

VA.051 THE GENEALOGY OF THE BAXTER FAMILY IN AND AROUND
PRINCE WILLIAM, STAFFORD AND FAIRFAX COUNTIES OF
VIRGINIA.

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THE BAXTER FAMILY

In order to have a better understanding of this family,
a list of Abstracted deeds, land patents, will etc..are
listed.

FOLLOWING FROM CAVALIERS & PIONEERS, VOLUME 1.

Page 311, 1655...George Wall granted 1200 acres in
Westmoreland County, Va. Southside of Potomac River for
transportation of 14 persons (all not listed her but
included) THOMAS BAXTER and ANN PRICE, later Ann Hallum,
mother of Sarah Hallum Woodward, wife of Samuel Woodward Sr.,
who was the son of Christopher Woodward, the immigrant.

FOLLOWING FROM CAVALIERS & PIONEERS, VOLUME 2.

Page 75, 25 October 1669, Mr. Will Harris, THOMAS BAXTER and
BURR HARRYS (HARRISON) was granted (jointly) 1200 acres in
Stafford County, West side of Potomac River, upon a main run
of a creek of Oquaquon River-for transportation of 25
people (not listed here).

Volume 2, Page 178, In 1677, Henry Walker was granted 2960
acres in Stafford County, Yeosicomis Run, adjacent to his
own land, THOMAS BAXTER, Thomas Gregg and land of Major
Andrew Gibson...for transportation of 29 persons: (not listed
here).

Note: John Gregg (a later generation) went to what is today's
Fairfield County, S.C.

Volume 2, Page 247, 30th?? November 1682, Mr. George Ball was
granted 5000 acres in New Kent County, Southside of Pamunkey
River, branch of Crump Creek for transportation of 100
persons (of whom only a small part are listed here). Among
them were: THOMAS BAXTER, JON (JOHN) BAXTER, Sarah Williams.

Note: The Woodwards of New Kent County cared for a Williams
child. Some of the original lands of the immigrant,
Christopher Woodward, was sold to a Williams.

Volume 2, Page 253, 6th April 1683, Mr. George Morris was

granted 750 acres in Rappahannock County, beginning at Mr. Perrie's corner, nigh land of BAXTERS.

END OF THE CAVALIER & PIONEER DATA

TAKEN FROM "NORTHERN NECK VA. GRANT BOOK" 1694-1742, BY GREY.

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Gray's Book, Page 17,

N.N. Grant Book 2, Page 233.

Henry Walker in 1677 patented 2960 acres in Stafford County on Yeonssocomico River, (and on) 14 May 1678 he sold to John Wood, of Charles County, Maryland. Patented granted by Herbert Jefferys Esq., who had no power to do so. Wood's grant renewed. Adjacent Henry Walker, THOMAS BAXTER, Thomas Gregg, Major Andrew Gibson. 13 March 1695/96.

N.N. Grant Book 3, Page 6,

THOMAS BAXTER, son of THOMAS BAXTER, deceased, of Stafford County, 14 October 1695, as heir to his father's (estate) held 2000 acres on Ockaquan in said county. Warrant for Capt. George Brent, agent. WALTER GRIFFIN, who married the mother of THOMAS (BAXTER), then in his minority, had survey made 16 October following (1695) by Theoduch Bland, Surveyor, showed only 1907 acres. Deed to THOMAS BAXTER for 1907 acres on Ockaquan in Stafford County, adjacent Dogues (Dogs) Island, Bushroad's line, Wilkeses Creek or Jonathan's Run Creek. 14th December 1703.

Note: From the above deed, it appears that when Thomas Baxter Sr. died in 1695, his son, Thomas Baxter Jr. was still under age (or a minor) and thus WALTER GRIFFIN, who was his step-father, had a survey made of the land that Thomas Baxter Jr. had inherited from his father. It was found that instead of 2000 acres, it contained only 1907 acres. On the 14th of December 1703, it appears that a deed was made out to THOMAS BAXTER JR. for the 1907 acres, indicating that he had reached the age of 21 years and now considered to be an adult. This would indicate that the birth of THOMAS BAXTER JR. was ca. 1682.

FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM "NORTHERN NECK GRANT BOOK OF VIRGINIA" 1698-1742, BY GRAY

Gray's Book, Page 22

N.N. Grant Book 2, Page 305

William Mansbridge of Stafford County, in 1697 died seized of 200 acres on Quanticut Creek in said county and left to Mary, his wife, whom BURR HARRISON married. Land escheated. BURR HARRISON obtained a grant. Mansbridge received grant by

Col. William Fitzhugh and Capt. George Brent, agents. 4th March 1695/96. Said 200 acres is part of patent to Thomas Drycs (Dayos) for 500 acres. Mansbridge, Matt. Marlyn & Thomas Burton each purchased 100 acres. The 200 acres adjacent the 100 acres of Thomas Burton. February 1698,

Note by Robert Hill: Burr Harrison, Thomas Baxter were obviously close business associates and a Burr Harrison (later generation) fought in the Revolution, later moved to S.C. and was close to Moses Hill (my 4th great grandfather).

Gray's Book, Page 64

N.N. Grant Book 5, Page 148

Giles Tillett of Stafford, possesses 416 acres in said county, part of 1200 acres granted William Harris, THOMAS BAXTER & BURR HARRISON. Tillet bought from Giles Vandercastell who bought of Harris, BAXTER & HARRISON. Regrant to Tillett, above Occaquan River. 26 November 1717.

Gray's Book, Page 66

N.N. Grant Book 5, Page 169

Mr. James Gregg of Stafford, has 3000 acres in said county, granted Col. Miles Cary by William Berkley, Knight, (on) 5th October 1654. Lapsed and granted William Harris, THOMAS BAXTER (on) 10th October 1670. Confirm. Deed to Gregg on Occaquan River, adjacent Mr. Drayton. 24 May 1717,

Gray's Book, Page 66

N.N. Grant Book 5, Page 170

Mr. James Gregg of Stafford County in possession of 1200 acres in said county, granted William Harris, THOMAS BAXTER, BURR HARRISON by William Berkley, Knight, (on) 21st October 1669. Renew grant to Gregg on Potomac River, Occaquan River. 24 May 1717,

END OF DATA FROM "NORTHERN NECK VA. GRANT BOOK

ORDER BOOK ABSTRACTS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA
(1752-1753) BY SPARACIO

Page 28 (Prince William Book, Page 26, 28th July 1752)

MESSRS. DREGHORN & CO.

vs

WILLIAM WILSON

This day came the aforesaid Dreghorn & Company, by William Ellzey, their attorney and the said William came not, although solemnly required, Therefore it is considered that said Dreghorn & Co. ought to recover against the said William the sum of Five pounds Seventeen shillings & seven pence and also their costs etc..

JOHN BAXTER a Garnishee, being sworn declares that he has in hands of the Defendants Estate One Hundred and Six pounds of Tobacco and ten pence, Ordered that he pay the same to the Plaintiffs towards Satisfaction of their judgement.

Page 90 (Prince William County Book, Date ??? Page???)
FOUSHEE TEBBS an Evidence for SARAH FARROW against Archibald Bogle having attended twenty five days Ordered she pay him for the same according to Law. JOHN BAXTER an Evidence for Archibald Bogle at the Suit of Sarah Farrow, having attended thirty five days Ordered the said Bogle do pay him for the same and coming and returning thirty five miles eight times from KING GEORGE COUNTY.

Page 94, (Prince William County Book, 121, 30th May 1753)

SARAH FARROW (Plaintiff vs JOHN BAXTER (defendant) In Debt
The suit is agreed and the defendant to pay cost.

THE BAXTER FAMILY

BAXTER TRANSPORTATIONS.

Page 30 in 1636, Jane Baxter, wife of William Rookins.
Page 87 in 1638, same " " " "
Page 139 in 1642, Elinor Baxter by William Duront, 800 acres
Rappahhanock County.
Page 228 in 1653, Francis Baxter by Arthur Lenton, 1024
acres, Northumberland County.
Page 298 in 1654, Henry Baxter by W. Walker, 480 acres James
City Co., Va.
Page 367 in 1658, Henry Baxter by James Goodwin, Potomac
River.

Was Thomas Baxter Sr. born in Virginia and if not, when did he arrive in Prince William County, Virginia? Mrs. Jean Holley Day (professional genealogist) states that she can find no record of any other Baxters in Prince William County prior to a John and James Baxter appearing in the records of the 1740s.

The fact that Thomas Baxter Sr. married Mary Simpson, who remarried Walter Griffin, is verified by the following:

(PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEED BOOK ???) Page 50, The Estate of THOMAS BAXTER (SR.)...(notes payments made of certain fees and balance due the children)...The amount (12765) being costed and proved in open court by WALTER GRIFFIN at marrying the widow of the above said THOMAS BAXTER. (Note: This is

Thomas Baxter Sr. His widow was Mary Simpson Baxter, who remarried Walter Griffin). (1740?).

Research on this family shows that Thomas Baxter Sr. and wife Mary Simpson Baxter had a son named Thomas Baxter Jr. SEE FOLLOWING DEED....

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEED BOOK E, Pages 48, 49, dated 25th August 1740.

JOHN BAXTER and Margaret, his wife, to Catsby Cocke. JOHN BAXTER did by his deed of release bearing date 22 March 1737 sell to Catsby Cocke....300 acres, part of 650 acres whereon the said JOHN BAXTER now lives, which said 650 acres is part of a tract containing 2000 acres, formerly granted to one SIMON THOMAS and by him sold and conveyed to THOMAS BAXTER and descended to his son and heir THOMAS BAXTER (JR.) and descended from him after his decease to his son and heir the aforesaid JOHN BAXTER, which 300 acres is bounded as follows.....etc etc...

signed by/ JOHN BAXTER
MARGARET BAXTER

Witnesses: Richard Osborn, Jno, Bowie Awbrey

Note: 2 tracts of land sold in same deed300 acres and 56 acres, both to Catsby Cocke.

Comments by R. Hill Sr: Now this deed clearly shows Thomas Baxter Sr's wife was named Mary (Simpson). Thomas Baxter Sr. died, leaving land to his son and heir Thomas Baxter Jr. When Thomas Baxter Jr. died, the land was left to his son and heir John Baxter. Additional evidence of events is found in the next deed:

THE FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM "VIRGINIA VITAL RECORDS."

THOMAS BAXTER SR, was dead by 1695 (Stafford County). This was taken from a deed and not Va. Vital records.

1. THOMAS BAXTER (JR.) died in Stafford County in 1722, St. Paul's Parish.
2. Frances Baxter died 1725/6 Stafford County, St. Paul's Parish.
3. James Baxter, 1704 Quit Rents, New Kent County, Va.
4. John Baxter, 1704 Quit Rents, Charles City Co., Va.

Note: A John & James Baxter show up in Prince William County, Virginia in the 1740s.

FOLLOWING FROM "NORTHERN NECK VA. LAND GRANTS," by GRAY.

Gray's Book, Page 66

N.N. Grant Book 5, Page 170

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Grant Book C-32 ??? (Which grant book??).

John Wheeler of Stafford County, 171 acres in Stafford County on N branch of Pohick, adjacent WALTER GRIFFIN, THOMAS SIMPSON (and) line of Fitzhugh. February 1729,

Note: John Wheeler and John Woodward witnessed (2) deeds for Dennis McCarty in Deed Book A, Pages 192 and 197. (SEE BELOW). John Woodward is very strongly believed to have been the 1st husband of Mary Simpson, daughter of Thomas Simpson and Elizabeth (Libby) Baxter. John Woodward & Mary Simpson were the parents to Thomas Woodward (b. ca. 1729), who later moved to S.C. and was one of the leaders of the Regulator movement in the early and mid 1760s. He was a Captain in the Rangers during the Revolution in S.C. and was killed on 12th May 1779 in what is today's Fairfield County, S.C. He (Thomas "The Regulator" Woodward) was also my 5th great grandfather.

Robert R. Hill Sr.

FOLLOWING TAKEN FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA ABSTRACTS BY JUNE WHITHURST JOHNSON, DEED BOOK LIBER B, 1732-1735.

Pages 192-197 March 13, 1732. Dennis McCarty of Parish of Hamilton, County of Prince William to John Minor Jr. of Parish of Washington, County of Westmorland...79 pounds sterling...522 acres and 26 perc--?...granted to Dennis McCarty by deed dated March 25, 1727...in a l-- of land given by will to Dennis McCarty by his father Daniel McCarty, on north side of road leads from main road down to Owsely's Mill...line of John Hereford. Deed of lease and release.

signed by/ Denis McCarty

Witnesses: JOHN WOODWARD, (John (X) Wheeler, Humphry (x) Pr--
March 31, 1732, received of John Minor sum of 29 pounds

sterling. At court April 19, 1732 release from Denis McCarty, Gentleman, to John Minor was proved by oaths of witness with receipt endorsed.

John Woodward Deed Number 2 (mentioned above)

Pages 197-198. Denis McCarty of Prince William is bound and indebted to John Minor of Westmoreland in sum of 158 pounds current money and dated March 31, 1732....condition that Denis McCarty sold to John Minor 522 acres and 26 perches on upper side of Accotink Creek.

signed by/ Denis McCarty

Wit: JOHN WOODWARD, John (x) Wheeler.
At court April 19, 1732 this bond from Denis McCarty, Gentleman, to John Minor was proved by oaths of wit.

FOLLOWING FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY DEED BOOK LIBER B, 1732-1735

Pages 360-363. July 23, 1734 JOHN BAXTER of Prince William, planter, to Catesby Cocke of same, Gentleman, for 60 pounds...300 acres called BAXTER'S NEW DESIGNbeing in Parish of Truro...being the upper part of tract where said BAXTER now dwells and bounded by line of the land purchased by said Catesby Cocke of THOMAS SIMPSON...deed of lease and release.

sign/ JOHN BAXTER

Wit: JAMES BAXTER, Thomas Robinson, Mary Gett.
Received sum of 60 lbs dated July 24, 1734.
At court JOHN BAXTER acknowledged this release with receipt endorsed to Catesby Cocke.

Page 363-365. JOHN BAXTER of Truro Parish am (is) held and firmly bound unto Catesby Cocke in sum of 150 pounds sterling, dated July 24, 1734. The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound JOHN BAXTER shall observe and keep all covenant (sic) and agreements which ought to be observed mentioned in a certain release between JOHN BAXTER and Catesby Cocke according to the true intent of said indenture then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

signed by/ JOHN BAXTER

Wit: JAMES BAXTER, Thomas Robinson, Mary Gett (Jett).
At court September 19, 1734 JOHN BAXTER acknowledged this bond.

Prince William County Deed Book D, Pages 413-418
22nd June 1740

John Grant and Mararet (Margaret?) his wife to JAMES BAXTER,

Gentleman...602 acres on N. side of Occaquan on Wolf Run,
land formerly John Waugh's by grant 20th September 1710.

Note: At this time James Baxter's relationship to the above
(if any) has not been determined).

Pages 52-53 Stafford County in the year 1700. (Payments
made in Tobacco) To Col. GEORGE MASON being Burgess 3000; to
CAPT. RICE HOOE for ditto 2600; to CAPT. WILLIAM FITZHUGH for
Burgess charge 6000; to the Sheriff for a keeper 1200; to the
Sheriff for attendance--trouble--orphans court 400; to the
clerk for laying the levy & other services 1000; to Mr. JOHN
WAUGH for Corners fees 266; to MR. WILLIAM WILLIAMS for
corners fees 133; to GEORGE MASON for corners fees 399; to
MR. JOHN WASHINGTON for ditto 133; to CAPT. JOHN WEST for
ditto 133; to MR. RAWL TRAVERSE for keeping a ferry over
Potomac Creek 5000; to DAVID STRAWHAM for ditto over
Occaquan 3500; to WILLIAM HOLT POST 2000; to DAVID STRAWHAM
for going to India. ffourt??? 500; to GILES TILLET for going
to ditto ffourt?? 500; to MR. JOHN WAUGH for his predecessor
500; to Col. MASON for tithables overcharged 2500; to ditto
for Secretaries fees 350; to MR. RAWLIN TRAVERS for tithable
overcharged 95; to JAMES GREGG for one do overcharged
95;...(same for those following)... to WILLIAM WIGINTON
1000; to SAMUEL KENT 95; to CAPT. WILLIAM DOWNING 900; to
JAMES BUTLER for burying a poor man 400; to SAMUEL WHITSON
for burying a poor man 400; (FOLLOWING FOR WOLVES TRAPPED OR
KILLED)... to PHILLIP JOHNSON for one wolf killed by gun 200;
to HENRY HALLY for trap wolf 900; to THOMAS BAXTER; JNO.
TRAMMILL; GEORGE ENGLISH; THOMAS GREGG; MR. NICH. BRENT; JOHN
MARTLE; JAMES FLETCHER; JNO. SIMPSON; ABRAM FARROW; JNO.
MARR; THOMAS WHITELEDGE; MR. MOSEY; LEWIS FRACKNELL; CAPT.
RICHARD FOSSAKER; ANN PAYTON; TO DANIERL BEACH for cleaning
courthouse 200; to Sheriff for collecting at 10 per cent.
Mathew Tompson list is 134; Mr. William list is 86; Capt.
Robert Alexander's list 114; Col. Mason's list 110; John
Washington list 128; Mr. Thomas Greggs list 105; Mr. Rawl
Travers 2 tithables overcharged in John Waughs levy fee.
Which said sum of 48728 being proportioned by 676 tithables
is 72 Poll & 56 fraction.

Pages 68-70I THOMAS BAXTER of county Stafford, Planter,
this 8th day of March 1700...for sum of 1400 pounds Tobacco,
in cask to me paid or secured to be paid by JOHN PEAK in
county aforesaid...have sold 100 acres of land joining to
land belonging to JOHN PEAKE beginning at a Bank commonly
known as the White Bank...

signed by/ THOMAS (X) BAXTER

Presence of William Brooks, Henry Filkin.

March 12th 1700...The above THOMAS BAXTER came into court and
acknowledged deed and was then recorded.

March 12th, 1700...SAMUEL JACKSON as attorney for MARY BAXTER came into Court & relinquished her right of dower...and was then recorded.

AT A COURT FOR THE LAYING OF THE LEVY, THE 9TH DECEMBER 1703
FOR STAFFORD COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Pages 204-205 (A long list, of which only a portion
is given here)

For the trapping or killing of wolves.....John West Jr,
Alexander Beach, John Beaver, Robert Jones, BURR HARRISON,
John Calvert, Phillip Johnson, Mr. Thornton, Henry Harley
Jr., THOMAS BAXTER, Samuel Jackson, Mark Calmes, Thomas
James, John Orea, William Whaley, Edward Mountjoy, John
Waugh, John Sharp, John Martin, William Whitson, WILLIAM
HARRISON, Benjamin Colclough, Thomas Whitley, Roger Abbot,
George English, James Reddish, Phillip Alexander.

14th DECEMBER 1703

Pages 207-208 MARGARET LADY CULPEPER, THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX,
AND CATHERINE, his wife, Proprietors of the Northern Neck of
Virginia....Whereas THOMAS BAXTER, son of THOMAS BAXTER,
deceased, of Stafford County, did on the fourteenth of
October 1695, set forth to our office, that as heir to his
Father he held 2000 acres of land by virtue of an old patent,
lying on Ocquaquon in said county, Whereupon he obtained a
warrant under the hand of Capt. George Brent, one of our
Agents to survey the said Patent, according to its bound
provided it did not entrench upon Elder patents as by the
said warrants more fully appear, and it further appearing
that by the procurement of WALTER GRIFFIN, who married the
mother of the said THOMAS BAXTER, then in his minority, a
survey accordingly, was made the 16th October following by
THEODRICK BLAND, Surveyor, including the quantity of nineteen
hundred and seven acres, without entrenching upon Elder
patents, as the said Surveyor reports, and THOMAS BAXTER now
again sets forth that he is still in the possession of the
said 1907 acres and moving to have a deed for the same,
according to the said survey, Know ye that therefore in
consideration of the arrearages of rent and composition to us
paid and the annual rent herein reserved, we have given and
granted and do by way of these presents, give and grant unto
THOMAS BAXTER all that parcel of land, lying on the upper
side of Ocquaquan, in the county Stafford, containing 1907
acres, bounded....beginning at the mouth of a creek which
divided this land from the Dogs Island Patent and running
thence up the creek, according to the meanders thereof,
crossing a branch of the same East one degree and quarter
North 470 poles to a Maple in the branch upon Bush Roads

line, thence along Bushroads line North 33 degrees and one half West 536 poles to a white oak being the uppermost corner tree in the woods of Bushroads land, thence NW 214 poles to a white oak on a hill, between the fork of a branch that runs to Pohick thence W=1 degree one half N=156 poles to a hickory and a white oak at the head of a valley that runs down towards Ocquaquam, thence SW 442 poles to a chestnut oak, upon Wilkesses Creek or Jonathans Run, thence down the said Wilkesses or Jonathans Run and Ocquaquan River according to the meanders of there to the first mentioned beginning.....this 14th day of December 1703.

signed by/Robert Carter

Stafford Sct. At a court held for said County the 9th February 1703/04, THOMAS BAXTER moved that the above deed from the Proprietors might be recorded, therefore ordered same to be recorded.

Comments by R. Hill Sr: This deed clearly shows the fact that Mary (Simpson) Baxter was the wife of Thomas Baxter Sr., and that they had a son Thomas Baxter Jr. Mary (Simpson) Baxter remarried Walter Griffin.

Pages 209-210 7th February 1703/04

I THOMAS BAXTER of Stafford County...this 5th day February 1703/04 Now know ye that I THOMAS BAXTER for sum of 4000 pounds of tobacco and cask, to me paid in hand by WILLIAM HOLT of Stafford County...the land bounded thus lying in the fork of Baxter Creek, beginning in the fork running East up to a Maple to Bushroad line running up Bushroad's line North to the Mill Run, running down the run to the beginning in the fork, containing 300 acres of land, more or less...

signed by/ THOMAS (X) BAXTER
MARY (X) BAXTER

Presence of:

LIBBE (LIBBY) BAXTER
CHARLES HARRISON

I MARY BAXTER, wife of THOMAS BAXTER, the above signer, do empower my loving friend Col. GEORGE MASON, to acknowledge my right in law to the above deed of sale and all the land therein mentioned to WILLIAM HOLT...this 7th February 1703.

Stafford Sct. At a court held the 9th February 1703/04, THOMAS BAXTER in proper person ca,e into open court and acknowledged above deed to WILLIAM HOLT, ordered said deed to be recorded.

Know all men...I GEORGE MASON, Gentleman, have for the sum of Ten Pounds Sterling, to me in hand paid or secured to be paid...have sold WILLIAM HOLT of county aforesaid, one water grist mill house with one acre of land, thereunto belonging being on the run that divides THOMAS BAXTER'S plantation and William Holt's land. 9th day March 1708.

signed by/ G. MASON

Presence of Richard Fossaker

Memorandum...that on 9th day of March 1708 livery and seizin of all the premises aforesaid...by delivery Truff and Twigg in the name of the whole per me..

G. MASON

GEORGE MASON, Gentleman, in person acknowledged the within deed of sale in Stafford County Court the 9th day March 1708...which is ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

END OF DOCUMENT.