

Richard Minshew & Mercy

Sally's 6-great Grandparents?:

Richard Minshew 1650 - 1700

& 1682 Mercy ? ca 1641 - ?

& 1657 Silvestor Baker , of Nansemond County, Virginia

This is my working hypothesis - the way I see it as of this moment!!

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