

## THOMAS STANTON SR.

Thomas Stanton Seniors exact date of birth is unknown, although most researchers have his birth year down as 1689. How many times Thomas married and who he may of married is also unknown. At the time of his death, he was married to a Sarah, and by her will it appears that she was married several times before Thomas.

Thomas's parents are also unknown. Given the possibility that Thomas was born in Virginia, and assuming that he was born about 1689, this would make Thomas to be around the age of 15 in 1704. In 1704 on the Quit Rent Rolls List there were only two Stanton's mentioned, both Johns, one in Essex County and the other in Accomack County Virginia. John Stanton in Essex County was listed with 95 acres in 1704. Its interesting to note that Thomas patented 214 acres in the fork of the Rappahannock River, St Mary's Parish Beginning by the river side" (1717 22 Jan Pat 10 1710-1719 Page 354 Essex Co) when a year later in Essex County A John Stanton's Will had been proven on May 20 1718 (1718 John Stanton Wills Etc No 3 Reel 40, 1717-1720)

It is not known that this John is the father, or even brother of Thomas, but it makes one wonder. Another Stanton in Essex Co was Godfrey who married Elizabeth Pettit married secondly Godfrey Stanton in 1711 (recorded in Land Trials book; page 489 of *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia - 1655 to 1900* by Eva Eubank Wilkerson). By deed dated September 1714 Godfrey Stanton and Dorothy his wife deeded 280 acres in Essex County to Thomas Wyatt" No further research has been done on Godfrey or John Stanton.

Thomas was in Richmond Co VA as early as Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1715. Thomas was granted 236 acres, "on the eastward or lower side of Deep Run issuing out of the North side of the Rappahannock River, about 12 miles above the falls" 1715 Northern Neck Grants No 5 1713-1719 Page 111

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- 5 FRANCES STANTON born Nov 9 1723 VA. France married abt 1739 John Dulaney. John died Jan 19 1804 Madison Co Va., and Frances died Jan 19 1804 Madison Co VA.

Frances and John were the parents of 12 children Sarah, Married (Thomas Graves) Mary, Married (Joseph Eddins) Joseph, went to Madison Co KY, Elizabeth, Married (John Pemberton) John, Frances, Married (Thomas Furness) Jane, Married (John Miller, Went to Madison Co KY) Margaret, Married (John Trimble) William, went to Sullivan Co TN, Dinnah, Married (James Offield) Eliza Married (Robert Rhodes Went to Madison Co KY) and Mildred Married (John Eddins)

Feby. 6, 1734. John Rucker of St. Mark's Parish, Spts. Co., to Peter Rucker, Elizabeth Rucker, Peter Rucker, junr., and Ephraim Rucker. £20 curr., 420 a. —remainder of a pat. granted sd. John Rucker, in St. Mark's Par., Spts. Co. "Peter and Elizabeth Rucker, during their Naturall lives, and afterwards to Peter Rucker, Junr., and Ephraim Rucker," etc. G. Home, Joseph Delaney, John Johnson. Feby. 6, 1733-4.

1741 Item I give to my daughter Francis Delaney the half of the four hundred acres of land lying on the south side of Stanton's River..Item I give to My daughter Francis Delaney Mulatto Harry an also my seal skin trunk witness my hand this day (Named in fathers will)

24 Mar 1742/43, Gerrard Banks, G. Hume and Peter Russell were witnesses to the deed of Thomas Stanton of Orange Co. to John Deleny and Joseph Rosson of Orange Co. (Orange Co., VA Deed Bk 7, p 197-201, quoted in Orange County, Virginia, Deed Books 5,6,7 and 8, 1741-1743, J.F. Dorman, 1971

Thomas Stanton was granted a tract of land in Culpepper Co Va., patent 28 Jan 1733 [Deed of John \ Sarah Rosson to John Delaney 20 Aug 1760 in Culpeper Co Va. Deeds 1755-1762,pg 389]

Sarah Stanton died 4 years later, and she too left a will, which brings the suggestion that Sarah, was his second wife.

1745 3 May Will of Sarah Stanton King George Co VA

The will of Sarah Stanton was offered for probate 3 May 1745 by William Scott, executor. (King George Co., VA Deed Book2, p 440) Robert Elliott, Peter Hoard, Jas. Hoard, Francis Miller or any three of them were ordered to appraise her estate.

In the name of God Amen I Sarah Stanton of the place aforesaid being sick and weak in body but of perfect sound memory thanks be to God for the same, Do make my Last Will and testament Disannulling and rejecting all other Wills heretofore by me made and making this my last will and testament and no longer other and what worldly estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me. I give and bequeath as follows:

To my lawful son William Scott my two Negro men Harry and Ned, (These Negro men were willed to her by Thomas Stanton "2 Negro men named Ned and Harry, Her Right of Dower to Manner Plantation and Mill") mare, saddle, Tartan Gown and petticoat, all my cattle, hogs, corn, Tobacco, chest pewter, kettle, pot and six pounds current money due to me from Henry Fields. to him and his heirs or assigns forever.

I give to my granddaughter Sarah Scott daughter of the above-mentioned William Scott my feather bed and furniture.

I give to my granddaughter Keziah Simmons daughter to my son Geo Simmons my wearing cloths, which I commonly wear

I give to my granddaughter Sarah Simmons daughter to my son Joseph Simmons my gold ring.

I give to my four children George, Joseph, Charles and Sarah Cooke each one-shilling sterling.

I give to my daughter Ann Mathews my cloak and stroped holland gown.

I desire and bequeath to my above son William Scott shall be my whole and sole executor to settle the above-mentioned goods and chattels according to law.  
Dated 22 December 1744

From this will of Sarah, I tend to believe that she is not the mother of Thomas Stanton Sr. children. If you noticed none of kids are in her Will nor any of her kids are in his will. Sarah was married I guess... Three times before marrying Thomas Stanton... Maybe first Scott, then Simmons and then Cooke?

I assume Sarah's daughter Ann married a Mathews, if not then Sarah was married four times before Thomas? It appears that Sarah was the mother of 8 children before marrying Thomas Stanton? I did see and IGI where it was said that Thomas and Sarah was married in 1730. The First time Sarah was ever mentioned in any records was in 1738.

The Children appear to be: William Scott, George Simmons, Joseph Simmons, George Cooke, Charles Cooke, Joseph Cooke, Sarah Cooke, and Ann Mathews.

Thomas Stanton - Spotsylvania-Orange County (reference "St. Mark's Parish Vestry Book")

According to the Vestry Book of St Marks, Parish it stated that Thomas Stanton was Present at a Vestry meeting on Sat April 4 1741 and was not listed at the Oct 12 meeting. "Capt Goodrich Lightfoot appointed vestryman in the name of Thos Stanton, Gent. Deceased, he being chosen by the major portion of Vestry."

Will Book 2, 1744-1778 (Reel 23) p. 56-60. Accounts rec. 23 May 1745. p. 71-76. Guardian's accounts rec. 22 Aug. 1745. p. 120-123. Guardian's accounts rec. 27 Aug. 1747. p. 135-136. Guardian's accounts rec. 25 Aug. 1748. Orange Co, Records Page 177....

In the Name of God Amen The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Stanton being now sick and weak but in perfect sound of memory thanks be to God  
Almighty.....

Item my will and desire is that my trusty friend George Whitly and Henry Field being sole ex of this my last Will and Testament and that they have full Liberty to do as they think best in that case and that after paying all my just debts I desire the remainder of my estate may be disposed of as follows:

I give and bequeath to my son William Stanton the grist mill with all the appliances belonging thereto with the Plantation I now live on and all the land thereto belonging Let it be more or less.

Item I give to my son Thomas Stanton my still and all materials also the Large Bible.

Item I give to my daughter Francis Delaney the half of the four hundred acres of and lying on the south side of Stantons River.

Item I give to my daughter Sarah Stanton the other half of the four hundred acres.

Item I give to my daughter Mary Stanton two hundred acres of land being part of four hundred acres joining to Francis Kirtley.

Item I give to my daughter Jean Stanton two hundred acres of Land being the upper part whereon George Simmons now live including the Simmons Plantation.

Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Stanton two hundred acres of land lying on the south side of the Stanton River Commonly know by the name of Guy Meeks

Item I give to my son William Stanton the remainder part lying on the north side being two hundred acres

Item I give to my son William Stanton the following Negroes Vic, Adam, Judy, Sam, Winnie, Ned and Will.

Item I give to My daughter Francis Delaney Molatto Harry an also my seal skin trunk

Witness my hand this day Oct 4 1741 Witnesses were George Hume, Abraham Pearce, and Thomas Stanton Jr.

Sarah, Thomas Stanton's wife was not mentioned in the 1741 will of her husband in Orange Co., VA records, but she had her dower assigned (Orange Co., VA Will Book 1, p 187) later. [Date not given]

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