

# Chronology of the Eastern Shore Hendersons

(Northampton & Accomack Counties, VA, and Somerset & Worcester Counties, MD)

## Descendants of James Henderson Sr. and 1) Mary, then 2) Alice

[1600-1659](#) | [1660-1669](#) | [1670-1679](#) | [1680-1689](#) | [1690-1699](#)  
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### Very Early Direct-Line Male Henderson History

#### Scandinavia and The Netherlands

Coming Soon

### 1603 & 1608

#### Lower Delmarva Peninsula

**Contextual history:** An English Expedition landed in the region of Accomack (the Delmarva Peninsula) in 1603 and Captain John Smith visited again in 1608. At the time there were about 2,000 Accawmacke Indians living in the area. Their chief, Debedeaven (The Laughing King) became a staunch ally to the English. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accomack\\_County,\\_Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accomack_County,_Virginia)

### 1606

#### Northern Ireland

#### East Ulster Settlement Begins

**Contextual history:** James Hamilton and Hugh Montgomery, two rival Ayrshire Scots, fund the settlement of Antrim and Down on land formerly belonging to Con O'Neill. The two Scots offered cheap rent and had many takers among the Scottish lowlanders. The Scots found it hard going, however, and the Presbyterian settlers were persecuted by the Anglican establishment.

<http://www.ulstervirginia.com/eastulster1606.asp>

*If James Henderson came to Virginia via Ulster (which I doubt), it's unlikely his ancestors could have been in Ulster for more than one or two generations, since settlement of the earliest Ulster enterprise only began in 1606. Our Hendersons appear to have been in Virginia well prior to the first significant wave of Ulster Scot settlement in the American colonies. We currently have **no evidence** indicating that James Henderson was an Ulster Scot, other than his name appearing in [this article](#). We have to consider the possibility that the author may simply have made assumptions based on Henderson's Scottish surname. Attempts to communicate with the author to ascertain on what evidence he classified James Henderson an Ulster Scot have not been successful.*

*I am currently pursuing circumstantial evidence that appears to point towards an origin in Perthshire. There is a group of Hendersons in 16th century Perthshire whose naming patterns and birth dates match those I speculatively expected to find. There is also a cluster of Y-DNA testers of the same terminal SNP around Perthshire. This SNP appears to have originated in the Netherlands. Many of the Scots who went to Ulster were from the Scottish borders and the west (which isn't to say that someone from Perthshire might not have come to America via Ulster, but again, I am finding absolutely nothing that would lead me to suspect an Ulster connection for our Eastern Shore Hendersons).*

### 1607 May 14

#### Jamestown Settlement

**Contextual history:** Just a year after the East Ulster settlement got underway, The Virginia Company, a diverse association of royal favorites, entrepreneurs, speculators and adventurers founded the first

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permanent English colony in Virginia. They arrived at the entrance to the Chesapeake Bay in late April and chose the site for the Jamestown settlement in May (primarily for its easy defensibility).

*While James Henderson was not part of the original Jamestown settlement, on 1 Jul 1680 his son John would marry Elizabeth Barnaby, granddaughter of James and Sarah Barnaby of early Accomack Co VA. James (a comparatively wealthy planter in his own right) was the brother of Richard Barnaby, a prosperous London Merchant, and of John Barnaby, who arrived in Jamestown in 1620 and was a servant in Governor George Yeardley's house. See Barnaby Family Chronology.*

## 1618

### The headright system begins in Jamestown, VA

**Contextual history:** The headright system began in Virginia in 1618 as an attempt to solve labor shortages and attract new colonists. Colonists already living in Virginia were given two headrights of 50 acres. Immigrant colonists who paid their own passage were given one headright for themselves, and one headright for any individual whose passage they paid (including members of their own household). The cost of passage in the 17th century was about 6 pounds per person. A claimant could receive their headright even if their transportee or indentured person died in passage. The governor or local council had to certify the validity of an importation, and then the person could select the land they desired, and have a survey. The claimant would then take the survey to the colony's secretary who would create a patent to be approved by the governor. Once the patent was obtained, it could be bought, sold or traded. Over time, the secretary's office that issued headrights grew lax and people took advantage of the lack of governance (during the 1660's and 1670's the number of headrights was about four times more than the increase in population). *Source: Wikipedia*

*It has been my observation that often two or three enterprising individuals would claim the same settlers as headrights, albeit at different times. Just because someone shows up as a headright on a patent does not necessarily mean they were being transported any further than across county lines. In fact it does not mean that they actually arrived in America alive or remotely close to the year they appeared as headrights, or that they actually ever settled on or near the patent that their headright certificates were used to claim. Ship's captains would often claim headrights for entire lists of passengers, whose indentures would then be sold and whose new masters would then claim them a second time for a second piece of property. In 1666 **James Henderson** transported several headrights in Accomack County (not necessarily into...simply within). In 1668 he would claim a headright patent in Maryland using his three children and new wife, Alice, whom he was "transporting" across the border from Virginia into Maryland. For more details, see: 1676, The End of the Headright System in Maryland.*

## 1620

### Colonists trading with Manokin Indians on Eastern Shore

**Contextual history:** Deposition of John Westlock of Somerset Co MD (age 90 in 1670) states that as early as the year 1620 white men were coming into the **Manokin River** to trade with the Indians whose town was located in an upper fork of that river (modern-day Stewart's Neck). Westlock was being called upon to identify the location of the "Trading Branch." Depositions by Somerset Co MD citizens German Gillet and Henry Hooper (also given in 1670) state that traders were coming from Rappahannock County VA to trade with the Indians on Manokin river in 1656.

*Source: Old Somerset, by Clayton Torrence, page 7*

*This is important because it shows that the colonists regularly crossed the bay to do business. This west-to-east movement should be taken into consideration when speculating about the settlement patterns of the Eastern Shore. Thomas Savage (Jamestown 1619) was the first settler on the Eastern Shore and an ancestor of Mary Ann Savage, wife of **Gilbert Henderson's** son, John.*

*Note that "Rappahannock County, Virginia" is likely present-day Essex County, Virginia (sometimes referred to as Old Rappahannock).*

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### ca 1630-1640 Estimated date of birth of James Henderson Sr.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia had an unusually youthful population. If, in fact, 25 years of age is a reasonable historical estimate for approximating the age of Henderson at the baptism of his son John in 1661, it could be possible that the former was born sometime in the 1630's."

<https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>

*I have found birth records in Perthshire for Gilbert Hinderson b ca 28 Dec 1630, s/o John Hinderson and James Hinderson b ca 5 Oct 1632 s/o John Hinderson, however, there was more than one John Hinderson in Perth in the early 1630's so I cannot be sure these two were brothers. Both men named their eldest sons John, which would support the theory that both men were sons of a John Hinderson.*

### 1630's

**Accomack Shire VA** includes entire area of Virginia's Eastern Shore and has **396 white settlers**.

<https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>

### 1634 Mar

#### First Maryland settlers land near Point Lookout on Chesapeake Bay

Contextual history: A 400 ton English merchant ship, the *Ark*, was hired by Cecilius Calvert to bring roughly 140 English colonists to the Province of Maryland. The *Ark* was accompanied by a pinnace called *Dove*, and the settlement party, led by Leonard Calvert (brother of Cecil Calvert, Lord Baltimore), consisted of 17 gentlemen and their wives, and about 200 others including indentured servants. The ships stopped briefly in Jamestown to resupply and consult with the Virginia colony. The colonists sailed up the Chesapeake Bay and landed on St. Clement's Island before moving on to an Indian village they had purchased on the St. Mary's River. Their new settlement was called St. Mary's City. Source: Wikipedia

*Henry Bishop Senior (possible grandfather of Sarah Bishop Henderson, w/o William Henderson Sr.) was an early settler of St. Mary's City and was the first elected burgess of Mattapanient Hundred in 1638. His name is found on the passenger lists of the Ark & Dove. See also Bishop Family Chronology.*

*\*Note: there is some disagreement whether this Henry Bishop, servant to Jesuit priest Andrew White of St. Mary's City, was related to Lt. Henry Bishop of Somerset County MD, father of Sarah Bishop Henderson. Some researchers say this Henry Bishop died intestate and without issue, however, there appear to have been two Henry Bishops who died around the same time in Somerset County, and I am working under the assumption that one of the two was this elder Henry Bishop, and the other was Lt. Henry Bishop, father of Sarah Bishop Henderson.*

### 1634

#### Accomack County, VA is formed

Accomack Shire VA is established as one of Virginia's original eight shires. The first American Contextual history: Sheriff, William Stone was appointed. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accomack\\_County,\\_Virginia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accomack_County,_Virginia)

### 1635

#### Eastern Shore, VA

Contextual history: The population of the Eastern Shore was 396, about 8 percent of the total in the colony of Virginia. Source: *Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001*

### 1642

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## Northampton County, VA

### Accomack Shire VA renamed to Northampton County VA

Contextual history: Accomack Shire (named for the chief of the local Accawmacke clans) is called Northampton County to eliminate "heathen" names in the New World. In 1663 Northampton was divided into two, and the northern portion of the county was renamed to its former name of Accomack). The population of the county in the 1640's was about 1,000. **According to the website Delmarva Settlers**, "Historian Jennings Cropper Wise writes 'when we come, therefore, to trace the origin of our Eastern Shore colonists, while we should not dogmatically state as a matter of fact that **many of them came from New England**, yet we should bear in mind the strong evidence that points in that direction. Wise also notes that the colonists of the Eastern Shore had strong Puritan sentiments, in some cases desired religious freedom, and were, in general, eager to take advantage of the region's rich natural resources.'"

*I currently have no reason to believe **James Henderson Sr.** fell very into the category of those with strong Puritanical sentiments since he was called into court in 1663 for not attending church. This may have been on account of his having been a Presbyterian -- although we have no evidence that he was. The agitation for a Presbyterian church that is evident among the Ulster Scots who would trickle in over the decades does not seem to have been a primary concern of Henderson. His reason for only sporadically making the trip to the southern end of the peninsula to the Anglican parish may have been something as simple as inconvenience (or an unwillingness to pay the required tithes). His property was far to the north of the county (and would later fall within Maryland's boundary) and the trip may have simply been onerous to undertake on a regular basis. On the other hand...maybe he was a Presbyterian. The thing it seems he was not, it seems safe to say, was a Quaker or a Catholic.*

*Historical Note: "Colonial Chesapeake historians tend to note significant migrations during the mid-seventeenth century, which brought many Eastern Shore Virginians to Maryland. One of these movements is characterized by an influx of Quakers to Somerset County. Historian Clayton Hall notes that 'under these conditions, the number of Quakers in Maryland had become so large that in 1661 stated meetings were established.'...Another major group that migrated to Somerset County around the same time as the Quakers were, in the words of historian Clayton Torrence, 'men who, though a liberal type in religious matters, yet conformed to the Church of England, having no other apparent reason for leaving the colony of Virginia than the economic one of greater opportunity afforded them by newly opened lands.'" <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>*

**1644**

### Eastern Shore, VA

Contextual history: "The Indians killed about 500 settlers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and Governor Berkeley led an attack against the Pamunkeys." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1648**

### England

Contextual history: "After having been a prisoner for several years, King Charles I was beheaded January 30 in front of Whitehall Palace." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#) (per Wise, J. C. (1911): The Early History of the Eastern Shore of Virginia)*

**1649**

### England

Contextual history: "England came under the rule of Cromwell and became a Commonwealth." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1647**

### **Virginia**

Contextual history: "A 'great storm and tide' destroyed a large quantity of tobacco stored in various rolling houses." *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1649 April 21**

### **Maryland Act of Toleration**

Contextual history: Passed by the assembly of the Maryland colony in St. Mary's City, 21 April 1649, the [Maryland Toleration Act](#) required religious tolerance in the British North American colonies. It granted freedom of conscience to all *Christians* and allowed freedom of worship for all Trinitarian Christians in Maryland (but sentenced to death anyone who denied the divinity of Jesus). Revoked in 1654 by William Claiborne, reinstated by the Calverts, then permanently repealed in 1692 after the [Glorious Revolution](#).

**1652 Mar**

### **Northampton Co VA**

Contextual history: "116 people of Northampton County signed the following pledge: "Wee whose Names are subscribed; doe hereby Engage and promise to bee true and faithful to the Commonwealth of England as it is nowe Established without King or House of Lords." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

*The repercussions of the English civil wars and the religious struggles of the Old World were felt keenly in the New. Virginia tended to support the royalist cause, and at one point, a supply fleet refused to unload a cargo of convicts until/unless Virginia officials agreed to recognize the authority of the new Parliamentary government.*

**1652**

### **Colonial Virginia**

Contextual History: In 1652, the year after the [Battle of Worcester](#), the final of the English Civil War, headrights to Virginia peaked for the period of 1635-1660. Presumably many of those imported into the colony between the years of 1647-1657 were prisoners of war. Robin Henderson did a study of George Cabell Greear's Early Virginia Immigrants (1623-1666) and [plotted headrights on this graph](#).

**1652**

### **Northampton Co VA**

Estimated date of arrival for **JAMES HENDERSON** Sr. (later of Somerset Co MD).

*Robin's research indicates an influx of about 1,000 Scottish prisoners of the English Civil War to Virginia during 1652. He has concluded by various means that James was very likely a bondsman to [Anthony Hoskins](#) or Hodgkins of Northampton County VA. Hoskins also had headrights for a Mary Arundell and a Mary Hardwige (aka Harding or Hardin), who may have been the Mary that James was married to when he baptized his eldest son John at Hungar's Parish in Northampton County VA in 1661.*

**1652 May 10**

### **Northampton Co VA**

**GILBERT HENDERSON** is a headright for Thomas Johnson Jr. who patented 450a in Northampton Co VA on Pongoteague Creek.

*This is the first record we have of a Henderson on the Eastern Shore. Robin Henderson speculates that Gilbert, and possibly also James, arrived with a contingent of Scottish POW's which had recently shipped to the colonies. Although headright patents*

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*sometimes lagged importation by as much as 10 years (see para 3 below), I do not think that this was the case for Gilbert if Robin's theory is correct.*

*The Thomas Johnson patent was only a few miles north of the patents for James Barnaby and Henry Bishop on Occahannock Creek. **Gilbert Henderson** would later patent land on the Makepungo River beside Henry Bishop. Gilbert's son, John, would marry Mary Ann Savage, whose maternal grandfather William Jordan, purchased the land that Roger Johns had bequeathed to James Barnaby in 1652. Mary Ann's paternal grandfather, Richard Savage, was among the original 1640 headrights of John Holloway along with James and Sarah Barnaby.*

*I thought this comment from an article on Bob's Genealogy Filing Cabinet was applicable here and have copied it over: "My own analysis of all 17th century headright certificates in the records of Surry and Lower Norfolk counties shows that patent dates lagged headright certificates by about 5-6 five years, on average, but it was not uncommon for some to be used several decades later. And, of course, the certificate itself was typically granted years after the actual arrival, so that the lag between importation and patent averaged perhaps as much as ten years in all."*

**1654**

#### **Northampton Co VA**

Contextual history: "All over the settled portion of Virginia at this time, great herds of cattle roamed almost at will and were at times hunted and shot as if wild animals. So wide and unrestricted was the range of the cattle in the marshes of the Eastern Shore that much trouble resulted to the owners, as only branded stock could be accurately identified. Not only cattle and horses roved over the peninsula, but also droves of hogs, which had become practically wild, were to be found feeding upon fish, crabs, and mollusca of the salt creeks." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1657**

#### **Northampton Co VA**

Nicholas Waddelow assigns his 400a patent of Gabriell's Island (later Watts Island) to Robert King, John Watts, **GILBERT HENDERSON** and Robert Blake. Blake would deed his quarter of the property back to Waddelow's widow, Amy. In 1662, after several intervening assignments, the property would end up with Walter Taylor. *Source: [Easternshoreheritage.com](#)*

*If Gilbert did arrive as a POW in 1651/52, he would likely have finished his term of service by 1657 and would have been operating as a free citizen. Gabriell's Island may have been a speculation or investment.*

**1657 Jan**

#### **Northampton Co VA**

Contextual history: "The first road order was entered for the construction of roads on the Eastern Shore, like wharves, to be paid for at private expense." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#) (per Wise, J. C. (1911): *The Early History of the Eastern Shore of Virginia*)*

**1659**

#### **Northampton Co VA**

Contextual history: "The Assateague Indians of the lower Maryland Eastern Shore had been making depredations upon the scattered settlers in the upper part of Northampton County and the lower part of Maryland (then claimed by Virginia) and a punitive expedition against them was led by Colonel Edmund

Scarborough.” *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1659 Jan & Apr**

#### **Northampton Co VA**

Contextual history: “Governor Matthews of the Virginia Colony died in January and on April 22 Richard Cromwell resigned the Protectorate. Thus England was without a King and Virginia was without a Governor. Therefore, the supreme government of the Colony rested with the Virginia Assembly.” *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#) (per Whitelaw, R. T. (1968): *Virginia's Eastern Shore: A History of Northampton and Accomack Counties*)*

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### **Records from 1660-1669**

**1659/1660**

#### **Virginia/Maryland**

Contextual history: Virginia passes a law requiring Quakers in the colony to convert to Anglicanism or leave the colony. A group of Virginia Quakers living in Accomack Co VA petitioned Charles Calvert in 1661 to migrate further north on the Eastern Shore to territory under his governance. *Wikipedia: Somerset County, Maryland [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset\\_County,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County,_Maryland) From Whitelaw, R. T. (1968): *Virginia's Eastern Shore: A History of Northampton and Accomack Counties*.*

**1660 May 8**

#### **England**

Contextual history: Charles II proclaimed King.

**1660 through 1880**

#### **Virginia**

Contextual history: The tobacco market is hit with a 20-year depression, causing a rise in the number of debt cases that come before the courts.

**1660 Mar 25**

**GILBERT “HINDERS”** (Henderson) married Mary Major in Hungars Parish, Northampton Co VA.

*Mary Major was the daughter of William Major Sr. and Mary (possibly Dolby).*

**1660 May 12**

#### **Hungars Parish, Northampton Co VA**

Allied line: **LYT. HENRY BISHOP** marries Anne (Smith?) Bowen. Henry and Ann Bishop were probably parents of **SARAH BISHOP** who married **WILLIAM HENDERSON SENIOR** (s/o James and Mary Henderson of Hungars Parish). *Source: [Hungars Parish Register](#)*

*Ann (Smith?), the widow Bowen, had three children with first husband William Bowen: William Jr., David and Mary. Mary Bowen would marry her step-brother, John Bishop, son of Lt. Henry Bishop. This resulted in Sarah Bishop Henderson being a half sibling to*

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*John Bishop as well as a half sibling to his wife Mary Bowen. Sarah was therefore an aunt to the Bowen-Bishop children on both the maternal and paternal sides.*

**1660 July 31**

**Virginia**

Contextual history: Sir William Berkeley proclaimed governor by Charles II; colony is no longer governed by an independent assembly.

**1660 Mar 25**

**GILBERT "HINDERS"** (Henderson) married Mary Major in Hungars Parish, Northampton Co VA.

**1661 Apr 2**

**Hungars Parish, Northampton Co VA**

Baptism of **BRIDGET HENDERSON**, "ye daughter of Gilbert and Mary Henderson, April 2nd." *Source:*  
[http://genealogytrails.com/vir/northampton/church\\_hungarsparish\\_records\\_1660\\_1661.html](http://genealogytrails.com/vir/northampton/church_hungarsparish_records_1660_1661.html)

*The relationship between James Henderson and Gilbert Henderson, if any, is currently unproven. Circumstantial evidence leads me and Robin Henderson to speculate that they were brothers, and that there was possibly a third brother, a mariner named Robert who did not settle on the Eastern Shore. Gilbert's grandson, also named Robert Henderson, moved to Nanticoke Hundred of Somerset Co MD in 1727, and seems to have had some relationship with mariners James and Charles Henderson (grandsons of James Henderson Sr.). I am therefore watchful for a family relationship between James and Gilbert. Additionally, both men named their eldest sons John, so if they were following common traditional naming practices, the father of both men would have been called John, which could also indicate that they were brothers. See my earlier comments regarding a cluster of Hendersons in Perthshire whose names and birthdates could be in alignment with those we'd expect to find for Gilbert, James and possibly Robert.*

**1661 May 12**

**Hungars Parish, Northampton Co VA**

**Baptism of John Henderson s/o James & Mary Henderson**

"One of the first historical references relating to **JAMES HENDERSON** is a church account taken sometime between March 25, 1661 and March 25, 1662 - a year before the [counties were] divided. The account, administered by Northampton County Hungars Parish officials, indicates the baptism of John Henderson: "**JOHN HENDERSON**, ye sonne of James and Mary Henderson, [baptized] May 12th [1661]." *A true account of such persons as have bin borne, Baptized, Married and buried in Hungars Parish from ye 25th of March 1661 to ye 25th of March Anno 1662.*

[http://genealogytrails.com/vir/northampton/church\\_hungarsparish\\_records\\_1660\\_1661.html](http://genealogytrails.com/vir/northampton/church_hungarsparish_records_1660_1661.html)

*This is currently the earliest record we have for **James Henderson Sr.** who would become the progenitor of our line of Hendersons of the Eastern Shore, Onslow County NC and Chatham Co NC. It is the only known record of **Mary**, his first wife and also probable mother of children William and Jane. While we speculate that James was an immigrant, possibly from Scotland, we have not yet proved that. All we know for sure is that James immigrated to Virginia sometime prior to 1661. If he and Gilbert were transported closer to 1650, then it seems likely that James met Mary in Virginia. Like Gilbert's wife, Mary Major, James's Mary may have been a native Virginian. However, it is equally possibly that she too was an immigrant. She is a complete mystery, and she would die just a few short years later during a time when Virginia's Eastern Shore was devastated by a severe hurricane and a smallpox epidemic (although we do not know if either were responsible for her death).*

**1662 Jan 7**

**Accomack Co VA**

**JAMES HENDERSON** summoned for failure to pay tithes

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*"Henderson, along with twenty-two of his male contemporaries, was summoned by the sheriff of Accomack County for not attending church. Churchwardens had initially called attention to the absentees, but based on primary sources, no real punishment was meted out against Henderson or the other men for their delinquency."* [\[per illiari article\]](#). Text of summons: "[It is ordered] by this Court that the now Churchwardens [shall have power] to distrayne upon the goodes and Chattells of [all such of the] inhabitants of Achawmack that have not paid their duties of Corne and tobacco onto the minister according to [an] Act made by the last Generall Grand Assembly [dated] the 4th of September 1632 And that the [said Church] wardens deteyne the said goodes and Chattells until satisfaction be made according to the tenor [and int]ent of the said Act." *[Order Book One, Page 1, January 7, 1632]* List includes: Francis Benstone, Wm. Benstone, Wm. Boucher, Mr. Devorax Browne, Jno. Cary, Japhat Cooke, Wm. Dine, John Dye, Henry Eldridge, Wm. George, Jno. Harris, Henry ye Dutchman, Obedience Johnson, Thomas Leatherbury, **Jno. Major**, John Robinson, Col. Edmund Scarborough, Daniell ye Turmor, Gausalin Van Nitsin, Jno. Waller, **John Watts**, Mr. Jno West. *JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.I (Bowie: Heritage Books Inc., 1996), 62 - <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>*

*This is a curious entry. When I first became aware of James having been fined for "not attending church" it seemed to imply that he might have been among some of Accomack's religious dissenters (whether Quaker, Congregationalist or Presbyterian). Most of the Quaker element were preparing to depart for the Annemessex settlement across the Maryland border (if they had not already departed). After finding the text of the summons, it seems like the underlying issue that the establishment found problematic was not dissent, but failure to pay tithes. The interesting thing about this entry is that many of the men cited were prominent in the county and more than well able to pay the required tithes and avoid the harassment of the court and the parish, so it's a mystery why they didn't. We see Gilbert's kinsman John Major on the list, as well as John Watts, his partner in the Gabriell's Island land assignment (although there were three John Watts in early Accomack, so we cannot be sure this is the same).*

## 1662 Mar

### **Watts Island (formerly Gabriells Island), Northampton Co VA**

In March of 1662 Walter Taylour patented 400a on Gabriell's Island (now Watts Island) "enviored on all sides with the bayes of the Chesepiake." The Island had been patented originally in October 1652 by Nicholas Wadilow and (in 1657) by him assigned to Robert King, Jno. Watts, **GILBERT HENDERSON** and Robert Blake. The records say that "after severall other assignments" it was sold to the said Walter Taylour. *Source: Cavaliers and Pioneers*

## 1662 Nov

### **Somerset Co MD**

Contextual history: Virginia Quakers settle just north of Watkins' Point, across the southern Maryland boundary (on the Annemessex River) in November 1662. Anglican settlers from the Virginia portion of the peninsula were granted permission to make a second settlement further north along the Manokin River. *Wikipedia: Somerset County, Maryland [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset\\_County,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County,_Maryland)*

## 1663 Oct

### **Somerset Co MD**

Contextual history: Activists from Virginia persuade the Virginia Assembly to declare the VA/MD border to be 30 miles north of the Pocomoke Sound at the mouth of the Wicomico River and demand allegiance from the Quaker and Anglican settlers living in the settlements on the Annemessex and Manokin. In early October an Accomack Co militia of about 40 men (led by Col Edmund Scarborough) arrived at Annemessex and attempted to secure oaths of allegiance under threat of arrest and property confiscation.

They were expelled from the settlement and they moved on to Manokin where Scarborough had a more civil reception, but still failed to secure the oaths. *Wikipedia: Somerset County, Maryland*  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset\\_County,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County,_Maryland)

**1663 Dec**

**Accomack Co VA**

**James Henderson sues John King to settle a debt**

"**JAMES HENDERSON** brought a man named John King to court in order to settle a debt. Due to the debt's insignificant amount, the suit was dismissed by the court and two men, Mr. John West and Mr. Deverax Browne, were charged with handling the discrepancy. It is unclear what this debt specifically referred to, but apparently West and Browne knew the circumstances of the suit enough to be intimately involved with settling the matter." *JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.I (Bowie: Heritage Books Inc., 1996), 62 -*  
<https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>

*Not clear whether this is John King a free black, or another John King. Could this person be connected with the Robert King who was a partner in Gilbert Henderson's Gabriell's Island venture? John West and Deverax Browne were, along with James Henderson, among those who were fined for failure to pay tithes in January 1662. West and Brown were both sitting justices in 1663.*

**1663/64 Jan 18**

**Accomack Co VA**

**Mariner Robert Henderson is owed a debt by Edward (or David) Revell**

"**ROBERT HENDERSON**, mariner, assigned power of attorney to his good friend **George Watson** to sue **David Revell** for 1500 lbs tobacco. Signed December 1663 by Robert Henderson. Recorded 18 January 1663/64, by Robt. Hutchinson (p52b). It appeared to the court that **Edward Revell** owed Robert Henderson by contract 1500 lbs tobacco. Ordered that Revell make payment and pay court charges (p 53a). *Source: Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Volume 1 by JoAnn Riley McKey Pg 63-64*

*We do not currently know whether there was any connection between this Robert Henderson, mariner, and James Henderson of Accomack (or Gilbert). The 1666 Accomack Co VA tax lists shows James Henderson was living between Robert Watson and Edward Revell. George Watson was noted among other "distinguished lawyers of the seventeenth century" in Jennings C. Wise's [Ye Kingdome of Accawmacke](#).*

**1664 Sep 10**

**Accomack Co VA**

**Henry Bishop property shares borders with Dorothy Jordan and John Savage**

Allied line: "Cornelius Watkinson, 450a Accomack Co: Bet. the lands of Occahannock & Machepungo, bounded by trees of Dorothy Jordan, Arthur Upshoot, Jno. Salvadge (Savage), Jno. Stirgies (Sturgess), Edward Smith & **HENRY BISHOP**." *Source: Cavaliers & Pioneers by Nugent*

*Gilbert Henderson's son John would marry Mary Ann Savage, whose mother and grandmother were both named Dorothy Jordan and whose father was John Savage, both mentioned in this land record. Clearly, from this record, the Jordans, Savages, and Bishops were neighbors. Within a month they would be joined by new neighbor **Gilbert Henderson**. After Gilbert and his wife Mary had both died (by 1667) their son John was put into the care of neighbor Edmond Joynes, which resulted in John growing up near Mary Ann Savage. (I suspect that Mary Major Henderson married second to Edmond Joynes, as the Hendersons and Joynes would continue to interact, and one child was named Major Joynes.)*

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1664 Oct 10

Accomack Co VA

**Gilbert Henderson patents 500 acres near Makepungo River in Accomack**

"**GILBERT HENDERSON** 500 acres in Accomack, formerly called N'Ampton County, 10 October 1664: near Machepungo River Nly parted by by a poplar br. from the land of **Henry Bishop**, formerly Jno. Toulsons, Sly by trees separating this from land formerly granted to Mr. Stephen Charleton and c. Granted to Wm. Westerhouse 20 October, 1661, by him deserted and now granted sd Henderson."

<http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/HENDERSON/2003-10/1066104352>

*Lt. Henry Bishop, neighbor to Gilbert Henderson, is believed to be the father or grandfather of Sarah Bishop who married William Henderson Sr. (s/o James Sr and Mary Henderson) in Somerset Co MD on 10 Aug 1684. Bishop would move to Somerset Co MD within a few years, and Gilbert Henderson had died prior to 1677 so I don't know how long the two men were adjacent.*

*The modern name of the Makepungo River is Matchipong.*

1665

Accomack Co MD

**GILBERT HENDERSON** and Mary Henderson, his wife, sold 250a of the Westerhouse Patent (see 10 Oct 1664) in Accomack Co VA to Edmund Joynes. *Per Virginia's Eastern Shore. Ralph T. Whitelaw pg 561*

1665 Mar

Accomack Co VA

**James Henderson, planter, mentioned with servant William Brookes**

"In March of 1665, the court ruled that, "William Brookes, servant of **JAMES HENDERSON**," was over the age of sixteen. This proceeding may have been initiated to determine whether or not Henderson was liable for paying a tax on Brookes or if Brookes' period of indenture was complete." *JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.II Bowie: Heritage Books Inc.*

<https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>

*Males over the age of fifteen were taxable, whether free, indentured or enslaved.*

1665 Nov 17

Accomack Co VA

**JAMES HENDERSON** receives certificate for 400a land in Accomack County on the south side of the Pocomoke (this land would later fall within the boundaries of Somerset Co MD).

*JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.II Bowie: Heritage Books Inc. <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>*

1666

Accomack Co VA

**JOHN HENDERSON** is born to **GILBERT HENDERSON** and **Mary Major Henderson** in Northampton or Accomack County, VA.

*Per a 1688 Northampton Co VA record wherein the age of John Henderson was given as 22. This places his birth about 1666. In 1665 Gilbert and Mary Major Henderson had recently purchased acreage in Accomack County, VA so I believe John was probably born on the new property in Accomack, vs the former residence in Northampton.*

**1666**

#### **Somerset County MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON SR** and **ELIZABETH BARNABY HENDERSON** are in possession of 146a of Barnaby's Lott; Rebecca Barnaby Willis and husband James own the remaining 54a. *Source: Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p27*

*This record from Land Grants of Somerset County must be incorrect - John Henderson Sr who married Elizabeth Barnaby was only born in 1661.*

**1666**

#### **Accomack Co VA**

##### **James Henderson mentioned in the death of servant John Butt**

"**JAMES HENDERSON** and his neighbor Thomas Davis were involved with the burial of a servant named John Butt or Old John in 1666. The Court's proceedings attempted to determine wheather or not Old John met his death as a result of physical abuse from his master. A women named Jean Powell testified; '**JAMES HENDERSON** said that since Old John died in a tobacco house so remote and amongst hogs and after such and manner along, it was not fit he should be buried until a jury had passed on him.'"

*JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.II Bowie: Heritage Books Inc. <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>*

**1666**

#### **Accomack Co VA**

**JAMES HINDERSON** on the 1666 Accomack Co VA Tithables list with 2 tithables. To one side lived (in order) **Robert Watson**, Jno. Eyre, Thomas Selby and Dermon Selevant, and to the other side lived **Edward Revell**, Goodwife Millby, "Mr. Fleming," Daniel Darby and Edward Sacker. *From Accomack Tithables (Tax Lists): 1663-1695 <http://www.esva.net/ghotes/taxfiles/H%20List.htm>*

*The tithable lists of Accomack were said to have been recorded in the order of residence, so one can glean a sense of the neighbors by looking at the surrounding names. On the 1666 Accomack Co VA tax list we find "**James Hinderson**" living between Dermon Selevant and Edward Revell. This is significant because in 1663 a mariner named Robert Henderson had given power of attorney to George Watson (an Accomack attorney) to collect a debt from Edward Revell on his (Robt. Henderson's) behalf. Two doors down from Revell on the 1666 tax list was a "Mr. Fleming." There was a Robert Henderson in New Kent Co VA "before 1666" who shared a property line with a John Fleming. The New Kent Co Robert has previously been believed to have been connected with the larger group of Tidewater Hendersons (New Kent & Hanover), but now I'm not so sure. That Robert (of the Tidewater area) was believed to be the ancestor of the Hendersons of Hanover Co VA and later Granville Co NC, and very well may be, but now I'm wondering if he was connected with the Delmarva Hendersons instead of (or in addition to) the Tidewater group.*

*Edward Sacker (living a few doors down from James Henderson) married Frances Stokely, daughter of Francis and Joane Stokely of Accomack. I believe James Henderson's second wife, Alice, was the Alice Stewkly he transported into Accomack in April of 1666. She may have been related to the Accomack Stokelys. The Stokelys of Accomack would ally with the Bishops when Elizabeth (d/o Woodman Stokely) married George Bishop Sr.*

**1666 Apr 5**

#### **Accomack Co VA**

**JAMES HENDERSON** patents 400a of land and transports 8 persons

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400 acs. Accomack Co., on S. side of Pocomoke Riv., 5 Apr. 1666, Bounded on E. by land surveyed for Thomas Davis. Trans. or 8 pers: Jno. Long, James Collins, Edwd. Top, Eliz. White, Jno. Price, Jno. Aubry, **Alice Stewkly**, Florence Evans. [View Record](#) *Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666* (Baltimore: Genealogical Co., Inc., 1983), 552.

*Charles Ratcliffe also transported a "Jno. Awbry" into Accomack Co on 10 Sept 1664. Was this the same Jno. Aubry we see here being headrighted in the same county by James Henderson two years later?*

## 1666 Aug

### Virginia

Contextual history: The boundary line between Maryland and Virginia is finally settled. Maryland creates Dorchester and Somerset Counties.

## 1666 Aug 22

### Somerset Co MD

Contextual history: Somerset continues to attract settlement from Virginia and on 22 Aug 1666 Lord Baltimore issued a proclamation establishing the new county complete with civil and military organization. There were five initial districts known as "hundreds." The towns of Rehoboth and Snow Hill along the Pocomoke River became Presbyterian centers in the county in the latter decades of the 1600's.

*[Wikipedia: Somerset County](#)*

## 1667

### Northampton Co VA

Account 1 Contextual history: "In 1667 a sailor infected with smallpox landed in what is now Northampton County VA, and passed the disorder on to members of the local tribes, who 'died by the hundred.' So devastating was the attack that 'practically every tribe fell into the hands of the grim reaper and disappeared, the only exception being the Gingaskings.'" *From [Deadliest American Disasters and Large-Loss-of-Life Events](#), from work by John Duffy, "Epidemics in Colonial America," 1953.*

Account 2 Contextual history: "During 1667 there was a smallpox epidemic on the Eastern Shore which killed many whites and Indians." The epidemic, believed to have started with an infected mariner, caused great loss of life, especially among the Indians. The white population was also greatly reduced "and numbers of the best citizens had perished." *[per Wise] Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995](#), Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001 (per Whitelaw, R. T. (1968): *Virginia's Eastern Shore: A History of Northampton and Accomack Counties*)*

## 1667

### Somerset Co MD

Contextual history: "Somerset County initially was divided into five 'Hundreds,' Pocomoke, Annemessex, Manokin, Great and Little Monie, and Wicomico. Later four additional "Hundreds" were created: Nanticoke (to the north of Wicomico), Bogerternorton (to the east and north of Pocomoke and extending along the seaside), Mattapany (in the extreme southeastern section of the County), and still later, Baltimore (to the north of Bogerternorton and extending to the seaside). *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995](#), Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001 (per Torrence, C. (1973): *Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland: A study in foundations and founders*)*

1667 ca

#### Somerset Co MD

**JAMES HENDERSON**, Henry Schofield, Philip Connoway, Samuel Hazelwood and Jno. Brittingham were witnesses to a property boundary for Jenkins and William Price which would become the subject of a deposition in March 1698/99. [See 3 Mar 1698/99 deposition record](#) | See original [source record](#)

1667

#### Somerset Co MD, Proceedings of the Council of Maryland

##### James Henderson listed among landowners in VA/MD affected by boundary changes

"Whereas the Lands belonging to the persons above mentioned are found since the Lines are laid out on the Eastern Shore in Somerset County to be within this Province of Maryland I do hereby promise to ratify and Confirm by Virtue of his Lordships Instructions to me directed every of the said...**John Williams**, **JAMES HENDERSON**, **Henry Bishop**, Thomas Davis, etc..." [View record](#) Source: [Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1667—75 Page 43 and 44](#)

*John Williams may have been the father of John Williams Junior who married James Henderson's daughter Jane (or Jeane). They would become the parents of John Williams III and Isaac Williams. Those affected by the boundary change were as follows in Mattapony Hundred: BROTHER'S LOVE owned by Edward Small; THE CHANGE owned by Daniel Selby; **DURHAM HOUSE** owned by **Henry Bishop, Sr**; MOUNT EPHRIAM owned by Robert Richardson; PARRAMORES DOUBLE PURCHASE owned by John Parramore; PHARSLALIA owned by Southy Littleton; PURGATORY owned by Robert Johnson; PURNELL'S LOT owned by Thomas Purnell; ROBINSON'S INHERITANCE owned by Richard Robinson; SIMPLETON owned by Thomas Selby; SMITH'S FIRST CHOICE owned by Edward Smith; and an unnamed lot owned by Alexander Williams. In Pocomoke Hundred the following three properties were affected: ADVENTURE owned by Thomas Davis; ASSURANCE owned by Robert Houston; WILLIAMS DESIRE owned by John Williams. ([View source info for named patents.](#))*

1667 Feb 5

#### Somerset Co MD

##### James Henderson land boundary mentioned in Thomas Davis deed

"Know all me by these Presents that I, Thomas Davis, of the whole kill, have Constituted...George Horsford to be my true and Lawfull Attorney...in open Court for Somerset County...to Acknowledge and Confirme...unto Robert Blades and John Upshott, both of the county aforesaid...a Parcell of Land Lyeing on the South Side of Pocomoke river near **JAMES HENDERSON** which Thomas Davis Tooke up...In Confirmation...I have hereunto put my hand and fixed my seal this the 5 of february Annoque Domini on thousand Six hundred seventy Seaven." THOMAS DAVIS. [Deed recorded at Princess Anne, Somerset Co., MD. Liber WW., folio 281](#)

*Thomas Davis was from Sussex Co DE and prior to coming to Somerset Co owned land on Cedar Creek on the west side of the Delaware Bay. He was on a list of settlers at Whorekill in 1677. [Src](#)*

1667 Jul

#### Accomack Co VA

##### James Henderson serves on Jury

"Henderson also appears serving on a jury in Accomack County in July of 1667. The jury consisted of **JAMES HENDERSON** and eleven other men who found that an individual named John Travally 'had no cause for complaint of abuse against Captain George Parker.'" This suit appears to have been over 3 gallons of beer. <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>



**1667 Aug 16**

**Accomack Co VA**

**James Henderson receives a certificate for 150a of land**

"In August 1667 **JAMES HENDERSON** received a certificate from the Accomack Court "for 150 acres for transporting Joseph Fuller (Miller?), Davy Glascock, and Michael Towes" yet there seems to be no corresponding land patent mentioned in the Virginia land patent records." *JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.II Bowie: Heritage Books Inc.*  
<https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html> also Stratton Nottingham, Accomack Co, VA, *Certificates and Rights, 1663-1709 and Tithables, 1663-1695*, p. 38.

**1667 Aug 27**

**Hurricane hits St. Christopher, Nevis, Virginia and Outer Banks**

Contextual History: "Hurricane made landfall just to the northeast of Jamestown, Virginia. The hurricane lasted 24 hours, bringing with it violent winds, heavy rains, and a 3.7 m (12 ft) storm surge. Approximately 10,000 houses were destroyed. The colonists' tobacco and corn crops were lost, their cattle drowned, and their ships were greatly damaged. Considered to be one of the most severe hurricanes to ever strike Virginia. Rain was reported to have fallen for twelve straight days after the storm." *Source: Early American Hurricanes 1492-1870, David Ludlum*

**1667 Sep 6**

**Virginia**

Contextual history: "The 'Dreadful Hurricane of 1667'...is considered one of the most severe hurricanes to ever strike Virginia. On the first, this same storm was reported in the Lesser Antilles. The hurricane devastated St. Christopher as no other storm had done before. The 'great storm' went on to strike the northern Outer Banks of North Carolina and southeastern Virginia. The wind turned from the northeast to due south and finally to the west, which suggested a track similar to the August 1933 hurricane, a benchmark storm for the Hampton Roads area in the 20th century (see page 33). This 1667 hurricane lasted about 24 hours and was accompanied by very violent winds and tides. Approximately 10,000 houses were blown over. Area crops (including corn and tobacco) were beat into the ground. Many cattle drowned in area rivers and bays by the twelve foot storm surge and 'many people had to flee.' The foundations of the fort at Point Comfort were swept into the river. A graveyard of the First Lynnhaven parish church tumbled into the waters. Twelve days of rain followed this storm across Virginia. This system is blamed for the widening of the Lynnhaven river. Ships in regional rivers sustained great damage. Several accounts attest to the fury of this great storm. The first was published in London from *Strange News from Virginia*.<sup>1</sup> The tempest, for the time, was so furious, that it hath made a general desolation, overturning many plantations, so that there was nothing that could stand its fury. A letter from

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<sup>1</sup> From *Strange News from Virginia*: "Sir having this opportunity, I cannot but acquaint you with the relation of a very strange tempest which hath been in these parts (with us called a hurricane) which had began August 27th (September 6th Julian calendar) and continued with such violence, that it overturned many houses, burying in the ruines much goods and many people, beating to the ground such as were any wayes employed in the fields, blowing many cattle that were near the sea or rivers, into them., whereby unknown numbers have perished, to the great affliction of all people, few having escaped who have not suffered in their persons or estates, much corn was blown away, and great quantities of tobacco have been lost, to the great damage of many, and utter undoing of others. Neither did it end here, but the trees were torn up by the roots, and in many places whole woods blown down so that they cannot go from plantation to plantation. The sea (by the violence of the wind) swelled twelve feet above its usual height drowning the whole country before it, with many of the inhabitants, their cattle and goods, the rest being forced to save themselves in the mountains nearest adjoining, while they were forced to remain many days together in great want.



Secretary Thomas Ludwill to Lord Berkeley describes the "dreadful hurly cane" of September 6th and gives added information about the cyclone.<sup>2</sup> The storm passed inland northeast of Jamestown into northern Virginia. A severe storm in Manhattan on the 8th was most likely a continuation of this cyclone, as it recurved northeast. Another hurricane may have passed very close to the Virginia coastline on September 10th since the "dreadful hurricane of 1667" was accompanied by twelve days and nights of rain. A second storm passing close to the Virginia coast would have extended the period of rain." *Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes*

**1667 Dec**

**Accomack Co VA**

**James Henderson, German Gillet and Charles Rackliff taken under custody**

"In another Court Order dated December 1667, HENDERSON and two other men, German Gillet and Charles Rackliff, were taken under the custody of the Sheriff of Accomack to 'be kept in safety.' Apparently, authorities in Virginia representing the Majesty objected to HENDERSON and the others supporting a known criminal named Thomas Middleton. The records do not specify to what extent HENDERSON supported Middleton, but only state that HENDERSON and the other men spoke favorably of him. Later, Henderson, Gillet, and Rackliff "confessed the truth and craved the court's mercy. The Court released them from further censure. They paid court costs and posted bonds for their good behavior."

*JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.II Bowie: Heritage Books Inc. <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>*

**1668 Mar 14**

**Somerset Co MD**

**"...the land of James Henderson called America..."**

This Indenture made the foureteenth day of March in the XXXixth: year of the Dominion of the Rt: hon:ble Caecilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of the province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c and in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and Seaventy Betweene **John King** of Sommersett County in the province of Maryland planter of the one part; And **John Townesend** of the County and Province aforesaid planter: of the other part; Wittnesseth That whereas the said Lord Baltemore by his Deed of Grant under his great Seale used in the said province of Maryland for granting of Land there bearing date at St: Maries the first day of August in the XXXvith: year of his Lopps: dominion over the said province of Maryland Ao: Do: one thousand six hundred Sixty eight, Did for the Consideracon therein mentioned grant unto John King by the name of John King of Sommersett County in the Province of Maryland planter All that parcell of Land called Affrica Lyeing on the east side of Chesepeack bay in the County aforesaid in A river called Pocomoke on the northermost Side of the said

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<sup>2</sup> From a letter from Secretary Thomas Ludwill to Lord Berkeley: "Jamestown Colony - this poore country is now reduced to a very miserable condition by a continental course of misfortune. On the 27th of August followed the most dreadful Hurly Cane that ever the Colony (Jamestown) groaned under. It lasted 24 hours, began at North East and went around northerly till it came to west and so it came to Southeast where it ceased. It was accompanied with a most violent rain but no thunder. The night of it was the most dismal time I ever knew or heard of, for the wind and rain raised so confused a noise, mixed with the continued cracks of failing houses.....The waves were impetuously beaten against the shores and by that violence forced and as it were crowded into all creeks, rivers and bays to that prodigious height that it hazarded the drowning of many people who lived not in sight of the rivers, yet were then forced to climb to the top of their houses to keep themselves above water. The waves carried all the foundations of the Fort at Point Comfort into the river and most of furnished and garrison with it.....but then morning came and the sun risen it would have comforted us after such a night, had it not lighted to us the ruins of our plantations, of which I think not one escaped. The nearest computation is at least 10,000 houses blown down, all the Indian grain laid flat on the ground, all the tobacco in the fields torn to pieces and most of that which was in the houses perished with them. The fences about the corn fields were either blown down or beaten to the ground by trees which fell upon them."

John King (Seale)  
Henry Smith

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**1668 Apr 1 before  
Somerset Co MD or Accomack Co VA**

**MARY HENDERSON**, mother of John, William and Jane dies; **JAMES HENDERSON** remarries to Alice (possibly his 1664 headright, Alice Stewkly, probably married in Accomack Co VA).

**1668**

**Accomack Co VA**

**James Henderson pays tithable taxes**

"In 1668, Henderson was ordered by the Accomack County Court to pay tithable taxes accumulating 100 pounds of tobacco. The Court also stated that Henderson was required to pay expenses related to the suit." *JoAnn Riley Mckey, Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 1663-1666 Vol.II Bowie: Heritage Books Inc. <https://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu/settlers/profiles/henderson.html>*

**1668 Apr 1**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON** of Somerset County, by 1668 transported himself, Alice, his wife, John, William, & Jeane, his Children, & William Brookes, his servant. *Somerset County Land Records, 1667-1668, MW 1, 11, Clerk of the Court, Somerset County Courthouse, Princess Anne, Maryland (microfilm SR 7353, Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland), 373. <http://archive6.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/speccol/sc4300/sc4341/sc4341.cfm>*

*James was transporting his family from Virginia to Maryland, not from overseas. This is based on the fact that son John was born in Northampton Co VA in 1661, which means James's family was already living in Virginia where children Jane and William were also likely born. It is my opinion that Mary died in Virginia before 1668 and James remarried, probably also in Virginia, and moved his new wife and three children across the border to Maryland as headrights. His fourth child, James Jr. would be born in 1669 in Maryland.*

**1668 Jun 11**

**Somerset Co MD/Accomack Co VA**

**JAMES HENDERSON** on List of Lands Surveyed and entered in the Office of Virginia and Pattented that now fall in Maryland. Also affected in neighboring Pocomoke Hundred were **John Williams** (Williams' Desire); Thomas Davis (Adventure); and **Robert Houston** (Assurance), spelled "Hairston." Affected in the Mattapony Hundred were Edward Small (of Brother's Love); Daniel Selby (The Change); Robert Richardson (Mount Ephraim); John Parramore (Parramore's Double Purchase); Southy Littleton (Pharsalia); Robert Johnson (Purgatory); **Thomas Purnell** (Purnell's Lot); Richard Robinson (Robinson's Inheritance); Thomas Selby (Simpleton); Edward Smith (Smith's First Choice); and Alexander Williams (property unnamed). Also on the list were Stephen Barnes, Francis Benston, **Henry Bishop**, Capt. Bowman, **William Brittingham** (spelled Buttingham), John Davis, John Pike, Mr. Robins, Thomas Robinson, Edmund Scarborough, Richard Smith, Thomas Smith, and Lt. Col. Waters. *Source: [Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1667-1675](#) and [Lower Delmarva Roots Archive](#) (source of property names)*

*John Williams's son, John Jr. would marry James Henderson's daughter, Jane. Henry Bishop's youngest daughter, Sarah (by second wife Ann, the widow Bowman) would marry James Henderson's son, William.*

**1668 Sep 8**

**Somerset Co MD**

"The tract *Landing Purchase* was patented on 8 Sep 1668 by **JAMES HENDERSON** for 130a in Pitts Creek Hundred. On 16 Nov 1721, **FRANCIS HENDERSON** and wife **Elizabeth Henderson** sold to Francis Lambden, that **James Henderson** gave to son **James** who d. Intestate and Francis heir at law.

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On 2 Feb 1736 Thomas Lambden and wife Sarah sold to Rev. Thomas Fletcher 57a. In 1753 Thomas Lambden gave to son John Lambden 57a purchased from **Francis Henderson**. *Source: Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Volume 9 p 190 (by Henry C. Peden Jr. and F. Edward Wright.)*

**1668 Oct 26**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson subpoenaed to testify in case bet Geo Johnson & John Williams**

George Johnson Subpas Jn° Anderson Jn° King & **JAMES HENDERSON** to the next County Courte in the Cause depending betweene the Said George Johnson plt & Jn° Williams deft in an accon of debt.

*Proceedings of the County Courts of Kent (1648-1676), Talbot (1662-1674), and Somerset (1665-1668) Volume 54, Page 735*

**1668 Oct 26**

**Accomack Co VA**

Contextual history: "John Rowles was commanded by Mr. Edward Revell to hasten to the headquarters at Gargaphia to guard the county and withstand invasion of the Indians." *Source: Arthur Robins from PetersRow.com*

*This record demonstrates that even in the latter part of the 17th century, the native population was perceived (perhaps correctly) as a danger. Far from being an uninhabited wasteland when white settlers arrived, the peninsula was teeming with native inhabitants who far outnumbered the whites for decades. [Gargaphia](#) was the plantation of Edmund Scarborough's mistress, Ann Toft. Edward Revell was mentioned in a 1663 Accomack Co VA lawsuit when mariner Robert Henderson gave power of attorney to George Watson to collect a debt from Revell.*

**1668 Nov 4**

**Somerset Co MD, Pocomoke Hundred**

William Stevens assigns 500a "**Moreslack**" (also transcribed in various records as Morelack, Moreclock, Mortloch) to **JAMES HENDERSON** at the mouth of a small gut on the south side Pocomoke. *Source: Calvert Papers Rent Rolls 1663-1723, by Ruth Dryden*

*The notation in the book goes on to say that the property is "Possessed by his son John Henderson. It is sold by commissioners for C. Smith's land unto Jacob Adams who is in possession." but I don't know the date or time frame for the latter sentence.*

**1669 Mar 9**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson Sr. cattle mark recorded**

"**JAMES HENDERSON'S** marke vist, cropt on the right ear and a nick of the upper side of the same ear recorded the 9th March A.D. 1669." *Jody Powell, Somerset County Maryland Liber I.K.L. 1649-1720 (Roanoke, TX: Jody Powell, 1992), 55.*

**1669 Jun 10**

**Pocomoke Hundred, Somerset Co MD**

"**JAMES HENDERSON** the sonne of James Hinderson was borne at Pocomoke of Alce his wife ye 30th day of June Ao Dom one thousand six hundred sixty and nine" *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

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## **Records from 1670-1679**

**1670 Aug 9 & Sep 14**

**Somerset Co MD**

### **James Henderson is mentioned in a deposition**

Randall Revell brought a trespass suit against Richard Ackworth "late of Somerset County, planter" for entering "by force & armes" onto his property, Double Purchase, and felling five oak timber trees and other enormities contrary to the peace. Revell produced a number of witnesses who gave depositions about the location of a "trading branch" off the Manoakin River, which was the boundary of Revell's land. Deponents included [German Gillett](#), Christopher Nutter (34), Richard Burdick (49), Henry Hooper (63), [Stephen Horsey](#) (53), John Westlack (90), Nicholas Fountain (30), Thomas Pool, Edmund Beauchamp, John Johnson (37, negro), James Davis (32), and George Mitchell.

**Mr. Westlack's testimony is of particular interest:** "The deposicon of John Westlack aged ninety years or thereabouts taken in Cort: the Jury present ~ ~ ~ ~ Sworne Saith The tradeing pointe that I used with mr: Harman; one of them was by John Johnsons where wee used to Swimme the horssees and the other against my house at the pointe of the forke where I traded there fifty years agoe; when wee Came hether to Seate this Land, Capta: Thorne, Thomas Bloyes, **JAMES HENDERSON** and my Selfe, mr: Revell Shewed Thomas Bloys that pointe of Land which I live on and he did not like it, and then said if he would not have it Shewed him a poynte of Land against Richard Ackworth and Thomas Bloyes marked A tree by the water Side this being the first year mr: Revell came up to Seate; the great Creek runs betweene the two pointes; and further Saith not..." *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1670-1671 Volume 86, Page 12*

*"Captain Thorne" is probably Captain William Thorne, County Commissioner of Somerset (married to Winifred). Captain Thorne was present in Somerset County in 1665, and registered his livestock marks in 1665-1666. Captain Thorne and Stephen Horsey were early leaders of Somerset. "Horsey sat as a regular member of the Somerset County Court through the winter and spring of 1666. He traveled across the Chesapeake Bay in 1665 with Captain Thorne to meet with Charles Calvert, who swore them in as county commissioners." ([Wikipedia](#))*

*John Westlack and Thomas Bloyes also registered livestock in Somerset 1665-1666. John Marlett was a "son in law" to John Westlack, which might mean Marlett was married to Westlack's daughter, or it might mean Marlett was a stepson.*

*James Hinderson does not appear in the provincial court records until 1668. He may have still been residing across the border in Virginia.*

**1671**

**Lewes, DE**

Contextual history: "The population of Lewes, Delaware totaled 47 persons." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001](#) (per Hancock, H. B. (1976): The History of Sussex County, Delaware)*

**1671 Mar 14**

**Somerset Co MD**

**Deed from John King to John Townesend for plot called "Affrica" granted to King in 1668; mentions James Henderson as neighbor on a trat called "America"**

This Indenture made the foureteenth day of March in the XXXIX<sup>th</sup>: year of the Dominion of the R<sup>t</sup>: hon.<sup>ble</sup> Caecilius absolute Lord and Proprietary of the province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore &c and in the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and Seaventy Betweene John King of Sommersett County in the province of Maryland planter of the one part; And John Townesend of the County and Province aforesaid plante<sup>r</sup>: of the other part;

Wittneseth That whereas the said Lord Baltemore by his Deed of Grant under his great Seale used in the said province of Maryland for granting of Land there bearing date at S<sup>t</sup>: Maries the first day of August in the XXXvi<sup>th</sup>: year of his Lopp<sup>s</sup>: dominion over the said province of Maryland A<sup>o</sup>: D<sup>o</sup>: one thousand six hundred Sixty eight, Did for the Consideracon therein mentioned grant unto John King by the name of John King of Sommersett County in the Province of Maryland planter All that parcell of Land called Affrica Lyeing on the east side of Chesepeack bay in the County aforesaid in A river called Pocomoke on the northermost Side of the said river in A Creeke called deviding Creeke one the easternmost Side of the said Creeke; beginning for bredth at A markt Cyprus Standing by the Creeke Side Deviding it from the Land of **JAMES HENDERSON called America** & from thence running up theSide of the said Creeke ninety perches to a markt Cyprus & running from the said Cyprus for Length for length up into the woods east & by south five hundred thirty foure perches bounded on the south with A line drawne south & by west from the end of the former Line for bredth ninety perches bounded on the west with A line Drawne west & by north from the end of the former Line for the Length of five hundred thirty foure perches till it entersect the paralell from the first bounded tree Deviding it from the Land of **JAMES HENDERSON** aforesaid, Containing & laid out for three hundred acres more or Lesse; To have and to hold the same to him the said John King & unto his heires and assignes forever; under Such rents, Covenants, Limitacons and execeptions as in and by the said Deed of grante recourse being thereunto had more at Lardge it may & doth appeare Now this Indenture wittneseth that the abovesaid John King for A valuable Consideracon in hand paid by the said John Townesend beforebefore the ensealing & delivery hereof whereof and wherewith the said John King doth acknowledge himselfe to be fully and wholly Satisfied and paid, and doth of and for every part and parcell thereof acquitt and Discharge the said John Townesend his heires executors and administrators by these presents hath given; granted; bargained; Sold feoffed & Confirmed And Doe by these presents fully and absolutely give, grant, allienate bargain Sell, enfeoffe, and Confirme unto the said John Townesend and to his heires and assignes for ever, All that the said Devident of Land Soe granted to the above named John King as aforesaid; with all the proffitts priviledges; pattents; writings Commodities & hereditaments to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, To have and to hold the said Devident of Land with all and every the appurtenances to him the said John Townesend his heires and assignes for ever to the onely use and behoofe of him his heires and assignes for ever, to be holden of the said Lord Proprietary for and under the rents and Services by the said original recited Deed of Grant reserved, And the said John King the said Devident of Land with the appurtenances before by these presents bargained and Sold, or here by intended to be bargained and Sold unto him the said John Townesend Doe for ever freely Acquitt the same of and from all and all manner of former and other bargaines grantes; Sales; forfeitures; Dowries Surrenders; and of and from all other titles encumbrances Claimes and Demands of him the said John King his heires executo<sup>rs</sup>: administrators or assignes and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever Claiming from by or under the said John King Shall and will for ever hereafter warrant and defend by these presents In Wittnes whereof the parties above named to these presents have interchangeably Sett their hands and Seales the day and year first above written ~ signed sealed & Delivered in the presence of us; / John King (Seale)



Henry Smith This is Acknowledged in open Co<sup>rt</sup>: by Jn<sup>o</sup>: King at A County Co<sup>rt</sup>: helld the 12<sup>th</sup>: day  
John Dorman of September in the XXXIX<sup>th</sup> year of the Dominion of the R<sup>l</sup>: hon<sup>ble</sup>: Caecilius &c Alexander  
Jemison A<sup>o</sup>: D<sup>o</sup>: 1671 *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1670-1671 Volume 86, Page 109*

**1672 Jan 30**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson makes a deposition to the Provincial Court regarding the land of John Coleman**  
Somerset County ss. An Inquisition taken by Indenture at Pocamoke in the County aforesayd the thirtieth day of January in the year of the Dominion of Caecilius &c Annoq Domini 1672 be fore me Thomas Jones gentl Sheriff of the County aforesayd by virtu of the writ of his Lopp the Lord and Proprietary to me directed, and to this inquisition annexed by the oath of John Hilliard Robert Catlin William Davis Samuell Long Wittm ifurnisse John King William 'Greene Nicholas Hudson Edward Wale **JAMES HENDERSON** Robert Houlston **John Williams** and John ffreeman, who say on their oath that John Coleman in the writ aforesayd the 19th day of December last past and after was seized in his Demesne as of ifee of a Tract of Land Conteyning five hundred acres more or lesse according to Survey made lyeing and being in Pocarnoke River in the County aforesayd, of the Cleare yearly vallue in all issues over and above the Reprizes of One hundred pounds of Tobacco which all and singular the aforesayd John Coleman had for him Surveyed and Patented according to the Custome & Tenure of Maryland wch said Tract of land in the Tenure of the aforesayd John Coleman with all & singular the apptnces that is to say the moyety or halfe thereof for the Medietie of the said Land I the aforesayd Sheriff have Caused to be Delivered to John Browning in the writ aforesayd p. 13 named to be held to him and his assignes according to the forme of the Statute thence provided as his ifreeholde, untill his debt of five thowsand pounds of Tobacco, together with his Damages in the writ aforesayd mentioned fully thence he shall have leavyed, as the writ aforesayd wills and Requires, And further the Jurors aforesayd on their oath aforesayd say that the said John Coleman no other or more has or after the Recognizance of the Debt aforsayd had goods or Chattels Lands or Tenemts in the County afursayd within their Knowledge, In Testimony of wch aswell I the said Sheriff as the Jurors aforesayd to this inquisition our seales alternately have put the 30th day of January & in the place & yeare abovesayd. John Browning payd by Rule of Court the Sum of nine hundred pounds of Tobacco allowed by the Cort for Executing this writ. [View Record](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 65, Page 73*

**1672 Mar 12**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson listed among the accounts of John Hilliard**

James Cerill (who is "goeing out of the Contry") requests a writ of attachment upon the goods and chattles and creditts of John Hilliard on account of a debt of 1885 lbs of tobacco. On the 1671 ledger of accounts due to John Hilliard, debtor to Cerill, is "19 to 5 bushels Salt **JAMES HENDERSON.**" [View record](#)  
*Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 87, Page 86*

**1672 Mar 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson seres on a jury**

In the case of Phillip Shapleigh vs. Richard Pomfrey, the following jury was impanelled: James Cerill, fforeman, James Davis, Thomas Tull, Henry Miles, Edward Southrin, Allexander Draper, Thomas Hughes, **JAMES HENDERSON**, Robert Houlstonne, Richard Chambers, Phillip Berre and George Betts. The jury

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found for the defendant for the cost of the suit. *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 87, Page 106*

**1672 July**

**Northampton Co VA**

"Certificate is this day granted to Mr Wm Whittington for four thousand Acres of Land p rights underwritten. [Includes a lengthy list of headrights including one **RICH'D HENDERSON**]

*No information regarding identity of this Richard Henderson. No other known records of Eastern Shore Hendersons of this period include a Richard.*

**1672 Oct 2**

**Chincoteague Island, Northampton Co VA**

Mr. Whittington, 5800 acs. on the upper part of N'ampton Co., all of Jengoteag Iland, being the next island to the N'wd. of Kekotanck Is., als. Occocomson Is., 2 Oct. 1672, p 421. Trans. of 116 pers: Jno. Fort, Jno. Magoome, August, Haire, David Walker, Kath. Bromfeild, William Wright, Margery Dee, Jno. Hadson, Amos Howell, Wm. Elven (or Elben), Matt. Pope, Hen. Swart, Law. Rowe, Wm. Lee, Michael Roxby, Jane Marry, Mary Cadger, Lettice Long, James Griffin. Mathew Blore, Thomas Lewis, Edwd. Brookes, Jane Byford, Robt. Jones, Jno. Onglitred (or Ouglived), **Isaac Blades**, Jeffry Baldwin, Tho. Ross, Lewis Morris, Ellenor Collen, Margaret Charve (or Charte), Mary Surnell (or Surrell), Antho. Rullo, William Shane, John Abbot, Tho. Wisk, Tho. Heathcock, Richd. Grinnell, Tho. Moore, Jno. Oakly, Caleb Gravener, Tho. Pilgrim, Stephen Spicer, William Whiteing, Geo Hancock, Tho. Cooper, Jno Renniston, Edwd. Merlin (or Mertin), Tho. Baker, Geo. Kemp, Isaac Morgan, Theoph. Parsons. **Tho. Bishopp**, Eliza. Trew, Tho. Hawkins, Jno. Coplestone, Jno. Hilton, Tho. Evesham, Fra. Orland, Rowld. Maldiin, Richd. North, Rebecca Billingley, Henry Tomlin, Richd. Martin, Jno. Wood, **Arth. Bishopp**, Mary Wrath, Tho. Blake, Robt. Willington, Robt. Cross, Mary Engham, Walter Williamson, Kath. Jordan, David Mackmillion, Antho. Leonard. Luke Hambleton, Alexr. Logon, Jeane Shalling, Danll. Ross, Jno. Mackbane, James Newitt, Stephen Mannering, Michael Taylor. Samll. Pensal (or Pensax), Tho. Hustings, Antho. Newport, Jno Walker, Wm. Baldry, Jno. Hogg, Jonath. Tigg, Jno. Strong, Mathew Coome, Henry Morgan, Guidoe Valence, Miles Courtney, James Roe, Roger Holt, Edwd. Goslin, Jeffery Rowse, Jno. Upton, Danll Bird, Robt. Askin, Jno. Neeve, Robt. Armstrong, Jno. Johnson, Alexr. Bruce, **JAMES HENDERSON**, Andrew Nailer, **James Clark**, James Field, Cha. Davison, Patrick Watson, Ja. Bourne. Ja. Soruter, Tho. Hamilton; Hector a Negroe. *Source: Cavaliers and Pioneers, by Nugent, Patent Book No. 6 p 114-115 [Found online at: [http://www.combs-families.org/combs/records/va/land\\_patents2.htm](http://www.combs-families.org/combs/records/va/land_patents2.htm)]*

*Note: Per Robin Henderson, "Mr. Whittington" was William Whittington Junior.*

*Note: Robin Henderson has done extensive research into this Chincoteague patent and has concluded that the names of the headrights likely have little or no connection to the Whittington family, and were probably just a "cut and paste" job by the clerk who re-used names of headrights on multiple land patents. In other words, fraud.*

*Note: In 1677 a patent for 1,500a of this property was issued to Daniel Jenifer and the property was noted as "having been deserted by Whittington." In 1684 the property was patented to Thomas Clayton, as it had by that time been deserted by Jenifer. In 1691 a patent to the 1,500a was awarded jointly to William Kendall and John Robins, who later that year divided the island in two, each taking half. [Source]*

*Comment: There is one transcription in a publication at the Nabb Resource Center that lists James Henderson as "Rich'd Henderson" -- although we know of no contemporary Richard Henderson on the Eastern Shore during the period. It may have*

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*simply been a transcription error. Notice that there is also a James Clark among the headrights. Although a common name, Clark is a name that shows up in connection with the Delaware and North Carolina branches of the Henderson family. For the most part, these names are unfamiliar to me despite extensive reading on the early inhabitants of the Eastern Shore. They almost seem made up, or at least purchased from other areas of the colony. -- Laura Henderson*

**1672 Nov 8**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson, pltf**

Capias vers Thomas Davis Taylor in an accon of the Case in the Sute of Phillip Wollahane executed the Deft: subpas: Robert Cattlin Senr: Jno: Harrison and **JAMES HENDERSON** the plt: subpas: John Harrison and Judith his wife; all summoned ~ *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 87, Page 185](#)*

**1672 Nov 12**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson serves on grand jury**

"Sherriffe Presents his Grand Jury of Enquest who are Sworne vizt...John Avery, fforeman; Edward Wale, Wm. Ffurnis, Ddavid Spence, John Kirke, Daniell Curtis; Grand Jury Stephen Bond, Macum Thomas, Thomas Tull, Jno. King of Morumsco, Robert Houllston, David Williamson, Richard Whittey, Ffrancis Jenkins, **JAMES HENDERSON** Wm. Ellget...The Grand Jury returne and being called every one by his name and agreed in their presentments they deliver to the Cort: in writing and is read vizt: Wee of the Grand Jury Doe present William Hearne and Katherinne Herne for missdeameanors: by Informacon Edward Smith." [View record](#) *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 87, Page 187](#)*

**1672 Nov 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson gives deposition in lawsuit over a suit**

Phillip Wollahane and Thomas Davis, tailor, are embroiled in a dispute over a suit of clothes..."Robert Cattlin Senr: John Harrison and Judith his wife, **JAMES HENDERSON** and Thomas Moollson appeared to the Cause depending and after their Deposicons were taken, The Cort: ordered That the deft: Tho: Davis Taylor doe pay unto the plt: Phillip Wollahans Two hundred and ten pounds of tob: with Cost of Sute alias execucon." *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 87, Page 191](#)*

**1672-1673**

**Lewes, DE**

**Contextual history:** "During the winter of 1672-1673 disease killed about 50,000 cattle on the Eastern Shore." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1673 Jan 30**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson on Jury**

"An inquisition taken by Indenture at Pocamoke in the County aforesayed the 30 day of January in the year 1672 before me Thomas Jones gent'l Sheriff of the county...annexed by the oath of John Hilliard, Robert Catlin, William Davis, Samuel Long, Willm Furnisse, John King, William Green, Nicholas Hudson,

Edward Wale, **JAMES HENDERSON**, Robert Houlston, **John Williams**, and John Freeman who say on their oath that John Coulman in the writ aforesayd the 19th day of December last past and after was seized in his Demesne as of fee of a tract of Land Conteyning five hundred acres more or lesse according to Survey made lyeing and being in Pocamoke River in the County aforesayd [[read remainder of case](#)].  
[Proceedings of the Provincial Court. 1670/1-1675 Page 73](#)

**1674**

**Accomack Co VA**

**Contextual history:** "By 1674 all land in Accomack County, Virginia, had been patented." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1674 Nov 10**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson appointed to oversee "high wayes"**

At a court held on the 10th of November, his Lordship's [Calvert's] justices appoint "Overseers for [his lordship's] high wayes, vizt: Daniell Hast for the north Side of Wiccocomoco and Nanticoake; Edward Southrin for the south side of Wiccocomoco; Lewin Denwood for the Mannyes; John King of Manoakin for Manoakin hundred; Edm: Beauchamp from y back Creeke of Manoakin & south side & y north side of Anamessex; Thomas Prise for Anamessicks hundred; **JAMES HENDERSON** for Pocomoke hundred ; **Henry Bisshop** for Pocotonorton hundred. *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1671-1675 Volume 87, Page 395](#)*

**1675 Mar 11**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** son of **JAMES HENDERSON** is under the age of 16. [Source](#)

**1676 June 3**

**Charles Calvert issues a proclamation to abolish the headright system**

"Charles Calvert, the Third Lord Baltimore, first suggested that he was going to abolish the headright system in a proclamation issued June 3, 1676. He complained that his agents had not properly returned many of the rights to land proved before them...[and] he was not certain that the secretaries had made the appropriate entries. Calvert believed that, as a result, "the titles of divers of the said adventurers to their land are dubious and questionable and may hereafter be questioned to the great prejudice of the inhabitants of this province in after times when things cannot be made appear." ...[He] stated his intention to cease offering land in return for providing transportation to the province within two years...Lord Baltimore's stated concerns in ending the system are essentially a) that his agents had not been diligent in performing their duties, thus jeopardizing title to land for those who received grants; b) the process was very expensive for the prospective landowner; and c) he believed the administration of the system had deprived the Proprietor of a great deal of income. The cause of these concerns was the speculative manipulation of the system.

*[Foreword to Supplement to Early Settlers, by Christopher N. Allan, Deputy State Archivist, 1998](#)*

See note under 1618, [The headright system begins in Jamestown, VA](#)

**1676 Aug 8**

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## **Somerset Co MD**

### **James Henderson subpoenaed**

**JAMES HENDERSON** and Thomas Willis were subpoenaed to testify on behalf of John Vigerous in a plea of debt against John Anderson for 400 lbs of tobacco "unjustly detained..." **JAMES HENDERSON** and Thomas Davis were subpoenaed to testify on behalf of plaintiff Robert Hedge who was suing Edward Lassell." (Caps agt Edward Lassell to answr unto Robert Hedge in an accon of y Case **JAMES HENDERSON** & Thomas Davis) :retraxit Taylor Subpd on y part of y plt:

*Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1675-1677 Volume 89, Page 25 & 26](#)*

**1676 Oct 24**

## **Somerset Co MD**

### **James Henderson swears an oath about the age of son John**

Att a County Cort: helld y 24th of october in y first yeare of y Dominion of y Rt: Honourable Charles &c Annoq Domini 1676: before his Lopps: Justices thereunto assigned & authorized: The Same Day Commrs : as afore **JAMES HENDERSON** commeth before y Cort & maketh oath upon y holy Evangelist yt his son **JOHN** taken by y Constable of Pocomoke hundred into y List of Taxeables is not Sixteene years of age. *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1675-1677 Volume 89, Page 42](#)*

**1676 14 Nov**

## **Somerset Co MD**

### **James Henderson serves on a grand jury**

**JAMES HENDERSON** is part of a grand jury that returns the following indictments: "Wee of y grannd Jury Doe present William ffurnis for comeing upon the Land of mr Revell & marking & carryeing away Shoats & piggs of y sd Randall Revells contrary to act of assembly. Wee of ye Grannd Jury Doe present Mary Mathewes for having a bastard Child. Wee present fflorence Tucker for having a bastard Child formerly Servant to Edward Stevens. Wee present Elizabeth Teder for having a bastard Child. we present John Symons for Saying yt hee Did Lye with John Colehounes wife. Wee present Samuell Jones for Saying there was a List with Severall mens hands to itt that they would pay not Taxes. Other members of the grand jury were Daniell Curtiss, Edward Wale, William Planner, Thomas Pointer, Walter Powell, Robert Catlin Senr, Stephen Horsey, John Lawes, Thomas Tull, Richard Townsend, Wm: Greene, Miles Grey, John Townsend, Donnicks Dennis, John Panthr & Wm: Elgate. [View record](#) *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1675-1677 Volume 89, Page 43](#)*

**1676 Nov 14**

## **Somerset Co MD**

### **James Henderson subpoenaed**

**JAMES HENDERSON** was subpoenaed to testify on behalf of Robert Hodge in a plea of debt answerable unto William Stevens, gent. *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1675-1677 Volume 89, Page 42](#)*

**1676/77 Jan 10**

## **Somerset Co MD**

### **Thomas Skinner sues James Henderson for disappearance of his horse; Henderson wins**

*Thomas Skinner (represented by Edward Jones) vs James Hinderson (represented by Thomas Poole)*

Som'sett: Ss: **JAMES HENDERSON** late of this County was Sumoned to answr unto Thomas Skinner in an accon of y Case And Whereupon y Said Thomas by his attorney Edward Jones Complaineth y<sup>t</sup> y said

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**James** in y<sup>d</sup> moneth of October & in y<sup>e</sup> yeare 1676: then Did take ride or cause to bee rid one horse of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas without his Consent y<sup>e</sup> Said Thomas having Libertie of y<sup>e</sup> Said **James** to leave his horse upon y<sup>e</sup> Said **James'** plantacon till y<sup>e</sup> Said Thomas Did returne but att y<sup>e</sup> returne of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid horse was not to bee found neith<sup>r</sup> Did y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Thomas ever since finde y<sup>e</sup> Said horse whereupon y<sup>e</sup> Said Thomas Saith he is very much Damnified & hath Damage to y<sup>e</sup> value & Losse of Two thousand five hundred pounds of tobacco & thereupon hee bringeth his Suit pr quer: Edward: Jones. And y<sup>e</sup> Defend<sup>t</sup>: **James Hinderson** by his attorney Tho<sup>s</sup>: Poole Cometh & Defendeth y<sup>e</sup> force & injury &c and saith that there was noe horse rid by y<sup>e</sup> said **James** nor by his order of y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Thomas Skinner & therefore humbly prayes order ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>: Thomas there being no cause of accon: / Therefore y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>t</sup> comanded The Sherriffe of this Count<sup>y</sup> to Impannell a Jury to Come here of twelve whoe are Sworne vizt Giles Yallop Nicholas Rice W<sup>m</sup>: Planner Edward Davis Stephen Luffe John King Alexander Draper ffrancis: Roberts Nicholas: ffountaine Richard Davis Tymoth<sup>y</sup> Macknamarray & Sumner Adams: Robert: Blades: Rob<sup>t</sup>: Hodge & Robt: Howard being Subp<sup>a</sup>: on y<sup>e</sup> part of y<sup>e</sup> plaintiffe appeare before y<sup>e</sup> Co<sup>t</sup> & Jury & are examined upon their oathes : ~ ~ And y<sup>e</sup> same Day to witt y<sup>e</sup> tenth Da<sup>y</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> Annoq Domini 1676 Came as well Thomas Skinner b<sup>y</sup> Edward Jones his attorney & **James Hinderson** b<sup>y</sup> Thomas Poole his attorney as y<sup>e</sup> S<sup>d</sup>: Jurors to witt Gyles Yallop Nicholas Rice W<sup>m</sup>: Planner Edward Davis Stephen Luffe John King Alexander Draper ffrancis Roberts Nicholas ffountaine Richard Davis T<sup>y</sup>mothy Macknamarra & Sumner Adams who to sa<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> truth being summoned impanelled and Sworne upon their oathes Sa<sup>y</sup> y<sup>e</sup> **they Doe finde for y<sup>e</sup> Defendant** with Cost of Suit The Co<sup>t</sup>: orders y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Juries verdict bee entered & y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Jur<sup>y</sup> in this case be dismissed. [View record](#) Source: *Somerset County Judicial Records, 1675-1677 Volume 89, Page 54*

**1677**

#### **Somerset Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON**: patents 200a "The Endeavor" in Somerset Co MD (later fell within Worcester).  
Source: *Miles Files 15.0, per Matthew M. Wise, Boston Family of Maryland, 2nd Ed, p. 399 (#3 James Henderson).*

**bef 1677 Dec 18**

#### **Accomack Co VA**

**GILBERT HENDERSON** and wife **MARY MAJOR HENDERSON** are both dead. Mary will request that 11yo orphan John Henderson be left in the care of Edmond Joynes.

**1677 Dec 18**

#### **Accomack Co VA**

"According to the petition of Edmond Joynes, the mother of the orphan **JON. HENDERSON** (heir of **GILBERT HENDERSON**), on her deathbed requested that her son be raised by Joynes. The orphan, who wished to remain in Joynes' custody, was ordered to remain with Joynes till coming of age. Joynes was to take charge of the estate, provided he build one 20 foot square house, plant and tend 100 apple trees, make a cornfield containing 4000 hills of corn, teach the orphan to read, and pay court costs. Source: *Accomack County VA Order Book 5 Page 87, per JoAnn Riley McKey's Accomack County, Virginia Court Order Abstracts 167601678, Volume 5 page 69.*

*This is an abstract of the original record, in which John is once erroneously called Gilbert. Edmond Joynes was a neighbor to the Hendersons since 1665 (on the former Westerhouse grant). Joynes may have been related in some way to Mary Major Henderson as he named second son "[Major Joynes](#)." The orphaned John was about 11 years old in 1677, and since there is no mention of*

*Bridgett (who would have been about sixteen), we can assume that she either died in childhood or possibly had already married. No other children are mentioned, and John Henderson is the only known surviving child of Gilbert and Mary Major Henderson.*

*Update 10/12/15: I begin to suspect that Edmond Joynes may have been Mary Major Henderson's second husband, meaning that Gilbert had probably died closer to 1664-1665 than 1677. Joynes had at least*

**1678 Jan 25**

**Somerset Co MD Warrant Book**

**JAMES HENDERSON** of Pocomoke and his wife **Alice** sold to Ambrose White 200a of the tract Endeavor. *Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Volume 9 p 276 (by Henry C. Peden Jr. and F. Edward Wright.)*

**1678 June 14 and 19th**

**Charles Calvert extends deadline headright system**

"In June of 1678, [Charles Calvert] allowed eight more months for rights to land to be proved." *Foreword to Supplement to Early Settlers, by Christopher N. Allan, Deputy State Archivist, 1998*

**1679 Feb 20**

**Somerset Co MD Warrant Book**

**JAMES HENDERSON:** Double Purchase (resurvey) 1100a south side of Pocomoke River...beginning at a small creeke called **Hendersons' Creek** a little to the southwest of **Henderson's Landing** *Somerset Co MD Warrant Book 1670-1681*

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**Records from 1680-1689**

**1680**

**Lewes, DE**

Contextual history: "After the ravages of marauders from Maryland, only five or six families remained in Lewes, Delaware. Maryland claimed the area south of Indian River (in what is now Delaware) and the Sheriff of Somerset County attempted to collect taxes from the inhabitants." *Source: Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001 (per Hancock, H. B. (1976): The History of Sussex County, Delaware)*

**1680 Jul 1**

**Somerset Co MD**

"**JOHN HENDERSON** & Elizabeth Barnebe were married by Mr. David Richardson minister the first day of July one thousand six hundred & eighty" *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

**1680 Dec 29**

**Manokin, Somerset Co MD**

Contextual history: "The [Presbytery of Laggan](#) (Lifford, Ulster) received an appeal in from Colonel William Stevens for a minister to serve the Presbyterian communities on the Eastern Shore. 'Decem: 29, 1680 Col. Stevens from Maryland beside Virginia his desire of a godly minister is represented to us.' Stevens

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was an Englishman from Buckinghamshire and an Anglican and was acting on behalf of many of his neighbors.” *Source: Migration from Ulster: The early migrations 1649-1717*

**1681**

#### **Pennsylvania**

Contextual history: “The Charter of Pennsylvania was signed, and the first body of colonists arrived in Pennsylvania.” *Source: Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001*

**1682 Mar 25**

#### **Somerset Co MD**

##### **John Henderson records cattle marks**

“John Hinderson his marke vizt Cropt of the Left ear & under-bitted, recorded 25 March Annoq Dom 1682”  
*Source: Proceedings of the County Courts of Kent (1648-1676), Talbot (1662-1674), and Somerset (1665-1668) Volume 54, Page 782 and Maryland, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890*

**1683-1690**

#### **A significant influx of Ulster Scots into Somerset County MD**

While there was a trickle of immigration by Ulster Scots into Somerset County beginning as early as 1649, there was not a significant influx until the 1680's. Many of these [immigrants came from Donegal](#) and they were viewed with resentment by established settlers. In March of 1689 William Patton (Pattent) of Somerset [complained of being called a “Scotch Irish dogg”](#) by Matthew Scarborough, who not only verbally abused him, but struck him twice in the face. Edward Randolph of Virginia wrote to the Commissioners of Customs for James City County in June of 1692 and [called Somerset County](#) “...a place pestered with Scotch and Irish. About 200 families have within the two years arrived from Ireland and settled in [the] county besides some hundred of families there before...” The immigration did not last long since the conditions that had prompted the settlers to leave Ireland alleviated for a time in the early 1690's. By the time the next wave of Scots-Irish settlers hit the shores of the colonies, Pennsylvania was their destination of choice.

**1683 Apr 4**

#### **Somerset Co MD**

“**HANNAH** the daughter of **JOHN HENDERSON** was born of Elizabeth his wife the fourth day of Aprill one thousand six hundred eighty & three” *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

**1683 Aug 23**

#### **Hurricane affects NC, VA and CT**

Contextual History: “Strong winds and torrential rain. Reported to cause tremendous flooding of rivers in Connecticut.” *Source: Early American Hurricanes 1492-1870, David Ludlum*

**1683 Sep 5-10**

#### **Virginia**



Contextual history: "William Dampier, a sailor and buccaneer, gave a "vivid account" of a hurricane in the North Atlantic, three days after leaving Virginia. He addressed it in his chapter titled "Discourse of the Trade-Winds, Breezes, Storms, Seasons of the Year, Tides and Currents of the Torrid Zone throughout the World," published between 1703 and 1705. This writing became a classic of maritime literature."

Source: [\*Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes\*](#)

**1684**

**Virginia**

**Statute establishes requirements for militia**

Contextual history: "Virginia provides another example of a militia statute obligating all free men to own a gun. A 1684 statute required free Virginians to 'provide and furnish themselves with a sword, musquet and other furniture fitt for a soldier... two pounds of powder, and eight pounds of shott...'" *Per Robin L. Henderson, Colonial Firearm Regulation by Clayton E. Cramer*

*James's November 1690 will mentions a bequest to son John of "My best [horse pistoll](#) & one sword." Robin and I discussed whether the ownership of horse pistols (obviously more than one, if James had to specify "the best") might have indicated cavalry service in the ECW, but Robin's discovery of this requirement that free Virginians arm themselves for militia service (although by 1684 James lived in Maryland) would tend to lessen the significance of ownership of firearms.*

**1684 Feb 6**

**Somerset Co MD**

**ANNE MARY HENDERSON** was born to **JOHN HENDERSON** was born of Elizabeth his wife. [Source](#)

**1684-1686**

**Snow Hill MD**

Contextual history: Sometime BET 1684-1686 the town of Snow Hill, Maryland was chartered and built on land bought from the widow of **HENRY BISHOP**.

**1684 Feb 6**

**Somerset Co MD**

"Anne Mary Henderson daughter of **JOHN HENDERSON** borne of Elizabeth his wife ye six day of ffebruary one thousand six hundred eighty and four " *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

*Gilbert Henderson's son John of Accomack Co VA and his wife Mary would also have a daughter named **Ann Mary Henderson**. Anne Mary (d/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) was not mentioned in her brother William's 1721 will, or her father's 1743 will. She may have been the mother of Mary Small, the granddaughter mentioned in John's 1743 will.*

**1685**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON**: patents 500a "Moreclock" in Somerset Co MD (later fell within Worcester Co MD) Also "Double Purchase." *Source: Miles Files 15.0, per Matthew M. Wise, Boston Family of Maryland, 2nd Ed, p. 399 (#3 James Henderson).*

**1685**

**Somerset Co MD 1685 Rent Roll**

**JAMES HENDERSON**: Henderson's Choice, 170; Landing Purchase, 130; Morelack, 500.

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**JOHN HENDERSON:** part of Barnabie Lott, 100 of 200a

Source: <http://www.salisbury.edu/nabb/research/somerset-rent-roll.html> Page 9

*James and William are found on page 9 of the rent rolls. Their neighbors are Robert Houston, William Brittingham, John Williams Sr., William Merrill, German Gillett, Richard Wharton, Thomas Miller, Daniel Selby, and Thomas Purnall among others. Also on the same page are Francis Jenkins, William and Mark Manlove, Col. Southey Littleton and Capt. William Whittington. John and Aaron Bishop are listed on the following page (p 10).*

**1685 Aug 10**

**Somerset Co MD**

**"WILLIAM HENDERSON** & Sarah Bishop were married by **Mr. Robert Richardson** minister ye 10th August one thousand six hundred eighty and five" *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

*William Henderson was the second son of James Henderson and his first wife, Mary. Sarah Bishop is the daughter of Lt. Henry Bishop of Northampton Co VA. [See Chronology of the Bishop Family](#) In 1675 Henry Bishop and Rori Patrick sued Robert Richardson over the estate of John Teague Sr. (and lost), alleging mistreatment of Teague's orphan son. A Robert Richardson among those whose lands fell within the disputed area between Accomack and Somerset (along with the Hendersons and the Bishops).*

**1685 Jan 9 (probably 1686)**

**Somerset Co MD**

**William Henderson Jr. born to William Henderson Sr. & Sarah Bishop Henderson**

**"WILLIAM HENDERSON** son of **WILLIAM HENDERSON** borne of Sarah his wife ye ninth day of January one thousand six hundred eighty & five" *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

*This birth likely occurred in January of 1686 since old style dates were in use at the time. Regardless, the child appears to have been conceived out of wedlock.*

**1687 Nov 18**

**Somerset Co MD**

**John Henderson is continued ferryman at Pocomoke**

Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Vol 91 Page 5](#)

Ordered that **JOHN HENDERSON** be Continued ferryman at Pocomoke And Thomas Willen be Continued ferreman of Wiccocomoco for the ensuing year & be paid out of the County leavy next year the same quantity of tobacco as this year for officiating therein."

**1687/8 Jan 31**

**Somerset Co MD**

**John Henderson witnesses an agreement between Thomas Miller and Thomas Newbold**

Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Page 101](#)

Maryland. Know all men by these presents that I Thomas: Miller of Pocomoke in the County of Somersett doth hereby acknowledge my selfe, my Heirs, Execcutors, Admrs or Assigns, to stand justly indebted unto Thomas Newbold of the same County his Heirs and Assigns, in the full and just quantity of fourty and two larg Cutts of good Suffitient five foot and halfe long, & eight Inches wide of Cypresse timber, each quarter

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to make tenn good boards of three quarters of inch thick, to be delivered at hodge quarter Landing, att or upon ye 15th. of ffeby next ensueing, being for one hd of Sider, and One barrel of Quince drinke recd of the said Newbold for the sd timber, and likewise the sd Miller is to returne the sd hd and barrel when empty to the sd Newbold at his landing, And the said Thomas; Miller doth hereby engage to assist the sd Newbold to make a Raft to gett it to his landing, But if the sd Miller doth not forthwith Send the Caske when they are empty then the sd Miller is to pay the sd Newbold five cutts of timber as above expressed for the sd Caske. in wittness hereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 31th. of January 1687/8. His Signed Sealed and delivered in y presence of us Thomas: ? Miller.

**JOHN: HENDERSON** marke

His John: I Waltum marke

1688 Jun 23

Northampton Co VA

John Henderson, son of Gilbert, witnesses the will of John Cobb

[\*The Miles Files 15.0\*](#)

**JOHN HENDERSON**, Captain Arthur Robins, **Edmond Joynes** and Giles Copes witness the will of **John Cobb**.

*This is John Henderson son of Gilbert Henderson of Northampton/Accomack Co VA. John's son, Gilbert the Younger, was married to John Cobb's granddaughter, Mary Green (d/o John Green Sr and Alice Cobb Green). Prior to his mother's death in 1677, it was arranged that orphan John Henderson would be raised by neighbor Edmond Joynes. I begin to suspect that John's mother, Mary Major Henderson, may have married Joynes after Gilbert Henderson the Elder died (sometime bef 1677).*

1688 Jul 26

Somerset Co MD

Henry Smith sells to John Gray a plantation called **Labor**, originally part of James Henderson's tract called **America** on Nusswaddux Neck

[\*Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1691-1692 Volume 405, Page 55\*](#)

This Indenture made the Six and twentieth day of July in the thirteenth yeare of the dominion of the right honble. Charles absolute Lord & propy of the Province of Maryland & Avalon Lord Baron of Baltemore, and in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred eighty and eight. Between Henry Smith of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland gentl and Anne his wife of the One part & Joseph Grey of the County and Province aforesd planter of the other part Wittnesseeth That the said Henry Smith and Anne his wife for and in Consideration of four thousand pounds of tobacco to them in hand paid, by the sd Joseph:Grey, before the ensealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge ( ) ingly, and themselves therewith fully satisfied, have granted bargained, Sold, aliened, enfeofed & confirmed (and b)y these presents doe fully clearly and absolutely, grant, bargain, sell enfeoffe alien & confirm unto the sd Joseph Grey and his Heirs, all that tract persel or devident of Land now called Labour, being part of a tract or parcel of Land formerly Surveyed for **JAMES: HENDERSON** called **America**, and then laid out for three hundred acres of Land more or less, scituate lying and being in Nusswaddux neck, and on the Easternmost side of a Creek called deviding Creek, begining at a marked Cypressse, being the Corner tree, that devides betwixt the Land of **JAMES: HENDERSON** & John:King called Affrica, and runing South & by west for breadth sixty perches (to a) white Oak, and from the said

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white Oak, East & by south for length two hundred Sixty Seven pearches (to a) marked tree, and from thence North and by East Sixty pearches to a marked tree, and from that marked (tree) West & by North to the first bounder Containing One hundred Acres of Land more or less, and all and (singular) the wayes proffits, Comodities & appurtenances whatsoever to the said land belonging or in any (wise) appertaining, and all deeds, Pattents writings & evidences whatsoever belonging to the said One hundred Acres of land Called Labour. To have and to hold the said One hundred Acres of Land & premises (with) the appurtenances herein or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted bargained & Sold unto him the (said) Joseph:Grey his Heirs & Assigns to the only proper use & behoof of the said Joseph:Grey his Heirs and Assigns for ever...

**1688 Sep 11**

**Somerset County MD**

**James Henderson serves on jury in case of Pope and Purnell**

*Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1687-1689 Volume 91, Page 73](#) [View record](#)*

Despite being bonded for good behavior, planter John Pope did "violently assault, batter & bruise"...Thomas Purnall at the house of Henry Hall. When constable Richard Holland attempted to intervene, Pope attacked him as well. A jury was empanelled as follows: Samuel Collins George Collins Rowland Beevins William Leyton Thomas Holbrooke Walter Taylor William Allexander **JAMES HENDERSON** Richard Warren Thomas Rolfe Thomas Gordin & Gidian Tillman..."who being elected treyed & Sworne to Say the truth in the premisses Doe Say wee doe find for the Lord propy."

**1688 Sep 12**

**Somerset County MD**

**John Henderson patents Henderson's Chance**

*Source: [Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p210](#) [View scans](#).*

**JOHN HENDERSON** patents "**Henderson's Chance**" 70a in Nanticoke Hundred "in the south side Back Creek" Fairmount Election district 6, map 9.

*This is of interest because this land patent was in Nanticoke Hundred rather than Pocomoke Hundred, where we typically find the Hendersons. By ca 1705-1710 the land tract was "possessed by James Wilk." Little more than half of the Nanticoke Hundred eventually fell into Sussex Co DE. Robert Henderson (grandson of Gilbert) moved up from Accomack Co VA into Nanticoke Hundred in 1727.*

**1688 Sep 12**

**Somerset County MD**

**James Henderson serves on jury in the case of Truitt vs Shockley**

*Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1687-1689 Volume 91, Page 80](#) [View record](#).*

George Truitt makes a complaint to the court against Richard Shockley for having, in November of 1687, fraudulently diverted one of Truitt's cows and its calf, which was grazing with the cattle of Aaron Bishop and Rowland Beevins back to his own home and "mismarked" the said cow to disguise its ownership, and then marked the calf as his own. The cow in question had returned of its own accord to Truitt, but had since died.. Truitt was suing for 1,600 lbs of tobacco. In response, Shockley's attorney asserted that the plaintiff "goes Cuningly & Craftily & brings in his own Suite the selfe same bisness and declares amongst

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the rest after he saith the mismarking of the said Cow & which cow is since dead a coming of her own accord to the plantation as if the cow (of his) could Speake meere Nonsense neither doeth he = Mention noe time certians when mismarke nor time when he was a Coming to his plantacon." The defendent "desire satisfaction for unjust Molestacon." At this point a jury was impaneled, consisting of Samuell Collins, George Collins, William Leyton, Thomas Holbrook, Thomas Quillen, William Dencom?, Myles Grey, Walter Taylor, Wm: Allexander, **JAMES HENDERSON**, Richard Warren, and Gydian Tillman. The jury found for the plaintiff.

**1688 Nov 13**

**Somerset County MD**

**John and Elizabeth sell 6 acres of Barnaby land to Lazarus Maddux**

*Source: Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p27*

**JOHN HENDERSON** and **ELIZABETH BARNABY HENDERSON** sold to Lazarus Maddux 6 acres that James Barnaby willed to John Henderson and wife Elizabeth Henderson and James Willis and wife Rebecca Willis.

**1689**

**Maryland**

Contextual history: "'Puritans' rose up in Maryland and deposed the Roman Catholic Maryland proprietary government...[which]... resulted in the reversion of Lord Baltimore's proprietary charter and the Province being converted into a Royal colony, and later moving the founding capital of the Province from Catholic stronghold at St. Mary's City in southern Maryland on the Potomac and Chesapeake in 1694 to the more central, newly renamed Annapolis on the western shore of the Bay..." *Wikipedia: Somerset County, Maryland* [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset\\_County,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County,_Maryland)

**1689 Apr 30**

**Somerset Co MD**

**John Henderson is ordered to continue operating the Pocomoke ferry**

*Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Vol 91 Page 103](#)*

Ordered that **JOHN HENDERSON** Continew ferriman at Pocomoke ferry where he now Dwells and that in Consideration of the good attendance he is and ought to give there he be paid out of the Publick Leavy of this County the Sume of Three thousand pounds of Tobacco the next yeare.

**1689 Jun 10**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson witnesses a note of debt between Henry Bishop and John Williams**

*Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Vol 106 Page 100](#)*

**JAMES HENDERSON** and James Sangester witness an agreement of debt between **Henry Bishop Jr.** and **John Williams Senior**. Bishop was indebted to Williams for a sum of sixteen hundred pounds of tobacco.

*Comment: This John Williams Senior may have been the father-in-law of Jane Henderson Williams. We believe Henry Bishop Junior was the brother of Sarah Bishop Henderson, wife of William Henderson. We may need to consider the possibility that the Sarah*

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*Bishop who married William Henderson could have been the daughter of this Henry Bishop Junior (or possibly the daughter of one of his brothers, George or Aaron, or less likely, John). I have duplicated Sarah's record under both Henry Bishops (Junior and Senior) in my database.*

**1689 Jun 11**

**Somerset Co MD**

**J. Hinderson and others trespass by making "a horse roade" on the property of Elizabeth Stevens and Edmund Howard**

*Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1687-1689 Volume 91, Page 108*

The Peticon of Madm: Elizabeth Stevens and mr: Edmund Howard Shewing how that Some ill affected persons to your peticoners have lately made and still doe make a horse Roade to Rehobeth Towne through the Lands of your peticoners to the greated damage and prejudice of your peticoners and therefore doe humbly desire that the Old Roade to the said Towne may be Ordered to be Continued which hath been a Roade This Twenty odd yeares and your peticonrs: as in duty bound will pray Upon Information made to this Court by the aforesd: mr: Edmund Howard of the persons That use through the peticoners Land namely Allexander Maddox Jno: Perkins & **J---- HENDERSON** Ordered they appeare next Court to be holden the Second Tuesday in August.

**1689 Sep 14**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Henderson witnesses a debt from Henry Bishop Jr. to John Williams Sr.**

Maryland Ss/ Know all men by these presents that I Henry Bishop Junior of the County of Somerset in the Province abovesd doe acknowledge my selfe to owe and stand justly indebted unto John: Williams Senior of the abovesd County and Province in the full and just sum of and quantity of five thousand five hundred pounds of good sound Merchanble tobacco in Caske to be paid Conveniently on Pocomoke River according to Act of Assembly betwixt the day of the date of these presents and the tenth day of November next ensuing, the which payment well and truly to be made I bind my selfe my Heirs, Executrs Admrs firmly by these presents to the sd John: Williams Senior, his Heirs Executors Admrs or Assigns, without fraud or Coven It being for a valuable in Consideration of one Negro woman Named Occo in Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and affixed my Seal this 14th. day of Septer. Anno Domy 1689. Signed sealed and dilivered before us. Henry. HB Bishop **JAMES: HENDERSON** H sign James: Sangster. sign.

**1689 Nov 5**

**Somerset Co MD**

**John Henderson says he will keep the ferry at Pocomoke no longer**

Came William Bradshaw and Petitioned the honble. Court that he might have ye keeping of the ferry Boat at Pocomoke, which formerly belonged to **JNO. HENDERSON** which was granted upon condition that **HENDERSON** denied, would not keep it any longer, and that likewise the said Bradshaw would keep a good Causey to ye landing for which Causey. James: Sangster because security and Mr. Peter Dent did affirme at that time, that he heard **JOHN: HENDERSON** say that he would not keep the fferry any longer.

*"The same day. Came William Bradshaw and Petitioned the honble. Court that he might have ye keeping of the ferry Boat at Pocomoke, which formerly belonged to Jno. Henderson which was granted upon condition that Henderson denied, would not keep it any longer, and that likewise the said Bradshaw*

would keep a good Causey to ye landing for which Causey. James: Sangster because security and Mr. Peter Dent did affirme at that time, that he heard John: Henderson say that he would not keep the fferry any longer." Source: [\*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Page 10\*](#)

**1689 Nov 12**

**Somerset Co MD**

**William Bradshaw requests to take over as ferryman from John Henderson, who finds it "inconvenient with small wages"**

To the Wors. there Maties Justices of the Peace for ye County of Somrst The humble Petition of William Bradshaw humbly sheweth that your Petitioner hath been a Residenter in this County five and twenty years and understand that **JOHN HENDERSON** fferry man is willing to throw up the ferry partly because of his inconveniency and as he alleadges small wages, and your Petitioner living in a more convenient place and knowne to be the best on Pocomoke River for all persons inhabiting this Province doe humbly desire ye same. since your Petitioner lives by the River side and hath good conveniency for keeping the same and doe engage a fatahfull dilligence & true attendance, so that no complaint shall be as formerly, so hoping your Worshps will conferr the keeping of the said fferry to your Petionor this premises considered, and your Petitioner shall in duty bound pray. Nov. Court. 1689 Source: [\*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Page 11\*](#)

**1689 Nov 28**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN and JAMES HENDERSON Sign [Oath of Allegiance & Defence of the Protestant Faith](#)**

To the King and Queen most Ext Majty. Wee your Majesty's Subjects in the County of Somerset and Province of Maryland, being refreshed and Encouraged by your Majestys great and prosperous undertakings, and by your late gracious letter to these of this Province, do cast ourselves at your Majesty's feet humbly desiring and hopefully expecting the continuance of your Majtys care of us, as our Case and Circumstances doe or may require, in the confidence whereof wee resolve to continue (by the grace of God) in the Profession and defence of the Protestant Religion and your Majesty's Title and interest against the French and other Papists that oppose and trouble us in soe just and good a cause not doubting but your Majestys wisdom and clemency will afford unto us all needful suitable Aid and Protection for securing our Religion, lives and liberty under Protestant Governors and Government, and for enabling us to defend ouselves against all Invaders. Thus praying for your Majestys long and happy Reigne over us, Wee know ourselves to bee (with due Reverence and sincerity.) *Your Majestys Loyall Obedient and humble Subjects...***JOHN HENDERSON** and **JAMES HENDERSON** are among numerous signers. Source: [\*Proceedings of the Council of Maryland, 1687/8-1693 Volume 8, Page 139\*](#)

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## **Records from 1690-1699**

**1690 Jan 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

[\*Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0025\*](#)

Benjamin Deardes to answr: unto **WILLIAM HENDERSON** in a plea of all So Trespas upon the Case Evidences on part of the plte Thomas Dier Thomas Davis.



**1690 Jan 5**

**Somerset Co MD**

*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Volume 191, Page 31*

Cepi Caps: agt: **WM: HENDERSON** to answr: unto Moses ffenton in an accon of the Case.

**1690 May 14**

**Somerset Co MD**

**William Henderson and John Williams witness a debt for Thomas Gillett from John Fine**

Know all men by these presents that I John: ffine of the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland Cooper me my Heirs & Assigns do owe and stand justly indebted unto Thomas: Gillett of the Collony of Virginia unto he his Heirs or Assigns, the full and just Sum of Nine hundred pounds of good Sound Merchantable tobacco in Caske to be paid at or upon the tenth day of October next ensueing of the date hereof to be paid between Jno Henderson Landing and William. Anderson Landing it being for a valuable Consideration in hand allready recd as wittness my hand and Seal. this 14th. day of May 1690. John. T ffine his marke ? Sealed

**WILLIAM HENDERSON**

**John I Williams** his marke tob

*Source: Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0176 - Somerset County*

*Note: In October of 1691 Thomas Gillett would sue for the debt. William Henderson would give evidence on his behalf.*

**1690 Jun 10**

**Somerset Co MD**

"The humble petion of **John: Williams Senior** to the Worll. Court this 10th of June 1690. Sheweth that whereas the Estate of **Henry: Bishopp Junior** deceased stand justly indebted unto your Petitioner in the sum of sixteen hundred pounds of tobacco, as by bill under hand and seale of the said Bishop may and doth more-fully at large appear your petitioner humbly craveth judgment for the sd tobacco agt the Executrs or Admrs. of the said **Henrey Bishopp**, and as in duty he is bound he shall ever pray &c.

**John: Williams: Senior.**

[Text of original bill of debt follows: Maryland Ss/ Know all men by these presents that I **Henry Bishop Junior** of the County of Somersett in the Province abovesd doe acknowledge my selfe to owe and stand justly indebted unto **John: Williams Senior** of the abovesd County and Province in the full and just sum of and quantity of five thousand five hundred pounds of good sound Merchanble tobacco in Caske to be paid Conveniently on Pocomoke River according to Act of Assembly betwixt the day of the date of these presents and the tenth day of November next ensueing, the which payment well and truly to be made I bind my selfe my Heirs, Executrs Admrs firmly by these presents to the sd **John: Williams Senior**, his Heirs Executors Admrs or Assigns, without fraud or Coven It being for a valuable in Consideration of one Negro woman Named Occo in Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and affixed my Seal this 14th. day of Septer. Anno Domy 1689. Signed sealed and dilivered before us. **Henry. HB Bishop?**, **JAMES: [his H mark] HENDERSON**, James: Sangster. sign.] **John: Williams Senior** makes Oath to the above sd Bill, and that there is justly due and oweing to him out of the sd Bill Sixteen hundred pounds of tobacco. Whereupon the Worll. Court Orders the Admr of the sd. Estate (viz) **Devorah. Drigors** to pay to the sd **Williams** sixteen hundred pounds of tobacco Mr. James: Sangster makes Oath that the Estate of **Henry Bishop**, was and is, justly indebted to three hundred pounds of tobacco. Order granted that the

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Admr of Bishops Estate pay ye sd Sangster three hundred pounds tobacco" *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 106 Pg 100](#) [Read full transcription of record here](#)*

*Comment: John Williams Sr. was the father-in-law of Jane Henderson Williams; Henry Bishop Jr. was the brother of Sarah Bishop Henderson. Devereaux Driggers married Henry Bishop Jr.'s widow, Sarah. The witnesses were James Henderson (father of Jane Henderson Williams and FIL of Sarah Bishop Henderson), and Henry Bishop (father of Henry Bishop Jr. and Sarah Bishop Henderson).*

**1690 Aug (2nd Tuesday)**

**Somerset Co MD**

- a) Cepi S: Caps: agt: John Swaine to answr: unto Charles Williams in a plea of Debt Evid: **WM: HENDERSON** D *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Page 144](#)*
- b) Invts Caps: agt: Jno: Jones to answr: unto ffrancis Jenckins of an accon of the Case S Summons for **WM: HENDERSON** Charles Williams plte agt: John Swaine deft *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Page 146](#)*

**1690 Sep**

**Somerset Co MD**

"Overseers September Court Anno Domini 1690/1 Ord went to each psn...ffor Pocomoke. hundred. Jno. Emmet:Jno. X Townsend.Stephen:Costin.Philip X Adams. **JNO. HENDERSON**. Edwd Jones 1695/6"

*Source: [Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 191 Preface 15](#)*

**1690 Sep 9**

**Somerset Co MD**

Order **JOHN: HENDERSON** Overseer of the highwayes, in stead and place of mr Jam. Sangster *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Pg 178](#)*

**1690 Nov (2nd Tuesday)**

**Somerset Co MD**

Cepi Caps: agt: Devorex Drieger to answr: unto Thomas Willson in an accon of the Case Evid: & So on part of y plte **George Bishop & JNO: HENDERSON** *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106, Pg 184](#)*

**1690 Nov 8**

**Somerset Co MD**

***The case of Servant John Davies against William Henderson;** Servant John Davies complains to the court that he has been passed from master to master for twenty years "as a Slave without any kind of consideration." His documents of indenture are produced and appear to show at least 17 years of commitment to service. His indenture was sold from Benjamin Deards to William Henderson, but a jury found Davies a freeman.*

John: Davies. Plt. per Petion

To the worll. their Maties Justices of the Peace, the humble petion of Jno. Davies agt. humbly sheweth. That whereas your peteioner hath been a Servant about C **WM: HENDERSON**. Deft years in this County and in Virginia, & no consideration allowed to ye petioner but from one Master to another assigned, so

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that your petitioner may and is a Servant for life, and therefore your petitioner craves it may be by your worps Enquired whether yr petitioner may be bought and sold as a Slave without any kind of Consideration, having a --- that is new ready to come upon the County And upon yr worps Cristian Consideration shall humbly crave your petitioner may be Senssible how he came to be so caused a Servant, and your petitioner Shall in duty pray. John: Davies // Issue joynd / Sangster for plt Jones. for deft. Turne over // 9ber 13th. 1690 // (199)

**WM: HENDERSON** 9ber 8th / 1690 John: Davis your Servant hath been with us upon a Complaint, he is by me Ordered to be at Court and there you are to meet him on Tuesday next to answer the Complainant and you are not to hinder him from going to Court, he tells me he hath Served twenty years, if so, and being 16 years a marryed man it seems a hard Case, but when you are heard as well as he, shall then be more clear in the judgment of that Case. your friend. ffra: Jenckins. -----

This Indenture made the 18th: day of September, 1688. Between Moses. ffainten Cordweiner of the one party and John Davis of the other part wittnesseeth, that the said John: Davis, doth of his own free and voluntary will, doth Covenant, promise and grant, to and with the said Moses: ffainten his Heirs, Execcuters and Assigns, from the day of the date hereof, for and dureing the term of five years and two months, to Serve in such Service and employment, as he the said Moses: ffainton or his Assigns shall imploy him in. In Consideration whereof the said Moses: ffainten doth hereby covenant & grant to and with the said John Davis, to find and allow him Suffitient meat drink, apparel & lodging conforme to the Custom of the Country dureing the said Term, and hath also paid to Maximillian: Gore his laste Master five thousand foot of Cypresse planke. In Wittness whereof the parties above mentioned to these Indentures have interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year above written. - - -

Signed Sealed and delivered marke in presence of us. --- John: Davis. ? Lawrence: Crawford Sealed Alexander: Willson Upon the back side of the sd Indenture above, is this assignmt endorsed viz I do by these presents assign over all my right and title of this inclosed Indenture to Benjamin: Deards of the County of Somerset sawyer, in wittness whereof I do put to my hand & seal

Sealed signed and delivered

Moses: Fainton ?

sealed in the presence of us.

C Robert: Houston . R his mark

Js: Scholfeild - - - - - } - - - - -

This Indenture made the twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord God One thousand six hundred eighty and eight, Between Benjamin: Deards of Pocomoke in the Province of Maryland Sawyer of the one party and John: Davis of the same place of the other part wittnesseeth. That the said John: Davis doth of his own free and voluntary will, Covenant promise and agree to and with the said Benjamin Deards, his Heirs Execcutors and Assigns, from the day of the date hereof for and dureing the term of twelve years to serve in such Service and imployment as he the said Benjamin: Deards or his Assigns shall imploy him in Consideration whereof the said Benjamin: Deards, doth hereby Covenant & grant to and with the said John: Davis to find and (allow) him, Sufficent meat drink, apparel and lodging dureing the said term, and hath also paid unto Mose ffainton his late Master Ten thousand foot of Cypresse plank for the said John: Davis, In wittness whereof the parties (aforesaid) mentioned have interchangeably sett their hands and seals, the day and year above written.

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Signed Sealed and delivered in ye presents of us. John: Davis ?

Sealed

Richard: ffarewell.

Moses: ffainton.

Js: Schofeild

Thomas: Newbold.

John:Starrett.

vide Assignmt. from Deards to **HENDERSON** fo.200

Know all men by these presents that I Benjamin: Deards of the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland Sawyer do hereby assign all my right title and interest of this within mentioned Indenture, from me my Heirs, Execcutors Administrators or Assigns unto the said William: Henderson of the same County and Province aforesaid unto he his Heirs or Assigns, as witness my hand and seal this 23: day of November 1689 ---

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Thomas T Davis

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Thomas T Dier

Jno. Davis plt mr James: Sangster plt The whole proceedings being referred agt. Issue joynd, mr Edward: Jones def Attorney} to a Jury of twelve men - - - **WM: HENDERSON** deft

Viz, Samuel: Collins. Roger: Phillips Richard Rugg. Robert: Crouch. John:Parramore. George Bayly Thomas:Hobbs. Richard:Webb. John:Moore fer:m. Richard:Lowes. Robt Houston. Henry:Hudson who being legally impanneld, and duely sworne at the Barr. who having heard the whole matter and received their Charge goes forth. - - - - - And having deliberately considered, being all returned and unanimously agreed do deliver in this following verdict. which is read in the audience of plt & deft. viz C We of the Jury do find John: Davis to be a freeman. Samuel: Collins foreman - - - - -  
This Court Orders to enter the verdict vide ut supra. - - - - -

*Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106 Pages 198-200](#)*

**1690 Nov 12**

**Somerset Co MD**

These are to Certifie yr worps that I have tended five dayes upon ye Court as an evidence for Charles:Williams and I would desire an Order for my pay . November ye 12th - 1690. **WILLIAM HENDERSON**. Sworn before me this 13th of 9ber. 1690. S Hopkins *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1689-1690 Volume 106 Pages 202](#)*

**1690 Nov 18**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON SENIOR** of Somerset County MD makes his will (probated 22 Oct 1692). He directs that his debts be paid, then devises land to sons **John**, **William** and **James**, some part of which they already occupy, with the stipulation that **William** be allowed to share in the fruits of the orchard which

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falls onto land bequeathed to **John**. He leaves two slaves (Mary and Bess), his "best horse pistoll & one sword" and his bedding and clothes to son **John**. **William** and **James** are to share use of slave Sampson, and **William** is to have a bed, two blankets and a rug. Daughter **Jane** is to have use of the remaining term of the indenture of white servant Elizabeth Cathgold. The livestock and remainder of the property is to be divided equally among the four children. [Read full transcription of will here.](#)

**1691 Jan 1**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 177](#)*

James Sangster (Plaintiff) Contra. of the same County Thomas Miller (Defendant): "And whereupon the plt by himself Comes and Sayes that the Deft is become & stands indebted unto the plt in the full and just Sum of Seaven hundred & fifty pounds of Tobacco as pr acct. here in Court produced, which said Sum the sd dft did faithfully assume & promise to pay in the hands of **WILLIAM HENDERSON** Yett the said deft tittle regarding his sd assumption & promise, the same hath denyed & delayed to pay, to the plts great loss and damage to the value of fifteen hundred pounds of tobacco, and thereupon brings this Suite." Also mentioned in suit are Richard roe, Culberwell (atty), Robert Houston (Houlston), Mr. Newbold, "Baker" and **JOHN HENDERSON**. [Read full transcription of record here.](#)

**1691 Jan 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 25](#)*

"Cepi Capias agt: Benjamin Deardes to answr: unto **WILLIAM HENDERSON** in a plea of Trespas all So upon the Case Evidences on part of the plte Thomas Dier Thomas Davis & John Davis"

*Is this John Davis the same servant "John Davies" who successfully sued William Henderson for his freedom?*

**1691 Mar (2nd Tuesday)**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0077](#)*

Returns Entries Returnable agt: March Cort being the Second Tuesday of March Ao:Do: 1690/1  
Caps agt: Benjamin Deardes to answr unto **WILLIAM HENDERSON** plea of Trespas upon the Case.  
Evidences Thomas Dier Thomas Davis & John Davis on the part of y plte.

**1691 Mar (2nd Tuesday)**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 81](#)*

"S Second Sumons for Jno: Davis of Pocomoke **WM:HENDERSON** Benja:Deardes deft:on y part of y plte  
So Thomas ffeskue & Ellianr: his wife S."

**1691 Mar 10**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 81](#)*

"Cepi Caps: agt:William Turvile to answr:unto **WM:HENDERSON** in a plea of Trespas upon the Case  
Evid:on the part of ye plts"

**1691 Jun 9**

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## Somerset Co MD

*Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 191 Pg 84*

"n:est Invt's Caps: agt: John ffine Cooper to answr: unto Thomas Gillet in a plea of Debt Evid on part of y plte Jno. Williams Junr: & **WILLIAM HENDERSON**

*This was the husband of Jane Henderson Williams, William Henderson's sister. John Williams Jr would be dead by January 1696.*

1691 Jun 9

## Somerset Co MD

### William Henderson serves on jury (John Kemp horse theft case)

*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 86-87*

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** serves on a jury to hear the case of John Kemp, accused of "ranging" the woods and taking up a horse colt belonging to Capt. Jno. Winder, Gent, then branding the colt contrary to law. Also on the jury were John Smock, William Benson and Thomas Tull, among others. Also accused as an accomplice was Robert Down "of evill fame." [Read full transcription of suit here.](#)

1691 Jun 10

## Somerset Co MD

### William Henderson serves on jury (Inglish and Mason hog theft case)

*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 93*

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** serves on a jury to hear the case of John Inglish and William Mason, accused of stealing four hogs belonging to the widow Elinor Cane (valued at 900 lbs of tobacco). Also on the jury were John Smock, Thomas Tull and **Aaron Bishop**. [Read full transcription of suit here.](#)

1691 Jun 10

## Somerset Co MD

### William Henderson serves on jury (Hopkins vs Taylor the Sawyer)

*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 99*

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** serves on a jury to hear the case of Mr. Samuel Hopkins Gent vs Walter Taylor, sawyer. Hopkins accused Taylor of cheating him out of an agreed-upon number and quality of cuts of wood. Taylor pled not guilty and the case went before a jury of "twelve good and lawfull men" including **Henderson, Aaron Bishop** and others. The jury found in favor of the plaintiff. **Adam Spence**, aged about 29 years, gave a deposition that states Samuel Marchment delivered the faulty timber to himself and Samuel Hopkins Jr (age 21). [Read full transcription of suit here.](#)

*Mariner Charles Henderson would be found as a dependent in the household of Adam Spence on the [1723-1725 Somerset Co MD Tax Lists](#). John Williams (later Captain John Williams) of Pocomoke Hundred can be found on the [1725 tax list](#) in the household of Samuel Marchment.*

1691 Jun 12

## Somerset Co MD

### William Henderson serves on jury (Strawbridge case of the sickly servant)

*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 115*

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** serves on a jury to hear the case of John Strawbridge. Also on the jury were John Smock, Thomas Tull and **Aaren Bishop**. [Read full transcription of suit here.](#)

1691 Jun 12

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## Somerset Co MD

### William Henderson serves on jury (Beauchamp vs Taylor debt case)

*Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 119*

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** serves on a jury to hear the case of Edmund Beauchamp vs John Taylor (for debt). Also on the jury were John Smock, Thomas Tull et al. [Read full transcription of suit here.](#)

1691 Jun 12

## Somerset Co MD

*Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 191 Pg 121*

### William Henderson, pltf Somerset County Ss vs Benjamin Deards dft

**Benjamin Deards** of this County, Sawyer, was attached to answer unto **WM. HENDERSON** of the same County, Planter in an action upon the case...And whereupon, the plt by **James: Sangster** his Attorney Comes & Sayes That the debt is become and Stands indebted unto the plt One able man Servant for and dureing the space of tenn years fully to be compleat and ended, the sd debt having allready recd full Satisfaction for the sd Service of and from the plte as also the sum of Six hundred thirty and four pounds of tobacco, charges occasioned by a Certain Cheat the sd debt put upon the plt, in dilivering him (instead of the sd Servant, for tenn years) One **John: Davies freeman** by a false Indenture, which sd Cheat did plainly appear in September Court to be the Act of the sd debt. the plt not being any way privy thereunto, So that the plt hath demanded either the servant according to bargain or that his money & Charges be returned in kind, which the sd debt hath utterly refused, thereby fraudulently & Craftily intending to deceive the plt both of Servant and money with the Charges. So that the plt is damnified and hath losse to the value of Twenty thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon brings this Suite. Ja. Sangster prQuer. pled. Jno.Doe Rich: Roe Ordered by this Court, that the Sheriffe Assign the Baile Bond.

*According to this document, James Sangster was an attorney. James Henderson and James Sangster witnessed an agreement of indebtedness in September 1689 between John Williams Senior (father-in-law of Jane Henderson) and Henry Bishop Junior (s/o Lt. Henry Bishop).*

*On this same day, Aaron Bishop, age 37, (elder brother of Sarah Bishop Henderson) was in court to give a deposition in a case involving Peter Loyd, who had "absented himself from [Bishop's] service" and was taken up by John Taylor.*

1691 June (2nd Tuesday)

## Somerset MD

Summons for **JAMES HENDERSON** & Moses ffenton wm; Henderson plt Benja:Deardes debt on part of y defendant. *Source: Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0083 - Somerset County*

1691 Jun 12

## Somerset Co MD

"n:est Invts Caps: agt: John ffine Cooper to answr: unto Thomas Gillet in a plea of Debt Evid on part of y plte **Jno. Williams Junr: & WILLIAM HENDERSON** *Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 191 Pg 84*

*This was the husband of Jane Henderson Williams, William Henderson's sister. John Williams Jr would be dead by January 1696.*

1691 Jun 12

## Somerset Co MD

**William Henderson sues for recovery of debt from Benjamin Deards for a manservant or 20,000 lbs of Tobacco**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** Plt. Somerset County Ss. Benjamine Deards of this County Sawyer was Contra attached to answer unto **WILLIAM HENDERSON** of the same County. Planter in Benjamine: Deards: Dft. an action upon the Case.

And whereupon, the plt by James: Sangster his Attorney Comes & Sayes That the debt is become and Stands indebted unto the plt One able man Servant for and dureing the space of tenn years fully to be compleat and ended, the sd debt having allready recd full Satisfaction for the sd Service of and from the plte as also the sum of Six hundred thirty and four pounds of tobacco, charges occasioned by a Certain Cheat the sd debt put upon the plt, in dilivering him (instead of the sd Servant, for tenn years) One John: Davies freeman by a false Indenture, which sd Cheat did plainly appear in 9ber Court to be the Act of the sd debt. the plt not being any way privy thereunto, So that the plt hath demanded either the servant according to bargain or that his money & Charges be returned in kind, which the sd debt hath utterly refused, thereby fraudulently & Craftily intending to deceive the plt both of Servant and money with the Charges. So that the plt is damnified and hath losse to the value of Twenty thousand pounds of tobacco & thereupon brings this Suite.

Ja. Sangster prQuer. pled. Jno. Doe  
Rich: Roe

Ordered by this Court, that the Sheriffe Assign the Baile Bond.

Source: [Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0121](#)

**1691 Jun 13  
Somerset Co MD**

Source: [Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 191 Pg 142](#)

"John: Emmett. plt, **WM. HENDERSON** plt Contra: Wm. Coulbourne Curryer debt, William Turvile debt Agreed Saith ye plt Agreed Saith mr Sangster"

**1691 Aug 11  
Somerset Co MD**

Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 146](#)

Cepi. Thorowgood. fugit Caps. agt. ffrancis: Thorowgood & Alexander: Wilson to answer unto **WM. HENDERSON** Assigne of mr Luff Sherrif.

**1691 Aug 11  
Somerset Co MD**

Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 147](#)

N.E.I. B Caps. agt Joseph: Bowles. black Smith to answer unto **JAMES: HENDERSON**. Senr. plea of debt.

**1691 Sep (2nd Tuesday)  
Somerset Co MD**

Source: [Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0156](#)

- a) N.E.I. - Caps. agt **WM. HENDERSON** to answer unto Moses:ffenton plea that he render unto him three thousand Coppy left - foot of Cypressse plank which to him he Oweth & unjustly deteineth
- b) N.E.I. B Caps agt **WM. HENDERSON** to answer unto Moses:ffenton. plea that he render unto him three Coppy left. thousand five hundred and fifty foot of Cypressse plank, which to him he oweth & unjustly deteineth

**1691 Sep**

**Somerset Co MD**

*Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91. Vol 191 Pg 142*

"John: Emmett. plt, **WM. HENDERSON** plt Contra: Wm. Coulbourne Curryer deft, William Turvile deft Agreed Saith ye plt Agreed Saith mr Sangster"

**1691 Sep 8**

**Somerset Co MD**

*Somerset County Judicial Records. 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 155*

"Cepi. -- Caps. agt **Joseph: Bowles** blacksmith to answer unto **JAMES HENDERSON** plea of debt."

**1691 Oct 2**

**Somerset Co MD**

*Archives of Maryland, Volume 0191, Page 0176*

**William Henderson & John Williams witness a debt for Thomas Gillett from John Fine; Henderson testifies in court for Gillet in the collection case**

Thomas: Gillett. Plt. Somerset County Ss. Contra. John ffine of this County Cooper was attached to answer unto Thomas: Gillett Jno. ffine Cooper Dft in a plea of debt

And the said Thomas Gillet by Edward Jones his Attorney saith that ye Defendt upon the fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1690. then became indebted unto the plt in the Sum of nine hundred pounds of good sound Merchantable tobacco in Caske as doth more plainly appear by A Certain writing under the hand and Seal of the Deft and here in Court produced But the Deft litle regarding his promise and assumption but fraudulently intending him the sd Gillett in the sd Sum of nine hundred pounds of tobacco, although often demanded, but hath hitherto refused to pay and Still doth refuse whereupon the plt Saith he is damnified and hath loss to the value of 1800 Pounds of tobacco and thereupon brings his Suite Jones pr Quer.

Know all men by these presents that I John: ffine of the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland Cooper me my Heirs & Assigns do owe and stand justly indebted unto Thomas: Gillett of the Collony of Virginia unto he his Heirs or Assigns, the full and just Sum of Nine hundred pounds of good Sound Merchantable tobacco in Caske to be paid at or upon the tenth day of October next ensuing of the date hereof to be paid between Jno Henderson Landing and William. Anderson Landing it being for a valuable Consideration in hand allready recd as wittness my hand and Seal. this 14th. day of May 1690. John. T ffine his marke ? Sealed

**WILLIAM HENDERSON:**

John I Williams his marke tob

Judgment Confest by the sd ffine according to Declaracon viz for 900.

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Evid. Sumd Jno. Williams Junr Ord'r for the Same

**WILLIAM HENDERSON**. for plt.

Edwd. Jones sw for plte.

**1691 Oct 2**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 177](#)*

Contra. of the same County in an action upon the Case -- Thomas: Miller, Deft.

And whereupon the plt by himself Comes and Sayes that the Deft is become & stands indebted unto the plt in the full and just Sum of Seaven hundred & fifty pounds of Tobacco as pr accot. here in Court produced, which said Sum the sd dft did faithfully assume & promise to pay in the hands of **WM. HENDERSON**. Yett the said deft litle regarding his sd assumption & promise, the same hath denied & delayed to pay, to the plts great loss and damage to the value of fifteen hundred pounds of tobacco, and thereupon brings this Suite. Tho: Miller Dr. Jary 1st 1690/1. Ja: Sangster Quer pled Jno. Doe. [Also mentions "To yr note by Robert Houston...150; to fees for Mr. Newbold...100; to fees agt Baker...100; **JOHN HENDERSON** ...100."

*The Hendersons would be allied with the Houstons and Newbolds (through John Henderson's children) within a generation. "Mr. Baker" may be early settler Thomas Baker, who named a son "Henderson Baker."*

**1691 Oct 3**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 179](#)*

The Deposition of **WM: HENDERSON**. saith that he hath attended as an Evidence Between Thomas Gillett and Jno ffine five dayes and further Saith not, for the plt ye 3d. day of October 1691: **WM: HENDERSON** -- Sworn before me B James: Round . Ord'r~

**1691 Oct 3**

**Somerset Co MD**

The Deposition of Moses ffenton. Saith that he hath attended the Court as an Evidence in a Cause between **WILLIAM HENDERSON** and Benjamine Deards as followeth: four dayes at June Court August Court one day besides my journey fees to each Court and further Saith not C Item One days Journey fees B Sworn in Court before me Robert: King. *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 179](#)*

**1691 Oct 3**

**Somerset Co MD**

*[Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 180](#)*

"Moses: ffenton. Plt. Contra **WM: HENDERSON** Dft.

The Plt and Dft being Called. The plts Attorney Suffered A Non Suit/ Clerks remarke) viz) De. & writt not agreeing." The [judgments \(p156\)](#) reveal that **WILLIAM HENDERSON** is ordered to "render unto [Moses Fenton] three thousand foot of Cypress plank which to him he Oweth & unjustly detaineth...and three thousand five hundred and fifty foot of Cypress plank, which to him he oweth & unjustly detaineth." *Source:*

**1691 Oct 30**

## Somerset Co MD

**"FRANCIS HENDERSON** son of **JAMES HENDERSON** was born of Ester his wife the 30th day of october anno Domini one thousand six hundred ninety & one" *Early Vital Records 1666-1699; Somerset Co., MD - Part 2 of 4, Pages 56-142*

*At this point in our research, Francis is the only known child or heir of James Henderson Junior (who in turn is the only surviving child we know of produced by Alice, second wife of James Henderson Senior).*

**1691 Oct 30**

## Somerset Co MD

"To the worll. Comissioners of Somerset County now in Court Sitting the humble Petition of John:Davis most humbly sheweth that yr Petitioner hath attended the Court 19: dayes in a Case depending between Benjamin Deard & **WM: HENDERSON** therefore your petitioner Craveth your worps Order for the same, and your worps petitioner shall be ever in duty bound to pray &c. Sworn in Court before us. sw for plt. Thomas: Jones. Ord'r granted for the same." *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1690-1691 Vol 191 Pg 167*

**1691 Nov**

## Somerset Co MD

"Ordered. Likewise that John: Kemp give Security for his appearance next Court to answer to their Maties &c. Order likewise sheriffe keep the sd Kemp in Custody till Security given. Whereupon Came the sd Kemp & his two Securities viz Thomas Ackworth & **WM: HENDERSON** & the sd Kemp did confess him Self pr Recogniz to be indebted to their Maties in the Sum of 20,.Sterling money of England, and the sd Ackworth and **Henderson** did likewise acknowledge them selves to be indebted to sd Maties the Sum of tenn pounds like money to be leaved on their goods & Chattels Lands & Tennements for their Maties uses &c." *Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 191 Pg 169*

**1691 Nov**

## Somerset Co MD

**"Sarah** the wife of **WM: HENDERSON**. Evidences on part of the plt." *Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1690-91, Vol 405 Pg 143*

**1692 Jan 20**

## Somerset Co MD

Item 192) Actions Returnable 2nd Tuesday in March 1692/3: Case against Elizabeth Read, **JOHN HENDERSON**, **JAMES HENDERSON**, Mrs. Tomlinson. *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 535 Pg 24*

*The Abigail Tomlinson was neighbor to Captain John Williams of Pocomoke, but I do not know if "Mrs. Tomlinson" of this record refers to her or some other.*

**1692 Aug 8**

## Somerset Co MD

Somerset Ss. To the worll. Their Maties Justices of the Peace for this County in Cort Sitting the humble Petion of Alexander Gold humbly Sheweth . C That Elizabeth Gold yr Petionrs Daughter hath Served **JAMES HENDERSON** late of this County deceased, the full time & terme of five years, and by her Said Master, in his life time as also by **JOHN HENDERSON** Since the said James his decease hath been

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detained in Service three years & 2 longer without any Satisfaction to the said Elizabeth made for ye sd 32 years, but Still the Said Elizabeth is denied her freedom, Satisfaction, Satisfaction for the 3 years & 2 Service with Corn and Clothes, according to the Custom of the Country. to the great grief & Sorrow of heart of your poor Petitioner, therefore your petitioner Craves your worps to Consider your petitioners daughters Case, and that yr worps, and that yr worps may Order her freedom Corn and Clothes withwt Satisfaction your worps shall think fitt for the Said three years & half, & yr petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray . --Alexander Gold--

At a Court held for the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland the 10th. day of Ffebruary by his Lopps Justices thereunto authorized & appointed Ano Domi 1684 being a Court of Adjournmt Comrs present / Capt. David Browne Capt: John : Winder mr. Roger: Woolford. mr. Wm: Brereton. Verte.

Elizabeth. Gold Servant to **JAMES HENDERSON**. The father of the Child Alexa. Gold Saith She is going in to nine 15th. Janry. last past The father saith she is not to dispose of according to the Custom of the Country. This Court judgeth & assents to the Same, age.

Vera Copia pr John: West Depy Clk Cur Comit Somerset . After which Petion and Order was read, as also a Second Order congruous to the last Order, (only the last word viz) age. was left out in sd last Order, which two sd Orders & the Originall Record appearing. this Court did adjudge the sd last word on Record to be the word age. And therefore did Order the sd Elizabeth Gold to Serve according to Act of assembly. viz from the judgmt. of the former Record of nine years. *Somerset County Judicial Records, 1692-1693 Volume 406, Page 7*

**1692 Sep 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

Moses Fenton, Pltf, vs. **WILLIAM HENDERSON** Deft. Wm: Henderson late of this County was Sumoned to answer unto Moses ffenton of a Plea y<sup>t</sup> he render to him three thousand foot of Cypress plank, which to him he oweth & unjustly deteineth And whereupon y<sup>e</sup> Said Moses by Peter Dent his Attorney Saith y<sup>t</sup> the Said **WM.** y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>. day of 9ber in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord 1690, at Pocomoke within y<sup>e</sup> Jurisdiction of this Court by his Certain Bill Obligatory, which the said Moses with the Seal of y<sup>e</sup> said **WILLIAM** Signed bringeth here into Court. the date where of is the day & year aforesaid acknowledged himself to be justly indebted to the sd Moses in y<sup>e</sup> sd full & just Sum of 3000 foot of Cypress plank to be paid to the said Moses at **JOHN: HENDERSON'S** Landing at or before the 10<sup>th</sup>. day of December next ensuing the date of the Said Bill, to which payment well and truly to be made, the Said **WM.** bound himself by the said Bill. Nevertheless y<sup>e</sup> Said **WILLIAM**. the said Plank to the Said Moses hath not paid to the damage of the said Moses of 6000 foot of Plank & thereof he brings his Suite &ca. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Doe Dent p<sup>r</sup> Que<sup>r</sup>. Pleg<sup>s</sup> &ca Rich.Roe

This Bill bindeth me **WILLIAM HENDERSON** of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland or my Heirs Ext's Adm's & Assigns to pay or Cause to be paid, unto Moses ffenton of the Same County & Province aforesd Cordwinder him his Ext's Adm's or Assigns y<sup>e</sup> just Sum or quantity of three thousand foot of Cypress plank to be p<sup>d</sup> at **Jn<sup>o</sup>: Hendersons landing** at or before y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> of December next ensuing the date hereof as wittness my hand & Seal this 19<sup>th</sup>. day of 9ber 1690. **William: Henderson.** „ Sealed Signed Sealed & delivered in p'sence of us. James: Noble Alexander: Wilson. Judgm<sup>t</sup>. Confest p<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Ja: Sangster dfts Attorney for 3000 foot of Cypress Plank. Order for y<sup>e</sup> Same. alias Executio *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 406. Pg 65*

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**1692 Sep 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

Item 66) Moses Fenton, Pltf, vs. **WILLIAM HENDERSON**, sawyer, Deft. for 3000 feet of cypress planks; Peter Dent, attorney for Fenton, presents note signed 19 November 1690 by Henderson at Pocomoke obligating him to deliver lumber by 10 December following; witnesses James Noble, Alexander Wilson; James Sangster, attorney for Fenton, acknowledges obligation; Court orders Henderson to deliver, pay costs. Item 67) Moses Fenton, Pltf, vs. **WILLIAM HENDERSON**, Deft., sawyer, for 3550 feet of cypress planks; Peter Dent, attorney for Fenton, presents note signed 10 November 1690 by Henderson at Pocomoke obligating him to deliver the lumber by last day of November; witnesses James Noble, Alexander Wilson; James Sangster, attorney for Henderson, acknowledges obligation; Court orders Henderson provide same; pay costs. *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions* [Vol 535 Pg 14](#)

*Moses Fenton is mentioned in the Jun 9, 1691 summons, above.*

**1692 Sep 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

Item 73) Cases settled out of court or dismissed: **JAMES HENDERSON** vs. Joseph Bowel (Henderson deceased); Daniel Culverwell vs. **WILLIAM HENDERSON**; George Layfield vs **JAMES HENDERSON**, **WILLIAM HENDERSON** vs. Daniel Culverwell *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions* [Vol 535 Pg 14](#)

**1692 Oct 22**

**Somerset Co MD**

Will of **JAMES HENDERSON SENIOR** proved.

**1693 ca**

**Somerset Co MD**

**COMFORT HENDERSON** daughter of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson, born circa 1693 at Pitts Creek Hundred, Somerset Co MD. *Source: The Miles Files*

*Comfort would marry Francis Newbold, presumed son of Thomas and Jane Newbold, ca 1715. I am wary of online information regarding Francis Newbold. See comments under [July 1713 entry](#) for additional details and comments.*

**1693**

**Eastern Shore, VA/MD**

Contextual history: "During 1693 there was a measles epidemic on the Eastern Shore." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1693 Oct 29**

**Virginia**

Contextual history: "A 'most violent storm in Virginia' stopped the course of old channels and created new ones from Virginia northward to Long Island. The great storm was violent as it passed through Accomack, which was located on the Delmarva peninsula between Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic, sixty miles

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northeast of Norfolk. This storm may have created Fire Island Cut, to the east of New York City." *Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes*

**1694 Nov 16**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JAMES** and **JOHN HENDERSON** return appraisals of estate of Lawrence Crawford.

Entry 158) Memorandum dated 16 November 1694; **John and James Henderson** sworn in by William Whittington as appraisers for goods and chattels of Lawrence Crawford to be levied by the Sheriff.

Entry 159) Appraisal by John and James Henderson dated 16 November of items attached from Lawrence Crawford for use of Francis Jenckins: 5 year old Negro boy, Jack, at 5000 lbs/tbco, a 45 year old Negro woman, Bess, and 2 year old girl, Moll, together valued at 5500 lbs; also livestock at 500 lbs/tbco.

Entry 160) Appraisal by John and James Henderson dated 16 November of items attached from Lawrence Crawford for use of Peter Dent & John Barren; includes 5 year old mulatto girl, Sue, and various household goods and supplies. *Vol. 535, Pg. 95*

**1695 Jul 19**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JNO HENDERSON** and **JAMES HENDERSON** as securities to John Upshott for the sum of 50pds (upon his marriage to Mary Thomas); also to keep the peace with John Thomas. *Somerset County Records, Liber E. 26, Judicial Record 1695-96.*

**1695 Jul 19**

**Somerset Co MD**

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*This is John Henderson and his half-brother James Henderson Jr. (s/o James Sr. and second wife, Alice)*

**1695 Aug 15**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** requests payment for 10 days attendance at Court; case of **WILLIAM HENDERSON** vs. Joseph Staton *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions, [Volume 535, Page 111](#)*

**1695 Aug 15**

**Somerset Co MD**

Case against Thomas Oxford for packing and selling three hogsheads of tobacco without registering them; Peter Dent Clerk of Indictments; Sheriff calls Jury: Samuel Horsey (foreman), Samuel Showell, George Bailey (Baly); Matthew Wallace, Benjamin Idelott, Philip Askew, Jun., **JOHN HENDERSON**, Francis Joyce, Walter Evins, Richard Shockley, Henry Philips, Jopseph Staton; returns guilty verdict; Court orders he repay entire amount of tobacco plus 8 lbs per hundredweight; and be given 30 lashes, to be administered over three occasions - at the present and two ensuing Court sessions; makes bond for £100 for his good behavior and appearance at court sessions. *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions, [Volume 535, Page 111](#)*

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**1695 Aug 15**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON**, Pltf. vs. Joseph Staton, planter, Deft., for debt of 2500 lbs/tbco; Robert Pirrie, attorney for **HENDERSON**, presents note signed 17 January 1692/3 by Staton promising delivery to Pocomoke by following 10 October; witnesses **JOHN HENDERSON**, William Day; Staton admits debt; Court orders payment, with costs. *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions, [Volume 535, Page 111](#)*

**1695 Oct 22**

**Somerset Co MD** (at a court at Dividing Creek)

Writs Returnable at November Court (continued): 1) Subpoena, Peter Lowder & wife Anne, Richard Shockley & wife Anne, James Obroughton, William Seamore, **JAMES HENDERSON**; evidences for Grand Jury, 2) **JOHN HENDERSON**, answer to Archibald Holmes; 3) Subpoena, **John Bishop, Jun.**, **WILLIAM HENDERSON**, Charles Williams; for Robert Pirrie vs. Dorman Patrick *Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 535 Pg 118*

*All three of James Henderson Sr.'s sons are represented in this page of abstracts.*

*John Bishop Jr. was probably a grandson of Lt. Henry Bishop (a son of John Sr. and Mary Bowen Bishop). He was b ca 1676 and if I am correct in my identification of Sarah Bishop Henderson as the daughter of Lt. Henry Bishop and Ann, the widow Bowen, Sarah would have been John Bishop Junior's half aunt two ways. She was half-sister to Mary Bowen Bishop (John Jr.'s mother) and she was also half-sister to John Bishop Sr. (John Jr.'s father).*

**1696 Jan 6**

**Somerset Co MD**

John Williams Sr makes [his will](#): dwelling plantation (unnamed) to pass to grandsons **ISAAC** and **JOHN WILLIAMS** sons of his deceased son, John; to be equally divided after his decease; daughter-in-law **JANE (HENDERSON) WILLIAMS** to have right to live on said land; witnesses **JOHN HENDERSON**, William Timmons and John Webb. [View transcript of will](#) *Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 535 Pg 129*

*Can we interpret this to mean that John Williams Sr had no heirs aside from Jane's two sons?*

**1696 Jan 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

Thomas Roberts, Pltf. vs. Ellis Coleman, Deft; scieri facias for earlier award of 440 lbs/tbco being made known to Hough Stevenson and **WILLIAM HENDERSON**; Coleman does not appear; confirmed by Court. *Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 535 Pg 131*

*William "the Sawyer" Henderson.*

**1696 Jan 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

Actions agreed, dismissed or withdrawn: Joseph Staton, answer to **WILLIAM HENDERSON** *Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 535 Pg 131*

William "the Sawyer" Henderson.

**1696 Jan 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

Edmund Allen, assignee of Patrick Berry, Pltf. vs. Walter Tayler, Deft; scieri facias for earlier judgement of 1200 lbs/tbco; made known to Peter Lowder and **JAMES HENDERSON**; defendant appears but has no new considerations; former judgement confirmed. [\*Source: Somerset Judicial Records 1692-96, Abstracts with Selected Transcriptions Vol 535 Pg 131\*](#)

*This is James Henderson Jr. (s/o James Sr. and second wife, Alice)*

**1696**

**Eastern Shore, VA/MD**

Contextual history: "During 1696 there was a smallpox epidemic on the Eastern Shore." [\*Source: Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001\*](#)

**1698 Feb 8**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** approved inventory of Robert Houston. [Source](#)

**169/99 8 Mar 3**

**Somerset Co MD**

Depositions for Ralph Melburn, March y.e 3.d 1698/9

Came before us Phillip Connaway Sen.r Aged Seventy Nine Yeares or Thereabouts and took his oath upon y.e holy Evangelist that about Thirty Two Yeares Agoe he lived with Jenkin Price at his plantation at y.e Entrance of y.e North west side of Pocomoak River And the above said Jenkin Price was then Survey.r and I Phillip Connaway further saith y.t I desired of Jenkin Price to lay me out a peice of land that lay between y.e said Jenkin Prices said Plantacon and a Tract of land formly laid out by y.e said Survey.r for Micham Thomas and y.e said Price y.e Survey.rs Answ.r was I can in Noe way doe soe for I have already laid the said land out for my Kinsman W.m Price and is called by the name of Prices grove And to my knowledge beginning at a markt White Oak standing in a little Hammock by a Gutt side joineing to the Riv.r called Prices grove as afd And I, Henry Scholfeild in company with M.r Sam.l Hazlewood Jn.o Brittingham and **JAMES HENDERSON** being then p.rsent & by the s.d Phillip Connaway volluntarily shewed the said bounden white oak to us & affirmed the same to be the said Tree of the said Prices grove as afd And y.e said Phillip Connaway being an Inhabitt.r of Virginia and Maryland abo.t fifty Yeares And further saith Not

Taken & sworne before us

George Layfeild (seal) John Freeman Henry Sholfeild (seal)

Recorded by Me filed May 18 1699 Regist.r

[\*Source: Chancery Court, Chancery Record, 1671-1712 Volume 748 Pg 416\*](#)

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**1699 Jun 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** and William Hickman are appraisers of the estate of **Robert Blades** (no designation Jr. vs Sr.). *Source: Worcester Co., MD Inventories & Accounts JW-15 1694-1742, V. L. Skinner, Jr. Page 1 (Folio 11)*

*John Henderson's daughter, Ann Mary, is believed to have married Robert Blades Jr. This couple were the parents of Benjamin Henderson Blades.*

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## **Records from 1700-1709**

**1703 Oct 7-8**

**Maryland, Virginia and New England**

Contextual History: A Hurricane hits the coast: "Great wind and flood damage; many ships were lost."

*Source: Early American Hurricanes, David Ludlum pg 19*

**1703 Oct 18**

**Maryland and Virginia**

Contextual history: "A hurricane caused great damage along the Mid-Atlantic coast. In Maryland and Virginia, many vessels left their moorings. Ten tobacco houses were overturned. Damage occurred northward to Philadelphia. Across the Northeast, northeast winds caused a very cold rain to fall. The timing of this storm was quite unusual, as it followed a very early season snowstorm by eight days. "

*Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes*

**1703 Mar 24**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** and Francis Thorowgood return an appraisal of the estate of Nicholas Lisney, valued at £27.13.9. *Source: 1691-1706 Supplement to the Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland, by V. L. Skinner, p12.*

*There is no county designation associated with this record but surrounding records appear to pertain to residents of Somerset so I am including this record for a John Henderson.*

**1705 October**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** is on "a list of sperate debts" of the estate of Mr. John Edgar. *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland (Liber 29, 30, 31, 32A, 32B 1703-1711 Maryland Inventories and Accounts, V.L. Skinner, Jr. - Folios 138-144, Liber 30.*

*It is not clear to me from the abstract whether William was a creditor or a debtor of the estate. There were three living William Hendersons in Somerset County at this time.*

**1706 Oct 26-27 (Gregorian Calendar)**

**Hurricane off coast of VA**

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Contextual History: "Hurricane at sea. England bound fleet of ships from America was scattered by a raging hurricane at sea. Many had to return to Virginia for repairs, other ships were lost at sea. No landfall believed to be known." *Source: Early American Hurricanes, David Ludlum pg 20*

**1703 Nov 6** (*Julian Calendar*)

**Virginia**

Contextual history: "A severe storm raged offshore of Virginia before it swept up the coast. A fleet met the storm soon after departing the Virginia shore. Fourteen ships foundered on the north coast of Cape Charles; those ships that returned sustained extensive damage to masts and sails." *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1709**

**Eastern Shore, VA/MD**

Contextual history: A long, dry summer on the Eastern Shore resulted in an embargo on the export of corn. *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1709 Nov 22**

**Somerset Co MD**

The will of **Henry Bishop**; constituting **Elisabeth Bishop**, executrix. **WILLIAM HENDERSON** who married said **Elisabeth** was granted administration. Sureties: **John Pitts, Robert Blades**. *Source: [Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland Vol XII 1709-1712 p 23](#)*

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**Records from 1710-1719**

**1710 May 31**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** is among a list of those owed payments from the estate of William Ledbetter. *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories and Accounts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland (Liber 29, 30, 31, 32A, 32B 1703-1711 Maryland Inventories and Accounts, V.L. Skinner, Jr.*

*Also on this list is Robert Perry. Robert Perrie and Adam Spence were appraisers of the estate of the William Henderson Jr., Cordwinder, who died prior to January 1708/09.*

**1710 Oct 9**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** administrator of **WILLIAM HENDERSON** to render accounts. *Source: [Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland Vol XII 1709-1712 p125](#)*

*This is a duplication of the order to render accounts from Court Session 16 Jul 1711 - not sure why. This is most likely William Henderson Senior administering the estate of William "the Cordwinder" Henderson Junior.*

**1710 Oct 16**

**Somerset Co MD**

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**WILLIAM HENDERSON**, Robert Watson and William Aydelett witness will of Nathaniel Veze (Veazey).

Source: Maryland Calendar of Wills: Wills from 17173 to 1720 by Jane Baldwin Cotton and Roberta Bolling Henry, page 105.

*I am not sure which William this is or what connection he had with Veazey. There were three William Hendersons living in Somerset in 1710. The name Watson is of interest due to the connection between Gilbert Henderson's family and the Watsons. Bishop Henderson also witnessed the will of Peter Watson in 1728. Bishop Henderson lived just a few doors down from William Aydelett in the late 1720's. Some members of the Aydelett family would later move to coastal NC.*

**1711**

**Somerset County MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** and **ELIZABETH BARNABY HENDERSON** deed their share 140a (?) of Barnaby's Lott to son William Henderson. Source: *Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p27*

*William Henderson's new property would make him neighbor to Lazarus Maddox, who in 1688 had bought 6a of the Barnaby's Lott property from John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson. The Willis (cousins on the Barnaby side) were also heirs and owners of a portion of Barnaby's Lott. In 1720 William would leave 96a of Barnaby's Lott to brother Joseph, who subsequently left it to sole heir Hannah Henderson (later Roach) when he died in 1723. William Turpin would purchase land from Barnaby Willis (William Henderson's cousin) and in 1755 he would leave that land to his son, Whitty Turpin. Whitty Turpin's daughter Sarah married into the Fountain family, and we will see the names Turpin, Maddox, Willis and Fountain associated with the Barnaby-Henderson line in a number of documents, particularly with those who owned land in the Manokin area. In 1760 James Henderson (William Henderson's brother, and son of John Sr and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) would sell 100a of the property to Nathaniel Whitaker, although it is not clear how or when James inherited the property, unless it is part of the "marsh swamp" referred to in [his father's 1743 will](#).*

**1711 Jul 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** is on a list of those who received payments from the estate of John Deal.

Source: *Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 32C-34 1711-1713, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. p 68 (Liber 32C Folio 110)*

**1711 Jul 16**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** and his wife (executors of **Henry Bishop**) to render accounts. Source: *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland Vol XII 1709-1712 p126*

**1711 Jul 16**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** administrator of **WILLIAM HENDERSON** to render accounts. Source: *Abstracts of the Testamentary Proceedings of the Prerogative Court of Maryland Vol XII 1709-1712 p126*

*This is a duplication of the order to render accounts from Court Session 9 Oct 1710 - not sure why. This is most likely William Henderson Senior administering the estate of William "the Cordwinder" Henderson Junior.*

**1712 ca**

**Northampton Co VA**

**JACOB HENDERSON**, is born in Northampton Co VA. *The Miles Files 15.0*

*This is the grandson of Gilbert Henderson of Accomack Co VA. He is the son of Gilbert Henderson the Younger and his wife Mary Green Henderson. Jacob was named in his father's 11 Apr 1733 will. He m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ ca 1735 and made his own will 21 Feb 1754 naming wife Sarah, daughters Anne Mary and Tabitha, son Jacob, and brother John.*

**1712 May 4**

**Somerset Co MD**

The will of John Lane of Somerset Co MD mentions cousin Elizabeth Mattux (to have personal property); brother Walter Lane (to sell residue of estate and land in Nuswaddux Neck and forward proceeds to wife and child in England); Witnessed by **Francis Lord, Sarah Lord, WILLIAM HENDERSON** and Ann Brand. (Will probated 4 Dec 1712) [Maryland Calendar of Wills Vol 3 pg 242](#)

*Here we see William Henderson witnessing a will that mentions a member of the Maddox family along with other witnesses Francis and Sarah Lord. Four years later William Henderson and Francis Lord would witness the will of Lazarus Maddox (with James Willis and Mercy Fontaine). William's 1721 will would mention godson Henry Lord and would be witnessed by Lazarus and Alexander Maddox. This leads me to believe that this is William Henderson, s/o John Jr and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson (who also had connections with the Willis and Fontaine families).*

**1712 Jul 18**

**Northampton Co VA**

**GILBERT HENDERSON**, witnesses the will of Edmond Joynes. Joynes leaves bequests to sons Major (Mager), Thomas, and Edmund and also mentions daughters.

"Edmond made a will on 18 July 1712 at Northampton Co, VA. To my son Edward 200 A. on the south of the land I now live upon purchased of Isaac Foxcroft, and for want of his heirs to my son Mager. To my son Mager the 150 A. plantation where I now dwell, and for want of his heirs to my son Thomas, the said land lying to the south of the land purchased of **Gilbert Henderson**. To my son Thomas 100 A. lying on the head of the 250 A. purchased of **Gilbert Henderson**., and for want of his heirs to my son Edmond. To my son Edmond 100 A. being part of 300 A. purchased of Isaac Foxcroft. To wife [no name] use of still during her widowhood. To each of my daus. 10s. Son Edward extr. Witt: **Gilbert Henderson**, William 'X' Bell, William Betts." [The Miles Files 15.0](#)

*This is Gilbert Henderson the Younger, grandson of the original Gilbert. Edmond Joynes raised John Henderson, father of Gilbert the Younger, after John was orphaned in 1677. Joynes (b ca 1640) would have been essentially the closest thing to a paternal grandfather that Gilbert the Younger would have known.*

*Update 10/12/15: I believe Edmund Joynes may have married Mary Major Henderson sometime between 1668-1677, and would therefore have been the step-father of John Henderson and the step-grandfather of Gilbert the Younger. Gilbert Henderson the Younger was married to Mary Green, sister of Ann Green Joynes (who had married Major [Mager] Joynes mentioned in Edmond's will).*

**1712 Jul 22**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON** approves inventory and appraisal of Ann Allen. Appraisers were Plerce Bray and Henry Scholfield. *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 32C-34 1711-1713, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. p 68 (Liber 34 Folio 164)*

**1713 June 5 bef**

Francis Newbold (husband of **COMFORT HENDERSON NEWBOLD**) and his brother John (both believed to be mariners), would inherit property "Brachan" or "Bashan" or "Bastion" in Nanticoke Hundred of Somerset Co MD from Thomas Newbold, whose will was proved June 5, 1713. *Source: The Miles Files*

*A Francis Newbold (who made his will in Sussex Co DE in 1777) is often cited as the same who (along with brother, John) inherited land from Thomas Newbold in Nanticoke Hundred ca 1712-1713. This does appear to be the same Francis Newbold who was living in the household of John Henderson in 1724, but the Francis Newbold who died in 1777 mentions wife Mary and sons John and Thomas C. Newbold (along with the widow of his dec'd son, Francis Jr.). This does not seem to dovetail with what we know about "our" Francis Newbold and his children with wife Comfort Henderson, but it is possible that Comfort died young, along with children William and Elizabeth, and that the widowed Francis (and surviving son John) remarried to Mary \_\_\_\_\_ and had Thomas C. and Francis Jr. This bears further investigation, but in the mean time, approach information online regarding Francis with caution and bearing in mind the possibility that researchers could be mixing men of that name. **At any rate, it does appear that the Newbolds of Somerset County MD and Sussex County DE were a seagoing family. There were a number of mariners among them, including Francis. Brother John is found in early shipping records trading between DE/PA and the Caribbean, and grandson (?) Thomas traded with Antigua..***

### 1713 Sep 5-6

#### Violent Hurricane SC/NC and VA

Contextual History: Significant damage to the port of Charleston with most violent effects north of Charleston. "The effects were most significant in Currituck county, North Carolina near the Virginia-North Carolina border, where the storm surge breached the Outer Banks and opened several inlets into the Currituck Sound. William Byrd, one of the commissioners who established the Virginia-North Carolina boundary, stated "There was no tide in Currituck until 1713, when a violent storm opened a new inlet five miles south of the old one. One of the new inlets carved out by the storm became the location where the Virginia-North Carolina line begins on the Atlantic coast." *Source: Early American Hurricanes, David Ludlum pg 43*

### 1713 Sep 17 (Julian Calendar)

#### Virginia and North Carolina

Contextual history: "A great storm attended by immense inundation affected the Carolinas and Virginia. The effects were most significant in Currituck county, North Carolina near the Virginia-North Carolina border, where the storm surge breached the Outer Banks and opened several inlets into the Currituck Sound. William Byrd, one of the commissioners who established the Virginia-North Carolina boundary, stated '....There was no tide in Currituck until 1713, when a violent storm opened a new inlet five miles south of the old one, since which convulsion the old inlet is almost choked up by the sand, and grows narrowed and shallower everyday.' One of the new inlets carved out by the storm became the location where the Virginia-North Carolina line begins on the Atlantic coast." *Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes*

### 1713 Nov 9

#### Somerset Co MD

Will of William Whittington stipulates payments to a number of debtors including Col Francis Jenkins, **Samuel Handy, Mercie Fountain, Alexander Maddox**, Ephriam West, John West, **Adam Spence, WILLIAM HENDERSON**, Richard Drummond, **Edward Jones**, Col William Whittington and Matthew Scarborough. <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=mmarsha&id=I035320>

*Mariner Charles Henderson is found in the household of Adam Spence on early Somerset County tax lists. Mercie Fountain and Edward Jones were connected with the Barnaby family. It is unclear whether the William Henderson mentioned here is William "the*

*Sawyer" Henderson, Sr. (the sawyer) or William "of Manokin" Henderson (son of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson). William "the Cordwinder" Henderson Jr. was dec'd by January 1709, which left his father (the sawyer) and his cousin as the only two adult William Hendersons in Somerset in 1713. Robin speculates this record refers to William the Sawyer and that Whittington likely owed him for timber. Due to the number of names on the list that are known to be associated with the Henderson-Barnaby lineage, I am beginning to lean towards it being William "of Manokin" (son of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson). Difficult to be certain, and can't read too much into a list of debts since there might be no connection whatsoever between the creditors.*

**1714 Aug 1**

**England**

Contextual history: Queen Anne dies and George I succeeds the throne. *Source: [Tritt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1715 Sep 22**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** is paid a debt from the estate of William Osborne. *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 35A-36C 1712-1716, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. p 70 (Liber 36C Folio 270)*

**1714 Oct 13**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** is on a "List of Desparate Debts" of a Mr. Dent. *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 35A-36C 1712-1716, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. p 40*

*The list of Mr. Dent's debtors was lengthy and included a number of prominent men in the county. William Byshop, John Pitts and Henry Schoolfield are just a few of interest apart from William.*

**1715 bef**

**Somerset Co MD**

**COMFORT HENDERSON** daughter of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson, marries Francis Newbold (s/o Thomas and Jane Newbold) ca 1715. *Source: [The Miles Files](#)*

*Francis and Comfort Henderson Newbold would have sons John (1720-1792, m Naomi Hinman and Rachel Newbold) and William (b ca 1722) and daughter Eliza (b ca 1723). [See comments](#) regarding possible confusion surrounding Francis Newbold records.*

**1716 ca**

**Northampton Co VA**

**GEORGE HENDERSON**, is born in Northampton Co VA. *[The Miles Files 15.0](#)*

*This is the great-grandson of Gilbert Henderson of Accomack Co VA. He is the son of John Jr., and grandson of John Sr. and his unknown first wife. George was mentioned in the 1722 will of grandfather John Senior, but his father was not.*

**1716 Jan 18**

**Somerset Co MD**

Lazarus Maddox made a will on 18th January naming 3 sons Thomas, Lazarus, Daniel, Alexander and William and daughters Mary, Sarah, Ellinor and Elizabeth. Witnessed by: Francis Lord, James Willis, **WILLIAM HENDERSON** & Marcy Fountain. (Will probated 19 March 1716)  
<http://www.geni.com/people/Stephen-Maddox/6000000002006145383>

*Note: See note for May 4, 1712. I believe this is William Henderson s/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson who d bef 29 Apr 1721. James Willis was William's first cousin, and Mercy Fontaine was a family friend (and the accidental killer of William's uncle, James Barnaby III).*

**1718 Nov 22**

**Delaware Bay/Sussex Co DE**

Contextual History: "By the end of August [Edward Teach, aka Blackbeard] had returned to piracy, and in the same month the Governor of Pennsylvania issued a warrant for his arrest, but by then Teach was probably operating in Delaware Bay, some distance away." [From Wikipedia](#)

**1719 Sep 12**

**Accomack Co VA**

**BISHOP HENDERSON** witnesses the will of Owing (Owen?) Minnion with Thomas Hogshare (Hodgson?). Minnion named Rowland Hodgson, godson Joshua Lary, granddaughter Sarah Hodgson, and daughter Ann. Wife Margaret executrix. [View abstract](#) [Wills and Administrations Accomack Co VA 1663-1800 p271](#)

*Bishop Henderson will show up on Somerset Co MD census records annually beginning in 1723 when the census is first instituted. At present I believe he was a son of William Sr and Sarah Bishop Henderson and a grandson of James and Mary Henderson.*

**1716 Feb 14**

**Somerset Co VA**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** and Nehemiah Holland are appraisers of the estate of Nathaniel [H]orsey, valued at £30.11.0. Approvers: Charles Boyce, William Doze. *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 37A-39C 1715-1718, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. page 42 (Liber 38A.160).*

**1719 Dec 15**

**Northampton Co VA**

Ann Green Joynes administrator of the estate of husband **Major Joynes** (dec'd, s/o Edmund Joynes); **JOHN HENDERSON**, George Green, Joseph Green and **Thomas Joynes** appraisers. <http://espl-genealogy.org/MilesFiles/site/p914.htm#i91338>

*This is John Henderson, s/o Gilbert the elder. Ann Green Joynes was the sister of Mary Green Henderson, wife of Gilbert Henderson II (s/o John Henderson). Major Joynes was the son of Edmund G. Joynes and possibly Mary Major Henderson Joynes. I have found one record online written by a researcher who remembers reading that Major Joynes died by drowning, after jumping into the water to retrieve his hat. Major and Ann Green Joynes had two known daughters, Elizabeth and Ann.*

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**Records from 1720-1729**

**1720**

**Somerset County MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** gave 96a of Barnaby's Lott to brother **JOSEPH HENDERSON**. *Source: Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p27*

*This is William "of Manokin" Henderson, son of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson. Barnaby's Lott would eventually pass to Joseph's infant daughter, Hannah, when Joseph died in 1723. In 1738 Nathaniel and Hannah Henderson Roach sold "a portion" of*

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*this property to David Wilson. In 1747 the couple sold Wilson the remainder of Hannah's 96a, and thus, Barnaby's Lott had passed out of the Henderson-Barnaby family by 1747.*

*Curiously, although William of Manokin was apparently married to Elisabeth, widow of Henry Bishop Jr., at the time of his death (and I believe he was the father of the William Henderson apprenticed to shoemaker William McClemmy in 1728 by a widow Elizabeth Henderson), neither Elisabeth nor any children were mentioned in his February 1722 will. A "father-in-law" is mentioned, but not by name. A puzzling circumstance.*

**1720 May 7**

**Accomack Co VA**

The will of Robert Savage (written 7 May 1720, probate 2 Aug 1720) mentions a number of Savage heirs, cousin Sarah Nelson, god-daughter Susanna Kellam, and friend **JOHN HENDERSON**, also an executor. Will was witnessed by John Bryant and **ROBERT HENDERSON**. *Wills and Administrations Accomack Co VA 1663-1800 p265*

**1720 Jul 5**

**Accomack Co VA**

Jacob Savage and **JOHN HENDERSON** (executors of Robert Savage, deceased) presented and swore to the will. However, even though the heir was summoned, he failed to appear. Because the will was only partially proved by the oath of **ROBERT HENDERSON**, it was to remain in the office for further proof (p. 20a). *Accomack County, Virginia Court Abstracts, 1719-1724 Vol 14, by JoAnn Riley McKey, p 48.*

**1720 Jul 6**

**Accomack Co VA**

Margaret Minion (widow and executrix of Owen Minion) presented and swore to her late husband's will, which was proved by the oaths of **BISHOP HENDERSON** and Tho. Hogshare. (p22a). *Accomack County, Virginia Court Abstracts, 1719-1724 Vol 14, by JoAnn Riley McKey, p 52.*

**1721 ca**

**Somerset Co MD**

**BENJAMIN B. HENDERSON** (s/o John Henderson and Elizabeth Barnaby) married Mary **Jenkins**.

*This couple is purported to have had an unproven son, Isaac Henderson, b 1745 who married Mary Maples. This couple is of interest because James "Isaac" Henderson' (b ca 1705-1715) had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married William Jenkins in Onslow County. The latter couple had a son named Benjamin. Do not know if there was any connection, but need to flag the Jenkins surname as a possible connection.*

**1720/21 Feb 21**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WM. HENDERSON** of Manokin, planter, Somerset Co MD makes his will 21st Feb 1720/21: to bro. **JOSEPH**, ex. dwelling plantation 96A "Barnaby's Lott" he dying without issue, sd. lands to pass to bro. **CHARLES** and personal property; to **Daniel Young**, an orphan lad, personal property to be expended in his education; said boy to be in care of father-in-law \_\_\_\_\_ and to be free at age of 17yrs. To brothers **JAMES** and **BENJAMIN** and godson **Henry Lord**, sisters **COMFORT** and **ELIZABETH**, **William**, son of **William Miles**, and father-in-law \_\_\_\_\_, personal property. To **James Willis**, his debt. To brothers **JOSEPH**, **BENJAMIN**, **CHARLES**, and **JAMES** and 2 sisters, **ELIZABETH** and **COMFORT** residue of



estate. Witnesses: Lazarus Madux (Maddux), Alexander Madux, and William Lateward. (Proved 29 Apr 1721) [\*Source: Maryland Calendar of Wills from 1720-1726 by Jane Baldwin Cotton pg 53\*](#)

*The [details in this abstract](#) confirm my suspicion that the William Henderson mentioned earlier (1712, 1713, 1716) in conjunction with the names Maddox, Lord, Willis and Fontaine is the same William who made this will. Daniel Young, the orphan lad, can be [found on tax lists](#) living in the household of William's father (not father-in-law), John Henderson Sr. from 1727-1729, and afterwards living the Hendersons (he may have married into the Henderson family).*

*In [November of 1728](#) an "Elizabeth Henderson, widow" would bind son William Henderson to William McClemmy (of Manokin) until the age of 21 to learn the trade of a shoemaker. It's probable that this Elizabeth Henderson was the widow of William of Manokin (s/o John) Henderson who d ca Feb 1722 (above record). William's will does not mention a wife or any children, but it did mention a father-in-law twice (omitting his name). Possibly William's wife was with child when he died and he was unaware? Less likely, but also a possibility is that Elizabeth might have been the widow of William "the Sawyer" Henderson Senior (s/o James Sr.). This seems very unlikely. We know that one of the two William Hendersons who were living in Somerset Co MD in 1709 (William Senior and William of Manokin) married Elisabeth, widow of Henry Bishop (d bef Nov 1709, s/o John Bishop), but we cannot be 100% sure which. The elder William was quite a bit older than the widow, and we have no reason to believe he was not still married to Sarah Bishop Henderson, while William of Manokin was of the correct age for the young widow. There are other clues that point to William of Manokin as the second husband of Elisabeth, the widow Bishop, but I find it puzzling that neither she, nor a namesake child are mentioned in this will.*

**1720/21 Feb 21 aft**

**Somerset Co MD**

**HANNAH HENDERSON** (d/o Joseph and Elizabeth [possibly Tull? Turpin? Maddox?] Henderson, and grd/o John Sr and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) is born in Somerset Co MD sometime between 21 Feb 1720/21 when uncle **William Henderson** writes his will (at which time Joseph has no heirs) and 11 Jul 1723 when she is mentioned as a minor in her father's will. [\*Source Maryland Calendar of Wills Vol 5 p154\*](#)

**1721/22 Mar 5**

**Northampton Co VA**

**JOHN HENDERSON** Sr. of Northampton Co VA (orphaned son of Gilbert and Mary Henderson, raised by Edmond Joynes) makes his will naming sons Gilbert and Robert and daughters Anne Mary and Sarah, and grandson George (son of John). His property is left to sons Gilbert and Robert. [\*The Miles Files 15.0 and Virginia's Eastern Shore. Ralph T. Whitelaw pg 562\*](#)

*Robert would sell his portion of the Accomack property to his brother Gilbert and move to Nanticoke Hundred of Somerset County by 1727.*

**1721 Jun 21**

**Somerset Co MD**

An appraisal of the estate of **WILLIAM HENDERSON** is returned by Marcy Fontain and John Benson. Value of £47.0.7. Approved by William Turpin and Robert Martin. Estate administered by **JOSEPH HENDERSON**. [\*Source: Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 5-9 1720-1724, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. pg 11 \(Original document Liber 6 Folio 101\)\*](#)

*This is William, son of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson who made his will in February of 1721/22.*

**1721 Nov 16**

**Somerset Co MD**

"The tract *Landing Purchase* was patented on 8 Sep 1668 by **JAMES HENDERSON** for 130a in Pitts Creek Hundred. On 16 Nov 1721, **FRANCIS HENDERSON** and wife **Elizabeth Henderson** sold to Francis Lambden, that **James Henderson** gave to son **James** who d. Intestate and Francis heir at law. On 2 Feb 1736 Thomas Lambden and wife Sarah sold to Rev. Thomas Fletcher 57a. In 1753 Thomas Lambden gave to son John Lambden 57a purchased from **Francis Henderson**." *Source: Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Volume 9 p 143 (by Henry C. Peden Jr. and F. Edward Wright.)*

**1722 Sep 9**

**Somerset Co MD**

Dr. James Feillet called on **ELIZABETH HENDERSON**, daughter of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson, to "dress her throat and leave her to take 4 doses of [his] panace." He gave her *Phagedenicks* for her throat and "other sores." [View record](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1723-1725 Vol 839 Pg 169b*

*Elizabeth's father, John Senior, first sent his son Joseph to Doctor Feillet in August of 1722 to fetch medicines "to wash [Elizabeth's] throat and other sores." The doctor paid his first house call in September and continued sending remedies through the 9th of February 1723. He noted visits on the 15th of September, the 21st of October, the 31st of October, the 4th of December, the 18th of December, the 7th of February, and the 9th of February, always with remarks about treating "sores of the patient's throat." In March of 1723 Feillet sued Henderson for non-payment of the medical bills. Elizabeth was mentioned in her brother William's will in 1721 but was not mentioned in her father's 1743 will. The Doctor's remedies were apparently not particularly efficacious.*

**1722 Nov 21**

**Somerset Co MD**

**FRANCIS HENDERSON** signed a note of indebtedness to **John Williamson** for £28 currant money of Maryland which was to fall due 29 of Apr 1729. Williamson assigned the debt to **Wm. Booth**, who would sell the note on the 28 Apr 1730 to **Thomas Lambden**. Lambden would sue Francis Henderson in 1730 and refuse settlement. [View record](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1730-1733 Vol 842 Pg 121b*

*Not sure if the original debt was to John Williams III (Francis's cousin) or to a man named John Williamson. Francis and Lambden would be involved in another dispute over a 4yo servant boy, William Stevens. Henderson accused Lambden of unlawfully detaining and mistreating the boy, and Lambden appears to have been claims of his own against Francis (unrecorded). The court decided to give the boy to William Booth. In 1734 [John Dennis Jr sued William Booth](#) for a debt of 2,331.5 lbs of tobacco, and accused Booth of being "runaway & is about to remove his estate in order to defraud his Creditors."*

**1723**

[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)

[1723 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**Joseph Henderson**, Manokin Hundred, Household 71, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Neighbors include Fontaines/Fountains and Madduxes, surnames found in coastal NC.*)

**Jams. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 158, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 173, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Jno. Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 174 Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 175, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 181, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 42, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 10, Dependent (*in household of Alexander Stewart*)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 10, Dependent (*in household of Adam Spence Jr.; also in household are slaves George, Sambo, Hector, and Mall*)

[View full notes and analysis of the implications of this tax list data.](#)

**1723 Jan 17**

**Somerset Co MD**

An appraisal of the estate of **JOSEPH HENDERSON** is returned by Marcy Fontain and William Turpin. Value of £25.13.9. Approved by Alexander Wordie, **BENJAMIN HENDERSON**, **JOHN HENDERSON**, and Samuëll Dorman. Estate administered by **ELISABETH HENDERSON** (widow). *Source: Abstracts of the Inventories of the Prerogative Court Libers 5-9 1720-1724, by V. L. Skinner, Jr. pg 11 (Original document Liber 6 Folio 101)*

*Elisabeth Henderson (widow of Joseph) would marry Solomon Tull. Joseph and Elisabeth had one daughter, Hannah.*

**1723 Mar**

**Somerset Co MD**

**James Feillet vs John Henderson for a debt owed for “sundry medicines and unguents”**

**JOHN HENDERSON SR** late of Coventry parish in Somerset County, planter, was attached to answer until **James Feillet, Doctor of Physick**, a plea of trespass. Feillet alleged that on “10 Feb 1722” **Henderson** became indebted to him in the amount of £10.8.8 current money of Maryland for sundry medicines and unguents. He complained that he “did Reasonably deserve” the payment and that “the said **John** his severall promisses and assumptions afd in the form afd made Little regarding, but plotting and fraudulently intending the said Jurors in that part Craftilly and Subtilly to deceive and defraud the said severall sumes of Money to the said James as yett he hat not paid or to him for the same in any wise Contented.” Feillet produced a receipt for “Sending unto **John Henderson** by his **Son Joseph** at his request the following Medicines for ye Use of **Elizabeth his daughter** with advices & directions.” **Henderson** answered by his attorney, **Levin Gale**, and requested a continuance. When the case resumed **Henderson** stated that he had not “assumed upon himself” the doctor’s charges. A jury was sworn (including Elizabeth’s cousin, **Isaac Williams**) and they found for the defendant. It was decreed that Doctor Feillet “take Nothing by his writt afd and decln afd but be in mercy for his falce Clamour & that the said **John Henderson** goe thereof without day...and recover against the said James Feillet the sum of thirteen hundred pounds of tobacco here adjudged unto him for his Costs and Charges by him about his defence...” Witnesses for Feillet included Isaac and Sarah Wheeler. [Witnesses for Henderson](#) included **Catherine Dorman** and **ALICE HENDERSON**. [Read full transcript of case](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1723-1725 Vol 839 Pg 170*

*I’m not sure who Alice Henderson is. It could be a very elderly Alice (Stewkly?) Henderson, second wife of James Henderson Senior. Alternatively, and much more likely, it could be John’s daughter-in-law, the wife of his son James Henderson the younger of Pocomoke Hundred. (Some sources give James’s wife’s surname as “Kollock,” but I believe that to be in error. Alice Kollock of Sussex Co DE married a [John Henderson](#) in the town of Lewes on 24 Jan 1763. [See notes.](#))*

*This record calls John Henderson Senior “late of Coventry Parish in Somerset County” -- did John move? Did the parish boundaries move?*

**1723 Mar**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON SR** serves on jury in case of Horsey vs Gray. Nathaniel Horsey alleged that he had contracted to transport Elizabeth Gray (wife of Joseph, but single at the time of transport), along with several of her servants, from Bermuda to Somerset Co MD. Horsey complained that Mrs. Gray had failed to pay the agreed-upon price. A jury was impanelled and they found for Horsey, however, the court overturned the verdict and awarded the Grays damages. [Read full transcript of case](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1723-1725, Volume 839 Page 177b*

**1723 Jun**

**Somerset Co MD**

Memorandum that this day Came Before the Subscriber Ann Whely of Coventry Parish with her Security **FRANCIS HINDERSON** who did Acknowledge himself to be Indebted unto his Lordship the Proprietor of this Province ^or his successor in the sum of ten pounds Currant Money of this Province^ to be Levied upon his goods and Chattles Lands and tenements for the Use of his Lordship and his Successors &c. This recognizance such that if the above Ann Whely do appear at our County Court to be held at dividing Creek by his Lordships Justices the 18.th day of Instant being the third tuesday of and doth answer unto what shall be objected against her for Bearing a Bastard and bringing a Bastard Child in or about the month of aprill Last in the County and Parish afd and doth stand tryall and abide Judgm.t then this recognizance to be void ^and^ of none Effect Otherwise to Stand in full force and vertue in Law &c. [Read complete transcript](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1723-1725 Vol 839 Pg 46*

*There is no reason to think Francis was the father of the child of Ann Whely. As the case continued, Francis's bond was released and Daniell Cowdery gave security for her appearance in subsequent sessions of court so that she would not have to remain in the custody of sheriff Joseph McClester.*

**1723 Jul 11**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOSEPH HENDERSON** (son of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) makes his will on 11 July 1723 and references wife **ELIZABETH** and daughter **HANNAH** (under 16). Overseers were **John Henderson** and **William Turpin**. Witnesses were **JOHN HENDERSON SR.**, **JAMES HENDERSON** and **Barnaby Willis**. (Proved 20 November 1723). *Source Maryland Calendar of Wills Vol 5 p154*

*Barnaby Willis was Joseph's first cousin once removed. He was the grandson of Rebecca Barnaby and James Willis.*

*In 1755 Barnaby Willis, William Fountain and John Waters would witness the [will of William Turpin](#), who named the late William McClemmy as the father of his grandchildren. (One online source says that **William** McClemmy m Sarah Waters but [Miles Files](#) says Sarah Waters married **Whitty** McClemmy.) There were extensive familial connections between the Hendersons, Bishops and McClemmys both in Maryland and in North Carolina. In [November of 1728](#) an "Elizabeth Henderson, widow" would bind son William Henderson to William McClemmy to learn the trade of a shoemaker, but this is not the same Elizabeth Henderson widowed by Joseph here in 1723. Joseph Henderson's widow would be Mrs. Solomon Tull by 1726, and [later records](#) make it very clear that Hannah Henderson (m Nathaniel Roach) was the sole heir of Joseph Henderson, so Joseph had no son named William.*

*Hannah Henderson, daughter of Joseph, was born bet 21 Feb 1720/21 and 11 Jul 1723. When her dec'd uncle William Henderson (bro/o of Joseph) made his will in Feb 1720/21, Joseph did not yet have heirs, but in Joseph's will in 1723 she is mentioned as a minor. She would have been no more than a toddler at the time of her father's death. I had wondered if she might be the "friend Hannah Henderson of Philadelphia" mentioned in John Murray's 1736 will, but by Apr 1738 she was the wife of Nathaniel Roach, (probably of Annessex Hundred) so it seems unlikely.*

**1723 Aug 1**

**Somerset Co MD**

This is the date widely reported online and in print that **JOHN HENDERSON SR** wrote his will, however, I believe this to be a transcription error. Therefore, see 1743 Aug 1.

*I believe that John Henderson actually wrote his will in August of 1743, not 1723. There are several reasons I believe the 1723 date to be a transcription error. First, the will states that John Henderson was "of Worcester County" but Worcester was not created until 1742. Second, his will clearly refers to both his brother James and his son John in the past tense. Both men were alive, present and accounted for on the Somerset County tax lists during the 1720's (James probably died sometime after the tax rolls were recorded in 1727 because he no longer appears on the lists after that year).*

**1723 Aug 20**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON SR** serves on jury in case of Holland vs Spence, garnishee of Pladwell. John Williams also on jury, likewise Lazarus Maddux, et al. Judgement for plaintiff. [Read full transcript of case](#)  
*Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1723-1725, Volume 839 Page 102*

**1723 Nov 20 bef**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOSEPH HENDERSON** has died, leaving wife Elizabeth and infant daughter Hannah. Will probated 20 Nov 1723.

**1724**

[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)

[1724 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**Jno. Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 116 Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents George Brooks and two unnamed slaves)*

**Jno. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 118, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 119, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 120, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 176, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 177, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 178, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 45, Head of Household (Taxed) *(Also in household is dependent **James Henderson**, brother?)*

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 69, Dependent *(in household of Adam Spence; also in household are four unnamed slaves)*

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**1724 Aug 23 (Julian Calendar)**

**The Great Gust of 1724**

**Chesapeake Bay, Virginia**

Contextual history: "Almost all tobacco and much of the corn crops were destroyed by a violent tropical storm which struck the Chesapeake Bay. 'Violent floods of rain' and 'prodigious gusts of wind' were seen upon the James river. Some homes were wrecked and several vessels were driven ashore (Ludlum). One

ship was wrecked while on the James river. It may have been followed by a second tropical cyclone on the 28th, as rains continued in Virginia for days." *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1724 Aug**

**Somerset Co MD**

Thomas Dukes sues **JAMES HENDERSON** "of Coventry Parish in Somersett County, planter" for a debt of 800lbs of tobacco incurred on the first of May that year. "A certain" **FRANCIS HENDERSON** stood security for James's bail and the court judged in favor of the plaintiff for the 800lbs plus damages of 268lbs of tobacco. [Read full transcript](#) *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1723-1725, Archives of Maryland Online Volume 839, Page 228b](#)*

*I'm not certain at this point if this is James Henderson Junior (son the original James and his second wife Alice); or if it is James Henderson the younger, son of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson (b ca 1685 d bef 1776). Due to the designation "planter" and the location of Coventry Parish, it seems much less likely to be Mariner James Henderson (later of Onslow Co NC), who was living in the Mattapany Hundred household of Bishop Henderson in 1724. Since Francis Henderson is standing as security for James, my guess would be that it is his (Francis's) father, James Henderson Junior rather than his cousin, however, if John Henderson Senior's 1723 will is correctly dated, James Henderson Junior is referred to in the past tense in that document.*

**1724 Aug 12 and 17**

**Hurricane in MD/Chesapeake and VA followed by a second MD/VA/NC/SC**

Contextual History: "Known as the 'Great Gust of 1724.' Almost all tobacco and much of the corn crops were destroyed by this violent tropical storm, which struck Chesapeake Bay...Some homes were wrecked and several vessels were driven ashore." Within five days "Another violent storm system came through affecting Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania with violent winds, flooding and rain. This system and The Great Gust of 1724 systems are among the most significant tropical storms to affect the Mid-Atlantic during the colonial period of the late 1600s and 1700s." *Source: [Early American Hurricanes, David Ludlum pg 21](#)*

**1725**

**[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

**[1725 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 8, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 12, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 27, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 28, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household is one unnamed slave*)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 29, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 106, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents **Francis Newbold** and three unnamed slaves; living next door to James, John and Joseph Houston and John Brittingham*)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 157, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 66 Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 63 Dependent (*in household of "Sanders" Stewart*)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 147, Dependent (*in household of Adam Spence Sr.; also in household is Christopher Mallin*)



*Of interest is the fact that Francis Newbold is in the household of John Henderson. Presumably by 1725, Newbold had already married to John's daughter, Comfort, for close to a decade. Online researchers believe this Francis was a mariner and was the s/o Thomas and Jane (possibly Layfield?) Newbold of Nanticoke Hundred. They state that Francis and brother John each inherited half of Thomas's Somerset County MD property "Bastion." Quite possible. But they go on to assert that he is the same Francis Newbold who died in Sussex Co DE in 1777, leaving two living sons and a widow, Mary. Also quite possible, if Comfort died between 1743 (when she is mentioned in her father's will) and 1777 -- and Francis remarried "Mary." What is in question is which woman was the mother of which of Francis's children -- or whether researchers have melded two Francis Newbolds into one. This remains to be resolved and I would love to find a Newbold descendant willing to tackle the puzzle. [Email me!](#)*

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**1725**

**Northampton Co VA**

**ROBERT HENDERSON** and wife Elizabeth sell the 125a parcel of land inherited from John Henderson Sr. to brother Gilbert the Younger. That same year, **GILBERT HENDERSON** the Younger purchased land "Exmore-Willis Wharf" in Northampton County, VA. *The Miles Files 15.0 Land sale info per Ralph T. Whitelaw, Virginia's Eastern Shore (A History of Northampton and Accomack Counties), p. 562 (tract N128).*

*This is probably the same Robert Henderson who appears in Nanticoke Hundred of Somerset Co MD in 1727.*

**1725 March**

**Somerset Co MD**

LG William Marchment vs **FRANCIS HENDERSON** Caps D 4...3...4 Cepi Corpus, agreed. [Source: From Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 840 p129](#)

*The man who will become Captain John Williams (in whose household mariner James Henderson will be found from 1746-1750) is on the 1725 Somerset County MD tax list as a dependent living in the home of Samuel Marchment. A William Marchment is also a dependent in Samuel Marchment's home in 1725.*

**1726 Mar**

**Somerset Co MD**

Joseph McClester sues Solomon Tull (planter, late of Somerset Co) for a tobacco debt; the debt was partially repaid, but not fully. McClester's attorney's ([Levin Gale](#)) accounting of the debt mentions "to Comeserys Generall, fees for **ELIZA[BETH] HENDERSON**," value of 480lbs of tobacco; Lazarus Maddox (late of Somerset Co) gave security for Tull. [Read full record.](#) [Source: From Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 840 p241](#)

*This is likely to be Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Henderson (s/o John Sr), who by July of 1726 appears to have married Solomon Tull. Part of the document mentions "to [Tull's] wife's account when Widdow." Joseph's will was proved in November of 1723 and in 1726 Solomon and Elizabeth Tull would give account of Joseph's estate, of whom Elizabeth was Executrix.*

*Solomon Tull (b ca 1696), second husband of Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ Henderson, was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Turpin Tull. Elizabeth Turpin Tull's sister Mary Turpin married Thomas Beauchamp of Annessex, son of Edmund Beauchamp. The Beauchamps were neighbors to the [Williams family](#) of that Hundred. The marriage between Solomon Tull and widow Elizabeth Henderson brought young Hannah Henderson into the company of the Beauchamps, Kings, Horseys, Williamses and Roaches of Annessex. Hannah would later marry Nathaniel Roach.*

*When [Samuel Morris, shipwright](#), died in Somerset Co MD in 1721, Solomon Tull witnessed his will and Madam Betty (the former Elizabeth Denwood) Gale was the executrix. Morris left property to William Sr. and Sarah Turpin, and to William, son of Richard*

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*Waters (spelled "Wotters"). There appear to be extensive connections between the Turpins, Waters, Tulls and McClemmys but I haven't connected all of the dots yet.*

**1726 Jul 16**

**Somerset Co MD**

Solomon Tull & Elizabeth his wife, Executrix of **JOSEPH HENDERSON** to ye dec'd Estate, then accounted for, Signed p order George Plater, Regr. Dr £25:13:9 By disbursements allowed To be secured & disposed according to Law & the dec'ds will. *Source: From Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 840 p211*

**1727**

**Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

**1727 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 59, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 64, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Jon. Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 77, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents Daniel Young, Bess, Guy, Joey, George, and Comfort)*

**Jon. Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 78, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 79, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson "one ye,"** Pocomoke Hundred, Household 80, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Adam)*

**James Henderson "living,"** Pocomoke Hundred, Household 81, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 21, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 10, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 96, Dependent *(in household of "Alexd. Stward" along with Charles Henderson and Robert Ogiltsbie)*

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 96, Dependent *(in household of "Alexd. Stward" along with James Henderson and Robert Ogiltsbie)*

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**1727 Apr 3**

**Somerset Co MD**

Deed between **John and Mary Robinson** and **ROBERT HENDERSON, planter**. Whereas Peter Douty did bequeath to Thomas Collier by his last will and testament a parcel of land being part of 1 moiety of land and which land the said Peter Douty purchased from John B\_\_\_ being part of a tract of land called "Turn Stiles" and which purchase from Bowen (?) was recorded in the records dated the 3rd day of December 1723 and whereas the said Thomas Collier did convey the above land to John Robinson as appears in the records, now this indenture for the sum of 35 pounds current money, Robinson and wife sell to **Henderson** all that devise of land beginning at a marked white oak that stands 246 perches back from the first boulder of "Turn Stile" thence...to Douty's Branch and thence...to the head of the branch, and to have with all houses, fences, etc. Witnesses: John Caldwell, Christopher Nutter. Note: Robinson signed the deed in his own hand and Mary, his wife signed with her mark. Then came: Robinson and Mary his wife and she being privately examined -- acknowledged the above land to be the right of the said **Henderson**. *Source: Somerset County, Maryland Land Records Deeds Liber TH 0-16 [1726-1728] & Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber SH 0-17 [1728] Folios 1-125, pg28*

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*This is the grandson of Gilbert Henderson of Accomack County VA. The property fell into Nanticoke Hundred.*

**1727 Jun 11**

**England**

Contextual history: King George II dies and George III succeeds throne. *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995, Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC, Last updated June 28, 2001](#)*

**1727 Nov 23**

**Somerset Co MD**

**JOHN HENDERSON**'s property line is mentioned in a deed between Joseph and Eleanor Porter and James Noble: "...parcel of land called 'Dunlap's Choice' lying about 4 miles from and on the south side of the Pocomoke River beginning at a marked white oak standing near and on the north side of a road leading to John Henderson's...". *Source: Somerset County, Maryland Land Records Deeds Liber TH 0-16 [1726-1728] & Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber SH 0-17 [1728] Folios 1-125, pg 35*

**1728**

**[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

**[1728 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**Jon. Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 90, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents Daniel Young, Guy, Bess, George, Joan, and Eve)*

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 94, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson Jr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 100, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson** Pocomoke Hundred, Household 102, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson** Pocomoke Hundred, Household 114, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Comfort)*

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 141, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 52, Head of Household (Taxed)

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**1728 Mar 19**

**Somerset Co MD**

**FRANCIS HENDERSON** and Francis Marchment witness a bond of obligation between Jacob and Deborah Merrill and William Merrill, planter of Accomack County, VA. The bond is in regard to an exchange of land between the Merrills. *Source: Somerset County, Maryland Land Records Deeds Liber TH 0-16 [1726-1728] & Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber SH 0-17 [1728] Folios 1-125, pg 44*

**1728 Oct 5**

**Somerset Co MD**

**BUSHAP HENDERSON**, John Walker and Edward Chapman witness the will of **Peter Watson** of Somerset Co MD. Watson's heirs included Peter, James and Urias (the latter two appear to be under the age of 21). Watson also mentions daughters Elizabeth, Sarah and Frances, son Luke, and wife **Comfort**. *Source: [The Maryland Calendar of Wills: Wills from 1726 to 1732 page 188](#)*

*Miles Files says Peter Watson (II) was b ca 1670. Married 1) Jane 2) Comfort Clifton, b ca 1675 d/o Thomas and Hannah Clifton. Comfort may have been a sister or cousin of first wife, Jane.*

**1728 Nov**

**Somerset Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** Bound to **William MccClammey of Manokin**

**ELIZABETH HENDERSON** of Somersett County widow Came here into Court the Justices then Judicially Sitting and Binds her son **WILLIAM HENDERSON** unto **William MccClammey** untill he arrives to the age of twenty One years of age the Said William Henderson being the said William Henderson to serve his said Master his heirs or assigns the full term of time afd in all such Lawfull Service as he Should Employ him in or about. Inconsideration of which said Service the Said William MccClammey undertakes to Learn the said William Henderson during his Servitude the trade of a Shoemaker and at the Expiration of his Servitude ^to give him^ a new suit of Cloaths and Likewise find and provide for his Said Servant meat drink washing Loging and Cloathing during the time of his Servitude mete for Suff such a servant to have and wear &^c [Record](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records, 1727-1730 Vol 841 Pg 134](#)

*There only seem to be two semi-viable candidates for the deceased husband of the widow Elizabeth Henderson and father of her son William. There are problems with each. The first candidate would be William (s/o John Sr) Henderson, planter of Manokin, who made his will in 1720 and named only siblings. He mentioned no wife or child, but he did twice refer to a "father-in-law." Perhaps William's wife was with child, unbeknownst to both, at the time of his death.*

*The second candidate is William Jr (s/o William Sr) Henderson who died sometime between 1709-1712. The problem with this second scenario is that by 1728, any child of this couple would have to be at least sixteen years of age. While it was not unheard of for an orphan to be bound out in his or her late teens, if the "orphaned" William (who apparently still had a living mother?) was sixteen or older in 1728, he should have appeared in McClemmy's household on the 1729 tax list. William Henderson does not appear on the list of taxables in William McClemmy's home until 1733. If he had turned 16 that year (the age at which a male became taxable) he would have been born around 1717. This doesn't work for either of the dead Williams. William Jr (s/o William Sr) was dead far too early to father a child in 1717, and William (s/o John Sr) would surely have mentioned a three-year-old son and heir, had he one.*

*In 1734 William Henderson is shown as a taxable dependent in the household of William McClemmy, but this time along with Woney McClemmy. (Woney McClemmy [s/o Thomas] would move to coastal NC 1737, at about the same time a William Henderson appears in Craven Co NC applying for land patents.) In 1735 William Henderson is no longer in the McClemmy household in Somerset, indicating that 1734 was likely the year he turned 21 and left the service of William McClemmy. If so, that would place his birth in 1712-1713, making it possible -- barely -- that he was the child of William Jr (s/o Wm Sr) Henderson of Pocomoke.*

*Another thing to note is the fact that Elisabeth Bishop, widow and executrix of Henry Bishop (d bef Nov 1709, s/o John Bishop) married one of the two William Hendersons. William Henderson was granted administration of the estate of Henry Bishop on 22 Nov 1709 (John Pitts and Robert Blades sureties).*

**1729**

**Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

**1729 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**[J]ohn Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 89, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents Daniel Young, Gill, George, Bess, Jean, and Eve)*

**John Handerson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 91, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Handerson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 92, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Adam)*

**Charles Handerson** Pocomoke Hundred, Household 93, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Comfort)*

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**Fran. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 94, Head of Household (Taxed)  
**Illegible Handers[on]**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 101, Dependent, 1/2 share *(in household of Thomas Baker along with an illegible dependent and two unnamed slaves)*  
**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 18, Head of Household (Taxed)  
**Bushep Handerson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 65, Head of Household (Taxed)

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## **Records from 1730-1739**

**1730**

### **Sussex Co DE**

Contextual history: There were few settlements made in the Broad Creek Hundred of Sussex County, Delaware, prior to 1730, and those mainly on the streams in the southwestern section. The early settlers came from Maryland and Virginia. *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001 \(per Scharf, J. T.: History of Delaware, 1609-1888.\)](#)*

**1730**

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**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 165, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents Guy, George, Joan and Bess)*  
**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 167, Head of Household (Taxed)  
**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 168, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Adam)*  
**Jno. Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 172, Head of Household (Taxed)  
**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 187, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Paul Young)*  
**Robt. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 27, Head of Household (Taxed)  
**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 13, Head of Household (Taxed)  
**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 23, Dependent *(in household of Henry Turner)*

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**1730 Mar**

### **Somerset Co MD**

JS **CHARLES HENDERSON** vs Charles Collings, tres & assault, Cepi agreed. [Record](#) *Source: From [Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 77b](#)*

**1730 Apr 10**

**Kent Co DE**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON**, Edward Hart and Thomas Tarrant witness deed between Benjamin Shurmer and Richard **Richardson** of Kent Co, gent, adj the Court House in the Town of Dover. *Kent County, Delaware Land Records, Volume 3 1723-1734, by Mary Marshall Brewer, page 139*

*Do not presently know if this William Henderson is connected with the Hendersons of the Eastern Shore. A Robert Richardson of the Mattapony Hundred was among the men whose lands in Accomack were deemed in 1668 to fall into Somerset County MD. Major Charles Henderson (whose descendants carry a matching Y-DNA signature to Eastern Shore Hendersons) is found in Kent Co DE in 1765.*

**1730 Nov**

**Somerset Co MD**

**Francis Henderson petition against Thomas Lambden**

Somerset County To the worshipfull the Justices of the County aforesaid now Sitting the Humble petition of **FRANCIS HENDERSON Weaver** Humbly Sheweth that **William Stevens** a bastard son of **Margaret Burke** being bound by Indenture to your petitioner to Learn his art and trade of a weaver. One **Thomas Lambden** now detaines the Said **William Stevens** and very ill uses him Your petitioner therefore prays your worships to order the Said **Thomas Lambden** to deliver up the Said **William Stevens** to his Said Master and your petitioner as in duty bound Shall ever pray..." [View record](#) *Source: From Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 28b*

*This early display of animosity between Francis Henderson and Thomas Lambden would escalate into a nasty lawsuit in 1731 when Lambden bought a 1722 note of debt signed by Francis, then demanded payment and refused Francis's offered settlement.*

*Interestingly, neither Francis Henderson nor Lambden was awarded the child in the case above. The four-year-old boy was bound instead to **William Booth** to learn the trade of a Cooper. In 1734 [John Dennis Jr sued William Booth](#) for a debt of 2,331.5 lbs of tobacco, and accused Booth of being a "runaway & [who was] about to remove his estate in order to defraud his Creditors."*

*In a related case from November of 1733, Mary Burke, wife of John Burke, former servant to Thomas Lambden, complained to the court that she "hath a child named Mary bound by [her husband] to a Certain Thomas Lambden that the said Child is very ill used by [his] said master and your petitioner's husband being now out of the Country is incapable to apply to your worships on behalf of his said Child. Your petitioner therefore prays that your worships will take her said Child's Care into your consideration and give her such relief as your worships shall think proper..." In response to which complaint the court, asserting that the "Child has been very much abused" summoned **Sarah Lambden**, wife of the afd Thomas Lambden and heard the allegations and answers and declared that the act of John Burke in binding the child to Lambden was void, and that the child should be freed. [View full text of case.](#)*

*Note re Booth Surname 10/19/15: **Booth** is one of the names that appears in connection with a **William Henderson** found in Kent County DE in 1730-1731. In April of 1731 a William Henderson and a Mary Booth witness a POA between Richard Richardson and Mark Manlove (the Manloves were married into the McClemmy family). [See timeline for Delaware Hendersons.](#)*

**1730 Nov**

**Somerset Co MD**

**Francis Henderson petition against Thomas Lambden**

Ordered by the Court that **FRANCIS HENDERSON** pay unto John Lamberson Sixty pounds of tobacco it being due unto him for his attendance two days as an Evidence on behalfe of the Said **FRANCIS HENDERSON** against **Thomas Lambden** he having made Oath to the Same &c" [View record](#) *Source: From Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 44b*

**1731**

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### 1731 Somerset County MD Tax List

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 76, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 79, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Jno. Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 108, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 188, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household is dependent Adam*)

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 189, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents Guy, George, Bess, Eve and Jone*)

**Cha. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 197, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household is dependent Joshua Johnson*)

**Robt. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 31, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 93, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 72, Head of Household (Taxed)

[View full notes and analysis of the implications of this tax list data.](#)

### 1731

#### Somerset Co MD

Contextual History: Beginning in 1731 shipwrights from Somerset (and later Worcester) Counties “launched more schooners than any other part of Maryland.” Many were small, but a few were large enough to have traded outside of the Chesapeake Bay. Shipping records from Maryland indicate “active trade before 1700 in grain, meat and wood products.” According to the book *Tidewater Triumph: The Development and Worldwide Success of the Chesapeake Bay Pilot Schooner*, by Geoffrey M. Footner, “Colonel Levin Gale owned the largest merchant fleet in Somerset County in 1734. His vessels included several brigs and at least two of the earliest schooners, *Sarah* and *Bladen*. The Gale family of Somerset traded in partnership with the Gales of Whitehaven, England, a powerful merchant group.” *Source: Tidewater Triumph: The Development and Worldwide Success of the Chesapeake Bay Pilot Schooner*, by Geoffrey M. Footner, page 37

*In the 1740 Somerset County Tax list, we will find Mariner James Henderson (returned from Onslow County NC) living in the Wicomico Hundred household of Levin Gale. The tax lists for 1741 & 1742 are missing but James is still nearby in 1743. Robin Henderson and I believe James may have been contracted to Gale's shipping operations.*

### 1731 Apr 7

#### Kent Co DE

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** and Mary Booth witness POA between Richard **Richardson** and Mark **Manlove** & Timothy Hanson, esqr. Proved 12 May 1731. *Kent County, Delaware Land Records, Volume 3 1723-1734, by Mary Marshall Brewer, page 140*

*Do not presently know if this William Henderson is connected with the Hendersons of the Eastern Shore. Note that the name Booth is also connected with a 1731 Somerset County MD record which mentions a William Booth as a witness to a deed between Francis Henderson and Thomas Lambden. This is the same Booth who was [awarded custody of 4yo servant boy William Stevens](#) (over whom Henderson and Lambden were in a dispute). Also notice that the [Manloves](#) married into the McClemmy family (the branch we find in Onslow Co NC in the mid-1700's who had extensive family ties to the Somerset Co MD Hendersons).*

*There was a Robert Richardson listed among the neighbors of James Henderson who was affected by the boundary definition between MD and VA. [View document.](#)*

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1731 May 12

Kent Co DE

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** one of the evidences to the [above, POA] deed on solemn affirmation did declare that he saw Richard **Richardson** sign, seal & deliver the [above] instrument & power of atty...and also that he saw Edward Hart, Mary Booth & Thomas Tarrant sign with him. Attest: Benjamin Shumer. (K:pg75) *Kent County, Delaware Land Records, Volume 3 1723-1734, by Mary Marshall Brewer, page 140*

*Do not presently know if this William Henderson is connected with the Hendersons of the Eastern Shore.*

1731 Aug 7

Somerset Co MD

### Thomas Lambden vs Francis Henderson for non-payment of debt

Thomas Lambden purchased a 1722 instrument of debt for £28 guaranteed by **FRANCIS HENDERSON** (originally indebted to **John Williams**[son], who then transferred the debt in 1729 to **William Booth**, who then assigned it to Lambden in 1730). **Henderson** is accused of having “Unjustly detain[ed]” payment, to the damage of Lambden. Henderson was represented by attorney **Levin Gale**, who, at Henderson’s request, had the case continued four times (November 1730, March 1730, June 1731, August 1731). In August 1731 **Francis Henderson** offered to settle the debt by signing over to **John Williams** two parcels of land: **Barren Lott** and **Henderson’s Second Choice**. Lambden refused the settlement and the court ruled in his favor, converting Henderson’s debt obligation to 846 pounds of tobacco. [View entire transcript including description of land parcels and boundaries](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 121b](#)

*There are several interesting contextual issues surrounding the players in this case, not the least of which, [Thomas Lambden himself was in jail for debt by 1755](#). The petition for his release required him to surrender his entire estate in exchange for his freedom, excepting the clothes on his family’s back, his bedding, and his tools up to a value of £5. As early as 1733 Lambden was living adjacent to the Hendersons in Pocomoke Hundred. There were several years when he was enumerated between Henderson households which leads us to wonder if there was a familial connection between Lambden and the Hendersons.*

*It is unclear whether the original debt was owed to John Williams or John Williamson. The text of the case spells the name both ways. If John Williams, then it could possibly be referring to Francis’s first cousin, John Williams III, son of John Jr and Jane Henderson Williams. Unfortunately there were a number of men named John Williams in Somerset County during the time in question, so it is hard to know for certain.*

*The second thing to notice about the case is that John Pitts (husband of Francis’s cousin Hannah Henderson Pitts) gave evidence for Lamden, who was ordered to pay Pitts 120 pounds of tobacco for his testimony ([see following record](#)).*

*The third thing to be aware of is that according to what I have been able to find online in Lambden family genealogies, Thomas Lambden was married to “**Sarah Henderson**.” The only Sarah Henderson I have been able to identify of roughly a marriageable age is a granddaughter of Gilbert Henderson, although I have no documentation to support the marriage. Another possibility is that Thomas Lamden may have married Sarah Bishop Henderson, widow of William Henderson Senior, although I think that improbable based on the age difference. A third possibility is that there is a previously unknown Sarah Henderson belonging to either James Henderson Junior and his wife Esther, or William Sr and Sarah Bishop Henderson (John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson did not have a daughter named Sarah). Another website says that Thomas Lambden married an **Elizabeth Henderson**. John and Elizabeth Barnaby did indeed have a daughter named Elizabeth, but she is not mentioned in her father’s 1743 will, so she may have died prior to that. It is possible that Thomas Lambden married this Elizabeth, or alternatively he might have married the unidentified “widow Elizabeth Henderson” who bound her son William to William McClemmy in 1728. Just to further complicate matters, we must bear in mind that there was also a Thomas Lambden Junior. In 1747 Thomas Lambden (probably Senior) would become owner of the 50-ton Sussex Co DE-built sloop Ogle, captained by Thomas Elmore.*

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*A word about the attorneys. Francis Allen was the attorney for the plaintiff in this case. He was the same attorney who represented Thomas Dukes in his (Duke's) 1724 suit against **James Henderson** (also for debt, for which Francis Henderson stood security on James's behalf). For his attorney in this case, Francis Henderson had **Levin Gale**. In the 1740 tax list (tax lists are missing for 1741 and 1742) Mariner James Henderson can be found in the Wicomico household of Levin Gale, ostensibly participating in some capacity in Gale's extensive shipping interests. In 1743 he is still in Wicomico living next to another Gale employee (who is living with two of Gale's slaves). Levin Gale died in 1744 and James Henderson would be later be found in the home of Captain John Williams, attached to Gale as aforementioned.*

*Quite an extensive web of connections involved in this single record.*

**1731 Aug**  
**Somerset Co MD**

Ordered by the Court that **FRANCIS HENDERSON** pay unto **Philip Quinton** three hundred pounds of Tobacco for his Attendance ten days as an Evidence for the Said **Francis Henderson** against **Thom.s Lambden** he having made oath to the Same &c [Record](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 124b](#)

**1731 Aug**  
**Somerset Co MD**

Ordered by the Court that **Thom.s Lambden** pay unto **John Pitts** one hundred & twenty pounds of Tobacco for his Attendance four days as an Evidence for the Said Thom.s Lambden against **FRANCIS HENDERSON** he having made Oath to the Same &c [Record](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 124b](#)

*John Pitts was the husband of Hannah Henderson (d/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson).*

**1731 Aug**  
**Somerset Co MD**

Ordered by the Court that **Thom.s Lambden** pay unto **John Blades** one hundred and twenty pounds of Tobacco for his attendance four Days as an Evidence for the said **Thom.s Lambden** against **FRANCIS HENDERSON** he having made oath to the Same &c [Read full record](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842 pg 124b](#)

**1731 Aug**  
**Somerset Co MD**  
**Thomas Lambden vs Francis Henderson**

**FRANCIS HENDERSON** late of Somerset County planter al.<sup>s</sup> dict.<sup>s</sup> **FRANCIS HENDERSON** of Somerset County in the province of Maryland planter was Sumoned to answer unto **Thoms Lambden** assignee of **William Booth** who was assignee of **John Williamson** according to the force form and effect of an act of assembly of this province now in force in that Case made and provided of a plea that he render unto him twenty Eight pounds Currant money of Maryland which to him he Owes and Unjustly detains &<sup>c</sup>

And whereupon the said **Thomas** by Francis Allen his Attorney saith that Whereas the said **FRANCIS HENDERSON** the twenty first day of Novemb.<sup>r</sup> Seventeen hundred and twenty two at Som<sup>r</sup>set County aforesd within the Jur of this Court by his Certain Writing obligatory which the said Thom.<sup>s</sup> with the Seal of the said **Francis Henderson** Signed here into Court brings the date Whereof is the Same day and Year did acknowledge himself to be bound unto the afd **John Williamson** in the aforesaid twenty Eight pounds

Currant money of Maryland aforesd to be paid unto the said **John** when he Should be thereto required Which said **John Williamson** on the twenty ninth Day of Aprill ann Dom seventeen hundred and twenty Nine ^at Somerset County^ within the Jur of this Court did assign unto the afd **W.<sup>m</sup> Booth** all his Title and Intrest to the said Obligation the Condition in the said obligation then remaining unperformed which said **William Booth** on the twenty Eighth day of April Seventeen hundred and thirty at Som'set County aforesd within the Jurisdiction aforesd did assigne unto the afd **Thom.<sup>s</sup>** all his right Title and Intrest of in and unto the said obligation the Condition of the Same Still Remaining unperformed of which Said Several assignm.<sup>ts</sup> the said **Francis Henderson** on the Fifteenth day of June ann Dom Seventeen hundred and thirty at Som'set County aforesd within the Jurisdiction aforesd by the hands of the Said **Thomas Lambden** had notice by reason whereof as also by force and Virtue of an act of assembly of this Province now in force in Such Case made and provided the said **Francis Henderson** became Lyable to pay unto the said **Thom.<sup>s</sup> Lambden** the aforesd twenty Eight pounds Money afd yett the said **Francis Henderson** tho' often required the said twenty ^Eight^ Pounds to the said **Thom.<sup>s</sup>** hath not rendred but the Same to him hitherto to render hath Denied and Still doth Deny and Unjustly Detain to the Damage of the said **Thomas** of tenn pound money afd and thereupon he brings Suite &<sup>c</sup>

*F Allen P Qr'e Pledgs dep 8 Jn° Doe  
Ro Roe*

And the aforesd **Francis Henderson** by Levin Gale his Attorney Comes and Defends the force and Injury When &<sup>c</sup> and prays Leave thereof to Imparle here untill the Next Court and he had it and the Same day is Given to the aforesaid **Thomas** Here also &<sup>c</sup>

Att Which said Next Court of Witt the **Seventh day of November Ann Dom one thousand Seven hundred and thirty one** Came again as well the aforesd **Tho.<sup>s</sup> Lambden** as the aforesd **Francis Henderson** by their attorneys ^afd^ and whereupon the said **Francis Henderson** prayed further Leave thereof to Imparle here untill the Court and he had it and the Same day is Given to the aforesd **Thomas** here also &<sup>c</sup>

Att Which said Next Court to witt the **Sixteenth day of March Ann Dom one thousand Seven hundred and thirty** Came again as well the aforesd **Thomas** as the aforesd **Francis** by their attorneys ^afd^ and Whereupon the said **Francis** prayed further Leave thereof to Imparle here untill the Court and he had it and the Same day is Given to the aforesd Plef.<sup>t</sup> here also &<sup>c</sup>

Att Which said next Court to witt the **Fifteenth day of June Ann Dom one thousand Seven hundred and thirty one** Came again as well the aforesd **Thomas** as the aforesd **Francis** by their attorneys aforesd and Whereupon the said **Francis** prayed Further Leave thereof to Imparle here untill the Next Court and he had it and the Same day is Given to the **Thoms** her also &<sup>c</sup>

Att Which said Next Court to witt the **Seventh day of August ann Dom one thousand Seven hundred and thirty one** Came again as well the aforesd **Tho.<sup>s</sup>** as the aforesd **Francis** by their attorney aforesd and Whereupon the said **FRANCIS** as before Defends the force and Injury when &<sup>c</sup> and prayed hearing of the writing obligatory aforesd and it is read to him he Like wise prays hearing of the Conditiontion of the said Writting obligatory and it is Read to him and those Words The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden **Francis Henderson** his heirs or Lawfull attorney them or Either of Them shall and doth upon Demand without Delay alienate make over and Confirm unto **John Williams** above Named and to his heirs and assignes forever a Certain percell of Land to be Laid out of Two tracts

the one Called **Barren Lott** Containing 110 Acres the other Tract Called **Landing Purchased** Containing 130 Acres that if he the said **Francis Henderson** his heirs &<sup>c</sup> shall and doth as aforesd make over and Confirm a good Sure Indefeas Indefeasable Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple in of and to the said Percell (of) of Land to him the said **John Williams** his heirs and assigns Forever the said Percell of Land to begin at a new Marked Red oak near **John Puttes** Line from thence runing west the breadth of that Tract Called **Barren Lott** and thence Westerly to the Extent of the tract Called **Hendersons Second Choice** Includeing all that Land that Lyeth between the said Cross Line and the river in both tracts To have and to hold the Same unto him the said **John Williams** his heirs and assigns forever so that if he the said **Francis Henderson** doth fully faithfully and fairly perform whatt is above Written According to the true Intent and Meaning hereof and Ever warrant and Defend the said parcell of Land from all manner of person or persons whatsoever then this present obligation to be Void of none Effect otherways to Stand and remain in full force power and Virtue in Law Which being read and heard the said **Francis Henderson** Says that the aforesd **Thomas Lambden** his Action aforesd thereof against him to have and Maintain ought not because he Says that he the said **Francis** hath Well Truly Kept fulfilled and performed all and Singular the Covenants Grants Articles and Agreements in the Condition aforesd Specified on the Part and behalfe of him the said **Francis** to be observed performed fulfilled and Keep and this he is ready to Verify Wherefore he prays Judgment if the aforesd **Thom.<sup>s</sup> Lambden** his Action afd against him to have and Maintain ought &<sup>c</sup>

And the said **Thomas** Saith that he by any thing prealleged by the said **Francis** in his plea aforesd from having his Accon aforesd against him the said **Francis** to be barred ought not Because Protesting that the aforesd **Francis** hath not Kept fulfilled and performed any the Covenan<sup>n</sup>ts Grants artiolls and agreements in the Condition of the said obligation Specified on the part and behalf of him the said **Francis** to be observed fulfilled pformed and kept as the said **Francis** above in his plea hath alledged for plea the said **Thom.<sup>s</sup>** saith that after the making of the writing obligatory afd and before the day of the Impetration of the Originall Writt of him the said **Thomas** against him the said **Francis** Viz.<sup>t</sup> on the Seventeenth day of June Ann Dom Seventeen hundred and thirty at Som<sup>r</sup>set County within the Jurisdiction of this Court he the said **Francis** did refuse upon Demand to him made then and there by the said **Thomas** to Lay out and make over and Confirm to him the said **Thom.<sup>s</sup>** a good Sure and Indefeazable Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple in of and to the parcell of Land in the Condition of the said obligation mentioned which to him the said **Thomas** by Virtue of the said obligation and assignment thereon Endorsed to the said **Thomas** he ought to have done according to the Condition of the said obligation and this he is ready to Verifie Where<sup>^</sup>fore<sup>^</sup> of he prays Judgment and his Debt aforesd together with his Damages by occation of the [illegible] of the said Debt to him to be adjudged &<sup>c</sup>

Whereupon the aforesaid **Francis Henderson** relinquisheth his verification aforesaid by him above alledged and Says that he Cannot Gainsay the action afd of the aforesaid **Thomas** nor Can he Say but that the writing obligatory aforesaid is the deed of him the Same **Francis** nor but he Owes the Same **Thomas** the aforesaid Twenty Eight pounds in manner and form as the aforesaid **Thomas** above against him hath declared Therefore it is Considered that the aforesaid **Thomas Lambden** Recover against the aforesaid **Francis Henderson** his debt aforesaid and his damages by occasion of the detaining of the Same debt to Eight hundred and forty Six pounds of tobacco to the Same **Thomas Lambden** of his assent by the the Court here adjudged and the aforesaid **Francis** in Mercy &<sup>c</sup> [Read full record](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1725-1727 Vol 842](#)

## 1731 November Court

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## Somerset Co MD

**CHARLES HENDERSON** appears according to his recognizance for his Good behaviour and he and his Securitys were accordingly discharged &° *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1730-1733 Vol 842 pg 129](#)*

1731 Nov 16

## Somerset Co MD

Deed. Whereas the Lord Proprietor did by his deed of grant dated the 2nd of November 1668 grant to **JAMES HENDERSON** a parcel of land called "Landing Purchase" cont. and laid out for 130 acres, now this indenture further witnesseth that whereas the Lord Proprietor did by his deed of grant give and grant to the above **James Henderson** another tract or parcel of land called "Baron Lott" cont. and laid out for 110 acres as by the deed of grant dated the 23rd of September 1694, now this indenture further witnesseth that the said **James Henderson** by his last will and testament did give and bequeath to **JAMES HENDERSON his son**, the above mentioned tract of land and by **his son dying intestate** the above **FRANCIS [HENDERSON]** as heir at law to his father **James Henderson** became the **sole heir** and possessor of the said tracts of land, now this indenture further witnesseth that the said **Francis** for the sum of 27 pounds current money of Maryland sells to **Lambden** a parcel of land taken out of both of the above tracts of land beginning at the west side of the Cabbin Branch at the river and thence to a white oak near the said **Francis's** now cornfield and thence to a marked red oak binding on **John Pitt's** line, thence to a marked white oak on the river side thence to the 1st boulder cont and laid out for 57 acres. Witnesses: William Booth, Thomas Layfield. Note: **Francis Henderson** signed the deed in his own hand and **Elizabeth his wife** signed her marke. Then came: **Francis Henderson** and **Elizabeth his wife**, and -- she being privately examined -- acknowledged the above to the the right of the said Lambden.

*Somerset County Land Records 1729-1731 Liber SH 0-17 (Folios 126-3630 & Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber AZ 0-18 (Folios 1-70) 1731-1732, Abstracted by Leslie & Neil Keddle, 64*

*John Pitts was the husband of Hannah Henderson (d/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson). Francis is called "heir at law" and "sole heir" but that does not necessarily mean he was an only child. Law of primogeniture would have awarded him the estate by default since his father died intestate. Note that the name Booth is also connected with a 1731 Kent County DE record which mentions a [William Henderson in documents with a Mary Booth](#).*

1732

## Somerset Co MD

Contextual history: The town of Salisbury, Maryland, was established at the head of the Wicomico River. *Source: [Tritt Family History: 1066 to 1995. Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001 \(per Torrence, C. \(1973\): Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland: A study in foundations and founders.\)](#)*

1732 June Court

## Somerset Co MD

**John Henderson appears for his mulatto man's good behavior**

**JOHN HENDERSON** appears according to his recognizance (for his Molatto man Called Saml Wrights Good behaviour and appearance at this Court) and was accordingly discharged therefrom &c. *Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1730-1733 Vol 842 pg 191](#)*

1732 June 20



## Somerset Co MD

### Charles Henderson has to hand over William Shockley's property to satisfy a debt to Adam Spence

The court determines that the "Wm. Shockly [Junr], Late of this County Planter is Actually run away and has or is about to remane his Effects out of the Said County to Deceive his Credittors." The court issued an attachment on behalf of Adam Spence Sr. (18 Apr 1732) for 15 shillings and 11 pence, and 250 pounds of tobacco. On the 15th of June, 1732, Sherrif Joshua Caldwell certified that **CHARLES HENDERSON** and James Steel had property belonging to Shockly..."Whereupon the aforesaid **Charles Henderson** and James Steel in their Own proper persons and Garnishes of the aforesaid William Shockley Came here into Court and the Said **Charles Henderson** says that he Cannot Gainsay but that he has of the Gods and Chattells of the afd William Shockley in his hands to witt One Iron Pott, one old pale and winding Blades and reel which things are valued by ye Court here to thirteen Shillings and Six pence also the same James Steel says that he Cannot deny but that he hath of the Goods and Chattells of the Same William Shockley in his hands (to witt) one Old Spining wheel two Shaves of Flax four old trenchors & one old weeding hoe all which things so as afd Confessed by the said James Steel are by the Court here valued to fourteen shillings nor Can they say but that the afd Goods and Chattells (of the Value of) ought in their hands to be Condemned which ye same plft doth not Gainsay &c whereupon the aforesaid Adam Spence prays that the aforesaid Goods and Chattells so as aforesaid Confessed by the aforesaid **Charles Henderson** and James Steel as of the proper Goods of the afd William Shockley may be Condemned in the hands of the Same **Charles Henderson** and James Steel which to him ^is^ Granted he Giveing Security according to act of assembly in Such Case provided &c..." (At this point, Adam Spence Jr. guarantees on behalf of Adam Spence Sr. that if Shockley shows back up within one year and pays his debt, they'll return the property of his that they attached.) "Therefore it is Considered by the Justices here that the afd Iron Pott, old Pale and winding Blades and reel so as afd Confessed by the afd **Charles Henderson** (and valued by the Court to thirteen shillings & six pence) be Condemned in the hands of ye Said **Charles Henderson** as of the Goods and Chattells of the aforesaid William Shockley to^wards^ Satisfying unto the Said Adam Spence Sen.r fifteen shillings and Eleven pence Curr money as also the Costs accrewing upon the writt of attachment aforesaid and that the aforesaid Adam Spence Senr have thereof his Execution according to act of assembly &c." (Steel's items were also confiscated by the courts towards Spence's debt.) [View record](#) Source: [Somerset County Judicial Records 1730-1733 Vol 842 pg 199](#)

1732 Dec 28

## Somerset Co MD

Mentioned in a deed between **Thomas Lambden** and John and Rose Robinson: "Whereas **ROBERT PITTS** and Mary his wife both of Bath County, North Carolina did by an indenture dated the 24th of Novemer 1730 convey and make over to the said Williamson [Robinson?] 100 acres of land bing part of 200 acres of land formerly laid out for **John Pitts**...beginning at Davis's Branch and bounded on the eastern part by the river..." etc. *Somerset County Land Records 1729-1731 Liber SH 0-17 (Folios 126-3630 & Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber AZ 0-18 (Folios 1-70) 1731-1732, Abstracted by Leslie & Neil Keddie, 87*

*I thought this record significant enough to include in the timeline due to the mention of Robert and Mary Pitts having removed to Bath County NC by 1732. We know that mariner James Henderson was already in the Onslow County NC area by 1732, so this reinforces our theory that a number of Somerset County Henderson relatives removed to the coast of NC around that time. John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson's daughter Hannah was the wife of John Pitts.*

**1732 Dec 28**

**Somerset Co MD**

Mentioned in a deed between Jeremiah Morris of Kent Co DE and his wife Elinor, and Francis Allen: "...that tract or parcel of land lying on the Pocomoke River on the northernmost side of the river in Dividing Creek and on the easternmost side of the creek beginning at a marked cypress standing by the creek side dividing it from the land of **JAMES HENDERSON** called "America" and thence up the creek..."

*Somerset County Land Records 1729-1731 Liber SH 0-17 (Folios 126-3630 & Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber AZ 0-18 (Folios 1-70) 1731-1732, Abstracted by Leslie & Neil Keddie, 88*

*This record is of interest because we believed that James Henderson Sr. "flipped" the America parcel shortly after buying it. It's interesting that he is still named in association with the tract as late as 1732.*

**1733**

**[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

**[1733 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**William Henderson**, Manokin Hundred, Household 69, Dependent (*in household of William McClemmy along with Charles Hammond and slaves [?] Nero and Frank*)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 22, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Daniel Young is living next door*)

**[John] Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 26, Head of Household (Taxed)

**[James] Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 27, Head of Household (Taxed) (*John Henderson is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam"*)

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 30, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents George, Gie, Jone, Eve and Bess*)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 38, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 39, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robt. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 225, Head of Household (Taxed) (*living next to Archibald Richey*)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 42, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household is dependent Andrew Tomson/Thompson*)

[View full notes and analysis of the implications of this tax list data.](#)

**1733 Mar**

**Somerset Co MD**

Johannes Lamberson, late of Somerset County, planter, ordered to present at next court to answer a plea of trespass against **FRANCIS HENDERSON**. Henderson was represented by attorney **Francis Allen** and Lamberson by **George Douglas**. Case continued to next court, at which time Henderson "did not declare against the afd Johannes nor prosecutes his writt in the plea afd &a. Therefore he and his pledges of prosecuting be in mercy and the plft name pledges &a and that the afd Johannes Go thereof without day Also it is Considered that the afd Johannes Lamberson recover against the said Francis Henderson 164 pounds of tobacco to ye same Johannes by discretion of the Justices here at his request for his Costs and Charges in that part Sustained according to the form of the Statute lately made & provided adjudged &a." *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1733-1735, Vol 846 Page 142*

1733 Apr 11

Northampton Co VA

**GILBERT HENDERSON** the Younger (son of John Henderson and grandson of Gilbert Henderson) makes his will in Northampton Co VA leaving bequests to sons John, Jacob and Gilburd and daughters Ann Mary and Susannah. Wife Mary and son John executors. Witnessed by William Bell, Berry Floyd, and Thomas Joynes. Will proved 14 May 1734. Will [Page 1](#) | [Page 2](#) *The Miles Files 15.0*

1733 June Cout

Somerset Co MD

**Orphan Gideon Jones is bound to Francis Henderson**

"Giddion Jones, an Orphan, is bound by the Court here an apprentice unto **FRANCIS HENDERSON** until he arrives at the age of twenty One Years the said Giddion Jones being two years Old Last Christmas ...thereupon the said **FRANCIS HENDERSON** with **BENJAMIN HENDERSON** of Somerset County planter his Security...acknowledged themselves to be Indebted until the said Giddion Jones in the Sum of twenty-five pounds Sterling..." [Read full record](#) *Somerset County Judicial Records, 1730-1733, Vol 842, Pg 295b*

**Full text of Record:** Giddion Jones an Orphan is bound by the Court here an apprentice unto **Francis Henderson** untill he arrives at the age of twenty One Years the said Giddion Jones being two years Old Last Christmas the said Giddion Jones to serve his said Master **Francis Henderson** the full term aforesaid during which term the said Giddion Jones his said Master well and faithfully shall serve his Secrets keep his Commandments Lawfully and honestly every where willingly shall do and in all things as a good and faithfull servant shall demean himselfe towards his said Master and all his during the term afd &c

In consideration of which Service the said **Francis Henderson** present here in court in his proper person covenanteth with the Justices of the Same Court in Court Judicially sitting on behalfe of the said Giddion Jones that he the said **Francis Henderson** during the term afd will Learn his said apprentice ^the^ trade of a weaver and to read well in the bible and at the Expiration of his servitude give his said apprentice a new suit of Cloaths over and above his Common wearing Cloaths and Likewise provide for his said apprentice meat drink washing Lodging and Cloathing and all Other Necessary Sufficient for Such an apprentice to have and wear during the term aforesaid &c

Whereupon it is Ordered by the Court here that the aforesaid **Francis Henderson** give Recognizance with One Security for to Comply with the Covenants aforesaid &c

Thereupon the said **Francis Henderson** with **Benjamin Henderson** of Somerset County planter his Security both present herein Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves to be Indebted unto unto the said Giddion Jones in the Sum of twenty ^five^ pounds Sterling Each good and Lawfull money of England of their Severall goods and Chattells Lands and tenements to be made and Levied to be made and Levied to the use of the said Giddion Jones his heirs and assigns if it Happen that the afd **Francis Henderson** do not during the term of Servitude afd Learn his said apprentice the trade of a weaver and to read well in the bible and at the Expiration of his servitude do not give him a new Suit of Cloaths over and above his Common wearing Cloaths and do not Likewise provide for his said apprentice meat drink washing Lodging and Cloathing and all Other Necessarys Sufficient for Such an apprentice to have and weare during the term aforesaid &c

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*Francis (s/o James Jr and Esther Henderson) had a cousin of similar age, Benjamin (s/o John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson). I assume that these two men are cousins. Francis had no known brothers.*

**1733 Jun 21**

**Somerset Co MD**

Mentioned in a deed between James Noble and Nathaniel Mills: "[land]...on the north side of the road leading to **JOHN HENDERSON's** ferry..." *Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber AZ 0-18 1733-1735, by Leslie & Neil Keddie, p11*

**1733 Aug 15**

**Somerset Co MD**

Mentioned in a deed between David Gogging and John Melton: "[land]...on the northwest side of the road leading to **JOHN HENDERSON's** ferry..." *Somerset County Maryland Land Records Liber AZ 0-18 1733-1735, by Leslie & Neil Keddie, p26*

**1733 Nov**

**Somerset Co MD**

**FRANCIS HENDERSON** called to serve on a jury in the case of Johnson Hill (late of Somerset, planter) vs Philip Selby. Hill was suing Selby for "breaking and entering" and cutting down and consuming some "lately growing" trees on his property. Johnson was represented by Francis Allen, Selby by William Beckingham. Although the case was continued several times, a jury was impaneled in November 1733 to wit: William Handy, John Dennis Sen.r Joshua Atkinson Robert Mitchell, John Webb, **Lazarus Maddox John Brittingham**, John Lane, **FRANCIS HENDERSON**, Francis Porter, Abraham Smith and Giddion Tilman. Selby was found guilty and charged damages. [Read full transcript](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1733-1735, Vol 846 Pg 92b*

**1734**

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[1734 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**William Henderson**, Manokin Hundred, Household 3, Dependent (*in household of William McClemmy along with Woney McClemmy, William Abbott, and slaves [?] Nearo and Frank*)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 47, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 48, Head of Household (Taxed) (*John Henderson is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam"*)

**Chars. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 49, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 50, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents George, Guy, Bess, Eave and Jane; living next door to Joshua Johnson*)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 54, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 55, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robt. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 23, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 49, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 198, Head of Household (Taxed)

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**1734 Nov**

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## Somerset Co MD

**COMFORT HENDERSON** and Tabitha Nineborough appeared according to Recognizance to give Evidence against Ann Eddes and were accordingly discharged therefrom &a.

*Source: Somerset County Judicial Records, 1733-1735, Vol 846 Preface 9*

*This is an interesting record. Although there were several Comfort Hendersons in Gilbert's line in Accomack County VA, the only one I have found for James's line in Somerset Co MD is Comfort d/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson, who by 1733 had been Mrs. Francis Newbold for over a decade. This record simply seems too early to be any of the other Somerset Co MD Comfort Hendersons. Puzzling, and not helpful that there are no details about the record online.*

*As to the case of Ann Eddes, in March 1734 Eddes appeared to give security for good behavior. In June 1734 Ann and her husband Laurence petitioned against Thomas Fletcher for unlawfully detaining her "for the space of five months beyond what she by Law was obliged to serve him." In November of 1734 Eddes came into court again to give security for good behavior, especially in regards to Sarah Fletcher, wife of Mr. Thomas Fletcher. I didn't find a resolution to the suite in this volume of the records.*

1734 Nov

## Somerset Co MD

In the case of James Dickerson vs Charles Ramsey (a dispute over two pounds sixteen shillings in pork, tobacco, or money), **FRANCIS HENDERSON** and **William Booth** (both of Somerset, planters) came in their proper persons and did undertake and assumed upon themselves security for the said Charles Ramsey. [Record](#) *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records 1733-1735 Vol 846 pg 237b*

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### [1735 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**Benja. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 33, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 35, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 58, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Samuel Henderson)*

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 59, Head of Household (Taxed) *(John Henderson is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam")*

**Charles. Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 60, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Comfort Wright; living next door is Daniel Young)*

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 70, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents Gye, George, Bess, Jane and Eve; living next door are Joseph and John Houston)*

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 25, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 50, Head of Household (Taxed)

**William Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 181, Dependent *(in household of John Bishop)*

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 236, Head of Household (Taxed)

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1735 ca

## Somerset (Worcester) Co MD

### Birth of Lemuel Henderson

**LEMUEL HENDERSON** born to Benjamin Henderson and wife Mary; Lemuel is the grandson of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson.

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**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 97, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household are dependents Gie, George, Bess, Jone and Eve; living next door is John Houston)*

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 98, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 99, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Comfort Right)*

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 100, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 109, Head of Household (Taxed) *(John Henderson is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam")*

**Jno. Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 110, Head of Household (Taxed) *(also in household is dependent Samuel Henderson)*

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 287, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 58, Head of Household (Taxed)

**William Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 202, Dependent *(in household of John Bishop)*

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 219, Head of Household (Taxed)

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1736 Jun 15

**Somerset Co MD**

**CHARLES HENDERSON JUNR** brings suit against Hugh Perkins, late of Somerset County. **Charles Henderson Jnr.** was represented by attorney Francis Allen in a case of a plea of trespass against Hugh Perkins. Sheriff Joseph MacClester brought Perkins "whose body...he had there and ready." The case was continued to August 17th but **Charles Henderson** did not prosecute his writt against Perkins, at which point Perkins was entitled to recover "against the afd **Charles Henderson Junr.** his damages by occasion of the premisses afd to pounds of tobacco..." [View full text of record](#)

*This record is curious in that this is the only appearance (thus far) of a "Charles Henderson **Junior**." There were two Charles Hendersons living in Somerset County in 1736 - Charles of Pocomoke Hundred, son of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson, and a second Charles of Bogerternorton Hundred, the man we are calling "Mariner Charles" (believed to be a brother to William Henderson Junior, Bishop Henderson, and Mariner James Henderson). I believe Mariner Charles is the same Charles Henderson who made his will in Worcester County in 1772 (see May 14, 1772, below) but am not yet certain. The designation "Junior" in this record is misleading, and may simply mean the younger of the two Charleses. Charles "The Ropemaker" of Pocomoke (presumed to be the elder of the two Charles by a few years to a decade), was the same Charles who married Parthenia Merrill, and they had no known sons named Charles. Charles and Parthenia's son Barnaby did have a son named Charles, but he was not born until about 1753 (probably in Onslow Co NC). The range of possibilities for the Charles Junior of this 1736 record are, in order of likelihood, 1) younger cousin to Charles of Pocomoke, thus presumably Mariner Charles, son of William and Sarah Bishop Henderson 2) a previously unknown son or grandson of James Henderson Junior and Esther, and thus a brother or nephew of Francis Henderson, 3) a previously undocumented son of Charles "the Ropemaker" of Pocomoke Hundred and his wife Parthenia Merrill Henderson, 4) a mistake by the original recorder of the document, 5) a random unrelated Charles Henderson in Somerset temporarily during 1736. Based on what we know about the Somerset County Hendersons of the early 18th century, there do not seem to be any other possibilities outside of these.*

1736 Sep 14

**Somerset County MD**

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**JOHN HENDERSON** and **ELIZABETH BARNABY HENDERSON** give 200a to Barnaby Willis. *Source: Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p27*

**1736 Sep 19**

**Somerset Co MD**

**John Murray of Somerset leaves a bequest to Hannah Henderson of Philadelphia**

John Murray of Somerset Co MD leaves a £50 bequest to "friend **HANNAH HENDERSON** of the City of Philadelphia" in [his will](#). He left his estate, real & person to "the care of my friends Capt. John Walker of Somerset County, Maryland & Mr. **George Douglas** of Accomack County, Virginia." *Source: Wills and Administrations, Accomack County, Virginia, 1663-1800, Stratton Nottingham, pg 107*

*Although I am not sure who John Murray is, he could be connected to the William Murray who was master of two of Levin Gale's ships (the 1737 Leah and the 1739 Mary); a William Murray gave security in court for James Henderson in 1741 while James Henderson (mariner of Onslow) was living in the Gale household. My instincts and circumstantial evidence are combining to convince me that this little group of Sussex Co DE and Philadelphia PA Hendersons are connected to our [mariner Hendersons](#) of Somerset County MD.*

*In 1719 part of Henry Bishop's original Snow Hill tract was divided between John and Elizabeth Murray, Elizabeth Henderson (formerly Elizabeth Bishop, who m 2nd William Henderson), and Hugh and Elizabeth Nelson. I don't know what the relationship of the Murrays or Nelsons (if any) were to the Bishops, but this may be where the Murray connection fits in. Perhaps Hannah Henderson was somehow connected with the family of Elizabeth Bishop Henderson and William "of Manokin" Henderson.*

**1737**

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**[1737 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 127, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 131, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 132, Head of Household (Taxed)

**John Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 133, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household is dependent **Samuel Henderson***)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 134, Head of Household (Taxed) (***John Henderson** is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam"*)

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 135, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents George, Guy, Bess, Joan and Eve*)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 23, Head of Household (Taxed)

**William Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 198, Dependent (*in household of John Bishop*)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 263, Head of Household (Taxed)

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**1737 Mar**

**Somerset (Worcester) Co MD**

**James Burnet's Orphans, bond from Wm Jones Somerset County in Maryland**

Know all men by these presents that we William Jones **FRANCIS HENDERSON** and James Burnett all of Somerset County in the province af.d are holden and firmly bound unto James Burnett Levin Burnett Mary Burnett Samuel Burnett in the full and just sum of Twenty Eight pounds two shillings and Eight pence to be paid unto the said James Burnett Levin Burnett Mary Burnett ^and^ Samuel Burnett their heirs Ex.rs adm.rs or assigns to the which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind our selves our and

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either of our heirs Ex.rs and Adm.rs for the whole and in the whole Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 23th Day of March Ann Dom 1737

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the Commissary Gen.lI hath transmitted unto this Court the Account of the Estate of James Burnett dec.d wherein it is found that there is Ball due to the above said orphans the sum of Fourteen pounds one shilling and four pence Curr.t if therefore the above said William Jones **FRANCIS HENDERSON** or James Burnett their heirs Ex.rs and Adm.rs or Either of them do and shall well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto the af.d orphans the af.d sum of fourteen pounds one shilling and four pence in equal parts and portions According to Act of Assembly when they shall arive at full age to receive the same &.a then the above obligation to be void and of none effect otherwis to remain full force and vertue & Sealed and delivered in the presence of Robt King, James Martin 1731

William [his mark] Jones, **FRANCIS HENDERSON**, James Burnett

**1737 Dec 30**

**Somerset (Worcester) Co MD**

**BISHOP HENDERSON** witnesses the will of Jacob Waggaman (b ca 1664 - d bef 19 Jun 1739).

Waggaman left bequests to cousin Ephraim Waggaman (Extr), plantation Kings Neck. Mentions William Whittington, kinsman Henry Waggaman, kinsman William Elliott Waggaman. To wife Eleanor. Witt:

**George Douglas**, Bowdoin Robins and **BISHOP HENDERSON**. *Source: The Miles Files*

*Jacob and Ephraim Waggaman were neighbors to Bishop Henderson in the Mattapany Hundred. [View Tax List.](#)*

**1738**

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**[1738 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**John Henderson Jr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 212, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents **John Henderson** and **Samuel Henderson***)

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 228, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents George, Guy, Betts, Jone and Eve*)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 229, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 247, Head of Household (Taxed) (**John Henderson** is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam")

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 249, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 250, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 27, Head of Household (Taxed) (*a John Williams is living next door, possibly the son of John and Jane Henderson Williams*)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 35, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 231, Head of Household (Taxed)

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**1738 Apr 1**

**Somerset Co MD**

Nathaniel Roach and **HANNAH (HENDERSON) ROACH** his wife sold to David Wilson a portion of Barnaby's Lott (now called "Addition"), Hannah Roach being the daughter and **sole heir** of **JOSEPH HENDERSON**. *Source: Land Records of Somerset County, by Ruth T. Dryden, page 27*

*It seemed reasonably clear from Joseph's 1723 will that he had no other heirs, but this confirms it. Infant daughter Hannah was his only child. Nathaniel Roach was related to the [Williams family of Annessex Hundred](#).*

1739 Jun 15

#### England/Virginia

Contextual history: "The English government authorized and empowered Governor Ogle "to issue forth and grant commissions of Marque and Reprisal to any of our loving subjects against the King of Spain and his subjects. War was not formally declared until October 19." *Source: [Truitt Family History: 1066 to 1995](#). Compiled by Dr. William E. Groves, Ph.D., Chapel Hill, NC. Last updated June 28, 2001*

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**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 189, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents Guy, George, Bess, Joan and Eve*)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 190, Head of Household (Taxed) (**John Henderson is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam"**)

**John Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 191, Head of Household (Taxed) (*also in household are dependents **Samuel Henderson and John Henderson***)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 192, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 194, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 197, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 38, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 51, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 241, Head of Household (Taxed)

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#### **Records from 1740-1749**

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#### [Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)

##### [1740 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**Samuel Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 187, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent "Jack." Living next door in HH186 is Henderson Baker, John Brittingham in HH189, William Brittingham in HH189, and Samuel Brittingham in HH190. James Baker in HH192.*)

**John Henderson Senr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 208, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household are dependents Guy, George, Bess, Joan and Eve.*)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 209, Head of Household (Taxed) (*John Henderson is a dependent living in the household of James Henderson along with "Adam"*)

**John Henderson Junr.**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 210, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent John Henderson.*)

**Charles Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 211, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent William Henderson. Living next door in HH212 are Thomas Lambden - H and Richard Lambden - D.*)

**Francis Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 213, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Living next door in HH214 is Robert Pitts and dependent Bevins Morris, and in HH215 John Blades with dependent Phelice/Phyllis.*)

**Benjamin Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 216, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Living next door in HH217 is Daniel Young.*)

**James Henderson**, Wicomico Hundred, Household 122, Dependent (*Henderson is living in the household of **Levin Gale**. Also in the household as dependents are William Robertson, Robert Huttison, James Raith, Jeremiah Smith, and Hope, Jack, Jacob, Robin, Jonathan, Will, Harry, Peter, Perkitt, Dick, Frank, Ishmael, Carolus, Pullert, Bess, Zipporah, Maria, Hanna, and Abigail.*)

**Robert Hinderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 25, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent Daniel Hinderson. Next door in HH26 is Archibald Richey.*)

**William Hinderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 70, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent Benjamin Hinderson. Next door are several Jacksons including Joshua Jackson.*)

**Bishop Henderson**, Mattapany Hundred, Household 48, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Charles Henderson**, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 54, Head of Household (Taxed)

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**1741 Jun**

**Somerset Co MD**

**Francis Henderson Non pros als Seward Tomlinson**

**FRANCIS HENDERSON** is brought before the court to answer charges from Seward Tomlinson for trespass" *Somerset County Judicial Records, 1730-1733, Vol 842, Pg 295b*

**Seward Tomlinson vs Francis Henderson**

Command was given to the Sheriffe of Somerset County that he Should take **Francis Henderson Late of Somerset County** planter if he Should be found in his Bailywick and him should safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at dividing Creek the third Tuesday of march Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and forty to answer unto Sayward Tomlinson of a plea of trespass upon the Case &c and the same day is given to the af.d Seward here &c

Att which day here Came the af.d Seward Tomlinson by Robert Jenckins Henry his Attorney and the sheriffe to witt John Handy Gent now here returned that he had taken the af.d Francis Henderson whose body here at this day he had ready to answer the af.d Seward Tomlinson of the af.d plea as to him it was Commanded

**1741 Jun**

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## Somerset Co MD

**JAMES HENDERSON** is discharged by the Court hereof and from a Recognizance whereof **William Murray** was his Security &c; Mathew Prior is discharged by the Court hereof and from a recognizance to give Evidence against a Certain John Butler and James Henderson &c." *Source: Somerset County Judicial Records. 1740-1742. Vol 861. Pg 107b*

*This is probably Mariner James Henderson of Onslow who was living in the Manokin Hundred household of Levin Gale in 1741. William Murray was master of three of Gale's ships, the 50-ton 1737 brigantine Leah, the 30-ton 1739 sloop Mary, and the 95-ton 1741 ship Levin & Leah. We also find James Henderson and William Murray living in the Pocomoke Hundred household of Captain John Williams in 1746.*

The court case at stake here was

1742

## Worcester Co MD

Contextual History: "In 1742, Worcester County to the east and the ocean, was erected as the thirteenth county of Maryland by separation from Somerset County." *Wikipedia: Somerset County, Maryland*  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset\\_County,\\_Maryland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Somerset_County,_Maryland)

1743

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### [1743 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**James Henderson**, Wicomico Hundred, Household 21, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Next door is William Roberson in HH20 and William Kibble HH22 who is now in possession of two of the Gale slaves, Jack and Bess*)

**Robert Hinderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 99, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent **Daniel Hinderson**.*)

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1743 Nov 2

## Philadelphia and Boston

Contextual History: "Ben Franklin's 'Eclipse Hurricane' because it occurred during the night of a total lunar eclipse." *Source: List of Atlantic hurricanes in the 18th century*

1743 Aug 1

## Worcester Co MD

I believe this is the correct date/year that **JOHN HENDERSON SR** wrote his will (see note below). The will leaves bequests to sons **James, Charles, and Benjamin**, wife **Elizabeth**, daughter **Comfort Newbold**, and daughter **Hannah Pitts**. Also mentioned are daughters-in-law **Sarah Henderson** (widow of John), **Parthenia Henderson** (wife of Charles); grandsons **James, John Joseph, and Barnaby Henderson** and **William** and **John Newbold**, and granddaughters **Jemima** and **Comfort Henderson** and **Elizabeth Newbold** and **Mary Small** (probably daughter of Ann Mary Henderson and \_\_\_\_ Small). The will was witnessed by John Benson, and Joshua and Mary Merrill. [Read full transcript of will here](#)

*I believe that John Henderson actually wrote his will in August of 1743, not 1723, as is widely reported online. There are several reasons I believe the 1723 date to be a transcription error. First, the will states that John Henderson was "of Worcester County" but*

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*Worcester was not created until 1742. Second, his will clearly refers to both his brother James and his son John in the past tense. Both men were alive, present and accounted for on the Somerset County tax lists during the 1720's (James probably died sometime after the tax rolls were recorded in 1727 because he no longer appears on the lists after that year).*

*Note that the will mentions daughter Comfort Newbold, which means she must have died after 1743. Online researchers estimate that Francis Newbold (the same man we believe was the husband of Comfort Henderson) married a woman named "Mary" ca 1730, and had sons John, Thomas C. and Francis Jr. This is based on the fact that the 1777 Sussex Co DE will of a Francis Newbold named wife Mary and sons Thomas C. and John (also named Sarah, wife of dec'd son Francis Jr.). Obviously Comfort was still living in 1743, and if the online records all refer to the same/correct Francis Newbold, it seems more likely that Comfort was the mother of some or all of the children mentioned in the 1777 will, and that Mary was a second wife of Francis, married sometime between 1743 and 1777.*

**1744**

#### **Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

##### **1744 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**James Henderson**, Wicomico Hundred, Household 115, Head of Household (Taxed)

**James Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 125, Head of Household (Taxed)

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 249, Head of Household (Taxed) *(Also in household are dependents **Daniel Hinderson** and **Isaac Henderson**.)*

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**1745**

#### **Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

##### **1745 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 243, Head of Household (Taxed) *(Also in household are dependents **Daniel Hinderson** and **Isaac Henderson**.)*

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**1746**

#### **Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

##### **1746 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 122, Dependent *(Henderson is living in the household of **Captain John Williams**. Other dependents in the household include William Morris, Joshua Whittington, **William Murray**, Philip Covington, Joshua Williams, Babel Merchant, and slaves [?] Jemey, Harrey, Nimrod, Joe, Felex, Priss, and Eligea. Next door is the household of **Maj. Robert Jenkins Henry**.)*

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 249, Head of Household (Taxed) *(Also in household are dependents **Daniel Hinderson** and **Isaac Henderson**.)*

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**1747**

#### **Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

##### **1747 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 79, Dependent *(Henderson is living in the household of **Captain John Williams**. Other dependents in the household include Philip Covington, Joshua Williams, Babel Merchant, **John Newbold**, Stephens White, Stephen Stayea, and slaves [?] Jemmey, Harrey, Pter, Nimrod, Phelex/Felix, Joe, Titus, Priss, and Onigea.)*

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**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 31, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent **Daniel Henderson**. Next door in HH32 is Archibald Richey.*)

[View full notes and analysis of the implications of this tax list data.](#)

**1747 Sep 15** (*Julian Calendar*)

#### **Urbanna, Virginia**

Contextual history: "A ship load of indentured servants, whose goal was to cross the Atlantic and pay for it with years of servitude, was lost in the Rappahannock river. She was struck just south of Urbanna by a "sudden violent hurricane" and immediately capsized. More than fifty drowned during the storm" *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1747 Dec 8**

#### **Somerset Co MD**

Nathaniel Roach and **HANNAH (HENDERSON) ROACH** his wife sold to David Wilson "all her one half part" of Barnaby's Lott (now called "Addition"). *Source: [Land Records of Somerset County, by Ruth T. Dryden, page 27](#)*

**1748**

#### [Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)

##### [1748 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 72, Dependent (*Henderson is living in the household of **Captain John Williams**. Other dependents in the household include Stephens White, Stephen Stayea, Philip Covington, Babel Merchant, **John Newbold** and slaves [?] Jemmey, Harrey, Nimrod, Phenix, Titus, Peter, Toney, Priss, and Nigo.*)

**Robert Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 31, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent **Daniel Henderson**. Next door in HH32 is Archibald Richey.*)

[View full notes and analysis of the implications of this tax list data.](#)

**1748 Aug 31 and Sep 16**

#### **Somerset and Worcester Counties MD**

The Inhabitants of Coventry Parish, Somerset and Worcester Counties. To Gov. Samuel Ogle and the Council. The Petitioners have been denied the liberty of the church and the chapel of ease by **Capt. John Williams**, Capt. John Dennis, Capt. Sampson Wheatly, Samuel Adams, William Duett, Collins Adams, and William Smith, vestrymen and wardens of the parish; they pray that they may have free access to the Gospel at the discretion of Rev. Nathaniel (Whitaker, rector). Signers: **Thomas Lambden**, **Daniel Young**, John Blades, Benjamin Blades, Joshua Atkinson Jr., **Henderson Baker**, Solomon Gray, Robert Layfield, Teague Rigger, Benjamin Sharp, Charles Walston, Robert Lamberson, Robert Lindow, **Jacob Boston**, **JOHN HENDERSON**, Peter Reading, Joseph Schoolfield, Jonathan Sturges, James Tayler, William Bennir, Elias Lamberson, Thomas Newton, Samuel Cooper, Dantford Townsend, Henry Landing, Thomas Walston Sr, John Sheldon, Joseph Vitt -- , Joshua Atkinson Sr, James Atkinson, Saul Townsend, Thomas Barns, Marshall Townsend, William Donoho, Samuel Lamberson, John Selby (?), Pierce Rigger, Whittington Johnson, Absolom Foard, Stephen \_\_\_earn, Francis Ottwell, Jeremiah Smith, William Duk(e)s, Darby Rigger, Peter Taylor, William Walston. *Source: [Calendar of Maryland State Paper No 1: The Black Books by the State of Maryland \(Printed in Archives of MD XXVII 450-451\)](#)*

*It seems likely, based on the location of Coventry Parish, that this is the same Captain John Williams in whose Pocomoke Hundred household we find Mariner James Henderson during this time period. I have no idea what this was about or why the church had barred their attendance.*

**1749**

### **Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists**

#### **1749 Somerset County MD Tax List**

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 72, Dependent (*Henderson is living in the household of **Captain John Williams**. Other dependents in the household include Stephen White, **John Newbold**, Merchant Babel, Philip Covington, and slaves [?] Jemey, Harrey, Joe, Nimrod, Titus, Young Titus, Toney, Quameney, Sambo, Priss and Nigo.*)

**Daniel Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 30, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Next door in HH31 is Archibald Richey.*)

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**1749 Oct 19** (*Julian Calendar*)

#### **Virginia to Cape Cod**

Contextual history: "A tremendous hurricane tracked offshore Virginia, northeast to Cape Cod. At 1:00 a.m. at Norfolk, winds became violent from the northeast. The fury of the storm peaked between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.. In Williamsburg, one family drowned as flood waters carried their house away. At Hampton, water rose to four feet deep in the streets; many trees were uprooted or snapped in two. Torrents of rain flooded northern Virginia and Maryland. The Bay rose to fifteen feet above normal...destroying waterfront buildings. An account of this tremendous storm was given in the biography of Commodore James Barron, An Affair of Honor, by William Oliver Stevens. Barron's grandfather witnessed the hurricane first hand while stationed at Fort George.<sup>3</sup> The next morning Commodore Barron swept the distant waters with his spy glass. He was astonished to see across Hampton Roads a wide, sand promontory which had not existed there before. A sand spit had been thrown up during the fury of the storm, which was the beginning of Willoughby Spit. Another account of the storm given by a letter written at Annapolis, Maryland describes the storm as such: "...On Saturday October 18th, the wind began to blow hard and by 1:00 a.m. (The 19th) was very violent from the northeast with rain. The hardest portion of the storm occurred from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 19th. The bay (Chesapeake) rose 15 feet perpendicular, according to one witness. The tide kept fluxing and ran some small craft nearly a mile from common high water and left some in cornfields. At least four ships were destroyed at the south end of Chesapeake Bay (Shomette). Bodies washed ashore from the shipwrecks for days afterward. Damage in the area totaled £30,000...as currency of the colonies was British. Benjamin Franklin was keeping an eye

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<sup>3</sup> An account by Commodore James Barron: "A threatening sky was observed to the southeast over the Chesapeake Bay. The wind increased which soon brought the rain. As the hours wore on the wind and rain increased in fury. Sometimes the downpour slackened. One could hear the sand picked up by the wind from the beach outside and blasted against every object that still withstood the gale. All the while the rising tide was rapidly being piled up to a height never seen before in that area. The waves were pounding on the shore, finally to the very foot of the outside wall at Fort George. A large tree crashed over on its side with its roots in the air and was driven against the land side of the Fort. With the impact the wall yawned and broke. Shortly afterwards the seawall lurched and sank at the point where it was exposed to the wave fury of the storm. Finally the outside wall of the fort gave way, and the filling of sand poured out, leaving the inner wall exposed to the blast without support. When this too fell apart and collapsed, the barracks took the full force of the wind. About sundown, the storm slackened and in another hour the rain and wind had diminished to such a degree that it was clearly spent."

on this one. It confirmed his hypothesis, the first of its kind, that storms along the coast moved from southwest to northeast (Ludlum)." Source: [\*Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes\*](#)

**1749**

**Somerset Co MD Militia Foot Company Included:**

**BARNABY HENDERSON, DANIEL HENDERSON** (Militia), **JOSEPH HENDERSON, LEMUEL HENDERSON**, and **LEVIN HENDERSON**. Source: *Maryland, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890*

*Likely to be same Daniel, probable s/o Robert Henderson of Nanticoke Hundred.*

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## **Records from 1750-1759**

**1750**

**[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

**[1750 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**James Henderson**, Pocomoke Hundred, Household 76, Dependent (*Henderson is living in the household of **Captain John Williams**. Other dependents in the household include Stephens White, **John Newbold**, **Brittingham Dickerson**, Samuel Dreaden, Elisha Venatson and slaves [?] James, Titus, Joe, Nimrod, Harrey, Quamana, Titus, Toney, Jacob, Priss, Niga, Mool, and Sarah. **Col Robert Jenkins Henry** next door in HH77.)*

**Daniel Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 29, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Next door in HH30 is Archibald Richey.*)

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*James Henderson's last appearance in the Somerset County MD records.*

**1750 Aug 17**

**Hurricane offshore NC**

Contextual History: "Four ships lost" Src 1; The Spanish *El Salvador* was wrecked at Topsail Inlet (all but four crew lost) and the Spanish *Nuestra Señora de Solidad* was wrecked at Drum Inlet (crew survived).

Src 2. [Source 1: List of Atlantic hurricanes in the 18th century](#) [Source 2: List of 1750 Shipwrecks - Wikipedia](#)

*I haven't been able to find the names of the other two ships that were lost. Mariner James Henderson is accounted for in 1750 in the Somerset Co MD household (#76, Pocomoke Hundred) of Captain John Williams along with Brittingham Dickerson, Samuel Dreaden and other mariners). [See Tax List](#).*

**1750 Sep 1**

**Worcester Co MD**

Will of **JOHN BRITTINGHAM**, husband of Rebecca Henderson (d/o John Jr and Sarah Houston Henderson) Abstract: John Brittingham, Planter. My sister's son Joshua Hill, 50 pounds. To wife Rebecca, remaining personal property. I give and bequeath unto John Brittingham, my Godson being the son of my

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brother William Brittingham, all my tract of land I now live on. Joshua Hill, EX. Wit; Robert Nairne, Welborne Ramsey, Henderson Baker. On 16 December 1752 Rebecca, widow of John, quits her thirds.  
*Liber 28, folio 261*

**1751**

**[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

**[1751 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**Daniell Handerson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 39, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Next door in HH40 is Archibald Richey.*)

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**1751 Jun 3**

**Coventry Parish, Somerset Co MD**

**SAMUEL HENDERSON** and Edeth Outten (d/o John and Sarah Purnell Outten) are married in Marumsco, Coventry Parish, Somerset Co MD. Samuel was s/o John and Sarah Houston Henderson. Children of Samuel and Edeth Outten Henderson were Samuel (b 1754), Nancy (b 1756), Sarah (b 1758), Rebecca (b 1761), and Suse (b 1763). <http://www.esva.net/ghotes/descendants/outten.htm>

*Note: Samuel Henderson died on or before 5 Feb 1764. Edith remarried Samuel's cousin Jacob Henderson, son of Francis and Elizabeth Henderson of Somerset Co MD.*

**1751 Jan 2**

**Worcester Co MD**

Will of **REBECCA HENDERSON BRITTINGHAM**, wife of John Brittingham (dec'd), dau of John Jr and Sarah Houston Henderson. Abstract: To brother Samuel Henderson, a Negro called Dick to pay unto Joshua Hill 12 pounds which I owe said Joshua for the said Negro. Estate to be equally divided between brother Samuel and brother John and sister Elizabeth Androus (Andrews), but not that my said sister's husband Daniel Androus shall have any part. John Dennis, Jr. and brother Samuel Henderson, Exs. Wit; John Dennis, Jr. Simpson/Sampson Merrill, Henderson Baker. [Abstract](#) *Liber 28, folio 317*

**1752**

**[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

**[1752 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**Jacob Henderson**, Annamessex Hundred, Household 85, Dependent (*Henderson is living in the household of William Merrill. Also in the household is James Stanton.*)

**Daniel Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 82, Head of Household (Taxed)

*The Pocomoke Hundred section of this tax list is missing. [See additional notes and comments](#) about Hendersons on the 1752 Somerset County MD Census. The Jacob on this census is probably son of Francis Henderson. There was another Jacob Henderson who was probably living in Northampton or Accomack County, VA at the same time (he was a great-grandson of Gilbert Henderson and Mary Major Henderson).*

**1752 September**

**Onslow County NC**

Contextual History: "In September 1752 a storm struck the Onslow County barrier islands, further dredged the New River Inlet, and blew the county seat of Johnston right off the map...Legal records, for

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one, tell us about an interruption in normal activities. The first order of business for the Onslow County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of spring 1753 was to address the “loss of records from the destroy’d courthouse from the violent storm of September last...The destroyed courthouse contained records like deeds, tax documents, and wills. Therefore, no one could prove land ownership, collect taxes, or probate (make legal) deceased persons’ wills...Residents eventually gathered themselves and petitioned...the Colonial Assembly meeting in New Bern that March to replace the records.” [View Source](#) [per Onslow County NC court records Vol 5 pg 17]

*This was a very unfortunate event, and one relevant to the Hendersons of the Somerset Co MD. Mariner James Henderson Sr. had settled on the New River of Onslow County, along with Bishop and McClemmy relations from Somerset County MD. The last time Mariner James appears in any records is in the 1750 tax lists (see record above). We know from late 18th-century Onslow County NC records that he left a will which bequeathed Henderson’s Landing, his property on the New River, to son James “Isaac” Henderson, but the will has never been found. I speculate that Mariner James probably died sometime between 1750 and September 1752, and that his Onslow County NC may have been lost in this hurricane.*

**1752 Oct 22 (Julian Calendar)**

### **Chesapeake Bay, Virginia**

Contextual history: “A storm caused great damage in southern Chesapeake Bay. Only one ship, named Peggy and Nancy, was lost during the northeast gale. She was driven ashore on Willoughby Point at 10:00 p.m.. The ship broke up in the morning; only the sails, rigging, and five of her original 338 hogsheads of tobacco could be recovered (Shomette).” *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1753**

### **[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

#### **[1753 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**Daniel Hendorson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 27, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Living next to Dowty Collier HH28. Former neighbor Archibald Richey is in HH306 in same Hundred.*)

**Abahenderson**, Manokin Hundred, Household 81, Dependent [Slave?] (*Living in the household of Col Robert King. Other dependents in household include Revell Horsey, and slaves [?] Fortrain, Josey, Betty, Did, Peg, Judah, Harry, Will, Nickoville, Glasgo, Hope, Pollodor, Greenock, Doller, Obed, Jelemuchs, Sarah, and Gonsolo. Next door is Nehemiah King with a number of dependents of his own.*)

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**1754**

### **[Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)**

#### **[1754 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)**

**Charles Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 105, Dependent (*Living in the household of Joshua Whittington along with other dependents Philip Murrer, Matthias Hobbs, David Wilson, Beauchamp [Beachem] Hall, Samuel Dreaden, Brittingham Dickerson, and slaves [?] Ben, Will, Joe, Joyce, and Pleasant.*)

**Daniel Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 159, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Former neighbor Archibald Richey is in HH32 in same Hundred.*)

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**1754 Oct 25**

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## Onslow Co NC

A Muster Roll of Forces, retaken on Friday, 25th of October, 1754, at the Home of **Henry Rhodes** in Onslow Co NC includes **James Henderson (the Mariner) or James "Isaac" Henderson**. [See \*Transcription of document for full list of names\*](#), which includes allied families such as the Henry Bishops, Jr. and Sr., Jenkins, Lloyd, Heidelberg, Averitt, etc..]

## 1755 ca

### Worcester Co MD

**LEMUEL HENDERSON** s/o Benjamin and Mary Henderson marries **Scarburgh Tunnell** of Accomack Co VA They would have sons **James** (c1755-26 Dec 1808 m 1 Rhoda Marshall, 2 Peggy Johnson), **John H.** (c1775-25 Oct 1841 m Martha Boston) and daughter Rhoda Tunnell Henderson (c1770). [Source: \*The Miles Files\*](#)

## 1756

### Somerset Co MD

#### [Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)

#### [1756 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**Charles Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 120, Dependent (*Living in the household of Joshua Whittington along with slaves [?] Benjamin, Will, Joyce and Pleasant. Next door is an Isaac Rodes.*)

**Danll. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 173, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Former neighbor Archibald Richey is in HH34 in same Hundred.*)

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## 1757

### Somerset Co MD

#### [Hendersons on Somerset County Tax Lists](#)

#### [1757 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**Charles Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 113, Dependent (*Living in the household of Joshua Whittington along with dependent John Rook and slaves [?] Ben, Will, Joyce and Pleasant. Isaac Roads living in HH115.*)

**Danll. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 176, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Neighbors include William Lloyd HH178, and Daniel and Jacob Rhodes HH180. Former neighbor Archibald Richey is in HH33 in same Hundred.*)

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## 1757 Feb 10

### Coventry Parish, Somerset Co MD

**WILLIAM MERRILL HENDERSON** was born to William and Mary Trahern Henderson.

## 1758 Sep 27

### Worcester Co MD

**SAMUEL HENDERSON** patents "Henderson's Double Purchase," 193a in Worcester Co MD. Patent #1239. [View scans of patent](#) Source: [Worcester County Circuit Court Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats MSA S1210: \(Certificates. Patented. WO\)](#)

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1759

Somerset Co MD

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[1759 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

**George Henderson**, Annemessex Hundred, Household 161, Dependent (*Living in household of Hope Hull. No other dependents in home.*)

**Daniel. Henderson**, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 123, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Former neighbor Archibald Richey is in HH92 in same Hundred.*)

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## **Records from 1760-1769**

1760 Jan 4

Somerset Co MD

**JAMES HENDERSON** son of John Henderson and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson (both deceased), sold to Nathaniel Whitaker 100a of Barnaby's Lott (later called "Addition"). *Source: Land Records of Somerset County, by Ruth T. Dryden, page 27*

1760 Oct 10

Somerset Co MD

**DANIEL HENDERSON** land grant, 65 a. "**Henderson's Choice**" (Patented Certificate 1134). East side of Chesapeake Bay and on the south side of Nanticoke River between two tracts of land the one called Worington(?) and the other called Shantasingna(?). Mentions neighbor John Carmichael. [View scans.](#)  
[Somerset County Circuit Court Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats Patented Certificate 1134](#)

*This Daniel Henderson may be the s/o Robert Henderson of Nanticoke Hundred. If so, he is likely part of the line of Gilbert Henderson of Accomack Co VA.*

1761 Jun 10

Somerset Co MD, Stepney Parish

**Samuel Ackworth makes a will that will make Daniel Henderson a witness in a felony trial**

**DANIEL HENDERSON** mentioned in a 11 Sep 1761 deposition by Mathew Dorman (age 31) who said that he and "the widow [of Samuel Acworth, Patience Nock Ackworth] & **Daniell Henderson** examined [a chest that had contained money and a will that had been stolen] found on the bank of a creek nearby but could not find either the will, the bond, the account or the money."  
<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/stagser/s500/s538/html/s538-31.html>

*This Daniel Henderson may be the s/o Robert Henderson of Nanticoke Hundred. If so, he is likely part of the line of Gilbert Henderson of Accomack Co VA.*

1761 Aug 18

Somerset Co MD

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### Merchant Alexander Stuart sues DANIEL HENDERSON for £5.1.11

Command was given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he Should take **DANIEL HENDERSON** Late of Somerset County Planter if he Should be found in his Bailywick and him should Safe keep so that he might have his body before the Justices of his Lordships County Court of Somerset to be held at Princes Ann Town the third Tuesday of August Anno Dom. one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One to Answer unto **Alexander Stuart** of A plea of trespass upon the Case &c. And the Same day is Given to the afd. Alexander here &c. Att which day here Came the afd. Alexander Stuart by Josiah Polk his Attorney and the Sheriff to witt John Dennis Gent now here Returned that he had taken the afd. **Daniel Henderson** whose body here at this day he had Ready to Answer the afd. Alexander Stuart of the afd. plea as to him it was Commanded. And hereupon the Said Alexander Stuart Complained of the afd. **Daniel Henderson** in the plea afd. in form following:

to wit **Daniel Henderson** Late of Somerset County Planter was Attached to Answer unto Alexander Stuart of a plea of trespass upon the Case and So forth And Whereupon the Said Alexander by Josiah Polk his Attorney Complains that the Said **Daniel** on the Second day of May Anno Dom. one thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One at the County afd. was Indebted unto the Said Alexander in the Sum of five pounds One Shilling and Eleven pence Curt Money of Maryland for the Articles in the Account hereto Annexed mentioned and So thereof Indebted being the Said **Daniel** on Consideration thereof Afterwards to wit the day and Year afd. at the County afd. upon himself did Assume And to the Said Alexander then and there faithfully Promised that he the Said **Daniel** when he Should be thereto Afterwards Required unto the Said Alexander the Sum of Money afd. he Would faithfully pay and Content Nevertheless the Said **Daniel** his Promise and Assumption afd. in form afd. made not Regarding the Sum of Money afd. to the afd. Alexander he hath not paid nor him for the Same in Any Sort Contented but that to doe hitherto hath Refused and Still doth Refuse Altho the Same to do afterwards to wit the day and Year afd. at the County afd. and often Since that time by the Said Alexander Required to the damage of the Said Alexander ten pound Curt Money of Maryland and thereof he brings Suit and So forth

Pledges &c. J. Doe & R. Roe

#### 15 Sep 1760, Daniel Henderson

To 1 Large Spring Chest Lock 4.6  
To 7 y<sup>ds</sup>. of Strip<sup>d</sup>. Holland @ 2/ 14.0  
To 3 Lining Handkerchiefs @ 2/ 6.0  
To 1 Bible 7/6: 1 Testament 2/ 6.0

#### 17 Sep 1760

To 7 Yards of Black Durant 3/3 1.2.9  
To 1 pare of Sleeve Buttons  
To 1 p<sup>r</sup>. D<sup>o</sup>

#### 19 Sep 1760

To 3 1/2 Yds of Oznabrige @ 1/ 5.3  
To 11<sup>lb</sup> of Cheese @ 1/ 11.0  
To 1 y<sup>d</sup> of Black [ferrat?] 4.0  
To 1 Y<sup>d</sup> of Ribbond

#### 29 Sep 1760

To 1 Handf. 6/6 6.6

#### 10 Dec 1760

To 1/2 G<sup>al</sup>. of Rum @ 7/6  
To 1/2 G<sup>al</sup>. of Molasses @ 4/ 5.9

#### 2 Jan 1760/61

To 1 G<sup>al</sup>. of Molasses 4.0

#### 2 May 1761

To Sarah Brown 10.0  
Errors Excepted pr Alexr. Stuard £5.1.11

Whereupon the Said **Daniel Henderson** at the prayer of the afd. Alexander Stuart is Adjudged to give Special Bail to the Action afd. Thereupon a Certain Joseph Venables of Somerset County Planter Present here in Court in his Proper Person undertook for the Said **Daniel Henderson** and Assumed upon himself that if it Should happen that Judgment in the Plea afd. Should be Rendered for the Said Alexr. Stuart Against the afd. Daniel Henderson or that he the Said **Daniel** Should be therein Convict that then he the Said **Daniel** Should pay and Satisfie unto the afd. Alexander the Judgment of the Court thereupon or Render his body in Execution of Such Judgment to the Prison of the Sheriff of the County afd. in Satisfaction thereof or that he the Said Joseph Venables will do the Same for him &c

And the afd. **Daniel Henderson** In his Proper Person Cometh and defendeth the force and Injury when &c. And Saith that he Cannot deny the Action afd. of the afd. Alexr. Stuart nor but that he did Assume upon himself in Manner and form as the afd. Alexr. Above Against him hath Complained and as to the Damage of the Said Alexr. by him by Occasion of the Premisses in that Part Sustained the Same **Daniel** Saith and Acknowledgeth that the afd. Alexr. hath Sustained Damages by Occasion of the Premisses beyond his Costs and Charges by him about his Suit in that part Apposed to five pound One Shilling and Eleven pence Curt Money and not More and because the afd. Alexr. Denys not this but the Same Allegation Grants to be true prays Judgment for those Damages above Acknowledged together with his Costs and Charges afd. to him to be Adjudged &c

Therefore by Consent of the parties afd. it is Considered that the afd. Alexr. Stuart Recover Against the afd. **Daniel Henderson** his Damages afd. to the afd. five pound One Shilling and 190 3/4 Eleven pence Curt Money by the Same Daniel in form afd. Acknowledged as also Pounds of Tobacco for his Costs and Charges afd. to the Same Alexr. at his Request by the Court now here of the Assent of the Parties afd. Adjudged which Certain Damages in the Whole Amount to five pound One Shilling and Eleven pence Curt Money and Pounds of Tobacco and the afd. **Daniel** in Mercy &c

*Source Somerset County Judicial Records, 1760-1763 Vol 543 Pg 103b  
<http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/000001/000543/html/am543--103.html>*

*Why is Daniel Henderson now "late of Somerset?" Where did he move to, and why? He obviously went on a shopping spree in September of 1760, but apparently on credit. Did his departure from the county have anything to do with the debt to Stuart? Is this Alexander Stuart the same Alexander Stewart/Steward in whose household the mariner Hendersons were living in the 1720's?*

*A Daniel Henderson patented "Henderson's Inclosure," 245a in Baltimore County, on 20 Mar 1771, but this may be too late to be the same Daniel Henderson who had left Somerset County by 1761. [View patents.](#)*

## 1761 Aug 18 Somerset Co MD

And now to witt at a Court of his Lordship held at Princes Ann Town in and for the County of Somerset the third Tuesday of August being the Eighteenth day of the Same Month Anno Dom. One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty One before the Justices thereof Came the afd. **DANIEL HENDERSON** in his proper person According to A Certain Recognizance by him in that part before Acknowledged for hi sthe Said **Daniel Henderson** Appearance at this Court to Give Evidence Against A Certain **John Watkins** on Suspicion of felony &c. Whereupon the Said **Daniel Henderson** prays that his Appearance may be Recorded and he discharged from the Recognizance afd. Thereupon the Said **Daniel Henderson** Appearance is Recorded and he Accordingly Discharged from the Recognizance afd. Whereupon the

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Said **Daniel Henderson** is Ordered by the Court here to Give new Recognizance with One Security in the Sum of fifty Pound Curt Money of Maryland for his the Said **Daniel Henderson's** Appearance at the next Provincial Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the Second Tuesday of September Next to Give Evidence on behalf of his Lordship Against A Certain John Watkins on Suspicion of felony &c. Thereupon tthe Said **Daniel Henderson** with a Certain Ephraim King of Somerset County his Security both present here in Court in their proper persons Acknowledged themselves Indebted unto his Lordship ^ the Sum of fifty Pounds Curt Money of Maryland of their bodys Goods and Chattles Lands and tenements Joyntly and Severally to the use of his Said Lordship his heirs and Successors to be made and Levied if it happen that the Said **Daniel Henderson** do not Make his personall Appearance before his Lordships Justices of the Provincial Court at the next Court to be held at the City of Annapolis the Second Tuesday of September Next and do not then and there give Such Evidence as he Shall know on behalf of his Lordship Against the afd. John Watkins on Suspicion of felony and that he do not depart the Court without Leave &c

*Samuel Ackworth made his will on 10 Jun 1761 in Stepney, Parish, Somerset County. He left the bulk of his property to be divided by wife Patience (Nock) Ackworth, daughter Esther and son Ephraim. To his married daughters, Sarah Bounds and Mary Watkins, wife of blacksmith John Watkins, he left a negro girl, Eunice, to be shared by the sisters when she came of age at 16. His will was witnessed by Day Givens, Matthew Dorman and George Farrington. There were two copies of the will. Widow Patience kept one, and the other was kept by George Farrington, who wrote it. A few days after Samuel's death, John Watkins offered Farrington £20 to hand over or destroy his copy of the will in order that his wife receive an equal distribution from Samuel's estate. The next night, the original will was stolen from the Widow Ackworth's home. Matthew Dorman testified that Watkins had approached him in an attempt to get the widow's copy of the will, but fearing that Watkins would attempt to destroy it, he refused to allow him to have it. Dorman said he saw Watkins at the widow's home and the next day the chest where she kept it (along with money and other documents and valuables) had been stolen. Apparently Dorman and the Widow Ackworth enlisted the aid of Daniel Henderson to search for the missing chest. They found it "on the bank of a creek nearby, but could not find either the will, the bond, the accounts or the money."*  
[View Source](#)

**1761 Sep 8**

**Annapolis, Anne Arundel Co MD**

**DANIEL HENDERSON**, Patience Ackworth, Day Givens, Mary Olfee, and Matthew Dorman are bound to appear to testify against John Watkins on suspicion of felony in the provincial court at Annapolis.

**1761 Oct (Julian Calendar)**

**Cape Hatteras and the Virginia Capes**

Contextual history: "A major hurricane brushed Cape Hatteras and remained east of the Virginia Capes."

Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)

**1761 Oct 30**

**Worcester Co MD**

**CHARLES HENDERSON**, Ropemaker, writes his will. He leaves land to son **William Henderson**; slaves to son **Jesse** and **William**; personal goods (including a number of items of pewter) and livestock to sons **William** and **Jesse**, and daughter **Levinah Blaims**. He mentions grandson **Curtes** (or Charles?), and wife **Parthenia** (Purtheney). Will witnessed by Joshua Merrill, Mary Blaims and Rachel Young. Will was proved January 29th, 1762. [View full text of will](#)

*Curiously, Charles Henderson makes no mention of son Barnaby, who had by 1761 recently removed to Onslow County NC. Perhaps Charles had given Barnaby some portion of the estate prior to his departure. Neither does Charles mention son Levin, although he does mention Levin's son, Curtis. Some transcriptions replace the name Curtis/Curtes with Charles, so the original will should be reviewed. The will was witnessed by a kinsman of his wife Parthenia Merrill Henderson, and there were probably also familial connections with the Blaims and Young witnesses.*

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**1762 Jan 29**

**Worcester Co MD**

**CHARLES HENDERSON**, Ropemaker, has died. His will was proved 29th January 1762. [View full text of will](#)

**1763 Jan 24**

**Sussex Co DE**

**JOHN HENDERSON** marries Alice Kollock.

*VITAL RECORDS OF KENT AND SUSSEX COS. DE 1686-1800, Wright, p 123*

*We do not know for sure yet if the John Henderson and Alice Kollock (d/o Shepard Kollock) mentioned here in Sussex Co DE were part of the Eastern Shore Henderson Group, however, later instances of records connecting this Sussex Co DE record with Hendersons (perhaps transiently) in Philadelphia seem to indicate a connection. John and Alice Kollock Henderson kept a shop in Lewes, (see record below, May 1796) and John apparently did business (poorly) in Philadelphia and nearly lost his wife's property.*

*I believe that this John was probably a brother to Hannah Henderson who married Stokely Hossman (b 1748 d 1788) in Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) January 1769. Stokely Hossman named heirs Benjamin Stokely and **James Henderson** in his 1776 will (not probated until 1788). Hossman and **John Henderson** took an oath of allegiance to the state of Pennsylvania in 1779. Despite their residence in Lewes DE and Philadelphia PA, this family of Hendersons does appear to have had connections to families in Somerset Co MD. Stokely Hossman died in 1788 at the age of 40 and is buried at the Lewes Presbyterian Church in Lewes, DE. His [gravestone has been photographed and archived](#) by the Lewes Historical Society.*

*There are some Somerset/Worcester trees that show that James Henderson, son of John Jr. and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson married an Alice "Kollock." That James Henderson supposedly died before 21 Aug 1776 (which means he could not be the James Henderson named in [Stokely Hossman's Oct 1776](#) will, either Alice married two Henderson men (John and James), or researchers have confused the name of her husband.*

*An Alice Kollock married a John Green in Pennsylvania in 1765. Green is a surname associated with descendants of Gilbert Henderson of early Northampton and Accomack Counties, VA as well as the Nixon family of Onslow Co NC (who married with Hendersons), so although no connection between these two Alice Kollocks is obvious, and I am unsure of where or how the John Henderson and Alice Kollock of Sussex Co DE fit in with our larger Eastern Shore group, there is enough strong circumstantial evidence to include this record in the Delmarva timeline.*

**1764 Aug 7**

**Coventry Parish, Somerset (Worcester) Co MD**

**JACOB HENDERSON** and Edeth Outten Henderson (d/o John and Sarah Purnell Outten, widow of Samuel Henderson) are married in Coventry Parish, Somerset Co MD. Jacob was s/o Francis and Elizabeth Henderson. Children of Jacob and Edeth Outten Henderson was son Outten Henderson (b ca 1765 Worcester Co MD). <http://www.esva.net/qnotes/descendants/outten.htm>

*Samuel Henderson died on or before 5 Feb 1764. Edith remarried Samuel's cousin Jacob Henderson, son of Francis and Elizabeth Henderson of Somerset Co MD.*

**1765 29 May**

**Kent Co DE**

**MAJOR HENDERSON** sells a 101-acre tract of land on Brown's Branch of Mispillion Hundred in Kent County, Delaware, called *Hopewell* to Elizabeth Clark, wife of John Clark. [View original deed: Page 1 | Page 2](#)

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*Major Charles Henderson married Priscilla Clark, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Luff Clark of Dover DE. Direct line male descendants of this couple are Y-DNA matches to descendants of James Henderson of the Eastern Shore and Mariner James Henderson of Onslow Co NC, however, as of yet, we cannot determine with certainty how the families are connected. It is worth remembering that Gilbert Henderson's wife was Mary Major (which may have been the source of this man's given name). Also, Argalus Henderson's family of Chatham Co NC intermarried heavily with Clarks (although a very common name and certainly no proof of any connection).*

*John Clark, probably Priscilla's brother. The property's provenance is given in the deed as having originally belonged to Abraham Wynkoop, and from him transferred to John Crumpton, and from him transferred to William Caffa and from the said William Caffa to Henderson. Neighbors were Alexander Whitley, and subsequently John Bowers and Adam Killins(?).*

*From [Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware](#): "Mispillion Hundred originally included in its borders all of what is now Milford Hundred, and extended from the Delaware Bay to the Maryland line, and was bounded on the north by Murderkill Hundred, and on the south by Sussex County."*

**1766 Sep 11 (Julian Calendar)**

**Virginia**

Contextual history: "A hurricane struck the Virginia coast." *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1767 Apr 9**

**Worcester Co MD**

Joshua Merrill makes his will. To wife Mary, use of all lands and one-third estate. To son Joshua, the plantation "where I now live and all my tract of land called **Security** except 5 acres which I give to **JAMES HENDERSON**. To three youngest daughters, Nancy, Elinor, and Ann - personalty. To son William, all my land on east side of **Merrill's Addition Enlarged**; all lands lying between Thomas Tyler's and his brother Joshua's land; 15 cash; personal property. To daughters Sarah and Betty, personalty. To children William, Sarah, Betty, Leah, Nancy, Elinor, Joshua and Ann, the remaining two thirds estate. Executrix: Mary Merrill. Witnesses: Jacob Boston, Thomas Marshall, Elijah Jarman. Written Apr 9 1767, proved 25 Apr 1767. *Source: Maryland Register of Wills, 1629-1999, Worcester County, MD Vol 3 1759-1769*

*Joshua Merrill was the brother of Parthenia Merrill Henderson. His wife was Mary Pryor. The James Henderson mentioned here is probably James, son of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson. James's son, James Henderson Junior, married Sarah Merrill about 1757. Sarah Merrill was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Merrill. Witness Jacob Boston would become the second husband of Sarah Merrill Henderson after James Junior died (abt 1783).*

**1767 Sep 21**

**Coastal NC**

Contextual History: Hurricane: "Caused a number of vessels to be lost. Floods struck Virginia, with a mill entirely destroyed in Warwick county." *Source: Virginia Gazette, Aug 6, 1767*

**1769 Jan 14**

**Sussex Co DE or Pennsylvania**

**HANNAH HENDERSON** granted marriage license to wed Stokely Hossman. [View record](#) *Pennsylvania Marriage Licenses, 1769-1776 Vol XL, p457; see also [Pennsylvania Archives Second Series, Vol II, p 143](#)*

*This Hannah Henderson is probably too young to be the "friend Hannah Henderson of the City of Philadelphia" mentioned by [John Murray in his 1736 Somerset Co MD will](#). This Hannah appears to be connected with **John Henderson** who married Alice Kollock in Sussex Co DE in 1763 (ostensibly the same John Henderson who swore an oath of allegiance with Stokely Hossman to the state of Pennsylvania in 1779). Stokely Hossman made his will in 1776 when he was bound for NC on the schooner Mosquito and named*

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heirs **Benjamin Stokely** and **James Henderson**. The will was probated in 1788 and Hossman was buried in Lewes DE. See biographical dictionary entry for [Hossman, Stokely](#).

**1769 May 4**

**Sussex Co DE**

**ALICE HENDERSON** wife of **JOHN HENDERSON** is mentioned in a [record concerning property](#) belonging to the Kollock family of Lewes in Sussex County: "George Kollock, ship joyner, from Boaz Manlove, High Sheriff of Sussex Co. 4 May 1769. Simon Kollock, Esqr., late of Sussex Co., died intestate, and 2/3 of his tract fell to Shepard Kollock, eldest son, admr. of his late father who left and bequeathed by his last will the afsd. land amongst his several heirs, which heirs exhibited a petition to the Court of Common Pleas for a division of the land and the above land was allotted to **ALICE HENDERSON** wife of **JOHN HENDERSON**, shopkeeper, being one of the heirs of Shepard Kollock, land in the suburbs of the town of Lewes, on the southeast side of the main county road that leadeth from the town of Lewes to Rehoboth and on the northeast side and adjoining David Hall's land which he bought of Simon Kollock, one of the afsd. heirs and joining the afsd. George Klock's land on the southwest side of his land, being part of the afsd. dividend or tract surveyed and divided of 42 1/4 acres, which **JOHN HENDERSON** as above mentioned by a certain obligation became indebted to John White and Samuel Coldwell of Philadelphia, merchants and sometime afterwards said White and Coldwell recovered a judgement against afd. **Henderson** for the sum of the afsd. obligation and whereas his land was seized and sold by public sale to George Kollock for 40 shillings. Wit John Russel, Wm Prettyman. Within deed ackn. 4 May 1769

*Huh-oh. Thankfully George was standing by to redeem the land. This record obviously confirms the connection between a John Henderson and the Kollocks of Sussex Co DE and the records of the Hendersons in Philadelphia (ie Stokely and Hannah Henderson Hossman). Still don't know who John, Hannah and James Henderson of Sussex Co DE belong to, though.*

*Manlove is a name that could be connected with the Hendersons of Dover, DE.*

**1769 May 4**

**Sussex Co DE**

George Kollock, Sussex Co, joyner, from **ALICE HENDERSON**, Sussex Co., spinster. 4 May 1769 For 87. Parcel of land being part of a larger tract granted by patent to Alexander Molleston, late of afsd co., dec'd, and by sundry deeds of conveyances became the property of Simon Kollock, Esqr. late of the county adsd., died intestate and Shepard Kollock admr. of afsd. Simon Kollock and the land became the property of Shepard Kollock and the land fell to the heirs of afsd. Shepard Kollock and a parcel was allotted to **ALICE HENDERSON**, one of the daughters of afsd. Shepark Kollock. Lnd being in the suburbs of the town of Lewes joining land of David Hall and George Kollock. 41 1/4 acres. Wit: Benjamin Mifflin, John Haverlo. Within deed of sale ackn. 5 May 1769.

*Spinster!? Ho, man, what happened to John?*

**1769 Sep 8**

**NC/VA/MD and New England**

**Great Chesapeake Bay Hurricane**

Contextual History: "Hurricane center was close to Williamsburg. Many old houses in eastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia were destroyed, particularly around Williamsburg, York, Hampton, and

Norfolk due to 13 hours of high winds from the northeast to northwest. Known as 'The Great Chesapeake Bay Hurricane of 1769'" *Source: Early American Hurricanes, David Ludlum, p 25*

**1769 Sep 7-8** (*Julian Calendar*)

#### **Williamsburg, Virginia**

Contextual history: "Considered one of the worst storms of the Eighteenth century, this hurricane passed over Williamsburg. Winds increased at 1:00 a.m., blowing a violent gale between 10 and 11 a.m.. Winds increased out of the northwest and continued "until dinnertime". Many old homes and trees were leveled. Heavy rain ruined tobacco crops and flooded roads. Tobacco in storage was also damaged at the warehouse. Heavy damage was seen in Chesapeake Bay. High winds tore off the top of a wharf at Yorktown; a schooner rammed a nearby storehouse. Four ships in the York river were driven ashore. Two ships on the James River were also wrecked. A vessel from Norfolk, filled with coal from Williamsburg, was forced up to Jamestown before it went to pieces. At least six perished due to shipwreck. The storm tracked northeast along the coast, accelerating as it passed by New England and into Canada." *Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes*

**1769 Nov 18**

#### **Worcester Co MD**

**BENJAMIN HENDERSON SR** makes his last will and testament, leaving Haphazard to his wife **Mary** for her lifetime, then to son **Benjamin** and his heirs. He gives son **Lemuel** a negro man named Harry and various pieces of personal property. To grandsons **James** (a chest) Henderson and **Lemuel** (his gun) Henderson, and **Thomas Collins** (a chest and an ewe and a heifer). To daughter **Mary Horsey** his featherbed and furniture, and to daughters **Leah**, **Rhoda** and **Betty**, a shilling each. He leaves his personal property to his wife Mary to dispose of at her death as she sees fit, and appoints Mary and Lemuel executors. Witnessed by Solomon Webb, John Blades and William Franklin. Probated 22 May 1772. [View full text of will](#)

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### **Records from 1770-1779**

**1771 Apr 30**

#### **Worcester Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON** makes his will. Names son **Joseph** (and his son **James**, all of tract **Morlock**); son **James** and his son **Joseph** (balance of aforesaid on Pocomoke River); granddaughter **Elizabeth Henderson**; son James, executor. Witnessed by **Thomas Lambden**, **Ephraim Henderson** and **Tabitha Henderson**. Proved 21 Aug 1776. [Source 1 Page 37 \(folio 311\)](#)

*Ephraim Henderson was the son of James's nephew, Jesse Henderson (son of Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson). His wife was Tabitha Quinton.*

**1772 Feb 15**

#### **Worcester Co MD**

**JACOB HENDERSON** witnesses the will of **John Handy**. Handy mentions step-mother Elizabeth Handy and father Benjamin Handy, brothers Levin, George, Mathias and Benjamin, son Haste (under 20),

brother James Martin Handy, brothers-in-law Robert and William Dashiell, friends Robert Dashiell, William Winder, Joseph Dashiell, Benjamin Handy and Tabitha Mackall. Wit in addition to Jacob Henderson were James Buckanan and Thomas Irving. Will was proved 29 Feb 1772. [Source 1 Page 13-14](#)

**1772 May 22**

**Worcester Co MD**

**BENJAMIN HENDERSON SR** has died. His will was proved 22 May 1772. [View full text of will](#)

**1772 May 14**

**Worcester Co MD**

**CHARLES HENDERSON** makes his will. He names daughter **Mary** as executrix and mentions children **Steward, William, Rachel, Betty** and **Nanny**. Witnesses were Whittington and Levin Bowin. [Source 1 Page 29](#)

*This may be Mariner Charles (who may or may not be the "Charles Henderson Junr" referred to in [this 1736 judicial record](#)). If Mariner Charles, he may have named son Steward for Alexander Steward, in whose household he and Mariner James were living in 1726 (James had been with Steward since at least 1723). Charles also mentions a daughter named "Nanny" -- the only other time I have seen this name (vs. the more common Nancy) is in the 1770 will of James "Isaac" Henderson, who also mentioned a daughter named Nanny. James "Isaac" Henderson also had a grandson named Stewart.*

*It is interesting that the witnesses were Bowens. I believe that Sarah Bishop Henderson's mother was probably Ann, widow of William Bowen and second wife of Lt. Henry Bishop. Ann Bishop had two sons by her first marriage to William Bowen. Those sons were David (b ca 1658) and William Junior. I don't know who Whittington and Levin Bowin were, but they may have been cousins to Charles Henderson through his mother's Bowen half-siblings.*

**1772 Sep 1 (Julian Calendar)**

**Outer Banks**

Contextual history: "A tropical storm forced fourteen vessels ashore at Ocracoke Bar in North Carolina with 50 persons perishing. It is likely this storm caused significant winds in southeastern Virginia." [Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)

**1773 Feb 24**

**Worcester County MD**

Will of Dixon Quinton, 24 February 1773 (written). 26 August 1783 (proved). Wife Tabitha, EX. Had land bought of **BEN. HENDERSON** where John Peach lives. Son Philip. Son James. Son Dixon, under age. Daughters Susanna and Eleanor. Wit; Joshua Houston, William Merrill, Zipporah Baker. Wife renounces EX.

*This is puzzling. The will of Dixon Quinton mentions wife Tabitha in 1772. However, my records show that Ephriam Henderson (s/o Jesse and Rhoda Henderson) married Tabitha Quinton*

**1773 Aug 5**

**Somerset County MD**

Listed among "a list of the debts due to the estate of Eli Campbell:" Simon Kollock, **STEWART HENDERSON**, **BENJAMIN HENDERSON**, **WILLIAM HENDERSON**, **Thomas Lambden**, Sterling Marchment, Samuel Marchmont, James Murray, Charles Merchment, Charles Raitlif, James Rooks, John Savage, William Vessey, Peter Watson, William Whittington," and *numerous* others. [Source: Land Grants of Somerset County MD by Ruth T. Dryden, p210](#)

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*This is of interest because of the name Stewart Henderson, which we rarely see. I believe this Stewart Henderson is probably the "Steward Henderson" mentioned in the 1772 will of Charles Henderson of Worcester County. The William Henderson mentioned here may be his brother, or could be first cousin William Henderson (s/o William Jr.), or possibly second cousin William Henderson (s/o Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson).*

**1775 Aug 29 - Sep 2** (*Julian Calendar*)

### **The Independence Hurricane**

#### **North Carolina to Newfoundland**

Contextual history: "This savage hurricane raged from North Carolina to Newfoundland. Heavy rains began to fall across the colony on the 29th of August and slowly increased with time. The coast was ravaged from Currituck to Chincoteague. Wharves and storehouses on the waterfront of Norfolk were devastated. Bridges were carried away by the raging waters. At Williamsburg, mill dams broke and corn stalks were blown flat. Winds blew furiously until 10:00 p.m. Many ships were damaged as they were thrown ashore at Norfolk, Hampton, and York. Around twenty-five vessels were run ashore, or "irrecoverable gone." The gun ship H.M.S. Mercury was driven hard aground on Portsmouth Point at 5:00 p.m. on the 2nd. It was stranded in two feet of water for eight days (Shomette). The Liberty became "hopelessly stranded" in Back River, near Hampton. A number of locals boarded her, captured the crew, secured her goods, and set the ship afire in the first outright act of war. A full blockade of Hampton Roads thereafter brought shipping to a halt for three months. At least twenty-five died due to shipwreck." *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1776 Jul 10** (*Julian Calendar*)

### **Virginia**

Contextual history: "A strong gale played a role in a battle between the Royal Governor of Virginia, Dunmore, and General Lewis of the rebel forces. The royal fleet had been injured prior to the storm by General Lewis' forces and was sailing from Gwynn's Island toward St. George's Island, in the Potomac. The British crew was without water and enduring smallpox when the gale struck. A flour-laden supply ship ran aground. One ships foundered at the Mouth of the Rappahannock, while another was stranded on the Eastern shore (Shomette). The H.M.S. Otter, the Governor's ship, was rescuing another ship in distress. They were rescued just in time. After loading the distressed ship's cargo, the ship sunk. The governor later left Virginia for good on August 5th. Many ships in the area suffered damage to their rigging, sails, and anchors. Two vessels were driven ashore in St. Mary's county (Shomette)." *Source: [Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)*

**1776 Aug 21**

### **Worcester Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON** son of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson has died. Will of 30 April 1771 was proved 21 Aug 1776. [Source 1 Page 37 \(folio 311\)](#)

**1776 Oct 2**

### **Sussex Co DE**

Stokely Hossman makes a will naming wife Hannah [**Henderson**], heirs **JAMES HENDERSON** and Benjamin Stokely. Stokely Hossman was a "house carpenter" and "a mate of the "Scooner Musquito" and bound for North Carolina." *CALENDAR OF SUSSEX CO DE PROBATE RECORDS 1680-1800 on pg 193*

*We do not know if this James Henderson, probably a brother of Hannah Henderson Hossman, was connected to the Delmarva and/or Onslow Hendersons, but the location in Sussex Co DE (where there were also Bishops), a 1763 marriage between John Henderson and Alice Kollock of Sussex Co DE, the connection with a namesake of the Stokely family, and maritime travels to North Carolina -- make this record seem relevant to the Delmarva Hendersons. There was also a 1736 will of John Murray of Somerset Co MD naming "friend" Hannah Henderson "of Philadelphia," although that may be too early to be connected. Stokely Hossman's will was probated in Sussex Co DE 27 May 1788. See [biographical dictionary entry](#) for Hossman, Stokely.*

**1777**

#### **Worcester Co MD**

**BENJAMIN HENDERSON** (x2), and **EPHRAIM HENDERSON** swear oath of allegiance. *Source: Maryland, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890, page 112.*

**1777 Jan 13**

#### **Somerset & Worcester Co's MD**

##### **Hendersons on the list of Tories arrested in Somerset & Worcester Counties**

"On the 13th of January, 1777, a number of loyal colonists in Somerset and Worcester Counties represented to Congress that the Tories in those counties entertained disloyal designs, possibly an uprising in arms. They asked Congress for an armed force to maintain peace and protection. Congress referred the matter to the General Assembly of Maryland, requesting that a military force be sent there to suppress disorder, arrest and disarm any disloyal organizations, and make them take the oath of allegiance to the State. An expedition of militia under Brig. Gen. Henry Hooper, a naval force from Hooper's Straits, commanded by Capt. James Campbell of Dorchester County, and Col. Southey Simpson, of Virginia, with a command which had advanced into Maryland, coerced the Tories in that part of the Eastern Shore and arrested a large number of them, who were carried to Cambridge jail. They were held there for some months in prison; and in 1778 they petitioned Governor Johnson for a special hearing to determine their offences for which they were detained. Their names were as follows: Isaac Marshall, **Purnell Outen**, **BENJAMIN HENDERSON**, George Furnace, Robert Gibbs, David Adams, Thomas Wood Potter, Isaac Gunby, **Thomas Tull**, Jacob Cullin, Michael Benston, Michael Holland, Joseph Gunby, Willam Brotten, Thomas Cullin, Elisha Johnson, Levin Tybbs, Jacob Heron, Littleton Johnson, Benjamin Sommers, John Riggan, Henry Stirling, Thomas Ward, Solomon Bird, George Sommers, Aaron Stirling, John Colbourn, Ezekiel Ward, Aaron Colbourn and Thomas Sommers, of Somerset County; and Jessie Ellis, Levi Ellis, Edward Cropper, **Samuel Dryden**, William Jones, Joshua Butler, Benjamin Davis, Levin Disharoom, Thomas Cottingham, Ephraim Henderson, Thomas Taylor, **Stephen Roach**, Zorobabal Hill, Henry Parker, Hezekiah Cary, Elisha Heron and Eliakim Dubley, of Worcester County. *Source: [History of Dorchester County, Maryland by Elias Jones, 1902](#)*

*Purnell Outten (d 1795) married Mary Houston. The Hendersons had family connections with Purnells, Outtens and Houstons He was the father of Purnell Outten Jr. (d 1798 Accomack Co VA). Samuel Dreaden or Dryden was probably a son or grandson of the Samuel Dreaden found on Somerset Co MD Tax Lists of the mid-1700's. The Benjamin Henderson mentioned here is probably Benjamin Henderson Junior, son of Benjamin B. and Mary Henderson, and grandson of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson. Stephen Roach may be related to Hannah Henderson Roach (d/o Joseph Henderson who d 1723).*

**1777 Mar**

**Francis Newbold**, husband of **COMFORT HENDERSON NEWBOLD** dies in Somerset co MD or Lewes, Sussex Co DE. *Source: [The Miles Files](#)*

[See comments](#) regarding possible confusion over Francis Newbold.

**1777 Dec 12**

**Worcester Co MD**

**MARY HENDERSON** makes her will. Names sister Nancy Hadder; also names **Ann Henderson** and Caty Newton, daughter of Selby Newton; to sister Rachel Newton. Wit Phillip Selby, Eli Tarr, William Holland. Proved 6 Feb 1778. [Source 1 Page 44 \(folio 377\)](#)

*From the way the bequests are worded, I can't tell if Mary was married to a Henderson or if she was a Henderson. I do not know who this Mary Henderson was or how she fits in.*

**1778 ca**

**Accomack Co VA**

**JAMES HENDERSON** s/o Lemuel and Scarburgh Tunnell Henderson of Accomack Parish, Accomack Co VA marries **Rhoda Marshall** (d/o William Marshall). James was the grandson of Benjamin and Mary Henderson, and the great-grandson of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson. James and Rhoda Marshall Henderson would have daughters **Margaret "Peggy"** (25 Dec 1778), **Nancy** (5 Mar 1781), **Mary "Polly"** (9 Dec 1788 - 31 May 1849) and **Scarburgh** (31 Mar 1791) and son **Lemuel** (25 Oct 1786 - 26 Aug 1822). James would marry a second time in 1801 to Peggy Johnson. [Source: The Miles Files](#)

**1778 ca**

**Accomack Co VA**

In 1778 an Irish immigrant named **SAMUEL HENDERSON** arrived in Accomack Co VA. He purchased land from Ezekiel and Mary Delastatus and was a partner in the mercantile firm of Downing & Henderson (with William Downing). He had sons William, Richard, Captain Samuel Jr., Jackey, and Joseph, and daughters Jinny, Sally, Elizabeth "Betsy" and Rebecca. His daughter Jinny married into the Gillett family.

*Note: There is no known relationship between this late Irish immigrant and the Hendersons already established on the Delmarva Peninsula. Records for this Samuel Henderson should not be confused with records of the existing Delmarva lines.*

**1778 Aug 12 (Julian Calendar)**

**North Carolina**

Contextual history: "A hurricane passed quite near the Virginia coast generally on a track which extended from Charleston, South Carolina through New Bern, North Carolina and was next detected in southeastern New England. It prevented a major naval battle between the British and the French during the American Revolution." [Source: Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes](#)

**1779 Mar 31**

**Philadelphia PA**

Stokely Hossman and **JOHN HENDERSON** appear on a list of "persons who took the oath of allegiance to the state of Pennsylvania in the city of Philadelphia, 1778-1779."

*Here is Stokely Hossman (see 2 Oct 1776) appearing now with a John Henderson in Philadelphia. We know that Stokely Hossman mentioned James Henderson in his 1776 will when he was bound for NC aboard the Mosquito from Sussex Co DE. He was married about January 1769 to Hannah Henderson. No idea at this point of a connection between Hossman and the Hendersons, but the name Stokely in connection with John and James Henderson and maritime employment taking Hossman to NC make this record worth inserting. See [biographical dictionary entry](#) for Hossman, Stokely.*

**1779 Jul 14**

**Worcester Co MD**

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**LEVINAH HENDERSON BLADES**, daughter of Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson, is named executor of husband **John Blades'** will. Will witnessed by Riley Slocomb, **Stephen Roach** and Ann Newton and proved 24 Aug 1779. [Source 1 Page 37 \(folio 311\)](#)

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## **Records from 1780-1789**

**1781 Aug 11** (*Julian Calendar*)

### **North Carolina**

Contextual history: "A gale prevailed for forty hours at Wilmington, North Carolina moving slowly northward just inside the coastline. This storm probably affected Virginia as well." [Source: \*Seventeenth Century Virginia Hurricanes\*](#)

**1782 Nov 10**

### **Worcester Co MD**

(Probated Nov 20, 1782) **Thomas Lambden** makes will and leaves property to wife Sarah Lambdon "all my children" (unnamed). To son-in-law James Atkinson the EX and one-third part of lot #3 in Snow Hill, a cypress swamp called CHANCE on the Pocomoke River. To grandson Edward Lambden, a tract called FLETCHER'S ADDITION where Stephen **Roach** now lives. To grandson Christopher Osbourn, the piece of land obtained from Robert Pitts Esq. deceased, where Littleton Long now lives. To son-in-law Jacob Merrill. Witnesses: William Handy, David Taylor, Jacob **Roach**. [Source: \*Worcester County Genealogy Records\*. \[www.ocmuseum.org\]\(http://www.ocmuseum.org\)](#)

*This is probably Thomas Lambden Sr, the same who was involved in the debt suit with Francis Henderson in the 1730's. It is believed he married a Sarah Henderson (possibly of Gilbert Henderson's line, or a widow of a second or third generation Henderson of James's line). He lived among the Hendersons of Pocomoke for several years and mentions having bought land from Robert Pitts, founder of the Pitts Creek settlement. The name Roach is connected with Hannah Henderson Roach, only child of Joseph Henderson (s/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) who died in 1723. A Thomas Lambden was in debtor's prison earlier, so I am curious as to how (if the same man) he was able to preserve his property. The debtor may have been his presumed son, Thomas Lambden Jr.*

**1783 Jan 6**

### **Worcester Co MD**

Sarah (Merrill) Henderson, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Merrill, is called **SARAH HENDERSON** in her father's 1782 will. Sarah married **JAMES HENDERSON** (Jr., s/o James Henderson who was in turn s/o John & Eliz Barnaby Henderson) and his wife Alice. By December of 1784 when her mother's will was written, she was Sarah Boston, wife of [Jacob Boston](#). [Source: \*Matthew M. Wise. The Boston Family of Maryland\*. 2nd ed pp 24-25 on \[Geni.com\]\(http://Geni.com\)](#)

## **1783 Tax List**

### **Somerset County, MD**

**BENJAMIN HENDERSON** Never Out Done, 10a SO Wicomico pg 70

**BENJAMIN HENDERSON** Fisher Waters Study, 350a SO Wicomico p70

**CHARLES HENDERSON** SO Rewastico p 46 MSA S1161-9-10, 1/4/5/52

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** taxed for 83a parcel of original patent Pomfrett, SO Little Annamessex p 122.

[Source: \*Land Grants of Source: Maryland State Archives. Maryland Indexes Assessment of 1783 Index. Worcester County MSA S 1437\*](#)

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*Pomfrett had originally been patented in 1663 by William Coulbourn (1000a) and it was subsequently divided and sold by the Coulbourn family over the 17th and 18th centuries. Researcher Liz D. reports that William Henderson married Elizabeth Coulbourne, widow of William Coulbourn, (d 1765 Somerset Co.) and the land was probably Elizabeth's dower right. Coventry Parish records show William Henderson m. Elizabeth Coulbourne 30 Oct 1769. They had a son, Cox Henderson, (Elizabeth's maiden name was Cox) born 20 August 1770 Coventry Parish. Anyone with additional information on the line of William and Elizabeth Cox Coulborne Henderson and their son, Cox Henderson, please [contact](#) me and [Liz](#) to share.*

### **1783 Tax List**

#### **Worcester County, MD**

**SARAH LAMBTON** Chance, pt, 48 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54

**THOMAS LAMBTON** Chance, pt, 99 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54

Source: <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/stagser/s1400/s1437/html/1437wo.html>

*List also includes Elizabeth Lambdon (Matto pony), Rob. Lambdon (Pocomoke), Robert Lambdon (Snow Hill) and Thomas A. Lambdon (Snow Hill).*

### **1783 Tax List**

#### **Worcester Co MD**

#### **Hendersons on the Assessment of 1783 (Index)**

*John Bishop. Notes: Surety for **Bishop Henderson**. WO Boquetenorton p. 3. MSA S1161-11-6. 1/4/5/54*

***Benjamin Henderson**. Timber Grove, pt, 110 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Benjamin Henderson**. Resurvey on Timber Grove, 90 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Benjamin Henderson**. Hap Hazzard, 70 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Benjamin Henderson**. Chesnut Ridge, 40 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Bishop Henderson**. Notes: John Bishop surety for Bishop Henderson. WO Boquetenorton p. 3. MSA S1161-11-6. 1/4/5/54 (See Note)*

***Brittingham Henderson**. Littleworth, pt, 100 acres. WO Matto pony p. 4. MSA S1161-11-8. 1/4/5/54*

***Comfort Henderson**. WO Buckingham and Worcester p. 6. MSA S1161-11-7. 1/4/5/54*

***Curtis Henderson**. WO Acquango p. 5. MSA S1161-11-5. 1/4/5/54*

***Ephraim Henderson**. Paramors Double Purchase, pt, 207 acres. WO Matto pony p. 3. MSA S1161-11-8. 1/4/5/54*

***Ephraim Henderson**. Hap Hazzard, 99 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Ephraim Henderson**. Hendersons Folly, 68 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Isaac Henderson**. Turtle Ridge, pt, 70 acres. WO Matto pony p. 4. MSA S1161-11-8. 1/4/5/54*

***Isaac Henderson**. Tinderdale, pt, 76 acres. WO Matto pony p. 4. MSA S1161-11-8. 1/4/5/54*

***Jacob Henderson**. Landing Purchase, 120 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Jacob Henderson**. Barren Lott, 100 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***James Henderson**. Double Purchase, pt, 192 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Jesse Henderson**. Friendship, 40 acres. WO Boquetenorton p. 3. MSA S1161-11-6. 1/4/5/54*

***Jesse Henderson**. Inch, 219 3/4 acres. WO Boquetenorton p. 3. MSA S1161-11-6. 1/4/5/54*

***Jinkins Henderson**. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***John Henderson**. Notes: Matthew Steel surety for John Henderson. WO Boquetenorton p. 3. MSA S1161-11-6. 1/4/5/54*

***John Henderson**. WO Buckingham and Worcester p. 14. MSA S1161-11-7. 1/4/5/54*

***John Henderson**. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Joseph Henderson**. Double Purchase, pt, 160 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Joseph Henderson**. Notes: Surety for William Holland Henderson. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Levi Henderson**. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54*

***Levin Henderson**. Timber Grove, 195 acres. WO Queponco p. 2. MSA S1161-11-11. 1/4/5/54*

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**Sarah Henderson.** WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**Smart Henderson.** WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**Thomas Henderson.** WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**William Henderson.** WO Buckingham and Worcester p. 6. MSA S1161-11-7. 1/4/5/54  
**William Henderson.** Fludberry and Mill, 160 acres. WO Mattopony p. 3. MSA S1161-11-8. 1/4/5/54  
**William Henderson.** WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**William Henderson.** Double Purchase, 117 1/2 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**William Henderson.** Conveniency, 125 acres. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**William Henderson.** Notes: Surety for James Houston. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
**William Holland. Henderson.** Notes: Joseph Henderson surety for Wm Holland Henderson. WO Pitts Creek p. 3. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
James Houston. Notes: **William Henderson** surety for James Houston. WO Pitts Creek p. 2. MSA S1161-11-9. 1/4/5/54  
Matthew Steel. Notes: Surety for **John Henderson.** WO Boquetenorton p. 3. MSA S1161-11-6. 1/4/5/54

*Note A: This is Bishop Henderson the Younger, est b bef 1767 (since he would have had to be at least 16 to be taxed in 1783). John Bishop was likely a kinsman. This Bishop Henderson would be dead by 1802 and his 18yo orphan son Lemuel would be bound out to John Bishop to learn the "art and mystery of farming."*

**1783 Dec 5**

**Worcester Co MD?**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON** to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer; 1782/12/05, Account and receipt for freight charges. [Maryland State Papers, Scharf Collection 1640-1914 MSA S1005-94-13950 MdHR 19.999-086-011 Location: 1/8/5/66](#)

*We're getting a little close to the beginning of 19th century now and there are a lot of Hendersons out there in Worcester and Somerset Counties. The reason this one caught my eye was the reference to [Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer](#). Although this Daniel Jenifer was born in Charles Co MD. Online biographies are vague about his parentage, likely because of his connection with the notorious Ann Toft of Somerset Co MD. This record appeared in the archives for Somerset Co MD so I am assuming that this is one of the Somerset Hendersons and not William Henderson, son of Irish Samuel Henderson who arrived in Accomack County VA in about 1778.*

**1786 Jan 27**

**Worcester Co MD**

**JAMES HENDERSON** witnesses the (second) will of Jacob Boston, second husband of **Sarah (Merrill) Henderson Boston**. Other witnesses were Thomas Layfield and Isaac Boston. [\[Source: Matthew M. Wise, The Boston Family of Maryland, 2nd ed pp 24-25 on Geni.com\]](#)

*Jacob Boston made two wills in the 1780's. The first (23 Sep 1780) was witnessed by Dixon Quinton, Thomas Marshall and Elijah Boston. The second (27 Jan 1786) was witnessed by Thomas Layfield, Isaac Boston and James Henderson. Sarah Merrill Henderson Boston had no sons named James, and her husband James Henderson had died in about 1783. Her father-in-law James Henderson was also dead by 1786. **Not sure who this James Henderson belongs to.** After Boston's death, widow Sarah Merrill Henderson Boston deeded several of the Boston family slaves to Hendersons: 1801 a negro boy named Moses to son William H. Henderson for \$200; Francis, Hannah and Walter to son Levin Henderson for \$100; and 1802 a negro girl Eve to son Jesse Henderson and his wife Polly (no charge). Worc. Deeds U: 482-3, 526; V:427.*

*Jesse Henderson, son of Sarah Merrill Henderson may be the same Jesse Henderson, shipbuilder, mentioned in the 1883 edition of "[History of Pocomoke City](#)" by Rev. James Murray. On page 53: "Jesse Henderson was a ship carpenter by trade...With him, his wife, daughter and grandchildren [Rev. Murray was] most intimately acquainted. He was an honest, upright man in his dealings, very retired in his disposition and highly respected by the entire community. He was great-grandfather to Edward H. Clarke and Mrs.*

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*Mary Quinn. He died in 1832 or '33 and his remains rest in the old Long Burying Ground...His wife, aunt Polly Henderson, for so we used to call her, was a most exemplary woman. I knew her well from my infancy to the time of her death. While I am giving some account of her husband, I feel it due to her name to say that she was my ideal of a model wife. She was a keeper-at-home, no gadder-about, no tattler, no busybody in other people's business. I never heard her speak an unkind word of any one; always had a pleasant word and pleasant face. She died in a good old age, and was buried in the Methodist Episcopal Church Burying ground..." The aunt Polly mentioned in this passage was Polly Long, sister of Captain Henry Long, Captain John W. Long and David Long. All three are buried in the Methodist Episcopal Church burying ground of New Town (Pocomoke City).*

**1788 (no date)**

**Worcester Co MD**

**Abraham Lamberson** makes his will, naming daughter Patience Carey, grandson Levin Cary, grandson Levi Cary (where his father Levi lives), daughters Mary Carey and Sarah Carey. Witnessed by **James Tull**, Levi Carey and **RACHEL HENDERSON**. *Source: Worcester County Genealogy Records.*

*[www.ocmuseum.org](http://www.ocmuseum.org)*

**1788 Nov 26**

**Worcester Co MD**

**LEVIN HENDERSON**, Shipwright, of Worcester Co MD makes his will. Sons **Jesse** and **Barnabus** got all the land (with Jesse having first choice), but with an obligation to pay brothers **Curtis** and **Samuel** and sisters **Nancy** and Mary ten pounds Maryland currency. The children received bequests of furniture, livestock, and a slave. The will was proved 13 March 1789. [View full text of will](#)

**1789 Mar 13**

**Worcester Co MD**

**LEVIN HENDERSON**, Shipwright, has died. Will was proved on 13th March. [View full text of will](#)

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## **Records from 1790-1799**

**1791**

**Worcester Co MD**

**United States Census**

**DANIEL HENDERSON** enumerated on the 1790 United States Census in Worcester County, MD living between Ayers Gillett and Babel Hill (Joseph Houston and **SAMUEL HENDERSON** are on the other side of Babel Hill). Daniel Henderson 1M+16, 1F+16 and 6 add'l members of household. Samuel Henderson, 1M+16, 1F+16, 2 add'l members of household, 1 slave. **Daniel Young** and **Isaac Layfield** are also on the census. *Source: 1790 United States Census Worcester County*

**1795**

**Worcester Co MD**

**EZEKIEL HENDERSON** living in Worcester Co MD; no township listed.. *Source: Maryland, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890*

**1795 Feb 11**

**Worcester Co MD**

(Probated 2 Jun 1795) **Thomas Lambden**, will mentions wife Polly Lambden, lands (and Executrix). To son Edward Lambden (Executor). To three daughters, Polly Lambden, Sarah Hall, and Zipporah Lambden. To six youngest children, Susey Lambden, John Lambden, James Lambden, Elizabeth Lambden, Robert Lambden, Henry Lambden. Witnessed by **LEMUEL HENDERSON**, **ISAAC HENDERSON**, and **OUTTEN HENDERSON**. *Source: Worcester County Genealogy Records, [www.oceancitymuseum.org](http://www.oceancitymuseum.org)*

*This is probably Thomas Lambden Jr. He is supposed to have married an Elizabeth Henderson (possibly d/o John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson who had died bef 1743?). Lemuel Henderson is probably the son of Benjamin B. and Mary Henderson, and a grandson of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson. Isaac Henderson is probably the son of Jesse and Rhoda Henderson (an unsourced record reported that he died in 1785, but obviously not, unless there is a stray Isaac up in Worcester County in the 1790's). Isaac, son of Jesse and Rhoda Henderson, was the grandson of Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson. Outten Henderson was the son of Jacob and Edith Outten Henderson and a grandson of Francis and Elizabeth Henderson.*

**1796 Jul 13**

**Accomack Co VA**

**SAMUEL HENDERSON** appointed executor of the estate of Mary Beavans (proved 2 Feb 1798). Beavans names dau Tabitha Marshall and granddau Nancy Drummond. Mentions granddau Sally Beavans d/o Thomas and grandson George Beavans, s/o William. Witnesses were John Ker, Daniel Twiford. *Wills and Administrations of Accomack Co VA 1663-1800 p 382.*

*This is probably "Irish" Samuel Henderson of Accomack Co VA (see entry for 1778, above, or [biographical dictionary](#) entry Henderson, Samuel of Ireland). I feel confident Irish Samuel Henderson is the one who witnessed a 1794 Accomack will of William Shipman (along with Levin Dallener and Jean Henderson), so I have not recorded that record in this timeline. Samuel Henderson's son, Captain Samuel Henderson, married into the Drummond family.*

**1797**

**Worcester Co MD**

**BARNEBY HENDERSON** and **ISAAC HENDERSON** living in Worcester Co MD; no township listed. *Source: Maryland, Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index, 1772-1890*

**1797 Feb 5**

**Accomack Co VA**

**LEMUEL HENDERSON** Will written 5 Feb 1797, probated 26 Nov 1797. To son James Henderson, plantation where I now live. To daughter Rhoda Tunnel during her natural life and in case she should marry and have issue I bequeath what I have lent her to such heirs and for want of such issue I give the above articles to my granddaughter Scarburgh Henderson. To wife, Scarburgh Henderson. To grandson Lemuel Henderson. Wife and son James resid. legatees and executors. Witnessed by James Gillett, Isaac Marshall, Levin Marshall and John Johnson. *Wills and Administrations of Accomack Co VA 1663-1800 p 338.*

*This Lemuel Henderson was a son of Benjamin and Mary Henderson of Somerset Co MD (and a grandson of John and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson).*

**1799 Jun**

**Onslow Co NC**

**BARNABUS/BARNABY HENDERSON**, son of Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson, was living in Onslow Co NC and married to second wife Mary Eagerton when he made his 1799 will and named sons

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**Charles, Ezekiel, Barnabus Junior, Josiah**, and daughters **Sarah Morton** and **Elizabeth Edmonston**. He stipulated that money left to wife Mary should be used for the education of younger sons **Hardy** and **Jesse**, apparently minors at the time of his death.

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## **Records from 1800+**

**1800**

### **Kent Co DE**

Henderson, John - 10001-10011-0-0 (Duck Creek Neck, page 4, Aug. 4, 1800)

Henderson, Rhoda - 23000-00010-0-0 (Mispillion Neck, page 75, Aug. 4, 1800)

Henderson, James - 11110-11010-0-0 (Milford, beginning of - which contains 103 houses, 12 of which is brick, 1 brick Episcopalian Church and 1 frame Methodist Meeting House, also contains 651 inhabitants and carries on a considerable trade to Philadelphia of corn, etc., page 81, Aug. 4, 1800)

Source: [1800 Census Kent County, Delaware](#) | See also [Chronology of Hendersons in Delaware and NJ](#)

**1801 Feb 3**

### **Worcester Co MD**

**CURTIS HENDERSON** patents "Henderson's Beginning," 70.75a in Worcester Co MD. Patent #1238.

Source: [Worcester County Circuit Court Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats MSA S1210: \(Certificates, Patented, WO\)](#)

*This is Curtis Henderson, son of shipwright Levin Henderson and wife Mary Blades. He is a grandson of Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson.*

**1801 Oct 19**

### **Accomack Co VA**

**JAMES HENDERSON** s/o Lemuel and Scarborough Tunnell Henderson of Accomack Parish, Accomack Co VA marries second time to **Peggy Johnson** (d/o William Marshall). Marriage bond security John Johnson. James and Peggy Johnson Henderson would have daughters Eliza "Betsy" (19 Dec 1802 - 4 Feb 1843) and Gatty Henderson (b ca 1804). Source: [The Miles Files](#)

**1802 Aug**

### **Worcester Co MD**

**LEMUEL HENDERSON** "about the age of 18 years" and an orphan of **BISHOP HENDERSON** is discharged from his apprenticeship to Samuel Stevenson. He is then bound to **John Bishop** until the age 21 "to be taught the art and mystery of farming." Source: [Orphan's Court Records of Worcester Co MD](#)

*This record is interesting for a couple of reasons. First, this cannot be the Bishop Henderson of the pre-1742 Somerset Co tax lists. If the orphan Lemuel was about 18yo in 1802, he would have been born about 1784. The original Bishop Henderson of the tax lists would be approaching 90-100 years old in 1784. That means there was likely a son or grandson named Bishop, who then had a son named Lemuel (a name frequently associated with John Henderson Senior's descendants).*

*The second thing we can learn from this record is that an 18yo boy was still considered "an orphan" and even at this late age, could still be bound out in service. The John Bishop in question here was likely a distant kinsman on the Bishop line, which reinforces my opinion that this Lemuel and Bishop Henderson should likely fall under the lineage of the original Bishop Henderson.*

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**1804 Jun**

**Worcester Co MD**

John Stevenson, the guardian to **WILLIAM HENDERSON** to be discharged from paying further accounts on said guardianship." *Source: Orphan's Court Records of Worcester Co MD*

*This William Henderson may be connected to the Lemuel Henderson (son of Bishop Henderson) who had been bound to Samuel Stevenson bef Aug 1802.*

**1804 Dec 1**

**Worcester Co MD**

Rhoda [Bowds?] makes her will; mentions Rowland Bevans Jr. Bequests to sons **BRITTINGHAM HENDERSON** and **WILLIAM HENDERSON**, one shilling each. Witnessed by Jesse Sturgis and Levin Matthews. JBR 222. *Source: Times and Tides of Ocean City, Maryland*

*Brittingham Henderson (ca 1739) and William Beavans Henderson (b 1745) were sons of Jesse Henderson and his wife Rhoda who married 2) \_\_\_\_\_ [Bowds?]. Other children were Ephriam (b 1747), Elizabeth (b 1737) and Isaac (b 1741). Jesse was the son of Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson.*

**1806 May 9**

**Worcester Co MD**

**WILLIAM HENDERSON SR**; No will date 9 May 1806. Administrator bonds, John R. Slocomb, Bayley Young and Anderson Patterson. JBR 306. *Source: Will Records of Worcester Co MD*

**1809 Oct**

**Worcester Co MD**

Hugh M. Stevenson orphan of Jonathan Stevenson. **LYDIA HENDERSON** guardian." *Source: Orphan's Court Records of Worcester Co MD*

**1815 Mar 24**

**Worcester Co MD**

**Abisha Davis** mentions "2 acres purchased off **LEVIN HENDERSON**" in his 24 Mar 1815 will. *Source: Worcester County Genealogy Records. www.ocmuseum.org*

## **Non-Digital Sources**

**Source 1: Worcester County MD Wills, Liber JW4 1769-1783**, abstracted by Ruth T. Dryden