

Discussion of Judith **Unknown**, wife of William DePriest b. 1689 (W1)
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Class

The Bolling family was a member of the “Gentry Class of Virginia” who viewed marriage as partnerships to keep their wealth “in the family” and maintain the **ENGLISH** Gentry class of Virginia. (Gentry loosely defined as owning over 500 acres and not getting their hands dirty working it.)

The Bolling family married families of Randolph (\$\$\$), Fleming (\$\$\$), Wynn, Kennon (Col), Miller (Gent), Gay, Bland, Lewis and other gentry in the early 18th century. I found no record of any Bolling marrying someone who was not in the Gentry class.

Clearly Wm DePriest, though not poor, did not run in the same social circles.

William DePriest b. 1769 to Robert DePriest, a **FRENCH** Huguenot with 350 acres in New Kent County. It is very likely that the family spoke French as their first language and Robert and sons were involved in working the land – thus considered part of the “planter” class of Virginians.

Parishes

People of the time tended to associate with others in their own parish.

John Bolling is in the records of the Bristol Parish

Wm DePriest is in the records of St. Peter’s Church (New Kent County) showing he was born in 1689.

I search both Parishes around the time of 1700 to find a possible “Judith” born around 1700 who Wm would later marry.

I found NO Judith Bolling born in either parish. The Gentry kept track of their family births and marriages closely to monitor their wealth. I found other daughters of John Bolling and who they married, but no mention of a Judith Bolling.


In St. Peter’s Parish I found several Judith’s that could have become Wm’s wife. It is very likely that Wm married someone from his own parish.

Because of the French connection, I believe it is most likely that he married someone from the Huguenot community. There were a couple of possibilities:

Huguenot families in the St. Peter’s Parish of New Kent County c. 1700


Judith Daughter of M[^] Geo. **Poindexter** born ye 14 Jany, & baptized ye 8 Jany., 1705. 6 years younger (not unusual for Colonial Virginia per history book “Albion’s Seed” by Kenneth Hacker Fischer). This book indicates that in Virginia it was not unusual for a husband to be 10-12 years older than his wife. I had settled on Judith Reynolds because of the closeness of their ages, but given this new information, it is more likely that W1 married Judith Poindexter.

Not likely because Pointdexter was also part of the Gentry, owning 1490 acres

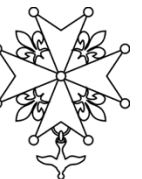
<p>Pendexter [*Pointdexter], Geo. Huguenot-</p>	<p>1490</p>	<p>Mr. Pointdexter</p> 	<p>Geo. B. Pointdexter was married to Frances Lightfoot July 17th, 1760. Edwin son of Geo. B. Pointdexter & Frances hi'j first wife was born January loth, 1762. Robert son of ditto was born February 23d, 1765. George son of ditto was born March 29, 1767. James son of ditto was born January 7th, 1770. Lightfoot son of ditto vas born October 20th, 1772. Armistead***son of ditto was born May 14th, 1775. His second marriage was with Sarah Parke March the 20th, 1777- Susannah Daughter to Geo. B. & Sarah Pointdexter was born May 3 i. 1778. Parke son of ditto was born March .12th, 1779. Frances daughter of ditto was born September loth, 1781 & Departed this life September 17th, 1785. Recorded by the hand of Geo. B. Pointdexter hiir.self who is now in the Fifty first year of his age. May i5th, 1790. George Pointdexter Departed this Life march ye 12th, 1716. Judith Daughter of M" ^ Geo. Pointdexter born ye 14 Jany, & baptized ye 8 Jany., 1705. REGISTER BOOK. William Russel. William Heath. William Massie. Beverley Crump. Carter Pointdexter. Armistead Russel.***</p>
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Judith Dau' of Alex: **Straing** (LeStrange?) bap' the 6 December, 16—??? (after 1690) Alex. Son to Alexander Strainge bap' ye 18 of Oct", 1690-1.

Also part of planter class – in register of quit rents of 1704 as Strange:

<p>*Strange, Alexander (Huguenot)</p>	<p>450</p>	<p>Elex. Strange</p> 	<p>Alex. Son to Alexander Strainge bap' ye 18 of Oct", 1690-1. Judith Dau' of Alex: Straing bap' the 6 December, 16—??? Possible wife of W1 He was Huguenot recognized by the National Huguenot Society: <u>L'Estrange / Streing</u></p>
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Jn" son to Tho. Renalls bap' ye 18 day of Feby. , 1684. **Judith** daugh"" to Thomas **Renalls** bap' ye 19 of July, 1688. – 1 year older, unusual for the time

<p>Reynold, Tho. – Father of Judith likely wife of W1?</p>	<p>355</p>	<p>Tho. Ronalle ??????</p> 	<p>Reynold / Ronalle / Renall = French <i>Reynolds</i> is a surname in the English language. There are two major lineages of the surname, ... It was also a surname of Irish <i>Huguenots</i> who came to Ireland from France to evade religious persecution in the 1600s. This most interesting and ancient surname, with variant spellings ranging from Reynalds, Rennolds, and Renals, to Rennels, Runnalls, and Reynoldson, is considered English, but with Norse-Norman antecedents.</p>
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			<p>Little is known of this Thomas Reynolds, beyond the fact that he had moved to New Kent County by 1671 (York County Deeds, Orders, Wills, Book 4, p162) and was granted 252 acres on the north side of Black Creek on 25 Oct 1695, as indicated by Virginia Land Patent Book 9, p 25.¹</p> <p>1716 Processioning The lands of Tho,^o Reynolds Walter Leak, Widd, Lovell, M,^o Field, Rich,^d Melton W,^m Reynolds, Nich,^o Priddy John Aldridge, Francis Willis being made one 11 precinct, whereof Tho,^o Reynold's, and Walter Leak were overseers, made this return viz. we the Subscribers have fulfilled the within mentiond Order, Tho,^o Reynolds Walter Leak, Rich,^d Melton, Jn^o Lovell, Nich^o Purdy, Edw,^d Willis, James Henderson for M,^o Field</p> <p>Will some of Thomas Renall & Mary his wife baptized ye 5 day of Decem^o, 1686.</p> <p>Sept., 1734.-Thos X Reynolds, St. Paul's P. to Jno. Brown (John Brown was in same precinct as R0's 1689) Jn^o son to Tho. Renalls bap' ye 18 day of Febry. , 1684. Judith daugh^o to Thomas Renalls bap' ye 19 of July, 1688. (peer to W1) Susanna daug' to Jonas Renall bap' ye 21 of Decem^o, 1690. Eliz. Daugh' to Tho. Renalls Bap' 15 of March, 1690-1. Jane daug' Thomas Reynolds baptiz. The , . Leticia dau' of Tho. Renolds baptiz. The 4 April, 1697. Phillip son of Tho. Reynolds by Mary baptiz. 15 October, 1699. William son of W^o Reynolds bap' 12 May, 1706. 3i jan, 1733. Inventory of Est: of James Renolcds, dec'd Will some of Thomas Renall & Mary his wife baptized ye 5 day of Decem^o, 1686. J</p>
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Other candidates: Amos, Weavers, Christian

Judith Daughter of ffrancis Amojs Baptised Jan^o:
y^o 24th [?]1713

14 years different

Judith Daughter of James Christian Baptized May y^o:
21st.1711

12 years different

Christian family moved to Licking hole creek in Goochland as did Wm DePriest in 1734.

Thus,

¹ <https://www.reynoldsfamily.org/line29/index.php> on 1/4/2018

The surname of Judith, the wife of W1, remains unknown but I feel certain it was not Bolling. I lean toward the surname Reynolds but Unknown is more appropriate.

<https://www.ancestry.com/interactive/7469/StPeters-VA-0355/1194?backurl=&ssrc=&backlabel=Return&rc=407,884,518,929&queryId=da30f2726324826a337a59706c36928f>