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## Foreword

The first research on Bulls by this genealogist was completed in 1994 and the results recorded in a booklet titled Bulls of Accomack County, Virginia. The line being traced at that time was a branch of Bulls who left the Accomac area and settled in Wachapreague, Quinby and Hacks Neck. Another branch of the family, the Messongo Bulls, was completed in 2000, as a supplement to the original booklet.

When Mr. John Davis Bull of Riverview, Townsend, Virginia, commissioned his line in early 2001, a second supplement was planned. However, it later seemed more suitable to do an entirely new booklet, using the first two generations in the first one, since these are common to all three studies, and continuing by writing of each succeeding generation, ending with Bagwell Bull of Northampton County. The second generation has been revised from the original and the supplement has the first five generations in common with this new booklet.

A very unusual will, that of George Bunting, who died in 1832, has been extremely helpful in preparing this line, for he had no children, but left personal property to his sister Bridget Bull's children and grandchildren. The grandchildren were named in the distribution of his estate. It is very rare for a genealogist to find such a document, giving names of relatives for several generations. A copy of George Bunting's will should have been included, but it was not found on microfilm and the Accomack County Clerk does not allow copying pages of the large old books in his care, since it tends to break them apart. The will of the first Bagwell Bull was not copied for the same reason, however, a survey of his land was found in a book with removable pages and a copy is included. This Bagwell Bull's land was on the south side of Folly Creek, while his grandson, another Bagwell Bull, owned land on the north side of the same creek in Baylys Neck. No survey has been found of it.

to join  
It should be noted that all descendants of Custis Bull are eligible, such national organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution, for he was a Revolutionary War pensioner.

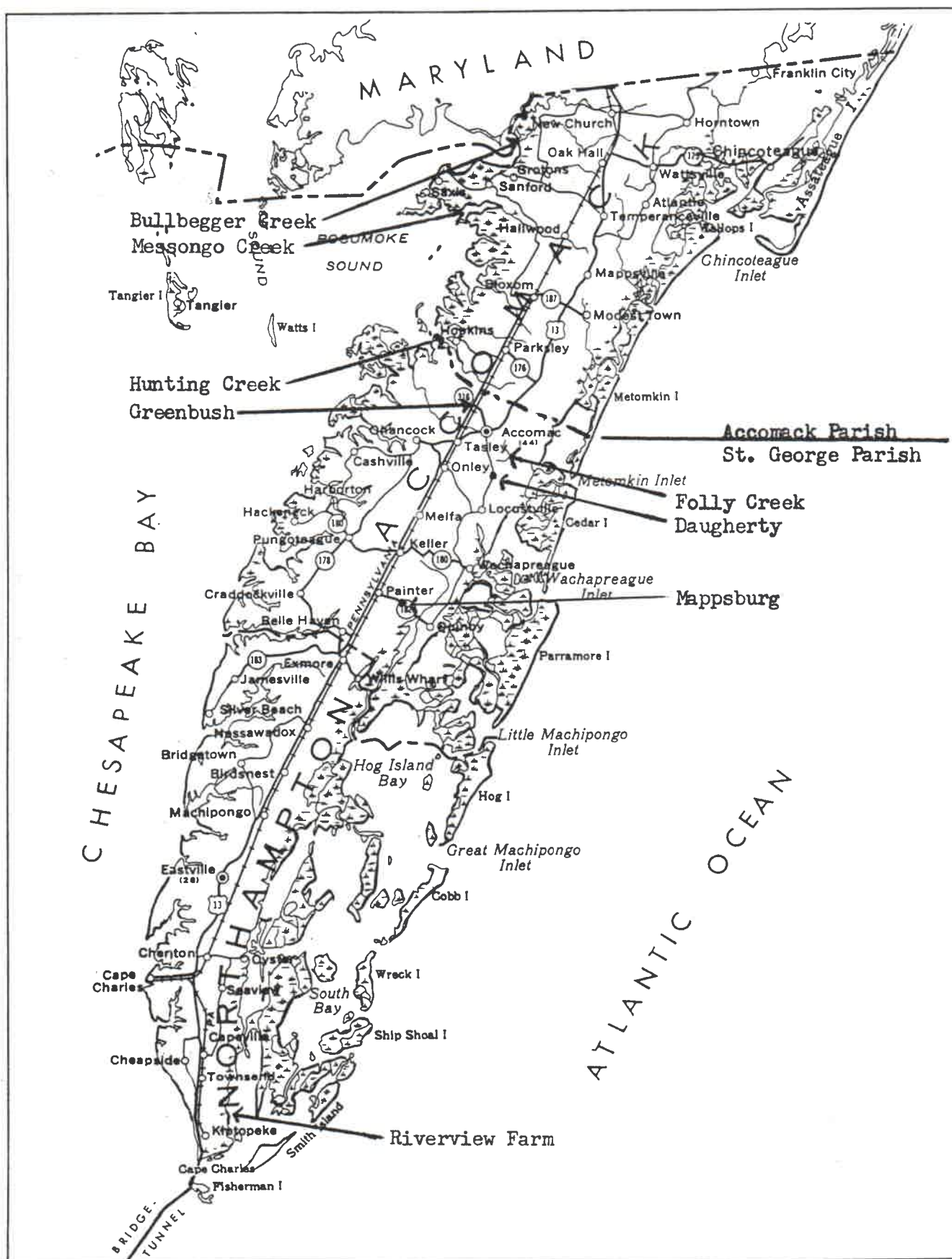
It should also be noted that the two enclosed charts are labeled I and V. Chart I, II, and III can be found in Bulls of Accomack County, Virginia, and Chart IV in the supplement. Chart I has been slightly revised from the original to show the children of Custis Bull. It is suggested that one refer to these charts frequently while reading the text.

Mr. John D. Bull, who still lives on land his great-grandfather bought in 1893, has given family information for the 9th and 10th generations. He also asked for research on William Scarborough Rolley, who married Mr. Bull's great aunt, Mary A. Bull, in 1894, fathered a daughter, and died in 1896 (Bible records). Information found on him is included as a separate section. Gathering data on the Rolleys has been frustrating because the name was spelled in many different ways in Accomack County records. Apparently it was spelled as it sounded to the man preparing the document.

The references are those from the original 1994 booklet. Another reference is now in print and has been used - Abstracts of the Wills and Administrations of Accomack County, Virginia, 1800-1860, compiled by Barry W. Miles and Moody K. Miles, III, published by Heritage Books, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, in 2000. All documentation herein refers to Accomack County records unless otherwise stated.

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## Virginia's Eastern Shore

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Tobias Bull  
The First Generation

The name of Tobias Bull first appeared in Eastern Shore of Virginia records on 16 January 1665, when he was listed as one of seven headrights for Robert Richardson, as Richardson was granted 350 acres of land in lower Accomack County (Deeds & Wills 1663-1666, p. 88). If a man paid his own transportation costs from England, he was entitled to patent 50 acres of land in the Colony of Virginia. If he desired additional land, he would either pay the costs of other immigrants or buy their rights to 50 acres. Such persons were called headrights. Theoretically, a man's name could appear as a headright only once, unless he went back to England and reentered the new country a second time.

A new patent was granted to Robert Richardson for 500 acres "at the head of Occahannock Creek", on 5 April 1666 (Nugent I, p. 552). Since this patent listed the same seven headrights plus three Negroes, it was a reissue of the earlier patent with 150 additional acres.

Tobias Bull was first listed as a tithable, or tax payer, in Accomack County in 1677 (Orders 1676-1678, p. 56). This indicates he was head of a household and had married by that year. He apparently lost his first wife, for he was not on the tax list again until 1683 (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 356). He was then listed each year until his death in 1687 (p. 386, p. 414, p. 437).

On 13 January 1685, Tobias Bull petitioned the court that his wife Rebecca had been summonsed to court as a witness by the Churchwardens, on their behalf, in a suit against John Dyer (Wills & Orders 1682-1697, p. 57). Rebecca was to be paid 160 pounds of tobacco for her six days in court.

On 16 March 1687, a deposition by Tobias Bull, aged about 39, and his wife Rebecca Bull, aged about 27, was given in Accomack County Court (p. 112). They "sayth - That about xber (October) last past y<sup>e</sup> beginning of that month John



Stoakly of Occaconson (Assowoman) came to our Dwelling house near Capt Wallops (in Wallops Neck, near present-day Wattsville) and demanded Some nailes & matcoat of Mr. Kendalls & this deponant Tobias asked him what he was to doe w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> nailes he Said to build a house at Chincoteague Iland....." On the same day, Tobias Bull, alone, gave another deposition, telling of Thomas Welburne seating Chincoteague Island by having Tobias build a house there and, at the same time, planting an acre in tobacco, corn, and apple trees (p. 113).

These two depositions show that Tobias Bull was born circa 1648 and his <sup>then</sup> wife Rebecca was born circa 1660. They were living in Wallops Neck, he was in the employ of Thomas Welburne of Horntown, calling him "my master", and was involved in the dispute over the ownership of Chincoteague Island (Whitelaw, p. 1377).

Tobias Bull wrote his will on 29 April 1687 and it was recorded on 16 November 1687 (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 458). He said he was very sick and weak but of a good, sound, and alert memory. He gave "all my worldly goods and whole estate after my just debts are paid to my Loving wife Rebecca" and made her executrix of his estate. John Wallop, Nathaniel Tunnell and Thomas Conaway signed the will as having witnessed the signature of Tobias Bull "on the day and month above written". The "signature" of Tobias Bull was actually his mark.

That Tobias Bull had at least one son is shown by a deed of 11 May 1686, whereby Richard Hastings gave to Richard Bull, son of Tobias Bull and his wife Rebecca, "one brindle Cow being foure years old and marked w<sup>th</sup> a crop on the Right Ear and has niche in y<sup>e</sup> under Side of the left Ear & overbitten on the left ear also" (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 423). Richard Hastings had apparently been named godfather to Richard Bull or else he was his grandfather.

Tobias Bull owned no land. His widow likely moved to the middle part of Accomack County to raise her family. She could have remarried, having been only about 27 years old when Tobias died. Since she and Tobias Bull apparently had



been married since 1683, they likely had other children besides son Richard:

1. Benjamin Bull, born circa 1684? Benjamin Bull witnessed the will of Thomas Hope in 1732 (Deeds & Wills 1729-1737, p. 353). No other record.

2. Richard Bull, born circa 1686. Richard Bool died intestate in Northampton County by 15 January 1728, When Esther Bool, "relict of the deceased", was named to administer his estate (North. Co. Orders 1722-1728, p. 362). His personal estate was divided on 26 July 1729, between his widow and eight children: John Bool, Richard Bool, an unnamed daughter who had married William Mills, Dewey Bool, Tabitha Bool, Nicholas Bool, Rachel Bool, and Sarah Bool (North. Co. Wills & Deeds 1725-1733, p. 202, p. 203). The Bulls in Northampton County continued to spell their name as Bool or Boole. Dewey Bull died intestate in Accomack County by 7 June 1738, when his <sup>grandmother</sup> ~~widow~~, Rebecca Bunting, was named to administer his estate (Orders 1737-1744, p. 66). Rebecca Buntine left a nuncupative will, recorded 25 November 1740, in which she left all her property to a son, Jonathan Buntine (Wills 1737-1743, p. 281).

3. Tobias Bull, born 1687 to 1688. See next section.

Deposition of Tobias Bull  
Accomack County Wills & Orders 1682-1697, page 113

The Deposition of Tobias Bull aged about 39 years  
I declare that about the twentieth day of January last past was shown unto this  
Deponent in company with Thomas Woodburn Joseph Matthews Joseph Mann  
and an Indian called Pinato then went over to Genabago's and to Baldett  
and in order thereto carried our provision axes woodges hoes and other  
tools and then and there pitching in a convenient place this Deponent went  
to work and did cross cut and timber and built an house fifteen foot long and  
twenty foot broad seven foot and an half high from the ground to the  
water level this Deponent continuing there at work from the said twentieth  
day of January until about the middle of February in which time this Depon-  
ent said that he saw a point of ground that a judge of the land who had been  
ground being bare stump and grass about the said point being then made known  
the said ground which land was cleared tobacco seed was then sown in two bush  
peaches the said ground then was planted with young apple trees Indian corn  
which this Deponent saw Thomas Woodburn plant out of the said two tools--  
making holes for him and he dropped in the said this Deponent then told the  
said Thomas Woodburn it was a little too soon for him yet and that it might  
be that the said Woodburn made answer again say it was if it will it only planting  
it again that being I was sent again with Joseph Thomas as occasion was to plant  
or to plant it again but going as far as Capt. Macleods Island was put back again  
with bad weather finally I went away from the said point and plantation of  
Thomas Woodburn and came not there again till August in which time this Depon-  
ent cannot see what was done but I next had in dispute with Alexander Brann my  
master Thomas Woodburn sent me to plant in the ground again with him and in  
wood the said point being then about two foot high this Deponent helped with him to  
growing and feeding and since was not there again about a year ago the  
said point being grown with Sappings and Guapins this Deponent being known  
to plant out only for a house that was standing with this Deponent and his brother  
Giles Munson being then in company with him and further said not

Sworn in open Court  
March 4<sup>th</sup> 1686

Tobias Bull


To: In Warrington Co. Accomack

Transcription of Tobias Bull's Deposition  
Accomack County Wills & Orders 1682-1697, page 113

The Deposition of Tobias Bull aged about 39 years

Declareth That about the twentieth day of January last past was seaven years this Deponant in Company with Thomas Welburne Joseph Matthews Joseph Thorns and an Indian called Pinato then went over to Genteague Island to Seat itt and in order thereunto carryed our provision axes wedges hoes and other tools and then and there pitching on a convenient place this Deponant went to work fald trees gott board timber and built an house fifteen foot long and twelve foot broad seaven foot and an half high from the ground to the walplate this deponant Continuing thus at work from the Said twentieth day of January untill about y<sup>e</sup> middle of ffebruary in which time this Depon<sup>t</sup> sayth he saw a piece of ground then ajudged to be one whole acre that ground being Cleared Stumps and Grubed a Stout brush fence being then made Round the said Ground which Land thus Cleared Tobacco Seed was then Sown on two Burnt patches the Sd ground then was planted with young apple trees and Indian Corne which this Deponant Saw Thomas Welburne plant one of y<sup>e</sup> Said two Josephs making holes before him and he dropping y<sup>e</sup> Corne this Deponant then told the said Thomas Welburne it was a little too Soon for Corne yett and that it might Rott but Said Welburne made answer again lett it Rott if it will ill only planting it again that Spring I went once again with Joseph Thorns on occasion over to plant or replant it again but getting as farr as Capt Wallops Island was put back again with bad weather. I went away from y<sup>e</sup> house and plantation of Thomas Welburne and came not ~~there~~ again untill August in w<sup>th</sup> him this Depon<sup>t</sup> cannot see what was done but y<sup>e</sup> next year in April with Alexander Dunn my master Thomas Welburne sent me to plant y<sup>e</sup> Sd Ground again with Corne and in June following in Company with Joseph Matthews this Deponant helped with him to weed the Said Corne it being then about Knee high there being Apple Trees thereon growing and flourishing and Since was

not there accept about a yeare ago the place being grown with Sapplings and Grapevines this Deponant Scarce Knowing y<sup>e</sup> place but only for y<sup>e</sup> house that was standing w<sup>ch</sup> this deponant Said house had built Giles Munperson being then in Company w<sup>th</sup> me and further Saith not.

signature  
Tobias  Bull

Sworn in open Court  
March y<sup>e</sup> 16th 1686

Tes<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Washbourne C<sup>lk</sup> Cur Coun Accomack





Tobias Bull, II  
The Second Generation

While there is no proof that the second Tobias Bull of Accomack County was the son of the first Tobias Bull, the records indicate this as a fact. Richard Bull, a known son of the first Tobias, died in Northampton County and had no son named Tobias. The Benjamin Bull who witnessed an Accomack County will in 1734 could have married here and left a son Tobias, but the records do not show this. Finally, it is obvious that the second Tobias Bull was an older man when he wrote his will in 1751, since he named a number of grandchildren.

Tobias Bull, II, could have been born after his father died in 1687, but no later than 1688. He would have married circa 1715. He named his wife as Frances in his will, but her maiden name is unknown.

Tobias Bull, Planter, bought 200 acres of land on 7 February 1720, from Walter Scott and wife Rebecca, for 8000 pounds of tobacco (Deeds, Will & Etc 1715-1729, part 1, p. 301). The land was located "upon ye southern Branch of Hunting Creek". On 3 December 1723, Tobias Bull bought 150 additional acres, "bound south side by southern branch of Hunting Creek", from George Haizlop and wife Ann (p.520). He paid 6000 pounds "of Tobacco & Caske" for this tract.

Tobias Bull was named to be Surveyor of the Highways, in the room of (place of) Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Drummond on 3 December 1728 (Orders 1724-1731, p. 130). On 6 August 1734, Tobias Bull bought 200 acres from Joakim Michael and wife Margaret of Northampton County, for 70 pounds "Current Money of Virginia" (Deeds & Wills 1729-1737, part 1, p. 367). This land was located at "Metompkin", the name of the general area of present-day Accomac, before it became Drummond Town and Metompkin became the area circa five miles north of Accomac. Whitelaw places this last tract near present-day Daugherty, which was once called Bull Run (p. 893). On 17 April 1735, Mitchell Scarborough, Surveyor of Accomack County, recorded he had sur-



veyed 200 acres for Tobias Bull "in the woods near the head of James Walkers Branch (p. 457).

Tobias Bull, planter, made a final land purchase on 30 January 1750, when he bought 90 acres from Major Dunton and wife Abigail, for 26 pounds 6 shillings 6 pence (Deeds 1747-1757, p. 306). This land was north of present-day Accomac (Whitelaw, p. 1067).

Tobias Bull owned 640 acres in central Accomack County when he wrote his will on 4 May 1751 (Wills 1757-1761, p. 275). His will was presented for probate on 25 November 1760, but was not proved by its witnesses until 30 December 1760. Tobias Bull loaned "unto my Loving Wife Francis Bull during her natural Life or widowhood all my Lands and Negroes". He then gave to two sons, Tobias Bull and Daniel Bull, 350 acres and directed how the tract was to be divided, son Daniel to have the "North West part being the Place whereon I now live". He gave his son Benjamin Bull 200 acres on James Walkers Branch "whereon my said Son Benj<sup>n</sup> now lives" and a "Negro Boy Stephney". He loaned his daughter Ann Bird, the wife of Solomon Bird, a "Negro Boy Bristol" and at her death to her daughter Frances Bird. He loaned daughter Peggy Bonnewell, wife of Joachim Michael Bonnewell, a "Negro Boy Billy" and at her death to her daughter Sarah Bonnewell. He left son Daniel a Negro woman Jane and "Negro Boy Jemmy (James?)". He left to daughter Esther Lilliston, wife of Willet Lilliston, "land which I bought of Major Dunton lying and being in Accomack County containing Ninety Acres" and "One Negro Boy named Reuben". He made his wife Frances and son Daniel executor and executrix of his will and signed it with his mark.

The children of Tobias Bull, II, and his wife Frances, were:

1. Tobias Bull, III, born circa 1720. See next section.
2. Daniel Bull, born circa 1724. See Bulls of Accomack County and Chart II.

3. Benjamin Bull, born circa 1727. Benjamin Bull inherited 200 acres near present-day Daugherty from his father in 1760, where Benjamin was living when his father wrote his will in 1751. Benjamin's land, on James Walker Branch in 1735, likely changed its name to Bull Run Branch and the town of Bull Run, that developed nearby later became Daughtery (Whitelaw, p. 892). Benjamin wrote his will on 16 December 1770 and it was recorded on 27 August 1771 (Wills 1767-1772, p. 590). He left his whole estate to his wife Bridget during her widowhood and left personal property to sons Major, John and Benjamin. He left 1 shilling each to sons Richard and Southy. Son Richard inherited Benjamin's land and he died testate in 1797, leaving 95 acres to son Teackle Bull, 50 acres to son Tobias Bull, and 50 acres to son Richard Bull (Wills 1796-1798, p. 181). A farther disposition of Richard Bull's land and names of sons and his grandchildren, are given in a Land Cause dated 18 October 1820 (Sup. Court L. C., 1806-1827, p. 392).

4. Esther Bull, married Willet Lilleston by 1751. Esther inherited 90 acres from her father in 1760.

5. Ann Bull, married Solomon Bird by 1751.

6. Peggy Bull, married Joachim Michael Bonewell by 1751.

I In these Names of God I Tobias Bull of Accomack -  
lawfully in the Colony of Virginia being in good health & of sound mind memory  
& understanding Do therefore make & Ordain this to my last will  
& Testament Recommending my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to  
the Earth to be decently buried & my worldly Estate which God hath bestowed  
on me To be and dispose thereof in manner and form following -  
I give devise bequeath unto my Loving Wife Francis Bull during her natural  
Life or Widowhood all my Lands and Negroes Store I Give and Bequeath  
unto my two Sons Tobias Bull and Daniel Bull and to their Heirs Male  
lawfully begotten of them (Beginning after the Death or Marriage) of my wife  
~~Francis Bull~~ <sup>my said wife</sup> ~~and my said wife~~ <sup>of her body lawfully begotten</sup>  
~~three hundred and fifty Acres~~ <sup>to his said wife as she shall see cause</sup> to them  
& their Heirs Male for ever as aforesaid the same to be divided between my  
two said Sons in this manner a straight Line to be run from the Head of  
the Ditch nearest the head of the said Branch to Joseph Printers nearest  
some Good long Plantation and my said Son Tobias Bull & his Heirs as  
aforesaid to have & Enjoy the South East part being the Place whereon he  
now Lives and my said Son Daniel & his Heirs as aforesaid to have &  
Enjoy the West North West part being the Place whereon now Live I Give  
if my said Son Daniel should Die without Heirs as aforesaid then I Give and  
Bequeath his part of the said Land unto my Grandson Daniel Bull the  
Son of my said son Tobias Bull and to the Heirs Male of his Body  
lawfully begotten for ever. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my "son Benj"  
Bull & to his Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten for ever <sup>after the</sup>  
<sup>Death or Marriage</sup> of my said wife Two hundred Acres of land lying & being  
on a Branch formerly called and known by the name of James Watkins Branch  
the true place whereon my said son Benj<sup>r</sup> now does Live and unto my  
said son Benj<sup>r</sup> Bull during his Natural Life my Negro Boy Henry &  
after his death I Give the said Negro Boy Henry to his Son Tobias Bull  
& to his Heirs for ever. Item I Give unto my Daughter Ann Bird the Wife  
of Solomon Bird during her natural Life my Negro Boy Bristol & at her death  
then I Give the said Negro Boy Bristol to her Daughter Finner Bird & to her  
Heirs for ever. Item I Give unto my Daughter Peggy Cammell the Wife of John  
Michael Cammell during her natural Life my Negro Boy Polly & at her  
death then I Give the said Negro Boy Polly unto my said daughter Faggays  
Daughter Sarah Brannwell & to her Heirs for ever. Item I Give and Bequeath  
unto my aforesaid son Daniel Bull (after the death of my said wife) my Negro  
Boy Samson & my Negro Boy Tommy to him & to his Heirs for ever.

I have unto my Daughter Esther Lillien the wife of William Lillien  
and to the heirs lawfully begotten of her Body for ever the sum of £100  
begotten of Major Duntin being and being my dear and lawful daughter  
Minny (decease) to the same was a left child of my said daughter  
(decease) she died without my will then I was the said and unto  
my grandson (decease) the son of my son Benjamin (decease) and  
heirs lawfully begotten for ever then I was unto the heirs of the  
Body lawfully begotten of my said daughter Esther Lillien and her  
Body named Ruben and of my said daughter she died without my will  
then the said Major Duntin to return to my heirs at law from all the  
remainder of my lands not already given by of what nature soever  
I was & bequeath in the following manner that is to say One third  
thereof I was unto my said wife Frances (decease) and her heirs & the  
other two thirds I was unto my said son Daniel (decease) and his  
heirs forever lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my executors  
Francis (decease) & my said son Daniel (decease) & their heirs of this my last  
will & Testament Revoking & making void all other wills and  
Testaments by me heretofore made and appoint this to be my last  
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the fourth  
day of May in 1761 Anno dno. Tobias & Daniel (decease) Sealed  
& delivered in the presence of Major Duntin, John Duntin  
Cornelius Duntin

(It is a Court held for New County, Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1760.

The within last will & Testament of Tobias Bull (decease) being  
proved for Proof (decease) that a Citation issued against Tobias Bull  
the heirs at law returnable to the next Court the Court being thereof  
J. H. H. H.

(It is a Court held for Accomack County Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1760.

The within last will & Testament of Tobias Bull (decease) was proved  
by the Oaths of Major Duntin & Cornelius Duntin two of  
the heirs thereto and admitted to record and on the Motion of Daniel  
Bull this Court taking the said & giving each Michael Duntin  
& Mary Bull for his services who entered into & returned Bonds for that  
purpose Certificate granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due  
form Tobias Bull the heirs at law being lawfully appeared & voluntarily  
consenting thereto. J. H. H.



Tobias Bull, III  
The Third Generation

Tobias Bull, III, born circa 1720, was declared the heir-at-law of Tobias Bull, II, when the latter's will was presented for probate in 1760, indicating he was the eldest son. He would have married circa 1740. He had married Arcadia Melson, daughter of Joseph Melson by 10 April 1747, when Joseph wrote his will, naming a daughter as Arcadia Bull (Wills 1752-1757, p. 222).

Tobias Bull, III, inherited 175 acres from his father in 1760, land "whereon he now lives". This land was part of his father's home place, located on both sides of the road from present-day Greenbush to Accomac and included a home on the north side of the road still called The Bull Place (Whitelaw, pp. 990,991).

Thobias Bull, III, died testate soon after his father. His will was written on 17 January 1760 and recorded on 24 February 1761 (Wills 1757-1761, p. 308). He left his entire estate to his wife Arcadia during her widowhood and made her executrix. 100 acres of his land was to go to son John Bull and the remainder to son Daniel Bull. His personal estate was to go to "all my children" Daniel Bull, son of Tobias Bull, III, and his wife Arcadia, apparently died young, unmarried, for on 5 March 1773, Arcadia Bull deeded her dower interest in her late husband's 175 acres to son John Bull for 5 shillings (Deeds 1770-1777, p. 223). John ended up owning the entire tract.

The children of Tobias Bull, III, and his wife, Arcadia Melson Bull, were:

1. John Bull, born circa 1740. See next section.
2. Daniel Bull, born circa 1745, deceased by 1773. No issue.
3. Other unnamed children.



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In the name of God Amen I Tobias Bull being very sick  
& weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind & memory thanks be  
to almighty God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this life  
do make devise & appoint this my last will & Testament Resolving  
all other will or wills heretofore made do make devise & appoint  
this my last. ~~Then my will is that~~ Item my will is that my dear &  
loving wife shall have the use of all my lands & personal Estate during  
her Widowhood but at the day of her death or marriage my will is  
that all my Personal Estate be equally divided amongst all my Children  
Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Bull after the death or  
marriage of my wife One hundred acres of Land on that part of my  
Land lying Daniel Bulls to him & heirs for ever Item I give &  
bequeath to my son Daniel Bull after the death or marriage of my  
wife All the Remainder of my Land to him & heirs for ever lastly  
I devise & appoint my dear & loving wife Lucinda Bull my whole  
& sole Executor of this my last will and Testament to be the same performe  
according to the true Intent & meaning of the same. In Testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1761. Tobias Bull  
In the Presence of the Snyler Daniel Bull Catherine Bull

Witnessed at Accomack County Feby 24<sup>th</sup> 1761

This Within last will & Testament of Tobias Bull decd was proved  
by the Oaths of Thos Snyler & Daniel Bull two of the witnesses thereto  
& admitted to record John Bull then at law being absent and has  
nothing to object And on the Motion of Lucinda Bull taking the Oath  
& giving Daniel Bull & J<sup>es</sup> Malson for her Security who filed into  
Exchequer Bond for that purpose Certificate is granted her for Oaths  
& Probate thereof in due form

E.W.

Recorded

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Pursuant to an Order of Accomack County Court the Subscribers  
being first sworn have appraised the Estate of Mary Snyler decd as follows  
To wit: 201 Pash 1662 & 1663 26/- L<sup>rs</sup> 6.0



John Bull  
The Fourth Generation

John Bull, the son of Tobias Bull, III, and his wife, Arcadia Melson Bull, was born circa 1740. He would have married circa 1760. His wife was Bridget Bunting, a daughter of Smith Bunting, who died testate in 1770, naming a daughter as Bridget Bull and one of his sons as George Bunting (Wills 1767-1772, p. 410).

John Bull inherited 100 acres from his father in 1760 and 75 acres from his brother Daniel, land that had belonged to his grandfather, Tobias Bull, II.

John Bull died intestate by 30 December 1788 (Orders 1787-1790, p. 283). Bridget Bull was named his administratrix. His land was surveyed on 19 April 1791 as 193 acres and divided between his widow and eight children (Surveyor's Record #1, p. 173). Bridget Bull wrote her will on 10 November 1791 and it was probated on 26 February 1805 (Wills 1804-1806, p. 253). She named the same eight children. Her brother, George Bunting died testate in 1832, naming some of Bridget's children and a number of her grandchildren (Superior Court Wills 1831-1855, p. 4 and audits on pp. 28, 43, 106).

The children of John Bull and his wife, Brigit Bunting Bull, were:

1. Southy Bull, born circa 1780, married 1803. Ann West (Acco Co. Mar. Rec, 1774-1754, p. 45). It was apparently he who died intestate in 1855 (Orders 1854-1857, p. 179). His children, as named in the audit of George Bunting, were: Sally, Bridget, Southy, Jun<sup>r</sup>, Custis and George, each of whom recieved \$28.60.

2. Bagwell Bull, born circa 1760. See next section.

3. Nancy Bull, married Babel Mason in 1790 (Acco. Co. Mar. Rec. 1776-1954, p. 184).

4. A George Bull died intestate by 30 June 1806, when his administrator, John Bull, was appointed (Orders 1806-1807, p. 116). It was apparently his widow, Elizabeth Bull, who died testate by 27 September 1813, naming her children as;

Nancy Dix, John Bull, Elizabeth Bull, Southey Bull and George Bull. Each of these got \$17.80 from George Bunting's estate. A record dated 27 January 1834 states: George Bull died intestate in the year \_\_\_\_\_. He owned 50 acres of land and his children are: John Bull of Baltimore; Nancy Dix, widow of Revel Dix; Betsy Hickman, wife of George Hickman; George Bull of Baltimore; and Southey W. Bull of Accomack County (Complete Records 1826-1837, p. 497).

5. John Bull, Carter. This man was called Carter (did he build carts?) to distinguish him from another John Bull, Church, who lived near the new church, on the old road from Accomac to Onley. John Bull, Carter, died testate in 1837, leaving a large estate (Wills 1828-1846, p. 238). He named his wife, Betsy Bull, and three children: John Bull Jun<sup>r</sup>; Sally Mills; and Thomas Bull. He appointed "my brother Southey Bull, Sen<sup>r</sup> one of his executors, if his son, John, Jun<sup>r</sup> should die before settling the estate". No record has been found giving the maiden name of his wife Betsy. Son Thomas was later referred to as Thomas Bull of C (for Carter, not Custis).

6. Rachel, married Levin Gray. Levin Gray died testate in 1812, naming wife Rachel and disposing of "27 acres I purchased of Bagwell Bull" (Wills 1812-1814, p. 116). Rachel Gray died testate in 1831, leaving son Levin "29 acres adjoining lands of Custis Bull, John Bull and others" (Wills 1828-1846, p. 101).

7. Custis Bull, born 1762, according to a deposition he made on 1 August 1832, when he said he was 70 years old (Orders 1829-1832, p. 554). Custis was here applying for a pension, saying he served as a drummer boy for the Accomack County Militia during the Revolutionary War, for four years, starting when he was only 14 years old. Custis Bull died intestate by 29 September 1854, when his son, Charles Bull, was made his administrator (Orders 1851-1854, p. 103). An order of 27 October 1851 states Custis Bull died 1 September 1851, that he was a Revolutionary Pensioner and left no widow, but children: Rosey, Nancy, Polly, Charles, and

Betsy (no last names given) and these were his only living children (p. 115).

Custis Bull married circa 1788, Frances Fitzgerald, daughter of Joseph Fitzgerald and sister to Joseph Fitzgerald, Jun<sup>r</sup>, who died testate in 1813, naming Frances Bull as his sister (District Court Wills 1807-1830, p. 204). When their son, Charles Bull, died in 1883 at 82 years of age, his parents were given as Custis and Frances Bull (Register of Deaths).

Custis Bull had eight children according to the will of George Bunting, written in 1831. Their share of Bunting's estate, \$24.28 each, was distributed to: Elizabeth Bull of Custis; Harriett Bull (married 1834, Thomas Milliner); William Rawley (married 1820, Polly Bull); Richard Bloxom (married 1817, Rosey Bull); Henry Bayly (married 1831, Henney Bull, daughter of Custis); Nathaniel Lang (married 1816, Nancy Bull); William Bull of B (Bagwell), (married 1811, Sukey Bull); and Charles Bull. The records suggest, without proof, that Custis Bull had another son, who was deceased by 1831. A Bagwell Bull, aged 26 to 45, was head of a household in the 1820 census, with a wife of 15 to 26 years and five children under 10 years of age. No marriage for a Bagwell Bull circa 1810 has been found. His name does not appear in the 1830 census, suggesting he was either deceased by 1830 or had left the area. The only female head of a household in 1830 was a Hester Bull, with three children under 10 years.

8. Sophia Bull. Sophia married (1) 18 October 1800, William Lewis ( Mar. Rec. of Acco. Co., 1776-1854, p. 170). Sophia Lewis, widow, married (2) 11 July 1810, William Gardner (p. 109). Sophia Gardner was named as a niece by by her uncle George Bunting.



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Accomack County Virginia. I Bridget Bull being in good  
health thanks be to gods for the same and of a sound memory  
I give my estate in form as follows. I give to my  
son Bagwell Bull one twenty gallons back and one Iron  
spit and one pair of Horse shoes & one stone pot one grid  
iron I give to my son George Bull eight dollars I lent  
to him two Shaps I give to my daughter Rachel Gray  
two dollars. I give to my son Lewis Bull one old  
mare and one plow and one harrow and two sheep and one  
quitting ho. I give to my daughter Nancy Mason one side  
Saddle and two dollars in Cash. I give to my son John  
Bull one yoke of Steers and one young mare with paying  
Sonthy Bull three pence out of it and one mare, bull and  
one plow and one harrow and one quitting ho and one pair of  
Iron Higgs and one head. I give to my son Sonthy  
Bull second best Bed and furniture that mat and Cook  
just as it stands and one close press and one bow and half  
second chon and one pit and Iron racks and one iron and  
pigs the best choice. I give to my daughter Sophia Bull  
the best bed and furniture that mat & board just as it stands  
one chint one Whal one hackle one pulle Dish one Iron pot  
first chon one Saff and two silver cheese one Iron half  
first chon one square Table and my slaps and give my  
Will is that the rest of my estate to be equally divided be  
tween Lewis, John, Sonthy, and Sophia I appoint my  
two sons Lewis and John my Executors this my last Will  
and testament I Dismissing all wills made before Whereas  
I have fixed my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1791  
I believe in the presence  
Littleson Administrator  
Sally Littleson Tutor  
Bridget Bull  
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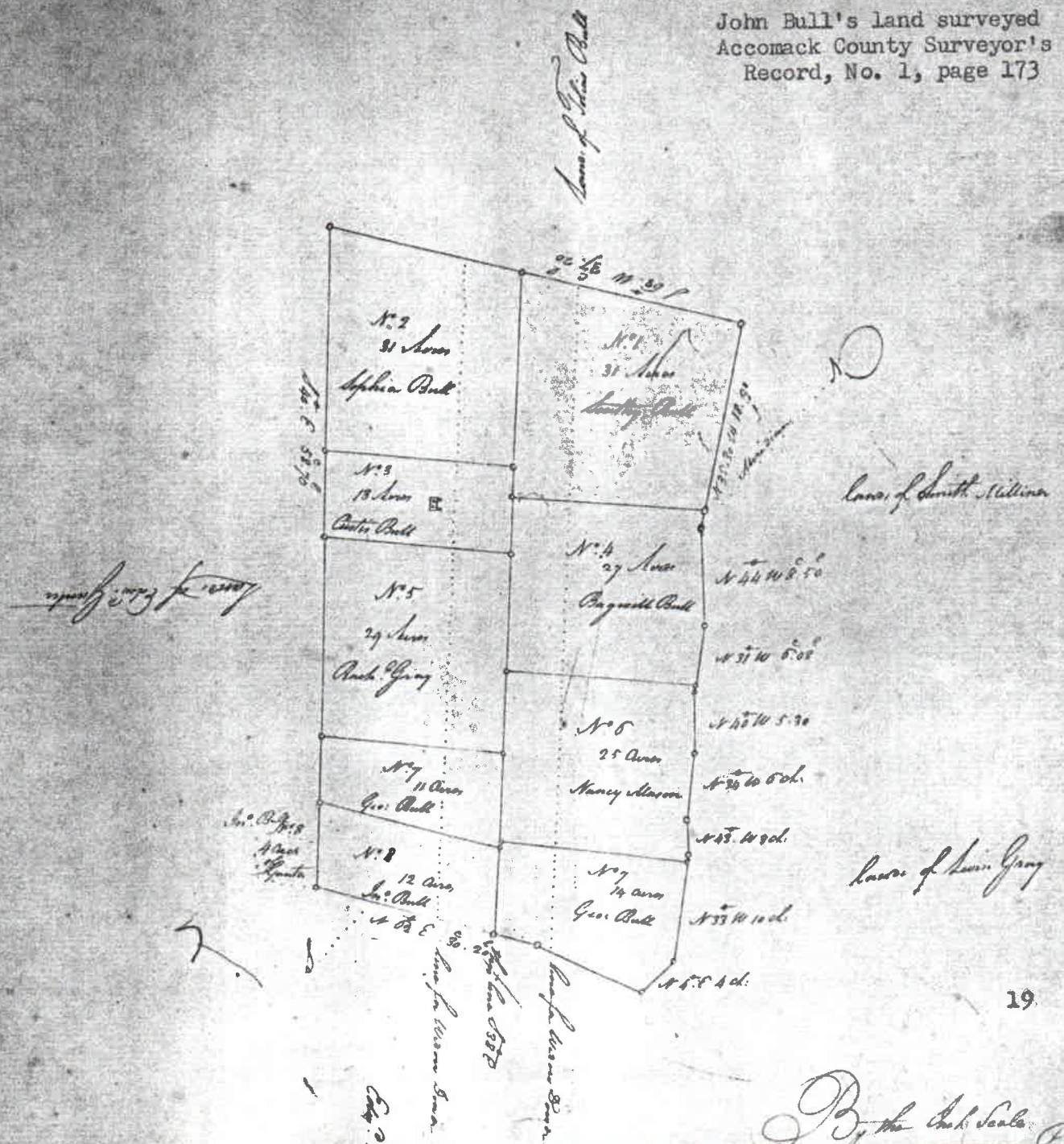


April 19<sup>th</sup> 1791

Surveyed One Hundred and sixty three Acres of Land and divided the same in Eight equal Parts agreeable to the Direction of a River which lands do lie in the Parish of St. Georges and County of Accomack about one Mile in a North West Direction from Accomack Court house which lands late the Property of J<sup>o</sup> Bull Esq. and bounded as follows, to wit, On the N.E. by the lands of Lewis Gray and Smith Mullins on the N.W. by a line of marked trees dividing from the lands of Tobias Bull on the S.W. by a line of marked trees dividing from the lands of Edw<sup>d</sup> Guiter and on the S.E. by a line of marked trees dividing from the lands of the heirs of Edw<sup>d</sup> Rice late of Susan Guttridge for the Cause of Partition. Plat. Division N<sup>o</sup> 100 more particularly below

Charles Bowen D.S.S.C.

John Bull's land surveyed  
Accomack County Surveyor's  
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Bagwell Bull  
The Fifth Generation

Bagwell Bull, son of John and Bridget Bunting Bull, was born circa 1760. He would have married circa 1785. No record of his marriage has been found, but the will of John Poolman, written 15 June 1801, leaves personal property to Molly Bull, wife of Bagwell Bull (Wills 1800-1804, p. 600). She was likely a daughter or sister of William Bell, Sen<sup>r</sup>, who died testate in 1809 leaving part of his residual estate to Molly Bull (Wills 1809-1812, p. 18). She was the Molly Bull who died intestate by 30 May 1815, when William Bull was named to administer her estate, with John Bull, Carter, and Thomas B. Custis his securities (Orders 1815-1817, p. 50).

Bagwell Bull sold the 27 acres he inherited from his father in 1791 to Levin Gray (Gray's will). On 25 July 1792, Bagwell Bull bought 80 acres on "folly creek" for 218 pounds, from James Coleman and wife Sarah (Deeds 1788-1793, p. 721). This tract was on the south fork of the creek and next to land of William Grinnalds (Whitelaw, p. 885).

Bagwell Bull wrote his will on 9 July 1804 and it was recorded on 18 October of the same year (District Court Wills 1800-1806, p. 344). He left his plantation "whereon I now live", at the death or marriage of his unnamed wife, to son John, who was underage, and if he should die without issue, to son William Bull. Other children were named as: Bridget, Polly, Elizabeth, James, Nancy and Sarah.

Bagwell Bull's land was surveyed on 2nd and 3th September 1817, 78 acres on the south side of Folly Creek (Surveyor's Record #4, p. 191). Evidently his son John had died without issue and son William did not inherit, for the land was divided into five parts: Lot #1 of 6 acres with all the houses, went to Laban Chandler in right of his wife Polly; Lot #2 of 18 acres went to William Bull; #3 of 18 acres to Nancy Bull; #4 of 18 acres to William Mears in right of his wife



Bridget; and #5 of 18 acres to James Bull. On 30 March 1821, a suit was brought by William Mears and wife Bridget against the surviving children of Bagwell Bull, stating that Nancy Bull, who owned 18 acres on Folly Creek, had died intestate in 1821, underage and unmarried. Her land was here divided between Bridget Mears, James Bull, William Bull, and the children of a deceased sister, Mary (Polly) Chandler, who were named as Bagwell Chandler and Mary Chandler (Land Causes 1821-1826, p. 184).

The children of Bagwell Bull and his wife Molly were:

1. John Bull, born circa 1788 (10 to 16 years in the 1800 census), deceased by 1817.
2. William Bull, born circa 1790. See next section.
3. Bridget Bull, married 2 January 1808, William Mears (Mar. Rec. of Acco. Co. 1776-1854, p. 197).
4. Mary/Polly Bull, married 14 February 1810, Laban Chandler (p. 55).
5. Elizabeth Bull, deceased by 1815 (Wills 1916-1817, p. 300 -distribution of her mother Molly' estate).
6. James Bull, born circa 1792, married 1816, Polly Grinnalds of William (p. 44). See Supplement to Bulls of Accomack County, Virginia for his descendants.
7. Nancy Bull, died intestate 1821.
8. Sarah Bull, deceased by 1821.

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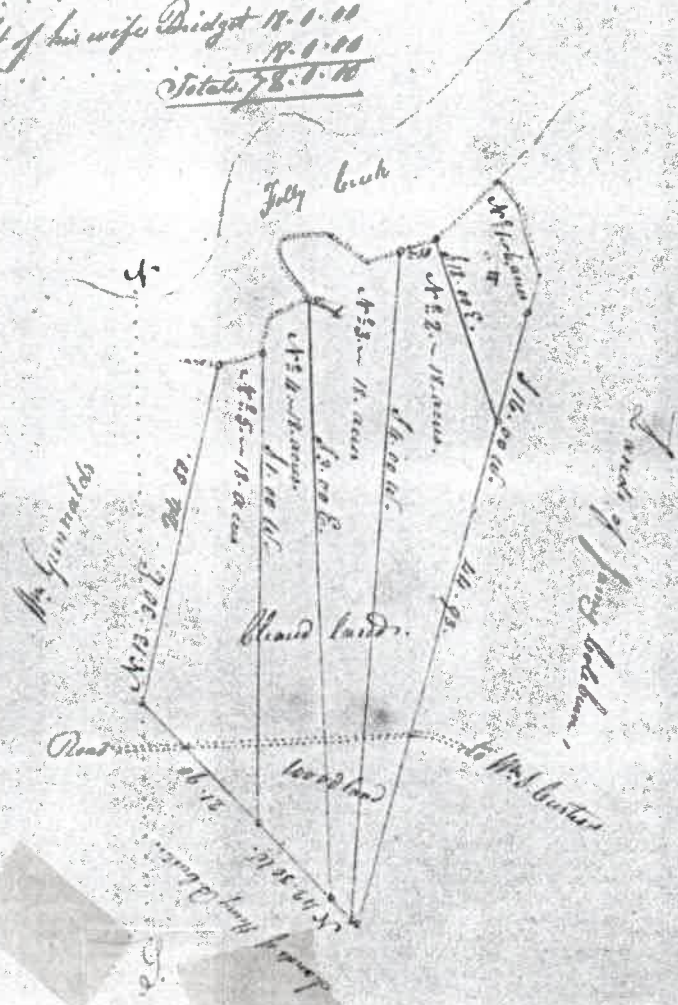
Septm<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> 1817. In Obedience to a decree of the worshipful Court of the County afo<sup>r</sup> having date 1817 Surveyed certain lands late the property of Bagwell Bull dec<sup>d</sup> situate at Holly Creek, in the County afo<sup>r</sup> and bounded as follows, to wit, on the North by said Holly Creek, on the East by the lands of James Colabum, on the South by the lands of Henry B. Hustis and on the West by the lands of William Grinnalds, and found the same to contain twenty Eight Acres, and divided the same under the direction of the commissioners in said decree named in the manner following, to wit, Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1. containing six Acres, with all the houses to Sabus Chandler in right of the heir of his wife Polly, — Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2. containing Eighteen Acres, to William Bull, — Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3. containing Eighteen Acres, to Nancy Bull. — Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4. containing Eighteen Acres, to William Means, in right of his wife Bridget — Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5. containing Eighteen Acres, to James Bull, the heirs proceeds and dues for these respective lots, and was apportioned to them as above stated, which may be more fully seen by Reference to the annexed Plat thereof.

by the Inch Scale.

James Smith D. Surveyor Gen.

- Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1. to Sabus Chandler in right of the heir of his wife Polly. 6.0.00
- Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2. to William Bull. 18.0.00
- " N<sup>o</sup> 3. to Nancy Bull. 18.0.00
- " N<sup>o</sup> 4. to William Means in right of his wife Bridget 18.0.00
- " N<sup>o</sup> 5. to James Bull. 18.0.00
- Total 78.0.00

Bagwell Bull's land surveyed  
Accomack County Surveyor's  
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William Bull  
The Sixth Generation

William Bull would have been one of the two males under 10 years of age in the household of Bagwell Bull, F. C. (Folly Creek) in the 1800 census. William Bull, "orphan of Bagwell", chose John Bull Sen<sup>r</sup> as his guardian on 29 June 1810 (Orders 1809-1811, p. 54). At this time, he had to have been under 21 years of age to have needed a guardian and over 16 years to have been allowed to choose his own.

William Bull, born circa 1790, married Sukey Bull by a bond of 23 December 1811. Southey Bull made oath that each was 21 years of age (Loose Papers, Acco. Co. Mar. Bonds, 1810-1822, Reel #544). Sukey, a nickname for Susan or Susanna, Bull and William Bull were first cousins. That she was a daughter of his uncle, Custis Bull, is shown by the distribution of George Bunting's estate on 7 April 1835, when "William Bull of B, for his wife" was included among the eight children of Custis that George Bunting had left personal property. William Bull's wife Sukey/Susanna was deceased by 27 October 1851, when Custis Bull's surviving children were named, after his death, and son Charles was his administrator (Orders 1851-1854, p. 115).

On 27 February 1821, "William Bull of Bagwell" and wife Susanna mortgaged the 18 acres he had inherited from his father, for \$230, to John Bull, Jun<sup>r</sup> (Deeds 1819-1821, p.409) and personal property to John Bull, Sen<sup>r</sup> on 20 March 1821 (p. 433). The same land was sold to David Watts, High Sheriff, on 10 August 1821, to pay William Bull's account with Bunting and Elliott (Deeds 1821-1822, p. 144).

William Bull of Bagwell, born circa 1790, married 1811, was shown in the 1820 census as 26 to 45 years of age (30). His wife was the same age and they had two sons under 10 years and one daughter. In 1830, the census lists "William Bull of Bagwell" as 50 to 60 (40). His wife was 40 to 50, and they had two sons 10 to

15 years of age and three daughters under 15. William Bull of Bagwell has not been found in the 1840 census. The 1836 will of his uncle, John Bull, Sen<sup>r</sup> (Carter) states: "the property now in the possession of William Bull and wife shall be subject to the payment of \$40 to my estate and the balance to William Bull and Susan his wife and all his children that are now born and those which may be born hereafter" (Wills 1828-1846, p. 238).

No provable record has been found of William Bull of Bagwell after 1836, but a William Bull died intestate by 27 March 1838, when his administration was granted to Thomas Lilliston, with William R. Custis and George P. Scarburgh his securities (Orders 1836-1840, p. 311). A William H. Bull died intestate by 30 September 1850. His administrator was James Lilliston (Orders 1848-1851, p. 404).

The children of William Bull of Bagwell and his wife, Sukey/Susanna/Susan Bull Bull, were:

1. Daughter, born circ 1812 (1820 census).
2. Son, born circa 1815 ( 1820 and 1830 census).
3. Son, born circa 1818 (1820 and 1830 census). William H. Bull died 1850?
4. Daughter, born circa 1820 (1830 census).
5. Daughter, born circa 1822 (1830 census).
6. ? Nancy Bull, born circa 1828.
7. Bagwell Bull, born circa 1833. See next section.

Bagwell Bull  
The Seventh Generation

"Bagwell Bull, orphan of William Bull" chose Charles Bull (his uncle) as his guardian on 28 September 1851 (Orders 1851-1854, p. 97). This shows Bagwell Bull of William was not yet 21 years old in 1851 and had recently inherited property, suggesting the William H. Bull, who died in 1850, could have been a brother.

Bagwell Bull, 30, "son of William Bull and wife Susan", married Jane C. S. Grinnalds, 16, daughter of John and Mary Grinnalds, on 15 February 1865 (Miles and Miles, Mar. Rec. of Acco. Co., VA, 1854-1895, p. 68).

Bagwell Bull bought 50 acres from Shalmaneser Davis, of Baltimore, on 11 December 1866 (Deeds 1865-1867, p. 677). This was land near Hunting Creek and he (here called Bagwell C. Bull) and wife Jane C. S., sold this tract to John R. Hinman on 11 December 1869 (Deeds 1867-1869, p. 223). On 3 August 1868, Bagwell Bull bought 80 acres from Edward J. Joynes and wife Elizabeth for \$3200 (Deeds 1867-1869, p. 458). The deed states the land was bordered on the east by Metompkin Bay and west by a road running north from the south line. This was "part of the farm known as Montpelier" (now called Bowmans Folly, see Whitelaw, p. 1045). This 80 acres became known as The Bagwell Bull Farm. On 4 July 1872, Bagwell Bull and wife, Jane C. S., sold William S. Hope 101½ acres for \$1500, "called Bagwell Taylor farm, which he gave son Edward Taylor" (Deeds 1871-1872, p. 561). Bagwell had recently bought this tract, then called Zadoc Selby land, and located "two miles from the Court House" (p. 527). On 8 September 1882, Bagwell Bull and wife Jane C. S. sold Thomas Gardner, Jun<sup>r</sup> 78 acres for \$2000, the deed stating this land was bought from Sarah T. Cropper on 8 September 1880 (Deeds 55, p. 101). On 29 March 1894, Bagwell Bull and wife, Jane C. S., of Northampton County, sold 80 acres of Accomack County land (the Bagwell Bull Farm) to Francis D. Parks for \$3650 (Deeds 67, p. 19). The deed stating the land was bordered northwest and north by

John Cropper land, northeast and east by said Francis D. Parks, southeast and south by Metompkin Bay and west by John Cropper. Bagwell Bull was still signing his name with his mark, while his wife wrote her name.

Bagwell Bull's name has not been found in the 1850 census, in Accomack County, Northampton County, or Worcester and Somerset Counties, Maryland. He was listed in Accomack County, St. George Parish, as head of a household in 1860, a farmer of 27 years. His household included Charles Bull, 54, and a Nancy Bull, 25, who was possibly a sister. In 1880, Bagwell Bull, 47, was still a farmer, in Lee District household 23/23, with wife Jane C. at 31. They had four children in 1880, Mary Bull of 9 years, William B. Bull at 7 years, Charles Bull of 5 years and Southey Bull, a 3-year-old.

Charles Bull died 28 January 1883, at 82 years of age. The report of his death says he was a son of Custis and Frances Bull (Register of Deaths). No record has been found of Charles Bull having married. He was not head of a household until 1870, when he was living alone. Charles Bull wrote his will on 1 January 1882 and it was recorded on 2 February 1883 (Wills 1882-1901, p. 24). He left his land to his niece, Virginia Coxton, wife of William Coxton, "for care and kindness which she has shown me". No one else was named in his short will. William Coxton had married Virgie West, widow of Edward West and daughter of Nathaniel and Nancy Lang, on 10 December 1854 (Miles and Miles, p. 98).

Soon after the death of Charles Bull, Bagwell Bull moved his family to Northampton County (family records). Apparently he had felt obligated to his uncle Charles Bull to oversee his later years, in a more general way than his cousin Vergie West.

On 7 October 1893, Bagwell Bull bought a 416 acre farm in Northampton County from Joseph Redman and wife Jane of Lancaster County, England (North. Co. Deeds 48, p. 30). This farm was located in the southern part of Capeville District,



east of U. S. 13, between Townsend and Kiptopeke. It was bordered by Magothy Bay (formerly Magothy River and called Broadwater in the deed) on the east, and Mill Creek separated it from other property on the southwest (see Whitelaw, p. 67).

Bagwell Bull wrote his will on 18 August 1904 and it was probated on 10 July 1905 (North. Co. Will Book 40, p. 93). He left his wife, Jane C. S. Bull, \$2000 in cash, left his children, Mary, William, Charles and Southey "the entire remainder of my estate", and made his wife and four children his executors. On 21 November 1905, Bagwell's widow joined daughter Mary A. Rolley and son William B. Bull (wife Lottie), in selling their part of the family farm to sons Southey R. Bull and Charles D. Bull for \$4000 (North. Co. Deed Book 57, p. 253). The brothers continued to live on the land and farm it together until Southey Robert Bull died on 28 April 1941 (obituary in Pen. Ent., 2 May 1941 issue). On 30 September 1942, Southey's widow and their unmarried daughter, Susie Elizabeth Bull, deeded the entire 426 acres to Charles Douglas Bull, for \$1300, the deed stating he had purchased son Richard Bull's rights to the land on 22 May 1941 (North. Co. Deed Book 103, p. 340).

In addition to the various birth dates given for Bagwell Bull in this section, His tombstone and the family Bible give his birth on 6 March 1831. Bible records are usually the most accurate, since births, deaths and marriages were recorded at the time the event occurred. However, in this case, the Bible, owned by Mrs. Seldon Floyd (Susie Elizabeth Bull) of Eastville, Virginia, in 1988, when Mrs. Mahalyka copied it for The Eastern Shore Public Library, was printed by the National Publishing Company of Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Atlanta, in 1881, some fifty years after this Bagwell Bull was born. He gave his age as 30 when he married in 1865, placing his birth in 1835. However, it was not unusual for a man to "fudge" on his age when marrying a much younger woman (according to their tombstones, he was 18 years older than his wife). Bagwell Bull was most

likely born in 1833 (1860 and 1880 census). Had he been 20 in 1851, it is not likely the Accomack County Court would have gone to the trouble to allow him to choose a guardian in September of that year, since he would have been 21 in another six months.

A final Accomack County record has been found. The Saturday, 1 July 1905, issue of the Peninsula Enterprise included an article stating that Mr. Bagwell Bull, a former citizen of Accomac, had died suddenly at his home near Eastville, "on Wednesday of last week, aged about 73 years". He was buried on his farm. His grave, as well as those of his wife and other family members, have been moved to Capeville Masonic Cemetery. According to her stone there and the family Bible, Bagwell's wife, Jane Catherine Susan Grinnalds Bull, was born 26 February 1849 and died in 1911.

On 19 January 1916, Bagwell Bull's land, then owned by sons Charles D. Bull and Southey R. Bull, was surveyed and found to contain 742 acres (North. Co. Plat Book 25, p. 16). The extra acreage, not included in prior deeds, was marshes. Charles Douglas Bull left the farm to his son, Charles Russell Bull, and the latter's son, John Davis Bull, presently owns it. He lives in his great-grandfather, Bagwell Bull's home and he farms the land. The farm, called Riverview, is listed in the Virginia Century Farm Registry as being Virginia land owned and farmed by the same family for 100 years or more. (See note at end of this section.)

The children of Bagwell C. Bull and his wife, Jane C. S. Grinnalds Bull, as shown by the family Bible and other family records, were:

1. William Custis Bull, born 18 August 1867, died 1 July 1868.
2. Samuel S. Bull, born 13 February 1869, died 12 April 1869.
3. Mary Ann Bull, born 26 October 1870, died 1955, married 11 June 1894, Captain William Scarborough Rolley. She had a daughter, Elizabeth Rolley, who married, 1914, Harvey Bruce Charnock.

4. William Bagwell Bull, born 8 December 1872, died 1854, married Charlotte Downs. This couple had two living children:

A. Maurice B. Bull, born 23 January 1902, died 1988, married Lillian Womack. They had no children. He was principal at Cheriton Elementary School.

B. Leroy Downs Bull, born 1911, died 1982, married Lula Wyatt. They had no children. He was a retired seafood dealer.

C. Twin to Leroy D. Bull, born 1911, died as an infant.

5. Charles Douglas Bull, born 4 October 1874, died 20 May 1949, married 1896, Sally Gibbs Wyatt. This couple had two children:

A. Charles Russell Bull, born 23 January 1903, died 27 September 1967, married 16 April 1924, Margaret Worthington Davis. They had three children: Jean Courtney Bull, married Ellis B. Hilton; Margret Russell Bull, married Lawrence J. Richard, Jr.; and John Davis Bull.

B. Dorothy Evelyn Bull, born 10 February 1901 died 28 March 1989, married 16 December 1922, Thornton M. Tankard.

6. Southey Robert Bull, born 29 August 1879, died 29 April 1941, married Sallie Frances Warrwn. This couple had two children:

A. Richard Bagwell Bull, born 28 July 1902, died 5 October 1986, married 1926 (?), Eleanor Catherine Smith. He was a florist in Eastville. He had an only daughter, Eleanor Frances Bull, who married Henry J. Lamberson.

B. Susie Elizabeth Bull, born 13 February 1908, married after 1942, Seldon B. Floyd. They had no children.

Note: Mr. John D. Bull says the older part of his home, put together with pegs, was built before the Revolutionary War. This information has been handed down to him from his ancestors. The house is a frame one and has been altered several times during the years, perhaps explaining why Mr. Whitelaw found "no old House" there (p. 67).

This Deed, made this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, A. D. 1893, between Joseph Redman  
a B. & S. and Jane Redman, his wife, of the first part, and Bagwell Bull of the  
2d Bull second part; Witnesseth: that the said Joseph Redman and Jane Redman  
his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Four Thousand and  
Del. to One Hundred Dollars (\$4,100.00), to them in hand paid by the said  
Bull Bagwell Bull, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do grant,  
bargain, sell and convey, with general warranty of title, unto the  
said Bagwell Bull, his heirs and assigns forever, all that certain tract  
piece or parcel of land, situated in the County of Northampton in  
the State of Virginia, containing by estimation four hundred and sixteen  
acres (416A), which is sold in gross and not by the acre, together with  
all the marsh land appurtenant thereto, adjoining the Riverwater, the  
lands of Horace Jones, John B. Doughty & Mrs. B. Milern and Edward M.  
Nottingham and wife, together with all the privileges and appurtenan-  
ces unto the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.  
To Have and to Hold the said premises and their appurtenances unto  
the said Bagwell Bull, his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following  
signatures and seals.

Signed sealed and delivered  
by the said Jane Redman in  
the presence of

Joseph Redman Seal  
Jane Redman Seal

Midlis Croxton

Judge of the County Court of  
Lancashire holden at Bury, England

In the County Court of Lancashire holden at Bury.

In Bury

County of Lancashire  
England.





well Bull.  
Will.

In the name of God, Amen; I, Bagwell Bull, of the vicinity of  
Capeville, in the County Northampton, and State of Virginia, do make  
this my Last Will and Testament, as follows: I desire that my body be  
interred after the manner corresponding to my status and faith and  
that as soon after my decease as may be practicable all just in-  
debtedness outstanding against myself or my estate, be paid by  
my estate, be paid by my executors hereinafter named. And as to  
such of my effects as may remain after the payment, as afore-  
said, of my said indebtedness, I do make hereof the following disposal.

I do give, devise and bequeath, absolutely and without limitation,  
unto my beloved wife Jane B. Bull the sum of \$2000.00, in  
cash, which said sum is to be paid her exclusive of and in  
addition to whatever moneys she may receive as beneficiary  
under any policy of insurance in force on my life at the  
time of my decease. And I do give, devise and bequeath, ab-  
solutely and without limitation, and in share and share alike  
unto my beloved children Mary, William, Charles and Souther,  
the entire remainder of my estate, whether personal, real or mixed,  
in possession or in action, the intent and purpose hereof being, that  
after the payment unto my said beloved wife of the sum of \$2000.00,  
and the collection by her of her proportional part of the said life  
insurance, all other properties of which I may die, devised and pos-  
sessed shall vest, in equal shares, and without qualification, in my  
said beloved children. And I do nominate and appoint as ex-  
ecutors of this my Last Will and Testament, my said beloved  
wife, Jane B. Bull, and children, Mary, William, Charles and  
Souther, and hereby request that the Court wherein they, or any of  
them may qualify as such, do permit them to do so upon their  
oath and bond, and without surety.

In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed  
my seal on this 18th. day of August, A. D. 1904.

Bagwell Bull (seal)  
Mark

Signed, and published, by Bagwell Bull,  
of the vicinity of Capeville, in the County of  
Northampton, and State of Virginia, around for  
his Last Will and Testament in our presence,  
who in his presence, the presence of each other,  
and at his request, have hereunto affixed our sig-  
natures as attesting witnesses on this 18th. day of  
August, A. D. 1904.

Le M. Jones  
Geo. T. Davis,  
Attesting witnesses.

Northampton County Will Book 40, page 93  
Bagwell Bull's will, written 18 August 1904, recorded 10 July 1905

# BULL CHART I

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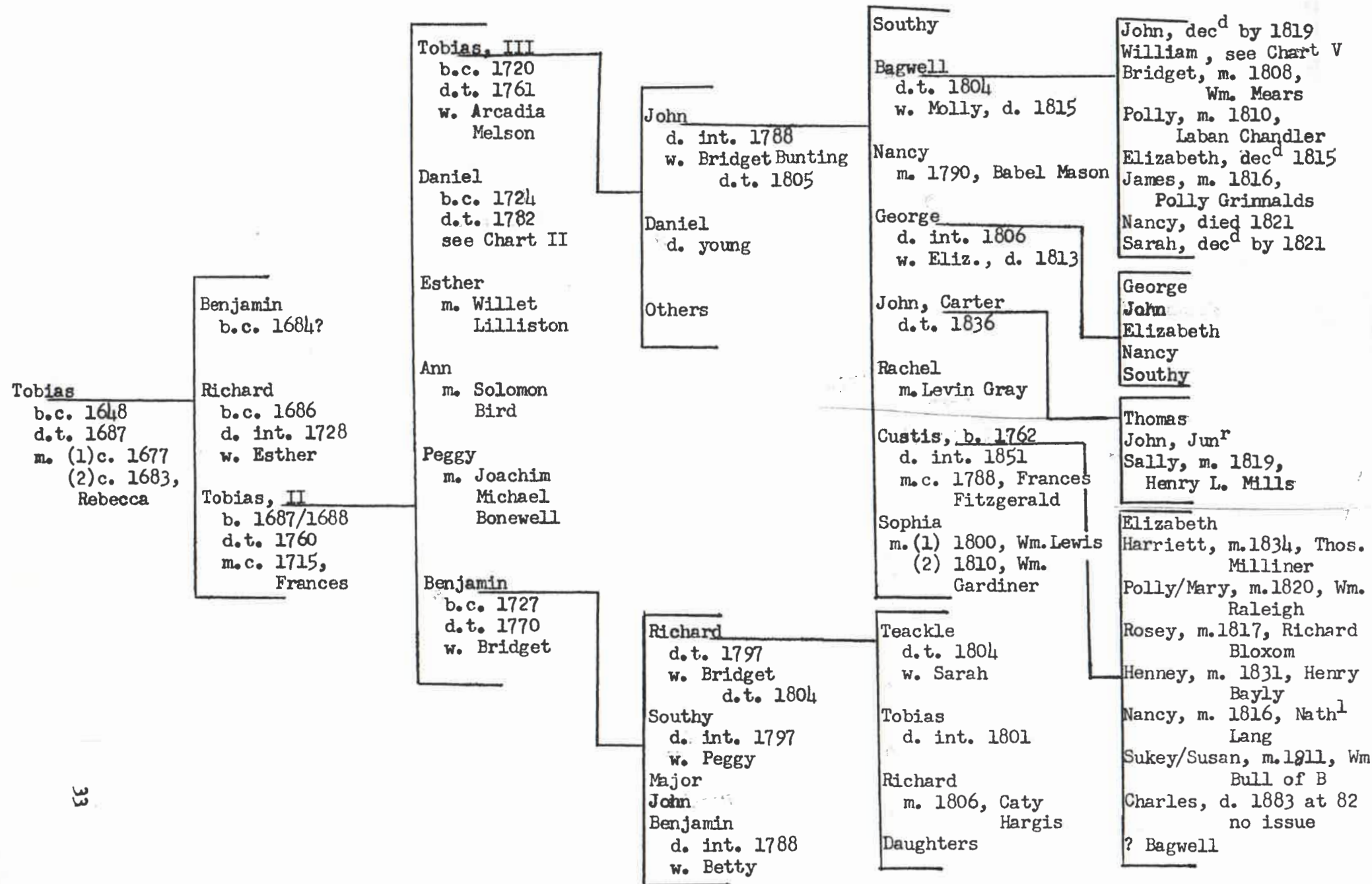
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BULL CHART V  
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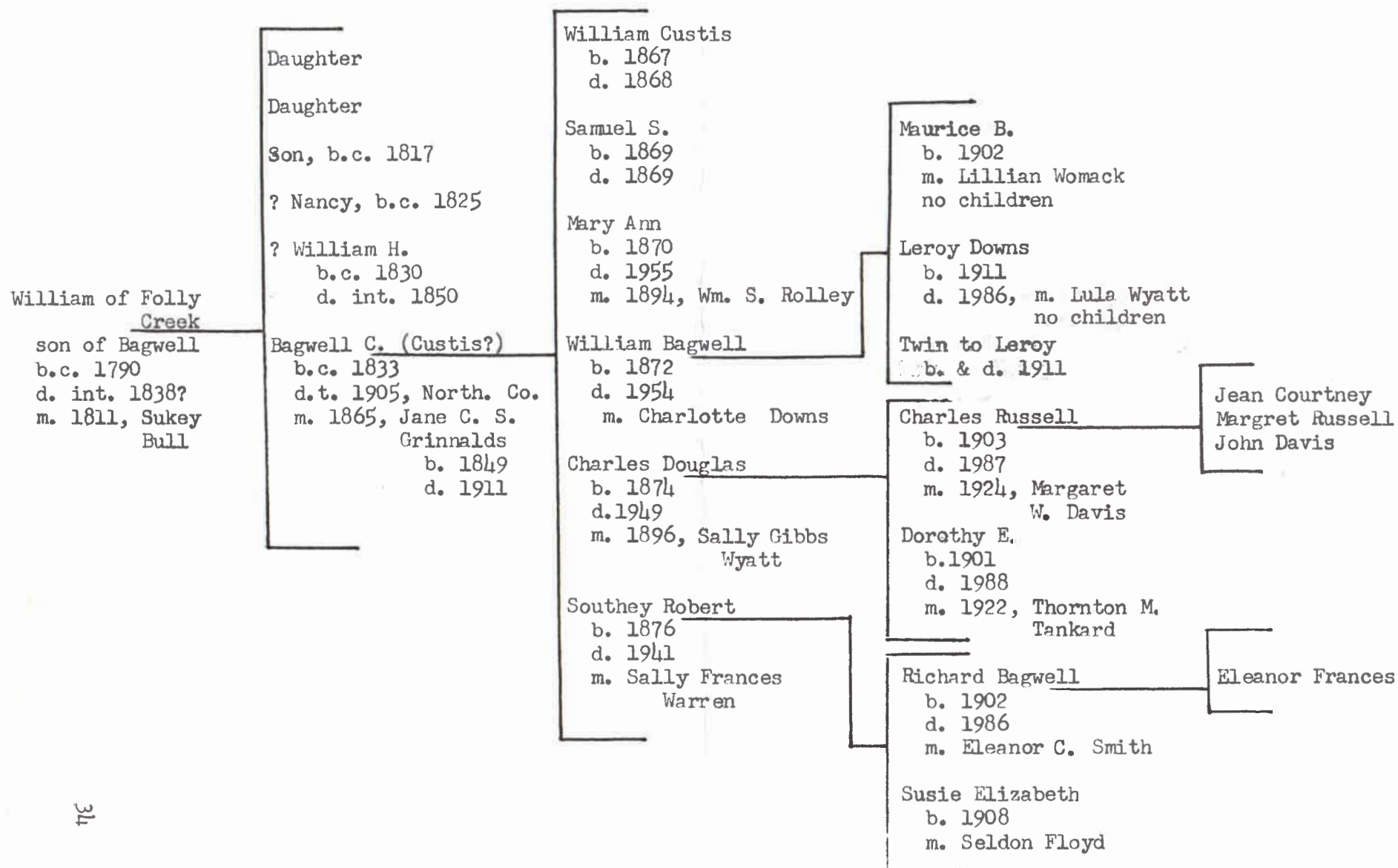
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## Captain William Scarburgh Rolley

William S. Rolley's name first appears in local records as a 24-year-old sailor in his father's household in the 1850 census of Northampton County, Virginia. His father, William Rolley, was 52 and his mother Polly was 50 years old. Their household also included: daughter Emelia at 20; son Frances, also a sailor, was 17; son Charles of 15; son Raymond at 13; daughter Mary of 10 years; and daughter Georgianna, 5 years old.

William S. Rolley's father, then called William Raleigh of William, had married Polly Bull, daughter of Custis Bull, by an Accomack County bond of 12 January 1820 (Truman's Mar. Rec. of Acco. Co., 1776-1854,, p. 232). Polly was called "wife of William Rawley" in the distribution of George Bunting's estate.

The 1820 census for Accomack County lists William Rawley as head of a household, at 16 to 20 years of age (22). His wife was of the same age (20) and they had no children. In 1830, William Rawley was 30 to 40 years of age (32), with a wife of the same age (30), and their household included two males under 5 years. one between 5 and 10 years, and two females under 10 years. This family is not listed in Accomack County in 1840. They had apparently moved to Northampton County, where they were found in 1850, then called Rolleys. William S. Rolley's father had apparently died in Northampton County by 1870, for the census of that year lists four Rolley households, all in Capeville District: Charles at 27 (his son); Mary (Polly) at 65 (his widow); Raymond of 33 years (his son); and William, aged 44 (son William Scarburgh Rolley).

A tombstone at "Old Chapel", below Townsend, Virginia, is inscribed: Captain William O. Rolley, born 1796, buried 3 January 1855 (Mahalyka's Gravestone Inscriptions in North. Co, VA, p. 70). Another stone, in Capeville Cemetery, reads: Polly Lang Rolley, mother, born 1 February 1797, died 29 March 1890 (same page). These had to have been the parents of William Scarburgh Rolley, although his



mother's maiden name was Bull, not Lang. Her sister, Nancy Bull, married Nathaniel Lang.

When he married in 1820, William S. Rolley's father was called William Raleigh of William, indicating William S.'s grandfather was also a William Raleigh. A William Raleigh died intestate in Accomack County by 1 March 1825, when Thomas Cropper was named his administrator (Orders 1824-1827, p. 96). He could have been the underage son William, named by William Riley, Jun<sup>r</sup> in his 1777 will (Wills 1777-1780, p. 50). There surely appears to have been a connection between the Rolleys/Raleighs/Rawleys and the Rileys, for William Scarborough Rolley had a brother Raymond and there was a Raymond Riley in three different Accomack County households in the 1850 census.

No first marriage has been found for William Scarborough Rolley, who would have married soon after 1850. Marriage records in Northampton County, Accomack County, Somerset County, Maryland, and Worcester County, Maryland, have been searched without finding his name. He, a widower, married (2) 11 January 1895, Mary Ann Bull, daughter of Bagwell Bull of the Capeville area (family records). His obituary, in the Saturday, 16 May 1896 issue of the Peninsula Enterprise, tells that Captain William S. Rolley of Capeville, died last Saturday night, at the Retreat for the Sick, Norfolk, aged 71 years. His remains were sent home for interment, but no children were named. A tombstone in Capeville Masonic Cemetery states: William S. Rolley, born 1826, died 1896. A nearby stone: Elizabeth B. Rolley, wife of W. S., born 1827, died 1889. Mary A. Rolley, 1870-1955, has a stone there also. She had an only child: Elizabeth Rolley, 1894-1991, who married in 1914, Harvey Bruce Charnock, 1892-1945 (family records). They are buried at Cape Charles, Virginia.

Apparently William S. Rolley had no other children. The 1860 census for Northampton County lists him as head of household #17, a "Sea" Captain, of 34 years.

The only other member of his household was his wife, Elizabeth B. Rolley, at 29 years (33?). He had real estate valued at \$2000 and personal estate of \$2230 (a ship?). In 1870, William Rolley was a 44-year-old farmer. His wife "Lizzie" was then 42 and there were still no children in their household.

The records show that Captain William Scarburgh Rolley and Bagwell Bull of Northampton County were first cousins, their mothers having been sisters, daughters of Custis Bull.

Mary Frances Carey  
March 20, 2001

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Dear Mr. Bull,

I find that I made an error in stating that William S. Rolley's first marriage was not recorded in Northampton County. I seemed to think I had looked for it there, but I did send a request to Estelle Murphy asking her to look, and when no reply came back, assumed it was not there.

On last Monday afternoon Jean Mahalyka called, saying Estelle was no longer working in the County Clerk's Office, and requests for genealogical searches have piled up. In helping to remedy this, she took my letter and has sent the enclosed results.

William S. Rolley, son of William and Mary/Polly, married (1) 29 April 1855, Elizabeth B. Costin, daughter of Bowden and Mary Costin. His brother, Raymond M. Rolley, married Clara G. Costin, Elizabeth B.'s sister, five years later. Brother Charles L. Rolley married in 1862 and sister Georgie A. Rolley in 1868. Mrs. Mahalyka says she did not find marriages for their brother Francis or sisters Emelia and Mary (born circa 1840).

As to Mary Rolley, the 42-year-old widow, daughter of William and Elizabeth Rolley, who married Roger E. Mears in 1908, I have no idea who she was. She was apparently born circa 1860 and could have been a daughter of William S. and Elizabeth B., but she did not show up in their household in 1860 or 1870. She had to have married (1) a Rolley. Could she have been the widow of William S. Rolley, with her age and parents given incorrectly? This Mary was born in 1870, according to the Bible.

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Carey

William S. Rolley

29 April 1855

Bk 2/3/16

m)

William S. Rolley To  
b. acc made Co  
resides in Northampton  
age 29 Seaman

William & Mary Rolley

Elizabeth B. Costin  
b. & r. in Northampton Co  
age 28  
m. by Walter Nottingham  
Bowden & Mary Costin

1 Jan 1844

Bk 2/136/1

m)

William S. Rolley To  
b. acc Co  
r. Northampton Co  
age 18 widowed  
Wm & Mary Rolley (Farmers)

Mary S. Bull  
b. acc Co r. Northampton Co.  
age 23 single  
Baquell & Susan Bull  
m. by W. F. Robins

8 Jan 1862

Bk 2/15/1

Charles L. Rolley To  
by h. Nottingham  
b. acc Co  
r. Northampton Co  
age 26 - sailor  
Wm & Polly Rolley

Mary A. Floyd  
b. & r. - Northampton Co  
age 27  
Matthew & Nancy Floyd

14 Aug 1860

Bk 2/12/13

Raymond M. Rolley To  
b. acc Co ; r. Northampton  
age 24 lightkeeper  
William & Mary Rolley

Clara G. Costin  
b. & r. in Northampton Co  
age 24 by Walter Nottingham  
Bowden & Mary Costin

18 Nov 1903

Bk 3/30/10

Mary Rolley To  
age 49 widow  
b. & r. Northampton  
William & Elizabeth  
Rolley

Prayer E. Mears  
age 28 single  
b. acc Co r. Northampton  
Blacksmith  
Christopher and Margaret Mears

5 Feb 1868

Bk 2/26/4

Georgie A. Rolley To  
age 23  
Wm and Polly Rolley

Thomas E. Griffith  
age 33 Farmer  
Benjamin & Sally Griffith