

FINNEYS of MEADVILLE

ACCOMACK COUNTY

VIRGINIA

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Foreword

The Finneys of Accomack County, Virginia, had their name spelled a number of ways in local records. They were first called ffenn, ffinne or ffinney. The name became Finney circa 1735, with an occasional spelling as Phiney.

The line being traced here has not been hard to follow, for the Finneys owned land on Onancock Creek from 1666, land they passed on to their descendants. The Finneys of Meadville were prominent Accomack County people.

Most of the dates of births and deaths of the later Finneys have been taken from census records and tombstones. Census ages are considered correct to within five years. There is no 1890 census. The date of death on at least one Finney tombstone is either incorrect or was read incorrectly. This researcher has found that dates of births, deaths, and marriages from family records, especially family Bibles, are most accurate. No family record has been used in compiling this report. All the enclosed information has been found in Accomack County records unless otherwise stated. A list of these records, both primary and secondary, is included as references.

In examining the records closely, two small errors have been found in Mr. Ralph T. Whitelaw's Virginia's Eastern Shore. On pages 1243 and 1336, Mr. Whitelaw indicates that William Finney, who married Sarah Watts, died in 1734 and left land in upper Accomack County to a son John. This William Finney died testate in 1766. He and his wife Sarah deeded the land to son John in 1734. On page 825, Mr. Whitelaw says that John Finney, wife Margaret, and mother Ann Outten, sold John's father's land "four years later". It should have been "twenty-four years later".

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Andrew Finne

Andrew Finne's name first appears in Eastern Shore records as Andrew ffenn. He married Jane Major on 8 December 1661 (Northampton Co. Deeds, Wills & c 1657-1666, p. 114). On 18 December 1666, John West assigned to Andrew ffinne 800 acres on Onancock Creek in Accomack County (Deeds & Wills 1664-1671, p. 38). This was land between today's Finney Creek and Parker Creek, both of which flow into Onancock Creek near East Point, and on some maps is called Finneys Neck.

Andrew ffinne had died intestate by 17 May 1669, when his widow, Jane ffinne, qualified to administer his estate (Orders 1666-1670, p. 140). He and his wife had two children, both named in the 1673 will of Richard Johnson as his cousins, but actually niece and nephew (Wills 1673-1676, p. 97). Richard Johnson was a half-brother to their mother, Jane Major Finne.

1. William Finney, born circa 1662. See next section.
2. Sarah Finney, born circa 1665.

William Finney

William Finney, apparently the only son of Andrew Finne and his wife, Jane Major Finne, was born circa 1662. He inherited his father's land on Onancock Creek.

William Finney married (1) circa 1690, Sarah Brickhouse, daughter of George Brickhouse of Northampton County. George Brickhouse died testate before 2 January 1689, when his will was recorded. Among his bequeaths of land was 100 acres on Nassawadox Creek to his daughter Sarah Brickhouse (North. Co. Orders, Wills 1682-1689, p. 400). On 28 July 1691, William Finney and wife Sarah sold her inherited 100 acres on Nassawadox Creek to John Smith (North. Co. Deeds & Wills 1680-1692, p. 293).

On 7 March 1720, William Finney gave a bond to John Watts, agreeing to give his son, William Finney, Jun^r, when the latter married Sarah Watts, John Watts' daughter, his land on Onancock Creek (Deeds, Wills & Etc 1715-1729, pt. 1, p. 306). Such a deed was recorded on 4 July 1721, in which William Finney gave to William Finney, son of William, and his present wife Sarah "all my dwelling plantation att Onancock" (p. 353).

William Finney married last in 1731, at circa 69 years of age, Comfort Taylor, widow of Elias Taylor. They both signed a marriage agreement that property each owned would remain separate and in their own names (Deeds & Wills 1729-1737, pt. 1, p. 186).

William Finney made his will on 16 February 1738 and it was probated on 3 October of the same year (Wills 1738-1743m p, 104). He named no wife, but left two slaves, Janey and Tamer, and "also my Land and plantation on Onancock Creek" to son William Finney. He left slave Toby and "land and plantation whereon he now liveth" to son Andrew. He gave daughter Athaliah Bell "one Pistole". His

widow, Comfort Finney, died testate in 1743 (Wills 1737-1743, p. 467). She named no Finneys in her will, but left her property to children and grandchildren of her first marriage.

The children of William Finney and his first wife, Sarah Brickhouse Finney, were:

1. William Finney, Jun^r, born circa 1695. See next section.
2. Andrew Finney.
3. Athaliah Finney, married _____ Bell.

William Finney, Jun^r

William Finney, Jun^r, son of the first William Finney and his wife, Sarah Brickhouse Finney, was born circa 1695. He married (1) Sarah Watts, daughter of John Watts, in 1721. He married (2) on 24 December 1746, Joanna Stott, widow of Jonathan Stott (North. Co. Marriages 1660/1-1854, p. 36). This record states that William Finney was of Accomack County.

On 23 November 1732, Mitchel Scarborough, Surveyor, began a survey of William Finney's land on Onancock Creek. The survey was completed on 9 January 1733 and the tract was found to contain 500 acres (Deeds, Wills 1729-1737, pt. 1, p. 295).

On 3 December 1734, William ffinney, Jun^r and wife Sarah gave to their beloved son, John ffinney, 1000 acres on Wallops Island and 200 acres near Wallops Neck, adjoining Capt. John Kendall's land (Deeds, Wills 1729-1737, pt. 1, p. 406). This would have been Watts land that Sarah inherited from her father, John Watts, who died testate in 1726, naming one of his children as Sarah Finney (Wills, Deeds & c 1715-1729, pt. 2, p. 58). In the deed of 1734, William and Sarah reserved a lifetime interest in the property. It is obvious that William and Sarah Finney could not have had a son over 12 years of age by 1734, and it appears this son, John Finney, died underage, for, on 1 February 1764, William Finney, Sen^r and wife Joannah deeded the same 1000 acres on Wallops Island to William Finney, the younger, "son of said William the Elder" (Deeds 1757-1770, pt. 1, p. 276). William Finney also gave slaves to son John and three daughters on 18 August 1764 (p. 336). Son John was given Sharper, Phillip, Holloway and Toby. Daughter Attalanta received Rhody, Abraham, Nicey, and John. Daughter Elizabeth/Betty got Esther and Moses, and Tabitha/Taby received Frank, Isaac, Peggy and Lydia.

William Finney wrote his will on 7 November 1764 and it was recorded on 20 August 1766 (Wills 1861-1767, p. 643). He left his wife Joanna one-third his personal property and gave "the children of my Son William Finney 1 shilling".

He gave 10 pounds to each of the two youngest children of deceased daughter, Sarah Bell. He gave personal property to daughters Attalanta and Tabitha. His remaining slaves (unnamed) and personal property was to be equally divided between his wife and six children: John, Rachel, Agnes, Attalanta, Betty, and Tabitha.

William Finney's widow, Joanna Finney, died testate in 1768. Her will indicates she was not the mother of any of William Finney's children, for she named only Stott children and grandchildren. She named her executors as Laban Stott and "son-in-law John Finney" (Wills 1767-1772, p. 97).

The children of William Finney, Jun^r, apparently all by his first wife, Sarah Watts Finney, were:

1. John Finney, born circa 1722, died circa 1740.

2. William Finney, III, born circa 1725, died intestate by 30 October 1764, when his estate was administered to his widow, Elizabeth Finney (Orders 1764-1765, p. 237). This William Finney married Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Col. John Smith and wife Elizabeth Robinson (Wills 1757-1761, p. 177) circa 1750. According to his father's will, William Finney, III, had several children, one of whom, William Finney, IV, heired the land on Finneys and Onancock Creeks (Whitelaw, pp. 826 & 827). William Finney, III, was also given the 200 acres Wallops Neck land, near Chincoteague Inlet, "where he now lives" by his father on 26 July 1754 (Deeds 1757-1770, pt. 1, p. 50), and his son, William Finney, IV, deeded it to his brother, John Finney, "Soulder" for his natural life in 1778 (Deeds 1777-1783, p. 97), thereby naming a second son of William Finney, III.

3. Sarah Finney, m. _____ Bell.

4. Attalanta Finney.

5. Tabitha/Taby Finney.

6. Agnes Finney.

7. Betty/ Elizabeth Finney, married Jonathan Tinley (Deeds 1757-1770, p.336).

8. Rachel Finney.

9. John Finney, born circa 1745. See next section.

John Finney

John Finney, the youngest son of William Finney, Jun^r and his wife, Sarah Watts Finney, was born circa 1745. It appears possible his mother died at his birth, since his father remarried the following year.

John Finney had married Ann Rodgers by 28 March 1774, when Babel Rodgers wrote his will, naming Anne Finney as a sister and making John Finney one of his executors (Wills 1772-1774, p. 435). They were two of the children of Isaac Rodgers, whose will, written 11 July 1769, was recorded on 29 May 1770, naming sons Levin and Babel Rodgers and one daughter as Ann Rodgers (Wills 1767-1772, p. 406). Since John Finney and Ann Rodgers both witnessed the will of William Foster on 4 November 1772 (Wills 1772-1777, p. 45), showing they were unmarried on that date, they likely married sometime in 1773.

On 3 December 1774, John Finney bought 184 acres from John Potter of Sussex County and Providence of Pennsylvania (Delaware today), for 414 pounds, land that had been conveyed to Potter by John Riley Parker on 31 January 1770 (Deeds 1770-1777, p. 390). This land was located on Onancock Creek, in the area of present-day East Point (Whitelaw, p. 825).

John Finney had died, without a will, by 30 July 1782, when Ann Finney was named his administratrix (Orders 1780-1783, p. 285). Samuel Outten was appointed guardian to John Finney and Betty Finney on 7 September 1786 (Orders 1786-1787, p. 142). Ann Outten returned the accounts of Elizabeth Finney and John Finney in 1788, 1789, 1790, and later (Orphans Accounts 1780-1805). These records show that John Finney's widow had married Samuel Outten by 1786. Samuel Outten died testate by 24 June 1788, naming his wife as Ann (Wills 1788-1794, p. 57).

The children of John Finney and his wife, Ann Rodgers Finney, were:

1. Betty/Elizabeth Finney, born circa 1775. A Betsy Finney married Arthur

Watson by a marriage bond of 31 July 1792 (MLB 1774-1806, p. 32).

2. John Finney, Jun^r or Col. John Finney, born 1778 (tombstone). See next section.

Col. John Finney

Col. John Finney, "son of Jno and Ann", was born on 15 January 1778 and died on 23 October 1848, according to his tombstone at Meadville (Graven Stones, p. 88). He would have been only 4 years old when his father died and 10 years old when he lost his step-father.

John Finney married (1) Catherine Bowman, by a bond of 2 September 1799 (MLB 1774-1806, p. 12). Another record states that John Finney married Catherine Bowman in 1797 (Land Causes 1812-1821, p. 146). This record, of 30 May 1815, says that Catherine died, leaving an only child, Catherine Finney, and that John Finney then married Margaret Bowman, his present wife, and that both wives were daughters of David Bowman. Since John Finney's son, Edward O. Finney, born 1802, was a son of Margaret (tombstone), John Finney married (2) circa 1801, Margaret Bowman.

John Finney was a Captain in the Accomack County Militia in 1805 (Barnes, Pungoteague to Petersburg, Vol. I, p. 57). He had been promoted to Major by 1814, when he took part in The Battle of Pungoteague (p. 89). He was a Lt. Col. in 1821 (p. 110) and had become Colonel by September 1825 (p. 111). He resigned his commission in March 1827 (p. 112), when he would have been 51 years of age.

John Finney and wife Margaret were joined by his mother, Ann Outten, in selling the 184 acres of his father's land to Duncan Glenn, on 26 July 1806, for 850 pounds. (District Court Records 1807-1830, p. 26).

John Finney purchased his first land on 13 February 1809, when he bought 16 acres from John Leatherbury, Jun^r for \$144 (Deeds 1807-1810, p. 332). He bought 8 acres from Thomas Leatherbury on 23 December 1809, for 64 pounds 10 shillings (Deeds 1810-1812, p. 85). On 1 June 1810, he bought 124 acres for 172 pounds from Ephraim Outten and wife Susanna (p. 59). The deed states that Susanna

Outten was a daughter of Charles Leatherbury and had inherited the land at her father's death. On 16 March 1811, a new deed was given John Finney by the Outtens, apparently for the same 124 acres (p. 220). John Finney continued to buy adjoining Leatherbury land until at the time of his death he owned 500 acres on Onancock Creek near present-day Finneys Wharf. Mr. Whitelaw says he built his home, called Meadville, on this land circa 1811 (p. 836-7).

Margaret Bowman Finney, wife of Col. John Finney, was born 25 February 1782 and died 29 June 1845 (tombstone at Meadville).

Col. John Finney wrote his will on 29 March 1848 and it was recorded on 30 October 1848 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 56). He left son Edward O. Finney, land "where he now lives near Watchaprigue Creek", farming equipment, livestock and slaves: Jordain, Anne and her oldest child Mary, old Sarah and old Tom; plus \$2000 for settling his estate. He left "whereon I now reside about 500 acres" to son William B. Finney, plus \$1000. He left grandchildren John, William, Ann, Margaret, and Edward Arbuckle each \$1000 and said they were the children of his daughter Catherine, born of his first marriage. He left daughters Margaret Finney and Mary Finney his carriage with "the match of Mares, viz; Betsy and Sally Windsor" and said they were to live in the houses devised to son William B. Finney. The remainder of his slaves (unnamed) were to be divided between sons William, Oswald and Louis C. H. and daughters Margaret, Mary and Ann Wise, wife of John C. Wise. John C. Wise was to have no part of his estate. In a codicil on 15 October 1848, son Edward O. Finney was to get "negro man George".

The children of Col. John Finney were:

1. Catherine Finney, born circa 1800. Catherine B. Finney married George W. Arbuckle on 10 June 1818 (Mar. Reg. #1, p. 25).
2. Edward O. Finney, born 1802. See next section.
3. Elizabeth Finney, born 4 January 1805, died 3 October 1847 (tombstone at Meadville).

4. John A. Finney, born 25 April 1807, died 16 October 1825 (tombstone at Meadville).

5. Margaret B. Finney, born 12 January 1809, died 1 December 1883 (tombstone at Meadville). Margaret B. Finney never married. She wrote her will on 22 November 1883 and it was recorded on 31 December 1883 (Wills 1882-1901, p. 44). She left Meadville to her brother, Oswald B. Finney and made him her exexutor.

6. Mary H. Finney, born 24 December 1810, died 4 December 1880 (tombstone at Meadville). Mary H. Finney did not marry either. Her will, written 7 May 1880 and recorded on 27 December 1880 (Wills 1846-;882, p. 635), left Meadville to her brother Louis C.H. Finney and, should he die without a lawful heir, her interest was to go to sister Margaret B. Finney and brother Oswald B. Finney.

7. Ann Finney, born circa 1813, married John C. Wise on 18 September 1833 (Mar. Reg. #1, p. 48).

8. William B. Finney, born 4 October 1815, died 20 December 1858 or born 11 October 1816, died 10 December 1859 (tombstone at Meadville). William B. Finney inherited Meadville from his father in 1848. He sold it to his brother, Louis C. H. Finney, on 1 February 1853, for \$1400 (Deeds 1851-1852, p. 583). He was unmarried. Apparently both of his tombstone death dates are incorrect, for William B. Finney had died intestate by 26 December 1853 (Orders 1851-1854, p. 515). An inventory of his personal estate was returned on 27 December 1853 by Robert J. Poulson, Lewis S. Snead and Thomas C. Bunting (Inventories 1853-1856, p. 272). His slaves and their appraisal were listed therein as: David - \$950, Emma - \$600, Grace - \$400, Isaac - \$300, George - \$250, Jane and child Georgianna - \$350, Jesse - \$300, John - \$250, Joshua - \$000, William - \$700, and Frank - \$150.

9. David Finney, born 21 March 1818, died 16 October 1826 (tombstone at Meadville).

10. Dr. Oswald B. Finney, born 2 July 1819, died 22 July 1900 (tombstone at Meadville. Dr. Oswald B. Finney did not marry. His will, written 16 March 1900, was recorded on 30 July 1900 (Wills 1882-1901, p. 454). It was a long one. He left parts of the Meadville farm to William Wise and Sallie Rogers, children of John C. Wise. He divided the remainder between the three children of brother Edward O. Finney who were still living: John T. Finney, Edward B. Finney and Bettie M. Custis. Dr. Edward B. Finney heired the home.

11. Louis C.H. Finney, born 20 January 1822, died 21 May 1884 (tombstone at Meadville). Louis C.H. Finney sold Meadville to sisters Margaret B. Finney and Mary H. Finney on 14 March 1861, 400 acres for \$1600 (Deeds 1860-1861, p. 462). This deed states he had sold a part of the original 500 acres to Lewis S. Snead. It also states his sisters were to have all his personal property on the farm, with the exception of slaves. On 20 March 1861, Louis C.H. Finney put up his slaves as collateral to secure bonds (Deeds 1860-1861, p. 463). They were named here as: Frank, Bill, Edmund, Hobert, Spencer, Maria, Frances, Charlotte, Romeo, Richard, Robert, Alice, Cornelia, and Peyton. Louis C.H. Finney had not married and he left no will.

Obituary of Louis C.H. Finney

Peninsula Enterprise, 24 May 1884

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

The Hon. Louis Gray Hammer-
sley Finney died at his residence, Mead-
ville, in this county on Wednesday, the
21st inst. at 3 A. M. of softening of the
brain. He had been confined to his
house and premises for nearly three
years, and while his death was not unex-
pected it came suddenly while sitting in
his chair. He was a graduate of Har-
vard Law School and soon took a high
stand at the bar. Colonel Finney from
his early manhood occupied a prominent
position, having at the age of twenty-
five years been elected a member of the
Legislature, which position he held from
1845 to 1855. He was a member of the
Convention of 1849-50. He was Col-
onel of militia for many years, and Lieut-
enant Colonel of the 39th Reg. Va.,
Infy., P. A. C. S. After the war he
was State Senator in 1873, '4, '5, '6. He
was an earnest Mason, was the first
junior warden of Ocean Lodge, and with
one exception the only charter member
belonging to the Lodge. He was much
beloved by the people, and leaves a host
of sorrowing friends.

Obituary of Dr. Oswald B. Finney

Peninsula Enterprise, 28 July 1900

Deaths.

Dr. Oswald B. Finney, a well known
citizen of Accomac, and prominent in
its affairs for forty years or more,
died at his home at Onancock after a
long illness, on Sunday, aged 81
years. In early life he made for him-
self the reputation of being a first
class physician and sustained it
throughout his life and was
so recognized in his latter days
by receiving the appointment as one
of the examiners of the State Board
of Physicians. Being fond of politics
though and having ample means to
gratify his taste in that direction he
did not confine himself to his profes-
sion.

As a Whig, before the war he was
called upon to serve his party
in the Legislature, and during
the term his zeal in the in-
terest of his party led to a duel be-
tween him and Hon. Roger A. Pryor.
The men met on the Manchester side
of the James river and the doctor was
wounded in the side.

Since the war Dr. Finney has been
an intense Democrat and as such he
served his county in both houses of
the Legislature.

Edward O. Finney

Edward O. Finney was born 14 October 1802 and died 12 March 1872 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). He was the eldest son of Col. John Finney and his wife, Margaret Bowman Finney, and the only one of their sons to marry. Edward O. Finney married Margaret S. Thomas (1809-1870), daughter of John B. Thomas, on 9 June 1828, in Northampton County (Marriages, North. Co. 1660/1-1854, p. 36). He was a farmer and lived with his family near Wachapreague, on land his father left him. Edward O. Finney wrote his will on 10 January 1870 and it was recorded on 1 April 1872 (Circuit Court Will, 1855-1892, p. 99). He left his property to four sons and a daughter. His land was divided on 6 June 1872 between his five children (Surveyors Record #5, p 196). They were:

1. Andrew G. Finney. He was born in 1829 and died in 1895 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). Andrew G. Finney married Susan C. Bunting, daughter of Solomon Bunting, on 3 November 1853 (Mar. Reg. #2, p. 47). Andrew Finney was a deputy sheriff in 1850 and in 1870. He was a farmer in 1860. In 1880, Andrew G. Finney, 50, was a boarder in the household of Thomas Elliott, merchant of Pungoteague District. His occupation was given as "clerk in store". Apparently his wife was deceased by 1880 and nothing more has been found on his ^{three} youngest children. His children were:

A. William B. Finney, born circa 1854 (1860 census). Dr. William Bowman Finney, of Baltimore, married Floreid Welbourne Bott, daughter of Mrs. George Revel Bott, of Painter, VA, on 28 December 1922 (Peninsula Enterprise, 7 January 1922 issue). Dr. Finney was then president emeritus of the Baltimore College of Dentistry. He and his new wife were to live at 813 North Eutaw Street, Baltimore. A marriage license had been issued in Accomack County, to Dr. William Bowman Finney, a single man of 67 years, and Floried W. Bott, 24 (Mar. Reg. #4, p. 298). His parents were given here as Andrew Gordon Finney and wife Susan B. It is

supposed this was a second marriage, that Dr. W.B. Finney had married a Baltimore woman circa 1880 and had raised a family by 1922.

B. Andrew G. Finney, born circa 1859 (1860 census).

C. Catherine Finney, born circa 1862 (1870 census).

D. Margaret B. Finney, born circa 1866 (1870 census).

2. John T. Finney. He was born in 1831 and died in 1906 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). John T. Finney married Bettie A. Kellam on 3 December 1861, in Worcester County, MD (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 218). John T. Finney was a merchant, in his father's household in 1860. John T. Finney of E was a farmer in 1880. He died testate, leaving his entire estate to his wife, Bettie A. Finney (Wills 1904-1920, p. 90). Their children were:

A. John C. Finney, born circa 1863 (1880 census), of Franktown in 1924.

B. Margaret S. Finney, born circa 1865 (1880 census), married Ward Hyslup of Craddockville.

C. Alfred T. Finney, born circa 1868 (1880 census), of Jersey City in 1924.

D. Edward B. Finney, born circa 1870 (1880 census), died 1911 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery).

E. Ernest O. Finney, born 1873, died 1959 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). He was living in Craddockville when his mother died in 1924.

F. Mary T. Finney, born circa 1874 (1880 census), married R. W. Phillips of Wachapreague.

G. Taylor E. Finney, born 1878, died 1955 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). Lived at Wachapreague.

H. Annie Wise Finney, born 1881, died 1914 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). She was unmarried.

I. Bettie Finney, born circa 1884 (1900 census), married Dorsey Mears of Keller.

J. Frank G. Finney, born 1888, died 1971 (tombstone in Wachapreague Cemetery).

3. Dr. Edward B. Finney, born 1836, died 1913 (tombstone in Mount Holly Cemetery, Onancock). He married circa 1878, Virginia Upshur Bowdoin (1846-1914). Dr. Edward B. Finney died testate (Wills 1904-1920, p. 365). He directed that part of Meadville be sold and the proceeds go to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Onancock in memory of his daughter, Ethel Finney Ames. He left property to a nephew, Dr. William B. Finney of Baltimore, and to the children of "my deceased brother John T. Finney". Dr. Edward B. Finney and his wife had only one child:

A. Ethel Finney, born 2 October 1881, died 22 February 1909 (tombstone in Mount Holly Cemetery). Ethel^{Bowdoin} Finney married Warner Ames (1879-1938) on 24 October 1907 (Mar. Reg. #4, p. 138). Warner Ames was a partner of Ames and Ames, Attorneys, Onancock. When he died testate in 1938, his only heirs were his widow, Frances Fletcher Ames, and a brother, John R. Ames (Wills 23, p. 330).

4. Elizabeth M. Finney, born 1839, died 1926 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). Elizabeth M. Finney married Thomas E.C. Custis (1836-1889) circa 1860. The 1870 census shows Bettie M. Custis, 31, and her family living with her widowed father. She was keeping house and her husband, at 35, was a teacher. They then had four children.

5. David B. Finney, born 1840, died 1894 (tombstone in Onancock Cemetery). David B. Finney married Virginia M. Bunting on 1 November 1866 (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 18), who died on 24 August 1881 at 32 (Peninsula Enterprise). They had no living children, for David B. Finney died testate and left his entire estate to brother Edward B. Finney (Wills 1882-1901, p. 295). The 1880 census shows David B. Finney, 40, a farmer, living alone. His wife, Jennie M. Finney, and a son, Louis C.H. Finney, 12, were in the household of her mother, Maria G. Bunting, 55. Son Louis C. H. Finney died 12 June 1890 at 22 years (Peninsula Enterprise, 21 June 1890 issue).

FINNEY CHART I

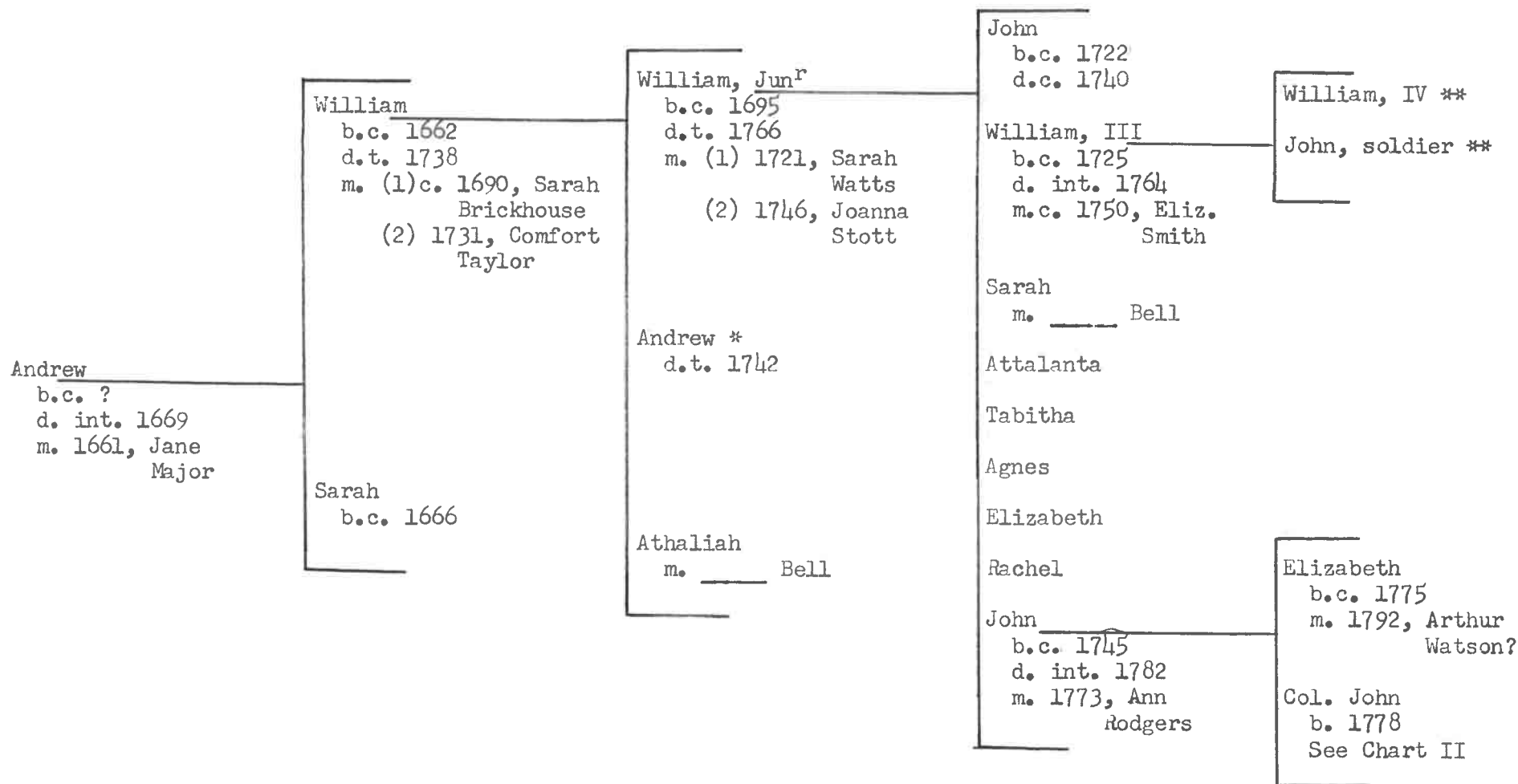
1st generation

2nd generation

3rd generation

4th generation

5th generation



* Left descendants in area of Whites Neck/Metompkin
 ** Left descendants in area of Finneys Neck/Cashville and Onancock

FINNEY CHART II

5th generation

6th generation

7th generation

8th generation

Col. John
b. 1778
d.t. 1848
m. (1) 1799, Catherine
Bowman
(2) 1801, Margaret
Bowman

Catherine, b.c. 1800
m. 1818, George W. Arbuckle

Edward O., b. 1802, d. 1872
m. 1828, Margaret S. Thomas

Elizabeth, b. 1805, d. 1847

John A., b. 1807, d. 1825

Margaret B., b. 1809, d. 1883
unmarried

Mary H., b. 1810, d. 1880
unmarried

Ann, b.c. 1813
m. 1833, John C. Wise

William B., b. 1815 or 1816
d. int. 1853, unmarried

David, b. 1818, d. 1826

Dr. Oswald B., b. 1819, d. 1900
unmarried

Louis C.H., b. 1822, d. 1884
unmarried

Andrew G.
b. 1829
d. 1895
m. 1853, Susan C.
Bunting

John T.
b. 1831
d. 1906
m. 1861, Bettie A.
Kellam

Dr. Edward B.
b. 1836
d. 1913
m. 1878, Virginia U.
Bowdoin

Elizabeth M.
b. 1839
d. 1924
m.c. 1860, Thomas E.C.
Custis

David B.
b. 1840
d. 1894
m. 1866, Virginia M.
Bunting

Dr. William B., b.c. 1854
Andrew G., b.c. 1859
Catherine, b.c. 1862
Margaret B., b.c. 1866

John C., b.c. 1863
Margaret S., b.c. 1865
m. Ward Hyslup
Alfred T., b.c. 1868
Edward B., b.c. 1870
Ernest O. b. 1873, d. 1959
Mary T., b.c. 1874
m. R. W. Phillips
Taylor E., b. 1878, d. 1955
Annie Wise, b. 1881, d. 1914
Bettie, b.c. 1884
m. Dorsey Mears
Frank G., b. 1888, d. 1971

Ethel, b. 1881, d. 1909
m. 1907, Warner Ames

Louis C.H., b. 1868, d. 1890

Virginia Finney Bayley

There appears to be little doubt but that Virginia, born circa 1844, was a slave of one of the children of Col. John Finney of Meadville. Her name has not been found in census records until after slaves were freed on 1 January 1863, and by 1870 she had married. She apparently followed the custom of taking the last name of her late owner. This is based on her oldest daughter, born circa 1859, being called Nellie Finney when she married.

No marriage record has been found of Virginia Finney to Mark Bayly. That they were married before 1870 is evident from the census of that year, when he, at 27 years, a black sailor, was head of a household, which included his wife Virginia, a 26-year-old mulatto, and three children under 10 years of age (1870 census, p. 215). In 1880, Mark Bayly was 42 years of age, a black day-laborer (Lee District, p. 47). His wife Virginia was also listed as black, a 35-year-old housekeeper. The couple had seven children living with them, the oldest at 16 years. The 1900 census gives Mark Bayly as a 59-year-old farmer in Lee District, head of household 281/283. His wife Virginia was 58. They had been married 38 years and she had had twelve children, nine of whom were living. This would indicate that Virginia Finney married Mark Bayly in 1862.

Mark Bayly served three years in the union Army during the Civil War (U.S. Bureau of the Census: Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans, taken in June 1890 for Lee District, Accomack County, Virginia). He was a Sergeant in Company D, 9th Division of Maryland Colored Volunteers (Infantry). He inlisted at Onley, Accomack County, Virginia, but no date of enlistment or discharge is given.

Census records show Mark Bayly and his wife Virginia were the parents of the following children:

1. Mark O. Bayly, born circa 1864 (1870 census).

2. James E. Bayly, born circa 1868 (1870 census).
3. Leah A. Bayly, born circa 1869 (1870 census).
4. L. J. Bayly, a daughter born circa 1872 (1880 census).
5. J. W. Bayly, a son born circa 1876 (1880 census).
6. W. H. Bayly, a son born circa 1877 (1880 census).
7. Spencer T. Bayly, born 1879 (1880 and 1900 census).
8. Margaret Bayly, born circa 1880 (1900 census).
9. Eva G. Bayly, born circa 1882 (1900 census).
10. Lirye (George?) Bayly, a son born circa 1884 (1900 census).

Nellie Finney Drummond Joynes

Nellie Finney, "daughter of Virginia", 18, married Robert Drummond, 21, at Drummond Town Church, on 4 November 1877 (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 52). He was a son of Robert and Mary Drummond.

The 1880 census shows Robert Drummond, 23, a black hotel worker, living two households from Mark Bayly and his family. His wife, Nelly Drummond, was 18, a mulatto, keeping house. They had a 1-year-old daughter, Virginia B. Drummond. By 1900, Nellie Drummond, 39, was head of household 182/182, in Onancock, Lee District. She was a washwoman, who had had twelve children, eight of whom were living.

On 24 July 1901, Nelly B. Drummond, 41, divorced, "daughter of Virginia Bayly", married Riley S. Joynes, 42 (Mar. Reg. #4, p. 64). He was a son of Smith Joynes and Harriet his wife.

The 1910 census for Lee District, "on New Road just outside of Onancock East", shows Riley S. Joynes, a 52-year-old farmer, head of household 73/73. His wife, Nellie B. Joynes was a 49-year-old mulatto. They had a 7-year-old daughter, Evelyn L. Joynes. Nellie B. Joynes had had nine children, seven living. Her children were:

1. Virginia B. Drummond, born 11 August 1878 (Reg. of Births).
2. Mary Drummond, born 1 March 1880 (Reg. of Births).
3. Robert S. Drummond, born circa 1882 (1900 census).
4. Milton O. Drummond, born circa 1884 (1900 census).
5. Nellie S. Drummond, born circa 1886 (1900 census).
6. Jesse T. Drummond, born 28 May 1887 (Reg. of Births).
7. Martina O. Drummond, born circa 1892 (1900 census).
8. Frederick Drummond, born circa 1894 (1900 census).
9. Evelyn L. Joynes, born circa 1903 (1910 census).

On 21 April 1917, Riley S. Joynes bought 10.13 acres, called the Al Chandler lot, from Thomas H. Parker (Deeds 110, p. 543). The lot was located near the town of Onancock, bound on the north by the road from Onancock to Onley Station, east by land of Cecil Powell, south by Whites Branch (present-day Joynes Branch?), and west by George T. Johnson and Leonidas Doughty.

Riley S. Joynes, born 4 October 1858, died 4 October 1918, is buried in a Joynes Cemetery, a wooded area on the south side of Route 638, one-half mile east of Route 718, the road from Onancock to Meadville (Graven Stones, p. 133). Riley S. Joynes apparently had two children by a former marriage, for on 22 June 1920, when the audit of his estate was returned and divided among his heirs, Nellie Bowman Joynes, as his widow, received one-third and the balance was divided three ways, among two daughters and six grandchildren (Fiduciary Accounts 1917-1920, p. 592). The daughters were: Mattie Joynes Wise and Evelyn L. Joynes. The grandchildren, all under 21 years of age, were: Brianer L. Joynes, Maxwell E. Joynes, Helen B. Joynes, Stanley M. Joynes, Ardella Joynes and Julia Joynes. It appears they were children of a deceased son.

The 1920 census gives Nelly Joynes, 55, as head of household 9/9 in Lee District. Her mother, Virginia Bailey, 75, was living with her, as were two daughters: Martina Joynes, 24, and Evelyn Joynes, 16. All four in the household were listed as mulattos.

No date of death has been found for Virginia Bayly or for Nelly Joynes. Riley S. Joynes was apparently buried with his first wife, who has no tombstone. His daughter, Mattie J. Wise (1880-1967), is buried in the same plot, with her husband, John H. Wise (1875-1944). Daughter Evelyn L. Joynes' tombstone stands at the foot of her father's grave. She was born in 1902 and died in 1990.

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Dear Mr. Britt,

I am enclosing the results of the search for Dr. Oswald B. Finney's ancestors and relatives. I am pleased with the information found in local records and hope you will be also.

I have not found the name of a Peter Finney. Neither have I found a Charles Finney in this line. There was a Charles Parkes Finney, "son of Thomas W. and Sarah", born 22 November 1837, died 3 December 1897. His tombstone is south of Meadville, on the original Finney land in Finneys Neck. His father's stone is also there: Thomas W. Finney, born 7 September 1784, died 4 October 1873. Thomas Watts Finney was a son of William Finney, IV, who was Col. John Finney's first cousin (see Finney Chart I).

The doctors you speak of at Johns Hopkins could have been descendants of Dr. William B. Finney. It is possible that his brother, Andrew G. Finney, Jr., also settled in Baltimore.

There were no Finneys of this line left in Onancock. I have not tried to contact local Finneys to connect them. I readily read old records of people long gone, but have an aversion to probing into the affairs of living people. Census records are considered private when taken, and are only released to the public after 70 to 75 years.

I visited the Joynes Cemetery near Onancock on May 25th.

Sincerely,

Mary Frances Carey