

VA.013 A DEED BETWEEN JOHN WOODWARD OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY VIRGINIA & JOHN MERCER, OF STAFFORD COUNTY VIRGINIA, DATED 21ST OCTOBER 1732 (BOOK "B," PAGE 426) PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEEDS. .

Gathered & Entered by Robert R. Hill Sr in June 1987.

KNOW ALL MEN, by these presents, that I JOHN WOODWARD, of the County of Prince William, Smith, (Blacksmith?) for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred Pounds of Tobacco, to me in hand, paid by JOHN MERCER, of County of Stafford, Grant? the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said JOHN MERCER all and Sundry the horses, cattle, hogs, tools, money, and household goods mentioned and contained in the schedule hereunto annexed, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said horses, cattle, hogs, tools, money and house hold goods to the said JOHN MERCER and his heirs and assigns forever to his heirs and their own proper use and behoof. IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 21st day of OCTOBER 1732.

(signed) JOHN WOODWARD (LS)

legal seal

Sealed in the Presence of us, the above named JOHN WOODWARD, having first delivered to the above named JOHN MERCER, a pistol thereby to say the said JOHN MERCER in full and Peaceable possession of the thing, above mentioned.

(signed) CATSBY? COCKE

JOHN GREGG

The schedule or Inventory of the horses, cattle, hogs, tools, money and household goods aforesaid to the above Bill of Sale...

two feather beds

two bed spreads

four blankets

two rugs

( two horses ( one whole? (old?) horse (branded) DP on the fore buttocks and the other a black horse, branded on the rear buttocks with a grid iron

one branded cow & calf bought by the said WOODWARD of JOHN GRAHAM

eleven hogs marked with a slit in the fore ear and a slit in the near ear, the eleven hogs marked with a slit in the fore ear and a slit in the near ear, the under side of the \_\_\_ ear chopped as low as it is \_\_\_\_\_ (possible?)

six? hog chains  
one Smith's Bellows  
one anvil weighing 3 lbs. 2oz. 4 (?)  
one \_\_\_\_\_?? (not legible)  
seven hammons (josted?) and one sledge hammer  
six dishes  
12\_\_\_\_\_ (not legible) Iron Pots

7 chairs, 7 poles??,  
3 hand vicar son files, one weighing 113 pounds  
(signed) JOHN WOODWARD

Witnesses: CASBY? (CATSBY?) COCKE JOHN GREGG

In (open?) Court confirmed and held for Prince William County  
the 22nd day of March 1734, JOHN MERCER, Gentleman, presented  
the above Bill of Sale from JOHN WOODWARD with the schedule  
or Inventory (amount?) which was proved by the oaths of the  
witnesses hereto subscribed and on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the said  
MERCER admitted to record.

(signed) JOHN CROSBY (C.C.)  
Clerk of Court

NOTE BY ROBERT HILL: Note that John Woodward does not sell  
any land and I think it is because his wife MARY (SIMPSON)  
WOODWARD owned the land by inheritance from her father THOMAS  
SIMPSON.....This JOHN WOODWARD is the only male WOODWARD in  
the area and thus he is suspected to be the FATHER of THOMAS  
WOODWARD, who later moved to Camden District South Carolina  
between 1758 and 1763 and who later became known as THOMAS  
(THE REGULATOR) WOODWARD.

Mrs. Jean Holly Day informed me that it is quite possible  
that this JOHN WOODWARD may be the one that lived in New Kent  
County and who disappeared. Also one of the witnesses was a  
CASERBY (CATSBY?) COCKE. The name COCKE was the name of a  
well high respected family that settled along with some  
WOODWARDS in and around Isle of Wight County Virginia between  
1620-1640 and who later moved into Bedford County Virginia  
and Fairfield County South Carolina.

This causes great speculation that THOMAS WOODWARD, The  
REGULATOR, may also be a part of these same Woodwards,

(through his father JOHN WOODWARD) and not necessarily through the Woodwards of Maryland as previously stated and generally accepted. This still has to be researched and proven.

Research in England shows that the William Woodward, wealthy London Merchant who is said to have sent his three sons to Maryland, IS NOT PART OF THIS FAMILY.