

Massie of Virginia

Lineage. The name Massie or Massey is of ancient origin and is derived from Macei in Normandy. The Norsemen who settled at Macei and owned large tracts of land and strongholds came to be called Massie. When William the Conqueror conquered the Saxons, Hamon de Macei joined the Conqueror's quest of England and as a reward received large land grants in Cheshire. "The earliest Massie recorded in the Colonies was Jeffrey Massie who came from England to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1631. He was the father of at least one son, named John, who also resided at Salem and was, in turn, the father of John, Jeffery, and Sarah. Among the first Massies recorded in Virginia was Alexander Massie who sailed on the Primrose from Gravesend, England, bound for Virginia on July 27, 1635 (Hotten's List of Emigrants). He, or a son named Alexander Massie, received a grant of land on February 23, 1653, in Accomac County."

Captain Charles Massie, the son of Alexander Massie, died before 1585, was born ca 1576 in Middlesex, England. He was married to Clemence Cowdall on a ship at St. Peter's Wharf west of the London Bridge on the Thames River. In 1638 he operated a London Inn in the parish of St. Edmund the King. He had three known sons, Alexander, Peter and Nicholas.

Peter Massie came to America and patented land in New Kent County, Virginia on 4/2/1677. "Peter Massie of New Kent County, Virginia (c.a. 1639/40–1719). He was immigrant from 'banks of the Mersey' the river dividing Lancashire and Cheshire in England. He arrived sometime before 1677 with a wife and possibly some children and in better financial circumstances than most Massey/Massie immigrants. A report notice was that this Peter was born 1640 at Liverpool." My Massey Family in England by Massey.
Issue:

- John Massie married 1688/9, filed a petition in 1732 to patent 4,000 acres of land on Little Byrd Creek of the James River to the northwest in Goochland County, Virginia. Issue:
 1. Mark Massie, baptized 1690 in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia.
 2. Elizabeth Massie, baptized 1691, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, Virginia.
- Thomas Massie, died 1732 in New Kent County, Virginia.
- Charles Massie married 1st, Martha Macon and 2d, Mary Walker. He had eleven children by Mary, viz:
 1. Peter Massie.
 2. Elizabeth Massie.
 3. Mary Massie, died young.
 4. Cecilia Massie.
 5. James Massie.
 6. Thomas Massie.
 7. William Massie.
 8. Mary Massie.
 9. Sarah Massie.
 10. John Massie. Was born 1721 in New Kent County, Virginia

11. Agnes Massie.

- Lucretia Massie, born 1677, died ca 1711, married John Johnson in 1700.
- Sarah Penelope Massie married in 1709 William Johnson.
- Cecilia Massie.
- George Massie.
- William Massie.

John Massie, an unestablished descendant of the family in New Kent County, Virginia, was born 1743, died ca 1830. He was married to Rebecca. John Massie purchased 200 acres on both sides of Contrary Creek in Louisa County in 1774 from Joseph Lane (Louisa County Deed Book H, page 249). He was a patriot during the Revolutionary War, furnishing subsistence to the Continental Army in 1781 when General Lafayette and General Wayne traversed Louisa County enroute to Yorktown. He gave all of his estate (deed of gift 10/11/1803) to the children of his only son, George Massie. Issue:

- George Massie, Sr., born 1760/1770 in Louisa County, Virginia, minister of the Gospel, convert of John Wesley, left a legacy to Randolph Macon College. He was married on 11/26/1788 in Louisa County to Temperance Baker, the daughter of William Baker, Sr. and Mary (Walton) Baker. George died before 9/14/1837 in Louisa County, Virginia when his estate was probated. They had nine children, viz:
 1. Mary Massie, born 1790, married 1/8/1815 James Timberlake in Louisa County, Virginia.
 2. John R. Massie., born 1790/1800 in Louisa County, Virginia, married Jane Christmas on 2/2/1822 in Louisa County, Virginia. Issue:
 - a. William George Massie, born 12/1/1822 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 4/8/1903 in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, buried Riverside Cemetery.
 - b. Mary Elizabeth Massie, born 11/1/1821 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 10/31/1887 in Todd County, Kentucky, married 8/13/1840 James Henry Maynard.
 - c. Rebecca A. Massey 1/11/1824–8/31.1794, buried Bell's Chapel, Todd County, Virginia, married George Hubert Thornhill on 10/24/1846 in Todd County.
 - d. John R. Massie, born 1829 in Louisa County, Virginia.
 - e. Louisa C. Massie, born 1835.
 - f. Edward Nathaniel Massie, born 10/31/1837 in Kentucky, died 10/10/1857.
 3. Rebecca A. Massie, born 1790/1800, married 3/19/1812, Nathaniel Burrus in Louisa County, Virginia.
 4. Sarah Massie 1796–1850, married Charles Nelson Christmas.
 5. William Martin Massie of Hanover County, Virginia, born 419/1802 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 10/6/1875 in Parker County, Texas, buried Long Creek Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Virginia Jackson on 2/7/1832.
 6. Peter Newell Harris Massie of Hanover County, Virginia.
 7. Cassandra Massie, born 4/1/1807 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 4/28/1878 in Todd County, Kentucky, married Mr. Jackson, of Todd County, Kentucky.

8. Jabez Massie , born 1/11/1809 in Louisa County, Virginia, died 5/8/1892 in Louisa County, Virginia, married 1st Martha Richardson 3/13/1837 in Louisa County and 2d, 8/11/1845 Mary Goodwin..
9. George Massie, Jr. of Todd County, Kentucky

Ref. My Massey Family in England by Judge Frank A. Massey; Massey Families in America by Judge Frank A. Massey; The Family of John Massie by Kelsey; St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia; List 1, pp. 15, Louisa County Claims); 1800-1830 Louisa County Virginia Census; Last Will and Testament of George Massie Sr. dated 4/25/1834, Will Book 9, pp. 484, Louisa County, Virginia.