

Descendants of Edmund Belson, Sr.

Generation No. 1

1. EDMUND¹ BELSON, SR. He married ELIZABETH ?.

Notes for EDMUND BELSON, SR.:

Bufkin marriage with Edmund Belson as witness:

Leaven Bufkin & Dorrithy Newby The Daughter of William Newby of Nanzemund did propound their marriage before a meeting of friends men & women at Tho: Jordans howse in Chucatuck on ye 9th day of ye 12 moth Last and coming before the meeting the second time in Isaac Reeks howse they did publish their marriage in his own house on the seventeenth day of ye second month 1688.

Leaven Bufkin

Dorrithy Newby

Witnesses:

Robart Wilson, Nathan Newby, Gabrell Newby, John Scott, Johnathan Newby, Edmond Belson, Tho: Duke, Rich: Ratliff, Christopher Gewin, Isaac Reecks, John Small, Marke Alsbury, Robard Jones, frances Mace, John Keeton, Andrew Ross, John Small Junir, Izabell Newby, Eliz Jordan, Eliz: Newby, Eliz: Copland, Alce Hollowell, Ann Wilson, Margret Jordan, Eliz Scott, Ann Small, Eliz Ratliff, Martha Jones, Margret Duke, Mary Sanders, Mary Keeton, Ann Hacly

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Children of EDMUND BELSON and ELIZABETH ? are:

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 - i. MARY² BELSON, b. Abt. 1669, Nansemond Co., Va.; d. Abt. 1727.
 - ii. EDMUND BELSON, JR., b. November 11, 1664; m. (1) MARY TOOKE, December 13, 1684, Nansemond Co., Va.; m. (2) JEAN RIDDICK, May 11, 1689, Nansemond Co., Va.; b. Abt. 1670.

Notes for EDMUND BELSON, JR.:

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Edmond Belson the sonn of Elizabeth Belson of Nanzemun And Mary Crew the daughter of Mary Tooke of the Isleweight county propounded their marriage before a meeting of frends men & women at the house of William Clarks in Pagon Creeke on the 13th day of the 9 moth Last and coming before the meeting the second time at Richard Ratlife's howse one the Eleventh day of this Instant month they did publish their marriage again and were married in the house of his mother on the 13th day of the 10th. month 1684

Early VA Quaker Records connect this family with Newton, Hollowell, Copland (Copeland).

Sources:

Title: Virginia Early Quaker Records, Ancestry.com

Author: Miles White, Jr., Southern History Assn, 1902-03

Notes for MARY TOOKE:

Question?

Henry Hollowell married in Thomas Tookes house, is this a close relative?

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page 11 Henry Hollowell of Elizabeth River & Elizabeth Scott of Nanzemund county did propound their marriage at a meeting of men & women freinds at the howse of Thomas Tookes on the 9th day of the first month Last and at a meeting at Isaac Reecks the 13th day of this Instant thay[p.11] published there Marriage ye second time and were married in his house on the 20th day of the 2 month 1693

Marriage Notes for EDMUND BELSON and MARY TOOKE:

Possible Isle of Wight Co., Va.

More About EDMUND BELSON and MARY TOOKE:
Marriage: December 13, 1684, Nansemond Co., Va.

More About EDMUND BELSON and JEAN RIDDICK:
Marriage: May 11, 1689, Nansemond Co., Va.

3. iii. ELIZABETH BELSON, b. August 31, 1666.

Generation No. 2

2. MARY² BELSON (*EDMUND*¹) was born Abt. 1669 in Nansemond Co., Va., and died Abt. 1727. She married ROBERT JORDAN May 10, 1690 in Nansemond Co., Va., son of THOMAS JORDAN and MARGARET BRASSEUR.

Notes for MARY BELSON:

She is the second wife of Robert Jordan

1st wife : Christiana O. Taber or Christiana O. Taberer

3rd wife : Dorothy Cary

Notes for ROBERT JORDAN:

is he related to the jordan who married sarah cocke?

See FTM CD 186- p110 mentions Thomas Pleasants of Henrico and a Robert Jordan, his brother-in-law. Pleasants, born 1695, is too young to be brother-in-law of this Robert. ??

He was an active Quaker.

But ... Thomas married Mary Jordan, daughter of Robert Jordan. This is referring to father and son Jordans.

FTM CD186 p112:

"Robert lived in Nansemond, where he was a prominent Quaker minister. He married, first on 9 Dec 1687, Christian Outland, (who died 26 June 1689), and married second, on 7 July 1690, Mary, daughter of Edmund Belson of Nansemond (who patented 100 acrs in that county, 26 April 1670, and, with Robert Montgomery, 850 adjoining acres, 30 April 1679), by whom he had, with other issue: Mary Jordan, born 24 December 1699, died in 1797, who as previously recorded, married Thomas Pleasants of Henrico."

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Robart Jordan the son of Tho: Jordan of Chucatuck in ye county of Nanzemund and Christian: Oudeland ye daughter of Tho: Taberer of the Isleaweight county did publish their marriage at a meeting of men & women friends at [p.8] William Sanders his howse ye county aforesd on ye twelft day of ye Eleventh month last past And coming before ye meeting the second time in his fathers house they did publish their marriage againe on ye ninth day of this Instant month and were married in the house of his father on this Ninth day of ye twelft month in ye yeare 1687.

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Nancy Chenoweth, born March 25, 1805; died February 22, 1893
married November 7, 1822.

4. The said Nancy Chenoweth was the daughter of John Chenoweth, born March 15, 1780, and his wife Rebeckah Rose, born

January 18, 1785; died July 19, 1846; married November 29, 1803.

5. The said John Chenoweth was the son of Arthur Chenoweth, Jr., born July 16, 1752, and his wife Elspa Lawrence, born October 22, 1749; married April 1, 1773.

6. The said Arthur Chenoweth, Jr. was the son of Arthur Chenoweth, Sr., born 1716, and his wife Sapphira; married about 1738.

7. The said Arthur Chenoweth, Sr. was the son of John Chenoweth born about 1682, and his wife Mary Calvert; married about 1705.

8. The said Mary Calvert was the daughter of Lord Baltimore III (Charles Calvert), born 1630. 291

I, John Henley Eversole, resident of Newman, Illinois; born September 3, 1809; hereby apply for membership in The Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims by right of descent from Samuel Jordan, sailed from England in "Sea Venture" August 1608, wrecked off coast of Bermuda, died March, 1623 at Jordans Journey, below Shirley Hundred Island, Jamestown, Virginia. Service: Left Bermuda May 9, 1609 arrived Jamestown May 23, 1609. Fought Indians from behind stockade on his premises; was member of first house of Burgess, assembled in "Quire" of church August 9, 1609.

I was born in Newman, Douglas County, Illinois.

1. I am the son of Henley Eversole, born July 31, 1863, and his wife Orpha Olive Wagner, born March 8, 1874; married March 26, 1895.

2. The said Henley Eversole was the son of Henry Eversole, born October 2, 1831; died December 1, 1809, and his wife Sarah Jane Work, born October 10, 1836; died August 8, 1919; married October 21, 1858.

3. The said Sarah Jane Work Eversole was the daughter of Samuel Work, born October 10, 1792; died December 28, 1871, and his wife Elizabeth Henley, born July 3, 1796; died July 5, 1850; married 1815.

4. The said Elizabeth Henley Work was the daughter of Jesse Henley, Jr., born August 16, 1770; died November 25, 1828, and his wife Catherine Fouts, born October 24, 1773; died March 12, 1806.

5. The said Jesse Henley, Jr. was the son of Jesse Henley, died July 13, 1801, and his wife Nancy Crews, died June 7, 1798.

6. The said Jesse Henley was the son of John Henley, born November 7, 1717; died July 10, 1753, and his wife Mary Jordan; married August, 1740.

7. The said Mary Jordan Henley was the daughter of Joseph Jordan, born 1695, died 1735, and his wife Mary, born 1704, died 1767.

8. The said Joseph Jordan was the son of Robert Jordan, born July 1668, died August 3, 1728, and his wife Ailaly Bolson; married 1690.

9. The said Robert Jordan was the son of Thomas Jordan, Jr., born 1634, died 1699, and his wife Margaret Brashale, born July

1642, died October 7, 1708.

Father: Thomas JORDAN , Jr. b: 1634
Mother: Margaret BRASSEUR b: JUL 1642

Marriage 1 Christian OUTLAND

Married: 9 DEC 1687 in "Chuckatuck in ye county of Nanzemund," in the house of his father. 2 3

Marriage 2 Mary BELSON

Married: 7 JUL 1690 4 2

Children

Mary JORDAN b: 24 DEC 1699

Robert JORDAN

Sources:

Title: Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, FTM Online, 2-99

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Robert Jordan:

!RESEARCHER: Sheryl Hays file.

email message dated 3 Nov 1996 to JORDAN Family list.

2. Thomas Jordan (1634-1699) & Margaret Brasseur (1642-1708)

3. Robert Jordan (1688-) & Mary Belson

4. Thomas Jordan b 1691

4. Robert Jordan b 1692

4. Joseph Jordan b 1695

4. Mary Jordan b 1699

4. Margaret Jordan b 1702

4. Elizabeth Jordan b 1705

4. Edward Jordan b 1707

4. Belson Jordan b 1707 d 1707

4. Samuel Jordan b 1711 d 1767 m Hannah Bates

Email message dated 21 November 1996.

Robert Jordan, s/o Thomas Jordan and Margaret Brasseur, b 11 Jul1668

Nansemond Co., VA; d ? 3 Aug 1728 Nansemond Co., VA.

Sources: HARRISONS OF SKIMINO. Fairfax Harrison and Francis BurtonHarrison, 1910.

He m1 10 May 1690 Chuckatuck, Nansemond Co., VA Mary Belson, dau of Edmund Belson and Elizabeth, b 24 Mar 1673; d 1717; had

i. Thomas Jordan b 13 Apr 1691 VA

ii. Robert Jordan b 27 Oct 1692 VA

iii. Joseph Jordan b 18 Sep 1695 Va

iv. Mary Jordan b 24 Dec 1699 VA

v. Margaret Jordan b 12 Feb 1702 Va

vi. Elizabeth Jordan b 17 Dec 1705 VA

vii. Edward Jordan b 17 Jun 1707 VA

viii. Belson Jordan b 17 Jun 1707 VA; d 9 Oct 1707 VA

ix. Samuel Jordan

He m2 9 Dec 1687/88 Christian Taberer, dau of Thomas Taberer andMargaret, b ca 1668 Isle of Wight Co., VA; d 26 Jun 1689 Nansemond Co., VA;had

i. Christian Jordan b Jan 1689 Nansemond Co., VA.
He m3 9 Jun 1718 Dorothy Cary, dau of Thomas Cary and Ann Milner.

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friends at William Sanders his howse ye county aforead on ye twelft day
of ye Eleventh month last past And coming before ye meeting the second time in his fathers house they
did publish their marriage againe on ye ninth day of this
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day of ye twelft month in ye yeare 1687. (my note - no Tabberers signed
the certificate.)

Robard Jordan & his wife Christians daughters berth day & yeare
Christian Jordan the daughter of the above said was borne the 23 day of
the first month in ye year 1689 And Christian Jordan ye wife of Robar
Jordan died ye 26 of ye 6 mo 89.

Robert married at his father's house to Christian Taberer Oudeland, a daughter of Thomas and
Margaret Taberer and a widow of William Oudeland/Outland. She died less than 2 years later, leaving a
5 month old daughter. Robert married 2nd on 05/10/1690 at John Scott's house to Mary Belson (1673-
1717) a daughter of Edmund and Elizabeth Belson of Nansemond. Robert married 3rd 07/09/1718 at
Curles MM to Dorothy Cary Pleasants, a daughter of Major Thomas Cary and his wife Anna Milner of
Warwick County, Virginia, and widow of John Pleasants of Henrico County, Virginia. Robert and Mary
(Belson) Jordan had nine children.

ONE LADD'S FAMILY including COUSINS Near and Distant Compiled by Ruth Kline
Ladd, 1974

THESE JORDANS WERE HERE by Octavia Jordan Perry

On 2 April 1702, Robert Jordan contributes 580 lbs tobacco to the building of a meetinge located in the
Southern Branch of Nansemond River on the plantation of Levin Bufkin. 1
(this levin bufkin there is more to this-my emphis)

See note for father. Testimonial of him in Boddie's 17th Cent. Isle of Wight in the chapter on quakers p.
121. Buried in the "family buring ground." Dates quaker style, ie: b. 1668, 7, 11, d. 1728, 8, 3. I assume
O.S. calender in use.

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More About ROBERT JORDAN and MARY BELSON:
Marriage: May 10, 1690, Nansemond Co., Va.

Children of MARY BELSON and ROBERT JORDAN are:

4. i. MARY³ JORDAN.
ii. THOMAS JORDAN, b. Abt. 1691.
iii. ROBERT JORDAN, JR., b. Abt. 1692.
iv. JOSEPH JORDAN, b. Abt. 1695.
5. v. MARGARET JORDAN, b. April 12, 1702, Nansemond Co., Va..
vi. ELIZABETH JORDAN, b. Abt. 1705.
vii. BELSON JORDAN, b. Abt. 1707.
viii. EDWARD JORDAN, b. Abt. 1707.
ix. SAMUEL JORDAN, b. Abt. 1711.

3. ELIZABETH² BELSON (*EDMUND*¹) was born August 31, 1666. She married (1) JOHN SCOTT October 19, 1682 in Mothers house Nansemond Co., Va.. She married (2) HENRY HALLOWELL April 20, 1693 in Quaker meeting house, Virginia. He was born October 18, 1652 in Virginia. She married (3) BENJAMIN SMALL March 12, 1698/99 in Chuckatuck meeting house, Chuckatuck Co., Va.. He was born Abt. 1674 in Nansemond Co., Virginia.

Notes for ELIZABETH BELSON:

Marriage 1 John Scott b: in Nansemond, VA

Married: 19 OCT 1682 in In the house of his mother, Nansemond, VA 1

Note:

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Marriage 2 Henry Hollowell b: 18 OCT 1652 in Virginia

Married: 20 APR 1693 in at a meeting in Isaac Reecks' house, Virginia 2

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Children

John Hollowell b: 1694

Thomas Hollowell b: 1696

William Hollowell b: 1698

Marriage 3 Benjamin Small b: ABT. 1674 in Nansemond, VA

Married: 12 MAR 1699 in Chuckatuck Meeting House; Nansemond Co., VA 3

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Children

Amy Small b: 30 MAR 1702 in Chuckatuck, Nansemond, Va

Hannah Small b: 31 MAY 1704

Sources:

Title: EARLY QUAKER RECORDS IN VIRGINIA RECORDS

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Notes for JOHN SCOTT:

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19th day of the 8th month in the year 1682

More About JOHN SCOTT and ELIZABETH BELSON:

Marriage: October 19, 1682, Mothers house Nansemond Co., Va.

Notes for HENRY HALLOWELL:

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Marriage Notes for ELIZABETH BELSON and HENRY HALLOWELL:

Marrige was at Issac Reecks' house

More About HENRY HALLOWELL and ELIZABETH BELSON:

Marriage 1: April 20, 1693, Quaker meeting house, Virginia

Marriage 2: April 20, 1693

Notes for BENJAMIN SMALL:

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More About BENJAMIN SMALL and ELIZABETH BELSON:
Marriage: March 12, 1698/99, Chuckatuck meeting house, Chuckatuck Co., Va.

Children of ELIZABETH BELSON and HENRY HALLOWELL are:

- i. JOHN³ HALLOWELL, b. Abt. 1694.
- ii. THOMAS HALLOWELL, b. Abt. 1696.
- iii. WILLIAM HALLOWELL, b. Abt. 1698.

Children of ELIZABETH BELSON and BENJAMIN SMALL are:

- iv. AMY³ SMALL, b. March 30, 1702.
- v. HANNAH SMALL, b. May 31, 1704.

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4. MARY³ JORDAN (*MARY² BELSON, EDMUND¹*) She married THOMAS PLEASANTS Abt. 1716 in Henrico Co., Va., son of JOHN PLEASANTS and DOROTHY CARY. He was born November 1695 in Henrico Co., Virginia, and died Aft. January 24, 1743/44 in Henrico Co., Virginia.

More About THOMAS PLEASANTS and MARY JORDAN:
Marriage: Abt. 1716, Henrico Co., Va.

Children of MARY JORDAN and THOMAS PLEASANTS are:

- i. JOHN⁴ PLEASANTS, m. ELIZABETH SCOTT.
- ii. THOMAS PLEASANTS, JR..
- iii. ROBERT PLEASANTS.
- iv. LYDIA PLEASANTS.
- v. MARY PLEASANTS, b. Aft. 1721.
- vi. JANE PLEASANTS, b. Aft. 1721.
- vii. SARAH PLEASANTS, b. Aft. 1721.
- viii. ELIZABETH PLEASANTS, b. Aft. 1721.

5. MARGARET³ JORDAN (*MARY² BELSON, EDMUND¹*) was born April 12, 1702 in Nansemond Co., Va.. She married JOHN PLEASANTS III Bef. 1738, son of JOHN PLEASANTS and DOROTHY CARY. He was born Abt. 1697.

Notes for MARGARET JORDAN:

! (1) "The History of the Pleasants Family who Came from England to Virginia Around 1660," by Frank Willing Leach (Philadelphia: The Historical Publication Soc., 1939; rpt. GenealogyLibrary.com, 2000) p.24.

! Birth: (1) d/o Robert JORDAN and sister of the younger Robert JORDAN, the eminent Quaker minister, who m. one of PLEASANT's sisters. 12 Apr 170s, Nansemond Co., VA.

Death: (1) 5 Dec 1746.

Notes for JOHN PLEASANTS III:

Birth: (1) s/o John PLEASANTS/Dorothy CARY. Abt 1697.

Marriage to Margaret JORDAN: (1)

Marriage to Mary WOODSON: (1)

Marriage to Miriam HUNNICUTT: (1)

Death: (1) Will dtd 12 Aug 1771. His death occurred not long after the date of the will.

(1) Lived in Henrico Co., VA. A planter on an extensive scale and owned a large number of slaves.

(1) Refused to pay tithes or demands for priests' wages. Had their property levied on and sold.

(1) 1771, 12 Aug: John PLEASANTS wrote his will. He directed that all of his slaves, numbering 539, should be freed.

(1) The freeing of all his slaves created a sensation in VA, and the Dominion authorities would not permit the order of the testator to become operative. It was not until 1800 that the slaves were

emancipated, and then action by the Legislature was required.

Source:

(1) "The History of the Pleasants Family who Came from England to Virginia Around 1660," by Frank Willing Leach (Philadelphia: The Historical Publication Soc., 1939; rpt. GenealogyLibrary.com, 2000) p.24-26.

Living at "Curles"

Certified by Joseph Pleasants (a Quaker) and by John Brooke as:
Will of John Pleasants, third of the name in Virginia

My eight slaves; Joe Cooper, old Sukey, Fanny, old Robin, carpenter Will, old Nat, old Caesar, and Aggy to be at liberty to live with any of my children, and to enjoy the benefit of their labors as freely as if they were free, and when old to be maintained from my estate.

At the end of 1776 my man Charles White to take with him to work on boats, his two sons, Jack and Charles, and to have 1/3 of all they earn, and to pay to my trustees the 2/3 he owes.

All of my slaves to be free at age 30 if laws permit it without they being transported.

To son Robert, land I live on as well as where he lives, 319 acres, and 350 acres purchased of Robert Blaws, known by name of 'Robert Sharpes' and 'Richard Perkins' and land on Licking Hole Creek purchased of Richard Dean in Goochland; and one tract in said county purchased of Robert Blaws, also 8 negroes, if he frees them at age 30.

Also to son Robert, on condition he conveys to my son Jonathan, the land I gave him called 'Robert Sharpes', 100 acres, and the tract called 'Richard Perkins', 150 acres, and 100 acres adjoining the other two tracts, which he bought of William Sharp, he reserving 2 acres of Perkins tract to build a mill; I give the three tracts of Four Mile Creek I intended for Jonathan, vizt: 60 acres Purchased of Charles Holmes, 50 acres purchased of Benjamin Hatcher, and 130 purchased of John Knib. Further to son Robert 600 pounds 1/3 part of a large Cargo he has had under his management since 1747. The partnership between him, Thomas Pleasants, and myself has no relationship to above.

To grandson Samuel Pleasants, land called 'The Fine Creek Tract', including the islands adjoining, and one small tract where Francis Epperson lives, with said Francis to enjoy land for life. To have 1/3 of my slaves not disposed of, if freed at age 30. If he die, before age 21, then above to my son Jonathan, and if Johnathan die before 21, to my son Thomas. Rest of Samuel's estate, if he die, to all my sons and to his sister Jane Pleasants. Also to grandson Samuel, 1/3 of my household furniture, also 1/2 my lands at head of Appomattox River, also all my land on Hook and Hughes Creek, if he convey to my son Jonathan all the land on Jones Creek, his father bought of John Ware; also 200 pounds at 21 if he give of claim to share of debts and profits from store kept by his father in Cumberland County in partnership with myself.

To my son Samuel, of Philadelphia, 3000 pounds (of which he has already received 2000), also 200 pounds and items.

To daughter Elizabeth Langley, use of land she lives on for life (and bought of John Hurt) and then to her children, also negroes sold me by her husband Robert Langley.

To daughter Dorothy Briggs, 195 pounds, in lieu of any claim her husband Gray Briggs may have against me or my estate.

To daughter Ann Atkinson, 520 pounds.

To grandson Charles Woodson, a tract in Cumberland where he lives, 100 pounds, a feather bed, etc.

To son Jonathan, at 21, 1/3 of my slaves, including his mother's negroes and those given by her father (my father in law Tarlton Woodson), also lands mentioned in jointure made his mother, and land in Cumberland Co. purchased of Phillips and 400 acres on Jones Creek and 360 acres I bought of John Scott; and all my land in Charlotte County; also all my land on upper side of Four Mile Creek. If he dies, Henrico lands to my son Thomas, and all others to be divided between my sons Robert and Samuel and grandson Samuel Pleasants.

If sons Jonathan and Thomas do not live to age 21, then theirs divided as above also (the jointure lands of my late wife excepted, which my daughter Mary is heir to).

To son Thomas, all land near the mouth of Deep Creek in Cumberland County, purchased of Miles Gathright and 1100 acres patented in my name; also 300 acres on Muddy Creek in said county, and all my lands on Angola Creek in said county containing 1200 acres.

To granddaughter Jane Pleasants, 250 pounds, and a negro, provided said Jane, as representative of her dec'd father John Pleasants, release claim in my partnership with her father.

To daughter Mary Pleasants, 300 acres in Nansemond County, 4 slaves, items, and 500 pounds, if she

arrives at 21, and if she dies, to her brothers Jonathan and Thomas.

To Elizabeth Pleasants, wife of Joseph Pleasants, a mulatto woman and her child Ursula Johnson to be supplied all necessities during her life, as I supplied them in years past.

If Mary, Jonathan and Thomas Pleasants die before age 21, the Nansemond land to be sold, with 100 pounds to be paid to Robert Jordan and his sister Mary, and rest divided between my sons Samuel and Robert and my grandson Samuel Pleasant.

My man Sam to be free and pay my executors 12 pounds annually

To son Thomas, remaining 1/3 of my negroes.

To wife for life, my land belonging to Fine Creek Tract, given to my grandson Samuel Pleasants (the mill excepted) if she quit claim to all land on Four Mile Creek, mentioned in jointure executed before our marriage, my daughter Mary is to live with her. When children are of age, they are each to pay my wife 15 pounds a year.

To son Robert 50 acres on Four Mile Creek I bought of Robert Blaws, adjoining land of late Joseph Woodson.

Executors: Thomas Pleasants, Sr., Robert Pleasants, Jr., Thomas Pleasants, Jr., John Crew, Charles Woodson, Jr.

To wife all livestock at manor plantation, and 1/2 of furniture, with other 1/2 to sons Jonathan, Thomas, and grandson Samuel Pleasants

Son Thomas's plantation at Deep Creek to pay 20 barrels corn towards his brothers and sisters support.

To son Jonathan, 50 acres I bought of Robert Blaws with the mill.

All rest to sons Robert, Samuel, Jonathan and Thomas.

Lastly, I appoint sons Robert and Jonathan Charles Woodson and Thomas Pleasants, Jr. as executors.

Dated 11 August 1771

Wit: Peter Strathan, Robert Pleasants, Jr., John Downes

CODICIL:

To sons Thomas and Jonathan, 10 acres of my Fine Creek Tract given my grandson Samuel Pleasants

It is my desire that Elizabeth Bates and the rest of my dear wife's children, be permitted to live in the house built for my son John on upper side of Fine Creek, given to my grandson Samuel Pleasants.

Dated 20 Aug. 1771

Wit: James Hill, Ro. Pleasants, Jr.

Sources:

Title: Henrico Parish and St. John's Church, Richmond, VA 1611-1904

name: John Pleasants

birth: 1671 at Curles, Henrico Co.

Author: Lewis W. Burton

Publication: Richmond, VA, Williams Printing Co, 1904

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Title: Pleasants Family

Author: Frank Willing Leach

Publication: The Historical Publication Society, Philadelphia, PA, 1939

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Note: Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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Title: Genealogies of Virginia Families, Wm & Mary Qtrly, Vol III

will: 5 mar 1713/14

proved: 7 jun 1714 henrico co

Author: Indexed: Elizabeth Petty Bentley

Publication: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc. Baltimore, MD, 1982

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More About JOHN PLEASANTS and MARGARET JORDAN:
Marriage: Bef. 1738

Child of MARGARET JORDAN and JOHN PLEASANTS is:

- i. ROBERT⁴ PLEASANTS.

Notes for ROBERT PLEASANTS:

Birth: (1) s/o John PLEASANTS of VA. (5) s/o John PLEASANTS/Margaret JORDAN. 1723, Curles.

Marriage to Mary WEBSTER: (5)

Marriage to Mary THOMAS: (5) Mrs. Mary HILL, nee THOMAS.

Death: (5) 4 Mar 1801.

(2) 1761, 19 Nov: Robert PLEASANTS and Thomas SPRIGG, executors of the estate of Joseph HILL, dec'd.

(4a) 1770, 22 May: John JOLLEY of NC sells to Robert PLEASANTS of Henrico Co., VA for 20 lbs. 100 acres of land in the Co. of Charles City, which land was given him by his father Edward JOLLY in his will, bounded on other lands given to Thomas JOLLY by the said Edward JOLLY and now in the possession of Capt. John ATKINSON. Wits. Thomas JOLLY, Thomas CHILDERS, Thomas PLEASANTS Jr., William BINFORD and Thomas PLEASANTS affirmed as being Quakers. Recorded 5 Dec 1770. [NOTE: Same Robert PLEASANTS?]

(3a) 1773, 30 Sep: Robert PLEASANTS, son and executor of the estate of John PLEASANTS, dec'd, advertised the sale of a mill on Fine Creek, Cumberland Co., VA.

(3a) 1777, 11 Apr: Robert PLEASANTS advertised the sale of a tract of land in Charlotte Co., VA containing 1700 acres and a tract in Cumberland Co., VA containing 345 acres belonging to the estate of Jonathan PLEASANTS. Estate accounts of John, Jonathan and Thomas PLEASANTS, dec'd, with Robert PLEASANTS.

(5) 1790: The Abolition Society of Virginia was organized. Robert PLEASANTS became the first President.

(3b) 1796, 4 Jun: Notice that any demands against the estate of Robert PLEASANTS Jr. or that of his widow, Eliza PLEASANTS, should be made known to his administrator, Robert PLEASANTS.

(5) He inherited the sterling integrity of his father, and especially his antipathy to the practice of human servitude. He became a zealous agitator against the prevalent and almost universal custom, which had been in operation in Virginia throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. He advocated schools for negroes and other Christian adjuncts of civilization, and, in all things, took an advanced position among the abolitionists and philanthropists of America. His letter book shows extensive correspondence with WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON, Patrick HENRY and other figures among his contemporaries.

Source:

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(5) "The History of the Pleasants Family who Came from England to Virginia Around 1660," by Frank Willing Leach (Philadelphia: The Historical Publication Soc., 1939; rpt. GenealogyLibrary.com, 2000) p.25.