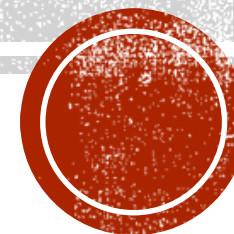


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# Virginia's Eastern Shore

by  
RALPH T. WHITELAW



*Volume One*



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## **“WHITELAW’S”**

Ralph Thomas Whitelaw

Businessman





*Warwick or Quinby Farm — Exterior*



W. E. BLAIR

*Warwick or Quinby Farm — Interior*

A7A The property is known as the QUINBY FARM or WARWICK. The latter

## WARWICK

Whitelaw's Eastern Shore home in Quinby.

Numerous plates in the book. Sadly many of the houses no longer stand.



It will be noted above that the Clarke daughters sold a total of 172 acres as compared with a patent for 100, so it may be that their land was at some time extended by an unrecorded transaction, to include the unknown Hammon or Pett land.

A study of the many complicated records reported above concerning the neck will show that it all became owned by William Burton except 100 acres of the Blower land.

1770 Burton left all of his land in Old Plantation Neck (he called it 1,600 acres) to his daughter Margaret, the wife of Littleton Savage, but if they had no heirs it was to pass to his granddaughter Mary Burton Bolling. 1796 Robert Bolling of Petersburg sold (subject to the life estate of Littleton Savage, widower) to John Stratton, saying he had bought from Mary B. Bolling by a General Court deed.

1798 Littleton Savage now sold as 112 acres the Blower-Ellegood land to John Stratton and John Nivison of Norfolk. He called it "Elligood's Point" and said he had bought it from William Roberts and wife by a General Court deed, but did not explain the Roberts' right to the property. A survey of the whole neck showed 1,535 acres and Stratton deeded 835 acres including the point to Nivison. As this land was along the creek, it took the name of OLD PLANTATION, while the part Stratton retained became known as NEW QUARTER.

## WHITELAW

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VIRGINIA

1640-1645

Edited by SUSIE M. AMES

were it at the next Quarter Court ensueing And  
rs at their Monthely Court or Courtes Respec-  
fect Register thereof to be presented to the Gov-  
every next ensueing Quarter Court. Given at James  
ober 1640.

FRANCIS WIAT

God Save the King

[*Edmund Scarburgh his Bill of sale.*] Whereas I Edmund Scarburgh  
hold and enjoy by vertue of Pattente the adjacent land unto Thomas  
Hunt, and soe continueing to my now dwelling house, Bee it therefore  
known unto all men by these presentes that I the said Edmund doe for  
mee my heyers Executors and Administrators make sale of Assign and  
conveye all my Right title and interest of three hundred acres of the sayd  
Land (viz.) beginning at the Land of Thomas Hunt his dividant and  
thence extending Southerly one hundred and fifty poles and three hun-  
dred and twenty Easterly into the Woodes unto Mathew Pett his heyers  
or Assignes forever in as full and ample manner as it is to me by Patent  
Confirmed: Provided that the said Mathew his heyers or Assignes shall  
accordingly make payment unto his Majesties Rent Gatherers of the  
Free Rent of one shilling for every Fifty acres per Annum and for the full  
performance heerof and in acknowledgement that I have Received full

**DR. SUSIE MAY  
AMES**

Professor of History



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TERN SHORE, "THE LAND OF THE MYRTLE AND  
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*James Egbert Mears*

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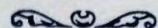
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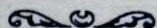
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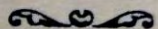
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Certificate is this day granted to Capt. John Wanop for three hundred fifty acres of land due per rights underwritten, he having made oath to the same according to Law:

Rachel Hosted	Bess, a Negro
Wm. Dixcon	Tho. Worsell
Tho. Wheeler	Harry Handson
James, a Tayler	

19 May 1681 - p. 230

Certificate is this day granted to Mr. William Burton for two hundred acres of land due per rights underwritten, he having made oath to ye same as the Law directs:

John How	Elizabeth Brown
Martha Short	John Risha 16 Aug. 1681 - p. 248

Certificate is this day granted to Capt. William Custis for seven hundred acres of land due by rights underwritten viz:

Wm. Backer	Wm. Jarmain
Thomosin Edrington	Elizabeth Boone
Tho. Chambers	Tho. Crippin
Susan Sluce	Elizabeth Lange

## STRATTON NOTTINGHAM

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Upon the petition of Thomas Early who intermarried with Mary the wife of Arthur Springnish deceased humbly desiring relinquishment of the said Springnish estate an account being rendered thereof by he the said Yardleys wife which the court thinks reasonable be

that the said Lockwood be comitted into the Sh custody untill he enter into bond with securit his personal appearance at the next court to an to the said complaint and that he cause the Mary Yeomans to appear there also for the clea of the said suspicion.

In the difference depending betw Charles Price pltf. and Christopher Barratt deft. two hundred and eighty pounds of tobacco & cask. it is the judgement of the court a accordingly ordered that Mr. John Custis Jun'r t attorney of the said Barratt make payment of t said sum unto the said Price out of the said Barrat estate if any be found in this county or otherwise b himself immediately after the next court (in case h then show no cause to the contrary) with costs o suit.  
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THE 1850 POPULATION SCHEDULE  
&  
1850-1880 MORTALITY SCHEDULES  
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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DEATH RECORDS FOR 1859

Not Named, Black, Slave, Owner: George H. Adair, Male, Date of Death: August 1859, Place of Death: Northampton, Cause of Death: Not Known, Age: 7 Days, Parents: Jinney, Place of Birth: Northampton County, Informant: George H. Adair -Owner

Addison, William, White, Male, Date of Death: Novr 3, 1859, Place of Death: Northampton, Cause of Death: Not Recorded, Age: 77 years, Parents: Thos. & Eliz. Addison, Place of Birth: Accomack County, Occupation: Farmer, Wife: Caroline Addison, Informant: Dr. K. F. Addison-Son.

Francis, Black, Slave, Owner: John Addison, Date of Death: Jany 1859, Female, Place of Death: Northampton, Cause of Death: Old Age, Age: 96, years, Parents: Not known, Place of Birth: Northampton County, Informant: Jno Addison -owner.

Fanny, Black, Slave, Owner: George H. Adair, Date of Death: July 1859, Female, Place of Death: Northampton, Cause of Death: Not recorded, Age: 6 years, Parents: Mary, Place of Birth: Northampton County, Informant: Lawrence Johnson -where died

Fanny, Black, Slave, Owner: Edwd R. Allen, Date of Death: July 23, 1859, Female, Place of Death: Northampton, Cause of Death: Consumption, Age: 35 years, Parents: Not recorded, Place of Birth: Accomack County, Informant: George R. Mapp -where died

# FRANCES BIBBINS LATIMER

African American Community  
Leader





# KIRK MARINER

Methodist Minister



# ACCOMACK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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INSANE

MELSON Daniel, 1br  
DICKERSON Leah  
Charles  
Eliza  
Sarah  
SUMMERS Amy  
KELLEY Levi, 1br  
950 BURTON Wm S. fmr  
Nancy  
Elizabeth  
951 WHITE Wm of J, shmk  
Sally  
Rachel E  
Margaret S  
Sarah T  
Mary A W  
Malinda A  
Joseph ~~A~~ O  
Elizabeth E  
952 FISHER Kendall, fmr 800  
Susan  
Thorogood  
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Kendall  
953 KELLY Martha, fmr 2500  
Margaret  
954 BIRD Richard P, fmr 1800  
Nancy  
Beruette  
Edward P  
Winifield S

12 m VA	959 JOHNSON Samuel
32 m VA	Rosey
B 40 f VA	960 TRADER Edmund,
B 8 m VA	Rosey
B 6 f VA	Wm H
B 4 f VA	James J
B 60 f VA	Rosetta
B 55 m MD	KNIGHT Elizabe
23 m VA	Henry, 1br
22 f VA	Nathalie W
50 f VA	961 KILLMAN James,
44 m VA	Polly
40 f VA	Sally
15 f VA	Teackle T
12 f VA	MARSHALL Naty
10 f VA	962 TAYLOR Samuel T
8 f VA	Crittty
5 f VA	Comfort A
1/12 m VA	Delilah
20 f VA	Teackle
40 m VA	John
41 f VA	Mary
7 m VA	Bernette
5 m VA	Elizabeth
3 m VA	963 ROSS Ezekiel, fm
26 m VA	Susan
62 f VA	James, 1br
37 m VA	964 HART Elizabeth
25 f VA	Wm
6 f VA	Selby P
4 m VA	965 WHITE Levin, 1br
2 m VA	Sophia

# MOODY KELLAM MILES

Engineer



- [William Floyd](#) b. 19 Feb 1820, d. 23 Aug 1894
- [William I, Gent.](#) b. c 1640, d. b 18 Feb 1695/96
- [William II](#) b. 19 Nov 1677, d. b 2 Feb 1730/31
- [William III, Gent.](#) b. 1700, d. 9 Jan 1770
- [William J.](#) b. 5 Apr 1846, d. 11 Apr 1915
- [William S.](#) b. c 1827, d. c 1869
- [William Stewart 'Bill' \(Dr.\)](#) b. 4 Nov 1930, d. 7 Dec 2005
- [William T.](#) b. 2 Apr 1896, d. 28 Sep 1941
- [William T.](#) b. 18 May 1919, d. 15 Nov 1919
- [William W.](#) b. c 1773, d. b 28 Jan 1822
- [Woolsey](#) b. 1854, d. 1927
- [Woolsey I](#) b. 20 Feb 1687/88, d. 21 May 17
- [Woolsey II](#) b. 9 Mar 1713, d. 22 Mar 1753
- [Woolsey III](#) b. c 1743
- [Woolsey IV](#) b. 4 Apr 1751, d. 1803
- [Woolsey V](#) b. c 1781
- [Zydia](#) b. c 1793
- Burwell
- [Elizabeth](#) b. c 1625
- [Elizabeth](#) b. c 1700
- [James](#) b. c 1695, d. b 15 Sep 1718
- [Mary](#) b. c 1700

William Burton I, Gent.<sup>1</sup>

M, b. circa 1640, d. before 18 February 1695/96



Charts

[Descendants of William Burton \(Gentleman, Metompkin\)](#)  
[Ancestors of William Taylor White \(the Boy in the Iron Coffin\)](#)  
[Ancestors of Thomas Hearne Fooks V](#)

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Birth\* circa 1640  
Anecdote\* 1643

William was born circa 1640 at England.<sup>2</sup>

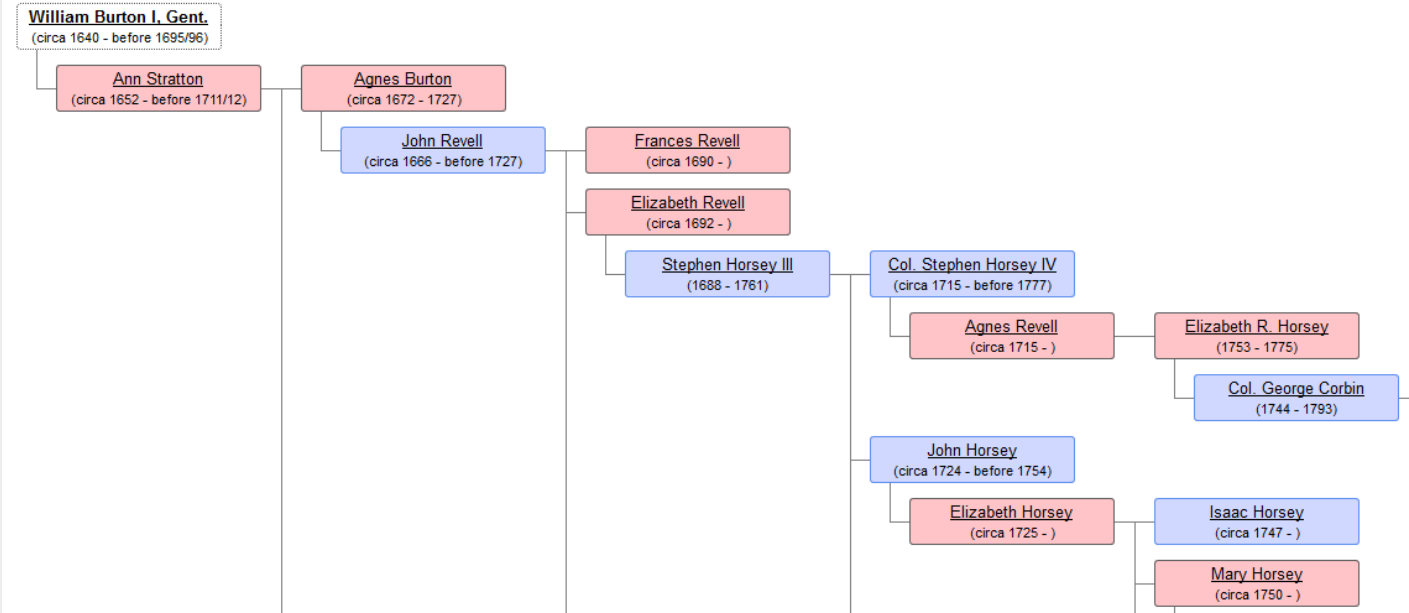
According to Lucy Ames Edwards in her 1967 book Ames, Mears & Allied Lines, William Burton, Gentleman, came to Virginia before 1643. He was descended from Thomas Burton of Longnor Hall, Shropshire, England, and from Sir Edward Burton who was knighted by Edward IV after the battle of St. Albans in 1460. Her sources for this information was 1) Nell Nugent's Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666, p. 150, which show William Button & John Bruton as headrights for Henry Bradley in Upper Norfolk Co on 21 Dec 1643 and 2) Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666, Geo. Cabell Greer, p. 55. However, Mary Burton Derrickson McCurdy, in an extensive article entitled William Burton, Landowner in Accomac, Somerset & Sussex, published in the Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families from the Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine, Vol 1, pp 269-279, published by the Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD in 1982, due to ages and birth dates the above statements of ancestry is not possible for the William Burton of Accomack County. She places his birth circa 1640.<sup>1,2</sup>

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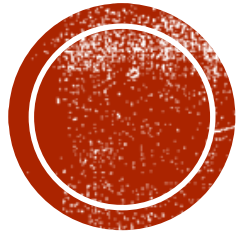




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