

**Descendants of Hugh Brent***Generation No. 1*

**1. Hugh<sup>1</sup> Brent<sup>4,2,2</sup>** was born Abt. 1620 in Kent or Sommerset Counties England<sup>4</sup>, and died Abt. Jan 1670/71 in Lancaster CO, VA. He married **Mary Acherson<sup>5</sup>** Abt. 1656 in Lancaster CO, VA. She died Unknown.

## Notes for Hugh Brent:

Hugh Brent seems to have come from Kent, England and may be related to Roger Brent, Mayor of Canterbury. The name Hugh was seen almost exclusively in the Canterbury/Kent branch of the family. It is not found at all in the Brents of Cossington or Lawk Stoke. See the book by David M. French, "The Brent Family," and Chester Horton Brent, "Descendants of Hugh Brent," for more information on the family in England. Hugh is thought to have been protestant (Episcopal) and so his leaving England was not to escape the taking of the family lands that brought the Maryland Brents and Giles Brent to Virginia. The major line of Brents in Kent had died out but a second wave of Brents entered Kent and there were five families of Brents there in 1975, including a H. B. Brent. Hugh Brent was first seen in the new world on June 20, 1642 on the Isle of Wright County and soon after in Lancaster CO Virginia. He was one of the head rights of Francis, England. On one occasion he was given a tract of land for bringing five immigrants to Virginia one of whom was thought to be his wife to-be Mary Acherson. He settled on land adjoining Captain William Pierce. Captain Pierce had been head of the Governor Wyatts guard in 1623. Hugh was next seen in Chickacoon Country in 1649. In the 1650's he was known to have a home in the Haddowais Creeke( Now called Antipoison Creek), and tithes several times and purchases several tracts of land.. In 1665 he is appointed Constable of Lancaster CO, VA. He is also listed as attorney of record for several individuals. He accumulated 650 acers of land in 200 tract lots.

In the Virginia Land Office At Richmond, there is on record in Book 19, page 628, the following:

"May 6, 1664, 200 acres lying upon Haddamons Creek and Cantoman Creek in Fleets Bay to Hugh Brent," Page 633 of same book records: "Hugh Brent, May 18, 166+ 200 acres on Fleets Bay butting south on Haddamons Creek." There is also mention of a grant of land given Hugh Brent for bringing four persons into the Colony.

There is on record in Lancaster the will of the said Hugh Brent probated March 13, 1671, in which he names daughters Jean, Elizabeth, Martha and son Hough.

## Will of Hugh Brent of Lancaster, Virginia, 1671.

"In the name of God Amen this eighth day of Jany. 1671: I Hugh Brent of ye Parish of Christ Church in ye County of Lancaster, being sick of body but in sound and perfect memory God be praised therefor, do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz.: imprime I bequeath my soul unto ye hands of Almighty God my maker hoping to be saved by ye meritorious death and passion of my Only Saviour and Redeemer and my body to be buried in Christian burial.

It. I give to my eldest daughter Jean ye neck of land which was cleared by Mr. Wate & so as far as my bounds goeth down to ye po. coason by patons ye Indian hollowing point for her life time and no longer.

It. I give to my daughter Elizabeth ye neck of land next adjoining to ye aforesaid as farr as Thatchers neck & and so far as ye middle of ye main road for her life time and no longer.

It. I gift to my daughter Martha ye neck of land which is called Thatchers for her life time and no longer & after the decease of or all of my daughter ye land to return to my son Hough.

It: I give to my son Hough and unto his many children lawfully begotten my whole division of land as far as exprest by paton & so successfully from heir to heir.

It. I give to John Coan, one pair of Russett French foll shoes & one pair of gloves.

It. I give to Mr. Thomas Haines my cast'r hatt & one pr. of gloves.

It. I give to Fortunatus Sydnor one pr. of french foll shoes one pr. of worsted stockings & one Pr. of gloves. It. I give to my man Howell the first cow calf that shall fan after he is free.

All my worldly goods I give to my children to be equally divided between them my debts being pd. making them my sole executors of this my last will and testament.

It is my desire yt there shall be shipped on board Capt. Plunderers ship three hogsheads of tobb. for ye support of John Hawkins living in Greenhine. I do appoint my loving friends Mr. Thomas Haines & Fortunatus Sydnor to be ye overseers of this my last will & testament as also suddenly after my decease that they the sd. Thomas Haines & Fortunatus Sydnor to take an inventory of all my goods.

In witness this my last will and testament I set my hand &: seal revoking all other wills lie testaments whatsoever ye day & year first above written.

Hugh Brent

Tests John x Andros John x Thomas

Probated March 13,1671

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