

ROBERT MERYDITH of QA Co. age c61, made a deposition before the Chancery Court on 27 May 1723 regarding a tract in QA Co. called *Poplar Neck*. (MCHR CL:856)

ROBERT MEREDITH, QA Co., age c55 in 1722. (MD Deponents citing P.L. fol. 856)

THOMAS MERADITH and JOHN MERADITH, Jr., were listed in the account of Wm. Hopper's company in 1748 (apparently QA Co.). (COES:77)

Listed on the 1732 rolls of the 2nd company of foot solders commanded by Majr. William Turbutt (QA Co.) was W. MEREDITH, Ensign. (COES:73)

WILLIAM MEREDITH was paid by the QA Co. court for counting tobacco plants in 1729. (COES:64)

WILLIAM MEREDITH, age c66 in 1781, QA Co. (MD Deponents citing R. T. no. 3:139)

Listed on the roll of Capt. John Collin's Company of 1749 (probably QA Co.) was WM. MIRREDEATH. (COES:75)

THE NEWTON FAMILY

Ref. A: Research conducted by Jayne Huntington, Wilmington, DE. Most of the following research was done by Jayne.

According to Jayne Huntington two brothers, George and John Newton, came to this country during the middle of the 17th century. George settled at Norfolk, VA, in 1658 while John arrived in VA c1660. They were sons of Thomas Newton of Carleton and Hull, England. (A)

1. THOMAS NEWTON, b. c1627, m. Sarah Pritchett, dau. of Samuel Pritchett. Sarah later m. William Mishew.

Thomas Newton, aged c36 years, made a deposition before the Accomack Co., VA, court, on 22 May 1663. His statement pertained to the killing of a boar hog of Capt. George Parker. (ACCO 1:9)

On 17 Sep 1668 Andrew Cook of London conveyed to Thomas Newton 200 a. called *Papae Thickett* on Little Choptank River and Fishing Creek. (DOLR 1 Old 72)

James Selby, DO Co., d. leaving a will dated 26 Aug 1671, proved 13 Oct 1671. To Thomas Newton and Samuel Pritchett he left personalty. To Daniel Clarke, *Perith*. William Morgan and his wife Alice were execs. and residuary legatees. Witnessed by Thos. Kendall, Saml. Pritcherd. (MWB 1:444)

On 5 Dec 1671 Thomas Newton of DO Co., planter, and his wife Sarah, conveyed to Francis Twyford of the same co., planter, *Georges Choyce* on Salt Marsh Creek and Little Choptank River, 100 a. (DOLR 3 Old 224)

Samuel Pritchett [Pretchett], DO Co., d. leaving a will dated 26 Jan 1678, proved 12 April 1679. Sarah Newton, extx. and sole legatee of estate; estate to pass to her son and dau., Samuel and Elizabeth Newton, if sd. Sarah sees fit. Witnessed by Edward Newton, Jno. Newton, Wm. Trego. (MWB 10:16) The inventory of the estate was filed no 13 April 1679. (INAC 6:29)

On 6 Nov 1679 Sarah Newton, widow of Thomas Newton, conveyed to her dau. Elizabeth, or if she leaves no issue, to John Newton and Thomas Newton, sons of Sarah Newton, *Humphreys Fortune*, devised to said Sarah Newton by Samuel Pritchett in his last will, containing 250 a. Samuel Pritchett d. 26 Jan 1678. Personalty devised to Elizabeth Newton or if she dies before becoming of age, to Sarah Tregoe, wife of William Tregoe the younger of the City of Bristol, mariner. (DOLR 3 Old 175)

On 12 Feb 1679 the admin. account of the estate of Thomas Newton was submitted by Edward Newton. (MDAD 6:624)

Sarah Mishew, DO Co., d. leaving a will dated 6 March 1701/2, proved 28 Oct 1702. To dau. Sarah Ryan, dwelling plantation and all land taken up by dec'd. husband William Mishew. To grandchildren, viz., Sarah, William, Thomas, James and John Trego; Daniel, Ealie, Margaret, Eliza; and Isabell Ryan; and John Ford; and to godson Peter Stouks, Jr., personalty. To son Thomas Newton, daus. Sarah Ryan and Eliza; Winsmore, residue of personalty. Execs., son John Ryan and dau. Sarah his wife. Overseer John Phillips. Witnessed by Pedegreue Sallisberry, Stephen Rose, Catherine Ross, Jno. Phillips. (MWB 11:239)

Thomas and Sarah were parents of the following children: SAMUEL; ELIZABETH, m. (N) Winsmore; JOHN; THOMAS; EDWARD; SARAH, b. c1662.

Second Generation

2. JOHN NEWTON, son of Thomas (1) Newton.

On 2 June 1684 John Newton of DO Co., carpenter, conveyed to Thomas Wall of the same co., innholder, the tract *Westminster*, between branches of Transquakin and Chiccanocomocco Rivers, 100 a. (DOLR 4 Old 110)

On 14 Aug 1734 John Newton of DO Co., shoemaker, conveyed to Henry Hooper of the same co., weaver, part of *Magarens Hill* on a branch of the head of Transquaking River near the road to the plantation where Edward Newton formerly lived and containing 18 a. (DOLR 9 Old 213)

3. THOMAS NEWTON, son of Thomas (1) Newton, m. Mary (N). Mary m. 2nd Alexander Fisher and m. 3rd (N) Mooney.

Thomas Newton, DO Co., d. leaving a will dated 16 June 1704, proved 2 Aug 1704. To John, son of Thomas Vickery (or Vickers) and James Tregoe,

personalty. To wife Mary, extx., plantation and personal estate. Witnessed by Wm. Abbott, John Walker, Thomas Skinner. (Testamentary Proceedings 19:159 Div. C)

On 10 Oct 1709 the admin. account was submitted by Mary Fisher, extx., wife of Alexander Fisher. (MDAD 30:170)

Alexander Fisher d. leaving a will dated 19 Jan 1716/7, proved 25 March 1717. Mentioned sons: Thomas, Alexander; unborn child; brother Mark. To dau. Elizabeth, 63 a., being that part of *Anchor and Hope* which Thomas Newton bought of Robt. Dicks, and personalty. Testator directed that his sister Sarah Marriott shall live at mansion house where his mother now dwells so long as she lives apart from her husband, Mark Marriott. To wife Mary, extx., residue of estate. Witnessed by Phillip Phillips, Mary Phillips, Thos. Hopewell. (MWB 14:249)

Mary Mooney, DO Co., d. leaving a will dated 9 Feb 1737/8, proved 9 March 1742/3. To dau. Mary Hooper, extx., dwelling plantation, 66 a., *Anker and Hope*. Witnessed by Ezekial Keene, William Hooper, Mary Hooper. (MWB 23:107)

On 15 June 1753 James Jarrard of DO Co., planter, and his wife Mary, conveyed to William Murray of the same co., Chyrurgeon, 63 a., being part of a tract called *Anchor A Hope*; the said Mary Jarrard being heir to her mother Mary Mooney, to whom said 63 a. was left by Thomas Newton, her former husband. (DOLR 15 Old 16)

Mary was mother of MARY who m. 1st (N) Hooper and m. 2nd James Jarrard.

4. EDWARD NEWTON, son of Thomas (1) Newton, m. Margaret (N) (b. c1664).

On 14 March 1680 Edward Newton of DO Co., son and heir of Thomas Newton, dec'd., conveyed to John Woodward of the City of Bristol, merchant, *Papaw Thickett* on Little Choptank River, 150 a.; also *Papa Thickett Poynt*, 50 a. (DOLR 4 Old 30)

On 1 Feb 1685/6 John Woodward of DO Co. and his wife Martha conveyed to Joakim Paggett and Thomas Kemball of Boston in New England, merchant, *Papaw Thickett*, 100 a., conveyed by Edward Newton, son of Thomas Newton to John Woodward; also *Papaw Thickett Poynt*, 6 a. Margrett Newton, wife of Edward Newton, under age when indenture was drawn but now 21 years of age, acknowledged deed 9 Feb 1685/6. (DOLR 4 Old 158)

Edward Newton, DO Co., d. leaving a will dated 2 Jan 1693, proved 6 March 1693. To son Edward, personalty at age 21. Wife Margaret, extx. and residuary legatee. Witnessed by Dan'l. Sare, Thos. Clarke, Edw. Poole. (MWB 2:295)

Edward was father of EDWARD, b. after 1672.

5. SARAH NEWTON, dau. of Thomas (1) and Sarah Newton, m. 1st William Trego, m. 2nd John Ryan., m. 3rd William Evans and moved to Calvert Co.

On 5 Feb 1684 Abraham Floyd of the island of Barbadoes agreed to serve apprenticeship to William Trego of Maryland, mariner for term of 11 years, to learn the art of navigation. Sarah, wife of William Trego. (DOLR 4 Old 131)

On 5 May 1703 James Tregow and his mother, Sarah Ryan, of DO Co., conveyed to Arthur Whiteley of DO Co., planter, *Content*, on n. side of Fishing Creek of Little Choptank River, 100 a. (DOLR 6 Old 24)

On 15 April 1712 Sarah Ryon, widow, gave to her four children, Daniel, John, Alce and Isabell Ryon, personal property, to be delivered after her death. Also mentioned daus. Elizabeth Ryon and Margiell Ryon. (DOLR 6 Old 190)

On 3 April 1722 William Evans, Sarah Evans and Daniel Ryan conveyed to Henry Ennalls, upper half of *Humphries Fortune* at head of Fishing Creek, 200 a. (DOLR 2 Old 135)

Sarah Evans, aged c65 years, made a deposition before a land commission, 16 June - 17 March 1727/8 regarding the bounds of the tract *Hailes Choice and Peters Adventure*; also Thomas Trego, aged c40 years. (DOLR 8 Old 200)

On 22 Aug 1729 William Evens and his wife Sarah, Daniel Ryan and his wife Elenor and John Ryan and his wife Elizabeth of DO Co., planters, conveyed to James Woolford of the same co., Gent., *God Stone(?)* near the head of Fishing Creek, adj. *Humphreys Fortune*, 40 a. (DOLR 8 Old 342)

On 14 May 1735 William Evans of Calvert Co., planter, and his wife Sarah, conveyed to William Murray of DO Co., chururgeon, part of *Humphry's Fortune* on Fishing Creek, 100 a. The lower part of said tract conveyed to Murray, the upper part having been sold to Henry Jones by Daniel Ryan. (DOLR 9 Old 326)

William and Sarah were parents of the following children: SARAH TREGO; WILLIAM TREGO; THOMAS TREGO, b. c1687; JAMES TREGO; JOHN TREGO.

John and Sarah were parents of the following children: DANIEL RYAN, m. Elenor (N); EALIE (Alce) RYAN; JOHN RYAN, m. Elizabeth (N); MARGARET/MARGIELL RYAN; ELIZABETH RYAN; ISABELL RYAN.

Third Generation

6. EDWARD NEWTON, son of Edward (4) Newton, m. Frances Willis (b. 7 Aug 1688), dau. of Richard and Frances Willis. (See *The Willis Family of Dorchester County*, vol. 5 of this series.) Frances (Willis) Newton, widow of Edward Newton, m. Edward Brannock.

Edward Newton submitted the admin. account of the estate of Charles Dehorty on 19 July 1718. (MDAD 1:113)

Frances Fisher [likely widow of Richard Dawson, also widow of Richard Willis and Edward Fisher] d. leaving a will dated 29 Feb 1723/4. Mentioned were sons Richard Willis, John Willis and Edward Newton, execs.; dau. Frances Newton; grandson Richard Willis; granddaus. Frances and Mary, daus. of Edward Newton; Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Thompson, personalty to be delivered to her by her uncle Edward Newton when 18. To Obediah, Anthony and Elizabeth, children of Richard Dawson, personalty. (MWB 19:679)

Edward Newton and Richard Willis filed the inventory of the estate of Frances Fisher on 26 Feb 1729; they were sole heirs to the estate. There no minors. Signed as next of kin: Obediah Dawson, Edward Newton, Jr. (MINV 15:376)

Edward Newton, Sr., DO Co. d. leaving a will dated 30 Jan 1729, proved 17 June 1730. To son John, 130 a., *Newton's Purchase*, formerly *Addition to the Partnership*, where David Coarson now lives, on w. side of branch of Transquaking River, about ½ mile above Kennerly's Mill. To son Richard, *Fork Neck* where John Williams now lives adj. to afsd. tract. To son William, 300 a., including dwelling plantation. To son Edward, residue of real estate. To dau. Frances Colbourn, personalty. To wife and 5 children, viz., Edward, Richard, William, Mary and Sarah, personal estate equally. Execs. wife and son Edward. Witnessed by Sarah Person, Sarah Percy, John Williams, Fran. Jelly, David Courson. On 16 July 1730, Frances Newton, one of execs. of afsd. will, claimed her thirds. Codicil: 15 May 1730. Should son Richard die during minority without issue, *Fork Neck* to pass to son Edward; should son William die during minority without issue, land bequeathed him to pass to sons Richard and Edward. Witnessed by David Poole, John Edwards, Henry Cannon, William Murray. (MWB 20:32)

The inventory of the estate was filed on 7 Sep 1730 by Frances Newton and Edward Newton. Signed as next of kin: Richard Willis, John Long. (MINV 15:630) The admin. account was submitted on 20 Aug 1731 by Frances Newton and Edward Newton. (MDAD 11:211)

Edward was father of the following children: JOHN; RICHARD, b. after 1709; WILLIAM, b. after 1709; EDWARD; FRANCES, m. (N) Colbourn; MARY; SARAH.

Fourth Generation

7. EDWARD NEWTON, son of Edward (6) Newton, m. 1st (N) and m. 2nd Mary Clarkson, dau. of William and Elizabeth Clarkson. Mary m. 2nd Stephen Cannon.

On 26 July 1762 Edward Newton of DO Co., planter, conveyed to his children: William Newton, Richard Newton, Margaret Clarkson, Betty Newton and Frances Cannon, slaves and personal property; also mentioned dau. Sarah "whose understanding seemeth to be imperfect," who is to be provided for by her sister Frances Cannon. (DOLR 18 Old 169)

Edward Newton, DO, planter, d. leaving a will dated 27 July 1762, proved 13 Sep 1762. To wife Mary Newton, Negro man Peter. To children: Willis, Richard, Margaret Clarkson, Betty, Frances Cannon and Lilly, slaves. To son Willis slave Plymouth. To Richard Newton, Negro woman Sabina. To dau. Margaret Clarkson a Negro girl named Rachel. To dau. Betty Newton a Negro girl called Rose. To dau. Frances Cannon, Negro girl named Beck and Negro boy Elisher. To dau. Lilly Newton a Negro boy Isaac and Negro girl Myme. To dau. Betty Newton, £7. To wife Mary Newton, and children: Willis, Richard, Betty and Lilly Newton, share alike, 3 tenements live on land, namely: Nobles, Badleys and

Cooks. In the event that wife elects to have her thirds then the Negro boy called Isaac and the Negro girl called Myme before given to my dau. Lilly shall not go to her but shall go to personal estate and that dau. Lilly shall have no part or share of my estate as she is the only child of her mother. Execs. wife Mary Newton, and son Willis Newton. Witnessed by Dan Sulivane, Jno. Caille, Roger Ashcom Hooper. On 13 Sep 1762 wife Margaret Newton renounced the will. Witnessed by Dan Sulivane, James Brankling. (MWB 31:795)

The admin. account was submitted on 15 June 1763 by Mary Newton and Willis Newton. (MDAD 49:315)

On 21 March 1766 Stephen Cannon and his wife Mary, formerly Mary Newton of DO co., leased to Richard Newton of the same co., her right of dower in the land where said Richard Newton now lives called *Partnership*, 500 a., for her lifetime. (DOLR 20 Old 456)

Edward was father of the following children: WILLIS; RICHARD; MARGARET, m. (N) Clarkson; BETTY; FRANCES, m. 1st Henry Cannon (THMM); SARAH; LILLY, m. James Wilson (A).