

# Descendants of Samuel Jordan

## *Generation No. 1*

1. SAMUEL<sup>1</sup> JORDAN was born Abt. 1575, and died Abt. 1623. He married (1) CECILY REYNOLDS<sup>1,2</sup>. She was born Abt. 1601. He married (2) ? Abt. 1595.

Notes for SAMUEL JORDAN:

Mary was a descendant of Samuel Jordan, born in England, who in 1619 patented land, and founded a plantation called Jordan's Jorney, in the present Prince George; was burges for Charles City at the session of 30 July 1619; fortified his house, Beggar's Bush, during the Indian massacre of Marcg 1622 and 'lived in despight of the enemy,' but died in March 1623. Samuel Jordan is said to have had by his first wife: Thomas, Samuel and Robert, born in England, each of whom came to Virginia. He married second, Cicely \_\_\_\_\_, who survived him, and married, second Captain William Farrar. --(This Cicely was "Cicely Reynolds" who married a Bailey, he died and then she married Samuel Jordan.) she married 4 times  
see her file

1 Mrs. JORDAN

Children

Thomas JORDAN , Sr. b: 1600

Samuel JORDAN

Robert JORDAN

Sources: Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, p 22

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Samuel Jordan

1575-1623

Samuel Jordan is our first known Jordan ancestor, and he is definitely the first Jordan to arrive in America. Some reports (no source given) say that he was born in Lyme, Dorset County, England, and his birth year is said by some to be 1578. His surname was occasionally rendered as Jourdan, and he was also referred to in a number of early accounts as Captain Jordan.

Samuel Jordan's antecedents are not known. Prominent Englishmen with the same or similar surnames in that time period include Silvester Jourdain (or Jourdan), Ignatius Jourdain (or Jourdan), John Jourdain (or Jourdan), and Joseph Jordan, but it is not certain that any of these men are related to us.

According to one account, as related in the book THESE JORDANS WERE HERE by Octavia Jordan Perry, the Jordans originally bore the name Deandon. The first of the Deandons came to England with William the Conqueror in 1066 and settled in Devon. Later a William Deandon went to Palestine with the Crusaders around 1200, and upon his return to England he was knighted as Sir William de Jordan. During the reign of James I, part of the large family of Ignatius Jordan, a descendent of Sir William, migrated to the New World. Other Jordans went to Ireland, and some remained in England.

Another writer noted that the Jordans of Wiltshire, England, used a coat-of-arms with the motto Percussus Resurgo (When Struck Down I Rise Again) and said that the Jordans in Virginia may have been descended from the Wiltshire Jordans.

Interestingly, most Virginia Jordans pronounce their name as Jerdan (possibly derived from Jourdan).

Historical records tell us the following:

Silvester Jourdain (Jourdan) was a son of William Jourdain (Jourdan) of Lume Regis, Dorsetshire, brother of Ignatius, and cousin of John. Silvester accompanied Sir George Summers and Sir Thomas

Gates, deputy governors of Virginia, on their trip to that colony in 1609-1610, and he experienced shipwreck on Bermuda (Samuel Jordan was on the same ship {Sea Venture} and the two are sometimes confused by researchers). On his return to England, Silvester wrote "A Discovery of the Barmudas, otherwise called the Ile of Divils". It is believed that Shakespeare used this and other shipwreck survivor accounts as background for "The Tempest".

Ignatius Jourdain (Jourdan), Silvester's brother, became a prosperous merchant at Exeter and served as mayor of that city as well as a Member of Parliament. According to one English source, it was part of the large family of Ignatius Jourdain that went to America.

John Jourdain (Jourdan), Silvester's cousin, was a captain in the service of the East India Company.

Sir Joseph Jordan (1603-1685) was a Vice-Admiral in the King's Navy.

Samuel Jordan married around 1595. His first wife's name is unknown, he was married prior to leaving England in either France or England. The couple had a daughter, Anne Marie, and three sons, Thomas, Robert, and Samuel fils (Jr.). Samuel's wife died around 1608, and the widower arranged to leave his three young sons with relatives before setting sail for the New World.

Samuel Jordan sailed on 2 June 1609 from England aboard the Seaventure as one of the 400 passengers in Sir George Somer's fleet of eight ships. He was an English gentleman who was to plan an important part in the continued success of the James Town Colony.

All went well with Somer's flotilla until it encountered a terrific tropical storm near the Bermudas. After the storm had subsided, it was found that seven of the ships in the flotilla were still seaworthy, but the eighth... the Seaventure carrying 150 of the passengers, including the officials and many of the English gentlemen, was hopelessly stranded between two coral reefs.

The unspoiled food and equipment on the Seaventure was transferred to the other ships. The passengers chose to remain on the island. Soon after the seven ships of the flotilla had become mere specks on the distant horizon, Sir George Somers, our Samuel Jordan, and a group of stranded passengers set out to repair the Seaventure and free her from the menacing coral rocks. They soon found the ship damaged beyond repair and a new one had to be built.

It was decided to build two ships in order to transfer the supplies they hoped to gather on this most productive island to the colony in Virginia. For nine months, the stranded men worked in shifts. Some of them worked at building the boats - the Patience and the Deliverer - another group hunted wild hog, another fished; and still another group made salt from the sea water for the preservation of fish and meat. Another group was assigned to catching giant turtles and rendering them into oil. At off times, groups of men hunted for pearls.

All of the aforementioned tasks were performed by day: but at night, by the light from wooden torches, there was another task to be done. It was the task of keeping a day - by - day journal of log of the most trivial happenings of the day. Because he was well educated, this task fell to S'el Jourdan as he signed his work. It is said that S'el Jourdan's efforts in recording the tropical storm that Sir George Somer's flotilla encountered suggested to Shakespeare the setting of his play "The Tempest".

You can find part of the log written by S'el Jourdan, which is captioned "A Discovery of the Barmudas" otherwise called "Isles of Devils", printed in Hakluyt's Voyages, Travels and Discoveries, Volume 5, page 555.

Within a few years after arriving at James Town in May 1610, Samuel Jordan established his plantation at a place which he called "Jordan's Journey", located on the south side of the James River some miles upstream from Jamestown (near the present town of Hopewell and at a point where the Benjamin Harrison Memorial Bridge now crosses the river) in Nansemond County, Virginia. He named his home "Beggars Bush". A patent for 450 acres in Charles City issued to him 10 Dec 1620, which recites that he was "an ancient planter who hath abode ten years complete in this colony." Samuel Jordan was elected from Charles City as a representative to the House of Burgesses. He was a representative at the first representative assembly in the New World being elected July 30, 1619 at Jamestown, Virginia. The assembly consisted of two elected representatives from each of the eleven boroughs in the colony. Samuel was also a member of a committee appointed to review the "Greate Charter" of Virginia. In 1620, Samuel met and married a widow named Cicely Baley, and they had two daughters, Mary and Margaret.

In 1622, the local Indian tribes organized a surprise attack on the English colonists, and many men, women, and children were killed. After the attack, Samuel gathered together a few of the survivors at Beggar's Bush, the name of the plantation house at Jordan's Journey. He fortified the place and lived

there despite the enemy, with the approval of Governor Francis Wyatt. At the time of a survey in 1623, Beggar's Bush housed 42 people, including many neighboring families who had gone there for protection. In early 1623 Samuel was still established in his plantation. Samuel died at Jordan's Journey sometime before April, 1623, and an inventory of his estate included Cicely and her two young daughters, two plantations, five houses, two boats, ten servants, and several coats of chainmail.. He was survived by three sons; Thomas, Samuel, and Robert and two daughters; Mary and Margaret.

Samuel's three adult sons from his first marriage, Thomas, Robert, and Samuel fils (Jr.), are believed to have come to Virginia in the 1620s. Robert reportedly died on March 22, 1622, during the Indian massacre. He was killed at Berkley's Hundred, some five miles up the river from Jordan's Journey, when he went there to warn the inhabitants there of the planned Indian attack. Thomas settled in Isle of Wight County, and he is believed to be our ancestor. Samuel fils (Jr.) , evidently the youngest son, is believed to have come to Virginia as a young man, returned to England to study at Oxford, and then came back to the Virginia after completing his studies at All Souls College, Oxford. Samuel is believed to have first settled in Surry County, Virginia. Later he moved on west to Lunenburg County, where he vanished from written records.

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THESE JORDANS WERE HERE by Octavia Jordan Perry

BACHELOR-WILLIAMS FAMILIES AND RELATED LINES by Lyle Keith Williams

BEHOLD VIRGINIA: THE FIFTH CROWN by George F. Willison, Harcourt, Brace, and Co., New York

The application of Henley Eversole for membership:

"I, Henley Eversole, resident of Newman, Illinois, born July 31, 1863; married Orpha Olive Wagner, March 26, 1895; 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, wrecked off coast Bermuda, August 1608, died March 1623 at Jordans Journey, below Shirley Hundred Island, Jamestown, Va., left Bermuda May 9, 1609; arrived at Jamestown May 23, 1609. Service: Fought Indians from behind stockade on his premises; was member first house of Burgess, assembled August 9, 1609, and re-elected."

Source: Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims, p 21

Still more records mention:

Captian Samuel Jordan

Captain Samuel Jordan was from Dorsetshire in England, the son of Thomas Jordan. He was a member of the Virginia Company. In June of 1609, he set sail from Plymouth Harbor, bound for Virginia. He was a passenger on the Sea Venture, one of the nine ships which, in all, contained some 500 settlers, known as the "Third Supply" (Virkus, 1942; Carrington, 1924). According to tradition his voyage to the New World became the basis for Shakespeare's play the Tempest.

The fleet was "caught in the tail of a hurrican" in the Atlantic. Of the original nine ships, one was sunk, and the flagship the Sea Venture-bearing Samuel Jordan, was wrecked off the cost of Bermuda, thus forming the basis of the Tempest. For three days and nights the crew of the Sea Venture worked to keep the ship from foundering on the rocks. Wedged on the craggy shore, the Sea Venture was secured long enough for the crew and passengers to escape and most of the cargo was salvaged. Also among the passengers was one Sylvester Jourdain, also of Dorsetshire, and therefore likely a relation of Samuel Jordan. It is probable that the first authentic news of the Sea Venture disaster to reach England was through Jourdain's pamphlet on the discovery of the "Barmudas" published in London in the fall of 1610. Sylvester Jourdain was the son of William Jourdain of Lyme Regis, Dorsetshire (Southall).

Samuel is called "An Ancient Planter" of Virginia due to his early arrival in May of 1610. He established himself in Charles City County on the plantation known as Jordan's Journey. His home was called "Beggar's Bush," named for a play by Fletcher. Samuel doesn't appear again into the records in VA till

1619 when he was a representative to the first legislative session in Jamestown.  
(The Family Chronicles Book Two The Jordan Family & Related Lines by Joseph Neal Luther 1993  
pgs.2-4 found at SLC US/CAN 929.273 L977lg V.2 1 Apr 1997)

### Samuel Jordan of Virginia

Samuel Jordan, the "Ancient Planter" who sailed on the ill-fated "Sea Venture" in the 3rd Supply in 1609, arrived in Jamestown in 1610 and established his home up the River at the confluence of the James and Appotomattox Rivers, calling his plantation "Jordan's Journey" and his home "Beggars' Bush". Samuel, b. ca. 1578, was a young widower at the time of his arrival in Virginia, and was the father of three sons who later followed him to the Colony.

Samuel and Sylvester Jordan had joined with some "six hundred land men" in a fleet of "eight good ships" and one pinnace under the command of Admiral Sir George Somers. The Sea venture, flagship of the flotilla and the newest vessel of the group, floundered in a severe storm and was dashed upon the rocks on Bermuda. Among other notables aboard were Sir Thomas Gates, who was to be interim Governor for the struggling colony at Jamestown, John Rolfe, who later introduced the cultivation of tobacco into Virginia and married the Indian Princess, Pocahontas, and Capt. William Pierce, whose wife and small children sailed on the "Blessing", another ship of the flotilla which arrived safely in Virginia in August 1609. Also aboard the ill-fated Sea venture was Stephen Hopkins, who later was a passenger on the Mayflower to Plymouth, MA.

The two Jordans, Samuel and Sylvester\*, are mentioned in a novel by author F. VanWyk Mason about the voyage of the Sea venture, but their relationship to one another has not been ascertained. They may have been cousins, or perhaps even brothers. After a number of months on Bermuda the survivors of the wreck managed to build two small pinnaces named the "Patience" and the "Deliverance", using the wreckage of the original ship in the construction. These two small vessels were to carry them the rest of the way to Virginia. By the time of their arrival, all hope had been given up for their survival, and it was a joyful reunion for the families of those presumed lost many months before.

\*Sylvester Jordan is noted for his written account of the voyage

### Early Jordan Land Records ( these are many different Jordans)

Samuel Jordan's land (pat. Dec. 1620) is described as being upon John Rolfe & N. upon the land of Capt. Wardleef; 2ndly, 1 tenement containing 12 acres etc. encompassed on the W. by Martin's Hope, now in tenure of Capt. John Martin, Master of the Ordinance; & 388 acres in or near upon Sandy's his hundred, towards land of Temperance Bailey, W. upon Capt. Woodlief etc."

When Samuel Jordan obtained this patent, it would seem that he had just married his 2nd wife Cecily, who was herself a widow. For in a list of those living "At Jordan's Journey", February 1623-4, the first five names as given by Hotten, are those of "William Farrar"; and nearly a year later, 21 January 1624-5, in "The Muster of m' William Farrar Mrs. Jordan", the same names occur in a different order, with certain changes as follows:

William Farrar aged 31 years in the Neptune in August 1618 Cicely Jordan aged 24 yeres in the Blessing 1611 Mary Jordan her daughter aged 3 yeres Temperance Bailey aged 7 yeres Accordingly, it is to be inferred that Mrs. Cicely Jordan was born in 1601, and was therefore a year younger than Samuel Jordan's eldest son. In other words, widower Samuel Jordan who married Cicely about 1 December 1620 was old enough to be her father. There has long been a mystery surrounding this little girl who arrived in Virginia at the tender age of 10, apparently without her parents. Just as in the Two Gentlemen from Verona, when the question was "Who is Sylvia"? Genealogists have pondered the question, "Who was Cicely"? How did she happen to make the perilous journey to Virginia without her parents? Finally, the question can be answered.

Thomas Jordan, Patent, 900 acres in the county of Warrasquoike, near the head of Warrasquoike River, and adjoining an old Indian towne. July 2, 1635. (1, p. 233.)

Francis Jordan, Patent, 100 acres in Surry Co., on the River and lying between the lands of Mr. Ford, and Mr. Benjamin Harrison. Mch. 1652. (3, p.193.)

George Gourdan (Jordan), Patent, 100 acres in the west branch of Nansemond River, adjoining William Parker. Was formerly granted to Edward Cocke Mch 17, 1654, and by him assigned to the said

George Gourdan. Mch. 11, 1652. (5, p. 176.)

Nicholas Jordan, Robert Jordan, Bartholomew Jugobrickson, John Prescott, Thomas Blanch, Patent 1000 acres in Lower Norfolk Co., adjoining the Mill Land at the head of Purle Creek in the southward branch of Elizabeth River, Sept. 29, 1666. (5, p. 401.)

Thomas Jordan, Patent, 550 acres in Nansemond Co., adjoining Jeremiah Rutter & Hopken Howell. Oct. 22, 1666. (6, p. 39.)

Lt. Col George Jordan, Patent 690 acres in the upper parish of Surry Co. on Cypress Swamp a branch of Black Water, adjoining Mr. Arthur Jordan, Reedy Marsh, Little Marsh and Middle Marsh. Nov. 20, 1675. (6, p.592)

Mr. Richard Jordan Sr.\* of Isle of Wight Co., Patent 360 acres in the lower parish of Isle of Wight Co., on the N.W. side of the head of the lower bay creek and mouth of the main Cypress Swamp, adjoining Richard Reynolds's Richard Jordan. Mch. 18, 1662. May 10, 1679. (6, p.684)

Mr. Arthur Jordan, Patent, 140 acres in the upper parish of Surry Co., adjoining Stony Run. Apr. 23, 1681. (7, p.70)

Mr. Thomas Jordan, Patent 265 acres in the upper parish of Surry Co., adjoining John Rogers and a great reedy branch. Sept. 22, 1682 (7, p.191)

Richard Jordan Jr., Patent, 260 acres in the upper parish of Surry Co., on the north east side of John Checokuck Swamp adjoining William Owen and the said Richard Jordan. Apr. 20, 1684. (7, p.369)

Mr. Arthur Jordan, Patent 240 acres in the upper parish of Surry Co., on the south side of Stony River. 150 acres part thereof was formerly granted to the said Arthur Jordan Apr. 23, 1678. Apr. 20, 1684. (7, p.372)

Richard Jordan, Patent, 200 acres in the upper parish of Surry Co., between the Cypress Swamp and John Chocorub swamp. Was formerly granted to Thomas Smith Apr. 20, 1684, and by him deserted. Oct. 20, 1688. (7, p.691)

Richard Jordan, Patent, 568 acres in Surry Co., adjoining Robert Owen and Matt. Roberts. 200 acres thereof was formerly granted the said Richard Jordan Oct. 20, 1688. Oct. 20, 1689. (8, p.5)

George Jordan of Surry Co., Patent, 100 acres in Isle of Wight Co., south side of Fountain Creek and adjoining Little Swamp. Sept. 6, 1723. (11, p.261)

Notes for CECILY REYNOLDS:

She is found on the list of Ancient Planters.

Cecily Reynolds was born about 1600 at Weymouth, Dorsetshire, England

She was 10 or 11 when she arrived in Jamestown aboard the "Swan"

Capt Pierce , and Samuel Jordan aboard the "Sea Venture" and His wife Joan aboard the "Blessing" Cecily did not travel with these two individuals as some places show.

Cecily upon her arrival made her home with Capt. Pierce and his wife Joan, when her brother came to the colony in 1622 he "immediatly reported to his sister Cecily Jordan (2nd Husband) and her Sponsor's became his".

1615 Cecily married Thomas Bailey (at the Pierce home). Thomas was a governors guard, and they had a child Temperance (our Temperance) Bailey, she was born in 1617. She was named for the Governors wife (George Yardley had a wife named Temperance West". Thomas contracted malaria and died in 1619. He was a landowner recieving 200 A which he called Bailey's Point. Temperance inherited this 20 Sept. 1620.

Upon Temperances death 10 Oct. 1652 land went to Richard Cocke.

Sept 1620 Cecily married Samuel Jordan (above) her mother's cousin much older than her. He was a widower with 3 sons, Thomas, Samuel and Robert. He was a member of the first House of Burgesses convened 30 July 1619 by Governer Yardley. He named them "Ancient Planters" and awarded Samuel legal title to several tracts of land. 450 A, 100 A, 250 A, a house and 50 A in "Charles Hundred", a tenement and 12 A, 388 A " in or near Sandy's his Hundred and toward the land of Temperance Bailey ". Samuel and Cecily had 2 children, daughters, Mary b. 1622, and Margaret b. 1623. Samuel died late 1623 Cecily was pregnant with son Richard b. 1624.

1624 Muster List shows at " Jordans's Journey " Mistress Cecily, with William Farrar with children Temperance Bailey 7yrs, Mary Jordan 3yrs, Margaret Jordan 1yr. Samuels estate was administered 19 Nov. 1623 By William Farrar.

This next marriage was a interesting one;

Cecily within a short time of Samuels death promised to marry Rev. Grivelle Pooley, but instead married Willaim Farrar.

This caused the first breach-of-promise suit ever seen in America. The case was sent to England, where it was "buried in the records" and was resolved in January 1625, Rev Pooley withdrew the suit. Rev. Pooley and his new wife were killed by Indians before 1629.

Cecily and William were married abt March 1625 and lived at " Jordan's Journey ". William Farrar came to the colony in 1618 on the ship " Neptune". They had a daughter Cecily b. 1625 and sons Willima b. 1627, John b. 1630.

His father was John Farrar, whom he returned to England to settle his estate in 1631. William Farrar died 1635.

1636 Cecily married Peter Montague, he arrived in Virginia in 1627 as secretary to Samuel Matthews on his Crown Mission to Virginia. Peter was born at Boveny, Buckinghamshire, England in 1603. Peter and Cecily had five children, William, Ellen, Margaret, Elizabeth And Anne. Peter's will 27 March 1659 and died 1 May 1659; will was proved 1 July 1659 (Lancaster Co. will book 2 p. 62) administered by Cecily and "son-in-law" Peter Montague as executors (Order book 3 p. 123) . Peter left his estate to his "loving wife Cecily", sons Peter, and William, Daughters Ellen, Margaret, and Elizabeth, and the child of daughter Anne.

Cecily married last in 1660 Thomas Parker, Thomas came to Virginia in the ship " Neptune" and on 23 Jan 1625 he was "College Land" in what is now Henrico Co. . Cecily is not heard from after this time, and her death is not known with certainty.

#### Cecily's Neighbors

Neighbor to the south was John Rolfe, who married young Pocahontas, daughter of Chief Powhatan. After her death he married Jane Pierce, Capt. Pierce's daughter. John was killed by Indians in 1622.

Neighbor to the north was Cap. John Woodlief who in 1619 hosted the first Thanksgiving. At his Berkeley Plantation. (not the one of 1621 at Plymouth Plantation) This can be proven by a mandate from the London Company to Capt. Woodlief "We ordain the day of our ship' arrival at the place for plantation on hte land of Virginia (Berkeley Plantation) shall be yerly kept holy as a day of Tnanksgiving to Almighty God". In addition Presidents Kennedy and Johnson recognized this event....

More About SAMUEL JORDAN and ?:  
Marriage: Abt. 1595

Children of SAMUEL JORDAN and CECILY REYNOLDS are:

- i. MARY<sup>2</sup> JORDAN.
- ii. MARGARET JORDAN.

Children of SAMUEL JORDAN and ? are:

2.
  - iii. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> JORDAN, SR..
  - iv. SAMUEL JORDAN.
  - v. ROBERT JORDAN.
  - vi. ANNE MARIE JORDAN.

#### *Generation No. 2*

2. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> JORDAN, SR. (*SAMUEL*<sup>1</sup>) He married ?.

Notes for THOMAS JORDAN, SR.:

"...Thomas Jordan, born in 1600 in England, is named in the census of 1623 as a soldier under Sir Geroge Yeardley. He settled in the present Isle of Wight, and was burgess for Warrasquoacke at the sessions of 16 October 1629, of 21 Feb 1631-2 and of 4 Sept 1632. On 2 July 1635, he patented 900 acres in the County of Warrasquiooake, 'neare the head of Warrasquioake River, beginning on the Westerly side of an old Indian Towne, at an oake mark'd w'th three notches, being upon the North west side of the river runing West North west into the woods a mile; and soe runing downe the river, to a Crosse Creek, a small oake being there, marked with twoe notches...."

Source: Va Genealogys #2 p 112

Thomas Jordan, Sr.  
(c1600-1644)

Thomas was born in England, some reports (source unknown) say in Wiltshire, around 1600. According to 1624-25 Census of Virginia, was 24 years old at the time census was taken. He is believed to have come to Virginia in 1623 on the ship Diana and he settled on land in Isle of Wight Co. which he received for paying for the transportation of 18 men as colonists. He was the first of his family in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, In 1624-5 Thomas served as a soldier under Sir George Yeardley, early Governor of Virginia, and he was in the Virginia House of Burgesses from 1629-1632. Commissioner of Wariscoyack in 1629. On July 2, 1633 he received a land grant consisting of 900 acres near the head of the Warrasquioake River. This plantation was called Ware Neck, and it was located in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He also acquired land in Nansemond County. Thomas evidently prospered as a tobacco planter. Thomas and his wife, whose name is unknown, had, three children, Thomas II, Richard, and Margaret. Thomas I probably died about 1644 as that is when the record of his land transactions stops. (Note: Some histories say that Thomas I married Lucy Corker, daughter of William Corker of Surry County, but the most reliable evidence indicates that Lucy Corker married Thomas Jordan, son of Arthur Jordan of Surry County, Virginia).

Several references state that he married Lucy Corker, daughter of William Corker and Lucy White and that he died in 1685. Actually, Lucy was born in 1659 and was married about 1684 to Thomas Jordan (1655-1685), son of Arthur Jordan and Elizabeth of Surry County. Thus, the two Thomas Jordans have become confused. Thomas Jordan's (1600-1644) wife is not known and although it would seem certain that he had several children, only two are positively identified. Thomas Jordan II and Margaret Jordan who married James Davis.

The Jordan family was a leading family of Quakers in Isle of Wight and Nansemond Counties.

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Notes concerning family of Thomas Jordan (third generation?)

A leading Quaker, of Chuckatuck, and grandson of Ancient Planter, Samuel Jordan.

Thomas Jordan (son of the immigrant, b. 1600-d. by Aug., 1644) came in the Diana and was living at James City, 1623; in 1624 heads the list of the Governor's men at Pasbehaigh (James City), indicating he was a soldier in the Governor's Guard. In 1629 he is mentioned as one of the Commissioners of Warriscoyack" (Isle of Wight Co. by 1637), which area he represented in the House of Burgesses, 1629, 1631-32." His land is of record 1635.

Thomas Jordan, 900 acs. Warrasquoake Co., 2 July 1635. Near head of Warrasquoake Riv. on Wly. side of an old Indian town.... being the N.W. side of the River.

A patent issued to Thomas Davis, 10 August 1644, for 300 acres in Nansemond Co. notes that it adjoined the land of Thomas Jordan dec'd. NOTE: Adventurers of Purse & Person, p. 221 states this Thomas Jordan m. Lucy Corker, but Corker genealogy gives Lucy Corker's birth date after death of said Thos. Jordan. She did marry a Thomas Jordan, who was undoubtedly one of the Surry Co. families of Jordan. (See land records of Surry Co. Jordan's above.)

Lucy Corker Jordan had only daughters. Children of the first Thomas Jordan and \_\_\_\_\_, his wife was: Thomas (b. 1634) m. Margaret Brashear, dt. of Robt. Brashear Margaret, m. James Davis, s. of Thos. Davis Richard, m. Elizabeth Reynolds (Perhaps others) Joshua Jordan, (10th son of Thomas Jordan & Margaret Brashear of Chuckatuck)"seised of Joshua Jordan for Priests Tithes as followeth". ..... "seised January ye 29th of Mr. Joshua Jordan ninety pounds of Tobb. for the ministers Dues for the year 1717 by George Narsworthy Sheriff". "seised Jany. the 29th 1717 by vertue ye an Execution bearing date ye 22 day of may 1715 of Mr. Joshua Jordan two hundred forty six and my fees twenty pounds of Tobacco it being for ministers Dues upon account of Andrew Wodley by me George Narsworthy Shr.

Joshua Jordan, will of; dated Feb. 28, 1717. To wife, Elizabeth, Furniture, etc. To daughter Sarah, iron pott & one ewe lamb; daughter Rachel, son Joshua, daughter Elizabeth, son Matthew small gun & shoemaker tools, daughter Margaret to Susannah. Brothers Robert & Matthew to value remainder of estate & divide into three parts. Elizabeth, wife to be executrix. Ibid. p. 641 (See English Duplicates of lost Va. Records.) Will appears on p. 659, Valentine Papers, Jordan: Isle of Wight Co., Virginia.

Joshua had 150 acres Isle of Wight Co., Virginia 1704 Joshua Jordan of Isle of Wight Co. An inventory of his estate. Dec. 30, 1718. Elizabeth Jordan. (Ibid. p.641) Daniel Sanborn (father-in-law of Joshua) had 150 acres.

The marriage of Rachel Jordan, daughter of Joshua Jordan, is recorded in (The Valentine Papers, Jordan Records of the Society of Friends, p.741) Rachel Jordan, daughter of Joshua Jordan, of Isle of Wight Co., marriage to Thomas White, son of John White, of same Co. 13 day 7mo. 1719. (See also Hinshaw Va. Vol. Chuckatuck MM for record of above marriage.)

Children of THOMAS JORDAN and ? are:

3.
  - i. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> JORDAN, JR., b. Abt. 1634, Nansemond Co., Virginia; d. October 08, 1699, Nansemond Co., Virginia.
  - ii. MARGARAET JORDAN, m. JAMES DAVIS.

3. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> JORDAN, JR. (THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>1</sup>)<sup>3</sup> was born Abt. 1634 in Nansemond Co., Virginia<sup>3</sup>, and died October 08, 1699 in Nansemond Co., Virginia<sup>3</sup>. He married MARGARET BRASSEUR Abt. 1658, daughter of ROBERT BRASSEUR and FLORENCE FAWKES. She was born Abt. 1642.

Notes for THOMAS JORDAN, JR.:

Lived in Virginia. These Jordans are prominent in Quaker and Virginia history, and much has been written about them.

Richard Bennett was nephew of a wealthy London merchant. He engaged in Virginia trade and was active in the Virginia Company. Was chosen Governor of Virginia Colony 1652-1655. May have become a Quaker. "Major General" Bennett's will, dated 1674, gives 2,000 pounds of tobacco to Thomas Jordan of Nansemond (Chuchatuke Creek). Also gives 2,000 pounds of tobacco to Elizabeth Outland of Chuchatuke Creek.

Source: Virginia Land Records, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents, p 551

Robert Bennett given 700 acres of land June 26, 1635, near mouth of Nansemond River for transporting 14 people, including Edward Mayo.

Source: Virginia Land Records, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents, p 553

"...Thomas Jordan, son of the preceding (Thomas, Sr.), born 1634, died 8 October 1699, lived at Chuckatuck in Nansemond. He became a Quaker in 1660, and from 1664 onward was several times imprisoned and fined. In 1659 he married Margaret, daughter of Robert Brasseur (who was a French Huguenot, settled in Nansemond, where he patented 1,200 acres 12 April 1653, and was also a Quaker). Margaret Brasseur was born July 1642, and died 7 Oct 1708."

Source: Va Genealogy#2 p 112

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...Thomas Jordan of Chuckatuck in Nanzemond County in Virginia was Born in ye year 1634 and in ye year 1660 hee Received ye truth and A Bode faithfull in it: and in Constant unity wth ye faithfull frends there of: and stood in opposision Against all wrong & Desatefull spiritts: haveing suffered ye spoiling of his goods: & ye Imprisonment of his Body for ye truth sake: and Continued in ye truth unto the End of his dayes: is ye Beleefe—of us his Dear wife & Children above Ritten Hee Departed this Life ye Eight day of ye tenth month on ye sixth day of ye weeke about ye second hour in ye afternoone and was Buryed ye twelfe day of ye said month on ye third day of ye weeke in ye year 1699...

Early Virginia Immigrants 1623-1666: Virginia Immigrants, 1623-66

East, Wm., 1653, by Francis Jordan, Surry Co.

Hewes, Richard, 1653, by Francis Jordan, Surry Co.

Jordan, Georg., 1637, by Capt. Henry Browne, James City Co.

Jordan, Jon., 1635, by Thos. Butler Clark and Pastor of Denbie, Warrasquinoake Co.

Jordan, Anth., 1635, by John Moone, Warrasquinoake Co.

Jordan, Ann, 1655, by John Jenkins, Northampton Co.

Jordan, Patrick, 1655, by Matilda Scarborough, Northampton Co.

Jordan, Dorothy, 1654, by Wm. Thorne, Northampton Co.

Jordan, Wm., 1654, by Wm. Thorne, Northampton Co.

Jordan, Georg., 1642, by Capt. Samuel Mathews, Esq., — Co.

Jordan, Tho., 1653, by John Ware, — Co.

Jordan, Edward, 1654, by Robert Holt, James City Co.

Sources:

Our Henley Grandfathers, by Marian Henley Goodwell, from Asheboro Public Library  
Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, p 22  
Va Genealogys #2 p, 112

Quaker records Chuckatuck MM. VA, History of Nansemond Co. VA, by Jos. B. Dunn p. 117. Archive record from SLC Archives. Allied families (Second Ed.) Media, Inc., 1978, p. 402.

All dates here are from the Quaker record which does not assign a month name to each given month. Due to two calenders in use (O.S. or Gregorian and N.S. or Julian) it is not clear which reference system should be used. The old record uses only numbers for months indicated, for example: Thomas b. 1660, 1, 6; John b. 1663, 6,17; Robert b. 1668, 7, 11, etc. THE QUAKER RECORD IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE I assume the O.S. calender was used. See Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy" Vol 6, p. 31.

Thomas Jordan, Jr.  
(1634-1699)

According to Boddie's SEVENTH CENTURY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, Thomas II married Margaret Brasseur, daughter of Robert Brasseur, an immigrant of French Huguenot ancestry, and they had ten sons. Thomas III, John, James, Robert, Richard, Joseph, Benjamin, Matthew, Samuel, and Joshua. Thomas II became a member of the Quaker faith in 1660, shortly after his marriage to Margaret, and he and his family suffered considerable persecution because of their religious conviction. Several of the sons became very active and prominent members of the Society of Friends. He died on the sixth day of the week.

Born at Chuckatuck, Nansemond Co., VA, 7-7-1634 and died in December of 1699. in Isle of Wight Co., Thomas married ca. 1658-9 in Isle of Wight Co. to Margaret Brasseur., b. 1642, Sept. and died 12-07-1708, a daughter of Robert Brasseur. Robert was born ca. 1620 in Avignon, France, and died 1665 in Calvert Co., Md. The Brasseurs were Huguenots and lived for a time in Virginia, but because of religious persecution, Robert moved to Maryland, where conditions were more tolerable. During the spread of the Quaker movement in Virginia by George Fox, a noted minister from England, the young girl Margaret became converted at the age of 16, and she was evidently influential in persuading others of the Jordan family and their neighbors to also join this Quaker group, also called the Society of Friends. Because of their belief, both Thomas and Margaret Jordan suffered much persecution by the authorities, having their tobacco crops and other property confiscated, paying heavy fines, and even spending months in prison. Of the ten children, eight remained in the Quaker faith with Thomas and Samuel becoming Episcopalians.

FIVE HUNDRED FIRST FAMILIES OF AMERICA by Alexander DuBin, Fourth Edition,  
1972-73, The Historical Publication Society, One East Forty Second Street, New  
York, New York 10017

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Publishing Co., Baltimore, MD, 1977

THE BATCHELOR-WILLIAMS FAMILIES AND RELATED LINES by Lyle Keith Williams,  
Arlington Century Printing, Inc., Arlington, TX 76010

THOMAS JORDAN married MARGARET BRASSEUR/BRASHEAR (Hinshaw Family)

Family listed in Chuckatuck MM, Nansemond Co., VA Thomas & Margaret  
Ch: Thomas b 1660, 41,6 m. Elizabeth Burgh

John 1663 6,17 m. Margaret Burgh  
James 1665 11,23 m. Elizabeth Ratcliff  
Robert 1668 7,11 m. Christian Oudeland  
Richard 1670 6, 6 M. Rebecca Ratcliff  
Joseph 1672 7, 8 m. Ann  
Beniamine " 1674 7,18  
Matthew " 1676 11,1 m. Dorrithy Bufkin, wd.  
Samuell " 1679 2,15  
Joshua 1681 6 "last day"

1661, 1. - . Thomas, a testimonial by him to the effect "By six weeks imprisonment for being taken at a mtg in my own house and released by the Kings's proclamation & also for being taken at a mtg at Robert Lawrence's & bound over to the Court of Nansemond for refusing to swear according to their wills & against the commands of Christ, was sent up to Jamestown a prisoner for upwards of ten mo. Presently John Blake took away my three servants & left my wife in a distressed condition with a young child at her breast that to help herself the child did hurt it selfe with crying which servants were kept about nine weeks & than returned again by the Governor's order. Taken by distress by John Blake the Sheriff of Nansemond County were two feather bedes & three feather boalsters & furniture with other goods which did amount to 3967 pounds of tobacco; also a servant man that had 3 years left to serve taken by John Blake. Taken by distress by Thomas Godwin, sheriff, and delivered to William Stinton of Jamestown. The sufferings of these goods did amount to 3907 by aprisment, the servant to 1600. In all 5607. Thomas Jordan dtd from Chuckatuck.

1699. 10. 9. A memorial concerning Thomas Jordan of Chuckatuck in Nansemond Co. in Virginia was b in ye yr 1634 in ye yr 1660 he received ye truth & abode faithful in it...having suffered ye spoiling of his goods & y imprisonment of his body for ye truth sake ... he departed this life ye eight day of ye tenth mo on ye sixth of ye weeks about ye second hour of ye afternoon & was bur ye twelfe day of ye said mo on ye third of ye week in ye year 1699.

1708, 10,7. Margaret d; a memorial concerning her by her son Ben: She was dt of Robert Brashare & was b 1642r 7th mo. Convinced of the truth about the 16th yr of her age... About the 63rd yr of her age she was taken with an indisposition of body wch continued near 3 yr ... d. at 6 of the clock at night in remarkable quietness the 7th day of the 10th month in the yr 1708 having lived about 66 yr survived my father 9 yr lacking 18 hr.

FROM WM AND MARY QUARTERLY, ser 1, vol 7, page 232

In the Surry records there is a deed (year 1688) of Lucy Jordan, wife of Mr. Thomas Jordan (the Isle of Wight man), conveying to Phillis Jordan that portion of land "which I hold in partnership with sister Susannah Branch and niece Eliz. Parsons, dau. and sole heir of sister Judith Clay, dece'd, which land descended unto said Susanna, Judith, and Lucy, as daus. and coheirs of Capt. William Corker, dece'd" (son of John Corker). Witness, James Jordan, Richard Washington. In 1685 Lt. Coll. Wm. Browne and Mr. James Jordan, presented in Surry an inventory of the goods of Mr. Thomas Jordan, dece'd. There is in Surry the nuncupative will of Capt. William Corker "made at the house of his dau. Judith Clay in ye Isle of Wight Co." Feb. 26, 1675-6. Divides his estate between his wife and his three daus: Susanna (who in. George Branch, jr.), Judith Clay and Lucy Jordan; he confirms a gift to Elizabeth and Mary 'White, daus. of Capt. John White, of whom Elizabeth md. Capt. Robert Spencer, of Surry. Col. George Jordan names in his will his nephew Edward Bayley. So he had probably a sister who married Bayley. Col. Henry Browne, of the Council, probably married Anne Flood, a sister of Col. John Flood. The Jordans of Isle of Wight were leading Quakers. In 1728 Samuel Bownas visited and staid with "Old Robert Jordan." In company"with Joseph Jordan he called on the Governor, who I received him kindly, and promised to release from prison certain friends who refused to perform militia duty. "Travels of Rev. Samuel Bownas."

Notes for MARGARET BRASSEUR:

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Christian Jordan the wife of Robart Jordan departed this Life ye 26 of ye 6 mo 1689

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By mee John King Church warden. "Margarett Jordan the Daughter of Robt Brashare was Born in the seventh mo in the year 1642 and was Convinced of the Truth about the 16 year of her Age from wch time shee lived and exemplary life in all Conversation untill the day of her death and was a sufferer with my father both by Confinement and alsoe the spoyling of their Goods by the Adversaries of Truth for the exercise of their Conciencie in the worship of God whose whose hearts was Given up in the service of Truth according to her Ability. shee was A Good wife A tender And A Carefull mother A Good mistris And a kind neighbour And Aboute the 63 year of her Age shee was Taken with and Indisposition of Boddy wch Contanued near 3 years in wch time shee was much weakened by Reason of her distemper & A little before her death some friends Come to see her to whome shee signified her Content & spake much to them of the Goodness of God to her & sd shee Questioned not of her salvation & upon A first day of the weeke being the fifth of the mo shee spoke to mee [p.53] & sd that there was A Time for her to die & that was her Time & Itt was Come. And on the Third day of the weeke as I was standing by her to see her last end shee Called mee by my name And sd I am Gone. I Answered & sd I thought shee would Goe to God, shee Answered with A Chearfull & a smiling Countenance I doe not doubt that And sd Remembr my love to All friends & unto my Children And tell them that they fear god And love one Another And keep to meetings And then itt will bee well with them And bad mee send for my Eldest Brothers wife to whome when shee Came and severall of my Brothers shee sd to them that they weare Come now to see her Last End And att 6 of the clock art night shee died in Remarkable (Quietness the 7 day of the 10 mo in the year 1708 haveiug Lived About 66 years And survived my father 9 yeares lacking eighteen houres And was Buried the 11 day of the aforesd mo

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Iff the Righteous bee had in Everlasting Remembrance And thot hoe man shutt A Door In the house of the Lord nor Kindle a fire upon his Altar in vain nor Give A Cup of Cold water to A disciple of Xt In the name of A Disciple butt shall have a Plentifull Reward art the hand of the Pure Rightious Liveing Eternall God how then shall they Bee wrapt up in Eternall Joy And Consolation as the Recompence of the Just that hath served the Lord with their All opening their doores & heartes to faithful messengers & living minesters of our Lord And Sayfour Jesus Xt doeing what they doe as unto God & not unto Man knowing that of him they have their Reward amongst the number of those servants of the Lord And Church of Xt was our well Esteemed and serviceable friend Margaret Jordan deceased one whoe fullfilled that saying Cast your Bread upon the waters for After Many dales you shall find Itt hoe Question of her Reaping of the fruits of her Labours haveing her mind steadfastly Bent to [p.54] doe good in her day shee Continued In Great service unto the Church untill her last In this Low world And being Taken from her service hear as well as from All trouble that did or might Attend her Earthly Pilgrimage shee is Entred Into that Rest & Peace that Time will never wear out but weare shee will have a Plentifull & A Peaceable Reward & as Itt was Cornended to the Church as vertues Xt of God Comanding to minester to the saints to wash their feet And dillegently to follow every Good worke wch service I doe desire may bee studied By All that In the Eyes of God will bee more Esteemed & Render men more happy as they dilligently follow every Good work then all woredldly Honnours Can Render them

Sources:

Our Henley Grandfathers, by Marian Henley Goodwell, from Asheboro Public Library  
Son & Daughters of the Pilgrims P 22  
Va Genealogys #2 p112

Question? Is she related to Mary Brasseur who married Thomas Cocke II?

Marriage Notes for THOMAS JORDAN and MARGARET BRASSEUR:  
marriage date came from : Marriages of Isle of Wight by Chapman, p.97.

More About THOMAS JORDAN and MARGARET BRASSEUR:  
Marriage: Abt. 1658

Children of THOMAS JORDAN and MARGARET BRASSEUR are:

4.
  - i. ROBERT<sup>4</sup> JORDAN, b. July 11, 1668, Nansemond Co., Virginia; d. Abt. 1728, Nansemond Co., Virginia.
  - ii. THOMAS JORDAN III.

Notes for THOMAS JORDAN III:  
Thomas Jordan, III  
1660 - ?

Boddie's SEVENTEENTH CENTURY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA states that Thomas Jordan III, son of Thomas Jordan II and Margaret Brasseur, was a Burgess in 1696-7, representing Nansemond County. Also, as "Major Thomas Jordan", he held 700 acres in Nansemond in 1704. He was also called "a planter and a merchant of Prince George Co. VA., " and owned a fleet of boats. He became an Episcopalian shortly after his marriage, serving as a vestryman. He was also a Sheriff from 1708 to 1729, a Justice of the Peace, and a Lieut. of the militia in 1714. Boddie also states that Thomas III married Elizabeth Burgh at his father's house, and there were four children, two sons and two daughters -- Thomas, Elizabeth, Martha, and William .

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4. ROBERT<sup>4</sup> JORDAN (*THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born July 11, 1668 in Nansemond Co., Virginia<sup>4</sup>, and died Abt. 1728 in Nansemond Co., Virginia<sup>5</sup>. He married (1) CHRISTIAN TABERER OUDELAND. He married (2) DOROTHY CARY, daughter of THOMAS CARY and ANNE MILNER. She was born Abt. 1680 in Virginia, and died Bef. 1774 in Virginia. He married (3) MARY BELSON<sup>6</sup> July 07, 1690 in Nansemond Co., Va.<sup>7</sup>, daughter of EDMUND BELSON and ELIZABETH ?. She was born Abt. 1669 in Nansemond Co., Va., and died Abt. 1727.

Notes for ROBERT JORDAN:

...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.

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

"...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 twelfth 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:

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Virginia Early Quaker Records, Miles White, Jr., Southern History Assn, 1902-03

Robert Jordan:

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

Robert Jordan (1688-) married Mary Belson

children:

Thomas Jordan b 1691

Robert Jordan b 1692

Joseph Jordan b 1695

Mary Jordan b 1699

Magaret Jordan b 1702

Elizabeth Jordan b 1705

Edward Jordan b 1707

Belson Jordan b 1707 d 1707

Samuel Jordan b 1711 d 1767 m Hannah Bates

Robert Jordan, s/o Thomas Jordan and Margaret Brasseur, b 11 Jul 1668  
Nansemond Co., VA; d ? 3 Aug 1728 Nansemond Co., VA.

He married 1st

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 married 2nd

9 Dec 1687/88 Christian Taberer, dau of Thomas Taberer and Margaret, 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 married 3rd

9 Jun 1718 Dorothy Cary, dau of Thomas Cary and Ann Milner.

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

From Early Quaker Records in Virginia by Miles White, Jr. pg 7&8

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Robard Jordan & his wife Christians daughters berth day & yeare Christian Jordan the daughter of the above said was borne the 23 day f 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.

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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. (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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Question? Is he related to the Jordan who married Sarah Cocke?

Notes for DOROTHY CARY:

"the only evidence for this Dorothy is the tradition in the Pleasants family that the wife of John Pleasants, son of the Pleasants immigrant, was Dorothy Cary."  
The record evidence that John Pleasants married Dorothy daughter of Thomas Cary of Warwick County, is contained in the "Memorial of John Pleasants" in the Friends records, Smith Manuscript; Ridgeway Library, Philadelphia.  
Source : Edward P. Valentine papers, Cary Family.

Mr Harrison, in the " The Virginia Carys" p 41-42  
"The Virginia Carys," by Fairfax Harrison.

Land Record Abstract: DOROTHY PLEASANTS - 1717 - Henrico Co VA  
Land Grant 15 Jul 1717.

DOROTHY PLEASANTS, 463 acres in Henrico Co VA "... in consideration of the importacon of ten persons to dwell within this our Colony of Virginia whose names are JOHN BELLOMY, JOHN LYES, THOMAS ALLEN, HUGH ROSE, JOHN DICKSON, NATH.L LOMESS, JOHN NUTT, MARK LIFEHOLY, WILLIAM HEWS & MATHEW MARK ... four hundred and sixty three acres ... on the north side of James river ... begining at a corner Elm standing on the east side of wolf pit branch and in JOHN PLEASANTS line ... a corner black oak parting the said PLEASANTS and Mr. JOHN WOODSON ... crossing several small branches ... crossing the main branch ... a corner black oak standing in AMOS LAD's line ..."  
VA Patents 10, p. 329.

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

More About ROBERT JORDAN and MARY BELSON:  
Marriage: July 07, 1690, Nansemond Co., Va.<sup>7</sup>

Children of ROBERT JORDAN and MARY BELSON are:

5.
  - i. MARY<sup>5</sup> JORDAN.
  - ii. THOMAS JORDAN, b. Abt. 1691.
  - iii. ROBERT JORDAN, JR., b. Abt. 1692.
  - iv. JOSEPH JORDAN, b. Abt. 1695.
6.
  - v. MARGARET JORDAN, b. April 12, 1702, Nansemond Co., Va.; d. December 05, 1746, Nansemond Co., Virginia.
  - vi. ELIZABETH JORDAN, b. Abt. 1705.
  - vii. BELSON JORDAN, b. Abt. 1707.
  - viii. EDWARD JORDAN, b. Abt. 1707.
  - ix. SAMUEL JORDAN, b. Abt. 1711.

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**5. MARY<sup>5</sup> JORDAN (ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>1</sup>)** 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. JOHN<sup>6</sup> PLEASANTS, m. ELIZEBETH 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.

6. MARGARET<sup>5</sup> JORDAN (*ROBERT<sup>4</sup>, THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, SAMUEL<sup>1</sup>*)<sup>8</sup> was born April 12, 1702 in Nansemond Co., Va.<sup>9</sup>, and died December 05, 1746 in Nansemond Co., Virginia<sup>10</sup>. She married JOHN PLEASANTS III<sup>11</sup> Bef. 1738, son of JOHN PLEASANTS and DOROTHY CARY. He was born Abt. 1697 in "Curles" Henrico Co., Virginia<sup>12,13</sup>, and died Abt. 1771<sup>14</sup>.

Notes for JOHN PLEASANTS III:

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

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

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

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 p.24-26.

Living at "Curles"

Marriage to Margaret JORDAN

Marriage to Mary WOODSON

Marriage to Miriam HUNNICUTT

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 necessaries 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 Johathan, 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.

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More About JOHN PLEASANTS and MARGARET JORDAN:

Marriage: Bef. 1738

Child of MARGARET JORDAN and JOHN PLEASANTS is:

i. ROBERT<sup>6</sup> 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.

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