

VA.049 THE GENEALOGY OF THE SIMPSON FAMILY IN AND AROUND  
PRINCE WILLIAM, STAFFORD AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES OF  
VIRGINIA.

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SIMPSON FAMILY

In order to better understand the genealogy of the Simpson  
Family, a list of abstracted deeds, land patents, court  
orders etc...are listed.

FROM CAVALIERS & PIONEERS (VOLUME 1) By Nell Marion Nugent

Page 112, EDWARD SANDERSON, Gent. 2,000 acres August 13,  
1639, page 644. In Chickahominy River, 500 acres about a mile  
above Pyny Point, about 5 miles within the mouth of said  
river, etc, & near Robert Holt. 500 acres by purchase from  
the Executors of Edmond Morecraft, late of Va., & 1,500 for  
transportation of 30 persons: Edward Sanderson, Nathaniel  
Stiles, Humphry Price, Daniel Lile, Edward Haslewood, Humphry  
Evans, JOHN HILL, Patrick Simpson, JOHN SIMPSON, Nicholas  
Davis, Edward Babb, John Winchester, Awdrey his wife, Theodor  
his child, William Wootton, James Hagate, John Sherwood,  
Henry Bryan, Nich. Bush, Edward Challis, Francis Fox, Mathew  
Nelson, John Onion, William Wood, 2 Negroes, Thomas and Jane.

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Page 149, WILLIAM MORGAN, 816 acres, James City County,  
October 25, 1643, Page 926. Upon the East side of  
Chickahominy River upon the head of Morgans Creek, bounded by  
land of Mr. Filmer & Mr. William Edwards. 600 acres due by  
virtue of a former patent 20 May 1638 & 216 acres for  
transportation of 5 persons, 34 acres remaining due: JOHN  
SIMPSON, John Wilkinson, Ciceley Young, Katherine Jenkins.

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Page 277, MR. PETER KNIGHT, 700 acres. Gloster Co., 25 August  
1652, Page 197. Cr. (Creek) Upon Easternmost side of  
Poropotank Creek towards the head of same, beginning at a  
branch dividing this & land of Mr. Blunt &c. Transportation  
of 14 persons: John Ball, Alex. and Richard Weston, John  
Henton, Thomas Cobb, Tho. Taberer, Richard Lathberry, James  
Clarke, Samuel Clarke, Margery Chamber, Thomas Miller, Kath.  
Huse, Arthur Carpenter, JOHN SIMSON.

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Page 399, JOHN SIMPSON, 600 acres. Lancaster County., 28 July  
1662, Page 310, (425). Upon S.E. side of Moratticon Creek &

W.S.W. upon land of Lambert Lamberton & Richard Hatton.  
Granted to Alexander Pourtteous 6 October 1656 & assigned to  
said Simpson.

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Page 438, JOHN SIMPSON, 600 acres Lancaster County, 28 July  
1662, Page 133 (641). On SSE side of Moratticon Creek &c.,  
WSS (??) upon land of Lambert Lamberton & Richard Hatton.  
Renewal of patent dated 6 October 1656.

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Page 448, BRYAN STOTT (or Scott-Scot) 800 acres N. side of  
Lancaster Co., 10th July 1663, Page 168 (51). Bounding upon  
land of JOHN SIMPSON. Transportation for 16 persons: Tho.  
Joyner, William Marcum, John Sanns (?), Nich. Watts, James  
John, Samuel Carter, Mary Wood, Jane Sharp, Thomas Vintner,  
Susan Colt, Eml. Harris, Thomas Should, John Harper, William  
Waters, Francis Farmer, Joseph Marler.

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Page 558, MR. JOHN SIMPSON, 2100 acres in the freshes & on N.  
side of Rappahahhock River, 6th June 1666, page 510, (626).  
Bounding on land of Mr. Charles Grimes, running SSE &c.  
Transportation of 42 persons: William Watts, Jno. Dawling,  
William Deane, Thomas Rogers, Jno. Saxby, Robert Staple,  
George Fuller, Jno. Dent, Thomas Wells, Ralph Tedman, Samuel  
Raynolds, William Wise, Edward Godlar, Jno. Lambe, Joane  
Mead, Thomas Tolter, Jno. Well, Joseph Farrant, Thomas Twig,  
George Stead, Jno. Manning, Charles Bray, An Belthar, Jno.  
Trasam (?), Eliz. Paine twice, Jno. Harmon, Jno. Jones, Henry  
Woolock, Robert Broker, Margaret Pollard, James Jnoson  
(Johnson), 2 Negroes, William Watts, Peter Bray, Susan Canr,  
Mary Adams, Peter Store, William White, Tob. Short.

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Page 563 LT. COL. WILLIAM HOCKADY (Hockaday), 1000 acres,  
New Kent County, 31 March 1664/65, page 526. (644) N. side of  
Mattapony River & S. side of the maine Sw of Peanketank  
River, beginning at a corner red oak at the maine sw., being  
Jno. Pig & Evan Davis their corner, running W. inclining  
Southerly &c. to Jno Exolis Br. &c. Granted to Jno. Roberts  
28 September 1661, by him deserted & granted said Hockaday  
upon petition by order of the Governor &c. dated with these  
presents, & further due for transportation of 20 persons:  
Mary Wiseman, Hanah Boyce, Peter Store, Jno. Evans, Peter  
Evans, William Gosling, Ed. Ivery, Jno. Simons, Edward Jones,  
Mary Wms (?), JNO. SIMPSON, Edward Vaughn, Jno. Townes, Matha  
Evans, Sarah Cooke, Thomas ap Thomas, Mathew Beavis, Francis  
Deane, Jno. Tray, Henry Godyer.

END OF DATA FROM BOOK "CAVALIERS & PIONEER," VOLUME 1.

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FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM "NORTHERN NECK OF VA. GRANT BOOK," 1694-1742 by GERTRUDE E. GRAY.

6 July 1695, Northern Neck Grant Book, Page 114  
N.N. Grant Book 2, Page 178

JOHN SIMPSON granted 217 acres adjacent George Brent, Grimes corner, George Mason, upper Meddowes Run.

6?? July 1695 Page 179  
JOHN SIMPSON granted 200 acres adjacent LEWIS GRIFFIN, Simpson's own land, Major Hoston, Batten lands.

November 1698, N.N. Grant Book by Grey, Page 21  
N.N. Grant Book 2, Page 296  
JOHN SIMPSON of Stafford County, 100 acres in Stafford County at head of Hue's Branch of Ocaquan (Occaquan), adjacent Thomas Gregg.

October 1705, Page 33  
N.N. Grant Book 3, Page 114  
Thomas Pannell of Richmond County, 135 acres in said county, adjacent Charles Grimes, Col. Corbin and JOHN SIMPSON, on Omen (Amen?) Creek. Warrant 24 May last (1705).

November 1711, Page 49  
N.N. Grant Book, Page 55  
Dennis Cornwell of Stafford County, 250 acres on Horse (Hooes?) Creek in said county, adjacent John Wallace, JOHN SIMPSON. Warrant 9th August last (1711).

September 1715, Page 63  
N.N. Grant Book 5, Page 135  
Mr. Francis Awbrey of Westmoreland County, 420 acres in Stafford County lapsed from Samuel Barnett of Stafford County on Pohick, adjacent THOMAS SIMPSON and Joseph Guess. Warrant 29th September 1715.  
3rd April 1717

June 1717 N.N. Grants by Gray  
Page 64  
Grant Book 5, Page 141  
THOMAS SIMPSON of Stafford County, 423 acres on Sandy Run of Occaquan River in Stafford County, on Cattamount Branch.  
Warrant 26 September 1715.

April 1727, Page 90  
N.N. Grant Book B, Page 77  
Giles Tillet of Stafford County, 377 acres in Stafford, on Sandy & Wolf Run of Occaquan River, adjacent THOMAS SIMPSON & John Waugh.

April 1727, Page 90  
N.N. Grant Book B, Page 80

Richard Simpson of Stafford County, 300 acres in Stafford on Wolfe Run and Pope's Head Run, adjacent John Waugh, Thomas Foard (Ford?), Giles Tillett.

8 December 1739 N.N. Grants by Gray, Page 126

Grant Book E, Page 120

Captain BURR HARRISON, 195 acres in Stafford County, adjacent Pope's Patent, Cary's line, Chappawamsich Run, Broadhursts line.

8?? January 1741, Page 141

Grant Book E, Page 412

William Henry Territ of Prince William County, Gentleman, 982 acres in said county, adjacent West and HARRISON, Gabriel Adams now Mr. Mercer's, William Strutfield, Capt. Francis Awbrey, Simon Pearson, JOHN SIMPSON.

Note: Was this John Simpson the grandfather or brother or uncle of MARY SIMPSON (m. John Woodward)? She was daughter of Thomas Simpson Sr. 3/, son of John Simpson 2/. Her father Thomas Simpson died in 1733-34. This is probably her brother.

November 1742, N. Neck Grants, by Gray 1742-1775, Page 1

Grant Book F, Page 9

Joseph Jacobs of Prince William County, 114 acres in said county on Sandy Run, adjacent Col. Carter, THOMAS SIMPSON and John Truley.

November 1742, N.N. Grants by Gray, Page 1

Grant Book F, Page 20

JOHN ROBERTSON of Prince William County, 235 acres in said county, adjacent THOMAS SYMPSON (SIMPSON), Bond Veal, John Turley, James Roberts, Samuel Tillett.

Note by R. Hill Sr: John Robertson was the 2nd husband of Mary Simpson 4/, daughter of Thomas Simpson Sr. 3/ 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.

A John Woodward with John Wheeler signed deeds for Dennis McCarty, recorded in Prince William County Deed Book A, 1731-1732 and 1732-1735. John Woodward seems to be the only adult male Woodward in this area of Virginia and thus suspected to have been the husband of Mary Simpson 3/.

FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM PRINCE WILLIAM DEED BOOK LIBER B, 1732-1735 by June W. Johnson.

Pages 366-367. Sarah Snap of Prince William County and Parish of Truro, widow, to MARY SIMPSON, do give unto the said MARY SIMPSON one bay mare branded on the rear buttock

with an "R" and one heifer marked with two swallow forks and one iron pot....September 19, 1734.

Wit: Cav. Dulany, Edward Barry, John Sturman.  
At court September 20, 1734, this deed of gift from Sarah Snap to MARY SIMPSON was proved by oath of witnesses.

Page 367. Sarah Snap of Prince William and Parish of Truro, to my son WILLIAM COTTIN, do give one sorril horse bridle and saddle, one red heifer marked on the right ear with a swallow fork and on the left with a cross and two flats?, one gun, one iron pot and.....(document cuts off here)

FOLLOWING FROM ORDER BOOK ABSTRACTS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA (1753-1757) BY SPARACIO

Page 81, (Prince William Order Book 1755-1757, Page 8, dated 27 October 1755)

Deeds of Lease Release and Receipt Endorsed from JOHN SIMPSON to JAMES HALLEY were proved by the oaths of JAMES HALLEY JR, WILLIAM WILKERSON, and RICHARD SIMPSON witnesses thereto and admitted to record.

Note: I believe that John Simpson married a widow (Mary) Halley, who was perhaps the mother of Catherine Halley, who in a deposition in August of 1790 states a John Simpson had married her mother (name not given) but believe it was Mary.

Robert Hill Sr

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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).

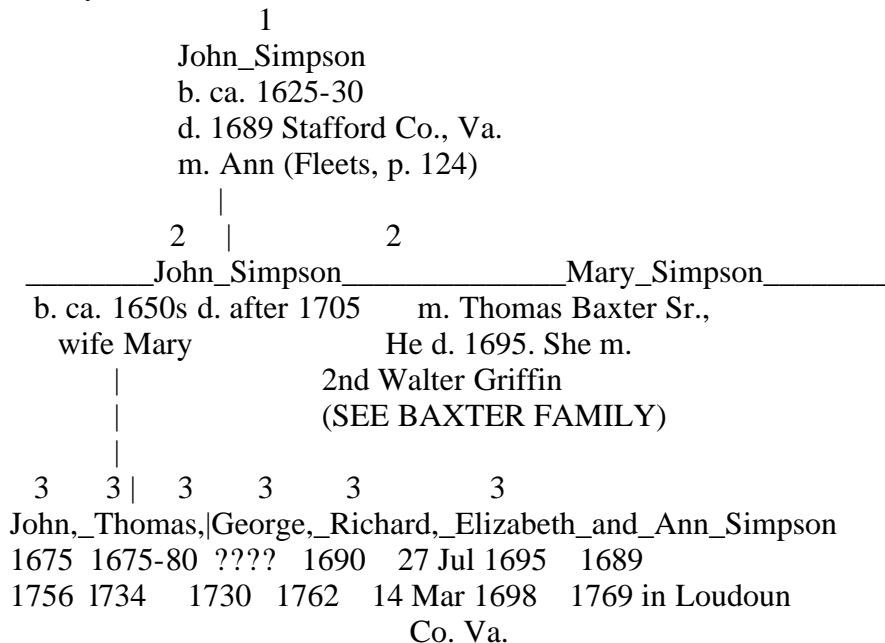
It is known that John and Ann Simpson had a son JOHN SIMPSON JR. (Number 2), who was born during the 1650s, and a daughter MARY SIMPSON, also born in the 1650s. JOHN SIMPSON JR., is believed to have died in Stafford County ca. 1705 or very shortly afterwards, because his name cannot be found on any of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

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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.). Court records, land deeds etc in and around Prince William and Stafford Counties, shows that the BAXTER-SIMPSON families were closely related, both by marriages as well as friendship. They also were close to BURR HARRISON.

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. ELIZABETH BAXTER apparently married her first cousin, THOMAS SIMPSON, 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:



Details on the above 6 children:

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 A. John Simpson (son of John Simpson/John Simpson.  
 He was born ca. 1675 and died 1756. He was married twice, 1st  
 to Mary ---?, and 2nd to Silent Johnston.

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 B. Thomas Simpson Sr. (son of John Simpson/John Simpson.  
 He was born ca. 1675-80 and died in late 1733 or early 1734.  
 He was married twice, 1st to his cousin, Elizabeth 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 Baxter 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  
 Ferguson.

His children (all by 1st wife) were:  
 William Simpson, b. ca. 1705-10.  
 Mary Simpson, b. 1707-10, married ca. 1728 to  
 1st John Woodward, 2nd to John Robertson.

children by 1st marriage to John Woodward:

|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.

|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).

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C. George Simpson (son John Simpson/ John Simpson.  
He was born \_\_\_\_\_ died ca. 1730. He had a son named George.

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D. Richard (Withers?) Simpson Sr. (son of John Simpson/John  
Simpson 1/.

He was born ca. 1690 and died 1762 in Fairfax Co., Va. He was  
married to a widow, Sarah Barker. She died 1764.

Their children were: (4th generation)

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1. George Simpson, b.ca. 1680-90, d. 1782. He  
married Susannah Wheeler. He received a land  
grant in 1741.

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2. Moses Simpson, b.\_\_\_\_\_, died January 1787.

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3. Richard Simpson Jr., b. 1714, Va., he d. in 1785  
in N.C. He m. Mary Kincheloe (b. 1719 Va., and  
d. 1798 NC). They moved to Orange/Caswell  
Counties of N.C. where they left their wills.

Their daughter Bettie (Elizabeth) married  
Jesse Oldham Sr. (he b. 1733 in Va., d. 1814  
in Ky.). Their son, Richard "Ready Money"  
Oldham (b. N.C. in 1763, d. Ky in 1836) to  
distinguish himself from his uncle Richard  
"Estill" Oldham) married 1st Ursuley Duke  
(Williams) Peoples.

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4. Elizabeth Simpson was born ca. 1717 (based on  
several researchers data) and died before 1792.  
She married James Halley (1707-1792). This is

ancestor of Mrs. Jean Holley Day.

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5. Sarah Simpson, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_, married  
Thomas Windsor.

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6. Mary Simpson, b. \_\_\_\_\_, d. \_\_\_\_\_ married twice  
a Canterbury; 2nd Cleveland.

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E. Elizabeth Simpson (daughter of John Simpson/John Simpson  
She was born on 27th July 1695, and died on 14th March, 1698.

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F. Ann Simpson (daughter of John Simpson/John Simpson.  
Her birth was ca. 1689, and she died in Loudoun County,  
Virginia in 1769. She was married to John Gist.

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MARY SIMPSON, DAUGHTER OF JOHN SIMPSON

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

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Thomas Baxter Jr. and Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter

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

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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.

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.

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 Sr: This deed is very important for the following reasons. First, we know that Mary Simpson (sister of John Simpson, the 2nd, the parents of the within named Thomas Simpson) married Thomas Baxter Sr. At his death, Mary Simpson Baxter re-married the 2nd time to Walter Griffin. Secondly, this deed clearly shows that Walter Griffin 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. Third, due to the fact that Walter Griffin left the 100 acres to James Halley, indicates a close relationship between the two. Fourth, now since 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 as "uncle" in a later land deed.

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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 Sr: Thomas Simpson was the son of John Simpson (the 2nd) and wife Mary. Thomas Simpson's 1st wife was Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter and at her death 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 Ferguson, one of the witnesses to this deed.

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

Richard Simpson of Fairfax Co., Va. married Ann Lucas. He is a 4th generation and it was his son Richard Simpson 5/, 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. 3/, 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) 4/, 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.

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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 Minnifree 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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ORDER BOOK ABSTRACTS OF STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA 1691-1692  
by Ruth & Sam Sparacio. 1987

(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 Skeele, 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.

Page 217, Court held 11th February 1691/92

333. 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).

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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.

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.

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

BELIEVED TO BE WILL BOOK Z

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.

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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.

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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.

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