

Family Group Records M

Descendants of Sir William Morton

Generation 1

SIR WILLIAM MORTON

Born: 1610 England

Married: Unknown

In early colonial times and long before the creation of the District of Columbia in 1790, the Morton's owned large tracts of land upon which the city of Washington now stands. The District of Columbia was cut off in 1790 from two Maryland counties, Prince George and Montgomery, and part of Virginia. King Charles II granted a large tract of land in the Northern Neck of Virginia to some of his followers, among them Sir William Morton. Sir William sent to America a son who represented his fathers interests and became the founder of one line of the Morton families in America. (*See Calendar State Papers, Charles II, Colonial Series, Lenox Library, NYC.*)

Child:

1. John Morton Sr., christened 18 February 1655 Durham, England; will probated 2 May 1722 Richmond Co., Virginia.

Generation 2

JOHN MORTON SR.

Born: 1655 Kent Co., England

Christened: 18 February 1655 Durham, England

Will probated: 2 May 1722 Richmond Co., Virginia

Spouse: Deborah "Joanne" Sydenham Hughes (widow of John Hughes)

Born: 1655 Kent Co., England

In 1694, one, John Morton is found living in Northumberland Co., Virginia and in that year bought 157 acres of land in Richmond County from James Orchard. Presumably he then moved to Richmond County and 27 years later made his will mentioning his sons by name. John & William were cut off with 4 shillings each. One year later he died, his will being proved May 2, 1722.

Children:

1. John Morton Jr., born 1689 Virginia; married Mary Jordon Mountjoy born 1693
2. James Morton, born 1692 Richmond Co., Virginia; died 1760 Lunenburg Parish, Richmond Co., Virginia; married Elizabeth Snead