

Charles and Mary Williamson Family of Calvert Co, Maryland

"Captain Charles Williamson (1748-1786) commanded a company, 1778-79, of Calvert County militia. He was born and died in Calvert county, Md." The Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage book¹ also states, that Charles Williamson married "Mary ___". The book states that Capt. Charles Williamson died in 1786. This appears to be incorrect, as he not only had at least two more children after that, Thomas in 1791 and Rebecca in 1796, he also appears many times in The Maryland Gazette (Annapolis MD) as "Capt. Charles Williamson" and "Sheriff of Calvert county", and is still alive in the 1800 Federal census.

Excerpt from 'Hunting Creek Hundred': "An undated paper owned by the author...begins; "We, the subscribers, being duly commissioned and qualified by Charles Williamson, sheriff of Calvert County, to divide the lands...therefore determine that Benjamin Johns' part of the aforesaid land shall begin at a walnut post standing on the fifth line of land called Reserve and running...to the line of a tract of land called Warbleston in possession of Benjamin Hance."²

"In 1781 the members of the Assembly from Calvert County were Levin Mackall, Frisby Freeland, Charles Williamson, and Thomas Gantt. The following year the Calvert County delegation..."³ The paragraphs before the reference to Charles are a description of the new Maryland Constitution.

"Mount Industry, July 5, 1784. On Tuesday the 27th of the instant will be offered for sale, on the premises, if fair, if not the first fair day,

"THAT valuable seat of land, late the property of Mr. Henry Williamson, containing by estimation four hundred acres. This land is of the first quality, about one half of which is covered with wood, and abounds with excellent timber; the improvements are very valuable, and it has every convenience; and as it is expected the person inclined to purchase will view the land before the day of sale, it renders a full detail unnecessary. The payments will be as easy as possible, which will be made known on the day of sale. An indisputable title will be given, and possession to take place in November. CHARLES WILLIAMSON"⁴ (Newspapers.com)

F. 13—12 April 1786—Indenture from Charles Williamson—to Frisby Freeland—for £1647—for land on the south side of the road from Lower Marlborough to All Saints Church—353a.—"The Den"—which Charles Williamson bought from his brother, Henry Williamson.⁵

¹ "Thomas Williamson in the North America, Family Histories, 1500." Ancestry <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/2636460:61157?indiv=try&h&db>. Accessed 13 May. 2022. Daughters of the American Revolution, Lineage Book, NSDAR: Volume 091: 1912

² Hunting Creek Hundred, by Hutchins, Ailene W., Copyright 1992, Prince Frederick MD. FHL 975.244 H2h

³ A History of Calvert County Maryland by Charles Francis Stein, Published by the author in cooperation with the Calvert County Historical Society, 1960. FHL 975.244 H2s. Charles Williamson on page 139.

⁴ Maryland Gazette, 15 Jul 1784, Thu, Page 3

⁵ Calvert County, Maryland Early Land Records. Hutchins, Ailene W. (Main Author), Select Printing, Dunkirk MD, 2

Maryland Gazette: “Anne Arundel county, June 2, 1790. I HEREBY forewarn all persons whatever from taking an assignment of my BOND given to captain CHARLES WILLIAMSON, of Calvert county, for a certain quantity of tobacco, payable at 15 shillings per hundred, as I am determined to pay no part or parcel thereof until a proper deed of conveyance can be made to a tract of land whereon I now live, late the property of Mr. Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county. Leonard Spicknall”

Unfortunately, the 1790 Federal census for Calvert County, does not exist⁶.

In the 1800 census⁷ (All Saints Parish, Calvert Co), it appears that all ten of the known children of Charles and Mary Williamson, are living at home. Charles is 52 and Mary about 54. The children and their approximate ages are Ann (25), John (24), James (21), Elizabeth (18), Sarah (15), Charles (13), Henry (11), Mary (10), Thomas (9), and Rebecca (4).

Maryland Gazette (Annapolis MD) 24 Sep 1801, Thu, Page 3:

“By virtue of two writs of *venditioni exponas*, issued from the honourable judges of the general court for the western shore of Maryland, and to me directed, I shall OFFER at PUBLIC SALE, on Friday 9th of October next, on the premises,

PART of a tract of land supposed to contain two hundred and fifty aces, called the DENN, including the dwelling and out houses; taken as the property of captain Charles Williamson, and sold to satisfy a judgment due Henry Townsend and Benjamin Stoddart, Esquires, surviving executors of the rev. Alexander Williamson. Also part of a tract of land called the DEN and KITTLE, supposed to contain two hundred and fifty acres; taken as the property of capt. Charles Williamson, and sold to satisfy a judgment due Joseph Wilkinson, Esq; trustee for the creditors of Lock Chew. The above lands adjoin each other, and are as pleasantly situated as any in the county, very convenient to places of religious worship, surrounded by mills, and within two miles of a rising seminary for the education of youth. The land is well adapted to the growth of Indian corn, wheat, rye and tobacco, and is well enclosed, a sufficient quantity of timber and fire wood, a great proportion of fine meadow land, and a mill seat perhaps equal to any in the county; it has also a young flourishing orchard of 400 trees, just beginning to bear; added to all those advantages are the buildings which must (at a low estimation) have cost fifteen hundred pounds, they consist of a large and convenient dwelling house, elegantly finished, a new yard and garden, kitchen, study, milk, meat, corn, carriage, tobacco and cow houses, a school-house, and several negro quarters, all in good repair. I am authorized to say that capt. Charles Williamson will shew the above property to any person inclined to view it previous to the day of sale. The sale to commence at 12 o'clock, for READY MONEY. NATHAN SMITH, Sheriff of Calvert county. September 16, 1801” (Newspapers.com)

⁶ Maryland State Archives, <http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/viewer.aspx?page=census>

⁷ "United States Census, 1800," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XH5R-PFN> : accessed 20 June 2022), Charles Williamson, All Saints Parish, Calvert, Maryland, United States

In the 1810 census⁸ (Calvert Co), it seems that the children, now mostly grown, have lost both of their parents, their father three years before. The Williamson household is now enumerated in John's name, being the eldest son, now 34 years old. The others appear to be his brother, Charles, age 23, and three of his sisters, Elizabeth, 28, Sarah, 25, and Rebecca, 14. There are two other females between the ages of 10 and 15. Sister, Ann, married about 1804 and lived her life in Baltimore MD. Mary, known as 'Polly', had recently married and remained in the area.

F.488—16 May 1814—Richard H. Harwood of Anne Arundel County, Md.—to John Sunderland—for \$1116.—part of “Sterling’s Nest” heretofore sold by Charles Williamson to Benjamin Sunderland—135 a.2r.20p by plat made by P. Hellen 20 Oct 1797 for Charles Williamson.⁹

Children: Thomas became “a surgeon who entered the U.S. Navy in 1813 and later became medical director of the nation's first naval hospital, Portsmouth Naval Hospital”¹⁰. Sarah (Sally) married in about 1814 and seems to have stayed in the area. ‘Dr.’ Charles went south to Baldwin County GA and married there in 1815.

It seems that John and two of his sisters, Elizabeth and Rebecca, migrated from Maryland to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, probably in 1811, since the 1810 census household is in his name and where he married in January of 1812 in Jefferson County KY. Elizabeth married in June of the same year, and Rebecca in 1815, both also in Jefferson County.

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Corrections and additional information are welcome.

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⁸ "John Williamson in the 1810 United States Federal Census." Ancestry https://www.ancestry.co.uk/discoveryui-content/view/80187:7613?indiv=try&h&_phsrc=WCo7453&db. Accessed 18 Jun. 2022.

⁹ Calvert County, Maryland Early Land Records. Hutchins, Ailene W. (Main Author), Select Printing, Dunkirk MD, 89

¹⁰ Find a Grave contributor, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/37652891/thomas-williamson>