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Houston Lee Louis Veal's ancestry

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Name: **Morris VEAL , Sr.**

Sex: M

Birth: ABT 1650 in VA?

Death: 9 OCT 1695 in Washington Parish, Westmoreland Co, VA ¹

Note:

The identity of Morris (Morrice) Veal's parents is unknown at this time. He is not considered the immigrant to America, but a family story called "The Fertile Branch" related that a Morris Veal immigrated from England in 1680. There is good documentation of a William Veal in Lancaster Co, VA in the 1650s, and he could be a relative. In Feb 1677, Morris Veale was found guilty [unclear of the crime, but he had a history of verbal assault] by a jury in Westmoreland County, VA and ordered to pay Martin Fisher 800 pounds of tobacco. Carlene S. Veal wrote, " Morris ... seemed to have a very quick temper himself and had trouble controlling his tongue since he was in court for some of his outbursts" (p. 4). Researchers have found at least two records of land purchases: October 25, 1672, 200 acres from John Quigley in Westmoreland Co, VA; 1695, 200 acres, Washington Parish, Westmoreland Co, VA (Virginia Northern Neck Land Grants, Vol. 1, 1694-1742).

Will of Morris Veal of Westmoreland Co, VA, Will Book II, page 6 (as cited by Carlene Sumner Veal)

3 October 1695 - Will of Morris Veale of County of Westmoreland and Washington Parish, being very sick and weak of body etc. MY land and plantation I now live upon to be equally divided betwixt my sons Morrice, John and William. To be possessed by them when they shall arrive at the respective age of 21, unless my wife shall happen to marry. Then my sons shall be of age at 16 years. In case of mortality, the survivors to possess what is here given.

My daughter Amey to hve two cows which are now called hers, and also one gray horse to be delivered at the day of her marriage. Both and what household goods my executors shall give at her marriage, I commit the same to her motherly prudence.

Unto my daughter Elenor, two cows and one mare at the day of her marriage and for household goods I leave it to the discession of my loving wife.

My daughter Mary, to have four head of cattle which now goeth by name of hers, to be delivered at the day of her marriage.

The remaining part of my personal estate I wholly commit to the donation and discession of my loving wife.

My loving wife Dorothy, executrix.

My loving friends and neighbors Darby Swillivant, Richard Hancock, and Tobias Butler to be trustees and overseers, for the benefit of my children and for the greater ease of my wife.

My son Morris and son John have each a Gun which are now in my house.

(Signed) Morris Veale

Wit: James Taylor, Richard Hancock

Order Book 1694-1696 Westmoreland County, VA, 29 July 1696

The last will and testament of Morris Veale was proved by James Taylor and Richard Hancock and a probate granted to Dorothy Veale, executrix, therein named, and she is ordered to return an inventory of the estate.

The will was probated on July 29, 1696 in Westmoreland Co, VA (source: Westmoreland County, Virginia Deeds and Wills, Book 2, 1691-1699, p. 62a).

Note: The three sons of Morris Veale would all have to be born after 1680, since they were not yet 16 at the time of his will. My birthdates are estimates, and the order of the girls is based on the will. I was also assuming that the children were born about 2 years apart, as was common in the 17th century. Of course, there may have been other children who died before 1695.

Marriage 1 DOROTHY b: ABT 1660

- *Married:* BEF 3 FEB 1671/72 in Clouster Co, VA

Children

1. Amey VEAL b: ABT 1674
2. Elenor VEAL b: ABT 1676
3. Morris M. VEAL b: ABT 1680 in VA?
4. John VEAL b: ABT 1682 in Westmoreland Co, VA
5. Mary VEAL b: ABT 1685
6. William VEAL b: ABT 1687 in Westmoreland Co, VA

Sources:

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Author: Veale, Robert, compiler
Publication: Received 30 Jan 2004
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