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without whose encouragement, patience and meticulous revisions,  
this volume would not have been completed.

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To forget one's ancestors  
is to be a brook without a source,  
a tree without roots.

-OLD CHINESE PROVERB

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F L A N D E R S

Fourteen years of research have not revealed to me any record of the first Vanlandingham's arrival in the American Colonies.

It is generally accepted by most researchers that the family originated in Flanders, Belgium. To support this theory, I offer J. B. Rietstap's *Amorial General*, 1934, which records the following coats of arms:

1. Landeghem (van) - Gand. De sa. au lion d'or, acc. en chef d'un lambel du même.

This heraldic language is translated to mean that the arms were granted to a person living in Ghent. The shield is black with a gold lion and in the upper portion a gold label. The position of the lion is not defined, but it is pictured as rampant. A label is a narrow band straight across the shield from which depend at right angles three dove-tailed tongues.

2. Landeghem (van) - P. de Waes. (Chevaliers du St.-Empire, 3 Oct. 1736.) D'arg. à trois coquilles de gu. Cq. cour. C.: une coquille de gu.; entre un vol à l'antique, d'arg. et de gu.

These arms were given to a man living in Pays de Waes; or Flemish Waesland, an ancient district of East Flanders Province, centered at Saint Nicolas, twelve miles WSW of Antwerp. On 3 Oct. 1736 he was made a Knight of the Holy Empire (an additional honor and not necessarily the date of the original arms). The shield is silver with three scallop shells of red; the helmet is surmounted with a coronet. In this case the helmet is that of a Baron, shown at two-thirds of front sight and with five bars in the vizor. The crown with its three points is also an indication that the bearer carried the title of Baron. The crest consists of a scallop shell of red between two wings, one silver and one red, designed in the antique pattern of angel wings.

Further, I offer the *Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World*, 1962, which lists Landegem, an agricultural village with a population of 1,953, in East Flanders Province, six miles west of Ghent. It is shown on Plate #61 of *The Times Atlas of the World, Comprehensive Edition*, 1967. Hence, Vanlandingham may have been a name of location. And lastly, the 1969 Brussels telephone book has 23 listings under the name VanLandeghem, the heaviest concentration of Vans in any area I have had the opportunity to survey.



Danlandingham



Han Handingham

I do not know of proof which would allow our saying that we are descended from one or the other of these two men who were granted these coats of arms. It would require an unbroken lineage through the male line back to the original recipient. Most of us are still struggling to arrive at an unbroken line back to the American progenitor and have not attempted the jump back to the Continent.

Unlike most European countries where a coat of arms is a property right and can only be used by direct descendants of the armigerous ancestor, the United States does not recognize the legal status of coats of arms and we tend to use them indiscriminately. In common practice we are inclined to decorate our walls and personal effects with the arms of any person who has our same family name. As a matter of good taste and common honesty we should try to prove our descent.

If we do follow this indiscriminate practice of displaying arms, we should at least let them be a constant reminder of the responsibilities of living up to ancient and noble lineages. The basis for granting of arms in every country where arms are regulated by law stems from the open recognition of one's status as a lady or gentleman. Whether a gentleman by blood or a gentleman by behavior, you acknowledge the rule of NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

THE NORTHERN NECK OF VIRGINIA

On 15 November 1655 Michael Vanlandigam contracted to purchase four hundred and fifty acres of land on Lower Chotanck Creek, Virginia. The record is found in Northumberland County Record Book 1652-1658, p. 90 and Rappahannock County Patent Book 4, p. 177, as follows:

To All, etc. Whereas, etc. Now know ye that I the said Richard Bennett, Esq., etc. Grant and warrant unto James Magregory and Hugh Fouch four hundred and fifty acres of land situated in Northumberland County upon the south west side and towards the head of Lower Chotanck Creek beginning at a marked chestnut standing near the creek side and opposite to another tract of land of the said James Magregory and Hugh Fouch and extending into the woods south-west 320 poles, south-east 225 poles and from thence north-east down a head branch of Chotanck Creek and along the said creek north-west to the place where it first began. The said land being due unto the said James Magregory and Hugh Fouch by and for the transportation of nine persons into this Colony whose names are in records mentioned under this Patent, etc. dated the fourth of July 1653.

Richard Bennett, W. Claiborne, Jur.

Know all men by these Presents that we James Magregory and Hugh Fouch do assign all our right and title and interest of this Patent unto Dunkin Roy and Michael Vanlandigam, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, being in consideration of three thousand pounds of marketable tobacco and casks. And for the true performance of the payment of the above said tobacco, we Dunkin Roy and Michael Vanlandigam do make over the said Patent for security of the payment of the above said tobacco unto the said Magregory and Fouch. Witnesseth our hands the 15th of November 1655. James Magregory, his mark, Hugh Fouch, his mark.

We give our consents for the assignment of the Patent for security. Dunkin Roy, his mark and Michael Vanlandigam, his mark. Witnesseth, Peter Knight and William Cornish, his mark.

20th September 1656. This assignment was acknowledged in Court by the said James Magregory and Hugh Fouch and is recorded with the Patent.

I, Dunkin Roy, do assign over all my right, title and interest in this Patent unto Michael Vanlandigam, his heirs, executors or assigns. Witness my hand this eighth of March 1655. The mark of Dunkin Roy. Test: Francis Garnons, Richard Davis.

20th January 1656. This assignment was acknowledged in Court by the said Dunkin Roy unto Michael Vanlandigam, etc. and is recorded.

(Note: Until the year 1752 the Julian Calendar was used by England and her colonies so the new year did not begin until the 25th of March. Therefore, in the above records, the assignment dated 15 November 1655 was made before the assignment dated 8 March 1655.)

This document has been included in its entirety because it involves more than the usual transfer of land for a monetary consideration. Since Michael was an alien immigrant, it would have been necessary for him to have been in the country for a number of years (usually five) before he could have been made a denizen capable of purchasing land. Therefore, it dates his arrival in about 1650. He did not pay for the land but reassigned the deed as security for delivery of the tobacco. From this it would appear that he was not a man of immediate wealth. It was not uncommon to use tobacco as the medium of exchange because hard coins were at a premium in the new colony and their value fluctuated widely depending on whether they were English coins, Spanish Pieces of Eight or Doubloons, etc.

After the Colony of Virginia was founded at Jamestown in 1607, it was necessary to encourage people to travel to the new country to develop the land. England and Spain were great rivals in settling the New World and the British were anxious to supplant Spain in colonization because they needed the natural resources found in the colonies. They were interested in the tobacco trade and needed timber, pitch and tar for shipbuilding and were also looking for a haven for religious dissenters.

As an inducement to men and women who would risk their lives in the New World, the London Company, which was in control of the new colony, offered fifty acres of land for his own personal use to anyone who would pay his passage across the ocean. As a further incentive, the Company also offered fifty acres of land to those who would pay the cost of transporting another person. This was a great opportunity for ship owners and sea captains to acquire land by transporting persons who wanted to settle in the new land. Many of all classes were unable to pay their passage so they indentured themselves for a specified period of time and the one who transported them received not only their services, but also their headrights. For the period of indenture they were practically white slaves. This system continued for about the first one hundred years of Virginia history. The records show that over a period of years Magregory and Fouch were actively engaged in the traffic of bringing people and supplies to the new country and taking tobacco, lumber and pitch, etc. back to England for sale.

It is entirely possible that Michael made the trip with Magregory and Fouch under indenture. This does not necessarily mean that he was of humble or peasant stock. Because of the system of primogeniture that



existed in England and Europe at that time, the oldest son inherited the lands and fortune of the family and younger sons were often forced into religious orders, the military or into yeomanry. The promise of new land made many young men willing to venture across the ocean. Michael may have been one who came under these circumstances; worked off his passage on this land on Chotanck Creek and after his naturalization, contracted to buy the land on which he had lived and had already cleared and planted in tobacco. The fact that he bought such a large tract and offered three thousand pounds of marketable tobacco in casks as payment indicates to me that he may have had a wife and partially grown children to help him work the land to make the crop.

Three alternate theories of Michael's arrival in America are suggested by Philip Alexander Bruce in his "Social Life of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century" on pages 258-262. Briefly summarized, he says:

1. A very liberal naturalization law was passed by the Virginia Assembly in order to encourage foreign immigration. Long before the persecution of Huguenots in France became systematic and pitiless a considerable number of persons of French origin had settled in Virginia and most probably the French immigrants had lived for some time in England and had become largely anglicized in spirit and in speech.

2. There was also a continuous commercial intercourse between Virginia and Holland and a considerable number of immigrants were attracted in the course of the tobacco trade. In 1653, there were so many natives of the low countries residing on the Eastern Shore that Deputy-Governor Claiborne found it necessary to protect their lives and property from the hostility aroused against them among the people at large by the war which had just broken out between England and Holland.

3. New Amsterdam naturally attracted to itself nearly all those Dutchmen who sought fortune in the West and when it fell into English hands, a large addition was made to the laboring population of Virginia by the arrival of captured Dutch soldiers. They were distributed among the planters.

From the above, it appears that it depends largely upon the port of Michael's departure as to where he arrived in the New World. If he left the Continent and journeyed to England, he probably came into Maryland or Virginia. If he sailed with the Dutchmen from Rotterdam, he might have come into New Amsterdam.

Northumberland County was created in 1648 and consisted of the land lying between the Potomac River on the north and the Rappahannock River on the south; an area which we now know as the Northern Neck of Virginia. History says it was settled to a large extent by Protestants who were former residents of Maryland. They crossed the Potomac River to escape the persecution and tyranny of the Catholic Lord Leonard Calvert, brother of Lord Baltimore.

Chotanck Creek is just across the narrow part of the Potomac River from Charles County, Maryland. On modern maps it is found in King George County, Virginia, but at the time Michael bought the land it was still part of Northumberland County. In 1651 the area was divided along the natural ridge running from west to east causing the land to the north, drained by the Potomac River, to remain Northumberland and the land to the south of the ridge, drained by the Rappahannock River, to become Lancaster County. Further divisions across the peninsula eventually created six counties in this great neck of land. Old Rappahannock was erected in 1656 and existed until 1692, when the name was changed to Richmond. King George County was cut off from Richmond in 1721. Westmoreland was created on the Potomac side of the neck in 1653 and Stafford was cut off from Westmoreland in 1664. This left King George and Stafford as long narrow counties until 1776, when they were divided through the middle and the upper portion became Stafford County and the lower portion became King George County. As a result of these several divisions, Chotanck Creek may be located in either Northumberland, Stafford or King George counties.

There is a wealth of evidence of many Vanlandingshams in the Northern Neck after Michael settled on Chotanck Creek, as recorded in the following instruments which I have abstracted from the originals.

20 April 1663. Deed from Mathew Rhodman and Elizabeth, his wife, to Michael Vanlandingham for 250 acres of land.  
Northumberland County Record Book 1658-1660, p.97.

11 February 1673/4. Deed from William Mathews of Rappahannock County and Farnham Parish, planter, to Michael Valandegan of Northumberland County, planter, for 350 acres of land on the north side of the Rappahannock River, standing on the Ridge Path and bounded by the lands of said Mathews and Mr. William Travers.  
Rappahannock County Deed Book 3, p. 370.  
Richmond County Deed Book 5, 1672-1676, pp. 251-252.

28 August 1686. Bond from Michael Faladegen to James White of Northumberland County, planter - all my interest in the above land.

Recorded 6 July 1687

Michll. ⊕ Falandegon

Old Rappahannock County Deed Book 6, 1682-1688, p. 450.

On file in the Clerk's Office of Essex County at Tappahannock, Va.

5 July 1687. Power of Attorney. I, Jane Vanlandegin of Northumberland County, do authorize my husband Michll Vanlandegin my lawful attorney to acknowledge sale of tract of land to James White in Rappahannock County.

Witnesses: Richard Flynt  
John Roach

Jane ✓ Falandagen

Recorded 6 July 1687

Old Rappahannock County Deed Book 6, 1682-1688, p. 451.

On file in the Clerk's Office of Essex County at Tappahannock, Va.

4 April 1679. Patent from Hon. John Checkley, Deputy Governor, to Benjamin Vanlandingham for 150 acres of land standing on the Ridge Path and bounded by the land of William Mathoney and Col. Trevers. The said land being due by and for the transfer of three persons: William, Bando and Lyman, Negroes.

Old Rappahannock County Patent Book 6, p. 674.

30 April 1679. Patent from Hon. Checkley, Deputy Governor, to John, Francis and Richard Vanlandingham for 293 acres of land in Rappahannock County standing on the Ridge Path and bounded by the land of Mathew Wilcocke and James Gr---. Said land being due by and for the transfer of six persons: Jay Laurence, John Morgan, Mary Givon, W. Wood, Robert Irish and Roger Williams.

Old Rappahannock County Patent Book 6, p. 675.

19 April 1676. Elizabeth Vanlandegham, Christopher Neale and John Oliver do oblige themselves jointly and severally in the penalty sum of forty thousand pounds of tobacco and casks. The said Elizabeth Vanlandegham shall be Administrator of the Estate of her deceased husband and exhibit an inventory thereof according to law.

Northumberland County Order Book 1666-1678, p. 134A.

19 April 1676. Robert Sech, Henry Dawson, William Bashaw and James Renolds are appointed to appraise the estate of Michael Vanlandegham betwixt this and next court being first sworn by the next justice.

Northumberland County Order Book 1666-1678, p. 134A.

Faded date 1678. Whereas it appears by the certificate under ye hand of Capt. John Rogers that a gun was prest from the Widow Vanlandegham which was not returned, it is ordered that Phillip Evans who married the said Widow be allowed two hundred pounds of tobacco out of the next levy for the said gun.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1666-1678, p. 177A.

15 August 1682. Will of Phillip Evans states that he is the Father-in-Law (step-father) to Richard Vanlandingham and William is the son of Richard.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p.

21 March 1682/3. Upon the petition of Eliza Evans, relict of Phillip Evans, deceased, a probate is granted the said Eliza Evans of the last will and testament of her said deceased husband; the will being proved by the oaths of Robert Sech, Walter Gradey and Robert Lyndsay, witnesses of the said will.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 166.

22 March 1686/7. Whereas Eliza Evans petitioned this Court and whereas she hath been many years in a helpless and deplorable condition by reason of her widowhood and her \_\_\_\_\_ age, yet through God's assistance and her own industry she hath prevailed for a competency for her self and children during their minority without diminution of their small estate, yet notwithstanding her care and industry her said children being now grown up and able to keep and provide for her, their said mother, either through the instigation of others or self willed disobedience, neglect and despite her to her great grief frequenting other folk's houses without the least regard to her. It is ordered the said children continue with her until they attain the age of one and twenty years.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 390.

21 September 1687. Whereas Eliza Evans, widow, petitioned this Court that she might have her Dower asserted and by Act of Assembly it being provided that Widows shall be endowed with a third part of intestate husband's real estate and with a full proportion of the personal estate with the said intestate's children. It is therefore ordered that Robert Sech, Thomas Adams, Richard Flynt and Peter Flynt meet with all \_\_\_\_\_ speed at the plantation of the said Eliza and assert her said Dower according as is prescribed by the above cited Act.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 407.

5 October 1688. Upon the petition of Richard Vanlandegham a probate is granted him of the last will and testament of his deceased mother Eliza Evans, widow, which will was proved by the oaths of Cloud Tullos and Ester Walters, witnesses to the said will.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 436.

20 May 1685. Michael Vanlandegham appointed constable for Chickacone. Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 268.  
 (Note. Chickacone is the area around the Coan River, which empties into the Potomac River. It is the area where most of the first settlers patented land.)

22 November 1689. Whereas Michael Vanlandegham was summoned to this Court by a note left for thirteen hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco and cask at ye suit of James Johnson and hath sayed of his appearance an attachment is awarded ye said Johnson against the said Vanlandegham for ye said sum with cost returnable to ye next Court.  
 Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 492.

17 May 1694. Richard Vanlandegham appointed constable for Mattapony. Northumberland Order Book 1678-1698, p. 654.  
 (Note. Mattapony is the area between the present Lodge Creek and Mill Creek, with the village of Harryhogan at its far tip. In the old records Lodge Creek was known as Mattapony River. This area is now known as Pea Neck and extends roughly from Callao to Harryhogan.

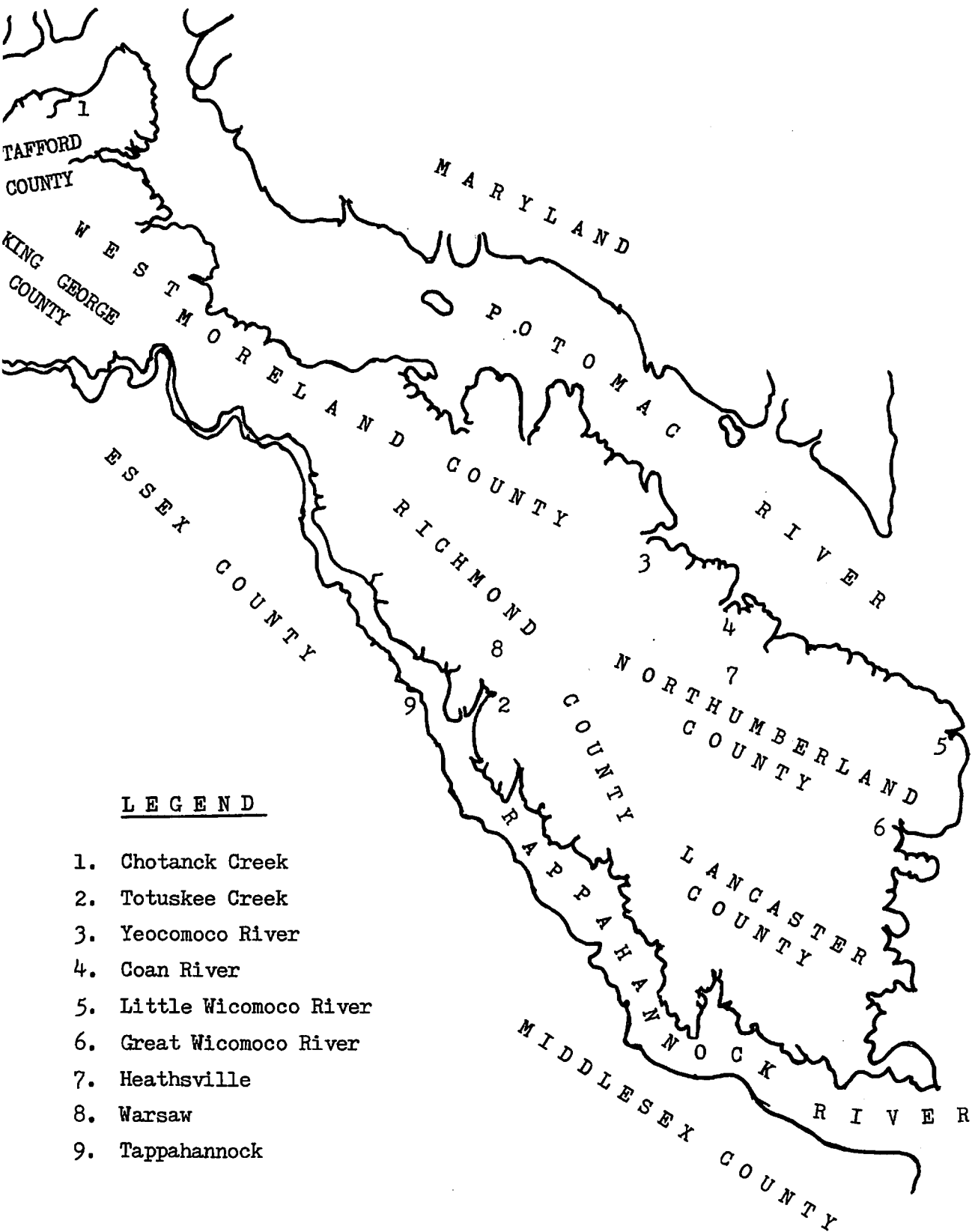
15 April 1696. Benjamin Vanlandegham appointed constable for Mattapony.  
 Northumberland Order Book 1678-1698, p. 723.

18 October 1723. William Vanlandingham was witness to Will of James Flynt written 1 August 1723. Will mentions his mill at the head of Yeocomoco River commonly called Flynt's Mill.  
 Northumberland County Record Book 1718-1726, p. 405A.

20 October 1725. Richard Vanlandegam appointed Administrator of the Will of William Howard.  
 Northumberland County Order Book 1719-1720, p. 192.

16 November 1726. Richard Vanlandegan, Sen. and Michael Vanlandegan were witnesses to the Will of Samuel Winstead, Sen. of St. Stephen's Parish, planter. Will dated 28 May 1722.  
 Northumberland County Record Book 1726-1729, p. 32A.

The preceding records, with the recurrence of given names, are too few to establish relationships with any degree of certainty. All we can do is analyze the material contained in the records and arrive at possible truths. After that we must leave it to future researchers to clarify the picture as they are able to uncover additional facts.



LEGEND

- 1. Chotanck Creek
- 2. Totuskee Creek
- 3. Yeocomoco River
- 4. Coan River
- 5. Little Wicomoco River
- 6. Great Wicomoco River
- 7. Heathsville
- 8. Warsaw
- 9. Tappahannock

THE NORTHERN NECK OF VIRGINIA

A Segment of the 1737 Survey

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH REGISTER

Probably the most exciting discovery a Vanlandingham researcher makes is finding St. Stephen's Parish Register. It contains the record of forty-nine Vanlandingham births during a period of one hundred thirty-seven years.

Beverly Fleet has made this whole Register available as Volume 3 of his Virginia Colonial Abstracts entitled Northumberland County Record of Births 1661-1810. Photostatic copies of the handwritten originals may be obtained from the Department of Archives, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.

To understand fully the source and make-up of the record, it is well to read the Preface to Fleet's transcription. In it he tells us: "The entries date from 1661, long before there was a St Stephen's Parish. Those from the beginning to the middle of the 18th century, a period of over ninety years, are all in the same handwriting. \* \* \* We would assume that the book was made up from other records, now long lost." This fact is apparent on the original of Page 155, headed "V", where the first five entries covering a period of fifty-two years are all in the same handwriting and obviously were made at the same time. This will account for the human errors of having Richard born in 1772; Benjamin listed as a daughter and born in 1672. There is also doubt that Ann's birth year was 1668 because elsewhere in Register her son Philip was listed as being born in 1681. Fleet in his transcription has struck a 3 over the 8, and it would seem more likely that Ann was 18 rather than 13 when her son was born. So we have to say that these early dates are approximate.

Fleet also states: "Perhaps not more than 2000 of these upwards of 5000 recorded innocents survived their second year." Therefore, it is folly to hope to find continuing records on all of the children named in this listing. Northumberland County is made up of low lying land with many swamps and marshes and the early settlers were plagued with many fevers which took scores of young lives.

Mention must also be made of the listings found on Page 49, headed "F" for the name Flaningham. I have been told that this came about because of the Englishman's dislike for foreign sounding names. (Viz: Talliferro is pronounced Tolliver all through the South, etc.) So it is possible that the Clerk who recorded these eight children anglicized the name so that it was more acceptable to his ears. It is interesting to note that this custom still prevails in Northumberland County today.

Page 155, headed "V"

Francis Vanlandingham	Son	To Michael	Dec. 13 1666
Richard Vanlendengham	Son	To Michael	Aug. 6 1772
Ann Vanlendengham	Daug.	To Michael	Dec. 3 1668
Benjamin Vanlandingham	Daug.	To Michael	Jan. 31 1672
George Vanlandingham	Son	To Francis	Oct. 1 1718
Elizabeth Vanlandingham	Daug.	To George	Sep. 30 1756
Benjamin Vanlandingham	Son	To Benhamin	Nov. 23 1756
George Vanlandingham	Son	To Benjamin & Susannah	Aug. 6 1758
Thomas Vanlandingham	Son	To George & Mary	Jan. 18 1759
Ezekiel Vanlandingham	Son	To George & Mary	June 1 1762
Francis Vanlandingham	Son	To Benjamin & Susannah	Nov. 4 1763
Richard Litterill Van.	Son	To Benjamin & Mary	Aug. 6 1767
Ann Vanlandingham	Daug.	To Hennery & Elizabeth	Apr. 24 1772
Ann Vanlandingham	Daug.	To Frances & Winnefrit	Nov. 29 1773
Elizabeth Vanlandingham	Daug.	To George Addams & Becky	Apr. 23 1774
William Vanlandingham	Son	To Hennery & Elizabeth	Feb. 21 1775
Mary Vanlandingham	Daug.	To George & Beckey	Oct. 16 1775
Benjamin Vanlandingham	Son	To Hennery & Elizabeth	Oct. 20 1776
Jean Vanlandingham	Daug.	To James & Clarkey	Mar. 23 1777
Elizabeth Vanlandingham	Daughter of Thomas Vanlandingham & Mary Vanlandingham a bastard child was born		Oct. 6 1777
Kenner Vanlandingham	Son	To George Adams & Beckey	July 17 1778
Ellender Rodgarster Van.	Daug.	To James & Clark	Oct. 25 1778
George Brown Van.	Son	To Henry & Elizabeth	Jan. 23 1779
William Vanlandingham	Son	To Benjamin & Sarah	Feb. 27 1779
Elizabeth Brown Van.	Daug.	To Winney Vanlandingham	Oct. 15 1778
Betsey Haynie Van.	Daug.	To John & Nancey	Jan. 8 1780
Beckey Vanlandingham	Daug.	To George A. & Beckey	Mar. 8 1781
Betsey Hail Van.	Daug.	To Hennery P.	May 13 1781
Lewis Vanlandingham	Son	To Benjamin & Salley	Oct. 29 1781
William Haynie Van.	Son	To John & Ann	Jan. 24 1782
Easter Brumbley Van	Daug.	To Ezekiel & Betty	Apr. 30 1782
Salley Vanlandingham	Daug.	To Henry & -----	July 10 1783
George Vanlandingham	Son	To George & Rebeckah	Oct. 12 1783
Haynie Vanlandingham	Son	To John & -----	Jan. 25 1784
Oliver Vanlandingham	Son	To Ezekiel & Betsey	Mar. 6 1785
Spencer Vanlandingham	Son	To Henry P. & Elizabeth	Apr. 28 1787
Betsey Oliver Van.	Daug.	To Ezekiel & Betsey	Aug. 4 1788
Samuel Vanlandingham	Son	To Thomas & Molley	Sep. 7 1789
Thomas Vanlandingham	Son	To Thomas & Molley	Nov. 4 1793
Joel Vanlandingham	Son	To Francis & Sarah	Jan. 26 1803

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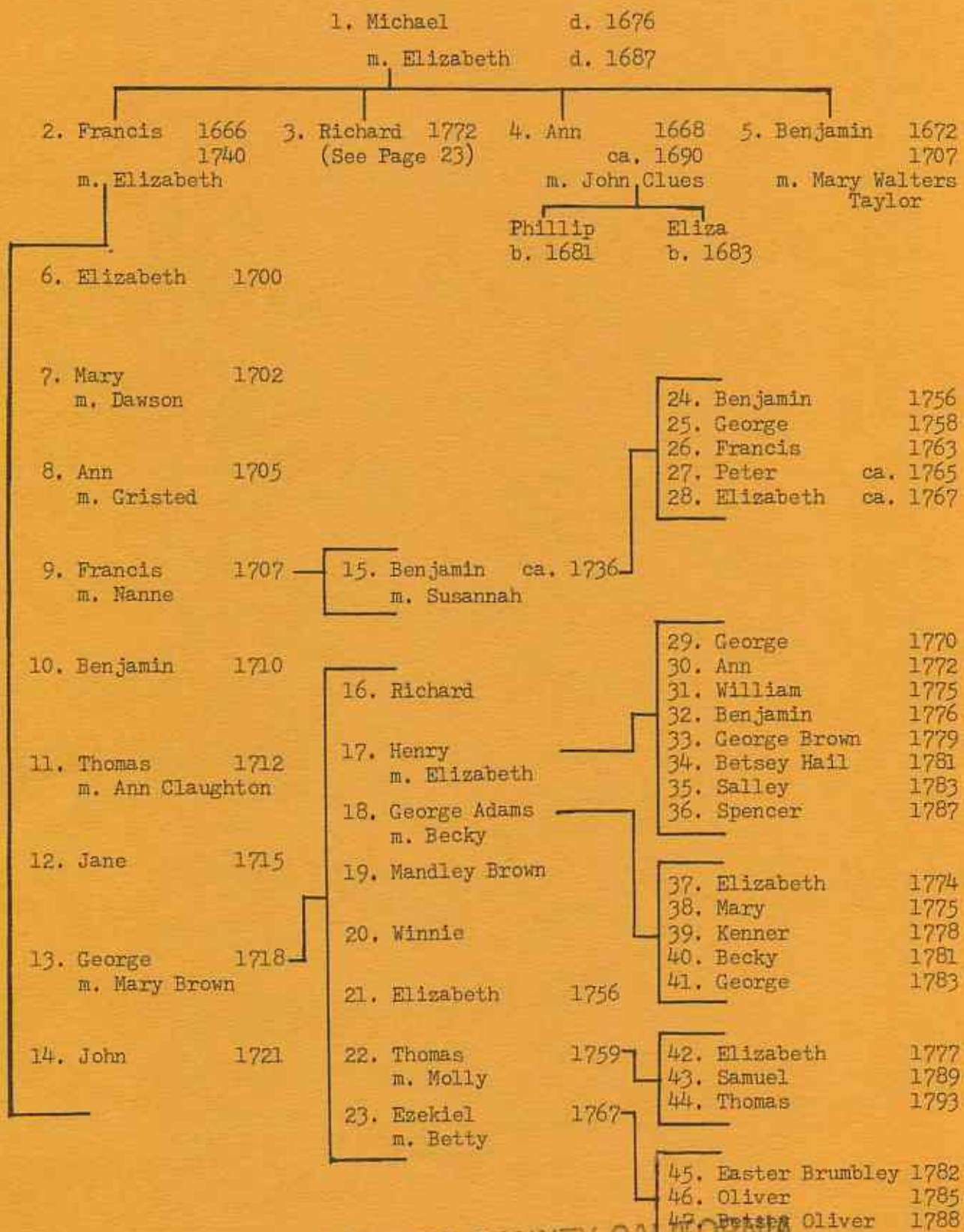
George Vanlandingham	Son	To Henery & Elizabeth	Feb. 11 1770
Lucey Vanlandingham	Daug.	To Francis & Sara	Aug. 3 1798

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Elizabeth Flaningham	Daug.	To Francis	Sep. 9 1700
Mary Flaningham	Daug.	To Francis	Mar. 9 1702
Ann Flaningham	Daug.	To Francis	Sep. 28 1705
Frances Flaningham	Daug.	To Francis	Aug. 9 1707
Benjamin Flaningham	Son	To Francis	Mar. 28 1710
Thomas Flaningham	Son	To Francis	Feb. 19 1712
Jane Flaningham	Daug.	To Francis	Oct. -- 1715
John Flaningham	Son	To Francis	Jan. 29 1721



## TENTATIVE CHART OF ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH REGISTER



It is a relatively straightforward task to set these children into family groups. To place them into generations using only this Register is impossible. In some cases later evidences such as Wills and Deeds reveal the relationships. In other cases children were born to a parent whose name did not appear previously as a child, viz., the children of James and Clarkey, his wife. Sufficient information is not available to define some children, as in the case of John and Nancy or John and Ann. It is possible further research will produce help on these lines.

The number assigned to each person on the generation chart is an arbitrary means of easy identification only for the purposes of this volume. The chart is subject to change or correction upon discovery of new information or interpretations.

#### FAMILY GROUPS

MICHAEL (1)	15	THOMAS (11)	41
FRANCIS (2)	17	JANE (12)	29
RICHARD (3)	21	GEORGE (13)	43
ANN (4)	25	BENJAMIN (15)	33
BENJAMIN (5)	27	RICHARD (16)	49
ELIZABETH (6)	29	HENRY (17)	51
MARY (7)	29	THOMAS (22)	53
ANN (8)	29	EZEKIEL (23)	55
FRANCIS (9)	31	FRANCIS (26)	57
BENJAMIN (10)	33	MISCELLANEOUS	59

M I C H A E L (1)

Michael, for whom the earliest Vanlandingham record is found, and who probably was the immigrant ancestor of the family, is the most difficult to establish with authority. The date of his arrival in the New World has not been determined, nor is it known whether he came by himself or with others of the same family name.

The first record found concerns a deed for land on Chotanck Creek in 1655. The second records the denization of a Michael in 1664 and the third shows the birth of children to a Michael in St. Stephen's Parish beginning in 1666. The question is: Do these three records apply to the same person?

Michael contracted to buy 450 acres of land on Chotanck Creek. I do not believe an alien immigrant could have bought land before he had sworn allegiance to the King and had been granted the privileges of citizenship. The document regarding the denization of a Michael follows:

20 September 1664. Whereas Michael Van Landigam an Alien hath long lived in this Country and truly and honestly behaved himself towards his Majesty and all his Liege governors and having full resolution to make his constant abode in this country hath petitioned that he might be admitted a Denizen. It is by the Governor Counsel and Burgesses of this Grand Assembly granted and ordered that the said Van Landigam be made a free Denizen of this Country of Virginia and is hereby vested and indulged with all such freedom, liberties, privileges and immunities whatsoever as any Denizen is capable of by law, or by his Majesty granting declaration or any thing therefrom justly inferred provided the said Van Landigam take the Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance to his Majesty before his Majesty's Commissioners in the Court of that County where he inhabits. Northumberland County Record Book 1664-1672, p. 37.

This naturalization, nine years after the land contract, lends weight to the theory that there were two Michaels, father and son, both of whom were foreign born. It is left to other researchers to prove or disprove the premise.

The purchase price for the land was 3000 pounds of tobacco in casks. From this it would appear that Michael had help to produce such a crop. He not only had to produce the tobacco, but he had to feed and clothe himself and others, provide shelter for the humans and barns for the animals and crops. It could have been that he was an older man with a wife and five young sons, or he may have been a younger man with four brothers.

A Michael married Elizabeth and they became the parents of Francis, Richard, Ann and Benjamin, registered in St. Stephen's Parish. He had to be the brother of the Benjamin, John, Francis and Richard who patented land in old Rappahannock County in 1679, since this choice of names could not have been coincidental. He died and left Elizabeth a widow in 1676. This is the man numbered (1) on the Tentative Generation Chart.

Other records pertain to a Michael whose wife Jane gave him power of attorney to sell land in Rappahannock County in 1687. This man may have been an older son of Michael and Elizabeth, born before Francis in 1666 and not registered.

Finally we find a Michael in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1705. He was married to Ann and their oldest son was Dawson. This Michael and Ann are reported to be the founders of the Vallandingham line that moved west into Ohio and Kentucky.

To recapitulate: it is possible there were as many as four Michaels involved, to wit:

1. Michael who bought land on Chotanck Creek in 1655.  
Sons: Michael, Benjamin, John, Francis and Richard.
2. Michael who married Elizabeth. He died in 1676.  
Sons: Francis, Richard and Benjamin, and possibly a son Michael.
3. Michael who married Jane.  
Received power of attorney in 1687.
4. Michael who married Ann.  
Found in Fairfax County in 1705.

This is absolutely the end of any Michael in my research.

FRANCIS (2)

Francis is the oldest child recorded to Michael in this Register. He was born 13 December 1666. He appears to have been a man of some standing in his community. He was referred to and referred to himself as "Planter", which usually meant a large landholder as opposed to a yeoman farmer. He also stepped forward and took care of his sister Ann's orphaned son for eight or nine years. And Northumberland County Record Book 1706-1720, pp. 152, 153 records the transfer of land by William Gradey to John Shirley, for which Francis Vanlandeghem acted as attorney on 8 October 1705. In August, 1707, he and his brother Richard were appointed Executors of their brother Benjamin, deceased, and had his estate appraised.

St. Stephen's Parish Register contains the record of nine children born to Francis either under the name Vanlandingham or Flaningham and in 1736 when Francis wrote his Will, he mentioned eight of those children by name. I feel we must conclude that Benjamin, who was born in 1710, died before his father wrote the Will and therefore was not included.

Francis is the first to leave us a Will and for the benefit of those who may not have had the delightful experience of reading any ancient Wills, I will transcribe this one in full so they may savor the lovely language used to soften this unpleasant task of preparing for death. The original of the Will is found in Northumberland County Record Book 1738-1743, p. 76 and a copy may be ordered from the Virginia State Library in Richmond.

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Francis Vanlandenham, Sen., of St. Stephen's Parish in Northumberland County, planter, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be to Almighty God for ye same, and calling to mind the uncertain estate of transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in the manner and form following.

First and principally I bequeath my Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it me hoping in and through the merits and mediation of my blessed Savior to receive ye same again at ye general resurrection and my body to be buried at ye discretion of my wife hereafter named and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God beyond my desert to bestow upon me, I give and devise in manner and form following.

I give unto my Son Francis vanlandenham one shilling.  
 I give unto my Daughter Mary Dawson one shilling.  
 I give unto my son Thomas vanlandenham one shilling.  
 All the rest of my personal estate I give unto my said loving wife Elizabeth vanlandenham during her widowhood and afterwards to be equally divided between my three Daughters and two Sons, viz. Elizabeth vanlandenham and Ann Gristed and Jane vanlandenham and George vanlandenham and John vanlandenham and I do hereby make my said loving wife Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament revoking and hereby annulling all other former will or wills, testament or testaments heretofore made by me or caused to be made either by word or writing, ratifying and confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament and no other. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seale the 27th day of July Anno 1736.

Signed, Sealed & Published  
 in ye presence of us  
 James Oldham  
 John "B" Backer

Francis "X" vanlandenham, Sen.  
 (Seal)

May the 12th 1740. This will was proved in Northumberland County Court to be the Last Will and Testament of Francis Vanlandenham, deceased, by oath of John Baker, witness thereto, who made oath that he saw James Oldham sign ye same as an evidence and Elizabeth vanlandenham, Executrix, therein named made oath thereto and on her motion was admitted to record.

Test. James Fontaine,  
 Clerk of Court

In the same Record Book 1738-1743, on pages 79-81, we find the inventory of the estate Francis died possessed of and, again, because I am writing this for some who have not had experience with these old records, I will include the entire document. It may cause us to re-evaluate our possessions of today against what was considered valuable and worthy of being counted by our forefathers.

In obedience to an order of the Court bearing date the 12th of May 1740, we the subscribers being appointed to appraise the Estate of Francis Vanlandingham, we being first sworn by and unto the Justices whose names are underwritten, have appraised the said Estate as followeth. viz:

	£.	s.	d.
5 cows & calves	6	5	0
1 cow & yearling	1	8	
1 cow & 2 year olds	1	10	
2 two year olds & a three year old bull	2		
1 horse	2	5	
15 sheep	2	6	

1 sow & 7 pigs 12/	1 sow & 5 pigs 10/	1 2
1 sow & 6 pigs 10/	12 shotes 40/	2 10
3 barrows 30/	3 barrows & 2 sows 39/	3 9
1 bed, bedstead & furniture		3 10
1 bed, bedstead, 2 pillows & furniture		5
1 chest 10/; 1 chest 8/	1 cupboard 30/	2 8
1 case of bottles 10/	1 trunk 2/5	12 5
1 linen wheel 8/	1 woolen wheel 5/	13
1 table & form 7/	1 table & form 1/6	8 6
7 chairs 11/6	1 looking glass 2/	13 6
1 tea kettle 3/	2 meate stufers 2/	5
1 pare hillards 4/	1 boxpron & heaters 2/6	6 6
1 pitch fork 6 d., 6 bottles	2/6, 2 drinking glasses 6 d.	3 6
1 pare horse fleams 1/6	2 books 1/6	3
10 lbs. clean wool 9/6	11 lbs unpickt cotton 2/6	12
1 pare hillards 2/6	3 jugs 4/	6 6
1 chair & old box		4
449 double ten nails 8/	600 8d. nails 2/6	10 6
1/2 lb. pickt cotton 6 d.	1 tenant saw 5/	5 6
4 gimblets, 1 brass lock 2/	1 pare spoon molds 5/6	7 6
1 parcel carpenter's tools 9/4	3 reap hooks 1/	10 4
3 pare cards 2/6	1 pare cotton cards 2/4	4 10
1 old man's saddle 2/	1 woman's saddle 12/6	14 6
1 parcel baskets 3/; 2 tubs,	1 old trunk & saddle 1/3	4 3
1 old saddle tree 4 d.	1 gun 6 d.	10
1 old gun 5/; 1 iron pot rack	4/; 2 frying pans 2/6	11 6
1 pare fire tongs 2/6; 1 spit	5/; 3 pare pothooks 3/	10 6
1 parcel old pots 33/10	13 lbs good puter 10/	2 3 10
1 parcel of wooden ware		3 2
11 lbs. old puter 5/6	1 skimmer & forks 4/	9 6
1 spice mortar & skillet 2/6	1 shears & candlestick 1/	3 6
4 milk pans, cup & jug 2/9	1 parcel earthenware 1/3	4
1 table 4/ 1 parcel wooden	& earthen ware 9/6	13 6
1 tub 1/	6 cider casks 24/	1 5
1 parcel tubs & small cask 11/	1 wooden funnel 1/	12
1 bed & furniture 35/	1 bed & furniture 20/	2 15
22 lbs. feathers 22/ 1 parcel	casks & 1/2 bushel 2/2	1 4 2
1 parcel hoes & 1 ax 10/6	3 hooks 7/	11 1

Elizabeth "X" Vanlandingham, Ext.

Richard Clayton  
William Harding  
George Lamkin

June 9th 1740

This inventory amounts to 54 Pounds, 10 shillings and 3 pence and is one of the most extensive I have found for a Vanlandingham. Francis was obviously a man of some means for his day. But it is surprising that the items contained herein are mainly household items and some livestock and farm implements. There is no accounting of his tobacco, cotton and grains nor hams, lard, butter, potatoes, etc. Neither does it include any items

of personal dress. It was quite usual for a man to will his clothes, jewelry and various personal effects to his children.

We do not know how much land he owned, but we do know where it was located from a later deed found in Northumberland County Record Book 1743-1749, pp. 226-227.

Indenture made the 10th day of August 1747 between Francis Vanlandingham, of St. Stephen's Parish in the County of Northumberland, and George Vanlandingham of the same parish and county, in consideration of 4000 pounds of crop tobacco and casks, 100 acres of land, being the plantation whereon the said George Vanlandingham now lives and is part of a greater quantity which formerly belonged to Francis Vanlandingham, father to the above named Francis and George, it being the plantation whereon the said Francis Vanlandingham, Senior, lived and died and was allotted to Elizabeth Vanlandingham, mother to the above Francis and George for her thirds of the whole tract.

Beginning at a white oak standing in the fork of a swamp which makes out of Yeocomoco River which said white oak is corner to and in a line formerly known by the name of Timothy Green's line from thence up the main branch to the land and line of William Lewis; thence along the said line to the Coach road; thence down the Coach road to three marked saplings in Vanlandingham's old field which said three saplings is the upper corner to a patent formerly granted to Robert Sech and which is now in the possession of Adcock Hobson; thence along Hobson's line and land of John Heartgroves now in the possession of John King; thence along King's line to the first mentioned white oak.

Reserving to Elizabeth Vanlandingham, mother to the said Francis and George Vanlandingham her natural life in the above 100 acres.

Witnesses:

Francis "X" Vanlandingham

Richard Brown  
John "X" Vanlandingham  
John J. Christopher

Recorded 10 August 1747

According to the terms of the Will of Francis, Sen., his son Francis was left only one shilling. It is difficult to understand then how he came into possession of the 100 acres of land which he sold to his brother George and had his brother John witness. The mother, Elizabeth, is still alive in 1740, so it did not come through her estate. This is a point for future researchers to clear up for us.



R I C H A R D (3)

Richard was the second son born to Michael and recorded in St. Stephen's Parish Register. The date of his birth is subject to speculation because it was written 6 August 1772. As explained, the first five entries in the register were copied from previous records and were entered almost one hundred years after the births, leaving a great deal of room for human error.

We cannot say the date should have been 1672 because that would conflict with the date of Benjamin's birth. If we choose 1667, it places his birth too soon after the birth of Francis. He could not have been born in 1668 because, as shown on page 8, he petitioned for a probate of his deceased mother's Will on 3 September 1688, at which time he had to be at least 21 years of age. This same petition proves that he was not only the son of Michael, but also of Elizabeth. Only his birth year will have to remain an approximation.

We know from the Northumberland County records on pages 8 and 9 Richard's step-father was Phillip Evans; his son was William and he was appointed by the Court to be constable for the precinct of Mattapony in 1694.

Other records regarding a Richard living in this period of time are found in Richmond County. It is difficult to say with certainty that they apply to the same person, but they are entered here to make it easier for further study. Both Northumberland and Richmond Counties are small and they abut one another so he would not have had to move a great distance to have bought land in another geographical division.

2 April 1697. Indenture made between Zachariah Nicholls of the County of Richmond, planter, and Richard Vanlandyham of the County of Northumberland, planter, in consideration of two thousand pounds of good and merchantable tobacco and casks, for 150 acres of land in the County of Richmond, standing on the Ridge Path and bounded by the land of Col. Samuel Griffins, Thomas Hardings and William Howards. Witnessed by Rawleigh Travers and Philip Drake.  
Richmond County Deed Book 2, 1693-1697, p. 226.

24 September 1700. Indenture made between Richard Valandiham and Sarah his wife, of the County of Northumberland, planter, and William Sanders, of the same county, planter, in consideration of three thousand pounds of good tobacco in casks, for 100 acres of land lying on a branch of Gatesby Creek and purchased from Zachariah Nicholls in 1697. Witnessed by Phillip Norgatt and Ann Norgatt.  
Richmond County Deed Book 3, 1772-1779, pp. 69-73.

20 June 1702. Indenture from Richard Valendighem to Benjamin Valendigham, in consideration of fifteen hundred pounds of good tobacco and casks, for 50 acres of land on Haggelstone Swamp issuing out of Totuskee Creek, bounded by the land of Col. Samuel Griffin, which was purchased by John Watson and sold by him to Richard Flynt, and by the land of William Sanders; it being part of a larger tract bought by Richard from Zachariah Nicholls. Signed by Richard and Sarah Valendigham. Witnessed by William Britt and Richard Jones. Richmond County Deed Book 3, 1772-1779, p. 113.

It was mentioned earlier that the Will of Phillip Evans named William as the son of Richard. The following deed made by William for land in the same vicinity as Richard's could indicate they were father and son.

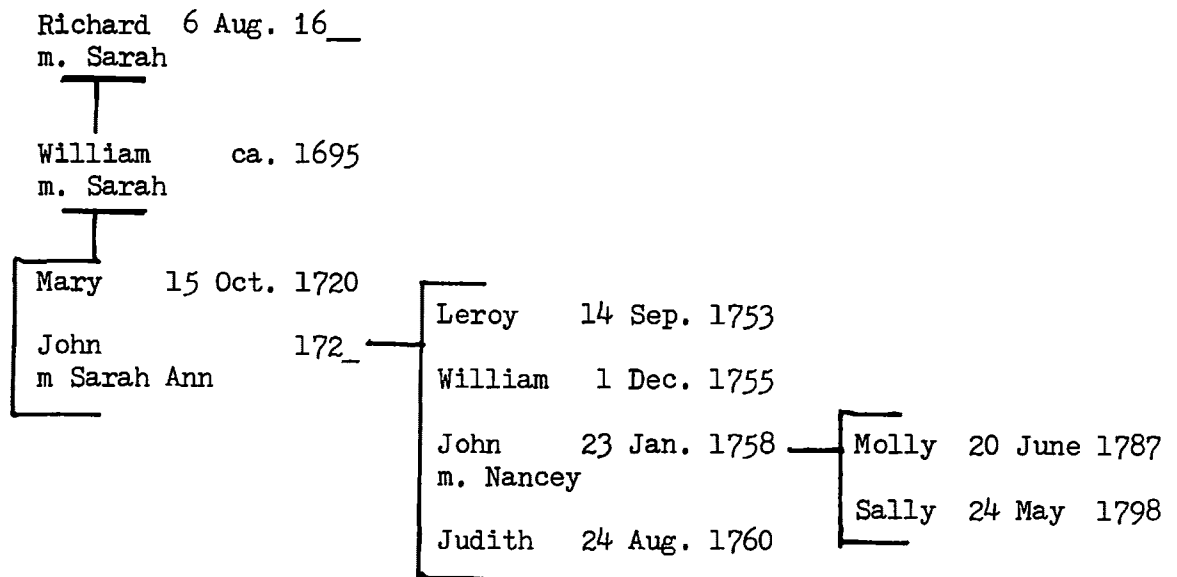
6 March 1737. Indenture from William Vanlandingham and Sarah his wife, of North Farnham Parish in Richmond County to Robert Mowor of the aforesaid parish and county, in consideration of three thousand pounds of tobacco for 100 acres of land beginning at a red oak, a corner tree standing in James Palmer's line, thence along the said line to Samuel Griffin's line to a swamp, thence up the said swamp to John Dourhor's line, thence along the said Dourhor's line to Lardon's and Dixon's line to the Ridge Road, thence down the said road to the beginning. Signed by William and Sarah and witnessed by Henry Miskoll and William Lewis. Richmond County Deed Book 9, p. 414.

The Register of North Farnham Parish, in Richmond County, Virginia, from 1663 to 1814, transcribed by George Harrison Sanford King, Fredericksburg, Va. in 1966, lists the following Vanlandingham births:

15 Oct. 1720	Mary	Daughter	William and Sarah
14 Sep. 1753	Leroy	Son	John and Sarah
1 Dec. 1755	William	Son	John and Sarah Ann
23 Jan. 1758	John	Son	John and Sarah Ann
24 Aug. 1760	Judith	Daughter	John and Sarah Ann
20 June 1787	Molly	Daughter	J. Vanlandingham
24 May 1798	Sally	Daughter	John and Nancey

I believe that in addition to their daughter Mary, William and Sarah had a son John who was not registered. John married Sarah and they became the parents of Leroy, William, John and Judith and the grandparents of Molly and Sally.

A diagram of these five generations gives the following pattern, with only a firm link from John and Sarah Ann to William and Sarah being open to question.



Sometime after the birth of Judith in 1760, John and Sarah Ann took their children and left Northumberland County. Later records are found in Granville County, North Carolina.

4 August 1765. Indenture between Vinson Bodine of the County of Granville, Province of North Carolina, and John Vanlandingham of the said County and Province, in consideration of ten Pounds for land on Ruin Creek, beginning at a white oak and maple on the South side of said creek and bounded on Vinson Bodine's line to a corner white oak and hickory, then East upon John Hays' line to a corner two white oaks joining John Craft's line, thence North to a corner upon Abraham Morse's line white oak, thence up the meanders of the said creek to the beginning, by estimation one hundred fifty acres. Witnessed by Samuel Denton and John "X" Bird  
Recorded November Court 1766  
Granville County, North Carolina, Deed Book H, p. 220.

12 February 1772. Indenture between Philemon Hawkins (wife's name is Delia) of Bute County, Province of North Carolina, and John Vallandingham of Granville County, Province of North Carolina, in consideration of fifty-six Pounds Virginia currency for a parcel of land containing one hundred ninety-nine acres lying and being in Bute County on the waters of Fishing Creek.  
Witnesses: James Monroe, Philemon Hawkins, Jun. and Jesse Sanders.  
Recorded 1 May 1772.  
Warren County, North Carolina, Deed Book 3, p. 414.

14 December 1773. In the name of God, Amen. I, John Vanlandingham of the County of Bute and Province of North Carolina, St. John's Parish, being very sick and weak though in perfect memory do dispose of my estate as follows:

I give and bequeath all my whole estate to my sife Sarah during her life and after her decease to be equally divided among my children that are then living.

I do appoint my wife Sarah and my son Leroy Executors of the Estate.

Test: John Bell and Ellis Marques

Bute County, August Court 1774. This Will was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of John Bell and Ellis Marques, the witnesses hereto and the same is admitted to record and letter testamentary is granted to Sarah Vanlandingham and Leroy Vanlandingham as Executors who were qualified accordingly.

Warren County, North Carolina, Will Book 2, p. 21.

7 October 1776. Indenture made between Leuroy Vanlandingham of the County of Granville and State of North Carolina and Samuel Morse of the same County and State, in consideration of fifty-three Pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence Proclamation Money, for one hundred and fifty acres on Ruin Creek, beginning at a white oak and maple on the South side of Ruin Creek and bounded on Vinson Bodine's line to a corner two white oaks joining John Craft's line, thence North to a corner upon Abraham Morse's line to a white oak thence up the meanders of the said Ruin Creek to the beginning.

Witnesses: David Mitchel, James Stark, Elijah Mitchel, and Thomas Satterwhite.

Granville County, November Court 1777. This deed was duly proved by the oath of David Mitchel and on motion was ordered to be registered. Granville County, North Carolina, Deed Book L, p. 172.

8 November 1776. Indenture between Leroy Vanlandingham of Bute County and Province of North Carolina, and Green Duke of the same County and Province, for forty Pounds current money of Virginia, one hundred ninety-nine acres of land on Fishing Creek.

N. B. This is to certify that I, Sarah Vanlandingham, have a right of dower in the above mentioned land and have received from Green Duke the valuable consideration of twenty Pounds Virginia currency and give up all and singular my right, title and interest.

Witnesses: John Bell and Jonathan Davis.

Recorded 20 July 1778.

Warren County, North Carolina, Deed Book 6, p. 295.

A N N (4)

Ann was the third child of Michael (and Elizabeth) and the only daughter. She was born on December 3, 1668 (or 1663, as discussed on page 11). She married John Clues and two children were born to them: Phillip on 16 November 1681 and Eliza on 16 December 1683, St. Stephen's Register, page 24 headed "C".

No effort has been made to trace Ann and her children any further except for the petition of Francis, which is transcribed in its entirety.

17 November 1698. Francis Vanlandegham petitioning this court that his sister's son named Phillip Clues left very young fatherless and motherless and distressed and no estate, friend nor relation that offered to take care of him either for his maintenance or cure but himself whose nature would not suffer him to perish and therefore took the care of the child upon himself and that for the cure of his scaled head with which he was affected thirteen hundred pounds of tobacco and hath kept him with victuals and cloaths eight or nine years for which he prayed the court order in said case and whereas the said Phillip hath petitioned the court that he being seventeen years of age he may choose his guardian and nominated the said John Walters for that purpose the court of opinion does hereby order that the said Phillip Clues remain with the said Francis Vanlandegham and serve him one year for restitution of the said tobacco expended.

Capt. Peter Hack dissents from this Order.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1678-1698, p. 844.

The language of this petition may suggest more than it actually says. Phillip was left both fatherless and motherless, distressed and with no estate, with a scaled head and a nature which would not suffer him to perish. It may have been that his scaled head was "scalded" or badly burned and perhaps other parts of his body were burned. Still, he recovered while perhaps the lives of his father and mother and younger sister were lost in a fire which destroyed the house. It was most probable that fire was a great danger to the early settlers.

B E N J A M I N (5)

There were two Benjamins in the late 1600's. The only record I have found of the elder is his patent for one hundred and fifty acres of land in 1679 for transporting three persons into the colony. Rather than actually transporting them himself, he probably paid the ship owner for their passage and collected their headrights of fifty acres of land for each.

The younger Benjamin was the fourth child of Michael (and Elizabeth) born 31 January 1672. He must have lived in the vicinity of present day Callao because he was twice appointed Constable of the precinct of Mattapony. No record of his marriage or of any children being born to him has been found, but the following records do seem to pertain to him:

17 November 1703. Upon motion of Benjamin Vanlandingham and Mary his wife, a commission of administration is given on the Estate of William Taylor and appraisal of the Estate is ordered. Northumberland County Order Book 1699-1713, p. 276.

20 August 1707. Upon the petition of Francis and Richard Vanlandegham, Executors of Benjamin Vanlandegham, deceased, Mr. Vincent Garner, Mr. David Stroughan, Capt. Richard Howe, Capt. Francis Horner and Mr. Rodham Neale, or any four of them, are by the Court appointed to meet and appraise the deceased's estate being first sworn by the next Justices & ordered the said Executors to exhibit an inventory thereof to the next Court upon their oath. Northumberland County Order Book 1699-1713, Part 2, p. 476.

17 December 1707. John Walters petitions this Court that he is the grandfather and nearest kin to Phebe, William, Mary Elizabeth and John Taylor who are the orphans of William Taylor, deceased, who died possessed of a small Estate and that Benjamin Vanlandeghem since married with the widow and relict of the said William, deceased and before his death made his Last Will and therein appointed his brothers Francis and Richard Vanlandeghem Executors and the Court is prayed to cite them for an account. Northumberland County Order Book 1699-1713, Part 2, p. 499.

1709. Petition of Francis Vanlandeghem on behalf of the orphans of William Taylor, deceased, vs. John Walters. Northumberland County Order Book 1699-1713, Part 2, p. 584.

No further records have been found concerning this Benjamin.

E L I Z A B E T H (6)M A R Y (7)      A N N (8)      J A N E (12)

Four daughters were born to Francis and Elizabeth and all are recorded under the name Flaningham as follows:

Elizabeth	9	September	1700
Mary	9	March	1702
Ann	28	September	1705
Jane	--	October	1715

Throughout this research, no attempt has been made to follow the females as they marry off and establish new families. But two of the girls in this family were married before the death of their father and are mentioned in his Will by their married names and I would like to call attention to these names. Mary married a Dawson and Ann married a Gristed (also spelled Grinsted and Greenstreet, etc.). Anyone doing Northumberland genealogy will recognize these as old area names and will often find them associated in connection with Vanlandingshams.

A Michael Vanlandingham married an Ann Dawson and moved to Fairfax County, Virginia, where the name was changed to Vallandigham. John Dawson witnessed various deeds and I suspect he might have been the husband of Mary.

Various Greenstreets witnessed papers or had common boundary lines with Vanlandingham land.

I have no further record of Jane and her marriage. Elizabeth probably did not marry. In his Will, dated 1774, her brother George left all his land to his wife Mary during her natural life, provided she kept and maintained his sister Elizabeth Vanlandingham.

FRANCIS (9)

Francis was recorded in the feminine form as Frances and also as a daughter to Francis. However, in his Will, Francis, Senior, named Francis as his son and limited him to one shilling. It is difficult to say why three of Francis, Senior's nine children were limited to just a token legacy unless they had received their share prior to the death of their father. This confusion is added to further by the deed dated 10 August 1747 between Francis and his brother George, which has been transcribed fully on page 20, in which Francis sold part of the land on which his father had lived and died and which had been allotted to his mother Elizabeth for her one-third share. I have not found the record of how nor when he obtained the land.

No record has been found of Francis' marriage or births of his children, but the following records do give us information concerning at least one son.

9 April 1753. Francis Vanlandingham's estate administered by Samuel Watts and Adcock Hobson, with James Foushee as Security.  
Northumberland County Order Book 1749-1753, p. 390.

An inventory of Francis' estate remains in Northumberland County Record Book 1751-1753 on page 223. The appraisal was presented on April 21, 1753 and recorded on the 14th day of May 1753.

2 cows with calf	3	5	0
1 old horse	1	0	0
2 sows and pigs	1	0	0
1 bed and furniture	4	0	0
1 bed and furniture	3	10	0
1 large chest and lock		8	0
1 small chest and lock		6	0
1 small looking glass		1	0
1 old spinning wheel		1	0
1 old side saddle and bridle	10	0	
1 cross-legged table		2	0
5 old sickles			6
1 old case pistols and sword	11	3	
4 old chairs		3	0
1 frying pan		2	0
1 parcel old books and 3 earthen mugs		3	0
1 old razor and 1 pair marking irons			6
1 bent pot and hooks		8	0
1 small pot and hooks		5	0
1 small pot and hooks		4	0



Herewith, the records pertaining to the Benjamins.

25 June 1759. Know all men by these presents that I, Benjamin Vanlandingham, of the County of Northumberland and Parish of St. Stephen's, am held and bound unto George Ball, his heirs and agents, all of the same County aforesaid and Parish of Wiccomoco, in the penal sum of one hundred Pounds current money of Virginia, of which payment will and truly to be made I bind myself, my heirs, executors, etc. firmly by these presents sealed with my seal. The condition of the bond: bounds of their lands. Arbitrators compose all difficulties and controversies: order and award that the crooked lines run by William Garland and Joseph Ball, Surveyors, to be the dividing lines between the said parties, laid down on a surveyor's plat the 15th day of May 1752.

Recorded the 10th day of September 1759.

Northumberland County Record Book 5, 1758-1762, p. 124.

12 November 1759. Indenture between Benjamin Vanlandingham and Susanna, his wife, of the Parish of St. Stephen's in the County of Northumberland, and Peter Lamkin, in consideration of five thousand pounds of tobacco and five Pounds current money for 75 acres of land adjacent to George Ball.

Mem.d- That on the 10th day of September 1759 peaceable and quiet possession of living and seisin of the land and premises in the deed attached was delivered by the within mentioned Benjamin Vanlandingham and Susanna, his wife, to the within named Peter Lamkin according to the form and effect of this deed by Turf and Twig in the presence of us whose names are hereunto subscribed.

Witnessed by:

Matthew Neal

Samuel Dunaway

John Christopher

Benjamin Vanlandingham

Susanna "X" Vanlandingham

Northumberland County Record Book 5, 1758-1762, p. 139.

12 November 1759. Know all men by these presents that I, Benjamin Vanlandingham, of the County of Northumberland and Colony of Virginia, am held and firmly bound and indebted unto Peter Lamkin, of the Colony and County aforesaid, in the penal sum of one hundred Pounds current money of Virginia to be paid unto the said Peter Lamkin, or his certain Attorney, Executor or Administrator, to which payment will and truly to be made I bind myself jointly and severally my joint and several heirs, executors or administrators firmly by these presents. Sealed with my seal.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Benjamin Vanlandingham has bargained and sold unto the above named Peter Lamkin the certain tract of land lying and being in the County and Colony above named and containing by estimation 75 acres, be the same more or less, formerly in the possession of Francis Vanlandingham and further, the above said Benjamin Vanlandingham,

his heirs, executors or administrators, shall forever warrant and defend the aforesaid 75 acres of land against all persons claiming or pretending to any title therein whatsoever so that the said Peter Lamkin, his heirs, etc. shall peaceably possess and enjoy the said land forever that then the above obligation to be void or otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Recorded 12 November 1759.

Northumberland County Record Book 5, 1758-1762, p. 141.

This may be interpreted as follows: Francis (9) owned land adjacent to George Ball and the crooked dividing lines were surveyed and recorded during Francis' lifetime in 1752, at which time Benjamin was still a minor child.

On 25 June 1759, Benjamin, the son of Francis (9), posted a bond of one hundred Pounds in favor of George Ball so that the dividing lines could be adjudicated. The bond was recorded on 10 September 1759, the same day that Benjamin and his wife Susanna gave possession of the land to Peter Lamkin by Turf and Twig. This ceremony is a carry over from days before written deeds, when a handful of dirt and a branch of a tree passed from hand to hand to signify the change of ownership of the land.

On the same day Benjamin posted a bond protecting the rights of Peter Lamkin and his heirs to the title of the land. The bond clearly stated that the land formerly belonged to Francis.

The Vanlandingshams were associated with people whose names appear over and over again in the written records, such as Lamkin who recently bought land in the foregoing deed, and Winstead and Vibrat, as seen in the following records.

1761. Sale of Estate of Mary Vibratt, deceased, by Samuel Winstead, Administrator:

To Benjamin Vallandingham	one bed and furniture	3	1	0
To George Vallandingham	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards of country cloth	13	0	
To Benjamin Vallandingham	one small pot	3	1	
To Benjamin Vallandingham	some old tubs and beans	5	0	
To Benjamin Vallandingham	one ax	2	0	

Other buyers were: James Smith, Daniel Winstead and Peter Lamkin.

Northumberland County Record Book 5, 1758-1762, p. 460.

10 August 1761. Pursuant to an order of the Court, we the subscribers after being appointed to possess Benjamin Vanlandingham with the estate of Thomas Vibrat's part of his deceased father's estate in the

hands of Samuel Winstead, we accordingly met at the said Winstead's and after prufing the accounts, we found due to the said Vibrat twenty-two Pounds, seven shillings current money and one hundred forty-five pounds of tobacco - which said money we possessed the said Vanlandingham with. Peter Lamkin and Spence Smith.

At a Court held for Northumberland County the 14th day of September 1761, this day this report of possessing Benjamin Vanlandingham with Vibrat's estate was returned to be recorded.

Northumberland County Record Book 5, 1758-1762, p. 468.

7 May 1761	Capt. Presly Thornton's Poll	In all 382
	Benjamin Vanlandingham	
17 May 1761	Capt. George Ball's Pole	In all 172
Taken at the General Election of Burgesses at Northumberland		
	Benjamin Vanlandingham	
9 November 1761	Capt. Richard Hull's Poll	In all 173
	George Vanlandingham	
	Benjamin Vanlandingham	
	Samuel Winstead, Jun.	
	William Greenstreet	
	James Smith	

Northumberland County Record Book 5, 1758-1762, pp. 401, 406, 491.

These last three records of a Benjamin being in each of three different polls within a very short period of time leads me to believe more than one man of that name lived in this vicinity at this particular time.

The following five records probably involve three different Benjamins: Benjamin whose wife was Susannah, Benjamin, Jun. who witnessed the deed of 13 August 1763, and Benjamin of Richmond County who bought land in 1773 and made the Will bequeathing the land to his son John.

13 August 1763. Indenture made between Benjamin Vanlandingham and Susannah, his wife, of the County of Northumberland and Parish of St. Stephen's and Colony of Virginia, and Richard Greenstreet, of the County, Parish and Colony aforesaid in consideration of ten Pounds current money of Virginia for a tract of land lying and being in the County, Parish and Colony aforesaid upon one of the branches of the Yeocomoco River (on which Mr. Thomas Jones' Mill stands) containing by estimation fifteen acres, be the same more or less, and is bounded as followeth: on the East by the line of the said Benjamin Vanlandingham (the said 15 acres being part of the land whereon the said Vanlandingham now lives) on the South by the land of Willoughby Lewis and on the West by the land of John Greenstreet.

Witnesses:	Benjamin Vanlandingham
John "X" Greenstreet	Susannah "X" Vanlandingham
Benjamin "B" Vanlandingham, Jun.	
William Green	

Northumberland County Record Book 6, 1762-1766, p. 418.

21 August 1773. Indenture made between Richard Grinstead and Winnie, his wife, and Benjamin Vanlandingham, of the County of Richmond, in consideration of forty Pounds current money of Virginia, for a parcel of land Grinstead purchased of Benjamin Vanlandingham, Jun. and part purchased of Samuel Dunaway, consisting of 50 acres beginning at a chestnut tree standing on Willoughby Lewis' line - adjacent to John Grinstead.

Witnesses: John Dawson, John Grinstead and James "X" Vanlandingham. Northumberland County Record Book 9, 1772-1776, p. 246.

6 October 1794. In the name of God, Amen. I, Benjamin Vanlandingham, of the County of Northumberland and Parish of St. Stephen's, being infirm in body but of perfect and sound memory do make, constitute and appoint this my last Will and testament, revoking and annulling every Will or Wills heretofore by me made.

Imprimio, I give and bequeath unto my loving son John Vanlandingham my plantation whereon I now live containing 50 acres more or less, also all my stock of cattle, horses, hogs, sheep; my furniture of every kind either household or kitchen; likewise my crops of corn, tobacco, etc. with all my wearing apparel; and in fact everything I die possessed of to him and his heirs forever; whereunto I annex my hand and seal.

Witnesses: Benjamin "X" Vanlandingham  
 Richard Beale  
 Charles Graham  
 Reuben Beale, Jun.  
 Harriot Beale

Proved in open Court the 14th day of April 1795 and recorded. Northumberland County Record Book 1794-1799, p. 151.

18 January 1798. Indenture made between John Vanlandingham and Nance, his wife, of the County of Richmond and the State of Virginia, and Richard Grinstead of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia. Witnesseth that the said John Vanlandingham for and in consideration of twenty-five Pounds current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Richard Grinstead, sells to Richard Grinstead the tract or parcel of land he, the said Grinstead sold to Benjamin Vanlandingham, father of the said John Vanlandingham - consisting of 50 acres and being adjacent to Willoughby Lewis.

Witnessed by: John "X" Vanlandingham  
 Richard Street Nance "X" Vanlandingham  
 John Jones  
 John Beacham, Jr.  
 Griffin Hall

Northumberland County Record Book 15, 1794-1799, p. 440.

9 June 1806. Probate of the Will of Richard Grinstead dated 1 January 1806 named his wife, Wine Grinstead (n.b. - it is possible that this is Winney (18) - his sons John and Richard and his grandchildren John Tiffey and Salle Tiffey.

Item: To my Grandson John Tiffey all the land that formerly belonged to my father containing one hundred and fifty acres, and fifteen acres I purchased of Benjamin Vanlandingham, Junr., to him and his lawfully begotten heirs. My executors to rent out the land and apply the profits to schooling and maintaining him 'till he comes of age.

Item: As I have about two hundred and twenty-four dollars, and five and a half guinnies in the house, my desire is that it be laid out in land or a negro for the use of the estate.

Son John Grinstead and Leroy Luttrell, Executors.

Northumberland County Record Book 17, 1803-1808, p. 413.

At first glance it would seem the land involved in all the foregoing deeds sold by a Benjamin to various individuals might be the same parcel of land and that adds to the difficulty of untangling the thread. It becomes further tangled by the following two deeds.

19 March 1788. Indenture made between Peter Vanlandingham, the right heir of Benjamin Vanlandingham, of the State of North Carolina, of the one part and Richard Greenstreet, of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia, of the other part, in consideration of fifteen Pounds current money of Virginia for a tract or parcel of land that formerly belonged to his father Benjamin Vanlandingham or to his Grandmother Nanne Vanlandingham lying and being in the County of Northumberland containing by estimation 60 acres beginning at a white oak tree in Daniel Winstead's line which is a corner tree to the said Richard Greenstreet and the said Benjamin Vanlandingham; thence along the said Greenstreet's line to a maple tree standing in the main swamp at the mouth of a small branch; thence down the said swamp the meanders thereof to the fork of a branch which divides the said land and the land of John Efford's heirs; thence up the said branch to the line of Daniel Winstead; thence along Winstead's line to the beginning, together with all and every the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Sealed and Delivered

Peter Vanlandingham

in the presence of

Francis Winstead

Richard L. Vanlandingham

Griffin "X" Lewis

Recorded the 10th day of April 1788

Northumberland County Order Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 149.

19 March 1788. Indenture made between Peter Vanlandingham, the right heir of Benjamin Vanlandingham, deceased, of the State of North Carolina, of the one part, and Willoughby Lewis, of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia, of the other part, in consideration of fifteen Pounds current money of Virginia for a tract or parcel of land that formerly belonged to his father Benjamin Vanlandingham, deceased, lying and being in the County of Northumberland, containing by estimation 60 acres and bounded as follows, viz.:

beginning at a chestnut tree standing in said Willoughby Lewis' line which is a corner tree to the said land and Benjamin Vanlandingham Sen.; thence along the said Vanlandingham line to the main swamp; thence down the swamp to a maple tree mentioned in Richard Greenstreet's deed; thence down the said swamp the meanders thereof to the fork which divides the said Willoughby Lewis' part of the land from Richard Greenstreet's part; thence up the other fork of the swamp which divides it from Mary Vanlandingham's land to the land of the said Lewis; thence along the said Lewis' line to the beginning chestnut, with all and every the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Signed and Delivered  
in the presence of

Peter Vanlandingham

Francis Winstead  
Richard L. Vanlandingham  
Griffin "X" Lewis  
Richard Greenstreet

Recorded the 10th day of April 1788.

Northumberland County Order Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 151.

This leaves unexplained how Peter was able to return to Northumberland County from North Carolina and sell the land that had belonged to his father and to his grandmother and over-ride any claim made by the three older sons of Benjamin and Susannah, or a claim made by his younger sister Elizabeth.

It is obvious that the names of John Greenstreet and Willoughby Lewis run through all these deeds and the lands lie adjacent to one another. Also, the land lies on one of the branches of the Yeocomoco River, which is the same general location as the land deeded between Francis and his brother George (page 20) which had belonged to their father Francis (2). The Mary Vanlandingham mentioned above is probably the widow of George. Benjamin, Sen., above is living on the land he later willed to his son John. All this makes for continuity of ownership through the generations, but it begins to addle the brains with the repetition of names.

At this point it may be of interest to the non-genealogists reading these notes to learn a few facts about the names our American forefathers gave to their children. In the early days of the colonies there weren't many more than a dozen men's names and a dozen women's names in an area that were used over and over again. They were usually Biblical names like Benjamin, Samuel, John, Peter, Zachariah and Michael for the men, or they were the names of the kings of England and France, viz. George, William, Henry and Francis, etc. Among the women the names were Martha, Susannah,

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Sarah and Rebecca, which were from the Bible. Ann and Jane were the names of queens; and Elizabeth and Mary were both Biblical and queens.

It was customary for a man to name his sons after his father and his brothers before he named a boy for himself. It was usually not until many sons had been born before one was finally given the same name as the father. As a result, when you find a Benjamin Sen. and a Benjamin Jun. mentioned in the same time period, the relationship is often that of uncle and nephew rather than father and son. In the same fashion, a woman named her daughters for her mother and her sisters and you often find a name progressing down the generations from aunt to niece rather than from mother to daughter.

Know by wher knowledge and conveyance and parcel  
 said Richard Greenstreet his heirs & the s<sup>r</sup>. Peter  
 bargained & sold unto the said Richard Greenstreet  
 a of a tract or parcel of land that formerly  
 Vanlandingham or to his Grand Mother Name  
 County of Northumberland a piece containing by  
 or life and bounded as followeth viz<sup>t</sup> beginning  
 line which is a corner line to the s<sup>r</sup>. Rich<sup>d</sup>  
 Vanlandingham thence along the <sup>s<sup>r</sup></sup> Greenstreet line to a

Portion of Deed between Peter Vanlandingham and Richard Greenstreet, dated 19 March 1788, (Northumberland County Order Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 149) transcribed on page 38, identifying Peter's grandmother.

THOMAS (11)

Thomas was the sixth child of Francis and Elizabeth and was born in 1712. The only Northumberland records found for him are for the sale of land that had been his wife's legacy from her father. From these deeds, it is apparent that Thomas and Ann Claughton left Northumberland County and moved to Fairfax County, Virginia, before 1748.

29 March 1748. Indenture made between Thomas Vanlandingham and Ann, his wife, of Fairfax County, Virginia, and John Oldham, of the Parish of Northfarnham and County of Richmond, Virginia, in consideration of thirty Pounds for a tract of land in St. Stephen's Parish in the County of Northumberland, bounded on one side by John Dawson and on the other side by the land of John Claughton and lying along Lamkin's Mill Swamp, formerly belonging to James Claughton, containing by estimation 80 acres.

Witnessed by:	Thomas "X" Vanlandingham
Richard Claughton	Ann "X" Vanlandingham
Samuel Winsted	
Richard Knott	

Recorded 9 May 1748.  
Northumberland County Record Book 1747-1749, p. 90.

29 March 1748. Indenture made between Thomas Vanlandingham and Ann, his wife, of Fairfax County, Virginia, and John Oldham and Jean, his wife, of Northfarnham Parish in the County of Richmond, Virginia, on the one part, and John Claughton, of St. Stephen's Parish and County of Northumberland, Planter, of the other part, in considerations of thirty pounds, for a tract of land in St. Stephen's Parish in Northumberland County, containing 50 acres more or less, bounded on one side by the main road, on the other side by land of Edgecomb Sugget and land of James Claughton that hath now descended to the above named Ann and Jean, his daughters and co-heirs, being the plantation where the said James Claughton lived and died.

Witnessed by:	Thomas "X" Vanlandingham
Richard Claughton	Ann "X" Vanlandingham
Samuel Winsted	
Richard Knott	

Recorded 9 May 1748  
Northumberland County Record Book 1747-1749, p. 93.



GEORGE (13)

George was the eighth child of Francis and Elizabeth born 1 October 1718. Only the last three of his children are recorded in St. Stephen's Parish Register: Elizabeth, Thomas and Ezekiel.

In his Last Will and Testament, George named a total of eight children and his loving wife Mary. From the order in which he named the children it would appear that Richard was the oldest, born about 1746. The others would have been born approximately as follow: Henry, 1748; George Adams, 1750; Mandley Brown, 1752; Winney, 1754; Elizabeth, 30 September 1756; Thomas, 18 January 1759; and Ezekiel, 1 June 1762.

In St. Stephen's Register, the first four entries were the children of Michael born between 1666 and 1672. The fifth named was George, son of Francis, born in 1718. These five births were recorded in the same handwriting and at the same time, despite the lapse of forty-six years between the births. Obviously they were copied from some other record. The birth of Elizabeth, daughter of George, on 30 September 1756, is the sixth entry and was not recorded until another thirty-eight years had passed. It appears to be in the same handwriting as the first five, but not written at the same time. Records of other births were either lost, or the Vanlandingshams were little interested in matters concerning the Episcopal Church.

One obvious fact is that the maiden name of George's wife was Brown. In his Will he named Richard's grandfather as Richard Brown and the fourth child was named Mandley Brown. Elsewhere in the Register is found a Richard, son of Manly Brown, born in 1689. Manly, Manley or Mandley Brown appears several times throughout the records. It is known that George left Mary as his widow, but there is no assurance she was the mother of all the children. Perhaps only the three recorded were hers.

There are many instances of both men and women marrying several times during their lifetimes, usually shortly after the death of the spouse. A young widow's position in a frontier community was dangerous and insecure and a quick re-marriage was a practical necessity. She was usually left with a house and farm to manage and desperately needed a man to tend the stock and harvest the crops, etc. On the other hand, a widower was in urgent need of a woman to raise his children and see to the household chores. Many times marriages were arranged on short notice for the good of the families and children of each spouse were merged into one family group.

From the records pertaining to George, there is no way of saying with certainty all the children had the same mother, but in his Will he named each one as a Vanlandingham.

George not only left a Will, but a comprehensive Inventory was made which shows a great advance in material things over those enjoyed by his father in 1740.

In the name of God, Amen. I, George Vanlandingham, of the County of Northumberland and Parish of St. Stephen's, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, thanks be to God for it, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please God to call, do make this my last will and testament as followeth. I bequeath my soul unto God that gave it me, hoping in and through the merits and mediation of my Blessed Savior to receive the same again at the general resurrection and my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bestow on me beyond my deserts, I give and devise in manner and form following:

Item. I give to my son Richard Vanlandingham forty shillings in lieu of a mare colt that his Grandfather Richard Brown let me have for him.

Item. I give to my daughter Winne Vanlandingham one bed without furniture and weaving loom with all the gear.

Item. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Vanlandingham one bed without furniture.

Item. I give to my loving wife Mary Vanlandingham all of my estate only the legacies before mentioned during her natural life and all my land as long as she lives if she will keep and maintain my sister Elizabeth Vanlandingham and after my wife's death my land with all the rest of my estate to be sold and equally divided amongst six of my children, to wit, George Adams Vanlandingham, Mandley Brown Vanlandingham, Winney Vanlandingham, Elizabeth Vanlandingham, Thomas Vanlandingham and Ezekiel Vanlandingham, and if there should be above six Pounds a piece for the above mentioned six children, then my son Henry Vanlandingham to have an equal part with them all that is over six Pounds a piece if there is any, for my son Henry hath had as much as come to six Pounds ahead.

I leave my wife Mary Vanlandingham and my son Mandley Brown Vanlandingham sole executors of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills or testaments heretofore made by me or caused to be made by word or writing, confirming this to be my last will and testament, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of January Anno Domini 1774.

Delivered by George Vanlandingham  
to be his last will in presence  
of us.

George "X" Vanlandingham

Richard Grinstead  
Willoughby Lewis  
John Grinstead

At a Court held for Northumberland County the 12th day of September 1774, this last will and teatment of George Vanlandingham, deceased, was this day presented in Court by Mary Vanlandingham, the executrix therein named who made oath thereto according to law and being proved by the oaths of two of the witnesses thereto was admitted to record and on the motion of the said executrix giving security, certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Northumberland County Record Book 9, 1772-1776, pps. 441-442.

In obedience to an order of Northumberland Court bearing date the 12th of September 1774, we the subscribers being appointed to appraise the Estate of George Vanlandingham, deceased, we met at the house of Mary Vanlandingham on the 18th of September 1774, first being sworn, and there appraised all the estate of the said deceased that was presented to our view as followeth:

13 head of cattle	16	5	0
1 horse, bridle and saddle	5	0	0
19 sheep	5	14	0
15 hogs, 6 pounds; 8 small hogs, 12 pence	6	12	0
1 bed, bedstead and furniture	6	0	0
2 beds, bedsteads and furniture	6	0	0
1 ticken full of new feathers 2/5; 1 ticken 2/	4	5	0
1 oval table 7/6; 8 old chairs 12/	19	6	
2 old chests 10/ and 2 old boxes 2/6	12	6	
1 trunk 8/ and 1 old trunk 2/	10	0	
3 pocket bottles, 1 old looking glass, 1 flask, 5 vials	2	0	
2 half gallon bottles and 5 quart bottles	2	3	
7 stone jars	7	0	
3 old chests, some old baskets and 1 old side saddle	5	0	
1 gun 15/; 1 old gun, a set of pistols and sword, a bayonet and cartridge box 11/	1	6	0
1 raw hide 10/ and some sole leather	1	0	0
1 raw hide, some old rasp hooks and old cards	3	0	
4 old axes, 1 claw hammer, 1 spade	10	0	
7 old hoes 4/6; 1 old grindstone 1/3	5	9	
1 spinning wheel 8/; some old books 5/	13	0	
2 old candle sticks; 1/2 gallon bowl and funnel; some old earthenware	3	0	
1 box iron and hitors; 2 pair of fire tongs; 1 shovel	8	0	
1 set of knives and forks 4/; some knives and forks 3/	7	0	
1 old ----, 2 old sifters 1/6; 1 tray, 1 tub & 1/2 bushel	4	6	
5 old casks 12/6; 2 hogsheads 6/; 11 old barrels 2/	1	6	0
1 weaving loom and geer 5/; some old woodenware 6/	11	0	
5 old iron pots & 3 pr. hooks 20/; 2 old frying pans 4/	1	4	0
1 spice mortar & pestle 10/; some old earthern pots 2/	12	0	
1 iron skillet 2/6; 2 tin pans 2/6; 1 pan & ponger 6d.	5	6	
2 old pewter dishes 12/6; 4 old basins 5/; 15 plates 18 d.	1	15	6
Some old spoons	2	0	
1 old cart and pair of boxes and old ox yokes	6	0	
1 old plow and some old iron	5	0	
1 hone strap and razor 2/6; 1 cow bell 1/6	4	0	

1 bridle 1/6; 1 pair old stirrups 2/6; 1 spur /6	4	6
Part of a sain	5	0
13 geese 14/7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> ; 1 iron spindle 1/	15	7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
20 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pounds of cotton at 1/3 per lb.	5	5 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
20 pounds of cotton at 9d. per lb.	15	0
12 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> pounds of wool at 1/ per lb.	12	6
Wearing clothes	3	0 0
3/4 yard of 6/4 cloth	10	0
1 set of wedges 5/; 1 old drawing knife 6d.	5	6
2 tan hides	1	5 0

Richard Grinstead  
 Willoughby Lewis  
Benjamin "X" Vanlandingham

At a Court held for Northumberland County the 13th day of February 1775 this inventory and appraisement of the estate of George Vanlandingham, deceased, was this day returned and ordered to be recorded. Northumberland County Record Book 9, 1772-1776, pp. 533-534.

The Benjamin who acted as an appraiser of the above estate signed his name with an "X". This was also true of the Benjamin from Richmond County who bought land from Richard Grinstead in 1773 and bequeathed it to his son John in 1794. Benjamin who married Susannah was able to sign his own name.

The terms bed, bedstead and furniture, are used in this and other inventories and it should be understood by the reader that the bed was the ticking full of feathers, corn husks, straw or rags, etc.; it was supported by the bedstead; and the furniture consisted of the sheets, coverlets, quilts, curtains, etc. used to make up the bed.

According to the terms of George's Last Will and Testament, his wife Mary was to inherit all the balance of his estate during her natural life and all his land as long as she lived in return for keeping and maintaining his sister Elizabeth. This condition was evidently short-lived and the burden fell to Mandley Brown Vanlandingham, son of George and Mary, as evidenced by the following bill of sale:

Be it known to all men by these presents that I, Elizabeth Vanlandingham, of Northumberland County and Parish of St. Stephen's, in consideration of his taking care of me and seeing me righted as long as I live, I give to Manly Vanlandingham, of the aforesaid Parish and County, the receipt of which I do hereby acknowledge, and have bargained and sold and delivered to the said Manly Vanlandingham, his heirs and assigns forever, the following articles mentioned, viz: one steer, one cow and yearling, one feather bed and furniture, one



R I C H A R D (16)

Richard was the son of George (13). There is no record of his birth, but he was probably one of the older sons because he is the first mentioned in George's Will dated 1774. Richard received forty shillings in lieu of a mare colt his Grandfather Richard Brown let George have for him. Through deduction, the probable year of Richard's birth was 1746.

No further records of marriage or the birth of children have been found for this man. However, the following records of a Richard in the next generation are included here so they may be studied further if additional information is found.

31 August 1791. Marriage license bond issued for Richard Vanlandingham and Elizabeth Cookman, with Solomon Cookman as security and with the consent of Rice and Hannah Cookman, parents of Elizabeth. (Stratton Nottingham.)

28 July 1794. Will of Rice Cookman; probated 8 December 1794. He named his wife Hannah, sons William, Solomon, George and Ezekiel and daughters Elizabeth Vanlandingham, Sally Hughes, Hannah and Anna Cookman. Elizabeth was bequeathed a negro girl name Milly and a divided portion of the estate. The executors were his wife Hannah and friends John Dawson, Jr. and Samuel Cralle. The witnesses were Richard Grinstead, Leroy Luttrell and Parker Beacham. Northumberland County Record Book 15, 1794-1799, p. 118.

14 September 1795. Estate of Richard Vanlandingham administered by Elizabeth Vanlandingham with George Cookman as security. Northumberland County Order Book 1790-1795, p. 560.

8 October 1795. In obedience to an Order dated 14 September 1795, the following inventory of the estate of Richard Vanlandingham was recorded as follows:

1 Bed and furniture	3	0	0
1 Cow and calf	2	10	0
1 Cow and calf	2	5	0
4 Head of sheep	1	12	0
4 Chairs		6	0
1 Spinning wheel and cards		11	0
1 Chest		6	0
1 Loom and geer		12	0
1 Silver stock buckle and studs		7	6
1 Rule quart bottle and vials		1	6
1 Iron pot and Dutch oven		14	0
1 Parcel of pewter		15	0

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1 Parcel of Earthen ware	6	0
1 Pair sad irons	4	0
1 Table	3	0
1 Jug and fat pot	2	0
1 Meal sifter, wheat sieve and sheep shears	2	6
1 Ax, 2 hoes and 1 iron pestle	6	0
1 Cask and 4 small tubs	7	0
1 Iron pot, 1 griddle and 1 harrow hoe	5	0
2 Small sides of leather	6	0
1 Parcel wooden ware	2	0
2 Baskets of Books and lumber	3	0
1 Parcel of baskets	2	0
To cash	3	14 3
1 Set knives and forks	6	0
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	19	9 9

Appraisers: John Dawson, Leroy Litterell and William Headly  
Northumberland County Record Book 15, 1794-1799, p. 252.

12 September 1803. Agreeable to an order of Northumberland County bearing date of 9th of December 1800, we the subscribers, after appointment, did meet and possess George Cookman with his ward Rebecca Vanlandingham's part of the land; also 12 Pounds 19 shillings 5 pence in bonds and notes on hand, it being her proportion of her father's estate. Given under our hands this 12th day of September 1803: Leroy Cullin, Richard Rought and Richard Litrell.  
Northumberland County Record Book 17, 1803-1808, p. 51.

Two other marriages are added here because the names are so closely connected with the Vans. Anna Cookman was the sister of Richard's wife Elizabeth. John Efford's land and Vanlandingham land had common boundaries and he was a witness to many of their papers.

24 Sep. 1798	John Efford Anna Cookman	Thomas Vanlandingham Security Hannah & Ezekiel Cookman Witnesses
14 Dec. 1824	John Efford Elizabeth Douglas	Thomas Vanlandingham, Security Hannah & Ezekiel Cookman, Witnesses

H E N R Y (17)

Henry was the son of George (13) and his birth has been calculated to be about 1748. He did not receive a specific bequest in his father's Will of 1774 but was only to have a share of anything left after the younger six children had received six Pounds each. That was the amount Henry had already received from his father before the Will was written.

Eight children were born to Henry (sometimes also called Henry P.) and his wife Elizabeth. They are all recorded in St. Stephen's Parish Register.

George	11	February	1770
Ann	24	April	1772
William	21	February	1775
Benjamin	2	October	1776
George Brown	23	January	1779
Betsey Hail	13	May	1781
Salley	10	July	1783
Spencer	28	April	1787

13 September 1790. The estate of Henry Vanlandingham was administered by Samuel Winstead, with George Astin and Francis Winstead as securities.

Northumberland County Order Book 1790-1795, p. 560.

13 June 1791. The inventory of the estate of Henry P. Vanlandingham was prepared by William Oldham, William Anderson and Peter Hall and ordered to be recorded. The value of this inventory was 49 Pounds 3 shillings and 3 pence. Henry must have been a cotton planter because the inventory lists a gin for picking cotton.

Northumberland County Record Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 434.

6 May 1790. Marriage license bond issued to Samuel Winstead, widower, and Betty Vanlandingham, widow, with John Winstead, Jr. as security. (Stratton Nottingham) According to these records the marriage license was issued before the estate was administered. Either there was an error in transcribing the dates of the records, or there was a delay in administering the estate.

10 October 1806. Will of Samuel Winstead, Senior, probated 13 July 1807. Bequeathed his dwelling plantation and all personal estate to his wife Elizabeth Winstead during her natural life and at her death to his several children; to his brothers Daniel Winstead and John Winstead, and to his two nephews. To Sally King, one featherbed and



furniture (the second best I have), one cow and calf, and one iron pot. His friend John Hale and his brother Daniel Winstead are the executors and Sally Vanlandingham, Thomas Keene, George Vanlandingham and James Winstead are the witnesses.

Northumberland County Record Book 17, 1803-1808, p. 559.

17 February 1813. Will of Elizabeth Winstead, probated 13 May 1816, made the following specific bequests:

To her daughter Salley Brumley, a side saddle, bridle, tea kettle, half of her wearing cloths and one gallon jug.

To her son Spencer Vanlandingham, one bed and furniture, four choice hogs, one barrel, four flag chairs and a Dutch oven.

To her granddaughter Salley King Lewis, one bed and furniture, one large iron pot and hooks and the other half of her wearing cloths.

To her grandson Holland Haynie Vanlandingham, one small iron pot and hooks, and the remainder of the hogs.

To her son George Brown Vanlandingham, one handsaw, one bit and auger, two chisels and one gouge.

To her son George B. Vanlandingham, her work ox if he will bury her, and if he does not, the one who buries her to have the work ox.

To her four children, George B. Vanlandingham, William Vanlandingham, Spencer Vanlandingham and Salley Brumley, all the rest of her estate, to be divided equally between them and their heirs.

Witnesses: Pemberton Claughton, Haynie Ashburn and John C. Hudson.

Northumberland County Record Book 20, 1815-1816, p. 469.

Northumberland County Marriage License Bonds 1783-1850 by Stratton Nottingham, Onancock, Virginia, 1929, lists the following:

5 Jan. 1801	William Vanlandingham Chloe Winstead	William Bailey, Security Chloe, ward of Wm. Hale
29 Dec. 1806	Samuel Brumley Sally Vanlandingham	Ward of Thomas Bell, Jr. James Winstead, Security
7 Jan. 1811	George Vanlandingham Polly Dawson	B. Dawson, Security
29 Dec. 1812	Willoughby Lewis Sally King	George Vanlandingham, Security
22 July 1822	Spencer Vanlandingham Winifred Bryant	George Vanlandingham, Security

THOMAS (22)

The first record of a child born to a Thomas in St. Stephen's Parish Register leaves a lot of room for interpretation. Transcribed exactly, it reads as follows:

Elizabeth Vanlandingham Daughter of Tho's. Vanlandingham  
and Mary Vanlandingham a bastard child was Born. October 6, 1777

Usually a bastard child was listed only to the mother's name. Here both mother and father were named and they both were Vanlandinghams, but the words "his wife" were not included in the entry. It is possible they were kin, but not man and wife; or it could be the baby was born before the marriage and the birth not recorded until after the marriage.

Two other children were born to a Thomas and Molley, his wife: Samuel on 7 September 1789, and Thomas on 4 November 1793. Both Molly and Polly were nicknames for the name Mary so it is possible the above-named Molly and Mary were the same person.

Thomas appeared as security on three different marriage license bonds during the period 1795 to 1798, but all other records regarding him make him appear to have been one of life's more unfortunate ones. His wife particularly was forced to live a very meager life, as will be seen from the following records:

8 February 1790. Indenture between Thomas Vanlandingham and Molly, his wife, of the County of Northumberland and Parish of St. Stephen's, and Robert Edwards, in consideration of thirty-five Pounds current money of Virginia, sell a tract of land containing 50 acres, beginning at a small red oak bush, a corner of the land of Thomas Vanlandingham and George Vanlandingham; thence to the land of Francis Winstead; thence to the land of Richard Greenstreet, together with buildings, orchards, gardens, etc.

Recorded the 8th day of February 1790.  
Northumberland County Record Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 331.

25 June 1812. An inventory of the estate of Thomas Vanlandingham, deceased, was made by Richard Claughton, Deputy Sheriff for John Hull, Sheriff of Northumberland County, as a Committee of Administration. The inventory was returned to Court the 12th day of August 1812 and ordered to be recorded.

Northumberland County Record Book 19, 1811-1815, p. 239.

25 June 1812. Account of the sale of the Estate of Thomas Vanlandingham. (On credit of Twelve Months.)

1 Grey Horse	To Molley Van	10.00	
1 Black Cow and yearling	To same	8.00	
2 Old iron pots, 7 pot hooks	To same	.67	
1 Frying pan	To same	.23	
1 Iron pot	To same	.06	
1 Spinning wheel	To same	1.17	
1 Bed, bedstead & furniture	To same	6.00	
1 Chest	To same	.34	
6 Chairs and 2 piggins	To same	.94	
1 Old plough	To same	.56	
1 Meal tub	To same	.03	
1 Fat pot	To same	.24	28.23
6 Head of sheep	To R. Claughton	9.00	
1 Old saw and 3 hoes	To same	.70	9.70
1 Sow and 2 shoats	To John C. Dameron		2.00
1 Parcel peuter & earthware	To W. Douglas		1.82
2 Pair cards	To John Lewis	.02	
1 Chest	To same	.50	
1 Tub, 2 barrels & lige gun	To same	.87	
2 Barrels	To same	1.50	2.89
2 Tables	To Randall Headly		.50
2 Baskets	To Will Lewis		.76
1 Parcel of old lumber	To William Lewis		.76
2 Hogsheads	To James Headly		1.51
1 Cow and yearling	To Thomas Tucker		12.50

On account with John Hull, Sheriff  
of Northumberland County and  
Committee Adm. of said deceased.

Monies collected from the sale were spent as follows:

Sale	3.70
Taxes	3.49
Costs of Suit	31.10
Clerk's fees	5.33
Bond against the estate	15.12
Miscellaneous costs	

Recorded 13 September 1813

Northumberland County Record Book 19, 1811-1815, p. 436.

7. September 1815. I have received the further sum of Twelve dollars  $\frac{34}{100}$ , the amount of a promissory note of Spencer Ball, and found among the papers of Thomas Vanlandingham, deceased, which after deducting my commission, leaves a balance of Eleven dollars seventy three cents which I have paid to George Miskell and receipt herewith returned.

Richard Claughton, Deputy Sheriff  
for John Hull, late Sheriff of  
Northumberland County  
Administrator of Thomas Vanlandingham

Northumberland County Record Book 20, 1815-1816, p. 268.

E Z E K I E L (23)

Ezekiel, the youngest child born to George and his wife Mary, was born 1 June 1762. He married Betty, who might have been a Brumbley. Three children were born to them:

Easter Brumbley	30 April	1782
Oliver	6 March	1785
Betsey Oliver	4 August	1788

This family left Northumberland County and moved West along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Oliver in later years added a middle name which made him easily recognizable and distinguished indeed -- Oliver Cromwell Vanlandingham! He passed this name to a son and there are records of them in Gallatin County, Illinois, in 1820, 1830 and 1840 census records. In the 1850 census, they are in East Baton Rouge County, Louisiana.

Oliver, Sen. died 2 October 1856 and is buried in the Vanlandingham Cemetery, 1 mile west of Paradise, in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. His wife, Mary Ann Drake, and many of his children and grandchildren lie near him.

Easter Brumbley Vanlandingham married Francis E. Kimberly 14 February 1813. They had six children born to them and many records are found of the family in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. Easter B. Kimberly died 26 December 1847 and is buried on the Austin Place, located about a mile south of the Vanlandingham Cemetery.

FRANCIS (26)

Francis, the third son of Benjamin and his wife Susannah, was born 4 November 1763. He was married twice; the first time before 1790, and three children were born to this union: Catharine, Hannah and Nancy. They were all mentioned in their father's Will. Their mother died early and Francis was left a widower by 1795, as evidenced by the following records:

14 Sep. 1795. Francis Vanlandingham was security for the administration of the estate of Edmund Walker, by Sarah Walker. Northumberland County Order Book 1790-1795, p. 561.

The second marriage is found in Stratton Nottingham's book:

17 Nov. 1795	Francis Vanlandingham, widower	Thomas Vanlandingham
	Sarah Walker, widow	Security.

Two children were born to Francis and Sarah: Lucy on 3 August 1798 and Joel on 26 January 1803. Joel was baptized on 5 May 1804. There are several scattered records of this family preserved in the archives which fill in parts of the picture of their lives.

8 September 1796. Indenture made between Francis Vanlandingham and Sarah, his wife, of the County of Northumberland and State of Virginia, and William Anderson, of the County and State aforesaid, in consideration of thirty-six Pounds current money of Virginia, for a tract of land which said Francis Vanlandingham purchased from Samuel Winstead consisting of 50 acres and lying adjacent to Samuel Winstead and Daniel Winstead.

Witnessed by:	Francis Vanlandingham
Samuel Winstead	Sarah "X" Vanlandingham
William Barnes	
John Efford	

Recorded the 12th day of September 1796.  
Northumberland County Record Book 15, 1794-1799, p. 302.

26 April 1816. The Will of Francis Vanlandingham made the following bequests:

After my decease my wish and desire is that my dear loving wife Sally Vanlandingham should have my land and all the casks and tubs and my brandy still; all my cows, oxen, hogs, sheep and one mare and all my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils and one negro man, George, during her life and after her death my wish and desire is that my son Joel Vanlandingham should have my plantation

that I now live on, with all the casks, tubs and brandy still and one horse colt; one bed, bedstead and furniture and my chest, two guns and all my augors, chisels and such as carpenter's tools to him and his heirs forever; but if he should die before he arrives to the age of twenty-one years of age, my wish and desire is that the land should be equally divided between my daughters Lucy and Nancy Vanlandingham, to them and their heirs.

As to the plantation which I bought of Thomas Headley, my wish and desire is that it should go to John Rock, to him and his heirs forever.

As to the balance of my estate after my wife's death, I wish it to be equally divided between Hannah Smith, Lucy Vanlandingham and Nancy, my daughters, and if in case my wife should be with child at my decease, for that child to come into an equal part of my estate with the said Hannah, Lucy and Nancy, my daughters.

Executors: Alexander Rock and Peter Moore

Witnesses: Anna T. Hall, Griffin Headley and George Vanlandingham, Jun.

13 May 1816. Will proved by Griffin Headley and Anna T. Hall.

Alexander Rock and Peter Moore acknowledged a bond in the penalty sum of \$1,000.00.

Northumberland County Record Book 20, 1815-1816, p.464.

John Rock was Francis' son-in-law and Anna T. Hall was his daughter-in-law. Alexander Rock was the Security for the marriage of Catharine and John Rock. George Vanlandingham, Jun. could have been George Adams Van.

Marriage License Bonds - by Stratton Nottingham:

18 July 1809	John Rock Catharine Vanlandingham	Alexander Rock, Security Daughter of Francis
23 Oct. 1815	Benjamin O. Smith, widower Hannah Vanlandingham	John Rock, Security
17 Jan. 1825	Benjamin O. Smith, widower Susan Shirley, widow	Ed. Douglas, Jr., Sec.
8 June 1821	Joel Vanlandingham Mary Ann T. Hall	Samuel E. Fallin, Sec.
5 Dec. 1821	Randolph Lewis Lucy Vanlandingham	Samuel Fallin, Security
27 Feb. 1841	William Vanlandingham Margaret Vanlandingham	Joel Vanlandingham, Sec. Daughter of Joel Van.
7 Dec. 1844	Henry Brumley Sarah Vanlandingham	Joel Vanlandingham, Sec. Daughter of Joel Van.
12 Dec. 1846	Richard Vanlandingham Mary A. Rock	Joel Vanlandingham, Sec.

Joel Vanlandingham died 30 September 1876 at the age of 73.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Up to this point, the parents and children listed in St. Stephen's Parish Register have been used to develop a tentative family chart. For the most part relationships have been confirmed by Wills, transfers of land or some other recorded fact. Only in the case of Benjamin have deduction and inference based on land descriptions in various deeds been used to prove the relationship of Francis (2), Francis (9) and Benjamin (15) to Peter (27).

Now, the relationships have become more difficult to define and there are a number of records that cannot be incorporated in the chart I have created. Therefore, they are included in this section in a chronological order of sorts hoping other researchers may be able to direct them to the proper family group. It is for this reason the format of this book was designed to allow the insertion of corrections and additions at their logical place.

13 June 1785. George A. Vanlandingham and Richard Grinstead were the Executors of the estate of Hannah Lewis. Will written 8 September 1784.  
Northumberland County Record Book 13, 1785-1787, p. 2.

11 June 1792. Probate of Will of Hezekiah Haynie written 4 February 1789. Will named his wife Hannah and six daughters: Sarah Ashburn, Winneyfret Mealey, Elizabeth Stott, Catharine Walker, Mary Winstead and Susannah Vanlandingham. Susannah was bequeathed a negro boy named Isaac and one feather bed and furniture. The wife Hannah had the use of the whole estate real and personal during her natural life. After her decease, Sarah Ashburn was to receive the plantation and the rest of the estate was to be equally divided between the other five daughters.  
Northumberland County Record Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 549.

10 June 1793. Benjamin Vanlandingham, Richard L. Vanlandingham and Richard Grinstead were witnesses to the Will of Daniel Winstead, written 14 November 1792.  
Northumberland County Record Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 685.

8 May 1792. Indenture between William Clarke and Luce, his wife, (maiden name Nutt) and Richard Luttral Vanlandingham, in consideration of the sum of forty Pounds current money for 80 acres of land. Witnesses: Richard Grinstead, John Winstead and James Garner.  
Northumberland County Record Book 14, 1787-1793, p. 58.

26 July 1814. Indenture between George Vanlandingham, John Dawson and Hannah, his wife, Jane and Ellender Vanlandingham of the State of Kentucky, by George Vanlandingham, their true and lawful attorney, of the one part and Richard Street of the County of Richmond and State of Virginia, of the other part. In consideration of the sum of forty dollars specie money of Virginia, sold one-fifth part of a tract of land containing 60 acres more or less, it being the land devised to Thomas Wroe in his father's Will after the death of his mother and sister Jane Wroe, it being in the fork of Totuskey Creek, Richmond County, and bounded by the land of Roger Damerow, the said Street, Isaac Cathon and Thomas State.

Witnesses: Griffin Headley, Eppa Jones, Leroy Luttrill

Proved the 3rd day of April 1815.

Richmond County Deed Book 19, p. 378.

24 July 1833. Appraisement and Inventory of estate of Spencer Vanlandingham.

24 May 1834. Indenture between Henry D. Gaskins and Mandred Vanlandingham for land.

14 June 1834. Indenture between Amandrid Vanlandingham and Eliza Vanlandingham, his wife, and Thomas Douglas, for land.

Northumberland County Deed Book 28, pp. 102, 199, 241 and 241.

15 Jan. 1824 George Vanlandingham and Elizabeth W. Cockerall.

17 June 1844 Mandred Vanlandingham and Elizabeth Dozier.

Lancaster County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds 1652-1850, by Ida J. Lee.

1 March 1834. Bill of Sale from Joseph Webb to Emandred Vanlandingham, both of the County of Lancaster and State of Virginia, for the following property, to wit: One sorrel mare, one gig and harness for the consideration of forty dollars.

Witnesses: Robert Nutt, T. F. Atwell and W. T. Brown.

Acknowledged in Court the 7th day of May 1834.

Lancaster County Deed Book 34, p. 217.

8 November 1861. Thomas O. Vanlandingham, of the County of Richmond in the State of Virginia, willed all possessions in real estate, goods, chattels, etc., to his wife Emily A. Vanlandingham, as long as she continued his widow. If she married, then to the Trustees of the Waynesville Union Baptist Church to be used by them for the advantage of said church and its institutions.

Witnesses: Benjamin Tucker, Thomas C. Pullen and Joseph P. Delano.

Proved by oath of Pullen and Delano the 1st day of February 1869.

Richmond County Will Book 11, p. 597.



Northumberland County Marriage License Bonds 1783-1850  
Stratton Nottingham, Ononcock, Virginia, 1929.

21 Aug. 1798	John Edmonds Elizabeth Betts Vanlandingham	George Shearly, Security
2 Apr. 1823	Henry Dawson Rebecca Winstead	William Vanlandingham, Sec. Consent of Holland Winstead as to Rebecca
12 Jan. 1824	John Beacham, widower Polley Vanlandingham, widow	Randall Headley, Security
16 Dec. 1824	William Swain Elizabeth Vanlandingham	Moses Sutton, Security
10 Dec. 1828	Mandrad Vanlandingham Eliza Brown	William Edwards, Security Daughter of Polly Brown
6 Dec. 1830	Thomas Haydon, widower Clary Vanlandingham, widow	William Tellis, Security
24 Dec. 1832	James D. Lewis Olivia Edwards	Spencer Vanlandingham, Sec.
5 Mar. 1835	William T. Kent Ann Vanlandingham	John T. Beacham, Security Daughter of Mary Beauchamp Consent of Mary and John Beacham as to Ann
1 Jan. 1838	George Vanlandingham Elizabeth Winstead	Eppa Jones, Security
13 July 1840	Dale Tally Darkys C. Anderson	Mandred Vanlandingham, Sec.
3 Jan. 1843	John Vanlandingham Ann Winstead	William Dawson, Security
12 Jan. 1842	Lewis Holliday Sarah Brumley	Henry Brumley, Security
20 Apr. 1846	William Barrock Sarah Holliday, widow	Richard Vanlandingham, Sec.
12 Nov. 1849	Thomas Vanlandingham Emily A. Shank	H. B. Lewis, Security
9 Dec. 1850	Henry Dawson Ann Vanlandingham	

Northumberland County Marriages 1854-1917

10 Apr. 1872	C. H. Vanlandingham Carolina L. Sealy	Age 21 Age 25
23 Jan. 1873	Joseph M. Vanlandingham Summer Lewis	Age 23 Age 19

Richmond County Marriages

14 Dec. 1805	Jeduthan Hogans Nancy Vanlandingham	Consent of Nancy Vanlandingham, mother of the bride.
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## Northumberland County Birth Records 1853-1896

7 Dec. 1853	Srona Vanlandingham	To: George Brown Vanlandingham Elizabeth
8 Aug. 1857	Samuel Vanlandingham	To: R. C. Vanlandingham Mary A.
20 Nov. 1857	E. E. Vanlandingham	To: S. Vanlandingham, Mechanic Harriet
26 Oct. 1858	Simply Vanlandingham (female)	To: R. C. Vanlandingham Mary
24 Apr. 1859	Edwin S. Vanlandingham	To: George Brown Vanlandingham, Elizabeth Farmer
16 Sep. 1862	Luther Vanlandingham	To: Spencer Vanlandingham, Farmer Harriett Mrs. Rock, a neighbor, gave information of the birth.

## Northumberland County Death Register 1853-1895

14 Aug. 1857	Samuel Vanlandingham	Dropsy Parents: Richard and Mary	6 days old
2 Nov. 1859	Joe Vanlandingham	Typhoid fever Mother: Elizabeth Vanlandingham George H. Elmore, head of family, gave information.	20 years old
19 May 1866	John W. Vanlandingham	Typhoid Parents: George B. and Elizabeth	28 years, 6 months
17 Nov. 1867	Mary A. Vanlandingham	Parents: Joel and Winifred	1 month old
10 Sep. 1874	Richard Vanlandingham	Erysipelas Parents: Seneca and Emeline	8 months old
1 June 1875	Agnes Vanlandingham	Hooping cough Parents: Zi and Luemma	

UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS1782Northumberland Co.  
St. Stephen's Parish

George A.	7
Henry	7
Benjamin Jr.	4
Thomas	4
James	7
Benjamin Jr.	4

1783Richmond County  
Lunenburg Parish

James	1 white, 10 black
Sarah	6 white

\* White Souls  
+ Dwellings  
e Other Buildings

1784

Northumberland Co.

	*	+	e
George A	8	1	4
Henry	8	1	2
Benjamin	3	1	3
Mary	3	1	3
Ezekiel	3	1	-

1810

Thomas	Males:	1 (45 & up)	1 (16-26)	1 (10-16)	1 (to 10)
	Females:	1 (26 - 45)	2 (to 10)		

No looms. No cloth. 30 gallons of brandy.

Molley	Males:	1 (16 - 26)			
	Females:	2 (26 - 45)			

1 loom and 100 yards of cloth

William	Males:	1 (16 - 45)	1 (to 10)		
	Females:	2 (26 - 45)	1 loom and 60 yards of cloth		

Francis	Males:	1 (45 & up)	1 (to 10)		
	Females:	1 (45 & up)	2 (10-16)	2 (to 10)	

1 loom and 50 yards of cloth

1820

William	Males:	1 (26 - 45)	1 (16-26)		2 in agriculture
	Females:	1 (26 - 45)	1 (to 10)		

Mary, Sr.	Males:	1 (26 - 45)	1 (10-16)		4 in agriculture
	Females:	1 (45 & up)	1 (16-26)	1 (10-16)	

Mary, Jr.	Males:	3 (to 10)			1 in agriculture
	Females:	1 (26 - 45)	1 (16-26)	1 (to 10)	

Salley	Males:	1 (45 & up)	1 (16-26)	1 (16-18)	1 (10-16)
	Females:	1 (45 & up)	1 (16-26)		2 in agriculture

1830

Joel	Males:	1 (20 - 30)	4 (under 5)		
	Females:	1 (60 - 70)	1 (20 - 30)	2 (5-10)	

George	Males:	4 (40 - 50)	1 (under 5)		
	Females:	1 (15 - 20)	1 (under 5)		

Spencer	Males:	1 (40 - 50)	1 (under 5)	1 (50-60)	
	Females:	1 (30 - 40)	1 (under 5)		

Chloe	Males:	1 (10 - 15)			
	Females:	1 (40 - 50)	1 (under 5)	1 (10-15)	1 (15-20)

1850 Census

## Northumberland County

Thomas	23	Sailor		
Emily	20			
Joel	48	Farmer	\$1,000 Property	Can't read or write
Mary	59			Can't read or write
Ann	43			
Samuel	23	Sailor		Can't read or write
James	18			
Jane Hughes	25			Can't read or write
Richard	24	Farmer	\$370 Property	Can't read or write
Mary	18			
Lewis	1			
George	17	Painter in the household of a Coachmaker. Other young men in the household are Coach Trimmers and a Blacksmith.		

VIRGINIA CONFEDERATE ARMY

Lawson	Company G	40th Reg.	Field's Brigade	Vol. 4, p. 407.
R. C.	Company F	40th Reg.	Field's Brigade	Vol. 4, p. 401.
	Enlisted 1862. Captured at Gettysburg.			
Richard	Company F	40th Reg.	Field's Brigade	Vol. 4, p. 401.
	Fairfield Guards			
William	Company C	40th Reg.	Field's Brigade	Vol. 4, p. 383.
	Enlisted 1862. Absent without leave September 1863.			
Thomas	Company G	15th Reg.	Cavalry	Vol. 10, p. 491.

Field's Brigade.

This Company was organized at Heathsville, Northumberland County, the first day of May 1861, uniformed by the County, armed by the State, with flint-lock muskets and mustered into service at the place of organization May 26, 1861 by Major Kerr, P.A.C.S. to serve for a period of one year, at the end of which time it was re-organized at the same place and re-enlisted for two years.

Cavalry.

The roll of Company G, 15th Virginia Cavalry, from the time of its organization at Old Farnham Church until disbandment at Appamattox is written from memory by C. A. Mothershead, a member of this Company.

LINEAGE OF OCTAVUS VANLANDINGHAM

1. Michael Vanlandegham      In the Colony of Virginia before 1653.  
His widow married (2) Phillip Evans, whose  
Will was written 15 August 1682.
  
2. Francis Vanlandingham      1666 - 1740  
Married Elizabeth.
  
3. George Vanlandingham      1718 - 1774  
Married Mary Brown.
  
4. Henry P. Vanlandingham      Died 1790.  
Married Elizabeth.  
She married (2) Samuel Winstead.
  
5. Spencer Vanlandingham      1787 - 1833.  
Married Winnifred Bryant.
  
6. Spencer Vanlandingham      Born shortly before or after his father's  
death.  
Married in 1856 to Harriet Rock.  
Killed during the Civil War.
  
7. Octavus Vanlandingham

This information was given to me by Mr. James F. Lewis, genealogist and dedicated student of Northumberland County history. It is included here as a token of my thanks for his generous help on the occasion of my visit to Northumberland County.

I N D E X

- Adams, Thomas, 8.  
 Anderson, Darkys, 61.  
     William, 51, 57.  
 Ashburn, Haynie, 52.  
     Sarah, 59.  
 Astin, George, 51.  
 Atwell, T. F., 60.
- Bailey, William, 52  
 Baker (Backer) John, 18.  
 Ball, George, 34, 35, 36.  
     Joseph, 34.  
     Spencer, 54.  
 Barnes, William, 57.  
 Barrock, William, 61.  
 Bashaw, William, 7.  
 Beacham, John, 61.  
     John, Jr., 37.  
     John, T., 61.  
     Mary, 61.  
     Parker, 47.  
 Beale, Harriot, 37.  
     Reuben, Jun., 37.  
     Richard, 37.  
 Bearcroft, Jane, 47.  
 Beauchamp, Mary, 61.  
 Bell, John, 24.  
     Thomas, Jr., 52.  
 Bird, John, 23.  
 Bodine, Vinson, 23, 24.  
 Britt, William, 22.  
 Brown, Eliza, 61.  
     Manly, Manley, Mandley, 43.  
     Mary, 13.  
     Polly, 61.  
     Richard, 43, 44, 49.  
     W. T., 60.  
 Brumbley (Brumley) Henry, 58, 61.  
     Salley, 52.  
     Samuel, 52.  
     Sarah, 61.  
 Bryant, Winifred, 52.
- Cathon, Isaac, 60.  
 Christopher, John, 20, 34.  
 Clarke, Luce, 59.  
     William, 59.  
 Claughton, Ann, 13, 41.  
     James, 41.  
     John, 41
- Claughton (Continued)  
     Pemberton, 52.  
     R., 54.  
     Richard, 41, 53, 54.  
 Clayton, Richard, 19.  
 Clues, Eliza, 13, 25.  
     John, 13, 25.  
     Philip, 11, 13, 25.  
 Cockerall, Elizabeth W., 60.  
 Cookman, Anna, 49, 50.  
     Elizabeth, 49.  
     Ezekiel, 49, 50.  
     George, 49, 50.  
     Hannah, 49, 50.  
     Rice, 49.  
     Sally, 49.  
     Solomon, 49.  
     William, 49.  
 Cornish, William, 3.  
 Craft, John, 23, 24.  
 Cralle, Samuel, 49.  
 Cullin, Leroy, 50.
- Dameron (Damerow), John C., 54.  
     Roger, 60.  
 Davis, Jonathan, 24.  
     Richard, 3.  
 Dawson, 13, 29.  
     Ann, 29.  
     B., 52.  
     Hannah, 60.  
     Henry, 7, 61.  
     John, 29, 32, 37, 41, 50, 60.  
     John, Jr. 49.  
     Mary, 18.  
     Polly, 52.  
     William, 61.  
 Delano, Joseph P., 60.  
 Denton, Samuel, 23.  
 Dixon, 22.  
 Douglas, Ed. Jr., 55.  
     Thomas, 60.  
     W., 54.  
 Dourhor, John, 22.  
 Dozier, Elizabeth, 60.  
 Drake, Philip, 21.  
 Duke, Green, 24.  
 Dunaway, Samuel, 34, 37.

- Edmonds, John, 61.  
 Edwards, Olivia, 61.  
   Robert, 53.  
   William, 61.  
 Efford, John, 38, 50, 57.  
 Elmore, George H., 62  
 Evans, Eliza, 8.  
   Phillip, 8, 21, 22.
- Fallin, Samuel E., 58.  
 Fauntleroy, Mose, 47.  
 Flynt, James, 9.  
   Peter, 8.  
   Richard, 7, 8, 22.  
 Fouch, Hugh, 3, 4.  
 Foushee, James, 31.
- Garland, William, 34.  
 Garner, James, 59.  
   Vincent, 27.  
 Garnons, Francis, 3.  
 Gaskins, Henry D., 60.  
 Gradey, Walter, 8.  
   William, 17.  
 Graham, Charles, 37.  
 Green, Timothy, 20.  
   William, 36.  
 Greenstreet, Grinsted, Gristed.  
   Gristed, 13, 18, 27.  
   John, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39,  
     44, 47, 59.  
   Richard, 36, 37, 38, 39,  
     44, 45, 49, 53, 59.  
   William, 36.  
   Wine, 37.  
   Winnie, 37.
- Hack, Capt. Peter, 25.  
 Hale, John, 52.  
   William, 52.  
 Hall, Anna T., 58.  
   Griffin, 37.  
   Mary Ann T., 58.  
   Peter, 51.  
 Harding (Hardings) William, 19.  
   Thomas, 21  
 Hawkins, Delia, 23.  
   Philemon, 23.  
   Philemon, Jun., 23.  
 Haydon, Thomas, 61.  
 Haynie, Hannah, 59.  
   Hezekiah, 59.  
 Hays, John, 23.
- Headly, Griffin, 58, 60.  
   James, 54.  
   Randall, 54.  
   Thomas, 58.  
   William, 50  
 Heartgroves, John, 20.  
 Hobson, Adcock, 20, 31, 32, 33.  
 Hogans, Jeduthan, 61.  
 Holliday, Lewis, 61.  
   Sarah, 61.  
 Horner, Capt. Francis, 27.  
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