

## Thomas Gaskins III

9. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> GASKINS (Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas<sup>1</sup>) of Wicomico Parish, Northumberland County, was born before 13 Jan. 1663/4<sup>35</sup> and chose his uncle Josias<sup>2</sup> as his guardian, 19 May 1680.<sup>36</sup> He brought suit in the General Court against his cousin Josias<sup>3</sup> Gaskins, claiming that the land devised by their grandfather to Josias<sup>2</sup> had been for his life only. But in a friendly settlement Josias<sup>3</sup> conveyed to him, Jan. 1710/11, the 250 acres granted 15 Sept. 1649 and he deeded to Josias<sup>3</sup> 100 acres of that tract.<sup>37</sup> He was a vestryman of Wicomico Parish.

He married (1) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>38</sup> and (2) Martha \_\_\_\_\_. He was named one of the administrators of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Pinkard, 9 March 1697/8.<sup>39</sup> His

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<sup>33</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 796.

<sup>34</sup> St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Register.

<sup>35</sup> Northumberland Co. Record Bk. 1658-66, p. 116.

<sup>36</sup> Northumberland Co. Record Bk. 1678-98, p. 66.

<sup>37</sup> Northumberland Co. Record Bk. 1706-20, pp. 80-87.

<sup>38</sup> A first marriage is posited on the basis of the apparent age difference between Mrs. Hull and Thomas<sup>4</sup> Gaskins. Thomas<sup>3</sup> Gaskins made a deed of gift, 14 March 1711/2, to his granddaughter Sarah, daughter of Richard Hull (Northumberland Co. Record Bk. 1710-13, p. 315). Sarah Hull was born 25 Nov. 1706 (St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Register) and married Bartholomew Schrever, Jr. Their daughter Elizabeth left will, 17 July 1738-11 Sept. 1738 (Northumberland Co. Record Bk. 1738-43, p. 31), naming Aunt Mary Gaskins, Uncle Richard Hull and six children of Uncle Thomas Gaskins, deceased. Uncle Richard Hull was her half-uncle and apparently her closest maternal relative (her father's half-brothers were all deceased). Uncle Thomas Gaskins must have been her [half?-] great-uncle. Although Elizabeth Schrever was under age (she refers to William Eustace, her guardian), a disposition of moveable estate by a minor by will was legal.

<sup>39</sup> Lancaster Co. Order Bk. 1696-1702, fo. 36. James Haynes, William Jones, Thomas Gaskins, Thomas Pinkard and Elizabeth Curtis jointly moved for administration of the estate of their mother Elizabeth Pinkard. The will of Elizabeth's husband John Pinkard, 24 March 1689/90-10 Dec. 1690 (Lancaster Co. Will Bk. 8, p. 7), named sons John, Thomas and James and mentioned, but did not name, daughters. Elizabeth Curtis and her husband Henry Curtis conveyed to Elizabeth Pinckard, 11 June 1694, land she had inherited by the will of her father Thomas Haynes (Lancaster Co. Deed Bk. 7, pp. 83-84). This will, 15 Feb. 1678/9-24 May 1679 (Lancaster Co. Will Bk. 5, p. 54), named son James Haynes and daughters Elizabeth and Margaret. If Thomas Gaskins was married twice it is unclear from available records whether his wife in 1697/8 was the child of Mrs. Elizabeth Pinkard's (1) marriage to Thomas Haynes or (2) marriage to John Pinkard, although since Capt. William Jones of Northumberland County