

Combined Rent Rolls, Warrants and Tax Lists for Eastern Shore Hendersons 1685-1800

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Comment: The purpose of the analysis of this census is to attempt to connect the Hendersons of the Delmarva Peninsula with the two **James Hendersons** (Junior and Senior) who are present in early Onslow County NC records from 1732 (or prior) until aft 1770. The comments after some entries will be relevant to that effort but may not be of particular significance to descendants of Hendersons who remained in MD/VA, or to the descendants of Barnaby Henderson of Onslow Co NC (who is easily traced back to Somerset County MD).

About the Tax Lists:

There are no annual tax lists comparable to those of Somerset available for Worcester after its formation in 1742, when most Henderson households fell into the newer county. This results in a significant reduction of our ability to observe the movement of the Hendersons within the Delmarva Peninsula and between the peninsula and early coast North Carolina. I am supplementing the Somerset Tax Lists by using rent rolls, warrant books and other similar documentation where available.

During the period covered by the annual Somerset Co MD tax lists (1723-1759), all free males and slaves over 15 were tithable. Failure to account for a tithable could result in stiff fines, so the lists are considered to be reasonably comprehensive, however there is inconsistent inclusion on the list of "such transient men as mariners, traders and merchants" who were only considered taxable if they resided in the province for a certain amount of time during the year.

1660-1669 Supplemental Records that Show Henderson Locations

1661 NHP-VA James and Mary Henderson appear in records of Hungars Parish (May 12)

1662 ACC-VA James Henderson summoned to church for failure to pay tithes (Jan 7)

1663 ACC-VA James Henderson sues John King for debt (December)

1665 ACC-VA James Henderson in court regarding age (and taxability?) of servant William Brooke(s) (March)

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1665 ACC-VA James Henderson transports 8 persons to Accomack Co (Apr 5)
1665 ACC-VA James Henderson receives certificate for 400a in Accomack on S. side of Pocomoke (Nov 17)
1666 ACC-VA James Henderson on the Accomack Tithables list (2 males over 16+)
1667 ACC-VA James Henderson serves on Accomack Co jury (July)
1667 ACC-VA James Henderson receives 150a land patent (Aug)
1667 ACC-VA James Henderson taken into custody with German Gillet and Charles Rackliff (Dec)
1667 SOM-MD James Henderson listed among those affected by MD/VA boundary change
1667 SOM-MD James Henderson listed among those affected by MD/VA boundary change
1668 ACC-VA James Henderson ordered by Accomack Co to pay taxes of 100lb tobacco
1668 SOM-MD James Henderson transport Alice and children to Somerset (Apr 1); probably no move
1668 SOM-MD James Henderson on list of surveyed land patented lands now falling in Maryland (Jun 11)
1669 SOM-MD James Henderson records cattle mark (Mar 9)
1669 SOM-MD James Henderson and wife Alice, parents of James Junior b Pocomoke Hundred (Jun 10)

*Additional entries of note contain names of future neighbors and other supporting characters for the Henderson story:
1665/66 SOM Mary Barnaby, widow, appears in 1665, 1666, 1667 and 1668.*

1670-1684 Delmarva County Data Data Plus [Somerset Warrant Book](#)

1672 NHP-VA James Hinderson listed as headright for Mr. Whittington, Chincoteague Island (Oct 2)
1673 SOM-MD James Hinderson serves on jury in Somerset Co (Jan 30)
1679 SOM-MD James Henderson resurvey of Double Purchase on S side of Pocomoke (Feb 20)
1680 SOM-MD John Henderson (s/o James) m Elizabeth Barnebe (Jul 1)
1682 SOM-MD John Henderson records cattle marks in Somerset Co
1683 SOM-MD John Henderson and Elizabeth are parents of Hannah (Apr 4)
1684 SOM-MD John Henderson and Elizabeth are parents of Anne Mary (Feb 6)

Note: William Whittington Jr lists James Henderson among a large number of headrights for a patent to Chincoteague Island. This is an anomaly since James was well established in Somerset by 1672, and James Junior was born in Virginia and not likely to be allowed a headright certificate. It is possible that Whittington had purchased James Senior's original headright certificate years earlier and was a long time in getting an actual patent.

Additional entries of note contain names of future neighbors and other supporting characters for the Henderson story:

1670 Jan 15 John Rhodes Sr, Rehoboth 300a, seaside near south of Delaware
1673/4 Jan 10 William Brittingham, planter, Ye Adventure 100a, E side of Chesapeake Bay on S side of Pocomoke R
1674 Mar 30 Robert Houston, planter, Second Choice 100a, S of Pocomoke R
1674 Apr 6 Thomas Purnell, planter, Mattapany Marsh 200a, seaboard side of the E side of Mattapany Creek
1674 Nov 6 John Bosman/Lazarus Mattux, Leverton 220a, on S side of Pocomoke R
1675 Jun 24 Capt Southy Littleton, gent of Accomack, Pharsalier 2400a, on seaboard side at Swansicut
1677 Jun 22 John Emmett to Henry Bishop Jr, Diocese 600a, seaboard side to NW side of Assateague R
1677 Jun 22 John Emmett to Henry Bishop Sr, Exon 250a, S side of Pocomoke R at Berternorton Landing in woods
1677 Sep 25 John Emmett to Henry Bishop Jr., Discovery 300a, Pocomoke R on S side called Quapanquah Branch
1679 Jun 3 Nicholas Fountaine, Nova Francie 100a, S side of creek of Manokin R
1679 Jul 8 John White gent to Aaron Bishop, Beckford 300a, seaboard side of Pocomoke R near land of Wm Stevens
1679 Col Wm Stevens get to Thomas Purnell, Timber Quarter 200a, seaboard side near Mattapany back
1679 Jul 9 Matthew Scarborough to John Bishop, Reserve 200a, seaboard side at Boqueternorton called "Durham House"
1679 Jul 8 Col Wm Stevens gent to Edward Jones, Flint 50a, S side of Manokin R on Back Creek, land of Jas Barnabye...
1679 Oct 24 Edwd Dickenson to Thomas Newbold, Thomas Gift 150a, S side Manokin R at wading place

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1679 Feb 26 John Bishop to Timothy Read, West Ridge 150a, on S side Pocomoke R

1679 Oct 24 Col Wm Stevens to Lazarus Mattus, Mattuxes Inclosure 100a, S side Manokin River SW of Back Creek

1685 Somerset County MD Rent Roll

1685 SOM-MD James Henderson: Henderson's Choice, 170; Landing Purchase, 130; Morelacke, 500

1685 SOM-MD John Henderson: part of Barnabies Lott, 100 of 200a

The [1685 rent rolls](#) contains familiar names surrounding the Hendersons: Francis Jenckins is there, several Manloves, Colonel Southey Littleton, Captain William Whittington, Robert Houston and William Brittingham, John Williams Senior, William Merrill, and German Gillett. On page 10 are John and Aaron Bishop (sons of Lt Henry) and Charles Ratliffe. The descendants of these men would intermingle with Hendersons in Somerset and Onslow counties over the following generations.

Misc County Records bet 1685-1722

These records allow us to track the positions of Delmarva Hendersons between 1685-1722 when the census info picks up again. Records for all of Gilbert Henderson's line except Robert (who will appear on the Somerset Co MD census beginning 1728) are dimmed.

1685 SOM-MD William Henderson (s/o James) m Sarah Bishop (Aug 10)

1685 SOM-MD William Henderson and wife Sarah are parents to William Jr (Jan 9)

1685 SOM-MD John Henderson relinquishes the inconvenient keeping of a ferry on the Pocomoke (Nov 5)

1688 ACC-VA Jno. Henderson (s/o Gilbert Sr) living in Northampton Co VA age 22 [\[Src\]](#)

1688 NHP-VA John Henderson (s/o Gilbert Sr) witnesses the will of John Cobb (Jun 23) [\[Src\]](#)

1689 SOM-MD James and John Henderson sign oath of allegiance to protestant faith (Nov 28)

1690 SOM-MD James Henderson makes his will (Nov 18)

1691 SOM-MD James Jr and Esther Henderson are parents of Francis (Oct 30)

1692 SOM-MD James Henderson estate valued at 140.19.00 [\[Src\]](#)

1692 SOM-MD James Henderson and John Henderson listed in "Actions Returnable" (Jan 20)

1692 SOM-MD William Henderson, sawyer, defendant in lawsuit (Sep 17)

1692 SOM-MD James Henderson: case dismissed as Henderson was dec'd (Sep 17)

1694 SOM-MD James Jr and John Henderson return appraisal of estate of L. Crawford (Nov 16)

1695 SOM-MD James Jr and John Henderson securities for John Upshott marriage bond (Jul 19)

1704 NHP-VA John Henderson (s/o Gilbert) on rent roll of Northampton Co VA [\[Src\]](#)

1704 ACC-VA Rent Rolls includes **Robert Pitts**, several Stokelys, Majors, Benstons and other familiar names (see footnote for details).¹

¹ Arthur Upshot (2020a); Alex Benstone (270a), Maj. Bennit Scarborough (1000a); **Christopher Stokly** (200a); Charles Scarborough (1000a); **Charles Stockley** (170a); David Watson (200a); Denis More (200a); Col. Edm'd Scarbrough (2000a); Edw'd Bagwell for Wm. Custis (200a); **Edm'd Jones [Joynes?]** (800a); Mrs. Eliz'b Scarbrough (4205a); Francis Benstone (400a); Griffin Savage (650a); Henry Ubanks (363a); Henry Bagwell (412a); **Joseph Stokley** (664a); Joseph Clark (200a); Jno. Milbey (500a); Jno. Road (110a); Jno. Savage Sr. (350a); Joseph Milby (830a); Jno. Jenkins (400a); Jno. Dyer (200a); Mr. John Watts (2450a); Ingold Cobb (150a); Jno. Bagwell (465a); Nathaniel Williams (64a); Overton Mack Williams (200a); **Peter Major** (113a); **Roules Major** (157a); Roulard Savage Sr. (950a); Robert Wattson (425a); **Robert Pitts** (2300a); Rebecca Benstone (270a); Sebastian Dellistation Sr/Jr (500/400a); Thomas Clark (100a); Thomas Bagwell (465a); Thomas Savage (450a); **Thomas Stocklay** (363a); Thomas Moore (166a); **William Major** (130a); Wm. Moores (150a); William Savage (110a); William Milby (250a); **William**

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1712 NHP-VA Gilbert (Gilburd) Henderson (s/o John, grds/o Gilbert Sr) witnesses will of Edmond Joynes [Src]

1713 SOM-MD William Henderson owed a debt from the estate of William Whittington (Nov 9)

1716 SOM-MD William Henderson witnesses will of Lazarus Maddox (Jan 18)

1719 NHP-VA John Henderson (s/o Gilbert Sr) appraiser of estate of Maj Thos Joynes [Src]

1719 NHP-VA John Henderson (s/o Gilbert Sr) appraises estate of Major Edmund Joynes (Dec 15)

1719 ACC-VA Bishop Henderson witnesses [will of Owing \(Owen\) Minnion](#)

1720 ACC-VA Robert Henderson (gr-s/o Gilbert Sr) witnesses the will of (uncle?) Robert Savage (May 7) [Src]

1720 NHP-VA John Henderson (s/o Gilbert Sr) is executor of the will of Robert Savage (May 7)

1721/22 NHP-VA John Henderson (s/o Gilbert Sr) makes his will names sons Gilbert & Robert [Src]

1722 SOM-MD Francis Henderson receives bond of orphan Giddion Jones, apprentice (Jun)

Note: Bishop Henderson is witnessing a will in Accomack; Robert Henderson of Accomack will show up in the Nanticoke Hundred of Somerset County beginning in 1727. He sold the land inherited from his father (John Henderson of Accomack) in 1725 and apparently moved north with his wife Elizabeth.

Somerset County MD Tax List for 1722 is missing from database

(four of the nine Hundreds is missing from the existing 1722 list)

Note that the first known appearance of [any James Henderson in early coastal NC](#) is a mention in Governor Charles Eden's 1722 will. He makes a bequest to his friend James Henderson of land on Durham's Creek in Bertie Co NC. The bequest was revoked about a month later as Eden decided that Henderson had "had enough from him" already. We do not know who the James Henderson mentioned in Eden's will was but circumstantial evidence points to the presence of Somerset Co MD Hendersons in a few records of early Bertie and surrounding precincts. The Somerset tax lists do not begin in full until 1723, so we can't cross-reference to see where our "transient" James Hendersons were when Eden made his will.

[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)*

Brittingham (538a); William Benstone Jr. (270a); Mr. William Kendall's oprhans of Northampton (2850a - whereof are not dwellers in Accomack); Obedience Johnson (300a).

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Joseph Henderson of Manokin Hundred (s/o John Sr and Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) would make his will in July of 1723 and be dead by 20 Nov 1723 so the tax lists were recorded before that date. He mentioned his wife, Elizabeth, and his sole minor heir, Hannah (later wife of Nathaniel Roach). HHis next-door neighbors were cousins James and Barnaby Willis, and on the other side of them were members of the Fountain family (who had a tragic history with the Barnaby family). On the other side of Joseph were William Miles (Mary Barnaby had at one time been engaged to Henry Miles), Alexander Maddux, William Fountain, Daniel Maddux and Thomas Maddux. The Revells and Horseys were a few doors down from the latter Maddux.

*The **James and Charles Henderson** who appear as dependents in the Bogerternorton Hundred households of Alexander Stewart and Adam Spence, respectively, are believed to be the younger sons of William and Sarah Bishop Henderson of Somerset (William was second son of James Sr. and first wife Mary Henderson of Accomack/Northampton). Their intermittent appearance through the decades covered by the tax lists, and the fact that they are often dependents in the households of ship-owning merchants (in the company of shipwrights and others employed in maritime trades) leads us to believe they were mariners.*

Neighbors of the large Pocomoke Hundred Henderson group included John, James and Joseph Houston HH172. (John Henderson Jr., s/o John & Eliz Barnaby Henderson m Sarah Houston, d/o John Houston -- descendants of Thomas Houston, Sarah's uncle, can be found in Onslow in 1732).

*A **John Williams** was in Pocomoke HH176. Jane Henderson (dau of James Sr. and Mary Henderson of early Accomack/Northampton) married John Williams Jr. and had John Williams III and Isaac Williams. This John Williams of Pocomoke seems most likely to be the household connected with the Hendersons of Pocomoke since it is found in sequential order with their households. A John Williams was living in Annamessex Hundred HH71 and an Isaac was in same hundred HH77 with a Benjamin Williams as a dependent.*

*There is **no "Captain" John Williams** on the 1723 Somerset census (he will be the key to connecting James Henderson of Onslow to the Somerset group), but there is another John Williams living beside an Isaac Brittingham in Bogerternorton Hundred. A son of John Jr and Sarah Houston Henderson married into the Brittingham family. There is **no "William Murray"** on the 1723 tax list.*

Robert and John Blades were living in Pocomoke HH182 (beside Charles Henderson). There were Henderson-Blades marriages in the 1700's.

John Pitts was next door to Blades in HH183 - possibly household of John and Hannah Henderson Pitts, dau of John & Eliz Barnaby Henderson. Dependent in the household of John Pitts is Francis Brooks and two slaves. Samuel Marchment lives next door.

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*)

*Notice that while **Charles Henderson** is still in the Spence household, the **James Henderson** who was in the 1723 household of Alexander Stewart is now living as a dependent of **Bishop Henderson** in Mattapany Hundred (probably his brother). The*

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father-son combination of James Jr. and Francis Henderson appear to be households 177 and 178 in Pocomoke. The James Henderson in Pocomoke HH119 is probably s/o John Henderson Sr. and brother to the other neighboring Pocomoke Henderson households of Charles, Benjamin and John Jr.

*Note that one of the original headrights of James Henderson Sr was a William Brookes. In the 1724 census we find this **George Brooks** as a dependent in the household of James's son John Henderson Sr.*

*Isaac Williams is in Annamessex HH16 and a John Williams is in HH27 of same hundred. These may be the sons of Thomas Williams (s/o Michael and Sarah Williams of Northampton Co VA). There is a second John(athan) Williams in Annamessex as a dependent of John Sumner in HH97, and a third John Williams is HH27 of Annamessex...and a fourth in HH138 in Bogerternorton Hundred. None of these are seem to be Captain John Williams so perhaps he was away in 1724. There is a **William Murray** in HH80 of Bogerternorton Hundred. None of these candidates appear to be the household of Jane Henderson Williams or her sons. I had hoped that the Annamessex John and Isaac might be her family, but subsequent research shows them to belong to a different Williams family formerly of Northampton Co (these Williamses of Annamessex were the step-grandchildren of early Annamessex settler Stephen Horsey).*

John Newbold is HH60 in Pocomoke Hundred with dependent Francis, and James Dickerson next door in HH61. Comfort Henderson dau of John & Eliz Barnaby Henderson married Francis Newbold and had sons William ca 1716-1722 and John ca 1720, and dau Elizabeth ca 1718. Not sure who this John/Francis Newbold combo is on the tax list.

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)*

***James Henderson** is back in the household of Alexander "Sanders" Stewart and **Charles Henderson** continues in the household of Adam Spence Sr.*

Next door to Bishop Henderson is George Douglas, a dependent in the household of Jacob Waggaman. This is probably the same attorney George Douglas to whom mariner John Murray of Somerset left half of his estate in 1736 (Murray also left a bequest to "friend Hannah Henderson of Philadelphia"). In 1733 George Douglas represented the defendant in a lawsuit filed by Francis Henderson, and in 1737 Douglas would witness the will of Jacob Waggaman along with Bowdoin Robins and Bishop Henderson. In Onslow Co NC in 1732 Douglas represented William Patterson of Accomack Co VA when he filed suit on behalf of his grandson, William Houston (son of Thomas Houston, early Onslow settler, and uncle of Sarah Houston Henderson, wife of John Henderson Jr. of Pocomoke Hundred).

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Francis Newbold is in the household of John Henderson Sr. Is this Francis the husband of John's daughter Comfort? Next door in HH107 is James Houston and in HH108 are John and Joseph Houston, owners of three unnamed slaves. In HH109 is John Brittingham (one slave). John's line would marry into both families.

Isaac Williams is in Annessex HH109, and we find a John Williams as a dependent in the Pocomoke HH116 of Samuel Marchment (also in household is dependent William Marchment - this family would later show up in Onslow). Another John Williams is in HH26 of Bogerternorton, and a third is Head of House 105 in Annessex (with dependent Benjamin Hopkins and slave Sambo). No William Murray on tax list.

Somerset County Court Tax List for 1726 is missing from database

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 Ogilbsie)*

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

*Now **James and Charles Henderson** are both dependents in the household of Alexander Stewart in Bogerternorton with Robert Ogilbsie. There is actually another Alexander Stewart in Wicomico HH166 with a dependent slave. Don't know who he is.*

I don't know what the designations "James Henderson 'one ye'" and "James Henderson 'living'" mean in the neighboring Pocomoke Households (HH80 and HH81) - obviously James was "living" or he wouldn't have been counted. One is probably James s/o John Sr. and other is likely James father of Francis.

*There is a new **Robert Henderson** who begins to appear (alone) in Nanticoke Hundred. This may be another unidentified son of William and Sarah Bishop Henderson, but I am beginning to think it much more likely that this Robert is a grandson of Gilbert Henderson of Accomack Co VA. There is a Robert Henderson who witnessed the 1720 Accomack Co VA will of Robert Savage (the Savages married into Gilbert's line), and in 1725 Robert and Elizabeth Henderson of sold their share of the land Robert had inherited from father John in Northampton Co VA to his brother, Gilbert the younger, which would have freed him up to move to Somerset two years later. [\[Source\]](#)*

Francis Newbold is living in HH190 in Nanticoke Hundred. John and Joseph Houston are in Pocomoke HH76 beside James Baker (HH75), just on the other side of John Henderson Sr.

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The **Daniel Young** living in the household of John Henderson Senior was mentioned in the 1720 will of William Henderson, John's son (who died bef 29 Apr 1721 and is not represented on the census). William specified that "Daniel Young, an orphan lad" be given personal property to be used for his education, and the boy to be left in care of his "father-in-law" and given freedom at age 17. Apparently between 1721 and 1727 the care of the boy devolved onto William's father, John Henderson Sr. Daniel will continue in the household until 1729 and he will be found nearby in subsequent years.

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)

*Note that **Charles** and **James Henderson** of Bogertemorton are not present on this census. In 1737 a James Henderson sold land to Isaac Hunter in Ahoskie Woods in Bertie Co NC (a John Henderson is also found in Bertie same year witnessing a deed for William Moore), but no idea whether this was the same James Henderson who goes missing from the Somerset tax lists from 1728 through 1740. **Charles** Henderson comes and goes from Somerset during that 12-year period, but the James who has previously been connected with him in the preceding tax lists is absent from Somerset during this entire period. Coincidentally, we find a James Henderson with connections to Captain John Williams of Somerset Co MD appearing in Onslow Co NC in numerous records between 1732 and 1737 (when Onslow court records are missing for a period between Apr 1737 and Jul 1741).*

*Notice that **Bishop** Henderson is missing from the 1728 tax list. He reappears in 1729. Also, only one of the **James** Hendersons of the Pocomoke group is left. I believe the James who disappears is probably James father of Francis. The other James, son of John Sr. and Eliz Barnaby Henderson continues on next door to brothers Charles, Benjamin and John Jr. in subsequent tax lists, but we will no longer find James, presumed father of Francis, in the tax lists as a head of household after 1727 (although there is an "Illegible" Henderson living in Pocomoke near the rest of the Hendersons in 1729).*

*Francis **Newbold** is no longer on the Somerset census of 1728. Charles Henderson now has a dependent "Comfort" (no last name) -- could this be sister Comfort Henderson Newbold? John **Brittingham** is head of household 109 in Pocomoke Hundred with John **Houston** as a dependent.*

Alexander Stewart is HH45 of Wicomico Hundred with several dependents. Adam Spence is missing.

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*)

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

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)

*This census is poorly spelled and some names are marked as illegible. Neither **Charles** nor **James** (the "transients") are present here. **Benjamin** who normally appears in Pocomoke with his brothers and father is missing. There is an Illegible Henderson as a dependent in the nearby household of Thomas Baker - could this be Benjamin? Online data says Benjamin s/o John and Eliz Barnaby Henderson d bef May 1722, but clearly that isn't the case as he's appeared with them on every census between 1723 and 1728. He is missing from 1729 but reappears in 1730 and shows up like clockwork every year until the counties split.*

*Still only one **James** in Somerset in 1720, likely brother to Charles and John Jr. and the missing Benjamin. Robert is still in Nanticoke, and Bishop has reappeared in Mattapany.*

*Isaac **Williams** is living in HH2 of Annamessex with dependent Jacob Ayers. John Williamses include a dependent in the household of Edward North (HH97) in Wicomico Hundred; a John Williams HH66 in Bogerternorton; a John Williams HH122 in Bogerternorton; a dependent John Williams in HH137 of William Burton in Baltimore Hundred.*

*Francis **Newbold** is HH206 in Nanticoke, but "Comfort" is still a dependent in the Pocomoke household of Charles Henderson. Joseph **Houston** is head of HH69 in Pocomoke, but John **Houston** and John **Brittingham** are gone.*

1730 Somerset County MD Tax List

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)*

*Note that **Charles** Henderson of Bogerternorton is back in town as a dependent of Henry Turner, but no sign of his transient counterpart **James**.*

John Henderson Sr. begins to report a consistent list of what are presumed to be slaves. This list will only vary slightly over the coming years. James Henderson, his son(?), will begin to report dependent "Adam" - also presumed to be a slave. Charles Henderson reports a dependent, Paul Young. A Daniel Young will show up as a dependent of Hendersons over the years (see notes under 1727).

***Francis** Henderson is missing from this list.*

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Francis Newbold is HH191 in Nanticoke and Comfort has disappeared from the home of Pocomoke Charles Henderson. James Houston in HH173 is living next door to John Henderson Junior in Pocomoke, and next to James is John Houston Sr. (HH174) and Jr. (HH175). Gillets and Dickersons are two doors down. Gillets show up in Onslow around this time. John Brittingham is HH181 in Pocomoke and living two doors down from him is Edward Jones, probably the stepbrother of Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson (Jones Senior d ca 1694).

Isaac Williams is HH106 in Annamessex, while John Williams is HH106 in same. There is also John Williams dependent of John Handy in HH1 of Wicomico; and another John Williams in HH234 of Nanticoke; and another John Williams in HH103 of Bogerternorton; and still another in Bogerternorton in HH183 (living with Jonathan Williams).

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)

Somerset County MD Tax List for 1732 is missing from database

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)*

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

Note: Charles and James Henderson of Bogerternorton are not present on this census, but William (probably a younger cousin or nephew) is living in the Manokin Hundred household of William McClemmy (McClammy). There is a tangled web of connections between the Henderson, Bishop and McClammy of Somerset Co MD, Sussex Co DE and Onslow & New Hanover Co's NC.

Note: There are three John Hendersons on the tax list this year. We have John Senior (m Elizabeth Barnaby), John Junior (m Sarah Houston) and the youngest John, son of James (m Alice Kollock?) who was born about 1716 according to researcher Richard Meddars. The youngest John is a grandson of James & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson.

Note: Neighbors of Benjamin include several Dickesons (Dickersons), Daniel Young (next door); and John Merrill. Neighbors of John Senior and Junior and James included James and Jean (widow) Burnitt and John and Robert Lamberson, Robert Blades and John Brittingham Jr. Neighbors to Charles and Francis Henderson include Evan Davis (probably a son or grandson of original property owner Thomas Davis), Thomas Lambden, and Joseph Merrill. [Thomas Lambden sued Francis Henderson for debt](#) in 1731 and was supported by the testimony of John Pitt, husband of Francis's cousin Hannah Henderson Pitt (there are no Pitts on the 1733 census). Apart from Archibald Richey, Robert Henderson's neighbors in Nanticoke Hundred included Andersons, Beards, Venatsons, Thomas Laramore, and William Moore. Bishop Henderson's neighbors included Humphrey Chapman John Walker, Joseph Allen, Luke Watson, Joshua Benston and Ephraim Wagaman. Francis Newbold was living in Nanticoke Hundred with a dependent named Ame (probably a slave).

Supplemental 1733 Records

1733 Northampton Co VA Gilbert Henderson II (s/o John) makes his will, names wife Mary (Green), son John, son Jacob, son Gilburd (III), dau Ann Mary, dau Susannah [Src] *Probated 14 May 1734*

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)

Charles of Bogerternorton is back.

William Henderson is still in the household of William McClammy, but this time he's joined by dependent Woney McClammy. Woney McClammy married Ann Morris and was named in the 1767 will of William Morris in New Hanover County NC. William Morris's

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daughter Elizabeth married Stoakley Bishop, son of George Sr and Elizabeth Stokely Bishop. This connection by marriage between Woney McClammy and the Bishops leads me to believe that the William Henderson who appears later in Craven County NC may be this same William.

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 (III) Henderson, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 181, Dependent *(in household of John Bishop)*
Charles Henderson, Bogerternorton Hundred, Household 236, Head of Household (Taxed)

William Henderson (III) is now in the household of John Bishop. I believe William III was probably the son of William "of Manokin" Henderson and Elizabeth, the widow Bishop. Elizabeth (surname unknown) m. Henry Bishop the Younger and had two sons, John and Henry. Henry Bishop the Younger, who died bet 10 Aug 1709 and 1 Nov 1709, was the son of John Bishop in whose Somerset County MD household William Henderson III was living from 1735-1737. There is a remote possibility that William Henderson (III) may have been the s/o William "the Cordwinder" Henderson Jr. who died bef 1712 (we think) and left Elizabeth widowed a second time. In 1728 a widow Elizabeth Henderson bound son William Henderson to William McClemmy to learn the trade of a shoemaker. We find William Henderson as a taxable in McClemmy's household in 1733 and 1734 (tax lists are missing for 1732 and he is not on the list of tithables from 1728-1731). In 1735 William Henderson begins to appear in the household of John Bishop and continues there until 1737.

1736 Somerset County MD Tax List

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")*

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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)

Supplemental 1736 Records

1736 Hannah Henderson "of Philadelphia" is mentioned in [the will of John Murray](#) of Somerset Co MD, no relationship other than "friend."

There is a [June 1736 judicial record](#) that mentions a Charles Henderson Junior but there is no Junior/Senior designation between the two Charles Hendersons of Somerset on the tax lists for that year or any other. We are currently operating under the assumption that the Charles Henderson of Pocomoke Hundred was Charles "the Ropemaker" (m. Parthenia Merrill) and that the second was "Mariner" Charles Henderson, presumed son of William and Sarah Bishop Henderson.

1737 Somerset County MD Tax List *(Manokin Hundred missing)*

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)

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)

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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)

1739 Somerset County MD Tax List

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)

Pocomoke Neighbors include Robert Blades in HH187, Thomas and Richard Lambden in HH193, Robert Pitts in HH195, John Blades in HH196, and Daniel Young in HH198.

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.)*

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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 Henderson, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 25, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent **Daniel Henderson**. Next door in HH26 is Archibald Richey.*)

William Henderson, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 70, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent **Benjamin Henderson**. 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)

Note: Samuel Henderson is the s/o John Jr and Sarah Houston Henderson. He would have been about 20yo in 1740. Samuel's sister, Rebecca, was married to John Brittingham and a Henderson Baker witnessed the wills of both John and Rebecca Henderson Brittingham in 1751 and 1752 respectively.

Note: There is a dependent William Henderson living in the household of Charles Henderson. Charles and Parthenia Merrill Henderson had a son, William, born about 1715 (m Mary Trahern). This could be he, or it could be the William Henderson who was formerly living in the McClemmy household in 1733 (presumed s/o William Henderson Jr. and nephew to mariners James and Charles).

Note: The James Henderson living as a dependent in the Wicomico household of Levin Gale is believed to be one of the two James Hendersons (probably Senior) of Onslow County NC, who disappeared from Onslow records sometime between 1737 and 1741 (Onslow records are incomplete from that period). We had formerly been operating under the assumption that the elder James of Onslow died during that window of time leaving on the younger James "Isaac" in subsequent Onslow records from the latter date (1741) until his own death in 1770, but we now believe the elder Henderson returned to Somerset County and is the same James Henderson living in the Gale household in 1740.

*Note: Levin Gale was the largest operator of shipping enterprises in Somerset County. He employed Captain John Williams in 1735 as master of the sloop **Esther** and Williams was part-owner with Gale in the 1737 commissioned brigantine **Brereton**. Although James Henderson is living with Gale in this record, he will later be found living in the household of Captain John Williams in Somerset County (1747-1750). Gale would die in 1744 [See biographical dictionary entry for Gale, Levin](#).*

Note: Observe that William Henderson is in Nanticoke Hundred with a second Benjamin Henderson. I am not sure who this William might be, unless he is William Henderson III, presumed nephew of mariners James and Charles Henderson. This is the last time we see a William Henderson in the annual Somerset census. Worcester splits from Somerset in 1742, so there may be records of William there.

Note: Daniel Young is in Pocomoke HH217 between Richard Jones and Benjamin Henderson.

Somerset County MD Tax List for 1741 and 1742 are missing from database.

Worcester Co MD was formed from Somerset in 1742 and since they kept no annual tax lists comparable to Somerset, our ability to analyze census data is seriously compromised after this point.

[1743 Somerset County MD Tax List](#)

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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**.*)

James Henderson is head of household and living two doors down from William Kibble. In July of 1744 James Henderson serves on a jury with Abraham Kibble.

John Henderson Sr. (eldest son of James and Mary Henderson, baptized in 1661 in Hungars Parish, Northampton Co VA) dies in 1743, the year after the Worcester Co Hendersons are no longer enumerated in Somerset records. Any John appearing in Somerset/Worcester records after 1743 is therefore John Jr.

Supplemental 1743 Records

1743 Feb 4 WORC Co MD John Henderson appears on crop inventory, estate value 509:5:11 [[Src](#)]

1743 Apr 27 WORC Co MD John Henderson appears on crop inventory, estate value 179:17:9 [[Src](#)]

The wealthier John Henderson in 1743 Worcester is likely to be John Sr.

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**.*)

There is a single reference to a James Henderson in Onslow County court minutes in July of 1744 and none in the deed books. A James Henderson administered the estate of Thomas McClammy (father of Woney McClammy) in New Hanover Co NC in 1744.

*In 1744 there was a John Williams in HH14 of Monie Hundred and a John Williams in HH24 with three slaves in Annemessex Hundred. **Capt John Williams** in HH64 of Pocomoke Hundred (with dependents William Morris, Joshua Whittington, William Jones, James Phillips, William Porter, **William Murray**, Lemuel Holland, Philip Covington and slaves Jemmey, Harrey, Robin, Phenex, Jonas, Ginney, Sew, Onigea, and George) living beside Maj Robert Henry Jenkins and Henry Schofield. There was a **Captain William (Murrat) Murray** in HH195 of Wicomico Hundred.*

Col Levin Gale died in 1744.

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**.*)

1746 Somerset County MD Tax List

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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**.)*

*Captain John Williams of Coventry Parish, Somerset Co MD b 1691/92 d 1760 m 1) Sarah Beauchamp, 2) Mary Fountaine. This is probably the same **Captain John Williams** who gave £1,000 security in Onslow Co NC with James Henderson for the administration of the estate of Edmund Ennett. The **William Murray** on this list is likely the same who gave security for James Henderson in a June 1741 Somerset County MD court case.*

Regarding the Major Robert Jenkins Henry who was living in the household next door to Captain John Williams in 1746 Somerset County: An Apr 5, 1735 Onslow Co NC deed between John and Peter Starkey mentions land deeded granted in 1713 to Edward Mosely and "deeded by him to John Henry of Somerset County MD Jan 2, 1715, which land is known as Mt. Pleasant; John Henry willed [the land] to his son Robert Jenkins Henry who sold to Peter Starkey. Nicholas Hunter witnessed the deed. Isaac Hunter, brother of Nicholas, bought 640a in Ahoskie Woods (Bertie Co NC) from a James Henderson in 1737. Another notation in Onslow records mentions that on 2 Jan 1715 Edward Mashburn (Moseley?) sold to John Henry of Somerset Co MD 180a on Whiteoak River, recorded in Craven Co NC 4 Aug 1716. In October 1715 John Henry willed the land to Robert J. Henry who sold to Peter Starkey for 5 shillings.

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.*)
Robert Henderson, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 31, Head of Household (Taxed) (*Also in household is dependent **Daniel Henderson**. Next door in HH32 is Archibald Richey.*)

Captain John Williams owned a brigantine, the "Brereton" (built 1737), with Levin Gale and Robert [Jenkins] Henry. The Henrys had been very early landowners in coastal NC (see note above under 1746 data). This Captain John Williams (or possibly John Williams Jr?) was listed as master of Gale's sloop "Esther" in 1735.

Comfort Henderson (dau of John & Elizabeth Barnaby Henderson) married Francis Newbold and had sons William ca 1716-1722, John 1720, and dau Elizabeth ca 1718. Could the John Newbold in the household of Capt. John Williams be a relative of James Henderson? He is the only John Newbold on the 1747 census, but he may be John Newbold associated in later years with the household of Purnell and Thomas Newbold, so not sure if s/o Comfort and Francis.

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.)

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.)

Robert Henderson of Nanticoke Hundred has disappeared from Tax Lists, probably deceased as he never again appears. The estate of a Robert Henderson was inventoried in 1749. His (son?) Daniel continues to appear in Nanticoke Hundred until the census data ends in 1759.

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.)

1751 Somerset County MD Tax List

Daniell Handerson, Nanticoke Hundred, Household 39, Head of Household (Taxed) (Next door in HH40 is Archibald Richey.)

*There are **three Captain John Williamses** on the 1751 tax list. A fourth John Williams dependent of John Bedworth is in HH199 of Annamessex.*

John Newbold is now living next door to Thomas Newbold and Purnell Newbold in Pocomoke Hundred.

1752 Somerset County MD Tax List (Pocomoke Hundred portion missing)

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Jacob Henderson, Annessex 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) (*Former neighbor Archibald Richey is now in HH3 between George Collier HH2 and Joshua Jackson HH4, so did Daniel move?*)

There are two possibilities for the Jacob Henderson who has appeared in Annessex Hundred. He could be Jacob Henderson b 1725, s/o Francis and Elizabeth Henderson, or he could also be Jacob Henderson, b ca 1720, great grandson of Gilbert Henderson (this seems unlikely since that Jacob was probably married and living in Northampton Co VA in 1752). My best guess is that he is Jacob Henderson s/o Francis, the same who would later marry Edith Outten Henderson, widow of his cousin Samuel. I'm not sure why he's living in Somerset County instead of Worcester at this point, or why he's in the household of William Merrill. Perhaps like the other transient Hendersons, he was a mariner.

Daniel may have moved as he is no longer found between the households of former neighbors Collier and Richey. No Newbolds on this census.

*Captain John Williams is in Annessex Hundred with some of the usual suspects (Dickerson, Dreaden) living in his household, but **no James Henderson**. There is a **second Captain John Williams** living in Annessex near Catlins (this is probably the elder Captain John). There is a John Williams Wicomico HH22 and a John Williams dependent of John Bedsworth in Annessex HH53.*

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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.*)

No Hendersons other than Daniel on the 1753 Somerset Census.

*There is a dependent named "**Abahenderson**" in the household of Col. Robert King in the Manokin Hundred. The way the name is listed implies that this is a slave and not a free white male. Col Robert King was a business partner in the merchant enterprise "[Col Levin Gale & Company](#)" (see 1740 census entry). Like the Gales, King's family had ties to the Washington and Custis families.*

John, Thomas and Joyce Newbold are living next to each other in Pocomoke Hundred.

Captain John Williams is also in Pocomoke HH75 with four slaves, Titus, Nimrod, Jacob and Niga, but no other dependents. There is a second John Williams in Wicomico HH43, a third in Annessex HH127 with several dependents, and a fourth John Williams HH89 (living with him are a number of our usual "dependent" suspects: Brittingham Dickerson, Samuel Dreaden, Elias White, George Turner and slaves Quamenor, Abner, Toney, Titus, Jo, Moll, and Sarah). They are living next door to Henry Miles (HH90). This is puzzling since we can account for Captain John Williams in Pocomoke, but who is this other John Williams in Annessex with a cohort of Captain John's crew?

1754 Somerset County MD Tax List

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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.*)

*Now it is Charles Henderson found in living in the same household with some of the dependents that were found earlier with James Henderson in Capt. John Williams's household. In 1763 Ephraim Stevens and Jacob Boston would be bound to **Brittingham Dickerson** to learn the trade of a ship's carpenter; in the same year George and Isaac Game were bound to **Mathias Hobbs**, cordwainer, as apprentices to learn that trade. My hunch is that some of these "dependents" in the household of wealthy planters and merchants may have been crew or skilled tradesman rather than orphans or apprentices.*

Joyce, Thomas and John Newbold are living next to each other in Pocomoke Hundred.

Somerset County MD Tax List for 1755 is missing from database

[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.*)

Supplemental 1756 Records

1756 Northampton Co VA Gilburd Henderson witnesses the will of John Henderson, wife Comfort [\[Src\]](#)

[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.*)

Could John Rook be a relation of James Rook who patented 200a in Onslow 17 Nov 1743? John Newbold HH101 is living beside Thomas and Joyce Newbold HH100 and Purnell and Smart Newbold HH99. Capt John Williams is living in Annessex HH92 with dependent Coulborn Taylor and several of the same slaves as in prior years. Col Robert Jenkins Henry is in Pocomoke HH85 with a number of slaves.

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Notice the names of Lloyd and Rhodes near Daniel Henderson. James "Isaac" Henderson is believed to have married into the Rhodes family of Onslow, and his daughter Lucy married a Loyd shortly after his death in 1770. Perhaps simply coincidental.

We continue to see Archibald Richey in Somerset.

Somerset County MD Tax List for 1758 is missing from database

1759 Somerset County MD Tax List

George Henderson, Annamessex 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.*)

Charles Henderson is gone again. Captain John Williams is living in Annamessex HH88 with dependents William Stewart, William Jordan, William Outten, and slaves Harrey, Quomeno, Titus, Titus, Jacob, Adam, Daniel, Nab, Merrom, Sarah, and Moll. The Newbolds continue basically unchanged.

The George Henderson in Annamessex may be the great-grandson of Gilbert Henderson (> John Henderson Sr., > John Henderson Jr. > George Henderson)

Post 1759 Supplemental Records

1762 Nov 26 WORC Co MD Charles Henderson appears on crop inventory, estate value 148:18:2 [\[Src\]](#)

1762 Feb 22 WORC Co MD Samuel Henderson appears on crop inventory, estate value 432:10:4 [\[Src\]](#)

1777 Sep 9 WORC Co MD James Henderson appears on crop inventory, estate value 138:10:0 [\[Src\]](#)

1778 Mar 30 WORC Co MD Joseph Henderson appears on crop inventory, estate value 84:4:0 [\[Src\]](#)

1783 Assessment of 1783 (from Index)

- **Benjamin Henderson** Never Out Done, 10 acres. SO Wicomico p. 70
- **Benjamin Henderson** Fisher Waters Study, 350 acres. SO Wicomico p. 70
- **Charles Henderson** SO Rewastico p. 46. MSA S1161-9-10. 1/4/5/52
- **William Henderson** Pomfret, 83 acres. SO Little Annamessex p. 122

1800 ACC Co VA James Henderson (s/o Lemuel & Scarburgh Henderson) head of household in Accomack Parish, +45yo with 1 male (10-16), 3 females and 8 slaves.

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