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~~(?) Warren~~

~~M, b. circa 1922, #175~~

- ~~• *Death**:~~
- ~~• *Birth**: circa 1922~~
- ~~• *Marriage**: circa 1950, Bride=Eleanor Bell~~
- ~~• *Last Edited*: 6 Oct 2000~~

~~Family: Eleanor Bell (living)~~

James Griffin II

M, b. circa 1680, d. circa 1749, #178

Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father*: James Griffin I b. circa 1650, d. circa 1716
- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Biography**: James Griffin II was probably born about 1680 in Nansemond Co, VA. Although we have no record of him there, he seems to have been part of a group of friends and relatives with connections first in Nansemond Co, VA, and later in Chowan and Perquimans Co, NC. These families included the Roundtrees, the Spiveys, the Hills, the Copelands, the Speights, the Perrys, the Brinkleys, and others (See Cavaliers and Pioneers by Nell M. Nugent for records on these families in Nansemond County, VA).

Early records in Nansemond County other than the original land grants (as documented in Cavaliers and Pioneers) have been lost. So we have no record of James and Sarah Griffin's marriage, which probably took place around 1705 in Nansemond County. Our first clear record of James Griffin II is in 1717, when he was about 37 years old. He seems to have moved from Nansemond Co. VA to Chowan Co., NC, about that time. In July 1717, Thomas Spivey, Sr., and Mary his wife sold 200 acres in Chowan County, NC, to James Griffin for £8. The land was on the north side of Catherine Creek Swamp in Meherrin Neck, adjacent to Spivey, Francis Roundtree, and Thomas Brooks. Witnesses were William Hill, Abner Spivey, and Thomas Roundtree (Deed Bk B1 #1004).

Also in July 1717, Thomas Roundtree "proved rights for the importation of James Griffin, Sr. (James II), James Griffin, Jr. (James III, son of James II), Sarah Griffin, Sr. (wife of James II), Sarah Griffin, Jr. (daughter of James II), John, Joseph, Susannah, and Moses Griffin (all children of James II)" (Chowan Deed Bk B1 #1664).

In April 1718, Francis Smith "assigns land unto James Griffin" in Perquimans County (Perquimans Deed Bk B #44). This land is described later as being 150 acres on the northeast side of the Perquimans River, at the mouth of Plum Tree Branch (Deed Bk D #12). Francis Smith may have had Nansemond County roots as well (Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vol. II, p. 297, Patent Book 7, p. 503).

James was on the 1721 tax list in Chowan County with 350 acres. A William Griffin, perhaps a brother, was also on the 1721 tax list with 500 acres. This may be the William Griffin who is mentioned in Hinshaw (p. 92) as one of the early members of the Pasquotank Monthly Meeting. It is not clear whether James became a Quaker in VA or in NC. The earliest record we have of his religious persuasion is in 1723, when he was about 43 years old. In June 1723, James Griffin, Moses Hill, and William Hill "requested a week day meeting amongst them, which the meeting approved, and they are to meet at the Lower Meeting House next fourth day to conclude about building a meeting house at the Upper Meeting House" (Hinshaw, p. 90d, Perquimans Monthly Meeting).

In April 1727, James bought 600 acres in Perquimans County from John and Ann Pettiver for £100. The land was "at the mouth of a small branch out of the Perquimans River," adjacent to Pettiver, Thomas Winslow, William Moore, and Joseph Jessop. Witnesses were Thomas Harvey and Samuel Phelps (Perquimans Deed Bk B #258).

In July 1740, James gave the 150 acres he had bought from Francis Smith to his son John. Testators were Thomas Roundtree, Charles Roundtree, and Thomas Roundtree, Jr. (Perquimans Deed Bk D-12). This was apparently John's share of James's estate as James did not mention his son John by name in his will a few years later.

James left a will in Chowan County dated June 1748 and proven in April 1749. He left his land to three of his sons, James, Joseph, and William, and mentioned that James was the "eldest son." He made his wife Sarah executrix, and left the remainder of his estate to "all my children." Witnesses were William Hill (a Quaker, he "affirmed" rather than swore), William Colthred, and James's daughter Susannah Overman.

- *Birth**: circa 1680, Nansemond Co., VA
- *Marriage**: circa 1705, Nansemond Co., VA, Bride=Sarah (?)
- *Will**: June 1748, Chowan Co., NC
- *Probate**: April 1749, Chowan Co., NC
- *Death**: circa 1749, Chowan Co., NC
- *Last Edited*: 18 Oct 2001

Family: Sarah (?)

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1. James **Griffin III+**
2. Susannah **Griffin+**
3. Joseph **Griffin+**
4. Sarah **Griffin**
5. John **Griffin+**
6. Moses **Griffin**
7. William **Griffin+**

Sarah (?)

F, b. circa 1680, #179

- *Charts:* [Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin](#)
- *Biography*:* Sarah's maiden name is unknown, but it is possible that she was a Roundtree, Hill, or Spivey, since these were the families that she and her husband James were most closely associated with in Nansemond Co., VA and Chowan Co., NC. It was Thomas Roundtree who "proved rights" for the importation of James and Sarah and their family from Virginia in July 1717 (Chowan Co. Deed Bk. B-#1, p.26-27). The couple bought land adjacent to Francis Roundtree, who was probably Thomas Roundtree's brother. Thomas Spivey, who sold them the land, may have married a Roundtree as well. Thomas Roundtree witnessed deeds of Thomas Spivey, suggesting the two men may have been brother's-in-law. He was always the second witness, and the second witness was often a relative of the seller's wife. In one case, James Griffin was the second witness to a Thomas Spivey deed, so perhaps his wife and Thomas's were both Roundtrees. It seems less likely that Sarah was a Spivey, and daughter of Thomas Spivey. He gave land to several of his children, and yet sold land to James and Sarah. So it is more likely that the wives of the two men were related, as mentioned above. There seems to be a close connection between the William Hill family and the Griffins as well, so perhaps Sarah was a Hill and a sister of William Hill. The two families are mentioned together in several deeds spanning several decades. William Hill married a daughter of Thomas Spivey. The connection between the Griffin and Hill families has not been found as yet.
- *Death*:*
- *Birth*:* circa 1680
- *Marriage*:* circa 1705, Nansemond Co., VA, Groom=**James Griffin II**
- *Married Name:* circa 1705, **Griffin**
- *Last Edited:* 6 Oct 2000

Family: James Griffin II

1. James **Griffin III+**
2. Susannah **Griffin+**
3. Joseph **Griffin+**
4. Sarah **Griffin**
5. John **Griffin+**
6. Moses **Griffin**
7. William **Griffin+**

* William Griffin

M, b. circa 1720, d. after 2 November 1779, #180

Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father:* **James Griffin II** b. circa 1680, d. circa 1749
- *Mother:* **Sarah (?)** b. circa 1680
- *Charts:* [Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin](#)
- *Employment*:* planter||
- *Biography*:* William Griffin was born about 1720 in Chowan County NC. In February 1746, he married Mary Davis, a Quaker, daughter of Robert Davis of Pasquotank County (Hinshaw, p. 50, Perquimans Monthly Meeting).

In 1749 William's father James Griffin died, and he inherited the 200 acres in Chowan County where his father lived, and a one- third share of six hundred acres on the Perquimans River.

In November 1750, he bought 400 acres from James Griffin, his brother, for £25. This was part of 600 acres which James Griffin, Sr. had bought from John Pettiver in April 1729, and was "at the mouth of a small branch that issueth out of the west side of Perquimans River." Witnesses were Davenport Gooding and Francis Newby (Perquimans Deed Bk F-16). This was apparently the same 600 acre plot mentioned in his father's will.

William and James were both "of Chowan County" in the deed, but William must have moved onto his land in Perquimans County, as he was not listed on the 1753 tax list or the 1754 militia list in Chowan County.

By 1757 William's wife Mary had died, as in March of that year he requested a certificate to Pasquotank, to marry (Hinshaw, p. 50). Records in Pasquotank for the same month show William "liberated to marry Mary Albertson, relict of Joshua Albertson" (Hinshaw, p. 140).

But in May 1759 William was "reported married to Hannah Winslow" (Hinshaw p. 50). Apparently Mary Albertson died soon after her marriage to William.

In November 1774, George Gordon of Chowan County sold 63 acres in Chowan to William Griffin "of Perquimans County." The land was adjacent to Jacob Winslow and others on Ballard's Swamp. Witnesses were Thomas and Edward Newby. (Chowan Deed Bk Q-141).

William left a will in Perquimans County in November 1779. He left the plantation where he lived to his wife Hannah "during her natural life or widowhood," then to be divided between his sons James and William. He left the plot he bought from George Gordon in 1774 to son Robert. He divided the remainder of his estate between all his children: Robert, Joshua, William, Miriam, Orpah, Sarah, Hester, Mary, James, Elizabeth, and Julie. William appointed his wife Hannah and son William as executors. Witnesses were Caleb Winslow, Amos Griffin, and Robert Jordan.
- *Birth*:* circa 1720, [Chowan Pct., NC](#)

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- *Marriage**: 2 April 1747, Perquimans Co., NC, Bride=Mary **Davis**¹
- *Marriage**: 2 May 1759, Perquimans Co., NC, Bride=Hannah **Winslow**
- *Death**: after 2 November 1779, Perquimans Co., NC
- *Will**: 2 November 1779, Perquimans Co., NC
- *Last Edited*: 6 Jun 2002

*Family 1: Mary Davis

- *Marriage**: 2 April 1747, Perquimans Co., NC, Bride=Mary **Davis**¹
1. Robert **Griffin**+
 2. Orpha **Griffin**
 3. Sarah Elizabeth **Griffin**
 4. Joshua **Griffin**

Family 2: Hannah Winslow

- *Marriage**: 2 May 1759, Perquimans Co., NC, Bride=Hannah **Winslow**
1. William **Griffin** Jr.+
 2. Hester **Griffin**+
 3. Miriam **Griffin**+
 4. James **Griffin**
 5. Gulielma **Griffin**+
 6. Mary **Griffin**+
 7. Elizabeth **Griffin**+

Citations:

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p 50, l.t.m..

*Mary Davis¹

F, b. 4 February 1723, d. before 1757, #181
Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father*: **Robert Davis** b. 13 March 1703, d. after 13 December 1749
- *Mother*: **Sarah Eager** b. circa 1700
- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Birth**: 4 February 1723, Pasquotank Co., NC
- *Marriage**: 2 April 1747, Perquimans Co., NC, Groom=William **Griffin**²
- *Married Name*: 2 April 1747, **Griffin**
- *Death**: before 1757, Pasquotank Co., NC
- *Last Edited*: 6 Oct 2000

Family: William Griffin

1. Robert **Griffin**+
2. Orpha **Griffin**
3. Sarah Elizabeth **Griffin**
4. Joshua **Griffin**

Citations:

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p.98.
2. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p 50, l.t.m..

*Robert Davis

M, b. 13 March 1703, d. after 13 December 1749, #182
Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father*: **James Davis** b. circa 1670, d. 14 February 1717
- *Mother*: **Elizabeth White** b. 29 December 1673, d. 1 February 1729
- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin

- *Employment**: planter|
- *Biography**: When Robert was about 14 his father died, and he was apprenticed to John Symons, his uncle, who was to teach Robert "to weave, and do house carpenter work," and to read and write "and sypher as far as Symons can do" (History of Perquimans County, by Winslow, p.337). Pasquotank Precinct became Pasquotank County in 1738, and Robert continued to live there until his death in the latter part of 1749.

His will was dated 13th day of the 10th month 1749. [13 Dec 1749]. Bequests included: to my eldest son James Davis the maner plantation where I now live it being 100 acres; To son Thomas Davis my other plantation of 100 acres adjacent to Joseph Lowrey; To son Joshua Davis 50 acres adjacent to Malky Colley; To sons James and Thomas Davis my carpenter tools to be equally divided; To daughter Elizabeth, cattle and furniture; To daughter Ruth, cattle and furniture; To daughter Mary Griffin one ewe and lamb; To wife Sarah, the rest of my moveable estate. Sons James and

Thomas were named executors. Witnesses were Joshua White and James Newby. The will was probated in Pasquotank Court in January 1750.

- *Birth**: 13 March 1703, Pasquotank Pct., NC
- *Marriage**: 16 December 1720, Pasquotank Co., NC, Bride=Sarah Eager¹
- *Will**: 13 December 1749, Pasquotank Co., NC
- *Death**: after 13 December 1749, Pasquotank Co., NC
- *Probate**: January 1750, Pasquotank Co., NC

- *Last Edited*: 5 Apr 2003

Family: Sarah Eager

- *Marriage**: 16 December 1720, Pasquotank Co., NC, Bride=Sarah Eager¹

1. Mary Davis+
2. James Davis
3. Thomas Davis+
- * 4. Joshua Davis+
5. Elizabeth Davis
6. Ruth Davis
7. Robert Davis Jr.

Citations:

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p 137.

* **Sarah Eager**

F, b. circa 1700, #184

- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Death**:
- *Birth**: circa 1700
- *Marriage**: 16 December 1720, Pasquotank Co., NC, Groom=Robert Davis¹
- *Married Name*: 16 December 1720, Davis
- *Last Edited*: 6 Oct 2000

Family: Robert Davis

1. Mary Davis+
2. James Davis
3. Thomas Davis+
- * 4. Joshua Davis+
5. Elizabeth Davis
6. Ruth Davis
7. Robert Davis Jr.

Citations:

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p 137.

Robert IV Peele

M, b. 29 June 1709, d. 13 July 1782, #185

Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father*: Robert Peele III b. circa 1681, d. 1756
- *Mother*: Judith (?) b. circa 1681, d. 1756
- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Birth**: 29 June 1709, Nansemond Co., VA
- *Marriage**: January 1729, VA, Bride=Elizabeth Edgerton
- *Marriage**: 1750, Perquimans Co., NC, Bride=Charity Dickinson¹
- *Will**: 1 January 1782, Northampton Co., NC
- *Death**: 13 July 1782, Northampton Co., NC²
- *Probate**: September 1782, Northampton Co., NC
- *Last Edited*: 6 Oct 2000

Family I: Elizabeth Edgerton

1. Robert V Peele+
2. Passco Peele
3. Elizabeth Peele+
4. Mary Peele+
5. Sarah Peele+

Elizabeth White

F, b. 29 December 1673, d. 1 February 1729, #1924

Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father*: Henry **White** II b. 1642, d. 3 October 1712
- *Mother*: Mary (?) b. circa 1645, d. 3 May 1679
- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Birth**: 29 December 1673
- *Marriage**: 26 April 1690, Pasquotank Pct., NC, Groom=James **Davis**¹
- *Married Name*: 26 April 1690, **Davis**
- *Marriage**: 18 May 1719, Pasquotank Pct., NC, Groom=James 'Jeams' **Newby**²
- *Married Name*: 18 May 1719, **Newby**
- *Death**: 1 February 1729
- *Last Edited*: 6 Oct 2000

Family 1: James Davis

1. William **Davis**
2. Mary **Davis**
3. John **Davis**
4. James **Davis**
5. Robert **Davis**+
6. Henry **Davis**

Family 2: James 'Jeams' Newby**Citations:**

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p.172.
2. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p.152.

William Davis

M, b. circa 1635, d. before 1690, #1925

- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Biography**: William, a Quaker, was in Albemarle County, NC, by April 1677, when he and Sary Davis were listed among the witnesses to the marriage of Timothy Meads and Ane Blessing (Hinshaw, p.92). The only other reference to William in the Pasquotank Monthly Meeting was as the father of Jeams Davis who married Elezabeath White in 1690 (Hinshaw, p.137). William and Sary probably died before 1690, as they are not listed as witnesses to their son James's wedding.
- *Birth**: circa 1635, Warrosquyoake Co, VA
- *Marriage**: circa 1665, Bride=Sarah **Jarvis**
- *Death**: before 1690, Pasquotank Pct., NC
- *Last Edited*: 10 Apr 2001

Family: Sarah Jarvis

1. James **Davis**+

Sarah Jarvis

F, b. circa 1640, d. before 1690, #1926

- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Birth**: circa 1640
- *Marriage**: circa 1665, Groom=William **Davis**
- *Married Name*: circa 1665, **Davis**
- *Death**: before 1690, Pasquotank Pct., NC
- *Last Edited*: 6 Oct 2000

Family: William Davis

1. James **Davis**+

Henry White II

M, b. 1642, d. 3 October 1712, #1927

Pop-up Pedigree

- *Father*: Henry **White** I b. say 1618, d. May 1670
- *Mother*: Rebecca **Arnold** b. say 1618
- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin

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- *Biography**:
- *Birth**: 1642, VA
- *Marriage**: say 1667, NC, Bride=Mary (?)
- *Marriage**: 10 September 1681, Perquimans Pct, NC, Bride=Damaris Page¹
- *Death**: 3 October 1712, Pasquotank Pct., NC

- *Last Edited*: 5 Apr 2003

Family 1: Mary (?)

1. Ann White
- * 2. Elizabeth White+
3. Robert White+
4. James White
5. John White+
6. Elkanah White

Family 2: Damaris Page

1. Mary White
2. Damaris White+
3. Content White
4. Henry White III+
5. Arnold White
6. Mary White
7. Isaac White
8. Naomi White+

Citations:

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p.61.

Mary ~~(?)~~¹ Croshaw

F, b. circa 1645, d. 3 May 1679, #1928

- *Charts*: Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin
- *Birth**: circa 1645
- *Marriage**: say 1667, NC, Groom=Henry White II
- *Married Name*: say 1667, White
- *Death**: 3 May 1679, Pasquotank Pct., NC
- *Last Edited*: 27 Oct 2002

Family: Henry White II

1. Ann White
- * 2. Elizabeth White+
3. Robert White+
4. James White
5. John White+
6. Elkanah White

Citations:

1. [S1] William Wade Hinshaw, *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy Vol I*, p.124.

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**Henry White I**

M, b. say 1618, d. May 1670, #3255

- *Charts*: [Pedigree for Lewis Wyman Griffin](#)
- *Biography**: Henry settled first in York County, VA, then moved to Isle of Wight Co, VA. Around 1660 he settled in the Carolina Colony.
- *Birth**: say 1618, England
- *Marriage**: say 1640, Principal=Rebecca **Arnold**¹
- *Marriage**: say 1660, Bride=Eleanor (?)
- *Death**: May 1670, NC

- *Last Edited*: 5 Apr 2003

Family 1: Rebecca Arnold

1. [Henry White II](#)+
2. [Arnold White](#)+
3. [Rebecca White](#)

Family 2: Eleanor (?)

1. [Margaret White](#)+
2. [John White](#)
3. [Elizabeth White](#)

Citations:

1. [S180] Lyle Keith Williams, *Batchelor - Williams Families & Related Lines*.

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