

Conway of Lancaster & King George Counties, Virginia

Lineage. "Edwin Conway, b. probably in Worcestershire, England circa 1610; d. Lancaster County, Virginia, 1675. He came from Worcester, England about 1640 and appears in the Northampton County, Virginia, records June, 1642, as 'Mr. Edwyn Conaway, Clarke of this Com (Commonwealth prob.) in the County of Northampton.' His landed estate aggregated over 10,000 acres; m. (firstly) 1640 (?) in England, Martha Eltonhead, dau. of Richard Eltonhead of Eltonhead, Lancaster, England, Gent., b. 1582; d. at the age of 82, 23rd September, 1664, who m. Ann Sutton, dau. of Edward Sutton of Rushton Spencer in the County of Stafford, probably m. (second) Anne Glynn, sister-in-law of John Carter of Corotoman, 1649." Colonial Families of the United States, Vol. V by George Norbury Mackenzie.

Issue of Edwin Conway.

- Eltonhead Conway, born 1646 in England m. Henry Thacker in 1662, Sheriff of Middlesex.
- Edwin Conway, born ca 1640–1644 in England, died 8/1698, married 1st Sarah Fleete, daughter of Lt. Colonel Henry Fleete of Lancaster County, Virginia and 2d, Elizabeth Thompson.

Issue by 1st marriage.

1. Colonel Edwin Conway 1681/2–10/3/1763, married 1st in 1704, Anne Ball, daughter of Colonel Joseph and Elizabeth (Romney) Ball and the half sister to Mary, the mother of Washington. He married 2d, Ann Hack.
2. Mary Conway 2/16/1686–9/15/1730 married 1st John Daingerfield on 11/11/1703 and 2d, Major James Ball on 4/16/1707.

Issue by 2d marriage;

3. Posthumous Conway (child), born 1698/99.
4. Francis Conway, born 1697 in Richmond County, Virginia m. Rebecca Catlett (died 1760) in 1718, the daughter of Colonel John and Elizabeth (Gaines) Catlett of Essex County, Virginia. After his death she married John Moore. Issue.
 - a. Catlett Conway, born 1/11/1719.
 - b. Francis Conway, born 12/27/1722 in Richmond County, Virginia, died 5/17/1761, married Sarah Taliaferro (10/8/1727–1/17/1784), a daughter of Colonel John and Sarah (Smith) Taliaferro of Williamsburg. After his death she married second, James, Taylor, ca 1765. Issue.
 - i. Elizabeth Conway 12/8/1745–12/24/1745.
 - ii. Mary Conway 10/28/1747–2/1817.

iii. Francis Conway, born 3/7/1748/9 in King George County, Virginia, died 2/13/1794. He was married on 3/20/1770 to Elizabeth Fitzhugh (born 10/10/1754 at *Belle Air*; died 2/25/1825), daughter of John Fitzhugh and his wife, Alice Thornton Fitzhugh. He was Captain of Port Conway in King George County and a member of the Committee of Safety 1774 to 1776; served in the Continental Line 1775-1778. Issue:

1 – Francis Fitzhugh Conway, born 12/10/1772, killed on 12/27/1803 in Fredericksburg in a duel with William Thornton, both being in love with Lucie H. Macon, the niece of President Madison.

2 – Alice Conway 8/11/1775-10/24/1776.

3 – John Fitzhugh Conway 8/28/1777-4/4/1784.

4 – Catlett Conway 2/7/1780-6/17/1781.

5 – Sarah Taliaferro Conway, born 10/1/1781, married Philip Thornton of Spotsylvania County, Virginia.

6 – Elizabeth Conway 7/11/1783-6/20/1823 married Lawrence Catlett in 1802.

7 – Edwin Conway 3/11/1785-9/13/1844, died Owensburg, Kentucky, married 5/20/1806 Mary Jackson Dade (12/15/1789-9/18/1865).

8 – John Conway 3/21/1787-3/22/1865 at *Mt. Scion* in Caroline County, Virginia, married Harriett Elizabeth Thornton.

9 – George Conway 9/27/1789-12/11/1827, Captain during War of 1812, married Sarah N. Howard in 1811.

10 – Thomas Conway 11/29/1791-7/11/1826, died in Alabama, married Mary Hawes Buckner.

iv. Catlett Conway 12/25/1751-9/14/1827 married Susannah Fitzhugh (2/5/1756-3/15/1819), daughter of John Fitzhugh of *Belle Air*. He lived at *Hawfield* in Orange County, Virginia and served as Captain of the Cavalry during the Revolutionary War. Issue: John Fitzhugh Conway 1783-4/5/1859 married Mary Stuart; Francis Conway married Mary Slaughter; Catlett Conway 1686-7/25/1839; Reuben Conway 1788-1/1838 married Lucie H. Macon; Susannah Conway married 3/16/1797 Hay Taliaferro; Elizabeth Conway married Henry Fitzhugh in 1791; and Henry Conway (died young).

v. Sarah Conway, born 11/27/1759.

c. Elizabeth Conway, born 1/4/1724 married James Taylor.

d. Reuben Conway, born 11/1725.

- e. Sarah Conway, born 8/27/1728 married Dr. Charles Taylor.
- f. Eleanor Rose Conway 1/9/1731–2/11/1829 married at *Montpellier* on 9/13/1749 Colonel James Madison, Sr. in Orange County, Virginia (born 3/27/1721, died 2/27/1801). He was the son of Ambrose and Frances (Taylor) Madison of *Montpellier*; the son of John Madison who patented 600 acres in Gloucester County, Virginia on 1/4/1653 and who was chairman of the Orange County Committee of Safety from 1774 to 1777.