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A Record of My Children's Ancestors,

Family Potpourri

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CHAPTER 6

RICHARD BULLOCK, THIRD, AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

FATHER OF SUSANNAH BULLOCK, WHO MARRIED CAPTAIN WILLIAM SIMS.

The Bullock family is an illustrious one, going back to Captain Hugh Bullock of England and Virginia, some of whose descendants settled in North Carolina. The early records refer to him either as Sir Hugh Bullock or Captain Hugh Bullock.

When I first began collecting data about this family, I optimistically planned to write a history of the family, but the data is so voluminous that time, labor, and expense, will not permit its completion in this book. I shall merely give a brief outline of the family, showing descent from Captain Hugh Bullock, Gentleman, and his wife, Mary, and leave the writing of the history of the family to a future historian. I know of no better or more able person for this task than Dr. Lewis T. Bullock, of Los Angeles, California, who has wisely devoted his efforts and talents to this one family, and knows more about the family than anyone I know.

The progenitor of the Bullock family of Virginia and North Carolina was the above Captain Hugh Bullock, b. 1580. who appears in the official records of Virginia as a member of the King's Council as early as 1631. Just when he arrived in Virginia is uncertain, but we know that he was an influential man, with considerable property, both in England and in Virginia. On March 12, 1634, at James City, Virginia, Captain Hugh Bullock was granted 2,550 acres of land on the Pocosin, "South East of Otter Pond," in York County. (Virginia Land Office, Patent Book 1, 1623-1643, p. 158.) By deed dated July 8, 1637, and recorded in York County, Hugh Bullock, Gentleman, of London, England, joined by his wife, Mary, conveys to his son, William Bullock, his corn mill, saw mill, and plantation in Virginia. We know from the date of this deed and the reference to his residence in London, that Hugh Bullock had returned to England. He left a will in England*, dated October 22, 1649, and probated November 2, 1650, which follows:

"WILL OF HUGH BULLOCKE THE VIRGINIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

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Pembroke 168.

HUGH BULLOCKE of London, gent. All Hallows Barking 72 years of age and dim sighted. Will 22 October 1649; proved 2 November 1650. I have the half of Dungeonesse lights which I purchased from Sir Francis Howard. The half of which half I sold to Andrew Burrell which half was purchased from him by my son William Bullocke. My son William married William Lamply's daughter and purchased William Bin's part in the other half and my son William at his goeing into Virginia let his part for £100 per annum. To my grandchild Frances, daughter of my said son William, £20 per annum during term of the patent which has 17 years to run. To Mary Bennett, now living in London, £4 per annum during the patent. To Ellinor, daughter of my sister Ann Mason, £3 per annum during patent. To Mary Rose, widow, living in Ratcliffe, 40s per annum. To Barnard Smith, my deputy in Custom House, £3 per annum during patent. My estate in Virginia amounting to £100 per annum left me there 10 years past to my son William and his son Robert. Executors: John Limbry Esq. and Barnard Smith. Overseer: Master of the Trinity House for the time being. To Mary Snow, wife of Nicholas Snow, 7s. yearly; to Elizabeth her sister 7s yearly. Witnesses: William Walkett, James Turner, Benjamine Sheppard, Scr. Proved by Samuell Burrell, principal creditor."

Some genealogists, including W. M. Creasey, claim that Captain Hugh Bullock had two other sons, besides William, who was mentioned in the will, who followed their brother William to the Colonies; James Bullock, who settled in Massachusetts, and Richard, who was in the Colonies by 1632, and a member of the Governor's Council. I have no record of James, but my research convinces me that Richard

^{*}Va. Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XVIII, No. 3, July, 1910.

of the Governor's Council, was definitely a son of Captain Hugh.

Captain Hugh Bullock made frequent trips to England from Virginia, to attend to his business affairs, but he was present at the meetings of the Council in 1632, 1633, and 1634. In 1637 he was one of the members of the Council whom the King directed should be retained, but probably because of his age and his interests in England, he declined to serve, for we know that he died in England. His son, Richard, was also a Colonial Councillor. In Hennings Statutes, Vol. 1, p. 202, it is recorded: "Grand Assembly. Holden at James City, the first day of February, 1632-33, Captain Richard Bullock, present." This Richard Bullock died in Surry County, Southwark Parish, leaving a will, signed March 25, 1703, and probated July 6, 1703. He names his wife, Mary, his son, Richard, not yet eighteen years of age, and leaves bequests to Henry Hollingsworth and his Godson, Richard Phelps. (Surry County Will Book, 1694-1709, p. 287.)

WILL OF RICHARD BULLOCK, OF SURRY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

"In the Name of God Amen I Richard Bullock of Southwark Psh: in County of Surry being weak and Sick of body but of prfect Sence and memory of mind doe make and ordaine this to be my last Will and testament hereby Revoking making Void all former Wills by me made.—

Impr: I give unto Henry Hollingsworth att my decease a Cow Calve—

Item: I give unto Godson Richd Phelps a two Year old heifr a wastcoat pr of breeches and a Cloath Coate—

Item: I give unto my Son Richd Bullock when he comes to be of ye age of Eighteen Yeares ye Plantacon whereon I now live with all yee Land belonging to itt to him and his heires for Evr. I allsoe give him tenn pounds in Cash wch I have Now by me ye which I doe desire ye Honble Benjamin Harrison Esqr to keep in his hands untill my Son Richd comes to be of ye Age of Eighteen. I give more unto my Son Richard a feathr Bed and furniture belonging with Seven Peuter dishes two pewter basons, twelve pewter plaites twelve Spoons four porringers one brass kettle quanty twenty gallons a brass skimer and Ladle one gunn and bible. I alsoe give my Son Richard Six Coes—

It—I give unto my Loveg wife Mary Bullock all ye rest of my Estate wtsoever both real and personall and to be by her disposed of as she shall think Convenient to the debts and Dews yt now oweing me and doe desire my Loveing wife to buy my Son Richd a young Mare to be given to him when of Age this is my last Will and to which I hereunto Sett my hand and seal this 25th day of March in the Year of or Lord 1703.

Signed Sealed and delivered Richard Bullock (Seal)

in ye presence of us

At a Court held at Southwark for the

David Parker Adam Heeth

County of Surry 6th July 1703

William Short

The above will of Richard Bullock, deced: proved by the oaths of the witnesses was admitted to bee recorded and is recorded by

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The above Richard Bullock, Jr. (wife Susannah), mentioned in the above will, died in Prince William County, Virginia, leaving a will, signed February 21, 1738/39, and proved March 24, 1739. It was this Richard Bullock who was the father of Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, who married Ann Henly, and whose daughter, Susannah, married William Sims.

Worth S. Ray, an outstanding genealogist, and one of my valued friends, in his *Colonial Granville County*, lists Edward Bullock, son of Robert and grandson of William (son of Captain Hugh), as the father of Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, but offers no proof, and in my correspondence with him, after the publication of the book, he admitted that additional facts that he had uncovered made him believe that he might have been mistaken. The will of the above Richard Bullock, Jr., father of Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, follows:

WILL OF RICHARD BULLOCK, JUNIOR

"In the name of God Amen the twenty first day of February 1738-9, according to the computation of the Church of England, I, Richard Bullock of Prince William County being in perfect memory praised be Almighty God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

First: I bequeath my soul to Almight God my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my only Savior and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins and as for my body to be buried in a Christian like manner, I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susanna Bullock my whole estate both real and personal during her natural life and after her decease to be distributed as hereafter mentioned.

To my son Thomas Bullock three hundred acres of land beginning upon Skinker and Ludwell's line to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

To my daughter Rachel Bullock three hundred acres of land adjoining to the aforesaid tract to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

The rest of my land laying on the South West side of the Beaver Dam to my son Richard Bullock and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten.

To my daughter Sarah Bullock all my land on the Northeast side of the Beaver Dam to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

To my daughter Rachel Bullock two negro men John and Robin to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

To my daughter Sarah Bullock two negroes named Harry and Sandy to her and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

To my son Richard Bullock negroes Monmouth, Will and Cardno and their increase to him and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

I also give to my son Thomas my short gund and to my son Richard my long gund and at the decease of my above said wife my will is that the whole personal estate be equally divided among my four children, viz: Thomas, Rachel, Sarah and Richard Bullock and lastly I constitute my two trusty and well beloved friends Charles Morgan and John Graham to be executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Richard Bullock (Seal)

Witness:

G. Roth

Hugh Adso Will proved by Charles Morgan one of the Thos. Ribinson Executors named March 24, 1739."

Charles Morgan, one of the Executors of Richard Bullock, named in his will, settled the accounts of the Estate March 24, 1741. Quit rents were paid on 1550 acres of land and 13 months and three weeks board and schooling paid for the son, Richard Bullock, Jr. Thomas Bullock qualified as Guardian for Sarah Bullock on March 26, 1744.

On March 14, 1734, Captain John Williams of King George County executed a deed to Richard Bullock of King George County for 972 acres of land in Hamilton Parish of Prince William County, and this land is shown to be part of the land which Richard Bullock disposed of in his last will and testament.

Richard Bullock, Third, removed from Hanover County, Virginia, to Granville County, North Carolina, but before leaving Virginia he served in the French and Indian War. On November 25, 1759, he made application for Bounty Land for his services in Col. Byrd's Regiment for the year 1758, which was approved at a Court held for Orange County. (Vol. 1, p. 157) William Sims was also a soldier in Hogg's Rangers from Orange County in 1757. Richard Bullock died in Granville County, North Carolina, leaving a will signed October 27, 1764, and proved in the November Court. In his will he mentions his land in Orange County, evidently

the Bounty Land he had received as a soldier in the French and Indian War. His will follows:

WILL OF RICHARD BULLOCK, III.

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In the name of God Amen: I, Richard Bullock, of the County of Granville and Province of North Carolina, being very sick though of perfect sense and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and that all flesh must yeald unto death whenever it shall please God to call, therefore I appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following,—first and principally I give my soul unto God that gave it me and my body to the earth to be buried in such manner as my executors hereinafter named shall think fit, in sure and certain hopes of Eternal life through the merits of Jesus Christ my Mediator and Redeemer and for my Temporal Estate in hereafter it hath pleased God to bless me with—I give and bequeath as follows after my just debts are paid:

- 1. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Sims one shilling Sterling.
- 2. I give and bequeath to Henry Vandyck one shilling Sterling.
- 3. I give and bequeath to my daughter Agnes Williams one shilling Sterling.
- 4. I give and bequeath to my son Zachariah Bullock one shilling Sterling.
- 5. I give and bequeath to my son William Bullock one shilling Sterling.
- 6. I give and bequeath to my son John Bullock one shilling Sterling.
- 7. I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanna Sims one shilling Sterling.
- 8. I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter Ann VanDyck one feather bed and furniture to the value of Eighty Pounds Virginia Money.
- 9. I give and bequeath to my grandson Zachariah Nicholls one feather bed and furniture to the value of Eighty Pounds Virginia Money.
- 10. I give and bequeath to my daughter Agatha Nicholls one shilling Sterling.

My will and desire is that my land on Ellibies Creek in Orange County to be sold to pay part of the debts, and I leave the land and plantation whereon I now live to my wife during her natural life—likewise all the remainder of my estate, after my just debts are paid.

- 11. I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Bullock after my wife's decease the land and plantation whereon I now live and after my said wife's decease.
- 12. I give and bequeath to my two youngest sons, Leonard Hendley Bullock and Nathaniel Bullock all my estate except what is otherwise devised, to be equally divided between them, and my desire is that my estate be not appraised.

I like wise appoint my said wife and son Leonard Hendley Bullock my Executor and Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have herewith set my hand and affix my seal, this 27th day of October, 1764.

Richard Bullock

(Seal)

Signed and sealed and declared to be his last will in presence of

William x Shaw Philemon Hawkins

JURATS

Julius Howard

Granville Court, N. C.

November Court

This will was proven in open Court by the oaths of Philemon Hawkins and Julius Howard subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion was ordered to be recorded.

Test. S. M. Benton, C. C."

The children of Richard Bullock and Ann Henly were:

- Leonard Henly Bullock, m. 1) Fannie Hawkins, November 17, 1760, daughter of Philemon Hawkins; m. 2)
 Susannah Goodloe (nee Martin) August 16, 1766.
- 2. Zachariah Bullock, who never married and moved to South Carolina.
- 3. Nathaniel Bullock, m. Mary Hawkins, August 12, 1760, daughter of John Hawkins.

- 4. Col. William Bullock, m. Elizabeth Lewis (nee Taylor).
- 5. John Bullock, m. 1759, Mary Mitchell.
- 6. Sarah Bullock, m. John Sims, brother of William Sims.
- 7. Agnes Bullock m. 1) George Keeling, divorced; m. 2) Judge John Williams.
- 8. Agatha Bullock, m. John Nuckles.
- 9. Anna Bullock, m. Henry Vandyck.
- SUSANNAH BULLOCK, m. WILLIAM SIMS, and removed to Georgia.

Col. William Bullock (No. 4 in list above), came to Granville County with his father, and was a Major in the Colonial Army, and Sheriff of Granville County in 1771. One of his sons, Richard Bullock, married Mary P. Hunt, and moved to Austin, Texas, where he lived next door to the French Embassy.

William Bullock, son of Captain Hugh Bullock, evidently planned to sail for America immediately after his father's death, and before his departure made his will, May 10, 1650, which recites that William Bullocke, Gentleman, of Essex, "being bound for Virginia in the parts beyond the seas," leaves his property to his wife, Elizabeth, trusting that she will provide for their daughter Frances, and their son Robert. He names his wife, Elizabeth, as Executrix, and the witnesses were: Thomas Harrison, and Richard Mills. (Pembroke 61, from Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XVIII, No. 3, July, 1910). In the Virginia General Court Records of April, 1672, there is an entry of a suit by Robert Bullock, "son and heir of William Bullock, who was son and heir of Hugh Bullock," versus Col. Peter Jennings, guardian of John Matthews, deceased, in regard to a tract of land containing 5500 acres in Warwick county.

Ann Henly, who married Richard Bullock, Third, was the daughter of Leonard Henly, who was the son of Reynolds Henly, who settled in James City county as early as 1661. On October 26, 1694, Leonard Henly was granted 300 acres in James City county, "175 acres thereof, as heir to his father Reynolds Henly, deceased, to whom it was sold December 15, 1661, by Thomas Holiday."* This Leonard Henly married a Miss Richardson by whom he had: Major Richardson Henly of Merry Oaks, James City County;

^{*}William and Mary Quarterly, Vol. 5, p. 38, and Vol. 3, p. 65.

Leonard Henly of Henrico; Turner Henly of James City County, and William Henly, whose descendants settled in Amherst; and, according to Worth S. Ray, Rev. Samuel Henly, Henrietta Henly, who m. Richard Henderson, and Ann Henly, who m. Richard Bullock.

From my research concerning the Bullock family I have concluded that the line of descent from Capt. Hugh Bullock to Richard Bullock of Granville County, North Carolina, is as follows:

- 1. Captain Hugh Bullock, of York County, Virginia, b. 1580 in England, d. in England in 1650, m. Mary. His son,
- Richard Bullock and wife, Mary, Surry County, Virginia. His son,
- 3. Richard Bullock and wife, Susannah, Prince William County, Virginia. His son,
- 4. Richard Bullock, Granville County, North Carolina, and wife, Ann Henly.

The above Henlys were members of Blissland Parish, New Kent County, Virginia, where they were listed in the Vestry Book. In 1759, Leonard Henly was listed as a member of the Vestry and in 1774 it was reported in the Vestry book that Richardson Henly had "removed from the Parish."

The best known Arms of the Bullock family follows:

Arms: Argent, a chevron gules, between three bulls' heads, or.

Crest: Five battle axes, blades sable, staffs, or, ribboned gules.

Motto: Nil Conscire sibi, meaning "To be conscious of no fault."