# THE STELL FAMILY OF DINWIDDIE AND ADJACENT COUNTIES, VIRGINIA -A FACT SHEET prepared by Reiley Kidd, MD 2009

My earliest documented Stell ancestors are George Stell, born 30 Sept. 1775, his wife Charity Leach Stell, whom he married in 1795, and their daughter Mary Ann Stell, born 24 April 1806. Mary Ann Stell married William Kidd in Dinwiddie Co. VA 14 June 1826. She was his second wife, and bore 15 children before her death in 1859, in Tippah Co. MS.

I'm reasonably sure that George Stell's father was Dennis Stell of Dinwiddie Co., VA, for reasons set forth in this document (see Dennis Stell's section).

What follows is a compilation of the facts I have gathered about the every Stell of Dinwiddie and adjacent counties during the colonial period and up to 1850, arranged alphabetically. I put this together in hopes of getting a better picture of the various generations, of grouping the individuals by generation or family group, and of eventually understanding how they relate to each other, and to their descendants.

Feel free to share this widely, with anyone who is interested in the Stell surname. Also feel free to write the compiler with corrections, additions or other comments. I want to have this information as precise and accurate as possible, and the more input, the better, particularly input backed up with sources and specifics.

#### EARLY LAND RECORDS

The STELL family was one of the earliest settlers in Dinwiddie County, receiving original land patents before Dinwiddie County was formed from Prince George County (in 1752). Patents are original land grants, issued in the name of the King. Land once patented was thereafter transferred by deed or will, recorded in the respective County Clerk's office. Before the revolution, ownership was by fee tail, meaning that it passed in entirety from owner to eldest son by operation of law.

A George Stell was granted land on Bear Swamp<sup>1</sup> in Prince George Co. in 1723. Judging from the below, he was already living in the area.<sup>2</sup> I believe that this is our ancestor, since future generations in Dinwiddie also left records of Bear Swamp Plantation. Bear Swamp Creek is in north-central Dinwiddie, originating SE of Ford, VA and flowing south into White Oak Creek.<sup>3</sup>

Dinwiddie is among the "burned record counties" of VA - the courthouse records were burned several times, the worst in 1835, at which time nearly all earlier records were lost.

STELL, John250 acresSept. 22, 1722PB 18, pg 409On the upper side of Bear Swamp, adjoining George Stell.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Bear Swamp, where George Stell owned land, runs into White Oak Creek from the West. It is found on the Hargrave 1827 map of Dinwiddie County, found in the manuscript room of the Virginia State Library (copy in RK's file). There was a "Leach's Tavern" in this vicinity at the time this map was made. (Recall that George Stell married Charity Leach, the daughter of John Leach, and that John Leach and later his widow had a license to operate a Tavern in Dinwiddie County.)

<sup>2.</sup> cited in Dinwiddie County: Carrefour of the Commonwealth, by Richard L. Jones, Whittet & Shepperson, publishers, 1976, p. 393 (in "Alphabetical Index of Land Patents and Virginia State Grants"); see text above.

<sup>3</sup> Dinwiddie County: Carrefour of the Commonwealth, by Richard L. Jones. Whittet and Shepperson, Richmond, VA, 1976, p.37.

 STELL, George
 225 acres

 Sept. 5, 1723
 P.B. 11, p. 212

 Both sides of Bear Swamp adjoining the land he now lives on, on a great branch below his house in Thompson,

 Stapley's line to Charles Havell's corner.

STELL, George100 acresJan. 2, 1737P.B. 17, 428On the N. side of Bear Swamp adjoining the land whereon he lives.

STELL, George Jr.	200 acres
Jan. 2, 1737	PB 17, p. 428
On the north side of White Oak	Swamp, adj. John Elliss' line.

1745 - Samuel Vaughan, 317 acs., Pr. Geo. Co., on the lower side of George's Br. of Nammiseen Cr.; adj. Eppes, Boiseau, Stell, Mayes, Tatum, Wells, Griffin, & Vaughan; 20 Sept. 1745, p. 534, £1.S15.<sup>4</sup>

STELL, George400 acresJuly 25, 1746PB 25, pg. 160On the north side of Bear Swamp

STELL, George Jr.200 acresSept. 5, 1749PB 27, p. 414On the N. sice of Bear Swamp adjoining Featherstone, Mayes, and others.

INDIVIDUAL STELLS of southern VA (in alphabetical order):

STELL (first name not given):

- 1748 Stephen Dewey granted 408 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on the N side of White Oak Swamp, by the Road; adj. Jordan, his own old line, James Hall, Stell, & Roger Moor; 5 Apr. 1748. 5 Shill. £2.S5. 108 acs. part formerly gtd. Robert Davis by Pat. 13 Nov. 1721 [PB 11, p. 78] which for want of cultiv. and Improv. on the petition of sd. Stephen Dewey was by Judgment of the General Court 21 Apr 1744 adjudged to be forfeited and vested again in us <sup>5</sup>
- 1749 Matthew Wills, 400 acs. Pr. Geo. Co lying bet. the Brs. of Bear Sw. and Hatcher's Run, in a slash, adj. John Mayes & Stell; 20 May 1749. £2.<sup>6</sup>
- <u>Angelica Stell</u> daughter of George and Ann Stell, b. 18 Dec. 1718, baptised 25 August 1722.<sup>7</sup> No further information.

<u>Charity Leach Stell</u> - Born September 20, 1775;<sup>8</sup> was the wife of George Stell. Died Feb. 12, 1808, at the age of 32, after losing a child in childbirth Jan 26, 1808. <sup>9</sup>

<sup>8</sup> George Stell's almanac, maintained by Charity's husband, is the source of this birth date.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, vol. 5, p. 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, vol. 5, p.258, PB 26, p. 439.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, vol. 5, p.285, PB 27, p. 198.

<sup>7</sup> The Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinwiddie Counties, Virginia, by John B. Boddie, Geneal Publ. Co. (SPL), "Births 1720-1792," p. 362.

- Charles Stell born before 1766,<sup>10</sup> perhaps well before; died in Dinwiddie Co., VA in 1779 or early 1800.<sup>11</sup>
   In age and in property, he is a contemporary and presumed relative, perhaps brother, to Shadrack, George, and Dennis Stell. His date of birth is impossible to calculate with any certainty, due to the lack of a birth record from church records, and the loss of the 1790 and 1800 federal censuses in Virginia, and the fact that he can't be found in 1800 or thereafter.
   Judging from the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs and Land Tax Lists below, he had no surviving male offspring, and died by 1799 or early 1800.
   Since he gained land belonging to George Stell by 1787, he may have been the son of George.
- 1782-1799 he appears annually on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists. In 1782, he owned 240 acres "on Bear Swamp."<sup>12</sup> By 1787 (the next year a Land Tax List is available), he has added another 240 acres, and this second parcel is "Land formerly Geo. Stell's."<sup>13</sup> He continues to be taxed for these two parcels of land through 1799; in 1800, his entry reads, "Charles Stell, Estate;" he has died in the past twelve months. This estate continues to be listed annually on the Land Tax Lists through at least 1823, because his widow survived him. For some reason, she remains unnamed, and the land stays in his name.
- 1782 he appears on the Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1782.<sup>14</sup> Also on this list are Mary Stell, John Stell, George Stell and Shadrack Stell.
  Charles also appears on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Land Tax List for 1782, the first year for which this list is available; he is taxed on 240 acres.
- 1784 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co., VA (list of Philip Jones) includes Dennis, **Charles**, Shadrack, and George Stell.<sup>15</sup> Charles is taxed for 1 FWM, 1 slave, 4 under-age slaves, 3 horses and 14 cattle.
- 1785 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co. VA (list of John Jones) includes Charles, George, Shadrick, Mary and Dennis Stell.<sup>16</sup> Charles was taxed on 1 FWM, 1 slave over 16, 4 under-age slaves, 2 horses and 13 cattle.
- 1786 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Edward Pegram) included Charles, Shadrack and Dennis Stell.<sup>17</sup> Charles was taxed on 1 FWM, 3 slaves, 5 under-age slaves, 3 horses and 24 cattle. He's the wealthiest of the three, in terms of property.
- 1787 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Edward Pegram) included Charles, Shadrack, Mary and Dennis Stell.<sup>18</sup> Charles was taxed on himself, 3 slaves over 16, 6 slaves under 16, 4 horses and 16 cattle. Charles also appears with these other individuals on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year (the Land Tax Lists for 1783-1786 evidently have been lost, and are not on the FHC microfilm of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Appears on the 1782 Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (the earliest year these PPTLs are available for Dinwiddie Co., unfortunately); to appear on the list, a man had to be 16 or older. He could have been significantly older.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The Dinwiddie County, VA Land Tax Lists show him annually from 1782 (the first year those records are available) through 1799, and list "Charles Stell's Estate" thereafter, until the death of his widow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> We learn the location of his land holdings from 1813 and later tax lists, which included a description of the location of the land, and the bearing and distance of the land from the county courthouse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Dinwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782-1804, FHL microfilm 0029920, William Watts' list.

<sup>14</sup> one free male tithe, 1 negro tithe, 3 negroes under age, 3 horses, 16 cattle. Found in 26W(1) 105.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK June 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> As above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Ibid.

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these records). In addition to the 240 acres he owned in 1782 (the last year these records are available for), he is ALSO taxed on 240 acres of "land formerly Geo. Stell's".<sup>19</sup> I believe that this is circumstantial evidence that Charles was the son of this George Stell, who died between 1785 and 1786.

- 1788 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Shadrack, Dennis, and Charles Stell.<sup>20</sup> Charles was taxed for himself and another FWM, Thomas Hardy; 4 slaves over 16 and none under 16, and 4 horses.
  The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of William Watts) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.<sup>21</sup>
- 1789 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes **Charles**, Dennis and Shadrack Stell.<sup>22</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 4 slaves over 16 and none under 16, and 3 horses. The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of William Watts) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.<sup>23</sup>
- 1790 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell.<sup>24</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 4 slaves over 16 and one under 16, and 5 horses. The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of William Watts) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.
- 1791 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrack Stell.<sup>25</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 4 slaves over 16 and 1 less than 16, and 5 horses.
   The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of William Watts) shows Charles Stell taxed on

two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.

- 1792 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>26</sup> Charles is taxed for himself, no other FWM, 4 slaves over 16 and 1 under 16, 5 horses, one stud horse and one carriage.
  The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of William Watts) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.
- 1793 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>27</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 5 slaves over 16 and one under 16; and 5 horses.

The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of William Watts) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.

- <sup>27</sup> Ibid.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  lbid. The 1788 Dinwiddie PPTL is the first one to list other FWM over 16 in the HH.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Ibid.

1794 – the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes **Charles**, Dennis and Shadrach Stell.<sup>28</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 4 slaves over 16 and 1 under 16, 5 horses, and 1 carriage.

The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of Daniel Pegram) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.

- 1795 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) again includes **Charles**, Dennis, Mary and Shadrach Stell.<sup>29</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and for Benjamin Tucker (another FWM over 16), 4 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16, and 6 horses.
  The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of Daniel Pegram) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.
- 1796 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram includes **Charles**, Dennis, John, Joseph and Shadrach, but not Mary Stell.<sup>30</sup> Charles is taxed for himself and Benjamin Tucker, 4 slaves over 16 and 2 under, 6 horses and a carriage.
  The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of Daniel Pegram) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.
- 1797 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, John and Shadrach STELL, and Dennis and George STILL.<sup>31</sup> Charles is taxed for himself, 4 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16; 4 horses and one stud horse.
  The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of Daniel Pegram) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.
- 1798 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes **Charles**, John and Shadrach Stell.<sup>32</sup> Charles paid the tax for himself, 4 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16 years of age; 4 horses, and one carriage.

The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of Daniel Pegram) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.

1799 – the Dinwiddie Co VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) included the following:<sup>33</sup>
Charles Stell – 5 slaves over 16 & 2 under 16; 5 horses; 1 carriage. John Stell – for self only, no property (no horse).
R. John Stell – for self and one horse. Joseph Stell – self only (no property). Josiah Sell – self only (no property). Shadrach Stell – for self and George W. Stell, 1 slave over 16 and 3 horses.

The Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax list for this year (list of Daniel Pegram) shows Charles Stell taxed on two separate parcels of land, both of 240 acres.

1800, ff. - Charles Stell no longer appears in Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs. The Land Tax Lists now show "Charles Stell's estate." He died in the past 12 months. It would appear that he had no male heirs, as his land doesn't turn up in the hands of others.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Dinnwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by RK at the Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK at Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

#### Clement Stell -

1651 - was among 15 persons transported to Virginia by Lieut. Col. Giles Brent, for which Brent received 768 acres in Northumberland Co., 20 Aug., 1651.<sup>34</sup> No further information.

- **Daniel Stell1** born by 1819 (over 16 in 1835), and perhaps earlier. Possibly the brother of Robert T. and William B. Stell, and the son of Sarah T. Stell, judging by proximity. See their Notes.
- 1835 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1835 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12 (this is the first appearance of Daniel Stell) Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$25
- 1835 The Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds Grantors shows that Daniel Stell granted a Deed of Trust to Benjamin J. Vaughn on Nov. 16, 1835.<sup>35</sup>
- 1836 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1836 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. – 2 slaves over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 6 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12, no horses
- 1836 The Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds Grantors shows that Daniel Stell granted a Deed of Trust to Benjamin J. Vaughn on June 20, 1836.<sup>36</sup>
- 1837 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes:
  Daniel Stell taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse.
  Robert T. Stell taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 1 horse.
  Shadrack Stell taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and
  William B. Stell taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes:
  Daniel Stell taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse,
  Robert T. Stell taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 2 horses,
  Shadrack Stell JR. taxed for no slaves and 1 horse,
  Shadrack Stell SR. taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and
  William B. Stell taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes:
  Daniel Stell taxed for 1 slave over 12 and 2 horses,
  Robert T. Stell taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 3 horses,
  Shadrack Stell taxed for no slaves and 1 horse,
  Shadrack Stell's Estate taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and
  William B. Stell taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.
- 1840 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL includes Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12, 3 horses, and one carriage,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, Vol. 1, p. 218, citing Patent book 2, p. 333.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> DB 1, p. 309.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> DB 1, p. 411.

**Daniel** Stell – taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.

- 1840 on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 8, near William B. Stell and Sarah T. Stell.<sup>37</sup>
  In his household are one male 5-9 and one (Daniel) 30-39; 3 females under 5, and one (his wife, most likely) 20-29. Also there are 1 free colored female under 10, and two female slaves, one under 10 and one 10-23 years old.
  He is similar in age to William B. Stell and Robert T. Stell, living nearby. Are they his brothers? Is Sarah his mother???
- 1841 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year includes Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12, 3 horses, and one carriage, Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse, and William B. Stell – taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse.
- 1843 there are TWO mentions of Daniel Stell in the General Index to Deeds of Dinwiddie Co., VA in this year. In both instances, Daniel Stell is the grantee (purchaser) of land.<sup>38</sup> The same year in grants a deed of trust (along with Nancy Stell, presumably his wife) to Jno. H. Heath.<sup>39</sup>
- 1844, ff. I find no further mention of Daniel Stell in Dinwiddie Co. VA records. Nor can I find him elsewhere on the 1850 federal census (under either Still or Stell). I suspect that he has died by 1844.
- 1860 on the federal census in Petersburg (independent city), Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 393, in the HH of Jn. H. Anderson, a miller and his family. This Daniel Stell is 49WM (so b. abt. 1811) born in VA, and is also a miller.

## Daniel Stell(2)

- 1841 –there was apparently ANOTHER, younger Daniel Stell, mentioned as a minor in the care of Archer Bevill, in January 1841.<sup>40</sup> This Daniel is named as the GRANDSON of Shadrack Stell in his 1838 Dinwiddie Co., VA will. I'm not sure whose son he is at this point.
- 1845 the General Index to Deeds for Dinwiddie Co., VA shows a Deed granted by the trustee for Daniel Stell to Richard Weeks, dated July 21, 1845.<sup>41</sup> This deed may be for the Daniel that was a juvenile, and the grandson of Shadrack Stell Sr., not the adult Daniel.

No further records found, in VA or elsewhere.

Dennis Stell - I believe that he is the father of RK's George Stell (1775- aft. 1822), and the man John Dennis Stell, son of our George Stell, is named after.
 His date of birth is uncertain, and difficult to even estimate, due to the loss of the 1790 and 1800 federal censuses during the War of 1812. <u>He was born at least by 1754</u>, since his son George was born in 1775, and Dennis was likely at least 21 years old at that time, and possibly older.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Although indexed as Daniel STILL, I read it as Stell. The census enumerator clearly dotted his "i"s, and none of the Stells on this page have a dot over the vowel in their last name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> RK has not pursued these documents. Both were dated Nov. 4, 1843. In one, AJ Bevill et all deed (land?) to Daniel [DB 4, p. 173]; the other is a Release Deed brom BJ Vaughan, Trustee to Daniel [DW4, p. 174].
<sup>39</sup> DB 4, p. 190.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Dinwiddie Co., VA Will Book 3, pp. 117-120, disbursements from the estate of Tabitha Stell, deceased. <sup>41</sup> DB 4, p. 686.

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<u>He died between the spring of 1816</u> (when he appeared for the last time on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists) <u>and the following spring.</u> He is a contemporary of Charles, Shadrack, and George Stell, Jr., and they may all be brothers. See these men's Notes in this document.

- 1782 –he is named in <u>Taxpayers of Virginia, 1782-1787</u>, in Dinwiddie Co. VA.<sup>42</sup>
  He is also named in the Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1782.<sup>43</sup>
  He ALSO appears on the 1782 Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List, taxed for 225 acres of land.<sup>44</sup>
- 1784 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co., VA (list of Philip Jones) includes **Dennis**, Charles, Shadrack, and George Stell.<sup>45</sup> Dennis is taxed for 1 FWM, 1 slave, 5 under-age slaves, 4 horses and 10 cattle.
- 1785 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co. VA (list of John Jones) includes Charles, George, Shadrick, Mary and **Dennis** Stell.<sup>46</sup> Dennis was taxed on 1 FWM, 1 slave, 5 under-age slaves, 4 horses and 8 cattle.
- 1786 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Edward Pegram) included Charles, Shadrack and **Dennis Stell**.<sup>47</sup> Charles was taxed on 1 FWM, 3 slaves, 5 under-age slaves, 3 horses and 24 cattle. He's the wealthiest of the three, in terms of property. Dennis was taxed on 1 FWM, 3 slaves, 6 under-age slaves, 3 horses and 11 cattle.
- 1787 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Shadrack, **Dennis**, Charles, and Mary Stell.<sup>48</sup> Dennis was taxed for himself, no other FWM, 3 slaves over 16, 8 slaves under 16, 3 horses and 18 cattle.

Dennis also appears on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year.<sup>49</sup> In addition to the 225 acres he was previously taxed for in 1782, in the interim (the Land Tax Lists for 1783-1786 no longer exist), he has added 131 acres, apparently purchased from James Butler.<sup>50</sup>

- 1788 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Shadrack, Dennis, and Charles Stell.<sup>51</sup> Dennis was taxed for himself and no other FWM over 16, 3 slaves over 16 and 3 under 16, and 3 horses.
  On the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres,
- respectively. 1789 – the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, **Dennis** and Shadrack Stell.<sup>52</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 4 slaves over 16 and 2 under age, and 3 horses.

<sup>52</sup> Ibid.

<sup>42</sup> Seattle Public Library, R929/F82V.

<sup>43</sup> One free male tithe, 1 negro tithe, 4 negroes under age, 3 horses, 11 cattle. Found in 26W(1) 104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK June 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> As above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, reviewed at the Bellevue FHC June 2009 by RK. See his Notes in Dinwiddie Co. folder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> The entry for this tax just lists the word "Butler's" after Dennis Stell's name; other similar entries for other individuals with such a notation also include the notation, "conveyed by James Butler."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Ibid. The 1788 Dinwiddie PPTL is the first one to list other FWM over 16 in the HH.

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On the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.

- 1790 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell.<sup>53</sup>
   Dennis is taxed for himself, no other FWM, 5 slaves over 16 and 1 under 16, and 3 horses.
   Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1791 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrack Stell.<sup>54</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and no other FWM, 6 slaves over 16, and 5 horses.
   Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1792 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>55</sup> <u>Dennis is taxed for himself AND for George Stell, another FWM over 16 (his son, just turned 16?</u>), 6 slaves over 16, and 5 horses.
  These lists have included the NAMES of other FWM over 16 since 1788, so this George just turned 16 within the year.
  Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1793 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>56</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and for George Stell, for 6 slaves over 16 and one less than 16, and 4 horses.
  Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1794 On the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1795 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) again includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrach Stell.<sup>57</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and George Stell, 6 slaves over 16 and 1 under 16, and 5 horses.
  Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1796 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram includes Charles, **Dennis**, John, Joseph and Shadrach, but not Mary Stell.<sup>58</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and George Stell, 6 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16, and 5 horses.
  Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.
- 1797 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, John and Shadrach STELL, and **Dennis** and George STILL.<sup>59</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and John Meanly (another FWM)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Dinnwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by RK at the Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

over 16), 6 slaves over 16 and 1 under 16, and 4 horses. George Stell (his son?) is now out on his own.

Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively.

1798 – the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Braddock Goodwyn) includes **Dennis** Stell and no other Stells (Charles, John and Shadrach Stell appeared on Daniel Pegram's list during this year). Dennis paid tax for himself, Isaac Meanly and George Stell, along with 7 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16 years of age, and 6 horses.<sup>60</sup>

Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres, respectively. In addition, he's added another parcel of 20 acres, for which he's taxed.

- 1799 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Braddock Goodwin) includes **Dennis** Stell and no others. Dennis paid the tax for himself and George Stell, along with Isaac Meanly, as well as for 7 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16, seven horses and two carriages.
  Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225, 131, and 20 acres, respectively.
- 1800 appears on Dinwiddie Co., VA Tax List, with "George Stell, over 16" (his son?) in his house.<sup>61</sup>
  Looking at the actual microfilm for the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List for this year, Dennis appears in the list of Braddock Goodwyn (the only Stell on this list):
  Dennis Stell paid tax for himself & George Stell, 9 blacks >16 & 2 12-16; 7 horses & 2 wheels.

Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225, 131, and 20 acres, respectively.

1801 - on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Braddock Goodwyn: Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself & George Stell, 9 blacks over 16 & 2 12-16; 6 horses & two carriage wheels.

Also on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225, 131, and 20 acres, respectively, all in the district of Joseph Boisseau (who took over Daniel Pegram's district in 1800)

In addition he has a 4th parcel of land, 331 acres, purchased from William Thompson. This land is in Braddock Goodwyn's district. Given his PPTL listing, he's moved to the other district.

1802 - on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Braddock Goodwyn:

Dennis Stell - paid tax for self & George Stell, 10 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 7 horses & 2 carriage wheels.

He appears on BOTH Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists again this year, taxed for 331 acres in Braddock Goodwyn's district, and parcels of 225 and 131 acres in Joseph Boisseau's district.

It appears that in the past year he has conveyed the smaller parcel (listed this year as 25 acres) "to the orphans of Charles Booth," the notation by his entries, and confirmed under Charles Booth's name on the 1802 list in Joseph Boisseau's district.<sup>62</sup>

1803 - on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Braddock Goodwyn: (Dennis Stell is not on this list for this year; his presumed son, George Stell, is out on his own, in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by Reiley Kidd at the Bellevue, WA FHC in June 2009. See RK's Dinwiddie Co. VA file.

<sup>61</sup> Virginia Genealogist, v. 18, pp. 254, 1974: "List of Braddock Goodwin.....Stell, Dennis (& George Stell, over 16), 7 horses, 9 slaves over 16, 2 slaves 12-16, and 2-wheel carriage."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

other district in the county.)

However he IS on both the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists for this year, again taxed on parcels of 225 and 131 acres respectively in Joseph Boisseau's district, and on 171 acres in Braddock Goodwyn's district. In the past year he has conveyed 160 acres of this parcel to William Vaughn, Ir.63

1804 - on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Braddock Goodwyn: Dennis Stell - paid tax for self, 7 slaves over 16 & 1 12-16, 5 horses and 2 wheels.

He again appears on both Land Tax Lists for Dinwiddie Co., taxed for the parcels of 225 and 131 acres in Joseph Boisseau's district, and on tracts of 277 acres ("Thompson's old Tract" according to the notation) and 54 acres (conv. by William Vaughn) in Braddock Goodwyn's district.<sup>64</sup>

1805 - on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward H. Pegram ( who took over the list of Braddock Goodwyn):

Dennis Stell - paid tax for self, 7 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 3 horses & 2 wheels.

- 1806 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward W. Pegram: Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself, 6 slaves over 16 & 1 12-16, 4 horses & two wheels.
- 1807 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward W. Pegram: **Dennis Stell** - paid tax for self, 6 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 4 horses & 2 carriage wheels.
- 1808 no Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, due to budget surplus.
- 1809 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott (who took over Edward Pegram's list): **Dennis Stell** - paid for self, 6 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 4 horses & 2 wheels.
- 1810 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott: Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself, 9 slaves over 16, 3 horses, and 2 wheels.

1810 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 160:

1. 15 Dennis Stell - 1 male over 45; 1 female 10-15 and one 25-44. 1. 24 George Stell - 1 male 0-9, 1 10-15 & 1 26-44; 3F 0-9, one 10-15 & 1 26-44.

There is ALSO a Dennis STILL on the 1810 census in Petersburg, Dinwiddie Co., VA, but no entries are made on the line his name appears on. Not sure what to make of this, OTHER than that he may have lived or owned a residence in Petersburg. This is another place to look for records of him.

- 1811 no Dennis Stell in either district on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs for 1811.
- 1812 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott: **Dennis STILL** - paid tax for self, 10 blacks >16, 4 horses & 2 wheels.
- 1813 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott: Dennis Stell - paid tax for self, 8 slaves >16, 4 horses and a carriage valued at \$100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009. Stell.doc

- 1814 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott:Dennis Stell paid tax for self, 7 slaves >16, 4 horses and a carriage worth \$100.
- 1815 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott:
   Dennis Stell paid tax on self, 8 blacks >16 & 1 9-12, 4 horses, 9 cattle, 1 gig worth \$60, 1 piece of silver, and one chest of drawers. (This was the only year in which they assessed cattle, silver, and furniture.
- 1816 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott:Dennis Stell paid tax for himself, 7 blacks >16, 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$50.
- 1817 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, in the list of Edward Scott:
  Dennis Stell "(Estate)" no free males, 1 black >16 & 1 12-16, 1 horse.
  [Dennis evidently died in the last 12 months, since the 1816 tax list was made in the Spring.]
- Dennis Stell ceases to appear on the Dinwiddie Co. VA tax records and censuses after this time. Unfortunately, due to multiple Courthouse fires and other record losses, there are almost no probate records for Dinwiddie County prior to 1830,<sup>65</sup> so no probate record can be found for him. However, with his death, his presumed George Stell starts a new, more prosperous time for himself, with more slaves. I think that this is circumstantial evidence for Dennis being the father of George Stell (1775-1822).

Edward Stell, son of George and Charity Leach Stell, was born April 25th 1804.66

1822 - named as the son of George Stell in George's 1822 will.

No further information. I cannot find him on the federal censuses or Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax records, and suspect that he died young.

Eliza Stell, daughter of George and Charity Leach Stell, was born April 24th, 1801.<sup>67</sup>

1822 - named in her father's will, still single.

No further information.

# Elizabeth Stells (more than one)

- 1800 an Elizabeth Stell, "daughter of John and Mary Stell" was named as a member of "one of the families who moved from Dinwiddie Co. VA to Wake Co., NC 1790-1800. Married Newsom Watkins in NC 1819." 68
- 1802 Elizabeth, daughter of George and Charity Leach Stell, was born July 23, 1802.<sup>69</sup> She's mentioned in her father's 1822 will as "Betsey Morgan," so she'd married a Morgan by the date the will was written. The author has a photocopy of this will. No further information on her or her descendants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> The LDS shows only loose wills and will fragments prior to 1830; the Dinwiddie Co. Will Books and Index start in 1830. I've not searched the microfilm of loose wills yet (Aug. 2009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> The George Stell almanac, written by his father.

<sup>67</sup> George Stell almanac.

<sup>68</sup> Virginia Genealogist 1:142, 1957: query from Miss Margaret Wheeler, 2018 N. Francis St., Sherman, TX. 69 George Stell almanac.

- 1820 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, living alone and age 26-44. <sup>70</sup> Also listed are George Stell, John and Joseph and Shadrick (sic) Stell.
- 1850 an Elizabeth Stell, age 45, is on Dinwiddie Co. federal census in the city of Petersburg. In her household are Martha, 23F, Hedura(?), 20F, Eliza, 15F, and Henrietta, 8F. <sup>71</sup>
- 1851 the General Index to Deeds for Dinwiddie Co., VA lists a deed from George W. Stell, Elizabeth Stell, and Mary D. Stell to Thomas A. Farley, dated June 12, 1851.<sup>72</sup>

Frances Stell/Still (more than one - I've segregated them arbitrarily below)

## Early Frances Still

1740 - William Still, son of Richard Cross and Francis Still (sic) b. April 13, 1740 in Bristol Parish.<sup>73</sup>

## Frances Stell, widow of George Stell

- 1767 the will of <u>William Featherstone</u>, dated 22 Aug 1767 and probated 27 April 1769, names "daughter Frances Stell." <sup>74</sup> She was the wife of an early George Stell (see below).
   The surname of <u>Featherstone</u> appears frequently in association with the Stells. Search this document for other mentions to find other connections.
- 1779 the will of George Stell of Amelia Co. VA, dated 10 Dec 1779, names wife <u>Frances</u>, and children Jeremiah and Martha. <sup>75</sup> Wife Frances appointed executor 27 July 1780.<sup>76</sup>

Another, different Frances Stell - Widow of Joseph Stell?

- 1841 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year lists for the first time a Frances STILL, on the list of Hubbard Wyatt. She paid the tax for no slaves and 1 horse.This appears to be the widow of Joseph Still/Stell, who appeared on this same list in prior years, but not thereafter.
- No further information. I do not find her on the 1850 census, as Stell or Still. She's apparently died, or remarried.

# George Stells (more than one individual)

## EARLY George Stells

1669 - Mr. Daniel Foxcraft granted a patent for 600 acs. Accomack Co., S. side Pocomoke riv., adj. Wm. Chafe (Chase) over the Cattale pond, &c.30 Oct. 1669, for trans. of 12 persons, including Geo. STILE.<sup>77</sup>

<sup>70 1820</sup> Dinwiddie Co. federal census. This census was enumerated by the first letter of the surname, and thus provides NO information about geographic proximity of those listed.

<sup>71</sup> p**. 703.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> DB 7, p. 97.

<sup>73</sup> The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789, by Chamberlayne, CG, Richmond, VA, 1898 (VSLA), p. 367.

<sup>74</sup> Amelia Co. VA Will Book 2X, 1761-1771, p 236 (276?).

<sup>75</sup> Amelia Co. WB 2, p. 370.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Amelia Co. Order Book 15, p. 3, abstracted in *Amelia Co. WB 4*, by Bel Hubbard Wise, p. 48.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 2, p. 68, citiing PB 6, p. 267.

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- 1718-1722 **George** and Ann Stell of VA had a daughter, Angelica Stell, b. 18 Dec 1718, baptised 25 Aug 1722, and a son James Stell, born 17 April 1720, baptised 25 Aug 1722. <sup>78</sup>
- 1722 Charles Howell granted a patent for 100 acs. (N.L.) Pr. Geo. Co., on both sides of Bear Sw., above George Still's (sic) corn field; crossing the Licking Place Br, 22 June 1722. 10 Shill.<sup>79</sup>
- 1723 George Stell granted a patent on 225 acs. (N.L.) Pr. Geo. Co., on both sides of Bear Swamp, adj. land he lives on, on a gr. branch below his house, in Thompson Stapley's line; to Charles Howel's corner, 5 Sept. 1723, p. 212. 25 Shill.<sup>80</sup>
- 1727 George Stell and James Grigg were given procession orders for the land of White Oak and Bare's (Bear) Swamp.<sup>81</sup>
- 1731 George Stell and Roger More ordered to procession "from the Butterwood Road up the N. side of White Oak to ye extent as far as Nemussens (Namozine) and the head of Whipponock Creek, Aug. 31, 1731.<sup>82</sup>
- 1735 George Stell and Roger More ordered to procession, as above 4 years earlier.<sup>83</sup>
- 1737 a George Stell received a patent for 100 acres in Prince George Co. VA (the parent county of Dinwiddie and Amelia Co.s, formed in 1752 and 1734, respectively), "on the N. side of Bear Swamp, adjacent to the land whereon he now lives," 2 Jan 1737/38, 10 shillings. <sup>84</sup>
- 1737 a **George Stell, Jr**. received a patent for 200 acres in Prince George Co., on the N. side of White Oak Swamp, adj. John Ellis, 2 Jan 1737/38, £ 1. <sup>85</sup>
- 1739 George Still (sic) and Roger Moore ordered to process, as in 1735.86

also, on 22 Sept. 1739, <u>William Featherstone</u> was granted 200 acres in Prince George Co. "on both sides Beaver Swamp, adj. Charles Howell, **George Still** (sic), and Standly.<sup>87</sup>

1740 - a **George Stell, Jr**. received a patent on 189 acres in Amelia Co. on the upper side of the Middle Seller fork of Deep Creek, adj. Duncomb Hammonds, Geo. Stell, Frances Raney, and Williams, 1 Dec

83 The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789, by Chamberlayne, CG, Richmond, VA, 1898 (VSLA), p. 78. The transcript of this entry says, "Sept. 15, 1735 Processions:

<sup>78</sup> in Births, 1720-1792 from Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinwiddie Co. VA, at Seattle Public Library, 929.3755/B776B.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 3, p. 236, citiing PB 11, p. 126.

<sup>80</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 3, p. 247, citiing PB 11, p. 212.

<sup>81</sup> The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789, by Chamberlayne, CG, Richmond, VA, 1898 (VSLA), p. 35: 24 July, 1727, "at a vestry held at the Ferry Chapple". Procession orders were periodic walks of property boundaries by local residents, and were a way of avoiding or resolving property disputes.

<sup>82</sup> The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789, by Chamberlayne, CG, Richmond, VA, 1898 (VSLA), p. 56.

<sup>.....</sup>George Still and Rober Moore procession from Butterwood Road up the N. side of White Oak to an extent as far in as Namos. (Namozine Creek or community) and head of Whippenock..."

<sup>84</sup> Patent Book 17, p. 428, cited in Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 4, 1732-1741, p. 147.

<sup>85</sup> Patent Book 17, p. 428, cited in Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 4, 1732-1741, p. 147.

<sup>86</sup> The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia, 1720-1789, by Chamberlayne, CG, Richmond, VA, 1898 (VSLA), p. 93.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Patent Book 18, p. 380, cited in Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 4, 1732-1741, p. 197. Stell.doc Page 14

1740.<sup>88</sup>

There may be other entries for George Stell AND George Stell Jr. in these Land Patent Records. 89

- 1746 George Stell received a patent on 400 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on the N. side of Bear Swamp, adj. Staple's, alias his own old line: 25 Jul 1746, p. 160. 100 acs. part formerly granted said Stell by Pat. 2 Jan. 1737/38 [PB 17, p. 428] and 300 acs. the Residue never before Gtd. [Staple's = Thompson Stapley's PB 10, p. 337, above the Occonunche Path].<sup>90</sup>
- 1746 WILLIAM CROSS 300 granted acs. Pr.Geo.Co. on the upper side of <u>Stells</u> br.of Bear Sw., adj. **George Stell**, John Bradshaw & Christopher Rowland; 5 Jun. 1746, p.93 - 1 pound, 10 shilling.<sup>91</sup>
- 1749 George Stell, Jr. granted a patent for 200 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on the N side of Bear Sw.; adj. Cross, his own old line, <u>Featherstone</u>, Mayes & Tatum; 5 Sep 1749. £1.92
- 1750 the 1750 will of John Moor mentions "**George Still's** line and Dunkam (Duncan?) Hammon's line."

John Eppes, Jr. received a patent for 149 acres Pr. George Co., on the n. side of White Oak Swamp, adj. Edward Mitchell, Stanly, Mayes, **George Stell**, Boiseau, and Peterson, 3 Nov. 1750.<sup>94</sup>

- 1752 Miles Thweatt received a patent on 284 acres Pr. George Co. on both sides "the head of Bear Swamp in a meadow," adj. Stanley, <u>Featherstone</u>, **George Stell, Junr**. and Tatum, 21 Oct. 1752.<sup>95</sup>
- 1758 entries in Dinwiddie Co. Surveyor's Platt Book, p. 25-26, dated 17 Nov 1758 refer to "George Stell's Road" and "John Stell's line".
- 1760 Charles Rooper was granted a patent for 89.5 acres in Dinwiddie Co., "on both sides of Still's road," adj. William Woodward, James Pittillo, George Still, & Dewey, 10 Sept. 1760.<sup>96</sup>
- 1761 Thomas Williams granted patent for 300 acres in Dinwiddie Co. on the upper side of Stell's branch of Bear Swamp, adj. George Stell, John Bradshaw, & Christopher Rowland, 14 Feb. 1761. 97
- 1764 William Price patented 64 acres Dinwiddie Co. on b. ides of "Still's Road," adj. sundry old lines, William Stanley, John Still, George Still, and Richard Featherston, 15 Aug. 1764 ("S & W of Bear Sw. of White Oak Sw.").<sup>98</sup>
- 1770 A George Stell was appraiser for the estate of William Westbrook, who died 15 Feb 1770. 99
- 1779 the will of **George STILL** of Amelia Co. VA, dated 10 Dec 1779, names wife Frances, and children Jeremiah and Martha. <sup>100</sup>

<sup>88</sup> Patent Book 18, p. 886, cited in Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 4, 1732-1741, p. 236.

<sup>89</sup> Virginia in 1740: A Reconstructed Census, T.L.C. Genealogy, 1992, p. 261 states that George Stell and George Stell, Jr. both have one or more entries in Virginia Land Patent Books 18 and 19, which spanned the year 1740. George Stell is ALSO found in Amelia Co. VA Deed Book 1, 1734-1743.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Volume 5, Patent Book No. 25, page 160.

<sup>91</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Volume 5, Patent Book No. 25, page 197.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, vol. 5, p.297, PB 27, p. 414.

<sup>93</sup> Amelia Co. VA WB 1, page 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.6, p. 62, citing Patent book 30, p. 435.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.6, p. 80, citing Patent book 31, p. 225.

<sup>96</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol.6, p. 284, citing Patent book 33, p. 895.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol.6, p. 398, citing Patent book 34, p. 795.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.7, p. 63, citing Patent book 36, p. 647.

<sup>99</sup> Amelia Co. VA Will Book 2X, 1761-1771, p. 312.

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This George Stell died before July 1780, when the will was recorded, and an appraisal of the estate ordered by the court.

## Early George Stell(2)

- 1782 listed in the Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1782.<sup>101</sup> Also on this list were John Stell, Shadrack Stell, Mary Stell and Charles Stell. George and Shadrack appear on this list adjacent, and may be related.
  A George STILL also appears on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for this year, taxed on 240 acres.<sup>102</sup> The Land Tax Lists for 1783-1786 evidently do not survive.
- 1784 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co., VA (list of Philip Jones) includes Dennis, Charles, Shadrack, and **George Stell.**<sup>103</sup> George is taxed for 1 FWM, 3 slaves, 4 under-age slaves, 1 horse and 12 cattle.
- 1785 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co. VA (list of John Jones) includes Charles, **George**, Shadrick, Mary and Dennis Stell.<sup>104</sup> George is taxed for 1 FWM, 2 slaves, 3 under-age slaves, 1 horse and 12 cattle.
- 1786 NOT listed on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs.
- 1787 is named in <u>Taxpayers of Virginia, 1782-1787</u>, in Dinwiddie Co. VA (1-6), as are Charles (1-4), John (1-5) and Mary (0-1) Stell.<sup>105</sup>
- 1787 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Shadrack, Dennis, Charles, and Mary Stell.<sup>106</sup> No George Stell is listed this year.
  In addition, the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List for 1787 shows that the 240 acres of "land formerly Geo. Stell's" are now in the possession of Charles Stell, presumably this George Stell's son.<sup>107</sup>
- I find no further mentions of this George Stell in Dinwiddie Co., VA records. He does not appear on subsequent Personal Property Tax Lists, and has either died or moved elsewhere.

# GEORGE STELL (1775 - 1823, Dinwiddie Co., VA), ancestor of Reiley Kidd

This George Stell left a small almanac,<sup>108</sup> which he purchased in 1796, shortly after his marriage to Charity Leach. In it, he recorded family information, including the names of his wife's parents, the names and dates of birth for all their children, and other family information, including the names of some of their slaves.

<sup>100</sup> Amelia Co. WB 2, p. 370. RK has copy of this will in Stell file, along with a subsequent property inventory. This man had considerable livestock, slaves and household goods for the time.
101 One free male tithe, 3 negro tithes, 3 negroes under age, 1 horse, 15 cattle. Found in 26W(1) 197.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by

RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK June 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> As above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Seattle Public Library, R929/F82V.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, reviewed at the Bellevue FHC June 2009 by RK. See his Notes in Dinwiddie Co. folder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> This almanac is in the possession of Nonie Kidd Joiner of Canton, MS. RK has a transcription of the almanac, available on request.

He was apparently the son of Dennis Stell (see his Notes), appearing in Dennis Stell's household for over a decade, from when he turned 16 until after his 1795 marriage. Moreover, he had land and slaves, like Dennis but unlike the other Stells of his generation in Dinwiddie. In addition, his slave holdings increased the year that Dennis died, suggesting (but not proving) that he received some slaves as part of his inheritance. [No probate records prior to 1830 exist for Dinwiddie Co., due to a series of courthouse fires.]

He wrote a will in Dinwiddie County, VA in 1822, naming his surviving children, and evidently died within the year, because by the spring of 1823, his entry on the Personal Property Tax List for Dinwiddie Co. was recorded as "George Stell's Estate."

- 1775 George was born 9-30-1775. 109
- 1792 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>110</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself AND for George Stell, another FWM over 16 (his son, just turned 16??), 6 slaves over 16, and 5 horses.
  These lists have included the NAMES of other FWM over 16 since 1788, so this George just turned 16 within the year.
- 1793 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>111</sup> Dennis is taxed for himself and for George Stell, for 6 slaves over 16 and one less than 16, and 4 horses.
- 1794 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrach Stell.<sup>112</sup> Dennis is again taxed for himself and for George Stell, 6 slaves over 16 and one under 16, and 4 horses.
- 1795 Married Charity Leach, daughter of John Leach in 1795, apparently in Dinwiddie Co., VA, according to the almanac he kept, passed down in the Kidd family.
- 1795-1796 A George Stell appears in the HH of Dennis Stell, who pays his tax, as above. See Dennis Stell's notes for these years. Apparently he lived with his father for a few years after his marriage.
- 1797 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, John and Shadrach STELL, and Dennis and George STILL.<sup>113</sup> For the first time, this George is out on his own, taxed for himself, one slave over 16 and 1 under 16, and 1 horse.
- 1797 "our" George Stell's FATHER was apparently still living. 114
- 1798 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Braddock Goodwyn) includes Dennis Stell and no other Stells (Charles, John and Shadrach Stell appeared on Daniel Pegram's list during this year). Dennis paid

<sup>109</sup> George Stell almanac, which contains entries from 1796 thru 1830, including family births and marriages, and apparently the names and birthdates of his slaves. RK has an abstract; the original is with another relative; see above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> Dinnwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by RK at the Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

<sup>114</sup> George's entry in his almanac says, "Nancy Leach (presumably his wife, Charity's sister) came to my Father's house Feb 6, 1797."

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tax for himself, Isaac Meanly and **George Stell**, along with 7 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16 years of age, and 6 horses.<sup>115</sup>

- 1799 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Braddock Goodwin) includes Dennis Stell and no others. Dennis paid the tax for himself and **George Stell**, along with Isaac Meanly, as well as for 7 slaves over 16 and 2 under 16, seven horses and two carriages.
- 1800 a **George Stell** "over 16" is within household of Dennis Stell, in Dinwiddie Co. VA. <sup>116</sup> Since no other George Stell appears on these lists, I believe that this is RK's ancestor, still living with his father.
- 1801-1802 appears on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists in his father's household, with his father paying the tax for him.
- 1803 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists(Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are: Shadrach Stell - paid tax for self & Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 & 4 horses. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John R. Stell - paid tax for self, but no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 2 horses.

1804 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 2 horses and 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse. John Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and two horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. He also appears (for the first time) on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax List, taxed on 30 acres of land sold to him by William Vaughn.<sup>117</sup>

1805 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave 12-16, 5 horses & 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

- 1806 the Dinwiddie PTTLs for this year were terribly faded, and could not be read.
- 1807 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list took over Joseph Boisseau's list in 1807) this year are:
  George Stell paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, and 3 horses. Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.
  Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses. George Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by Reiley Kidd at the Bellevue, WA FHC in June 2009. See RK's Dinwiddie Co. VA file.

<sup>116</sup> Virginia Genealogist, v. 18, pp. 254, 1974: "List of Braddock Goodwin......Stell, Dennis (& George Stell, over 16), 7 horses, 9 slaves over 16, 2 slaves 12-16, and 2-wheel carriage."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA Land Tax Lists, 1782-1804, FHL microfilm #0029920, reviewed by RK, July 2009. Stell.doc Page 18

Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. (this man MAY be John R. Stell)

- 1808 no PPTL for Dinwiddie Co., VA this year.
- 1809 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list) this year are: Joseph Stell paid tax for himself and Joel Mayes, and 1 horse.
  Capt. George Stell paid tax for self, 5 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels. Shadrack Stell paid tax for self, 2 slaves >16 & 3 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.
  G. Woodleif Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse. Jeremiah Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1810 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list) this year are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 5 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for self & Robert \_\_\_\_\_ (name illegible, but not Stell), & 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves >16, 3 horses & two wheels.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

- 1810 on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 160 (on the same page as his presumed father, Dennis, and 7 pages from his father-in-law, John Leach, who is found on p. 153 of that census):
  1. 15 Dennis Stell 1 male over 45; 1 female 10-15 and one 25-44.
  1. 24 Stell, George 1M 0-9, 1 10-15 and one26-44; 3F0-9, 1 10-15, and one 26-44.<sup>118</sup>
- 1811 a **George Stell** appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL, near Benjamin and Lodowick Kidd. <sup>119</sup> This is probably the George Stell whose daughter Mary Ann married Lodowick's son, William in 1826.

1811 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Charles Roper's list
George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 blacks >16, 3 horses and 2 wheels Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16, 4 horses and 2 wheels. John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

John R. Stell - paid tax for himself (no property or horse).

Edward Scott's list (another very dark film, too dark to read) Did not see any Stells, including Dennis Stell.

1812 - George Stell does not appear on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year.

1813 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are:

Charles Roper's list

George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & 1 carriage worth \$60.

Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.

John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.

Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.

W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup> Other Stells (Shadrach, Geo. W., Joseph, John and others are 2 pages away, on p. 162. However, this census is alphabetized by the first letter of the surname, and therefore provides no info as to neighbors.

<sup>119</sup> Edw Scott's district, Dinwiddie Co. - 1 white male >16, 4 black males >16, 3 horses; \$2.98 tax. Stell.doc Page 19

Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$30. Edward Scott's list Dennis Stell - paid tax for self, 8 slaves >16, 4 horses and a carriage valued at \$100. (no others) 1814 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: list of Charles Roper John Stell - paid tax for self and no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & a carriage valued at \$50. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$50. List of Edward Scott Dennis Stell - paid tax for self, 7 slaves >16, 4 horses and a carriage worth \$100. (no others) 1815 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Charles Roper's list Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 2 blacks >16 & 1 12-16,3 horses, 12 cattle, & 1 gig (\$40) John Stell - paid tax on self, 2 horses & 5 cattle. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax on self, 2 horses and 4 cattle. George Stell - paid tax on self, 4 blacks >12, 1 12-16 & 1 9-12; 4 horses, 9 cattle, 1 piece of silver, 1 gig worth \$40, and one chest of drawers. Joseph Stell - paid tax on self, 1 horse and 2 cattle. Edward Scott's list Dennis Stell - paid tax on self, 8 blacks >16 & 1 9-12, 4 horses, 9 cattle, 1 gig worth \$60, 1 piece of silver, and one chest of drawers. (no others) 1816 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Charles Roper's list George Stell - paid tax for himself, 4 slaves >16 & 1 12-16; 1 horse & one gig worth \$50. Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. John Stell, "son of George" - paid tax for himself & one other free male >16,<sup>120</sup> & 2 horses. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$50. Jeremiah Stell - paid the tax for himself and 2 horses. Edward Scott's list Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself, 7 blacks >16, 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$50. 1817 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Peter Scott's list (took over for Charles Roper) Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$30. John Stell - paid tax for self and one other free male (unnamed), & 2 horses. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 4 blacks >16 and 3 horses.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>120</sup> Beginning in 1816 and thereafter, the tax lists no longer NAMED the other individuals for whom the tax was paid, but just enumerated (counted) them.
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Edward Scott's list Dennis Stell "(Estate)" - no free males, 1 black >16 & 1 12-16, 1 horse. [Dennis evidently died in the last 12 months, since the 1816 tax list was made in the Spring.]

1818 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Henry Young's list - took over the list of Edward Scott in 1818) are: **George Still** - paid tax for self, 6 slaves > 16 & 2 12-16, 3 horses & 1 gig worth \$35. (It appears that George's number of slaves increased following Dennis Stell's death, more

circumstantial evidence that he was Dennis Stell's son. George formerly appeared on the OTHER tax list in Dinwiddie, suggesting that he moved back to Dennis's home, following Dennis's death.)

- 1819- I did not find George Stell on this year's Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLS. He is not on Peter Scott's list, and Henry Young's list was so dark that I could not read the S's at all. Could not see to search for Stells on this list.
- 1820 George Stell appears twice on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 18A and 31, respectively.<sup>121</sup> One entry is the census itself, and the other is a list of the occupations of people in manufacturing and trades.

He does NOT appear on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1820, for some reason.

- 1821 appearing on the 1821 Dinwiddie Co. PPTL (Henry Young's district) are: **Stell, George** – 1 WM>16, 6 slaves >16, 2 slaves 12-16, 5 horses, 1 carriage (\$100) Stell, Joseph – 1 WM>16, 1 horse
- 1821 George Stell m. Hannah Morgan June 1821 in Amelia Co. VA. 122 This is at least his third wife, since first wife Charity died in 1808; and judging from the 1810 census, he had remarried by 1810, so Hannah must be the third or later wife.
- 1822 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Henry Young's list) of 1822 are: Stell, George – 10 slaves >12, 4 horses, 1 carriage worth \$50 Stell, Joseph – 1 horse

1822 - the Dinwiddie County VA will of a George Stell dated 10-15-1822 names daughters Eliza and Mary A. (this is a good match for Mary Ann Stell who married William Kidd June 14, 1826) and sons Edward and George (the latter under age in 1822, and "younger children." He also gives a slave and furniture to "Sally Roper and Betsey Morgan," evidently two other of his daughters.

This will gave wife Hannah one negro male named Claiborne and one negro woman named Levina, and also gave her his Bear Swamp plantation. 123

[Note that the earlier George Stell in 1737 received a patent on 100 acres "on the N. side of Bear Swamp," suggesting that the line of descent was "early" George Stell to Dennis Stell, to this George Stell.

While this MAY not be "our" George Stell, since "ours" had almanac entries through 1830, unless someone else (a descendant to whom the almanac was passed) continued the entries after his death,

<sup>121</sup> p. 19 (18A) shows George Stell with one male 0-9, one 16-17, one 18-25, and one 26-44; four (one? couldn't make it out well) females 0-9, one 10-15, and two 16-25. One was in agriculture and 2 in manufacturing. He had numerous slaves.

p. 31 lists the occupations of those enumerated (perhaps including slaves?). Here, George Stell is listed as having 1 hatter, and one person involved in tanning tobacco. Joseph Stell is also listed, with one person a house carpenter.

<sup>122</sup> Amelia Co Marriage bonds, cited in 17W(1) 37. (William & Mary Quarterly)

<sup>123</sup> Reiley Kidd has a copy of this will, but no further estate papers regarding when it was introduced into court, or an account of the dispersal of the estate.

the mention of the Bear Swamp plantation suggests that this IS our George Stell. The almanac passed to the family of William Kidd and Mary Ann Stell Kidd, and their descendants, again strongly supporting the hypothesis that this is indeed "our" George Stell (and making it likely that Mary Ann Stell Kidd continued the almanac entries, including the birth dates of her children with William Kidd]. It is my belief at this time that this IS RK's ancestor.

The lack of further records of him, and the handling of his estate are areas to be pursued in the future.

- 1823 in January of 1823, a deed from George Stell and Hannah Stell his wife to Robert Morgan was recorded in court. Hannah acknowledges the relinguishment of her dower rights.<sup>124</sup>
   THIS ENTRY PROVES THAT GEORGE STELL WAS ALIVE AS OF JANUARY 1823, AND THAT HE DIED BETWEEN THIS EVENT, AND WHEN THE PPTL FOR 1823 WAS MADE.
- 1823 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) of 1823 are: Stell, Jeremiah – 1 horse
  Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves >12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Susanna – 1 horse (George has died in the past few months, since the January deed above.)
- 1824 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1824 are:
  Stell, George's Estate 8 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$40 Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Polly – 1 horse Stell, Susan – 1 horse
- 1825 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1825 are: Stell, John N. & brother – 1 horse
  Stell, George's estate – 8 slaves over 12, 3 horses, 1 carriage worth \$50 Stell, Shadrach – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses
  Stell, Sally – 1 horse
- 1826 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Stell, George's estate – 6 slaves over 12, 3 horses Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse Stell, Sarah P. – 1 horse Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 4-wheel carryall worth \$75

#### George Stell, son of RK's George Stell

1822 - named in his father's 1822 will, a minor when the will was written.
No further information.
He COULD be the George Stell below, but that wouldn't explain why he hasn't appeared on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLS between 1823 and 1839. He SHOULD have reached the age of 16 by then. This suggests that he either moved out of state, or has died.
Guardianship records MAY exist for him in Dinwiddie, especially if his mother, Hannah Stell, died before he reached the age of 16 (or 21, depending upon the age of majority at the time).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> I no longer have the citation, but it was in January Court records, p. 223 (or 225). Stell.doc Page 22

## Another George Stell

1839 - Estate record of George Stell, who died in 1838 - no names or awards given.<sup>125</sup>

- **George W. Stells** (<u>AT LEAST THREE</u>, judging from the records below; the earlier George W. was born abt. 1782, judging from the PPTLS below. Another one, who lived longer, was born about 1799, and a third was born abt. 1816, judging from census records. Perhaps the earlier man was Shadrack Stell's son, who died before his father, but left a son who was his namesake, and would be the <u>grandson</u> of Shadrack Stell, named in Shadrack's will, but at least some of these citations refer to a much earlier man, or more likely SEVERAL men by this name. One of them had the middle name of Woodleif, listed that way on several Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax Lists. See below.)
- <u>George Woodleif<sup>126</sup> Stell(1)</u> born abt. 1782,<sup>127</sup> quite possibly the son of Shadrack Stell. If so, died prior to the writing of Shadrack Stell's will in 1839. See Shadrack's notes. May well have left a son, George W. Stell, Jr.
- 1798-1802 found in the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs in the household of Shadrach Stell, presumably his son. This George W. would have been at least 16 years old, and thus born about 1782; he did not appear earlier by name, and thus likely wasn't born much earlier than that.

1803 - appears for the first time out on his own on the 1803 Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (Joseph Boisseau's list), along with these other Stells:
Shadrach Stell - paid tax for self & Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 & 4 horses.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.
George W. Stell - paid tax for self, but no property or horse.
George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 2 horses.
1804, 1805 - appears on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs, again taxed for himself and one horse.

1806 - the PPTL he'd have appeared on was so faded that it is unreadable.

1807 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Charles Roper's list (took over Joseph Boisseau's list in 1807) George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, and 3 horses. Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses.
George Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1808 - no property taxes were collected in Virginia this year, due to a budget surplus!

<sup>125</sup> Amelia Co. WB 2, p. 374-75, & WB 3, p 370-71 (copies in RK's Stell File). The two entries are records of Humbleton Williamson, the administrator of this estate, and make no mention of heirs or survivors. The first document describes actions "in compliance with the order made in this case on 15 Oct. 1838," and also says, "with the will annexed," but no copy or transcription of this will is on the pages I have. Perhaps there is an earlier record that is not recorded in the Will Book index???

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> His name is intermittently listed as George Woodleif Stell or even Woodleif G. Stell on the Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists annually. See individual entries for each year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Over 16 in 1798, when free white males appeared on these PPTLs when they reached the age of 16. Stell.doc Page 23

1809 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Charles Roper's list Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and Joel Mayes, and 1 horse. Capt. George Stell - paid tax for self, 5 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves >16 & 3 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels. G. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1810 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 162: Stell, Shadrach - 1 male over 45; one female 26-44 and one over 45 Stell, Geo. W. - 1M 0-9, 1 26-44; one F 0-9 and one 26-44 Stell, Jos. - 1M 0-9, 1 10-15 & 1 26-45; 1F 0-9, 1 10-15 and 1 26-44 Stell, John - 1M 10-15, & one 26-44; 2F 0-9, one 16-25 & one 26-44 Stell, Jere'h - 1M 0-9, & one 26-44; 1F 0-9 and one 26-44

Also on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL, paying tax for self and 1 horse.

1811 - On the Dinwiddie PPTL, Charles Roper's list, listed as Woodleif Stell.

1812 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: Charles Roper's list Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. G. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. R. John Stell - paid tax for self (no property or horse). Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.

1812 - Jeremiah, Joseph, John, and George W. STILL all served in the War of 1812 from Dinwiddie Co., VA.<sup>128</sup> George W., John and Jeremiah served very briefly (for 6 days or less) in Capt. John Fraser's company of the 83rd Regiment of Virginia militia, July 1-6, 1813. They were all privates, and the notation of their service states "on duty at Norfolk." Not all these citations below pertain to "our" George W. Stell, but they COULD: UNIT rank in/rank at discharge NAME George W. Still 2nd Regt. (Sharp's), VA Militia private/private (same) 83rd Regt. (Scott's), VA Militia private/private George W. Stell 3rd Regt. (Boykins), VA Militia private/private 1813 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are:

Charles Roper's list George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & 1 carriage worth \$60. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$30.

<sup>128</sup> The Dinwiddie Co., VA USGenWeb pages include a roster of all officers and privates serving from this county: http://www.vagenweb.org/dinwiddie/military/war1812-2.htm.

M602, Index to War of 1812 Volunteer Service Records DOES include several records of service for each of these men. I have reviewed the index, but have not obtained the records for any of them. Stell.doc

1814 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: list of Charles Roper John Stell - paid tax for self and no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & a carriage valued at \$50. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.
W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$50.

- 1815-1819 not found on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs these years.
- 1820 he does not appear on the federal census in Dinwiddie or adjacent counties, that I can find. He's NOT on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL for 1820 either.
- 1821 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1821 are:
  George W. Stell 1 horse
  Stell, John 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrach 4 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$30
- 1822-1826 he does not appear on either Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for these years.

1827 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1827 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are:
Stell, George W. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
Stell, Robert T. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
Stell, John N. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
Stell, Shadrack – 1WM>16, 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$10, 1 carryall worth \$60.
Stell, Susannah – one horse
Stell, Sarah – 2 WM>16

- 1829 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1829 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
  Stell, George W. 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack 4 slaves over 12, 1 horse, one 2-wheel carriage worth \$50
  Stell, Sarah 1 horse
  Stell, John N. 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
- 1830 a George W. Stell is on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 402. <sup>129</sup>
- 1834 The Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds Grantors shows that George W. Stell deeded something to William E. Waugh on June 28, 1834.<sup>130</sup>
- 1835 The Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds Grantors shows that George W. Stell signed a deed of Trust for Milton Thacker Jr. on Aug. 17, 1835.<sup>131</sup>

1836, ff. - No definite entries for him exist after this date. He may have died in the interval, or moved elsewhere.Later mentions in Dinwiddie Co. (see below) probably relate to George W. Stell(2), possibly but not definitely his son.

<sup>129</sup> one male 30-39, 2 females 0-4, one 5-9, and one 20-29. No slaves.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> DB 1, p. 102.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> DB 1, p. 273.

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George W. Stell(2) - born abt. 1799 in VA, judging from his census entries (see below)

- 1860 on the federal census in Rev. Dist. #2, Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 50, HH 412/397:
  - Stell, Geo. W. 46MW farmer \$1300/3800 VA (so b. abt. 1814)
  - ", Mary D. 30FW VA
  - ", Geo. W.D. 10MW VA attended school within the year.

there is ALSO a George W. Stell on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, district #1, San Marino P.O., p. 39, HH 296/289:

Stell, Robert T. 55MW farmer \$0/1000 VA

- ", Ann 54FW VA
- ", Theophilous P. 17MW VA
- ", Ladora V. 15FW VA attended school within the year
- ", George W. Sen. 61MW carpenter (no \$ listed) VA (this man is different in age from the man listed above, and would have been born abt 1799)

Given that he's in the HH of Robert Stell, and similar in age, he MAY be Robert Stell's brother, and the son of another of Shadrack Stell's sons, John or ???.

- 1870 on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, Rowhanty district, Dinwiddie C.H. post office, p. 434, HH 213/225
  - Stell (indexed as STILL), Robert T. 65MW farmer \$2395/300 VA

", Nancy 65FW keeping house VA

", George Sr. 71MW at home VA

(plus two farm hands, but no other Stells)

George W. Stell(3) - (possibly the son of George W. Stell(1); b. abt. 1816 in VA)

- 1839 the will of Shadrack Stell mentions his son Joseph Stell; and "my grandchildren," Catharine Winn (?), formerly Stell; Rob't Stell; Peter Stell; Martha B. Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; and William Stell. <sup>132</sup>
- 1840 appears on the Dinwiddie Co. federal census; occupation "manufacture and trades".<sup>133</sup>
- 1849 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index to Deeds includes a deed from the John Stow estate to George
   W. Stell, dated 21 May 1849.<sup>134</sup>
- 1850 a George W. Stell is in Petersburg, VA on federal census. <sup>135</sup> By this entry, he was born about 1816. the General Index to Deeds for Dinwiddie Co., VA shows a deed from George W. Stell and Mary D. his wife to Daniel B. Fenn, dated June 17, 1850.<sup>136</sup>
- 1851 the General Index to Deeds for Dinwiddie Co., VA lists a deed from George W. Stell, Elizabeth Stell, and Mary D. Stell to Thomas A. Farley, dated June 12, 1851.<sup>137</sup>

<sup>132</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

<sup>133</sup> p. 16: one male <5, 1 5-10,1 30-40; 1 female 5-10, 1 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 20-30.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup> DB 6, p. 154. RK has not seen the document, only its reference in the General Index.

<sup>135 34</sup>M shoemaker (shoe market?), wife Mariah, 23; William, 6/12; Rebecca, 24, mulatto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> DB 6, p. 418.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>137</sup> DB 7, p. 97.

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- 1857 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index to Deeds includes a deed from FBF Emmins et al to George W. Stell dated July 20, 1857.138
- 1860 on the federal census in Rev. Dist. #2, Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 50, HH 412/397: Stell, Geo. W. 46MW farmer \$1300/3800 VA (so b. abt. 1814)
  - ", Mary D. 30FW VA
  - ", Geo. W.D. 10MW VA attended school within the year.

there is ALSO a George W. Stell on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, district #1, San Marino P.O., p. 39, HH 296/289: Stell, Robert T. 55MW farmer \$0/1000 VA

- ", Ann 54FW VA ", Theophilous P. 17MW VA
- ", Ladora V. 15FW VA attended school within the year
- ", George W. Sen. 61MW carpenter (no \$ listed) VA (this man is different in age from the man listed above, and would have been born abt 1799)
- 1866-1869 there are several more deeds in Dinwiddie Co., VA cited in the General Index to Deeds involving George W. Stell and his wife, Mary D. Stell. He's not mentioned in this index after 1870.
- 1870 on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, District No. 2, Dinwiddie C.H. post office, p. 115, HH 162:

Stell, George W. 57WM farmer \$0/150 VA

- ", Mary D. 40FW keeping house VA
- ", 20MW farmer VA

#### James Stell

- James Stell, son of George and Ann Stell, born 17 April 1720, baptised 25 Aug 1722.<sup>139</sup>
- James, son of John and Mary Still (sic) b. Feb 28, 1740/41. 140
- a James Stell is mentioned in TN in 1800s. 141
- Jeremiah Still, Sr., born about 1745, the son of George and Frances Featherston Still, named in his 1779 Amelia County VA will.

Jeremiah Still, Jr. - born abt. 1767, supposedly the son of Jeremiah Stell, Sr., above.

1786 - m. Sally Winn, dau. of John, 19 Oct 1786 in Amelia Co. VA.<sup>142</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>138</sup> DB 9, p. 167. RK has not seen this document.

<sup>139</sup> in Births, 1720-1792 from Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinwiddie Co. VA, p. 362 at Seattle Public Library, 929.3755/B776B. Sadly no mention of other children of this couple, other than Angelica Stell.

<sup>140</sup> in Births, 1720-1792 from Bristol Parish Register of Henrico, Prince George and Dinwiddie Co. VA, at Seattle Public Library, 929.3755/B776B.

<sup>141</sup> Virginia Magazine of History 33:306.

<sup>142</sup> Marriage bonds of Amelia Co. VA, 17W(1) 37. (William & Mary Quarterly) Stell.doc Page 27

- 1789 there is a **Jeremiah Stell** on the Nottoway Co., VA Personal Property Tax List for this year. He has one white male over 16 in his household, and has 2 slaves over 16 and 2 12-16, and two horses. This is the ONLY time that he shows up in Nottoway Co. until 1819, when he (or another Jeremiah Stell) shows up, this time with no slaves or horses.
- 1800 married Sarah Winn or Lamb<sup>143</sup> in Dinwiddie Co., VA on 19 October 1800.
- 1805 Jeremiah Stell shows up for the first time on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists in 1805, on the list of Joseph Boisseau, joining several other Stell households:
  George Stell paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave 12-16, 5 horses & 2 wheels.
  Joseph Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse.
  George W. Stell paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses.
  Jeremiah Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse.
  John Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse.
- 1806 Joseph Boisseau's list this list was terribly faded, and was completely unreadable.
- 1807 on the same Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL, again paying the tax for himself and 1 horse.
- 1808 no property taxes were collected in Virginia this year, due to a budget surplus!
- 1809 on the same Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL, again paying the tax for himself and 1 horse.

1810 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 162: Stell, Shadrach - 1 male over 45; one female 26-44 and one over 45 Stell, Geo. W. - 1M 0-9, 1 26-44; one F 0-9 and one 26-44 Stell, Jos. - 1M 0-9, 1 10-15 & 1 26-45; 1F 0-9, 1 10-15 and 1 26-44 Stell, John - 1M 10-15, & one 26-44; 2F 0-9, one 16-25 & one 26-44 Stell, Jere'h - 1M 0-9, & one 26-44; 1F 0-9 and one 26-44

- 1810-1817- appears annually on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL in 1811 & 1812, paying the tax for himself and one or two horses.
- 1812 **Jeremiah**, Joseph, John, and George W. STILL all served in the War of 1812 from Dinwiddie Co., VA.<sup>144</sup>

George W., John and Jeremiah served very briefly (for 6 days or less) in Capt. John Fraser's company of the 83rd Regiment of Virginia militia, July 1-6, 1813. They were all privates, and the notation of their service states "on duty at Norfolk."<sup>145</sup>

Not all these citations below pertain to "our" Jeremiah Stell, but they COULD:			
NAME	UNIT	RANK IN/RANK AT DISCHARGE	
Jeremiah STILL	1st Regt. (Byrne's) VA Militia	private/private	
(same)	2nd Regt. (Sharp's) VA Militia	private/private	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>143</sup> While the marriage bond transcription says Sarah WINN, Sarah's Widow's pension application (which provides the date and place of their marriage listed here) seems to read LAMB. The writing is scrawled, and I may be misreading it, but it definitely doesn't look like Winn; it starts with an L, for sure. They were married by "Henry Pluse," if I read the cursive script correctly, in Dinwiddie Co., VA.

<sup>145</sup> Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, vol. 2, Genealogical Publishing Co., 2001, p. 338.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>144</sup> The Dinwiddie Co., VA USGenWeb pages include a roster of all officers and privates serving from this county: http://www.vagenweb.org/dinwiddie/military/war1812-2.htm. I'm not sure where the information came from, or its accuracy or completeness.

M602, Index to War of 1812 Volunteer Service Records DOES include several records of service for each of these men. I have reviewed the index, but have not obtained the records for any of them.

(same) 83rd Regt. (Scott's) VA Militia private/private

In addition, the widow of a Jeremiah STILL, Sarah Still, applied for and received a Widow's pension for his service in Capt. Claiborne's VA Militia, organized in Dinwiddie Co..<sup>146</sup> Jeremiah served from 27 August 1814 through Dec. 1, 1814. He had died prior to 1872, when his widow, Sarah filed her pension application. She used as proof the fact that she had earlier gotten a bounty land warrant for his service. George W. Stell was one of the witnesses to her application, attesting to her statements.

- 1818- appears on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL, for the first time with a slave: Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 1 horse.
- 1819-1822 Jeremiah Stell does NOT appear on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs in these years. However, he DOES appear on the Nottoway Co., VA PPTLs in 1819, 1821 and 1822, each year taxed for 1 WM >16, and no slaves or horse.
- According to statements on Ancestry.com, this Jeremiah is said to have had a son named George W. Stell, born about 1793, who moved to Texas. This George W. was married in TN in 1818. The posting individual had no more information about Jeremiah Still, Jr.
- 1823 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) of 1823 are:
  Stell, Jeremiah 1 horse
  Stell, George's Estate 8 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Shadrack 3 slaves >12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Susanna 1 horse
- 1823 This Jeremiah Stell died on February 10, 1823 in Dinwiddie Co., VA, according to his widow, Sarah Stell's application for a Widow's pension for Jeremiah's service in the War of 1812.<sup>147</sup>
- 1824 does NOT appear on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL in this year, or thereafter.

#### John Stells (more than one!)

#### "Early John Stell #1 -

- 1669 Mr. Willm. Custis granted a patent for 300 acs. Accomack Co., S. side of Mesangoe Cr., 30 Oct. 1669, granted to John Wallop alias Wadlow, assigned to Wm. Walton, deserted, and now resurveyed for sd. Custis, for trans. of 6 persons, include. Jno. Still.<sup>148</sup>
- 1739 was granted 250 acres in Prince George Co. on the upper side of Bear Swamp, adj. George Stell, 22 Sept 1739, £, 1 S 5. <sup>149</sup>
- 1746 Parmenas Palmer granted patent on 176 acs. Pr. Geo. Co., on the N. side of White Oak Sw., up Bear Sw.; adj. Henry Robertson, John Stell, Stanly, Griggs, & Westbrooke; 28 Aug. 1746. £1. <sup>150</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>146</sup> M313, Index to Pension and BLW Applications for the War of 1812, reviewed July 7, 2009 at the Seattle NARA branch by RK. The reference stated, "W.O. 9305. W.C. (widow's certificate, I believe), 4698." See below. This application states that Jeremiah served in Capt. Claiborne's Regiment of the VA militia for at least 60 days, enlisting in January of 1812 and also Capt. Buswell's Co. of the VA militia; this pension was granted (W.P. 4698, claim no. 9305).

Sarah also got a Bounty Land Warrant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>147</sup> Reiley Kidd has a copy of this Widow's Pension application, kindly copied by William R. "Bill" Kidd of Newport News, VA in July 2009. The application was attested to by George W. Stell, his son.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>148</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 2, p. 68, citiing PB 6, p. 265.

<sup>149</sup> Patent Book 18, p. 409, cited in Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 4, 1732-1741, p. 200. Stell.doc Page 29

- 1747 William Stanley granted patent for 167 acs. Pr. Geo. Co. on the N. side of White Oak Sw.; adj. John Stell, Grigg's, and his own old lines; 25 Jun 1747. £1.151
- 1751 Stephen Dewey patented 809 acres Prince George Co. on the N. side of White Oak Swamp, by the road, on Bear Swamp, adj. James Hall, Stell, Roger Moore, his own line, Jordon, Henry Robertson, John Stell, Grigg & Westbrook, 10 April 1751.<sup>152</sup>
- 1782 a John Still is among the individuals taxed for land in Dinwiddie Co., VA.<sup>153</sup> This is the first year that these tax lists are available for. John STILL was taxed for 200 acres. Also on this list were Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrack STELL, and George STILL.
- between 1782-1787 No list has survived for the years 1783-1786. The 1787 list indicates that John Stell has died in this interval, listing "John STELL's Estate, taxed for the same 200 acres. His estate continues to be listed annually from 1788-1814 (perhaps indicating that he had underage children?). I'm not sure why this would occur, but it may be that his widow survived him
- "Early John Stell #2 said to have been born abt. 1730 in VA by descendants; left VA before 1776 (see below) and died in either SC or GA.

One early John Stell is said to have married Susannah Malone, daughter of Col. Robert Malone of Amelia and Dinwiddie Co., VA.<sup>154</sup> This John Stell was born abt. 1730. Because his wife's families were in Dinwiddie and Amelia counties, VA, I believe that this John too lived there at the time of their marriage, abt. 1751 (another reference says 1764, in Amelia Co.). He died in Effingham, GA on Dec. 27, 1800, according to his descendants. However, according to the Rev. War pension application for this man, he had moved with his family

to Newberry County, South Carolina before the war began, and he entered the Continental Army in SC. Later (after the war) he moved to Hancock Co., Georgia.

I believe that this man is related to the Stells that remained in Dinwiddie County, and that most of the citations below prior to 1775 belong to him.

A great deal of information on him and his heirs is available on-line, citing DAR records, and a book, Malone and Allied Families: a Second Revised Edition, by Randolph A. Malone, Thomasville, GA, 1996. RK has a photocopy of much of this book. Unfortunately, it doesn't specifically address the Dinwiddie Co. connections, and many of the early records only list names and dates, but NOT places. Many of the names in this family line (Robert, Dennis, and John, to name a few) are frequently seen in RK's George Stell line, which remained in Dinwiddie Co. VA, too. I believe that the author may not have been aware of the early records of a John and George Stell in Dinwiddie; if he was aware, he didn't record them.

1758 - entries in Dinwiddie Co. Surveyor's Platt Book, p. 25-26, dated 17 Nov 1758 refer to "George Stell's Road" and "John Stell's line". (This entry could be for Early John Stell #1, OR #2.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>150</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Volume 5, Patent Book No. 25, page 215.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>151</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, vol. 5, p.310, PB 28, p. 103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>152</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.6, p. 29, citing Patent book 29, p. 382.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>153</sup> Dinwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782-1804, FHC film no, 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on Aug. 15, 2009, Bellevue, WA FHL.

<sup>154</sup> cited in Malone and Allied Families, 2nd ed., Randolph A. Malone, McNaughten and Gun, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI, 1986, according to Bill Horn, descendant, <willis@waymark.net>, 3/99. Stell.doc

- 1758 a John Stell was among the militia of Augusta Co. VA ( west central VA), or among those supplying provisions to it. <sup>155</sup> This is apparently another, different John Stell.
- 1764 William Price patented 64 acres Dinwiddie Co. on b. ides of "Still's Road," adj. sundry old lines, William Stanley, John Still, <u>George Still</u>, and Richard Featherston, 15 Aug. 1764 ("S & W of Bear Sw. of White Oak Sw.").<sup>156</sup>
- NOTE THE BIG GAP OF 18 YEARS HERE, WITH NO RECORDS. THE SUBSEQUENT RECORDS MAY REFER TO YET ANOTHER JOHN STELL.
- 1782 is named in Taxpayers of Virginia, 1782-1787, in Dinwiddie Co. VA.<sup>157</sup>
- 1782 He is also named in the Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1782.<sup>158</sup> Also listed on this list are George, Mary, Charles, and Shadrack Stell.
- 1787 he has died since the prior Tax Lists, as he no longer appears on the Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax Lists, and the Land Tax lists show annual entries for "the estate of John Stell" from 1787 through 1814. His estate continued to be listed and taxed evidently because his widow outlived him that long. The 1814 list (the first to include this notation) shows his estate referred to as "widow", and taxed for life, rather than fee. His land was on Meadow Branch.
- John Stell, son of Shadrack Stell born abt. 1776,<sup>159</sup> most likely the son of Shadrack Stell;<sup>160</sup> he died before his father, Shadrack (who died abt. 1839), and probably died abt. 1823, when he stops appearing on the annual Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs.
- 1792-1795 he's in the HH of Shadrack Stell, who pays his tax. See Shadrach's Notes for these years. Judging from this entry (the first time this John is listed), he became 16 in the previous 12 months; thus he'd have been born about 1776.
- 1796 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram includes Charles, Dennis, **John**, Joseph and Shadrach, but not Mary Stell.<sup>161</sup> He's taxed for himself and one horse, and no slaves.
- 1797 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, **John** and Shadrach STELL, and Dennis and George STILL.<sup>162</sup> John was taxed for himself and one horse.
- 1798 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, **John** and Shadrach Stell.<sup>163</sup> John was taxed for himself, with no other FWM, no slaves, and no horses.

<sup>163</sup> Ibid.

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<sup>155</sup> Hening's Statutes 7:184.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>156</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.7, p. 63, citing Patent book 36, p. 647.

<sup>157</sup> Seattle Public Library, R929/F82V.

<sup>158</sup> One free male tithe, 3 negro tithes, 2 negroes under age, 4 horses, 13 cattle. Found in 26W(1) 105.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>159</sup> He may have been born much earlier, since no Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs exist prior to 1782. Since this John appears on that list, he was AT LEAST 16 years old in 1782; he could have been older, perhaps significantly older. We're limited by the lack of earlier PPTLs for Dinwiddie Co. in this regard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>160</sup> Since Shadrack paid his PPTL tax yearly for several years. While this isn't absolute proof, it's strong circumstantial evidence for this. MOREOVER, Shadrack Stell's will grants bequests to numerous grandchildren with the surname of Stell. These are apparently children of Shadrack's sons who died before Shadrack did. John is probably one of these.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>161</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>162</sup> Dinnwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by RK at the Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

1799 – the Dinwiddie Co VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) included the following:<sup>164</sup> Charles Stell – 5 slaves over 16 & 2 under 16; 5 horses; 1 carriage.
John Stell – for self only, no property (no horse).
R. John Stell – for self and one horse.
Joseph Stell – self only (no property).
Josiah Sell – self only (no property).
Shadrach Stell – for self and George W. Stell, 1 slave over 16 and 3 horses.

1800 - a John Stell and a John R. Stell both appear on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Tax List.<sup>165</sup> Here's the list: List of Joseph Boisseau
Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself, no other WM, no slaves and 1 horse.
R. John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.
Shadrach Stell - paid tax for himself and for George W. Stell, 1 black >16, & 5 horses.
John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

1800 - an Elizabeth Stell, "daughter of John and Mary Stell" was named as a member of "one of the families who moved from Dinwiddie Co. VA to Wake Co., NC 1790-1800. Married Newsom Watkins in NC 1819." 166

1801 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for this year (List of Joseph Boisseau<sup>167</sup>) are: Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, George W. Stell and Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 and 4 horses.
John Stell - taxed for himself and 1 horse. Joseph Stell - taxed for himself and 1 horse. Sarah Stell - paid tax for 3 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 1 horse. John Stell, Jr. - paid tax for himself, no property, slaves and no horse.

1802 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for this year (List of Joseph Boisseau) are:
John Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, George W. Stell & Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 & 4 horses.
John R. Stell - paid tax for himself; no property, slaves or horse.

1803 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for this year (List of Joseph Boisseau) are: Shadrach Stell - paid tax for self & Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 & 4 horses. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John R. Stell - paid tax for self, but no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 2 horses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>164</sup> Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK at Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

<sup>165</sup> Virginia Genealogist, v. 18, p. 93-94, 1974: List of Joseph Boisseau - both were taxed on 1 horse, no slaves. On same list are Joseph. and Shadrach Stell, Frances, John and George Leach, and Laudwick Kidd.

<sup>166</sup> Virginia Genealogist 1:142, 1957: query from Miss Margaret Wheeler, 2018 N. Francis St., Sherman, TX.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>167</sup> This list was very dark, a negative (black) background with white writing, and was so difficult to read that I could have missed some entries. The last entry, for John Stell Jr., is uncertain, and may have been SHELL or Scott, or some other name, but LOOKED like Stell, so I recorded it. Compare with future years' lists. May well have been John R. Stell, given later entries.

1804 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for this year (List of Joseph Boisseau) are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 2 horses and 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse. John Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and two horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1805 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for this year (List of Joseph Boisseau) are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave 12-16, 5 horses & 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1806 - Joseph Boisseau's list - this list was terribly faded, and was completely unreadable.

1807 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list - took over Joseph Boisseau's list in 1807) are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, and 3 horses.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses.
George Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1808 - no property taxes were collected in Virginia this year, due to a budget surplus!

1809 - he does not appear on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs this year.

1810 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 162:
Stell, Shadrach - 1 male over 45; one female 26-44 and one over 45
Stell, Geo. W. - 1M 0-9, 1 26-44; one F 0-9 and one 26-44
Stell, Jos. - 1M 0-9, 1 10-15 & 1 26-45; 1F 0-9, 1 10-15 and 1 26-44
Stell, John - 1M 10-15, & one 26-44; 2F 0-9, one 16-25 & one 26-44
Stell, Jere'h - 1M 0-9, & one 26-44; 1F 0-9 and one 26-44

1810 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are: (another VERY DARK microfilm list!)
George Stell - paid tax for self, 5 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self & Robert \_\_\_\_\_ (name illegible, but not Stell), & 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
George W. Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves >16, 3 horses & two wheels. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

Edward Scott's list Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself, 9 slaves over 16, 3 horses, and 2 wheels. (no others)

1811 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 blacks >16, 3 horses and 2 wheels
Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.
Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

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Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16, 4 horses and 2 wheels. John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. John R. Stell - paid tax for himself (no property or horse).

1812 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are: Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. G. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. R. John Stell - paid tax for self (no property or horse). Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.

1812 - Jeremiah, Joseph, John, and George W. STILL all served in the War of 1812 from Dinwiddie Co., VA.<sup>168</sup> George W., John and Jeremiah served very briefly (for 6 days or less) in Capt. John Fraser's company of the 83rd Regiment of Virginia militia, July 1-6, 1813. They were all privates, and the notation of their service states "on duty at Norfolk."169 Not all these citations below pertain to "our" John Stell(s), but they COULD: NAME UNIT RANK IN/RANK AT DISCHARGE Flying Camp (McDowell's), VA militia private/private John STILL

(same)	Pryor's Detachment, VA Militia	private/private
(same)	2nd Corps d'Elite (Green's) VA Militia	private/private
(same)	83rd Regt. (Scott's), VA Militia	private/private
John Still, Jr.	Sales' Battn, Cavalry, VA Militia	private/private

In addition, a John STILL served in Capt. Thos. Hopkins' Co., VA Militia and in Capt. Robt. Magill's Co., VA Militia. He applied for and received a pension for this service, AND two bounty land warrants.170

1813 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & 1 carriage worth \$60. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$30.

1814 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are: John Stell - paid tax for self and no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & a carriage valued at \$50. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$50.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>168</sup> The Dinwiddie Co., VA USGenWeb pages include a roster of all officers and privates serving from this county: http://www.vagenweb.org/dinwiddie/military/war1812-2.htm. I'm not sure where the information came from, or its accuracy or completeness.

M602, Index to War of 1812 Volunteer Service Records DOES include several records of service for each of these men. I have reviewed the index, but have not obtained the records for any of them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>169</sup> Virginia Militia in the War of 1812, vol. 2, Genealogical Publishing Co., 2001, p. 338.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>170</sup> M313, Index to Pension and BLW Applications for the War of 1812: S.O. 8186, S.C. 16515. BLW 29684-40-50 and 54638-120-55. I haven't seen the actual application or other documents. Stell.doc

- 1815 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are: Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 2 blacks >16 & 1 12-16,3 horses, 12 cattle, & 1 gig (\$40) appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Charles Roper's list) are:paid tax on self, 2 horses & 5 cattle. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax on self, 2 horses and 4 cattle. George Stell - paid tax on self, 4 blacks >12, 1 12-16 & 1 9-12; 4 horses, 9 cattle, 1 piece of silver, 1 gig worth \$40, and one chest of drawers. Joseph Stell - paid tax on self, 1 horse and 2 cattle.
- 1816 I don't find him on any of the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs this year. Perhaps he was missed.
- 1817 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Peter Scott's list took over for Charles Roper) are: Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$30.
  John Stell - paid tax for self and one other free male (unnamed), & 2 horses. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 4 blacks >16 and 3 horses.
- 1818 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 and 2 horses.
  John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.
  Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 1 horse.
- 1819- appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 5 slaves over 16 and two horses.
  John Stell - paid tax for himself and two other free males (unnamed; possibly his brothers or cousins, who no longer appear on this list), and 2 horses. No slaves.
- 1820 listed on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 19A. <sup>171</sup>

Also appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, on the list of Peter Scott:<sup>172</sup> Stell, John – 2 WM>16, 2 horses Stell, Shadrach – 1WM>16, 4 slaves >16, 2 horses, 1 2wheel carriage worth \$30

- 1821 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1821 are: George W. Stell - 1 horse
  Stell, John – 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$30
- 1822 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1822 are: Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves>16, 3 slaves 12-16, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, John – 2 slaves 12-16 George W. Stell isn't on either list this year.
- 1823 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) of 1823 are: Stell, Jeremiah – 1 horse
  Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves >12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Susanna – 1 horse

<sup>171</sup> one male 0-9, one 16-17, three 18-25, and one 26-44; one female 0-9, one 10-15 and one 45 and over. Three in agriculture; no slaves.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>172</sup> See RK's compilation of Stells on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs, 1820-1841. Stell.doc Page 35

John Stell does not appear, and Susanna Stell shows up for the first time. Did John die in the previous year, and is Susanah his widow? Is Jeremiah his son?

- 1824, ff. John Stell stops appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs, and is thought to have died about this time. His minor children are perhaps among those listed in Shadrack Stell's 1839 will, as "my grandchildren." See Shadrack's Notes.
- John Dennis Stell, son of George and Charity Leach Stell, was born March 11th, 1798<sup>173</sup> (A DIFFERENT John Dennis Stell<sup>174</sup> was supposedly born in VA, but moved to GA and then to Texas; this man may be a cousin [or more likely, an uncle] of our John Dennis Stell.)
- 1816 first appears on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list) this year: George Stell - paid tax for himself, 4 slaves >16 & 1 12-16; 1 horse & one gig worth \$50. Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

**John Stell, "son of George"** - paid tax for himself & one other free male >16,<sup>175</sup> & 2 horses. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$50. Jeremiah Stell - paid the tax for himself and 2 horses.

- 1817 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Peter Scott's list took over for Charles Roper in 1817) are: Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$30. (Note that he, like his father, has slaves and horses, unlike the other Stells of his generation.) John Stell - paid tax for self and one other free male (unnamed), & 2 horses. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 4 blacks >16 and 3 horses.
  1818 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Peter Scott's list) this year are:
- 1818 appearing on the Dinwiddle Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Peter Scott's list) this year are Shadrack Stell paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 and 2 horses.
   John Stell paid tax for self and 2 horses.
   Jeremiah Stell paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 1 horse.
   (no others)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>173</sup> His date of birth comes from his father's hand-written almanac. His paternal grandfather is thought to be Dennis Stell, and his maternal grandfather was John Leach, according to the almanac.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>174</sup> A great deal of "information" on this man (not all of it sourced) is present on Ancestry.com.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>175</sup> Beginning in 1816 and thereafter, the tax lists no longer NAMED the other individuals for whom the tax was paid, but just enumerated (counted) them.

- 1819- appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Peter Scott's list) this year are: Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 5 slaves over 16 and two horses.
  John Stell - paid tax for himself and two other free males (unnamed; possibly his brothers or cousins, who no longer appear on this list), and 2 horses. No slaves.
- 1820 he ceases to be listed on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs, and he's not on the federal census in 1820 in Dinwiddie. Moreover he's not named in his father's 1822 will.
  I believe that he died about 1819, and did not survive his father, who died in 1823.
  ALTERNATIVELY, he for some reason changed his name, and is listed as John N. Stell beginning in 1825. Arguing against that, he should have been named in George Stell's will.

John N. Stell (first appears in 1825; may be one of the John's above)

1825 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1825 are:
Stell, John N. & brother – 1 horse
Stell, George's estate – 8 slaves over 12, 3 horses, 1 carriage worth \$50
Stell, Shadrach – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses
Stell, Sally – 1 horse

1826 - does not appear on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (either list) for this year.

1827 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1827 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are:
Stell, George W. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
Stell, Robert T. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
Stell, John N. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
Stell, Shadrack – 1WM>16, 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$10, 1 carryall worth \$60.
Stell, Susannah – one horse
Stell, Sarah – 2 WM>16

1828 - did not appear on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year.

1829 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1829 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, George W. – 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 1 horse, one 2-wheel carriage worth \$50
Stell, Sarah – 1 horse
Stell, John N. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse

1830 - no John Stell (or Still) appears on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA.

1832 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1832 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
Stell, John – 1 horse
Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack Jr. (sic) – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30.

1833, ff. - he no longer is found in Dinwiddie Co., VA records, that I can find.

John R. Stell - born bef. 1784,<sup>176</sup> no further information about him. See below.

<ul> <li>1800 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List this year are: List of Joseph Boisseau Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself, no other WM, no slaves and 1 horse.</li> <li><b>R. John Stell</b> - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Shadrach Stell - paid tax for himself and for George W. Stell, 1 black &gt;16, &amp; 5 horses. John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>1801 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List this year are: List of Joseph Boisseau<sup>177</sup> Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, George W. Stell and Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 and 4 horses. John Stell - taxed for himself and 1 horse. Joseph Stell - taxed for himself and 1 horse. Sarah Stell - paid tax for 3 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 1 horse. John Stell, Jr paid tax for himself, no property, slaves and no horse.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>1802 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List this year are: Joseph Boisseau's list</li> <li>John Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.</li> <li>Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.</li> <li>Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, George W. Stell &amp; Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 &amp; 4 horses.</li> <li>John R. Stell - paid tax for himself; no property, slaves or horse.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>1803 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists(Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are: Shadrach Stell - paid tax for self &amp; Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 &amp; 4 horses. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.</li> <li>John R. Stell - paid tax for self, but no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 2 horses.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>1804 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are:</li> <li>George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 2 horses and 2 wheels.</li> <li>Joseph Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse.</li> <li>John Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse.</li> </ul>

- Shadrack Stell paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and two horses.
- John Stell paid tax for self and 2 horses.
- George W. Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1805 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave 12-16, 5 horses & 2 wheels.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

 $<sup>^{176}</sup>$  appears on the 1800 Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL, and thus was 16 or older in 1800.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>177</sup> This list was very dark, a negative (black) background with white writing, and was so difficult to read that I could have missed some entries. The last entry, for John Stell Jr., is uncertain, and may have been SHELL or Scott, or some other name, but LOOKED like Stell, so I recorded it. Compare with future years' lists. May well have been John R. Stell, given later entries.

John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

Edward H. Pegram's list (took over Braddock Goodwyn's list in 1805) **Jack Stell** - paid tax for self; no property, slaves or horse. [I believe that this is John R. Stell, but cannot be sure. There's no better explanation that I can see at this time.] Dennis Stell - paid tax for self, 7 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 3 horses & 2 wheels.

1806 - the Dinwiddie PTTLs for this year were terribly faded, and could not be read.

1807 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list - took over Joseph Boisseau's list in 1807) this year are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, and 3 horses.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses.
George Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. (this man MAY be John R. Stell)

- 1808 no PPTL for Dinwiddie Co., VA this year.
- 1809, 1810 no definite listing of John R. Stell on the Dinwiddie PPTLs.
- 1810 appears on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 162, l. 24, along with Shadrack, George W., and Jos. Stell (presumably his brothers and father):
  John Stell 1M 10-15 and one 26-44; 2F 0-9, 1 16-25, and one 26-44 (his wife)
- 1811 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list) this year are: George Stell paid tax for self, 4 blacks >16, 3 horses and 2 wheels Joseph Stell paid tax for himself and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Woodleif Stell paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16, 4 horses and 2 wheels. John Stell paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

1812 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list) this year are: Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
G. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. **R. John Stell** - paid tax for self (no property or horse). Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.

- 1813 no definite listing of John R. Stell on the Dinwiddie PPTLs. (The presence of TWO John Stells on most of these lists confounds my ability to tell them apart. I suspect that the "poorer" John (with fewer horses than the other John) is variously called Jack, John Jr. (meaning at least "younger John" and possibly "son of John Sr.), John R. and R. John Stell, to distinguish him from the other John Stell.
- 1814 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists (Charles Roper's list) this year are:
  John Stell paid tax for self and no property or horse.
  George Stell paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & a carriage valued at \$50.
  John Stell paid tax for self and 2 horses.
  Jeremiah Stell paid tax for self and 2 horses.
  W. George Stell paid tax for self and 1 horse.
  Shadrack Stell paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$50.

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1815, ff. - This John R. Stell no longer appears on these tax records, or in other Dinwiddie Co., VA records, to my knowledge. He has either moved away, or has died.

"early" Joseph Stell (the entry below is too early for Shadrack Stell's son, and must be a different man.)

- 1763 is one of those named in the Dinwiddie Co. Court Clerk's fee book. <sup>178</sup> He may be a descendant of the early John Stell, who appears to have moved to SC before the Rev. War, the ancestor of a large Stell clan later in GA, TX and elsewhere.
- Joseph Stell (son of Shadrach Stell, named as such in his 1838 Dinwiddie Co. VA will) born abt. 1774, judging from records below. Appears to have died abt. 1840 (see below).
- 1791 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrack Stell.<sup>179</sup> Shadrack is taxed for himself AND for Joseph Stell, a FWM >16, and 3 horses. This is the FIRST appearance for this Joseph Stell, suggesting that he turned 16 in 1790 or 1791. This would make his date of birth abt. 1774.
- 1792-1795 he's in the HH of Shadrack Stell, who pays his tax. See Shadrach's Notes for this year.
- 1796 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram includes Charles, Dennis, John, Joseph and Shadrach, but not Mary Stell.<sup>180</sup> Joseph is charged for himself and one horse, and no slaves.
- 1797, 1798 don't find him on the Dinwiddie PPTLs.

1799 - the Dinwiddie Co VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) included the following:<sup>181</sup> Charles Stell - 5 slaves over 16 & 2 under 16; 5 horses; 1 carriage. John Stell – for self only, no property (no horse). R. John Stell - for self and one horse. Joseph Stell – self only (no property). Josiah Sell - self only (no property). Shadrach Stell - for self and George W. Stell, 1 slave over 16 and 3 horses.

- 1800 appears on the 1800 Dinwiddie Co. VA Tax List.<sup>182</sup>
- 1800 the federal census for this year was destroyed in the War of 1812, and does not exist for Virginia.
- 1801-1807 appears annually on the Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax List, taxed for himself and (in all years but 1804) one horse. In 1804, he had no horse.
- 1808 no PPTL collected this year, due to Virginia budget surplus.
- 1809 appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax List, taxed for himself and Joel Mayes (another free white male), and 1 horse.
- 1810 on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 162: Stell, Shadrach - 1 male over 45; one female 26-44 and one over 45

<sup>178</sup> The Virginia Genealogist, v. 39, p. 195-196, 1995. Explanation is in v. 38, p. 131.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>179</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>180</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>181</sup> Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK at Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

<sup>182</sup> Virginia Genealogist, v. 18, p. 93, 1974: List of Joseph Boisseau - taxed on 1 horse, no slaves. On same list are John, John R., and Shadrach Stell, Frances, John and George Leach, and Laudwick Kidd. Stell.doc

Stell, Geo. W. - 1M 0-9, 1 26-44; one F 0-9 and one 26-44 **Stell, Jos.** - 1M 0-9, 1 10-15 & 1 26-45; 1F 0-9, 1 10-15 and 1 26-44 Stell, John - 1M 10-15, & one 26-44; 2F 0-9, one 16-25 & one 26-44 Stell, Jere'h - 1M 0-9, & one 26-44; 1F 0-9 and one 26-44

Also appears on the 1810 Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax List, taxed for himself and Robert \_\_\_\_\_ (another free white male, name illegible, but NOT Stell, & 1 horse.

- 1811-1815 appears annually on the Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax List, taxed for himself, no other free white males, and 2 horses.
- 1812 Jeremiah, Joseph, John, and George W. STILL all served in the War of 1812 from Dinwiddie Co., VA.<sup>183</sup>

Not all these citations below pertain to "our" Joseph Stell, but they COULD:NAMEUNITRANK IN/RANK AT DISCHARGEJoseph STILL1st Regt. (Byrne's), VA Militiaprivate/private(same)2nd Regt. (Sharp's), VA Militiacorporal/corporal(same)2nd Regt. (Sharp's), VA Militiacorporal/corporalJoseph STELL2nd Regt. (Sharp's), VA Militiacorporal/corporal

In addition, a **Joseph Still** served in the War of 1812 as a substitute for Berryman Tucker, in Capt. W.H. Cousins' Co. of the 83rd Regiment, 15th Brigade, Virginia Militia.<sup>184</sup> I obtained a copy of the lengthy records regarding this pension application. Both men were residents of Dinwiddie Co. Tucker enlisted in Capt. Cousin's Company of Virginia Militia on Aug. 28, 1814 for a period of 60 days. In the middle of that service, he contracted with Joseph Still to serve the remainder of his term, starting on 1 Oct. 1814, for the sum of \$25 per month. Joseph served until December 2, 1814. After the war, Tucker applied for and was granted a bounty land warrant for this service, and an earlier one. (I don't have that BLW application.) Berryman Tucker died on May 23, 1856 in Dinwiddie Co., after applying for the BLW but before it was granted; it went to his widow, Frances, and she may have sold his bounty land to another person. Frances Tucker applied for a widow's pension in 1874, at which time she was living in Richmond,

Henrico Co., and was originally denied it. She appealed, and by providing proof that he did indeed serve the requisite 60 days, not counting the part of his service that Joseph Still served for him, she was eventually granted a pension.

- 1816 appears on the 1816 Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax List, taxed for himself and 1 horse.
- 1817-1819 he disappears from the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs in these years. Did he move elsewhere for a while?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>183</sup> The Dinwiddie Co., VA USGenWeb pages include a roster of all officers and privates serving from this county: http://www.vagenweb.org/dinwiddie/military/war1812-2.htm. I'm not sure where the information came from, or its accuracy or completeness.

M602, Index to War of 1812 Volunteer Service Records DOES include several records of service for each of these men. I have reviewed the index, but have not obtained the records for any of them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>184</sup> M313 Index to Pensions and BLW Applications for the War of 1812, reviewed July 7, 2009 at the Seattle NARA branch by RK.

- 1820 Joseph Stell appears twice on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 19 and 31, respectively.<sup>185</sup> Also appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, on Henry Young's list: Stell, Joseph – 1WM>16, 1 horse.
- 1821-1824 appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, on Henry Young's list: Stell, Joseph – 1WM>16, 1 horse.
- 1825 does not appear on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year.
- 1826 on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Henry Young's list) for 1826:
  Joseph Stell 1 horse. (no other Stells on this list)
- 1830, 1831 appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs (list of Burwell T. Goodwin, who took over Henry Young's list in 1830):
  Still, Joseph 1 horse (no other Stell or Still individuals on this list)
- 1830 on Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 395: <sup>186</sup>
  1 male 15-19, 1 30-39, 1 50-59 and 1 60-69; 1 female 5-9, 1 15-19, and 1 50-59. Nearby was Sarah Stell. Which male is Joseph? Who are the older men?
- 1834 reappears on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for the first time in several years (some of these years, the list he would have appeared on doesn't exist and is evidently lost), on the list of Henry Young:
  Stell, Joseph 1 horse (no other Stells or Stills)
- 1835 again not on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL
- 1835 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index to Deeds includes a citation of a Deed of Trust from Braxton Walker to Joseph Stell.<sup>187</sup>
- 1836 Appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Hubbard Wyatt, who took over Henry Young's list in this year):
  Still, Joseph 1 horse (no others)
- 1837 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Hubbard Wyatt) included a **Joseph STILL**, taxed for himself and one horse, no slaves.
- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Hubbard Wyatt) included a **Joseph STILL**, taxed for himself and one horse, no slaves. As before, all other Stells are in the other district.
- 1839 again is listed in the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL, list of Hubbard Wyatt, taxed for 1 horse and no slaves.
- 1839 the will of Shadrack Stell mentions his son Joseph Stell; Catharine Winn (?), formerly Stell; Rob't Stell; Peter Stell; Martha B. Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; and William Stell. <sup>188</sup>

<sup>185</sup> p. 19 lists his household: one male 0-9, one 10-15 and one 45 and over; one female 0-9, one 10-15 and one 45 and over. One in manufacturing, no slaves.

p. 31 is an accounting of occupations in the county, perhaps including slaves. Here Joseph Stell is listed as having 1 blacksmith and one cooper mark (?) (may be "house carpenter").186 page 395.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>187</sup> DB 1, p. 201. RK does not have a copy of this deed, and has not seen it, only the citation.

<sup>188</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

Shadrack Stell's widow, Tabitha Stell, also died in 1839, shortly after giving birth to her last child, Lavinia Estelle Stell. Her will, written before Lavinia was born, gave her entire estate to this unborn child, to be administered by Daniel Butts (see Tabitha Stell's Notes in this document for more information).

**Joseph Stell** opposed the recording of this will in 1839, to no avail. He and William B. Stell were among the buyers of items in her estate after her death.<sup>189</sup>

- 1840 as in 1839, above, on the Dinwiddie PPTL.
- 1841 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year lists for the first time a Frances STILL, on the list of Hubbard Wyatt. She paid the tax for no slaves and 1 horse.This appears to be the widow of Joseph Still/Stell, who appeared on this same list in prior years, but not thereafter.

Lewis Stell - created a will dated July 5, 1822 in Russell Co, VA (western VA), will probated 1830, named son John Stell. <sup>190</sup>

Louisa F. Stell, (the wife of Shadrack Stell, we think Shadrack Stell Jr.)

- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds, etc. Grantors lists a Dower Right granted by Luizie F. Stell to Archer J. Bevill, on Sept. 17, 1838.<sup>191</sup>
- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds, etc. Grantors lists a Deed from Shadrack Stell and Louisa F. Stell to William Weeks, on Nov. 15, 1839.<sup>192</sup>
- 1840 does NOT appear on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA. She's remarried, moved elsewhere (perhaps with one of her children), or has died.
- <u>Mary Stell</u> is named in Taxpayers of Virginia, 1782-1787, in Dinwiddie Co. VA.<sup>193</sup> She is evidently the widow of one of the early Dinwiddie Co. Stell men. But WHO?? Could it be George Stell Sr.??
- 1782, 1787-1807 she appears annually on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists, each time taxed for 200 acres. Nearby (apparently) are Dennis and Shadrack Stell.
- 1782 She is also named in the Dinwiddie Co. Personal Property Tax List for 1782.194
- 1785 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co. VA (list of John Jones) includes Charles, George, Shadrick, **Mary** and Dennis Stell.<sup>195</sup> Mary is taxed on 2 horses and 5 cattle.
- 1786 I did not find her on the Dinwiddie PPTL for this year.
- 1787 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Shadrack, Dennis, Charles, and Mary Stell.<sup>196</sup> Mary was taxed on 1 horse and 4 cattle.

194 No free male tithe, no negro tithe, 1 negro under age, 2 horses, 8 cattle. Found in 26W(1) 105. <sup>195</sup> As above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>189</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA WB 2, p. 466 and WB 3, pp. 117-120.

<sup>190</sup> Virginia Magazine of History 36:87.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>191</sup> DB 2, p. 147.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>192</sup> DB 2, p. 384.

<sup>193</sup> Seattle Public Library, R929/F82V.

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- 1788 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Shadrack, Dennis, and Charles Stell. No Mary is listed.
- 1789-1790 no Mary found on the Dinwiddie PPTLs.
- 1791 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrack Stell.<sup>197</sup> Mary is taxed for 1 horse and nothing else.
- 1792 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>198</sup>
- 1793, 1794 not listed on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs.
- 1795 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) again includes Charles, Dennis, **Mary** and Shadrach Stell.<sup>199</sup> She is taxed for 2 horses and no slaves.
- 1796 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram includes Charles, Dennis, John, Joseph and Shadrach, but not Mary Stell.<sup>200</sup>
- 1796, ff. No Mary Stell is found on the PPTLs of Dinwiddie Co. after this date. However, she IS listed annually on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists through 1807, each time taxed for 200 acres.
- 1809 she drops from the Dinwiddie Co., Land Tax lists, and on the same year, Shadrack Stell's taxable land goes up from 50 acres to 250 acres, implying that her land went to him. Unfortunately there are no probate records or Land records for Dinwiddie Co. prior to 1830, and we cannot prove that her land went to Shadrack, or if it did, how and why that occurred.
- Maryann Stell, daughter of George and Charity Leach Stell, was born April 24th 1806. No further information. Not named in her father's will, she probably died before 1822.

#### Patrick STILL

1769 - patented 326 acres in Pittsylvania Co. on both sides of the Long br. of Sandy River, 6 April 1769.<sup>201</sup>

- <u>Peter Stell</u> named as a grandson of Shadrack Stell in his 1839 probate records; probably the son of John or George W. Stell.
- 1834 Peter Stell m. Julia Ann Perkinson in Dinwiddie Co., by I.E. Hargrove. <sup>202</sup> This marriage certificate was recorded in Deed Book 1, p. 195 on Feb. 16, 1835.
- 1839 the will of Shadrack Stell mentions son Joseph Stell, and no other children, and gives the balance of his estate (after wife Tabitha died) to "my grandchildren." Those thus named include Catharine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>196</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, reviewed at the Bellevue FHC June 2009 by RK. See his Notes in Dinwiddie Co. folder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>197</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>198</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>199</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>200</sup> Ibid.

<sup>201</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.7, p. 160, citing Patent book 38, p. 556.

<sup>202</sup> Dinwiddie Co DB 1, p. 195, cited in "Some Marriages in the Burned Record Counties of Virginia," Va Genealogical Society, 1972.

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Winn (?), formerly Stell; Rob't Stell; <u>Peter Stell</u>; Martha B. Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; and William Stell. <sup>203</sup>

No further information. He doesn't appear on Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs through 1852. He does not appear on the 1840 or 1850 Dinwiddie Co., VA federal census. He's either left the state, or died.

# Polly Stell

1824 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1824 are: Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$40 Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
Stell, Polly – 1 horse Stell, Susan – 1 horse (This is the first time she's appeared on this list. Polly is a nickname for Mary, but there's been no Mary Stell on these lists since 1795, to my knowledge.)

No further information.

<u>Robert Stell</u> - born abt. 1810 in VA, d. aft. 1880; grandson of Shadrack Stell, who died in 1839,<sup>204</sup> and probably the son of John or George W. Stell.

1826 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Stell, George's estate – 6 slaves over 12, 3 horses
Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse (since this is the first year he appears, he reached 16 recently, and thus was born abt. 1810)
Stell, Sarah P. – 1 horse

Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 4-wheel carryall worth \$75

- 1827 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1827 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are:
  Stell, George W. 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
  Stell, Robert T. 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
  Stell, John N. 1WM>16, no slaves or horses
  Stell, Shadrack 1WM>16, 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$10, 1 carryall worth \$60.
  Stell, Susannah one horse
  Stell, Sarah 2 WM>16
- 1830 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 389.  $^{205}$

1833 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1833 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$40
Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse

<sup>203</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>204</sup> identified as his grandson in Shadrack's will. See Shadrack's notes.

<sup>205</sup> p. 389: one male 20-29; one female 15-19 (a wife?) and one 50-59 (his mother?). One slave, 4 in agriculture.

- 1834 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1834 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Robert T. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
- 1835 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1835 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$25
- 1836 Robert Stell m. Ann Browder 20 Dec 1836, in Dinwiddie Co. VA, by JW Roper. 206
- 1837 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse. **Robert T. Stell** – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse, **Robert T. Stell** – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 2 horses, Shadrack Stell JR. – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse, Shadrack Stell SR. – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds, etc. Grantors records the Marriage Certificate for Robert Stell and Ann Browder on April 15, 1839. The actual marriage may have occurred earlier, perhaps even the prior year.<sup>207</sup>
- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and 2 horses, **Robert T. Stell** – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 3 horses,
  Shadrack Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse,
  Shadrack Stell's Estate – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and
  William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.
- 1839 the will of Shadrack Stell mentions son Joseph Stell, and no other children, and gives the balance of his estate (after wife Tabitha died) to "my grandchildren." Those thus named include Catharine Winn (?), formerly Stell; Rob't Stell; Peter Stell; Martha B. Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; and William Stell. <sup>208</sup>
- 1840 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL includes **Robert T. Stell** taxed for 3 slaves over 12, 3 horses, and one carriage, Daniel Stell taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse, and
  William B. Stell taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.

<sup>206</sup> Dinwiddie Co DB 2, p. 255, cited in "Some Marriages in the Burned Record Counties of Virginia," Va Genealogical Society, 1972.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>207</sup> DB 2, p. 255.

<sup>208</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

- 1840 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA census, as Robert T. Stell. <sup>209</sup>
- 1841 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year includes **Robert T. Stell** taxed for 3 slaves over 12, 3 horses, and one carriage,
  Daniel Stell taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse, and
  William B. Stell taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse.
- 1842 the General Index to Deeds for Dinwiddie Co., VA records a deed of trust from Robert T. Stell to JW Roper.<sup>210</sup>
- 1850 on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, Northern District, p. 453A:

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- Still, Wm. B. 43MW farmer \$580 VA
- ", Martha 41FW VA
- ", George W. 16MW student VA
- ", Ann M. 14FW VA
- ", Martha B. 12FW VA attended school within the year
- ", Mary C. 11FW VA attended school within the year
- ", Wm. A. 8MW VA attended school within the year
- ", Clack E. 6MW VA attended school within the year
- ", Maria L. 4FW VA
- ", Ophelia 2FW VA
- Coleman, Adeline 7FW VA

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- Still, Robert T. 45MW farmer \$1500 VA
- ", Ann 44FW VA
- ", Adelina C. 12FW VA attended school within the year
- ", Algernon N. 9MW VA attended school within the year
- ", Theophilus P. 7MW VA attended school within the year
- ", Ladora 5FW VA
- ", Laviinia 11FW VA attended school within the year
- 1860 on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, district #1, San Marino P.O., p. 39, HH 296/289: Stell, Robert T. 55MW farmer \$0/1000 VA
  - ", Ann 54FW VA
  - ', Theophilous P. 17MW VA
  - ", Ladora V. 15FW VA attended school within the year
  - ", George W. Sen. 61MW carpenter (no \$ listed) VA (this man is different in age from the man listed above, and would have been born abt 1799)
- 1860 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index to Deeds includes a deed from Charles G. Hogwood et al to Robert T. Stell, dated Dec. 17, 1860.<sup>211</sup>
- 1862 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index to Deeds includes a deed from Robert B. Hogwood et al to Robert Stell, dated Jan. 20, 1862.<sup>212</sup>

<sup>210</sup> DB 3, p. 466, dated Nov. 21, 1842. RK has not seen this deed, only its mention in this index.

<sup>211</sup> DB 10, p. 256.

<sup>212</sup> DB 10, p. 383.

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<sup>209</sup> p. 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 30-40; 1 female <5, 1 20-30, 1 30-40, 1 50-60; no colored. Geo Rose, enumerator.

- 1865 He's on the IRS Tax Assessment List, as Robert T. Still, in Dinwiddie Co., VA, division 14 of District 4, and paid an excise tax on his income for 1864. No other Stills or Stells are listed on this tax list.<sup>213</sup> This list was compiled in July 1865.
- 1865 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index to Deeds includes a deed from Emeline Wlikes (WILKES intended?) to Robt. T. Stell dated Oct. 12, 1865.214

1870 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, Rowhanty district, Dinwiddie C.H. post office, p. 434, HH 213/225 Stell (indexed as STILL), Robert T. 65MW farmer \$2395/300 VA ", Nancy 65FW keeping house VA ", George Sr. 71MW at home VA (plus two farm hands, but no other Stells)

1880 - on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA (Rowhanty subdivision), ED 84, sheet 10B, HH 90/97: Stell, Robt. T. WM 75M married farmer VA VA VA ", Ann WF 75M wife Keeping house VA VA VA (along with a housekeeper and a servant, but no other Stells)

No further information.

# Salley Giles Stell

- daughter of George and Charity Leach Stell, was born August 3rd 1799. 215

1822 - named in her father's will as "Sally Roper," so had married a Roper by this date.

No further information.

- Sarah Stell (some of the items below COULD belong to Sally Giles Stell, and others may be a reference to Susannah Stell - see Susannah's section)
- 1801 a Sarah Stell appears for the first and only time on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL in 1801, on the list of Joseph Boisseau, along with several other Stell households: Sarah Stell - paid tax for 3 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 1 horse.
- 1826 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Stell, George's estate – 6 slaves over 12, 3 horses Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse Stell, Sarah P. – 1 horse Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 4-wheel carryall worth \$75

1827 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1827 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are: Stell, George W. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, Robert T. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, John N. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, Shadrack -1WM > 16, 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$10, 1 carryall worth \$60.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>213</sup> U.S. IRS Tax Assessment Lists, 1862-1918, Virginia, District 4, image 40/127, at Ancestry.com. <sup>214</sup> DB 11. p. 76. 215 George Stell almanac. Stell.doc

Stell, Susannah – one horse Stell, Sarah – 2 WM>16

1828 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1828 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are:
Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, one carryall worth \$50
Stell, Susannah – 1 horse
Stell, Sarah – 1 slave, 1 horse

1829 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1829 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, George W. – 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 1 horse, one 2-wheel carriage worth \$50
Stell, Sarah – 1 horse
Stell, John N. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse

- 1830 there is a Sarah Stell on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census. <sup>216</sup> She has children in her household, and may well be the widow of a Stell. But who?
- 1840 on Dinwiddie Co federal census, as Sarah T. Stell, alongside Daniel Stell, William Stell, and William Kidd, pages 8-9. There are no males in the household. Sarah has 1 white female less than 5, one 20-29 and one (Sarah) 50-59. She also has one free colored female, aged 10-23 in the household. None are shown as being in Agriculture.

Shadrack Stell - being researched by Irene Schreiner, PO Box 421, Cape May Point, NJ, 08212. She's a descendant of his daughter, Lavina.<sup>217</sup>

He was born between 1751-1760,<sup>218</sup> probably in Dinwiddie Co., VA. RK believes that he was the son of George Stell Sr. Shadrack died between Nov. 6, 1838 (when he wrote his will) and February 18, 1839 (when his will was recorded in court).

This Shadrack Stell most likely had at least 3 sons and one daughter; two of his sons (John and George W.) predeceased Shadrack, and their connection to Shadrack comes to us from the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists, where he paid their tax, and they were in his household.

Son Joseph and daughter Elizabeth were named as his children in his 1839 Dinwiddie Co. will (see below).

Shadrack ALSO had younger children, by his (second or third? wife, Tabitha Coleman. The 1820 federal census shows a younger male, age 15-19 in his HH, and the identity of this young man isn't known.

And his wife Tabitha was pregnant at the time of Shadrack's death, and gave birth to a daughter

<sup>216</sup> page 395, near Joseph Stell: 2 males 15-19, one female 10-14, 1 15-19, and one 30-39. 217 Her email from about 1999 reads:

My great grandfather and his wife, Lavinia E. Stell, lived on the property she inherited from her Stell father on Bear Swamp....which was probably next to this property. If her father was Shadrack Stell, then perhaps this George Stell is her grandfather and Shadrack inherited it from him??? At this point I have only Shadrack and his wife, Tabitha Coleman who must have been much younger than he...because I have a copy of his will leaving 250 ac. on to her. She was pregnant with Lavinia when he died. He must have been married before because he leaves \$200 to his grandson, Daniel Stell...and mentions his son, Joseph Stell and "grandchildren" in the Will. A Daniel Butts was the executor.

Since the unborn child (Lavinia) inherited the property from her mother, I'm not thinking there was a wonderful relationship there with the "first" family...but I imagine he wanted to provide for this young Tabitha Coleman Boisseau and her child.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>218</sup> Judging from his age (70-79) at the time of the 1830 federal census. Stell.doc Page 49

Lavinia Estelle Stell, in 1839; Tabitha died later that year, and had anticipated her death, writing her will before she gave birth to Lavinia.

Judging from the Dinwiddie PPTLs and other records, here's a hypothetical list of Shadrack Stell's children:

Joseph Stell (b. abt 1774 - d. aft 1841) John Stell (b. abt 1776 - d. bef 1839) George W. Stell (b. abt 1782 - d. bef 1839) Elizabeth Stell (b. ? - d. bef 1839?) son Stell, b. abt 1808 - d. bef. 1839? Lavinia Estelle Stell (1839 - 1909)

1782, 1787-1804 - Shadrach Stell appears annually on the Dinwiddie Co. Land Tax Lists, each time taxed for 50 acres. In these records his given name is spelled either Shadrack or Shadrach, and his surname Stell or Still.

Nearby (apparently) are Dennis and Mary Stell.<sup>219</sup>

- 1782 is on the 1782 Dinwiddie County Personal Property Tax List. <sup>220</sup> Also on this list are George, Charles, John and Mary Stell.
- 1784 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co., VA (list of Philip Jones) includes Dennis, Charles, **Shadrack**, and George Stell.<sup>221</sup> Shadrack is taxed for 1 FWM, 1 slave, 4 horses and 4 cattle.
- 1785 the PPTL for Dinwiddie Co. VA (list of John Jones) includes Charles, George, **Shadrick**, Mary and Dennis Stell.<sup>222</sup> Shadrick is taxed on 1 FWM, 2 slaves, 4 horses and 8 cattle.
- 1786 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Edward Pegram) included Charles, Shadrack and Dennis Stell.<sup>223</sup> Charles was taxed on 1 FWM, 3 slaves, 5 under-age slaves, 3 horses and 24 cattle. He's the wealthiest of the three, in terms of property. Shadrack was taxed on 1 FWM, 2 slaves of age, 3 horses and 12 cattle.
- 1787 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Edward Pegram) included Charles, **Shadrack**, Mary and Dennis Stell.<sup>224</sup> Shadrack was taxed for himself and no other FWM, no slaves at all, 2 horses and 11 cattle.
- 1788 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes **Shadrack**, Dennis, and Charles Stell.<sup>225</sup> Shadrack was taxed for himself and for William Glasscock (another FWM over 16); for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1789 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and **Shadrack** Stell.<sup>226</sup> Shadrack is taxed for himself and two horses.
- 1790 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and **Shadrack** Stell.<sup>227</sup> Shadrack was taxed for himself and no other FWM, and 2 horses.

- <sup>227</sup> Ibid.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>219</sup> Diniwiddie Co., VA Land Tax Lists, 1782, 1787-1804, FHC film no. 0029920, reviewed and transcribed by RK on August 15, 2009.

<sup>220</sup> William & Mary Quarterly (1) 26:104.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>221</sup> Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTLs, 1782-1799, reviewed by RK June 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>222</sup> As above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>223</sup> Ibid.

<sup>224</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>225</sup> Ibid. The 1788 Dinwiddie PPTL is the first one to list other FWM over 16 in the HH.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>226</sup> Ibid.

- 1791 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and **Shadrack** Stell.<sup>228</sup> Shadrack is taxed for himself AND for Joseph Stell, a FWM >16, and 3 horses.
- 1792 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>229</sup> Shadrack is taxed for himself and for Joseph Stell and John Stell (two other FWM over 16), and for 3 horses but no slaves.
- 1793 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of William Watts) includes Charles, Dennis and Shadrack Stell, but not Mary.<sup>230</sup> Shadrack is taxed for himself and for Joseph Stell and John Stell (two other FWM over 16), and for 2 horses but no slaves.
- 1794 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, Dennis and **Shadrach Stell**.<sup>231</sup> Shadrach is taxed for himself and for Joseph and John Stell, 2 horses, and one carriage.
- 1795 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) again includes Charles, Dennis, Mary and Shadrach Stell.<sup>232</sup> Shadrach is taxed for himself, Joseph and John Stell, 1 slave under 16, and 4 horses.
- 1796 he's on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) by himself (no longer with sons Joseph and John in the household), and pays tax for himself, 1 slave over 16 and one under 16, and 2 horses.
- 1797 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, John and **Shadrach STELL**, and Dennis and George STILL.<sup>233</sup> Shadrach is taxed for himself, one under-age slave and 3 horses.
- 1798 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of Daniel Pegram) includes Charles, John and **Shadrach Stell.**<sup>234</sup> Shadrach paid the tax for himself and for George W. Stell, one slave over 16 and one under 16 years of age, and three horses.

1800 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are:

List of Joseph Boisseau

Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself, no other WM, no slaves and 1 horse.

R. John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

Shadrach Stell - paid tax for himself and for George W. Stell, 1 black >16, & 5 horses.

John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

List of Braddock Goodwyn

Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself & George Stell, 9 blacks >16 & 2 12-16; 7 horses & 2 wheels. (no other Stells)

1801 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are: List of Joseph Boisseau<sup>235</sup>

<sup>234</sup> Ibid.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>228</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>229</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>230</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>231</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>232</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>233</sup> Dinnwiddie Co. VA Personal Property Tax Lists, 1782-1799, microfilm reviewed by RK at the Bellevue FHC, June 2009.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>235</sup> This list was very dark, a negative (black) background with white writing, and was so difficult to read that I could have missed some entries. The last entry, for John Stell Jr., is uncertain, and may have been SHELL or Scott, or some other name, but LOOKED like Stell, so I recorded it. Compare with future years' lists. May well have been John R. Stell, given later entries.

Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, George W. Stell and Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 and 4 horses.
John Stell - taxed for himself and 1 horse.
Joseph Stell - taxed for himself and 1 horse.
Sarah Stell - paid tax for 3 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 1 horse.
John Stell, Jr. - paid tax for himself, no property, slaves and no horse.
1802 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists this year are:
Joseph Boisseau's list
John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, George W. Stell & Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 & 4 horses.
John R. Stell - paid tax for himself; no property, slaves or horse.

1803 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are:
Shadrach Stell - paid tax for self & Jeremiah Stell, 1 slave over 16 & 4 horses.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.
George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John R. Stell - paid tax for self, but no property or horse.
George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, and 2 horses.

1804 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 12-16, 2 horses and 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse. John Stell - paid tax for self, with no property and no horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and two horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1805 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Joseph Boisseau's list) this year are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves over 16, 1 slave 12-16, 5 horses & 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1806 - Joseph Boisseau's list - this list was terribly faded, and was completely unreadable.

1807 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list - took over Joseph Boisseau's list in 1807) are:
George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, and 3 horses.
Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse.
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 1 slave over 16 and 2 horses.
George Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

- 1808 no property taxes were collected in Virginia this year, due to a budget surplus!
- 1809 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are: Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and Joel Mayes, and 1 horse. Capt. George Stell - paid tax for self, 5 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.
  Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves >16 & 3 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels.

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G. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

1810 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, p. 162: Stell, Shadrach - 1 male over 45; one female 26-44 and one over 45 Stell, Geo. W. - 1M 0-9, 1 26-44; one F 0-9 and one 26-44 Stell, Jos. - 1M 0-9, 1 10-15 & 1 26-45; 1F 0-9, 1 10-15 and 1 26-44 Stell, John - 1M 10-15, & one 26-44; 2F 0-9, one 16-25 & one 26-44 Stell, Jere'h - 1M 0-9, & one 26-44; 1F 0-9 and one 26-44 1810 - Charles Roper's list (another VERY DARK microfilm list!) George Stell - paid tax for self, 5 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 2 horses & 2 wheels. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self & Robert \_\_\_\_ (name illegible, but not Stell), & 1 horse. John Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. George W. Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 2 slaves >16, 3 horses & two wheels. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Edward Scott's list Dennis Stell - paid tax for himself, 9 slaves over 16, 3 horses, and 2 wheels. (no others) 1811 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 blacks >16, 3 horses and 2 wheels Joseph Stell - paid tax for himself and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16, 4 horses and 2 wheels. John Stell - paid tax for himself and 1 horse. John R. Stell - paid tax for himself (no property or horse). 1812 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are: Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. G. Woodleif Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. R. John Stell - paid tax for self (no property or horse). Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16, 2 horses & 2 wheels. 1813 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are: George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & 1 carriage worth \$60. Joseph Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 3 slaves >16 & 2 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$30. 1814 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are: John Stell - paid tax for self and no property or horse. George Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16, 3 horses & a carriage valued at \$50. John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses. W. George Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

Shadrack Stell - paid tax for himself, 2 slaves >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a carriage worth \$50.

- 1812-1814 may have been in the war of 1812.<sup>236</sup>
- 1815 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are:
  Shadrack Stell paid tax for self, 2 blacks >16 & 1 12-16,3 horses, 12 cattle, & 1 gig (\$40)
  John Stell paid tax on self, 2 horses & 5 cattle.
  Jeremiah Stell paid tax on self, 2 horses and 4 cattle.
  George Stell paid tax on self, 4 blacks >12, 1 12-16 & 1 9-12; 4 horses, 9 cattle, 1 piece of silver, 1 gig worth \$40, and one chest of drawers.
  Joseph Stell paid tax on self, 1 horse and 2 cattle.
- 1816 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Charles Roper's list) are:
  George Stell paid tax for himself, 4 slaves >16 & 1 12-16; 1 horse & one gig worth \$50.
  Joseph Stell paid tax for himself and 1 horse.

John Stell, "son of George" - paid tax for himself & one other free male >16,<sup>237</sup> & 2 horses. **Shadrack Stell** - paid tax for himself, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$50. Jeremiah Stell - paid the tax for himself and 2 horses.

1817 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Peter Scott's list - took over for Charles Roper) are:

Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self and 1 horse.

George Stell - paid tax for self, 3 blacks >16 & 1 12-16, 3 horses & a gig worth \$30. John Stell - paid tax for self and one other free male (unnamed), & 2 horses. **Shadrack Stell** - paid tax for himself, 4 blacks >16 and 3 horses.

1818 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Peter Scott's list) are:
Shadrack Stell - paid tax for self, 4 slaves >16 and 2 horses.
John Stell - paid tax for self and 2 horses.
Jeremiah Stell - paid tax for self, 1 slave over 16 and 1 horse.
(no others)

- 1819- appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA Personal Property Tax List (Peter Scott's list) are:
  Shadrack Stell paid tax for himself, 5 slaves over 16 and two horses.
  John Stell paid tax for himself and two other free males (unnamed; possibly his brothers or cousins, who no longer appear on this list), and 2 horses. No slaves.
- 1820 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 17. 238

Also appears on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year, on the list of Peter Scott:<sup>239</sup> Stell, John – 2 WM>16, 2 horses Stell, Shadrach – 1WM>16, 4 slaves >16, 2 horses, 1 2wheel carriage worth \$30

1821 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1821 are: George W. Stell - 1 horse Stell, John – 1 horse
Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$30

<sup>239</sup> See RK's compilation of Stells on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTLs, 1820-1841.

<sup>236</sup> From Irene Schreiner, descendand: The story we have is that he was in the War of 1812 because family histories refer to him as Captain. I haven't been able to prove that. (One of these references is the 1909 obituary of his daughter, Lavinia E. Stell, which explicitly calls him a valiant soldier in that War.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>237</sup> Beginning in 1816 and thereafter, the tax lists no longer NAMED the other individuals for whom the tax was paid, but just enumerated (counted) them.

<sup>238</sup> p. 17: 1 male 0-9 and one 45 and older; one female 10-15 and one 45 or older. seven slaves.

- 1822 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1822 are: Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves >16, 3 slaves 12-16, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, John – 2 slaves 12-16
- 1823 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) of 1823 are: Stell, Jeremiah – 1 horse Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves >12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Susanna – 1 horse
- 1824 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1824 are: Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$40 Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Polly – 1 horse Stell, Susan – 1 horse
- 1825 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1825 are: Stell, John N. & brother – 1 horse Stell, George's estate - 8 slaves over 12, 3 horses, 1 carriage worth \$50 Stell, Shadrach – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses Stell, Sally -1 horse
- 1826 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Stell, George's estate – 6 slaves over 12, 3 horses Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse Stell, Sarah P. – 1 horse Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 4-wheel carryall worth \$75
- 1827 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1827 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are: Stell, George W. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, Robert T. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, John N. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, Shadrack – 1WM>16, 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$10, 1 carrvall worth \$60. Stell, Susannah – one horse Stell, Sarah – 2 WM>16
- 1828 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1828 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are: Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, one carryall worth \$50 Stell, Susannah – 1 horse Stell, Sarah – 1 slave, 1 horse
- 1829 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1829 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, George W. – 1 horse Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 1 horse, one 2-wheel carriage worth \$50 Stell, Sarah – 1 horse Stell, John N. - 1 slave over 12, 1 horse

1830 - on the Dinwiddie Co. VA federal census, p. 411. <sup>240</sup>

1830, 1831 - no Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL list of Lewis P. Lanier for these years.

<sup>240</sup> One male 15-19, one 20-29 and one 70-79; one female 20-29, one 30-39, 5 male and 11 female slaves. Stell.doc Page 55

1832 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1832 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, John – 1 horse
Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack Jr. (sic) – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30. While the entry SAYS Jr., it has to be Shadrack Sr., with this much property.

1833- appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1833 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$40 Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse

- 1834 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1834 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Robert T. 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, William B. 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
- 1834 the General Index to Deeds, Dinwiddie Co. VA lists a deed from Marmaduke B Grigg to Shadrack STILL, dated 18 Aug. 1834.<sup>241</sup>

1835 – appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1835 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
Stell, Robert T. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12
Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$25

1835 - the General Index to Deeds, Dinwiddie Co. VA lists a deed from Shadrack Stell and Eliza his wife to William B. Stell dated 20 July 1835.<sup>242</sup> (Since Shadrack's wife at his death in 1839 was Tabitha Stell, this entry probably belongs to Shadrack Jr., but I'm not sure.)

1836 – appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1836 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 2 horses
Stell, Robert T. – 2 slaves over 12, 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 6 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12, no horses

- 1837 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse. Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 1 horse.
  Shadrack Stell – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse, Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 2 horses, Shadrack Stell JR. – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse, Shadrack Stell SR. – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>241</sup> Deed Book 1, p. 118. RK does NOT have a copy of this deed.

- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co. VA General Index of Deeds, etc. Grantors shows two Deeds of trust granted by Shadrick Stell to Thompson Stewart, on Jan. 31, 1838 and April 27, 1838.<sup>243</sup> These could be either Shadrack Stell Sr., or Shadrack Stell Jr.
- 1838 the Dinwiddie County VA will of Shadrack Stell, dated Nov. 6, 1838, gives property to "my beloved wife, Tabitha Stell," "my son Joseph Stell"; and grandchildren Catharine Wynn, formerly Stell; Braxton Walker and his wife, Mary, formerly Stell; Robert T. Stell; Peter Stell; Martha B. Stell; William Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; William D. Chandler; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; and Shadrach Stell.<sup>244</sup>
  Shadrack died soon thereafter, because the appraisal of his estate was returned to the court on 18 Feb. 1839.
  His wife Tabitha did not long survive him, and also died in 1839.
- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and 2 horses, Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 3 horses, Shadrack Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse,
  Shadrack Stell's Estate – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.
- 1839 Shadrack Stell lived on Bear Swamp plantation <sup>245</sup> see George Stell, 1822 will.
- 1840-ff. Shadrack Stell is no longer found in Dinwiddie Co., VA records. He died in 1839, or late 1838.

another Shadrack Stell (believed to be the grandson of Shadrack Stell, above)

1832 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1832 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, John – 1 horse Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
Stell, Shadrack Jr. (sic) – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30. While the entry SAYS Jr., it has to be Shadrack Sr., with this much property.

- 1833 Shadrack Stell m. Eliza Perkinson 26 March 1833, in Dinwiddie Co., by IE Hargrove. <sup>246</sup> THIS ENTRY belong to Shadrack Sr.'s grandson, as Shadrack Sr.'s wife was Tabitha Coleman Stell at the time he wrote his 1838 will.
- 1833 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1833 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$40 Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
- 1834 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1834 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Robert T. 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, William B. 1 slave over 12, 2 horses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>243</sup> DB 2, p. 7 and p. 73, respectively.

<sup>244</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463-4 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

<sup>245 &</sup>quot;Shadrack Stell's line" on Bear Swamp plantation mentioned in Surveyor's Platt Book of Dinwiddie Co. p 142.

<sup>246</sup> Dinwiddie Co DB 1, p. 4, cited in "Some Marriages in the Burned Record Counties of Virginia," Va Genealogical Society, 1972.

- 1834 the Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds, etc. Grantors shows a Deed from Shadrac Stell and (his wife?)Louisa F. to David Williams, on Feb. 17, 1834.<sup>247</sup> This must be Shadrack Jr., because his wife is later (after Shadrack Sr.'s death) Louisa F. Stell.
- 1835 the General Index to Deeds, Dinwiddie Co. VA lists a deed from Shadrack Stell and Eliza his wife to William B. Stell dated 20 July 1835.<sup>248</sup> (Since Shadrack's wife at his death in 1839 was Tabitha Stell, this entry probably belongs to Shadrack Jr., but I'm not sure.)
- 1835 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1835 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$25
- 1836 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1836 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, William B. – 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. – 2 slaves over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 6 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Daniel – 1 slave over 12, no horses
- 1837 on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1837 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, Robt. T. - 3 slaves over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, William B. - 2 horses
  Stell, Shadrach - 6 slaves over 12, 3 horses
  Stell, Daniel - 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
- 1837 The Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds, etc. Grantors shows a Deed from Shadrack Stell Jr. and (his wife?) Luezie F. Stell to Archer J. (or I.) Bevill on Sept. 18, 1837; and another Deed from Shadrack Stell Jr. and Louisa F. Stell to William Weeks, also on that date.<sup>249</sup>
- 1839 the will of Shadrack Stell mentions son Joseph Stell, and no other children, and gives the balance of his estate (after wife Tabitha died) to "my grandchildren." Those thus named include Catharine Winn (?), formerly Stell; Mary Stelll Walker, wife of Braxton Walker; Rob't Stell; Peter Stell; Catherine Stell; Martha B. Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; Shadrack Stell; and William Stell. <sup>250</sup>
- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co., VA General Index to Deeds, etc. Grantors lists a Deed from Shadrack Stell and Louisa F. Stell to William Weeks, on Nov. 15, 1839.<sup>251</sup>
- 1840 Shadrack Stell is on Dinwiddie Co. federal census, in Petersburg: 2 males 30-40; one female <5, 1 5-10, 1 20-30; no occupation listed. This is the grandson of Shadrach Stell, Sr. The same year Shadrack Jr. disappears from the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL.
- 1841 is NOT on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL in this and subsequent years.

## Susanna Stell

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>247</sup> DB 1, p. 36.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>248</sup> DB 1, p. 264. RK does NOT have a copy of this deed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>249</sup> DB 1, p. 589 and 590, respectively.

<sup>250</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>251</sup> DB 2, p. 384.

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1823 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) of 1823 are: Stell, Jeremiah – 1 horse Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves >12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Susanna – 1 horse This is her first appearance in Dinwiddie Co. records. Is she the widow of John Stell, son of Shadrack? 1824 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1824 are: Stell, George's Estate – 8 slaves >12, 3 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$40 Stell, Shadrach – 4 slaves>12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Polly – 1 horse Stell, Susan - 1 horse 1825 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL (Peter Scott's list) for 1825 are: Stell, John N. & brother – 1 horse Stell, George's estate - 8 slaves over 12, 3 horses, 1 carriage worth \$50 Stell, Shadrach – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses Stell, Sally – 1 horse 1826 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year (Peter Scott's list) are: Stell, George's estate – 6 slaves over 12, 3 horses Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse Stell, Sarah P. – 1 horse Stell, Shadrack – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 4-wheel carryall worth \$75 1827 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1827 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are: Stell, George W. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, Robert T. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, John N. – 1WM>16, no slaves or horses Stell, Shadrack -1WM > 16, 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 2-wheel carriage worth \$10, 1 carryall worth \$60. Stell, Susannah – one horse Stell, Sarah – 2 WM>16 1828 - appearing on the Dinwiddie Co., VA PPTL for 1828 (list of Lewis P. Lanier, who took over Peter Scott's list in 1827) are: Stell, Shadrack – 3 slaves over 12, 2 horses, one carryall worth \$50 Stell, Susannah – 1 horse Stell, Sarah – 1 slave, 1 horse

No further information.

- <u>**Tabitha Stell</u></u> (the second, or later) wife of Shadrach Stell. She is said by some on Ancestry.com to have been a Coleman.</u>**
- She died in 1839, less than a year following his death. At the writing of her will,<sup>252</sup> dated 5 April 1839, she directs that the proceeds of her estate go to "my child not yet born but imminent". This child was

 <sup>252</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 465-6, will dated 5 April 1839. The will was recorded on 21 Oct 1839, after her death. The will directs that if her child dies, all proceeds should go to Daniel Butts, in whose house she stayed during her final illness, and who was her executor. Tabitha's plantation (from Shadrach) was to Stell.doc

apparently a daughter, Lavinia Stell. <sup>253</sup> This Lavina Stell was born 9 May 1839 in Dinwiddie Co., VA, and married Thomas Holmes Boisseau in 1855, apparently in Halifax Co., VA (according to Ancestry.com statements, with GOOD sources!). Lavinia died in 1909 in Petersburg, VA.

Thomas Stell - was in VA Militia, paid for service in the Gun Cherokee Expedition. 254

- 1684 William Cheyney & Thomas STILL granted a patent for 245 acs, Middlesex Co., S. side of Rappa. Riv., 20 Apr. 1684, beg. on the Island line, by Maj. Beverly's line; to Mr. Mountegue; by Mr. Randall seagor's old field in sight of his house; to W. br. of Mr. Parrett's Cr., &c, for the trans. of 5 persons.<sup>255</sup>
- 1704 MR. THO. JEFFERSON, THO.HARRIS, MATTHEW BRANCH & THO. TURPIN (granted) 628 acres. Henrico Co., on S. side of James River, 20 Oct. 1704. p.627. Beg. in br of Lucy's Spring. Trans. of 13 pers: Ricd.Wright, John Rains, Charles Mackculla, John Plant, Tho. Eadell, <u>Tho. Stell</u>, Edwd.Evens, John Faulks, Robt. Hatfield, John Ferryman, Jonathan Ive (?), Henry Walton, John Henry.<sup>256</sup>
- 1755 Thomas Oglesby patented 400 acres in Albemarle Co. on both sides of Wreck Island Creek, adj. Thomas STILL, 10 Sept. 1755.<sup>257</sup>
- 1804 A Rev. Thomas Stell was a Methodist minister in Pittsylvania Co. VA in 1804. 258

### "early" William Stell/Still

- 1753 William STILL received a patent for 1590 acres Albemarle Co. on both sides of the South br. of Hardware River, 24 Sept 1753.<sup>259</sup>
- 1754 a William Stell was mentioned in the 1754 Henrico Co. VA will of Richard Trueman. 260
- 1756 Edward Gibson patented 200 acres in Albemarle Co. amongst the branches of Buffalo Br. of Willis's River, adj. Samuel Ridgway, Anthony Sherroon & William Still, 16 Aug. 1756.<sup>261</sup>
  James Phelps & William Phelps granted a patent for 400 acres in Albemarle Co., on a western fork of Wreck Island Cr., in a naked Bottom adj. William Still, 16 Aug. 1756.<sup>262</sup>

go to Mary (Stell?) Butts, along with 3 slaves. Virginia Butts, Amanda Butts and William H. Butts each received one slave. Interestingly, Joseph Stell, Shadrach's son, opposed the will, for unstated reasons. His opposition is only mentioned briefly, and was apparently unsuccessful.

Among the buyers of her estate items were William B. Stell and Joseph Stell.

- 253 Dinwiddie Co WB3, p. 117-120, estate account of Tabitha Stell, dec'd, recorded 22 June 1841 includes payment of \$53.94 to Peter R. Pritchett, "guardian of Lavinia Stell, orphan of Tabitha Stell, dec'd" on 12 Dec. 1839.
- 254 Virginia Magazine of History 15:87.
- <sup>255</sup> Cavaliers and Pioneers, v. 2, p. 275, citiing PB 7, p. 358.
- 256 Cavaliers & Pioneers, Volume 3, page 89, Patent Book No. 9, p. 627.
- <sup>257</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.6, p. 116, citing Patent book 31, p. 700.
- 258 William & Mary Quarterly (1) 20:293.

<sup>262</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol.6, p. 212, citing Patent book 33, p. 279.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>259</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.6, p. 139, citing Patent book 32, p. 235.

<sup>260</sup> William & Mary Quarterly (1) 25:285

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>261</sup> *Cavaliers & Pioneers*, Vol.6, p. 321, citing Patent book 34, p. 137.

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- 1760 Thomas Oglesby was granted a patent for 180 acres in Albemarle Co., VA on the Brs. of Wreck Island Cr., adj. William Still, said Oglesby's old line, and Col. John Bolling, 3 March 1760.<sup>263</sup>
- William B. Stell, grandson of Shadrack Stell. Born abt. 1806 in VA<sup>264</sup>; probably the son of John or George W. Stell, two of Shadrack Stell's sons who preceded him in death; died between 1870 and 1880, judging from census entries for him and his widow, Martha (see below).
- 1832 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1832 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, John – 1 horse
  Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. (sic) – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30.
- 1833 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1833 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, Robert T. – 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 4 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$40
  Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
- 1833 William Stell m. Martha Coleman 17 Aug 1833 in Dinwiddie Co., by RB Foster. 265
- 1834 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1834 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are: Stell, Shadrack Jr. – 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30 Stell, Robert T. – 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, William B. – 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
- 1835 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1835 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
  Stell, William B. 1 slave over 12, 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. 1 slave over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Daniel 1 slave over 12
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. 5 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$25
- 1835 the General Index to Deeds, Dinwiddie Co. VA lists a deed from Shadrack Stell and Eliza his wife to William B. Stell dated 20 July 1835.<sup>266</sup>
- 1836 appearing on the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for 1836 (list of Lewis P. Lanier) are:
  Stell, William B. 2 horses
  Stell, Robert T. 2 slaves over 12, 1 horse
  Stell, Shadrack Jr. 6 slaves over 12, 2 horses, 1 carriage worth \$30
  Stell, Daniel 1 slave over 12, no horses
- 1837 The Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse. Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 1 horse. Shadrack Stell – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and
  William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.
- 1838 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and one horse,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>263</sup> Cavaliers & Pioneers, Vol.6, p. 268, citing Patent book 33, p. 743.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>264</sup> judging from his entry on the 1850 federal census - see his Notes for 1850.

<sup>265</sup> Dinwiddie Co DB 1, p. 298, cited in "Some Marriages in the Burned Record Counties of Virginia," Va Genealogical Society, 1972.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>266</sup> DB 1, p. 264. RK does NOT have a copy of this deed. Stell.doc Page 61

Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 2 horses, Shadrack Stell JR. – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse, Shadrack Stell SR. – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and **William B. Stell** – taxed for no slaves and 2 horses.

- 1839 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL (list of LP Lanier) includes: Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave over 12 and 2 horses, Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12 and 3 horses, Shadrack Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse, Shadrack Stell's Estate – taxed for 6 slaves over12 and 3 horses, and William B. Stell – taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.
- 1839 a Dinwiddie Co. inquisition of Thomas Cromwell's death was conducted Jan 17, 1839 at the home of Mary Leach. One of those testifying at the inquisition was William B. Stell.<sup>267</sup>
- 1839 the will of Shadrack Stell mentions son Joseph Stell, and no other children, and gives the balance of his estate (after wife Tabitha died) to "my grandchildren." Those thus named include Catharine Winn (?), formerly Stell; Rob't Stell; Peter Stell; Martha B. Stell; George W. Stell; Elizabeth Chandler, formerly Stell; Cargill Coleman and his wife Elizabeth, formerly Stell; and William Stell. <sup>268</sup>
- 1840 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL includes
  Robert T. Stell taxed for 3 slaves over 12, 3 horses, and one carriage,
  Daniel Stell taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse, and
  William B. Stell taxed for no slaves and 1 horse.
- 1840 William B. Stell is on the Dinwiddie Co., VA federal census, alongside Robert T. Stell, Sarah T Stell, Daniel Stell, and 2 William Kidds. <sup>269</sup>
  William has in his household 1 male 5-9 and one (William B.) 30-39, 3 females under 5 and one (his wife) aged 20-29. He also has one female slave, age 10-23.
- 1841 the Dinwiddie Co. VA PPTL for this year includes Robert T. Stell – taxed for 3 slaves over 12, 3 horses, and one carriage, Daniel Stell – taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse, and
  William B. Stell – taxed for 1 slave and 1 horse.
- 1849 William B. Stell was among the jurors at a coroner's inquest in Dinwiddie Co. regarding the death of an unknown woman; the inquisition occurred "near Leaches old tavern" in the county of Dinwiddie 17 December 1849.<sup>270</sup> This and the 1839 coroner's inquisition show that William B. Stell lived in the neighborhood of Leach's Tavern.

1850 - on federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, Northern District, p. 453A: HH 286
Still, Wm. B. 43MW farmer \$580 VA
", Martha 41FW VA

<sup>267</sup> Dinwiddie Co. Deed Book 2, p. 187-88 (RK has photocopy, in Leach file)

<sup>268</sup> Dinwiddie Co WB2, p. 463 (will); WB2, pp. 115, 351, 486 (accounts), WB 2, pp.341,, 493 (inventory and appraisals); and WB3, p 443 (final account).

<sup>269</sup> I didn't transcribe ages, etc for William B. Stell, found on p. 8.. The other Stell data is on this document, under each individual.

William Kidd (p. 8) 1 male <5, 2 5-10, 1 30-40, 1 70-80; one female 30-40. Farmer.

William Kidd (p. 9) 1 male <5, 3 10-15, 1 15-20, 1 40-50; 2 females <5, 2 5-10, 1 15-20, 1 30-40. 11 total, 4 in agriculture. THIS IS ALMOST CERTAINLY WILLIAM KIDD, SON OF LODOWICK KIDD, WHO LATER MIGRATED TO MS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>270</sup> photocopy of this document sent me by Minna Fisher, and filed in Stell folder. Stell.doc Page 62

- ", George W. 16MW student VA
- , Ann M. 14FW VA
- ", Martha B. 12FW VA attended school within the year
- ", Mary C. 11FW VA attended school within the year
- , Wm. A. 8MW VA attended school within the year
- ", Clack E. 6MW VA attended school within the year
- , Maria L. 4FW VA
- ", Ophelia 2FW VA
- Coleman, Adeline 7FW VA

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- Still, Robert T. 45MW farmer \$1500 VA
- ", Ann 44FW VA
- , Adelina C. 12FW VA attended school within the year
- " , Algernon N. 9MW VA attended school within the year
- " , The ophilus P. 7MW VA  $\,$  attended school within the year " , Ladora 5FW VA  $\,$

- ", Laviinia 11FW VA attended school within the year
- 1860 on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, San Marino P.O., District #1, p. 37, HH 279/272:
  - Stell, William B. 53M farmer \$936/350 VA cannot read or write
    - ", Martha A. 52FW VA cannot read or write
    - ", Martha B. 21FW VA
    - " , William A. 17MW VA attended school within the year
    - ", Clack 15MW assisting on farm VA
    - Mariah L. 13FW VA attended school within the year
       Ophelia 11FW VA attended school within the year
    - , Ophelia 11FW VA attended school within the year
    - ", Calvin 9MW VA
    - ", Lelia 4FW VA

1870 - his wife and two sons are on the federal census in Dinwiddie Co., VA, Darvilles district, Dinwiddie C.H. post office, p. 491, HH 1015/1048:

- Still, Martha 62FW farming \$576/200 VA cannot read or write
- ", Clack E. 25MW farm laborer VA
- ", John C. 19MW farm laborer VA

[William has evidently died in the past 10 years.]

1880 - his wife Martha is a widow, living with son John in Dinwiddie Co., VA.

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