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ID: I335920

Name: Adam White

Sex: M

Birth: ABT 1627 in Inveraray, on Loch Fyne, Argyll, Scotland

Death: ABT 1708 in Bushmills, County Antrim, Ireland

Note:

His ancestry is speculative.

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/white/messages/11375.html>
includes more history. (2006)

wrmrrw@aol.com Bill Morrow summarized the following,
relying largely on "A Line of White" by Jack D. White:

Adam White was born in Scotland about 1627. His parents names are unknown. He attended Glasgow Univ. in Scotland, 1645-1648, graduating with a Masters of Art Degree. In 1654 he became a minister at Laggen Presbyterian Church at Fammert, County Donegal, Ireland. In 1661 he was evicted from his church as a result of a charge by the King of England, of conducting services contrary to the customs of the Church of England. He and 12 other ministers were removed from their positions in the church in a trial in 1662.

This was the time of the "Covenanters" and "Jacobites", names given those who opposed the Church of England's rules and practices. Covenanters were Presbyterians, so named due to Covenants which began in 1557 in Scotland. The name Presbyterian comes from "presbyters" (Greek for elder). They believed the community should govern their churches, not the Church of England. Groups of

Presbyterians banded together in a covenant against the Church of England, to protect themselves.

They were able over the years to gain certain freedom of religion. Jacobites were those people loyal to King James' descendants who were Catholic. The term comes from the latin translation of James, which is Jacob. Hence, followers and anybody opposed to the existing Royal family were called "Jacobites".

England, Scotland and Ireland were split between Catholic and Church of England religions. Most English people favored Church of England religion since France & Spain (their enemies) were Catholic. But the Church of England wouldn't recognize other protestant religions. Since Adam was Presbyterian, he was in conflict with the Church of England religion and therefore faced oppression.

He was confined to jail at Lifford in 1664. It is thought that his son Moses was born 1665 shortly after he began his confinement. Son Hugh was probably born one year after his release, about 1671.

Adam was pardoned by the King in 1670. By 1672 he was minister of Ardstraw, in County Tyrone, Ireland.

Oppression of the Covenanters began again, so in 1668 he had to flee to Scotland. In 1690 King William agreed to a law to establish the Church of Scotland under a Presbyterian system. In 1692 he returned to Ireland and became a minister at Bushmilles, County Antrim, Ireland. He died in 1708 at Bushmilles, County Antrim, Ireland.

His sons Moses and Hugh must have decided to leave Ireland after the 1715 Jacobite rebellion. Hugh arrived at Annapolis 18 Oct 1716 on board the ship "Good Speed". To pay for his passage, he was indentured for the usual 7 years. His service was purchased by a Daniel Bryant. By 1722, Hugh's brother Moses got the families together and joined him in PA.

The family crest they brought with them is in use today at the White furniture co. in Mebane NC. The crest belonged to Sir John White, mayor of London. Some believe he is one of the ancestors of Adam. John's brother was Bishop of Winchester Cathedral and did the coronation for Queen Elizabeth I. Later she heard a remark he made against her, and had him removed from office, but he still was buried in the Cathedral. The family became protestant and moved to Scotland in the 1500's.

Adam White graduated from the University of Glasgow with a Master of Arts degree in 1648. A copy of the Manuscript Matriculation Document is reproduced in "A line of White" 1989 book by Jack D. White of Weatherford, Tx. who contends Adam White is the probable father of Hugh & Moses White, immigrant ancestors c1722.

Memo: 5 generations

Marriage 1 Spouse Unknown

Children

1.  Moses White b: AFT 1665 in prob. Ireland
2.  Hugh White b: ABT 1671 in Ireland

Additional Descendant Charts available at
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~markfreeman/index.html>