COLONNA LANDS
Some of the questions I would like answered.

1. Where are Owen Collony and his two wives buried?

2. Locate his two farms on present day maps.

3. Pennyville - old Colonna graveyard
   A. How far back Colonna ownership goes.
   B. When was existing house built?
   C. Locate on present day map.

4. Drummond house and farm
   A. How far back Colonna ownership goes.
   B. When was existing house built?
   C. Locate on present day map.

Are #3 and #4 part of the so-called 1000 acre Colonna Plantation of many years ago?

5. Hopkins Connection (Onancock)
   Did John Watson Colonna sell land to Hopkins to build Hopkins Brothers Store years ago?

Hopkins Shipyards Onancock
June 18, 1996

Your talents are worth more than your charge.
I am ever joyed with your work —

Many thanks,
Bill Colonna
COLONNA
LANDS

Mary Frances Carey
Certified Genealogist # 237
The Autobiography of Benjamin Azariah Colonna of Accomack County, Virginia, and of Washington, D.C., composed in 1903, deals primarily with people, his ancestors. This report, the result of searching Accomack County records, has to do with the land they owned and lived on. The Colonna name was found spelled a number of ways in the earliest records. Circa 1700, it became Collony or Coloney and this family became Colonnas by 1832. Any references to Benjamin Azariah Colonna's autobiography in the following write-up will be shortened to: BAC report.

Copies of early deeds and wills are being included. The wills of the first two Owen Collonys are not copies of the originals. Seven early Accomack County record books, from 1692 to 1739, were transcribed in 1940, by a young lawyer, and the originals are now locked away. Copying them is not allowed, since due to their size and weight, there is danger of breaking their spines. When the early records were photographed to be put on microfilm in 1981, pictures were not taken of the original seven volumes, only of the transcribed versions.

The first Benjamin Colony, of the third generation, named three sons in his will, son Major Coloney continuing the line of Benjamin Azariah Colonna. Son William settled in the Hacks Neck area and his descendants are given by James E. Mears, in Hacks Neck and Its People (published 1937 by the author). Son John married Elizabeth Smith in 1774 (MLB 1774-1806, p. 8) and died intestate in 1777 (Orders 1777-1780, p. 27). The will of Henry Scarburgh in 1789 gave his mother as Elizabeth Colony and named a half brother as William Smith and half sister as Catherine Colony (Wills 1794-1796, p. 30). Apparently, John Colony's wife had been married twice before and his only child was a daughter.

Caesar Evans, in his will of 1759, named a grandson as George Collony, son of Herman (Harmon?) Collony (Wills 1757-1761, p. 220). George Collony and his brother
William served in the Revolutionary War and their only descendants were George's two children, James Collony and Polly Collony, who married John Hickman (Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors, by Stratton Nottingham, 1927, pp. 6, 45, 50).

Timothy Colony and Southy Colony also served in the Revolutionary War and, by 1836, their only heirs were children of their brother Elijah Colony and two sisters (p. 64).

Elijah Colony and George Colony, both over 45, were shown living in Accomack Parish of Accomack County by the 1800 census, as was Kendall Colony, at 16 to 26 years of age, and William Colony, 26 to 45. There seems little doubt but that these men were the ancestors of Colonnas in upper Accomack County today. If they connect to the St. George Parish line, it would likely be through the first Benjamin Colony's older brother, Brian Colony, who died intestate in 1745, apparently in Parkers Neck, Accomack Parish; or they could be descendants of the third brother, Owen Colony, the third.

A genealogical report proceeds from the first generation through each succeeding one to a present-day generation. This study of the Colonna lands has two sections and two different men labeled as the third generation. They were brothers, Brian and Benjamin above, who had both inherited land from their ancestors. The third brother's inheritance is included with that of Brian Colony.

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June 12, 1996
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A - Timber Neck, 300 acres.

B - Island Neck, 200 acres.

C - 200 acres purchased by Owen Colloney in 1672 and given to daughter Esther Sill in 1692.

D - 50 acres purchased by Major Coloney in 1787 and sold by his son Benjamin's executors to James C. Doughty in 1852.

E - 156 acres purchased by Benjamin Colonna in 1825. His son, John W. Colonna, sold this as 196 acres in 1861. Later called Thornfield or Bull Place.

F - 115 acres purchased by Benjamin Colonna in 1832. His executors sold this as 151 acres in 1852.

G - Benjamin's sons, Abel B. Colonna (1813-1872) and Benjamin S. Colonna (1820-1861) buried here. The latter's stone has been moved to Belle Haven Cem. since 1937.

H - Tombstone of William Colonna, died 11 March 1830, aged 61 years. He was of the Hacks Neck branch. Others of his family also buried here.

Map from Mihalyka and Wilson: Graven Stones of Lower Accomack County, Virginia. The original arrow pointing north appears skewed on this map and has been removed.
The following Accomack County records have been found pertaining to the first Owen Collony:

1. Owen Colona - headright for John West when West was granted a patent for 1500 acres on 17 August 1663 (Deeds & Wills 1663-1666, p. 22 - copy included).

2. At a Court held on 18 August 1663 - list of tithables - Owen Collony - 2 (p. 35). His name continued on the tithable (tax) lists through 1693, when he was taxed for 4 white males (Accomack Tithables, 1663-1695, Stratton Nottingham, 1931).

3. Ogen Collmon leased 500 acres from John West on 11 November 1663, Island Neck for 19 years and Timber Neck for 50 years (p. 41 - copy included).

4. Owen Collony's servant boy Edward Smiant was judged to be 13 years of age by the Accomack Court on 16 February 1663/1664 (p. 58).

5. Owen Ocellena, godson of John Major, in his undated will, recorded on 18 July 1664. Owen Ocolena a witness (p. 70).

6. Owen Collonell's servant Thomas Ringold judged 17 years old in March 1671/2 (Orders, Wills 1671-1673, p. 69).

7. Owen Colloney bought 200 acres from John Fawsett on 15 September 1672 (p. 198 - copy included).

8. Owen Collonell of Nandary bought 300 acres called Timber Neck "at head of Corotock Neck" from Major John West of Chessonessex and wife Matilda on 17 April 1678 (Wills 1676-1690, p. 98 - copy included).

9. Owen Collonon had servant William Harris judged 10 years in August 1680 (Wills, Deeds, Orders 1678-1682, p. 176).

10. Owen Colloney bought from John West, Island Neck, no acreage given, on 22 October 1680 (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 237 - copy, transcription and 1816 Kellam survey of Island Neck included).

11. Owen Collony had servant Robert Tyson judged 18 years in June 1683 (Wills, Orders 1682-1697, p. 11).

12. On 15 November 1692, Owen Colloney the Elder of ye County of Accomack in Virginia, Planter, gave to daughter Esther Sill, 200 acres "betwixt Nanduey & Occahannock Creeks", which he had purchased of John Fawsett (Wills, Orders 1682-1696, p. 255 - copy included).

13. Owen Collony's will, signed with his mark, date written illegible, was recorded on 19 September 1693 (Wills & Etc. 1692-1715, p. 34 in new book, p. 20 in old book - copy included). He left where he was living, 300 acres, to son Owen and to grandson Brian Collony "ye Iland Neck up to the head line toward Kallams Land & bounding otherwise by 300 acres formerly given his father Owen Collony".
The SAC report states that Owen Collony was in Accomack County by 1661. Since Accomack County records start in 1663, there is no record of this here. His name has not been found in Northampton County records, where matters pertaining to Accomack County before 1663 would be recorded. The will of this Owen Collony could not have been written on 5 December 1693 (SAC report), for it was probated on 19 September 1693. His will indicates Owen's grandson Brian would be of age in seven years, circa 1700, placing Brian's birth circa 1679. Son Owen would have been born circa 1655 and married circa 1675. Therefore, the first Owen Collony married (1) circa 1655 and was born circa 1630 or earlier. Since a wife and son were not listed with him as headrights, he apparently married after coming to the area, indicating he was here some time before 1663. Headrights could be collected for some years before being used to patent land.

Owen Collony's last wife was deceased by November 1692, for she did not cosign his deed of land to daughter Esther Sill. The names of his wives are unknown.

According to his purchase of Island Neck in 1680, Owen Collony was then living there, but had moved to Timber Neck before he died, at which time his Island Neck tract was being used for pasture and orchards and was likely the home of his only son. The family graveyard, "where my former wives were buried", was likely on Island Neck, where Owen Collony first lived.

Note: Mr. Ralph T. Whitelaw, in Virginia's Eastern Shore, has the two tracts of land of Owen Collony mixed up. He did not leave Timber Neck to grandson Brian, he left him Island Neck (p. 651). Timber Neck was "where I now live" and was 300 acres, not 380 (p. 652). Graven Stones of Lower Accomack County, Virginia, by Jean M. Mihalyka and Faye D. Downing (published 1986 by Heritage Books, Inc. Bowie, MD) speaks of a large graveyard on Island Neck land (# 82 on map), which today has only two Kellam stones.
The document appears to be a historical or legal record, written in 1653. The text is handwritten and includes several signatures and what seems to be a date or reference to the year 1653. The content is not legible due to the quality of the image.
John Randel, 1737
To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that the aforesaid James Watt, of the County of York, in his lifetime, had the use and enjoyment of certain lands in and near the town of York.

The aforesaid lands consist of a tract of land lying in the County of York.

The tract of land is bounded on the north by the river.

On the south, by the road.

On the west, by another tract of land.

On the east, by a line of trees.

The tract of land is to be surveyed and marked for the benefit of the parties.

In witness thereof, the said James Watt, his executors, administrators, assigns, and succesors, have this present day signed and sealed this instrument, in the presence of the witnesses.

[Signatures]

James Watt

[Seal]

York, this day of

[Date]
Richard Hille
Mathew Johnson

April 17, 1639

This present made the sixteenth day of April and Domino
en thousand six hundred and eight and in the sixteenth year
of His Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Saviour the Second King of England
Scotland, France, and Ireland and Defender of the Faith.

John bar of Shrewsbury, in the County of Shropshire, for the

Sum of sixpence to be paid at said yeare day of May next
accordine to the honour of Royal Grace of our said King.

Mathew Hille
To all Christian People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting in our Lord God everlasting Know ye that I Lieft Coll. John West of Chefsonefsex in the County of Accomack in Virginia for a good & valuable consideration in hand all ready received have bargained sold afsigned & Set over releafed enfefsed Confirmed & established & doe by these presents bargaine Sell afsign Set over release enfes Confirme & establish unto Owen Colloney of Nandue in the County aforesaid one Neck of Land known by the name of the Island Neck being part of my divident at Nanduay & joyneth with Timber Neck & is the Said Land whereon the Sd Colloney now dwelleth & bounded by the Running Branches thereof. To have & to hold the sd Land to him the Said Owen Colloney his heirs executor & adminors or afsigns for forever wth all rights & priviledges of hunting hawking ffishing ffowling wth all woods waters & Rivers wth all ye fields housing ffencing orchard gardens Encumbered - Commodies & heneditments wtssoever to ye Sd Land belonging hereby making full fefin & delivery thereof to ye intents & purposes aforesaid yeilding & paying to ye Soveraign Lord ye King his heirs & Succefsors for every fifty acres of Land therein contained yearly at the ffeast of St Michael fee rent of one Shilling wch payment is to be made yearly from year to year according to his Majesties reservation made in all grants for Land in this Country & I doe forever exempt my heirs Espoufes & Afsigns from reclaiming any right priviledge or interest wtssoever &preventing others questioning or disturbing ye Sd Owen Colloney his heirs executor & adminors of afsigns in ye peaceful pozsefsion thereof and for his better confirmation of all & any ye premifes I doe by these Presents binde myself my heirs executor & adminors to make good ye Sd Land in the Sum of thirty two thousand pounds of good Tob (tobacco) in Caske from time to time & at all times to reaffirme the Said Sale to him the Sd Owen Colloney his heirs Executor & adminors & afsigns warranting the Said Land from the Claime title or interest of any person or persons wfoever claiming or pretending claims to the Sd
Land or any part or piece thereof from by or under and in witnesse whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seale this - day Oct in ye thirtie second yeare of the reign of our Soveraign Charles ye Second by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance Ireland King defender of ye faith ¶ Anno Dom 1680 ye 22th of October ye Seal

John West

November ye 19th 1680

Acknowledged in open Court by Lieut Coll Jn° West

as his Reall act & deed to Owen Collonon

Attest Jn° Washbourn Co Clk

Recorded November ye 30th 1680

County Accomk

Attest Jn° Washbourne Co Clk

(Note the use of the old English f for s).

Transcribed May 23, 1996

Mary Frances Carey
July 8, 1856.

In Chancery to a conve of the Co. of this county at being vuate dea

and by the direction of the late husband, W. B. Borden and John A. Mallett complainants nam

as deceased, I have the decree of the Court of Wills said above for ten years the same to contain one

the aforesaid estate five (5) per cent., Twenty four parcels, the 1st on the 2nd of July 1856. Mallett on the

land, and the 2 complainants, entitled to the widow of W. B. Borden, to be Decree, which

May be seen the realetter tune in the annexed plat, and one of the known on 2 land, also

divides the 2 land between the heirs as follows. First, Lot No. 1 containing Thirty Acres to Mallett.

W. Borden.

Lot No. 2 containing Twenty five acres to John A. Mallett.

Lot No. 3 containing Thirty five Acres, to Stephen Mallett.

Lot No. 4 containing Twenty eight acres, to John A. Mallett.

Lot No. 5 containing Twenty two Acres, to James Mallett.

All of which shall then be adjusted by

Surveyor's Placed BL 4

p. 162
In the name of God Amen

I Owen Collonie of ye County of Accomack Planter being visitied by Gods hand with Sickness and though weeke in body yet of Sound perfect memory (blessed bee his holy name doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Testament in manner following.

first - I bequeath my Soule into ye hand of God my Creator & for ever blessed Redeemer in whom alone I have my trust & confidence and from whom I have all comforts corporall 

Spiritual & Eternall & my body to the earth and to be buried near ye place where my former wives were interred and that there be a decent and Christian buriall had as I hope by the merits of my Saviour to obtaine a happe resurrection at ye last day and to receive Such inheritance among his people wch he hath provided for all that believe in him -

And as for that worldly portion God hath bin pleased to bestow upon far beyond my deserts I doe dispose & bequeath as followeth Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Son Owen Collony the Plantacon I now live on containing three hundred acres of Land with all houses & other appurtenances belonging to it, to him & his heirs for ever.

Item - I give unto my Son Owen Collony my Two best feather beds in the 2 Chambers below Staires with Curtaines & Vallens & bed Steeds with all else belonging to them

Item - I give unto my son Owen Collony all my wearing apparrell both Linen & woollen with my horse called Golding Bridle & Sadie and other furniture

Item - I give (- ------) son Owen Collony (- -------------------------- ) formes a three Square table a turned couch 6 chaires a large paires of (- ------- ) gunns a large Iron dripping pan an Iron Spit a paires of bellows a large iron dripping pan an Iron Spit a paires of bellows an Iron Pot y ('---) large an Iron Kettle a brass Glass Stew pan a Chafing dish & gridiron & all other Iron worke that belongs to me a looking.
2 Casks of Salt & all other Casks old & new & other wooden ware belonging to me.

Item - I give unto my Daughter Ester Sill 3 pewter dishes - 3 Sawcers 3 porringers a pewter chamber pott the Round Table in ye hall 3 flagd chaire & 3 plank bottomed chairs.

Item - I give unto my Daughter Esther 2 Cowes ye one named Cherry & the other Brindle one peice of blew linen one Remnant of white Linnen which I guess to be about Eleven or twelve yards 6 yds more of white Linnen bought of Rieh.Lueas

Item - I give unto my woman Servant Margret Moon a broad cloth wastcoate 3 yds and a halfe of white Linen bought of Richard Lucas

Item - I give unto my Daughter Esther 2 Chests one called 'a Dutch Chest & the other an Elsie Chest & to her daughter Elenor I give one Cow called little thing & to ye other daughter named Sus:na I give one Cow called beggar

Item - I give unto my grandson Brien Collony ye hand Neck of Land up to the head line towards Kellams Land & bounding otherwise by ye three hundred acres formerly given his father Owen Collony likewise one Cow celled Mealy Mouth & one Mare called ..

Item - Item I give & bequeath unto my Son in Law William Sill one halfe of ye proffits of an orchard upon the Land elven before unto my grand Son Brian Collony for ye Space of Seaven yeares (notwithstanding ye former grant Provided that the Sd William Sill keep up & secure the Said pasture fence & the Same is to be understood

Item • I give unto Arnold Harrison my Son in Law a purple Gown

Item - To my Son in Law William Sill a red peny Stone Westcoate

As for the rest of my Estate, my Crop my debts & all other in( )without dores & within of what Kind or quality Soever I give and bequeath unto my Son Owen Collony as to what is Euen him before by this we last Will & Testament. (-----)

I request & desire my attainted Mr Thomas Teackle to be a trustee & overseer of what concerns my Grand Son Brian Collony as to what is Euen him before by this we last Will & Testament. (-----)

Signed & Sealed in ye Presence of us

[Signature]

[Signature]
Since there was only one Owen Collony listed in Accomack County tithables through 1695, Owen Collony, Junior, was likely living, with his family, on his father's Island Neck land and was included in his father's tax list until his father's death in 1693. Owen, Junior, would have been born circa 1655 and married (1) circa 1675. He was named as a godson by John Major in his will of 1664, when he would have been circa 9 years of age.

In 1690, Owen Collonon, Junior, had recorded a gift to Thomas Fletcher, son of William Fletcher and Elizabeth his wife (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, pp. 541, 542 - copy included). He gave him "one heifer of three years old last Spring marked as followeth Swallow tailed on ye left Ear and underbitted and Silt on ye right Ear and now in the possession of William Fletcher to him the said Thomas Fletcher with her increase for ever excepting ye male increase to go to his father William Fletcher for his care in looking after the Stock until the said Thomas arrives to ye age of Sixteen years then to be possessed but if the Sd Thomas dye before he attain the age of Sixteen years then I freely give the Sd heifer to Elizabeth Fletcher with her increase forever & which is attested on this 6 day of December 1690".

The Quit Rents of Virginia, 1704, compiled by Annie Laurie Wright Smith (published 1980 by The Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore) shows Owen Collona of Accomack County owning 500 acres of land (p. 20). He was the only male of this name in the state who owned land. Evidently, he was credited with his son Brian's 200 acres, which seems unusual, for Brian was apparently of age by 1704, and could have had a family.

The will of Owen Collony, signed with his mark, was written on 10 April 1711 and recorded on 2 October 1716 (Will, Deeds & c 1715-1729, p. 35 in new book - copy
included). He left his land to sons Owen Collony and Benjamin Collony, "son Owen to have part whereon the house stands where I now Live" (therefore, he was then living on Timber Neck, likely in the house where his father died). He left son Brian Collony livestock, a gun, a sword, a loom, a harness and a chest. He named daughters Isabel Repentans Collony and Hester, and later said he had three daughters, the third likely being Elizabeth Fletcher. He made his wife, Winfret Collony, his executrix.

The records do not show where Owen Collony, Junior, was buried but most likely it was on Island Neck with his parents. Neither has the maiden name of his wife Winfret been found.
(Handwritten text in a cursive script with some portions unclear or difficult to read. The text appears to be a legal or official document, possibly a legal contract or agreement. The content discusses matters of law, inheritance, and possibly land or property transactions.)
Know all men by these presents that I, John Bradford, being the widow and sole executrix of the late Nathaniel Bradford deceased, do, on the joint administration of my son, John Bradford, and my other respected minister and executor, desire to have acknowledged by you, the said minister, Bradford, and any other authorized persons, the said estate, by a bond with good security to execute and deliver the said estate, in circumstances of such a nature that I have the same.
Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us
John Johnson
Benjamin Coe

Bealel & Deliverd

The above bond was
Acknowledged in open Court of
 Accomack County by Simon Michael
as his Act & Deed to Alexander West
August ye: 7th: 1716 woh. ye. Court. Admitted to record
Teste: Cha: Sneed Cl: Cur:

Know all men by these presents that I Simon Michael of the County of Accomack
in Virginia Planter am held & firmly bound unto Alexander West of the same
place planter in the full & Just sume of Eighty pounds currant mony of Vir-
ginia to be paid unto ye. sd. Alexander West his heirs Exrs. Admr. or
Assigns to woh. paymt. well & truly to be made I bind my self my heirs Exrs.
& Admr. firmly by these presents sealed with my seal vted ye. sixth day of
December Anno Dom 1715

THE CONDITION of ye. above Obligation is such that if ye. above bound Simon Michael his
heirs Exrs. & Admr. shall & do well & truly in all things observe fulfill prform & keep
all & singular ye. covenants on his & their prtes & behalvs to be performed mentioned in one
Certain Indenture bearing date the thirtieth day of November last past to him ye. sd. Alex-
ander West his heirs Exrs. Admr. & Assigns then the above obligation to be void & of none
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In the name of God Amen

I Owen Collony of the County of Accomack in Virginia being very sick and weak of body but
of perfect sense and memory thanks be for his mercy doe heareby make this my Last will and
Testament in maner and forms following

The primses I give and bequeth my soule unto hande of almighty God that gave it me and my
body to ye. earth from whence it was taken to such Christian Like burial as shall be thought
by my loving wife and for the worldly goods which God of his mercy Given me I leave as fol-

firstly I give with my land which I give unto two of my sons to wit Owen Colloncy and Benjamin Colloncy
equally divided between them that is to have a Line to devid the land from the Creek to the
head of ye said Land equally between my son Owen and my son Benjamin but my will is that
son Owen Colloncy shall have that part whereon the house stand where I now live and my will
is that Loving have her thirds of ye said land during her natural life and then to my two
sons before before mentioned to them and their heirs forever it to be understand that they
shall not have privilege to sell their land except those one brother sell to the other Brother-

Item I give and unto son Brian Colloncy 2 Cows and one calf one two year old heifer and one three
year old heifer one Gunn one small sword one Weaver's loom and harniss -- the new chest up
stairs

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Owen Colloncy my pistols housters and sword theireto belonging
and one Musk set the hand mill but his two brothers to have full privilege to use her as
long as she shall last

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Colloncy one Carbine

Item I give and bequeath unto Loving wife one orfen boy called tier Gladwell will be shall come
to age

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Isabel Repentens Colloncy one spinning wheel

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter heater one Liming Wheel

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Winifret Colloncy all the remaining part of my hole
estate within doors and with out doors after my debts paid during her life if she continue
a widdow but if my wife marry then to be divided equall turne over between my three sons and
my three daughters or at the day of death which shall first happen furthermore I appoint and
constitute my loving wife Winifret Colloncy my sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testa-
ment revoking all other will or wills made by or my order at any time or times whatsoever
as witness my hand and seal this tenth day of April Anno dom: 1711

The within last will & testament the mark and seal of
of Owen Colloncy was proved in open Court Owen Colloncy
of Accomack County by the oaths of Christopher Stockelle
John Osbourn & Arthur Layler the three witnesses to the

Teste: Cha: Snead Ol: Cur: John Am: Accomak
Cha: Snead Ol: Cur: Cha: Snead Ol: Cur:
Recorded October ye:
5th: 1716

In the Name of God Amen I James Watts of the county of Accomack in Virginia In Perfect sound
memory praised bee God but knowing the uncertainty of life in this world and that we are
all born to dye for the better settling of those worldly Goods woh. I have I make and or-
Brian Colony was born circa 1679. He would have married circa 1700. Brian was underage when his grandfather, the first Owen Coloney, wrote his will in 1693, leaving him Island Neck.

On 31 March 1742, Brian Colony deeded to West Kellam, for 32 pounds 10 shillings, 50 acres lying upon Nandua Creek "being one half that 100 acres called Island Creek" (Deeds 1737-1746, p. 265). On 30 November 1742, Brian Colony, Planter, sold to Esau Jacob of Northampton County, Planter, for 94 pounds 10 shillings, 138 acres "on the South fork of Nandewy Creek" (p. 301). These two deeds had to have been Brian's Island Neck land, 174 acres by survey. Mr. Whitelaw says (p. 652) that West Kellam later bought the 138 acres too, which is also indicated by the 1816 survey of Kellam land.

On 30 November 1742 (same date as last deed), Bryan Colony bought, "for 80 pounds Current money of Virginia & Ten pounds Country", 100 acres "on Sea board Side", from John Bagwell (p. 314). This land was bound on the northeast by "the Sound or Brodwater", southeast by George Parker, northwest by Arthur Barnes and southeast by William Sturgis. These men lived in Parkers Neck, Accomack Parish, east of present-day Accomack Wayside and southeast of Zion Baptist Church. On 28 March 1744, O'Bryan Colony and wife Florianna sold to Ralph Justice, Gent, for 70 pounds, 100 acres, land conveyed by Daniel Sturgis to Richard Sturgis on 4 July 1721 and he conveyed to John Bagwell.

O'Bryan Coloney died intestate by 30 January 1744/5, when his widow, Florianna Colony, was named to administer his estate (Orders 1744-1753, p. 28). Daniel Shae and John Fitzgerald were given as her securities. The inventory of Bryan Colony's personal estate was returned on 26 March 1745, signed by Roger Abbott, Joseph Maison, George Bundick and Florianna Colony, administrrix (Wills 1743-1749, p. 162).
These three men all lived in or near Parkers Neck, so apparently Brian Colony was living there when he died. The place of his burial is unknown, as is the maiden name of his wife Florianna, and the names of their children.

Mr. Whitelaw states (p. 652) that Brian's brothers Owen and Benjamin disappeared and Brian ended up owning both Island Neck and Timber Neck. This hardly seems reasonable, for Brian would most likely have written a will had he owned Timber Neck when he died. Without a will, the land would have gone to his eldest son. The land was found to have been in the possession of two men, Benjamin Colony and Littleton Colony, without any record of their having bought it. It seems likely that Brian's two brothers, Owen and Benjamin, were by their father's last marriage and much younger, and that Brian was of age to have been their father.

Brother Owen Colony, the third, was living in 1729, when he brought a suit against John Pratt (Orders 1724-1731, p. 162). While no record of his death has been found, Littleton Colony had to have been Owen's son, since he inherited his land. Littleton Colony sold 150 acres of Timber Neck to his son Upshur on 29 April 1773 (Deeds 1770-1777, p. 192), land bound North by West Kellam (Island Neck land) and south by Benjamin Colony. Upshur Colony and wife Ann sold the same land to Argol Kellam in 1784 (Deeds 1783-'1788 1  p. 178).

Littleton Colony had married Amy Kellam, daughter of West Kellam, who died testate in 1769 (Wills 1767-1772, p. 272), and his wife Elizabeth Kellam, who died testate in 1773 (Wills 1772-1777, p. 109. That Littleton had other children besides his son Upshur, is shown by the will of Babel/Laban Kellam in 1769 (Wills 1767-1772, p. 369). Littleton Colony did not die testate as Whitelaw indicates on page 651. No record of his death has been found at all.
Benjamin Colony was born 16 June 1701 and died 2 April 1776. He married Esther Whales, daughter of William (BAC report). He inherited 150 acres of Timber Neck, the southern part, according to Littleton Collony's sale to his son Upshur.

Benjamin Colony neither bought nor sold other land. He wrote his will on 12 April 1775 and it was recorded on 25 June 1776 (Wills 1772-1777, p. 422 - copy included). He gave to son Major Colony "my Dividend of Land Whereon I now Live - and also twelve Pounds Cash or the Choice of my Horses". He also named son John, son William, daughter Susanna Colony and Grandson Joshua Darby. He made sons Major and William executors. Since his wife was not mentioned in his will, she was apparently deceased. Benjamin was likely buried on Island Neck land with his ancestors.

Benjamin Colony was well-to-do. Besides his land, his will shows he owned a walnut desk, a loom, a spinning wheel, and extensive tableware. He gave his children an education, for the two of his sons who died testate both signed their names to their wills, the first of the line to do so.
I give and bequeath all my possessions to my loving wife, to be put to the use of my children and grandchildren, and also my Mill to pay my Just Debts, and if there should be anything to spare over and above the said to get my loving Wife in the same manner as...
as follows: Item, I give to my son, Major Colony, my Dividend Land.
Whereunto I owe two to him and his successors and also twelve rounds
Which he borrowed of me. Item, I give to my son, John, eight rounds
Cash in the choice of my house. Item, I give to my son, William Colony, one hand
Mill and half a dozen of metal Spoons. Item, I give to my Daughter
Susanna Colony, one bed and furniture her choice, one rug two blankets,
two sheets one counterpan one quilt two Pillars and pillow cases and
Bolster and Bradstead her choice, one large Iron pot, little one Hackle and
two Pewter Dishes one basin half a dozen metal Spoons and half a
down Pewter plate and two dozen Stone Plates and all the rest of the
Eathenware and Glasses that she claims as her own and one Walnut
Desk two blue Chests half a dozen Black Chests and one dormitory
One black Walnut box and one New box Iron and Hetera, Susanna's
Cow that is called she is and all the increase of that cow and one dozen
and the Wincels that belong to it. Sheep and geese. I give to my
Grandson Joshua Darby one feather bed, headboard mat and Cord one
rug two blankets one pair of sheets and bolster. Item I give the remaining
part of my Estate not given to any of my Children, Major, William and
John and Susanna Colony to be equally divided among them. Lastly
I appoint my two sons, Major and William Colony, my Executors of this
my last will and Testament, Reserving all other wills or wills by me
heretofo more made in testament of whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this Twelfth day, of April 1775

Abel West
Within Colony
Ann Colony
Lazarus Chandler
At a Court held for Accomack County June 25
1776

The within Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Colony Deceased
was Presented and proved by the Oaths of Upjohn Colony and Lazarus Chandler
Two of the Witnesses thereto and Admitted to Record and on the Motion
of Uriah Chandler, one of the Executors thereon, Replied taking the Oath and
Major Coloney
The Fourth Generation

Major Coloney was born on 22 July 1736, and died 3 November 1811. He married (1) 30 March 1760, Joice Hutchinson, (2) 5 May 1775, Peggy Watson. He served in the Revolutionary War (BAC report). Local records show that Major Coloney was a Lieutenant in the Militia. He inherited his father Benjamin's Timber Neck land northwest of Craddockville, where he was apparently born.

On 4 August 1787, Major Colony and wife Peggy exchanged with Richard Walter, 120 acres "land which I inherited from my father Benjamin Colony, deceased" and bound north by Currituck Creek and land bought by Argol Kellam from Upshur Colony (Deeds 1783-1788, p. 481), for 50 acres and 200 pounds Specie, land located "in the middle Woods bound by Daniel Watson, John Fletcher, John Folio and Henry Fletcher (p. 484). Major Colony reserved 5 acres of his father's land, next to Edmund Bayly's line. On 27 August 1787, Major Colony leased 60 acres for 15 pounds from John Folio "during the natural life of Daniel Watson which said John Folio bought of Daniel Watson for his lifetime", land bounded by land Richard Walter sold said Major Colony (Deeds 1788-1793, p. 25). Richard Walter had the Timber Neck land he purchased from Major Colony surveyed on 14 August 1787 (Surveyor's Record, No. 1, p. 67 - copy included).

On 29 September 1789, Major Coloney mortgaged the 50 acres he bought from Richard Walter. He was indebted to Abel West for 36 pounds 8 shillings (Deeds 1788-1793, p. 345).

Major Colony and wife Peggy sold 30 acres to John Wilkins for 31 pounds 10 shillings on 22 April 1793 (Deeds 1793-1797, p. 64). This was obviously part of his father's Timber Neck land since it was bound by lands of Walter, by Edmund Bayly and by Arguil Kellam. With this sale, Major Coloney had sold 150 acres of Timber Neck, except for the 5 acres he reserved.
Major Coloney made his will on 25 February 1792 and it was recorded on 28 January 1811 (Wills 1809-1812, p. 296 - copy included). It was a short will, in which he left son Benjamin 50 acres "whereon I now Live" and "Land Leased of Edward Ker, deceased, for and during the term of said Lease". He gave brother William Coloney land on "main road to Occohannock Containing 414 acres". The remainder of his property was left to wife Peggy for ten years and then to be equally divided "between my wife & my children that may be then Living". He named son Benjamin as executor, but he relinquished and son Watson Coloney qualified. Major Coloney was likely buried on his 50 acres near Pennyville without a stone, where stones of his descendants stand today.

Major Colony was listed by the 1800 Federal Census, in St. George Parish of Accomack County, as over 45 years of age, with a wife of the same age. His household also included a male under 10 years, a male 10 to 16, three males 16 to 25, and three other females. He then owned five slaves. In 1810, he owned three slaves. The fact that Major Coloney owned 414 acres on the road to Occohannock is confusing. No record has been found of him buying this land. It appears it was part of his father's Timber Neck tract, of which Major had reserved 5 acres. However, Major sold 145 acres of this and his cousin Littleton had disposed of 150 acres. The tract had been described through the years, from the time of the first Owen Collonell purchase in 1678, as containing 300 acres. The exact size of Major's bequest to his brother, to the nearest half acre, implies a survey had been made at some point, but none has been found. It is concluded that Major Coloney gave his brother William 4½ acres (the 5 acres reserved) and it wasmiscopied in the will book.

Note: The BAC report gives Major Colonna's death on 3 November 1811, but his will was recorded on 28 January 1811, obviously one of these dates is incorrect by a year.
Aug. 17th, 1787

Surveyed at the request of Rich. Hall, One hundred and two acres of land Situated in the Parish of St. George and County of Annapolis, and bounded as follows: On the South East, the road leading from Darlington; North on the North East by the land of Rev. Mr. Burrill on the N. W. by the line of Annie's Creek and on the South West by the land belonging to John Ireland, likewise a division line along the head of the land leaving 5 Acres and the land for Sir R. Flasta good, the whole tract was bought for the owner. Distances of the land are more accurately given below.

Richard Barre, Esq.

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Surveyor's Blk. 1
In the name of God Amen. Joseph Coloney of Dinwiddie County, State of Virginia, being in a sound of mind and memory, does make this his last will and testament, as follows:

I give and bequeath to my son, Benjamin Coloney, the land and house contained in fifty acres, lying in the town of Dinwiddie.

I also give and bequeath to my brother William Coloney, any land lying in the town of Dinwiddie, containing forty acres, and one half of the same.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy for and during the term of five years all the property, at the expiration of the said term to be equally divided between my children that may be then living.

I appoint Benjamin Coloney, executor of this my last will and testament, as such with power and authority to distribute, administer, and take care of the property.

February 1797

Signed and sealed in presence of:

Joseph Coloney

John J. Coloney

David Coloney

At a Court held for Dinwiddie County the 28th day of January 1811

This is presented to the clerk for record and administration of Major Coloney, and is admitted to record and on the motion of the said Coloney, conveyed to the executor the property.

Dinwiddie, the 28th day of January 1811

Joseph Coloney

Benjamin Coloney

David Coloney

John J. Coloney

William Coloney

Joseph Coloney
Colonial home on 50-acre farm Major Coloney bought in 1787 (labeled D on map). The older, one-story northern end of the house was likely built by Major Coloney soon after his purchase of the land. The two-story section was added later, apparently in two separate additions.
Benjamin Colonna, named for his grandfather, was the oldest son of Major Coloney and the second of 15 children. He lived to be 88 years of age. Tombstones at 89 on map: Benjamin Colonna, husband of Elizabeth B., son of Major and Joice, born 10 February 1763, died 2 July 1851; Elizabeth Colonna, wife of Benjamin, daughter of Reuben and Molly Beach, born 17 October 1784, died 18 January 1848. Benjamin and Elizabeth were married by a marriage bond of 26 July 1802 (MLB 1798-1806, p. 3). They married on 29 July 1802, according to BAC report.

Deeds 1804-1807, p. 716 - 23 February 1807 - Major Colonney, father of Benjamin, by deed of 29 September 1789 conveyed to Abel West a tract of land, "Benjamin Colonney is now the owner and he hath paid the whole of the principal and interest which was due". Abel is therefore releasing the land, 50 acres (Benjamin did not own this land until his father died in 1811).

Deeds 1812-1815, p. 287 - 29 January 1814 - From Thomas C. Mears to Benjamin Colonna, 9 acres for $182.50, bound south by Fletcher heirs, north by said Thomas C. Mears, "to branch".

Deeds 1815-1817, p. 196 - 20 August 1815 - From Thomas C. Mears to Benjamin Colonna, 9 acres 20 poles, for $182.50, bound south by Fletcher heirs, north by Thomas C. Mears, west to a branch. (Sounds like same as deed above, could be the release of a mortgage on it).

Deeds 1824-1825, p. 439 - 20 March 1825 - From Thomas C. Mears and Hessay his wife and Suky Mears to Benjamin Colonna, $1000 for 156 acres, bound north by land of George Ker's heirs and the Occahannock road, west by land of Major S. Pitts and Henry Parker's heirs, south by land of William T. Savage, Upshur Folio and heirs of John Darby and east by land of Sarah Parker's and William Major's heirs, "whereon said Thomas C. Mears at present resides". Benjamin Colonna likely moved his family
from his father's farm to this location in 1825.

Deeds 1830-1832, p. 437 - 8 March 1832 - From John A. Ames and Adalide his wife to Benjamin Colonna, $700 for 115 acres, land known as Ohio, bound north by Richard Ames, northeast and east by Jesse Ames and Benjamin Floyd, south by Thomas Edmunds, west and northwest by Molly Kennaborn and the road leading from Ames Ridge to Garrisons Chapel. The dower of Margaret Ames, wife of Richard, is excepted.

Orders 1829-1832, p. 578 - 28 August 1832 - Benjamin Colonna applied for a pension as a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He stated he was born in 1763 and entered the service in 1779. He served for "upwards for two years" and received no regular discharge. He stated that since the war he resided for ten years in Northampton County and since has resided in Accomack County.

Benjamin Colonna owned 9 slaves when the 1810 census was taken, 11 in 1820, 9 in 1830, and 9 in 1840.

Benjamin Colonna wrote his will on 29 January 1844 (he signed it with his mark), added a codicil on 21 September 1846, another on 22 October 1850, and it was recorded on 28 July 1851 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 102 - copy included). He directed, first, that the house on the fifty acres his father had left him be "comfortably finished, the rooms plastered", for his wife, that a good frame meat house be built there and the old barn repaired"with a shed put to it for Stables". He loaned his wife a Negro girl Eva and two male Negro slaves, Sam and Sambo, and such household furniture as she should need, provisions for one year, with fodder and corn to feed her horse and cow. The second codicil states that his wife was then deceased and he hoped the 50 acres was to become part of one of his children's share of his estate.

On 1 January 1852, John W. Colonna and Benjamin S. Colonna, executors of Benjamin Colonna, sold his 50 acres to James C. Doughty for $1065, who owned land to the east, south, and west of the property (Deeds 1851-1853, p. 435). While James C. Doughty was not one of Benjamin Colonna's children, he was related, for
his tombstone at # 77 on map, gives his name as James Colonna Doughty, born 1816, died 1887. It appears certain he was a son of Benjamin's sister Peggy, who married Jeptha Doughty in 1804 (MLB 1798-1806, p. 4), and therefore Benjamin's nephew (BAC report verifies this). Leonidas Rosser Doughty, "son of James Colonna and Margaret S. T. (Johnson) Doughty", is buried in Mount Holly Cemetery, Onancock, with their son, James Corbin Doughty, MD (Graven Stones, p. 71 and Whitelaw, p 542).

While nothing in Benjamin Colonna's will, or that of his father, speaks of a graveyard on the 50 acres that Major bought in 1787 and left son Benjamin in 1811, a large fenced-in plot stands there today, containing the stones of Benjamin Colonna and his wife, four of their children with their spouses, several grandchildren, and one of Benjamin's sisters and her husband. It seems reasonable to suppose that Major Colony, with both of his wives, was also buried here, without stones, along with other of their children and grandchildren who died young. Graven Stones locates the family plot on the Waterfield Farm, southeast of Pennyville.

An attempt has been made to find other later owners of Major and Benjamin Colonna's 50-acre tract. On 25 April 1881, James C. Doughty and wife Margaret S. T. sold to William Henry Martin, 90 acres for $1050 (Deeds 1881-1882, p. 313). This land was bound north by Thomas W. Bull, east by the county road and south by a line commencing on said county road at a locust post, running west to a gum, separating this tract from the rest of land of James C. Doughty. William H. Martin and wife Sally sold the same 90 acres to William T. Waterfield on 28 December 1892 (Deeds 65, p. 323).

The small older part of the two-story house on the Waterfield Farm could have been built soon after Major Collony bought the land in 1787. It must have been enlarged and renovated between 1881, when William Henry Martin bought 90 acres for $1050, and 1892, when he sold for $2400.

Benjamin Colonna, in his will, wanted his Ames Ridge land sold "by the acre"
after a survey of it had been made. This apparently was not done, for on 1 January
1852, John W. Colonna and Benjamin S. Colonna, "acting as the executors of the last
will and testament of Benjamin Colonna, deceased", sold Benjamin's Ames Ridge land
to William H. Wise for $1300 (Deeds 1853-1855, p. 69). The acreage here was given
as 151 acres, while the deed of purchase called for 115 acres.
At a Court held for Accomack County, on the 26th day of May 1651. This last Will and Testament of James Wessells Sr. died, was partly proved by the Oath of Samuel Silverthorn, a witness thereto.

Test: T. J. Rayfield By:
for J. W. Gillet C. A. C.

At a Court held for Accomack County, on the 29th day of May 1651.

This last Will and Testament of James Wessells died, was this day fully proved by the Oath of Samuel Andrews, a witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And Littleton A. Hinman the executor therein named appeared in Court and refusing to qualify, on motion of Henry Powell taking oath and giving bond according to law in the penalty of Three thousand Dollars ($3000), with George H. Ewell and John D. Parke, securities thereto. Letters of Administration with the Will annexed and granted him on the estate of the said James Wessells Sr. died:

Test: T. J. Rayfield By:
for J. W. Gillet C. A. C.

In the name of God Amen I Richard Carpenter of Accomack County and State of Virginia being in good state of health but of sound mind and memory and Noim of the certain of Death then and thereof Do make my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows Witn Pins i give unto my son Revel Carpenter twenty five akers of Land also my darter Reilly Carpenter five dollars also my darter Nancy Carpenter one Cow my darter Nancy Carpenter one Brafe and 3d also i give my darter Mary Carpenter one heifer and five dollars Also i leave unto Lisebeth Carpenter Tenech akers of Land were i reside at Preston also I leave all of my real Property to my dear beloved wife Nancy Carpenter also I want me son Revel Carpenter to settle my Estate

J. Richard x Carpenter

Charles S. Jester
David Tarr
John W. Sharpley.

At a Court held for Accomack County, on the 30th day of June 1651. This last Will and Testament of Richard Carpenter died, was proved by the Oaths of David Tarr and John W. Sharpley, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Revell Carpenter, the executor therein named, taking oath and giving bond according to law in the penalty of One thousand Dollars, with John Sharpless and Archibald Reid, securities thereto, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test: T. J. Rayfield By:
for J. W. Gillet C. A. C.
Firstly. I lend to my Wife during her life & no longer, the following Property, & at Her Death, I wish it disposed of, as I shall mention in this my Will, I lend to my Wife my Tract of Land that formerly belonged to my Father containing by Estimation about Fifty acres of Land, I wish my Executors to have the House comfortably finished, the Rooms Plainest pur a good Frame meat House built & the old Barn repaired, with a Shed put to it for Stables, I lend my Wife my Negro Girl Eve- my Negro man Sambo & my Negro man Sam- I wish my Wife to be set up to house keeping in a comfortable manner, & I lend Her such Household & Kitchen Furniture as she may want, & wish my Executors to furnish Her with necessary provisions for one year, als Pudder & corn to feed Horse & Caw.-

2ly I give to my Son Benjamin S. Colonna at His mothers Death, the Land which I have lent His mother, containing by Estimation Fifty acres, which I give to my Son Benjamin S. Colonna & his His Heirs forever- also my man Sam, at his mothers Death, I wish to remain on the Land & be supported by my Son Benjamin- I also give to my son Benjamin my little Bay mare- called Penny Esher-

3ly I wish the Land that I now live upon & my Land on Ames Ridge Sold- I wish the Land on Ames Ridge surveyed & each Tract sold by the acre- & the proceeds of each Tract of Land & all others, Property which I have not disposed & lent my Wife, I wish sold, & the proceeds to be divided between my son John W. Colonna, Mary R. Doughty, Abel B. Colonna, Benjamin S. Colonna & Major D. Colonna Child & Children which he may hereafter have- I give to my Son Major D. Colonna nothing, but the portion I once intended for Him, I give to His Children, I wish my Son Major D. Colonna to act as Trustee for His Children, & request my Executors as soon as practicables, to place in my son Major D. Colonna Hands, the property which I give to His Child & Children & Require of Him no Refunding Bond, nor Bond of any kind, as I have full confidence in my Son Major D. Colonna that He will appropriate the Property which I give His Child & Children to their use.-

4ly I wish all my Negroes which I have not lent Wife to be divided among my Children before mentioned, & my son Major D. Colonna Child & Children- I wish my Negroes to have their choice which of my Children they will serve, & if either of them should be compelled to be sold I wish one of my Children to purchase Him or Her.-

5ly. The Bonds & Notes that I hold against my Children & what they owe me, & what I have paid for them, or my Executors may pay where I am security for either of my Children, I wish to be deducted from their Portion, & what I have paid & what my Executors will have to pay where I have been security for my Son Major D. Colonna, I wish to be deducted from the Property which I give His children.-

6ly. At the Death of my Wife, I wish the Property which I have lent to my Wife (I do not mean the Land nor Sam as I have before given to my Son Benjamin S. Colonna) I mean the Personal Property, the Negroes to be divided among my Children, & the proceeds of the Personal Property & the Negroes to be divided between my Son John W. Colonna, Mary R. Doughty, Abel B. Colonna, Benjamin S. Colonna & Major D. Colonna's Child & Children, I do not give my Son Major D. Colonna any portion of it, but wish my Executors to pay over to my Son Major D. Colonna the portion that belongs to His Child-
as I have appointed Him as Trustee to His Children & it is my wish that my Executors do not exact of Him any Bond of indemnity or any other Bond for the performance of his duty as Trustee to His Children, as I have full confidence in my Son Major D. Colonna that He will appropriate all that I have given to His Children to their use & support.

7ly I give to Miss Susan Winder who resides with me Twenty Dollars.

8ly I appoint my Sons John W. Colonna & Benjamin S. Colonna as Executors to this my last Will, & it is my wish that if either of my Children are not pleased with my will, or give my Executors any trouble or is obstinate & throw difficulties in the Settlement of my Estate—that they shall have nothing, & their Portion I wish divided among my other children & Mary D. Colonna Children.

9ly The Store House which my Sons John W. Colonna & Benjamin S. Colonna built upon my Land belongs to them—they are at liberty to remove it, or dispose of it as they please.

10ly I have full confidence in my Sons John & Benjamin who I have appointed as my Executors, I wish them if practicable to settle my Estate without carrying it to Court, I wish them to bury me decently—collect all money that is due me, pay all my just Debts & the residue of my property to be disposed of as I have before directed—made & signed this 29th Day of January 1844.

Test

[Signature]

Benjamin Colonna

Edward T. Wise

William H. S. Wise

William F. Moore Senior

Codicil to the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Colonna, which is to be taken as a part thereof, first I direct that my daughter Mary Doughty or her heirs, shall in the division of my Slaves, take in her share of the same, my Negro woman Jane & all her increase to be taken and accounted for in said division at their appraised value.

Item since making my aforesaid Will and Testament, I have concluded that the children of my son Major D. Colonna, being compelled to take in their distributive share of my estate, their father's debt due me, which will amount to so much, that it may be doubtful if they receive any more out of my estate, to remedy which doubt, I give and bequeath unto all the Children of my son Major D. Colonna, the further sum of One Hundred dollars, in addition to the legacy heretofore given them, to be paid out of my estate by my Executors before the general dividend of my estate, which last bequest is to be paid by my Executors to my son Major D. Colonna, for the benefit of his children as their trustees, upon the same conditions as directed in this Will & Testament before, In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand & seal this 21st Sept: 1846.

[Signature]

Benj. Colonna

in presence of

William F. Moore Senr.

I, Benjamin Colonna, having on the 25th day of January 1844 made and published my last will and testament, and having also made a codicil thereto on the 21st day of September 1846, do hereby make a second codicil to said will, as follows: The first item of my said will is not void, as my Wife has departed this life. And the second item of said
in which a certain fifty acres of land are bequeathed to my son Benjamin S. Colona. I do hereby revoke and make void. It is not now my wish nor was it ever my intention, that my son Benjamin, should have the said land without giving a fair compensation for the same. And in regard to said fifty acres of land I would now say, that it is my desire that some one of my children shall take said fifty acres of land as a part of his or her share of my estate. This 22nd day of October 1850 I have made this codicil to my said will, republishing whatever in said will is not contrary to this codicil and revoking whatever in said will is contrary to this paper or writing.

Signed sealed and published by said
Benjamin Colona as and for a codicil to his last will, in our presence
and at his request we have attested
the same as witnesses thereto
Meese Smith
William P. Beach
Margaret S. Kellam

At a Court held for Accomack County, on the 28th day of July 1851. This last will and testament of Benjamin Colona, deed, was proved by the Oaths of Edward T. Wise, William E. Wise and William P. Moore Senr, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And a codicil thereto was proved by the Oaths of Meese Smith and William P. Beach, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of John W. Coloma & Benjamin N. Coloma, the executors therein named, taking Oath & giving Bond according to Law in the penalty of fifteen thousand Dollars ($15,000), with Richard J. Ayres, Frederick B. Fisher & Levi D. Dix, securities thereto, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test: J. W. Gillet, C. A. C.

In the name of God Amen. I Mitchell Chandler of the County of Accomack and State of Virginia, do ordain and appoint this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments whatsoever, in manner and form following to wit:-

I lend to my son John H. Chandler the lands called "Mary-branch", which I purchased of Smith, during his life, and if he should marry after the death of his present wife and have a child or children I give it to them at his death; and in defect of such issue, I give it to his three Sisters or to their heirs at his death; but should his present wife (formerly Caty Smith) have a child or children they are to have no part of my Estate. I also give to my son John H. Chandler my negro woman Mary and her three children, namely, Eliza, Bill & Edmund.

I lend to my son Thomas B. E. Chandler all the lands called the "Old place" (where I was raised) during his life, and if he should leave a child or children at his death, I give one half of said land to them and the other half to his three sisters or their children, and if he should die without heir I give that half which was to go to his children to all his brothers and sisters.

I also give to my son Thomas B. E. Chandler my Negro William, girl Leah; and I hereby
John Watson Colonna was born 15 August 1805, apparently on his grandfather's 50-acre farm near Pennyville, where his tombstone stands, and died 8 April 1871. He married (1) 30 November 1836, Sarah Boggs, born 2 April 1813, died 3 October 1841. She is buried in a Boggs family plot, west of Cashville. He married (2) 17 December 1842, Margaret Jones, born 6 June 1818, died 30 December 1856 in childbirth (BAC report).

Deeds 1835-1837, p. 448 - 3 September 1836 - From James White, James Poulson, William Bagwell, William S. Seymour, Whittington B. Pool, stewarts of Accomack Circuit, to John W. Colonna, $125 for 1 acre, in town of Onancock, "bound north by a stone parallel with the back of the Garden, down backstreet to the Creek thence by the Creek south by the middle branch of Onancock Creek to main Street - up said street to a stone, east by the Parsonage Lot".

Deeds 1844-1846, p. 591 - 1 January 1846 - From John W. Colonna and Margaret his wife to Stephen Hopkins and H. A. Hopkins, merchants and partners, trading as "Hopkins & Son" $800 for 1-acre tract of land with the appurtenances thereunto in Town of Onancock. Bound south by the Main Street of Onancock and Onancock Creek, west by Onancock Creek, north by Onancock Creek, east by the Parsonage Lot - from Street to Street - House and Lot.

Anne B. Nock, in Child of the Bay (published 1992 by Hampton Roads Publishing Co., Inc., Norfolk, VA), pp. 36, 37, 109, states the front of the Alicia Hopkins house at above location was built in 1830 and attached to an older house of traditional Eastern Shore design that was already on the property. "The original house, none of which remains today, was built some years before Stephen Hopkins purchased the property". These statements appear correct except for the 1830 date. It is obvious there was no house on this lot in 1836 and that John W. Colonna had built "the older
house" by 1846, so the present two-story front had to have been built after 1846, since it was apparently a Hopkins structure.

Mrs. Nock also says (p. 67) that the lower section of Hopkins Store was built in 1842 at the foot of King Street. In the early 1880s it was moved across the road and attached to a new, taller section. It was moved to its present location in 1970.

It appears John W. Colonna had a home in Onancock from his first marriage until he lost his wife in late 1841, leaving him with an only son. It seems likely he moved back to the Pennyville area and was living with his father when he married the second time in December 1842, for his oldest child by this marriage, Benjamin A. Colonna (1843-1925), states he was born on his grandfather’s farm. He also says his father was first mate on a steamboat at the time of his birth, but resigned soon afterwards and opened a store at Pennyville, to which their home was attached by a colonnade.

John W. Colonna’s mother died in 1848, when his father was 85 years old. It was likely at this time he moved his family back to his father’s home, where the 1850 census shows him, a 45-year-old farmer, with his family and father Benjamin, at 88, living with him. By 1850, John W. Colonna had five children and his father’s home of "two large rooms below and two rooms in a finished attic" (BAC report), would have become cramped. However, he likely built the front two-story addition to the house only after his father’s death in 1851 and his purchase of the property from his brothers and sisters in 1853. The older part of the house, Benjamin Colonna’s home, was likely built by him after he bought the land in 1825. Mr. Whitelaw calls the home Thornefield or the Bull place (p. 668).

Deeds 1851-1853, p. 657 - 1 January 1853 - From Benjamin S. Colonna and Mary C. his wife, Abel B. Colonna and Margaret his wife, Major D. Colonna and Sally his wife, and John R. Dowty and Mary R. his wife, to John W. Colonna, 162 acres for $1528, tract on which said John W. Colonna now resides.
By 1860, John W. Colonna was a 54-year-old farmer. He had lost his second wife, but had six children living with him, also Henrietta T. Colonna, 14. The latter was a niece, daughter of Major D. Colonna, who had married Sallie Beach in 1841 (MLB 1832-1841, p. 7 and 1850 census) and died in 1853 (BAC report).

On 1 January 1861, John W. Colonna sold to James J. Edwards, for $6000.00, 196 acres, "which includes 33 acres which formerly belonged to Samuel and Rose Bayly" (Deeds 1860-1862, p. 395). This land was bound north by Richard J. Ayres and George Evans (f. n.), east by Frederick C. A. Kellam and John R. Doughty, south by James C. Doughty and Thomas Selby, and west by Richard J. Ayres and John R. Doughty. John W. Colonna had bought 33 acres east of his land from Levi D. Dix on 3 December 1855 for $500 (Deeds 1855-1858, p. 155). Mr. James E. Mears, in Hacks Neck and Its People (Supplement, p. 19), states that John W. Colonna sold his farm called Laurel Hill in the Pennyville-Nandua-Pungoteague section a short time before the War of Secession and moved to a farm on Occohannock Creek. His name has not been found in the 1870 census for Accomack County, nor did he leave a will in Accomack County.


On 19 August 1862, William P. Moore, Sen', sold the same land to Thomas W. Bull for $6000.00 (Deeds 1862-1865, p. 92). The bounds were here given as starting at the corner of the Neck roads at the land of Levi D. Dix, Richard J. Ayres and F. C. A. Kellam, on the north and east by lands of John R. Doughty, east by Thomas H. Selby and James E. Doughty, south and west by James Martin (f. n.) and north and west by John Dennis (f. n.), George Evans (f. n.) and Richard J. Ayres, "to corner started at". On 26 June 1888, Henry F. Powell bought 250 acres called Thornfield for $4000, from the heirs of Thomas W. Bull (Deeds 60, p. 72). This deed states "the family graveyard (Bull one) is hereby expressly reserved" and access to it.

Stewart K. Powell, trustee, and others, sold 80 acres of Thorn Field to James G. Doughty on 1 January 1939 for $3,000 (Deeds 155, p. 561). James G. Doughty had the line established between his part of the Bull Farm and the other part of it on 23 January 1939 (Plat Book #5, p. 15). H. Ames Drummond, Special Commissioner, sold the same 80 acres on 23 August 1945 to United Baking Co., Inc. for $10,000 (Deeds 189, p. 304). United Baking Co., Inc., had a survey made of their 82.65 acres on 31 July 1952 (Plat Book #8, p. 43 - copy included). United Baking Co., Inc., of New York State (John English president), sold 80 acres to Melvin E. and wife Dorothy C. Drummond on 4 November 1952, for $13,000 (Deeds 209, p. 30). The land was here described as being on the highway from Pungoteague to Pennyville, beginning at the center of a branch at its southern corner and running across route 617, which cuts through the property in a northwest direction. It was bordered on the southeast and south by the remaining part of said Thornfield or Bull Place.

On 25 February 1944, Stewart K. Powell, Trustee, and others sold an estimated 80 acres, "the remaining portion of Thornfield", to Henry Dennis for $2,750 (Deeds 170, p. 327). It was bound north and northwest by James G. Doughty land, from which it was separated.
OLD COLONNA HOME

PENNSYLVILLE - PUNGOTEAGUE - NANDURAH, VIRGINIA

Now the home of Mrs. Melvin E. Drummond
Sketch of Line Separating the Part of the Farm Known as the

Ball Farm Near Downdale, Rensselaer County, Virginia Purchased by

James & Daughters, From the Bridges of the Road Returned By

Margaret S. Beesly and Others.

Line run out as directed by James & Daughters and Others on Nov. 2, 1850.

[Signature]

August 22, A.D.

[Stamp: Plat Book No. 5, p. 15]

Virginia in the Clerk's Office of the Court of Rensselaer County, Town, 17, A.D., 1850.

[Stamp: Clerk's Office in Park and Records Office in Court House]

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LOT "A"

SCALE 1" = 60'

LOT 'A' CLEARED LAND - 1.24 A
WOODS LAND - .80 A
WOODS, CUT-UP, THICKET - .33 A
TOTAL - 2.37 A

NOTE:
ALL BEARINGS REFER TO MAGNETIC NORTH (DECL. 7') SURVEYED AT THE REQUEST OF UNITED BAKING CO., INC.
Cemetery: Graves not marked. Therefore, boundaries not exactly set forth on plat.
SYMBOLS:
--- TELEPHONE LINE (OVERHEAD)

PROPERTY OF
UNITED BAKING COMPANY, INCORPORATED
PENNYVILLE
NEAR PUNGOTEAGUE
ACCOMAC COUNTY
VIRGINIA
JULY 31, 1952

S. M. Leary, Jr.

Virginia to the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Accomack County,
This plat is submitted to you as a part of Proof of United Baking Company's claim in the above
Petition, and is required to be filed as a part of the Petition.
June 24, 1952.
Mr. W. W. Colonna, Jr.
400 East Indian River Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23523

Dear Mr. Colonna,

I am enclosing several pages to be added to the report on Colonna lands. I am also enclosing four Colonna charts. I tried to type these charts but, except for the first one, could not get this much information on one page. I do hope you can read my writing.

After reading the list of people who attend the Colonna reunion, I realized I would be unable to tell how most of these were connected to a Colonna line. I proceeded to develop the lines to around 1900 (I have not read the 1910 census or the 1920 census, the last one released to date). Hopefully, each of the people on your list can connect themselves to a Colonna on one of these four charts. Mr. Robert L. Colonna of Seaford, DE, is an exception. I know he comes from the upper Accomack County Colonas.

The first two charts show your direct line. As you can see on Chart II, the Colonna name in this line ended on the Eastern Shore with the death of Abel Thomas Colonna in 1931. You likely have Colonna relatives still living here named Ashby, Doughty, Nock, Wise and Johnson, however.

The 6th generation on Chart III would have been John Watson Colonna's first cousins. Most of these people lived in Northampton County. The 6th generation on chart IV were John W. Colonna's second cousins and after their deaths the Colonna name was no longer found in Hack's Neck. William E. Colonna, of the 7th generation here, has a tombstone at Christ Church, Eastville, while his half-brother, John Exar, has one at Quinby. Their cousin, John T. Colonna's stone is near Craddockville.

The upper Accomack County Colonas apparently all go back to Elijah Colona, born circa 1753, died intestate 1822, married (1) circa 1774, Comfort West, (2) 1792, Sarah Evans. Elijah's parents are still unknown. Assuming he was a descendant of the first Owen Colonna, he would have to fit in Chart I at the 5th or 6th generation and his father would have been a brother to Littleton or a descendant of Brian. I have searched for a detailed record of Brian's estate administration, with a possible division among his heirs, without finding anything more.

I am sorry it has taken so long to finish all this, but have had other commitments to complete, along with tracking down the upper Accomack County Colona lines. I now feel sure that Colonas related to you did indeed move south. I called your cousin Ellen Britton several times but got no answer. Have they been on vacation?

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Carey
As has been shown, John Watson Colonna sold his farm at Pennyville, Accomack County, on 1 January 1861, for $6000. On 7 September 1860, he had bought an 150-acre farm in Northampton County for $2806, from Louis W. Stewart, Executor of James Stewart, deceased, and Sarah A., his wife (North. Deeds 36, p. 150). This land was in Occohannock Neck but not on Occohannock Creek. It was bordered on the west by the Chesapeake Bay. The tombstone of his daughter, Rebecca Robb Colonna, who died in 1863 of diphtheria, states she died at Battle Point. Present-day maps show Battle Point Road (route 709) running west to the Bay from route 183 at Jamesville, which would place Battle Point approximately halfway between the mouth of Occohannock Creek and Silver Beach.

John W. Colonna, at 55 years, moved with his family to this new location in late 1860. His family then consisted of those shown in his household by the 1860 census; son Benjamin A. at 16, daughter Elizabeth E. at 14, daughter Cornelia S. of 12 years, son Charles at 10, Major of 8 years, daughter Rebecca R. of 5 years and niece Henrietta T. Colonna of 14 years.

John W. Colonna apparently had a strong bond with the water. His first occupation was as a first mate on steamers from Onancock to Baltimore and his first home, after marrying, was in Onancock, overlooking the harbor. Family records tell of him spending the Civil War years running the Union blockade of the Chesapeake Bay. While he likely did this from a strong sense of patriotic duty, he could not see to the management of his farm at the same time. Without the active invasion of Union troops on the Eastern Shore (no battles were fought here), farming had become a problem to many in the area, with the freeing of slaves and the lack of accessible markets for their crops.

On 16 September 1864, John W. Colonna mortgaged his 150-acre farm in Occohannock Neck to John R. Robertson for $3000 (North. Deeds 36, p. 247). On 12 March...
1866, Benjamin A. Colonna was named trustee for a number of people to whom John W. Colonna had outstanding debts (North. Deeds 36, p. 543 - copy enclosed). This deed shows John W. putting up his entire personal property as collateral to cover the debts, and is the last record found of him on the Eastern Shore. Family records show that he moved his family to Norfolk, where he was a Pilot of a steamer in 1868 and a storekeeper in 1870 (BAC report, II, p. 12, 17). He died in Norfolk on 8 April 1871, from yellow fever contracted by a trip into the Dismal Swamp, and his body was encased in a copper-clad casket before it was transported back to Accomack County for burial with his family on his grandfather Major Colonna's farm near Pennyville (BAC report, II, p. 84 and tombstone).

No record has been found locally of the settling of John W. Colonna's estate. It is obvious that when he left the Eastern Shore he was in debt. Family records indicate that it was not until after August 1882 that his estate was finally settled (BAC report, II, p. 36).

The Northampton County 1870 census shows John W. Colonna's eldest son, Benjamin A. Colonna, a school teacher of 27 years, living in the household of Thomas W. Mason, a retired merchant of Eastville, with his son Ezekiel Mason. On 6 April 1876, Benjamin A. Colonna sold his schoolhouse "now standing on the Court House lot" and "1/16 acres bound south by the Court House lot", to R. V. Nottingham for $150 (North. Deeds 39, p. 74). By this time, B. A. Colonna had a position with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and was visiting the Eastern Shore on a 3-month leave. (BAC report, II, pp. 17A, 22, 23). During this visit, the people he stayed with were friends and relatives. He spoke of George Westcoat, a former servant, coming to see him and also of "Uncle George Colonna" visiting him. This last was not a relative (he had no uncle George), but apparently a former slave. George Colonna, black, 40, was listed in the 1870 census as living in St. George Parish, Accomack County, with his family. By 1900, the Lloyd Colonna household was the only white Colonna family in Pungoteague District, while there were four black Colonna households.
and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars ($5000), conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office; which bond is ordered to be recorded. And therefore the said Thomas J. Coffey took the bond and other requisites required by law.

[Signature]

[Seal]

[Notary Public]

New York, this 22d day of March, 1866.

[Signature]

[Notary Public]
recalled a N. handwritt, $31.80 for total of 1860, due on open account, to H. H. Green, these being (5) no which were due 187.4.4, on 1st Jan. 1861, to Thomas B. Davis $33.65, due on bonds dated March 1, 1866; to Eugene Holmes $2.00 due on bond, the date of which is not recalled; to John H. Angell $12.50, due on bond dated August 1864; to Margaret Denton, widow of Thomas H. Denton, $37.00 due on bond, date not recalled; to Benjamin Ashley $20.50 on open acct., date not remembered; to William $19.50, due on bond dated December 31, 1862, to Robert $10.30, due on bond, date not remembered, on which about five years interest was due, to follow one tenth of the amount of a bond interest due by said bond to Benjamin Jackson, Benjamin A. Holman, and Davis D. Deal for $10.00 on which about one year interest is due, to James H. Holman for $10.00, due by note or open acct., date not recalled, to Lewis Holpines $10.00, and all interest due, and which may become due on said debts respectively. In testimony whereof the said James Holpines has hereto set his hand and seal on the day and year
just above written.

John H. Holman

Witnessed:

At a county court for Northampton County the 12th day of March 1866, this Deed from John H. Holman to Benjamin A. Holman, in trust for the benefit of Benjamin K. Mitchell and other creditors, was the day acknowledged by the said John H. Holman to be his act and deed, and ordered to be recorded.

Dated: Lafayette Harman, Clerk

R. B. 6, 7

A deed made the 12th day of March in the year

1866 between George L. S. Thomas, commissioner of

the first part, and James L. Benson of the second part, both of Northampton County in the state of Virginia; wherein, by a release of

the estate herein of said James L. Benson on the 12th day of September in the year

1866, for a certain sum in consideration thereof and more particularly in favor of James L. Benson, plaintiff, against Samuel Benson, executor and other, defendants, the said George L. S. Thomas was

granted permission to make sale of certain land, therein mentioned which had been mortgaged, by the said James L. Benson in his lifetime, to secure the payment of the indebtedness mentioned in said
COLONNA CHART I

1st generation

2nd generation

Owen
b.c. 1630
d.t. 1693
m.(1) c. 1655

Owen, junior
b.c. 1655
d.t. 1716
m.(1) c. 1674
(2) c. 1693, Winifred

Father
m. William Hill

Daughter
m. Stephen Harrison

Daughter
m. Arnold Harrison

3rd generation

Owen
b.c. 1695
d.? , living in 1729
m.c. 1715

Benjamin
b.c. 1701
d.t. 1776
m.c. 1730, Esther Wheler of Wm.

Isabelle Repentus

Hester

Daughter, Elizabeth Fletcher?

4th generation

Children unknown

5th generation

Upham
b.c. 1752
m. 1775, Ann Darby

Rosannah
m. 1779, Isabella Waltham

Others?

Major, see chart II
b.c. 1736
d.t. 1811
m.(1) 1760
(2) 1775

John
b.c. 1738
d.t. 1777
m. 1774, Elizabeth Smith, widow

William, see Chart IV
b.c. 1740
d.t. 1800
m.c. 1765, Comfort Hall

Susanna

Daughter
m. Darby

Mary Frances Casey
August 13, 1996
5th generation

6th generation

7th generation

8th generation

Major, Jr. of Northampton County

son of Major of Benjamin
b. 1776
d. 1823
m. c. 1805, Fannie
in North Carolina in 1820, over 45, with 1 M under 10 years and 1 M at 10 to 16

Mary Frances Casey
August 14, 1996
AUGUST, 1996

The attached map marked page 63 is an enlargement of page 1 of this report titled County of Accomack, Virginia.

I have added this last page because of information gathered by Mary Frances Carey - genealogist who believes as I do that the burial site of our first ancestors, starting with Owen Collony (Colonna) and his two wives and descendants, has been located where the numeral 82 is shown on attached map in a southeasterly direction a few hundred feet from the island at the head of Currituck Creek.

Having explored this burial site and discovered the Kellam grave stones with many ballast stones scattered in a rather large area (believed to be early grave markers) on the north side of the Kellam graves and in particular on a slanted area sloping down the hill in the direction of the island and knowing that families from this area often continued the use of the same burial site as land ownership changed from generation to generation and even from century to century and knowing that Owen Collony bought this land, lived here, died here and willed this and adjacent lands to his heirs would suggest he was most likely buried here. Coupled with the present land owner Mark McNair telling me that shortly after his purchase of this land not too many years ago, some old people of the area told him of local people wanting some sandy soil and digging into the sloping bank on the northwesterly side of the old Kellam grave yard dug up lots of human bones, etc. making them think they had dug into an Indian burial ground.

From the information we have gathered and a little common sense, I believe they dug into the ancient Colonna burial ground and perhaps into some unmarked Kellam graves as well.

Perhaps there is no absolute proof this is the original Colonna burial site and may never be proved for certain but with everything considered, I strongly believe it is the burial site of our first Colonna ancestors.

My son, W. W. Colonna, III, and I were discussing the above when he mentioned with the latest development in the science of DNA testing and with some bones from the grave site and a blood test from a known descendant, it may be possible to prove certain lineage. This may be of interest to someone another time, another day.

W. W. Colonna, Jr.

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