

A Somerset Sampler

*Families of
Old Somerset County, Maryland
1700 - 1776*

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John Long m., 16 Oct. 1760, Catherine Camoron and had issue: (1) Jesse, 28 Aug. 1761, (2) Littleton, 25 Apr. 1764, (3) John, 26 Mar. 1766, (4) Levi, 26 Mar. 1768, (5) Mille, 23 Feb. 1770, (6) Samuel, 24 May 1773. (Coventry Parish Rec.)

Sarah Long m., 14 Jan. 1762, Britain Powell and had issue: (1) William Powell, 25 Oct. 1762. (Coventry Parish Rec.)

John Long (d. c1775) owned tracts Lankford Content, Hog Ridge, and Wilson's Choice; m., 8 Nov. 1768, Mary Addams and had issue: (1) Coulbourn, 28 Sept. 1769, (2) Elizabeth, 7 Mar. 1771. (Coventry Parish Rec.; will of John Long, 12 Feb. 1772-4 Mar. 1775, Somerset Co., Wills, EB-5:61.)

Long m. Martha Beauchamp, dau. of Isaac Beauchamp, by 1775.) (Will of Isaac Beauchamp, 26 Sept. 1775-21 Jan. 1777, Somerset Co., Wills, EB-5:98-99.)

Long m. Betty Cameron, dau. of Elizabeth Cameron, by 1777. (Will of Elizabeth Cameron, 31 Mar. 1777-8 Apr. 1777, Somerset Co., Wills, EB-5:100-101.) [GM/LP/PB]

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MARVEL (MARVELL, MARUELL, MARWELL, MARVILL, MARILL, MARVILLE, MARVIL).

John Marvel (1632-1708) is said to have been b. in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, England, son of Thomas Marvel and Mary Wright; name listed as headright in Northampton (later Accomack) Co., Va., n. side Pungoteague Cr., in patent to Charles Scarborough, 10 May 1652; carried on tax lists of Northampton Co., 1662, and Accomack Co., 1667-77; by 1695 and probably sooner John and wife Ann were living on land of their son John Jr. (see below). John Marvel m. Ann _____ and had issue: (1) Thomas, (2) John Jr.*, (3) Catherine (?). In his will, written in 1707 in Accomack Co., John Marvel (Sr.) mentioned neither wife nor son John; heirs were son Thomas, Mrs. Catherine West, and Jonathan West. Executrix and residual legatee was "most Kinde and Ever loveing friend" Mrs. Matilda West. Matilda was dau. of Col. Edmund Scarborough and widow of Maj. John West; John and Matilda West had a son Jonathan. Role of Wests in will might

indicate that Marvel's wife had been a West; on the other hand, Mrs. Catherine West could possibly have been Marvel's dau. and Jonathan's wife (Jonathan's wife was Rachel when he died, 20 years later). (Mildred Marvel Burwell, Marvel Family History, 1968; Nugent, Cavaliers and Pioneers, p. 286; Nottingham, Accomack Tithables; will of John Marvill, 29 July 1707-3 Feb. 1707/8, Va. State Library, Accomack Co. Wills, 1692-1715, Reel 5, p. 431B; will of Jonathan West, 3 May 1727-4 Oct. 1727, Nottingham, Accomack County Wills, p. 62.)

John Marvel, Jr. (2) (b. c1674-77), called second son of John Marvel, was bound by his father in 1682 to William Jarman until the age of 21; in exchange, Jarman granted the boy 100 a. of land in Accomack Co., part of tract on which Jarman lived, on "back branch" (or Back Cr., now Bagwell's Cr.). The parents may then have taken up residence on this land; Little Back Cr., about half a mile n. of Back Cr., was referred to by Jarman in a 1688 deed as "My Lord Marvell's Back Cr." In 1695 John Jr. traded his 100 a. to Samuel Young for 100 a. of Young's plantation, which John conveyed later the same year to his parents, John and Ann, for their lifetime ("the land whereon they now live"). Two months later he sold the same land to William Hudson, then in 1697 executed another deed for the land to Hudson, with clarification: "on which hundred acres of land John Marvell Sr. now dwelleth." (Another deed, of 5 Mar. 1699 [1700], indicates that John Sr. was still living there.) In June 1698 William Jarman made a statement explaining status of land he had sold to John Marvel, Jr., in 1682, saying he was fully satisfied with fulfillment of deed's provisions; so John must have been at least 21 by this time. After this John Jr. was involved in no more deeds. He may have died, or may have left the county. Was he the same John Marvel described below? (Whitelaw, Virginia's Eastern Shore, 2:1107; Accomack Co., Va., Deeds: 1676-1690:306-07, 483; transcribed part 1, 1692-1715:125-26, 159, 164-65, 297-98, 399, 355-56.)

John Marvel (Marvell) patented tract Marvells Chance, 27 a., at Dames Quarter, Somerset Co., 10 Oct. 1708; it had been surveyed for him 2 Apr. 1705, by assignment from Ephraim Poalke out of a large tract granted to Poalke two weeks earlier. Somerset Co. Rent Rolls show he also possessed two

adjacent tracts, Locust Hammock (mistakenly called Locust Ridge in Rent Rolls, 1663-1723; see 1744 Rent Roll) and Front of Locust Hammock. No evidence has been found that Marvells Chance was ever sold or passed on by inheritance; perhaps it became absorbed into one of adjacent tracts. Original owner of Locust Hammock and Front of Locust Hammock was John Pealkey (Pollikey, Polky), who in 1702 bequeathed them to William Kent; Kent and wife Catherine, of St. Jones Co. (Kent Co.), Del., sold both tracts to Ephraim Polke of Somerset Co. 2 Nov. 1716. Had John Marvel lived here as a relative of Kent? A William Kent (Kenet, Kennett) was in Accomack Co., in Marvel area, as headright to Col. Scarborough in 1664 and as tithable 1670-81. Name of John Marvel's wife not known. A suggestion that Marvel may have been a forebear of the Marvels who later settled near Georgetown, Del., is the fact that Thomas Marvel in 1776 gave a tract of land in that area the same name used by this early John, Marvels Chance. (Md. State Archives, Patent Book PL-3, pp. 15-16; Md. Historical Society, Somerset Co. Rent Rolls (1663-1723), pp. 174, 193, 213; Somerset Co., Deeds, EF:21-24; Nottingham, Certificates and Rights, p. 15; idem, Accomack Tithables.)

Thomas Marvel (Marvill) d. c1755?), planter, m. Elizabeth Huggins (Hugins) (see above, Huggins) 16 June 1721. His relationship to John Marvel, Sr., is not proved; published family accounts have assumed that Thomas was son of John Sr., but time gap seems too great; more likely to have been son of John of Dames Quarter (see above). In 1723, Thomas purchased from heirs of Peter Elzey the tract Gladstones Adventure, 150 a., on Nanticoke R. in Somerset Co.; in 1725, purchased adjacent land from William and Eliz. Phillipson - 200 a. called Hardship. These tracts were in Nanticoke Hd., on site of present village of Riverton, once known as Bacon Quarter. (For proof of location, see Somerset Co., Deeds, LW-4:341-42, 11 Jan. 1849.) In 1753, by two deeds of gift, saying he was destitute of company and often wanted assistance "to Do the Necessary Support of Life," Thomas Marvel, Sr., divided his land and personal property among his four sons and Job Gastineau; no wife mentioned. Youngest son, Robert, received dwelling plantation with 150 a. of land, and largest portion of household goods and livestock,

in return for caring for the father the rest of his life; sons David and Thomas each received 100 a. and personalty; sons Thomas and Phillip, and Job Gastineau, each received a horse. Job was son of George Lewis Gastineau, schoolmaster (see above, Gastineau), who witnessed above-mentioned deeds of gift. George Gastineau may have m. one of Thomas Marvel's daus. Within a few years Robert, David, and Thomas Marvel had sold out and all four sons had moved eastward to what became Sussex Co., Del. Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel of Somerset Co. had issue: (1) Abigall, 5 Apr. 1723, (2) Viley Clear, 4 Dec. 1726, (3) David*, 5 Jan. 1729, (4) Thomas*, 11 Nov. 1732, (5) Philip*, 30 Nov. 1735, (6) Robert *, 15 May 1737. (Stepney Parish Reg., microfilm, p. 10; Somerset Co., Deeds, GH:108-10, TH:24, A:292.)

David Marvel (3) (5 Jan. 1729-1796), planter, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, sold to Joseph Rawle in 1756 land in Somerset Co. received from father (name is spelled Marcell in transcribed deed liber); on 7 Mar. 1776, had surveyed for him a tract called Venture, in Indian R. Hd., on s. side of road leading from Blackfoot to Iron Works on Deep Cr., Sussex Co., adjoining lands of William Rodney and Zachariah Jones. There is some confusion regarding wife of David Marvel: most Marvel accounts state that she was Sarah Prettyman, but Levin Wilson of Gibson Co., Ind., a great-grandson of David Marvel, stated in 1896 that she was Comfort Prettyman and that his mother, Comfort Marvel (Knowles) Wilson, was named for her; he also stated that David and Comfort's family was composed of daus. and only one son, Prettyman - as if he had been unaware of the three youngest ch. It is true that records of Lewes and Coolspring Presbyterian Church, Lewes, Del., state that David Marvel m. Sara Prettyman in 1789; David's will names wife Sally; and Thomas Prettyman's will names dau. Sarah Marvel; but these records were all made after the three oldest ch. were grown. David Marvel probably m., first, Comfort Prettyman and had issue: (a) Prudence, (b) Patience (31 Jan. 1758-5 May 1817), (c) Prettyman (29 Jan. 1763-1 Oct. 1856). Son Prettyman and dau. Patience (with her husband, James Knowles) went to Ga., then Ind. (see Burwell, Marvel Family History, 1968). David m., probably second, 5 Jan. 1789, Sarah Prettyman (d. 1801), dau. of Thomas

and Elizabeth (Inloes) Prettyman (Elizabeth was dau. of Thomas and Mary Inloes; Mary Inloes was perhaps dau. of John Hill, who signed Thomas Inloes' inventory as next of kin; she m. second, before 17 May 1735, William Rodney - see below, Rodney); David Marvel had issue, (d) Elizabeth, (e) David, (f) Burton, probably by second wife, since David Sr. in his will makes separate reference to three youngest ch., and records of St. George's Church, Indian R., show that Betsy, dau. of David and Sarah Marvel, was b. 25 Oct. 1789. Sarah (Prettyman) Marvel m., second, Moses Daizy and d. 1801; they had son Prettyman Marvel Daizy, b. 5 Dec. 1797. In 1803-04, David and Burton Marvel were under guardianship of Eli Pepper, husband of Chloe Marvel, dau. of Philip (5), so they were still under age. (Stepney Parish Reg., p. 10; will of David Marvel, 4 Jan. 1796-9 Feb. 1796, Del. State Archives, A86:193; Somerset Co., Deeds, transcribed B:129; Sussex Co., Del., Shankland Warrants & Surveys 1:41; Rev. Levin Wilson, "Reunion of the Knowles Family," 24 Sept. 1896 (Princeton, Ind., 1898); Wright, Vital Records of Kent and Sussex Cos., p. 132; will of Thomas Prettyman, 26 Feb. 1790-26 Oct. 1790, DeValinger, Sussex Co. Probate Records, p. 220; Burwell, Marvel Family History, 1968; inventory of estate of Thomas Inloes, 17 May 1735, Md. State Archives, Prerog. Court, Inventories, 20:396; b. of Betsy Marvel, Wright, p. 108; mge. to Moses Daizy, admin. acct. of David Marvel, D.S.A., A86:194; b. of Prettyman Marvel Daizy, Wright, p. 158; Janet Wilkins, Sussex Co., Del., 1803-04 Tax Assessment Records (1992), p. 46.)

Thomas Marvel (4) (11 Nov. 1732-1801), "of Worcester Co.," son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, sold land in Somerset Co. received from father to Abraham Taylor in 1758; in 1760 had surveyed for him a tract called Marvels Folly, on n. side of Miery (Miry) Br. in a neck called Saw Mill Neck, present Sussex Co.; in 1776 one of several possible Thomas Marvels received a warrant for survey of a tract adjoining Thomas Marvel's plantation, to be called Marvels Chance; Thomas Marvel m., first, Susannah Rodney, dau. of William and Mary (Hill?, Inloes) Rodney (see below, Rodney), and second, Patience ____; issue (which ch. by which wife is not certain): (a) Thomas, (b) Joseph, bap. 4 June 1769, Indian R., (c) Elisha, 1771, bap. 28 June 1772, Coolspring,

went to Ind., (d) Eli, bap. 1774, Indian R., went to Ky., (e) Parker, (f) Stephen, (g) Robert, (h) Obediah, (i) Patience, (j) Elizabeth, (k) Isaac. (Stepney Parish Reg., p. 10; will of Thomas Marvel, 28 Jan. 1797-15 Dec. 1801, Sussex Co., Del., Wills, E:311-12; will of William Rodney, 3 Dec. 1767-19 Oct. 1770, DeValinger, Sussex Co. Probate Records, p. 86; Somerset Co., Deeds, transcribed B:237; Sussex Co., Del., Rownds Surveys B:55, and Surveys & Warrants B, 1776:20; Burwell, Marvel Family History, p. 10; Wright, Vital Records of Kent and Sussex Cos., pp. 138, 141, 142.)

Philip Marvel (5) (30 Nov. 1735-6 May 1795), planter, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, had surveyed for him two tracts on n. side of Miery Br., This or None and Second Choice, lying e. of Thomas Marvel's tract, Marvels Folly; Philip m. Comfort Rodney (28 Apr. 1738-6 Jan. 1801), dau. of William and Mary (Hill, Inloes) Rodney (see below, Rodney) and had issue: (a) Thomas, 3 Mar. 1761, (b) Rhoda, m. William Boucher (Butcher) 24 Aug. 1781, (c) Aaron, 12 Oct. 1767, (d) Mary, bap. 27 May 1770, (e) Adam, bap. 19 July 1772, (f) David, bap. 12 Mar. 1775, (g) Philip, 9 Feb. 1779, (h) Chloe, 10 May 1782, m. Eli Pepper, (i) William, (j) Rodney, (k) Rebecca. (Stepney Parish Reg., p. 10; Sussex Co., Del., Shankland Warrants & Surveys 1:19; d. dates of Philip and Comfort Marvel, Thomas Marvel Bible Records, in possession of Harriet I. Smith, Del., 1990; will of Philip Marvel, 4 May 1795-12 May 1795; DeValinger, Sussex Co. Probate Records, p. 260; dates of ch., Wright, Vital Records of Kent and Sussex Cos., pp. 130, 137, 139, 141, 143; mge. of Chloe, research of Thomas H. Fooks, V, Mendenhall, Pa.; b. of Rodney & Rebecca, Burwell, Marvel Family History, 1968, p. 10.)

Robert Marvel (6) (15 May 1737-1775), planter, "of Worcester Co.," son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huggins) Marvel, in 1755 sold land in Somerset Co. received from father to Thomas Cooper, Sr., and Samuell Cooper, Jr.; he had already, 20 July 1754, had surveyed for him 50 a. in Sussex Co., Marvels Industry, on s. side of Lone Pine Savannah, near head of Deep Cr.; m. Rachel Chase (d. 1791), dau. of Sarah, and had issue: (a) Ann, (b) Thomas (d. 1794), (c) Joseph, (d) Robert, (e) Chloe, (f) Patience, (g) Phillip,

(h) Rachel, (i) Betty. (Stepney Parish Reg., p. 10; Marvin [sic] to Cooper, Somerset Co., Deeds, transcribed B:74; Sussex Co., Del., Rownd's Surveys A:128; Daisy Marvel Jones, "A Brief History of the Marvel Family" (1960) (copy in State Archives, Dover, Del.), p. 6; wills of Robert Marvel, 27 Mar. 1772-25 July 1775, and Rachel Marvel, 27 Aug. 1791-5 Sept. 1791, DeValinger, Sussex Co. Probate Records, pp. 103, 230-31.)

Recent publication of a number of Somerset Co. tax lists may lead to a reassessment of the Marvel relationships. Those who appear in the lists are presumably at least 16, the age at which males became taxable. The 1738 tax list shows a Thomas Marwell (an alternative spelling of Marvel) (b. by 1722?) in the household of Mitchell Dashiell. This was not Thomas Marvel Sr., who is listed separately, nor, in all probability, Thomas Jr., who was only 6 years old. The 1736 tax list shows Robert Marvel (b. by 1720?) in household of Thomas Marvel; Robert son of Thomas was not yet born. Robert is also in 1739 list, in household of Parris Chipman, and in 1740 list, in household of Windom Scott. Relationship of this Thomas and Robert to the other Marvels is not known, but all were living in Nanticoke Hd. in 1730's. More research is needed. Some of the data attributed to Thomas Marvel's sons may actually belong to these hitherto unknown residents. Robert Marvel, for instance, wrote will in 1772, listing nine ch. - quite a large family for a man of 35. (Tax Lists for Somerset Co.; will of Robert Marvel, 27 Mar. 1772-25 July 1775, DeValinger, p. 103.) [PB]

MILLER. John Miller (b. c1674, d. by 8 Sept. 1714), joiner, was in St. Martins area, later Worcester Co., by 30 Mar. 1686; patented tracts Brent Marsh and Partners Contentment with Abraham Emmett; constable for Bogerternorton Hd., 1702, and served on jury, 1703 and 1706; m. Isabella _____ and had issue: (1) John*, 1695, (2) Joseph*, 1700. (Communication from Leslie Dryden; inventory of John Miller, Worcester Co., 8 Sept. 1714, M.S.A., Prerog. Court (Inventories), 33A:137; Somerset Co., Deeds, CD:135; Ruth Dryden, Somerset Co. Land Records, pp. 87, 455; M.S.A., Somerset Co., Judicial Rec., 1691/92, 32-34, 40.)
John Miller (1) 1695-1750), son of John and Isabella Miller, inherited Partners Contentment,