

Michall Harris Parker

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Abstract of William Harris' Will , April 20, 1678

Source: Colonial Wills of Henrico County, Virginia

Part One, 1654-1737

Abstracted and Compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger, III

Dr. Weisiger died several years ago. His books are still in print, you can find them listed on the Library of Virginia web site, catalogue section. Some of them have been reprinted by Iberian Publishers.

p. 68 Will of William Harris

(this is not called a will, but seems to be)

I settle my landed estate as follows:

To son Thomas, all land below The Ware, next to John Rabon and next to Ashbrooke

To younger sons William and Edward, the rest; William to have the land where I now live and Edward the land next to Ashbrooke.

William's land to extend outward next to John Rahon, on Puckett's Path.

My younger sons are to live with their mother until age 16 if she marries, and to age 19 if she does not.

Executors: friends Mr. Thomas Cocke and Mr. William Randolph

Dated April 20, 1678

Wit: Richard Lygon, Ann Stuart

Recorded: February 1, 1678

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P. 65 Will of Peter Harris

To son Peter Harris, 1 cow, 1 muskett, 1 iron pott

To son John Harris, cow & calf, and 1 iron pott

To daughter Michall Harris, mare, heifer, and iron pott

To daughter Anne Basse, one cow, with its increase to be divided among her children as they come of age.

All the rest to loving wife Michall Harris and she to be exec.

Dated September 20, 1687

Wit: Thomas Cocke, Robert Woodson, Thomas East, Edward Mosby
Recorded June 1, 1689

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P. 390 Administrations and Probates since October 1703

February 1, 1703, Probate granted Mary Harris, on will of her husband Peter Harris.

February 1, 1703, Probate granted Henry Trent on will of his grandmother Cicely Sherman.

February 1, 1703, Probate granted Robert Hancock and Johan his wife on will of Mrs. Mary Lygon.

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P. 272 Will of Thomas Harris Sr. of Henrico Parish, Oct. 5, 1729

To son Thomas, the plantation I live on, 200 acres, at age 21, and 1 negro after my wife's death, also items.

To son James, land at Curies's Spring, 311 acres, and items.

To son John, a silver tankard. To daughter Mary James, a gold ring
To son William, a sorrel mare. To son Benjamin, and to daughter Sarah Harris, Phebe Harris, Edith Trent, Ann Booth, Martha Pasture, and son Francis Harris, each, 1 shilling.

All the rest to loving wife Mary, and she to be Executor.

Wit: Matthew Branch, William Scott, Thomas Branch

Recorded July 6, 1730

About Mechell Parker

Michall Harris (Peter Harris¹) was born ABT 1672 in Henrico Co., VA, and died AFT FEB 1754 in Cumberland Co., VA.

Origins

- Not the same as **Nemeetha "Mitha" (Straight Tail) Parker/Bear Clan**
- As of July 2018 there is no indication of Native American ancestry. Her first marriage was Quaker, suggesting her parents were. Her father emigrated from (probably) England; possibly New Kent County.

Family

She married

1. John Johnson BET 1688 AND 1689. He was born ABT 1668, and died ABT 1690.
2. John Burgany 1688 in Henrico Co., VA. He was born ABT 1665 in England, and died BEF 4 MAY 1713 in Goochland Co., VA.
3. Edward* Floyd ABT APR 1713 in Henrico Co., VA, son of Edward Floyd. He was born ABT 1668 in Henrico Co., VA, and died ABT 1720 in Henrico Co., VA.
4. Richard Parker , Jr. ABT 1721 in Henrico Co., VA. He was born ABT 1660 in Henrico Co., VA, and died BEF 6 MAR 1726/27 in Henrico Co., VA. Son of Richard Parker; he was Elizabeth Ballard's widower.

Children of Michall Harris and John Burgany are:

- 2 i. John Burgany , Jr. was born ABT 1689 in Henrico Co., VA, and died BEF 10 MAR 1729/30 in Goochland Co., VA. He was sickly and wrote his will 8th January 1730 and it was recorded 16 March 1730(Virginia wills and Probates 1652-1883) He leaves his estate plantation 100 Acres, a negro "Dirk" to son William Burgame and movables to daughter Judith Burgame. The will was witnessed by his mother Myra(Micha) M Parker and her husband Richard Parker. Micha was first married to John Burgany Sr.
- 3 ii. Peter Burgany was born ABT 1695 in Henrico Co., VA, and died BEF 20 MAY 1735 in Goochland Co., VA. abstract of Peter Burgomy's Last will and testament: "Feb 26, 1734. May 20, 1735. D.B. 2, p. 95-96. To my mother Mica Parker, 13 hogs. To bro., Wm. Floyd, 200 acres land in Goochland in my name; also my horse bridle, saddle and wearing clothes. Ex: Brother. Wit: Hutchins Burton, John Eales."

Children of Michall Harris and Edward* Floyd are:

- + 5 i. [Perhaps] William* Floyd was born ABT 1714 in Accomac County [SIC], VA, and died ABT 1800 in probably Jefferson Co., KY. He married ABADIAH ABIGAIL DAVIS Abt. 1746 in Amherst Co., VA, daughter of ROBERT DAVIS and ABEDIAH LEWIS.
- + 6 ii. Michal Floyd was born ABT 1716 in Varina Parish, Henrico Co., VA, and died AFT SEP 1792 in Caswell Co., NC. She married 1) Richard Wilson ABT 1728 in Goochland Co., VA. He was born ABT 1695 in Henrico Co., VA, and died BEF 20 MAY 1735 in Goochland Co., VA. She married 2) William Bostick , Jr. BEF 1739 in prob Goochland Co., VA. He was born ABT 1716 in Lickinghole Swamp, New Kent Co., VA, and died AFT 1792 in Person Co., NC.

Notes

Anne (Harris) Bays is the daughter of Peter Harris, Sr. (b.ca1617, England or VA) and his wife Mechall Unknown*, who in addition also had a daughter named Mechall and sons Peter (Jr.) and John.

Husband: Edward Floyd (also seen as John Floyd)

From <https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/bays/737/>

One of the witnesses to the younger Peter Harris' will was his sister, Mikel (W) Burginne.[She had married John Burgany before 1 Jun 1696.He executed a receipt on that date, in which he stated ... "I John Burgany as Marrying Michl. Harris..."Deeds & Wills 1688-97, p. 637.Burgany died in 1712, and his widow Michal married Edward Floyd.Deeds & Wills 1710-14, p 213.When Edward Floyd and Michal his wife were granted administration of the estate of John Burgany on 2 Mar 1712/13, their securities were Thomas Williamson and Edward Bays.Order Book 1710-14, p 213.]

Will of Richard Parker

In the name of God, Amen, I Richard Parker of ye County of Henrico, being sick of body, but of sound and perfect memory I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, Viz: I give my soul to Almighty God gave it to me and my body to this earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executors and as to my worldly goods and properties, I give and dispose of as followeth:viz:

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Mirha Parker three cows calves, four sows and fifteen shoats, the bed and furniture I had with her five pewter dishes, six plates, one iron pot, one frying pan, one Iron ?pishe, one riding beast and ye saddle she is no possessed with to her my said wife and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter, Ann, now wife of James Danial, one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Elizabeth, now wife of Wm. Atkinson, one shiling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter, Mary, now ye wife of Lewis Jenkins, one shilling sterling to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Richard Parker and more over devise all the rest of my estate both real and personal, moveable and immoveable to him and his heirs forever. Thereby constituting and appointing him, my said son, executor to this my last will and testament as witnesseth by my hand and seal this 27th day of Feb. 1726.

Witness: Thos. (his mark T.O.) Owen; Robert Woodson Jr.

Signed Richard (RP his mk.)Parker

At Court Henrico County, Virginia. Mar. 6, 1726/7 Richard Parker presented this will and the same being proved by the oaths of the witnesses. It was admitted to record

Test. Henry Wood.

Discussion

From <https://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=stevensp&id=I18925>

Dr. Susan Clark Slaymaker, , Professor of Geology, California State University, Sacramento, writes to Larry Reno, op. cit., that "Michael Harris married John Burgany about 1696 and had sons John and Peter. Her first husband died in 1713. She later married Richard Parker (which is why Peter Burgany refers to his mother Mica Parker in his 1734 will). I suppose she could have been married to a Floyd in between her Burgany and Parker husbands and had a son William Floyd (maybe her husband was the Edward Floyd who administered John Burgany's estate in 1713, along with his wife Michael). It might be useful to examine the records for the period from about 1713 to 1734 or so to find evidence of an interim marriage..."

In Jan 2013 a note from Robert Atteberry notes that Micha, wife of William Bostick, was the child of of Edward Floyd. Bob Atteberry notes that "..... In my earliest analyses I had developed a scenario in which it appeared to me that Michall was a daughter of John Burgany and Michall Harris.... Later on, through further research, I developed data which strongly suggests that Michall Harris had married Edward Floyd as her 3rd husband, following the death of John Burgany. The single most conclusive piece of data was the law suit filed by Richard Parker on behalf of Harris and John Wilson, judgment being entered on 15June1741. In that suit the defendants included William Bostick Jr., his wife Micha [Michall], John Bostick, William Floyd and William Burgany. Through an accumulation of estate and land records, it became clear to me that Micha was actually a daughter of the union between Edward Floyd and Michall Harris Johnson Burgany, and not a daughter of John Burgany. Attached you will find a copy of my final research paper in which I fully develop the basis for my conclusion that Micha Bostick was actually Michall Floyd Wilson, daughter of Edward Floyd and widow of Richard Wilson [father of Harris and John Wilson]. [I have the research paper in my files which Bob kindly sent in Jan 2013]...."

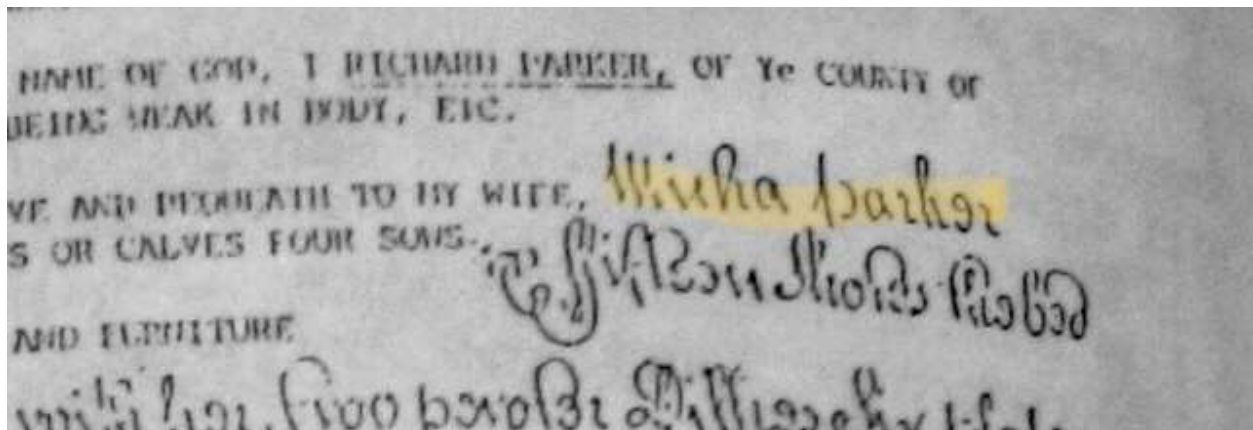
Citations

- "D & W 1688-1697 P. 65 Henrico Co., VA 20 Sep 1687 June 1689 "Will of Peter Harris : WW 20 Sep 1687 WP 1 June 1689: Names sons Peter and John Harris. Names daughters Michall Harris and Ann Bass (ed: se note under Anne's husband for a different spelling of Bass). Wife Michall Harris. Wit: Thomas Cocke, Robert Woodson, Thomas East, Edward Mosby."
- Quaker Records of Henrico Monthly Meeting, and Other Church Records of Henrico, F. Edward Wright, 2003, p. 90]. Michall Harris had very likely married John Johnson as her first husband.
- "Colonial Wills of Henrico Co., VA Part One 1677-1737" by Benjamin B. Weisiger, III p 90 "1696 I, John Burgany, as marrying Michall Harris, acknowledge to have received of Thomas Williamson

and Susan his wife, administratrix of the estate of Daniel Price, dec'd, 600 pds tobacco, being wages in full,"

- p 90 "Inventory of John Burgany by Edward Curd, Henry Brazeal, and Thomas Earwood. Recorded 6 April 1713 by Edward Floyd and Michal, his wife" (Editor: Note that I think this Michal is NOT the Michal m John Floyd).
- "Colonial Wills of Henrico Co., VA Part One 1677-1737" by Benjamin B. Weisiger, III, p 63: "Henry Breazeall (sic), Edward Felide, Mikel [female] Barginne all witnessed the will of Peter Harris dated May 11, 1703 and recorded 1 Feb. 1703/4. Harris's wife was Mary and son Peter. Wife to be exec. Codicil. Brother John Harris 40 acres next yo Gillie's line."
- Marriages of People Named Floyd Compilation of Published Sources Text: "...-1697, Henrico, VA, p. 637 - I John Burgany, as marrying Michael Harris, 6-I-1696. Same, 1710-1714, p. 213 - Inventory of John Burgany recorded 4-6-1713 by Edward Floyd, Michael, his wife. Floyd Susan H. Cobum m ..."
- Title: Dr. Susan Clark Slaymaker, , to Larry Reno, March, 2003
- Title: Robert and Julie Atteberry, Paper in re Bosticks Floyds Burganys etc 12 pp 2013

Micha Parker



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Re: Peter Harris Senior

By Mark Baze March 29, 2008 at 07:22:13

- In reply to: Peter Harris Senior

david baize 3/12/08

The birthyear of ca 1617 for Peter Harris, Sr. that one commonly sees on the Internet is derived from a 1677 Henrico Co., VA court deposition. In that deposition, Peter's age is given as about 60 years old, thus placing his birthyear as about 1617. (Ironically, the deposition itself relates to an age matter - namely as to John Porter, son of William Porter, being 18 years old.) I've not seen the original reference myself but Harris researcher Kathryn Wiggins cites it as being from "Henrico County, Virginia Colonial Records in Five Volumes, Volume 1, p.40."

Harris researchers typically give birthyears in about the 1670-1680 range for the four (4) children named by the Peter Harris, Sr. in his Will dated 20 September 1687 and recorded 1 June 1689 in Henrico Co. (The children are named in the Will in the following order: Peter Harris, John Harris, Michall Harris and Anne Base.) I believe that that birthyear dating range for the children is most likely correct for several reasons:

1. The marriage for the son Peter Harris, Jr. (to Mary Smith) has a date of 26 June 1695. (I've not seen the original reference myself, which is said to be a record from St. John's Church in Henrico Co., VA: <ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/va/henrico/vitals/marriages/1699.txt>) This places Peter, Jr.'s birthyear as being most likely sometime after ca. 1665 and is thus consistent with a birthyear for him in the 1670's as is commonly given.

2. In Peter Harris, Sr.'s 1687 Will, the daughter Michall (named for the mother) is named by her maiden name and has thus not yet married, making her most likely not more than about 21 years old. This again places her birthyear as being most likely after ca 1665 and is thus also consistent with a birthyear for her in the 1670's as is commonly given.

3. The order of the children listed in the 1687 Will gives John's name after that of Peter, Jr. Per convention, this means that John would have been born after Peter, Jr. Likewise, the daughter Anne is listed in the Will after the naming of the daughter Michall, meaning she was likely born after Michall. Thus, both John and Anne were most likely born after the earliest likely date of

ca1665 previously derived for the other two siblings.

With regard to a court deposition giving a birthyear of about 1650 for a John Harris, note that there was at least one other Harris family - unrelated to the Peter Harris, Sr. family - living in Henrico Co., VA at that time. Namely, the descendants of Captain Thomas Harris, father of Major William Harris (b.ca 1629 in Henrico Co., VA). (We know that the two families are most likely unrelated from results of the Harris FamilyTreeDNA Project.) There were other unrelated Harris families in the area at that time as well, in neighboring Charles City County for example, and this John Harris (b.ca1650) could also belong to such a third family. In any event, the John Harris born ca1650 is not likely to be the John Harris named in the 1687 Will of Peter Harris, Sr.

I should mention also that although Peter Bays/Baze/Baize (I) (b.ca1685, VA) lived and was most likely born in Henrico County, we now know that it's not very likely that he would have been from Manakin Town, which was located on the south side of the James River (as a settlement for French Huguenots beginning in about 1700 and previously a Monacan Indian site). Rather, Peter lived [and was presumably born to Edward Bays ("Base"), Sr. and Anne Harris] on the NORTH side of the James River. We can presume this because all of the land records we have for members of the early Bays/Baze/Baize families (several deeds and grants from 1686 to 1725) show those individuals as living exclusively on the north side of the James River.

There was previously some confusion by earlier Bays researchers who mistakenly thought that Peter Bays (I) might have been a Huguenot refugee himself - because some documents which have his name on them also occasionally have the name of an actual Huguenot from Manakin/Monacan Town on them. But this overlap was only because of their relative close geographical proximity to one another, resulting in trade between the two sides of the river, and more importantly was because of the sharing of a common courthouse at Varina* where the documents were prepared and/or recorded. [*Varina was itself located on the north side of the James River in Henrico Co., VA]

So rather than coming from the south, I think it's most likely that the earliest Henrico Co. Bays/Baze/Baize families came to that county from either neighboring Charles City Co., VA to the east, or from neighboring New Kent Co., VA to the north. The former county is where the family of Peter Harris, Sr. may have come from, and the latter county is where one finds reference to the John "Base" who is indirectly listed in a land grant of 10 July 1658 (550 acres to a Lt. Col. Robert Abrall) as one of eleven (11) people "transported" (i.e., a transportee or "headright" for whom land was received). This seemingly makes this John (Bays) of a reasonable age to be a potential father for Edward "Base" (and his likely brother Richard Bays, Sr.) although such a relationship, if any, remains to be proven.

Mark

[Additional search terms: Peter Baze, Peter Baize, Richard Baze]

Individual Page

Person Info

- Name: [Michall Harris](#)¹²
- Sex: F
- Birth: ABT 1672 in [Henrico Co., VA](#)²
- Death: AFT FEB 1754 in [Cumberland Co., VA](#)²
- Person Id: I16433
- Tree Id: 227767

[Search for Michall Harris in Newspapers](#)

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Parents

Father:

- [Peter Harris](#): Birth: ABT 1617 in [prob England](#). Death: BEF 1 JUN 1689 in [Henrico Parish, Henrico Co., VA](#)

Mother:

- [Michal Ballou?](#): Birth: ABT 1645 in [prob Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: AFT 1 JUN 1689 in [Henrico Co., VA](#)

Family

Marriage:

- Married: [John Burgany](#) on 1688 at [Henrico Co., VA](#).²
- [John Burgany](#): Birth: ABT 1665 in [England](#). Death: BEF 4 MAY 1713 in [Goochland Co., VA](#)

Children:

1. [John Burgany](#): Birth: ABT 1689 in [Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: BEF 10 MAR 1729/30 in [Goochland Co., VA](#)
2. [Peter Burgany](#): Birth: ABT 1695 in [Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: BEF 20 MAY 1735 in [Goochland Co., VA](#)
3. [Michall Burgany](#): Birth: ABT 1708 in [Varina Parish, Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: AFT 1792 in [Caswell Co., NC](#)

Family

Marriage:

- Married: [Edward* Floyd](#) on ABT APR 1713 at [Henrico Co., VA](#).²
- [Edward* Floyd](#): Birth: ABT 1668 in [Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: ABT 1720 in [Henrico Co., VA](#)

Children:

1. [William* Floyd](#): Birth: ABT 1714 in [Accomac County, VA](#). Death: ABT 1800 in [probably Jefferson Co., KY](#)
2. [Michal Floyd](#): Birth: ABT 1716 in [Varina Parish, Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: AFT SEP 1792 in [Caswell Co., NC](#)

Family

Marriage:

- Married: [Richard Parker](#) on ABT 1721 at [Henrico Co., VA](#).
- [Richard Parker](#): Birth: ABT 1660 in [Henrico Co., VA](#). Death: BEF 6 MAR 1726/27 in [Henrico Co., VA](#)

Family

Marriage:

- Married: [John Johnson](#) on BET 1688 AND 1689.²
- [John Johnson](#): Birth: ABT 1668. Death: ABT 1690

Sources

1. Title: Dr. Susan Clark Slaymaker, <scs@@csus.edu>, to Larry Reno, March, 2003
2. Title: Robert and Julie Atteberry, Paper in re Bosticks Floyds Burganys etc 12 pp 2013

Notes

a. Note: NI16433

Note: About Michal Harris, see the note below from Bob and Julie Atteberry. But first, Dr. Susan Clark Slaymaker, <scs@@csus.edu>, Professor of Geology, California State University, Sacramento, writes to Larry Reno, op. cit., that "Michael Harris married John Burgany about 1696 and had sons John and Peter. Her first husband died in 1713. She later married Richard Parker (which is why Peter Burgany refers to his mother Mica Parker in his 1734 will). I suppose she could have been married to

a Floyd in between her Burgany and Parker husbands and had a son William Floyd (maybe her husband was the Edward Floyd who administered John Burgany's estate in 1713, along with his wife Michael). It might be useful to examine the records for the period from about 1713 to 1734 or so to find evidence of an interim marriage..." Today, with mounting evidence to show Edward married Michall, I am replacing John Floyd II with Edward Floyd as the father of William (16 June 2012). So..... we have Anna Cartlidge supposing that John Floyd married the widow Burgomy and that they are perhaps the parents of William Floyd of Amherst, born about 1714. But that is not so. Anna Cartlidge is an early and very careful searcher of the Floyd line, and has great credibility, but here later evidence (in particular that gathered by Robert and Julie Atteberry and exchanged with me in June 2012) supports her marriage NOT to John II but to Edward. I have also found that I descend from Ann Floyd born about 1662, noted as the daughter of Edward and Michal, through her marriage to Joseph Tanner. More on this elsewhere. It is probably so that Michal (or Michall or Meechal or Micha other wonderful spellings), born about 1682, married first John Johnson, then John Burgany who died before 1713. She then marries her third husband Edward Floyd, and William Floyd arrives of this union in 1714 or so. His step-brothers Peter and John Burgomy are a bit older than he is. At some point Edward Floyd dies, and Michal then marries Richard Parker. Robert Atteberry in June 2012, also below, "... I think it virtually unequivocal that Edward Floyd had married the widow of John Burgany. First, let me point out that Michall Harris had very likely married John Johnson as her first husband [see Quaker Records of Henrico Monthly Meeting, and Other Church Records of Henrico, F. Edward Wright, 2003, p. 90]. She then married John Burgany sometime before about 1 Jun 1696 [see Henrico County Virginia Colonial Wills and Deeds, 1677-1737, Benjamin B. Weisiger, III, 1998, p. 59]. I concur that, after the death of Edward Floyd, Michall Harris very likely married a fourth time to Richard Parker [probably the same Richard Parker, who filed suit on behalf of the Wilson brothers, John and Harris]. " Then Alex Luken, the Kentucky researcher, found these:
http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6598/BostickOnline25_36.htm "In June court 1741, a suit was settled and recorded in Order Book 4, page 546. The suit is reported in part as follows: A suit in Chancery Court, Goochland County between Harris Wilson and John Wilson by Richard Parker, their next friend, plaintiff, and William Bostick and Micah his wife, John Bostick, Wm. Floyd and Wm. Burgamy, defendants. The sheriff having returned the subpoenas executed on John Bostick, and he failing to appear, ordered a judgement be issued against John Bostick, Wm. Bostick and wife Micah, Wm. Floyd and Wm. Burgamy." Alex: "It is interesting to note that a deed dated 16 Apr 1755, executed about 13 years after the above suit. Harris Wilson and John Wilson (mentioned above) of Cumberland County, VA (Cumberland formed from Goochland in 1748) sold to John Bostick, for 100 pounds, 150 acres surveyed for Peter Burgamy, dec'd, it being the plantation where William Bostick now lives. This was part of 350 acres sold to Richard Wilson, dec'd, and Richard Wilson left to his two sons, Harris and John Wilson. The deed was proved in May Court 1755." About much of this and Michal Harris today, Jun 5, 2012, I received the note below, next, from Bob and Julie Atteberry at battebe@yahoo.com who said "Please feel free to share my e-mail message with whomever you choose, provided you give credit to us as the source. Also, let it be known that we would like to share information with anyone having data and knowledge of this Edward Floyd family." The note follows:

"Good Morning Pat: I stumbled upon your

RootsWeb post this a.m. regarding John Floyd of Henrico County VA. I found the commentary very interesting as I too have been researching Michall Harris for several years. I must confess that I am a bit puzzled by the many references in your post, as well as numerous others to a marriage between between Michall Harris and John Floyd. [This was the postulate of Anna Cartlidge, see above.] Search as I might, I have found no records connecting Michall Harris to any other Floyd besides Edward Floyd. Based on the Estate Inventory of John Burgany, I believe it is quite clear that Edward Floyd was married to a woman named Michal. It has been my experience that this type of connection, where a man is filing the estate of a deceased party, and the wives of both parties are the same, it invariably denotes that the filer on the estate has married the widow of the deceased.... "Now, for the Jun 1741 Chancery Court suit brought by Richard Parker on behalf of John and Harris Wilson against William Bostick [Jr.], Micha, John Bostick, William Floyd and William Burgany. I believe that further research will provide evidence that this law suit grew out of a dispute over the estate of John Wilson and Harris Wilson's father [Richard Wilson]. More specifically, I believe this dispute was over the rightful ownership of a 350 acre tract original granted to Peter Burgany, which he then sold all or part to Richard Wilson, and for which Peter Burgany held the mortgage bond. Refer to the LWT of Richard Wilson dated 11Jan1734/5 in which he makes reference to his wife "Mikey" and a tract of land to his sons (when they come of age), mortgage bond held be Peter Burgany. I believe Richard Wilson's wife to have been Michall Floyd, a daughter of Michall Harris and Edward Floyd. Note that about 45 days later on 26Feb1734/5 Peter Burgany wrote his Will in which he bequeathed two tracts of land: 200 acres "to my brother, William Floyd", and another of unknown size to my brother [name unreadable]. I believe that the beneficiary, William Floyd, was Peter Burgany's half-brother, and Michall Floyd Wilson's full-blood brother. I further believe the second tract bequeathed to another unknown 'brother' was the 150 acre remainder of the 350 acres granted to Peter Burgany, and that the unknown brother was actually Peter's brother-in-law, Richard Wilson, who had married Peter Burgany's half-sister, Michall Floyd. Finally, it is my belief that the complainants: John Wilson and Harris Wilson were the children of Richard Wilson and Michall Floyd. "The Bostick brothers became embroiled in this affair through two avenues: (1) On 19 Sep1738 William Floyd sold his 200 acre tract that he had inherited from his half-brother [Peter Burgany] to John Bostick, and (2) Michall Floyd Wilson had sometime after 1735 married John Bostick's younger brother, William Bostick Jr. So, the law suit was not filed against strangers, but against family members, including John and Harris Wilson's mother and step-father [Michall and William Bostick Jr.], and against their uncles: William Floyd and William Burgany. To further compound matters, the suit was brought on behalf of John and Harris Wilson by Richard Parker, who had married their grandmother, Michall Harris Johnson, Burgany Floyd. A tangled web, indeed. The fact that John and Harris Wilson later (in 1755) sold the 150 acre tract to John Bostick further substantiates our interpretation of Peter Burgany's LWT, namely that is included the bequest of the 150 acre remainder to Peter's brother-in-law, Richard Wilson. "Lastly, it should be noted that: (1) William Bostick was granted Tobacco by the Southam Parish for the maintenance of Widow Parker, believed to have been Michall [Micha] Floyd Wilson Bostick's mother. (2) John Wilson and Harris Wilson appeared on deed records in the 1760's in Halifax County VA in conjunction with William Bostick, etal. (3) Harris Wilson is assumed to have been named for his grandmother, Michall Harris. "If any of the foregoing is of interest to you, please

contact me. My family lineage is through the Bostick family of Virginia. I have done extensive research on these Bosticks, Floyds Burganys, Parkers, Harris, et al., and would very much like to share information. Thanks, Bob and Julie Atteberry battebe@@yahoo.com "

These notes from Bob and Julie Atteberry seem wholly well-thought out and carry quite a bit of documentation.... Upon all this, especially the notes of the Atteberrys, I am changing my notes (June 2012) to make Edward husband of Michal and the father of William Floyd b abt 1714.

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