

Descendants of William Pleasants

Generation No. 1

1. WILLIAM¹ PLEASANTS was born in All Saints & Saviors , Norwich England, and died Abt. 1583. He married KATERINE PATRAS.

Notes for KATERINE PATRAS:
Katerine Patress or Patras ? spelling

Child of WILLIAM PLEASANTS and KATERINE PATRAS is:

2. i. ROBERT² PLEASANTS, b. Abt. 1556, Norwich, England; d. Abt. 1591.

Generation No. 2

2. ROBERT² PLEASANTS (*WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1556 in Norwich, England, and died Abt. 1591. He married JOHAN ?.

Child of ROBERT PLEASANTS and JOHAN ? is:

3. i. JOHN³ PLESANTS, ELDER, b. Abt. 1588, All Saints & Saviors , Norwich England; d. Abt. 1640.

Generation No. 3

3. JOHN³ PLESANTS, ELDER (*ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1588 in All Saints & Saviors , Norwich England, and died Abt. 1640. He married MARGARET ?. She was born Abt. 1597.

Child of JOHN PLESANTS and MARGARET ? is:

4. i. JOHN⁴ PLEASANTS, YOUNGER, b. Abt. 1618, All Saints & Saviors , Norwich England; d. Abt. 1662.

Generation No. 4

4. JOHN⁴ PLEASANTS, YOUNGER (*JOHN³ PLESANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1618 in All Saints & Saviors , Norwich England, and died Abt. 1662. He married KATHERINE ?.

Children of JOHN PLEASANTS and KATHERINE ? are:

5. i. JOHN⁵ PLEASANTS, SR., b. Abt. 1644, Norwich, England; d. May 01, 1698, Charles City Co., Virginia.
ii. BENJAMIN PLEASANTS.
iii. SAMUEL PLEASANTS.

Generation No. 5

5. JOHN⁵ PLEASANTS, SR. (*JOHN⁴, JOHN³ PLESANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1644 in Norwich, England, and died May 01, 1698 in Charles City Co., Virginia¹. He married JANE LARACOME TUCKER. She was born Abt. 1644 in Virginia, and died Abt. 1708 in Virginia.

Notes for JOHN PLEASANTS, SR.:

... with John Pleasants being the attorney for his executors, and the sone of Richard Cocke now being of full age, they all agree to divide the land in four parts by Capt. Wm. Randolph and James Cocke, By lot.

Wit. WM. Glover, Jno. Woodson, James Cocke, Thomas Cocke, Richard Cocke Sr., Richard Cocke, John Pleasants.

...the land after Cokes death was confirmed to his three sons, Thomas being one of them, was vested in 263 A. Land joins John Pleasants, Roger Green and land of Harris, Porter, East and Watkins

Rec. 1 June 1689

John Pleasants was a Quaker! leaving property in his will for a meeting house and burying land.

More About John Pleasants:
1665, Emmigrated to America

Will dated March 5 1713-1714 was recorded June 7 1714 in Henrico Co., Va.
source: Va. Genealogies #2 1600-1800 Genealogies of the Virginia Familys, Vol 111 The Hunnicuts
of Prince George.

Will of John Pleasants of Curls 27 Sep 1690

To son John Pleasants, (born of the body of my wife Jane, formerly wife and executrix of Samuel Tucker, dec'd), all of the plantation where I now dwell called "Curles", 300a, which was purchased by me of William Cookson; also that plantation purchased of Philip Ludwell, called "Timber Slash" 900a; also my part of a tract taken up between John Woodson, Hen Rowing, and myself, the whole tract being 7000a, 1/2 being mine called "Half Sink"

If son John has no heirs, then above to son Joseph (also son of wife Jane) and if he have no issue, to daughter Elizabeth Pleasants, (also daughter of wife Jane), and if no issue to my brother Samuel Pleasants, and if no issue, to my brother Benjamin Pleasants, and if no issue, to my brother Thomas Pleasants, and if no issue to my next of kin. Numerous items to son John, and if he die to be divided between Joseph and Elizabeth, when they reach 18.

To daughter Elizabeth, land I purchased of Abram Childers, bordering Curles Swamp, 70a; and also land purchased of Hen Rowing and Robert Woodson, about 400a, also livestock and items.

To son Joseph, plantation called "Turkey Island Point" purchased of Benjamin Hatcher, 150a; also land purchased of Thomas Cocke on Chickahominy Swamp 1400a; also land called "Colsons" purchased of William Giles, 100a; and also land purchased of Edward Mathews; also land purchased of Abram Childers, 548a, also land which I have entered with Richard Ligon, joining downward on Westham Creek and to run to mouth of Tuckahoe Creek, part of which is islands, 2000a. If he has no heirs then lands to children John & Elizabeth. If they have no heirs then to Joseph Woodson, son of my wife's daughter Mary Woodson married to John Woodson, Jr. Also to son Joseph items, livestock and negroes.

To two sons John and Joseph, land above Four Mile Creek, backing Edward Mathew's land and adjoining Philemon Childers, 2600a, and also land taken up by John Woodson Jr, and myself, my part being 500a, on Four Mile Creek; also 11a on south side of Four Mile Creek adjoining the mill; also a parcel bought of Derby Enroughty on north side of Four Mile Creek. To them also a corn mill and a saw mill.

Wife to have profits from the mills and rents from the lands for life.

To the Friends (now called Quakers) a small parcel of land purchased of Benjamin Hatcher, next to Thomas Holmes, for a meeting house and burying place.

To daughter in law, Mary Woodson, £ 20 sterling.

To my dear and loving mother, £ 20

My wife to be sole executrix

Wit-John Butler, Alexander Makenny

Recorded 1 Oct 1690

(This will was presented in court by John Pleasants himself, apparently wanting to be sure it was probated as he wanted it.)

Codicil: The land at Tuckahoe and at Coulsons, since sold, was given to son Joseph Pleasants. The land given to daughter Elizabeth Pleasants, is already in possession of her and her husband James Cocke.

My wife is to be executrix and have land I live on.

To son John, land I bought of Henry Wyatt and also land I bought of Edward Ward, 550a, part of a tract taken up by Gilbert Elam and Edward Ward.

To son Joseph, land lately bought of Henry Wyatt, 330a, formerly belonging to John Colyer, also land bought of Giles Webb, 100a, joining land bought of Henry Wyatt, and a tract of 470a.

Also land to grandson Thomas Pleasants, and land to son or daughter of my son John, and if no issue, then to my grandson James Cocke; and to grandson Thomas Pleasants land bought of James Lyles, 250a, and also plantations joining James More, Anthony More, and John Field, 230a.

Dated 3 May 1697. No witnesses, probated 1 Jun 1698.

Question? who is this Alice Pleasants?

child mentioned "Alice Pleasants" (b1698 d1771, Goochland Co) who married Sylvester Proffitt (b abt1698, perth scotland, d 10 apr 1767 Goochland Co.) abt 1724 in Henrico Co. She is not listed in will?

The listing for the Children of John Pleasants and Jane Tucker are:

- i. Joseph Pleasants, born Aft. 1670; married Martha Cocke
- ii. John Pleasants, born 1672 in Virginia; died 05 March 1713/14 in Henrico Co., Virginia; married Dorothy Cary 1694 in Virginia.
- iii. Alice Pleasant, born Abt. 1698 in Henrico Co., Virginia; died April 1771 in Goochland Co., Virginia; married Sylvester Proffitt Abt.1724 in Henrico Co., Virginia; born Abt. 1698 in Perth, Scotland; died 10 April 1767 in Goochland Co., Virginia.

Jane also has a name mentioned as "Laracome" or some variation, is this her maiden name before her marriage to Samuel Tucker? It seems a good answer to me.

More About JOHN PLEASANTS, SR.:

Emigration: 1665, Emigrated to Virginia

Probate: June 01, 1698

Will 1: September 27, 1690, Written

Will 2: May 03, 1697, Dated

Children of JOHN PLEASANTS and JANE TUCKER are:

6. i. JOHN⁶ PLEASANTS, JR., b. Abt. 1672, Virginia; d. March 05, 1713/14, Henrico Co., Virginia.
7. ii. JOSEPH PLEASANTS, b. Aft. 1670; d. Aft. September 09, 1725.
8. iii. ELIZABETH PLEASANTS.

Generation No. 6

6. JOHN⁶ PLEASANTS, JR. (*JOHN⁶, JOHN⁴, JOHN³ PLEASANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*) was born Abt. 1672 in Virginia, and died March 05, 1713/14 in Henrico Co., Virginia². He married DOROTHY CARY in Virginia, daughter of THOMAS CARY and ANNE MILNER. She was born Abt. 1680 in Virginia, and died Bef. 1774 in Virginia.

Notes for JOHN PLEASANTS, JR.:

...in 1697 his father Thomas Cocke conveyed to him 200 acres of land"one part of which was part of ye tract or dividend of land at Malvern Hills, which included the Mill property...

...1701 Stephen Cocke conveyed 56 arces, on which the mill stood, to John Pleasants, who married Dorthea Cary, daughter of Henry Cary of Warwick. Her brother Miles ary maiired Elizabeth Cocke , daughter of Richard. This piece of property is described as adjoining lands of Thomas Cocke, William Cocke, and Stephen. Sealed by Stephen with a red wafer, Sealed by Martha with " seal of yellow wax".

Source:

"Virginia Historical Magazine," Vol. 4, p.88 "Genealogy of the Cocke Family of Virginia."

Question ?

I found a listing of family members below who is this "Alice" does she belong?

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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.

More About JOHN PLEASANTS and DOROTHY CARY:

Marriage: Virginia

Children of JOHN PLEASANTS and DOROTHY CARY are:

9. i. THOMAS⁷ PLEASANTS, b. November 1695, Henrico Co., Virginia; d. Aft. January 24, 1743/44, Henrico Co., Virginia.
10. ii. JOHN PLEASANTS III, b. Abt. 1697, "Curles" Henrico Co., Virginia; d. Abt. 1771.
- iii. JOSEPH PLEASANTS, b. Abt. 1699.
- iv. ANN PLEASANTS, b. Abt. 1703.
- v. DOROTHY PLEASANTS, b. Abt. 1705.

Notes for DOROTHY PLEASANTS:

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 ..."

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7. JOSEPH⁶ PLEASANTS (*JOHN⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³ PLESANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*) was born Aft. 1670, and died Aft. September 09, 1725³. He married MARTHA COCKE, daughter of STEPHEN COCKE and AMY JONES.

Notes for JOSEPH PLEASANTS:

Will of Joseph Pleasants

To son Joseph, the land and plantation where Richard Baze now lives, known as "Pickamockey" next to where Richard Baze's wife now lives, next to Obediah Smith's line, including 100a, formerly Thomas Robinson's, the whole being 300a.

To son John, the land where William Ferris formerly lived, above the Horse Swamp, next to son Joseph, Richard Baze, including the plantation where Richard Baze's wife now lives, 150a.

To son Richard, all the land adjoining the upper side of Buffalo Branch, 300a.

To son Thomas, land purchased of John Watson, on a branch of Tuckahoe, at the head of a branch called Long and Hungry, 200a.

To son Robert, 200a joining Four Mile Creek, bounded by William Frogmorton, 200a, including the plantation where Benjamin Childers now lives.

To daughter Jane Pleasants, negroes, items and livestock.

To daughter Martha Pleasants, same.

Similar bequests to all sons.

To wife Martha, all the rest, and use of my manor plantation for life, unless she marry, in which case she gets 1/3 and the children the other 2/3.

Children to remain with their mother during their minority

Wife to be sole executor, with Col Randolph to advise her on business matters.

Dated 9 Sep 1725

Wit-Thomas Pleasants, John Pleasants, Eliz: Morris, Edward Bennett, and John Cooke, Jr.

Recorded 7 Feb 1725/6

More About JOSEPH PLEASANTS:

Will: February 07, 1725/26, Recorded

Children of JOSEPH PLEASANTS and MARTHA COCKE are:

- i. JOSEPH⁷ PLEASANTS, JR..
- ii. JOHN PLEASANTS.
- iii. RICHARD PLEASANTS.
- iv. THOMAS PLEASANTS.
- v. ROBERT PLEASANTS.
- vi. JANE PLEASANTS.
- vii. MARTHA PLEASANTS.

8. ELIZABETH⁶ PLEASANTS (*JOHN⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³ PLESANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*)⁴. She married JAMES POWELL COCKE⁴ Abt. 1691, son of THOMAS COCKE and MARGARET POWELL. He was born 1666⁵, and died 1721⁶.

Notes for ELIZABETH PLEASANTS:

Daughter of John Pleasants, mentioned several time in his will, and her husbands name is also used more than once!

Notes for JAMES POWELL COCKE:

Member of House Of Burgesses 1696, 1698, 1699

Clerk of Henrico Co. 1692-1707

Also known as James Cocke of "Curles"

He interited the "Curles Plantation thru marriage to Elizabeth Pleasants.

there is a strong connection to the Pleasants, and Cary familys, each marrying into others.

More About JAMES COCKE and ELIZABETH PLEASANTS:

Marriage: Abt. 1691

Children of ELIZABETH PLEASANTS and JAMES COCKE are:

- i. JAMES⁷ COCKE, b. Abt. 1696.
- ii. WILLIAM COCKE, b. Abt. 1696.
- iii. PLEASANT COCKE, b. Abt. 1697.
- iv. ??? COCKE, b. Abt. 1698.
- v. TEMPERANCE COCKE, b. Abt. 1698.

Generation No. 7

9. THOMAS⁷ PLEASANTS (*JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³ PLEASANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*) was born November 1695 in Henrico Co., Virginia, and died Aft. January 24, 1743/44 in Henrico Co., Virginia. He married MARY JORDAN Abt. 1716 in Henrico Co., Va., daughter of ROBERT JORDAN and MARY BELSON.

More About THOMAS PLEASANTS and MARY JORDAN:

Marriage: Abt. 1716, Henrico Co., Va.

Children of THOMAS PLEASANTS and MARY JORDAN are:

- i. JOHN⁸ 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.

10. JOHN⁷ PLEASANTS III (*JOHN⁶, JOHN⁵, JOHN⁴, JOHN³ PLEASANTS, ELDER, ROBERT² PLEASANTS, WILLIAM¹*)⁷ was born Abt. 1697 in "Curles" Henrico Co., Virginia^{8,9}, and died Abt. 1771¹⁰. He married (1) MARY WOODSON. He married (2) MIRAM HUNNICUTT. He married (3) MARGARET JORDAN¹¹ Bef. 1738, daughter of ROBERT JORDAN and MARY BELSON. She was born April 12, 1702 in Nansemond Co., Va.¹², and died December 05, 1746 in Nansemond Co., Virginia¹³.

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.

Sources:

Pleasants Family

Frank Willing Leach

The Historical Publication Society, Philadelphia, PA, 1939, Historical Society of Pennsylvania

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will 5 mar 1713/14

proved 7 jun 1714 henrico co

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More About JOHN PLEASANTS and MARGARET JORDAN:

Marriage: Bef. 1738

Child of JOHN PLEASANTS and MARGARET JORDAN is:

- i. ROBERT⁸ 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:

(1) "The Thomas Book," by Lawrence B. Thomas, "Thomas of West River, MD," p.37.(2) "The Maryland Gazette 1727-1761," by Karen Mauer Green (Frontier Press, Galveston, TX, 1989) p.278,279.

(3) "Genealogical Abstracts from 18th-Century Virginia Newspapers," by Robert K. Headley, Jr.

(Genealogical Pub. Co., Baltimore, 1987) p.266-267. Cites: (a) "The Virginia Gazette," 30 Sep 1773, 11 Apr 1777. (b) "The Richmond and Manchester Advertiser," 4 Jun 1796.
(4) "They Went Thataway," comp. by Charles Hughes Hamlin (Genealogical Pub. Co., Baltimore, 1974) Vol. 2, p.28. Cites: (a) Charles City Co., VA Records 1766-1774, p.218.
(5) "The History of the Pleasants Family who Came from England to Virginia Arounf 1660," by Frank Willing Leach (Philadelphia: The Historical Publication Soc., 1939; rpt. GenealogyLibrary.com, 2000) p.25.

Endnotes

1. Va Historical Magazine vol 4 Genealogy of the Cocke Family in Virginia, p-89, ...died at "Curles" on the James River in 1698.
2. *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*.
3. Will of Joseph Pleasants, will dated 9 sept 1725.
4. Will of John Pleasants Sr., The land given to daughter Elizabeth Pleasants, is already in possession of her and her husband James Cocke.
5. Va Historical Magazine vol 4 Genealogy of the Cocke Family in Virginia, p 89, ... son of Thomas born 1666: died 1721...
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