interpretations here:

1. Mary may be the mother of the "four youngest." If so, for her to have borne William before her Tunnill marriage, Nathaniel and Mary would have been married eight or so years. When coupled with the taxation of Nathaniel Tunnell in 1695, this would suggest that the birth of a possible son William would have been pre-1687.
2. Mary was not the mother of any of Tunnill's children, hence the fact that she was not an heir to any of the land or a residual heir. In this case, if she were the mother of William Mills, then it was more likely he born about in the early 1690s, before she married Tunnill.
3. If Mary was a second wife of Nathaniel, then his first wife might have been a Washburne, considering the name of his eldest son and the common practice of this time and place.
4. Nathaniel Tunnel in March 1686/7 gave his age as "about 26." If he were born c1660, then the oldest of his five sons was likely no older than 12 when he died—i.e., born c1682.

In 1679 (when Nathaniel was about 19), Southy Littleton of Albany NY left "to Nathaniell Tunnell all my land at Occakonson in Accomack County."⁵²⁹ Two possibilities exist, considering the language of the will:

- Tunnell had previously bought the land from Littleton, perhaps on credit, and had not then received title—however, his youth weighs against this.
- Tunnell had some kinship.

17 JUNE 1696

"**Charles Stockly**, who married **Mary** the widow of **Nathaniel Tunnill**, appeared in court and Mary presented Tunnill's will for probation. **All the witnesses to the will were deceased except for Jonathan Owen**, who was sworn. Since no executor was named, administration was granted to Stockly in the right of his wife."⁵³⁰

COMMENT:

Note below that James Glenn's probate was opened on 15 September 1696.

TO DO:

Look for possible wills/probates for Samuel Taylor to see if his death date can be established.

18 JUNE 1696

"Ordered that *Thomas Perry* go to the nearest magistrate to be sworn as constable in the place of **Mr. John Stratton**."⁵³¹

⁵²⁹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800*, 8.

⁵³⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 209; citing p. 192.

⁵³¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 212; citing p. 196.

15 SEPTEMBER 1696

“Upon the motion of Bridget Taylor (widow of William Taylor), it was ordered that Nicholas Millechop, **John Watts**, Thomas Perry, **Joseph Stockley**, George Hope (or any four of them) be sworn to inventory and appraise Taylor’s estate before the next court.”

COMMENT:

Two Taylor males of this community have recently died: William (above) and Samuel (witness to Nathaniel Tunnell’s will).

“Upon the motion of **Charles Stockley** (who married the widow of **Nathaniel Tunnell**), it was ordered that Nathaniel Ratcliff, **John Watts** and *John Blake* be sworn to inventory and appraise the estate of Tunnell before the next court.”⁵³²

“*Catherin Glenn* petitioned for administration of the estate of her deceased husband, *James Glenn*. It was granted with Henry Toles and John Morris accepted as security Ordered that **John Watts**, *John Blake*, **Charles Stockley** and Jonathan Owen inventory and appraise James Glenn’s estate by the next court.”⁵³³

COMMENT:

See 15 September 1693 for court suit in which **John Stockley**, as heir of Elizabeth Smith, orphan of John Smith, conveyed a lease to John Glenn.

25 SEPTEMBER 1696

Will of Alexander Massey of Accomack. Bequests:

- Alexander Massey: his dwelling plantation of 100 acres more or less, one feather bed and furniture, “my great Pott w^h Pott hangers and pot hollks, my cubboard, my art and wheeles.
- *Sarah Massey*: the feather bed she lies on, a white shagg rugg, a linnig [linen] wheele, a woolen wheele, two cows and “my own Riding Mare” and two Ewes.
- **Joseph Stockly** and **Comfort Stockly: son and daughter of Joseph Stockly**, one cow with increase to be divided between the children when Comfort reaches the age of 16, except the male proceeding from the cow, which male I give unto Joseph Stockly their father.
- *William Massey*: “my own Riding horse”
- *Thomas Massey*: the son of John Massey, one cow and Calf w^h increase, which Cow and Calf is deeded from the said John Massey to me.
- **Mary Stockley: the wife of Joseph Stockley**, and Sarah Massey, all my pewter to be equally divided between them.

Alex^r Massey is appointed executor. Codicil

- Sarah Massie: two two-year heffers
- Son John Massie: one two-year old Stears
- Joseph Stockly: one cow, year old Steer
- John Massie: bull and pide stear
- William Massie: one black horse.

Witnesses: John **M** Massie [i.e., his M mark]

John Upshor

John Diez his ⊕ mark.⁵³⁴

COMMENT:

⁵³² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 215.

⁵³³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 215; citing p. 199a.

⁵³⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 135–36; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 163–64.

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- Beyond reasonable doubt, Joseph Stockley's wife Mary was Alexander Massey's daughter. To put another way: William Mills' stepfather's brother was married to a Massey.
- John Stratton's will left legacies to his Stockley stepsons and one "Elinor Massey," wife of Alexander Massey. This Elinor would be the wife of Alexander Jr., who, in January 1696/7 would petition for the land left to Elinor in Stratton's will.

TO DO:

Determine whether the Thomas Massie family with whom William Mills of Goochland & Albemarle interacted was from this Massie family.

5 JANUARY 1696/7

"**Charles Stockley** admitted owing 540 lbs tobacco to the estate of Martha Eyres (deceased). Ordered that he pay the debt to Col. John West (the sheriff), to whom the estate had been committed."⁵³⁵

27 JANUARY 1696/7

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Mr. **John Stockley**, Mr. Wm. Willett, Mr. Jerome Grattillis & Mr. Richd. Waterson are Appointed by the Court to Appraise the Estate of Edmd. Bebbie dec'd upon oath."⁵³⁶

3 FEBRUARY 1696/7

"**Alexander Marey [Massey]** petitioned that **John Stratton (recently deceased)** had bequeathed to Marey's [Maxey's] wife the plantation on which Stratton had lived. **Elizabeth Stratton** (widow of John) detained the will; Marey [Maxey] asked that she be ordered to produce it. Ordered that Elizabeth appear at the next court and show why she detained the will and did not produce it for probate."⁵³⁷

COMMENT:

Stratton's will left the plantation to Elinor Massey, wife of Alexander, *after* the decease of Stratton's widow Elizabeth. Ergo, the Masseys were not yet entitled to the land. Elizabeth made her will four months after this lawsuit (June 1697) but it was not probated until 1707.

3 MARCH 1696/7

Tho. Mills served on jury.⁵³⁸

29 MARCH 1697

(NORTHAMPTON)

"The Complt Exhibited by **Mr. John Stokeley** Agt. James Warren on suspicōn of killing one of his Hoggs, the Compl^t not beinge Accordinge to Law, the Suite is dismissed, the Complain^t payinge costs att Exxcn."⁵³⁹

Thomas Maddux presented for probate the will of his wife, drawn 20 March 1694/5. Sarah identified herself as the widow of Argyle Yardley, named daughters Elizabeth (wife of George Harmanson), Frances & Sarah Yardley. Extensive properties. Witnesses: Jno. Luke and Bartholomew Cozie.⁵⁴⁰

6 APRIL 1697

"Upon the complaint of **Alexander Marcey [Massey]** at the last court, it was ordered that **Elizabeth**

⁵³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 224; citing pp. 210a, 211.

⁵³⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 406; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1071.

⁵³⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 233; citing p. 220a.

⁵³⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 243; citing p. 232.

⁵³⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 418; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1077.

⁵⁴⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 417, 419–21; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > images 1077–79.

Stratton (widow of **John Stratton**) be cited for detaining Stratton's will and not having it probated. Now she failed to appear. Ordered that the sheriff take her into custody till she posted bond for her appearance at the next court; she was to immediately deliver the will into the hands of the sheriff."⁵⁴¹

28 MAY 1697

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Mills served on jury.⁵⁴²

COMMENT:

This is the first reference to John Mills since 1692. The fact that he served on a jury tells us that he was a landowner.

TO DO:

Find his land acquisition and determine the region of the county in which he lived.

2 JUNE 1697

"The will of **Mr. John Stratton** was proved by the oaths of Thomas Perry and Nathaniel Price."⁵⁴³

2 JUNE 1697

(NORTHAMPTON)

"**Elizabeth Watts** her marke of Carttle & Hogs (vizt.) The Right Eare ober and underbitted & a hole in it. The left Eare cropt."

[skip 3 entries]

"**Thomas Watts**, son of **John Watts** deced. His marke of cattle and Hoggs Recorded fo him (vizt.) The Right Ear Swallow Tayled over & underbitted. The left Eare swallow tayled & Underbitted."⁵⁴⁴

17 JUNE 1697

"**Stratton, Elizabeth** – 17 June 1697 – [proved] **6 Aug. 1707** – To Joseph Atkins, son of my **dau. Ann Atkins**. To Matilda & John Atkins. Grandson Woodman **Stockley**. To Henry Toles Jr. To **Stockly Toles**. To Thomas Toles. To Job Toles. To John, Frances, Thomas, Joseph & **Charles Stockley**. Dau. **Hannah Bally**. Woodman & Thomas Stockly. Ex'rs. Witt: John Bradford, Mary Sampell – p. 422."⁵⁴⁵

COMMENT:

Note that in 1710 below, Thomas and Charles Stockley were securities for Joseph "Staton" Jr., administrator of Joseph Staton.

4 AUGUST 1697

"Inventory of the Estate of Nathaniel Tunnell deceased

• Two Cowes & Calves at one	3000
• One barrin Cow at	0400
• Seven Sheep at	0680
• One Spit at	0055
• 3 old sickles at	0009
• One pare of Sheep Sheares at	0003

⁵⁴¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 245; citing p. 234.

⁵⁴² Northampton Co., VA, Orders & Wills No. 13, 1689–98: 427; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645503 > image 1082.

⁵⁴³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 250; citing p. 240.

⁵⁴⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 3, 1651–1654: 242–43; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > images 248–49.

⁵⁴⁵ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800*, 37.

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• One pare of mall Rings at	0020	
• Old Iron at	0050	
• One frow at	0055	
• One pare of T_ Cards	0055	
• One Hackle at	0080	
• One Cuting Knife & five Tongs at	0020	
• Two old hammers at	0006	
• Fower old howes at	0012	
• One pare of Iron pot hangers	0060	
• One iron Cettel & pot hookes at	0120	
• One Iron pot & hookes	0180	
• Two old Sifters at	0012	
• One Spinning wheel at	0220	
• A parsell of feathers at	0360	
• One old Coverlid at	0020	
• One Small old bed & old Rug & blanket	0130	
• One feather bed & boulster at	0500	
• One bed Sted at	0050	
• One Chest & Box at	0300	
• 3 earthen plates	0028	
• One puter dish at	0020	
• One Looking glass at	0010	
• Two quart bottels & old bridle bit at	0010	
• One Saddle at	0200	
• One old frying pan & flesh forkes at	0040	
• 3 old Casks at	0047	
• One powdering Tub at	0040	
• A plow & orons at	0200	
• Two old Chaires [for husband and wife]	0036	
• One Skillit at	0030	
• One old Runcit, old buckit, and Cask? at	0020	
• Nine old Spooones & Seven old Bowles at	0035	
• One Earthen Chamber pot	0012	
• One old pigon at	0010	[a piggin was a small wooden pail]
• One grind stone at	0225	
• Two wedges at	0015	
• One old fishing line & two old Grni cill? at	0008	
• One Cart & wheels at	0425	
• Old harnises at	0050	
• Two heifers at	0700	

“The Estate of **Nathaniel Tunnil** what was brought before us we have [ap]praised & inentoried to the best of our judgments. [Signed] *John Watts, Nathaniel Racclif, John Blake.*

August the 4th 1697: **Mary Stockley** the now wife of **Charles Stockley** presented into Court the within Inventory of the Estate of her former husband **Nathaniel Tunnill**, late of this County, deceased, and made oath in open Court that the Same was a just and true Inventory of the said Nathaniel Tunnell’s Estate as

thet come to her knowledge.”⁵⁴⁶

5 OCTOBER 1697

Jo. Stockley and **Char. Stockley** served on juries.⁵⁴⁷

27 OCTOBER 1697

“**William Willett**, 600 acs., N’ampton Co.; on old Plantation Cr; adj. Wm. Burdtt; Mr. Edward Littleton; Edwd. Douglas; 28 Oct. 1697, p. 99. Granted Edwd. Douglass, 16 Apr. 1647 & after his decease patented to his son Edwd. & joyned in one patent of 3700 acs., 20 Oct. 1661; but never yet seated or planted; & since granted to sd. Willett by order &c. Trns. of 12 pers: Tho. Tyler, Mary Padmore, Robin a Negro; Mary, Cobit, Jack, Aaron, Cuckla, Joan, Dick, Ness, Mingo.”⁵⁴⁸

4 JANUARY 1697/8

“Mr. Elias Taylor (administrator of his brother William Taylor, deceased), requested that other persons be appointed to appraise the estate, since Nicholas Millechop, Sr., had died since the order of the last court Ordered that Mr. William Anderson and **Joseph Stockley** join the appraisers any four of whom were to appraise and divide the estate and report to the next court.”⁵⁴⁹

1 FEBRUARY 1697/8

“*John Cole* assigned power of attorney to Walter Hargess, who was to admit a debt of 1136 lbs toacco due to Mrs. Elizebeth Parker and another debt of 700 lbs tobacco to **John Stockley**. Signed 7 January 1697/98, by John Cole. The document was witnessed by Henry Custis and Wm. Yeo, who swore to it in open court. By virtue of the above letter, Walter Harges confessed the above debts; John Cole was to pay them along with court costs.”⁵⁵⁰

4 MARCH 1697/8

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Bowdoin “of New England in Boston” gives power of attorney to George Noble of Northampton County, Virginia, to receive funds, etc. Signed [apparently in Northampton], John Bowdoin, in presence of **John Stockly**, Walter Mannington. Filed in open court, Northampton, 28 April? 1698.⁵⁵¹

COMMENT:

In 1687, Francis Stockley of upper Accomack said he was at Onancok in the presence of Walter Mannington. This John Stockly of Northampton seems to be Francis’ cousin John (son of Francis Sr.), rather than Francis’ brother John Stockly of upper Accomack.

5 APRIL 1698

“Mr. Elias Taylor (as the administrator [of] his brother William Taylor, deceased) complained that the order he had obtained 4 January 1697/98, for appraisalment and division of the estate had not been performed because *Mr. William Anderson* and Mr. George Hope (two of the appraisers) had been sick. Ordered that *Mr. Anderson*, **Joseph Stockley**, George Hope, *Thomas Perry* and **John Watts**, or any four of them, appraise and divide the estate and report to the next court. It was further ordered that Mr. John Custis, who had married Bridget (Wm. Taylor’s widow) and was in custody of the estate, give an inventory of the estate in

⁵⁴⁶Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 173–74; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 201–2.

⁵⁴⁷McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 259–60; citing pp. 252a, 253, 253a.

⁵⁴⁸Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants*, vol. 1, 1623–1666, 14.

⁵⁴⁹McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 9; citing pp. 9a, 10.

⁵⁵⁰McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 11; citing pp. 12, 12a.

⁵⁵¹Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:216; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 690.

his possession and swear to its accuracy at the next court.”⁵⁵²

3 MAY 1698

Will of **Francis Stockely (x)** of Accomack, planter, being sick in body but of sound & perfect memory. ...

- “my **three sons vzt. Joseph, Frances and John,**” 300 acres joining Thomas Pond’s Land. Also one bay mare, a black horse “newly backed that I left at home in my pasture.”
- “well beloved wife **Sarah Stokely** and to the **child that she now goes with,** the remaining part of his land joining Nicholas Mellechops upon which his dwelling house is now situate. Also a gray mare formerly bought of William Hall’s wife and a gray horse formerly bought of William *Merrel*. Also “what male cattle I have upon my plantation.” Also female cattell to his wife and children in generall, hogs to his wife only, provided she deliver his three sons a young sow and iggs as they come of age.
- Biggest gun to his son Joseph Stokely, also one iron pott.
- Smallest gun to his son John Stokely.
- Beds, tools, etc. to various sons and wife.
- Desires that his children remain with his wife until they are of age, but if they are not willing, they should go to **their uncle Joseph Stockley** until they are eighteen years of age.
- **Brother Joseph Stockley** and “my Brother Richard Webb Junr.” to be executors.

Witnesses: Roger Adams, Judith Taylor (her X mark), Walter Lane. Proved in court by the oaths of all three witnesses on 2 August 1698.⁵⁵³

COMMENT:

The reference to “Brother Richard Webb Junr.” Implies that he married Richard’s sister or that Richard was married to Stockley’s sister.

2 AUGUST 1698

The will of **Francis Stockley** was presented and proved by the oaths of witnesses Roger Baines, Judith Taylor, and Walter Lane.”⁵⁵⁴

5 OCTOBER 1698

“**Charles Stockley**, administrator of the estate of **Nathaniel Tunnill**, sued Ralph Justice, who was granted his request that the case be referred to the next court.”

“**Thomas Mills** petitioned to be paid for being summoned as a witness for Walter Hargis to prove a letter of attorney made to him by *John Cole*. Since Mills attended court two days, Hargis was ordered to pay him 80 lbs tobacco and court costs.”

“**Joseph Stockley** petitioned to be paid for being summoned by Mr. Tully Robinson as a witness for Mr. Peter Collier against Peter Booty. Since Stockly had attended four days, it was ordered that Collier pay him 160 lbs tobacco and court charges.”

“**Thomas Stockley** petitioned to be paid for being summoned by Mr. Tully Robinson as a witness for Mr. Peter Collier against Peter Booty. Since Stockly attended court for two days, it was ordered that Collier pay him 80 lbs tobacco and court charges.”⁵⁵⁵

6 DECEMBER 1698

Charles Stockley (administrator of the estate of **Nathaniel Tunnill**, deceased) had sued Ralph Justice

⁵⁵² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 19; citing p. 21a. See also McKey p. 26 for court action on 7 June 1698 when John Custis failed to comply.

⁵⁵³ Accomack Co., VA, *Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715*: 207; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 236.

⁵⁵⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 34; citing p. 40.

⁵⁵⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 39–42; citing pp. 44a, 46, 47, 47a.

(attorney: TR [Tully Robinson]) for four hides. Now Justice admitted that he had received from Tunnill two cow hides and two steer hides to tan ‘for halves.’ Ordered that Justice pay Stockley one cow hide and one ox hide, both well tanned, along with the costs of the suit.”⁵⁵⁶

7 DECEMBER 1698

“**Elizabeth Stratton** sued **Sarah Stockley** for detaining something that was due. Sarah failed to appear; if she did not attend the next court the sheriff would have to abide the award of the court.”⁵⁵⁷

COMMENT:

Sarah Stockley was Elizabeth’s daughter-in-law, widow of Francis Stockley who died by August.

3 JANUARY 1698/9

“**Charles Stockley** presented and acknowledged the deed of gift he made to **Washbourne Tunnell**.”⁵⁵⁸

COMMENT:

Washbourne was the son of Charles Stockley’s wife’s first husband, Nathaniel Tunnell. Stockley was the administrator of the Tunnell estate.

9 FEBRUARY 1698/9

“The suit of **Elizabeth Stratton** against **Sarah Stockley** (attorney: TR {Tully Robinson}) had been referred to this court. **Charles Stockley** came and alleged that because his mother **Elizabeth Stratton was blind**, she was unable to attend her action and had retained Mr Henry Custis as her attorney to prosecute. Since Custis’ wife was dangerously ill, he could not be present; the case was referred to the next court.”

“The suit of Thomas Wadkins against **Thomas Mills** was referred to the next court.”⁵⁵⁹

5 APRIL 1699

“The suit of **Elizabeth Stratton** (attorney: TR {Tully Robinson}) against **Widow Sarah Stockley** (attorney: HC {Henry Custis}) was referred to the next court.”⁵⁶⁰

6 JUNE 1699

“Widow **Elizabeth Stratton** had brought action against Widow **Sarah Stockley** who alleged that she had retained Mr. Tully Robinson as her attorney. Since he ‘was absent upon public service,’ the case was continued to the next court.”⁵⁶¹

1 AUGUST 1699

“Widow **Elizabeth Stratton** (attorney: HC) had sued Widow **Sarah Stockley** for ‘several goods & chattels’ given her to keep and use till demanded again by Stratton. After Mr. Tully Robinson, attorney for Stoakley, failed to get the case dismissed on a technicality, the case was sent to a jury which found for **Sarah Stoakley**. The court confirmed the verdict, dismissed the suit and granted a nonsuit with court costs against Stratton.”

Charles Stockley served on one jury for this court term.⁵⁶²

29 NOVEMBER 1699

⁵⁵⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 42; citing p. 48.

⁵⁵⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 43; citing p. 48a.

⁵⁵⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 48; citing p. 52.

⁵⁵⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 50, 52; citing pp. 53, 54a.

⁵⁶⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 58; citing p. 58a.

⁵⁶¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 63; citing p. 62a.

⁵⁶² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 67–68; citing pp. 66a, 67.

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The Suite Comenced by Charles Geldinge plt. Agt. **John Stockley** & Wm. Wilson, Execrs. of the last will & Testament of Elizabeth Gelding, widow, deced., defts: Judgmt is this day graunted him the said plt. for six hundred thirty five pounds of Tobacco & casks: forthwith to bee paid by the said defts out of the said deced^{ts} Estate, it beinge pr Acct. of funerall charges (Accordinge to priority & precedence in Law) with costs of Suite als Execōn.”

“The suite comenced to this Court by **John Stockley** & Wm. Wilson Execrs of the Estate of Elizabeth Geldinge widow deced plts, And Gilbert Moore deft. for the sume of foure hundred pounds of Tobacco & caske the said deft. beinge thrice called in open Court and faileinge to Appeare to answer the said Suite order is therefore graunted Agt. the Sheriffe (in case of A Nihil dicit of the said deft) at the next court.”

“The suite Comenced to this Court by Wm. Broadwater pltf. Agt. **John Mills**, deft. for Six hundred Eight pounds & three quarters of A pound of Tobacco & caske pr bill and dec: the said deft. being thrice called in open Court And faileinge to Appeare to Answer the said Suite : order is therefore graunted Agt. The Sheriffe (in case of A Nihil dicit of the said deft at the next Court.”

COMMENT:

- 1692, John Mills was taxed in Accomack, adjacent to Elias Tayler.
- 1697, he was on the jury in Accomack.
- 1699 (Nov) he was sued in Northampton
- 1699 (Dec) he acknowledged debt in Northampton
- 1701 (all year) he served on grand jury in Northampton
- 1701 (Nov) filed a suit in Northampton
- 1705 (Mar) married Martha, widow of Underhill
- 1706 (Sep) posted notice that he is leaving the county for North Carolina
- 1711 (April) son Edward requested administration of John’s estate

John Stockley served on Northampton jury.⁵⁶³

29 DECEMBER 1699

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Judgmt is this day Confessed by **John Mills** deft. to Wm. Broadwater plt. for the sume of Six hundred Eight pounds & three quarters of Tobacco & caske: Appearinge due by bill and Acct. forthwith to bee paid wth costs of Suite als. Execōn. And that the order of last Court Agt. The Sheriffe bee Reversed.”

John Stockley served on jury.

“The difference depending upon Reference Betweene **Jno. Stockley** and William Wilson, Execrs. Of Elizabeth Geldinge deced. Plts., for foure hundred pounds of Tobacco & caske & Acct. and Gilbert Moore deft. on the oath of the said deft: That hee was to pay the Said deced. tenn yards of Searge and not any Tobacco whereupon the Said Suite is dismissed. The said pl^{ts} payinge costs als. Execōn.”⁵⁶⁴

31 JANUARY 1699/1700

“Frances Driggus, Negro, on the oath of Arthur Roberts to the best of his Judgmt purloyninge severall goods out of his house, ordered that the Sheriffe forthwith give her Thirty Lashes on her Bare Back well laid on as A just Reward for her said offense and that shee pay Court charges als. Execon:”

“Whereas Frances Driggus A free Negro was Comitted to this County Gaole, till this Court as pr warrant from Coll. John Custis, one of his ma^{jties} Justices of the abovesaid County for feloniously takinge A parcell

⁵⁶³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 28–29; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 39.

⁵⁶⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 31–33; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 40–41.

of meate from Charles Trelfo has made oath to before the said Justice by him: And forasmuch as this Court Comanded the said Driggus to the Barr before them (And on proclamacõn thrice made the said Trelfo or any other faileinge to Appeare to prosecute Agt. Her) Shee is therefore Discharged – Paying fees als. Execõn.”⁵⁶⁵

30 MARCH 1700

Charles Stockley, Joshua Hittcher?, and Daniel Esom witnessed the deed by which Richard Sterling, son of William Sterling of **Northampton Co.**, deceased, sold 100 acres”most contiguously joyning to my plantacon toward the mouth of Pocomoke River in Accomack County, commonly called Pigg Point, along with 50 acres of contiguous marsh, to George Corben, Chyrurgeon of Northampton.” Land was part of a patent of 600 acres in Accomack to Daniel Foxcroft.⁵⁶⁶

28 MAY 1700

(NORTHAMPTON)

Peter Grice served on jury.⁵⁶⁷

6 AUGUST 1700

Tho. Mills served on jury.⁵⁶⁸

30 SEPTEMBER 1700

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Robert Lewis as claimer to the Estate of **Wm. Prosser** deced is Impowered by the Court to take the Estate of the Said deced. into his custody & sell the same at an outcry and Render an Acct thereof to the next Court.”⁵⁶⁹

2 APRIL 1701

Cha. Stockley served on jury.⁵⁷⁰

28 MAY 1701

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the last Will & Testamt of **Thomas Stratton** Deced son of Mr. Benjamine Stratton was proved in open Court of the said County by the Corporall Oathes of Nathani Capell & Hanna his wife and Approved & allowed of by the Court as an Authentick probate & ordered to be Recorded.”⁵⁷¹

COMMENT:

The actual will (pp. 69–70, images 59–60) refers to his grandfather gifting to his mother and her heirs “one malatto girle named Doll,” who (with her increase) he now gives to his siblings: John Stratton, Benjam. Stratton, Nath. Stratton, Agnes Stratton, Ann Stratton.

“This day the Acct. of the Estate of **Wm. Prosser** deced was Exhibited to the Court by Mr. John Luke as Attorney on the behalfe of Robert Lewis & ordered to remaine on file.”⁵⁷²

⁵⁶⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 35–36; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 42–43.

⁵⁶⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 248–49; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 278.

⁵⁶⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 44; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 47.

⁵⁶⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 103; citing p. 99a.

⁵⁶⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 53; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 51.

⁵⁷⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 117; citing p. 110.

⁵⁷¹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 62; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 56.

⁵⁷² Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 62; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 56.

COMMENT:

See my Goochland research notes for Thomas **Prosser**, administrator of the estate of **Wm. Boucher**, whose heir Mary Chiles was neice of Henry Chiles (associate of William Mills) and potential person for the Mary whom William Mills married about that same time. I've also found Bouchers here in the Accomack/Northampton records of this period.

John Mills named to the grand jury for "this p'ssent yeare 1701."⁵⁷³

4 JUNE 1701

"Bennt. Scarburgh determined that George Pounce owed **Charles Stokely** 15 shillings. On 2 June 1701, he wrote a notice to that effect; it was recorded on 4 October 1701, at Stokely's request."⁵⁷⁴

7 OCTOBER 1701

"**Thomas Stokely** and his wife Hannah presented and acknowledged a deed for land they sold to Francis Makemie."⁵⁷⁵

4 DECEMBER 1701

"On 7 October 1701, Sarah Fulling (widow of Hugh Fulling) had been granted administration of her late husband's estate, but before bond could be given, she married John Newbey, who now petitioned for administration. The request was granted with **Charles Stockley** and William Jerman serving as security for Newbey's administration"⁵⁷⁶

2 FEBRUARY 1701/2

"To give notice to all persons whom it may concerne that there is at or near the plantation of this Subscriber four hoggs (viz) three Sows and one Barrow about one yeare old marked as followeth viz) Cropt on boath eares and Slitt on boath and underbited on the Right Ear. If any person or person can make a just Clayme unto the said hoggs, Let them repaire unto the now dwelling house of the Subscriber and they Shall receive Satisfaction as to the Sd hoggs. Witnest my hand this 2d Day of February ano 1701/2 **Charles Stockley**.

"**Charles Stockley** his [is] now Set up at the Court House Feby the 3d 1701/2 at a cort then held for the Sd County and taken down by him the Said **Charles Stockley** and at his Request Recorded memo__ until? Was taken down Feby 4th 1702 in my presence. Teste Jno. *Washbourne* Cc Cur of Accomack."⁵⁷⁷

7 SEPTEMBER 1702

(NORTHAMPTON)

Power of attorney from William Bell of Northampton to his "well-beloved friend **Thomas Maddux** of same county."⁵⁷⁸

14 NOVEMBER 1702

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Know all men by these presents That I **John Fathrey** of the County of Northampton in Virginia, Cooper, Doe hereby freely and absolutely give and deliver unto **Edward Mills** of the same place, planter, for the

⁵⁷³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 63; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 56.

⁵⁷⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 125; citing p. 116a.

⁵⁷⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 128; citing p. 119.

⁵⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 134; citing p. 123a.

⁵⁷⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 282; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 312.

⁵⁷⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:319; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 736.

sole and proper use of his **daughter Ann Mills**, my god daughter, one hieffer Coloured Red and White four years old next Spring marked the Right Eare Underhalved, the left Eare cropt on Underbitted, to remaine with all the increase of the Said Hieffer, male and female, Under the care of her said Father to be delivered to her at Sixteene yeares of Age or day of marriage: But in case of her decease under the Said Age or Unmarried, Then to the rest of the children of the said **Edward Mills and Grace his now wife** to bee equally devided Amoungst them and delivered as they Attain to lawful Age or dayes of Marriage, and to their and every of their heires for ever. Hereby Warranting the gift of the said Hieffer from me and my heires &c to the said Ann Mills and her heires &c from the day of the date hereof for ever: as aforesaid: And in Confirmacõn on this my Act and Deed: And desire that the same may be Entred on Record & have hereunto set my hand and Seale the fourteenth day of Novembr in the first yeare of her ma^{isties} Reign. Anno Dom: 1702. [signed] The marke of the said John Fathrey, ÆF. Signed, Sealed & delivered in presence of us: Dan: Neech, Thomas Somers.”

“Know all men by these presents that I, **Edward Mills** of the County of Northampton, in Virginia, planter, Doe hereby freely and Absolutely give and deliver Unto **John Fathrey of the same place, Cooper**, for the sole and proper use of Jeremiah Wood deced his Son Robert Wood [i.e., to Robert, the son of deceased Jeremiah] in lieu of A Gunne I had of the said Decedents, one Black Hieffer three years old next Springe, marked the Right Eare Underhalved the left Eare cropt and Underbitted: to remaine with all the increase of the said Hieffer male & female, Under the care of the said Fathrey (or whome he shall Appointe) to be delivered to him when hee shall Attaine to Age According to Law: But in case of his decease Under Age, Then to the rest of the children of the said Jeremiah Wood to be Equally devided amongst them [etc.]” Signed: Edward Mills, his mark **m** [the two humps are squared]. Witnesses; Danforth, Thomas Somers.⁵⁷⁹

COMMENT:

Recorded immediately after this pair is John Farthey’s 2 January 1702 deed of gift to his daughter Elizabeth, of a cow under terms similar to his gift to Ann Mills.

TO DO:

Investigate whether Grace, wife of Edward, was née Fathrey.

**2 MARCH 1702/3
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Upon the Peticõn of **Thomas Mills** as marrying Mary the widow and relict of Benja. Cowell deced: Admicõ is granted him in the right of his said wife And on the behalfe of the children of the said Cowell on his Estate: Thorne Wills & John Nottingham rendering themselves security for the said Mills his due p’formance of the said Admicõn whom the Court Accepte they Entering into Bond Accordingly.”

“Mr. John Robins Junr., James Ansell, John Small & John Swindall are appointed b the Court to Appraise the Estate of B enja. Cowell deced upon Oath Between this and next Court and then to make returne there of.”⁵⁸⁰

COMMENT:

The marital timeline for “Thomas Mills” implies there were two contemporaneous Thomases:

Thomas 1:

- c1685, began family, wife unknown
- 1705 (Dec), his wife was Rebecca
- 1708/9, left will naming wife Rebecca [allegedly née Bagwell?] & brother Edward

⁵⁷⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:317–8; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 735–36.

⁵⁸⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 129–3–; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 90–91.

Thomas 2:

1702/3, married Mary [–?–], widow of Cowell [was this Thomas a son of John?]

2-3 MARCH 1702/3

Cha. Stockley was appointed to “the grand jury for the next year.”

“John Waltham presented the will of his mother Elizabeth Waltham for probate. Luke Tayler and **Christopher Stockley** (two of the witnesses) swore to it.”⁵⁸¹

4 AUGUST 1703

“Sebastian Silverthorne and his wife Susanna (one of the daughters of John Evans, deceased) were summoned to court at the suit of Ingold Cobb and his wife Sarah (also a daughter of John Evans) to show why 450 acres of land should not be divided between the sisters according to a deed of gift made by John Evans on 18 December 193. Cobb had chosen James Davis and Silverthorne had selected **Joseph Stockley** to divide the land; the court ordered that the division be made before the next court, at which time they were to give a report.”⁵⁸²

29 SEPTEMBER 1703

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas **Jone Dolly** of this County, having brought her suit agt. **Jno. Brewer** of the same County in an action of the Case Damage one thousand pounds of tobo & Cask, the sd Brewer being thrice Calld & not appearing or any attorney for him, order is grantd agt. The Sheriff in Case of Nihile Dictt to the next Court.”⁵⁸³

COMMENT:

See the 29 January 1704/5 deposition below by **Edmond Mills** and John Terry re Joane Dolly. This Edmond Mills would seem to the grandson-in-law named Edmond Mills to whom John Brewer left his smith tools in his will.

Edmond Mills is named as a son in the 1708/9 will of Thomas Mills of Accomack.

8 DECEMBER 1703

“Mr. Elias Taylor and Mr. Francis Makemie petitioned that Mrs. Mary Anderson (recently deceased) in an oral will had given her estate to Elizabeth Taylor and Elizabeth Makemie, the daughters of the petitioners. On behalf of the estate, they presented Capt. Charles Scarborough, Mr. Thomas Bagwell, Mr. John Parker, and **Mr. Charles Stockley** as security.”⁵⁸⁴

28 DECEMBER 1703

(NORTHAMPTON)

“P. out Cry Debts of Jno. Sheperds estate:

“Thomas Ward, Hillary Stringer, Ekenton Savage, **Thomas Mills** 294, Jhn Bloxson, Hammun Furkette, Major Wm. Waters, Jno Notingham, Deverux Godwin, Mr. Georg Harmanton, Capt. Thomas Savage, William Spady, Thomas Church, John Swindall, Joseph Toleman, John Savage, Thomas Sheperd, Ann Mapp, Lewis Richards, George Corbine, William Jarvis, William Gascoigne, John Sener, James Warren, Jane Brooks, Littleton Robin. The above acct. Exhibitd into Court the 28th dec⁴ 103 by Capt Thõ Savage & Mr. Lett Robins...”⁵⁸⁵

⁵⁸¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 9, 1697–1704, 155–56; citing pp. 140a, 141a.

⁵⁸² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 12; citing pp. 8a, 9.

⁵⁸³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 168; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 110.

⁵⁸⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 18; citing p. 14.

⁵⁸⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:346; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 751.

**28 MARCH 1704
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Wm. Willett, Wm. Scott, **Jno. Stockly**, Jno. Warren, George Harmanson submitted their five-page inventory of the estate of Ben Harmanson Dec'd.⁵⁸⁶

4 APRIL 1704

“Thomas Tounsins (who married Mary Sanders, the widow of Richard Sanders) was granted the administration of the estate of Richard Sanders, who died intestate. The court accepted Thomas Boniwell and **Thomas Mills** as security.”⁵⁸⁷

6 JUNE 1704

“*James Walker* was granted administration of the estate of his brother Henry Walker (deceased), who died intestate. The court accepted **Joseph Stokely** and **William Benston** as security.”⁵⁸⁸

COMMENT:

William Benston was the father of **Ambrose** Benston. This record may serve as a link to Charles Stokely's stepson William Mills—potentially the William Mills of Goochland, who (1) named his first son Ambrose; and (2) is said by family tradition to have come to Virginia from Maryland.

1 AUGUST 1704

“*James Walker* and Daniell Walker were granted administration of the estate of their brother Peter Walker. As security, the[y] presented Charles Taylor and Sephen (sic) Waltham. Ordered that James Smith, Thomas Smith, Edward Robins and Daniell Gore inventory and appraise the estate of Peter Walker (deceased) and report to the next court.”

“Rebecca **Benston**, widow and executrix of **William Benston**, presented the will of her late husband for probate. Henry Richy and John Gillet swore that they saw Benston sign and seal the will.”⁵⁸⁹

**28 NOVEMBER 1704
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“**John Mills** having Commenced Suit to this Court against Thomas Burroos? After proclamation made according to Law, Plt. nor Deft. appearing, the Suit is Dismist; the plt. to pay Cost of sd. Suit Als. Exe[cution].”⁵⁹⁰

**27 JANUARY 1704/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Jno. Stokely, Wm. Willett, and Wm. Scott attested that a Negro Man called Reighnall had been presented to them by George Harmanson for appraisal; they valued him at 8000 lbs. tobacco.⁵⁹¹

**28 JANUARY 1704/5
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“**Edmond Mills** and John Terry humbly comes & Informs unto yo[u]r worships, that some time about Last of November past yo^r Informers Did Catch one **Joane Dolly** of this County a Cleaning of a hogg, not of her

⁵⁸⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:368–72; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 762–64.

⁵⁸⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1705–1710 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 32; citing p. 25a.

⁵⁸⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 35; citing p. 27a.

⁵⁸⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 41; citing p. 54a.

⁵⁹⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 212; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 132.

⁵⁹¹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:384; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 770;

own, and since it hath been made appear that Shee Stole the sd hogg, by her own Confession) wee above mentioned doe humbly Submitt our Selves to yo^r Worships, that wee ___ of Right it ought to be long to, Most humbly Supplicate yo^r worships, may have the benefitt of the Law in Such Cases provided, viz: Hogstealing and wee shall pray, etc. Norpt [Northampton] Jany 28th 1704. Then the above Informacon Exhbt'd to Court by **Jno. Brewer** in behalf of Jno. Terry & **Edmund Mills** & des__ same to be put upon Record. Test. ____ Custis.”⁵⁹²

28 FEBRUARY 1704

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Whereas **John Brewer** at a Court held for this County, Jany the 29, 1704 did In behalfe of John Terry and **Edm^d Mills** Exhibit an Informacõn wherein one **Joan Dauly** of this County Did unlawfully Kill a hogg & was seen to scald the same, the aforesd Terry having comenced to this Court his Action (Case) Damages 2000# tobo, upon y sd Informacõn, the cause being upon Tryall the Deft. Confesed Judgmt for the sd Sum of two thousand pounds of Tobo as by the CXXV act of Assembly provides, for all such offences, whereupon Judgmt is Confirmd against the sd Joan Dauly, for the aforesd Sum of Tobo wth Cost of Suit” etc.

“Whereas **Wm. Clark, Son to Joan Dauly**, came this day before this Court and Desired attendance to Choose a Guardian, he now Living wth his sd Mother, and Complaines to this Court th^t his sd Mother has Bredd him up from his Infancy in Theeving and Stealing and has been made soe appear, as the County Records will make appear and the sd William farther Complained that if he should yet remaine with his sd Mother would some time or other be brought in Danger of Loosing his life through his said mother’s peswagion [persuasion] and Doeings, the Court takeing into Consideracõn, the ill Consequence th^t may and is in Likelihood to bring the sd Wm to, by such unlawfull and ill practices, admitts th^t the sd Wm may have Liberty to make Choyce of a Gaurdian as aforesd, which awarding makes Choyce of Charles Floyd to be Gaurdian to him, the sd Floyd attemping [*sic*] is allowed of by the Court, for Such good reasons aforesd given; & him the sd Wm to remain with sd Floyd while the Court shall see Cause to the Contrary.”⁵⁹³

COMMENT:

William Clark’s future would not seem bright. His choice of a guardian, Charles Floyd, appeared some months earlier in these court orders charged with being drunk in court, and continuing to drink despite the admonishments of Justice Custis, etc. *However*, court orders of 21 November 1716 order payment to “Mr. Charles Floyd for his attendance as Burgis for the yeare 1714 Being 47 days and Cask.”⁵⁹⁴

28 MARCH 1705

(NORTHAMPTON)

“Be it Known unto all person or persons whosoever yt I, **Jno. Mills** and **Martha Mills** his wife, of the County of Northampton doe give and bequeath unto my Children as should be nominated hereafter, whch shall be paid truly & honestly as they shall attain to age or after my Decease, and for the performance of the same I bind my Self, my heirs, or Exrs., adms., or assigns & my **four sons** shall be at age at eighteen years of age, **Michael Underhill, Amos Underhill, Tho. Underhill & Daniel Underhill**, and **my two Daughters at Sixteen, Margaret and Bridgett Underhill**; (Item) I give unto my son Michel Underhill a Gun wch his father left him, a hand Mill, after my Decease; (Item) I give unto Amos Underhill a great Iron pott & two Mare Colts, between Amos Underhill, Thomas Underhill & Danll. Underhill, to run till Amos comes to age; (Item) I give unto Bridgett, Thomas & Daniell & Amos two Cows, they & their Increase till Bridgett comes to age; (Item) to Margarett Underhill a Ewe & her Increase; (Item), to Amos Underhill a Ewe & Lamb & their Increase;

⁵⁹² Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 219; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 124.

⁵⁹³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 220; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 136.

⁵⁹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 266; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 435.

(Item) to Tho Underhill, a Ewe and a Lamb & their Increase; (Item) to Bridgett Underhill a Ewe & Lamb & their Increase; (Item) to Tho. Underhill, a Iron pott and great Chest; (Item) to Margaret Underhill a feather bed and bolster and a mare onely & first colt she brings between Michael & Bridgett; (Item) to Bridgett Underhill a bedd & bolster; (Item) a new Cedd? to Danll. Underhill; (Item) I give amongst all my Children ___ pewter dishes & everyone two plates. As witness our hands & Seals the day & year above mentioned. [Signed] Jno. Mills. Test: Amos Garrit his mark A; Neech Eyre. ... 28 March 1705 ... Acknowledged in open Court of the sd County ... Jn. Mills & Martha his Wife to be their Act & Deed.”⁵⁹⁵

COMMENT:

The wording and nature of this deed suggests that Jno. Mills has just married the Widow Underhill and is binding himself to deliver to them the goods that Martha brought into their marriage from her prior husband.

**28 MARCH 1705
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“This day **John Mills** and **Martha** his now wife, p’sented to this Court a Deed of Gift, wherein is severall Gifts given by them to the Children of the said Martha, which she formerly had by Michael Underhill her Dead Husband, wth both acknowledging the said Deed of Gift in open Court, to be their free Act to the Children aforesd & upon their request the same is orderd to be put upon Record.”⁵⁹⁶

**29 MAY 1705
(NORTHAMPTON)**

Thomas Hanson was presented by the grand jury for swearing on the Sabbath. James Warren for Swearing ... **Thos. Mills** for Cursing, Edward Poore for swearing, etc. They are to appear at next term of court to answer the charges.⁵⁹⁷

COMMENT:

There are clearly two Thomas Millses now—one in Northampton and one in Accomack. The Northampton Thomas appears to be the younger of the two.

5 JUNE 1705

“Richard Price and his wife Katherin presented and acknowledged a deed for land they sold to **Joseph Stockely**.”⁵⁹⁸

5 JUNE 1705

Cha : Stockly and John Bradford witnessed a sale by Richard Price of Accomack County to Thomas Budd of same, 100 acres in Accomack near Assawaman, joining Devorau Godwin, **Joseph Stockly, Machonomy branch**. Acknowledged in court by Richard Price (I his mark), 5 June 1705.

Cha: Stockly, Charles Leatherbury, and Tho. Budd witnessed the sale by Richard Price and wife Cathron (O) to **Joseph Stockly**, land on Assawoman bounding upon **Joseph Stockly, Frog Field Branch**.

Chas Stockly, John Bradford, Will. Pierson, Tho. Budd witnessed sale by Richard Price to Nicholas Millychop, planter, all of Accomac, 100 acres being the plantation Price lived on.

Charles Stockly, Will. Peirson, Ed: Brotherton witnessed a sale by Deveraux Godwin, planter, and wife Susannah of Northampton Couty to Thomas Smyth planter in Accomack and his wife Alice, the plantation

⁵⁹⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:395; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 775.

⁵⁹⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 229; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 140.

⁵⁹⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 232; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 142.

⁵⁹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 63; citing p. 46.

on which Godwin then lived, 200 acres adjoining James Davis.

Cha: Stockly and **Tho: Budd** witnesses a sale by Nicholus Mollychps (N, his mark), planter of Accomack to Richard Price and his wife Catherine, planter of same, the plantation on which Mollychops then lived, 100 acres adjoining John Bradford and **Joseph Stockely**.

Cha: Stockly and **John Bradford** witnessed a sale by **Thomas Budd** to **Richard Price**, both of Accomack, 364 acres on Assawoman Creek, north side, adjoining **Joseph Stockly** and land formerly belonging to Col. William Kendall, decd, John Bradford and Maine Creek.⁵⁹⁹

COMMENT:

Was this a court day in which Stockly just happened to be in town—and handy for whoever needed a witness?

18 JULY 1705

Wm. Havett and **Thomas Stockly** witnessed the deed of gift from Thomas Smyth, Planter, “when I shall pass,” to John Murrain, planter, “all of Hogs and Cattle and likewise all other movable and immovable goods or Cattle belonging to me.” Smyth’ mark/signature is rendered by the clerk as **7E**. Deed acknowledged by “Thomas Smith” in open court on 7 August 1705. Recorded 21 August 1705.

Wm. Havetty and **Thomas Stockly**, same day, witnessed articles of agreement between John Murraine, (±) and Thomas Smyth (TS). Murrain binds himself to take care of all the stock of Thomas Smyth during his natural life, “all upon the Land and plantacõn he now lives upon in Accomack” and to plant sufficient Indian corn for the animals. Smyth binds himself to “finde [provide for] John Murraine his wife and children [who are] to live with me during my naturall Life, they having free liberty to make what Indian Corn and Tobacco they can for them Selves of from the said Land of mine I now live upon.”⁶⁰⁰

7 AUGUST 1705

“The following orders concerned the estate of John *Stanly*, ‘late of **Somerset County in Maryland**, deceased.’ Sheriff Jno. Wise had the estate in his possession. [Debtors included] Col. William Whittington ... William Brittingham ..., Ralph Milburne ... *Nathaniel Ratliff* ... **Charles Stokely**, who admitted the debt, was ordered to pay 1100 lbs tobacco to the estate. John Wise, the high sheriff, petitioned that he, in obedience to the court’s order, had sold the estate of John Stanly for 3710 lbs tobacco. Wise asked to be paid 600 lbs tobacco for his trouble; the court approved the request.”⁶⁰¹

7 AUGUST 1705

Cha. Stokely served on jury with Arther Frame and Jno. West. William Willet was foreman.⁶⁰²

4 DECEMBER 1705

Thomas Mills of Accomack County, for 2750 £ good tobacco in Cask, already paid, sells to “my Loveing brother **Edward Mills**,” also of Accomack, 112.5 acres of “the land I bought of William Jarman of this County ... bound upon the Land of **Thomas Kizer?** and upon the branch by **Griffin Savage**.” Signed **Thomas Mills** T his mark. Witnesses: “John Parker of Mattapan;” Thomas Boniwelle. Relinquishment by “**Rebeckah Mills** the now wife” of Thomas. Acknowledged in open court, same day.⁶⁰³

⁵⁹⁹Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 367–71; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 397–401.

⁶⁰⁰Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 373–74; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 422–23.

⁶⁰¹McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 68–69; citing pp. 49, 49a.

⁶⁰²McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 70; citing p. 50a.

⁶⁰³Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 377–78; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 407–8.

“Thomas Mills presented and acknowledged a deed for land he sold to **Edward Mills.**”⁶⁰⁴

COMMENT:

- In 1709 Thomas Mills’ will left to his son Thomas land that he had bought from William Jarman, situated between himself and Jarman.
- In 1737, “William Mills, son of Thomas” sold land that Thomas bought from William Jarman, on Griffin Savage’s branch, adjoining John Abbott, Francis Wharton, and Thomas Nason.

On 2 March 1702/3 (see above) Thomas Mills of Northampton was given the administration of the estate of Benjamin Cowell, having married Cowell’s widow Mary. **That was a different Thomas Mills**

In 1716, Thomas Boniwell sued Thomas Stockley.

TO DO:

Study the land purchases of William Jarman, Thomas Kizer?, and Griffin Savage to identify where in Accomack Edward’s land was located.

**1 MARCH 1705/6
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“An Action of assumpsit between **Jno. Mills** plf. & Jno Clay deflt. being called was by the consent of plf & _____ reserved to the Judgment of the Co^t & _____ the Evidences heard, the Co^{ts} opinion yt [that] it failed : [not?] proved, yt Sumsett. Therefore the Suit is Dismsd.”⁶⁰⁵

4 DECEMBER 1705

William Jarman (X) sold to Thomas Townsend, 400 acres on S side of Gillford Creek “formerly knowne by ye name of Elizabeth dies plantation.” Witnesses: **Chas. Campleshon**; Griffith Savage.

Also (by a second deed) same to same, land on S side of Gillford Creek, bounded E by “a gut ruming out of ye maine creek betweene ye sd. marsh & ye Land of Edward Brotherton.”⁶⁰⁶

COMMENT:

Jarman was a landowner adjacent to **Thomas Mills** who had a **son William Mills in 1709**. On 18 May 1708, one William Mills (X) witnessed the will of **Charles Campleshon**.

By association the witness of 1708 would appear to be the son of the landowning Thomas. If so, he would have been at least 14 in 1708—i.e., born 1795 or before. His father’s will did not leave land to him.

2 APRIL 1706

Tho. Mills and **Washbourne Tunnell** served on jury.⁶⁰⁷

COMMENT:

Washbourne Tunnell is now at least 21, placing his birth before 1785.

6 MAY 1706

Tho. Mills served on jury.⁶⁰⁸

⁶⁰⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 77; citing p. 31a.

⁶⁰⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 279; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 165.

⁶⁰⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Etc., 1692–1715, Part 2 (Copy) [Typescript]: 173–74; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643802 > images 202–3.

⁶⁰⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 93; citing p. 66a.

⁶⁰⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 130; citing p. 92.

4 JUNE 1706

“**John Stockley of Somerset County, Maryland** and Edward Bayle were granted administration of the estate of **Elizebeth Stratton**, who died intestate. John Barnes and John Morris were accepted as security.”

“Ordered that Nathaniel **Ratliff**, Elias **Taylor**, Thomas {no last name—possibly Davis?} and **James Davis** inventory and appraise the estate of Elizebeth Morris and report to the next court.”⁶⁰⁹

COMMENT:

- Ratliff and James Davis were also Stockley associates in Accomack.
- Elizabeth Stratton’s son John Stockley Jr. had moved from Accomack to Sussex County, “Pennsylvania” (Delaware) about 1691.

TO DO:

Track John Stockley in both Pennsylvania and Delaware records.

6 JUNE 1706

“Whereas there was occasion for Samuel Wilson to transport Five head of Cattle out of this County which we’ve viewed as the Law directs by the subscribers under written. Their marks as followeth: One white Cow with sum Large black Sotts about 7 years old, one yallow or red steere a starr in his forehead his hinder Leggs most white a bob taile about 5 years old, a two-year old heffer white with yallow spots, a 3 year old black heffer a white bello & a white hind foot, one yearling red with a white belly, the steere is Cropt on each ear & underbilled on each eare & slitt on the Right, the other 4 are over halved on the right ear & cropt & a hole on the Left. [Test: Tho: Jerry, **Tho: Stockly, William Bell**, his marke. Recorded at the Request of Samll. Wilson June the 6th 1706 pr Robt. Snead, Cl: Cur: Con Accomk.”⁶¹⁰

2 OCTOBER 1706

Charles Stockly served on Jury.⁶¹¹

17 SEPTEMBER 1706

(NORTHAMPTON)

“These may Certifie all Persons whome it may concerne that I, the Subscriber, is going out of this County above sd. and is **bound to North Carrilinoe** and if any Person or Persons whatsoever that I am Indebted to lett them come and thay Shall be Sattisfied by me. **John Mills**. This noate was sett up at the Court house Door the above sd. Date. Recorded to [by?] the Robt. Harrison. CCt, Northampton.”⁶¹²

28 NOVEMBER 1706

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the action of Scandall between **Wm. Whit**, Plent[iff], and Georg Bulock Deft. being called, nethier plent nor Deft appearing the Suite is Defaulted and the plent pay Cost of Suit allias Execution.”

“This day Action on the Case between **Wm Whit** plent. and Michael Halfburd Deft. Being Called and the Deft. not appearing nor any Attorney for him, therefore an order [of] Judgment is granted against the Sheriff on the Nihill Dicit to next Court.”⁶¹³

COMMENT:

William’s surname is also indexed as “Whit,” not “White.”

⁶⁰⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 97; citing p. 70.

⁶¹⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 385; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 415.

⁶¹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 110; citing p. 78a

⁶¹² Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 302; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 171.

⁶¹³ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 306; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 173.

30 DECEMBER 1706

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the action of the Case beetween **Wm. Whit** Plen^f and **Michall Halfburd** Def^t to Novembr Court and upon non appearance of the Defd. an order was granted against the Sherrif on a nihill Dicit to this Court and now being Called, the plen^f and Def^t appearing and they agreeing to put the Diference Dep[ending] Between them to the Court, Upon which the Court [ruled] that the Deft pay unto the plen^f one thousand and thirty pounds of Tob and Each pay their own Charges alls. Exacution.”⁶¹⁴

COMMENT:

The next case (p. 336, image 178) is between John Andrew and Wm. **White**. On p. 337 (image 179) there appears the case of Millies **Halfburd** against John Andrews. These latter two cases suggest that William “Whit” may be the same as William “White.”

COMMENT:

This William Whit appears in subsequent court orders with wife Elizabeth. However, a court order of 16 July 1712 states: “This day, upon the Pettition of John Waterfeild and Elizabeth his wife and Late widdow and Relick of **Doctor William White, Deceased**”⁶¹⁵

29 JANUARY 1706/7

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the Court orders the Sheriff to Summon David Edmunds and **John Brewer** to the next Co^t. Know the Reason why they did not Enter into bond with John Ellison according to Law about John Shepards Childrens Estate.”⁶¹⁶

28 FEBRUARY 1706/7

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**John Brewer** being Summoned to this Court to Show for what Reason he hath not Entered into bon according to Law with John Ellison for John Shepheard’s Children’s Estate, therefore it is ordered by the Court that the sd. Brewer forthwith repaire to the Clark’s Office and there and then Enter into bond According to the former order of the Court according to Law.”⁶¹⁷

19 APRIL 1707

“Be it Known unto all men by these presets yt I, Margaritt Lefences of the County of Accomack, widow, doe hereby discharge and Release William Crafford of the Sd County his heires Exxecutors administrators for ever not to require any thing toward a manetenance or any debts or any thing Imaginable from the beginning of the world to this day of the date hereof as witness my hand ths 1th day of April 1707. Signed Magritt Lefence, her ℄ mark. Teste: John Morris, **Thomas Stockly**, Alexander Warrinton (his mark).”
Recorded 24 May 1707.⁶¹⁸

3 JUNE 1707

Jno. Washbourne and **Charles Stockly** witnessed the quitclaim of Elizabeth Scarburgh, wife of Edmund Scarburgh, to William Mason, for 120 acres sold by her husband to Mason.⁶¹⁹

⁶¹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 316; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 178.

⁶¹⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 75; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 344.

⁶¹⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 323; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 178.

⁶¹⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 336; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 183.

⁶¹⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 412; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 462.

⁶¹⁹ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 413; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 46.

6 MAY 1707

Tho. Mills and **Cha. Stokely** served on juries.⁶²⁰

4 AUGUST 1707

Charles Leatherbury, planter, of Accomack, for 14,000 pounds of tobacco paid by **Thomas Leatherbury**, bricklayer. Sells 150 acres “being the man^r plantation whereon John Fenn Formerly Lived,

bounded Northerly on two parcills of land the said Charles Leatherbury sold unto John Warrington and Richard Cutler ... being all parts of the Devidend of Land formerly Thomas Leatherburys Deced. and Easterly on John Warrintons plantation now in the possession of his father Stephen Warrinton, Formerly part of John Jenkins Deced his Devidend, southerly on Perry Leabury and John Burrock and westerly on the Forked Neck barch [sic] ...

witnesses: John Bagwell, Thomas Ward. Acknowledged in court 5 August 1707 by Charles Leatherbury, with relinquishment of dower of **Vallance Leatherbury**, wife of Charles.⁶²¹

COMMENT:

The land that Leatherbury sold to John Warrington and Richard Cutler was described, in those 1704 deeds, as coming to him from his grandfather Thomas Letherbury and father Charles Letherbury, both deceased.⁶²² Also in 1704, he sold other land from his grandfather and father to William Lewis.⁶²³

6 AUGUST 1707

“**Thomas Stokely** presented the will of **Elizabeth Stratton** (deceased); it was proved by the oaths of Mary Sample and John Bradford. Upon the request of **Thomas Stokely**, the administration granted to **John Stokely** and **Edward Baly** was made void.”⁶²⁴

COMMENT:

The will of Elizabeth Stratton identified her daughter of **Hanna Bally**.

4 NOVEMBER 1707

The grand jury (Henry Bagwell, foreman) made their presentments:

—Christopher Haze for swearing three oaths (informer: **Charles Stockley**)

—John Clarke for swearing three oaths (as per information provided by **Charles Stockly** and the jury’s own knowledge) ...

“Ordered that the above persons be summoned to the next court; **Charles Stockely** was to be summoned as a witness.”⁶²⁵

3 DECEMBER 1707

“Christopher Haze had been presented for swearing three oaths. Now since it was proved by the oath of **Cha. Stockly**, the court ordered Haze to pay 150 lbs. tobacco tho the church wardens and court costs.”

⁶²⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 130; citing p. 92.

⁶²¹ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Etc., 1692–1715, Part 2 (Copy) [Typescript]: 252–53; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643802 > images 281–82.

⁶²² Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Etc., 1692–1715, Part 2 (Copy) [Typescript]: 108–11; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643802 > images 138–40.

⁶²³ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Etc., 1692–1715, Part 2 (Copy) [Typescript]: 159; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643802 > image 188

⁶²⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 140; citing p. 98.

⁶²⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 146–47; citing p. 102a.

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John Clark had been presented for swearing three times; it was proved by the oath of **Charles Stockley**. Ordered that Clark pay the church wardens 150 lbs. tobacco and court charges.”⁶²⁶

30 DECEMBER 1707

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the action of Trespass upon the case by a noat left between **William Whit** Phicitian [physician], plaintiff, and Georg Lucas Defendant being called and nither Plaintiff nor Defendant appearing the Suit is Dismissed and the Plaintiff pay Cost of Suit alias Execution.”⁶²⁷

COMMENT:

I will not continue to pursue the physician William Whit/White.

MARCH 1707/8

“Ordered that William Taylor be constable for the next year in the place of **Joseph Stockly**. Ordered that **Sebastian Delastatious** be constable in the place of John Mercy.”⁶²⁸

4 MAY 1708

Edwd. Mills and **Tho. Stokley** served on jury.⁶²⁹

18 MAY 1708

“Campleshon, Charles, Mariner – 18 May 1708 [will drafted] — 5 Oct. 1708 [will proved] — To son Charles (under age) all my lands. Richard **Kitson** guardian of son. Wife Mary Exec. Witt: Thomas Crippen, Roger **Miles, William Mills** - p. 450.”⁶³⁰

COMMENT:

- The estate of Charles Campleshon Dec'd was inventoried in August 1726 by **Thomas Simpson, Thomas Evans, John Barnes, and John Nock**. (Accomack, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715-1729, p. 271; FamilySearch > IGN 7643797 > image 280)
- The Kitsons are associates of William Mills's stepfathers, Charles Stockly and Nathaniel Tunnell.
- Note, below, that William Mills's name is clearly written as Mill's, twice. Roger Miles' name also appears twice, very distinctively Miles.⁶³¹
- William Mills, stepson of Charles Stockley, would now be aged 16–18, if (a) his mother was Stockley's first wife Mary; and (b) Mary bore him shortly before she married Tunnell.
- Note that the William of this document made his mark, while William Mills who appeared in Goochland c1729 was able to sign his name. Either they are not the same men, or he learned to sign his name in the interim.

⁶²⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 151; citing pp. 105a, 106.

⁶²⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 384; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 207.

⁶²⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 157; citing p. 111.

⁶²⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 160; citing p. 113.

⁶³⁰ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800*, 39.

⁶³¹ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 451; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 507.

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 and ought to be nobodyes else for witness whereof I have
 my hand seale the eightieth day of may in y^e year of our Lord
 1708
 Test Thomas Crippin
 Roger Miles
 y^e mark of W^m Mills
 Charles Campleshon
 The within last will and testament of Charles
 Campleshon was proved in open Court of Accomack
 County october 4th 1708 by the Test of Thomas
 Crippin Quaker and the oaths of Roger Miles
 and William Mills
 Res: Rob^t J^read Cl Cur
 Recorded october 4th 1708 ff Rob^t J^read Cl Cur } from Accomack

2 JUNE 1708

“Charles Stockly came before John Watts (a justice) and swore that he had attended two days at the December court as a witness against Christopher Haise, who was convicted of swearing. Ordered that Haise pay him 80 lbs tobacco. Signed 27 April 1708, by John Watts.”⁶³²

3 AUGUST 1708

“The suit of Thomas Mills against John West, Sr., was referred to the next court.”

5 OCTOBER 1708

“The suit of Thomas Mills against John West, Sr., was continued to the next court.”

“Katherine Campleshon, widow of Charles Campleshon, presented the will of her late husband; ... proved by the oaths of Roger Miles and William Mills and by the testimony of Thomas Crippin, a Quaker.”⁶³³

2 NOVEMBER 1708

Tho. Stockly served on jury.⁶³⁴

3–4 NOVEMBER 1708

“The action that Thomas Mills had brought against John West in the August court had been continued to this court, but West failed to appear. Ordered that ‘ye sheriff attach the body of the said John West’ and keep him in safe custody till be posted a bond to appear at the next court.”

“John Morris brought action against Edward Norwood, who failed to appear. The sheriff returned Thomas Mills as bail for Norwood’s appearance at the next court.”⁶³⁵

⁶³² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 160, 173; citing pp. 113, 118.

⁶³³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 174–75; citing pp. 122a, 123.

⁶³⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 179; citing p. 126.

⁶³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 181–82; citing pp. 127, 127a.

**4 NOVEMBER 1708
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"In the Name of God Amen, I **John Brewer** of the County of Northampton in Virginia, being of sound and perfect Sence and memory, praised be God, doo make this my Last will and Testament, hereby Revocking and Disannulling all other and former wills whatsoever made by me.

"Imprimis, I Comitt and Comand my Soul to almighty God that gave it [to] me, hoping through the mercies of Jesus Christ my Redemer that after this Sinful Life is Ended to Injoy Eternall Life and hoping [to be] with him in heaven, my body to the Earth from whence it came, takeing, de___ing the Same may have a Desent and Christian Buriall.

"Imprimis, I give, will, and Bequeath unto **Edmund Mills**, my Grand Son in Law all my Smith's Tools.

"Imprimis, I give, will and Bequeath unto **Obedence Roberts**, son of William Roberts, all the Remainder Part of my Estate, Reale and Personall, with all Debts Justly dew by me and I will that all Debts dew by me be honestly paid and I hereby appoint the said Obedence Roberts my hole and Soal Executor of this my last will and Testment. In Testimony whereof I have ereunto sett my hand and affixed my Seals this 4th Day of November anno Domingo 1708. John Brewer his JB mark, the seal {seal}. Sealed, Signed, and Acknowledged in the Presence of Teste: Stephen Maxfield, Thomas Mulls, his Mark [an M that looked like a sort of E, lying with prongs down]. Northampton ... November the 29th 1708."

"Then the abovesaid will of John Brewer wase Presented to Court by his Executor Obedience Roberts and Desired Probacōn might be made thereto, which accordingly was Done by the Corporall oaths of Stephen Maxfield and Thomas Nulls and allowed of by the Court to be Authentick Probate and upon the mottion of the said Executor the said will is ordered to be put upon Record."⁶³⁶

COMMENT:

Edward Mills, stepson of Brewer, was a blacksmith in 1680; but the identities of his children are not yet known.

Thomas Mills, brother of Edward and resident of Accomack, died in February 1708/9, leaving a son Edmund.

3 JANUARY 1708/9

"Came before me Edmund Scarburgh one of her Maj^{tes} Justices of the peace for the County of Accomack, **Christopher Stockley** and Dorithy Osbourne and declared and deposeth as followeth: that they the said Stockly and Dorithy were at the house of **John Milby** on Friday the 31 of December last where then **Willm. Milby** of this County sick and weak in body but of sound mind and understanding who then and there on the 3d day and next day in the hereing and presents of this sd person did publish and declare in plane and express words now following to be his Last will ___ he the sd Wm. Milby sd. he had two brothers John Milby and Joseph Milby and did give all that he had to them to be Equally divided between them and to this truth we hereunto set oure hands and seals. [Signed] **Christopher Stockly**. Dorithy Osbourne.

"This day and year first above written, **Christopher Stockly** and Dorithy Osbourne made oath upon the holy Evangelist to the above written to be the Last will of Sm. Milby deceased. Before me Edm: Scarburgh.

"The within noncupitive will of William Milby was proved in open Co^{rt} of Accomack County by the oathes of **Christopher Stockly** and Dorith Osbourne and ordered by the Cort. To be recorded February the first 1700."⁶³⁷

⁶³⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 447; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 238.

⁶³⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 471; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 528.

2 FEBRUARY 1708/9

“Jno. Milby and Joseph Milby presented the oral will of their brother, William Milby. It was proved by the oaths of **Christopher Stockly** and Dorithy Osbourne. John and Joseph Milby were granted administration of the estate with John Foscue and John Rodgers as security.”⁶³⁸

17 FEBRUARY 1708/9

“**MILLS, Thomas** – 17 Fb. 1708/9 – 5 Apr 1709 – To **son Edmund Mills**. To **son Thomas Mills** planta. at head of Back Creek, To son **Alexander Mills** land on the seaside on the North side of **Gargapha Neck & 100 A.** to **Elizabeth Mills. Dau. Ann Mills.** To **son William Mills. Wife Rebecka.** Exec **Bro. Alexander Bagwell & friend Richard Kitson** overseers – Witt: John Nock, **Edward Mills**, Mary Nock. = p. 479.”⁶³⁹

COMMENT:

Thomas Mills made his first appearance in Accomack in May 1686, in association with the Bentsens who lived along the Maryland line.

The reference to “Bro. Alexander Bagwell” implies that his wife Rebeka was Bagwell’s sister or that Bagwell was married to Thomas’s sister. Bagwell’s wife at this time was named Naomi; after Bagwell’s death, she married Jacob Stockley, son of Charles and Mary (Mills) Stockley.

Note that Thomas does not name a daughter Mary, wife of Stockley and widow of Tunnell. This Thomas appears to be about the same age as Mary.

There would seem to be two or three William Millses in Accomack at this time—one of which would be old enough to witness the Campleshon will of May 1708, below.

- 1708 witness to Campleshon will
- 1708 son of Thomas, who left widow Rebecca
- 1718 son of Rebecca, wife of Charles Stockley, to whom Stockley bequeathed items that “was his mother’s.” That wording implies that William’s mother was dead, while Stockley’s wife was still alive.

Thomas Mills and Rebecka’s children were apparently underaged in 1708/9 (i.e., **born after 1688**) since no son was appointed executor). Those children were

- Edmund
- Thomas
- Alexander
- Elizabeth
- Ann
- William [who, as the last of six children born after 1685, would not be old enough to witness the document in 1708]

17 FEBRUARY 1708/9

“In the Name of god Amen. I **Thom. Mills**,^[r] **Turner**,^[r] of the County of Accomack in Virginia being Sick and Weak of body but of Sound and perfect Memory making this my Last Will and Testament revoking all others.

Imprimis. I bequeath my Soull to god that gave It and by [my] body to be burid according to the Descreshon of my Wife.

“Item. I give my Sun **Edmund Mills** my pistolls and houlsters & one gun and all my Carpenter Tolls and all

⁶³⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 186; citing p. 131.

⁶³⁹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800* (Cottonport, LA: Polyanthos, 1973), 33.

my Coopers tolls.

“Item. I give unto son **Tho: Mills** all my Lands and plantations Lying on the hed of Peach Creek bought betwixt Tho: Braggwell and my Selfe of **Will Jarmon**.

“Item. I give my Storrs? Stell? and all my turner Tolls [tools] unto my above sayd sone **Thomas Mills** and my Left Gun [I?]

“Item. I give unto my Son **Alexander Mills** all my Lands Leased on the north Side of Gargapha Neck of Richard Kitson, being by Estimashon one hundred ackers with all priviledges there to be Longing.

“Item. I give my Dafter **Eliz. Mills** one feather bed and furniture there to belonging.

“Item. I give my Sayd Daughter Eliz. Mills my Erling [yearling] Mare.

“Item. I give unto my Daughter **Ann Mills** one feather bed and furniture.

“Item. I give unto my wife **Rebbecka Mills** one feather bed and furniture.

“Item. I give unto my Sone **William Mills** my Negro Limus att the Disease [decease] of my above sayd wife.

“Item. All my Malle Cattell and Hoggs I leave to my above sayd wife towards the mantaning of my Children.

“Item. I give unto my above Said wife my horse Lynard and her Riding Sattel.

“Item. I give my Mare buck to the use of my plantation and her In Crease to my three youngest Children.

“Item. All the Left of my Estate I Dispose that It may be Equally be devided betwixt my Wife and Children Leaving my Dear Wife Rebecca Mills my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament.

“Item. I desire that my brother **Alexander Baggwell** and my frend Rich^d Ketsen See that my above Said Will be Devided according to the within Menchend [mentioned] – as Witt[ness] my Hand and Seale in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Eight, Feby the 17th.

“The mark **T** of **Tho: Mills**. Tests: *John Nock*. The mark **E** of **Edwd. Mills**. The mark **M** of *Mary Nock*.

“The within Last will and Testament of **Thomas Mills** was proved in open Cort. of Accomack Skinner, V. L., Jr. by the Oathes of *John Nock*, **Edward Mills**, and *Mary Nock* which the Cort. allowed to be sufficient proof, and ordered to be Recorded Aprill the 5th 1709.”⁶⁴⁰

COMMENT:

After the death of the executor Alexander Baggwell, his widow married Jacob Stockley, son of Charles Stockley. According to McKee:

“**Mills, Thomas**, d. 17 Feb 1708/9–5 Apr 1709, [married] Rebeckah/Rebecca, dau. of Henry Bagwell. They were the parents of Thomas (d. without issue), William, Edmond, Alexander, Elizabeth and Ann. (VES:1118; WAAC:43; OB10:189; APP1:93–94.

Mills, Edward, d. intestate bef 1 Jan 1711/2, m. bef. 1697, Ann, dau. of John Barnes (VES:1162; WAAC:54; OB11:58/52.”

Mills, Edward, d. 1712, was the father of Elizabeth (m. William Baker) and Esther (m. Jacob Shepherd). (VES:1118/1162).”⁶⁴¹

⁶⁴⁰Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 479; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 536.

⁶⁴¹ Anna M. Watring, *Accomack County, Virginia, Marriage References and Family Relationships, 1620–1800* (Lewes, Del.: Colonial Roots, 2013), 171. Her acronyms refer to the following:

APP1 = John Frederick Dorman, *Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607–1624/5*, Volume A–F, 4th ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004).

OB = McKee, JoAnn Riley, *Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts*, vol.[10] (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books 1996–2010).

VES=Ralph T. Whitelaw, *Virginia's Eastern Shore: A History of Northampton and Accomack Counties* (Rockland, ME: Picton

Re: Rebecca and William:

Watring, *Accomack County, Virginia, Marriage References ... 1620–1800*, asserts:

“Bagwell, Henry, m. bef. 1636/7 Alice (N) Stratton Chilcott, wid. of Benjamin Stratton and (N) Chilcott. He was the father of John, **Rebecca (m. 1st Thomas Mills and 2nd Charles Stockley) and Thomas.**” (VES: 885; APP1:90–91)⁶⁴²

Charles Stockley did die leaving a widow Rebecca and a stepson (“son-in-law”) William Mills. **However, the wording of Charles’ will implies that the widow who survived him, Rebecca, should not be Thomas Mills’ widow because Charles stated that he was leaving to his stepson William personal items that “was” his mothers—i.e., William’s mother was already dead. By this reasoning, William’s mother was Mary, widow of Nathaniel Tunnel, whom Charles married in 1696—ostensibly the same Mary who was Charles’ wife when he sold land in 1714.**

Watring’s reconstruction of these families also carries an inherently illogical premise: If Henry Bagwell married before 1636/7, then a daughter of that marriage would be too old to be the Rebecca who married Thomas Mills about 1690 and bore children by him into the 1700s. On this subject, Wright’s *Northampton County, Virginia, Marriage References* states:

“Bagwell, Henry (d. bef. 1663) m. by 1637 Alice, widow of Benjamin Stratton and dau. of Mrs. Ann Hawkins. Children: John and Thomas. {Marshall: 76; Whitelaw: 12; B}.”

One of Watring’s two cited sources “(APP1:90–91)” clarifies the age/timeframe confusion: Watring has merged two different Rebecca Bagwells. Specifically:

(APP1: pp. 91–92) “**3. REBECCA² BAGWELL (Henry¹) married (1) 3. Robert² Andrews (see ANDREWS) and (2) 3. Stephen² Fisher (see FISHER). Her will, 3 June 1658–28 June 1658,**⁽²⁰⁾ named as residuary heirs sister Mary Hanby, brothers Thomas Stratton, John Bagwell, Thomas Bagwell and Philip Fisher.” [Note 20 cites “Northampton Co. Deeds & Wills 1657–66, p. 12.”]

(APP1: pp. 93–94) “**8. REBECCA³ BAGWELL (John², Henry¹) married (1) Thomas Mills who deposed 30 Dec. 1680 he was aged 18⁽⁴¹⁾ and left will, 17 Feb. 1708/9–5 April 1709,**⁽⁴²⁾ which named his wife, brother Alexander Bagwell and children. **She married (2) Charles Stockley who left will, 6 May 1718–5 May 1719,**⁽⁴³⁾ **which named wife Rebecca, son-in-law (step-son) William Mills and children by his previous marriage.**”⁶⁴³

Dorman, a venerated genealogist specializing in Virginia, would be the source of Watring’s statement that the widow of Thomas Mills married Charles Stockley. **However, the documents that Dorman cites do not state that Thomas Mills’s widow married Charles Stockley.** Dorman has made a deduction based on “name’s the same”—i.e.,

- Thomas Mills’s widow Rebecca had a son William; and
- Charles Stockley’s will named a wife Rebecca and a stepson William Mills.

We are still left with the contradictions posed by the passage of Stockley’s will in which he mentioned William:

Press, 1998).

WAAC=Stratton Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (1931; reprint, Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1990).

⁶⁴² Watring cites Dorman, *Adventurers of Purse and Person ...I Volume A–F*, 4th ed. However, that volume is published and marketed in two separate books called “parts.” The cited pages are in Part A.

⁶⁴³ Dorman’s note 41 cites Northampton Order Book 11, 1678–83: 130. His note 42 cites Accomack Wills & c 1692–1715: 479. His note 43 cites Accomack Co. Wills, Deeds & c 1715–29, pt 1, p. 188. All of these documents are included in this present report, as my transcriptions from the originals.

“Item. I Give & bequeath unto my son in Law [step-son] William Mills a feather bed, blanket & Rug *which was his mother’s*, provided the sd. William in Consideracion hereof do & shall fully acquit the heirs of my Estate or the Executor of this my Last Will & Testament of & from a *Certain Cow, Calf & yearling otherwise due unto the said William*.

Several issues are triggered here:

1. Stockley said that the feather bed, blanket, and rug **was** William’s mother’s property. **Past tense**. If his mother is still alive, then the property **is** hers.
2. Stockley had no legal right to use his will to give away property that legally belonged to his wife. Yes, as Rebecca’s new husband, he would *control* anything she brought into the marriage; but he could not dispose of it without her permission. To do that, he and Rebecca would have to execute a deed of gift to her son—something we see at various times in various families within this set of notes, as when Thomas’ mother and stepfather gave him a deed of gift to part of the land Thomas’ father had left.
3. We cannot say that Stockley was bequeathing William Mills property that he was due from his deceased father’s estate. **Thomas Mills bequeathed to his son William only one Negro Limus, but he would take ownership only after the death of his mother Rebecca**. Thomas stipulated that all his livestock not otherwise bequeathed was to be used *for the maintenance* of his children—but did not leave any livestock to William for his exclusive ownership.
4. William, as the youngest of six children and the only son to whom land was not left, was underaged at his father’s death—possibly, an adolescent. At most, he was just coming of age at Stockley’s death. **Why would a mattress, blanket, and rug be a preferred option for him rather than a cow, yearling, and calf?**

Parents in this era gave their young children a cow as a “financial stake” on which to build their lives. For a young male of William’s age, a cow, a yearling, and a calf was a significant property that increased itself. In a “natural setting,” cows typically bear their first calf at 15–24 months, and across a typical lifetime of 15 years, produce 7 to 10 calves.⁶⁴⁴ Bedding, by comparison, had a shorter life span and no increase. Under *optimum conditions today*, a feather bed that is *well cared-for* can be expected to last 8–10 years, with its value decreasing (not increasing) as the years passed. In the climate and housing conditions of colonial Virginia, the life expectancy of a mattress, blanket, and rug would be significantly shorter.

5. In sum, the substitution of a feather mattress, blanket, and rug “which **was** his mother’s,” in lieu of livestock, would seem to be an option based on emotions, not need. If his mother was still alive, then his need to make a start in life would be a dominant consideration. If his mother were dead, then holding onto something personal of hers would be an emotional attachment.

Regarding Mary, widow of Nathaniel Tunnell, Stockley’s first wife:

1. Tunnell’s will allowed no dower to Mary. His land was to be divided equally between his 5 sons and the dwelling house was to go to his oldest son Washborn. After several clauses dealing with his sons, the clause that mentioned Mary stated: “I give and bequeath unto my Loveing wife **Mary** and to *her management* all the rest of my goods and chattles to have the management of so long as she my loving wife Mary shall and doth keep her self a widow, but

⁶⁴⁴ How Many Calves Can a Cow Have?” *Animal Queries* (<https://animalqueries.com/how-many-calves-can-a-cow-have/> : 1 November 2023).

- if she shall marry then all my goods and Chattels to be equally devided amongst my five Sunes.”
2. A widow’s right to one-third of a husband’s estate was a centuries-old tenet of common law. Virginia’s statue that governed the inheritance of widow’s at that time (passed 1673) stated:
“The widdow shalbe [*sic*] **endowed with the third part of the reall estate** to bee equally divided as to houseing, ffenced grounds, orchards, woods, and other valuable conveniences, dureing her naturall life, and the third part of the personally estate, **if there be but one of two children**, but if there be any number of children more, how many soever, in that case the personall estate to be devided amongst the widdow and all the children share and share alike; **and in case the husband make a will that he hath it in his power to devise more to his wife than what is above determined, but not lesse.**”⁶⁴⁵
- Thus, the denial of the widow’s third to Mary, by her husband’s will, implies that she had no children by him. Hence, her very quick remarriage in order to have a home.
3. The youngest of Nathaniel’s children came of age by 1711, implying a birth in or before 1790. that leaves a five-or-six year gap with no children before his death. By implication, the mother of his sons ahd died.
 4. Mary’s status as a second wife in 1695/96, with no children by Nathaniel, leaves open the possibility that, prior to her recent marriage to Tunnel she bore the William Mills who was an adult stepson of Charles Stockley in 1718.

4 FEBRUARY 1708/9

Thomas Mills served on Jury with John West.⁶⁴⁶

COMMENT:

Thomas Sr. (son of Alexander and husband of Rebecca) is still alive at this point.

5 APRIL 1709

Rebecca Mills (widow and executrix) presented the will of **Thomas Mills**, her late husband. The will was proved by the oaths of *Jno. Nock*, **Edward Mills**, and *Mary Nock*.

Also: “Mary Bagwell presented the will of her late husband **Edward Bagwell, Indian**. It was proved by the oaths of Thomas Bagwell and Elizabeth Fosque.”⁶⁴⁷

COMMENT:

Neither Dorman, Waring, or Wright identify any family for Edward Bagwell.

3 MAY 1709

“The grand jury (foreman: **Chas. Stockley**) made the following presentments: Ann Crouder (living at **William Benston’s**) for bastard-bearing.”⁶⁴⁸

29 JULY 1709 (NORTHAMPTON)

“This day upon the Petition of John Olay administration is granted him on the behalf of Hannah Oaly [*sic*]

⁶⁴⁵ William W. Hening, *The Statutes at Large, Being a Collection of All the Laws of Virginia*, 13 vols. (Richmond: Privately printed, 1809–1823), 2: 303; see also 212 for the 1663 act that the 1673 act clarified.

⁶⁴⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 188; citing p. 132a.

⁶⁴⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 189, 191; citing pp. 134, 135.

⁶⁴⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 10, 1704–1710, 189, 199; citing p. 140a.

& the Estate of her Mother Elizabeth Olay, Late of this County, Decd, and the said John Olay enter into bond with good Security according to Law which accordingly is D _____ upon Court. Wm. Gastor? John Hunt, **Wm. Wilett** and **John Stockley Senr.** is appointed by the Court to appraise the said Estate upon oath on the twelfth Day of August next and the next Justice of the Peace is appointd by the Court to give them there oaths before they enter upon the apprasment of the said Estate and the said John Olay return a True and perfect Inventory of the said Estate to the next Court cal'd for this County of Northampton, upon oath."⁶⁴⁹

**28 JANUARY 1709/10
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"This day the action of Debt between Elisabeth Roberts, Executrix of Obedience Roberts Deceased, Executor of **John Brewer** Deceased, Plaintiff and Henry Williams administrator of Morgan Williams Deceased ..."⁶⁵⁰

**17 APRIL 1710
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"This day upon the petition of **Edward Mills** a Commission of Administration granted him by the Court on the Estate of his father **John Mills** and Declared in open court upon the oath that the said John Mills departed this Life with out with out [*sic*] making any will in January Last, so fare as he knows or believes, he haveng Entered into bond with good security according to Law, the Court hath appointed George Hogg, John Clay, Richard Elligood, Benjamin Gatherre to appraise the said Estate, upon Oath, some time between this and the next Court and the next Justice of the Peace is desired by the Court to give them there [*sic*] oaths before they Enter Upon the appraisment of the said Estate and that the said **Edward Mills** return a true and perferct Inventory of the sd. Estate upon his oath to the next court."⁶⁵¹

COMMENT:

The petitioner's name is clearly written as *Edward*, not *Edmund*. He would not be the grandson-in-law Edmund who inherited from John Brewer. Nor is he the Edward, stepson of John Brewer, because Brewer married the widow of Alexander Mills.

There are now, clearly, two Edward Millses in the peninsula:

- Edward, son of Alexander, who was a young blacksmith in 1680.
- Edward, son of John, an adult by 1710. Note, below, that he is guardian for Amos Underhill, whose widowed mother married John Mills in 1702.

2-3 MAY 1710

Ambros. Benston served on jury.⁶⁵²

**13 MAY 1710
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"This day the Inventory of the Estate of **John Mills** Decd. was Exhibited to this Court, upon the Oath of his administrator **Edward Mills** that it is a true and perfect Inventory of the Said Mills Estate."

"This day Amos Underhill made choice of **Edward Mills** for his Gardian which ___ Excepted of an the Court Consented to and the Court has ordered the said **Edward Mills** to Repaire to the Clerk's Office fo this

⁶⁴⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 489; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 258.

⁶⁵⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 512; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 270.

⁶⁵¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 10; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 311.

⁶⁵² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 3; citing p. 2a.

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County and there to Enter into bond with a good Security for the sd. Underhill's Estate."⁶⁵³

6 JUNE 1710

Charles Leatherbury, cordwainer of Accomack, to Griffith Savage of same. Sale for 2300 pounds tobacco & cask, **112.5 acres** "being part of a pcell of Land **Thomas Bagwell** of this County Deced. gave unto his **two youngest daughters Ann & Valence Bagwell**, bounded as followeth:

Southerly upon Francis Whartons land, West Southerly upon John Abbots Land, Northwest upon Land belonging unto Madm West & Joyning Easterly upon Land belonging unto Griffith Savage. "

Witesses: Thomas Bagwell, William P his mark Philips, Tho: Ward.

Acknowledged in court by Leatherbury on 6 June 1710 and ordered to be recorded."⁶⁵⁴

COMMENT:

This appears to be the matching half of the tract that "William Mills, son of Thomas" sold in 1737 with his wife Ann, saying that it was left to him by his father who had bought it from William Jarman. According to that document:

"one hundred and Twelve and a half [**112.5**] Acres of Land Lying and being in the County of Accomack, being part of two hundred and Twenty five Acres which Land **my Father Thomas Mills Deceased, purchased of William Jerman ...**

Charles Leatherbury, on 4 August 1707, had a wife named Valence. (See that date above.)

Therefore, the tract that Thomas Mills left to his son William was **Ann Bagwell's share**. By implication **Thomas Mills [Jr.] married Ann Bagwell**.

28 JULY 1710

(NORTHAMPTON)

"This day was Presented to this Court a Conveyance for Land by William Molling and acknowledged Same in Open Court to be his Reale act and Deef to **John Stockly Junior ...** and ordered to be recorded."⁶⁵⁵

2 AUGUST 1710

"*James Walker* presented and acknowledged a deed for land he sold to **John Mills**. Elizabeth, the wife of James Walker, acknowledged her relinquishment of dower to the above land."⁶⁵⁶

COMMENT:

Whether this was the recently deceased John, or a new and younger John, is not yet clear.

3 AUGUST 1710

Thomas Stockly and **Joseph Stockly** served on the jury (separate juries).⁶⁵⁷

7 NOVEMBER 1710

ACCOMACK COUNTY

Thomas Stockley served on Jury.⁶⁵⁸

⁶⁵³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 16–17; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 314.

⁶⁵⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Etc., 1692–1715, Part 2 (Copy) [Typescript]: 478, citing old p. 525; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643802 > image 507.

⁶⁵⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Orders, Wills & C No. 14, 1698–1710: 541; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 284.

⁶⁵⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 16; citing p. 8.

⁶⁵⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 19; citing pp. 9,9a.

⁶⁵⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 25; citing p. 13.

6 MARCH 1710 [1710/11]

“**Staton, Joseph** – Adm. His est. to his son, *Joseph Staton* – **Charles & Thomas Stockly** sec. – 6 Mar. 1710 – p. 16.”⁶⁵⁹ Joseph Statton [Jr.] and Thomas Perry submitted the meager inventory to the court on 1 May 1711.⁶⁶⁰

7 MARCH 1710/11

“**Joseph Stockely** (sic) acknowledged a deed for land he sold to **Charles Stockley**.

“Jose[p]h Staton was granted administration of the estate of his father, Joseph Staton (deceased). The court accepted **Charles Stockly** and **Thomas Stockly** as security.”

“Ordered that John Morris, **Joseph Stockly**, *Thomas Perry* and William Taylor (or any three of them) inventory and appraise the estate of Joseph Staton before the next court.”

“**Thomas Stockely** (sic) had been summoned to the November court to serve as a grand jurymen, but he failed to appear. He now gave a sufficient reason for his absence, so he paid court charges and was dismissed.”⁶⁶¹

2 MAY 1710

Ambros. Benston served on jury.⁶⁶²

1 JANUARY 1711/2

“**Mills, Edward** – Adm. his est. to his wid., **Ann Mills** – **John Barnes**, Sr. & Walter Warrington, sec. – 1 Jan. 1711/12 – p. 32.”⁶⁶³

COMMENT:

This should be Edward-of-Alexander, who witnessed his brother Thomas’s will in January 1708/9.

5 FEBRUARY 1710/11

Indenture. **Joseph Stockly Jun^r** of Accomack to **Charles Stockly** of same. Sale for 4000£ good tobacco in hand paid, the receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge,” 100 acres on Assawoman Creek on Seaboard side in Accomack, “Southerly upon the hundred acres given by **Francis Stockly** unto his son **Francis** ... the head of the Land Lying westerly upon Capt. George Hack’s Land & northerly upon the Land of *Thomas Nock* Lately bought of John Bradford.” Signed: **Joseph Stockly (his ⚡ mark)**. Testes: Samll. *Welbourne*, Joseph Staton, **Thomas Bagwell**. Acknowledged in court by Joseph Stoakly 7 March 1710.⁶⁶⁴

5 FEBRUARY 1711/12

“**Ann Mills** was granted the administration of her late husband **Edward Mills**, who died intestate. The court accepted Jno. Barnes, Sr., and Walter Warrington as security.”⁶⁶⁵

14 FEBRUARY 1711/2

⁶⁵⁹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (1990; reprint, Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 53.

⁶⁶⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 546; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 605.

⁶⁶¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 30–31; citing p. 16a, 17.

⁶⁶² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 31; citing p. 2a.

⁶⁶³ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800*, 41.

⁶⁶⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 543; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 602.

⁶⁶⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 58; citing p. 32.

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“An Inventory of the Estate of **Edward Mills** of the County of Accomack. Feby. 14th 1711/12:

• 1 Cow and Calfe	400
• 6 ditto @ 450 pr	2700
• 4 stears @ 550 pr	2250
• 1 ditto	500
• 3 heffers @ 250 pr	750
• 1 young steer	300
• 13 sheep @ 100 pr	1300
• 2 ditto @ 80 pr	160
• 1 seven-yeare-old mare	1300
• 1 sory 2 years old	250
• 1 old ditto	500
• 19 hoggs @ 60 pr	1140
• 9 shoats	100
• A percell of Sorry bedding	1150
• 27£ of new feathers @1	324
• 6 Buckets @ 4	24
• 2 spinning wheels	430
• 1 Chest	100
• 1 p. of small buckles & 4 Clasps	124
• A parcell of Clothing	300
• Powder	18
• Parcell of Carpenters tools	250
• 1 pr old pistols, holsters, brush plat 3 year old swords	250
• 2 gnns	570
• 20# wool @ 8d.	160
• 1 Case & bottles @200	200
• 63 ½ of flax	<u>190 ½</u>
From other side	<u>11740</u>
• 21 ½ of flax @ 10	215
• Pl. old cards	12
• Parcell of old harnesses	50
• 40# of flax \$61	250
• Table Linnin	200
• 1 sett of wedges	80
• 1 old Chest, 2 baskets, one Corne	50
• 1 parcell old tools	50
• A parcell of Smiths ditto	600
• 1 handmill & iron work	500
• 2 plowes, 3 links	150
• 1 old saw	50
• 33# old Iron	44
• 1 Cart & weels	400
• Old cart	40
• 1 flax Crea_	20
• 19 old pewter @ 6	114
• 1 Tankard	36
• 2 old potts	100

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• 65# of Iron potts @ 41	260
• 1 looking glass & candlestick	12
• 1 smoothing iron	30
• 1 Bible	30
• 1 flesh fork & tongues	30
• 1 parcell of hides?	250
• 2 old axes	20
• 1 parcell old tubs & buckets & chest	200
• 1 sifter & frying pan	50
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44# of Tallow @ 4	176
1 grindstone Conch [couch?] & Knew?	10
1 Table, stools & bench	20
5 geese & gander	75
437# of old _____	550
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“Appraised by Richd Kittson, *John Nock*. Sworn by Mr. Burton, Hen^{ry} Truit Recorded March the 26th 1712 p Robt Snead Cl Cu Con Accomk.”⁶⁶⁶

1 MARCH 1711/2

Francis Stoakly of Accomack, planter, to **Charles Stoakly**, planter, of same, sale for 5000£ good tobacco already paid, sells 100 acres in Accomack County “Esterly upon Assawoman Creek, thence Northerly Joyning upon a parcell of Land now in the possession of aforesd. **Charles Stoakly**, formerly belonging to **Joseph Stoakly Junr**. And westerly upon a parcell of Land belonging to Capt. Hack, Southerly Joying upon **John Stoaklys Land ...**” Signed: **Francis Stoakly X**. Witnesses: Tho: Ward, **Joseph Stokly**. Acknowledged in court by **Francis Stoakly** 5 March 1711.⁶⁶⁷

COMMENT:

This Francis would be brother of Charles, both being sons of John Sr. and Elizabeth (later Stratton).

4 MARCH 1711/2

Ann Mills (widow and administratress of **Edward Mills**) presented and swore to the inventory and appraisement of her late husband’s estate.”

Francis Stokly presented and acknowledged a deed for land he sold to **Charles Stokly**.⁶⁶⁸

17 APRIL 1711

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day **Sarah Custis Littleton** came into Court and made choice of Robert Andrewes for her Gardian, which the Court consented to and the said Andrewes Excepted of, and the Court hath Ordered the said Andrews to Repaire to the Clerk’s Office of this County and there to Enter into bond with good Security between this and the next Court for the Said Sarah Custis Littleton Estate.”⁶⁶⁹

18 APRIL 1711

(NORTHAMPTON)

⁶⁶⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 563; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 624.

⁶⁶⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 562–63; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 622–23.

⁶⁶⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 62; citing p. 35a.

⁶⁶⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 11; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 311.

“This day the Inventory of the Estate of **John Mills Decd.** was Exhibited to this Court upon the oath of his administrator **Edward Mills** that it is a true and perfect Inventory of the said Mills Estate.”⁶⁷⁰

1 MAY 1711

“*William Nock* (surveyor of the roads from Kickeatauques to Assowaman) for not clearing the roads. John Blake (surveyor of the roads from Samuel Taylor’s Branch to the branch at the north side of **Joseph Stocklye’s** plantation) for not clearing the roads.”⁶⁷¹

COMMENT:

This Joseph would be brother of Charles and Francis above.

2 MAY 1710

Ambros. Benston served on jury.⁶⁷²

6 JUNE 1711

Surveyed in Accomack since first of June 1711 vizt.: 6 June 1711 for **Charles Stockly** 300.
(List of 7 surveys reported to court 7 May 1712).⁶⁷³

3 APRIL 1712

“Margret Davis (widow of Wm. Davis) brought action at the last court against **Charles Stoakly**, who now failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, judgment would be confirmed against him.

“Margret Davis (widow of Wm. Davis) brought action at the last court against **Joseph Stoakly**, who now failed to appear [etc.]”

“Margret Davis (widow of Willm. Davis) brought action of assault and battery at the last court against James Davis, who now failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court, judgment would be confirmed against him.”⁶⁷⁴

5 MAY 1712

Charles Fonnelson of Accomack Co. for 1500£ tobacco paid by **William Miles**, sells Accomack land consisting of 135 acres, being part of a larger track patented to William Hickman, Senr., deceased. These 135 acres were given by the patentee to his son William Hickman Junr., and by him sold to Charles Fonnelson. No waterway or neighbors named. Witnesses: *Tho: Perry*, William Belke, his X mark.⁶⁷⁵

COMMENT:

This appears to be Roger Miles’ s son William.

6 MAY 1712

Ambros. Benston and **Cha. Stoakley** served on jury.”⁶⁷⁶

6 MAY 1712

Nathaniel Tunnill [Jr.] & Edmund Tunnill of Accomack, planters, for 16,000£ tobacco paid by *Samuel Taylor* of same, sell “part of a Grant or Tract or parcell of Land given by **Coll. Southey Littleton** late of this County decd. To **Nathaniel Tunnill** & by the sd. Nathaniel Tunnel his last will & Testam^t bareing date the 16th of

⁶⁷⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 16; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 315.

⁶⁷¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 33; citing p. 18.

⁶⁷² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 70; citing p. 39a.

⁶⁷³ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 582; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 643.

⁶⁷⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 68–69; citing p. 39.

⁶⁷⁵ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 575–76; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 636–37.

⁶⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 70; citing p. 39a.

June 1696 did give & bequeath unto us his two sons abovesd two hundred & forty acres of Land situate Lying & being in the County aforesd X is bounded as followeth vizt: SE on the head of **Jno Collins, ESE on land of Capt. Jno. Watts**, S.W. on part of the Land that formerly did belong to Nathaniel Tunnill, N^{thly} on the **Mill branch** with lines & Corners as followeth, frst beging [*sic*] at a Marked red oak on the aforesd branch to the Norward of the aforesd **Mill House** thence Run'g SE 188 poles, thence SSW ½ W 168 poles, thence NW 263 pole to the sd. Mill branch, thence down the sd. Branch to the first mentioned Tree, surveyed April 1712 pr Skinner Wallop, together with" all appurtenances, etc. Signed: Nathaniel Tunnill his N mark. Edmond Tunnill his mark (an E lying flat with tines down). Witnesses: Benn^t Scarborough, Thomas Perry.⁶⁷⁷

COMMENT:

16 June 1696 was the date that Nathaniel's will was probated, not the date it was drafted.

This document suggests that Nathaniel Tunnell Jr. was a miller. It also suggests that the last of the Tunnill sons have come of age and the land is being divided between them and sold to whatever extent needed or desired. If the last of the five came to age in 1711, this would place their births circa 1682, 1684, 1686, 1688, and 1690.

Nathaniel Sr.'s marriage to Mary seems to have occurred shortly before his death (c1695–96) given that she bore him no child but subsequently bore at least four children by Charles Stockly.

Same day: **Mary Stokley** [wife of Charles Stockly], **relict of Nathaniel** [Tunnell Sr.] and **Comfort Stokely**, "Lawfull wife of Nathaniel [Jr.]" relinquished their dower rights. Witnesses: Jno. Watts, Tho: Ward. Presented to court 6 May. Recorded 26 May 1712.⁶⁷⁸

6 MAY 1712

"**Nathaniel Tunnill** [Jr.] and **Edmund Tunnill** presented and acknowledged a deed for land they sold to *Samuel Taylor*."

"**Mary Stokley (the widow of Nathaniel Tunnell [Sr.])** and **Comfort** (the wife of Nathaniel Tunnill [Jr.]) acknowledged their relinquishment of dower to the above land."

"**Charles Stockley** and his wife Mary presented and acknowledged a deed for land they sold to Nathaniel Tunnell [Jr]."⁶⁷⁹

6 MAY 1712

Charles Stockly (s) and "**Mary my wife**" (s) of Accomack, planter, "for & in Consideration of 240 acres of Land & three thousand pounds of tobacco to me sold, confirmed & paid," I quit-claim and Confirm to **Nathaniel Tunnill** & to his heirs 170 acres at Assowoman in Accomack "bounding Notherly upon the Land that formerly did belong to **William Stockley**, Easterly upon **Edward Bayly**, Sotherly upon **Thomas Stockley**, Westerly upon land that did formerly belong to **William Kendall**," together with all appurtenances. Witnesses: *Sebastian Delastatious*, Thomas Jenkinson. Delivery of land by turff & twig and Latch of the dove by **Charles Stokly** by Livery & Seizen..." Witnesses: **Joseph Stockly**, *Samuel Paine*. "The above deed with Liver & seizen was acknowledged in open Cort of Accomack County by **Charles Stockly and Mary his wife**." 7 May 1712. Recorded 7 May 1712."⁶⁸⁰

COMMENT:

Mary should be acting in her role as Stockly's wife, not her role as Tunnill's mother or stepmother

⁶⁷⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 571–72; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 531–32.

⁶⁷⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 571–72; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 531–32.

⁶⁷⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 72 citing p. 41.

⁶⁸⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 576; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 637.

or her roll as widow of Nathaniel Tunnill Sr.

This is the second document by which Charles and Mary conveyed property to a son of Nathaniel Sr. In neither case, did the document say “my son” or “our son” or “my son-in-law” as, for example, John Brewer did when he and Joane gave property to Joane’s son.

7 MAY 1712

“The action of Margaret Davis (widow and administratress of William Davis) against **Charles Stokly** had been delayed a number of times. When Stokly pleaded not guilty, a jury was sworn, found for Davis, and awarded her 40 shillings in damages.”⁶⁸¹

8 MAY 1712

“Margret Davis (widow and administratress of Wm. Davis) presented and swore to the inventory and appraisement of the estate of her late husband.

“Nathanll. Andrews petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for Margt. Davis in her action against **Charles Stocley**. Since Andrews swore that he attended seven days, the court ordered that Davis pay him 280 lbs. tobacco and court charges.

“Sabra Andrews petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for Margt. Davis in her action against **Charles Stockley**. Since Sabra swore that she had attended two days, the court ordered that Margt. Davis pay Sabra Andrews 80 lbs tobacco and court charges.

“Samll. Oliver petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for Margt. Davis in her action against **Charles Stockley** [ditto the above].”

“Dorothy Andrews petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for Margt. Davis in her action against **Char. Stockley**. [ditto the above].”

“Joseph Staton petitioned [ditto] **Charls Stockley** ...” Two days.

“Joseph Staton petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for James Davis in Margt. Davis’ action against him. Since Staton swore that he attended five days, the court ordered James Davis to pay him 200 lbs. tobacco and court charges.

“The case in which Margret Davis (widow of William Davis) accused James Davis of assault and battery had been continued to this court. Now James convinced the court that there was a variance between the writ and declaration; the case was dismissed.”

“Margaret Davis brought action against James Davis who asked for a delay. The court accepted **Jos. Stockley** as bail for [James] Davis’ appearance at the next court.”⁶⁸²

COMMENT:

Watring (p. 71) states: “Davis, William, son of James Davis, d. intestate bef. 1 Jan 111/12, m. Margaret/Margret/Marhrett (N), (WAAC: 54; OB11:58/63/64/6/69/2/73/7476/78/93).”

TO DO:

Go back to deeds & wills book to find this appraisement and other estate records to determine whether they contain any mention of the Charles Stockley being sued by Margaret.

6 AUGUST 1712

⁶⁸¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 72; citing p. 41.

⁶⁸² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 74; citing p. 42a, 43a.

“Ordered that **Charles Stockley** be overseer of the highways to keep them cleared from the ‘crosspaths tending to Pocamoke on **Wallops Road** to **Oake Hall**.’ Stockley was to summon the local inhabitants to do the work.”⁶⁸³

1 JANUARY 1712/13

“Silverthorne, Sebastian – 1 Jan. 1712/13 – 6 Jan. 1712/13 – To wife Tabitha, dau. of Mary Hubank. To son John land & planta. where I now live. To son Sebastian. Dau. Mary. Friends James **Kempe** & Naomi his wife & **Robert Mills** to be tutors to my 2 children Sebastian & Sarah. William Williamson tutor to my son John. Son John Exr. when he is 21 – James Kempe & William Williamson to act until then. Witt: Simon Smith, William Boggs – p. 591.”⁶⁸⁴

COMMENT:

Robert Mills was not a son of Thomas.

Watring (p. 34) states that Tabitha, wife of Sebastian Silverthorne, was the daughter of James Bonnewell Jr. (b. c1658, d. c1699) and Mary *Watson* “(CFES1:3-5; VES:943/944; WAAC:2/34/661 OB2:45/65; 3:72/126; 4:156; 6:xxii/26/91; 9: viii/145; 14:63.)”

20 JANUARY 1712/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the Last will and Testament of **John Stockly Sen^r Dec^d** was presented to Court by his widdow and Executrix **Issable Stockly** who deposed that Probattion might be made thereto accordingly was done in open Court by the Corporall oaths of Francis Ogling, **William Willett** and **Ann his wife**, the said Issable having ___ taken her oath in Court ...”⁶⁸⁵

COMMENT:

This would be John, son of Francis Sr., the original settler. According to Wright’s *Northampton ... Marriage References* (187), Isabelle was née Moore, having married him by bond dated 14 Feb 1708/9.

31 JANUARY 1712/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**John Stockly** [Hockly?] his Mark for hoggs and Cattle Cropt on the Right Eare and under bitted the left eare w[ith] hole.”⁶⁸⁶

COMMENT:

Conceivably, the surname might begin with *H* rather than *St*. However, the first letter is not formed the same way that the name “Hunt” is written in the preceding entry.

3 FEBRUARY 1712/3

“Margrett Davis (widow and administratress of William Davis) presented an additional inventory of the estate of her late husband.” **Joseph Stockly** served on jury.”⁶⁸⁷

27 MARCH 1712/3

(NORTHAMPTON)

⁶⁸³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 72; citing p. 53.

⁶⁸⁴ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800* (Cottonport, LA: Polyanthos, 1973), 37.

⁶⁸⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 92; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 353.

⁶⁸⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 161; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 417.

⁶⁸⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 93; citing p. 41.

“This day the action of Debt by and between Daniell Bell Benthall of the Same County, Plaintiff, and ...”⁶⁸⁸

COMMENT:

This is the first usage of double given names I’ve seen for a male in Northampton records. Note that the second given name is also a surname.

On 18 December 1716 a second instance appeared: Peter Norly Elligood, an adult plaintiff. Again, the middle name is a surname. Two months later, 19 February 1716/7, Peter Norly Elligood was again in court, being charged with not entering himself as a tythable Person. Since he belonged to a local family, the suggestion is that he had recently reached tithable status—i.e., his parents gave him his double-given name in the mid-1690s.⁶⁸⁹

7 APRIL 1713

“**Charles Stockley** was foreman of the jury.” **Joseph Stockley** was a juryman.⁶⁹⁰

19 MAY 1713

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This Day the Inventory of the Estate of **John Stockly Decd.** was Exhibited to this Court upon the oath of his widdow and Executrix **Isable Stockly** and ordered to be put upon Record.”⁶⁹¹

COMMENT:

This John was the son of Francis Sr.

2 JUNE 1713

Thomas Stockly served on jury. **Elizabeth Bagwell (widow** and executrix of Thomas Bagwell) presented a bond made by John Bagwell to Thomas and John Bagwell, sons of the deceased Thomas Bagwell. The bond was proved by the oaths of Henry Bagwell and Charles Leatherbury.⁶⁹²

COMMENT:

Watring (p. 13) states that Elizabeth was née Eyre, daughter of John and Elizabeth Eyre, and that she married, secondly, Francis Stockley. “(WAAC:49; APP1:94)”

16 JUNE 1713

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the Court hath appointed **John Stockley** Surveyor of the high ways of that Precinct that John Gaithiers was Surveyor of in the room and Stead of the said Gaithiers.”⁶⁹³

17 JUNE 1713

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This Day **Thomas Mills** appearing according to the Last Court order to answer the Complaint of John Nottingham for being Security for the Estate of Benjamin Coele and Mr. Georg Harmanson wth Jacob Stringer appeared in open Court to be the Said Mills’ Security for the Estate of the said Benjn. Coele as it was appraised. Provided the said Mills [does not?] Depart this government and the Said Mills and Harmanson and Stringer Enter into bond ~~with~~ at the Clerk’s Office for the Said Coel Estate and the Said

⁶⁸⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 99; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 356.

⁶⁸⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 268, 274; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 437, 440.

⁶⁹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 100; citing pp. 57, 57a.

⁶⁹¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 104; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 359.

⁶⁹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 107; citing p. 60a.

⁶⁹³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 114; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 364.

Mills Pay Costs.

“This day **Thomas Mills** came into Court and made it appear to this Court that the Estate of Benjamin Coele is in Debted to him three hundred and seventy pound of Tobacco therefore the Court hath rdered the said Mills to pay him Selfe the Said Sum of Tobacco out of the Estate f the said Coells with Costs.”⁶⁹⁴

“This day in Ejection _____ Between Robert Galdo Plaintiff and Richard Aldo Defendant for Lands Lying and being in this County of Northampton in the Parish of Hungar, which John Custis dft., Guardian of Sarah Custis Littleton and Hester Littleton demised to the Plaintiff as is Sett forth in the Declaration, John Grante Subsheriff left a true Copy of the writ of Ejectment upon his oath ... to Mde. Mary Littleton Peter Swell, Luke Griffeth, Roger Groves, John Gadry, John Olay, Benjamin Gadry, Edwd Carter, Georg Hogg, **John Mills**, Richard Ellegood, Edward Garrit and Edmund Ellegood, Tenants in Possession of the Lands in Question and being called and the Declaration being Read, Robert Galdo appearing by his attorney Mr. Matthew Noman and Mary Littleton likewise in Person on the Behalfe of her Selfe and the Rest of the Tenants aforesaid and Desired to be admitted Defendant in this Cause in the rome [room] and Steed [stead] of Richard Aldo and Confess Lease Entery and Ouster and the said Mary Littleton on the behalfe of herselfe and the rest of the Tennants aforesaid craved time to the Next Court to try the Title of the Lands in Question and in Sifft? pn the Title only which accordingly is granted by the Court”⁶⁹⁵

COMMENT:

This appears to be the Thomas who, about March 1702/3, married Mary, the widow Cowell. He appears to be another son of the John whose estate was administered by son Edward in 1709.

The ejectment case was continued until the 17 November 1713 court term, at which time the plaintiff failed to appear and the case was dismissed (p. 129; image 371).

“This Day the action of the case upon agreement between Robert Howson, Plaintiff, and **Thomas Mills** Defendant being called and they both appearing, the Defendant for Plea Saith that he Did Sell and agree with the Said Howson for his gelding commonly called a horse named Button, for Eleven Hundred Pounds of Tobacco on the Seventh day of June Last, therefore it is the Oppinion of the Court and accordingly Ordered that the said Mills forthwith Do Give to the Said Howson the said Gelding commonly called a horse named Button, same Wind and Time? as he was when he bought him the Said Howson pay him the said Mills Eleven hundred pounds of Tobacco for the Said Horse and the Said Mills pay Cost att att. [sic]”⁶⁹⁶

8 JULY 1713

By virtue of a precept granted by Skinner *Wallop*, Nathaniel Williams was ordered to appear before Wallop or another justice to answer a complaint made by **Joseph Stockly**. When he appeared before Wallop, it appeared that **Williams owed Stockly** 100 lbs tobacco, 15 pence, a pottle of salt and two iron wedges. Wallop ordered him to pay the debt. Signed 14 January 171213 by Skinner Wallop; recorded 3 August 1713, by Cha. Snead, clerk of the court.”⁶⁹⁷

1 NOVEMBER 1713

Three surveyors of the roads had been summoned to this court ... *William Nock*, “from Gargatha to **Joseph Stockly’s Gutt**.”⁶⁹⁸

3 NOVEMBER 1713

⁶⁹⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 115; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 364.

⁶⁹⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 117–18; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > images 365–66.

⁶⁹⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 118; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 366.

⁶⁹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 112; citing pp. 62a, 63.

⁶⁹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 123; citing pp. 68, 68a.

“**Joseph Stockly** was foreman of the grand jury. In that role he filed a presentment against **William Nock**, surveyor [overseer] of the road from **Gargatha** to **Joseph Stockly Gutts** (sic) {Stockly’s Gut}.”⁶⁹⁹

COMMENT:

On 1 May 1711 the grand jury also presented William Nock “surveyor of the roads from Kickeatauques to Assowaman,” for not clearing the roads.

**15 DECEMBER 1713
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“This day the action of the case between **Edward Mills** Plaintiff and Thomas Tompson Defendant being called and nitheir Plaintiff nor Defendt. [appeared], therefore the Suit is dismd. And the Plaintiff pay Cost of Suitt all. Ex.”⁷⁰⁰

COMMENT:

This should be Edward, son of John, whose estate Edward administered in 1709.

7 APRIL 1714

“Hope, George, Jr. – Adm. His est. to his wid., Catherine Hope – **Capt. John Watts & William Taylor** sec. – 7 Apr. 1714 - p. 73.”⁷⁰¹

TO DO:

Study the full proceedings of Hope’s estate, given that George Hope and William Taylor were Stockley-Mills associates.

27 APRIL 1714

“Barnes, John – 27 Apr. 1714 – 5 Apr. 1715 – To Henry Truite, als. [alias] Barns 1 s. [shilling]. **Dau Ann Mills** 1 s. To dau. Mary **Nock 1 s.** Son John Barnes resid. legatee & Exr. Witt: Richard **Kitson**, **Thomas Evans**, William Hastins.”⁷⁰²

COMMENT:

- **Edward** Mills who died c1711/12 left a widow Ann. He witnessed the will of Thomas Mills, 1708/9. Mary Nock also witnessed the will of Thomas.
- One *Thomas Evans* appeared on the Sturgies transportation list with **Joane Mills** in 1663.

4 MAY 1714

“To Mr. Skinner Wallop (a justice), **Charles Stockly** complained that he was afraid that Thomas Northam ‘would doe him sum bodyly hurt.’ Bound to the peace and to appear at this court, Northam came and was questioned; the court felt it necessary to keep Northam bound and ordered the sheriff to take him into custody till he posted a bond with sufficient security for his keeping the peace to all people, but especially to Cha. Stockly during the pleasure of the court. Northam also paid court charges.”

“Upon the petition of **Francis Stockly [Jr.]** and his **wife Elizabeth** (executrix of the will of **Thomas Bagwell**), the court appointed appraisers of the estate. Ordered that John Bagwell, Henry Bagwell, John Metcalfe and Charles {no last name recorded} (or any three of them) inventory and appraise the estate of Thomas Bagwell before the next court.”⁷⁰³

COMMENT: The “Charles” of the second order was likely Charles Stockly.

⁶⁹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 122; citing p. 67a.

⁷⁰⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 140; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 377.

⁷⁰¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 53.

⁷⁰² Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Polyanthos), 51.

⁷⁰³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 134; citing pp. 73a, 74.

Thomas Stockly serves on jury this day.⁷⁰⁴

1 JUNE 1714

“The order commanding **Francis Stockly** and his **wife Elizabeth** (executrix of Thomas Bagwell, deceased) to have the Bagwell estate inventoried and appraised was continued to the next court.”⁷⁰⁵

COMMENT:

One year before this, “Elizabeth Bagwell” appeared in court relative to her late husband’s estate. There was no further action until the above, one year later, by which time she had remarried.

2 JUNE 1714

Joseph Stockly served on jury.⁷⁰⁶

6 JULY 1714

“**Elizabeth Stockly** wife of **Fra. Stockly** and executrix of the will of her late husband Thomas Bagwell, presented and swore to the inventory and appraisal of the Bagwell estate.”⁷⁰⁷

3 AUGUST 1714

“Thomas Northam petitioned to be released from his bond for keeping the peace, which he posted before Mr. Skiner Wallop (a justice) at the complaint of **Charles Stockly**. Since no one appeared to allege anything against Northam, he paid court charges and was discharged.”⁷⁰⁸

4 OCTOBER 1714

John Stockly, planter of Accomack county to **Charles Stockly** of same. For 6000£ tobacco in hand paid, sale of 100 acres on Assawoman Creek, Seaboard side, “Southerly upon land which sd aforesaid **Charles Stockly** bought of **Francis Stoakly**, northerly upon the land of **Thomas Nock**, Westerly upon **George Hack’s** land. **Acquired by John from last will of Francis Stoakly**. Signed: Jn^o Stockly, his † mark. Witnesses: Charles Leatherbury, Perry Leatherbury. Acknowledged by John Stockly in court 5 December 1714. Recorded 12 October 1714.⁷⁰⁹

COMMENT:

This John Stockly should be a third-generation John—i.e., son of Francis, the son of John Stockly Sr.

5 OCTOBER 1714

“**John Stockly** [son of Francis] presented and acknowledged a deed for land he sold to **Charles Stockly**.”⁷¹⁰

19 OCTOBER 1714
(NORTHAMPTON)

“This Day on the Mottion of **Charles Stockly** of **Accomack Conty**, the Court hath ordered that **Joseph Trent**, a Servant man of the Said Stockly, Serve the said Stockly for his runing a way and being absent from his late Master Robert Howson’s Service ninteen Days and all other Disbursements amounting to Eight hundred and four pounds of Tobacco wch the Court allowed of, therefore the Court hath ordered the Said

⁷⁰⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 133; citing p. 73.

⁷⁰⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 107; citing p. 60a.

⁷⁰⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 140; citing p. 77.

⁷⁰⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 142; citing p. 78.

⁷⁰⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 144; citing p. 79.

⁷⁰⁹ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 637; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 699.

⁷¹⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714, 147; citing p. 81.

Joseph Trent to Serve the Said **Charles Stockley** his heirs or assigns according to the tenner of his indenture, after the expieration of his Indented time is out, for the said Lost time of ninteen Days time and the other Dysbursements as aforesaid, being Eight hundred and four pounds of Tobacco according to Law and the said Stockly pay Cost.”

“This Day on the Pettition of John Fisher, John Powell, and **Alexander Bagwell [Jr.]** the Court is of Oppinion that the Said Fisher, Powell, and Bagwell may errect and sett up an water mill upon the branch called **Higgington’s Branch**, having land on one Side accordig to Law and the sd Powell pay Cost.”⁷¹¹

COMMENT:

After this Alexander Bagwell’s death, his pregnant widow married Charles Stockly’s son Jacob, with Jacob consenting to pay the fine for her pregnancy as an unmarried woman. See 1725 notes below.

2 NOVEMBER 1714

Charles Stockly and **Joseph Stockly** are listed consecutively on jury list.⁷¹²

7 DECEMBER 1714

(NORTHAMPTON)

“**James Mills** his mark for his hogs and Cattle &c. A Swallow &c Cropt in the Right Eare and a hole in the Left Eare, Slitted from the lope of the Eare Down to the Ro__.”⁷¹³

COMMENT:

I have found no evidence of the identity or family of this James.

1 APRIL 1715

Geo: Parker and **Charles Stocky** [*sic*] witnessed sale by **Henry Towls** (HT) to Raph Corbin of 500 acres Towles bought of **William Kendall** on 18 February 1689, adjoining John Glading, Henry Toles, Ralph Corbin. Relinquishment by Elizabeth Towlls (her E mark).⁷¹⁴

5 APRIL 1715

[Date of draft illegible] Charles Laughland (X) sold to Kendall Towles land on side of Crooked Creek branch between the land of Cornelious Loughland and Henry Towles. Witnesses: Geo. Parker, **Charles Stockly**, Ralph Corbin. Acknowledged by Loughland in court 5 April 1715.⁷¹⁵

5 APRIL 1715

“**Charles Stockley** petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for **Richard Bayly** in his suit against Thomas Flecher. Since Stockley swore that he served three days, the court ordered Bayly to pay him 120 lbs tobacco and court costs.”⁷¹⁶

5 JULY 1715

Charles Stockly and **Francis Stockly** served on jury.⁷¹⁷

⁷¹¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 175; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 394.

⁷¹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 11, 1710–1714), 150; citing p. 82.

⁷¹³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills Etc., No. 5, 1654–1655: 161a; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645515 > image 417.

⁷¹⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 647; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 709.

⁷¹⁵ Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 647–48; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > images 709–10.

⁷¹⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 13; citing Book 12, p. 6.

⁷¹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–171, 19; citing Book 12, p. 9.

15 JULY 1715

Under order of 4 May 1714: Inventory of estate of Thomas Bagwell, Dec'd, taken in accordance with court order. Total 54.14.10 (a somewhat more extensive inventory than prior Stockley or Mills estates). This inventory is signed by Henry Bagwell, **Charles Stockly**, and Jno. Bagwell. To the right of that signature block (where widows sometimes are named) there is an unexplained signature: **Elizabeth Stockley**.⁷¹⁸

**19 JULY 1715
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“Whereas **John Stockly Dec'd** did by his Last will and Testament give and Bequeath unto **Issable** his the[n] wife after her [re]marriage one third Part of his Plantation he then Lived on and the Said Issable Since his Death Entremarrying with on[e] **William Warrin**, who by this Said Marriage holds and Enjoys the whole Plantation aforesaid and **John Stockley** the Sonn of John Stockly Dec'd to whom of wright [sic] the other two thirds of the said Land or Plantation belongeth as by his Father's will doth appeare and he being willing that the Said third part of the Said Land on Plantation be laid out to the Said Warren and Issable his wife according to Law and prays this Court by his petition that the Sheriff of this County with a Jury of twelve freeholders of the said county to meet on the said Land and there to Lay out to the Said Warrin and Issable his wife their Lawfull thirds of the Said Land according to Quantity and Quality, upon which Petition of the said John Stockley [Jr.] the Court thinks it to be Reasonable therefore the court accordingly orders that the Said Sheriff John Powell Summons an able Jury of twelve freeholders of his Baylliwick doe meet him at the said Plantation of the Said Stockley Decd between the Date hereof and the third of August _____ if faire, if not the next Day and doo Lay out the third part of the said Land or Plantation by meets and bounds according to Quantity and Quality to the said Warren and Issable his wife according to Law and the next Justices of the Peace doe give the Said Jury there oaths before they proceed thereon and the Sheriff forthwith give the Sd Warrin and his wife notice of the Same and after so laid out as aforesaid, the said Warren and his wife to make choice of one third part of the said Land or Plantation for her Dower and if the said Warrin and his wife should refuse to make Choice of the said third part of the said Land, then the Sheriff to make choice for them and the said third part to Deliver them of the Said Land or Plantation and the other two thirds parts to Deliver to the said John Stockly [Jr.] and the said Stockly [to] pay Cost.”⁷¹⁹

2 OCTOBER 1716

“William Mason and his wife **Eliner** came before Col. Tully Robinson (a justice) and complained that Rebackah Lister (a servant woman indentured to them) had run away. Robinson issued a precept to ‘attach the body of the sd Rebckah & her to appeare at this court.’ Now both parties appeared and Rebackah was granted her request to have till the next court to answer the charges. The court accepted **Thomas Stockly** as her security.”⁷²⁰

6 SEPTEMBER 1715

“Hill Drummond, a constable for the county, informed the court that on last 13 August, John Smith, John Martiall, Jno. Martiall, Jr., Daniel Franciscoe and Richard Rowlin had disobeyed him while he was trying to command the peace. Ordered that the sheriff summon the above persons to appear at the next court The sheriff was also to summon Maj. Bennitt Scarburgh and **Joseph Stockly** to give evidence against them.”⁷²¹

**15 NOVEMBER 1715
(NORTHAMPTON)**

⁷¹⁸Accomack Co., VA, Wills & Deeds, 1692–1715: 631; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643796 > image 693.

⁷¹⁹Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 213–14; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 409.

⁷²⁰McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 52; citing Book 13, p. 24a.

⁷²¹McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 22; citing Book 11, p. 10a.

MILLS: Mills & Associates of Accomack & Northampton Counties, VA c1634–c1750...10 November 2023

This Day on the Petition [*sic*] of John Bowden Gentleman, a Certificate is Granted him for a Letter of Administration in Due form on the Estate of Judieth Boyer Dec'd who made oath theirt, he having Entered into bond with good Security for the Said administration, **William Willitt**, Benjamin **Straton**, Len^{e?} Jarries?, Wilson Jun^r and **John Stockly** [Jr.] is apointed by the Court to appraise the said Judieth Boyer Estate ..."⁷²²

COMMENT:

This John would be son of the recently deceased John Sr. and grandson of the immigrant Francis.

**20 MARCH 1715/6
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"This Day on the Petition of **John Stockly** [Jr.] the Court hath appointed Mr. John Bowdivine, William Wilson, and Capt. Francis Costing to devide the Estate of John Stockly desd. According to the True intent and meaning of the sd John Stockly Last will and Testament some Time betweene this and the Next Court and the said Stockly pay Cost."⁷²³

3 APRIL 1716

"Thomas Townsin brought action for 25 bushels of Indian corn against **Cha. Stockly**, who was granted reference to the next court."⁷²⁴

**15 MAY 1716
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"This day the action of the Case between John Powell, Sheriff, Plaintiff, and **Edward Mills, Planter**, Defendant, being called and the said Mills confessed that he stands Justly in Debted to the said Powell [for] Eight hundred twenty and Six pounds of Tobacco upon which the Court hath ordered the said Mills forthwith pay to the said Powell the said Sume of Eight Hunred twenty and Six poun of Tobacco with Cost of Suit att Ex."⁷²⁵

COMMENT:

This would be Edward, son of John Mills.

"This day the Court hath ordered William Warren and Isabel his wife return a true and perfect Inventory on their oathes of **John Stockly** Decd. his Estate of What was in their Possession or Knowledge at the day of their Enter marrieing with Each other to the next court."⁷²⁶

**29 JUNE 1716
(NORTHAMPTON)**

"This day **Rebecca Whitt** appeared being Presented by the Grand Jury for Bastard Bearing and Declaring upon her oath that Richard Bull is the reputed father of her Child born of her Body upon which the Clark is Ordered to issue out his Maj^{ties} most Graciously will of Subpanoe Directed to the Sheriff to Summons the Said Richard bull to the next Court for to give Bond and Security to bear the Parish Harmless of the said Bastard Child to the Church wardens of Hungers Parish and William H _____ to the Court to pay the fine of five hundred Pounds of tobacco for the Said Rebecca Whitte for having a Bastard Child as aforesaid and pay Cost."⁷²⁷

COMMENT:

⁷²² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 226; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 415.

⁷²³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 241; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 423.

⁷²⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 40; citing Book 12, p. 18a.

⁷²⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 246; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 425.

⁷²⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 248; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 426.

⁷²⁷ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 253; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 428.

When Richard Bull came into court, the court order identified Rebecca's surname (twice) as *White*. (See pp. 260–61; image 432)

"This day upon the Petition of Captain Thomas Savage, the Court hath Bound out two mulatto Children, one named Ann and the Other named Elizabeth, both **Born of the body of Jane Webb the wife of a Negro man belonging to Captain Thomas Savage**, which the Court hath Bound out to the said Savage according to Law to him his heirs and Assignes."⁷²⁸

COMMENT:

This is the first area record I've found in which a seeming white woman is called "wife" of a Negro man, implying they were legally married.

"Whereas **William Warring** and **Issable** his wife failling to bring a true and Perfect Inventory of the Estate of **John Stockly** Deceased, made of what was In their Possession or Knowledge att the day of their Intermarrying with Each Other Acording to Last Court's Order, therefore the Court orders the Sheriff to take the said Warring and Issable his wife into Safe custody till the said Warring Enters into Bond with good security for his Complliance with the said former Order dated 15 day of May 1716."⁷²⁹

3 JULY 1716

"Thomas Boniwell, blacksmith, brought action for 16 bushels of Indian corn against **Thomas Stockly**, who was granted a delay till the next court."⁷³⁰

17 JULY 1716

(NORTHAMPTON)

"This day **William Warring** and **Isabele** his wife Exhibited a true and Parfect Inventory of the Estate of **John Stocly** Dec'd as to what was In their Possession or Knowledge from the day of their Entermarrying with Each Other the Court hath appointed John Bowden, William Wilson, and Francis Costin Senr., Gentlemen, to divide the Said Estate of John Stocly Deceased According to the true Intent and meaning of the said John Stockly Deceased his Last will and Testament some time between this and the next Court and that John Stocly [Jr.] Pay Cost."⁷³¹

7 AUGUST 1716

"At the last court Thomas Boniwell brought action for 16 bushels of Indian corn at 20 pence per bushel against **Thomas Stockly**, who now put in an account to discount the debt. Finding that the debt had been paid, the court dismissed the suit."⁷³²

23 AUGUST 1716

(NORTHAMPTON)

"This day the Indenture for Land was acknowledged in Court by **Elizabeth Moor** to be her real act and deed with Livery and Seizen of the Same to **Edward Mills** and att his request itt is ordered to be Recorded."⁷³³

18 SEPTEMBER 1716

(NORTHAMPTON)

⁷²⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 255; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 430.

⁷²⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 255; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 430.

⁷³⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 47; citing Book 12, p. 22.

⁷³¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 259; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 432.

⁷³² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 48; citing Book 12, p. 22a.

⁷³³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–130116: 265; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 435.

Edward Mills of Northampton pays **Elizabeth Moore Juner** of same, 75£ currency, for all her right, title, and interest to her equal part of 175 acres lying on **Maggotty Bay** and Jackson's Landing in Northampton "and being Coheirs with my Sisters Isabel Warren, **Agnus Mills the wife of Said Edward Mills**, and Elinor Moor, all **daughters of Thomas Moore**, their decd. father late of said County of Northampton," and John Moor. Signed Elizabeth Moor her mark. Witnesses: John Bryant, Robt. Nowson.

COMMENT:

Edward Mills of Northampton, son of John, was brother-in-law to John Stockley Sr. of Northampton, son of Francis and first cousin of Charles Stockley of Accomack.

I.e., Stockleys of Northampton and Accomack were both marital associates of Millses of both Northampton and Accomack.

"Memorandum that Livery and Seizen of the above said Bargained Land and Remiss was this day given by the said Elizabeth Moore Juner and delivered to the said **Edward Mills** by Turph and twig according to Law," 15 September.

"The said Indenture was Acknowledged In Open Court by the Said Elizabeth Moor to be her real act and deed to the said **Edward Mills** and at the request of the said **Edward Mills** It is Ordered to be Recorded."⁷³⁴

6 NOVEMBER 1716

The grand jury filed a presentment against "**Charles Stockly**, surveyor of the road from Oak Hall to the Cross Plains."⁷³⁵

20 NOVEMBER 1716

(NORTHAMPTON)

Edward Mills is one of a dozen or so freeholders summoned to appear to show cause why they had not appeared as jurors when summoned.

"This day the action of ditinue Between Henry Cleg [*sic*] Plaintiff and **Mills Halfburd** [Mulls Halsburt?] defendant and the Said Halfburd acknowledges to have in his possession the Estate of Rachel Clegg and his [is] willing to deliver the Said Estate that he is possest with, Itt is therefore ordered that the said Halfburd forthwith deliver to the said Henry Clegg all the Estate of the said Rachell Clegg decd that is in his possession or Knowledge on oath of Cost of Suit all Execuⁿ."⁷³⁶

2 DECEMBER 1716

Will of Edward (E) Baly, sons Edmond, John, and Robert, land on Masong Creek. Daughters Hannah Conty and Elizabeth Gladding, daughter Comfort Ginkinson, daughters Ann Catherine Baly and Rachel Baly. Trusty friends **Thomas Stockly Juner** and **Joseph Stockly Juner** to assist Baly's loving wife [not named] in her roll as executrix. Witnesses: Thomas Stockly, Joseph Stockly, **Tho: Stockly Juner**.⁷³⁷

COMMENT:

The will of Elizabeth [—?—] Stockly Stratton, written in 1697 and probated in 1707 named her daughter Hanna Baly. Hannah (Stockley) Baly is widow of Edward in document at 7 May 1717, below.

⁷³⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Wills, Deeds & C, 1711–1718 [Book XXI] : 112; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 130.

⁷³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 54; citing Book 12, pp. 25, 25a.

⁷³⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 268; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 436.

⁷³⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729: 23; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 41.

15 JANUARY 1716/7
(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day **Edward Mills**, Jerom Griffeth, William Dunton, Dowell Eshon?, John Waterfield, and Abraham Jacob appearing according to the Last court order being Summoned thereto for their nonappearance to Service as Grand Jurymen in November for Court Last and for reasons thay showed to the court thay are discharged from Said Summons thay paying Cost.”⁷³⁸

COMMENT:

This Edward is the son of John of Northampton and grandson of the immigrant Francis.

19 MARCH 1716/7
(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day on the petition of **John Stockley** the Court hath Ordered the Sheriff to Summon **William Warren** and Isabella his wife to the next Court to answer to such Questions as the Court Shall think fitt.”⁷³⁹

COMMENT:

This John should be John³, son of John², grandson of Francis¹.

7 MAY 1717

“Hannah Baly (widow and executrix of Edward Baly) presented the will of her late husband; it was proved by the oaths of **Thomas Stockly, Joseph Stockly, and Thomas Stockly, Jr.**”⁷⁴⁰

COMMENT:

Née Hannah Stockley, sister of John Jr., Francis, Thomas, Woodman, Joseph, and Charles.

21 MAY 1717
(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day the action of Debt between Nathaniell Roach of **Sommerset County** in the Province of **Maryland**, Planter, and **Loudon Walston** of the Said County and Province Doe ____ and being Called in March Court last and the defendant failing to appear or any attorney for him [his?] Land, on the mottion of the Plaintiff Attorney Jacob Stringer, an attachment was granted him upon the said Walstone’s Estate and the Said attachment beng returned [as] Execution [on] the persons of **Thomas Mills** and John Pigott and that the said Mills declared on his oath that he hath in his hands one b____ Bridle Saddle and Bouts being part of the Estate of the Said Walston, the Plaintiff, proving ____ according to Law it is therefore ordered that the Said **Mills** forthwith deliver to the Said Nathaniell Roach or ____ the Said ____ Bridl, Sadle and Boots with Cost of Suit all Ex.”⁷⁴¹

COMMENT:

This document is quite blurred. The important issue is this: **Thomas Mills of Northampton, the apparent son of John and grandson of the immigrant William (& Joane), was associating with planters in Somerset Co, Maryland.**

18 JUNE 1717
(NORTHAMPTON)

John Stockley served on jury.

“This day the court hath Ordered the Sheriff to take into his care and custody the body of **Wm. Warren**

⁷³⁸ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 15, 1710–16: 272; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 439.

⁷³⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 4; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 456.

⁷⁴⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 54; citing Book 13, p. 30a.

⁷⁴¹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 6; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 457.

and **Isable** his wife, till they Enter into Bond with good Security for there apearances at the next Court, this being for their contempt in not obeying the Last court Order being Sumoned thereto to Answer the complaint of **Jno. Stockly**.”⁷⁴²

COMMENT:

This John Stockley is John³, son of Isable and John², and grandson of Francis¹.

16 JULY 1717

(NORTHAMPTON)

“This day **Wm Warren** and **Isable** his wife appeared to answer the Complaint of **Jno. Stockly**, and on the sd Stocklys complaint being heard, the Court hath ordered that the sd Warren and Isabele his wife Render in writing a true and Perfect Account from under their Hands of the **Estate of Woodman Stockly**, left him by his Deceased father Jno. Stockly [Sr.] as also of the Lagacies Left him by his sd Deceased father in his Last will and Testament to the next Court and that the sd Warren at the sd Court Give Bond and good security for the sd Woodman Stocklys Estate and Legacies.”⁷⁴³

18 JULY 1717

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Stockley and Alexander Bagwell served on jury.⁷⁴⁴

20 AUGUST 1717

(NORTHAMPTON)

“John White, **School Master** of Northampton County” was sued by Richard Drummond and Richard Kitson of Accomack County as administrators of the estate of Thomas Parramore.

“This day **Wm. Warren** appeared according to the Last court order and hath Entered int[o] Bond with good Security, for **Thomas and Woodman Stockley**’s Estate and the said Warren to pay cost to re[im]burst out of the Sd Woodman & Thomas Stockleys Estate for the partition and order of Summons.”⁷⁴⁵

5 NOVEMBER 1717

Thomas Sockley served on grand jury.⁷⁴⁶

3 FEBRUARY 1718

William Miles to son William Miles, sale of 150 acres adjoining Sibbe Onion, land formerly belonging to Capt. Daniel Jenifer, Joseph & William hickman, land formerly belonging to Charles Campleson. Signed Witnesses: Tho: Evans, John Rogers. William Miles, his mark M.

COMMENT:

The two inner strokes of Willliam Miles’ M cross each other in the same manner used in 1708 when William Mill[s] and Roger Miles witnessed Campleson’s will.⁷⁴⁷

8 FEBRUARY 1717/8

“Blare, John, Tanner – 8 Feb. 1717/18 – 2 Apr. 1718 – (of **Somerset County, Md.**) Eldest son Robert. Youngest son Fenton Blare. Eld. Dau. Elizabeth. 2nd dau. Margrett. 3d dau. Hanna. Youngest dau. Agnes. Father in law Capt. “Fri & mother in law Margaret Fenton to care for children. **Friend Robert Mills** Exr.

⁷⁴² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 15–16; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 462.

⁷⁴³ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 21; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 465.

⁷⁴⁴ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 29, 1716–18: 29; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 469.

⁷⁴⁵ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 32; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 470.

⁷⁴⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 88; citing Book 13, p. 4.

⁷⁴⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, Etc., 1715–1829: 276b; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7643802 > image 285.

Witt: Larius **Maddox**, Frances Newbole, **Thomas Layfield**, Edward Johnson – p. 119.”⁷⁴⁸

COMMENT:

I have not yet placed this Robert. He also goes unplaced in Watring and Wright’s “Marriage References and Family Relationships.”

**17 MARCH 1718
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“This day the action the case between Hugh Allen plaintiff and **Thomas Mills** defendant being called & the defendant failing to appear, upon the motion of the plaintiff, an attachment is granted him against the said Mills Estate for Six pounds, Six Shillins with Cost, Returnable to May Court next.”⁷⁴⁹

COMMENT:

This Thomas is the apparent son of John.

17 MARCH 1718

“**Willet, William** – 17 Mar 1718/19 – 4 Nov. 1719 – To wife use of ½ planta. & personal property for life, then to be div. between my children. To **son Ambrose** planta where I live & 110 A. To **dau. Elizabeth** 145 A adj. same. To **dau. Catherine** 143A. adj. Elizabeth. To **dau. Ann** 120 A. purchased of Francis Ayres. To **son John** the other part of land purchased of Francis Ayres supposed to be 60 A. To **grandson William Willett, son of Ambrose**, mill & 2 A. given me by Richard Hill decd., also 12 A. purchased of John Cary. Son Ambrose & grandson William Exrs. Francis Young, Thomas **Rily**, Francis Ayres & Thomas Simpson Jr. overseers. – Witt: - **Jacob D. Litchfield**, John **Rily**. Robert **Ternall**.”⁷⁵⁰

COMMENT:

An older **Elizabeth Willet** on 25 Mar. 1687 was named as daughter of Finla MackWilliam. (Wills & Deeds 1676–1690: p 459). On 8 October 1724, Joseph Walker (husband of William Willet’s daughter Elizabeth) was witness for “Elizabeth Mackwilliams” in her suit against John Mellson. (Court Orders 1724–31: 5a)

Re the three daughters:

- **Catherine Willett, on 22 February 1715/16** witnessed George Middleton Sr.’s sale of land, no landmark cited.⁷⁵¹ She married **James Coner** before 7 Feb. 1720, when Coner’s “bro. in law Ambrose Willett was appointed administrator of his estate, with **Thomas Simson** as security.”⁷⁵² She had one daughter Comfort Conner, named in the November 1725 will of her grandmother Ann Willet. **I have not found record of Catherine’s remarriage or any subsequent record.** On 9 February 1737, Charles Stockley [Jr.] had a wife Comfort, when (as exr. of Solo. Ewell) they were sued by James Wishart (Court Orders 1737–44: 34). *Note also:* John Stratton’s will bequeathed a looking glass to one Francis Conner.
- **Elizabeth Willet** m. Joseph Walker and **Anne Willet** married Thomas **Liliston** before February 1720 (see note of July 1720), when they sued their father’s widow Ann.

Jacob Litchfield in 1725 would witness the will of Willet’s widow Ann. On 6 November 1726, Jacob Litchfield and *William Wood* witnessed John Oakley’s sale of land on Hunting Creek. On same day, *William Wood* and **William Mills** witnessed Catherine Moore’s gift of land to her “son-in-law **Thomas Stockley**.”

⁷⁴⁸ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800* (Polyanthos), 44.

⁷⁴⁹ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18:77; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 488.

⁷⁵⁰ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800* (Heritage Books), 61.

⁷⁵¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800* (Heritage Books), 61; citing p. 191.

⁷⁵² Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800* (Heritage Books), 89.

1 APRIL 1718

“Tully Robinson brought action for 2480 lbs tobacco against Walter Warrington and John Hutchinson, who failed to appear. The sheriff returned Robt. Flack and Wm. Hope as security for Warrington’s appearance at the next court; he returned **Thomas Stockly** as security for Jno. Hutchinson.”

“Jonathan Aleworth brought action for 488 lbs tobacco against John Brodhurst, who failed to appear. The sheriff returned **Joseph Stockly** as bail for Brodhurst’s appearance at the next court.”⁷⁵³

2 APRIL 1718

“Capt. Moses Fenton petitioned that John Blair, a recently deceased tanner of this county, had, in his will, named **Robert Mills of Summersett County, Maryland**, to be his executor. Mills refused this responsibility and wrote his refusal on the will; the refusal was proved by the oaths of Thomas Layfieal and Lazarus Maddox. Since Fenton was grandfather of John Blair’s orphans, he requestsed administration of the estate, which was granted. The court accepted Fenton himself and Mr. Thomas Custis as security. The will was proved by the oaths of Thomas Layfield and Lazrus Maddox.”⁷⁵⁴

COMMENT:

George Layfield, as husband of the widow of William Stephens, sued John Stratton in March 1692/3.⁷⁵⁵

Re Fenton: Somerset County, MD 200a. New Wood Hall tract. Surveyed 10 Nov. 1686, for Richard Farewell (Baltimore Hundred) on the north side Pocomoke. Possessed by **Moses Fenton**.⁷⁵⁶

4 APRIL 1718

Charles Stockly and Francis Stockly served on the jury.⁷⁵⁷

6 MAY 1718

“**Stockly, Charles**, yeoman - 6 May 1718 – 5 May 1719 – To **sons Joseph & Charles** all my lands & planta. where I now live To **son Jacob** land adj where I now live. **Dau. Elizabeth. Wife Rebecca. Son in law [step son] William Mills personal property which was his mother’s**. Friend *Sebastin Delastatius*. Ex’r. Richard Kittson & my Exr. to divide planta. Witt: Richard **Kitson**, Nathaniel Williams, *Samuel Turner* – p. 188.”⁷⁵⁸

ACTUAL WILL:

“In the name of God Amen, this twenty Sixth day of May in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c, Anno dom^o 1718, I **Charles Stockly** of Accomack County in the Colony of Virginia, yeoman, being Sick in body but of Sound mine & memory praise be God, do make & ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & forme following: First & principally I Commit my Soul unto the [the] mercifull hands of Almighty God & my body to the Earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my Executor herein hereafter named in hopes of a Joyful Resurrection to Eternal bliss thro the merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and as for my Temporal Estate wherewith it hath been pleased God to bless me, I Give bequest & dispose of the Same as followeth, Vizt:

“Imprimis, I Give and bequeath unto my **sons Joseph Stockly & Charles Stockly** all my Land & plantation

⁷⁵³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 101; citing Book 13, p. 10.

⁷⁵⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 104; citing Book 13, p. 1.

⁷⁵⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 8, 1690–1697, 110; citing p. 100.

⁷⁵⁶ Ruth T. Dryden, *Calvert Papers: Rent Rolls of Somerset County, Maryland, 1663–1723* (San Diego, Calif.: Privately printed, 1981?), p. 223.”

⁷⁵⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 42; citing Book 12, p. 19.

⁷⁵⁸ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Polyanthos), 46.

whereon I now live and which lieth below sd. County road to be equally divided So as Joseph have & possess that moiety wch lieth near the Creek & the other Moiety be and remain unto my sd. Son Charles & which lieth nearest the County road wch said land & plantation I bequeath unto my Sd Sons & to the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten.

“Item. I Give & bequeath to my Son **Jacob Stockly** all my land lying above the sd. Road to him & his Lawful hereditary Issue for Ever and my will is that all sorts of Timber on my Son Jacob’s part shall be in Comon for my Son Joseph & my Son Charles to make use of but only for their respective plantation use & uses and also yt [that] my Son Jacob do & shall fully assist in the repairing of the fences of the Pasture for & during the term of Ten years, in Consideration of which my Sd Son Jacob to have free and unmolested priviledge of pasturage for his own proper Stock during the said term and after expiration of sd. Term then the privilege of pasturing one working horse while my sd. Son may have occasion during his natural life that is to Say pasturage in the Land above bequeathed unto my sons Joseph Stockley & Charles Stockly aforesd, also my will is that neither of my sd. Sons shall have any priviledge to let or hire any pasturage to any other person.

“Item. I will that if my Son Joseph Shall die without heirs as above then his part hereby herein bequeathed & Given to Defend unto my Son Charles & his heirs above sd. for Ever, and also if my Son Charles departs this life without Lawfull Issue then his part to be my Son Joseph’s & his lawful Issue for Ever and if my Son Jacob die without Lawfull issue then his part to be Equally divided between my other two Sons above sd. And if any Two of my Sons die without lawfull Issue then my will is that my **daughter Elizabeth** have & possess one third of the whole land to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten for Ever.

“I Give and bequeath to my Loving wife **Rebecca Stockley** my horse Called Diamond, my Saddle & bridle and also my will is that my Said wife may be not debarred of any priviledge on the plantation whereon I now dwell during her widowhood.

“Item. I Likewise Give and bequeath unto my Sd wife her Choice of the bed with a boulder, two pillows and pillow Cases & pair of Sheets & a pair of blankets & a Rug as also one third of all the Cattle & a third of all the Sheep & hogs, the remainder of the Sheep & hogs to be Equally divided between my son Charles & my daughter Elizabeth.

“Item. I Give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth her next Choice of feathur beds that is so as She may have one bed, boulder, two pillows & pillow Cases, a pair of Sheets, a pair of blankets, and a Rug and my will is th^t my said daughter may have one entire room in my dwelling house peculiar to her Self, as also any Ground on my dwelling plantation that She may have occasion for, to her own proper use during her Single Life and after marriage then her Land right to Cease.

“Item. I Give & bequeath unto my Son Joseph aforesd. my gray horse called Lawyer to him & his heirs for ever.

“Item. I Give & bequeath my old mare unto my daughter Elizabeth & her heirs for Ever and if said Mare increase then th^t my son Charles have the first or Second Colt & proceeds from said Mare & that Sd. Charles have one feather bed, boulder, with furniture.

“Item. After that, my afsd. Loving wife hath her part of the Cattle above given & bequeathed. I give & bequeath unto my Sd. Daughter Elizabeth & her heirs for Ever her Choice of one Cow & Calf and then the Rest of my Cattle to be Equally divided among my three Sons & sd. Daughter.

“Item. I Give and bequeath unto my son Charles Stockly my Gun & Sword, one Iron pott, one pewter dish, one Chest, four chairs and the rest of my Pewter I give Equally between my sd. Loving wife & daughter.

“Item. I Give & bequeath unto my two Sons Joseph & Jacob all my Carpenters tooles to be divided between them, also my Cart, harrow, plough & harness I leave for the Good of the plantation.

“Item. I Give and bequeath to my Sons Joseph & Jacob all my Apparel made or to be made *presently*?

“Item. I Give and bequeath unto my afsd. Wife her Choice of one pott & kettle and the. Chest called herrs, one box & trunk all her apparel & all bought for her use.

“Item. I Give & bequeath unto my son in Law [step-son] **William Mills a feather bed, blanket & Rug which was his mother’s, provided the sd. William** in Consideracion hereof do & shall fully acquit the heirs of my Estate or the Executor of this my Last Will & Testament of & from a Certain Cow, Calf & yearling otherwise due unto the said William.

“All the rest of my personal Estate after my funeral Charges are defrayed & my Just debts discharged, I will to be Equally divided among my loveing wife & my above mentioned Children Ch: Joseph Jacob & Elisabeth.

“Lastly, I hereby do nominate Ordan Constitute & appoint my loving friend **Sebastian Delastatius** Sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testmament and do revoke & annul & make void any & every other will & Testament by me made heretofore and also do hereby request my worthy friend **Mr. Richard Kitson** as also my said Executor to divide my dwelling plantation between my aforesaid two Sons Joseph Stockley & Charles Stockley So as intended & said to be meant in the first bequest here in Confirmed. [Signed] Charles Stockly.

“Signed Sealed as also Expressed Pronounced published and declared this to be the Last Will & Testament of the within mentioned Testator In the presence of *Richd. Kitson, Nathaniel Williams* his [sideways “N”] Z mark, Samll. Turner.

“The within Last will & Testamt. of **Charles Stockley** was proved in open Court of Accomack County by the oaths of Richard Kitton, Nathaniel Williams, & Samuel Turner the three witnesses to the same, May the 5th 1719 wch the Co^{rt} admitted to Record. Teste: Chas: Snead Cl: Cor: Co: Accomack. Recorded May the 13th 1719.”⁷⁵⁹

COMMENT:

The common genealogical assertion that Charles Stockley married Rebecca—widow of Thomas Mills, by whom she had a son William—raises several questions:

- Why would William have any right to a cow, calf, and yearling from his stepfather’s estate?
- Why was no similar interest held by (or given to) Rebecca’s other children by Thomas?
- Why does the bequest to William say the property *was* that of his mother, when Rebecca was still very much alive?
- If the feather bed, blanket, and rug was/is the property of Rebecca, still living, then how could Charles bequeath her property?

The bequest to son-in-law (step-son) William Mills suggests that Charles has already allowed him a cow, calf, and yearling for his use, but he is to forfeit it in return for being given his mother’s bed, blanket, and rug. Given the composition of the cattle, it appears that Charles may have originally given William just one cow (2–3 years earlier) whose offspring now consists of a yearling and a calf. By implication, that gift would have been made at the unprobated settlement of Charles’ first wife’s property—suggesting that the first wife was William’s mother.)

**2_ AUGUST 1718
(NORTHAMPTON)**

“This day the action of the Case between Hugh Allen Plt and **Thomas Mils** defendt being Called in April Court Last and on the Mottion of the Plt. Attorney the attachment was Continued till the Court and now

⁷⁵⁹Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, pp. 73–74; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 92.

being Called and nither Plt nor defendant appearing there fore the Suite is dismissed and the Plft pay Costs of Suit all. Ex.”⁷⁶⁰

COMMENT:

This page of the court orders states that the May Court was to convene on the third Tuesday of May. In 1718, the third Tuesday of May fell on the 17th. However, the court orders for that session state that it convened on 2th, with the second character being covered by an ink blot.

5 AUGUST 1718

Charles Stockly and **Joseph Stockly** served on jury.⁷⁶¹

17 SEPTEMBER 1718

(NORTHAMPTON)

Mills [Mulls] Halfburd served on jury.⁷⁶²

8 OCTOBER 1718

“Capt John Bradhurst petitioned that John Stanton, a short time before his death, “by words in writing or will” gave most of his estate to his three youngest sons. Bradhurst presented the will signed by Stanton and witnessed by **Thomas Stockly** [Jr.] and Samuel Prier, both of whom were **now also deceased**. Bradhurst swore that he had seen Stanton and the witnesses sign the writing. Ordered that the will and the petition be filed in the office till the next court, when administration would be granted.”⁷⁶³

4 NOVEMBER 1718

[4 November 1718] **Joseph Stockly & Thomas Stockly** of Accomack County planters, being Sworn in open Co^{rt} held for sd. County of Accomack upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God do Say that Coll. Daniel Jenifer about thirty six years ago [i.e., c.1682] took a way from **John Stockley & Benjamin Ayres** a Tract of Land being an Island called **Hobson’s Choice** Situate in Accomack County and that it was commonly reported that the sd. Jenifer had a Patent for the same in his own name and that the sd. Island was never seated by the sd. Jenifer nor Stockt as the law directs to the best of their Knowledge nor by any other Excepting George Parker who Stockt the Same but on what right they know not. [Signed] **Joseph Stockly (J), Thomas Stockly**. The within deposition was Sworne to in open Co^{rt} of Accomack County by sd. Within Joseph Stockly & Thomas Stockly According as within mentioned this 4th day of November 1718.”⁷⁶⁴

5 NOVEMBER 1718

“**Thomas Stockly** was granted administration of the estate of his son, **Thomas Stockly Jr.**, who died intestate. The court accepted Fra. **Benston** and Jon. Foster as security.

“Ordered that **Joseph Stockly, Cha. Stockly, Thomas Perry** and *Wm. Taylor* (or any three of them) inventory and appraise the estate of Thomas Stockly Jr., before the next court.”

“**Francis Benston** petitioned that Mich(ael) Nedon died intestate, leaving a small estate and ‘one child yt is an Infant & noe one to take Care of the Same.’ As the child’s grandfather, Benston asked for letters of administration on the estate on behalf of the orphan. The court agreed and accepted William Benston and **Thomas Stockly** as security. Ordered that William Beavens, Alexander **Benston**, John Morris and Ralph Lisney (or any three of them) inventory and appraise the estate of Michael Nedon (deceased) before the

⁷⁶⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 89; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 494.

⁷⁶¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 116; citing Book 13, p. 16a.

⁷⁶² Northampton Co., VA, Order Book No. 16, 1716–18: 122–23; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 502.

⁷⁶³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 124; citing Book 13, p. 20a.

⁷⁶⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 62; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 80.

next court.”

Fra. Stockly served on jury.⁷⁶⁵

8 APRIL 1719

“**Thomas Stockly** brought action for 4960 lbs tobacco against John Hutchinson, who was granted a delay till the next court.⁷⁶⁶

25 APRIL 1719

(NORTHAMPTON)

COMMENT:

This date marks the beginning of **Order Book No. 17, 1719–1722. It is the point at which I quit reading the published order books.** Thomas Mills (apparent son of John) who had been active in the order books and was the last of the Millses remaining there, is not indexed in Book 17.

Order Book 18, 1722–29 is not indexed at all. I have not read it.

Because one Thomas Mills appears below as witness to a Somerset Co. MD deed—and Robert Mills of Accomack also appears as a Somerset resident in this period—I **am shifting my focus to Somerset. I may need to finish reading these Northampton order books.**

1 MAY 1719

“**Stockly, Thomas [Sr.]** – 1 May 1719 – 1 Mar. 1719/20 – To wife Hannah whole est. during her wid. for the maintenance of herself & children. To **son Charles** my planta. where I now live at the head of Assawoman Creek. To **son John** land at Assawoman Creek. Grandson **Thomas Stockly Merrill. Daus. Neomi & Jemima Stockly. Dau. Hannah Merrill.** Grandau. Hannah Merrill. **Bro. Joseph Stockly,** friend John Staton, Exrs. Witt: **Samuel Paine, Alexander Stockly, Samuel Turner, Thomas Wormsly, p. 244.”**⁷⁶⁷

ACTUAL WILL:

“I, Thomas Stockley (s/ Thomas Stokly) of Accomack ... yeoman being Sick & weak in Body but of sound mind ... Give ... to my Loving & **Beloved Wife Hannah** Stockly all my Estate ... during her widowhood after my Decease for the maintenance of her self & Children so that there be no willfull waste [but if she marries again or dies,] dwelling plantation unto my **Son Charles Stockley**, with the land adjoining Beginning at the head of Assawoman Creek & so running upon the North Side my mill branch to a line of marked trees across the sd. Land to a dividing line between **Nathaniel Tunhill’s** plantation & the Said Branch ... and the residue & remaining part of my Land I give & bequeath unto my **Son John Stockly** & the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten,” but if there are none, then John’s part goes to testator’s son Charles. If either son dies without lawfull Issue, then the estate goes to the testator’s grandson **Thomas Stockly Merrill** and the heirs of his body who are lawfully begotten. **Remainder of estate to his two daughters Neomi and Jemima Stockley.** Sons Charles and John to get the **grist mill.** Various furniture, gun, livestock to sons and daughter **Hannah Merrill.** Witnesses: Samuel Paine, **Alexander Stockly.** Sa^l Turner, Executors: beloved **brother Joseph Stockly** & Loving friend **Joseph Staton.** Thomas Wormsley (his mark). Proved 1 March 1719 by Samuel Paine, Alexander Stockly & Thomas Wormsley.⁷⁶⁸

COMMENT:

⁷⁶⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 130; citing Book 13, pp. 24, 24a.

⁷⁶⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 148; citing Book 13, p. 33.

⁷⁶⁷ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 302, citing Orders, 1777–1780, p. 2.

⁷⁶⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 103 [sic clearly not p. 244 as stated by Nottingham]; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 112.

February 1738/9 one William Mills filed a petition against John Cain and wife “**Hannah (the adm. of Thomas Merrill)**”—**seemingly the daughter of Thomas Stockley, above**. The action was postponed a month for them to respond, then dismissed because neither party showed.

I’ve seen no evidence, yet, that any William Mills was a resident of Accomack in the 1730s—nor have I found him in Northampton in the 1720s. Watring (p. 171) states: “**Mills, William, d. 3 Apr 1750, 8 May 1750, m. bef. 1737 Ann (N)**. They were the parents of Thomas, Edmund and leaca (Jaker) (m. Moses Cox). (VES: 1118; APP1:9899).” Watring’s parenthetical (N) was her symbol for surname unknown.

The names attributed to children of William and Ann suggest that this is the William who was the youngest son of Thomas Mills, named in his c1709 will. **This William might be the William who took out land in Somerset in 1733 and appears consistently on rolls through the mid-1740s.**

The Charles named above, brother of Hannah (Stockley) Merrill, was the nephew of the Charles Stockley who died in 1718/9 leaving a will that named his “son-in-law William Mills.”

5 MAY 1719

“**Sebastian Delestatius** (executor of **Charles Stockly**, deceased), with the consent of **Jos. Stockly** (eldest son and heir of Charles Stockly), presented and swore to the will, which was proved by the oaths of Richd. Kittson, Jr. Samuel Turner, and Nathl. Williams.

“Ordered that Wm. Williamson, Capt. Jno. Bradhurst, Wm. Broadwatter and **Jos. Stockly** (or any three of them) inventory and appraise the estate of **Cha. Stockly** before the next court.”⁷⁶⁹

28 MAY 1719

Joseph Goutee (G⊕) late of **Calvert? County in the Province of Maryland**, planter, and Elizabeth Goutee his wife, sell to *John Massy* of Accomack in the colony of Virginia, for 3,500 £ tobacco and Cask, 100 acres near the head of Pitt Neck in Accomack, being part of 300 acres formerly belonging to **Alexander Massey** deceased. Witnesses: **Sebastian Delastatius, Thomas Mills, William Brodwatter**. Acknowledged by Joseph Goutee & Elizabeth and admitted to court 4 August 1719. Recorded 17 August 1719.⁷⁷⁰

COMMENT:

- 29 May 1719 (day after the above) William Brodwatter and **Joseph Stockly** inventoried the estate of **Charles Stockley**.
- Sebastian Delastatius Sr. was the executor of Charles Stockley’s will.
- When Sebastian Delastatius Sr. made his will in the 1730s, his executors were Charles and Thomas Stockley.
- These four documents place Thomas Mills [son of the Thomas who made his will in February 1708/9 naming sons Thomas, Edmund, Alexander, and William] into the circle of Charles Stockley who had a step-son William Mills.
- Alexander Massey’s wife Elinor was heir to John Stratton, the stepfather of the Stockleys. Alexander Massey’s daughter married Joseph Stockley, stepson of John Stratton.
- This is the last record I’ve found for Thomas Jr. (son of Thomas & Elizabeth Bagwell) in Accomack.

29 MAY 1719

“An Inventory and Apraisment of the. Estate of **Charles Stockly** lately decd & appraise by we the

⁷⁶⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714, 151; citing Book 13, p. 34.

⁷⁷⁰ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 84; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 102.

sub[s]cribers this twenty ninth day of May 1719.

• 1 horse caled Dimond	5.0.11
• 1 Sadle & bridle	0.0.5
• 1 feather bade bolster 2 pilow with cases	4.0.0
• 1 Rugg 2 blankets 2 sheetes	2.0.0
• 1 feather bade 2 blankets one Rugg	4.0.0
• 1 chest	0.8.0
• 1 box	0.5.0
• 1 Trunk	0.2.6
• 1 Chest & Lock & way?	0.9.0
• 1 faether bade 2 blankets pr of Sheetes 1 Rug	5.10.0
• 1 faether beade 1 bolster 1 blankett 1 Rugg	3.10.0
• 1 horse called Lawyer	5.0.0
• 1 gunn & Sorde	1.5.0
• 1 mear of 3 years old	2.10.0
• 1 Iron pott a boutt 5 gallons	0.8.0
• 1 Iron deto a boutt 1 12 gallons	0.5.0
• 1 Iron do & hookes of 3 ½ gallons	0.12.0
• 1 Iron deto Galons	0.14.0
• 1 Iron do. Of 3 galons	0.7.0
• 1 Iron Kett[?]e about 4 Galones	0.8.0
• 36 lbs. of puter & 10 lb. ____	1.10.0
• 1 Sutte of close cottr vest & britche & hatt	4.0
• 1 persall of carpenters tooles	1.0.0
• 3 peses of teen wear	0.1.0
• 2 Bibles 1 Tasteriantt? 1 prayer book	0.10.0
• 4 pear hookes & hinges & Latches	0.10.0
• 1 Corring knife	0.8.0
• 1 hollond? One pistell	0.3.0
• 1 small pr. Stelards	0.5.0
• 2 small tables	1.0.0
• 1 box Iron beters & cresett?	0.5.0
• 1 Seett of wegees & Ring	0.5.6
• 1 Cheast & box	0.10.0
• 1 doz. Of Chaers	0.10.0
• 2 weners slaes?	0.6.0
• 1 bead stead matt & corde	0.7.0
• 1 matt	0.7.0
• 1 bead 2 blankets	0.8.0
• 7 ps [pieces?] Earthen wear	0.6.0
• 9 ps. Earthen wear	0.4.6
• 1 Cheast & Lock	0.10.0
• 1 Powderne Tubb	0.4.6
• 1 Cheast & Lock	0.10.0
• 1 Powderne Tubb	0.4.6
• 9 torned? Tranchers 1 bowle	0.1.6
• 3 Sifters	0.3.0
• 4 old Caske	0.5.0

MILLS: Mills & Associates of Accomack & Northampton Counties, VA c1634–c1750...10 November 2023

• 1 hackle	0.5.0
• 1 frring Pann	0.3.0
• 4 yearling Cattle@ 8 pr	1.12.0
• 6 2-year old at 15 pr.	4.10
• 1 old Cow & Calfe	0.18.0
• 3 Cowes & Claves [sic]	3.15.0
• 9 <u>barrent?</u> Cattle	10.0.0
• 16 [head] of Sheep	10.0.0
• 370 feett of walnutt planke d ^d p. foot	1.10.10
• 1 Lining wheell 1 wolling wheell	5.0
• 1 Croscutt Saw	0.9.0
• 1 Stear	2.20.0
• 2 yearling hose Colt	1.9.0
• 270 foot of pine planks	0.16.0
• 1 speett & fier tongues	0.5.6
• 2 bad steads matt & Cordes	0.16.0
• 1 old Sadle, 5 botles?	0.5.2
• 18 lb. of thread, 1 Slabb of Whaell bone	1.8.6
• 2 augeors, 1 pr sheep shears	0.8.0
• 2 Szes 2 howes 1trowell	0.6.0
• 1 pot rack 4, 1 grinde stone 3	0.7.0
• 12 Shotes at 3 p. pr	1.16
• 10 hoges & 5 p. ps.	2.10
• 40 foott pine planks	0.8.0
• 1 old casque	0.2.6
• 1 Single Linnen wheell, 12, 1 hide 2.6	0.14.6
• 1 old brass Cattle [kettle?] 3?, 1 grinde stone 1.6	<u>0.10.6</u>
	92.0.0

“In obedience to an order of Accomack County Courte wee the subscribers mett at the House of **Charles Stockley** wher he Lived and died and thare did Inventory & appraise all the. Estate of the Sd. Charles Stockley as was persented to us by sd. Executors of the sd. Stockleys Estate to the best of our Judgment, given under our hands this 2 day of May 1719. William Williamson (W). **William Brodwatter, Joseph Stockly.**

“The within Inventory & Apprismt. of the Estate of **Charles Stockly** was Recorded June the 10th 1719 p. Cha: Snead Cl. Cur Con Accom^k.”⁷⁷¹

COMMENT:

See 1 October 1728 for inventory and appraisal of “Estate of Char^s Stockley Deceased.” That Charles appears to be a nephew to the Charles above—i.e., Charles-of-Thomas.

2 JUNE 1719

“*Sebastian Delestatious* (executor of **Charles Stockly**, deceased) presented the inventory and appraisement of the estate.”⁷⁷²

⁷⁷¹Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p.80 (right side)–81; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > images 98–99.

⁷⁷² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 12 & 13, 1710–1714 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 159; citing Book 13, p. 37.

21 JULY 1719

(NORTHAMPTON)

“On the Mottion of **Francis Stockley and Elizabeth his wife, the Daughter of Jno. Eyre Dec’d**, the Last will and Testamt of Jno. Eyre Decd was proved in Court by Oaths of Thos. Moor, Michael Dixon, and Thos. Freshwater, witnesses thereton is Ordered to Record, the Executor named therein being Dead, and on the mottion of the said Francis and Elizabeth his wife a Certificate is granted them for Obtaining a Letter of Administration in Due fform on the behalfe of themselves and if ___ of their Bretherin on the said Eyre Estate wch the said Eyre will annexed thereto.”⁷⁷³

COMMENT:

John Eyre’s will, beginning on the prior page, names **grandson Jno. Preston** (to receive the plantation the testator resides on, on Sea side, containing 534 acres) **daughter Elizabeth Stockley** (to have her natural life on the plantation, if she chooses to live there); son-in-law **Samuell Burton** (plantation lying on Bay side during Elizabeth Stockley’s life, then to go to **grandson John Bagwell** and to his heirs); Daughter Elizabeth Stockley (to have negro men Sambo and Frank and girl Sarah and Negro Boys Benjamin and George during her natural life); **grandson John Burton**; Cousin Danl Eyres (all right title and interest to 533 acres on which Eyres’ mother now lives), daughter Elizabeth Stockley to get personal goods [mostly unreadable; also something to “his brother Thomas Bagwell after his mother’s decease”]. Thos. Eyre executor. Witnesses: Thomas Moore Michael Dixon, Thos. Freshwater.

3 NOVEMBER 1719

“**Ambrose Willitt** (son and executor of William Willitt, deceased), presented and swore to the will, but the widow appeared, dissented to the part relating to her and requested benefits according to law. Partially proved by the oaths of Jacob Litchfield and John Riley, the will was ordered kept in the clerk’s office for further proof.”⁷⁷⁴

COMMENT:

This is the first reference I’ve found to Ambrose Willitt. He appears to have just come of age—i.e., born 1698 or a bit earlier.

3 FEBRUARY 1719/20

“**Ambros Willitt** (executor of his fatherr Wm. Willitt) presented and swore to the inventory and appraisement of the estate.

“**Joseph Walker** and his **wife Elizabeth** along with **Thomas Liliston** and his **wife Ann** (two of the daughters of Wm. Willitt, deceased) petitioned that their father, who appointed his son **Ambrose executor**, had devised his personal estate (except for certain legacies) to be divided among his children. **Ann Willitt** (widow of Wm. Willitt), who had declined the legacies in the will in order to take the portion allowed her by law, had taken the entire personal estate into her possession. Ordered that the sheriff summon Ann Willit to appear at the next court to answer the petition.”⁷⁷⁵

COMMENT:

Ambrose Willitt, above, and **Ambrose Benston** appear to be the only men of their generation, in this county, who carried the given name Ambrose. *If* Stockley’s stepson William Mills was the

⁷⁷³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills &c 1718–1825: 25; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 847.

⁷⁷⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 20; citing p. 9.

⁷⁷⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 31–32; citing p. 14.

same man as William Mills who surfaced in Goochland in 1730 with money to buy large tracts of land—a man who named his first son Ambrose—then a Willitt or Benston female heir in this period might be a prospect for the wife of William Mills and the mother of Ambrose (i.e., Col. Ambrose Mills of the RW Battle of Kings Mountain, who supposedly came into Virginia from Maryland as a child.)

1 MARCH 1719/20

“**Joseph Stockley** and **Joseph Staton** (executors of **Thomas Stockly**, deceased) presented and swore to the will with the **consent of Charles Stockly, the eldest son and heir**. The will was proved by the oaths of **Samuel Paine, Alexander Stockly**, and Thomas Wormlesey. (p. 15)”⁷⁷⁶

“Ordered that *Thomas Perry*, **Joseph Stockly Jr.**, **Nathaniel Tunnill** and Thomas Merrill (or any three of them) inventory and appraise the estate of Thomas Stockly (deceased) and reprot to the next court. (p 15a)”⁷⁷⁷

TO DO:

Thomas Perry is so frequently associated with the Stockleys in these records that he should be investigated as likely kin.

8 JUNE 1720

“Ordered that Martinus Venittson be surveyor in the place of **Charles Stockly (deceased)** and that he cause the roads to be cleared according to law (p. 19).”⁷⁷⁸

5 JULY 1720

“At the February court **Joseph Walker** with his **wife Elizabeth** and Thomas **Liliston** with his **wife Anne** (the wives being daughters of **William Willit**, deceased) petitioned that Ann, widow of William Willit, kept back a considerable part of the personal estate so that a full inventory was not taken. The sheriff was ordered to summon Ann Willit to this court, now it was ordered that she swear to deliver to the next court a true inventory of the estate that was not in the original inventory exhibited by Ambros Willit, the executor. (p. 20a)”⁷⁷⁹

19 JULY 1720

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Moor, planter of Northampton, sells to **Edward Mills** & Thomas Freshwater a tract adjoining the place commonly known as Harper’s Field, containing an estimated 100 acres, adjoining the land of George and Thomas Freshwater, purchased from William Harper by the seller’s deceased father Thomas Moore and left to the seller in his father’s will. Witnesses: Stephen Coffin, ____ Moor, Isaac Moor.⁷⁸⁰

1720

“Marain, John - ____ 1720 – To son Mager Marain 250 A. To dau. Mary her mother’s clothing. 2 youngest sons Jonathan & Joseph. Friend **Joseph Staton** Exr. Son Joseph to Joseph Staton; Jonathan to Jonathan Laws, dau. to Mr. John Kendal, & Mager to **Samuel Pain**. Witt: **Joseph Goutey**, Mary Luecraft, Samuel Paine. – p. 261.”⁷⁸¹

⁷⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 34.

⁷⁷⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 34–35.

⁷⁷⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 44.

⁷⁷⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 47.

⁷⁸⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds, Wills & C, 1718–25: 104; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645502 > image 924.

⁷⁸¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 63.

COMMENT:

Re Goutey:

28 MAY 1719

Joseph Goutee (G±) late of **Calvert? County in the Province of Maryland**, planter, and Elizabeth Goutee his wife, sell to *John Massy* of Accomack in the colony of Virginia, for 3,500 £ tobacco and Cask, 100 acres near the head of Pitt Neck in Accomack, being part of 300 acres formerly belonging to **Alexander Massey** deceased. Witnesses: **Sebastian Delastatius, Thomas Mills, William Brodwatter**. Acknowledged by Joseph Goutee & Elizabeth and admitted to court 4 August 1719. Recorded 17 August 1719.⁷⁸²

Re Thomas Mills:

Thomas Sr., son of Alexander, left will in 1708 naming sons Thomas, Alexander, Edmund, and William. The Thomas above appears to be that son Thomas.

7 AUGUST 1720

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Morine of Northampton, being sick and weak but of sound mind and memory, makes will. Wife Jane: plantation where he now lives, till his son Wm. comes of age, as well as all the rest of his property. If she marries, then the rest is to be equally divided between “all my children, Wm., Jane, Jno., Sarah, & Jonathan. Jane is to be the executrix. Signed: Jno. Morine, **Francis Stokeley, Eliz. Stokeley**, Saml. Preston.⁷⁸³

15 AUGUST 1720

Inventory of estate of **Thomas Stockly, dec'd.** taken by *Thos. Perry, Joseph Stockly Junr. & Nathaniel Tunell (N)*. “**Errors &c Excepted, Joseph Staton.**”⁷⁸⁴

1720

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

“This list of Tithables of the lower presink’ – probably taken by William Waters – 1720” : **Edward Mills (1)** [*skip 27 male white tithables*] **Frances Stockly (8)**, including John Makland, Thomas Bagwell, and negros Sambo, fran, daniel, annaday and ginne.”⁷⁸⁵

7 FEBRUARY 1720/1

“**Ambros Willitt** (brother-in-law and greatest creditor to **James Coner**, who died intestate) was granted administration of the estate. **Thomas Simson** was accepted as security.”⁷⁸⁶

2 MAY 1721

“**Ambros Willitt** (administrator of **James Conners**, deceased) presented the inventory and appraisal of the estate.”⁷⁸⁷

COMMENT:

James Conners married Ambrose’s sister Catherine. I’ve not identified her past the death of Conners and no subsequent marriage is identified for her in Watring.

⁷⁸² Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 84; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 102.

⁷⁸³ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12: 112; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 932.

⁷⁸⁴ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729: 112; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 122.

⁷⁸⁵ John B. Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769* (Westminster, Md.: Heritage Books, 2008), 5–6.

⁷⁸⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2012), 62; citing p. 27.

⁷⁸⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 69; citing p. 30.

6 JUNE 1721

Ambros Willitt served on jury.”⁷⁸⁸

1721

(NORTHAMPTON)

Tithe list taken by Thomas Harmanson ‘which Mr. Hillary Stringer took the Last year’ : **John Stockly** at Smart Hunts (1): **Francis Stockley** (1), Tho Harmanson ... (8), **John Stratton**, George, ammer negro (3), George Clark, **Benjamin Stratton**, Chance Moll, David, Ursly, Negros (5) ...”⁷⁸⁹

10 JUNE 1721

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The list of tithables June the 10th Day 1721 y Ralph Pigot: **Francis Stoakly** w/Thomas Gagwell [Bagwell], Anada, Sambo, frank, Danniell, Geny negros (7) ...”

“Captain Ralph Pigot’s List 1721”: **Edward Mills (1)** ... Mr. William Willett w/ Susanah malatto, Rose malotto (4)⁷⁹⁰

4 JULY 1721

Ambros Benston served on jury.”⁷⁹¹

COMMENT:

Ambrose Benston previously served on jury in 1710 and 1712, but I’ve found nothing on him in the interim.

4 OCTOBER 1721

Ambros Benston served on jury.”⁷⁹²

2 JANUARY 1721/2

Ambrose Willitt served on jury.⁷⁹³

4–5 JANUARY 1721/2

Ambros Benston served on jury.”⁷⁹⁴

3–4 APRIL 1722

“**Ambros Willitt** petitioned to be paid for serving as a witness for *Thomas Simson* in his suit against Robert Justis. When Willit [*sic*] swore that he had attended ten days, the court ordered Simson to pay him 400 lbs tobacco and court charges.” Ambros also served on jury for that court term.⁷⁹⁵

1722

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

“A list of Tithables taken by me the Subscriber being from the house of Capt. William Willet on the bayside and from the house of his son Wil: Willet on the seaside and including all the lower End of Magata Bay”:

⁷⁸⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 76; citing p. 32a.

⁷⁸⁹ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 13.

⁷⁹⁰ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 17.

⁷⁹¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 78; citing p. 33a.

⁷⁹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 85–86; citing pp. 35a, 36.

⁷⁹³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 90; citing p. 37a.

⁷⁹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 93, 95; citing pp. 38a, 39a.

⁷⁹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 100, 102; citing pp. 41a, 42.

... Edward Mills Se, Edward Mills Ju (2)."⁷⁹⁶

12 JULY 1722

Jacob Stoakley (±) of Accomack to **Francis Soakley [sic] of Northampton** County, planter, sale for 27£ 10 sh., land in Accomack “on the sea side on the South of **Assawoman Creek**,” about 150 acres “on the East of the maine or County Road from **Simond Michael** line, Southerly unto **Sarah Williams** line, westerly on **John Moore’s** line, northerly on Simond Michael,” which land was left to Jacob by the will of **his father Charles Stoakley**. Witnesses: Danl. *Wellbourne*, **Edmund (D) Tunnel**. Acknowledged in court by **Joseph Stoakley** by virtue of a power of attorney from **Jacob Stoakley**, 4 December 1722. Recorded 15 December 1722.⁷⁹⁷

COMMENT:

Jacob and Francis Stockly were stepbrothers to Edmund Tunnel.

Jacob’s father Charles was nephew of the Francis Stockley who settled Northampton.

[same day]

“Know all men by these presents that I **Jacob Stoakley** of Accomack County doe Constitute, make, and appoint my trusty friend & loving Unkle **Joseph Stoakley** in my Room place & person to convey make over & acknowlege a deed or conveyance for one hundred & fifty acres of Land more or] Less unto **Francis Stoakley** & his heirs according as it is dated the 12th of July 1722 unto **Francis Stoakley of Northampton** & his heirs and in all perticulars as if my selfe was personally present in Accomack Court to all Intents & purposes as witness my hand & seal this 12th of July 1712. **Jacob Stoakley (± his mark)**.” Witnesses: **Edmund Tunnel (E)**, **Mary Stoakley (her mark)**, Danl. *Welburne*.⁷⁹⁸

8 AUGUST 1722

Ambros Willitt served on jury.”⁷⁹⁹

27 OCTOBER 1722

(NORTHAMPTON)

Will of Alexander Bagwell. Wife Naomi, plantation, water mill, Negro woman Judy and her child, until daughter Mary is 18. “Cozen” Wm. Bagwell, son of Henry Bagwell. **Son-in-law** [stepson] **Nathaniel Maddux**. Three daughters Rebeccah, Sarah & Anne, each a ring. Daughter Mary, furniture and household goods. Daughters Margaret & Mary, personal items. Ditto brother Henry Bagwell & daughter Margaret when she turns 18. Wife Naomi and brother Henry Bagwell to be executors. Signed: Alexander Bagwell. Witnesses: Thomas Johnson, John Bryant, Oedience Johnson. Proved 3 January 1722/3.⁸⁰⁰

COMMENT:

Note under 1725 below that the widow (who may have been a second and younger wife) became pregnant by and then married the apparently younger Jacob Stockley.

30 MARCH 1723

(NORTHAMPTON)

John Stockley of Northampton, planter, to John Stachell, Guardian of James Floyd of Northampton, for 1600 lbs. tobacco, land that had been fully paid for by Charles Floyd of Northampton before his decease. Charles Floyd’s will bequeathed it to his son James. “His son John Floyd shall have Liberty of getting Log

⁷⁹⁶ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 28.

⁷⁹⁷ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 171; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 180.

⁷⁹⁸ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 166; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 175.

⁷⁹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 112; citing p. 46.

⁸⁰⁰ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:16162; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 982–83.

MILLS: Mills & Associates of Accomack & Northampton Counties, VA c1634–c1750...10 November 2023

Timber for his Plantation's use from of[f] the said land and son James should have Liberty of his Son John's Pasture on his Plantation thereby given him [in the will]. Land lies in Northampton, bounded Southerly on the land of **John Stockley**, westardly on the land of Joseph Scott, Northerly on the Land of James Floyd & Easterly on the Land of Argoll Wilkings. 50 acres by estimation being part of 150 acres formerly surveyed and laid out by Zerabbabel Preeson, Gent., late surveyor. Signed "John Stockly." Witnesses: Charles Williams, Isaac Shephard, Thomas Joyne. 10 July 1723, proved in court by acknowledgment of John "Stockley."⁸⁰¹

TO DO:

I need to continue reading Northampton's deed and will books past this point (1723).

APRIL 1723

Joseph Stoakley (C) and **Jacob Stoakley** (±) bond to **Francis Stoakley of Northampton County**, 200£, for land in Accomack County given to sd. Jacob Stoakley by the last will & Testament of his Father Charles Stoakley, 150 acres more or less, guaranteeing that Francis will be in peaceful possession of that land, with the exception that **Charles Stoakley** gave his son **Joseph Stoakely** the privilege of getting timber off the land. Witnesses; Dan^{ll} *Welbourne*, **Mary Stoakley** (her mark) and **Edmund Tunell** (E).⁸⁰²

COMMENT:

This Mary Stoakley was Joseph's wife, the daughter of the late Alexander Massy Sr.

7 MAY 1723

"James Benston presented a power of attorney made to him by Robert Benston; it was proved by the oaths of **Ambros Benston** and Cha. Davis."⁸⁰³

10 JUNE 1723

(NORTHAMPTON)

"Devoreux Godwin's list 1723: . . . Henary Pike Sen w/ Henary Pike Ju", **Nicholas Mills** and Jenny negro (4).⁸⁰⁴

"List of tithables from the house of Capt. Willet on the bayside and from his sones on the seaside to Including all down to the extent of Magata Bay' ... Mr. John Robins [List] 1723 ... Major Custis ... Thomas Tenant and Joseph Dod [2] ... **Edward Mills, Edward Mills Ju, Jacob Mills** (3) ..."⁸⁰⁵

COMMENT:

This Nicholas Mills has not been identified. If he was an offshoot of Alexander & Joane Mills, then it may be worth noting that Alexander Mills spent several of his younger years in New Kent County, which was settled about that time by another Nicholas Mills.

9 AUGUST 1723

(NORTHAMPTON)

Argoll Wilkins of Northampton to David Dolby for 70£ current money of Virginia, sells a tract of 100 acres estimated, in Northampton, bounded northerly by John Floyd, southerly by a branch parting it from the land of John Warren, esterly up into the woods; part of a grant formerly made to seller's father John Williams." Signed: Argoll Wilkins. Witnesses: **Thomas Watts**, William Brooks, Abraham Bowker.⁸⁰⁶

⁸⁰¹ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:178–80; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > image 993.

⁸⁰² Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 181; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 190.

⁸⁰³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 14, 1719–1724, 143; citing p. 59.

⁸⁰⁴ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 39–40.

⁸⁰⁵ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 41.

⁸⁰⁶ Northampton Co., VA, Deeds & Wills No. 12:181–83; imaged, *FamilySearch.org* > IGN 7645510 > images 1002–4.

20 ____ 1723

“*Payne, Samuel* – 20 ____ 1723 – 6 June 1738 – To bro. in law Daniel Mitchell 175 A. purchased of John & Thomas Gaskins & for want of heirs to my sister Esther’s eld. son. To sister Esther. To sister Susannah. To friend **William Miles**. To **Ann Miles**. Mother Ann Mitchell resid. Legatee. Friend *Sebastian Delastatius, Sr.* Exr. Witt: Sebastian Delastatius, Sr., John Clement – p. 75. In ord. of pro: Sebastian Delastatius, Sr. refused to act & George Douglas qualified as adm’r C.T.A.”⁸⁰⁷

COMMENT:

In May 1718, when Charles Stockly made his will naming “Son in law William Mills,” he appointed Sebastian Delastatius as his executor. That connection suggests that the “William Miles of the Payne will above should be William Mills.

William Mills of Northampton, 1737, who sold land that year that he had inherited from his brother Thomas, sold it with the relinquishment of his wife *Ann*. This William was taxed in Northampton from 1727 until his death in 1750.

If this is the same William and Ann, then it places their marriage before the end of 1723.

But note: There was a contemporary William Miles in Accomack, who appears to be young man at the time, given that his father’s will spoke of his own father still being alive:

- “**Miles, Roger** – 25 Jan. 1743/4 – 24 Apr. 1744 To **son William Miles** planta. where my father now lives cont. 180 A. Son in law Baley Smith. Wife (no name) & children resid legatees. Friend Henry Fletcher Exr. Witt: John Hall, Timothy Donoho, Elizabeth Brymer – p. 21.”⁸⁰⁸
- “**Miles, William** – Adm. [of] his est. to Jacob Stakes Henry Heath sec. – 29 Mar. 1764 – p. 87.”⁸⁰⁹

1724

(NORTHAMPTON)

“The names of Thythables Imployed in Crop ... Joseph Warren & Richard Savage (2), **John Stockley** (1), William Warren & **Jacob Mils** (2) ... [skip 11] **Benj. Stratton** with Chance, David, Mall, Ursley negros (5).”⁸¹⁰

6 AUGUST 1724

(NORTHAMPTON)

“List of John Robins: **Francis Stoakly** w/ John Bagwell, George Marriner, Sanbow, Frank, Sanaday, Sarah negroes (6) ... [skip 24 householders] **Edward Mils** w/ Edward Mils Ju (2) & “Boys above Ten and under 16 planters: **Luke Mils, Southy Mills**.”⁸¹¹

COMMENT:

For the rest of the 1720s, the same Millses appear (all apparent offspring of Alexander by John and Edward), with these additions:

- 1725 **Littleton Mills** (p. 81)
- 1725 **Bridget Mills** “0 boys” (p. 94)
- 1726 **Edward Mills Juner** & Thomas Stockley are being charged to William Warren (p. 107)
- 1726 **Jacob Mills** is charged to **Edward Mills** [Sr.] (p. 108)
- 1727 **Luke Mills** is charged to Richard Elligood;
Edward Mills appears alone

⁸⁰⁷ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 302, citing Orders, 1777–1780, p. 117.

⁸⁰⁸ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 141.

⁸⁰⁹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 206.

⁸¹⁰ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 53.

⁸¹¹ Bell, *Northampton County, Virginia, Tithables, 1720–1769*, 57.

- Thomas Stockley is still with William Warren but Edward Mills Jr. is not
Jacob Mills is “at Ellin Tomsons widdo” (pp. 120–21)
- 1728 **Luke Mills** is with Benjamin Elligood
Thomas Stockley is still with Wm Warren, next to
Frances Stockly & Benj. Eligood
Edward Mills is charged for **Sothey Mills, Littilton Mills**, Jerum Griffeth (p. 133)
Edward Mills (2d list) is charged for **Nathaniel Mills & Jacob Mills** (12–16), next to
John Mills (p. 143)
Bridget Mills widow is one listing from **Edwd Mills** (3d list, which also has Frances
Stoakley, Jno. Stockley Constab, and Mr. Jno. Stratton (p. 153)
 - 1729 Capt. Ralph Pigot’s list: **Edward Mills w/ Southey Mills, Littleton Mills** & Jerom
Griffeth, adj. to Ellin Thompson w/ Jacob Mills & Esbell Warren w/ Thomas
Stockley & Woodman Stockley, same district with Frances Stockley (pp. 176–77)
Capt. John Custis Mathews & Thomas Moore: **William Mills at Bridgit Ellegood** (p.
202)
Luke Mills at Math. Moore ... **Edward Mills w/ Suthey Mills, Littleton Mills**, Jerum
Griffeth (pp. 203–4)
 - 1730 List of John Robins: Mariot Parssons, Edward Lofly, **William Mills**, Jacob Smith, Jacob
Chaply (212)
 - 1731 List of Ralph Pigot for the lower precinct: **Edward Mills w/ Surtthey Mills, Jacob Mills**
(p. 217)
 - 1734 List of John Smith “masters only”: ... **Edward Mills (3)**, Thomas Freshwater, George
Freshwater, **Jacob Mills (1)**, Charles Webb. (p. 239)
 - 1735 Thomas Moor’s list “below Willm Willets on the bayside”: Tilney Dixon, Charles
Web, Edward Web, Thomas Moor, Isaac Moor, **Edward Mills (3)**, Thomas
Freshwater, George Freshwater, John Freshwater, Charles Webb. (p. 252)
John Stockly’s precinct: **Jacob Mills (1)** (p. 253)
 - 1737 **John Robins** list: **Woodman Stoakley (1)** ... **William Mils w/ Harry negro (2)**, Edmon
Custis, John Johnes, Benjamin Stratton ... (p. 255)
Capt. Ralph Pigot’s list: **Edward Mills w/ Littleton Mills & Nathan Mills** [Jerum
Griffeth nearby] ... Jacob Mills (p. 256)
 - 1738 John Robins list: ... **William Mils w/ Harry negro (p 269)** ... [no longer following Edw]
 - 1739 John Robins list: ... **William Mils w/ Harry negro (p 293)**

COMMENT:

Note that there was **only one William Mills taxed in Northampton through 1739. Because he is there consistently in the 1730s, he can be ruled out as the William who first appeared 1730 in Goochland County. Whether he was William (son of Thomas) of Northampton remains unclear.**

4 NOVEMBER 1724

Ambrous Benston served on jury.⁸¹²

1 DECEMBER 1724

“Alexander Benston, William Benston, and **Ambrose Benston** presented an agreement for the division of land between them and asked that it be recorded.”⁸¹³

⁸¹² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2007), 15; citing p. 7a.

⁸¹³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 17; citing p. 8.

TO DO:

I need to pursue this in the deed and probate records.

9 JANUARY 1724/5

“**Ambrose Willitt** brought action for 600 lbs tobacco against Robt. Milliner, who appeared, as did Willitt’s attorney. They requested, and were granted, till the next court to summon witnesses.”

“**Ambrose Willitt** brought action for damages of 426 lbs against John Oakley, who failed to appear, even though the sheriff reported a copy of the writ had been left at his dwelling house. At the request of Willitt’s attorney, attachment was granted against Oakley’s estate to pay the debt and court costs. If Andrews did not appear the next court, an order would be granted against the sheriff.”⁸¹⁴

4 FEBRUARY 1724/5

“At the June court Mason Abbott brought action for damages of £60 money of Virginia against **Alexander Stockly**, but now Abbott failed to appear to prosecute. The suit was dismissed and Stockly was granted a nonsuit with the payment according to law {5 shillings}, costs and fees.”

“At the last court **Ambros Willitt** brought action for 600 lbs tobacco against Robert Milliner, who pleaded not guilty. Now a jury found for Milliner; the suit was dismissed with Willitt paying costs and fees.”⁸¹⁵

4 MARCH 1724/5

Ambrose Willitt and Robert Turnall served on jury.⁸¹⁶

COMMENT:

The Turnall family of Accomack was a different family from the Tunnells, despite the similarity in sound and spelling.

4 MAY 1725

“The grand jury (Sebastian Delastatious, foreman) made the following presentments ... **Ambros Willitt** for not maintaining the road over his mill dam at the head of **Hunting Creek**.”⁸¹⁷

2 JUNE 1725

Jos: Stockley and **Jacob Stockley** served on jury.

COMMENT:

Jacob Stockley was the son of Charles and Mary Stockley—the third son named in Charles’ will. **This jury duty places his birth before 1704.** The parental marriage in 1696 suggests that a third child would be born 1701 or later.

I cannot yet determine which Joseph this was, though it would seem likely to be Jacob’s older brother of that name.

5 JULY 1725

Ambros Willitt, Jacob Stockly, and Tho: Simson served on jury.”⁸¹⁸

COMMENT:

Ambrose Willitt did numerous stints of jury duty across several years. I’ve not noted them all.

⁸¹⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 29, 31; citing pp. 14, 15.

⁸¹⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 39; citing p. 19.

⁸¹⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 48; citing p. 24.

⁸¹⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 52; citing p. 26.

⁸¹⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 68; citing p. 33a.

5 AUGUST 1725

“Mr. Henry Bagwell (one of the executors of the will of Alexander Bagwell, deceased, of Northampton County) moved that there was part of Bagwell’s estate in this county. It had belonged to Bagwell’s **widow Mary** [also called **Naomi**], who had **recently married Jacob Stockly**. Ordered that Capt. Jno: Bagwell, Jno: Metcalfe, Edwd: Custis and Hen: Satchell (or any three of them) divide the estate.”⁸¹⁹

8 SEPTEMBER 1725

“**Jacob Stockly** acknowledged himself bound to the [word or words missing] save the parish from the cost of supporting an illegitimate child born to **Naomie Bagwell**, who was then a single woman, but now was Stockly’s wife. Ordered that Stockly post a bond with the church wardens and pay court charges.”

“**Jacob Stockley** admitted owing the fine of **Naomie Bagwell** for fornication and bastardy. Ordered that Stockly pay 500 lbs tobacco at the paying of the levy.”⁸²⁰

COMMENT:

On 21 January 1742 the widowed Comfort Finney made a will naming “Naomy Stockly” as her daughter and leaving her a bequest “for life [with] reversion to grandau. Comfort Davis.” That is the kind of bequest left to a sole feme.⁸²¹

Waring’s *Accomack County, Virginia, Marriage References* (p. 89) asserts that Comfort Taylor, widow of Joshua, married before 7 June 1726 to William Finney Sr. “(VES:826; O15:115/122/127)” **This suggests that Naomi was née Taylor**. Waring offers nothing for a contemporary Joshua Taylor.

However, Wright’s *Northampton County, Virginia, Marriage References* (p. 9) states: “Bagwell, Alexander (d. 1722) m. 1st Elizabeth, widow of William Sterling and m. 2nd Neomy **Maddux**, dau. of Thomas and Rebecca Maddux. ... “Marshall: 117, 161, 242; Purse & Person A-F: 93, F-Z 208-9; CFES 10:196}.” Wright offers nothing for a contemporary Joshua Taylor.

9 SEPTEMBER 1725

“At the January court **Ambrous Willitt** brought action for damages of 426 lbs tobacco against John Oakley. Now attorneys from both sides were granted till the next court to summon witnesses.”⁸²²

5 OCTOBER 1725

“Isaac Smith, who was one of the securities for the estate of *Alexander Bagwell* (of Northampton County, deceased), asked that **Jacob Stockley** give other security since the estate had moved into this county in his possession. Jacob presented [his brother] **Joseph Stockly son of Cha: Stockly** and Jacob Litchfield as security, which was approved by the court. Jacob Stockly was to appear at the clerk’s office to post a bond of £186 current money.”⁸²³

6 OCTOBER 1725

“At the January court **Ambrous Willit** brought action for damages of 426 lbs tobacco against John Oakley. A jury awarded Willit 400 lbs tobacco, costs and fees.”⁸²⁴

⁸¹⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 71; citing p. 35.

⁸²⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 76; citing p. 37a.

⁸²¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 128; citing p. 467.

⁸²² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 77; citing p. 37a.

⁸²³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 79; citing p. 38a.

⁸²⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 79; citing p. 39.

2–3 NOVEMBER 1725

Jacob Stockley served on jury with **Nathl. Tunnill**.

“Mr. Henry Bagwell (a recent church warden) [and one of the five justices] complained that an order was granted at the last court commanding **Jacob Stockly** to post a bond to save the parish the expense of supporting an illegitimate child born to **Naomie Bagwell**, who was now Stockly’s wife. Even though the church warden demanded the bond, Stockly refused to comply. Ordered that the sheriff summon him to the next court to answer for his contempt. {Signed} Hen: Scarborough.”⁸²⁵

28 NOVEMBER 1725

“Anne Willit, I give to my granne Son William Willet my bed as it stands & I give to **my granddaughter Comfort Conner** a Cow and Calf, a Chest & all my close & all my puter & all the Rest to be divided between **my three daughters**, this is my Last will & Testament. **Signed: Jacob Litchfield**, John Melson.

“The within noncupitive will of Ann Willitt decd was proved in open Court of Accomack County by the oaths of Jacob Litchfield & John Meulson Jnr? The two witnesses to the Same, May 4th 1726. Recorded May 10th 1726.”⁸²⁶

COMMENT:

Ambrose Willett, son of Ann, was given administration of her estate on 4 May 1726 with **John Riley** as security. (Court Orders, 1724–1731: 54)

On 17 March 1718, Anne Willit’s husband William drafted his will naming three daughters: Elizabeth, Ann, and Catherine. The widow’s will now informs us that all three daughters were still alive on 28 November 1725.

8–9 DECEMBER 1725

Jacob Stockley again serves on jury.

“**Jacob Stockly** had been summoned to answer for his contempt in not obeying a former order of the court to give bond. He now appeared and the sheriff was ordered to take him into custody till he posted the bond. He was also to post another bond for his good behavior and pay court costs.”⁸²⁷

5 JANUARY 1725/6

“**Jacob Stockly** had been ordered to post bond for the estate of Mary Bagwell, daughter of Alexander Bagwell, deceased. Mr. Henry Bagwell (one of the executors of Alexander) informed the court that Stockly had not complied. Ordered that the sheriff summon Stockly to appear at the next court to show why he had not complied.”⁸²⁸

2 FEBRUARY 1725/6

“At the request of **Jacob Stockly**, he was discharged from his bond for good behavior; he paid court costs.”⁸²⁹

2 MARCH 1725/6

“‘Thomas Goodright’ brought action for land that **Henry Bagwell** had leased to **Jacob Stockly**, the defendant. Because the agreement was not made according to law, the court found for Goodright, who

⁸²⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 81, 83; citing pp. 39a, 40a.

⁸²⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 258–59; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 267.

⁸²⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 86, 90; citing pp. 41a, 43a.

⁸²⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 93; citing p. 45.

⁸²⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 98; citing p. 47a.

was to recover the land, one shilling in damages, costs and fees. **Stockly** was granted his request to appeal the decision to the next General Court.”

Jacob Stockly is again doing jury duty with [his brother] **Francis Stockly**.⁸³⁰

4 MARCH 1725/6

“Mr. William Burton, recent sheriff, petitioned that Alexander Bagwell died owing him 211½ lbs tobacco and requested an order for **Jacob Stockly** and his **wife Naomie** and Henry Bagwell (all executors) to pay the debt. Stockly (married to the widow of the deceased) and Bagwell were to pay the debt and court costs from the estate of Alexander Bagwell.”

Jacob Stockly was doing jury that court term. “Mr. Burton and Mr. Hen: Bagwell [Justices] exited the court” before the Burton-Bagwell-Stockley case was heard.⁸³¹

COMMENT:

Burton and Bagwell were justices. This court minute tells us that, because they had a conflict of interest, they left the courtroom during proceedings in the case.

5 APRIL 1726

Inventory of estate of **Capt. John Watts**, dec’d. Extensive. Includes an enslaved boy named **Southy**.⁸³²

3 MAY 1726

“The following grand jury was sworn: Sebastian Delastatious, Hen: Read, Jno. **Stockley**, John Hutchinson, Burnall Niblet, John McClester, Danll: Fookes, Wm: Lingoe, Griffeth Savage, Elias Bell, Wm Young, **Wm: Mills**; Jno. Simson, Joseph Dunton, **Jacob Stockley**, Wm. Mason, James Wishart, Wm: Andrews (p. 53a)⁸³³

COMMENT:

This is William Mills’s first appearance on a jury. He now owns property. This should mark the approximate death period of his brother Thomas, whose land he inherited.

4–5 MAY 1726

“On behalf of the King, Capt. Mitchell Scarburgh informed the court against **Jacob Stockly**. Ordered that the sheriff summon Stockly and the necessary evidence to the next court.”

“Mr. George Parker (a justice of the peace) informed the court against **Jacob Stockley** for contempt against the King’s authority. Stockley was taken into custody till he posted a bond for his good behavior and appearance at the next court. Mr. Danll: *Welbourne*, Mr. Jno. Custis and Capt. Richd Drumond would be summoned to give evidence against Stockley.”

“**Ambrose Willitt**, who had leased a piece of land to Peter Cornelas (deceased) for 200 lbs tobacco for the year 1724, was granted his petition to be paid out of Cornelas’ estate, which was in the hands of the sheriff.”⁸³⁴

7 JUNE 1726

“Elizabeth **Sturgis** was granted administration of the estate of her husband, Danll: Sturgis, who died intestate. The court accepted **John Barnes** and **Tho: Simson** as her securities (p. 56a)”.

⁸³⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 104–5; citing p. 50a.

⁸³¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 106; citing p. 51a.

⁸³² Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 255–57; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > images 264–66.

⁸³³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 116.

⁸³⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 112–13; citing pp. 54a, 55.

“Ordered that **John Barnes**, Thomas Simson, Richd. Bundick and **William Miles**, or any three of them, inventory and appraise the estate of Danll. Sturgis, deceased. (p. 56a)”

COMMENT:

- On 4 June 1706, John Barnes was surety for John Stockley as administrator of the estate of his mother Elizabeth Stratton.
- John “Barns,” in his will of 1714, above, named one daughter as “Ann Mills.”
- 5 February 1711/12: **Ann Mills** was granted the administration of her late husband **Edward Mills**.

“The case of **Jacob Stockley**, who brought action for £50 money of Virginia against Hen: Bagwell, gentleman, was delayed till the next court at the request of Bagwell’s attorney. (p. 56)

“At the last court the sheriff was ordered to arrest **Jacob Stockley** and keep him in custody till he posted a bond for his good behavior and for his appearance at this court to answer information given by Capt. Mitchell Scarburgh. Stockley appeared, was examined, and the case was debated. Ordered that the sheriff take Stockley into custody till he posted a bond of 10£ sterling for his good behavior during the court’s pleasure. Stockley paid court costs. (p. 56a)⁸³⁵

27 JUNE 1726

John Barns, William Miles and Thos. Simpson inventoried the estate of Dannel Sturges. Recorded 23 September 1726.⁸³⁶

COMMENT:

This William Miles document is recorded immediately after the Catherine Moore document of 6 September 1726, below, that was witnessed by William Mills.

See also Barnes notes under 7 June 1726, above.

6 JULY 1726

“Griffith Savage was foreman of the following jury: **William Mills**, John Scarburgh, Wm: Tilney, Mark Ewell, Joseph Walker [husband of Elizabeth Willet], Jacob **Stockley**, Wm: **Simson**, Jona: Bunting, Tho: Hope, Mason Abbott, John Rogers (p. 59)

“At the last court **Jacob Stockley** brought action for £40 current money of Virginia against Henry Bagwell, who failed to appear. Judgment would be granted against Bagwell if he did not appear at the next court.” (p. 59a)⁸³⁷

COMMENT:

In order to qualify for jury service, William had to own land. He bought none in Accomack. In 1737 (see below), he sold land in Accomack saying that he was heir-at-law of his brother Thomas who died without issue. From the above, we may extrapolate that Thomas died before July 1726.

6 SEPTEMBER 1726

Catherine Moore, Widow, for “Love God will and affection” to “my Loving **Son in Law Thomas Stockly** of **Sussex County** on Dele=nt^d?” [**Delmarva Peninsula, Delaware?**] gives “a plantation” “in Jolie’s Neck upon a Gut or Branch w^{ch} Comes out of a Creek Called Wamuses and adjoining to the Land of **Mr. Hancock Custis**, it being part of a tract of and formerly belonging to Rich? Bailey” containing 200 acres, etc. Witnesses:

⁸³⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 116–17.

⁸³⁶ Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 250; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 259.

⁸³⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 122–23.

Will Woods, **William Mills**. Acknowledged by Catherine Moore in court 7 September 1726.⁸³⁸

COMMENT:

Re Sussex County: Other deeds in this volume refer to kin in Sussex County, Delaware (see, for example, p. 116 for Tilneys and Warrington). In 1691, John Stockley Jr. moved to Sussex County, “Pennsylvania.” They were one and the same. Both Pennsylvania and Delaware claimed the land between the 39th and 50th parallels. “Whereas Penn claimed the Delaware territories extended to Fenwick Island, Calvert claimed the Maryland Colony ended at Lewes, with all the land south of the settlement belonging to Somerset County.”⁸³⁹ The boundary dispute between Pennsylvania and Delaware was not settled until the Mason-Dixon line was run in 1760.

Re the Moore family:

- 1713-1723: Moore Ephram – 12 Nov. 1713 [*sic*] – 5 Mar. 1722/3 – ‘Now bound out of the County’ to bro. in law John Rowles. **Mother Catherine Moore**. Bro. in law John Rowles Exr. Witt: Daniel Rowles, Major Rowles. P. 465.”⁸⁴⁰
- 15 August 1718: Inventory of estate of Mr. **Edward Moore**, deceased, appraised by his executrix & wife **Catherine Moore**. Witnesses: Edward Robins, Daniel Gore, Marcus Andrews.⁸⁴¹ (The nature and extent of the property was about the same as the 1718 Charles Stockly estate, but it included “1 white Servt. Boy Samll. Cowley and 1 owld Negro woman pr name Doll.”)
- 18 January 1713: Will of Edward Moore, “sick and weak in boddy,” leaves to beloved wife Katharine Moore all his land and plantation where he now lives on North side of **Mapongo Creek** containing 500 acres, “to her and her heyers for Ever.” Leaves 1000£ tobacco to **Elizabeth Blair**, daughter of William and Easter? Blair to be paid to her on the day of her marriage or, at the age of one & twenty. Leaves 1500£ tobacco to “Samuell Cowly the son of Mary Cowly that was, but now Mary Shake,” to be his at the age of 21 “at which time he is free fromme and at his own dispose.” Executor: Wife Catharine. Witnesses: Jos.? Kempe, Jno Sandford, Simon Smith.⁸⁴²

Re Will Wood:

- 6 Sep 1726 (same day as above), together with Jacob Litchfield, also witnessed two other documents that same day: one for John Oakley’s sale of land and the second being the consent of his wife Floreana Oakley. Oakley’s land on **Hunting Creek** was bounded on the south and west by lines of **William Willet**, John Melson, and Charles White; and on the North and East by **Thomas Simpson**, Robert Elliot; being land bought from Peter Cornelius.⁸⁴³
- 1 December 1724, witnessed, with *Sacker Parker*, James Davis, and Wm. Tilney, a land sale by Nathaniel & Elizabeth Bradford’s to William Burton—on N side of a sandy beach which is S side of **Assawoman Inlet**, bounded Southward by **Golgotha Inlet**, commonly known as Hobson’s Choice & Kickolanck Island, patented to Daniel Jenifer, inherited by Elizabeth from her father George Parker.⁸⁴⁴
- 7 April 1724, witnessed, with James Davis, a deed from John West to John West for Deep Creek

⁸³⁸Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 258 (right side)–59; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 267.

⁸³⁹ *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sussex_County,_Delaware : 20 November 2023), “Sussex County, Delaware.”

⁸⁴⁰ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 71.

⁸⁴¹Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 54; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 72.

⁸⁴²Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 36; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 54.

⁸⁴³Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 257 (right side)–58; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > images 266–67.

⁸⁴⁴Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 217; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 226.

Mill.⁸⁴⁵

- 5 Jan 1724, witnessed, with **John Barns**, Richard Bayly's sale of land to Scarborough West on Matomkin Branch.⁸⁴⁶
- 4 March 1723/4, witnessed, with Wm. Tazewell, sale by Dary Mackerly to Hancock Curtis, land on Mossongoos.⁸⁴⁷
- 13 February 1723, witnessed with Wiliam Burton & James Davis, Jonathan West's conveyance of Deep Creek Mill to John West.⁸⁴⁸

4–5 OCTOBER 1726

"Mr. George Parker, a justice, informed the last court against **Jacob Stockley** for contempt against authority. Now Stockley appeared and admitted that he spoke in ignorance and that he was very sorry for it. Ordered that he pay fees and be discharged."

Nathl. Tunnell, Fra: Stockley [step-brothers] served on juries this term.⁸⁴⁹

11–12 NOVEMBER 1726

"Mr. Henry Bagwell (a justice) informed the court that **Jacob Stockley** (who married Naomi Bagwell, widow and one of the executors of Alexander Bagwell, deceased) had taken two Negroes (named Judy and Betty) belonging to the orphans estate from the colony, which was contrary to law. Ordered that the sheriff immediately take Jacob Stockley into custody until he posted a bond of £100 currency for his personal appearance at the next court."

John Stockly acknowledged a deed for land he sold to **Alexander Stockley. Ann Stockly**, the wife of John Stockly, relinquished her right of dower to the above tract of land.

Ambrous Benston served on jury with **John Stockly**.

"The grand jury (foreman: Cha: Parker) made the following presentments (1 November 1726): **Jacob Stockly** for one profane oath. Ordered that the sheriff summon the named persons to the next court."

"**Jacob Stockley** (attorney, W:T:) brought action against John Willis Sr., whose attorney (G:B:) was granted time till the next court."

"At the June court **Jacob Stockley** brought action for £40 current money of Virginia against Henry Bagwell, gentleman. Stockley's attorney replied to Bagwell's plea, and now Bagwell was granted time till the next court."⁸⁵⁰

7 DECEMBER 1726

"**Jacob Stockly** brought action for damages of £24 current money against John Bagwell Jr., but Stockly failed to file his declaration according to law, so the suit was dismissed with Stockly paying Bagwell five shillings, costs and fees."⁸⁵¹

8 FEBRUARY 1726/7

At the November court the sheriff was ordered to take **Jacob Stockley** into custody for his appearance at

⁸⁴⁵Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 199; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 208.

⁸⁴⁶Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 228 (old numbering: 8); imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 237.

⁸⁴⁷Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 198; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 207.

⁸⁴⁸Accomack Co., VA, Deeds, Wills, etc., 1715–1729, p. 197; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 206.

⁸⁴⁹McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 129, 132; citing pp. 62a, 64a.

⁸⁵⁰McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 133–35, 137; citing pp. 65–67.

⁸⁵¹McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 140; citing p. 68a.

this court to answer the charges of Mr. Henry Bagwell. Now the court ordered the sheriff to take Stockley into custody till he posted a bond of £200 currency for the delivery of two Negroes, Judy and Betty, and their increase to **Mary Bagwell**, one of the daughters of Alexander Bagwell, deceased. [Signed] Hen: Scarburgh.”

“At the November court **Jacob Stockly** was presented by the grand jury for swearing one profane oath. He now appeared and was ordered to pay five shillings or 150 lbs. tobacco at the next laying of the levy; he was also to pay court charges.”

“**Jacob Stockly**, as greatest creditor, was granted administration of the estate of John Oakley. The sheriff was ordered to summon Flowerdew, widow of John Oakley, to the next court to show any reasons why Stockly should not be the administrator.”⁸⁵²

8 MARCH 1726/7

“At the November court **Jacob Stockly** brought action against John Willis Sr., who now failed to appear. If he did not appear at the next court judgment would be granted against him.”

“At the June court **Jacob Stockly** brought action for £40 current money of Virginia against Henry Bagwell, gentleman. Now Stockly failed to appear to prosecute, and at the request of Bagwell’s attorney, the suit was dismissed with Stockly paying for a nonsuit with costs and fees.”

Ambrose Willets, **Francis Stockley**, and **Joseph Stockley** served on jury.⁸⁵³

4 JULY 1727

“**William Miles** acknowledged a deed for land he gave to his son **William Miles Jr.** (p 76a)”⁸⁵⁴

5 JULY 1727

“Ordered that Floreana Oakley be taken into custody till she give security for her appearance at the next court, where she was to show why **Jacob Stockly** should not be administrator of the estate of her deceased husband, Jno. Oakley.”

“Henry Bagwell brought an attachment against the estate of **Jacob Stockley**; the sheriff attached four sheep and one steer. Ordered that John Scarburgh, Edmond Custis, John Metcalfe and Edmond Bowman Cropper, or any three of them appraise the animals and report to the next court. Bagwell had proved Stockley owed him £2:05:00.”

“Ordered that the court clerk ‘Draw off the orders made about **Jacob Stockley**’ and present them to the next court.”⁸⁵⁵

2 AUGUST 1727

“**Jacob Stockley**, who sued John Willis, failed to appear to prosecute. A nonsuit was granted against Stockley, who was to pay Willis’s costs and fees.”⁸⁵⁶

4 OCTOBER 1727

“West, Jonathan – 3 May 1727 – 4 Oct. 1727 – To wife Rachel West land & marsh called Pumeno Island cont. 500 A. taken up by Col. Tully Robinson & myself in 1705, also a small parcel of land cont. 50 A. called the Prizeing House on Chiconesick Creek. Wife resid. Legatee & Exec. – Witt: **John Watts**, John West, Job

⁸⁵² McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 143, 145–46; citing pp. 70, 71, 71a.

⁸⁵³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 149–51; citing pp. 73, 73a, 74, 74a.

⁸⁵⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 155.

⁸⁵⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–173, 158, 160–61; citing p. 79.

⁸⁵⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 29; citing p. 25.

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Kincaid, John Hanniford – p. 158.”⁸⁵⁷

“William Beavens, gentleman, William Merrill, John Pitt and **Ambrose Benston** were ordered to inventory and appraise the estate of **Samuel Brittingham**, deceased, and report to the next court.”⁸⁵⁸

COMMENT:

The 1733 rent rolls of Somerset County, MD, shows:

“**Robert Mills**: ‘Adventure’ from (N) Brittingham.” Citing Book 42:1733:162.⁸⁵⁹

5 OCTOBER 1727

This court convicted **Jacob Stockley** of various misdemeanors, and upon the motion of Henry Bagwell, it was ordered that ‘all Sherifs, constables or other offices in this County Do Take the said Stockley if he be found within their Bailiwics.’ They were to take him before a justice of the county to be dealt with according to law. The clerk was ordered to bring to the next court all the proceedings against Stockley, and the justices were to summon all persons who might provide evidence against Stockley for ‘his contempt of his Majestys Authority.’”⁸⁶⁰

6 AUGUST 1728

“Thomas **Evans**, **John Barns**, **William Miles** and Thomas Onions, or any three of them, were ordered to inventory and appraise the estate of Selby Onions, deceased, and report to the next court. (p. 116)”⁸⁶¹

1 OCTOBER 1728 – MAY 1729

“In Obediance to an Order of Court baring date the first day of October 1728, We the Subscribers [have] [inve]ntoryed and appraised the Estate of **Char^s Stockley** Deceased [son of Thomas]:

__ feather bed & bolster wt. 75# at 6 ^d p pound	001.17.6
_one Coat & Vest	001.05.00
One Times Hatt	000.04.00
__ pair of leather Britches & 1 pair of Stockgs.	000.05.00
One Chest at	000.04.00
One old Chair & 2 old pails & 1 Sifting tray	000.02.06
__ half dozen of Trechers at	000.00.6
One Earthen pott	000.00.04
6? Pounds of old pewter at 3 ^d p pound	000.04.00
One pair of Wooll Cards	000.01.06
_____ of Pistols & holsters old	000.02.00
__ old Broad ax & one old bridle bit	000.02.00
23 ½ # of pott. lon at 3 ^d p #	000.05.10 ½
10 head of young hoggs at d p. hogg	001.10.00
One old Chest & one old box at	000.02.00
One Woollen Wheel & one Ln ⁿ Wheel	000.0`0
One old bed Cord at	000.00.10
346# of Tobacco at	000.08.10
One Table at	000.04.00

⁸⁵⁷ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 81.

⁸⁵⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 170; citing p. 84.

⁸⁵⁹ V. L. Skinner Jr., *Abstracts of the Debt Books of the Provincial Land Office of Maryland: Somerset County, Volume I, Liber 42: 1733, 1734; Liber 54: 1734–1759 Addendum; Liber 43: 1735, 1745* (Baltimore: Clearfield, 2015), 74.

⁸⁶⁰ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 172; citing p. 85.

⁸⁶¹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 164; citing p. 81.

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One Iron Spitt	000.04.00
7 12 # old pewter at 8 ^d p #	000.05.00
One old Buagg & one Blankit	000.12.00
One frying pann at	000.01.00
One bed Ticken at	000.12.00
5 Sheep at 3 ^s p Sheep	000.15.00
One pair of Thread Stockings old	000.00.06
One joyners plow at	000.02.06

[Signed] Joseph Stockley, Edward Baily, Nath^k Tunell

“Accomack County S. May 1729. This Inventory was returned to Court 7 ordered to be recorded.”⁸⁶²

COMMENT:

The nature of the belongings suggests Charles was unmarried.

5 MAY 1730

Grand jury presented “**Ambrose Benston** for re-routing the highway contrary to law (upon the oath of John Fish.”⁸⁶³

2 JUNE 1730

“The grand jury’s presentment against **Ambrose Benston** was dismissed with John Fish paying court costs.”⁸⁶⁴

3 JUNE 1730

Francis Stockley served on jury. **Nathaniel Tunnell** was named surveyor of the road from **Pocomoke Road** to **Oak Hall**. John Fish was named surveyor of the road from Daniel Smith’s to **Wallups Road**.⁸⁶⁵

8 AUGUST 1730

Ambrose Benston served on jury.⁸⁶⁶

3 JUNE 1731

“**William Miles** brought action of assault against Geo: Booth, who was granted a delay. (p. 246)”

“Parker Selby (administrator of **Priscilla Watts**, deceased) brought action against Mason Abott, who failed to appear; if he did not appear at the next court, judgment would be granted against Sheriff Geo: Parker. (p. 246).”⁸⁶⁷

4 NOVEMBER 1731

Continuation of William Miles suit against George Booth. (p. 8a)⁸⁶⁸

COMMENT:

There are several more actions in this case. I’m not continuing to note them because it is clear this William was from the family of Roger Miles who served as witness for him (p. 19, 7 March 1731/2)⁸⁶⁹

⁸⁶² Accomack Co., Deeds & Wills 1729–1737: 4; imaged, *FamilySearch* > 007643797 > image 391.

⁸⁶³ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 319; citing p. 191.

⁸⁶⁴ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 326; citing p. 195a.

⁸⁶⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 326; citing p. 196a.

⁸⁶⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 335; citing p. 202.

⁸⁶⁷ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 15, 1724–1731, 389.

⁸⁶⁸ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 16, 1731–1736 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2007), 389.

⁸⁶⁹ *Ibid.*, p. 30.

30 MARCH 1737

“Taylor, Samuel – 30 Mar. 1727 – 6 Mar. 1727/8 – To son Samuel my land & water mill. Bal. of est. to be div. bet. Wife Sarah, son Samuel & dau. Mary, the wife of Samuel own. Son Samuel & Bro. Charles Taylor, Mr. John Kendall & Col Solomon Ewell Exrs. Witt: George Douglas, Samuel Welburne, **Prisila Watts, John Watts, Scarburgh Tunnel.**”⁸⁷⁰

4 FEBRUARY 1732/3

“Dix, William – Nunc – Declaration 4 Feb. 1732/3 – Proved 10 Feb. 1732/3 – Pro. 3 Apr. 1733 – To Mackwilliams Rite 500 lbs. tobacco for the schooling of my godson William Rite, son of Mackwilliams Rite. Sister Mary Rite resid. legatee & Exec. Proved by William White & **Ann Mills.**”⁸⁷¹

COMMENT:

- See 2 August 1737, below, for Ann Mills as wife of William Mills of Accomack who sold land in Accomack that he had inherited from his father Thomas Mills.
- One Ann (Barnes) Mills was also the widow of Thomas’s brother Edward.

4 MAY 1737

“The Accompt of Debts paid by Rebecka Benston, Executrix of **Ambros Benston Dec’d.**

- To Will Smith 1.7.6
- To Richard Rowley 0.18.0
- To Robt Stevenson 1.5.0
- To John Townsend 10.7.6
- To Jacob Hill 0.0.10
- To **Sam^l Mills** 0.13.9
- To Mr. Brittingham 1.0.10
- To Sebaston Delastatious 0.16.0
- To Abraham Lamason 02.7
- To Moses Hogg 0.2.10
- To Wm. Merrill 0.5.10
- To Geo. Douglas 0.13.2
- To John Sneald 112# Tobacco 0.11.2
- To John Talor 1.7.6
- To And^r Patterson 0.2.6
- To James Collet 1.7.6
- To John Pitts 0.2.4
- To Jonathan Benston 0.3.6
- To Clerks fees in Tob^o 0.14.5
- To Secretarys Fees 0.4.0
- To John Benston 1.7.6
- To appraisers 1.7.0
- To M^r John Murray 0.4.10

[Signed Wm. Beavers Sr?, Joseph Benston, Jonathan Benston.

“At a court held and Continued for ACCOMACK County the 4th Day of May 1737, the Within Inventory of the Estate of **Ambros Benston** Deceased wa Returned to Court and Ordered to be Recorded.”⁸⁷²

⁸⁷⁰ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 82

⁸⁷¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Polyanthos), 76.

⁸⁷² Accomack Co., *Wills & Deeds, 1729–1737*: 283; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > image 688.

COMMENT:

I have not identified this *Samuel Mills*. Note that he was associating with the executor of the will of Charles Stockley.

The actual inventory follows on pp. 282–87. Children and heirs are identified as **Ambros Benston, Sarah Benston, “Tabitha [Benston], Mary Benston, Elizabeth [Benston], James Benson**. Widow’s inherited goods are itemized but she is not named.

If William Mills had wed a daughter of Ambrose Benston, then William’s children by her *should* be cited as heirs to this estate.

2 AUGUST 1737

“This Indenture ... between **William Mills** of the County of **Northampton** in Virginia, planter of the one part, and **Cesar Evans** of the Same County, planter, of the other part, Witnesseth that the said **William Mills** for and [in] Consideration of Twenty Pounds Currant money of Virginia in hand paid by the Said Cesar Evans at or before the Sealing or Delivery hereof, the Receipt where of the said **William Mills** Doe hereby Acnowledge, have Granted, bargained and Sold, aliened enfeoffed and Confirmed ... unto the said Cesar Evans his heirs and Assigns Forever, one hundred and Twelve and a half [**112.5**] Acres of Land Lying and being in the County of Accomack, being part of two hundred and Twenty five Acres which Land **my Father Thomas Mills Deceased, purchased of William Jerman**, which by the Records of Accomack may Fully appear out of a Grand Pattent of Thirteen hundred and Fifty Acres of Land and bounded upon **Francis Wharton’s** land and **John Abbott’s** land and the Land of **Thomas Nason** and upon the branch by **Griffith Savage** which Land the said **Thomas Mills** by his Last Will and Testament Gave to his Son **Thomas Mills** and **he Dying without Issue the said Land fell to his brother William Mills, being the Heir at Law. ...**” [Signed] **William Mills**. Witnesses: John Roders, Zerub’ Evans. Wife’s relinquishment, same day, same witnesses, is “signed” as **Ann Mills** (A her mark).⁸⁷³

COMMENT:

- The land that Thomas Sr. bought from Jerman lay between himself and Thomas Bagwell on Peach Creek.
- The land that William inherited from his brother Thomas lay between Francis Wharton, John Abbott, Thomas Nason/Nixon, and Griffith Savage’s “branch.”

30 SEPTEMBER 1738

“Delastatus, Sebastian – 30 Sept. 1738 – 29 Mar. 1743 – To son Sebastian planta. where I now live cont. 400 A., being the land deeded to me by my dec. father, also all my right & interest in the 300 A. purchased of **Thomas Stockly & Rhoda, his wife**. To son Peter all my land purchased of Mr. Richard Lee not already sold by me, the same being 450 A., also my water mill. Son Sebastian resid[ual] legatee. Sons Peter & Sebastian Exrs. Witt: **Charles Stockly, Joseph Stockly Jr.**, Joseph Robins. – p. 449. In order of prob: Ezekiel *Delastatus*, heir at law to the within *Sebastian*, appeared by Samuel Feddiman, his guardian, and there being no objection the said will was admitted to probate.”⁸⁷⁴

6 FEBRUARY 1738/9

“John **Cain** and his **wife Hannah** (adm. of Thomas Merrill, decd.) were summoned to the next court to answer **William Mills’** petition. (p. 125)”⁸⁷⁵

COMMENT:

⁸⁷³ Accomack Co., Wills & Deeds, 1729–1837: 285–8686; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643797 > images 690–91.

⁸⁷⁴ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 127–28.

⁸⁷⁵ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 17, 1737–1744 (Westminster: Heritage Books, 2007), 88.

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- 1 May 1719 one Hannah Merill was named as daughter of Thomas² Stockly (son of John¹), who had a son Charles. Thomas's Charles has died.
- Charles Sr. left a son Charles who seems to be alive.
- November 1739 Hanna Stockley will named grandchildren surnamed Stockley and **Cain, and Merrill.**

If this William Mills is the William who was son of Thomas Jr. (William with wife Ann), then it appears that his unidentified mother or his wife Ann is heir to a Cain-Merril estate.

6 MARCH 1738/9

"The following actions were dismissed: ... **William Mills** vs. John **Cain** and wife Hannah (adm. of **Thomas Merrill**, decd.). (p. 137)" ⁸⁷⁶

5 APRIL 1739

"**Tunnell, Nathaniel** – 5 Apr. 1739 – 31 July 1739 – to son William 170 A. where I now live. Wife Sarah to have use of same for life. Wife & **3 children Comfort, William & Mary Tunnell** resid. Legatees. Children under age. Wife Exec. Witt: Nathaniel Morgan, Catherine McKenny, William Beavans, Jr – p. 159." ⁸⁷⁷

COMMENT:

This would be Nathaniel Jr., whose mother or stepmother Mary married Charles² Stockley (John¹).

On 9 February 1737, Charles Stockley [Jr.] has a wife Comfort, when (as exr. of Solo. Ewell) they were sued by James Wishart (Court Orders 1737–44: 34).

30 NOVEMBER 1739

"**Stockly, Hanna** – 30 Nov. 139 – 30 Jan. 1749/40 [1739/40] – To grandson Thomas Stockly. Dau. Jemimah Stockly. Grandson William Stockly. Grandson John Stockly. Grandau Temperance Stockly. To Emanuel Harman. To Mary Townsend. **To grandau. Martha Merrill.** To Argillus Merrill. Grandson William Merrill. Grandson Stockly Cain. **Grandau. Naomi Cain. Grandau. Sophia Cain.** Dau. Jemimah Stockly & grandson Thomas Stockly resid. Legatees. Grandson Thomas Stockly Exr. Witt: Joseph Stockly Sr., Edward Bayly, Emmanuel Harman – p. 202." ⁸⁷⁸

COMMENT:

- This Hanna should be the widow of Thomas² Stockley, son of John¹ and Elizabeth Stockley. She would be a sister-in-law to Charles² Stockly, William Mills' stepfather.
- See 6 February 1738 for John Cain and wife Hannah, adm. of Thomas Merrill, being sued by **William Mills.**
- Edward Bayly would be Edward Jr., son of Hannah (Stockley) Bailey, the sister of Charles² Stockley and sister-in-law to the Hanna of this will.

TO DO

Search for fuller proceedings or this Hanna Stockly will to determine whether there was any details to explain the Mills-Cain lawsuit.

28 JUNE 1743

"William Piles vs. **Samuel Mills** (for attachment) was dismissed. (p. 492)" ⁸⁷⁹

⁸⁷⁶ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 17, 1737–1744, 94.

⁸⁷⁷ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 120.

⁸⁷⁸ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 121.

⁸⁷⁹ McKey, *Accomack County, Virginia, Court Order Abstracts*, vol. 17, 1737–1744, 333.

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COMMENT:

One Samuel Mills was paid a small sum from the estate of Ambrose Benston in May 1737.

JULY 1748

“Accompt Sales of the Estate of Jonathan Benston made by Joseph Benston, Anderson Patterson , 4 Stacks Fodder 1750 Tobo. ... **Smith Mills** 3 pair trousers 10s 1p ... **Smith Mills** 1 Fatt Tub 1£ ... **Smiths Mills** 1 Sow with Piggis 5sh 2p ...”⁸⁸⁰

9 AUGUST 1750

“**Tunnell, Edmund** – 9 Aug. 1750 – 28 Aug. 1750 – To son Joseph land where I now live cont. 150 A. dau. Naomi Tunnel. Dau. Scarburg Hastings. Son Joseph [and] Dau. Naomi resid. legatees. Son Joseph Exr. Witt: **Charles Stockly, Philip Fisher, Mary Fisher** – p. 110.”⁸⁸¹

COMMENT:

This Edmund Tunnell should be the son of Nathaniel Tunnell Sr., stepbrother to Charles Stockley’s children.

3 APRIL–8 MAY 1750

(NORTHAMPTON | ACCOMACK)

“34. **WILLIAM⁴ MILLS** (Rebecca³ Bagwell, John², Henry¹) left will 3 April 1750—8 May 1750.⁽⁹³⁾ He married **Ann** ____ who joined him in the sale, 2 Aug. 1737, of land he inherited as heir at law of his brother Thomas⁴,⁽⁹⁴⁾ and died before 12 Feb. 1755 when Moses Cox was named administrator of William Mills, the estate having been unadministered by his executrix.⁽⁹⁵⁾

“Issue: [MILLS] 86. Thomas⁵, left will 8 Jan. 1760–13 Feb. 1760;⁽⁹⁶⁾ 87. EDMUND⁵; 88. leaca (Jacker)⁵, married (bond 24) March 1749,⁽⁹⁷⁾ Moses Cox of Norfolk County who died before 11 June 1765 when Walter Hislop was granted administration on his estate.⁽⁹⁸⁾”

93. Northampton Co. Wills & Inventories 19, 1740–50, pp. 449–50.

94. Accomack Co. Deeds & Wills 1729–37, pp. 285–86.

95. Northampto Co. Minute Bk. 25, 1754–61, p. 24

96. Northampton Co. Wills & Inventories 21, 1754–6, p. 533

97. Mihalyka, *Marriages, Northampton County*, p. 24.

98. Northampton Co. Minute Bk. 26, 1761–65, p. 176.⁸⁸²

25 SEPTEMBER 1751

“**Mills, Robert** – 25 Sept. 1751 – 28 Dec. 1756 – To **cousin Robert Mills, son of Smith Mills**, 100 A. in Accomack County and 25 A. in **Worcester county** adj. the said 100 A. called Chapman’s Adventure. To **brother Nathan Mills**. ‘To my well beloved *Elizabeth Shanklin*.’ ‘Unto my well beloved **William Mills & Smith Mills**. **Bro. William Mills** – Witt: **Hugh Mills, John Mills**, Barnet Ramsey – p 363. In order of prob: ‘On the motion of **Robert Mills** Guardian to the Heir at Law, citation being issued for his appearing & returned not to be found.’⁸⁸³

COMMENT:

The volume has no other references to Elizabeth Shanklin or to William Mills (after 1718/19) or Smith Mills.

⁸⁸⁰ Accomack County Wills, Etc., 1743–1744: 448–55; imaged, *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643798 > images 541–45.

⁸⁸¹ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books), 156–57.

⁸⁸² John Frederick Dorman, *Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia, 1607–1624/5*, vol. 1, part A–F, 4th ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004), 98–99.

⁸⁸³ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Polyanthos), 187.

TO DO:

Find the document by which Robert Mills acquired 100 acres in Accomack—ostensibly either by deed or will.

8 SEPTEMBER 1756

“Scarburgh, Winefried – 8 Sept. 1756 – 30 Nov. 1756 – To **grandson John Watts**. Grandau. Anne Scarburgh. Dau. Henrietta Deshel. Dau. (Grandau?) **Elizabeth Watts** & her sister **Sarah Watts**. Grandau. Sarah Watts. **Grandson Henry Scarburgh** & his bro. Bennet & their sister Tabitha. To William Teackle, son of Upshur Teackle. To Edmund Scarburgh, son of William Scarburgh. To **Charles Watts**. To grandson Henry Wright. To Nanny Wright. To my sister Elizabeth Coleburn. To William Scarburgh, son of William Scarburgh. Dau. Henrietta Dashiell resid. legatee. **Grandson John Watts** & Mr. William Bagge Exrs. Witt: Adam Muir, Sarah Smith – p. 358.”⁸⁸⁴

COMMENT:

Re William Teackle, heir: On 25 Nov. 1777, **John Nock**’s estate administration given to Lucretia Nock, with John Teackle as security.⁸⁸⁵

1 MARCH 1757

“**Tunnell, Scarburgh** – 1 Mar. 1757 – 30 Aug. 1757 – To wife Elizabeth whole est. during her wid. To son Washpan (Washbourne) Tunnell land where I now live cont. 150 A. To son Jediah Tunnell. Son Scarburgh Tunnell. Son William Tunnell. Son Elias Tunnell. Son Ezekiel. Son Charles. *Dau. Comfort*. All my children resid. Legatees Wife & son Washpan Exrs. Witt: **Charles Stockley**, Joseph Stockly, Sarah Ewell – p. 434. In order of Prob: Washbourn Tunnell heir at law to the testator.”⁸⁸⁶

COMMENT:

Scarburgh was named as a son in the 1796-proved will of Nathaniel Tunnell Sr. His mother or stepmother Mary married Charles Stockley Sr.

On 9 February 1737, Charles Stockley [Jr.] has a wife Comfort, when (as exr. of Solo. *Ewell*) they were sued by James Wishart (Court Orders 1737–44: 34).

27 MAY 1777

“Baldwin, Joseph – Adm[inistration of] his est. to **John Mills** – **27 May 1777**.”⁸⁸⁷

22 OCTOBER 1781

“**Tunnell, Scarbrough** – 22 Oct. 1781 – 28 May 1782 – To son William Henry Tunnell planta. where I now live & for want of heirs to **my bro Elias Tunnell**. To wife Catherine Tunnell. To Nathaniel Hall 5 £ to educate him. Bal. of est. to wife during her wid. Then to my son William Henry Tunnell. Bro. Elias Tunnell & friend John Kendall Exrs. Witt: John Nicholson, William Ewell, John Holt, Sr. – [vol. 2] p 184.”⁸⁸⁸

30 SEPTEMBER 1795

“Kelly, Joseph – 30 Sept. 1795 – 25 July 1796 – To wife Elizabeth whole est. during her wid. Except the house, garden & potato patch where **Jesse Mills** now lives, he to have the same so long as my wife lives.

⁸⁸⁴ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 187.

⁸⁸⁵ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 302; citing Orders, 1777–1780, p. 25.

⁸⁸⁶ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (Heritage Books reprint), 190.

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⁸⁸⁸ Nottingham, *Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1663–1800* (1990; reprint, Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2012), 333.

To dau. **Hessy Mills** plat. Where I now live & for want of heirs to my 2 youngest daus. Rachel Kelly & Famey Kelly. To my daus. Rachel & Famey 50 A. of land formerly called Joseph Bell's land. To James & Mary Riggs 20 s. cash. Wife & William Young Exrs. Witt: William Young, Sr., Jonathan Fitchett – [vol. 2] p. 398.”⁸⁸⁹

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