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Bagwell Anderson Mason's Ancestors and Relations

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Introduction

Tracing the ancestors of Bagwell Anderson Mason has not proven difficult. There is no doubt but that they were the Masons of the Kegotank area in Accomack County, Virginia. Beyond the proof found in the records, the name of Bagwell indicates they were of Accomack County. While it is likely Bagwell A. Mason had a maternal ancestor who was a Bagwell, the name has been used as a given name in Accomack County from the early 1700's to the present day. Bagwell Custis Mason was named as a son by Thomas Mason Sen^r in his will of 1821. They were a branch of Masons living in the Onancock Creek area.

The most difficult feature of this family history has been separating the several different Mason families. This entailed searching records in four counties: Northampton County, the southernmost county on the Eastern Shore of Virginia; Accomack County, joining Northampton County on the north; Worcester County, Maryland, adjacent and joining Accomack County on the north; And Somerset County, Maryland, east of Worcester County. Worcester County was formed from Somerset County in 1742.

Except for one early Mason in Northampton County, there appears to have been none there until the mid-1800's. Somerset County had two early Mason men, and an Abraham Mason on tax lists of 1723 and 1724, but no Masons at all are listed there by the 1850 census. Worcester County records show: Edmund Mason selling personal property in 1746; a William Mason who died intestate in 1774; a John Mason dying intestate in 1778; and Bennet and Daniel Mason as members of the Snow Hill Battalion of the county militia in 1780. These men appear to be related to or descendants of the first William Mason of Accomack County and evidently moved into Maryland from the Messongo area. The 1850 census shows eleven Mason men and their families in Worcester County, concentrated in District #1, that of Newtown (present-day Pocomoke area). Some of their descendants moved south across the Maryland/Virginia line,

into the upper Accomack County area of New Church, Horn Town, and Chincoteague Island.

Mr. Ralph T. Whitelaw, in Virginia's Eastern Shore (p. 1259), made a mistake when he stated that Bennet Mason, who died testate in 1766, left land in Messongo. His will only mentions White Marsh land (on Onancock Creek) and land "whereon I now live" (at Kegotank). The Bennet Mason of Messongo Creek, who heired 200 acres from his father, died intestate in 1768, leaving wife Ann and three underage children, William Mason, Bennet Mason and Eleanor Mason. It was this William Mason Mr. Whitelaw found owning land near Messongo Creek in the late 1800's. The error was carried over by Mr. Mark Lewis in his Mason Chart.

The Masons of Messongo had apparently either died out or moved on by 1820. One of their descendants could have been James Mason, whose daughter Tinny married Bennet Mason, of the Kegotank Masons, in 1814. James Mason was born circa 1760. He was listed by the 1800 census, living on Wallops Road (present U.S. 13), aged 26-40 years. He had married Betty Northam in 1789. The Northams lived between Messongo Creek and Wallops Road. James Mason bought land in the Kegotank area after 1800. He died testate in 1823, naming only daughter Tinny Mason and her son James Mason. He had one other daughter, Elizabeth Mason, who married William Thornton, Jun^r in 1814. The parentage of James Mason has not been found. It appears likely he was a son of Middleton Mason, who had land dealings with Southy Northam in 1768 and 1771 and was deceased by 1780.

The Kegotank Masons had sold their entire 100 acres of land there by 1821, land that their great-grandfather, Bennet Mason, bought in 1728, and male descendants were no longer in the area after 1831. Of interest to the writer is that a great-grandfather, William J. Bundick, bought part of this land in 1859. The writer's mother, Lena Bundick Trader, was born and raised here. Her family home is now the Moose Lodge on U.S. 13 at Nelsonia.

All documentation in the following write-up is from Accomack County records unless otherwise noted. These records include: Deed Books, Will Books, Order Books, Orphan's Accounts, Inventories, Survey Records, Chancery Orders, Land Causes and Marriage Registers; all located in the Accomack County Clerck's Office at Accomac. Federal Census records and Tax Lists, on microfilm at the Eastern Shore Public Library at Accomac, have also been searched. A list of secondary sources used, is included on the last two pages.

The name Mason has been found spelled several different ways. In early records it appears as Mafon, Mafson and Marfon, where the letter s was written as a f. Later, in addition to Mason, it was spelled as Maison, Mayson or Maysen. The 1860 census includes one Mason family as Marsons.

The only Accomack County Mason who served during the Revolutionary War was an Adam Mason, who was a soldier in the county militia. He was a descendant of Thomas Mason, brother to Edmund Mason of Kegotank, and lived in Saint George Parish.

It is suggested that one refer frequently to the charts when reading the various sections, as it becomes difficult to separate family members with the same given names.

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Foreword

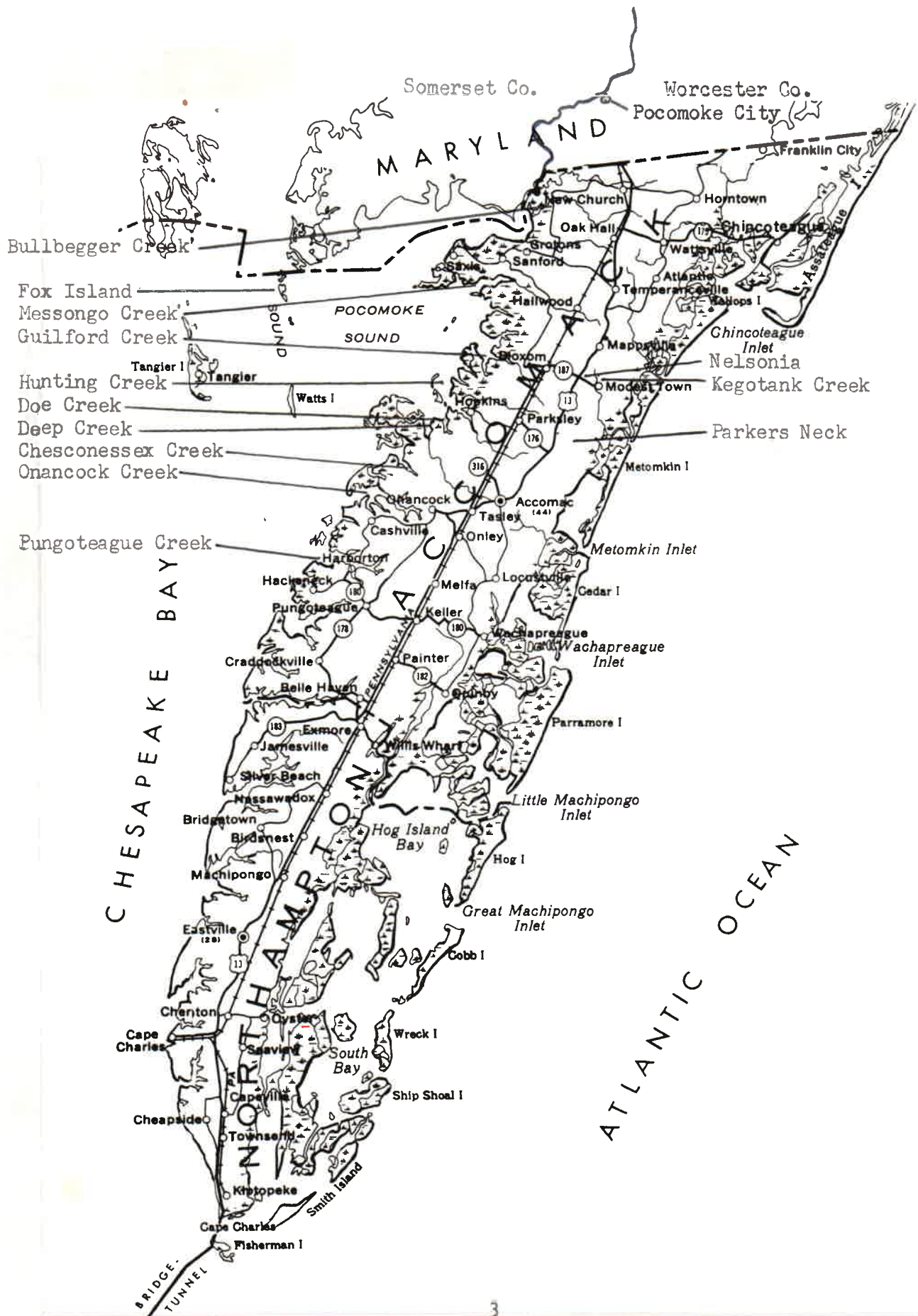
The earliest record of a Mason on the Eastern Shore of Virginia was a Richard Mason, who was a headright for William Cole, when Cole was granted a land patent in Northampton County in 1642 (County Court Records 1640-1645, p. 204). True's Biographical Dictionary shows a John Mason receiving a grant for land in Accomack County in 1640, but the original record clearly states the patentee was John Major (Deeds & Wills 1663-1666, p. 74). Richard Mason's name appears in Northampton County records at least twice after 1642; on 23 March 1643, when he was a witness at court, and on 10 April 1644, when he gave a deposition (p. 349 and p. 358). No record of his death in Northampton County or in Accomack County has been found. There is no record of Richard Mason having married. However, a widow or daughter, Ann Mason (Whitelaw, p. 659), could have married Captain William Kendall, Jun^r, who died testate in Northampton County in 1696, naming one daughter as Mason Kendall (North. Co. XVII, Orders and Wills, p. 384). Mason Kendall had married Samuel Welbourne, of Horn Town, by 1724, when she and her husband joined a sister and a brother in selling Accomack County land they inherited from their^{father} to Col. Solomon Ewell (Deeds, Wills & Etc 1715-1729, part I, p. 540). The land was called Ewell's Forest and later became known as Pocomoke Swamp (Whitelaw, p. 1262). It was located near Messongo Creek, which empties into Pocomoke Sound. William Mason, son of William Mason of the next section, bought 460 acres of this land in 1734 (Deeds & Wills 1729-1737, p. 388), and he left his son John Mason in 1759. This shows the possibility of a family connection.

George Mason and Robert Mason were named as headrights for Ambrose White in 1668 and 1670, as White patented land in Accomack County (Cert. and Rights, p. 38 and p. 42). The former does not appear again, but Robert Mason died testate in 1678, naming only two daughters (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 86). He had married Temp-erence, the daughter of Nicholas Wadallow/Wallop (Whitelaw, p. 701).

A William Mason patented 100 acres, called Mason's Adventure, in Somerset County, Maryland, in 1687 (Som. Co. Land Records, p. 281). There is no record of him selling this land. John Whitty had patented the same land in 1685, as Whitty's Lot (p. 420) and later records show it reverted to Whitty's heirs (Som. Co. Rent Rolls 1666-1723, p. 281). William Mason married Anne Deane on 18 August 1680 (Som. Co. Judicials JKL, p. 167), registered a cattle mark on 14 June 1680 (p. 13), and then disappeared from Somerset County records.

Joseph Mason bought 41 acres of Somerset County land from Ambrose London in 1678 (Som. Co. Deeds MA06, p. 21). His name does not appear in the grantor index as selling this land. He did not die testate in Somerset County or Worcester County. It is possible that Joseph Mason was the father of William Mason, who married in Somerset County in 1680, or his brother.

Of these early Mason men on the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Maryland, the records suggest, without proof, that William Mason of the next section, could have been the son of Richard Mason of Northampton County. Many early immigrants to Northampton County moved northward into Accomack County and Somerset County, as land became available in these areas, some settling in Sussex County, Delaware (called Sussex County Pennsylvania in early records).



Virginia's Eastern Shore

William Mason

The names of four men, who could have been brothers or a father with three sons, appear in the list of headrights given by David Williamson, when he was granted a patent for 6000 acres in Accomack County on 16 February 1666 (Deeds & Wills 1663-1666, p. 115). They were William Marfson, Edward (Edmund) Mafson, John Mafon, and Richard Mafsons. Although each of their last names were spelled slightly different, there seems little doubt but that they were all Masons.

The land that David Williamson patented in 1666 was bound on the north by Crooked Creek (present-day Bullbegger Creek) and on the south by Messongo Creek (Nugent I, p. 554). It was near the land William Mason's son bought in 1713.

On 27 September 1692, William Mason gave a deposition in Accomack County Court, in which his age was given as 48 years "or thereabout", showing he was born circa 1644 (Orders 1690-1697, p. 42). He would have been 22 years of age when his name was listed as a headright in 1666. It is likely he had married when his name first appeared on the Accomack County list of tithables in 1681 (Acco. Co. Tithables (Tax List) 1663-1695, p. 27). While no record has been found as proof, it appears his wife and the mother of his children was Sarah Bennet. Thomas Crippen, who died testate in 1735, had a daughter who had married Thomas Bennet (Deeds & Wills 1729-1737, p. 411). The Crippen name appeared many times in the settling of the estates of the Kegotank Masons, indicating some family relation. Thomas Bennet was a headright for Edmund Scarburgh in 1664 (Certificates and Rights, p. 15). He could have had a daughter, Sarah Bennet, who married William Mason, in addition to the son who married Elizabeth Crippen.

William Mason was a ship carpenter, who was living near Pungoteague Creek on 28 November ¹⁶⁹⁵. This is shown by a document he had recorded on that date, stating he had paid John Revell "a valuable consideration" to move a shallop he had built "on a Plantation in the woods near Pungoteague and having no way whereby to convey and

Carry down the Said Shallop from the place where it is built to ye water side to Launch but over the land of Mr. John Revell". The boat was built for Col. Charles Scarborough (Wills & C Orders 1682-1697, p. 270).

On 6 May 1707, Edmund and wife Elizabeth Scarborough sold 121 acres to William Mason for 4000 pounds of tobacco and cask (Wills & Etc. 1692-1715, part II, p. 235). This land was at "ye head of Little Matompkin alias Burton Branch" and was inland from Pungoteague Creek.

William Mason and wife Sarah had both died intestate when the administration of their estates was granted to their son, William Mason, on 1 August 1710 (Orders 1710-1714, p. 7). On 21 August 1710, the inventory and appraisal of "all ye Estate of William and Sarah Mason brought before us" was presented by John Warrington and John Wylie, two of the appraisors, and recorded (Wills & Etc. 1692-1715, part III, p. 1).

Besides the known son, William Mason, and one daughter, other children of William and Sarah Mason can only be deduced. The fact that William Mason could have had brothers nearby complicates this. The name of Richard Mason does not appear after he was named as a headright in 1666. Edmund Mason got in trouble with the law in 1706 for "keeping an unlawfull Tipling house" (Orders 1703-1709, p. 83a). After this date, his name does not appear in the records. John Mason was listed as a tithable in 1692, 1693, 1694 and in 1695 (Acco. Co. Tithables (Tax List) 1663-1695, pp. 54,55,58 and 61). No record of his death has been found. Taking these facts, and the prevalence of similiar given names, into consideration, the next generation of Masons in Accomack County are deemed to be the children of William Mason and his wife Sarah:

1. William Mason, oldest son and heir of William Mason, was born circa 1685. He died testate by 28 November 1759, as an old man (Wills 1757-1761, p. 164). This William Mason inherited his father's land, which he exchanged with John Collins on

4 May 1713 for land elsewhere (Wills & Etc. 1692-1715, part III, p. 123). He and wife Eleanor sold the new land to Richard Rodgers on 10 October 1713 (p. 153). On the same date, William Mason (carpenter) bought 200 acres on the north side of Messongo Creek from Thomas Preeson for 10,000 pounds tobacco and cask (p. 166).

When he died, William Mason left 200 acres on the south side of Messongo Creek to his oldest son, Middleton Mason, "where he now lives". He left 100 acres, bought of Ann Drummond, to son William Mason "where he now lives". He left 450 acres, purchased of Solomon Ewell, to son John Mason. William Mason left his son, Bennet Mason, 200 acres "where I now live" (north side of Messongo Creek). He named daughters as Ann Pilchor, Hannah Major, Susanna Andrews, and Eleanor Howard. He left his wife, Eleanor Mason, half his home plantation for her lifetime. He left a slave to William Mason, son of son John "if he comes to live in this county". He named another grandson as Daniel Mason and left property to grandson Ismael Mason/Andrews. Besides those named in his will, William Mason had two other children. Ede Mason wrote her will on 17 May 1748 (Wills 1745-1749, p. 469). Her will was witnessed by brothers Middleton Mason, Bennet Mason, and Zorobable Mason. Zorobable was deceased by 29 November 1748, when the will was recorded (Orders 1744-1753, p. 295).

William Mason's wife Eleanor was apparently the widow and second wife of Thomas Middleton, who died testate in 1708, naming his "now wife Eleanor". (Wills 1692-1715, p. 442). William Mason was a witness to the will. William and Eleanor were married by 1713, from the deed of that year. On 2 October 1716, they reported "ye Rebackah Lister Serv^t woman by Indenture bound to them Absented herself by Running away" (Orders 1714-1717, p. 24).

Of William and Eleanor's four sons, only Bennet Mason appears to have left descendants in the Messongo area. Son Middleton Mason had married Rachel Bird, daughter of Daniel Bird, by 1752 (Wills 1752-1757, p. 547). Middleton Mason and

wife Rachel sold his inheritance in 1768 (Deeds 1757-1770, pp. 550 and 551). Middleton was living in 1778, but was deceased by 26 July 1780 (Orders 1780-1783, p. 72). He apparently had a son, John Mason, who bought 475 acres of Great Fox Island in 1784 (Deeds 1783-1788, p. 181) and whose children, John Mason, George Mason, and Rachel Mister deeded Fox Island to their brother, Middleton Mason, in 1810 (Deeds 1810-1812, p. 97). Brother Middleton Mason and wife Rosey sold Foxes Island for \$800 on 29 June 1830 (Deeds 1829-1830, p. 498). On the same date, he bought 130 acres "on head of Chefssonefsex Creek" plus pasturage on Tobacco Island, from Thomas Snead for \$1005 (p. 496). This appears to have been the same Middleton Mason who married Mrs. Margaret R. Ewell, by bond of 17 March 1842 (Mar. Reg. #1 & 2, p. 68). Margaret R. Onley Ewell Mason had inherited an interest in land at Chesconessex from her first husband, Francis Onley, land that she and Middleton Mason sold to John C. Wise in 1843. John C. Wise sold the same land to Henry A. Wise, who became Governor of Virginia in 1855 (Whitelaw, p. 944 & 945). Middleton Mason and son William bought a "Store House" near Onancock in 1841 (Deeds 1842-1843, p. 79). No record of this Middleton Mason's death has been found.

The first Middleton was also likely the father of Daniel Mason, mentioned in his grandfather's will, who was a Captain in the Worcester County, Maryland, Militia in 1780. Daniel Mason had two grown sons in 1783 (Wor. Co. Tax List). Bennet Mason also served in the Worcester County Militia. He had three grown sons in 1783 and was deceased by 1792. He could have been a brother to Daniel Mason and son of Middleton.

William and Eleanor's son John Mason was living in Sussex County, Delaware, in 1760, when he sold his inherited land (Deeds 1757-1770, p. 133). It appears he who died intestate in Worcester County, Maryland, in 1778 (Index to Estates, 1742-1908).

The third William Mason, son of William and Eleanor, with his wife Comfort, sold his inherited land in 1761 (Deeds 1757-1770, p. 163). He apparently died in Wor-

cestor County, Maryland, without a will (Index to Estates 1742-1908).

Bennet Mason, the youngest son of William and Eleanor Mason, was the only son who did not sell his inherited land. He died intestate by 30 March 1768, when his widow, Ann Mason, was named to administer his estate (Orders 1767-1768, p. 478). The audit of Bennet Mason's personal estate was recorded on 1 November 1769, by Ann Mason, administratrix (Wills 1767-1772, p. 357). After a number of bills were paid, the balance was divided into three parts, for William Mason, Bennet Mason, and Eleanor Mason. On 28 August 1771, Jacob Bird was appointed guardian of William Mason, Bennet Mason and Nelly Mason, orphans of Bennet Mason (Orders 1770-1773, p. 231). William Mason, as eldest son, inherited his father's land. He and wife Margaret sold 10 acres of his father Bennet's land in 1787 (Deeds 1788-1793, p. 24). This William Mason died intestate by 26 February 1788, when his estate was administered to James Benston, "Peggy Mason, the widow of the deceased, relinquishing her right to qualify" (Orders 1787-1790, p. 110). He left an only son, Bennet Mason (Orphan's Accts. 1780-1805, p. 53). This William's brother, Bennet Mason, son of Bennet, married Rachel Duncan in 1799 (MLB 1774-1806, p.19). He died testate in 1816, naming an underage son as William Mason and daughters Harriet Majors Mason and Pamela Andrews Mason (Wills 1814-1816, p.118).

2. Katherine Mason. Thomas Webb, planter, made a gift of a cow, "with a calf by her side" and a heifer to his goddaughter, Katherine Mason, "daughter of William Mason, carpenter" on 18 September 1688 (Wills & Deeds 1678-1690, p. 481).

3. Bennet Mason. See next section.

4. John Mason. John Mason bought land in the Messongo area in 1726 and 1728 (Deeds, Wills & Etc. 1715-1729, part II, p 65 and p. 215). His wife was Mary when they sold in 1728 (p. 216). John Mason was deceased by 5 September 1738, when his inventory and appraisal was returned by Mary Mason, his administratrix (Orders 1737-1744, p. 96). He left five small children, William Mason, Elizabeth Mason, Miles

Mason, and Thomas Mason; and an older son, Solomon Mason, who sold his father's land in 1749 and 1750 (Deeds 1747-1757, p. 211 and p. 297). It appears that the widow, Mary Mason, married Thomas Lucas (p.192). After 1750, this family disappeared from Accomack County records.

5. Abraham Mason. On 6 October 1719, Abraham Mason brought a suit against James Conner's estate (Orders 1719-1724, p. 8). Abraham Mason's name appears on the Somerset County, Maryland, tax lists for 1723 and 1724.

6. Edmund Mason Edmund Mason, orphan "who will be 15 years of age next August", was bound out to Sabastain Delastatius, Jun^r on 2 March 1725, "to learn to read and Right and the Art of a wheel Right". This Edmund Mason apparently moved into Worcester County. He sold personal property there on 9 January 1746 (Wor. Co. Deeds A, p 469).

Whereas I William Mason Subscribed have built
and made a certain Shallop at y^e Plantation in the
woods ware Pungotbags w^{ch} I have taken of the
Charles Scarborough & having no way whereby to
convey & carry down the said Shallop from the
place where it is built to y^e waterside to launch
sd Mason having made request to the sd John
Revoll desiring liberty to permit & suffer the sd
Mason to carry down the sd Shallop over his Land
to y^e Creek side w^{ch} the sd John Revoll hath
consented to upon a vacuall & consideration in
that the sd William Mason shall & shall firmly
firmly oblig^d himself to stop & dam up a way
by the sd Mason for conveyance of carrying
down his Shallop every sd Revoll day w^{ch}
one month after the date of these p^{re}sents
Testimony whereof & other y^e witnesses I have
hereunto put my hand this 28th of y^e 10th mo^r 1695.
In W^{ashbourne}
William Mason
W^m Mason

William Pennison
 Retained at the request
 of William Mason
 Novem^r 28th 1865
 J. W. Washburne
 Accom^t

Wills & Etc. 1692-1715, part III, p. 1
William and Sarah Mason's Inventory

August 21: 1710 then according to an order of ^{the} William Parker, John Hanning
John Wylic D^d Inventory and appraise all y^e Estate of William and Sarah Mason y^e
was brought before us

To one barrel and Peashead at	4	6	6
To 3 Buses & one yearling & one two year old at	0	5	0
To 2 old Hants at	0	2	0
To one pt of flour and two pare of S. fur	0	5	0
To on picket & a buckie made of Nails at	0	2	0
To a earthen pottle and Sum Small Tufflet	0	2	0
To on Small trunk & Sum Glassall haffles	0	1	3
To on ayron and a small part of Pop at	0	10	0
To on Lining wheel at	0	3	0
To 2 matts & one of them at	0	2	0

To 1 old w ^g 1 old Salom	0	5	0
To 1 split of flesh fork at	0	0	8
To a pair of a cane	0	2	3
To a piece of tetter and a powder horn at	0	4	0
To 2 p ^{ts} of w ^o cards one D at	0	7	0
To on pad of boots at	0	10	0
To 10 pound of w ^o at	0	18	0
To 10 lb of w ^o 31 at	0	12	0
To an old wheate and 2 old (Pash)	0	4	0
To an old kumlat or huckle at	0	1	0
To an earthen pot or ginslet at	0	0	6
To an old hat & a few pins at	0	2	8
To an book on T ^o at	0	2	0
To 2 old wheates	0	1	0
To an old stock lock 2 p ^{ts} of K ^o ting add ^r and thimble	0	8	0
To one needle cap and 1 the both 5 p ^{ts} at	0	2	0
To an old pot & coat at	0	3	0
To 4 p ^{ts} of soap at	0	7	0
To on pad of Cotton 6 at	0	4	0
To 1 virginia cloth & muske	0	2	9
To 2 blue aprons 1 3 p ^{ts}	0	12	0
To 8 yds $\frac{1}{2}$ of bagging at	0	1	0
To 1 boat at	0	2	0
To on pad $\frac{1}{2}$ of Linen	0	1	0
To 1 vial and 4 glass bottles	0	3	9
To 1 pound of Cotton yarn one pound of Cotton	0	3	9
To 3 p ^{ts} of woolen yarn at	0	1	8
To 3 women's caps and 2 bonnets at	0	2	3
To 4 pound $\frac{1}{2}$ of green at	0	1	2
To 2 pocket knives and 2 small iron wedges	0	18	0
To 1 iron pot at	0	2	2
To an old earthen pot & piece of rope at	0	1	6
To an earthen sh ^o at	0	1	10
To 22 p ^{ts} of old iron			

John Wylie
John F. Warrington
W P

for a mare which I have sold for 6 hundred p^{ts} of tobacco
for 3 p^{ts} of tow thread which I have sold and a boat a pound and
half of sugar and a boat a pint of Rum and pint of Whisky
which I have made up of
I swear to in
these books of
Cert. by William Mason September 6th 1710
Recorded October 1710

Transcript of Inventory of William and Sarah Mason

one tabble and bedstead
3 coves & one yearling & one five year old
2 old blankets
one pr. of Gloves and two pare of slippers
one peaberat (?) & a hackle made of nailes
2 earthen potts and sum small Triffles
one small trunk & some small triffles
an apron and a small piece of Rope
one Lining wheal
2 matts y^e oneof them old
1 old Wig(?) 1 old Psalm book
1 spit & 1 flesh fork
a peas of Cane
2 peases of Leather and a powder horne
2 pa^r of wool cords one old
one pa^r of beads(?)
10 pound of Cole (?)
1 old bed y^e wate 3l (?)
an old wheale and 2 old Chests
an old Runlet (?) & hackle
an earthen pot & gimlet
an old hat & a fire piece(?)
one book & one tub
2 old wheales
an old stock lock 2 pair of Knitting needles and thimble
~~one needle Case~~ and thimble both silver
an old petticoat Linen
7 pd of soape
one pa^r of Cotton Gloves
1 virginia Cloath percale (?)
2 blue aprons, 1 sifter
8 yards $\frac{1}{2}$ of bagging
1 bocat (bonnet?)
one yard $\frac{1}{2}$ of Linen
1 vial and 5 glafs bottles
1 pound of Cotton yarne one pound $\frac{1}{2}$ of Cotton
3 pds of woollen yarne
3 womans Cape and 2 toualls (?)
4 pound $\frac{1}{2}$ of pewter
2 pocket knives and 2 small iron wedges
1 Iron pot
an old earthen pot 2 pieces of Rope
an Earthen Stien
22 pd of old iron

for a mare which I have sold for 6 hundred pds of Tob^a ffor 3 pd sowshead (?)
which I have used and about a pound and halfe of sugar and about a pint of Rum
and pint Molasses which I have made use of

Bennet Mason

The name of Bennet Mason first appears in Accomack County records on 7 May 1728, when he bought 100 acres of land from William Huse (Hughes) for 3250 pence. The land was located "in the woods on the Westermost Side of Kecotanke (Kegotank) Branch near the sea Side" (Deeds, Wills & Etc. 1715-1729, part II, p. 204). This tract can be located on present-day maps at Nelsonia, extending eastward on both sides of the road to Modest Town (Whitelaw, p. 1161).

Bennet Mason was born circa 1695. He would have married (1) circa 1720 and (2) circa 1745. On 30 November 1743, Bennet Mason and his wife Bridget brought a suit against Abbot Bundick and wife Sophia "in case for Words" (Orders 1737-1744, p. 526). Sophia Bundick was found guilty of "speaking the words" and fined (Orders 1744-1753, p. 6). Bennet Mason's wife Bridget was likely a Bagwell. She was apparently the mother of his older children and it is likely he married a second time after her death. He named no wife in his will.

Bennet Mason bought 150 acres on the south side of Onancock Creek from Littleton Lurton for 65 pounds, in 1750 (Deeds 1746-1757, p. 302). This land was not far from his father's land and was likely in the neighborhood in which he was raised.

Bennet Mason, Sen^r wrote his will on 17 April 1762 and it was proved and recorded on 30 December 1766 (Wills 1761-1767, p. 675). He left "the Plantation whereon I now live" to son Edmund Mason. He left to son Thomas Mason "where he now lives adjoining the White Marsh". He called two other sons, Jeremiah Mason and Jacob Mason, "boys" and left them his gold and silver, household furniture and slaves. He named three daughters as Bridget Mason, Susannah Clemmons and Nanny Mason. John Kitson, Thomas Crippen and Richard Justice were named to divide the estate. Sons Thomas and Jeremiah were executors.

The children of Bennet Mason were:

1. Edmund Mason. See next section.

2. Thomas Mason, born circa 1725. Thomas Mason heired the 150 acres of his father's land near Onancock Creek in 1766, "adjoingin the White Marsh where he now lives". On 1 January 1774, Jacob Mason gave Thomas Mason a quitclaim to the White Marsh land (Deeds 1770-1777, p. 290). They were both called here "sons of Bennet Mason".

It appears that Thomas Mason first married circa 1750 and this wife was deceased by 1780, for on 30 October 1759, Caleb Mason, orphan of Tabitha, aged 9 years or thereabout, was bound out to Peter Hack, shoemaker (Orders 1753-1763, p. 313). There seems little doubt that Caleb was Thomas Mason's son, for the Hacks were of Hacks Neck, near Onancock Creek, and in the early 1800's a Bennet Mason of Caleb and Thomas Mason of Caleb were both issued marriage bonds (MLB 1806-1832, p. 93). No record of Caleb Mason's death has been found. He was listed on the 1783 tax list and that of 1786, also by the 1800 census, but the census of 1810 does not give his name.

Thomas Mason had sold 100 acres of his land to Severn East by 25 February 1778 (Deeds 1777-1783, p. 53). He and wife Temperance sold $8\frac{1}{2}$ acres to East in 1782 (Deeds 1783-1788, p. 13) and Thomas Mason, alone, sold other small tracts to East through 1789. No record of Thomas Mason's death has been found. Besides son Caleb, it can be assumed he was the progenitor of Masons listed in Saint George Parish of Accomack County (lower Accomack County) by the 1800 census. These included: Thomas Mason, Sen^r (himself, over 45?), Thomas Mason of Thomas (died testate 1821, naming sons William Mason and Bagwell Custis Mason); William Mason (died testate 1806, wife Rachel, son John); Babel Mason (died testate 1821, sons John and Charles H. Mason); George Mason (died testate 1815, wife Suffiah, son Edmund Mason); and Adam Mason (died intestate 1833, son William Mason). Thomas Mason's descendants continued to live in Saint George Parish. Some of them had moved into Northampton County by 1850.

3. Susanna Mason, married Stephen Clemmons. Stephen Clemmons died testate in

1786, naming wife Susannah, sons Stephen and Peter, and daughters Siner Clemmons, Bridget Clemmons, Mary Hooten, and Nanny Rodgers Mason (Wills 1784-1787, p. 208).

4. Jacob Mason, born circa 1745. Jacob Mason bought 100 acres for 18 pounds on 29 June 1769, from Justice Bundick's executors (Deeds 1757-1770, p. 635). The land was located at Guilford (Whitelaw, p. 1115). Jacob Mason's wife was Mary on 12 September 1780, when they sold 25 acres of this land to his brother, Jeremiah Mason (Deeds 1777-1783, p. 258). Jacob Mason died in March of 1810, leaving a wife Mary and children; Zadock Mason; Sally, wife of Griffin Bishop; Susannah, wife of Elijah Bayly; Lovey, wife of John Sterling; "all of full age, also Nancy Mason, Betsy Mason & Benney Mason infants" (Land Causes 1812-1821, p. 235). The will of William Riley, who died testate in 1791, shows that Jacob Mason's wife Mary was his daughter (Wills 1788-1794, p. 439). He named her children as: Sally Mason, Zadock Mason, William Mason, and Mary Riley Mason, the last two of whom were apparently deceased when their father died in 1810. Jacob Mason died intestate. His estate was administered to Charles Bagwell on 28 April 1812 (Orders 1812-1814, p. 60).

5. Jeremiah Mason, born circa 1747. Jeremiah Mason bought the 25 acres of land at Guilford in 1780. He and his wife Ann sold 3 acres of this land to Major Mason on 3 January 1800 (Deeds 1797-1800, p. 449). Major Mason was called their son in this deed. Ann Mason died testate, with a nuncupative will, by 10 January 1805 (Wills 1804-1806, p. 254). William Thornton and Ezekiel Young reported that she wished her estate to be divided between daughter Agnes Mason and Bridget Custis. There is no record of her husband's death. His name appears on the 1800 census and on a deed, with his wife Ann, on 6 August 1804 (Deeds DC 1804-1807, p. 116), but he was not listed in the 1810 census.

Jeremiah's son, Major Mason, was born circa ¹⁷⁷⁸ and died testate in 1854 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 181). He married Rachel Parks circa 1800 (Surveyors Record #3, p. 31). They were the parents of ten sons and a daughter, who left a large number of descend-

ents in the Guilford/Hopeton/Parksley area. See page 33 for a listing of their children and grandchildren.

6. Bridget Mason. Unmarried in 1762, when her father wrote his will, and married to a Bell when his estate was divide in 1768 (Wills 1767-1772, p. 99).

7. Nanny Mason. Ann Mason was married to a Bloxom when Bennet Mason's estate was settled in 1768.

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675. In the Name of God Amen I Benn^t Mason Sen^r
of Accomack County in the Colony of Virginia being in Perfect Health & Memory
Thanks be to God for the same and knowing that it is Appointed for all Men Once to Die
and not knowing the Certainty of the same therefore I do make and Ordain this my
Last Will & Testament in Manner and form Following (Viz) Principally I Bequeath
my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my Body to Earth there to be Decently
Interred at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named and for my worldly
Estate which God of his Goodness hath lent me after my Just Debts is Paid I give &
bequeath in manner & form Following, I primis I give my said Plantation
whereon I now live unto my son Edman Mason During his Natural Live and
to the Heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten for ever and my Desire is that the said
Plantation shall not be sold nor Mortgaged nor rented out to any Person or
Persons whatsoever upon the Defect of the same unto to the my son Jeremiah
Mason I likewise give him Two Large Cyder Cask to him and his Heirs forever
Item I give my son Thomas Mason the Plantation whereon he now lives Adjain-
ing to the White Marsh to him & his Heirs Lawfully Begotten forever & my
Desire is if Thomas should Offer to sell, Mortgage or Rent out the same to any
Person or Persons whatsoever under the Defect of the same unto my son Jacob
Mason I give Thomas a Small Iron Pott about Two Gallons and One large
Cyder Cask to him & his Heirs forever, Item I give my son Jeremiah Mason One
Half of all the Gold & Silver which belongs to me. Likewise give my son Jeremiah
my High Bed & Bedstead and All the Furniture Belonging to it and One
Doyler Chest and the Largest Gun and Two Pater Basons of the readest and
Two finest Pewter Dishes and a Negro Boy Named Handy and if I should

have any Corn Wheat or Oats and Meat when it Pleases God to take
 me that it may be Divided betwixt my Son Jeremiah & Jacob or if I
 have any Tobacco by me it be the same Except what Goes towards
 Paying the Charges of the Will I Likewise give Jeremiah my
 Hand Mill and one Large Iron Pot and Likewise my Young
 Mare to him and his Heirs forever and likewise Give Jeremiah
 a Young Cow, Item Give my Son Jacob the Mason all the other
 Part of the Gold & Silver which belongs to me so that what
 Quantity I have of Gold & Silver it may be Equally Divided
 betwixt Jeremiah & Jacob and Likewise give Jacob my three
 best Bed & Furniture belonging to it Likewise give him three
 Small Bowls Downs & Linens & one Negro Girl called
 Sarah and my Pist & one Small Gun and Likewise my Hunting
 Apparel likewise it may be Divided betwixt Jeremiah & Jacob and
 Likewise Give Jacob three of the Largest Sack Distus and one
 Large Iron Pot and likewise my best Horse and one Large
 Chest pine, and my Desire is that the said Jacob & Jeremiah
 may have time conveniently allowed them upon my said
 Plantation whereon I now dwell and House Room for
 theirs & every of theirs which I have given them untill such
 time they can dispose of it to the Best Advantage upon the
 Forfeil of Edmund Mason to Pay the said Boys Fifty
 Shillings a Piece and Likewise give unto Jacob one Ox
 shab to him & his Heirs forever and Likewise Give Jacob a young Cow

Item My Desire is that all my Iron work that is to say Flours Harrows Hoes &
 Axes may be Equally Divided between Jeremiah & Jacob and likewise
 my Still and the use of my Cart to them & their Heirs for ever & that if
 there should be any Leather my Desire is that Jeremiah & Jacob may
 have it between them, Item I give unto my Daughter Bridget my
 best bed Bed & Rugg, and One small Pot & Two small Pewter Dishes
 and Two Pewter Basons & Chest drawers to her and her Heirs for ever
 Item I give unto my Daughter Susannah Common one Bed, & Two small
 Dishes and a small Iron Pot the Bed which I give her is a Virginia Old
 Tick to her and her Heirs for ever, Item I give unto my Daughter
 Nanny Two Pewter Basons to her & her Heirs for ever, Item all the
 Remainder Part of my Estate not yet given I desire it may be Equally
 Divided between my five Children here after named, Nanny Mason
 Bridget Mason, Jeremiah Mason, & Jacob Mason & Susannah Commons
 My Silver Money Cattle Hops and Sheep and my Remainder
 Part of the House hold Furniture & my Desire is that my Estate
 be not Appraised nor Invented but that there be an Equal
 Dividend made of my Estate between my said five Children
 that is to be named by Mr. John Hillson, Mr. Thomas Crispen
 Richard Justice Sen. and my Desire is that if there should
 happen or arise any Dispute or Quarrel about the Dividing
 the said Estate so as to cause any Law suit that the Beginner of
 the said Quarrel shall forfeit his said Right of the Dividend
 Lastly I constitute & appoint my Sons Thomas Mason and
 Jeremiah Mason Executors of this my Last Will & Testament

To See it Truly Performed According to the True Intent and
 Meaning hereof Hereby Revoking and Making Void all
 former Wills by me made and Acknowledged this and
 no other to be my Last Will & Testament. In Witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal
 this 17th Day of April 1762 Bennet ^{his} Mason ^(S^tat)

Signed Sealed and
 Acknowledged as his
 Last Will & Testament
 in Presence of Us

That Susannah Simmons
 was Interlined before Signed

John Cowley, Solomon Kimbrough, William Cowley.

A Court held for townshack December 30th 1766

The within Last Will & Testament of Bennet Mason Deceased
 was Presented & Proved by the Oath of Solomon Kimbrough the
 Surviving Witness thereto who also made Oath that he Saw John
 Cowley & William Cowley the two other Witnesses Since Deceased
 Subscribe their Names as Witnesses to the same, And Edmund Mason
 the Heir at Law being Present and having Nothing to Object
 The same is admitted to Record, And On the Motion of
 Thomas Mason one of the Exors in the said Will named
 Taking the Oath And giving Edmund Mason & Ezekiel Blossom
 for his Securitys who Entered into and Acknowledged a Bond
 for that Purpose Certificate is granted him for Obtaining a
 Probate thereof in Due form

Execd.

Proo. Holden — to H.

Edmund Mason

Edmund Mason, the eldest son and heir-at-law of his father, Bennet Mason, was born circa 1720. He fell heir to his father's land at Kegotank in 1766. He would have married circa 1745 to 1750. On 26 November¹⁷⁶⁶, when the estate of Richard Bundick III was divided, by John Kitson, Charles Bagwell, William Nock, and administrator John Bundick, between his five children, Edmund Mason was allotted Lot #3, valued at £3..12..10. (Wills 1761-1767, p. 673). This shows that Edmund Mason had married one of the three daughters of Richard Bundick III, but her name was not given. Richard Bundick III had married Ann Nock, daughter of John Nock. He was the son of Richard Bundick II and his wife, Susanna Justice, daughter of Ralph Justice. Richard Bundick II was the only son of Richard Bundick I (died testate in Northampton County in 1692). Richard Bundick I patented 1400 acres in Accomack County in 1664 and an additional 600 acres in 1672, land that is now called Parkers Neck. (Whitelaw, p. 1132).

Edmund Mason died intestate within two years of both his father and father-in-law, for on 26 April 1768, Thomas Mason (his brother) was named to administer his estate (Orders 1768-1769, p. 8). Solomon Bird, Thomas Bloxom, Arnold Morgon and John Kitson were named to appraise his personal estate. The inventory, appraisal, and division of the estate was recorded on 27 May 1770 (Wills 1767-1772, pp. 412, 413, 414, and 415). One third went to an unnamed widow and the balance was divided equally between five children.

The children of Edmund Mason, as shown by the settling of his estate were:

1. Susanna Mason.

2. Bennet Mason, born circa 1757. As eldest son and heir-at-law of his father, Bennet Mason heired his father's land at Kegotank. His uncle John Bundick was appointed his guardian on 25 October 1768 (Orders 1768-1769, p. 205). Bennet Mason chose Jeremiah Mason (another uncle) for his guardian on 31 July 1771 (Orders 1770-

1773, p. 215). Bennet Mason married, circa 1780, Nanny Rodgers Clemmons, daughter of Stephen Clemmons and wife Susanna Mason Clemmons, his first cousin.

Bennet Mason wrote his will on 4 February 1808 and it was recorded on 27 June of the same year (Wills 1806-1809, p. 562). He named his wife as Nanny and four sons: Ayres Mason, Teackle Mason, Covington Mason and Bennet Mason. He divided his father's land between sons Ayres and Covington. Samuel Crippen was named executor.

A. Ayres Mason married Mary Aydelotte by Worcester County licence of 18 January 1808 (Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 35), and was deceased by 18 March 1823, when Polly Mason, widow of Ayres, married William Johnson (MLB 1806-1832, p. 67). Ayres Mason and his wife Mary sold the 50 acres he had inherited on 25 November 1816, to Galen Hinmon for \$1525 (Deeds 1815-1817, p. 464). There is no evidence that Ayres Mason had children.

B. Teackle Mason married (1) by bond of 27 July 1807, Sally Savage (MLB 1806-1832, p. 93), (2) by bond of 17 March 1812, Hetty James (same page), (3) 21 May 1816, Nancy Tunnell (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 60). He died testate in 1821, leaving his wife Nancy his entire estate (Wills 1821-1823, p. 14). Teackle Mason had a daughter by his second wife, Delight Mason, who was deceased by 1819 (Land Causes, p. 109). The 1820 census shows Teackle Mason as head of a household, aged 26 to 45 years. There was a male in the household aged 10 to 16 years. If this male were a son by his first marriage, it appears he would have been mentioned in his father's will.

C. Covington Mason. No record can be found of Covington Mason having married. His name did not appear as head of a household in census records. No wife signed deeds with him in 1810, 1815, 1816 and 1821. He sold his land on 5 October 1821 to Jackson Laws (Deeds 1821-1822, p. 381). He had died intestate by 26 December 1831, when Samuel C. Savage was named to administer his estate (Orders 1829-1832, p. 416).

D. Bennet Mason, Jun^r. Bennet Mason chose Covington Mason as guardian on 25 June 1810 (Orders 1808-1810, p. 167). He married by bond of 17 December 1814, Tinny Mason, daughter of James Mason (MKB 1806-1832, p. 93). He was deceased by 15 June 1825, when Matilda Mason, widow of Bennet, was issued a bond to marry John Bayly (p. 10). Bennet Mason and wife Tinny/Matilda had at least two sons. Her father, James Mason died testate in 1823, leaving his property to daughter Tinny Mason and her son, James Mason (Wills 1823-1824, p. 318). This James Mason married Tinny/Matilda Jester by licence of 25 August 1835 (Wor. Co. Mar Rec. 1795-1865, p. 125). They sold part of his inherited land in 1836 (Deeds 1835-1837, pp. 462, 268, and 583). On 10 October 1853, Bennet Mason and wife Sarah Ann, joined by Matilda Mason, "widow of James, deceased", sold 9 acres of land that had been "devised to James Mason (brother of said Bennet) by James Mason whose will was recorded in 1823".

3. Ann Mason.

4. William Mason. See next section.

5. Bagwell Mason. The name of this Bagwell Mason does not appear again in Accomack County records. He was not named on the 1787 or the 1792 tax list as were his brothers. The 1800 census gives the names of brothers Bennet Mason, Sen^r and William Mason at Kegotank. With them is listed a Mary Mason, who was apparently Bagwell Mason's widow. Her household included one male, under 10 years. A reasonable supposition is that this son was named Bagwell Mason for his father and was the Bagwell Mason who married Ann Townsend by bond of 15 March 1821 (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 79).

Dr The Estate of Edmund Mason his Administration due		
1769	To Cash paid James Scott & Co. for	£ 8. 6
	To Dr John Powell & Co	0. 5. 0
	To Dr. Thorogood Smith & Co	0. 10. 0
	To Dr. - John Bird	0. 6. 0
	To Dr. - John Gifford	0. 2. 0
	To Dr. - Robert James	0. 1. 0
	To Dr. - Henry Watson	0. 9. 0
	To Dr. Jacob Mason	4. 18. 0
	To Dr. Jeremiah Mason	19. 13. 0
	To Dr. John Bishop	0. 1. 0
	To Dr. Geo. Maines	0. 9. 0
	To Bridget Bell	1. 10. 0
	To Dr. Stephen Clements	0. 12. 0
	To Dr. Sackel James	0. 5. 0
	To Dr. Isaac Smith	1. 18. 0
	To Dr. James Henry	0. 7. 0
	To Dr. Arnold Morgan	0. 7. 0
115	To Dr. John Bundick	£ 1. 0. 10
	To Jacob Mason for the do.	0. 3. 0
	To Cash paid Nathan Howell	0. 3. 6
	To Dr. - Littleton Linton	0. 1. 0
	To An Attorneys fee for Assistance &c.	0. 15. 0
	To the Administrator for his Trouble	3. 0. 0
	To Allow ^d the Adm ^r for Diet & Lost	0. 6. 9
		38. 0. 6
	To Cash paid Tho ^s Bloxom	0. 7. 0
	To the Debt due the Estate	£ 8. 9. 0
	1/5 th thereof to the Widow £ 1. 9. 0	£ 12. 16. 9
	1/5 of the Residue to Susanna Mason	0. 11. 10
	1/5 Dr. - Bennde Mason	0. 11. 10
	1/5 Dr. - Ann Mason	0. 11. 10
	1/5 Dr. - W ^m Mason	0. 11. 10
	1/5 Dr. - Bagwell Mason	0. 11. 10
		£ 4. 8. 9

William Mason

William Mason, son of Edmund Mason, was born circa 1760. He would have married circa 1785. His wife was named Esther and could have been Esther Anderson. Samuel Taylor died testate in 1780, leaving Esther Anderson his loom, spinning wheel, a "great pott", and "one ewe and Lamb" (Wills 1780-1784, p. 32). Samuel Taylor did not give a family relationship to Easter Anderson. She was the only female named in his will. She could have been a married daughter, a niece, a younger married sister, or a housekeeper.

William Mason was listed next to his brother, Bennet Mason, on the 1787 tax list for Accomack County. The 1800 census shows him again, living near brother Bennet Mason at Kegotank, in Accomack Parish. His age was here given as 26 to 45. He had two males in his household under 10 years and one male 10 to 16 years of age. The only female in the household, his wife, was over 45 years, suggesting she could have been married before.

On 30 April 1805, William Mason bought $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land from John Laws and wife Adah for 13 pounds 16 shillings (Deeds 1804-1807, p. 432). The deed shows this tract beginning at Bennet Mason's gate and running east on the Market Road (present road from Nelsonia to Modest Town), to the land of Robert James, deceased.

William Mason wrote his will on 13 November 1805 and it was recorded on 24 February of the following year (Wills 1804-1806, p. 532). He left his land to his wife Esther and then to his son Bagwell Mason, whom he named as executor. He named other children as William Mason, Samuel Mason (named for Samuel Taylor?) and Sally Mason. When the will was recorded, Bagwell Mason relinquished the executorship and Levin Bloxom was appointed.

On 30 June 1806, Esther Mason was appointed guardian to William Mason, Sally Mason, and Samuel Mason, orphans of William Mason (Orders 1806-1807, p. 116). Apparently, son William Mason died soon after his father, for when Esther Mason gave

an accounting of her children's estates on 20 September 1806 (Orphans Accts. 1805-1811, p. 81) and again on 20 September 1807 (p. 514), only Samuel and Sally's accounts were presented.

On 26 December 1808, Bagwell Mason was named as administrator of Esther Mason's estate (Orders 1807-1809, p. 222). He gave Samuel Crippen and John Laws as his securities. On 26 June 1809, an account of the sales, audit and settlement of the estate of Esther Mason, deceased, was returned by Bagwell Mason and recorded (Orders 1807-1809, p. 322). On the same date, a deed of conveyance was also recorded, from Bagwell Mason "of the county of Accomack in Virginia" to Ayres Mason, for 3 acres for 51 pounds (Deeds 1807-1810, p. 292). The plot was bordered on the southwest by the lands of the said Ayres Mason, northeast by John Laws, and south east by Robert Savage. The deed was witnessed by Samuel Crippen and George Warner, Jun^r. Bagwell Mason signed the deed alone, without a wife's cosignature.

The children of William Mason were:

1. Bagwell Mason. See next section.
2. William Mason. William Mason was under 10 years in 1800 and apparently deceased by 20 September 1806.
3. Samuel Mason. Samuel Mason was also under 10 years in 1800. No other record has been found of him in Accomack County or Worcester County, Maryland.
4. Sally Mason.

In the name of God Amen I William Mason
of the County of Accomack do Ordain this writing
to be my last will and testament as follow Impre-
cises I ~~leave~~ unto my wife Ester Mason all my
lands and property as long as she lives my widow
or dies and in case she should marry then I give all
my lands to my son Bagwell Mason and to his care
for ever all the rest of my property ~~at the time~~ that she
should marry or die I then give my property to the rest
of my children William Mason and Samuel Mason
and Sally Mason and to them for ever and I do app-
oint my son Bagwell Mason Whereof Excutors to
this my last will and testament I herewith have
set my hand and seal aforesaid This the thirteenth day
of November one thousand eight hundred and
five

Executed in the presence of us

Levin Bloom

Dennis Bloom

Bennet Mason

William H. Mason

Mark

Sealed
Ester

at a Court held for Accomack County February
The 24th 1806

This Last will and Testament of William
Mason aforesaid was proven by the Oaths of Levin
Bloom and Bennet Mason witnesses thereto and
ordered to be recorded and Bagwell Mason the
Executor therein named appearing in court and
relinquishing the Executorship and the widows of
William Mason also appearing and refusing to
take administration on the motion of Levin Blo-
om who took the oath and gave bond amounting
to one with John Cole and Bennet Mason his sur-
ety. Letters of administration is granted him with
the will annexed on this Estate in due form
Teste John Wise Clerk

Bagwell Anderson Mason

Bagwell A. Mason was born 15 February 1788 and died on 22 August 1853 (family records). He would have been 18 years of age when his father died in 1806 and 20 years old when his mother died. Bagwell Mason married (1) by licence of 14 March 1808 (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 36), Elizabeth Tarr. It is apparent that Bagwell Mason was married when his mother's estate was administered to him on 26 December 1808 and when he sold his father's land to his cousin, Ayres Mason, on 26 June 1809. Since this deed did not give, therefore, a clear title, another deed was recorded on 1 December 1812 (Deeds 1812-1815, p.32). This deed, dated 26 May 1809, was from Bagwell Mason and wife Elizabeth (county and state of residence not given) to Ayres Mason, for 3 acres (the same land) for \$170. It was signed by both Bagwell Mason and Betsy Mason.

Bagwell Mason was not listed in the Accomack County 1810 census. His name was recorded as head of a household in Worcester County, Maryland, in 1810, aged 26 to 45 years (obviously he was only 22 years of age in 1810). There were two children in his household, a male under 10 years and a female under 10, suggesting he had married a widow with two young children. He was again listed as 26 to 25 years by the Worcester County census of 1820. He then had a male under 10 years in his household and two females under 10 years. His wife was over 45. He was not listed in either Accomack County or Worcester County in 1830.

John Tarr, who died testate in Worcester County by 11 February 1826, left property to Gatty and Sally Mayson (Wor. Co. Wills MM 1822-1833, p. 200). While the will does not state this, they were likely daughters of his daughter Elizabeth Tarr (daughter-in-law?), who had married Bagwell Mason in 1808. It appears their mother was deceased by 9 December 1825, when John Tarr wrote his will.

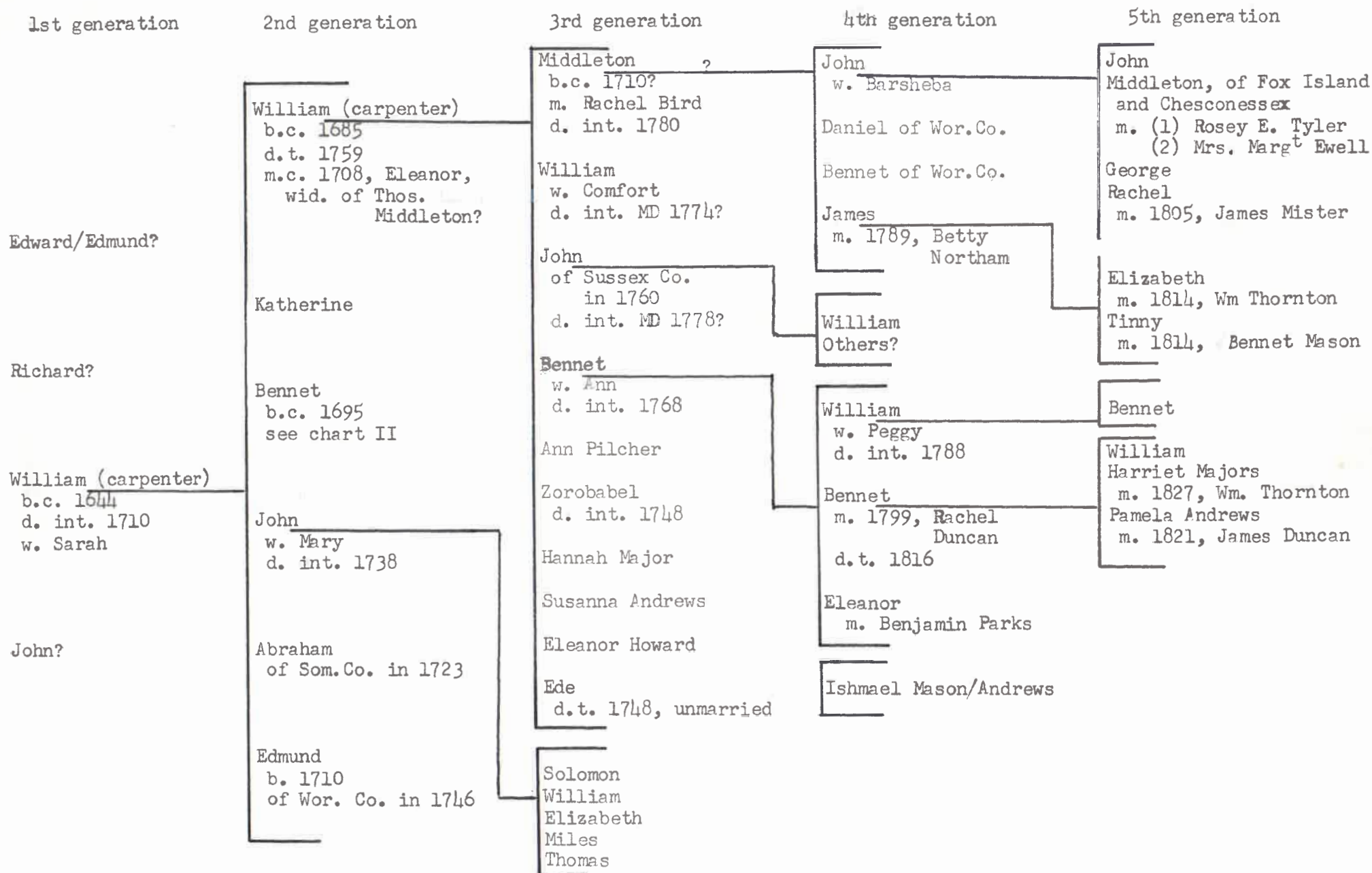
Worcester County deeds have been searched from 1800 to 1834 for a Bagwell Mason buying or selling land or personal property in Maryland. His name does not appear

in these records. Neither does his name appear in the Worcester County Index to Estates, 1742-1908.

Family records give the information that Bagwell A. Mason left Worcester County, Maryland, soon after the death of his first wife, apparently in late 1820. He married (2) circa 1821, Nancy B. Butler (1801-1863). She was born in Baltimore, Maryland. He and his family moved first to Ohio and then to Streator, Illinois, where he is buried with his second wife. His children were:

1. Henry Bennett Mason (1812-1880), m. 31 December 1835, Nancy Evans.
2. Gertrude H. Mason (1812-??), m. Alfred H. Johnson.
3. Sarah T. Mason (1815-??), m. 30 November 1837 in Cincinnati, Ohio, John Conrad Muladore.
4. William T. Mason (1822-??).
5. Samuel R. Mason (1824-1879).
6. Edward C. Mason (1825- 1867).
7. James B. Mason (1826-??).
8. Alfred Mason (1829-??).
9. Stephen Mason (1831-1902).
10. Martha Ann Mason (1833-1848).
11. Betty Jane Mason (1835-1921).
12. Mary Ellen Mason (1836-??).
13. Anderson Mason (1838-??).
14. Elizabeth E. Mason (1841-??).
15. Isaiah Mason (1845-??).

MASON CHART I



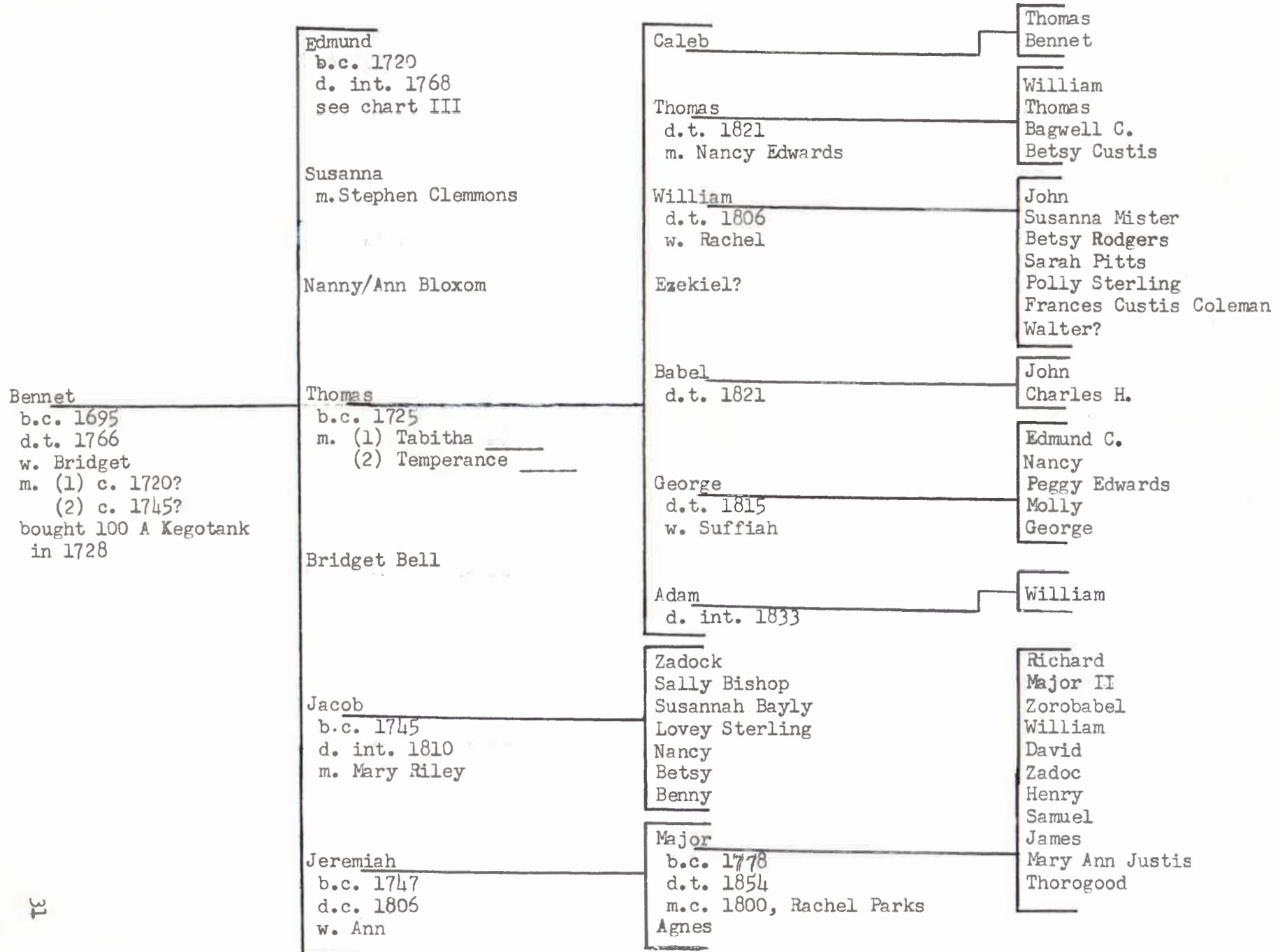
MASON CHART II

2nd generation

3rd generation

4th generation

5th generation



MASON CHART III

3rd generation

4th generation

5th generation

6th generation

Susanna

Ayres

m. 1808, Mary Aydelotte
deceased by 1823
heired father's home
plantation at Kegotank

Delight
b.c. 1812, d.1819

Bennet

over 45 in 1800, 4 sons
b.c. 1757, d.t. 1808
m.c. 1780, Nanny Rodgers
Clemmons
heired father Edmund's
land at Kegotank

Teackie

m. (1) 1807, Sally Savage
(2) 1812, Hetty James
(3) 1816, Nancy Tunnel
d.t. 1821

Henry?

Covington

10-16 in 1800
d. int. 1831, unmarried

James
m. 1835, Tinny Jester
deceased by 1853

Bennet

under 10 in 1800
m. 1814, Tinny Mason

Bennet
w. Aarah Ann

Ann

Edmund
b.c. 1720, d. int. 1768
m.c. 1745-50, Bundick
heired father Bennet's
land at Kegotank

Henry Bennet, b. 1810
Gertrude H., b. 1812
Sarah T. b. 1815
William T., b.1822
Samuel R., b. 1824
Edward D. b. 1825
James B., b. 1826
Alfred, b. 1829
Stephen, b. 1831
Martha Ann, b. 1833
Betsy Jane, b. 1835
Mary Ellen, b. 1836
Anderson, b. 1838
Elisa E., b. 1841
Isaiah, b. 1845

Bagwell Anderson (1788-1853)

10-16 in 1800
m. (1) 1808, Elizabeth Tarr
(2) c. 1821, Nancy B. Butler

William

under 10 in 1800
deceased by 1807

Samuel (Taylor?)

under 10 in 1800

Sally

William

26-45 in 1800, 3 sons
b.c. 1769, d.t. 1806
m.c. 1785, Esther (Anderson?)

Bagwell

b.c. 1762, deceased by 1800
w. Mary?

Bagwell?

m. 1821, Ann Townsend

The Children and Grandchildren of Major Mason I

Major Mason I was the son of Jeremiah Mason (see Chart II). The latter was a brother of Edmund Mason of Kegotank. Therefore, Major Mason I was a first cousin of Bagwell A. Mason's father, William Mason. His ten sons and daughter would have been Bagwell A. Mason's second cousins and their seventy-five children his second cousins, once removed. These Masons lived in the Parksley/Hopeton/Guilford area.

1. Richard Mason, born 1802, married circa 1827, Elizabeth Justis, daughter of Isaiah and Sally Justis.

- A. Nancy Mason (1829-1900), unmarried.
- B. Charles H. Mason (1831-1895), married 1869, Elizabeth Killmon.

2. Major Mason II (1805-1885), buried on Mason Road, married (1) 1826, Nancy Grinnalds, daughter of Southy Grinnalds, (2) Betsy Bell (?), (3) 1856, Bernette Justis, daughter of Samuel Justis.

- A. Ann E. Mason, born circa 1829, married 1872, James H. Bell.
- B. Margaret Mason, born circa 1832, married 1859, Samuel T. Young.
- C. Southy Mason (1834-1913, married 1857, Sally Nelson.
- D. Jeremiah Mason (1836-1918), married 1861, Elizabeth H. Bell.
- E. George Mason, born circa 1838.
- F. Eveline Mason (1841-1924), unmarried.
- G. Major Mason, born circa 1850, married 1871, Lizzie Clayton.
- H. Henry T. Mason, born circa 1857, married 1875, Mary A. Parks.
- I. Mary J. Mason, born circa 1859.

3. Zorobabel Mason (1807-1884), buried in a field NE of Parksley, married 1830, Polly Grinnalds, daughter of Southy Grinnalds.

- A. Rachel Mason, married 1855, Samuel Young of Gillet.
- B. Nancy Mason, married (1) 1859, Edmund J. Mears, (2) 1874, David Wright.
- C. Henry P. Mason (1842-1898), married 1869, Jane E. White.
- D. Zorobabel W. Mason, born circa 1844, married (1) 1870, Henrietta Wessells, (2) 1876, Elizabeth Young.
- E. Margaret Mason, born circa 1849, married 1872, William Hope.
- F. James Frank Mason, born circa 1854, married 1879, Ida Susan Parker.

4. William Mason (1809-1900), married 1833, Tabitha Justis, daughter of Isaiah and Sally Justis.

- A. Margaret Mason, born circa 1835, married 1853, Samuel Matthews.
- B. Mary Mason, born circa 1836, married 1857, William G. Barnes.

- C. Elizabeth Mason, born circa 1840, married (1) 1860, Tully M. Lewis,
(2) Edward Russell?
- D. Caroline Mason, born circa 1844, married (1) 1865, James Copes,
(2) 1903, Samuel Matthewa.
- E. Sallie Mason, born circa 1845, married 1863, Revel J. Justis.
- F. Vianna Mason, born circa 1848, married 1866, Edward J. Prescott.
- G. Thorogood Mason (1850-1939), married 1871, Milcah A. Parkes.
- H. William Mason, died 1854 in infancy.
- I. Arinthia Mason, born circa 1859, married 1876, John R. Coard.

5. David L. Mason (1911-1894), buried near Parksley on road to Leemont, married circa 1832 to 1838, Katherine Scott, daughter of John and Tabitha Scott.

- A. Henry M. Mason, born 1840, died 1855 at 15 years.
- B. James S. Mason, born circa 1843, married 1880, Betty Killmon.
- C. Mary E. Mason, born circa 1845, married 1866, William H. Howard.
- D. Virginia T. Mason, born circa 1848, married 1868, Levin T. Matthews.
- E. Emily S. Mason, born circa 1849, married 1872, William J. Jenkins.
- F. Edward P. Mason (1850-1928), married (1) 1871, Mary J. Thornton.
(2) 1878, Elizabeth S. Barnes.
- G. Malinda C. Mason, born circa 1851, married 1877, Alfred J. Wright.
- H. Richard F. Mason, born circa 1857.
- I. Marcell C. Mason, born 1859, died 1860.

6. Zadoc Mason (1811-1866), buried Hopeton, E of railroad tract, married 1835, Leah Grinnalds, daughter of Southy Grinnalds.

- A. William P. Mason (1837-1885), married 1863, Caroline Sparrow.
- B. Middleton Mason (1839-1914), married (1) 1871, Ellen E. Shrieves,
(2) 1878, Sarah J. Townsend.
- C. James H. Mason, born circa 1841, married 1864, Mary E. Hope.
- D. Gillet Mason (1844-1923), married (1) 1864, Adaline W. Shrieves,
(2) 1878, Sallie F. Shrieves.
- E. Amanda Mason, born circa 1849, unmarried.
- F. Elizabeth Mason, born circa 1852, married 1870, Thomas Shrieves.
- G. Addie Mason, married Len Johnson?

7. Henry Mason, born 1815, unmarried in 1850, deceased by 1860.

8. Samuel Mason (1818-1863), married 1843, Adaline Wessells, daughter of Shady.

- A. Susan A. Mason, born circa 1846, married circa 1866, Alfred White?
- B. Eveline Mason, born circa 1848, married (1) 1866, John Grinnalds,
(2) 1868, Burwell B. Ewell,
(3) 1896, George C. Wessells.
- C. Franklin P. Mason, born circa 1848.
- D. Samuel Crippen Mason, born 1850.
- E. Edward T. Mason, born 1856, died 1857.
- F. H. Thomas Mason (1859-1926), married circa 1880, Elizabeth _____.
- G. Albert L. Mason, born circa 1860, moved to Kansas, wife Kate.
- H. Martin J. Mason, born 1862, died 1865.

9. James Mason (1822-1895), married (1) 1848, Sarah Byrd, daughter John W. Byrd,
(2) 1884, Permelia (Barnes) Lewis, widow,
(3) 1895, Mary (Kilmon) Poulson, widow.

- A. John Major Mason, born circa 1850, unmarried.
- B. Virginia L. Mason, born circa 1851, married 1874, George T. Clayton.
- C. William Henry Mason, born circa 1853, married 1878, Malissa S. (Suky) Summers.
- D. Olevia Mason, born circa 1855, married 1878, James H. Sterling.
- E. Oswell F. Mason (1857-1930), married 1879, Mary V. Bunting.
- F. Matilda Mason, born circa 1859, married 1878, James Wilkins.
- G. Richard Mason (1867-1946), married circa 1900, Grace Wessells of Richard.
- H. Amelia J. Mason, born circa 1870, married 1891, Angelo Sterling of James.
- I. Sally Mason, born circa 1871, married 1894, Luther J. Wessells of Richard.
- J. Nora Mason, born circa 1872, married 1892, John W. Cutler.

10. Mary Ann Mason (1823-1870), buried on Stran Farm, between Parksley and Lee-
mont, married circa 1840, Samuel Justis of Isaiah and Sally.

- A. James T. Justis (1842-1913), married circa 1863, Margaret J. _____.
- B. Virginia A. Justis, born circa 1847, married 1866, Augustus Parks.
- C. Mason (Major) Justis, born circa 1850.
- D. Arinthia Justis, born circa 1859, married 1877, Sewell D. Parks.
- E. Mary A. Justis, born 1861, died 1868.
- F. Socrates Justis, married Prunella Ney?

11. Thorogood Mason (1824-1902), buried on Mason Farm at Guilford, married
1854, Elizabeth A. Hickman.

- A. Eugene R. Mason (1855-1926), married 1880, Ida Grace Byrd.
- B. Alice C. Mason, born circa 1857, married 1876, Alfred W. Short.
- C. Thorogood Mason, born circa 1860, married circa 1885, Susan Dickerson of Jesse.
- D. Otho Mason (1863-1891), married 1887, Eulalia Parks.
- E. Lelia L. Mason, born circa 1867, married 1887, Upshur Byrd.
- F. Amanda Louise Mason, born circa 1869, married 1869, Ran Chandler.
- G. Reed Mason, died in infancy.
- H. Effie Mason, died in infancy.
- I. Kate Mason, born circa 1876, married circa 1896, Thomas Mears.

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