

Throwers of Colonial Virginia

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We know that my 5th great grandfather, THOMAS THROWER who died 1787 in Halifax Co., NC, came from Virginia as was stated in Thos.' first deed there in 1748. However, Colonial Virginia presents several problems for those who are researching families there. Records of Charles City Co., VA and its offspring Prince George Co. were mostly destroyed by Union troops during the Civil War. Dinwiddie Co., established in 1752 from Prince George Co., was also a "burned county".

Inheritance laws of the time also present researchers with problems. For example, Intestates and Wills often neglected to name the oldest son because, due to Primogeniture, he automatically acquired the land.

The good news is: there are existing records out there--let's take a look at some of them that concern the THROWER family.

**Entry # 1**

**JOHN THROWER OF LOWER NORFOLK/PRINCESS ANNE CO., VA**  
His will probated July 2, 1696

1673, Oct. 23; Patent Book 6, pg. 472 John Thrower 100 acres Lower Norfolk Co., VA upon Mason Little Creek; adjacent Capt. Tho. Fulcher. Granted Tho. Ivey 22 Aug. 1648 and since his decease by Tho. and Geo. his sons, sold to Wm Richardson, who sold to sd Thrower.

1675; John witness to the will of John Banks of Little Creek.

1694/95 John witness to a will

1696, July 2 Probate of the will of John Thrower. Deed Book 1, 1691-1708, pg 121-122 (Princess Anne Co., VA Wills and Administrations.) Wife Alice extrx and heiress. Witnesses: Sarah Peters and Rebekah Roberts.

1704; Quit Rents of Virginia: Thrower, Alice 125 acres Princess Anne County, VA  
NOTE; This is the only THROWER listed on 1704 Quit Rents of Norfolk/Princess Anne Co.'s.

1709: Probate of will of Alice Thrower. Deed Book 2, pg 20. Princess Anne Co., VA Wills and Administrations. Heirs: Cousin Walfor Jones and wife Elizabeth. Cousins Sarah Lowrey, Alice Jones, Betty Jones, Lillian Jones, John Cornicks, and Panah Hanform.

NOTE: No children were mentioned on will abstracts for John or Alice Thrower.

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**Entry #2**

**JOHN THROWER OF CHARLES CITY CO., PRINCE GEORGE CO. & SURRY CO., VA**  
Died Intestate in Surry Co., VA Inventory Sept. 1730

1672/73, Mar. 15. JOHN THROER one of those transported by James Thweate to 650 acres in Charles City Co., S. side Appomattock River. Adj. Robt. Coleman; along the Blackwater to the Gr. Meddow; along Baylies Run. (Patent Book 6 Cavaliers and Pioneers, pg 447.)

1704 Quit Rent Roll; Pr. Geo. Co., VA  
JNO THROWER 250 acres  
THOS THROWER 150 acres  
EDW THROWER 150 acres

15 Feb 1711: JOHN TROWER of Pr Geo Co. to Richard Band(Bland?) of the city of Williamsburg, for rent, a plantation where said TROWER livith on Jones Hole Swamp near Nott Riv, being upper part of a pat grt to THOMAS TROWER, father of said JOHN, and George Prince, b by lower side of a tract

belonging to said Bland, 170 ac.

Wit: Micaell (MW) Walter, George (S) Carter, Edmund Hall

TABITHA, wife of said John, relinquishes her dower. (Pr. Geo. Co. Deeds & Wills 1710-1713 p 122)

Details supplied by Elaine Osborne.

NOTE: Could this THOMAS THROWER, father of JOHN , and co-patentee with George Prince, be the same one that shared a patent with George Passmore in 1701??

NOTE #2: TABITHA was also the name of the widow of EDWARD THROWER d. Surry Co. 1738.

1713 JOHN THROWER defendant in debt case & gave evidence in another debt case. Southwark Parish, Surry Co, VA.

1714, Dec. 15 In the Action of Debt between Robt Rogers Pltf and JOHN THROWER Def. neither Party appearing the Suit is ordered to be dismissed. (Surry Co Court Rec 1712-1718, Haun)

1717 JOHN THROWER summoned to give evidence in court trial. Surry Co. Court

1723 JOHN THROWER 295 acres New Land, Surry Co., Patent Bk 11, p 254 Cavaliers & Pioneers. on N. side of Nottoway River; on N. side of South Wester Sw., cor. of Lewis Green; by Stoney Cr., to John Rayburns's land; 5 Sept. 1723, p 275. 30 Shill.

NOTE: This is near land of THOMAS THROWER on Stoney Cr. patented 1715.

1728 JOHN and THOMAS THROWER et al summoned to determine distribution of land for Bolling family. (Surry Co. Deeds & Wills, etc #7 pg 148 (945); 20 Mar 1728 Rec 21 May 1729

1730 JOHN THROWER died intestate. Surry Co. VA Will & Deed Book #8, 1730-1738, page 52: JOHN THROWER Inventory. 7 Sept. 1730. Rec. 16 Sept. 1730. Returned by ANN THROWER. Wm. Parham, John Jackson, and Wm. Parham, Jr., Appraisers.

Page 67: JOHN THROWER. A/C. Date:----- Rec. 18 Nov. 1730. (Torn).

Estate Administration Records. aat. p 67-68, The Estate of John Thrower, dec'd.....

TO: Col. Robert Mumford 6/2/9; Thomas Thrower 1/19/8; Israel Dickens 1/0/0; John Freeman 1/10/4; Stephen Houseman 0/5/4; John Williamson 0/10/0; John Burge 0/13/5; Judith Hall 0/7/6; Peter Tatum 4/9/3; Capt. Robert Wynne 0/19/2&1/2; John Peterson 0/16/0; Thomas Eldridge 0/2/4&3/4; Richard Raines 1/0/0; John Threewit 0/9/0. There is additional information which is hard to read.

1746, 28 Aug. Geo. Booth, 1,140 acs. Surry Co. on the side of Stoney Cr. & Sapponey Cr., down the run of the Great Br.; adj. JOHN THROWER, Jarvis Winkfield, Wm. Winkfield, John Bonner, Nathaniel Malone, Thomas Mullen & THOMAS THROWER; 28 Aug 1746, p.410., 1 lb. S10. Gtd sd George Booth by Pat. 8 Sep 1730 (PB 13 p.523 which included part of Nathaniel Maloon's PB 10 p.265, John Rayburn's PB 10 p.269 & sd Booth's PB11 p.280) & 290 acs. the residue never before Gtd. (C&P Pat, Bk 24 p172)

NOTE: JOHN THROWER & THOMAS THROWER both died in 1730, yet the lands are still in their names in 1746. POSSIBLE EXPLANATION: In colonial Virginia family members were not required by law to notify the civil authorities of a death, only the local parish was to be notified.

This land that JOHN patented in 1723 was sold by HEZEKIAH THROWER in 1747. (See his writeup.)

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ENTRY #3

EDWARD THROWER DECEASED BEFORE 1713

1713 EDWARD THROWER, dec'd mentioned in Surry Co. deed. To wit:

THOMAS THOUR of Southwark Par in Surry Co to Lewis Green of Bristol Par in Pr Geo Co for 5 shillings....150 acs on Jones Hole Sw in Southwark Par b by Freeman's Br, Henry Mitchell, the land of said Lewis Green (land was bought by THOMAS THOUR, Sr., the father of the said THOMAS THOUR and willed by him to EDWARD THROWER, dec'd, from whom it descended to

said THOMAS THOUR as Heir at Law). MARY THROWER, wife of THOMAS THOUR, relinquished her Right of Dower.

Wit: Robert Wynne, Nicholas Maget and James(x) Salmons.

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ENTRY #4

EDWARD THROWER OF PRINCE GEORGE AND SURRY CO.'s, d. 1738

1704 EDWARD THROWER on Quit Rent Roll of Prince George Co. 150 acs. Also:  
THOMAS THROWER 150 acs & JOHN THROWER 250 acs.

1738 EDWARD THROWER. Will

Legacy...to my wife TABITHA, the use of my Plantation for her life, and my children. Pay my brother's estate, which Wm Gilliam is bound for. To my three sons, WILLIAM THROWER, JOHN THROWER, AND EDWARD THROWER, after their mother's death, all land and housing to be equally divided, when of age. Makes Wm Gilliam exor. Wit: David Sinckler, Fra Walker (Surry Co Wills, etc. Deed and Will Book 9, pg 6. Made 13 Nov., 1738 Prob. Feb 21, 1738.)

NOTE: EDWARD's will says "pay my brother's estate"!! This must be JOHN THROWER who died intestate in 1730-----the only other recorded THROWER will/estate account of that era in Surry was THOMAS THROWER, who also died in 1730. However, THOMAS stated in his will that " my debts being well and truly paid.."

1740 TABITHA THROWER, Estate inventory; Wm Gilliam, Adm. Appraisers: Peter Green and Wm Winfield. Wit: Thomas Avent and George B. Booth (Surry Co. Deeds, Wills, etc. 1738-1754 Bk 9, P171)

TABITHA was the widow named in EDWARD THROWER's will of 1738.

NOTE: Winfield, Green and Booth were names of people who had land in the neighborhood of THOMAS THROWER & JOHN THROWER, so EDWARD's property was probably near by.

NOTE #2: After their mother's death, sons WILLIAM, JOHN & EDWARD were to divide equally all land and housing. What happened to these sons?

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ENTRY #5

EDWARD THROWER, ORPHAN

1730 EDWARD THROWER, orphan. Bond of John Freeman and Robert Green for John Freeman as Guardian to EDWARD THROWER, Orphan. Wit: John Allen (Surry Co. Wills, Estate Accts, etc., Hart., p 131 WB 8 pg 20.) Date 19 Aug 1730

NOTE: Freeman family researcher Elaine Oborn and I agree that the orphan mentioned here is likely the son of JOHN THROWER, dec'd. Guardian John Freeman lived nearby as did the Green family. This Orphan Bond was recorded a few days after JOHN THROWER's estate appraisal.

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ENTRY #6

HEZEKIAH THROWER OF BRUNSWICK CO., VA Will 1786

1747 HEZEKIAH THROWER and wife, FRANCES THROWER, of Brunswick County to John Tyus of Surry County for 130 pounds current money, 295 acres on south side of Honey (Stoney?) Creek and bounded by Wm Gilliam and formerly Lewis Green's, George Booth and Southwest Swamp.

Signed: HEZEKIAH THROWER 19 Jan 1747 (Surry Co. Deed Book #5 p.198)

NOTE: This almost certainly means that HEZEKIAH was the eldest son of JOHN THROWER who died intestate 1730 in Surry Co. EXPLANATION: Law of Primogeniture existed in Colonial Virginia.

"The widow automatically received 1/3 life interest in the property and the eldest son (the Heir-at-Law) received the other 2/3rds. The heir-at-law, HEZEKIAH, received the mother's portion at her death."

**PROOF THAT IT'S THE SAME LAND:**

PB 11 P275, 5 Sep 1723 JOHN THROWER " 295 acs (N. L.); on N. side of Nottaway River; on N. side of South Wester Sw., cor. of Lewis Green; by Stoney Cr., to John Rayburn's land. 30 shill."  
George Booth's name replaces John Rayburn's name because Booth bought Rayburn's land in 1724 (Cavaliers and Pioneers, Patent Book #13 p. 376.)

Will of HEZEKIAH THROWER 21 Jan 1786 23 Jul 1787 Will Bk 5 p 81-(212)

To wife FRANCES: 4 negroes, all my livestock, household furniture...life or widowhood.

To son CHRISTOPHER: 400 acres Hick's Cr., Long Br., Lick Br.

To son EDWARD: 581 acres, which is remainder & 10 negroes.

daughters : REBECCA WINFIELD, BETTY FREEMAN, TABITHA EZELL

granddaughter: FRANCES CARLOS

grandsons: ROBINSON CARLOS, JOHN THROWER WINFIELD

Ex. my son EDWARD THROWER

Wit: James Davis, Amy (x) Yarbrough

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There appears to be THREE Thomas Throwers in successive generations, starting with Thomas Thrower of Charles City Co., VA who was likely born before 1657. To help differentiate between them I have listed them as Thomas Thrower I, II and III. That listing doesn't appear in any of the records that I have found.

**ENTRY #7**

**THOMAS THROWER I OF CHARLES CITY & PRINCE GEORGE CO'S VA  
b. before 1657 d. before 1706?**

1678-- First record I find for THOMAS THROWER was in Charles City Co., VA Order Book: Jervis Dix and THOMAS THROWER referred to next court. Jno. Smith gave testimony in case of Dix & THROWER. Jno. Higdley & his wife have judgement for 3 days as witnesses in case of Dix & THROWER. 18 Feb 1678/9. (CC Co. Order Bk 1676-1679 p. 362, Abst, by Ayers.)

1694--Aug. Court: Will, an Indian of THOMAS THROWER, is judged 5 years old.

1694-- THOMAS THROWER among those sworn to Grand Jury duty. NOTE: A person had to be wealthy to serve on Grand Jury, for instance, in 1701 their worth had to be more than 50 lbs. Sterling. (From "Autographs" by Elizabeth Lawrence-Dow).

1698-- THOMAS THROWER and George Passmore claiming 900 acres of land by Entry dated 17th of April 1698, it is therefore ordered that the Surveyor of the county survey and lay out the land for said THROWER and Passmore----- but in Oct. 1701, the Patent for THOMAS THROWER and George Passmore, (both of Charles City Co., VA) was for 680 acres for importing 14 persons.

**SOME LATER RECORDS CONCERNING THE ABOVE PATENT:**

# 1: Surry Co. Deeds, Wills,etc #8 p 64 16 Nov 1730 18 Nov 1730

Geo Passmore to his son(in-law?) and daughter Mathew Gibbs and wife Pernal Gibbs for Love and Affection....230 ac (being part of 683 ac on Jones Hole Sw grt in Oct 1702 to THOMAS THROWER and the said George Passmore AND THEN DIVIDED) Land is bound by Catashorack Br., Richard Bland and the Jones Hole Sw. Wit Thos Eldridge and Thos Eldridge, Jr.

#2: Surry Co., VA Deeds and Estate Accts 1734-1755 Hopkins Bk 9 p161 10 Dec 1739

Theodorick Bland, Gent. of Pr. Geo. Co. to George Rieves of Surry Co. two tracts of land on SS of main Blackwater Swamp in Albemarle Parish (ONE TRACT IS 200 ACS ON A BRANCH OF NOTTAWAY RIV. CALLED JOANES HOLE SWAMP, BEING PART OF A LARGER TRACT GRT TO THOMAS THROWER AND GEORGE PASSMORE ON 24 OCT 1702 and b by Cotteshoran Branch, George Passmore and James Thweatt. THIS LAND WAS SOLD BY SAID TRROWER AND PASMORE to Richard Bland, dec'd, late of Pr. Geo. Co. the father of said Theodorick Bland....the other tract of 800 acs adjsaid Richard Bland, dec'd, the line between Pr. George Co. and Surry Co. and Capt. Busby. This 800 acs was grt to said Richard Bland, dec'd on 1 April 1717. Wit: Wm Eppes, Thomas Eldridge, William Green and Tho Eldridge, Jr.

Rec: 21 May 1740 Signed: Theodorick Bland

1702-- The Legislature created Prince George Co. from the section of Charles City County that lay south of the James River, apparently where Thomas was living.

1704-- THOMAS THROWER on Quit Rent Roll of Prince George Co. VA. with 150 acres. Also on the Roll was JOHN THROWER with 250 acres and EDWARD THROWER with 150 acres.

1706--This could be the THOMAS THROWER, I who died before Feb. 1706, according to deed of that date in which THOMAS THROWER II sold land that had been given to him by the will of his father. (See Thomas Thrower II, deeds of 1706 and 1713.)

**COMMENTS ABOUT THOMAS THROWER OF CHAS CITY CO/PRINCE CHARLES CO., VA**

He was born before 1657.....To plead or sue in court, legal age 21. " The Source, Ages in Legal Action" (Dix vs Thrower in 1678).

His peers: Jarvis Dix was age 62 in 1678 when their suit took place. (per CC Co. Order Bk 1679).  
George Passmore, his partner in Patent of 1698 was born 1651(Passmore Fam. Hist.)

William Dobson, with consent of his wife, gives his two step-sons Jarvis & Robert Winkfield to their grandfather Jarvis Dix for as long as the law provide & at the expiration of their time to give them whatever the court considers "convenient." (CC Co. VA Order Bk 1676-1679 p. 262. Abst by Ayers).  
Jarvis & Robert were sons of Wm. Winkfield (Wingfield) and Jarvis Dix's daughter.

The Wingfield and THROWER family seemed to migrate around the country together.

From FTM Homepage of Michael Wingfield Walker:  
Titled '200 Years in New Wingfield Genealogy';

" .....to Dr. Lawrence Wingfield's near neighbors in Halifax Co., VA and Halifax Co., NC.  
" The THROWER family, a relatively small group, was originally from Charles City county, VA. Surviving CCCo. court order books reveal a close connexion between Thomas Thrower and Jarvis Dix as far back as 1678, when they were in litigation together. In 1715, Thomas Thrower and Jarvis Wingfield move from this area to present day Sussex Co., near the Dinwiddie border, where they patent land adjoining each other. (Nugent, v. III, p. 180).

"Thomas Thrower makes his will in 1729, (Surry Co. Will and Deed Book 1715-1730, p. 1020), mentioning his son Thomas Thrower, "Jr." This is the same Thomas Thrower "Jr.", who with his sons Benjamin and Mason Thrower, appears in District 15, Halifax, NC so close to Dr. Lawrence Wingfield's family. It should be noted that the name Mason Thrower suggests a Thrower connexion with the Mason family of Sussex/Dinwiddie, and John Wingfield's only daughter, and thus Dr. Lawrence Wingfield's only sister, married Capt. Daniel Mason of the same Mason family."

NOTE: Jarvis Wingfield was born 1669 in Charles City Co., VA (Wingfield Family History)

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**ENTRY #8**

**THOMAS THROWER II and wife MARY OF SURRY CO., VA  
d. 1729/30 Surry Co., VA**

THOMAS THROWER and wife MARY were in Southwarke Parish, Surry Co., VA in 1706.

1706-- 18 Feb....Thomas Thrower and wife, Mary Thrower, of Southwarke Parish in Surry County to Lewis Green of Prince George County for 30 pounds sterling, 250 acres in Southwarke Parish (200 acres came in a deed from Thomas Busby in Charles City County and the other 50 acres WAS GIVEN TO THOMAS THROWER BY THE WILL OF HIS FATHER.) Mention is made of a deed for 100 acres which was sold to James Matthews. Wit: Benjamin Harrison, Jr., Richard Walton, William (x) Farrell, Charles Doyley, Richard Holland and Thomas Tanner.

Rec: 4 Mar. 1706 Thomas (x) Thrower (Surry Co. VA Wills, Deeds, Etc 1694-1709, page 364.)

NOTE: So this Thomas Thrower's father died before 1706.

The following records are from Southwarke Parish, Surry Co., VA-- unless otherwise stated:

1711-- Thomas Thrower appraises an estate. Robertson, Nathaniel: Est.- Signed: Thos. Freeman, admr. 19 Sept 1711. Appraisers: James Sammon, Jno Hawthorne, THOMAS THROWER. Bk 6, p79.

1712, Feb 18 The difference pending between Robert Rodgers plt. and THOMAS THROWER defendt. is continued over till the next court. Surry Co. Court Records 1712-1718 Haun

1712, Mar 18 Robert Rodgers not appearing to prosecute his case agst. THOMAS THROWER the same is ordered to be dismiss.

In the action of debt between John Hatch plt and THOMAS THROWER deft. for eight hundred twenty seven pounds tobo is set forth in the declaration it being last court continued & the defendant not appearing now, judgmt by Nihil dicit is therefore granted to the plt. for the amount sued for & for Costs returnable to the next Court as usuall. Surry Co. VA Court Rec. 1712-1718 Bk 7, p23

1713, Apr 15 In the action of Debt bet John Hatch plt and THOS. THROWER deft. for 827 pds tobo billd 27 June 1712, deft not appearing. Deft or to pay plus costs. Surry Co Court Rec 1712-1718 Bk 7 p26.

1713, Oct 21 THOMAS THROWER appearing in court acknowledged Deeds of Sale of a parcell of land sold to Lewis Green. the same are therefore ordered to be recorded.

A Power of Attorney from MARY THROWER to Nichs. Maggett being proved by the oathes of Robert Wyn and James Sammon is ordered to be admitted to record.

p 42 Nicholas Maggett by virtue of a Power of Attorney from MARY THROWER appearing in Court relinquisht her the said MARY's right of Dower of in & to a parcell of Land sold by her husband to Lewis Green, the same is therefore ordered recorded.

1713-- 3 Nov. Deed, Wills, etc. Book.....Thomas Throu of Southwarke Parish in Surry County to Lewis Green of Bristol Parish in Prince George County for 5 shillings..... 150 acres on Jones Hole Swamp in Southwarke Parish bounded by Freemans Branch, Henry Mitchell and land of said Lewis Green (LAND WAS BOUGHT BY THOMAS THROUR, SR., THE FATHER OF THE SAID THOMAS THROWER, AND WILLED BY HIM TO EDWARD THROWER, DEC'D., FROM WHOM IT DESCENDED TO SAID THOMAS THROUR AS HEIR AT LAW.) See note #2 below. (Mary Throu, wife of Thomas Throu, relinquished her Right of Dower.)

Wit: Robert Wynne, Nicholas Maget and James (x) Salmons.

Recorded: 18 Nov. 1713 Thomas (x) Throuer, Mary (x) Throuer

NOTE: This appears to be part of the same land that THOMAS THROWER & George Passmore patented in 1701.

NOTE 1: The above tells us that Thomas' father was also named Thomas Throuer.

NOTE 2: Legal Dictionary says: HEIR AT LAW "The ordinary heir by blood, succeeding to all the lands." So the deceased Edward may have been the older brother of Thomas II.

1715, Mar 23 THOMAS THROWER 125 acs. (N.L.) Surry Co; S. side of Stony Cr. & on E. side of Sappony Cr; 15 SHILL PB 10 p 275

1715, Dec. 21 In the Action of trespass upon the case between Samll. Harwood Junr plt & Thomas Throuer deft. neither party appearing the Suit is Ordered to be Dismist. (Surry Co., VA Court Records 1712-1718 Haun.)

1716, July 18 Wm Jones, Robert Jones, George Booth, and THOMAS THROWER of any three of them being first sworn before one of his Majties Justices of the peace for this county are nominated and appointed to Value & Appraise the Estate of Charles Gee Deced. That Ingumbred Anderson and Elizabeth his wife Adminrs. of the Estate of the said Deced present an inventory and the Appraisement at the next court. (Surry Co., VA Court Records 1712-1718 Haun)

1718-- From Prince George Co. VA Surveyor's Book 1711-1724, October, 1718. Page 5 #63. Thomas Throuer of Surry Co., 211 acres on upper side of Great Creek of Nottaway River.-

1720 Surry Co. VA Deeds 1684-1733 & other Court Papers, Hopkins p110 (304) 7 Oct 1720

John Rottenbery to Francis Maybury for 5 shill...100 acs on NS of Nottoway Riv in Southwarke Parish, part of a tract taken up by Thos. Busby, dec'd, late of Charles City Co. b by THOMAS THROWER, SR.

NOTE: Does this mean there was another THOMAS THROWER in the area, or was his son old enough to qualify as Jr?

1721, 17 Mar. Pr Geo Co Surveyor's Bk 1711-1724, Hopkins; page 2 #17.....Thos. Thrower, 400 acres, on both sides of Reedy Creek on north side of Nottoway River, beginning at his old survey.

1725, 24 Mar..... Thomas Thrower, of Surry Co., 211 acres (N.L.), Pr. Geo Co., on upper side of the Gr. Creek of Nottoway River, adj. Capt. Peter Jones' line, page 415.....25 shill.

1728, Mar 20 Writ against Thomas Bolling who is summoned to answer Robert & Frances Bolling over the equal division of 1800 acs which they hold in Southwarke Par. (p 946) Division of land by William (x) Moore, Edward (x) Echols, Charles (x) Leath, Jarvis (x) Wynfield, George (x) Booth, JOHN (x) THROWER, Daniel Poythress, Thomas Wynne, Stephen Housman, John (x) Jackson, Sloman Wynne and THOMAS THROWER. (Surry Co. Deeds, Wills, etc #7 p 148 (945) Rec 21 May 1729.

1729-- Thrower, Thomas: Legat.- To my son, Thomas Thrower, all my land that is between Great Neck and Reedy Branch in Prince George County; if no issue, to my daughter, Elizabeth.....If both Thomas and Elizabeth die without heir; to my daughter, Hester.....To son, Thomas, all the land where I live adj. Stony and Sapponia Creeks; 125 acres.....Wife to have her "Full being on same" for her life; but if she marry, she is to have only a child's part.....To daughter, Elizabeth, land on the west side of Reedy Creek in Prince George Co., if she die, to son, Thomas; if Thomas & Eliza. die, to daughter Hester..... To my son Thomas all my stock of cattle and hoggs that is ranging at Great Creek & two mares and one colt using Licken Meadow and one horse called Derrick and my three guns and my mustering gear..... I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary two cows & calves, she having them already in possession and the puter which she hath in her possession and one horse and mare which she hath already possessed.....To daughter Hester one feather bed, bed stead and furniture which she usually lies on.

Wife, Mary and son Thomas, exe. Made - 14 Nov., 1729, Prob. Apr. 15, 1730

Wit: John Curtis, Wm. Harper, John Freeman.

(Abstract of Surry Co., VA Wills and Adm. Book 7 - Page 1020.)

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SON OF THOMAS THROWER WHOSE WILL WAS PROBATED 1730 SURRY CO., VA

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1731: Nov 17 Grand Jury presents MARTHA THORE for having a bastard child by the information of Wm Gilliam. John Mitchell, Foreman. Surry Co. Wills & Deeds, etc #8 p157 (145)

1736: Aug 2 John Freeman 350 acs. Surry Co., N side of Nottaway Riv., on NW side of Fellow's Br., in the Galley Sw., by the Co. Line (N60°E) between Surry & Pr. Geo. Counties; adj Sd. Freeman, Richard Huson, John Jackson, Edward Echols. Pd 1 S 15 (This is next to THROWER's land.) The 60° is the angle of the County line between Surry (later Sussex) and Prince George (later Dinwiddie) counties.] Patent Bk 17, p147 By Freeman family researcher Elaine Oborn.

Some excerpts from a book "Carlby" by Barbara T. Spann, 1976, Fairfax Co. Office of Comprehensive Planning, written about Mr. George Booth and others in the Sappony & Stony Creek area:

"On the same day (My NOTE: 23 April, 1715) that Nathaniel Malone (Maloon), THOMAS THROWER, Jarvis Winfield, and John Rayburn patented land on the south side of Sappony and Stony Creeks, a 100-acre tract not far to the north was claimed by George Booth.....In 1721 he purchased from Nathaniel Malone 100 acres on the southeast side of Sappony Creek.....On the fifth of September, 1723, Booth patented 100 acres adjoining the southeast corner of the property he had bought from Malone.....Then in 1724 he bought John Rayburn's 80 acres on Stony Creek.....Before his death in 1763 he apparently acquired the tracts, totalling 297 acres originally patented by THOMAS THROWER and Jarvis Winfield."

NOTE 1: THOMAS THROWER's neighbor Nathaniel Malone was born about 1675 in Charles City Co., VA and died 1732. (The Malone, Mallone, Maloone, Mellone Line.)

NOTE 2: Neighbor George Booth was born 1679. (Booth Family Origins.)

NOTE 3: Neighbor Jarvis Winfield was born 1669, died 1756 Surry Co., VA (Winfield Family Info.)

Some of THOMAS THROWER'S land was in Prince George Co. in the area which in 1752 became Dinwiddie Co. WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT LAND? WE MAY NEVER KNOW!! According to the Dinwiddie Co. website, most pre-1833 records were DESTROYED by the ravages of Benedict Arnold, Banastre Tarleton, Grant's Armies of the James and Potomac, and fire.

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ENTRY #10

THOMAS AND PHOEBE THROWER OF ALBEMARLE PARISH, SURRY CO, VA

14 July 1741.... (Is this the same THOMAS THROWER who inherited land from his father in Prince George Co. & on Stony & Sapprony Creeks in Surry Co.??) William Jones and wife, Sarah Jones, to Thomas Thrower.... 170 acres on north side of Nottoway River.....bounded by the main road at the foot of Freemans Bridge.

Wit: Wm. Raines and John Housman. (Surry Co. Deeds-Book 9, page 343).

15 July 1741.....William Jones and wife Sarah Jones, to THOMAS THROWER...170 acs on NS of Nottoway Riv. (being part of 280 acs grt to Wm Jones on 17 Jun 1714 and by him conveyed to Thomas Atkeison on 21 Jul 1715 who conveyed it to Wm Jones on 16 May 1738) and b by the main road at the foot of Freeman's Bridge. Wit: Wm Raines and John Housman. (Surry Co., VA Deeds and Estate Accounts 1734-1755 Hopkins, DB #9 p 344)

This from Elaine Oborn: [Wm Jones was grt 420 acs in 1730 and 240 acs in 1714 for a total of 660 acs. July 1741, he sold 170 acs to THOMAS THROWER, another 170 acs to THOMAS THROWER (this land went from Wm Jones to Thos Atkeison back to Wm Jones and then to THROWER and 320 acs to John Whittington for a total of 660 acs.)

My NOTE: See 1749 court case for Trespass case involving THROWER and Whittington.

1743 May, Thomas Eldridge Plt. against THOMAS THROWER Deft. In Debt. Dismissed the pltf failing to Prosecute. (Surry Co. Court Rec. 1741-1745,Haun, Bk #8 page 131)

1744/45: Also Bk #8, p265 Haun.....Theophilus Field Pltf against THOMAS THROWER Deft; In Case. Dismissed being agreed to by both parties.

1746; Apr 15

Surry Co. Deeds (1742-1747) page 398: Lease and Release. Apr. 15-16, 1746 from Thomas Thrower & Phebe, his wife, of Surry, planter, to Thomas Eldridge of Prince George County, Gent, for 100 lbs, all that tract of land in Surry on the north side of Nottoway River containing about 170 acres, being opposite to the lands of Col. Benjamin Harrison, and was conveyed to the said Thomas Thrower by William Jones & Sarah, his wife, by S deeds of lease and release dated Jul 14-15, 1741, and joining the lands of Henry Hartwell Marrable & Clement Handcock.....Signed - Thomas Thrower, Phebe Thrower. Wit.-none Recorded Apr. 16, 1746.

1746; Apr 16 Indentures of lease and Release between THOMAS THROWER & PHOEBE his wife of the one part and Thomas Eldridge of the other part were Acknowledged by the said THOMAS & PHOEBE and by the Court Ordered to be recorded. Previous to which the said PHEBE was Privily Examined as the Law directs. (Surry Co., VA Court Records 1746-1748 Haun Bk #9,p6.)

Some previous records pertaining to the 170 acres THOMAS AND PHOEBE bought in 1741 & sold 1746:

#1- Surry Co., VA Deeds and Estate Accounts 1734-1755 Hopkins 13 Nov 1738 Bk #8 p 849. Thomas Atkeison and wife Elizabeth, to Wm Jones...240 acres on NS of Nottoway Riv. (being land grt to Wm Jones 16 Jun 1714 and by him sold to Thos Atkeison on 20 Jul 1715) and b by Henry

**Jones.**

**Wit: Edward Pettway, THOMAS THROWER and Richard Blunt.**

**#2 Same source excpt DB #9 p341, Jul 13 1741 William Jones and wife, Sarah Jones, to John Whittington...320 acs on SS of Nottoway Riv. (being part of a tract of 420 acs grt to Wm Jones on 28 Sept 1730) b by Edw Ferrintun and Lewis Green. Wit: William Raines and John Housman.**

**1749 Thomas Thrower was plaintiff against John Whittington, defendant in a Trespass case. (Surry Co. Court Records, 1749-1751, Bk X, p30-566, 62-598, p171 in June, 1749--May, 1750; This was when our Thomas was already in Albemarle Co., NC. UNLESS--THOMAS WAS AN ABSENTEE PLAINTIFF, REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY.**

**1750: May 16 The final court record reads: This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came also a jury. Defendant is not guilty of the Trespass, and the Plt. take nothing by his Bill but for his false clamor be in Mercy&c.....Ordered that THOMAS THROWER pay unto William King a witness for him against John Whittington 175 pounds tobacco for 7 days attendance at this Court according to law.**

**Surry County, VA Court Records, 1749-1751, Book X, [30]-566; [62-598]; [171]-94.**

**From Albemarle Parish Register of Surry County, Virginia:**

**1740; Jan. 2 Thos. & Phoebe Thrower, godparents to Eph.,son of Robt Rives Jones and Anne**

**1741? Jun. 12 Thos. & Phoebe Thrower G. P. to son of Soloman Wynne, Jr & Mary**

**1741; Jan Thos, & Phoebe godparents to dau. of Wm. and Mary Jones.**

**1742; Jun. 7 Phoebe, godparent to dau. of Thos. and Mary Moore.**

**1745; Thos. and Phoebe Thrower G'p to Phoebe, dau. of Rich'd & Sarah Bird.**

**1745; Jan. 10-- Son JOHN born to THOMAS AND PHOEBE THROWER. Godparents: Soloman Wynne, Thos. Moore, Mary Moore.**

**NOTE: GODPARENTS/SPONSORS IN THOSE DAYS WERE ALMOST ALWAYS RELATIVES; GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, ETC.**

**What was Phoebe's maiden name? In the hard-to-read will of Nathaniel Malone 1732 Surry Co. VA,, family researchers believe that Phoebe was a name listed as his daughter. Nathaniel Malone and his family were close neighbors to Thomas Thrower in Stoney/Sapphoney Creek area early 1700s. Maybe Thomas Thrower was following the usual pattern of those days and married the neighbor's daughter?**

## SOME COMMENTS AND SOME QUESTIONS

From "Muster Roll of Edgecombe Co. Militia, NC (1750's)" we find the name of Thomas Thrower, plus some names that had been associated with Thomas Thrower during the 1730's and 1740's in Albemarle Parish of Surry Co., VA.; namely:

LEWIS; Richard & Nicklas

JONES; William Jr., Wallis, Isam, Matthew and Robert Rives

SIMONDS, William and John

MATTHEWS, Charles, John and James

Some other surnames from the Surry past were:

ADKESON, EVANS, HILL, DAVIS, CLARK, WALKER, WINGFIELD, PASSMORE, STURDIVANT, PARHAM, MASON, HOUSEMAN, etc. Many of these are found on 1782-1788 tax rolls of Halifax Co., NC.

Richard BIRD was another Edgecombe Co. NC neighbor from Surry Co., VA. In 1753 Thomas THROWER and Richard BIRD helped make division of land for Isam Jones, dec'd estate (Abst. of Wills of Edgecombe Co., NC; Nov. Court, 1753.)

Back in Albemarle Parish, Surry Co., VA Thomas and Phoebe THROWER were godparents for Phoebe, daughter born to Richard and Sarah BIRD 3/25/45 (Births and Deaths 1717-1778 From The Albemarle Parish Register of Surry and Sussex Counties, Virginia).

NOTE: It would seem to be more than coincidence that so many families who were neighbors and friends of Thomas Thrower moved from Surry Co. VA to Edgecombe Co., NC about the same our Thomas Thrower did. (Although, to be truthful, in that period of time they came from all parts of Virginia to Edgecombe Co., NC.)

1745; Jan. 10-- Son JOHN born to Thomas and Phoebe Thrower. Godparents: Soloman Wynne, Thos. Moore, Mary Moore. ( A.P.R., Surry Co., VA. ) NOTE: This could possibly be the deceased son mentioned in the will of Thomas Thrower who died 1787 Halifax Co., NC. Elkanah, mentioned in the same will, could be the orphan child of John, dec'd.

For a long while it seemed to me there was only one possible line of succession to THOMAS THROWER (d. 1787 Halifax Co., NC.) That is: \*THOMAS THROWER I ( b. before 1657, d. before 1706) of Chas. Cty Co.; \*\*THOMAS THROWER II of Surry Co., VA (d. 1730.) His wife was Mary; \*\*\*THOMAS THROWER III, son of Thomas and Mary as named in his father's will.

There seemed to be no other Thomas around who was a contemporary of Thomas III, son of Thomas and Mary. HOWEVER: Since discovering that JOHN THROWER (d. intestate 1730 Surry) was likely the father of HEZEKIAH and also EDWARD THE ORPHAN, I began to wonder if it could also be possible that John was father of a son named THOMAS!!

### POSSIBILITY? IS THERE ANOTHER THOMAS?

I believe from records that THOMAS THROWER who married PHOEBE before 1840 (they were godparents/sponsors that year Alb Par Reg.) is most likely to be the one who went to NC. He bought land in Surry 1741, he and Phoebe had son named JOHN in 1845, and sold the land in 1746. I think he is the same Thomas who moved to Edgecombe Co., NC in 1748.

BUT: Is he son of THOMAS or son of JOHN????

ALTERNATIVE: Jim Thrower's web page, "A 370 Year History" has this:

"THOMAS THROWER, born in Norfolk, England and married Elizabeth Barnes in 1655. They raised a family of eight and Thomas and Elizabeth are buried in Norfolk, England.

THOMAS THROWER, born in 1665 in Norfolk, England and married Mary. They had five children and paid land rent to the King of England in 1704 in Norfolk, Virginia. His will is dated 1729.

THOMAS THROWER, born c1710 and married Elizabeth. Thomas died Feb. 1787 in Halifax Co NC"

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**HELP: I HAVE EMPTIED MY BRAIN AND NOTES FROM MY FILES ABOUT THROWERS IN COLONIAL VIRGINIA AND ADDED SOME COMMENTS. NOW I NEED SOME INPUT FROM YOU, THE READER. IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, IDEAS, OPINIONS, SPECULATIONS, THEORIES, THOUGHTS, CONSIDERATIONS, ADDITIONAL RECORDS, ENLIGHTENMENT, KNOWLEDGE ABOUT COLONIAL LAWS, HISTORY, LOCATIONS OR ACTIVITIES, I'LL BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU. OR JUST SAY "HI".**

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