

MD.013 BASIS FOR THE NAME OF GREENBERRY IN FAMILY NAMES.

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Colonel Nicholas Greenberry.

When ever you see the name of Greenberry in a family name (i.e. Greenberry Hill, Roden etc..) that family will just about certainly have their roots in Maryland.

The word Greenberry was originally one word, but over time has been distorted into two words (i.e. Green Berry).

The name comes from a famous and well loved public figure in Maryland named Colonel Nicholas Greenberry. He reached the peak of his public service from about 1675 till 1697.

He served in both a military & civil roll. He was a Royalist in just about any manner of speaking. He was well like by their Majesties, William & Mary when they ascended the throne in 1688.

Greenberry was delegate to the Committee of Twenty that governed Maryland before the first Provincial Governor, Sir Lionel Copley. Greenberry was the President of their Majesties Provincial Council during this time.

Greenberry was appointed "Acting Governor" in 1693 and served until May of 1694. He was the "Keeper of the Royal Seal" (of King William & Queen Mary). He was a member of the High Court of Chancery and in 1674, settled in the City of St. Mary's, which at one time was the capital of Maryland.

He was friendly with a Mr. Clement Hill and they were both in high esteem in both social and political manners.

Col. Nicholas Greenberry was well liked by the general population, to the extent that for years afterwards, people often gave the name of Greenberry to their sons.

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