

Descendants of John Primrose

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN² PRIMROSE (*ARCHIBALD*¹) was born Abt. 1660 in Scotland, and died March 1722/23 in Queen Anne's Co., MD. He married ELIZABETH --- Abt. 1690 in Talbot Co., MD. She was born Abt. 1660.

Notes for JOHN PRIMROSE:

The name PRIMROSE originated in Scotland as "PRYMOS."

According to the "Dictionary of National Biography," Sir Archibald Primrose of Scotland, 1616-1679, had a son Archibald, First Earl of "Roseberry." The 1992 edition of "Who's Who" states that the family name of the Earl of Roseberry is Primrose and that the current Earl was Neil Archibald Primrose.

The number of Scots in Maryland was increased substantially by Oliver Cromwell who exiled 900 Scots prisoners of war around 1650. Economic links, which would have led to subsequent settlement, were established as early as 1626 with the voyage of the Golden Lion of Dundee, but such links were terminated by the introduction of the English "Navigation Acts" during the 1660s which effectively made trade between Scotland and the English colonies illegal.

During the 1660s the Scots government followed the practice of England by transporting criminals and religious or political undesirables to the American plantations. Many of these transportees were Covenanters - militant Presbyterians who opposed the religious policies of the Stuart kings. The records of the Scottish Privy Council contain numerous requests from shipmasters for prisoners for shipment to Virginia. This period ended in 1689 when William and Mary acceded to the thrones of Scotland and England. The subsequent demise of the Episcopal Church in Scotland prompted many Scots clergymen, such as James Blair, to seek opportunities in Virginia and Maryland as tutors, schoolmasters and ministers.

The records in the Queen Anne's courthouse contain a deed showing the purchase of land by John Primrose, Sr., on August 10, 1722, "the eight year of reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the grace of God of great Brittain, France & Ireland, King defender of ye faith ..." The land was purchased from members of the Hambleton family, Haskins and Susannah Hambleton, and consisted of 150 acres of the land known as [IT:Hambletons Hermitage:IT]. The following indicates that the Primrose family had taken possession of the property in 1690: On 10 Aug 1722 John Hawkins Hambleton and his wife Johanna conv. to John Primrose, Sr., blacksmith, 150 a., part of [IT:Hambleton's Hermitage:IT], sold by John Hambleton, his father, to Primrose, on 20 Jan 1690 without the right to do so, being the property of William Hambleton who has since conv. his right to John Hawkins Hambleton. (QALR IKB:160). The following is further added: On 29 Jun 1721 William Hambleton, Sr., and his wife Margaret, conv. to John Hawkins Hambleton of QA Co., an interest in the land where William now dwells, 300 a, part of [IT:Hambleton's Hermitage:IT] on the north side of the Dividing Branch of Chester River. (QALR IKB:72). This is probably (1999) the land that lies on the North side of the Chester River just below Kingstown in Queen Anne County. It is the area shown on maps and charts around Primrose Point and Hambleton's Creek.

John's will was signed December 14, 1722, and probated March 27. It was found in the files of the Queen Anne's County court house in Centreville. It stated he was a blacksmith and provided that his sons

John and William were to have "all that tract of land and plantation they now live on being part of a tract of land called "Hamblotons Hermitage," to be equally divided between them ..." He left to his son Archobald all his estate in Scotland, in Great Brittain (sic). He "gave and bequeath unto (his) son George Primrose that tract of land called Shepherds Fortune."

In addition to this family, a William Primrose, born about 1792, came to this country before 1825 and settled in Baltimore County. His children were Janet, William, John, Margaret and Samuel.

Children of JOHN PRIMROSE and ELIZABETH --- are:

2. i. WILLIAM³ PRIMROSE, b. 1694, Queen Anne's Co., MD; d. 1745.
- ii. TULIP PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1700, Talbot Co., MD.

Notes for TULIP PRIMROSE:

Although the name appears to be Tuago" in several documents, it is believed that "Tulip" is correct.

Although the marriage records identify "John Primrose," perhaps it was Tulip Primrose that married (16 Jul 1751) Elizabeth Gould, daughter of Frances Gould. Elizabeth and her daughter Frances Primrose were mentioned in the will of Frances Gould. The will was dated January 17, 1761.

- iii. LILLY PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1700, Talbot Co., MD; m. AMANSEN, Abt. 1725; b. Abt. 1700.

Notes for LILLY PRIMROSE:

Perhaps Lilly married an Amussen/Amasson. She was still living in Queen Anne's County at the time of the death of her sister Elizabeth in 1738.

- iv. ELIZABETH PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1700, Talbot Co., MD; d. 1738; m. JOHN BATH, Abt. 1725; b. Abt. 1700; d. 1736.

Notes for ELIZABETH PRIMROSE:

Perhaps this is the Elizabeth Primrose, daughter of John, who is shown in the LDS records as being born March 27, 1722.

Need to check the Centreville records for the Inventory of Elizabeth Bath.

3. v. JR. JOHN PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1705, Talbot Co., MD; d. Abt. 1744, Queen Anne's Co., MD.
4. vi. GEORGE PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1705, Queen Anne's Co., MD; d. Aft. 1793.
- vii. ARCHOBALD PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1705, Talbot Co., MD; m. (1) PRUDENCE MORGAN, February 16, 1727/28, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD; b. Abt. 1705; d. Abt. 1750, Queen Anne's Co., MD; m. (2) SARAH BOROWS, July 27, 1755, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD; b. Abt. 1710.

Notes for ARCHOBALD PRIMROSE:

The will of John Bath, of Queen Anne's County, dated 17 May 1736 and probated 6 July 1736, mentions "William, son of Archibald Primrose, late of Queen Anne's County."

5. viii. VIOLET H. PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1710, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

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2. WILLIAM³ PRIMROSE (*JOHN*², *ARCHIBALD*¹) was born 1694 in Queen Anne's Co., MD, and died 1745. He married (2) BRIDGETT --- March 15, 1742/43 in Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD. She was born Abt. 1690, and died Abt. October 1748 in Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for WILLIAM PRIMROSE:

According to Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Vol.

5, page 153: William "died by 3 Sep 1747 (date of account) and his

admin. was Bridgett Primrose. Mentioned in the account were payments

to Solomon Seney, for legacy left his wife (unnamed) by Walter Nevil (deceased married executrix) and also payments (due from the estate of Walter Nevil) to John Nevil (son of said Walter), Catherine Nevil, Rachel Nevil, David Nevil and Solomon Wyat. (MDAD 24:96)"

More About BRIDGETT ---:

Probate: November 08, 1748, Queen Anne's Co., MD

Child of WILLIAM PRIMROSE is:

- i. JOHN⁴ PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1730; d. Queen Anne's Co., MD; m. Abt. 1750, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for JOHN PRIMROSE:

Could this be the John Primrose who married Elizabeth Whittington at St. Lukes Church in Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, on July 16, 1751? The LDS records show the baptism of Frances Primrose to John and Elisabeth Primrose at St. Lukes in Church Hill on August 11, 1752.

3. JR. JOHN³ PRIMROSE (*JOHN*², *ARCHIBALD*¹) was born Abt. 1705 in Talbot Co., MD, and died Abt. 1744 in Queen Anne's Co., MD. He married (2) RACHALL --- Abt. 1730. She was born Abt. 1705, and died Aft. December 1745 in Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for JR. JOHN PRIMROSE:

John Primrose is listed among the names of Pew Holders, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Church Hill, Maryland, in 1732.

John Primrose was a testator to the will of James Gould of Queen Anne's County. The will was probated 9 August 1737 and refers to a daughter Elizabeth Whittington.

In will book J.E. 1, page 197, John Primrose leaves property to his well-beloved wife Rachall. The will was signed November 15, 1743, and probated December 18, 1745.

Notes for RACHALL ---:

Perhaps this is the Rachal Primrose who married John Kearney in St. Luke's, Church Hill, on December 27, 1744.

Child of JR. JOHN PRIMROSE is:

6. i. JOHN⁴ PRIMROSE, b. October 04, 1728; d. Abt. February 1807.

Children of JOHN PRIMROSE and RACHALL --- are:

7. ii. ELIZA⁴ PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1740.
- iii. CATHERINE PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1740.

Notes for CATHERINE PRIMROSE:

Catherine is mentioned as a sister in the September 1806 will of John Primrose of Queen Anne's County.

4. GEORGE³ PRIMROSE (*JOHN*², *ARCHIBALD*¹) was born Abt. 1705 in Queen Anne's Co., MD, and died Aft. 1793. He married (1) MARTHA WOODALL October 10, 1725 in Kent Co., MD, daughter of JOHN WOODALL and MARTHA ---. She was born Abt. 1700 in Talbot Co., MD. He married (2) HANNAH HACKETT November 18, 1756 in Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD, daughter of THOMAS HACKETT and MARY RATCLIFFE. She was born May 12, 1736 in Queen Anne's Co., MD, and died Bef. 1776.

Notes for GEORGE PRIMROSE:

The land records for Queen Anne's County show the following transaction for 29 June 1737: Thomas Roe, Planter, and Dianah his wife, to George Primrose, Planter - consideration 9,000 pounds of tobacco - 100 acres, part of "Shephard's Fortune" - lying on the north side of Jones Creek and adjoining part sold by Francis Shephard

to John Primrose, deceased.

The following land transaction was recorded in 1747: John Dempster, Gentleman, to William Dames of Chester Town, Merchant - in exchange for a parcel of land in Cecil County ... conveys two parcels of land on Jones' Creek - part of "Sheperd's Fortune," formerly conveyed by William Sheperd to Dempster - adjoining Thomas Hackett's part (no acreage given) - also a slipe containing 18 acres of land between Thomas Hackett and George Primrose's parts of "Sheperd's Fortune."

Page 18 of [IT:Chesapeake Cousins:IT] (USGS Vol 28, No. 2) presents some details of the life of William Winchester, born about 1726. It mentions that in his late teens (about 1740-45) he was working in Kingstown with George and Violet Primrose, across the Chester River from Chestertown. Kingstown was established as an 18th century developed community on land taken from [IT:Poplar Hill:IT], a farm owned by the Primrose family. More than 20 lots were laid out and sold to investors. Henry Cully owned five lots and Thomas Marsh IV owned three.

Another land transaction of 26 March 1760 documents the following: An indenture Tripartite - between William Shepherd, Planter, of the first part; George Primrose, Planter, of the second; and Andrew Hall, Merchant, of the third. In consideration of the sum of five shillings current money, paid by George Primrose to William Shepherd, Shepherd conveys 100 acres of land, part of "Shepherd's Fortune" - lying on the north side of Jone's Creek - adjoining part sold by Francis Shepherd to John Primrose.

From the above, the following are concluded: That the second wife of George Primrose, Hannah Hackett, was probably the daughter of the above Thomas Hackett. That William Sheperd was probably the original owner of the land known as [IT:Sheperd's Fortune:IT], parts of which were later purchased by members of the Primrose family.

The Queen Anne County Judgment Records contain the following entry for August 1761: "George Primrose post bond for estate of John, son of Joseph Whittington, decd."

The 1776 census of Town Hundred, Queen Anne County, shows the George Primrose family consisting of the following: One male over 21, one male 16-21, one female 12-16 and seven blacks. This would indicate that his wife Hannah was deceased.

George Primrose took the Oath of Fidelity and Allegiance in Queen Anne's County in 1778.

The 1790 census for Queen Anne's County shows the George Primrose family consisting of the following: One male over the age of 16 and four slaves.

The records of St. Luke's Parish in Church Hill, Queen Anne's County, show that George Primrose was a member in June 1793.

Notes for MARTHA WOODALL:

Martha's father purchased, on 15 Dec 1722, 220 acres called [IT:Crumpton:IT], originally in Talbot County but then in Queen Anne County, on the West side of the Red Lyon Branch and adjoining Cornelius Comegys' [IT:Newport:IT], running to the mouth of Pearl Creek. (QALR JKB:178)

In 1725/1726, her father purchased from William Comegys of Kent County 216 acres, part of [IT:Sandy Hurst:IT] at the mouth of the Red Lyon Creek, running to the mouth of Pearl Creek. (QALR IKC:67)

Form the above it is apparent that Martha was raised in the northern part of Queen Anne County, in the vicinity of what is now the town of Crumpton.

Child of GEORGE PRIMROSE and MARTHA WOODALL is:

- i. CATTRIN⁴ PRIMROSE, b. March 14, 1747/48, Queen Anne's Co., MD; m. JOHN HACKETT, Abt. 1770; b. March 25, 1743, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for CATTRIN PRIMROSE:

The Republican Star of Easton published the following on October 4, 1808:

Catharine Hackett, near Church Hill, QA Co., offers reward for negro man named Ben, age about 38, 5-feet, 7-8 inch; he was heard of in Caroline Co when he passed for a free man by the name of Ben Hackett; He was formerly the prop of James Hackett, near Church Hill.
(Could this "James Hackett" have been the husband of Catharine??)

More About CATTRIN PRIMROSE:

Baptism: June 07, 1749, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD

Notes for JOHN HACKETT:

At the death of his father in 1760, John inherited the family property.

The Queen Anne County Judgment Records contain the following entry for June 1762: "John Hackett, son of Thnomas Hackett, choses William Hackett as guardian."

More About JOHN HACKETT:

Baptism: April 28, 1743, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD

Child of GEORGE PRIMROSE and HANNAH HACKETT is:

8. ii. JR. GEORGE⁴ PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1760, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

5. VIOLET H.³ PRIMROSE (*JOHN*², *ARCHIBALD*¹) was born Abt. 1710 in Queen Anne's Co., MD. He married (1) MARGARET WOODWARD December 28, 1737 in Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD. She was born Abt. 1715. He married (2) SARAH HART January 28, 1746/47 in Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD. She was born Abt. 1720.

Notes for VIOLET H. PRIMROSE:

Some records in Queen Anne's County show the name spelled "Vilolate."

The land records of Queen Anne's County show the following transaction for November 1747: William Dames of Chester Town, Merchant, to Thomas Marsh, Gentleman - consideration 25 current - 50 acres, part of "Popular Hill," lying on the east side of a swamp lying between the main road to Kings Town and a plantation (part of "Popular Hill") in the possession of Violet Primrose. This indicates that in 1747 Violet Primrose was in possession of a plantation of property to the West of what is now Route 213, between Church Hill and Kingstown.

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On February 25, 1752, Violet Primrose sold 100 acres of land called [IT:Poplar Hill:IT] on the south side of the Chester River for an amount of 5,500 pounds of tobacco. (Deed Book D, page 71)

Children of VIOLET PRIMROSE and MARGARET WOODWARD are:

- i. JAMES⁴ PRIMROSE, b. January 05, 1736/37, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

More About JAMES PRIMROSE:
Baptism: July 29, 1737, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD

- ii. ELIZABETH PRIMROSE, b. February 20, 1737/38, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

More About ELIZABETH PRIMROSE:
Baptism: May 06, 1738, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD

- iii. WILLIAM PRIMROSE, b. November 27, 1741, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

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6. JOHN⁴ PRIMROSE (*JOHN³, JOHN², ARCHIBALD¹*) was born October 04, 1728, and died Abt. February 1807. He married SARAH DAVIS Abt. 1749, daughter of THOMAS DAVIS and MARY ---. She was born 1719, and died 1794.

Notes for JOHN PRIMROSE:

The land records in Queen Anne's courthouse show that "John Primrose and Sarah his wife" sold to a William Campbell, on December 24, 1752, their property known as [IT:Hamiltons Hermitage:IT], formerly in Talbot County but now in Queen Anne's county on the south side of the Chester River and north side of the dividing branch ..." The property was sold for £40 and 2,500 pounds of tobacco.

The 1776 census of Town Hundred, Queen Anne County shows the John Primrose family consisting of the following: One male over 21, one male 12-16, one male under 12, one female over 21, one female under 12 and six blacks.

The 1790 census for Queen Anne's County shows the John Primrose family consisting of the following: Four males over the age of 16, one male under the age of 16, three females and nine slaves.

In Deed book S.T.W. 6, page 447, John Primrose passes to his nephew, William Rage as follows: " John Primrose as well for and in consideration of the maternal love and affection which he hath for the said William Rage as for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar current money all that land on the south side of the Chester River and on the north side of Jones Creek ... about 100 acres ... that tract of land called [IT:Shepherds Fortune :IT]..." The deed was recorded September 13, 1803.

John Primrose took the Oath of Fidelity and Allegiance in Queen Anne's County in 1778.

In will book W.H.N. 4, page 283, John Primrose leaves to his "relation," William Primrose, his plantation known as [IT:Christineck:IT], containing 340 acres. He also leaves property to his sister Catherine and to his daughter Frances Carson. The will was signed September 21, 1806, and probated February 21, 1807. It was witnessed by Joseph B. Sparks.

Children of JOHN PRIMROSE and SARAH DAVIS are:

- i. WILLIAM⁵ PRIMROSE, b. 1750.
9. ii. THOMAS PRIMROSE, b. March 26, 1752; d. September 29, 1814.
- iii. FRANCES PRIMROSE, b. Abt. July 1752, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for FRANCES PRIMROSE:
The mother of Frances was probably Elisabeth (Gould) Whittington.

More About FRANCES PRIMROSE:
Baptism: August 11, 1752, Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD

- iv. RACHEL PRIMROSE, b. 1754.
- v. JOHN PRIMROSE, b. 1762.

7. ELIZA⁴ PRIMROSE (*JOHN³, JOHN², ARCHIBALD¹*) was born Abt. 1740. She married JOHN RAGE [JR.] December 25, 1757 in Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., MD, son of JOHN RAGE and ABY ---. He was born Abt. 1735.

Notes for ELIZA PRIMROSE:

This connection of Eliza with John as her father is purely a guess.
Have found nothing to indicate the identity of her parents.

Notes for JOHN RAGE [JR.]:

Perhpas this is the John Rage who witnessed the will of Frances Gould. The will was signed in Queen Anne's County on January 17, 1761, and named his daughter Elizabeth and his grand-daughter Frances Primrose. It is thus concluded that the grand-daughter Frances Primrose was the daughter of an uncle of Eliza Primrose Rage, thus the connection of John Rage to the will of Frances Gould. (However, John Rage Sr. might have been married to a Primrose)

Perhaps this also is the John Rage who is listed in the 1778 census as living in the Chester Hundred of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. The census was taken in order to determine who had not signed the Oath of Fidelity. A William Rage is listed in the same area, a George Rage in Worrel Hundred and a James Rage in Island Hundred of Queen Anne's county.

The land records of Queen Anne's County show that John Rage, Jr., purchased land on June 15, 1761, from William Hemsley. He paid £60 for a 75 acre parcel of land, called [IT:Golden Grove:IT], near the mouth of the Andover Branch (an inlet off the Chester River at the present town of Millington).

Children of ELIZA PRIMROSE and JOHN RAGE are:

10. i. ELIZABETH⁵ RAGE, b. Abt. 1760.
11. ii. GEORGE RAGE, b. Abt. 1785; d. October 1807, Talbot Co., MD.
- iii. ANN RAGE, b. Abt. 1785.
- iv. WILLIAM RAGE, b. Abt. 1785.

Notes for WILLIAM RAGE:

In Deed book S.T.W. 6, page 447, John Primrose passes to his nephew, William Rage as follows: " John Primrose as well for and in consideration of the maternal love and affection which he hath for the said William Rage as for the further consideration of the sum of one dollar current money all that land on the south side of the Chester River and on the north side of Jones Creek ... about 100 acres ... that tract of land called [IT:Shepherds Fortune :IT]..." The deed was recorded September 13, 1803.

8. JR. GEORGE⁴ PRIMROSE (*GEORGE³, JOHN², ARCHIBALD¹*) was born Abt. 1760 in Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for JR. GEORGE PRIMROSE:

George is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, Thomas Hackett, who signed his will in February 1760.

Children of JR. GEORGE PRIMROSE are:

- i. JAMES⁵ PRIMROSE, b. Abt. 1800, Queen Anne's Co., MD; m. SOPHIA QUIMBY, Abt. 1820; b. Abt. 1800.

Notes for JAMES PRIMROSE:

The parents of this James Primrose are unknown at present, however he was closely associated with William Primrose as the two held property in the vicinity of the present Kingstown, near the Chester River bridge.

On May 14, 1825, the following deed was recorded in Queen Anne's county Deed Book (T.M., 3, p479), paraphrased as follows: This Indenture dated the 22nd of April 1825 between James Primrose and Sophia his wife of Queen Anne's County and Charles Simpson of the same

county. For the amount of \$250 current money, James and Sophia conveyed land, with dwelling home and belongings thereon, "which heretofore belonged to John Quimby deceased late father to the said Sophia Primrose, which lies on Chester River in Queen Anne's County" which she had received in 1818-19. The property consisted of 9 1/2 acres.

On May 27, 1828, the same deed book, page 485, records the transfer of property from William Primrose to Ezekiel H. Chambers of Kent County. This property was described as bounding the lands of John Quimby now deceased, the lands of William Primrose and next to the lands of James Primrose and Sophia his wife.

12. ii. THOMAS PRIMROSE, b. 1800, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

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9. THOMAS⁵ PRIMROSE (*JOHN*⁴, *JOHN*³, *JOHN*², *ARCHIBALD*¹) was born March 26, 1752, and died September 29, 1814. He married SARAH JESTER Abt. 1774. She was born March 12, 1754, and died November 15, 1795.

Children of THOMAS PRIMROSE and SARAH JESTER are:

- i. ELIAS⁶ PRIMROSE, b. 1775; d. 1856; m. AMELIA ---, Abt. 1800; b. 1782; d. 1858.

More About ELIAS PRIMROSE:
Burial: 1856, Milford, Kent Co., DE

More About AMELIA ---:
Burial: 1858, Milford, Kent Co., DE

- ii. RACHEL PRIMROSE, b. November 29, 1778, Queen Anne's Co., MD.
iii. JOHN PRIMROSE, b. July 11, 1781, Queen Anne's Co., MD.
iv. WILLIAM PRIMROSE, b. 1783; d. February 16, 1850, Kingstown, Queen Anne's Co., MD; m. (1) SARAH ANN QUIMBY, Abt. 1810; b. Abt. 1790; d. Abt. 1845; m. (2) SUSAN FOREMAN, March 19, 1846, Kent Co., MD; b. Abt. 1809; d. March 22, 1863, Philadelphia, PA.

Notes for WILLIAM PRIMROSE:

According to the History of Queen Anne County, "As late as 1835 the County Court granted a license to William Primrose to keep an "ordinary" at Kingstown, where Ann Quimby had a ferry in 1815. Kingstown was a village on the Chester River, opposite Chestertown, on the Queen Anne's side. It was probably located at or near the Queen Anne's end of the Chestertown bridge, and was, no doubt, a place of some little consequence in its day ..." Taverns or "ordinaries" were public institutions of importance, regulated by stringent laws. Sometimes they were located in the courthouses, or, perhaps, it would be more correct to say that court was held in the taverns. Keepers of ordinaries, by an Act of 1780, were required, if the ordinary were situated at any place in the county other than the courthouse, to provide and maintain "three spare beds, with covering, and sufficient stabling and provender for six horses at least."

According to one researcher, this William, brother of Violet, died in 1845 and had a daughter Catherine who married Peter Rich.

The land records in the Centreville Court House, in Deed Book T.M., 3, p485, record a land transaction on May 27, 1828. The Indenture, dated 21 May 1828, details the transfer of a tract from William Primrose of Queen Anne's County to Ezekiel H. Chambers of Kent County. For an amount of \$402, William Primrose sold 67 acres on the Chester River that were bounded by the lands of "John Quimby now deceased," other lands of William Primrose, Whittington's lot resurveyed (being the land of said Ezekiel Chambers), and next to the lands of Samuel Baker and the lands of James Primrose and Sophia his wife. Also conveyed was a 16-foot right-of-way through the property of William Primrose leading to the Chester River bridge.

Additional information is found in Deed Book J.T., No. 2, page 173 and 174. The Indenture, dated January 16, 1837, details how William

Primrose and Lodawick Hendrix "for and in consideration of the premisasaforesaid and the sum of one dollar current money" did convey to one John Hurlock a certain property that had been held by a John Cox who had died on the 20th of December "last past." The deed was signed by William Primrose, along with Lodawick Hendrix and Susan his wife. The marriage records show that Ledowick Hendrick married Susan Little in Queen Anne's County on 9 April 1818. The 1850 census for Queen Anne's county shows a Susan Hendrix, age 50 as a head of household, indicating that her husband Lodawick had died. With Susan and her children is a James W. Primrose, age 8. This is probably the son of William Jr. and his wife Margaret Hendrix.

A Bill of Sale, found in the records of the Court House in Centreville (Book J.T., No. 3, p669), contained the following: "Received of John Denning three hundred and twenty five dollars in full payment for my negro slave named Hester () Reynolds about twenty one years old and of black complexion which negro slave I warrant to be perfectly sound and healthy in every respect and bonafide slave for life the right and title of said slave I will forever warrant and defend against all claim or claims of any kind whatsoever." Signed, William Primrose, 28 May 1844.

Perhaps this is the William Primrose who died at the Ferry, QA County, on the 16th, as reported in the Kent News on February 23, 1850?

Notes for SUSAN FOREMAN:

Susan (a widow) is listed in the 1850 census for Queen Anne's County, shown on the same page (165) as John, son of her deceased husband and his first wife, and his wife Caroline. With Susan is Thomas (another son of William and his first wife), age 25; Mary Crisp, age 26 and identified as insane; Edward Crisp, age seven; and Albert Crisp, age five.

"Mrs. Susan Primrose died in Philadelphia Sunday last, at the age of about 54, the widow of William Primrose of Queen Anne's County, (Published in the Kent newspaper on 28 Mar 1863). This is probably the Susan Foreman who married William Primrose in Kent County on March 19, 1846.

- v. JR. THOMAS PRIMROSE, b. 1786, Queen Anne's Co., MD; d. 1829.

Notes for JR. THOMAS PRIMROSE:

Thomas Primrose Jr., along with John Hackett and Thomas Sudler, was a witness to the will of John Quimby when it was signed on February 21, 1814.

- vi. VIOLATE PRIMROSE, b. September 16, 1788, Queen Anne's Co., MD; d. December 19, 1856; m. (2) MARY LLOYD, May 18, 1817; b. March 14, 1790; d. January 15, 1869.

Notes for VIOLATE PRIMROSE:

Violet lived in the city of Philadelphia, owning land in both Maryland and Philadelphia. He and his wife Mary had seven children. His will was witnessed by Thomas J. Lloyd and John D. Lloyd. It named the following children: Rachel C., wife of William Wallace; Samuel D.; William F.; Dr. Henry C; Jane, wife of Aaron Thompson; J. Eleanor, wife of Thomas M. Quicksall; and Leonard S. Primrose.

- vii. MAY PRIMROSE, b. 1791, Queen Anne's Co., MD; d. 1795, childhood.
- viii. SARAH PRIMROSE, b. 1794, Queen Anne's Co., MD; d. 1802.

10. ELIZABETH⁵ RAGE (*ELIZA⁴ PRIMROSE, JOHN³, JOHN², ARCHIBALD¹*) was born Abt. 1760. She married (1) JOHN WALLS Abt. 1780. He was born Abt. 1760, and died Abt. 1796. She married (2) SLUYTER SPARKS 1797. He was born Abt. 1775.

Child of ELIZABETH RAGE and JOHN WALLS is:

- i. WILLIAM⁶ WALLS, b. Abt. 1783; d. Abt. 1827.

Notes for WILLIAM WALLS:

William Walls is the g-g-g-grandfather of the wife of Peter G. Thyre of Ardsley, NY.

11. GEORGE⁵ RAGE (*ELIZA⁴ PRIMROSE, JOHN³, JOHN², ARCHIBALD¹*) was born Abt. 1785, and died October 1807 in Talbot Co., MD. He married (1) REBECCA JONES April 17, 1804 in Talbot Co., MD. She was born Abt. 1785, and died Abt. 1805 in Talbot Co., MD. He married (2) MARGARET ABBOTT August 24, 1806 in Talbot Co., MD, daughter of SAMUEL ABBOTT and SUSANNAH CLARK. She was born February 12, 1787 in Trappe, Talbot Co., MD, and died Aft. 1850 in Talbot Co., MD.

Notes for GEORGE RAGE:

George is probably a descendant of the John Rage whose name is listed with the men in the Talbot County Militia under Captain Goldsborough in 1748. (See Wright's "Citizens of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, 1659-1750.")

A marriage of a George Rage is recorded in Talbot County on 17 Apr 1801.

The Easton, Maryland, newspaper "Republican Star" published, on April 3, 1804, a list of individuals with letters remaining at the post office in Easton. The list included the name of "George Rage."

The last will and testament of George Rage was dated the 17th day of September 1807. It provided that his "wife Margaret Rage should have one third of my Estate after my Just debts are paid and the residue to be sold and the money arising for the same to go (to) the support of my wife and child untill it arrives at the age of sixteen then for my wife to pay my daughter Susan Rage the sum of \$300 for her portion of my estate." He also gave "to William Cecell one black horse called Tom." Can this William Cecil be related to the Cecil/Andrews families of Maryland?

The name "Rage" is not listed in the Maryland census records from 1810 to 1840. The 1790 census lists a William and three females, each as head-of-household. William is in Queen Anns County, with two males over 16, two females and nine slaves. A Mary Rage is listed with one male under age 16, one female and one slave. Also there is a Sarah Rage with one male over 16, four under 16, six females and two slaves.

More About GEORGE RAGE:

Probate: October 12, 1807, Talbot Co., MD

Notes for MARGARET ABBOTT:

The Abbott family bible records that "Margret Abbott the Daughter of Samul Abbott and Susannah his Wife was born the 12th Day of February one thousand and seven hundred and eighty seven it being on Monday about seven o'clock in the morning."

The 1850 census shows Margaret living with her daughter and son-in-law, Susanna and her husband Alex H. Smith.

Marriage Notes for GEORGE RAGE and MARGARET ABBOTT:

The Easton newspaper "Republican Star" published the following on September 9, 1806: "Married Sunday 24 last month by Rev. Joseph Jackson, George Rage to Miss Margaret Abbott of Talbot Co."

Child of GEORGE RAGE and MARGARET ABBOTT is:

- i. SUSANNA C.⁶ RAGE, b. Bef. October 1807, Talbot Co., MD; m. (1) HENRY MARTERN LLOYD, January 05, 1830, Easton, Talbot Co., MD; b. October 23, 1801, Talbot Co., MD; d. 1841, Talbot Co., MD; m. (2) ALEXANDER HANSON SMITH, March 24, 1842, Talbot Co., MD; b. 1811, Talbot Co., MD; d. Abt. January 15, 1869, Talbot Co., MD.

Notes for SUSANNA C. RAGE:

The Talbot County, MD, newspaper "Republican Star" published, on July 6, 1824, a list of individuals who had letters remaining at the post office in Easton. Among those was listed "Susan Rage." Similar lists included the name of "Margaret Rage," published on April 6, 1813; January 10, 1815; July 2, 1816; and January 6, 1818. The 1850 census for Easton, Talbot County, shows Susan's mother Margaret, age 63, living with she and Alex Smith. The youngest child is Clara, age 3. The 1860 census for Talbot County shows Clara, age 11, Amanda Lloyd, age 21, and a William Parrott, age 9, living with Susan and Alex.

Marriage Notes for SUSANNA RAGE and HENRY LLOYD:

Performed by the Reverend Thomas Bayne, Saint Peter's Episcopal church.

Notes for ALEXANDER HANSON SMITH:

The 1850 census for Talbot County, MD, shows Alex as a farmer. With him are his wife Susan L., age 43, Euginia Lloyd, age 16, Amanda Lloyd, age 11, Margaret M. Smith, age 8, Clara M. Smith, age 3, and Richard Smith, age 22. Richard is possibly the brother of Alex.

The administrative records in the Talbot County courthouse show that Thomas E. Lloyd was the administrator of the estate of Alexander H. Smith. Thomas E. Lloyd was the brother of his wife's first husband. The letter of administration was recorded on April 19, 1869, record 3335 on page 38. The inventory of his goods, chattels and personal estate amounted to \$804.58 and included many items reflecting his occupation as a farmer. There were two horse carts, one sow and pigs, three sheep, five cattle, three horses, one turkey, six ducks and four geese and 21 goslings. Also included, and his most valuable possession, was 30 bushels of wheat seed valued at \$145. His bay mare, Nelly, was valued at \$125 and his bay colt, George, at \$95. The "payment and disbursement" listing shows \$35 for a walnut coffin and \$5.50 paid to John W. Cheezemce (sic) for articles for the deceased funeral. Both entries were for January 18, 1870, although a review of the subsequent entries would indicate that the payment was the year previous, 1869. It would appear that all monies from the estate were paid for taxes, estate administration and five judgements. One of these payments was entered as "Of money due to Sam'l K. Leonard apignee (sic) of J. Davis Clark surviving partner of Clark & Cown Fifa as per statement appears and to be paid \$191.76." An entry was not made indicating that any monies were paid to a wife or children.

More About ALEXANDER HANSON SMITH:

Burial: January 18, 1869

12. THOMAS⁵ PRIMROSE (*GEORGE*⁴, *GEORGE*³, *JOHN*², *ARCHIBALD*¹) was born 1800 in Queen Anne's Co., MD. He married MARY J. PORTER January 07, 1824 in Kent Co., MD, daughter of JOSEPH PORTER and SARAH ASHLEY. She was born 1804.

Notes for THOMAS PRIMROSE:

Thomas Primrose and a John Armstrong are mentioned in an Indenture dated 27 December 1839 and recorded in Deed Book J.T., No. 2, page 671, Queen Anne's County Courthouse. The deed involved 75 acres of land in Queen Anne's County.

Thomas and Mary J. are shown in the 1850 census for Queen Anne's County. Shown with them are their five children as well as a William Sudler, age 28.

There is a possibility that Thomas is a brother of William. William's son John is shown in the 1850 census along with this Thomas, so there is strong evidence that they are closely related.

Notes for MARY J. PORTER:

The following from Kent County will book Liber 12 (1835-1854), pg.

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Joseph PORTER of Kent Co. Being old and debilitated, I give to my son John A. PORTER the house and lot I purchased of Daniel DENNING and where the said John A PORTER now resides. To my son John A. PORTER the privilege of getting wood during his life time off of a piece of pine woods containing about 8 acres running from a middle turning a NW course to the line fence between my farm and VANORTS. My son Henry A. PORTER and my son Joseph PORTER trustees. My son Henry A. PORTER to annually pay to my son John A. PORTER interest of \$300 out of my home farm. Whereas my son Henry A. PORTER's bond for \$900 which said bond I leave in the hands of my son Henry for the benefit of my son Joseph in the annual sum of \$50 until paid out. To my dau. Mary PRIMROSE my negro girl Alsey now 16 to serve until age 30, also \$200 to be paid out of my personal estate. To my grandson Joseph Henry PRIMROSE son of Thomas PRIMROSE my negro girl Mary Louisa now 5 to serve until age 30. To my 2 grandsons James W. KENARD and George H. KENARD \$100 each to be paid by my executor to James KENARD their father as their trustee and to James W. KENARD and George H. KENARD my negro girl Ann now 17 to serve until age 30. Their father to hold said negro girl giving \$5 to each until James is of age and then to take possession upon his paying George \$10 annually. To my son Henry A. PORTER all my home farm containing 300 acres during his life and then to my grandson Joseph PORTER the son of said Henry. And to Henry my negro girl Henny now 11 to serve until age 30. To my granddaughter Sarah Temperance MIDDLETON \$100 out of my personal estate. My negro man Dick to be free on Dec. 25, 1852. My 2 negro women Patty and Milly to be free at my death and Patty to occupy the house in the pines during her life with sufficient pine wood for the use of one fire but not to rent the property out without consent of my executor. To my son Henry A. PORTER's wife Ann Maria PORTER my black woman Jane now 27 and to be free at 33. To my granddaughter Victoria the dau. of my son Henry A. PORTER my negro girl Hannah now 7 to serve until age 30. To my grandson George PORTER son of Henry A. PORTER my negro boy Joseph Thomas Harris now 2 to serve until age 30. The balance of my estate to my surviving children.

Exec. my son Henry A. PORTER. Witnesses James H. RICH, Moses KENNARD, George D. W. FORD. Written May 4, 1852 Proved Jan. 8, 1853.

Children of THOMAS PRIMROSE and MARY PORTER are:

- i. JOSEPHINE⁶ PRIMROSE, b. 1834, Queen Anne's Co., MD; m. PERE BROWNE, March 29, 1853, Queen Anne's Co., MD; b. Abt. 1830.
- ii. JR. THOMAS PRIMROSE, b. 1837, Queen Anne's Co., MD.

Notes for JR. THOMAS PRIMROSE:

Perhaps this is the Thomas O. Primrose who served as a Private in the Infantry during the Civil War, in Company C of the 2nd Regiment.

- iii. FRANCENA PRIMROSE, b. 1839, Queen Anne's Co., MD.
- iv. JOSEPH HENRY PRIMROSE, b. 1841, Queen Anne's Co., MD.
- v. HELEN PRIMROSE, b. 1843, Queen Anne's Co., MD.