

James Mason, Sr., Member of House of Burgesses in Va., lived Surry Co., Va. 7/4/1655, Surry Co., Petition of Thomas Burns that Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, w. of James Mason, hath defamed in a vile manner, Martha, ye w. of petitioner. James Mason, Sr. had a bro., Capt. George Mason, b. 1626, d. 1686, m. Mary French, and was the progenitor of the Masons of Gunston Hall. Colonial Surry by Boddie, P. 111: "Arthur Allen was the son-in-law of Captain Baker. Francis Mason's father, James Mason, of Merry Mount, had been a Burgess. It appears that during the critical last days of Bacon's Rebellion that all remained faithful to Gov. Berkeley." [1677] The son of James Mason, James Mason, Jr., was listed on Surry Co. Va. Tithables of 1698 and 1694; his w., Mary and they had: John Mason, Sr., b. ca 1690, d. Sussex Co. Va. 9/3/1755, intestate, m. Elizabeth Harrison who d. 8/21/1763, recorded in Albemarle Parish Register, Sussex Co. Va. John Mason was known as Capt. John Mason. Virginia Magazine, V. 34, P. 214-5: "John Mason appears in Surry County, Virginia 19 May 1714, plaintiff, in a suit against Joseph Perry. 13 May 1738 he gave 300 acres of land to his son, Joseph [Joseph died intestate 1739, leaving widow, Phebe, who married later John Ogburne and had children: Seth, John, Anna and William]. 6 May 1738 John Mason gave 180 and 335 acres to his son, John Mason, Jr. 16 March 1752, John Mason of Albemarle Parish gave 300 acres to his son, David Mason."

John Mason, Jr., land grant, Sussex Co. Va., 1764, 68 1/2 acres. His Will dated 1785 Sussex Co. Va. names w. Elizabeth and issue: John Mason, d. Sussex Co. Va. 1792, his Will naming mother and bros., m. Elizabeth Peters 3/17/1775 Sussex Co. Va. [John, b. 2/19/1743]; Henry Mason, b. 4/12/1745, removed to Ga.; David Mason, Col. in Rev. War, Continental Line of Va., b. 8/16/1752, on 1790 Sussex Co. Va. Census; Benjamin Mason, listed 1790 Prince Edward Co. Va. Census; Peyton Mason, m. Patty Peebles 10/5/1782; William Mason, b. 11/15/1748 had sons, Joseph and Seth; Rebecca Mason m. Timothy Rives, b. 12/16/1746; Elizabeth Mason, b. 4/10/1742, m. Christopher Rives 7/2/1759 Sussex Co. Va.; Mary Mason m. Mr. Jeffress; and Lucretia Mason, b. 6/1/1756. Birthdates from Albemarle Parish Register, Sussex Co. Va.

Henry Mason, b. 4/12/1745 Sussex Co. Va., listed on 1820 Jones Co. Ga. Census, w. Mary, the 1850 Jones Co. Ga. Census showing her aged 100, living with her grandson, Laban Mason. Issue:

I. Caldemore Mason, listed on 1820 Jones Co. Ga. Census.

II. Gideon Mason, his Will dated 5/1/1835, Jones Co. Ga., WB A,B, P. 232-4, leaving his w. [not named], "50 acres embracing houses where I now live and all the land now cleared for cultivation...." Bequeathed to his g.s., Gideon F. Mason, "50 acres embracing the house where my son, Labon Mason now lives in s.e. corner of my tract of land....", with Labon to have the 50 acres until Gideon F. arrives at age 18. Dau., Rebecca. Issue of Gideon Mason:

1. Rebecca Mason.

2. Labon Mason m. Sarah Baker 11/27/1823 Jones Co. Ga. His s., Gideon F., m. Jane Richardson 9/16/1852 Jones Co. Ga.

III. James J. Mason, b. ca 1775 Sussex Co., Va., m. Elizabeth Ballard of Sussex Co. Va., Lt. in Jones Co. Militia 1814-1818; 1814 Jones Tax Digest shows 202 1/2 acres on Potato Creek. Listed on 1850 Talbot Co. Ga. Census, farmer, issue: Rev. Walter Ballard Mason, b. 1809 Sussex Co. Va., d. Camilla, Ga. 1860, bur. on old family plantation, between Camilla and Newton, Ga., m. Frances Dickinson Forsyth, dau. of Frances Carroll Dickinson of Bainbridge, Ga., they had Walter D. Montgomery Mason.

The Masons of Warren, Washington County, Emanuel and Johnson Counties, Ga. are descended from Thomas Mason, born 1722, whose caveat was produced 4/24/1761, Colonial and State Papers of N. C., V. 6, Pg. 632. His wife, Elizabeth, born 1733, d. 1787, her Will dated 1787 Halifax Co., N. C., naming sons, Thomas and Turner. Issue as follows:

I. Peter Mason, b. 9/13/1751, listed on 1820 Emanuel County, Ga. Census.

II. Thomas Mason, b. 12/19/1758, d. 1837 Hancock Co. Ga., Member of Fulson Creek Church, Hancock Co., 1818. 1820-1827, Capt. of Militia, from Richmond and Hancock Cos., Major in 1827, Lt. Col. 1828, Col. 1830-1836. Inv. of his estate 12/22/1837, Hancock Co, Bk P, P. 100-105, with Thomas Mason and John M. Mason, admsrs.

III. Martha Mason, b. 10/26/1756, lived Warren Co. Ga. after 1784, m. Mr. Hudson.

IV. Susannah Mason, b. 12/26/1760, lived Warren Co. Ga. after 1784, m. Mr. Laurence.

V. Turner Mason, b. 1754, listed on Halifax Co. N. C. Census of 1790, m. Mary Lowe, d. 1843.

VI. James Mason, b. 11/27/1762, d. Washington Co. Ga. ca 1832. In Washington Co., Ga., George Mason, gdn. of orphans of James Mason, decd, applies for leave to sell land, 8/13/1833. George Mason, b. 1760/1770, d. Washington Co. Ga. 6/1843 and his wife, Sarah, d. 12/1848. Issue of James Mason:

1. Madison Hodges Mason, b. 1826 Washington Co. Ga., d. 1898, Johnson Co. Ga., m. Mary Anne F. Ellington 4/18/1848 Emanuel Co. Ga. He was first tax assessor Johnson Co. 1859; Ordinary 1866, 1873-76, 1871; Clerk of Superior Ct. 1880. Wife, Mary, b. 1829 Ga. Listed 1860-1880 Johnson Co. Census. Issue: James H., b. 1854; Nancy J., b. 1850; George T., b. 1859; Charles A., b. 1862; Rubin M., b. 1863; Wiley G., b. 1867; Agnes M. B., b. 1869; Tiley F., b. 1871, all Johnson Co. Ga.

2. Sarah Ann Mason.

3. Morris R. Mason.

4. Henry Mason, b. 1801, listed 1850 Washington Co. Ga. Census, deceased by 1880. His widow, Elizabeth, b. 1803, on 1880 Johnson Co. Census. Issue: John, b. 1833; Sarah Ann, b. 1837; Elizabeth, b. 1839; Joel, b. 1830, w. Elizer H. E., b. 1849 [issue: Thomas, b. 1874; Clarence A., b. 1878]; Alla J., b. 1843; George, b. 1845, wife, Nancy J., born 1852 [issue: George, b. 1875; Sally E., b. 1876; Madison H., b. 1878; James G., b. 1880, all Johnson Co.]; Henry C., b. 1847 m. Nancy, b. 1848 [issue: John M., b. 1870; Sarah A., b. 1872; Mary F. b. 1874; Elizabeth, b. 1875; Ellen, b. 1875; Henry T., b. 1877; Julia, b. 1879, all Johnson Co.]; Winifred, b. 1848; and Nancy M., born 1849, all Washington Co. Ga.

5. Raiford Mason, b. 1788 Ga., listed 1860 Johnson Co. Ga. Census.