

A Story of Four Nathaniels

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The will of Nathaniel Everitt (I), planter of the Parish of St. Andrews and Province of North Carolina was dated the 2nd day of November 1749 and was proved in Tyrrell County December 5th 1749.¹ In the will Nathaniel names three separate Nathaniel Everitts, distinguished by address but not by relationship: Nathaniel of New River (see chapter on Nathaniel of Onslow), Nathaniel of Mereland (see chapter on Maryland Everetts), and Nathaniel born at Kendricks Creek in 1707 (see chapter on Nathaniel II). An attempt to identify these four Nathaniels and their relationship to each other led to the following analysis. The three mentioned in the will are probably namesakes. Nathaniel of Kendrick's Creek is clearly son of Nathaniel (I). It is unknown whether or not one or both of the others is a son of Nathaniel (I) or perhaps a nephew and namesake. Having more than one son by the same name was not unusual in those days. There are several spellings of Everitt in the records including Averitt, Avera, and Avery.

Two Everitts, Nathaniel and Thomas, came to Chowan County in the early 1700's. Deeds naming Thomas are found by 1700. The first exact date we have in Nathaniel's life is 1707, which according to the 1749 will was the date his son Nathaniel was born on Col. Moseley's plantation. The relationship, if any, between Nathaniel and Thomas is not proved. However, it is difficult to believe that two men of the same name, who arrived in NC about the same time, are not related. (See chapter on Thomas of Chowan.) Checking Virginia as a point of origin we find: 1) *The Quit Rents of Virginia 1704* name four Everitts: Simon in Isle Of Wight, William in Nansemond, Thomas in Essex, and John in Surry.² 2) Clayton Torrence's *Virginia Wills and Administrations 1632-1800* lists Everitts in nine counties.³

The wife of Nathaniel (I) is identified as Mary, daughter of William Mitchell and Widow of John Harrison. A section on William Mitchell is included at the end of the chapter on Nathaniel (I).

Nathaniel Everitt (I)

(c1678-1749)

The mark of Nathaniel N^E Everitt

The first Nathaniel of Morottock in Chowan County, North Carolina, left a property disposition dated 2 Sept 1720, which he acknowledged in court on 4 Sept 1720 in Chowan County.⁴ Why this was done is unclear; perhaps he was going on a trip and was planning against his failure to return. This was not an unusual event. He was living on 29 October 1744 when he delivered his estate by "Turf & Twig" to his son Nathaniel Jr.⁵ Then on 2 Nov 1749 Nathaniel left a final last will and testament, which confirmed the property, which was already given in 1744, to his son Nathaniel.⁶ These documents together with his other deeds show an effort to make sure of his family's unchallenged land ownership.

The Three Property Depositions of Nathaniel Everitt (I)

1. From Chowan Deed Book C-1, page 4 2/4 Sept 1720. Provided by Vernon Everett. Also, abstracted by Margaret Hofmann.⁷

Everitt to his Wife, a Deed

To all to whom these presents shall come I Nath: Everitt of Morottock in Chowan in North Carolina a Planter send greeting.

Know ye that I the sd Nath Everitt, for and in Consideration of the love good will & affection which I bear towards my Loving wife Mary Everitt, now dwelling & residing with me at my Plantation in Morottock afsd, have given Granted & by these presents do freely Clearly & absolutely give & Grant to my sd Wife Mary Everitt My Maner Plantation which I now dwell upon & the land adjoining thereto, except what I shall by Vertue of these presents hereby after dispose of to be by My sd Wife Mary Everitt quietly & peacefully enjoyed during her Life & after her Decease to be enjoy'd by my son Nath: Everitt & his heirs forever. I also by these presents do freely & absolutely give & Grant to my Eldest daughter Mary Everitt One hundred acres of Land be the same more or less already mark'd out & bounded by two swamps between Zachariah Girkin and Benjn Blount to be possess'd by her & [her] heirs forever. I also by these presents do freely & absolutely Give & Grant unto my daughters Elizabeth Everitt and Sarah Everitt that parcell of Land called Possimen Neck to be equally divided between them the Eldest to have the first Choice to be enjoy'd by them & their heirs forever. As to my Personal Estate I give & Grant in maner & form following, that is to say that every part & parcell thereof may by my above mentioned wife Mary Everitt be quietly & Peacefully enjoy'd without Lett or Molestation of any person whatsoever during her Life, & after her Decease to be Equally divided as neer as possible between my Children above mentioned the Eldest to have the first Choice to be to be [sic] quietly enjoy'd by them & their Heirs forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this 2d day of Sept Annos Dom: 1720. Nath: Everitt. [O = seal] Sign'd Seal'd & Deld in presence of us Benjn Blount Rd Swinson John Edwards. Ack. by RD. Swinson 4 Sept 1720 before me Fred. Jones, Ch. Just.

In the above deed, Benjamin Blount was husband of Elizabeth Everitt. Sarah Everitt later married William Jordan. Zachariah Girkin was husband of Hannah Harrison. John Edwards was brother-in-law of Benjamin Blount. By 1722 Mary married Thomas Stubbs, because the deeds of Chowan County show Thomas and Mary Stubbs selling the land back to Nathaniel on 14 April 1722/ reg. 24 Aug 1722: ack. 14 Apr 1722 before C. Gale, Ch. Just. Nathaniel in turn sold it back on 16 Feb [Apr] 1722/ reg. 20 Sept 1722: ack. 16 Apr 1722 before C. Gale, Ch. Just. Witnesses to both transactions were William Rodes and Cornelius Callihan.⁸ This transaction took place to clarify Thomas Stubbs' title to the land.

2. Nathaniel Everitt's disposition of land to his son Nathaniel Everitt the Younger. Transcription made by Jane Stubbs Bailey at Tyrrell County Office of Register of Deeds, Columbia, NC. From Tyrrell County NC Deed Book I, page 258.

Memorandum that on the 29 day of Oct 1744 Nathaniel Everit of Tyrrel Co Planter Dwelling at Conabee Creek Swamp commonly called Morratock Swamp who heretofore Signed a Deed or Instrument of writing purporting a last will or Testament or to that Effect Dated September the

second 1720 whereto were witnesses Benjamin Blount, Richard Swinson, & John Edwards Entered on the land and plantation in the said Instrument of writing Mentioned by the name of his the said Nathaniel Everits Manner Plantation and where the said Nathaniel now Dwelleth at this presents & being in Quiet and peaceable possession of the Same he did Deliver the like Quiet and Peaceable Possession of the same by Turff and Twig unto Nathaniel Everit in the Said Instrument of Writing mentioned which Said Nathaniel last mentioned was born at Kendricks Creek Plantation then belonging to Edward Moseley Esq. But now in the Tenure & occupation of Thomas Corpew, the Said Nathaniel the Elder being then tennant about 37 years past to the said Edward Moseley To have and to hold the said Manner Plantation in the Said Instrument of Writing Mentioned Unto Him the Said Nathaniel Everitt the Younger, his heirs and assigns according as the Same is mentioned in the Said Writing, the aforementioned Possession taken and Delivered by Turf and Twig unto the said Nathaniel the Younger in the presence of us Richard Swinson Juror, Richard Fagans (mark), John Stubbs. Signed Nathaniel (NE) Everet. Oct 30 1744. Proved before me in Due Form of Law Let it be Registered E Moseley C Justice. November the 23rd 1744 then was the aforegoing Instrument of Writing of Livery & Schism Duly Registered in Tyrrell County James Craven

According to the 1744 deposition, Nathaniel the Elder was a tenant on Col. Moseley's Plantation 37 years ago (1744 - 37 = 1707, the year of the younger Nathaniel's birth). Confirmation of this is found in the official records in January 1712, when the following item shows him to be in the employ of Col. Moseley: "Received: Jan 1712 of Edwd: Moseley by hand of Nathaniel Averitt 30 busls. corn for the public Pr: Thomas Lee".⁹

Col. Edward Moseley was appointed about 1704 as a Deputy to represent the heirs of Lord John Granville and was directed to take charge as Colonel of all the Regiments in the Province of North Carolina. Col. Moseley did not appear in the Province until about the time of Gov. Henderson Walker's death in 1704. His Commission was issued about the time of the Carey Rebellion. He married Ann Lillington, Widow of Gov. Henderson Walker.¹⁰ Edward Moseley was probably born in England. He was not a member of the Virginia Moseley family of Princess Anne County.¹¹ There is no evidence that Everitt and Moseley knew each other prior to coming to North Carolina. The will of Col. Moseley dated 20 Mar 1745 gives to son Edward 500 acres in Tyrrell County called Coopers.¹² On 20 Mar 1762 Edward Moseley of New Hanover Co sold John Stubs 450 acres called White Marsh on Conaby Creek bequeathed to Edward by his father.¹³

3. Will of Nathaniel Everitt - 2 Nov 1749/ Proved 5 Dec 1749 (Secretary of State Wills, NC State Archives)

In the Name of God amen I Nathaniel Everitt of the parish of St Andrews and Province of North Carolina planter being of sound mind and memory knowing the frealty of Humen Nature after Recommending my Soule to almighty God in full Hope of a Safe and Sure Resurrection to everlasting life I Make and Constitute this my Last Will and testament Disposing of all my worldly goods in manner and form following:

- Item I give to Nathaniel Everitt of New River one Shilling Sterling
- Item I give to Elisebeth or Mary Everitt of mereland one Shilling Starling
- Item I give to Elisebeth Ray one Shilling Starling
- Item I give to Nathaniel Everitt of mereland one Shilling Starling

Item I give to Sary Faggin one Shilling Starling

Item I give my Lands and Plantation to Nathaniel Everitt of the parish of St Andrews in the County of tyral and Province of North Carolina which S:d Nathaniel Everitt was Born att Kindrecks Creek in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Seven on a plantation then be Longing to Edward Mosely, Esq. to be enjoyed and prossed [sic] by him and his Hears or assins for Ever with all other Estate Real and personal and do apoint him the S:d Nathaniel Everitt the hool and sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament in witness hear of I have hear unto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord on thousand Seven hundred and forty nine

The mark of Nathaniel (NE) Everitt

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presents of

Thomas Everitt

James Rhouds

The mark of Ann (A) Beesley

North Carolina at a Court of Quarter Sisions Begun open and held Tyrrel County for Sd County at the Court House on Kindrecks Creek December the 5th 1749 Prest. his majesties Justices

This Last Will And Testament of Nathaniel Evert of said County Decd was Exhibited into open Court & Prov:ed by the Oaths of James Rhoades Tho. Everet and Ann Beckley [sic] Subscribing Evedences thereto & on Motion of Nathaniel Everet Sen: who Qualified as Exet. to the Sd Decd will Praying orders for Letters Testamentary ordered that the Hon. Nathaniel Rece Esq. Secatory or his Deputy have Notice there of that Letters may Issue according.

Test. Evan Jones Clerk Cm

Probable Inventory of Nathaniel Everitt (I)

The probable inventory of Nathaniel Everitt (I) was taken by his son Nathaniel (II). Transcription by Art Lawton of Trenton NY. At the NC State Archives, Raleigh, NC. Undated. The mention of a "cutlash", a sailor's weapon, suggests Nathaniel (I) could have been at sea at one time.

A treu Enventrey of the Esteat of Nath. Everitt Deceased

One fether bed and furneture

Two iron poots

One pair of hooks

One Chist

One Lining wheal

One Wolen Wheal

Two pair of Cards

One pyter basson one plate thirteen Speuns

Two meel Sifters

One Luking Glace

Eight Cheers

Five old basketes
Three tubbs three pails
One pegen [sic]
One Buter tubb
One pair of tongs
One Shvel
One Grediron
One tomehook three old axes four old hoos two old plowhoos three harrowhoos
One Ladel one Skemer one iron hook three pair of Sheers one Clau hamer one old Gun
one Cutlash one half Bushel
One tabel one Stul
Two Riping hooks three trays and two Bols one spice moorter and pestel
One hand saw
One Drawing knife
Three Gimbelets
Two Stone Gugs one Earthen Gug
Four Earthen pans one Creem poot two mugs two Cups one frying pan
Four old bariels sum tobaco
One hors one mair one Sadel one bridel one bell some hors harnes
Fourteen Sheep twenty three head of Cattel if all is alive
Ten bottels one Gak [sic] bottel
One cart and Wh[eel?]
Seven Gees
One pair of Slelirds? one burning Iron one ?
Two Slays and harnes
One handmill
One Rundlet
One [S?]haket
One barel and half of Cotton
One flaxbrake
Two Lettel Caks of tallow
One side of Lether one slice
One old Box with sum trumprey in it
One Grinding stone
One Brasspune
One pair of Worping bars
Fifty five barels of Corn sum pees sum beens and sum salt
One Raw hide
One Carting knife
One old Chamber poot
One Razor
One old hoone
Sum Wheet
Return:d By Nathaniel Everit Senior
Tyrrell County Estate of Nathaniel Everitt, No Date

Mary, wife of Nathaniel

Between 1694 and 1701 Nathaniel married Mary, widow of John Harrison, who died in Albemarle County in 1694.¹⁴ She was probably daughter of William Mitchell. A previous marriage by Nathaniel's wife Mary was suggested by the deeds of gift to "sons-in-law" (step-sons), whose wives were obviously older than his daughter Mary, whom he says in 1720 is his "eldest daughter".¹⁵ Neither the "sons-in-law" nor their wives were mentioned in either his property deposition of 1720 or in his will of 1749. Nathaniel did consistently name son Nathaniel and daughters Mary, Elizabeth, and Sarah in these documents. The omission of "daughters" Susannah and Hannah and their husbands Thomas Harrison and Zachariah Gurkin suggests they may have been his step-daughters and or step-sons, his wife Mary's daughters or sons from a previous marriage. In fact the records show that Mary was the widow of John Harrison, who died in 1694, and that Thomas and Hannah were her children by that marriage.

The identification of Nathaniel's wife Mary as widow of John Harrison, was accomplished by a search of the Secretary of State's Wills prior to 1700 as abstracted by J. Bryan Grimes, *Abstract of North Carolina Wills*. Checking all wills for a Widow Mary and children Susannah or Thomas Harrison and Hannah or Zachariah Gurkin yielded the will of John Harrison with wife Mary, sons William, John, and Thomas Harrison, and daughter Elizabeth; this will was dated 18 Feb 1693 and proved in the April 1694 Court of Chowan.¹⁶ A further check for these children discovered the will of John's son John Harrison in 1710, in which he made bequests to brother Thomas Harrison, sister Hannah Banks, and to Mr. Long.¹⁷ Mary Everitt's children were, therefore, Thomas Harrison with wife Susannah and Hannah (Harrison) Banks Gurkin, who was born after John's will was written in 1693. The mention of daughter Elizabeth in 1693 and a bequest to Mr. Long in 1710 suggests that Elizabeth Harrison married a Long and that she was dead by 1710.

On the first Monday in April 1694 in Chowan Court, Mary Harrison claimed four head rights, viz: Jno. Harrison, Eliz. Harrison, Mary & Wm. Harrison.¹⁸ These claims suggest that children Thomas and Hannah Harrison were born in North Carolina and the other children were born elsewhere. No survey or patent for this approximately 200A has been found. On the same day a William Harrison claimed two head rights, himself and Ann Harrison. His relationship to John & Mary Harrison is unknown. This William witnessed the will of John Harrison in 1693. On 15 Feb 1700 a Will Harris [Harrison] & wife Ann sold Argall Simons for 25L 250A on the North side of the Albemarle River adj John Harrison. Wit: Humphrey Legg, Leonard Losim [Loftin].¹⁹

Harrison Wills - Secretary of State, NC State Archives.

Will of John Harison dated 18 Feb 1693/ Proved Apr CT 1694 Chowan

Albemarle February 18th 1693 In the name of God amen I John Harison being now in perfect memory doth bequeath my Sole to God & body to be buried in the earth where my freinds pleaseth and for my temporal state

I bequeath to my son William Harrison one hundred acres of land on the west side of my plantation more to the sd son one small pewter dish.

I do give to my son John Harrison fifty acres of land joining upon his brother William more to the sd John Harrison one cow & heifer more to sd John one musket if the said John Harison liveth to the age of 19 (17?) years he is to go at his liberty

I give to my daughter Elizabeth one two year old heifer

I give to my son Thomas one cow & calfe
As for the remainder of my estate I do make my Dear loving wife my sole executrix
I doe swear this to be my last will & testament given from under my hand & seal the day & date
above mentioned. John (J) Harison

Wit: Geo. Fordice, John (JW) Watkins, Wm (O) Harison
Probate 1st Monday of April 1694 by Geo. Fordice & John Watkins; Henderson Walker CLK.
Widow Mary Harrison acknowledged exectrix.

Will of John Harrison, 10 Nov 1710/ no probate.

In the name of God amen. I John Harrison being very sick & weak of body But in perfect sound
health of memory I doe bequeith my body to ye ground & my soul into ye hands of ye Almighty
God & as for ye worldly goods ye Lord hath been pleased to bestow upon me I doe bequeith
them as follows.

1) My now dwelling plantation I doe give & bequeith to my Brother Thomas Harrison &
one cow & one calf

2) and Mr Long what he owes me and two mares I doe also give him two(?) iron potts for
him also.

3) To my sister Hanna Banks I doe give two Butter dishes.

As for my Brother Thomas I doe leave him whole Executor to take all that I have except
that small legace to my sister Hanna I desire that my Brother may see all my just debts paid.

This I doe acknowledge to be my last will & testament as witness my hand & seal this 19th day of
November in ye year of our Lord God 1710. John Harrison.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of us: Nathaniell (O) Everitt, Ann (A) Mitchell, Wm
Mitchell

The birth dates of Nathaniel and his wife Mary are unknown. Mary and John Harrison had four
children by 1693. If they were born two years apart that would place the marriage c1686 to
c1689, three born before their arrival in NC. Son John was certainly born by 1687 to sell land in
1708 at age 21. Given the early age of marriage for girls at 16 or even as early as 13, Mary must
have been born c1670-1673. She was not born in Carolina, because she claimed her head right
and those of three Harrison children in Chowan Court the 1st Monday of April 1694. There is no
mention in the records of Mary after 9 Mar 1722, and she certainly predeceased Nathaniel,
probably being dead by the 1744 Deed of Gift to son Nathaniel, in which her dower right was not
mentioned.

We know nothing of Nathaniel prior to his marriage to Mary, which occurred after 1694 and by
1701. He was certainly born by c1678, probably before, and lived to be an old man. The Colonial
Records show that on 15 Feb 1738 "Mr. Stevens Lee moved this House on behalf of Nathaniel
Everitt Senr praying the said Everet might be exempted from paying levys and other Publick
services."²⁰ Since the statement is not made that this is because of advanced age, there is no
proof here of Nathaniel's birth date. A possible reason for this petition is family responsibilities,
because his daughter Mary and her husband Thomas Stubbs died about this time and Nathaniel
Everitt was guardian of his daughter's young family.²¹

The children of Mary (Mitchell) Harrison Everitt

Mary & John Harrison m c1685. The births of the Harrison children are based on the NC head rights and John Harrison's 1693 will. Children are listed in the order as given in John's will:

1. William bc 1686/7; head right 1694; willed 100A by his father, possibly the land sold by his brother John in 1708 and his step-father Nathaniel Everitt in 1709;²² he is not in his brothers' will in 1710, although all the other siblings are. No further information.

2. John bc 1687; head right 1694. His will in 1710 in NC named his siblings Thomas Harrison, Hannah Banks, and Mr. Long, who was probably husband of his sister Elizabeth; it was witnessed by Nathaniel Everitt (his step-father) and by Ann and William Mitchell (his grandfather).²³ On 5 Jan 1708 John Harrison sold Argell Simons (no acreage or consideration mentioned) a plantation joining John Porter and the sd Simons. Wit: Thomas Garrett, Stephen Swain.²⁴ In his will John left his brother Thomas his dwelling plantation. Since John was only willed 50A by his father, he may have inherited some of this land from his brother William by right of primogenitor.

3. Elizabeth bc 1685-88; head right 1694; died young by 1710, possibly in child bed by c1703; probably m Thomas Long.

4. Thomas bc 1692/3 NC; no head right; died 1752; m by 1715 Susannah, probably Susannah Gatlin, daughter of Ann (George) Gatlin Mitchell.

5. Hannah b in NC after 18 Feb 1693, possibly posthumously; m/1 by 1710 Robert Banks m/2 by 1718 Zachariah Gerkin (son of Elizabeth Gerkin).

Mary & Nathaniel Everitt m by 1701 in Albemarle NC. Nathaniel stated that Mary was his eldest daughter. Assuming that none of the girls married before age 15, tentative birth dates are as follows:

1. Mary bc 1701 NC; d1738; m by 1722 Thomas Stubbs
2. Elizabeth bc 1703 NC; m/1 c1718 Benjamin Blount m/2 William Ray
3. Sarah bc 1705 NC; m/1 1720's William Jordan m/2 Richard Fagan
4. Nathaniel b 1707 NC; will 1782 NC; m/1 1720's; last wife Elizabeth.

Land Records of Nathaniel Everitt (I)

Acquired	Disposed
1. By 1709 90A	1709 to Wm. Haughton
2. 1715/6 460A patent	1718-1744 to his children
3. 1715/6 212A patent	1716 Thomas Harrison
4. 1716 land exchange with Thomas Lee	

1. The earliest deed reference found for Nathaniel is 1709.²⁵ On 8 April 1715 William Haughton of Albemarle sold to Edward Porter 90 acres on back of John Porter and now in possession of his son Edward Porter. The deed states that the land was "made over to me by deed of sale from Nathaniel Averitt in April 1709". The deed was registered 3 Aug 1716. The original deed from Averitt to Haughton has not survived. This is probably his wife Mary's right of dower in her first husband's land. Mary claimed 4 head rights with 50A due for each = 200A; including husband John there would be 5 original rights = 250A. No survey or patent has been found. Son William got 100A, son John got 50A. No deposition of William Harrison's 100A willed to him by his father has been found; it may have been inherited by his brother John, who sold land in 1708.

2. Nathaniel received a Proprietary patent on 19 Jan 1715/16 for 460 acres adjacent Persimon Swamp, Moratock Swamp, and Persimon Branch.²⁶ The disposition of this land is as follows. All land given in the 1720 document was confirmed by deed except that given to daughter Sarah.

- 1) 1718 100 acres to Benjamin Blount, who married daughter Elizabeth Everitt.²⁷
- 2) 1718 060 acres to Zachariah Gerkin, who married step daughter Hannah (Harrison) Banks Gerkin.²⁸
- 3) 1720/2 100 acres to daughter Mary and confirmed to her husband Thomas Stubbs.²⁹
- 4) 1722+ 050 acres to daughter Sarah, who m/1 William Jordan and m/2 Richard Fagan.³⁰
- 5) 1744 150 acres to son Nathaniel Everitt (II).³¹

3. Nathaniel Averitt also got a second Proprietary patent on 19 Jan 1715/16 for 212A in Chowan Precinct on ye head of Coneby Creek, joining ye upper Beaver Dam, ye Beaver Dam Pocoson, and a branch of Marratock Swamp.³² Nathaniel gave this land to his step-son Thomas Harrison, eldest living son of his wife Mary.³³

4. On 9 Jan 1716/17 Thomas Lee and wife Mary, relict of John Bailey deceased, deeded to Nathaniel Everitt for 100L two tracts of 450A [sic] and 640A each, formerly in possession of John Bailey and devised by him to his wife Mary. On 10 Jan 1716/17 Nathaniel Everitt deeded the same tracts back to Thomas Lee. Witnesses to both transactions were John Adderley, Thomas Daniel (mark "D")/ Darnell (mark "D") [Darling] and Zach Gerkin.³⁴ [The only two references to Thomas Darnell³⁵ are clearly clerk or transcription errors for Thomas Darling. Both of the Lee - Everitt deeds are meant to have the same two witnesses. Thomas Darling signed with mark "D" ³⁶ Thomas Daniel used no mark in the Chowan deeds.]

Thomas Lee's previous wife Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee, whose will was dated 26 Sept 1716, had just died; she was mother of Benjamin Blount who married Elizabeth Everitt, daughter of Nathaniel. Adderley was servant of Thomas Lee. Mary Bailey Lee, Zach Gurkin, and Thomas Darling were children of Elizabeth, sister of Nathaniel's wife Mary. (See the section on the family of William Mitchell at the end of this chapter.) Transactions such as this were usually made to clarify and confirm title to the land, and close relatives were involved to avoid future misunderstandings. Nathaniel may have participated in this exchange as a senior male relative, in this case Mary Bailey's Uncle. Mary Bailey Lee's two male siblings served as witnesses. The land history of the 640A follows:

1699 Col Thomas Pollock to Silvester Sandeford 640A settled by Godfrey Spruell and sold to me on SW side Conneby Creek.³⁷

1701 Silvester Sandeford to Cullum Flyn a plantation bought of Col. Pollock.³⁸

1709 Collumb Flyn & wife Margaret to Argall Simons 1040A [sic] Conoby Creek in South Lancaster in Chowan Prect. now in the occupation of William Mitchell. Wit: Thos Snoden, Daniel Garrett.³⁹

1712 Argall Simons to Daniel Garrett 28L 640A Conby Creeek in South Lancaster now in the occupation of Daniel Garrett. Wit: Thomas Luten, W. Ragdale.⁴⁰

1713 Daniel Garrett & wife Sarah to John Bale my 640A plantation on Conebey Creek. Wit: Elizabeth [Davenport] Foster, John Foster.⁴¹

1716 John Baley willed the land to wife Mary.⁴²

1716 Included in the Lee-Everitt land deal.⁴³

1721 Mar 30. Col Fred. Jones patented 640A E side Welches Creek adj John Browning, Col Pollock, sd creek.⁴⁴ This patent was for Thomas Lee's estate.

1729 Stevens Lee, son and heir of Thomas Lee & wife Mary (died 1716), deeded the 640A on Welches Creek patented by Col Fred Jones 30 Mar 1721 for the use of my father Thomas Lee, back to Daniel Garrett. Wit: Wm Rodes, Henry Horn.⁴⁵ The other 400A of the 1040A sold by Flyn to Simons may be the 400A deeded in 1730 by Stevens Lee to Edward Moseley.⁴⁶ [640A + 400A = 1040A sold by Flyn to Simons. Lee-Everitt deeds mentioned 640A + 450A = 1090A. Perhaps the 450A should be 400A.]

Miscellaneous Records for Nathaniel Everitt

1713 Nov 4. Council Journal. Att. a Council holden at ye house of Capt. Tho. Lee in Chowan. Ordered that Nathaniel Everitt, John Browning, Matthew Addams, and Henry Middleton or any three of them do appraise ye said estate of John Foster, deceased and make return thereof. The Administrator of John Foster's estate was William Mitchell.⁴⁷

1715 Jul 15. Chowan Ct. Ordered that Na. Everitt be Overseer of the highway from Morratock bridge to the Flatt Swamp.⁴⁸

1716 Nov 1. Na. Everitt served on the jury for the General court of Oyer & Terminer & General Goal Delivery.⁴⁹

1717 Tax list - Nath. Averitt - 460 acres & 2 polls - tax 2:1:3

1722 Tax list - Nath. Everitt - 300 acres - tax 1:5:8

The difference of 160 acres is the amount he gave son-in-law Zachariah (60 acres) & daughter Mary (100 acres).⁵⁰

1739 Dec. Road jury for road to be laid out on Pet. of the Widow Bell from her house to main road to Morratock Bridge. Jury - Nath. Everitt Sr, Nath. Everitt Jr, Richard Fagan [mar Sarah Everitt Jordan], Benj. Walker [son of John Walker], Zachariah Gerkin [mar Hannah Harrison], Wm. Stanly, Benj. Blount [mar Eliz Everitt], Edmd. Blount [son of Benj Blount and Eliz Everitt], Wm. Ray [mar Eliz (Everitt) Blount], James Jones [mar Mary Stubbs], Danl. Garrett, Charles Hardeson, James Turnbull, Wm. Rhoads [land of Thomas Long⁵¹].⁵²

1739/40 Mar. Road jury. Road from Mrs. Bell to Wm. Stubbs. Jury: Nathan. Everitt Sr, Nathan. Everitt Jr, Benj. Walker, Richd. Swinson, Richd. Canady, Edwd. Williams, John Swinson, Cornelious Callahan, John Walker, Thos. Evans, John Gaunt, John Hews, Jacob Blunt, Samuel Durrance, Jesper Hardeson, Charles Hardeson.⁵³

Children of Nathaniel and Mary Everitt

1. Nathaniel Everitt (II) called the younger was, according to his father's will, born in 1707 on Kendricks Creek Plantation, which belonged to Edward Moseley, Esq.⁵⁴ In 1744 his father's plantation was delivered to him by "Turf and Twig".⁵⁵ Nathaniel Jr.'s will was dated 20 Feb 1782 and proved 1st Monday in July 1782.⁵⁶ How many times he was married is unknown. At the time of his death his wife was Elizabeth. (See Chapter on Nathaniel II.)

2. Mary Everitt, named as the eldest daughter in the 1720 deposition,⁵⁷ married by 1722 Thomas Stubbs, possibly son of Richard Stubbs of Bath Co NC. They received 100 acres from Mary's Father Nathaniel Everitt.⁵⁸ They got another 100A in 1720 from William Mitchell,⁵⁹ land which Mitchell got in 1716 from Richard Batchelder, who married Ann Fisher, niece of Mitchell's wife Ann.⁶⁰ Thomas left a will in Beaufort County dated 17 Jan 1738 [1737/8]⁶¹ and proved by oath of Sarah Fagens in March CT 1737/38.⁶² Mary died 17 Aug 1738. (From the back of Tyrrell Deed Book 1 at the NC State Archives; courtesy of Doris Sauls.) An inventory of their estate was taken 31 Oct 1738.⁶³ A Stubbs Genealogy was published in 1997 by Francis Stubbs.

Children of Mary Everitt and Thomas Stubbs

1) William Stubbs - Inherited the manor near Morattock Bridge. In June 1739 in Tyrrell Court Nathaniel Everitt Sr gave 1000L security for his guardianship of William Stubbs.⁶⁴ William may have married c1744 Mary Walker (daughter of John d1766). His will of 23 Sept 1795 was filed in both Martin Co and Beaufort Co. John Walker's will of 1766⁶⁵ named daughters Mary and Sary Stubbs. Children named in William Stubbs' will were: William, Samuel, Mary Gerkins (wife of Jeremiah Gerkins), Hannah Holladay, Esther Condray, Winnea Hudson, Sarah Garrett.⁶⁶

2) Thomas Stubbs - Inherited the plantation on Flat Swamp on Pantico Road. He left no will. His sons as determined by research were:

1. Micajah - Eldest son. Married as his last wife Mary (Walker) Rhoads, daughter of Edward and Eleanor (Taylor) Walker.

2. Levi - He acted with his father as executor of the will of Thomas Harrison, son of John Harrison.⁶⁷ Levi m/1 1781 Mary Hardison, daughter of Jasper Hardison, Jr.⁶⁸ The children of Levi and Mary were: Elizabeth (bc1782 - d by 1817 married John Latham, son of Charles and grandson of Phineas Latham); Nancy (b 18 Dec 1785 - d 1870+) married Isaac Jackson, son of Eleazer; Martin (b 3 Jan 1793 - d 25 Nov 1865) m/1 Rhoda Rowland, daughter of Jesse, m/2 Mary Louisa Robbins; Penelope (b ca1795 - d 1850+ single). Levi m/2 1804 Bathsheba Jackson, daughter of Eleazer and Mary Jackson. The children of Levi and Bathsheba were: Mary (b ca1806), Fanny (b ca1807), Levi (b ca1809), Amariah (b 16 Mar 1811), Elizabeth (b 30 May 1813), Deborah b 3 Oct 1815)

3. John - Married Anna Wallace, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Wallace of Chowan and Beaufort counties NC. John and Anna moved to Wilkes and then Washington County Georgia. (See chapter on Nathaniel III.) Children: Gabriel Wallace, Polly, Eliza, and Emma Stubbs.

4. Daughter. - Married Thomas Harrison, son of John Harrison.⁶⁹

3) John Stubbs - Inherited land on Conebe Creek called Briles [Brites] Neck. May have married Sarah Walker, daughter of John Walker, and sister of Mary Walker. His will was dated 24 Sept 1788 and proved in April Court 1790 in Tyrrell County.⁷⁰ Children:

1. Thomas - Will 16 Dec 1795 Tyrrell Co.⁷¹

Thomas M/1 Hannah Swinson (daughter of Richard & Ann) 8 Dec 1774. Bondsman. Archibald Corrie.⁷² Children:

Thomas - Inherited land on Kendrick's Creek

Archibald - under 21 in 1795.
Anna (Heir of Ann (?) Swinson Burns in 1793)
Sarah
Elizabeth
John

Thomas M/2 Margaret Currell, Widow of Friley Jones 4 Feb 1793; bond Christopher Duckett.⁷³

2. Elizabeth - Tyrrell Marriage bond 17 Nov 1769 to Thomas Currell. Bondsman John Walker Jr. Wit: Fr. Ward.⁷⁴

3. James - M/1 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 1 Dec 1780 Sally Cannaday. Bond: Isaac Aires, Thomas Stubbs Jr.⁷⁵

4. Richard - M/1 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 2 Apr 1783 Sally Jordan; bond J. Nicholls.⁷⁶ M/2 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 21 May 1787 Penelope Jones; Bond: Thomas Stubbs Jr.⁷⁷ Penelope was daughter of Frayley Jones (son of James Jones & Mary Friley) and Margaret Currell. Penelope m/2 1800-1806 her cousin Willis Draper, son of Richard Draper and Mary Jones, daughter of James Jones⁷⁸ and Mary Friley (daughter of William Friley and Grace Scott).

5. William - Tyrrell Marriage bond 14 Sept 1791 to Amelia Jones. Bond: James Jones Jr., son of Friley Jones.⁷⁹

4) Richard Stubbs - Inherited land called Savorys. His will was dated 25 Feb 1754 and proved in March Court 1754 in Tyrrell County.⁸⁰ He died without issue. In his will he named his brothers, indicated three sisters, and also named Ann Jones, sister of the James Jones who married his sister Mary. This Ann was married two years later to Andrew Long.⁸¹ One can only speculate that he had intended to marry Ann.

5) Everitt Stubbs - Inherited land on Pamtico Road. He married Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Thomas (Will 1744)⁸² and Mary Evans. His will was dated 25 Sept 1793 in Tyrrell County.⁸³

1. Mary - Tyrrell Co. Marriage Bond 29 Dec 1777 William Fagan. Bondsman Benjamin Harrison. Wit: Thomas Hoskins.⁸⁴

2. Jesse - Tyrrell Co. Marriage Bond 21 Dec 1784 Mary Jones (daughter of Evan Jones). Bondsman Friley Jones.⁸⁵

3. Sally - Tyrrell Co. Marriage Bond 2 Oct 1780 John Jordan. Bondsmen Isaac Aires, Thomas Stubbs Jr. Wit: Thomas Hoskins.⁸⁶

4. Aaron - married by 1793.

5. Zilpha

6. Elizabeth - Named in the 1793 will of Anne (?) m/1 Richard Swinson m/2 Burns.⁸⁷

7. Lois - Tyrrell Co. Marriage Bond 3 Jan 1797 to Elisah Harrison; bondsman Aaron Harrison.⁸⁸

8. Abner

6) Hannah Stubbs - She recorded her mark on 4 Sept 1753: "A Crop and a Staple ? fork in the right ear and a Swallow fork in the left ear."⁸⁹ She was one of the 3 sisters mentioned, but not named, in the will of her brother Richard Stubbs in 1754 in Tyrrell. She probably married John Hamilton, son of James Hamilton.

7) Mary Stubbs - Married James Jones, who was born c1728, will 1797 Tyrrell Co.⁹⁰ Their Tyrrell Co Marriage Bond was dated 6 Aug 1755; bondsmen Evan Jones and Richard Draper; wit. Frayley Jones.⁹¹ James was son of James Jones (will 3 Aug 1750/ Mar CT 1754)⁹² and Mary Frayley (daughter of William Frayley and Grace Scott). Their proven children are:

1. Penelope - bc1757-1761; m/1 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 20 Nov 1777 Jeremiah Long (son of Anne Jones & Andrew Long); bondsmen James Long.⁹³ m/2 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 20 Mar 1783 to Francis Mills; bondsmen Isaac Aires.⁹⁴ m/3 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 21 Dec 1793 to James Stubbs (son of John and grandson of Thomas); bondsmen Friley Jones.⁹⁵

2. Evan - b by 1760; died 1785; estate sale in Tyrrell County 1791. m Anne. She m/2 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 16 Sept 1786 Nathaniel Rhodes.⁹⁶

3. Mary bc1764 - 1768; Tyrrell Marriage Bond 21 Dec 1784 to Jesse Stubbs (son of Everitt, son of Thomas Stubbs); bondsmen Friley Jones.⁹⁷

4. Asia bc1767-1771; Tyrrell Marriage Bond 30 Apr 1787 to Nathan Blount (son of Jacob); bondsmen Friley Jones.⁹⁸

8) Sarah Stubbs - Youngest daughter. Cared for after her parents' death by her Aunt Sarah Fagan.⁹⁹ She married James Middleton. Their Tyrrell Co. bond was dated 25 Dec 1756; bond Richard Fagan.¹⁰⁰ James Middleton Sr. left a will 2 Oct 1767 / Dec Ct 1767,¹⁰¹ which left his plantation to his youngest son Thomas; other children were indicated but not named. Sarah m/2 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 25 Jan 1775 to Benjamin Howard.¹⁰² Benjamin Howard left a will 8 Feb 1788 / Jan CT 1790 naming wife Sarah and son-in-law [step-son] Thomas Middleton.¹⁰³

1. Thomas Middleton

3. Elizabeth Everitt (named in both the 1720 and 1749 documents) married 1st by 1718 Benjamin Blount, son of Capt. Thomas Blount (will 1706)¹⁰⁴ and Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee. Benjamin left a will dated 1 Feb 1739 and proved in June Court 1740 in Tyrrell County; executors were his wife Elizabeth and son Benjamin; witnesses were Ann Hollis and Zachariah Gurkin.¹⁰⁵ On 25 Mar 1718 Nathaniel Everitt gave his son-in-law Benjamin Blount 100 acres called Johnson's Neck adjacent to Morattock Swamp & Haw Branch; wit: Matthew Casewell & John Worley. Nathaniel's mark was an "N". This land in Possimon Neck was confirmed to Elizabeth by her Father in the 1720 deed.¹⁰⁶ She married 2nd William Ray.¹⁰⁷ Since her mother Mary already had a daughter Elizabeth Harrison who died very young, it is interesting to speculate that this Elizabeth may be named for her half sister Elizabeth, who died very young, possibly in child bed.

Children of Elizabeth Everitt m/1 Benjamin Blount m/2 William Ray

1) James Blount

2) Jacob Blount m Hannah. Will 5 Oct 1765/Mar Ct 1766 Tyrrell Co.

3) Isaac Blount

4) Esther Blount

5) Edmund Blount m Elizabeth. Will 12 Feb 1754/Jun Ct 1754 Tyrrell Co.¹⁰⁸

6) Mary Blount

7) Sarah Blount

8) Benjamin Blount m Affrica Smithwick, their Tyrrell County Marriage Bond was dated 4 Apr 1750. Will 4 Nov 1786/ Apr Ct 1786 Tyrrell Co.¹⁰⁹

4. Sarah Everitt (named in both the 1720 and 1749 documents) married 1st William Jordan, who left a will dated 4 July 1732 proved in Tyrrell Court 2 Nov 1732; Nathaniel Everitt was the executor.¹¹⁰ She married 2nd Richard Fagan, who left a will dated 29 Nov 1773 in Tyrrell County.¹¹¹ Sarah's will was dated 23 July 1780 and proved in July Court 1783 in Tyrrell.¹¹² Some researchers think Sarah married first Zachariah Gerkin; however the records of Zachariah continue uninterrupted until the administration of his estate in 1754, so he could not have died nor would a son be old enough to account for these records. Further, Sarah names no Gerkin children in her will. Zach Gerkin did marry Hannah (Harrison) Banks. Sarah received land in Possimon Neck from her Father in the 1720 deed.¹¹³ On 7 June 1748 Richard Fagan & wife Sarah sold to William Stubbs 50 acres on Persymon Swamp, east side of Coneby Creek, joining Nathaniel Everett, __ Gerkin, Cottons former land.¹¹⁴

Will of William Jordan dated 4 Jul 1732/ 2 Nov 1732 Tyrrell Co¹¹⁵

Son John - my mannor plantation

Daughter Ester - heifer

Wife Sarah - rest of my estate

Executor: Nathaniel Everitt

Wit: Thos. Stubbs, Wm. (X) Garrett, Sam'll Durrance

Proved before Wm. Little, Ch. Justice

Will of Sarah (Everitt) Jordan Fagan dated 23 July 1780/ July CT 1783 Tyrrell Co¹¹⁶

Son John Jordan (executor) & his wife Sarah Jordan

Grandson John Jordan J~~u~~

Daughter Mary Lee

Wit: Edmd Blount Jr, Judith Blount

Children of Sarah Everitt m/1 William Jordan m/2 Richard Fagan

1) John Jordan m Sarah. Will 21 Apr 1780 Tyrrell Co.¹¹⁷

2) Ester Jordan. Tyrrell Marriage Bond 28 Apr 1748/9 to Edward Walker; Thomas Lee Bondsman.¹¹⁸

3) Enoch Fagan m Ruina. Will 16 Jan 1777/Apr Ct 1777.¹¹⁹

4) Mary Fagan m Stevens Lee II. Will 18 Jun 1779.¹²⁰

5) Delilah Fagan m/1 Tyrrell Marriage Bond 4 Jan 1762 Samuel Dwight; Bondsman Richard Fagan.¹²¹ Samuel's estate was administered by his wife in 1765.¹²² m/2 Henry Downing; Bondsmen Stevens Lee & Benj. Blount.¹²³ Delilah was dead by Henry's will dated 4 Nov 1780 and her mother's 23 Jul 1780.¹²⁴

Children of Mary & John Harrison

1. Thomas Harrison was born after his parents arrived in NC, because no headright was claimed for him, and before his father's will in 1693. He married by 1715 Susannah,¹²⁵ probably daughter of Ann (George) Gatlin Mitchell and her 1st husband John Gatlin; Ann and her 2nd husband William Mitchell witnessed the 1710 will of Thomas' brother John Harrison. Thomas inherited his brother John Harrison's land.

On 18 Jul 1715 Thomas & Susannah Harrison sold to John Worley for 35L 10s cm NC 297A adj Thomas Cooper. Susannah named Zachery Gerkin to acknowledge the sale to Capt.

John Worley of a tract joining land that was Thomas Coopers. Witnesses to both the deed & Letter of Attorney were Henry (H) Clark and John Simpson.¹²⁶

On 23 April 1716 Nathaniel Everitt gave his son-in-law [stepson] Thomas Harrison 212 acres at the head of Coniby Creek; wit: Zach Gerkin & John Nairne. Mary Everitt acknowledged her right of dower. It was signed Nath (N) Averett.¹²⁷ This was a patent to Nathaniel dated 19 Jan 1715/16.¹²⁸ The amount of land was much larger than the 60A he gave Zachariah Gerkin. The original Harrison land to which Thomas was heir was sold in 1708/9; this could represent his inheritance held in trust for him by Nathaniel, his two eldest brothers being dead. Thomas was born by 1693 and would be age 21 c1714.

Thomas & Susannah were living in 1741 when Thomas Harrison Sr. gave their sons, John and Thomas, each half of this property with the provision that he and Susannah could have lifetime use of the property.¹²⁹ He is believed to be the Thomas who was killed on 4 Dec 1752 when a corn loft collapsed on him on Thomas Lee's plantation.¹³⁰ All of his sons served in Capt. Evan Jones Company of Militia in 1747.¹³¹

Children of Thomas Harrison and Susannah (Gatlin)

1) John. Born c1718; died 1766. On 1 Sept 1741 Thomas Harrison Sr. of Tyrrell Co made a Deed of Gift to his son John Harrison of same, 100 acres from a Patent 19 Jan 1715/16 [to Nathaniel Everitt] joining Beaver Dam.¹³² His children were: 1) Thomas, who may have married a daughter of Thomas Stubbs, who died 1792.¹³³ 2) Mary. 3) Druscilla. 4) Susan. 5) John, who married Elizabeth Swinson, daughter of William Swinson who died 1758¹³⁴ and granddaughter of Richard Swinson. In 1764 John Harrison & wife Elizabeth of Tyrrell deeded to Stevens Lee 17 Oct 1764 for 60£ proclamation 340 acres, part of 640 acres which had belonged to Richard Swinson dec'd grandfather of sd Elizabeth, joining Kendrick's Creek, the Beaverdam. Wit: Evan Jones, Edward Williams. Reg. 11 Mar 1765 by Fr. Ward.¹³⁵

Will of John Harrison 8 Mar 1766 / Mar CT 1766 Tyrrell Co.¹³⁶

son Thomas - buccaneer gun & cutlass

Wife Elizabeth - residue of estate in widowhood

4 children - Mary, Druscilla, Susan, John

Exec: Thos. Harrison Sr. & wife Elizabeth

Wit: Wm. Harrison & Everitt Stubbs

[It is interesting to speculate that owning a buccaneer gun and cutlass he may have been a sailor. The inventory of Nathaniel Everitt (I) also shows a cutlass.]

2) Thomas. Born c1722; died 1789. On 1 Sept 1741 Thomas Harrison Sr. made a Deed of Gift to his son Thomas Harrison for 100 acres where Thomas Sr now lived from a Patent 19 Jan 1715/16 [to Nathaniel Everitt]. Said Thomas and his wife Susannah to have lifetime use.¹³⁷ He m/1 by 1766 Elizabeth m/2 13 Oct 1784 Elizabeth Hudson, bondsman James Harrison Sr.¹³⁸ He died by Oct 1789 when his son Benjamin was named administrator of his estate.¹³⁹ His children were 1) Benjamin 2) Thomas Jr m by 1775 Eliz Combs; his will 1795 Tyrrell Co.¹⁴⁰ 3) Josiah m Sarah.

3) William. Born 1733, died 1805. Married Hannah Everitt, daughter of Nathaniel Everitt (II). (See chapter on Hannah Everitt.) Children:

1. Esther - Married ca 1798 Reubin Cowand; daughters Chloe, Ann, and Esther Cowand)
2. Chloe - Tyrrell Marriage Bond 13 Nov 1791 to Joseph Bozeman; bondsman Levin Bozeman.¹⁴¹
3. Joseph - Moved to Georgia.
- 4) James. Born c1725-28.
- 5) Stephen. Born c1725-28. A Stephen Harrison was on the 1786 Tax List of Beaufort County.¹⁴²
- 6) Susannah. Born c1732. Alive in 1790 census. Her children were: Stephen, Barbara, and Rode.¹⁴³

2. Elizabeth Harrison apparently married Thomas Long (died 1763+), son of James Long Jr (will 1712)¹⁴⁴ and wife Elizabeth Davis, dau of John Davis (will 1686)¹⁴⁵ and Alse (Godfrey) Hawkins Davis Waide (will 1700/1).¹⁴⁶ Elizabeth was named in both her Mother's head right claims and in her father's will. Her husband is mentioned in her brother John's will of 1710 only as "Mr. Long"; Elizabeth may already have died, because normally she should have been mentioned as well as her husband. She certainly died very young, possibly in child bed just before her younger half sister Lizabeth was born, the younger Elizabeth being named for her. Only two children, James and Elizabeth, have been identified. Thomas Long was given "the brick house plantation" by his father James' will 15 Nov 1711, proved 29 Jul 1712 in Chowan.¹⁴⁷ On 19 Mar 1722 Thomas Long assigned to Wm Rhodes of Chowan Precinct for 80L a patent dated 15 Mar 1717 for 380 acres on the south side of Morattoke River. Witnesses were Mary Everitt [his mother-in-law], James Long [his brother], and Thomas Stubbs [his step-brother-in-law]. Ack. 25 May 1722 by Mary Everitt and Thomas Stubbs before C. Gale Ch. Just.¹⁴⁸ Elizabeth was certainly dead by this time, because her dower right is not mentioned.

Children of Elizabeth Harrison m Thomas Long

- 1) James Long
- 2) Elizabeth Long

3. Hannah Harrison was born after her father's will was written on 18 Feb 1693, possibly posthumously. She married first c1709, by 1710, Robert Banks, to whom she was married when her brother John made his will in 1710.¹⁴⁹ The father of Robert Banks is unknown. A John Banks with wife Sarah lived in Perquimans Precinct in 1709.¹⁵⁰ Robert lived in Bath County on the East side of the Pungo River on Slades Creek.¹⁵¹ Robert signed the Wickham Petition for a new precinct in Bath County c1709.¹⁵² Robert's inventory was taken 29 May 1716 by Henry Slade, Charles Smith, and Geo. Hill and appraised at £45:10:0.¹⁵³ The estate records were presented in Bath County in 1716 by Capt. Samuel Slade.¹⁵⁴ They had a son Francis, who in 1739 sold his father's patent of 210A on Slades Creek and Point of Marsh¹⁵⁵ to his father-in-law Abraham Wilkinson.¹⁵⁶ It is interesting that Hannah Harrison married and moved to Bath County and that her half sister Mary Everitt married Thomas Stubbs, also believed to be of Bath County.

Hannah married her second husband Zachariah Gerkin c1716 to 1718. Zachariah was son of Elizabeth (Mitchell) Lambert Brightman Gerkin Darling Walker by her husband Zachary Gerkin.

He was born c1694 and died by June 1754 Tyrrell Court when Hannah Gerkin was named his administratrix; her securities were Jasper Hardison and Samuel Durrance.¹⁵⁷

On 25 Mar 1718 Nathaniel Everitt gave his son-in-law [stepson] Zach Gerkin 60 acres, part of Posimmon Neck lying in the fork of Haw Branch; wit: Matthew Casewell. Nathaniel's mark was "NE".¹⁵⁸ Matthew Casewell was cousin of Richard Batcheldor, who married Ann Fisher, niece of Ann (George) Gatlin Mitchell. (See wills of John Bigg 1696/7 and Richard Batcheldor 1682 of Lower Norfolk County VA.)¹⁵⁹

In 1733 Hannah Gerkin witnessed the will of Thomas Bell of Albemarle.¹⁶⁰ All three Gerkins sons were privates in Capt. Evan Jones Company of Militia from Tyrrell, from Bark Poplar Swamp & Welche's Creek in 1747.¹⁶¹

Children of Hannah Harrison m/1 Robert Banks m/2 Zachariah Gerkin

Estimated birth dates of the children are based on the marriage dates of Hannah and on militia service data.

1) Francis Banks b1709-16; m Ann Wilkinson (Abraham I)

2) Joshua Gerkin bc 1720; d1796; m Ann. Only their son Jeremiah is known to have descendants. Children:

1. Their probable son Jeremiah married Mary Stubbs, daughter of William and Mary Stubbs. Joshua & Ann had children: Frederick and Richard Gerkins.

2. Joshua

3. John

4. Daughters

3) Zachariah Gerkin bc 1725

4) Benjamin Gerkin bc 1728; married Mary Hamilton, daughter of James Hamilton. In 1758 James Hamilton deeded land to his daughter Mary Gerkin wife of Benjamin Gerkin; witnesses were his son John Hamilton and John's wife Hannah (Stubbs?) Hamilton.¹⁶² Children:

1. Charles - Married Sarah

2. Zachariah

3. Hannah - Married George Dixon

4. Nelly/ Eleanor - Single

5. Benjamin

Children of Hannah Harrison m/1 Robert Banks m/2 Zachariah Gerkin.

1) Francis Banks. He returned to his father's land in Bath now Hyde County, and married Ann Wilkinson, daughter of his neighbor Abraham Wilkinson I.¹⁶³ In 1732 Francis Banks sold to John Slade for 5L 105A Slades Cr adj John Slade; wit: Rd Wm Silvester, James Artree.¹⁶⁴ John Slade's will in 1743 gave the 150A bought of Francis Banks to his son Hezekiah Slade.¹⁶⁵

2) Joshua - Wife Ann. His estate was administered 6 Dec 1796.¹⁶⁶ Joshua Gerkin, planter, & wife Ann sold to Benjamin Blount Mar 1756 60 acres (messuage), which had been a deed to Zachariah Gerkin dec'd on 25 Mar 1718 [from Nathaniel Everitt], in the fork of Haw Branch & part of the larger tract called Pisymon Neck, joining Benj. Blount & the land called Steeleys. Signed Joshua Gerkin & Hannah Gerkin. Wit: John Hardison & Wm. Harrison.¹⁶⁷ The

land descended to Joshua by inheritance. Hannah, widow of Zachariah, surrendered her right of dower.

3) Zachariah - In March 1759 Nathan Everitt Jr & Zachariah Girkin at Inst. of Wm Collins proved the will of William Swinson dec'd.¹⁶⁸

4) Benjamin - In Dec 1760 a land sale from Benj. Gerkin to John Hardison was made on oath of Benj. Hardison.¹⁶⁹

William Mitchell (born c1650 - died by 1723)

Although no direct proof has yet been found, strong circumstantial evidence indicates that Mary Harrison Everitt's father was William Mitchell. He witnessed the will of Mary Harrison's son John in 1710. In 1716 he witnessed a sale of land to Benjamin Blount, husband of Mary's daughter Elizabeth Everitt. On 24 8br [Oct] 1720 he sold Thomas Stubbs, either newly wed or husband to be of Mary's daughter Mary Everitt, the couple's first land. He may have done this in lieu of Mary's father, Nathaniel, who according to the land deposition of 2 Sept 1720 was apparently away. These are not acts of a stranger, but of a very close male relative, something a father or grandfather would do. In 1716 Mary's husband Nathaniel Everitt served in the land clarification deal with Thomas Lee and his new wife Mary (Darling) Bailey Lee, playing the roll of a senior male family member. Nathaniel's wife Mary was sister of Elizabeth, mother of Mary Darling.

No record has been proved of William's life prior to coming to North Carolina. Based on the surviving NC records William apparently had daughters Mary and Elizabeth. The earliest mention of William Mitchell in NC is in the Higher Court Records of 1697-1701. Testifying as a witness in a suit in Jul-Aug 1700 Court concerning the estate of Hon. John Harvey Esquire, Thomas Welsh age 24 stated that he was a servant on the estate of John Harvey when Joseph Commander came there and that he does remember that he heard the Hon Thomas Harvey Esq and William Mitchell that was overseer at the plantation reckon the stock.¹⁷⁰ John Harvey died in Nov 1679.¹⁷¹ His nephew Thomas Harvey (will 1699)¹⁷² was executor of John Harvey's will (missing), and Joseph Commander was one of the heirs.¹⁷³ Thomas Welsh was released from his indenture in Sept 1694 at age c18,¹⁷⁴ so this places William on the estate before that date, but not too much before for a young man to remember and testify about him. Since the head rights of both Mary Harrison's and Elizabeth's children place their arrival at about 1690, then it appears they all three arrived in NC at or about the same time.

William's first wife is unknown. William married last in NC c1701 Ann (George) Gatlin, sister of Henry George (will 3 Dec 1711).¹⁷⁵ Ann's children were John Gatlin of Bath Co, Elizabeth Gatlin (m/1 c1710 Wm Britt m/2 c1714 Thomas Cooper m/3 c1737 John Middleton), Susannah Gatlin (m by 1715 probably Thomas Harrison), and William Mitchell Jr. William Sr's will has not survived, but it was mentioned in July Higher Court proceedings in 1723, the executor being his stepson John Gatlin, planter of Bath Co.¹⁷⁶ He must be born c1650 to be father of Mary Everitt, who was born c1670-1675.

Land references to William Mitchell in Chowan

1709 Oct 4. Collumb Flyn & wife Margaret sold Argall Simons 1040A on Conaby Creek in South Lancaster in Chowan Precinct, now in the occupation of William Mitchell. Wit: Thos. Snodon, Daniel Garrett.¹⁷⁷ This land was involved in the 1716 Lee - Everitt exchange.

1713+ William Mitchell asked for a lapsed patent for 440A on Welshes Creek formerly Mr Edward Moseley's; land already granted to Will Frayley.¹⁷⁸

1715 Mary Boarland obtained a patent for 640A adj the Beaver Dam Br. and Wm Mitchell.¹⁷⁹

1716 Aug 1. Richard Batcheldar of Chowan, cooper, sold William Mitchell also of Chowan 100A between a peace of land belonging to Argal Symons' son John and the the land called John Browning's. Wit: John Jennett and James Smith.¹⁸⁰ Batchelder was the husband of Ann Fisher, niece of William's wife Ann. In 1720 William sold this land to Thomas Stubbs.

1716 30 8ber. Solomon Jordan sold William Mitchell for 12L 400A at the mouth of Kendrick's Creek, which was surveyed for the said Jordan 17 Apr 1713 & is now in the tenure of said Mitchell. Wit: John Nairne, Robert Hicks.¹⁸¹ Jordan was the 6th husband of Mitchell's daughter Elizabeth.

1718 John Worley Esq obtained a patent for 640A in Chowan Prect on the South side of the Moratock River adj Wm Mitchell & the Beaver Dam Br.¹⁸²

1720 William Mitchell was on the road jury from Middleneck Bridge over Little Creek Swamp to Mr. Longs.¹⁸³

1721 Mar 30. Col Edward Moseley patented 640A in Chowan Prect adj Mary Boarland, Wm Mitchell, fork swamp, John Browning, head of little creek, Branch, Wm Frayley.¹⁸⁴ This was land Moseley was acquiring in the interest of Thomas Lee's estate.

In 1720 William Mitchell apparently moved to Bath County. On 24 8br [Oct] 1720 he sold his land in Chowan to Thomas Stubbs and in Dec 1720 he obtained a patent in Bath. This move is confirmed by the fact that in 1723 William's stepson John Gatlin of Bath County was executor of William's will.

1720 Dec 6. William Mitchell patented 150A in Bath County on the North side of the Neuse River on Broad Creek adj Dudley Gordon Creek, Peter Price, Gordon. Land formerly granted during the usurpation of Thomas Cary to Lewis Johnson and by him assigned to Mitchell & renewed.¹⁸⁵ Will of Lewis Johnson dated 9 Oct 1711 mentions sons William (age 16) and Richard (age 13) in custody of Farnfol Green, the executor.¹⁸⁶

Hypothesis: Placing William Mitchell in this context as the central figure, shows the interrelationships of all parties.

William Mitchell m/1 Unknown wife

1. Daughter Mary Mitchell m/1 John Harrison m/2 Nathaniel Everitt

1) William Harrison

2) John Harrison - 1710 will witnessed by William Mitchell

3) Elizabeth Harrison

4) Thomas Harrison - m Susannah Gatlin. Her attorney to acknowledge her right of dower in 1715 was Zachery Jurkin.¹⁸⁷

5) Hannah Harrison - m/1 Robert Banks m/2 Zachariah Gerkin

6) Mary Everitt - m Thomas Stubbs; first land from William Mitchell

7) Elizabeth Everitt - m Benj Blount; a witness for him was William Mitchell

- 8) Sarah Everitt
- 9) Nathaniel Everitt (II)

2. Daughter Elizabeth Mitchell m/1 William Lambert m/2 Nicholas Brightman m/3 Zachry Gerkin m/4 Richard Darling m/5 John Walker m/6 Solomon Jordan

1) Nicholas Brightman - In 1716 witnessed the deed from Nath Everitt to Thomas Harrison; in 1715 witnessed the deed from John Brownie to Capt Thomas Lee.

2) Zachariah Gerkin m Hannah (Harrison) Banks

3) Thomas Darling

4) Mary Darling m/1 John Bailey m/2 Thomas Lee m/3 William Downing

William Mitchell m/2 Ann (George) Gatlin

1. Son William Mitchell Jr. Born by 1711. References in the NC records to William Mitchell after the death of William Sr c1723 are for this William.

The relationship of William Mitchell to these other Mitchells is unknown.

1. John Mitchell and wife Mary. John was born by 1685 to be old enough to sell land in 1706. John & Mary are mentioned in a 1718 deed in Pasquotank in which Jno Makee and Wm Jenkins sell land in right of their wives Eliz. Makee and Mary Jenkins, daughters of Benj. Giles decd to Thos Palmer; it was land Francis Delamar sold to John Mitchell & wife Mary, who in 1706 sold it to Benj. Giles.¹⁸⁸ No further record. This John was in Pasquotank, where William Mitchell first appeared. Records occur later in Chowan Precinct for a John Mitchell, but there is no link between him and William Mitchell.¹⁸⁹

2. Archibald Mitchell. Born at least by 1690 if he was Constable in Chowan Precinct in 1711. He was dead by 1712 when William Mitchell was one of the appraisers of his estate. Archibald was living in the same area as William Mitchell's family.

In the Apr 1711 Court for the Precinct of Chowan at the house of William Branch, Archibald Mitchell was appointed Constable for the South Shore.¹⁹⁰

10 Jul 1712 Inventory of Archibald Mitchel. Pursuant to the order of a Court held at Cary Godbee's house, Thomas Lee, Thomas Cooper, Thomas Wiley, and Wm Mitchell appraised the estates of Wm Williams [daughter Ann was 1st wife of John Foster] and Archibald Mitchel.¹⁹¹

On 4 Apr 1716 Leonard Loftin sold Col. Thomas Pollack the tract that Loftin now lived on in South Lancaster for 31L sterling adj Col Wilkinson, Archibald Mitchell, and the sound; wit: Thomas West and Thomas Daniel.¹⁹² [There is no evidence that Thomas Daniel is a mistranscription for Darling. Darling used a mark, but Daniel did not.]

In 1717 John Worley sold 305A to John Bennett at John Vallway's bounds adj Arthur Mitchell upon the sound. Wit: Jacob Blount, John Vallway.¹⁹³ No further record.

William's wife Ann (George) Gatlin Mitchell

1711 William witnessed the will of his brother-in-law Henry George and also served as executor.¹⁹⁴

1712 William witnessed a deed to his stepdaughter Elizabeth Britt from her Uncle John Browning.¹⁹⁵

1713 Apr 24. Sarah George of Nancymond [VA] gave a Letter of Attorney to William Mitchell for goods. Wit: John Keaton, John Rice.¹⁹⁶ Sarah (Thropp) George was wife of William George and sister-in-law of William Mitchell's wife Ann.

1714 Thomas Cooper sold Thomas Lee land adj Thomas Harrison. His wife Elizabeth (Gatlin) Brit Cooper released her dower right. Witnesses: William Mitchell [Elizabeth's step-father], Wm Swinson, Thomas Darling [son of Elizabeth Mitchell].¹⁹⁷

1723 The executor of the will of William Mitchell was his step-son John Gatlin. The will has not survived.¹⁹⁸

The George Family in NC.

The following are siblings as determined by the will of Henry George and other early NC and VA records. Henry George may be son of Isaac George, son of John George whose will was probated in 1678 in Isle of Wight Co VA, and mentioned his grandson John George (then under age 6).¹⁹⁹ This John could be the headright claimed in NC in 1694 by George Ames who married Susannah George.²⁰⁰ Col. John George (died 1678) married Ann Fawdon, daughter of Major George Fawdon,²⁰¹ who m/2 John Lear of Nansemond.²⁰² John Lear m/2 Ann (Willis) Rascoe Blount Sothwell; his will was probated 1695 in NC.²⁰³

1. Ann George was born c1677 Nansemond/Isle of Wight Co VA. She died after 1710 in NC. She probably married her first husband John Gatlin in VA c1692. The Gatlins were also from Nansemond/ Isle of Wight VA. On 13 Sept 1636 John Bridges patented 250A in Warrisquick Co (Isle of Wight), which were made over on 12 Aug 1663 to John Gatlin.²⁰⁴ The Quit Rent Roll of 1704 lists a John Gatlin with 200A in Nansemond Co.²⁰⁵ Ann George m/2 c1701-4/ by 1710 William Mitchell. The children of Ann George were:

1) John Gatlin born c1693 (eldest son)

1711 John Gatlin was named in the will of Henry George.²⁰⁶

1722 John Gatling of Nuse in Bath Co, planter, to John Edwards [m Zilpha Blount] of Morattoke in Albemarle Co, cooper. 22 Jun 1722 35L cm 258A in Morattoke on S side Walche's Cr adj Matthew Adams & Thomas Evans. Wit: Richard Swinson, Andrew Swinson. Ack 30 8br 1722 by John Worley, Esq attorney to sd Gatlin.²⁰⁷ John Edwards married Zilpha Blount, sister of Benjamin Blount, who married Elizabeth Everitt.

1722. John Gatling of Nuse R in Bath Co to John Worley Esq of Albemarle Co 12 Sept 1722 letter of attn to ack sale to John Edwards. Wit: Lewis Johnson, Ann Golding (mark "A").²⁰⁸ Lewis Johnson assigned land in Neuse River by 1720 to William Mitchell.

1723 John Gatlin, planter of Bath Co was executor of the will of his step-father William Mitchell.²⁰⁹

2) Elizabeth Gatlin - bc1695 mc1710 Wm Britt (will 25 Jun 1711)²¹⁰ m/2 c1714 Thomas Cooper, m/3 c1737 John Middleton

1. Daughter Mary Cooper

1712 John Browning to Elizabeth Britt 170A at Morattock Bridge and running across a neck [Britt's Neck]. Wit: James Flemin, Will Mitchell.²¹¹ Browning was Elizabeth's Uncle and Mitchell was her step-father. In 1737 John Middleton (son of Henry of Princess Anne Co VA) and wife Elizabeth sold the 170A messuage to Thomas Stubbs; on Coniby Creek adj Savory.²¹²

1714 Thomas Cooper to Thomas Lee 320A south side of the Albemarle adj Thomas Harrison [brother-in-law]. Wit: William Mitchell, William (W) Swinson, Thomas (D) Darlin [son of Elizabeth Mitchell].²¹³

1714 Thomas Cooper to friend Leonard Loftin letter of attorney to acknowledge sale of the plantation where he lately dwelt to Thomas Lee. Wit: _ Loftin, William Shaw, William Mitchell. Elizabeth Cooper acknowledged her right of dower. Wit: Cornelius Loftin, William Mitchell.²¹⁴

3) Susannah Gatlin - bc1697; m by 1715 Thomas Harrison. (See Thomas Harrison, son of John Harrison and Mary (Mitchell) Harrison Everitt.)

4) William Mitchell Jr bc 1704/ by 1711. Records for a William Mitchell after the Senior William's death in 1723 are for this William.

1733 May 14. Stephen Gold Esq of Bath Co to William Mitchell, taylor of Bath Town for 20L current bills of NC a lot (no number given) in Bath Town bound W by John Trimble, S by Jane Cullen, E on a street, N by Oliver Blackbourn. Wit: A Blackall, W Badham.²¹⁵ Jane Cullen married William Stubbs, possibly half brother of Thomas Stubbs, who married Mary Everitt. William sold this lot 24 Aug 1733 to Daniel Blinn, merchant of Bath Town for 20L. Same witnesses.²¹⁶

1740 Apr 28. William Mitchell witnessed the will of William Jones of Beaufort County.²¹⁷

2. Susannah George - bc1674.

m/1 1 May 1689 George Ames (died 29 Sept 1697)²¹⁸

1) Sarah - b 7 Dec 1691²¹⁹ - died c1714; m John Barrow, son of John Barrow & Sarah Sutton.

2) John - b1694 - In 1720 Francis Smith assigned a patent for 92A on the Yeopin to John Ames.²²⁰

m/2 1697/8 John Long²²¹

3) Elizabeth - born 10 Oct 1703.²²²

3. John George - b1672 / 1669 (age 6 in 1678) (age 25 in 1694). Headrights of Edward & John George were claimed in 1694 by George Ames and assigned to Thomas Horton.²²³ John (b1672) may be the grandson of John George, who died 1678 in Isle of Wight Co VA. John is not seen again in NC and probably returned to VA.

4. Edward George²²⁴

5. Mary George m John Browning

1) John Jr - bc1700; mc1717 Margaret; children John, Elizabeth, Darkess; his will dated 1723 probated 1733; wit: Thomas Stubbs, John Coothen.²²⁵

2) Sarah Browning - b by 1705 mc1720 Robert Moss. In 1720 John Browning gave his loving son Robert Moss 110A; wit: Cornelius Harnett, Thomas Stubbs (married Mary Everitt, in-law of Sarah Browning.)²²⁶

3) Jane Browning - b by 1705 m c1720 William Morris. In 1720 John Browning gave his son-in-law William Morris 100A adj Thomas Lee; Wit: Cornelius Harnett, Thomas [Stubbs].²²⁷

6. Frances George m Fisher (see wills of John Bigg 1696/7 and Richard Batcheldor 1682 of Norfolk County VA)²²⁸

1) Ann Fisher m Richard Batcheldor

7. William b by c1685 - d1711-20 VA; m Sarah Thropp, daughter of Thomas Thropp, whose will was probated 1711 In Isle of Wight VA.²²⁹ Sarah George named William Mitchell her attorney in 1713.²³⁰ Sarah m/2 by 1720 William Batt. See will of her brother John Thropp in 1721.²³¹

1) Elias George

2) William George

8. Henry George died without issue. He made his will in 1711 in NC. The only evidence of where he lived is the following patent: Edward [William] Frayley 15 Mar 1717 150A Chowan adj Henry George, Welches Cr, Beaver Dam, Pamlico Road, Swamp, Wm Brady.²³² This land was adjacent to John Browning.

The Will of Henry George - 3 Dec 1711 Secretary of State Wills, NC State Archives, BK 1712-1722, p34. Full text as transcribed by Allen Hart Norris.

In the name of God Amen. The last will and testament of Henry George being sick and weak of body but in perfect mind and memory.

First of all I Bequeath my Soul to almighty who gave it me in hopes through & merits of my Blessed Saviour & Redemer to have remission of all my sins & my body to the earth to be decently buried in Christian like manner.

I give my bequeath to my sisters eldest son John Gatlin all my land & plantation & three cows & my white horse.

I give & bequeath to my sisters two daughters Susannah & Elizabeth both each of them a cow.

I give & bequeath to my sisters youngest son Will Mitchell Junior one cow.

I give and bequeath to Ann Bachelor three cows now running on my plantation they are called white face wallow & Lady

I give & bequeath to Frsey Ficehore all my household stuff & my gray mare that I last bought

I give & bequeath unto John Browning Junr. my old cow.

I give & bequeath to Sarah Browning a brown cow called Gentell

I give & bequeath to Jane Browning a heifer called young Cullers

& the remainder of my estate I leave to Will Mitchell to pay my debts. & I do appoint him executor over what belongs to his child and his wives children to take care of all that belongss to them.

I appoint John Browning executor over what belongs to his children & to take care of what belongs to them.

I appoint Frsey Ficehore exectriss of what belongs to her & her daughter to take [care] of all that belongs to them.

This I acknowledge to be my last will & testament as witness my hand & seal this 3d day of December 1711. Henry George.

Wit: Jn. Browning, Frcey Ficahore, John Jordan

William Mitchell's daughter Mary

Because William is involved with Mary's children by both marriages, his primary relationship must be with Mary and not with her husbands. He is not further involved in either Harrison or Everitt affairs. In 1716 Mary's husband Nathaniel Everitt was involved in a land deal with Thomas Lee, then husband of the Widow Mary Bailey, in which Lee sold to Everitt for £100 land, which was willed to his wife Mary by her previous husband John Bailey; Nathaniel then sold it back for £120. The Lee-Everitt deeds were witnessed by Elizabeth's sons Thomas Darling and Zachariah Gurkin.²³³ This is reminiscent of the land deals between Nathaniel Everitt and his son-in-law Thomas Stubbs.²³⁴ The only logical reason for these deals is to confirm ownership of the land by someone who may otherwise have a claim to it. If Nathaniel had an interest in Mary Bailey's land it must be through his wife Mary as daughter of William Mitchell, and kin of Elizabeth, mother of Mary Bailey Lee and the witnesses Thomas Darling and Zach Gurkin. Nathaniel was probably playing the roll of a senior male relative in this affair.

1710 The will of John Harrison (son of John and Mary) was witnessed by his step-father Nathaniel Everitt, his grandfather William Mitchell & Ann Mitchell (William's wife).²³⁵ John and Mary Harrison's eldest son was named William.

1716 Wm Fryly & wife Grace (Scott) deeded 640A adj Kendrick's Creek to Benjamin Blount. Witnesses: Gi Holliday and William Mitchell.²³⁶ Grace and Benjamin were both children of Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee d1716.²³⁷ Benjamin married Nathaniel Everitt's daughter Elizabeth.

1720 William sold Thomas Stubbs, husband of Mary Everitt, the eldest daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Everitt, their first land, which was 100 acres between John Symons and Henry Middleton. Wit: Peter Hood(?) [Herd?], and John Edwards (married Zilpha Blount, daughter of Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee d1716 and full sister of Benjamin Blount who married Elizabeth Everitt).²³⁸ Mary and Thomas Stubbs named their eldest son William.

William Mitchell's daughter Elizabeth

Elizabeth m/1 William Lambert m/2 Nicholas Brightman m/3 Zachary Jerkin[Gerkin] m/4 Richard Darling (Will 1702)²³⁹ m/5 c1702 John Walker (will 1709)²⁴⁰ m/6 c1712 Solomon Jordan (will 1722).²⁴¹ In that day and age six husbands were not unusual. Richard Darling claimed head rights for himself and wife Elizabeth in 1694.²⁴² Identified as her sons are Nicholas Brightman (possibly a step-son), whose head right was claimed in 1694 by Elizabeth Ward,²⁴³ Zachariah Gerkin (no head right), who married Hannah (Harrison) Banks; and Thomas Darling, who was bc1695 in NC.²⁴⁴ Elizabeth must have married Darling shortly after her 3rd husband died, because only Elizabeth & Thomas Darling and son Nicholas Brightman were eligible for head rights. Son Zachariah was born after their arrival in NC and son Thomas Darling was born later in NC c1695. Her daughter Mary Darling (no head right) was born in NC. This places their arrival about 1690 or shortly thereafter.

1700 Jul 2. Will Brady & wife Jane to John Burnet of NC for a valuable consideration 100A being our plantation on Kendreck Creek adj John Walker, Brht [Brightman], Darling, and Hon. Henderson Walker Esq. Wit: Edward Smithwick, Thomas Garrett, Edman Perne/Perre.²⁴⁵

1702 Dec 1. Roger Snell & wife Elizabeth sold John Yelverton 100A formerly in the possession of Richard Darling. Wit: John Jones Sr, Henry Lyels.²⁴⁶

1703 Oct 5. James Blount & wife Elizabeth to Will Tanner late of Nancemond Co VA 100A bought of Hanibal Horskins dec'd on the West side of Maticomet crick, adj former lands of Richard Darling and the plantation whereon we now live. Wit: Thomas Arnold, Stephen Swaine.²⁴⁷ James Blount was son of James Blount and Ann Willis Rascoe Blount Sothwell Lear, and he was brother of Capt. Thomas Blount, who married Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee.

1709 The will of John Walker, husband of Elizabeth, was witnessed by Elizabeth Powell, Zach Gerkin (Walker's step-son), and Will Mitchell.²⁴⁸

1716 Solomon Jordan (last husband of Elizabeth) sold William Mitchell 400 acres for £12 land at the mouth of Kendrick's Creek surveyed for Jordan 17 Apr 1713 and now in Mitchell's tenure.²⁴⁹

1716 Dec 31. Thomas Darling, son & heir of Elizabeth Walker, late widow & Relict of John Walker, sold to Thomas Lee of South Lancaster in Chowan Prect for £14 cm land on ye south side of Moratoke river belonging to John Walker Esq dec'd which he bequeathed to his wife Elizabeth Walker, adj land formerly Pierces & land of B_ [Brightman]. Thomas Darling signed with mark "D". Witnesses were Wm Mitchell, Jervis Coleman, and John Edwards (married Zilpha Blount, daughter of Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee who died in 1716 and was wife of Thomas Lee).²⁵⁰

Elizabeth's daughter Mary (Darling) Bailey Lee Downing

Mary was probably born in NC and was a daughter of Elizabeth and Richard Darling. No head right is found for her. She married by 1710/1715 John Bailey. If married at age c16 then she could be born in NC c1694-1699, and she would fit for a daughter of Elizabeth and Richard Darling after they came to NC. Perhaps this is why Thomas Darling and Zachariah Gurkin witnessed the deal involving her land in 1716; they were her brothers. Mary m/1 by 1710 John Bailey (will 1716)²⁵¹ m/2 1716 Thomas Lee (will 1719)²⁵² m/3 William Downing (will 1739)²⁵³ whom she predeceased. She was mother of William Downing II. John Bailey was son of William Bailey and Grace Parsons Bailey Lawton of Portsmouth, RI.²⁵⁴

William Mitchell witnessed for Mary Baley.

1710/11 A deed from George Pearsy & wife Magdaline (step-daughter of Robert Windley, (will 1688)²⁵⁵ to John Baly for 250A of land bought from John Walker was witnessed by ___ Smith, Will Mitchell, Daniel Garrett.²⁵⁶ On 31 Mar 1710/11 Daniel Garrett sold George Peircy 52A. Wit: John (B) Boley [Baley], John Resing?, Will Mitchell.²⁵⁷ If Mary Baley is Elizabeth's daughter, John Walker is her step-father.

1713 Daniel Garrett Sr & wife Sarah deeded John Bale 640A (no consideration mentioned) my plantation on Coneby Creek Wit: Elizabeth [Davenport] Foster, John Foster.²⁵⁸ William Mitchell was administrator of the estate of John Foster in 1713.²⁵⁹

1713. John Hawkins sold John Baley 150 acres between the brick house and John Walker. Witnesses were Henry Middleton and Will Mitchell.²⁶⁰

1715 Aug 18. John & Mary Bailey made Deed of Gift of 100A to friend Henry Clark. Witnesses Jeffrey Lysle and Will Mitchell.²⁶¹ Mary Bailey named Wm Mitchell attorney to ack her dower right to Henry Clark.²⁶²

1715 Aug 13. Deed of Gift from John & Mary to friend Jeffrey Lysle was for 100A from the tract where John Bailey then lived; wit: Richard Canady and John Worley.²⁶³ Mary Bailey named John Worley attorney to acknowledge her right of dower to her husband's deed of gift.²⁶⁴ Mary Bailey and William Mitchell apparently have more interest in the gift to Henry Clark than the one to Jeffrey Lysle.

On 12 Mar 1733/4 John Adderly of Tyrell sold Benjamin Walker [son of John Walker d1709 and step-son of Elizabeth Mitchell] for 50L 100A at the back of Conaby Creek formerly given by John Bayliss [Baley] to Jeffrey Lyles. This was witnessed and proved by Hannah (H) Jerkin [daughter of Mary (Mitchell) Harrison Everitt and wife of Zachariah Gurkin, son of Elizabeth Mitchell]; the 2nd witness was Wm. (S) Stelly.²⁶⁵

1715 18 8ber [Oct] in Chowan Court Wm Frayley brought an account against the estate of Paul Swinson; Wm Mitchell and John Baly were sworn evidences to declare what they know about the matter.²⁶⁶ Frayley married Grace Scott, daughter of Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee.

1716 The will of John Bailey was witnessed and proved by Henry Clark, Jeffrey Lysle, and Will Mitchell.²⁶⁷

Other relationships of William Mitchell

1. Ann () Simpson Green. William Mitchell's relationship with Ann is unknown. Ann, apparently on the occasion of her second marriage, made an assignment to Mitchell for the use of her daughter Precilla. This suggests a relationship. Ann m/1 in NC Joseph Simpson, who was in NC by 1693 and died before 19 Apr 1715; m/2 by 20 Apr 1715 John Green. Ann and John Green may have gone to Bath County. In 1711 Furnifold Green willed his son John land on Nous River and First Broad Creek adj Capt Jms. Beard.²⁶⁸ On 1 Aug 1721 John and Anna Green sold land in Chowan.²⁶⁹ On 14 Dec 1721 Ann (H) Green and Richard Harvey witnessed the will of William Barry of Bath County.²⁷⁰ Mitchell was overseer on the estate of John Harvey. Is mark "H" for Harrison? Ann had children:

1) Precilla Simpson born c1708 (age 7 in 1715). Apprenticed to Eliz. Wallbutton [Wallburton]. Estate held by William Mitchell.

2) ?John Simpson b by 1695-1701. He witnessed a deed and dower right for Thomas Harrison and his wife Susannah (Gatlin) Harrison.

1693 Mar 3. The head right of Joseph Simpson was claimed by Wm Duckenfeild.²⁷¹

1699 Oct 10. Stephen Pearson to Lionell Reding both of Chowan Prect. _ hundred acres on the south east side of _ river whereon Joseph Simpson lately lived. Wit: Thomas Pollock, James Welsh.²⁷²

1699 Mar Court. Stephen Besson makes suits vs. Tho. Cooper concerning the estate of Jno. Griffin and also suit vs. Jos. Simpson.²⁷³ Thomas Cooper married Elizabeth (Gatlin) Britt Cooper Middleton.

1702/3 Jan 5. Richard Johnson of Chowan gave Joseph Simpson for love & affection 200A out of tract of 640A bought of James Long on the east side of Coniby Creek. Wit: Daniel

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NATHANIEL EVERETT II
1707-1782
SON OF NATHANIEL EVERETT I
AND MARY (MITCHELL) HARRISON EVERETT

Nathaniel Everett

Deeds and wills provide a solid framework for the life of Nathaniel Everett (II). He was born circa 1707 in what was then Chowan Precinct and would become Tyrrell and eventually Washington County, North Carolina. His death occurred between the writing of his will 20 February 1782 and its probating at July 1782 Tyrrell County Court. Seventy-five years old at the time of his death, he fathered seventeen children. The biggest mystery concerning Nathaniel Everett (II) is the identity of his wife or wives. Elizabeth was his wife at the time of his death. We do not know if Elizabeth was mother of all 17 of Nathaniel's children.

Tyrrell County Deed Book I, page 258 provides information on Nathaniel Everett (II)'s birth. In the deed Nathaniel Everett (I) gave his son land and provided genealogical data. Below are notes from the deed taken at Tyrrell County Courthouse, Columbia, North Carolina.

North Carolina
Tyrrell County

Memorandum that on the 29 day of Oct 1744 Nathaniel Everit of Tyrrel Co Planter Dwelling at Connbee Creek Swamp Commonly called Morratock Swamp who heretofore Signed a Deed or Instrument of writing purporting a last will or Testament or to that Effect Dated September the second 1720 whereto were witnesses Benjamin Blount, Richard Swinson, & John Edwards entered on the land and plantation in the said Instrument of writing Mentioned by the name of his the said Nathaniel Everits Manner Plantation and where the said Nathaniel now Dwelleth at this presents & being in Quiet and peaceable possession of the Same he did Deliver the like Quiet and Peaceable Possession of the same by Turff and Twig unto Nathaniel Everet in the Said Instrument of Writing mentioned which Said Nathaniel last mentioned was born at Kendricks Creek Plantation then belonging to Edward Mosley Esq. but now in the Tenure & occupation of Thomas Corpew, the Said Nathaniel the Elder being then tennant about 37 years past to the Said Edward Mosley To have & to hold the Said Manner Plantation and the Said Instrument of Writing Mentioned Unto him the Said Nathaniel Everet the Yonger his heirs & Assigns, etc.

Witnesses were Richard Swinson, jurat, Richard Fagans [mark] and John Stubb.

Nathaniel Everett signed with his initials NE

The deed or memorandum was proved October 30, 1744 before E. Moseley, Chief Justice. The deed was registered November 23, 1744 by James Craven, register.

Subtracting "37 years past" from the 1744 date of the memorandum leaves the date of 1707. Most Everett researchers agree that 1707 was the year of Nathaniel Everett (II)'s birth.

13) March 1763 Court. Grand jurors impanelled & sworn included **Nathaniel Everett Senr.**, John Rhoads, Jonathan Davis, Evan Jones, James Gainer, Charles Hook, James Johnston, Mathew Griffin, Edward Walker, Stephen Long, John Swain, **Nathaniel Averett, Junr.**, **Thomas Everett**, John Garret, Johyn Sedgex, John Hassell, Joseph Davenport, Stephen Swain, Jeremiah Norman, Edward Cooper, Stapleton Bonner.²⁴

14) February 1772 Court. Ordered that **Nathaniel Everitt and son**, Robert Moss, Wm Collins, Cuthbert Phelps, Wm Carkeet, John Burns and John Cook labor on Dalys road.²⁵

15) February 1776 Court. Sale of land from **Nathaniel Everett Senr** to **Jeresiah Everett** proved by oath of **Nathan Everett**.

This was a sale of land from Nathaniel (II) to his son Jeresiah found on page 39 of this chapter. Son Nathan proved the sale.

16) May 1776 Court. Sale of land from **Nathaniel Everitt Senr** to **David Airs** proved by oath of **Thomas Everitt**.²⁶

17) October 1781 Court. Deposition of **Nathaniel Everitt Senr.** concerning the lines between **Edmund Blount, Junr.** and **John Garrett, Senr.**²⁷ Edmund Blount, Junr. was grandson of Benjamin Blount, Nathaniel Everett (II)'s brother-in-law.

18) 1st Monday July 1782 Court. Benjamin Harrison proved **last will and testament of Nathaniel Everitt**.

"Personally appeared **Thos. Evritt Esq & Joseph Evritt** in open Court & Qualified Execs to the **Last Will & Testament of Nathaniel Everitt Dec'd.** Joseph Evritt returned in open court on oath the **Inventory of the Est of Nathaniel Evritt Dec'd.** Thos Evritt appeared in open court & prayed a **Division of the Estate of Nathaniel Everitt.** Granted. Ordered that **Mr. Edmund Blount, John Stubbs, Jeremiah Frasier or any 2** divide the estate."

October 1782 Court. "Edmund Blount and Jeremiah Fraser Exhibited into open court the **Division Of the Estate of Nathaniel Everet dec'd**"²⁸

EARLY WIFE OR WIVES UNKNOWN

In a 1720 deed or will which Nathaniel Everett (I) wrote, he announced his intention of giving his land to his son. Nathaniel Everett (II)'s knowledge that he would inherit his father's land allowed and encouraged him to marry before he reached the age of 21. Thomas, apparently his eldest son, seems to have been married and to have had his first son by 1748. That would indicate a birth date of 1727 to 1728 for Thomas. Nathaniel (II) may have married by 1726 or 1727.

No obvious clues lead to the identity of any early wife or wives of Nathaniel Everett (II). Vernon Everett has pointed to the fact that several names of Nathaniel Everett (II)'s children are like those found in the Thomas Blount family. Daughter **Billah Everett** in particular has a Blount name not often found in other families. **Billah Blount**, daughter of Thomas Blount of Perquimans and Tyrrell Counties, married **Killam Tyler**.²⁹ Their daughter **Katherine Tyler** was an orphan by 1713. Her grandmother **Mary (?) Scott Blount Lee** and then her uncle **Thomas Blount** became her guardian. Below are notes from the court records concerning **Billah Blount's** child **Katherine**.

May 1713 council held at house of Captain Thomas Lee in Chowan. Mrs. Mary Lee, wife of Captain Thomas Lee, prayed to have the tuition and keeping of her grandchild Catha Tyler, infant, "the father and mother being dead." It is ordered that Catha Tyler be under Mrs. Lee's guardianship until she is 12 years of age.

November 1713 council held at house of Captain Thomas Lee in Chowan. Kellam Tyler is dead and has left only one child, Katherine Tyler, an infant. Thomas Blount, her nearest kinsman, was appointed guardian.³⁰

We have no evidence that Nathaniel Everett (II) married Katherine Tyler. Nathaniel Everett (II)'s sister Elizabeth married Katherine's uncle Benjamin Blount.³¹ Whether early association with the Blount family led to Nathaniel Everett (II)'s marrying a Blount wife is pure supposition. Vernon and I point to the similarity in names but have no proof that such a marriage took place.

Why don't we know the name or names of Nathaniel Everett (II)'s early wife or wives?

Until his 1782 will, Nathaniel Everett (II) never named a wife in any of his documented records. Until 1782 we have no first name with which to work.

If Nathaniel married in 1727, he and his wife might have been mentioned in deeds transacted close to that time. Tyrrell County was formed in 1729. Its recorded deeds began 6 years later in 1735. Tyrrell County deeds from the years closest to Nathaniel (II)'s marriage are missing.

Available Sources. We are fortunate that several abstractors have published information on the colonial records pertaining to Tyrrell County. Dr. Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., has abstracted and indexed Tyrrell County deeds between 1735 and 1783. Dr. Bradley has abstracted and indexed Tyrrell County Wills between 1729 and 1811 and Tyrrell County Estate records between 1734 and 1800. Bradley has abstracted secretary of state wills for other precincts and counties. Bertie County records have been abstracted and indexed. Margaret Hofmann has abstracted and indexed Chowan County deeds between 1696 and 1723. Weynette Parks Haun has abstracted available Chowan County Court Records as well as some deeds. Betty Fagan Burr has transcribed minutes of Tyrrell County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions through 1761. We have read the microfilmed court minutes for Tyrrell County through 1800. These records do not reveal the name of Nathaniel Everett (II)'s wife.

Available Families. The Everetts did not always marry their closest neighbors. Sons and daughters of Nathaniel Everett (II) were drawn to families who lived in the northeastern section of what is now Martin County. Nathaniel Everett (II) may have reached out from his neighborhood for his early wife or wives. Those Tyrrell County families with neighboring lands were the Adams, Blounts, Brownneys/Brownings, Callihans, Corprews, Davises, Durrances, Evans, Garretts, Hardisons, Harrisons, Hollises, Nichols, Rhoads and Swinsons. Richard Swinson, evidently the son of Richard Swinson who left a 1716 will, witnessed for Nathaniel Everett (I) when he made his 1720 will assigning land to his wife and children.³² Other witnesses to that deed were Benjamin Blount [son-in-law of Nathaniel (I)], and John Edwards [husband of Zilpha Blount]. In 1744 when Nathaniel Everett (I) assigned his land to his son Nathaniel Everett (II), Richard Swinson, witness to the 1720 deed, was jurat. Other witnesses to the 1744 assignment were

Richard Fagan [son-in-law of Nathaniel (I)] and John Stubb [grandson of Nathaniel (I)].³³

Close relationships existed between Nathaniel Everett (II) and his neighbors, but the name of his wife's family cannot be found among them.

LAST WIFE ELIZABETH

Both Nathaniel Everett (II) and his son Nathan had wives named Elizabeth. Nathaniel Everett (II)'s son Nathan made a will 2 May 1781. Nathan had 4 children under 21 years of age at the time of his death. In his will Nathan appointed his brother Joseph Everett, his brother-in-law William Harrison, and his wife Elizabeth Everett his executors. At October 1781 court Nathan's wife Elizabeth qualified as executrix and returned an inventory of Nathan's estate. We believe that the preponderance of evidence supports the fact that Nathan's wife Elizabeth married in 1786 George Peacock and that she is the Elizabeth Peacock named as a daughter by John Cannady in his 23 October 1790 will. John Cannady's will was proven at January 1791 Court. Please see our chapter on Nathan Everett for a more detailed account of widow Elizabeth Everett whom we believe to be Nathan's widow and John Cannady's daughter.

Unfortunately we have been unable to identify Elizabeth Everett, wife of Nathaniel Everett (II) at the writing of his 1782 will. She was alive in April 1787 when Thomas and Joseph Everett, executors of their father's 1782 will, appeared in court to report on a request for money from Sarah Hollis who charged that Nathaniel Everett (II)'s son, Jehu Everett, was father of her illegitimate child. "Ordered by said court accordingly that the Exors of Nathaniel Everitt, deceased, at the death of the widow of said deceased, will Retain in their hands the sum of thirty pounds of said deceased Estate, and the said Jehu Everett will be entitled to so much for the support of the said child."³⁴

WILL OF NATHANIEL EVERETT (II)

Art Lawton of Trenton, New Jersey provided a handwritten copy of Nathaniel Everett (II)'s will. This handwritten copy may be found at the Tyrrell County Clerk of Court's office, Columbia, North Carolina. Two copies exist at the courthouse. One is typed and was used by Bradley in his abstracted wills of Tyrrell County. The second and older copy is handwritten. The evidence found in the handwritten copy is more accurate than in the typed copy.

Differences in the two wills:

- 1) Typed copy misspelled son Jeresiah's name. Typed copy called him Jeremiah.
- 2) Typed copy named daughter Zilpha Griffin. Handwritten copy named daughter Zilpha Hoff. Evidence backs the accuracy of Zilpha Hoff, wife of Richard, as Nathaniel's daughter.
- 3) Typed copy spelled daughter Bilhale Jones. Handwritten copy spelled the name as Bilhah Jones.

WILL OF NATHANIEL EVERETT (II)
From handwritten copy of Will Book I, page 150
Found in Office of Clerk of Tyrrell County Court
Columbia, North Carolina

In the name of God Amen. 20 day of February in the Year of our Lord 1782 I Nathaniel Everitt of North Carolina and Tyrrel County Being very Sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die

Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave all and for my Body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose of the same in manner and form following that is to say First. I lend unto my well beloved Wife Elizabeth Everitt during her life the plantation and Land whereon I now Dwell my riding horse Bridle and Saddle and a third part of all the movable Estate. And after her decease the said plantation and all the Land thereunto belonging to return to my Son Joseph Everitt to him his Heirs and assigns forever

Item. I give and bequeath to my two Grand Children the two Sons of my Son Nathan Everitt dec'd. John Everitt and James Everitt the plantation and all the Land thereunto belonging where he the said Nathan Everitt lived to be equally divided between them when the Youngest comes of Age only reserving unto Elizabeth Everitt their mother her Widowhood in the said plantation and Land. to them their Heirs and assigns forever.

Item. I give unto the Heirs of my son Joshua Everitt dec'd One Shilling Sterling

Item. I give unto the Heirs of my Daughter Lydia Griffin dec'd One Shilling Sterling

Item. I give unto the Heirs of my Son Edmond Everitt dec'd One Shilling Sterling

Item. I give unto the Heirs of my Daughter Mary Airs dec'd One Shilling Sterling

Item. My will and desire is that the whole of my Estate not already given be disposed of together with my Wifes thirds of movables at her decease to be Equally divided between my children hereafter named. all except her thirds at my decease as followeth

Thomas Everitt, Nathaniel Everitt Junr., Hannah Harrison. Zilpah Hoff, Bilhah Jones, Sarah Gardner, Elizabeth Meazel, Jehu Everitt, Jeresiah Everitt, Joseph Everitt and John Everitt to them their Heirs & Assigns forever

I do hereby constitute appoint and ordain my sons Thomas Everitt and Joseph Everitt my whole and Sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannull all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies bequests and Executors by me in any wise before named Willed & bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof the Testator have Interchangably Set my hand and Seal the day and date above written. Nathaniel Everitt his Seal

Signed Sealed and declared in the presence of us

Benjamin Harrison. Daniel Leggett

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Luke X Leggett

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CHILDREN OF NATHANIEL EVERETT (II) IN APPROXIMATE BIRTH ORDER

The estimation of the births of Nathaniel's 17 children is based on first land purchases and sales, marriages, militia lists and census data.

Thomas Everett	born circa 1727, died 1803
Nathaniel Everett (III)	born circa 1729, died 1796-1800
1 st John Everett	born circa 1732, died 1754
Hannah Everett [Harrison] [husband William Harrison]	born December 1733, died 1804
Joshua Everett	born circa 1735, died 1765
Mary Everett [Airs] [husband David Airs]	born circa 1737, died ca 1799
Bilhah Everett [Jones] [husband John Jones]	born circa 1739, died after 1786
Sarah Everett [Gardner]	born circa 1741
Elizabeth Everett [Mizell] [husband Charlton Mizell]	born circa 1743
2 nd John Everett	born 1743 [Grandson's record], died Nov 17, 1820
Edmond Everett	born circa 1745, died by 1782
Zilpah Everett [Huff] [husband Richard Huff]	born circa 1747, died after 1810
Jeresiah Everett	born circa 1749, died circa 1813
Nathan Everett	born circa 1751, died 1781
Joseph Everett	born circa 1752, died 1833
Jehu Everett	born circa 1755, died circa 1829
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