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Presidents Message

MARGIN
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Our first year of organization is behind us, and I am pleased to report that we have accomplished much individually and for the county. The support from all has been magnanimous, and I thank you.

Membership dues are payable January 1998. I would welcome your comments about our society at this time. It has been my concern, and that of the board, that your genealogical needs are met. The programs have been varied and chosen to enhance our knowledge of the times in which our ancestors lived. In my opinion, genealogy is the study of history through our ancestors. Dates of birth, marriage, ^{AND} death are cold numbers. Our ancestors can be known to us by informing ourselves about those events surrounding their lives and activities.

With this in mind, please attend the meetings, share your knowledge, and let us know your ancestor search needs

Merry Christmas

WHICH
MARRIAGE

Joan Kanter
President

I would like to pass on a little poem that I found in my hometown news paper.

If you should see your ancestors
all standing in a row
would you maybe find a few
that you would not want to know ?
N now turn that question around
and take another view . . .
If you should meet them face to face
would they be proud of you ?

GENEALOGY

^{SPRAY} note

Several genealogical help books, such as, Cemeteries of Gloucester and Mathews, The Hamond Robins Papers, Gloucester Co. printed census records are kept behind the desk in the Gloucester Library. You must ask to see these books.

The vertical file is increasing with family information. Please give what ever you may have, no matter how small; That may be the one link that someone is looking for. So please share!

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ONE WORD

REVIEW THE MANY SPELLINGS OF GWYNN
AS THEY CHANGE FROM THE TITLE - SOME
NOTE SHOULD BE MADE.

(Gwynn)

The Gwynn Family of Gwynn's Island And Gloucester County Virginia

WHO IS AUTHOR OF THIS ARTICLE

GERTRUDE W. BROWN
WHICH

Some of the following was taken from an account written by Ransom Gwynn in 1851, in which he credits William H. Hudgins for most of his information. I have done follow up research and added to this family. Unfortunately the majority of this can not be documented.

Appreciation to Elsie Gwynn Dame for information on her family. To Rosland, Edward and Wilford Mitch for information on Gwynnville. To E.J. Ward for sharing her husband's Hudgins family. And Sylvia Rowe for allowing me to compare notes on the Gwynns.

I will start this line with Owen Gwyn although the line has been researched further. I felt that when you get into royalty there's already enough documentation.

FELT

Sir. Owen Gwyn
born - 1500's Gwyndir Castle
married Grace Williams
children
1. Hugh Gwyn

The Gwynn's were reported to have landed in Jamestown in 1610.

1. Sir Hugh Gwyn 1st.
The son of Sir. Owen Gwyn
born - 1585 in Milford Haven, Wales.
died - about 1654 at 69 yrs. of age.

DESCENDANT

He was a direct decedent of Caratacus, King of Cymbeline <Welch King of Britain>
He served in the house of Burgess from York Co. in 1639. And as a justis in 1641. And was in the house of Burgess again in 1646.

H
JUSTICE & PASSENGERS

Hugh Gwin, Gent. recived two large land grants for the transportation of pasengers from Europe. One for 1,000 ac. in 1635 Piank. River vicinity of Queens Creek for the transporting of twenty persons. In 1642 he recived 1700 ac. near the mouth of Port Rever, up Milford Haven to Stingra Bay.

Hugh Gwyn 1st. RECEIVED
married Ann
children

i
IS THIS RIVER?
y
IS THIS STINGRAY?

- 1. *Hugh 2nd.
- 2. Elizabeth
- 3. *John

*John Gwyn Rev.
Min. of Ware Parish in 1672 -74 and Abingdon Parish 1664 - 88

son Edmund Gwyn
born -

died - 1753

was given approval to run an ordinary in 1679, <located across from the Botetourt Building.
He deeded land in the Courthouse to the county of Gloucester in Feb.1679.

In 1769 Sarah and John Rootes petitioned to break the entail on 500 and 50 ac. of land that
was descended to them from Edmund Gwyn. This property was purchased by John Fox.

In 1652 300 ac. to Col. Hugh Gwyn
in 1657 165 ac. Milford Haven Creek.

*Col. Hugh Gwyn 2nd.

born - 1630 Jamestown, Va.

died - Mathews Co.

Was in the house of Burgesses from Gloucester Co, in 1652.

married #1

children

1. Hugh Gwyn 3rd.

born - 1660

died - 1740 Mathews Co.

He was a vestryman of Kingston Parish in 1680.

married

children of Hugh 3rd.

#1. Jack <John>Gwynn

born - 1680 Kingston Parish

died - 1730 - 40?

married - 1720 to Mildred Read

children of Jack Gwynn

#1. daughter

married - Gypson Gwynn <adopted brother>

<I found no one of this name in Mathews Co. records>

#2. Hugh <Humphrey > Gwynn 4th.

born - 1710

died - 1757 47 yrs. of age.

married - Payton

The home of Hugh Gwynn and Miss Payton was known as "Gwynnville" originally a log house.

The present house was built before the civil war and believed to date into the 1700's.

Built by a northern couple, the George Hilton's ^{House} From New Hampshire. In 1865 the home was sold to a Dutton

At that time there were 500 ac. During the war the home was used to shelter those of the island who's homes were

destroyed. Gwynnville was owned by Edmond Filmore Forrest who's daughter married into the Mitchem

family. It was later purchased by Dorsey Mitchem in 1907 and later around 1960 by his grandson's Wilford and

Edmon Mitchem the family of Stephen Mitchem

children of Hugh Gwyn

1. *Humphrey Gwyn 5th. 1727

married

Frances Payton

children of Hugh Gwyn

- 1. *Humphrey Gwyn 5th. 1727
- 2. *Richard Gwyn 1738
- 3. Walter Gwyn 1740
- 4. Francis Gwyn 1742

married

- Frances Payton
- Sarah Ransom
- Dorothy Reade
- Col. Billups

Hugh married second.

Lucy Reed

children

- 1. Frances
- 2. *James Robert
- 3. John

William Houlder Hudgins

*Humphrey <Hugh> Gwyn

born - 1727

died - 1795

married in 1755 Kingston Parish to Frances Payton

The daughter of Thomas Payton and Frances Elizabeth Tabb.

Thomas Payton was the son of Major Robert Peyton who was the son of Thomas Peyton of Norfolk Co. England.

married Elizabeth Yelverton

children of Hugh and Frances

- 1. John 1756 - 1770
- 2. Francis 1757
- 3. Mildred 1759
- 4. Edmund 1760
- 5. Thomas Payton 1762
- 6. Martha Payton 1764
- 7. Humphrey 1769
- 8. Lucy 1771 - 1771
- 9. Elizabeth T. 1772
- 10. Mary Tabb 1774
- 11. Martha Whiting 1776
- 12. Lucy 1779

married

Mildred Ann

Samuel Turner

*James Robert

son of Hugh and Lucy

born - 1755 Mathews Co.

died - 1820

married - Ann Ranson in 1778 Kingston Parish

children Of James Robert

1. Henery Gwynn

born - 1790

married Elizabeth Williams

died - 1850

children of Henery and Elizabeth

1. Robert Henery Gwyn

born - 1830 Mathews Co..

died - Dec. 26, 1864 in Camp Woodland, Elima, Ny. He was a prisoner of war, and is buried in park Lawn Cemt. lot # 1251 He was said to have died of starvation.

He mustered in on 8th. of May 1861 as a Pvt. in Capt. Thomas B. Mortorgin's Co. A 34th. Va. Inf.

married around 1850 to Elizabeth <Bettie> Booker

born - 1828

died - before July of 1860 maybe from childbirth, she was 33yrs old.

The daughter of James and Elizabeth Booker.

married 2nd. Gloucester Co. Lic. April 11, 1861 - widower, machanic, of Mathews Co. age 34, by Rev. Steven Howard at the home of Charles C. Duval.

to Adeline F. Bridges

born - 1839

died -

daughter of Roberson Bridges and Rosy Dutton

The 1850 Gloucester Co. census list

Elizabeth Booker	50	King & Queen
Charles Booker	13	Gloucester
<u>Pondexter Booker</u>	9	"
Henery T. Booker	6	"
Robert H. Gwyn	22 farmer	"
<u>Elizabeth Gwyn</u>	22	"

1860 Gloucester census

Robert H. Gwyn 33 Farmer

Patrick H. Gwyn 10

Robert G. Gwyn 3

Indiana E. Gwyn 2 mo.

Elizabeth Booker 50 < mother of Bettie >

< Elizabeth < Bettie > must be dead, I found no death notice >

children of Robert Henery and Eliza < Bettie > < Betsy >

1*. Patrick H. 1852

2.* Franklyn Robert 1857

3. Indiana E. 1860

married
Roxann Acre
Helen L. Acre

I was told that during the war the two boys were at the Shipyard in Seldon the Robbins home, later the home of the Nickolson's, After their father was gone. And that they were raised by a old man Richard Barron. Or by a doctor. Could that have been Dr. Charles L. Gwynn ?

The 1870 Gloucester census say's Franklyn B. Gwynn age 12, living in the home of James F. Barren. and Eliz.

***1. Patrick H. Gwynn**

born - 1851

died - is believed to be buried at the Shipyard.

1870 Gloucester Census list him age 19. living in the home of Pondexter Booker - farm laborer

married - 1875 in Gloucester Co. gives mother as Eliza Booker

to Roxann Acre

born - 1852

died -

daughter of William J. and Julia E. Booker Acre

children

1. Viruan B. 1878

2. Marion Carolyn. 1879

William Henery Dunston

Marion Carolyn Gwynn

born - 1879

died -

married William Henery Dunston

children

1. Hattie Marion Dunston

born - 1902

died - 1993

married - John Folks Oliver

born - 1897

died - 1927

***2. Franklyn Robert**

born - March 5, 1859

died - Oct. 21, 1924

married Gloucester Co. Nov. 20, 1879 by Rev. Wiatt, gives mother as Betty Booker

to Hellen L. Acre

born - Jan. 2, 1859

died - July 25, 1923

daughter of William J. Acre and Julia E. Booker

children of Franklyn and Hellen

1. Patrick Franklyn 1882

2. *Samuil Level 1885

3. Virgal Mary 1889

4. Lola Inaze 1890

5. Ruth Gallaway 1894

married

Mary Einore Deal

Blanch Dimmock Deal

Elexanda Malay 2. Ernest Deal 3. Jack Sinclair

William Deal

ASKED Sant George Deal

Ruth died of childbirth and on her dying bed ask her husband never to remarry, as she loved him so much that she could not bear the thought of him with another woman. He never remarried. Ruth was buried with her baby in her arms. Sant George was the son of Robert Lee and Betty Robins Deal.

6. Hallie Eunice 1895

Joseph H. Robins

7. Margie Pearl 1899

Thaddeous Teagle

8. Irvin Paulin

William Powers

Samuel Level Gwynn

born - April 11, 1885

died - Dec. 5, 1959

married - **Blanch Dimmock Deal**

daughter of

children of Samuel and Blanch

- | | | |
|---------------------|------|------|
| 1. Samuel Tabb | 1914 | |
| 2. Jesse Elmo | 1915 | |
| 3. Sant George | 1918 | |
| 4. Louise Gallaway | 1919 | |
| 5. Patrick Fay | 1921 | |
| 6. Helen Franklyn | 1923 | |
| 7. John Morris | 1926 | |
| 8. Statesman Ernest | 1928 | |
| 9. Elsie Marie | 1930 | |
| 10. Joseph Dimmock | 1932 | |
| 11. Floyd Deal | 1935 | twin |
| 12. Boyd White | 1935 | twin |
| 13. Bernard Lee | 1937 | |

never married

Lucy Dupont Oliver

Mary Jenkins

Dannie Leckey

Francis Albert

George Gun

Carolyn Richards

Agness Brown 2. Alice Rice

Thomas Earl Dame Jr.

Ruth Jenkins

died age 3yrs.

Patricia Rowe

Mary Ellen Ash 2. Gerda McGhee

The Gloucester Co. 1840 census list

James B. Gwynn

born - 1810 - 1820

grave stone at Spring Valley <a Gwynn property on Dancer's Creek near the Piankatank River>

gives born - 11 Dec. 1808

died - 15 Jan. 1887

married Marie

born - 12 March 1824

died - 29 Oct. 1895

A James Gwyn owned two large tracks of land in White's Neck.

A James R. Gwyn owned land next to William H. Hudgins.

The 1840 Gloucester census list

James R. Gwynn

born - 1810 - 1820

married in 1836 to **Caroline Ransone**

The 1850 list

Lewis Gwynn

born - 1826

married Rosa A.

born - 1829

The 1870 list

Dr. Charles L. Gwynn

born - 1838

living in home of Thomas Taliaferro

in 1868 he married Margaret Booth Taliaferro

born - 1849

she was the daughter of Thomas B. and Mary M. Taliaferro

Children of Dr. Charles and Margaret

1. Mary C.

2. George E.

3. Fanny

4. Harold

5. Elizabeth

Charles and his father Charles purchased a farm on the Piankatank River from John Gwynn Jr.

Dr. Charles L. Gwynn

was the son of Charles R. and Mary Gwynn

Charles died before 1860. At that time his widow and children were living with John and Mary.

Mary gives her birth place as Maryland.

children of Charles and Mary

1. *John T. 1833

2. Dr. Charles L. 1838

3. Mary Caroline 1845

4. George E. 1850

5. Fanny 1853

married

Mary Cary Thruston

Margaret B. Taliaferro

Frank Oliver Barritt

*John T. Gwynn

born - 1833

died -

John was a merchant in Free port

Married Mary Cary Thuston

children of John and Mary

1. Mery Grace 1860

2. Hugh B. 1865

Hugh B. Gwynn

born -

served in the war of 1812 Capt.

married - Caroline Ann Tompkins

born - 1787

died - 1814

daughter of

children of Hugh B. and Caroline
1. John Tompkins Gwynn
served in the 26th Va. Infantry C.S.A.
married Mary
son Hugh B. Gwynn
born - 1865 Gloucester Co.

John Gwynn
born
died
Pat. 1686 202 ac. Kingston Parish by land of Col. Hugh dece'd.
owned lot #30 in Gloucester Town.

Letters from John Walter Gwynn

brother of Lucy Gwynn Sander, Alice Gwynn Haliburton, Amy Gwynn, Armfield Gwynn and Hugh B. Gwynn.

Gloucester Court House dated 12 July 1856.

Dear Aunt Santa:

Not having heard from you in so long I was uncertain whether you still lived in Richland. He informed her that she still had a few poor relations living in Old Gloucester, the garden spot of noble old Virginia. Where he had spent many happy moments in delightful association with her and Grand Ma and Aunt Pattie.

The old court house is the same place in almost every respect that it was in former years, except Capt. Halland family having left entirely at the death of the old Captain and now living in Saluda, Middlesex Co. Hester and Ellen are pretty young ladies now but unfortunately have no education.

A great many that were boys and girls when you left are grown and married: Among them are Henry Rowe, Penny Pippin and Robert Taliaferro, all of whom have wives. James Hall is also married and Cousin Bettie Gibbs was married last Jan. to Mr. Rebeck of Middlesex. Miss Ann Stubblefield and James Ransone were married last year. Your old friend Mr. Newcomb has been married for two or three years to Miss Alumia Andrews, daughter of Capt. Andrews.

Poor old John Duval and Monroe Nicolson have never subjected themselves to the yoke of matrimony.

Aunt Betsy Gibbs is living at the same old place and cousin Jim stays with her but is away much of the time.

Pa is now living at the old Tan Yard in a condition of extreme poverty and scarcely makes out a lean support from the profit of a little office which he possesses.

All of the family are well except Poor old Ma. She has for several years been laboring under the ravages of cureless consumption, and rapidly approaching the final day. Amy and Lucy are quite large now. Amy is going to school in Mathews Co. and Lucy is plenty large to go but Ma's sickness prevents her from leaving home and there is no school in the neighborhood to which she can go. Some of our Mathews friends have offered to take her and send her to school but she is indispensably necessary for Ma's comfort.

W.H.C.H.

I in order to support myself, am living with Mr. Thomas B. Taliaferro as a clerk for a small salary. Please let me hear from you, Uncle Tacket and Uncle Jeff.

Gloucester Court House dated Oct. 23rd. 1860.

To Uncle John R. Gwynn and Martha, Baltimore Maryland.

< Owned land in Mathews Co.>

Says that he was having great difficulty in deciding what to do with his sisters Amy and Lucy.

He decided to take them to Lancaster Co. and place them under the care of Armfield. who arranged to board them at a convenient school. He thanked Aunt Martha for cloths sent for the girls and himself. And ask for a c and pants as his present suit is of bad odor.

He complains of felling weaker and severe fevers each day. And that he may be compelled to return to Baltimore

From Red Sulpher Springs, Monroe Co. Va. Monday July 23rd. 1860.

To sister Lucy Gwynn Sanders

Ask her to direct Mrs. Robins to send tuition bill to Army and please wait for money owed for Alice's music. You must manage things as well as you can at home and see that Pa is attended to. Do not feed him on fried meat all the time if you can help it. But give him vegetables and chicken now and then. Tell Ant Annie to keep him as clean as she can and make John bring him plenty of cold water when the weather is worm. I will try to reward her for it before I die.

Give my love to Uncle Robin.

The 1860 Gloucester census list John Gwyne as merchant's clerk, at Thomas Taliaferro's age 22yrs. And James H.W. 50 farmer along with Lucy 16 yrs. and Alice 12 yrs.

Richard Gwyn

son of Jack Gwyn and Margaret
married Sarah Ransom
children

1. Richard Ransom
2. Humphrey
3. Sarah
4. Elizabeth
5. James

married

- Martha Lenoie
Sally Thurston
Blanchard
James Jenkins
Amelia Lenoie

In 1772 Richard Gwyn and family journeyed to Danville, Pittsylvania Co. Va. not liking there, he continued on to Surry Co. North Carolina. Dissatisfied there he moved twenty miles on the Yarkin River, in Wilks Co. ^{IT}

He joined the army in South Carolina to fight the British. He was taken with the Yellow Fever and sent home where he died. ^{YADKIN ?}

The widow and children were left in a sad condition in a strange land. Surrounded by Tories and Indians. They suffered many indignities, such as, feather beds destroyed and feathers strewn along the roads. The revolution passed and peace returned. <almost> A Col. Cleaveland was sent to round up all the tories who had collected their forces in the Blue Ridge Mountains, some fifteen miles away. Every man to pass unmolested among the Wigs must have a pass from Col. Cleaveland. Who decided one day to capture the Tories. Leaving their horses to hunt them down. But to no avail, upon returning to find their horses scattered, the fat Col. sat down and

TORY

WRITE

ordered his men "to find the horses". The Tories, who were concealed in the bushes, then captured the Col. H was ordered to write passes to lawfully pass among the Wigs.

They stationed a man to shoot him as soon as he was finished writing. The gun was raised as the Col. was on the last line, when his men returned. The captured Tory was taken to the Yarken River, and there in a field plowing was a young boy. He was told to bring his plow lines to the Wigs, with them the unfortunate man was hanged. That little boy was James Gwynn! In 1841 there came a flood and the bones of the hanged man were exposed.

Col. Thomas Lenoir from Camden, South Carolina came through Wilks County and called on the widow of Richard Gwynn. A marriage followed! Richard Ransom the oldest son married the daughter of Col. Lenoir, as well as James who also married Amelia another daughter. James died in 1850 and Amelia in 1848.

The children of James Gwynn and Amelia Lenoir married

1. Ransom	Elizabeth Shepard	2. Margret Davidson
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2. Sarah		
3. Thomas	Elizabeth Martin	Hunt

4. Richard

5. Martha

6. Lenoira

7. Hugh

8. Amelia

9. James Jr.	Mary Ann Lenoir
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< This was taken from the Hudgins Paper and I could find no records to confirm or disprove it >
< I found no wills made by any Gwynn in this timeframe . or deeds to or from these people.

Hugh Gwynn 2nd.

born -

died -

married - Kingston Parish to Lucy Reed

children of Hugh 2nd. and Lucy married

1. James

born -

died -

never married ?

Bequeathed all of his property, including "Gwynnville" to his brother, John.?

2. John Gwynn

also died a batchlor and gave all that he had to a stranger.?

3. Mary Francis Gwynn

born -

died -

buried - On first lane after Gwynn's Island Cemt.

married - * William Houlder Hudgen 1st.

born - 1738 Kingston Parish, Va.

died - Dec.12,1815. age 77 yrs. at "Clifton" Mathews, Co. Va.

buried - "Clifton"

William Houlder was sent to England to be educated under the guidance of his grandparents, the Hudgins. After the death of his mother. He returned to Virginia in 1768, after serving in the Royal Navy. He built "Clifton", a most stately home, of twenty two rooms. He operated a shipyard at Milford Haven. He was a member of the house of Delegates of Va. representing Gloucester and Mathews Co. 1790 - 1796.

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Will of Houlder Hudgins 2nd..

Written March 8,1866 - Probated Aug. 10th.1868 Mathews Co. Va.

Names wife Julia to receive one third of all my estate during her natural life.

To sell real estate in Hanover and Gloucester Counties.

Children Charles H. by my second wife Elizabeth V. And Mary G. by my third wife Julia.

All of my remaining estate to be devided among my two children.

Will of Houlder Hudgins 1st.

Written 20,May 1815 - 8, March 1866 Probated 10, Aug.1868 Mathews Co. Va.

Being week and low in body but perfect mind and memory.

I lend to my beloved wife Harriotte two thirds of the land being in Elizabeth City, also 20 of my slaves In part - When first written in 1815 he list wife as Harriote and children Houlder, 500 ac. including my mansion house. - Robert, all my land in Mathews except plantain I purchased of William Hayes. John L., Thomas, Mary Winder, all property in Middlesex. 127 ac. in York Co. - Ariaiann Vaughan, 550 ac. in Elizabeth City. Charlotte, William H., Robert, and Nancy Berry.

<another will of Mary E. Gayle gives her estate to her sister Harriote Hudgins in repayment for care recived Grandson Houlder Hudgins, son of John L. Hudgins.

Will of William Houlder Hudgins

Written on Feb.7th. 1815 probated Jan. 9th. 1871 Mathews Co. Va.

I William H. Hudgins being sick and week but of sound mind.

In part, as long as my daughter Martha Gayle shall remain to live separate from John Gayle and not allowing the said John Gayle to live with her and do not receive him as her husband. If she should ever marry again my v and desire is that she shall profit from her shire. And after her death I give it to be equally devided among all the children that my daughter Martha may have by her second husband.

My daughter Frances wife of Jacob Blake. At her death I will the estate be equally devided among all her children. My son Walter Hudgins the remainder of my land, slaves and stock duering his natural life, but if the said Walter Hudgins undertakes to sell or dispose of any part of the same, my exectors shall take possession of said property and hire it out for the benefit of the said Walter. I Walter should have lawful ishue or children lawfully begotten they shall receive the estate.

After the death of my beloved wife, < no name > the slaves that were her dower be devided between Frances Blake and Walter Hudgins.

children of William H. Hudgen 1st. and Harriotte

1. William H.
2. Thomas
3. John L.
4. Houlder 11
5. Robert
6. Nancy Berry
7. Arinda Vaughn
8. Mary Winder
9. Charolotte

children of Frances Gwynn and William Houlder Hudgen 2nd.

married

1. Martha *
2. Frances *
3. Walter Gwynn

John Gayle - Thomas Edwards
Jacob Blake - Henery Diggs - Omega Billups
Ann Willis Hudgen

children of William Houlder and Elizabeth V.

1. Charles H.
- children of William Houlder and Julia.
1. Mary G.

1. Martha Hudgins
children of Martha and John Gayle

1. Louisa Gayle
married - Robert Braxton

2. Frances Hudgins
children of Frances and Omega

1. Walter Scott
2. Adelaid

Tabb

3. John Walter Gwynn Hudgins
born - 1773?
died - 1849
married -
children

1. William Houlder 3rd. 18
2. Robert Elliott * 1828
3. Walter Gwynn 3rd. 1835 died - 1911 Civil War Vet.
4. Martha Payton 1841

married
* Mary Braxton
never married
Robert Edwards

William Houlder Hudgen 3rd.
born -
died - 1895

married - Mary Braxton
daughter of Augustine Braxton

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Deed from William H. Hudgins and Mary H. V. to heirs of Thomas Ranier = 50 ac. of land in Piankintank district, a portion of the Hesse Farm which was conveyed by Hudgins to Amos Ranier <deed was destroyed> dated 10, March 1890.

children of William H. and Mary

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Walter | 7. Virginia |
| 2. Mary | 8. William Houlder 3rd. |
| 3. Augustine | 9. Irene |
| 4. Florence | 10. Rowena |
| 5. Frances | 11. Clifford |
| 6. Carolina | 12. Ann Willis |

Robert Elliott Hudgins

born - May 19, 1828

died - July 26, 1906

buried - Gwynn's Island

He served in the Civil War

married -

born -

died -

children

1. Virgil G.

2. Lucy

3. Gwynn

4. Robert E.

5. Linneus Gwynn

6. Annie

7. Elliott

8. Walter Gwynn

#3. Gypson Gwynn <adopted son of Jack Gwynn>

married - Frances Gwynn

I could find no information at all on these two.

*William Houlder Hudgins

son of William Hudgen

born - 1702 England

died - 1771 Virginia

married - in England Mary Ann Holder

born - England

died - Virginia

William emigrated to Virginia in 1743.

He owned a portion of "Hesse Plantation", purchased from Capt. John Armistead. He subsequently owned a portion of the land surrounding Hesse.

children of William and Mary

1. William Houlder 1735
2. Robert Baptist minister

William married 2nd. Johnnah Dreggs

born -

died -

children of Johnnah

1. *Anothey 1757
2. Millie 1759
3. William Houlder 1761
4. Sarah

married

Sarah Hundley

*Anothey Hudgins

born - 1757

died - 1847

married - Sarah Hundley

daughter of James and Mary Hundley

children of Anthony and Sarah

married

1. William Jan. 23, 1779
2. Anothney Jr. 1781
3. Diggs 1786
3. Peter 1787
4. Sarah 1791
5. Mary 1793

Patsy

*Anthony Jr.

born -

died -

married Patsy

children of Anthony and Patsy

1. *Samual D.

2. Martha A.

3. Henery

4. Sands 1817

< Will of Sands Hudgins dated 1894 list sons A.F. - Charles - A.R. >

married

Susan Brooks

Minter

*Samuel D. Hudgins

born -

married Susan Brooks

children of Samuel D. and Susan

married

1. Vitalius Washington

2. Cloumbas B.

3. Henery J.

4. Virginia A. 1831 - 1832

5. Elizabeth S.

6. Vicortia S.

7. Exter C.

8. Rhuhemmer T.

Ester Picket

Haret Shepley

*William Hudgen was the son of

Robert Hudgen

born - 1660

died -

married - Charlotte Lewis

of England and Wales.

daughter of Henery Lewis and Elizabeth Vaughn

children of Robert and Charlotte

1. William 1702 - 1771

2. John 1705 - 1784

3. Lewis 1706 - 1799

4. *Robert Humphry 1710 - 1791

5. Ariadra

Edmond Gwynn

son of Rev. John Gwynn Rector of Ware and Abingdon Parishes.

in 1679 Edmond Gwynn was given approval to run an ordinary that was located across from the Botetourt Building .

in 1684 Edmund Gwynn recived Pat. for 200 ac.

in 1779 he purchased land in the court house area that had descended to John and Sarah Roots in 1769

containing 500 and 50 ac. Sold to John Fox for 900 pds.

In the same year he dedeed to the county land that is believed to be where the present old court house is located

The 1850 Gloucester Co. census list

William Gwyn 37 P. Meth. Clergy

Mary H. 33

William H. 8

John A. 6

Robert A. 4

Samuel W. 2

The William Callis Pension Appellation

S - 16683

Roll # 452 Frame # 0335

Mathews County Virginia

MATHEWS

On the 8th. day of May 1834, personally appeared before me, A. W. Braxton, a justice of the court of Mathews Co. William Callis, a resident of the county of Mathews and state of Virginia, aged 69 years. Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following dictation in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th. 1832; That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as here in stated. I entered the service in 1780 by order of Sir John Payton, Colonel, to Houlder Hudgins, Captain, to enlist me. I was called out to Cricket Hill and served a tour of duty for three months in 1781. I was called out in like order for two months in the same year, called out when all the Gloucester Militia was called out to Gloucester Town. I marched to Gloucester court house and from there to Hubards old field, then marched to Seawells old field and then down to Gloucester Town, where we had a very severe engagement in that tour of duty. I served three months in 1782. I was called out under Houlder Hudgins at the guard house of Cricket Hill and served a tour of two months. in the same year called out in like order at the same place under the same officers and served a tour of duty for two months and a half. I served all the time as a private and for such service I claim a pension. # 0336

ripped-----Kingston Parish when called into service. I have lived ever since I was called into service as a militia man. I never received no written discharge. I was acquainted with Col. Barwell, Col. Payton, Col Cary. I can prove my service by Gabril Hughs and Hugh Hudgins who can also testify to my character.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

William Callis Robert Y. Hundly

We Hugh Hudgins and Gabril Hughs, residing in the county of Mathews do here by certify that we are well acquainted with William Callis, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 69 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the revolutionary war and that we concur in that opinion.

Hugh Hudgins

Gab'l Hughs

#0341 Personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace in and for the county of Mathews and state of Virginia, William Callis who being duly sworn according to law disposeth and said that the reason of his being called out at Cricket Hill to duty at different times mentioned in his declaration that he made before a justice of the court in consequence of bodily infirmity. In order to obtain a pension from the united states on the 8th. of May 1834 is as follows!

In the early part of the Revolutinary War 1777 as well as I recollect, Lord Dunmore came and took possession of "Guyn's" Island and settled his fleet there, Guyn's Island lay on the Chesapeake Bay opposite Cricket H.

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All the old people that are now living that was in the Revolution know that there was a stand of guard at Cricket Hill and Point Comfort. Whilst we were stationed at the guard house at Cricket Hill we had many little engagements with the barges when they would attempt to land on our shore, the number of them I do not recollect. The reason I was called out to Gloucester Town, Cornwallis was at Yorktown with his fleet and we marched down to drive them off where we had a very severe engagement. We left some men at the guard house at Cricket Hill to guard that place.

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William x Callis
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid. Given under my hand and seal this the 25th. day of June 1834.

Houlder Hudgins J.P.

Virginia

Mathews County

I Shepard G. Miller clerk of the county court of Mathews do hereby certify that Houlder Hudgins Esquire whose hand and seal are annexed to the forgoing affidavit is a justice of the peace in the county aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified and that his signature annexed appears to be genuine.

in testimony whereof I have set my
hand and applied the seal of the said
court the 25th. day of June 1834.

Shepard G. Miller C.C.

Christmas in Mathews and Gloucester Counties in the year 1847.

Exerts taken from letters written by Adam Foster in the year 1847 to his daughter Cynthia, who later married Francis Sorrell Claxton. While he visited with his daughter Ellen Foster Tabb. Third wife of Dr. Henry Wy Tabb, during the Christmas holidays.

These letters written one hundred and sixty years ago are descriptive of a time of pleasurable and splendid social life in the platucial homes some thirty miles from Williamsburg. They also give a glimpse of conditions in which their hired help and slaves lived, in comparison to the splendor of the plantation owner.

< I have taken the liberty of shortening these letters >

Auburn, Mathews County Virginia

Dear Cynthia ,

Now something about Ellen's home. The proprietors of more than half of the plantations are related to Dr. Tabb, and the most friendly intercourse exist between all of them. Everyone keeps a carriage and horses and visiting is kept up every day of the year. I have been to a good many parties and scidom have returned to "Auburn" to sleep.

The plantation of Dr. Tabb is kept in fine order and is more pleasantly located than any in the two counties. "Auburn" contains about 1100 acres, 700 of which are under cultivation, and the balance well wooded. The approach to the mansion house is very beautiful, and the view from the house itself is as fine as can be expected from flat scenery.

The dwelling house contains four large rooms in the story. The northwest room is the parlor, the northeast the dinning room, separated from the parlor by folding doors; The southeast Ellen's chamber, and the southwest serves the purpose of a hall, with a staircase winding to the four rooms upon the second floor. These are not as large as below, owing to the wide entry which they open upon, running through the building from north to south. There is a third floor with rooms of lower ceiling, from which two glass doors open upon the north parapets. The Dr. has it in contemplation to put a corresponding wing upon the west side for a greenhouse.

The parlor is handsomely furnished with a sofa, center table, two card tables, piano, chairs <some with cushions>, Brussels carpet, costly hearth rug, brass fender, stuffed stools and ect. There are five portraits, one of Miss Van Bibber, his first wife, and Miss Tompkins, his second wife. Both very handsome woman. The other is of W. Hubbard, Esq. brother -in-law to Dr. Tabb. < And husband of Martha Tabb >

The dinning room contains a large sideboard, bookcase, tables and etc.

Ellen's room is furnished with every convenience for a chamber -maghogary wardrobe, bureau, a large comfortable bed with white dimity curtains.

In the southeast hall hangs three landscapes in watercolors, drawn by Miss Van Bibber.

The house itself is a very fine one, built of brick and painted with light olive color, the windows large and with caps and sill's of marble. The house itself cost about \$10,000.

East of the dwelling house at Auburn, stands a two story brick building, painted like the first, in which is the kitchen and rooms for servants.

Since I have been in Virginia, I do not remember that I have heard the words Negro or slave used at all. The colored population are uniformly called servants. They live very comfortably. Each one has a half pound of bacon and a pint of molasses or whiskey a day and about a peck of meal a week. They are also furnished with comfortable houses and clothing and well taken care of when sick. Besides these necessaries of life they have a garden to each dwelling and keep poultry as they please. After work they fish and oyster.

So much for Ellen's home, over which she is the mistress, and I am happy to say that she and her husband are devoted to each other.

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In addition to the Auburn Estate, the doctor owns a plantation called Oaklands, containing about 1100 acres. This was originally a part of the great Van Bibber property.

His three daughters will probably have a portion of the Popular Grove Estate which now is owned by Mrs Tompkins, the mother of his second wife. He is one of thirty gentlemen who own about 30,000 acres of the Dismal Swamp.

Still of his surviving brothers, he who has the largest wealth, Capt. Phillip E. Tabb, the owner of Waverly, followed the seas, and is much richer than the Doctor. But his brother John Tabb, formerly a wealthy and distinguished merchant at Norfolk, is richer than all the relatives put together. Dr. Tabb is the youngest.

These pages are written in great haste, but I hope will afford you some pleasure. Send everything to Mary inclosed in an envelope, ask her to keep them until my return. The next letter will be devoted to personal matters.

Truly and affectionately,
Adam Foster

Jan. 12, 1847

Dear Cynthia,

I can not take leave of Auburn without saying something about Mr. Saunders, the overseer of the estate and Miss Betsy Thomas, the housekeeper. Dr. Tabb pays his overseer \$150.00 per annum and furnishes him with a decent dwelling, a horse and cow. He also receives a better supply of rations of pork and meal and a larger garden, than the slaves do. Miss Betsy is paid \$3.00 per month.

Henry and Phill <two colored servants> attend the table, bring in the wood, and other things around the house. Isable and another black woman attend Ellen and the girls.

The Doctor I think is somewhat extravagant about his table. I told him one day "they cooked enough food for a regiment of soldiers" I suppose this owing to the frequent visits which are made from one plantation to another. His two youngest daughters, Sally and Patty, are under the charge of a governess. Mary Elise spends some of her time also, with her grandmother at Popular Grove. Then we often have four at the table upon which you will find, perhaps, a round of beef, a roast saddle of mutton, a boiled ham, beef steak and oysters cooked in a variety of ways, with dessert and wine.

I arrived at Auburn on Sunday the 20th. of Dec.. On Tuesday was the first party of the season, It was given by Dr. Tabb. The rooms were decorated with Holly and other evergreen, and every lamp and candlestick was put in requisition. In addition to which, narrow strips of boards were placed over passages, perforated with holes to hold additional lights. It was like an illumination. The party began to assemble about 7:00 and the dancing, eating and drinking, were kept up until 2:00 in the morning. Sue I think was the bell of the party, and Ellen looked remarkably well. Susan wore a pink satin drop, and Ellen, her embroidered muslin. The cook, Ant Lucy begged to see her mistress and upon seeing her said "missie only wanted two wings and she would fly away like an angle

On the 25th. of Dec. we all went to an evening party at Glenroy the seat of William P. Smith, Esq., where the same scene was acted over again. Ellen wore her rose colored silk and Susan her white and pink lace <the party dress I gave to her for a Christmas present>. That night we all slept at Waverly the seat of Capt. Phillip Tabb, rather than ride around the head of the North River to Auburn. On the 25th. we attended church, it itself was quite a curiosity, it is 200 years old and stands in a grove of Pines. And has a stone floor. <Abingdon>

Our party <all relatives> then rode to White Marsh the residence of John Tabb, Esq., to partake of a family dinner and hospitality of that elegant estate. I had heard a great deal about the wealth of Mr. Tabb and Susan had written about the garden greenhouses, and silver goblets lined with gold. The one half, however, had not been told. Before arriving at the home you ride through miles of park like grounds. The house sits on an eminence overlooking all the property, from the Severn River to the Ware.

The dinner table groaned under the load of good things. But the spacious room could not contain all the relatives. Tea, as is the custom here, was carried around in the parlor. From which a door leads to a greenhouse filled with Camellias and other choice plants.

Music and dancing were kept up until midnight. One of the best chambers was reserved for Dr. Tabb and Ellen. And a very good one was occupied by myself.

In the morning we had a sumptuous breakfast which gave Mrs. Tabb an opportunity to display her silver and gold. Before we left, Ellen and I strolled through the garden and another conservatory near the house. Here we were joined by the three brothers, John, Phillip and Henry W. Mr. Tabb is the oldest and enjoys tolerable good health. He keeps off the gout by being in his saddle from breakfast to dinner time. Capt. Phillip Tabb is somewhat of an invalid and goes to a fox hunt in a buggy. The Dr. enjoys the best health. Ellen's dress at White Marsh was blue and gold silk. Susan's striped silk, both very becoming.

Send this to Mary.

Truly and Etc.

A. Foster

Dear Cynthia,

I shall reserve the description of the splendidly furnished parlor and other attractions of White Mars until I see you, regretting also that you could not have listened with me to the playing of Miss Matilda Lee < of Mrs Tabb > accompanied by herself upon a harp which cost \$1100:00. Mr. Tabb put into Miss Lee's stocking a \$100:00 note for a Christmas present.

On the 30th. I attended a party given at Cowslip Green, the residence of Alexander Taliaferro, Esq. Ellen Susan remained at home, as two carriages drove up with visitors to Auburn at about 12:00 o'clock. Mrs. Taliaferro has a reputation of preparing the best preserves in the neighborhood, and they were furnished very liberally to her guest. The dinner was first rate. The evening was so pleasant that some of the company took row upon the water. Returned to Auburn about 10:00 pm.

On the 1st. of January we all attended one of the gayest parties of the season at Waverly, home of Capt. Phil Tabb. It was a dinner and evening party, the dancing continued until 2:00 in the morning, when we rode to Auburn. At Capt. Tabb's I was instructed in the making of egg nog. I danced more upon this evening than I have done in years. Ellen wore her white lawn, and Susan her Christmas party dress.

When at Capt. Tabbs I was invited to join a hunting party on the following day. Early in the morning of the 2 Mr. Tabb drove to Auburn in his buggy for the same purpose, and after partaking of a good breakfast we started in a conoe for Elmington home of Mr. John Tabb <nephew of the Doctor>. After being supplied with horses we assembled at Glenroy home of William P. Smith, Esq. A good day was had by all. After dark, Mr. Tabb, the Doctor and Myself took a conoe for Auburn. After tea we took a game of whist, when I almost fell asleep at the table from fatigue.

All of the visitors from other parts of the state have now left, and I shall leave in a day or two. Miss Martha L. has gone to Richmond, to make her debut. One of her dresses cost \$75:00 and a head dress \$11:00. The sweet and lovely Susan Taliaferro <daughter of Warner Taliaferro and Leah Seldon> has gone to Washington. She stays with her uncle, Mr. Seldon, a member of congress. Great preparations were made for this lady. Susan says that she carried twelve dresses, namely, one black embroidered silk, one white silk, one blue, one gold, one plain raw silk, one pink tulle, one tartan, one cashmere, one purple cashmere and one magnificent party dress and etc.

Tomorrow I expect to leave for Poplar Grove where we take the packet for Norfolk. Susan will go with me. She expects to spend three or four weeks in Baltimore to see her friends. Perhaps go to Mrs. Archer's school until July. Miss Sallie Tabb goes there.

Will write again upon arrival at Philadelphia. Love to all.

Truly and affectionately

A. Foster

Ellen Foster had been a school mate of Dr. Tabb and his first wife's daughter Mary Elise.

Dr. Tabb and Ellen Foster had three daughters.

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| 1. Cynthia | married | Capt. John Newstead Tabb |
| 2. Sussie Vandrepool | | Sanders |
| 3. Ellen | died young | |
| 4. Martha | died young | |
| 5. | | |

Cynthia Foster
died - 11 June 1878
married Col. Frances Sorrel Claxton
born - Maryland
died - Jan. 1874
son of Commodore Axelandre Claxton, USN. and Rodolphine
who died at sea March 7, 1841.
buried - Oct. 28 1843.

He was member of the American cangle in Moscow 1857 -1861.
In Paris, France as of Dec. 24th. 1867. Where he was appointed administrator of the estate of his younger brother
Alexandre Claxton Jr.
one daughter - **Estelle Claxton**
all are buried in lot #137, area 1, Green Mont Cemt. Baltimore Maryland.

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Shipbuilding in Mathews County

Mathews county was the shipbuilding center of Virginia until the civil war.

In the 18th. and 19th. centuries over 1000 vessels were built in the county. The early ships were built to carry tobacco to England. Some Mathews built vessels carried as many as 28 cannons and server as navel war ships. Others sailed as Pirate and slave ships.

From 1650 to 1775 the most important crop grown in Mathews co. was tobacco. Kingston Parish was the site of many tobacco warehouses, most along the East River. Poplar Grove containing 745 ac. was one such place, containing a store, a water mill and warehouse. As well as a customs office. Later a wharf was built.

Some emigrants from England who came to Kingston Parish in the late 1600's and early 1700's as shipwrights were the Gayles, Billups and Hudgins.

In 1740 Hugh Gwynn was captain of the Ruby on several voyages to the West Indies. He brought back rum, sugar, oranges and spices to grace the tables of Gwynn's Island. In 1749 he built the Betty and Jenny in Milford Haven for further use in the highly profitable trade with the West Indies.

In 1766 Hugh Gwynn and Humphrey Keeble designed and built the faster schooner vessel James.

Other shipbuilders were John Brownley, Lewis Hudgins and Hunley Gayle. As well as Gregrey Williams, James Roy, Thomas Smith, Joshua Gayle and Henery Diggs.

There were so many ships traveling up and down the Chesapeake Bay that the New Point Comfort Lighthouse was commissioned by Thomas Jefferson's administration in 1806.

For use in the Revolutionary War, local shipbuilders produced the largest vessel of the state navv. The Gloucester. The Montezuma and Globe was built by Hunley Gayle.

WELC

In 1861, when Virginia seceded from the union, a prominent shipbuilder on the North River was Gabriel Miller. He built the gunboat Mobjack, designed by Fontaine Maury.

< taken from a booklet of the Mathews Historical Society.>

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**Gloucester Genealogical Society of Virginia
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If you are interested in participating, contact one of the co-chairs or just come to the next meeting. Locations will be announced.

Meeting dates for 1998:

21 January	10:00AM	Wednesday
21 March	10:00AM	Saturday
12 May	7:00PM	Tuesday
15 July	10:00AM	Wednesday
19 September	10:00AM	Saturday
17 November	7:00PM	Tuesday

- Topics:**
- 1) On-line access to the Virginia and North Carolina Archives.**
 - 2) Good genealogy sites on the Web and how to find and exchange information.**
 - 3) Family Tree Maker program—types of Reports and the Book Format.**
 - 4) Use and access to Census Records for building and confirming your database.**
 - 5) How to put photographs into your documents.**

Purpose: Our specific interest is to use computer technology for genealogy work. This can involve searching for information, storing data, writing accounts about family, recording sources (bibliography), and finally, publishing the results of our genealogy efforts.

**NOTICE: Our next Society Meeting is 23 February 1998
at 10:00AM at Abingdon Episcopal Church
Parish House.**

Gloucester Genealogical Society of Virginia

**RE: Creative Memories Workshop for January 12, 1998, 10AM-2PM
at Abingdon Episcopal Church Parish house.**

Confirm your reservation: Send your check for \$10 each, made out to Janet Thrush, and mail to Jean Pruden, 4262 Wigeon Circle, Gloucester, VA, 23061. Questions: Call her at 693-7565. Maximum--14 people. (May be five places left).

WORKSHOP PREPARATIONS

CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to attend a workshop and get a fast, solid start on your album project! I know you'll be glad you did.

To take total advantage of your time at the Workshop and make lots of progress, please prepare as follows:

- Choose and bring only the photos you want in the album you'll be working on and place them in chronological order. I'd suggest at least 75-100 photos your first time. By making these decisions at home, you won't waste your time here on that effort.
- Keep in mind you don't need ALL the photos for an album to get started - just a portion that includes the photos and memorabilia for specific time period; the pages can be moved/inserted in the correct location within a book at a later time.
- The second step is to start at the beginning of your chosen photos and separate them in stacks that will be on a single page together. I suggest 5-8 photos per page, depending on size and 'cropability'.
- Place each stack/page in a separate envelope and plan to bring 10-12 envelopes to your first Workshop. This way all the decisions have been made and you'll simply proceed with each page, using special tools and quick/easy/cute ideas from Shoptalk, me, Idea Layout Book, Idea picture file, and other participants!