

R.011 THE GENEALOGY OF THE SIMPSON FAMILY IN AND AROUND
PRINCE WILLIAM, STAFFORD AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES OF
VIRGINIA & THEIR DESCENDENTS. (CONTD FROM R.010).

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SIMPSON FAMILY

The Simpsons were the maternal great-great grandparents of
Thomas Woodward, known in South Carolina as the Regulator.
Thomas Woodward was my 5th great grandfather (maternal side
of my family).

Recent research by Mrs. Jean Holley Day on the Simpson family
has found (so far) that the first (known) member of this
family was JOHN SIMPSON (Number 1). Based on court records of
deeds, grants etc, his birth is estimated to have been
between 1625-30. He died in Stafford County, Virginia ca.
1689. His wife was named ANN (Fleet's, p.124).

It is known that John and Ann Simpson had a son JOHN SIMPSON
JR. (Number 2), who was born during the 1650s, and a daughter
MARY SIMPSON, also born in the 1650s. JOHN SIMPSON JR., is
believed to have died in Stafford County ca. 1705 or very
shortly afterwards, because his name cannot be found on any
of the court records after that year. His wife was named
MARY.

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The daughter, MARY SIMPSON, married 1st Thomas Baxter Sr.,
and at the death of THOMAS BAXTER SR., she married the second
time to Walter Griffin (Sr.). In 1703, Walter Griffin Sr.
gave an account to the courts of the Estate of Thomas
Baxter Sr. (deceased). The reason for this accounting by
Griffin to the courts was his marriage to Mary Simpson
Baxter, the widow of the deceased Thomas Baxter Sr., and the
mother of her son (his step son) Thomas Baxter Jr., who was
still and a minor, when his father died.

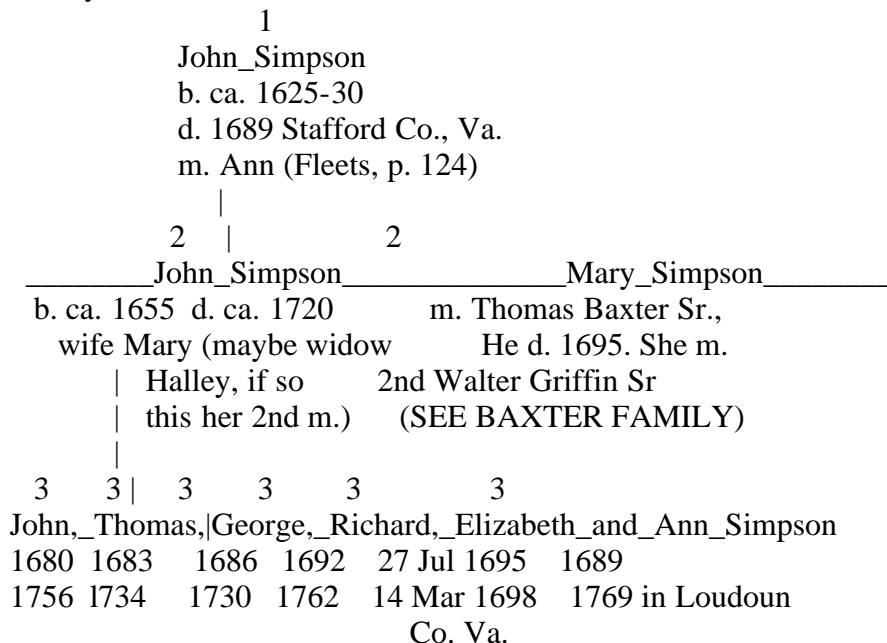
Note: Mary Simpson, was first married to Thomas Baxter Sr.
Her second marriage was to Walter Griffin Sr. and she is not
to be confused with the wife (Mary) of Walter Griffin Jr and
Lewis Elzey.

It should be noted that the wife of Lewis Elzey, is named
Mary and was the same woman who was first married to Walter
Griffin Jr. (born ca. 1695-1700), but is not, repeat not,
the Mary Simpson named above and who appears to have been his
step-mother, or the 2nd wife of his father Walter Griffin Sr.

Court records, land deeds etc in and around Prince William and Stafford Counties, shows that the BAXTER-SIMPSON families were closely related, probably due to the above Simpson-Baxter marriage. However it appears there were later marriages as well as friendship between the two families. They also were close to BURR HARRISON FAMILY.

THOMAS BAXTER SR. and his wife MARY SIMPSON, are known to have had a son THOMAS BAXTER JR., born ca. 1681/82, and a daughter ELIZABETH BAXTER, born ca. 1682-84. ELIZABETH BAXTER apparently married her first cousin, THOMAS SIMPSON ca. 1705, son of JOHN SIMPSON (The 2nd) and his wife MARY.

The following chart, while no means complete, shows the Simpson Family and its connection (by marriage) to the Baxter Family, as well:



Brief details on the above 6 children:

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A. John Simpson Jr. (son of John Simpson/John Simpson. He was born ca. 1680 and died between 10th May 1756 when his will was wrote and 10th August 1756 when the will was proven in Stafford County, Va. He was married twice, 1st to Mary --?-, and 2nd to Silent Johnston (possibly widow Jeffries) on 17 August 1740 (Ref. Overwharton Parish Records). He mentioned in his will an Alexander Simpson but does not specify the relationship. He is believed to be a son.

Note by Robert Hill: Could the wife of John Simpson 2/, father of this John Simpson Jr. 3/, be Mary Halley, the widowed mother of Catherine Halley, who in a deposition dated 7 August 1790 state John Simpson "did intermarry with this deponents (catherine Halley's) mother and that she lived with him for many years."

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B. Thomas Simpson Sr. (son of John Simpson/John Simpson. He was born ca. 1683 and died in late 1734 or very early in January of 1735. (Will dated 13 October 1734, proved 19 January 1735. He was married twice. His first marriage is suspected to have been to his cousin, Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter, daughter of Thomas Baxter Sr. and Mary Simpson, (daughter of John Simpson, the 1st, and wife Ann Simpson). At the death of his 1st wife, Thomas Simpson Sr. married a second time to a woman who's name is known only as Jane. When Thomas Simpson Sr. died ca. 1733-34, she remarried a second time to John Herguson or Ferguson.

(Note: His will is dated 13 October 1734, proved 19th January 1734. Obviously this is wrong and the date it was proven was probably 1735, suggesting that his death probably occurred in December of 1734 or January (prior to the 19th) of 1735. Ref: Prince William County Will Book C, pages 16-18).

That woman was Mary Simpson, who was first married to Thomas Baxter Sr. and then later remarried Walter Griffin Sr.

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C. George Simpson (son John Simpson/ John Simpson. He was born ca. 1686 in Stafford County, Va. and died ca. 1750 in Stafford County, Va. Wife was named Margaret. Records of Overwharton Parish shows children Priscilla Simpson 4/, born 26 September 1744, Susannah Simpson 4/, born 28 January 1748, both daughters of George & Margaret Simpson. If indeed these are his children, then George Simpson would have been between the ages of 58 and 62 when the above were born.

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D. Ann Simpson (daughter of John Simpson/John Simpson. Her birth was ca. 1689 in Stafford County, Va., and she died in Loudoun County, Virginia in 1769. She was married to John Gist. In Tylers' Quarterly, Vol. XXI, Page 60-61, there is a deposition taken from " Mrs. Ann Gist, wife of John Gist, aged about 80 years or thereabouts, taken 23 May 1769 in Loudoun County, Virginia" in which she states she is the daughter of John Simpson, Scotsman.

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E. Richard (Withers?) Simpson Sr. (son of John Simpson/John Simpson 1/. Richard was born ca. 1692 in Stafford County, Va.. In a deposition of Catherine Halley, taken in Fairfax County, Virginia on 7 August 1790 (Tyler's Quarterly, Vol. XXI, Page 6) she says that John Simpson intermarried with her mother and that she heard him say many times that he had brothers named Thomas, George and Richard and that Richard was the youngest brother. Richard made his will on 19th September 1761 and it was proved 21 December 1762. He was

married ca. 1714 to a widow, Sarah Barker. She died in Aug. 1766 in Fairfax County, Va. (Will).

EXPANDED INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE 6 CHILDREN

Children of A, (none listed).

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Children of B, Thomas Simpson Sr. son of (John/John).

His children (all by 1st wife, Elizabeth) were:

- a. William Simpson, b. ca. 1705-1706.
- b. Mary Simpson, b. 1708-10, married ca. 1728 to 1st John? Woodward, 2nd to John Robertson.

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| children by 1st marriage to John Woodward:

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| Thomas Woodward, b. ca. 1729, m. 1st Jemima
| Collins, (they had 6 children), he moved to
| Craven Co., S.C. (Camden District, later
| Fairfield Co., S.C.). In Fairfield Co., S.C.
| he remarried a widow Elizabeth Stokes Mays and
| had 6 more children. He was a Captain in the
| Rangers in the Revolution, and was killed in
| skirmish with Tories at Dutchman's Creek, S.C.
| on 12th May 1779. He was one of the leaders
| of the "Regulator" |movement in SC in early
| 1760s, and was called |Thomas "The Regulator"
| Woodward.

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| Ann Woodward, b. ca. 1731-32

| children by 2nd marriage to John Robertson:
| 1. William Robertson, b. ca. 1748
| 2. Henry Robertson, b. ca. 1750
| 3. John Robertson Jr., b. ca. 1752.

(These three sons and their widowed mother
all went to SC ca. 1763 with Thomas
Woodward and his first 6 children).

Note by R. Hill: John Robertson was the 2nd husband of Mary Simpson, daughter of Thomas Simpson and his 1st wife Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter. Mary's first marriage was apparently to a John Woodward and they were the parents to my 5th great grandfather, Thomas (The Regulator) Woodward, born ca. 1729 in Fairfax County and died 12th may 1779 in S.C.

John Woodward with John Wheeler signed deeds for Dennis McCarty, recorded in Prince William County Deed Book A, 1731-1732 and 1732-1735.

- c. Baxter Simpson. (estimated birth ca. 1717)
- d. Thomas Simpson Jr (estimated birth ca. ca. 1719)
- e. Ann Simpson. (estimated birth ca. 1720-21).

Children of C, (No information given).

Children of D, (No information given).

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Children of E, Richard (Withers) Simpson & wife Sarah Barker (widow)

Their children were: (4th generation, 1 stepson, 3 sons and 3 daughters).

1. William Barker (step son). Named Executor of his mother's will.
2. George Simpson Sr. 4/, (son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca. 1715 in Stafford County, Va. and died prior to 18th November 1782 in Fairfax County, Virginia. He married ca. 1824 to Susannah Wheeler, daughter of Richard & Rebecca Wheeler. (Rebecca Wheeler died ca. 1763 in Va.). George 4/ received a land grant in 1741. His will is on file in Fairfax County, Va., dated 4 October 1782, proved 18 November 1782 (Will Book D-I, Page 292, 1776-1782).
children: (7 sons & 5 daughters)

- a. Joseph Simpson 5/, (son of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born 1741 in Fairfax Co, Va., he died in 1819 in Fairfax County, Va. He was married twice, 1st Charity--
-? 2nd Elizabeth ---?

- b. Jemima Simpson 5/, (dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca. 1745 in Fairfax County, Va., and died ca. 1785-1795 in Caswell Co., N.C. She married Peter Smith just prior to 1766 in Fairfax County, Va. They had 12 Children
(6th generation):

- i. James Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/), born ca. 1766, died 1854, was married twice, but names not given.
- ii. Elizabeth Smith 6/, (dau. of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of George 4/, son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca. 1771, married Richard Hornbuckle.
- iii. George R. (Rice?) Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of George 4/, son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca. 1772, died 1840), married twice but names not given of the wives..
- iv. John Baily Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson

- 5/, dau. of George 4/, son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/).b. ca. 1773, married to Betsey Anthony.
- v. Elias Guess Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of Goegre 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born 1775, married to Hannah Vaught.
- vi. William Wiggington Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of Goegre 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born 1776. married Patsy Glenn.
- vii. Martha (Patsey) Smith 6/, (dau. of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/)married ca. 1779 to Levi Blackwell.
- viii. Presley Wheeler Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) m. Judy Luce.
- ix. Aaron Fairfax Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Smipson 5/, dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) b. 1783, m. Judith ???.
- x. Moses E. Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) b. 1784, m. Frances Allen.
- xi. Jessie W. Smith 6/, (dau.? of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) b. ca.1785, died 1870, married twice but no names given of spouses.
- xii. Elijah Smith 6/, (son of Jemima Simpson 5/, dau. of george 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) no data given.
- c. Sarah Simpson 5/, (daughter of George 4/, son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was obviously born in Virginia but no date of birth was given. She was married to George Robertson.
- d. A daughter Simpson 5/, (dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) appears to have been married to Francis Keene, and apparently is referred to in her father's will as "having married and moved away from me."
- e. Moses Simpson 5/, (son of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born in Virginia ca. 1750 and died in 1750 in Fairfax County, Virginia. He married ca. 1776-78 to Margaret Wiseheart.
- f. Richard Simpson Sr. 5/, (son of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born in Virginia ca. 1750 and died ca. 1819-20. He

was married by 1773 to Ann Lucas.

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- i. Richard Simpson Jr. 6/ married 1st to his cousin Susannah Simpson, daughter of James Simpson and Sallie Hornbuckle.

FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY MRS. WIN JACOB OF BEAVERTON, OREGON.

Richard Simpson of Fairfax Co., Va. married Ann Lucas. He is a 5th generation and it was his son Richard Simpson 6/, who married his first cousin Susannah Simpson, in Caswell Co., N.C., SO ---one can recognize by the generation numbers that he IS NOT THE SON OF RICHARD SIMPSON JR. 4/, and his wife, Mary Kincheloe of Caswell County, N.C. Many researchers tend to go off balance at this point. Their son RICHARD DUKE SIMPSON (III) 5/, married Henrietta Williams, (daughter of Col. John Williams & Betsey (Williamson) Williams. This Col. John Williams is neither the Judge nor the lawyer. Again, researchers go off kilter at this point. My Simpson's have proven to be an intriguing research as they had ELEVEN sons-in-laws! That is a story in itself for another time, perhaps.

- g. William Simpson 5/, (son of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born on 23rd of September 1757 in Virginia and died on 6th October 1820. He married in Fairfax County, Virginia in 1776 to Jane Keene or Wiseheart.
- h. Aaron Simpson 5/, (son of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born on the 2nd of January 1759 in Virginia and died on the 11th of December 1832. He married either in Fairfax County, Virginia or Caswell Co., N.C. on the 24th of March 1783 to Charlotte Wiseheart.
- i. Susanna Simpson 5/, (dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) is known to have been born in Virginia but no date was given. She married prior to 1792 to Lancelot Beck.
- j. George Simpson Jr. 5/, (son of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca. 1765 in Virginia and died in 1803. He was married by 1786 to Mary Johnston.
- k. Mary Ann Simpson 4/, (dau. of George 4/, Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca. 1767 in Fairfax County, Virginia and died in Fayette County, Kentucky ca. 1825, (a will). She married ca. 1787 in Fairfax County, Virginia to Robert Marshall Jr. (III) (b. ca. 1768 in Va., died ca. 1801 in Ky.). He was the son of Robert Marshall Sr. Va. (1725-ca. 1801) Ky., who left a Will in Mason Co., Ky).

Their children (6th generation):

- i. Elizabeth Marshall 6/, b. ca. 1785, and d. ca. 1814 in Ky. Married John Phillip Hill, son of John & Elizabeth Hill of Clark Co., Ky.
 - ii. Susannah Marshall 6/, b. 1790, d. ca. 1850 in Ky., married on 10 August 1810 to Williamson Burton in Fayette Co., Ky. & had 8 children.
 - iii. Nancy Marshall 6/, married 19th September 1808 to John Kinchler Oldham in Fayette Co., Ky., son of Jesse Oldham Sr. (b. 1733 in Va., died 1814 in Kentucky) and wife Bettie Simpson of Va.
 - iv. Polly Marshall 6/, b. ca 1792, married 29th of October 1811 in Fayette Co., Ky. to Haden Sympson.
 - v. Malinda Marshall 6/, married 23rd of December 1814 in Fayette Co., Ky to John Phillip Hill, widowed husband of her older sister Susannah.
 - vi. Peggy Marshall 6/, died ca. 1825, married 26 May 1818 in Fayette Co., Ky. to Esley Muir.
 - vii. Robert Marshall III, 6/, born 1800, in Ky., married 16 October 1824 Fayette Co., Ky. to Elizabeth Evans, had 11 children.
 - viii. Cynthia Marshall 6/, m. John W. King.
 - ix. America Marshall 6/, m. Joseph Anderson.
 - x. Dorinda Marshall 6/, m. Horatio Muir.
 - xi. Calista Marshall 6/, m. 1st Benjamin Finnell Jr, 2nd William R. LeForce.
3. Elizabeth Simpson 4/, (dau. of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born in Virginia in November of 1717 and died on 22nd of July 1785 in Fairfax County, Virginia. She married James Halley Sr. (14 June 1707- 6th July 1792), son of Thomas Halley & wife Sara. They had 12 children: (5th generation)
- i. William Halley 5/, (1721-1806) age 85.
 - ii. James Halley II 5/, died at age 92.
 - iii. John Halley 5/.
 - iv. Richard Halley 5/.
 - v. Frances Halley 5/.
 - vi. Henry Simpson Halley 5/, b. 1762, d 1838. He married Elizabeth Hampton (1762-1824).
 - vii. Mary Halley 5/ m. Mountjoy.
 - viii. Susan Halley 5/.
 - ix. Sally Halley 5/ m. William Wilkinson.
 - x. Sybil Halley 5/ m. Jesse Peake.
 - xi. infant died very young.

xii. infant died very young.

4. Richard Simpson Jr. 4/, (son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born ca.1714 in Stafford County, Virginia and died in 1785 in St. David's Parish, Caswell Co., North Carolina. He married pre 1740 in Richmond or Fairfax Co., Va. to Mary Kincheloe (b. 1719 at Alexandria (Richmond Co., Va., and died 1798 in N.C). Her Will was probated in Court 1798, Caswell Co., N.C. She was the daughter of John Kincheloe Sr. & Elizabeth Canterbury, who m. 2nd time to a Mr. Emmes. Richard & wife had eleven children, all of the 5th generation:

i. Mary Ann Simpson 5/, b. ca. 1741 in Va., d. 1785 in N.C. She m. Tyree Harris Sr. ca. 1760 as his 2nd wife. He was son of Robert Harris & Mourning Glenn of Albemarle Co., Va. They had 6 children, 4 sons & 2 daughters. His son-in-law, Cornelius Dabney (by 1st wife) became the guardian of the 4 youngest Harris children.

Children of Mary Simpson 5/ & Tyree Harris Sr. (1728-1786) were:

1. Tyree Harris Jr 6/, b. 1760 in Va. m. Susannah Swift in N.C., migrated into Tenn.
2. Simpson Harris 6/, Rutherford Co., Tn.
3. Robert Harris 6/.
4. Christopher Harris 6/.
5. Ede Harris 6/, m Duke Williams.

6. Liddey Harris 6/.

ii. Sarah (Sallie) Simpson 5/, was born in Fairfax Co., Virginia on 24th of February 1744 and died in Lincoln Co., Ky. in March of 1784. She married on 25th December 1760 in Orange Co., N.C. to Captain Nathaniel Hart Sr., who fought in the Revolutionary War. He was born in 1734 in Va. and died 1782 in Ky., (Will in Lincoln Co., Ky). Buried in Lisle Graveyard. Had 9 children, 5 sons & 4 daughters, including Susannah who married Gov. Shelby of Tenn. Children:

1. Keziah Hart 6/, born 18 March 1762 in Ky., died 1840. She married Lawrence

- Thompson.
2. Susannah Hart 6/, born 18 February 1764 in Ky., died 1833, married in April 1785 at Madison Co., Ky to Isaac Shelby (1750 in Va., -d. 1826 in Ky.) served in Am. Revolution and 1st Governor of Kentucky.
 3. Simpson Hart 6/, b. 30 April 1768, died 1790, un-married.
 4. Nathaniel Hart Jr. 6/, born 30th September 1770 in Ky., died 7th February 1844 at Woodford Co., Ky. He married 24 May 1797 in Montgomery Co., Va. to Susan Preston (Va. 1772-Ky. 1832) and had nine children.
 5. John Hart 6/, b. 5 February 1772 Madison Co., Ky., wife named Mary Ann.
 6. Mary Ann Hart 6/, born 7 April 1775 in Ky., married Richard Dallam. Had no children.
 7. Cumberland Hart 6/, born 17 July 1776, married 17 January 1815 to Frances Hughes.
 8. China Hart 6/, born 25 October 1779, died 21 January 1870 at Shelby Co., Tenn. She married 17th October Dr. John Smith. Had 8 children
 9. Thomas Richard Green Hart 6/, born 29 June 1782, married Rebecca Thompson.
- iii. Frances (Frankie) Simpson 5/, born ca. 1746 in Va., and died ca. 1783 in N.C. She married Jeremiah Poston, of Md., (1724-1796 in NC. Will in Caswell Co., NC) as his 1st wife. Had a daughter Priscilla Poston 6/, m. a Dickens.
 - iv. Elizabeth (Bettie) Simpson 5/, was born in Va., and died in Kenetucky in 1813. She married ca. 1760 in Va. to Jesse Oldham. He was born in 1733 in Va., and died in Kentucky in 1814, son of Richard Oldham Sr. and Elizabeth Baisey.
 - v. Susannah Simpson 5/, married on 7 February 1780 to David Burton Sr. in Caswell Co., N.C., son of Samuel Burton Sr. & Susannah-?
 - vi. Margaret Simpson 5/, married Jeremiah Williamson.
 - vii. Lydia Simpson 5/, m. Zacheus Tate, of Virginia and who died in N.C. in 1795. (Will Orange Co., N.C., son of John Tate (1769 Will in Louisa Co., Va.). Had 12 children but can't tell sex by the names.
 - viii. Ede Simpson 5/, married William Nunn and apparently moved to N.C. (Will in Orange

Co., NC.

- ix. Nancy Anne Simpson 5/, married Captain Waddy Tate (American Revolution) who was born ca. 1751 in Va., died 1789 in N.C. He was the brother of Zacheus Tate, who married his wife older sister, Lydia Simpson, (# vii.)
 - x. Keziah Simpson 5/, born 1767, died in Arkansas in 1858. She was married twice, 1st to William Buchanan, who died in Kentucky in 1782. He was killed by Indians at Boonesborough, Ky. Her 2nd marriage was to Major John Reid (1748-1826, on 20th March 1784 in Caswell Co., N.C. He fought in the American Revolution)
 - xi. Richard D. (Duke?) Simpson III 5/, was born in N.C. in 1770, married on 23 December 1787 to Henrietta Williams (1770 in N.C. - 18---in Missouri), daughter of Col. John Williams and Betsey Williamson. Richard & Henrietta had 13 children, all born in Ky.
5. Moses R. Simpson 4/, (son of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born in Virginia prior to 1728 and died in 1787 in Virginia. He died un-married. He left a will in Fairfax Co., Va. and nearly 100 legatees received distribution of his estate.
 6. Sarah Simpson 4/, (dau. of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born in Virginia prior to 1730 and died in N.C. ca. 1805. She was married before 1743 in Prince William County, Va. Thomas Windsor.
 7. Mary Simpson 4/, (dau. of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/). Her birth date is unknown but she was born in Virginia prior to 1740 and she died in Kentucky. She was married twice, the first time in Fairfax County, Virginia prior to 1761 to Samuel Canterbury, of Virginia, and who died in 1764 in Virginia (Will in Fairfax Co., Va.). Her second marriage was to Eli Cleveland. They moved to Kentucky and interacted with the Marshall Family of Fayette Co., Ky.
 8. A daughter 4/, (of Richard 3/, John 2/, John Simpson 1/) was born in Virginia and died ca. 1762 was married to William Windsor?

Children of F, ???

NOTE: Mary Simpson was the sister of John Simpson Jr (or the 2nd). She first married Thomas Baxter Sr. They had two known children:

Thomas Baxter Jr. and Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter

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Mary (Simpson) Baxter married the 2nd time to Walter Griffin Sr. (No children). SEE NEXT ITEM...

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEED BOOK LIBER B, 1732-1735.

Pages 98-100. August 16, 1733. WILLIAM HOGAN of Prince William County and ELIZABETH, his wife, to MARY GRIFFIN of same, widow....for 20 pounds current money....409 ACRES.... upper side of Piney Branch falling into Popes Head Run, being one of the branches of Occoquan....granted to WALTER GRIFFIN, deceased, who by his last will devised to THOMAS SIMPSON for life, who being now dead (meaning Walter Griffin) reverts to Elizabeth, as only sister and heir of said WALTER (GRIFFIN)....deed of lease and release.

signed by/ William (W.H.) Hogan
Elizabeth (E) Hogan

Witnesses: George Mason, James Gib(son), W. Watson.

At court August 17th 1733, William Hogan and Elizabeth Hogan acknowledged this release with receipt endorsed to MARY GRIFFIN.

Note By R. Hill: Now the Walter Griffin (deceased) was apparently Walter Griffin Sr. Mary Griffin was his widow, who was originally Mary Simpson (daughter of John Simpson the first), and who was first married to Thomas Baxter Sr.

Pages 100-103. August 16, 1733. WILLIAM HOGAN of Prince William County and ELIZABETH, his wife, to MARY GRIFFIN of same....for 10 pounds current money...315 acres...on head branch of Popeshead Run, between the upper most great fork of said run...granted to WALTER GRIFFIN JR. and BENJAMIN GRIFFIN, and by death of BENJAMIN, coming to said WALTER (meaning Walter Jr.), except for 100 acres, devised by will of WALTER GRIFFIN to JAMES HALLEY, and the residue thereof to ELIZABETH, only sister and heir of WALTER GRIFFIN, after death of THOMAS SIMPSON, deceased, whom the same was devised during life by the (said) WALTER GRIFFIN last will....deed of lease and release.

signed by/ William (W.H.) Hogan
Elizabeth (E) Hogan

added to deed (during her natural life and after her decease, to the only proper use of William Elzey, son of Lewis Elzey and his heirs. (See note below).

Witnesses: George Mason, James Gib (son), W. Watson.

Received of MARY GRIFFIN sum of 10 pounds current money
August 17, 1733.

At court August 17, 1733, William Hogan and Elizabeth Hogan
acknowledged this release with receipt endorsed to MARY
GRIFFIN.

Note by Robert Hill: This deed is very important for the
following reasons. First, we know that Mary Simpson (sister
of John Simpson, the 2nd, and the father of the within named
Thomas Simpson) married Thomas Baxter Sr. At his death, Mary
Simpson Baxter re-married the 2nd time to Walter Griffin Sr.,
who was the father of Walter Griffin Jr, Benjamin Griffin
(said to be deceased) and Elizabeth Griffin, who is believed
to have been previously married to a Halley and had re-
married to William Hogan. Secondly, this deed clearly shows
that Walter Griffin Jr. had given life time rights to Thomas
Simpson for this entire 315 acres BUT in his will, he devised
that AFTER the death of Thomas Simpson, the land was to go to
his sister Elizabeth Griffin, now married to William Hogan,
except for 100 acres, which he left to James Halley. This
seems to have actually been Walter Griffin Jr. Third, due to
the fact that a Walter Griffin Jr. left the 100 acres to
James Halley, indicates a close relationship between the two.
I am of the opinion that this was Walter Griffin Sr., who's
daughter Elizabeth, was probably married to James Halley, and
upon his death had re-married William Hogan. Fourth, if I
understand Mrs. Jean Holley Day correctly, Mary Simpson
Baxter Griffin would have been the great aunt of Elizabeth
Simpson Halley, (wife of James Halley) thus perhaps the
reason why James Halley could have referred to Walter Griffin
(Sr.) as "uncle" in a later land deed.

Another deed that concerns the above follows:

Prince William County, Virginia, Deed Book B, Page 307 dated
18th June 1734...

Lewis Elzey and Mary, his wife, to Lawrence DeButts, for the
sum of 5 shillings-409 acres in Parish of Truro, granted to
Walter Griffin 7th October 1720 and afterwards remained unto
his sister Elizabeth Hogan as heir at law to ye said Walter,
by whom and her husband William Hogan it was duly conveyed in
August lasr (1733) unto Mary Griffin, widow of the said
Walter and now wife of Lewis Elzey, party to these presents
.....comprized and contained within the said deed, regranted
to the said Griffin and all the rights, title and interest of
them ye said Lewis Elzey and Mary, his wife of in and to the
said deed.

George Mason (signed by) Lewis Elzey
William Thompson Mary Elzey

Proven in court 18 July 1734 by Lewis & Mary Elzey

Note: This deed completes the history of the 409 acres of land mentioned in the two deeds above. It shows that the Walter Griffin, who originally received the grant in 1720, was probably Walter Griffin Sr. (Walter Jr. probably inherited the land, with his brother Benjamin, from his father. Benjamin died thus the land came entirely to Walter Griffin Jr. Walter Griffin Jr, had the land re-registered and gave Thomas Simpson life time rights to this land but at the death of the said Simpson, which took place in Dec 1733 or January 1734, the land was (as willed) returned to his sister, Elizabeth Griffin, who had married William Hogan. On the 16th August 1734 (the deed above) Elizabeth Hogan sold the land to her brother's widow Mary Griffin, who had re-married to Lewis Elzey and in the deed just above they in turn sold the land. Again this Mary Griffin Elzey is not to be confused with the Mary, who was married to Walter Griffin Sr., father of her husband Walter Griffin Jr.

Reference to Lewis Elzey (Ellzey): A deed states he was son of Thomas Elzey, who died after 1716. Another (older) Thomas Elzey, father of above mentioned Thomas, died in 1699.

The following record proves beyond a doubt that Mary Simpson was the widow of Thomas Baxter Sr.

Page 217, Court held 11th February 1691/92

SAMUEL HAYWOOD complaining sheweth that WALTER GRIFFIN who married the widow and administrator of THOMAS BAXTER (SR.), late of this county, deceased, for that that is to say he stands indebted to the Plaintiff for himself and in Qualification aforesaid the sum of Eight hundred and five pounds of Tobacco, (VIZT) five hundred and fifty five pounds of Tobacco due from the said THOMAS BAXTER at the time of his decease, and Two hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco due from MARY BAXTER, his now wife in the time of her widowhood and Sixty. (Note: This was Thomas Baxter Sr. & wife Mary Simpson).

SOME IMPORTANT COURT RECORDS & DEEDS

Pages 104-105. August 17, 1733. James Richets of Prince William County to George Mason of Charles County, Maryland, Gentleman, for 20 pounds sterling...tract of land taken up by William Strufield, lying on Potomack River, between Alexander's Island and Mason's Quarter and opposite to Mason's Island, being now in the possession of John Awbrey.
signed by/ James (x) Richetts

Witnesses: John Ferguson, G. Home, THOMAS SIMPSON, JANE (X)

SIMPSON.

Received of George Mason sum 20 pounds sterling, money August 17, 1733.

At court August 17, 1733, this deed for land with receipt endorsed from James Richetts to George Mason, being proved by oaths of witnesses on his motion is admitted to record.

Note by Robert Hill: Thomas Simpson was the son of John Simpson (the 2nd) and wife Mary. Thomas Simpson's 1st wife was probably a cousin, Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter and at her death he remarried a lady known only as "Jane," who signs this deed. In the very next year, Thomas Simpson died and his widow, Jane Simpson, remarried to John Herguson or Ferguson, one of the witnesses to this deed.

FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM "ORDER BOOK ABSTRACTS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1664-1668 AND 1689-1690 by SPARACIO.

From Stafford County Order Book ????? (Not given) Page 83, Court held 23rd September 1667

457. JOHN ROLT (HOLT?), did appear (as) attorney for MARY MILLS. Whereas it doth appear to this court that JOHN MILLS is and stands indebted to Col. JOHN DODMAN 1000 pounds of tobacco and cask, the court doth therefore order that the said Col. John Dodman have judgement of the said debt with charges of Court else execution. John Rolt attorney of Mary Mills did acknowledge judgement in behalf of the said Mary for the payment of 350 pounds of Tobacco to Samuel Hayward with charges of Court forthwith else execution. John Rolt did for and in behalf and as attorney of Mary Mills acknowledge judgement to Lt. Col. HENRY MEESE for 503 pounds of tobacco and cask with charges of Court to be paid forthwith else execution. Whereas John Mills hath absented himself out of this County and that his wife did petition this Court to have the possession of her husbands Estate the court doth order that the said Mary Mills, wife of the said John Mills, according to petition in possessing the Estate of her husband aforesaid and give security for the payment of the debts to the value of the estate. The court doth order WILLIAM GREENE AND THOMAS BAXTER view the work of John Mills now at MR. FRANCIS HALES plantation.

Page 12, Court held 10th March 1689/90.

559. GERRARD LOWTHER complaining sheweth that JOHN SIMSON (SIMPSON) late of this County, deceased, at the time of his death, stood indebted unto your Plaintiff by Bill and account for attorneys fees, the sum of Six Hundred pounds of Tobacco

in cask, for which your Plaintiff hath brought this action against JOHN WYTHERS, the administrator of the estate of JOHN SIMSON (SIMPSON).

560. WILLIAM MINTORNE complaining, sheweth that JOHN SIMSON, late of this county, deceased, stood indebted to the Plaintiff at the time of his death, the sum of Eight Hundred and eighty pounds of Tobacco, due him by Bill bearing date of 26th March Ann 1687, for which he hath brought his action against JOHN WYTHERS as administrator of the estate of JOHN SIMSON.

Page 13, Court held 10th March 1689/90

561. Col. WM. FRITZHUGH complaining sheweth that JOHN SIMSON, late of this county, deceased, stood indebted to the Plaintiff at the time of his death, the sum of Six hundred and seventy nine pounds of Tobacco, due him by bill for which he hath brought his action against JOHN WYTHERS as administrator of the Estate of JOHN SIMSON.

562. SIMON ROBINS complaining sheweth that JOHN SIMSON, late of this county, deceased, stood indebted to the Plaintiff at the time of his death, the sum of Eight hundred pounds of tobacco, due per bill under his hand and seale dated the 12th day of October Anno Dom 1687, for which he hath brought his action against JOHN WYTHERS as administrator of the estate of JOHN SIMSON.

Page 16, Court held 10th March 1689/90

571. Ordered by this court that JOHN SIMSON shall immediately pay ELIZABETH NICKSON, late widow of RICHARD HOLMES, of this county, one barrel of Indian Corn and that he bring it home to her house, either by himself or servant and pay the costs..

Page 19, Court held 10th March 1689/90

588. JOHN SIMSON complaining sheweth that JOHN BASFORD, late of this county, stands indebted to the Plaintiff the sum of Fifteen hundred and ten pounds of tobacco, due him by account...attachment was lawfully served in the hands of William Enoe, George Enoe and John Carr upon the estate of John Basford..

590. JOHN MINNIFEE, complaining sheweth that JOHN HARRISON, late of this county, stands indebted to the Plaintiff, the sum of Three hundred and thirty pounds of Tobacco in cask by account...attachment served into the hands of HENRY MEREST upon the estate of JOHN HARRISON..and now forasmuch as the said John Minnifree the plaintiff, did by his oath upon the holy Evangelist to his account, here in court exhibited against the said John Harrison, justly made appear his

aforesaid debt to be due, Therefore tis ordered that the said John Minnifee shall have Judgement.

STAFFORD COUNTY ORDER BOOK (NUMBER NOT GIVEN)

Page 75, ORPHANS COURT held 9th July 1690

789. Whereas MR. JOHN WITHERS was summoned by the sheriff to this court to bring his security and give bond concerning the Estate of JOHN SIMSON, deceased, but forasmuch as John Withers did not appear with security according to summons, Therefore tis ordered (that) Mr. John Withers shall be summoned to the next Court and bring security with him to enter into bond to perform what the law shall require, touching the said estate.

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(Part of Order Book 1689-1693)
(March 11, 1691/92-May 10, 1692)

Page 123 (contd) Court Held 11th March 1690/91.

2. SAMUEL WHITSON who intermarried with ELIZABETH, the widow and relict of JOHN SKEEL, late of this county, deceased, and one of the Executors appointed in his last will and testament with JOHN SIMSON of this county on the behalf of the child, the other Executor appointed therein, came into court and made humble petition for administration Cum Testamento annexed of the Estate of the said JOHN SKEEL, deceased, to the intent that they may pay all debts and perform what was required of them touching the said estate in the said deceased will, they being ready to give Security and Enter into bond to perform what the Law shall require of them touching the said Estate.... And the court having fully and maturely considered the premises doe accordingly order that the said Samuel Whitson in the right of Elizabeth, his said wife, and JOHN SIMSON for and on behalf of the child shall have administration Cum Testamento annexed of the Estate of the said John Skeeel, which said will was proved by the Oaths and Testimonies of Mr. Edward Thomason and Ellis Roberts, witnesses to the said will Subscribed provided that the said Samuel Whitson and JOHN SIMSON shall give good security and Enter into bond to perform what the Law shall require of them Touching the said estate.

Page 158, (contd) Court held 12th August 1691

beginning part not given...Truth of his account Exhibited to this Court against THOMAS HARRISON Justly made appear his debt to due Therefore tis ordered that George Andrews shall have Judgement against the Estate of THOMAS HARRISON for the

sum....??

Page 172, Court Held 8th October 1691

186. JOHN TILLET humbly sheweth that your Petitioner coming into tis country bought two parcels of land upon Occoquon River within the Jurisdiction of this Court which land lyes bounded between the lands of Capt. GEORGE MASON and MR. THOMAS BUSHROD, the land formerly (owned by) THOMAS BAXTER and Mr. WILKS, which parcel of land of your petitioners was part of THOMAS BAXTER'S and whereas there hath arisen some disputes and controversies like to happen between the adjacent neighbors and Proprietors of the next adjoining lands and your petitioner he humbly prays your worships to grant an order that CAPT. GEORGE BRENT, who is attorney of MR. WILLIAM SHERWOOD to survey the land in dispute to wit Doges Island (he the said Sherwood being chiefly concerned there) to the intent that your petitioner may well as all others concerned have the true benefit and proprietorship of his lands Vizt by falling of trees cutting of Timber etc. as well as all other benefits and Immunities as the laws both of England and this country enjoins and directs likewise that it may be a means to put an end to all law suits controversies and disagreements that thereupon arise between the before mentioned neighbors and Proprietors and that your worships would be pleased to appoint a day for the said Survey and laying out of the aforesaid land that all neighbors and others concerned may have a full and timely notice, and the Court, having fully considered the premises, does accordingly order that CAPT. GEORGE BRENT, as attorney of Mr. William Sherwood, shall between this and the next Court, survey and lay out the land of the said SHERWOOD living upon Doegs Island, and that they return an account of the survey to the next Court, further, it is also ordered that all neighbors and others concerned, may have timely notice thereof, to prevent all future controversies and disturbances that there upon may arise for want of such a due and timely survey.

ORDER BOOK ABSTRACTS OF STAFFORD CO., VA. 1692-1693 by SPARACIO.

Page 294, Court held 14th September 1692.

165. ELIZABETH MINITHORNE, Widow complains against JOHN WEST in plea of Trespass for that the Plaintiff hath long lived in this County in good fame and credit and hath retained the Love and Esteem of her good Neighbors until Mr. John West of his malice aforethought minding not only to destroy her in her good name fame & reputation but also to bring her to an untimely & ignominious did speak and utter these false scandalous and criminous words (VIZ:) that your petitioner was a damned whore and had poisoned her husband RICHARD MINITHORNE, which words the defendant did often speak and

utter at divers places in this County and more particularly the defendant did speak it by way of discussion to MR. BURR HARRISON, whom he thought to make Love to your petitioner, so that she is not only especially damnified in the advance of her fortune but also if the words were true Lyable (liable) to suffer death for the same and as they are obnoxious to be presented and brought to Trouble for the same WHEREFORE she doth in fact say she is damnified TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS of tobacco and cask by the speaking of the said words for which she hath brought her action and prays Judgement...And the defendant in propria persons comes in Court and for plea saith NOT GUILTY and for tryall (trial) puts himself upon the Courtrey and the Plaintiff likewise, THEREFORE tis ordered the Jury Enquire the fact JONATHAN PARKER, JAMES MAN, WILLIAM ENGALL, JOHN MATTHEWS, EDWARD BARTON, EDWARD MAN, JOHN SIMPSON, DAVID ANDERSON, RICHARD BRYAN, GILES VANDACASTAILL, JONATHAN MOTTERSHED, JAMES BUTTLER which said Jury Elected and Sworn to say the truth of the premises doe say upon their oath we find for the PLAINTIFF, FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS of TOBACCO DAMAGES.

Page 327, Court held 10th February 1692/93.

316. Whereas JAMES BUTLER served an attachment against the Estate of KENNEDAY in the hands of CHARLES CARTER and whereas the said said CARTER came into court and denied that he had any ESTATE of the said Kenneday in his hands for that, that he had assumed to pay the just debt which he owed to the said Kenneday and the said SIMSON being called and not appearing in this court, the said James Butler did freely and voluntarily offer in Court that if the aforesaid JOHN SIMSON would at the next Court bill in Satisfaction of a debt due to him from the said Kenneday that then the said attachment served by the said Butler in the hands of Charles Carter for Kennedays estate shall be of no manner of validity or effect.

Page 335, (contd) Court Held 8th March 1692/93.

356. First part missing... foreasmuch as BURR HARRISON did by the oaths of two lawful and good Sufficent witnesses upon the holy evangelists of almighty God Justly made appear the sum of three hundred pounds of tobacco, due from Jonathan Parker as aforesaid, Therefore tis ordered that Jonathan Parker shall make present payment of the said sum...unto BURR HARRISON JR., with costs.

358. Ordered that the sheriff bring the body of JOHN SIMSON to the next Court, to answer the complaint of ROBERT ALEXANDER, Gentleman, or else be lyable (liable) according to act of assembly. Attachment is granted the sheriff against the Estate of JOHN SIMSON, for his nonappearance at this Court to answer the suit of ROBERT ALEXANDER with costs.

359. Ordered that BURR HARRISON JR. shall make present

payment of one hundred and sixty pounds of tobacco unto Mr. FRANCIS HAMMERSLEY and ROBERT WARREN for his attendance at Court in a suit depending in this court between him and JONATHAN PARKER, with costs.

Page 337 (contd) Court Held 5th April 1693

(First part not included) Whereas John Parker Jr. made humble suit to this court, that he had faithfully served in the office of a Constable, for the upper precincts and districts of this county one whole year and upwards, did therefore pray that WALTER GRIFFIN may be chosen Constable in his room and place, THEREFORE tis ordered that the said WALTER GRIFFIN shall be Constable in the room and stead of the aforesaid JOHN PARKER for the upper districts of this county and that Captain Thomas Onesley swear him accordingly.

Note: This appears to be Walter Griffin Sr.

Page 338. Court held 5th April 1693.

372. JOHN SIMSON came into Court and did make oath that he did accept of Carter's bill in Satisfaction of a debt from one Kenneday to him before the said Kenneday absented himself out of this county and three months before ever JAMES BUTLER laid an attachment on the said Kenneday's estate.

Page 379. Court held 14th September 1693.

507. Captain JOHN WITHERS came into court and did accept all the Trust and Confidence reposed in him for to Take the list of Tithables for the Lower Parish of this County for this Ensuring year, Therefore tis ordered by this Court that Captain John Withers shall take the List of Tithables for this Ensuring year for the Lower Parish of this County and that MR. JAMES MAN shall discover all the Tithables from the Lower side of this upper Parish from the south side of Acquia downward and that JOHN SIMSON shall take and discover all the Tithables from the north side of Acquia to the south side of Occoquon and that the said JAMES MAN and JOHN SIMSON be satisfied for their pains in so doing as the Court shall think fit, Provided they return a true and perfect account and List of Tithables within this County to the first day of the Next General Court.

DEED & WILL ABSTRACTS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VA. 1699-1709 BY RUTH AND SAM SPARACIO

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Pages 13-15 To all Christian People...I JOHN MATTHEWS of Stafford County in Virginia....now know ye for consideration of sum of Three Thousand pounds of Tobacco, in hand paid by

JOHN SIMPSON of Acquia in county aforesaid..have sold all that parcel of land situate in the freshes of Potomack in Stafford County, at or near Little Hunting Creek, containing 200 acres to be laid out of a dividend of 2466 acres of land next and adjoining to 300 acres sold by me to JAMES MANN, where EDWARD KENNINGTON now lives...towards the land late of JOHN HARPER, by him sold and now in tenure and occupation of Capt. George Mason....11th May 1698.

signed by/ John x Matthews

Presence of Charles Ellis, John Brewton, Simon (x) Tomison.

At a Court held 8th June 1698 ...deed of sale acknowledged..and was then recorded.

Know all men.... that I JOHN SIMPSON of county Stafford, make over the above deed with all the land therein mentioned to GEORGE MASON, Gentleman, of county Stafford, for the consideration of Three thousand pounds Tobacco, already received for which consideration I do warrant said deed...17th Day of November 1699.

signed by/ John Simpson

Presence (of) Thomas Awsley, George Brent, William Brooke

Deed acknowledged by JOHN SIMPSON and his wife came in proper person into Court and acknowledged her right of dower to above deed of land, 14th March 1699/70 and then recorded.

DEED & WILL ABSTRACTS OF STAFFORD CO., VA. 1699-1709

Page 124...Inventory of JOHN SHEETS ESTATE returned per JNO. SIMPSON...items listed and valued. dated 11th March 1701/02.

Page 142...March ye 20th (1702?) then received of Mary Whitson 4400 pounds of Tobacco, it being upon account of the orphans of JOHN SKEIL..

/signed by JOHN SIMPSON.

In presence of James (x) Fletcher

Jos. (x) Whitson

Pages 266-267 To all Christian People....Know ye that I JOHN SIMPSON SR. of county Stafford...for sum 6000 pounds of good tobacco, by me in hand already received of PETER MELBEY of the county aforesaid....have sold 217 acres of land, situate in ye freshes of Potomack River, in county Stafford bounded ...beginning upon the Meadows at a marked corner tree of a tract of land, which belonged to Capt. GEORGE BRENT, late of aforesaid county, deceased, and extending thence along the said Brents line W=22 and 1/2 degrees S= 138 poles to Givins corner tree, thence along

Givins line S=26 degrees E= 216 poles to GEORGE MASON'S corner tree, thence N=60 degrees W= 16 poles, thence up the Meadows Run, according to the several courses and meanders thereof, to the first beginning...this 11th day of April 1705.

signed by/JOHN SIMPSON

Presence of
William (x) Hughes

At a court held 11th April 1705, JOHN SIMPSON came into court & acknowledged this sale of land to Peter Melbey and MARY, the wife of JOHN SIMPSON in person relinquished her right of dower to the same and the deed was ordered to be recorded and was recorded.

Pages 471-472 In obedience to an order of the Worshipful Court of Stafford County, bearing date 13th day of April 1709, we the underwritten did meet at the house of EVAN JONES, deceased, on 26th day of April 1709 and did appraise all and singular the Estate of Jones as was brought before us....items listed and valued and totaled 4692...signed by MARGARET JONES...appraised by LAWRENCE SUDDITH, JOHN SIMPSON JR.sworn before G. ANDERSON.

This was Exhibited in County Court of Stafford the 11th day May 1709 as a true and perfect Inventory of the Estate of Evan Jones, deceased, by oath of MARGARET JONES, admx., which is ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

END OF SIMPSON DATA.