

## **GEORGE SHEPHERD, SR. (b. Abt. 1716, d. 1 Oct 1751)**

George Shepherd, Sr. was born in England, abt. 1700. His parents were Edward & Avarilla Shepherd. It is not known when he came to America, but he was living in Spotsylvania Co., St. George Parish, Va. in 1734, and was married to Elizabeth Mary Angelicka Day.

Elizabeth Mary was the daughter of Thomas & Elizabeth Day of Essex County, Virginia. She was born about 1693. When she was 7 years old, her mother was found murdered, and her father was arrested and indicted. He was tried in the Council of Colonial Virginia, and the evidence presented by the Coroner's Inquest brought a verdict of acquittal in April of 1700. In October of 1700, the Day's handyman was arrested for Elizabeth's murder. He was tried in General Court, found guilty, and executed. Thomas never married again, and he died in 1705.

George & Elizabeth Mary had at least 6 children, all born in Spotsylvania Co., Virginia. George died in 1750, leaving a will bequeathing his land, horses, carpenter tools, and money to his wife and 6 children.

It is not known when Elizabeth Mary died.

Their children gradually moved away after George's death. 3 of their sons; Robert, James and John Shepherd, all moved to Reddies River, Wilkes County, N.C. before the American Revolution and became early settlers of that area.

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### **SOURCES & DOCUMENTS**

"Early Settlers of Reddies River" by Paul Gregory.

Shepherd Documents:

SH# 5 - Will of George Shepherd, Jan. 10, 1750, Spotsylvania Co. Va.

SH# 6 - Transcript of Deed from George Shepherd to Benj. Holloday, Nov.6, 1749, original in Deed Book D, pg. 431-432

Census: A116.

Children: Children: Elizabeth, Geo.Jr., James, Ann, John Sr., Robert.

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Resided: England, Virginia.

Marriage: Spotsylvania Co. Va.

Children of **GEORGE SHEPHERD, SR.** and **ELIZABETH MARY ANGELICKA DAY:**

i. **Elizabeth Shepherd.**

ii. **George Shepherd, Jr.,** b., Spotsylvania Co, Pa..

iii. **James Shepherd.**

iv. **Ann Shepherd.**

v. + **JOHN SHEPHERD, SR.,** b. 10 Aug 1734, Spotsylvania Co., Va., d. 11 Jun 1810, Wilkes Co., N.C..

vi. + **Robert Shepherd,** b. 17 Jun 1739, Spotsylvania Co, Va., d. 5 Jun 1817, Reddies River (Wilkes Co. ) N.C..