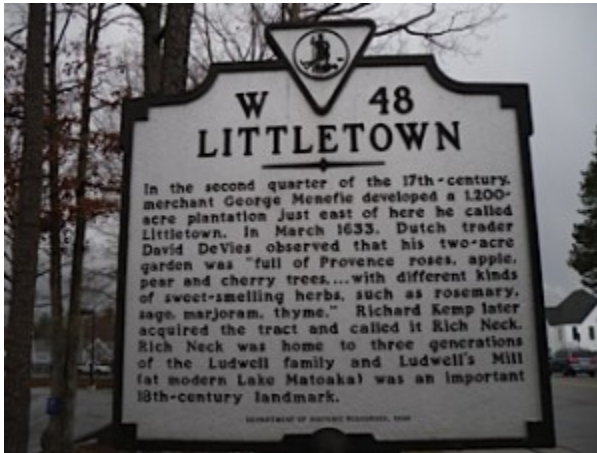


Littletown Plantation



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Anyone who is familiar with Virginia wills, estates and deed records has seen the name of **George Menefie** in many documents. He appears to have been the wealthiest colonist in the early days, owning a 1200-acre plantation near Jamestown.

He received the land grant when he transported 24 immigrants into the colony and later patented another 3000 acres for paying the passage of 60 individuals.

In March 1633, Dutch trader David DeVies observed that the two-acre garden of Menefie was "full of Provence roses, apple, pear and cherry trees, with different kinds of sweet-smelling herbs, such as rosemary, sage, marjoram, thyme." Richard Kemp later acquired the tract and called it Rich Neck.

Rich Neck was located in the Middle Plantation between the York and James Rivers.

According to the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery, the

plantation was located in Williamsburg. Kemp owned the land until 1650 when he died and left the estate to his wife. However, the wife remarried Sir Thomas Lunsford who gained the property three years later upon her death.