

Descendants of Stephen Costen

Generation No. 1

1. Stephen² Costen (Unknown¹) was born Abt. 1622 in England, and died Bet. Jun 1685 - Jun 1686 in Northampton Co, VA. He married **Ann**.

Notes for Stephen Costen:

May have had two wives, both named Ann, last names unknown

In my notes I have Stephen, of age (20) in 1642 so born 1622 in England. died 2 June 1685. Wife was Jane. (no idea where I got this from.

Stephen Costen who made his mark, "R" was the first progenitor of the family in the Colonies. He was transported to Northampton County, Virginia in 1652 by John Robbins and was headright for Nathaniel Littleton. He married first about 1640, probably in England

One of the Ann's was a widow with a daughter named Priscilla

Early Va. Immigrants, p. 79:

Cossens, Margaret, 1649 by Edmund Scarborough, Jr. Northampton Co.

Costen, George, 1636 by Camp. John Chelsman, Charles River Co.

Costin, George, 1635 by John Cheeseman, Ch. Riv. co

Costen, Anne, 1652 by John Robbins, Northampton Co.

Costen, Stephen, 1652, by John Robbins, Northampton Co.

Costen, Eliz., 1653 by Tho. Willis, York Co.

Virginia's Eastern Shore, v. 1: Northampton Co., N10, p. 75

"1669 Patent to Stephen Costen for 200 acres: 1686 Stephen Costin (wife Jane) left to son Francis as 300 acres. There was no other patent to Stephen nor any recorded purchase by him, so the extra 100 acres are without record."

From "Virginia Land Causes...Northampton Co., 1731-1868" pg. 38:

Jury report "That Stephen Costen, Sr., late of the County, deceased, was at the time of his death and several years before seized of the land in question as of his own proper estate, and that by his last will and testament, dated 2 June 1685, devised the said land, with other land, to his son, Francis, and his heirs forever; that the said will was proved 3 June, 1686.... (10 March 1741, p. 49)

Northampton Co. Va., Will Index:

Stephen Costen, Will dated 2 June 1685, proved 3 June 1686

Stephen Costine, Costen appears 1668 in Northampton Co as appraiser and prover to wills.

Tithables of Northampton County, Va, 1666

Costin, Stephen, Benoni Ward, 2

Northampton Co. was divided in 1761- North became Accomac, South remained Northampton.

More About Stephen Costen:

Ancestral File Number: AFN:3W79-RV

Tax List: 1666, Northampton Co., Va.

Will: Bet. 1685 - 1686, Index, Northampton Co

Children of Stephen Costen and Ann are:

- + 2 i. Stephen³ Costen II, born Abt. 1650 in ?; died 01 Jan 1696/97 in Somerset Co., MD.
- + 3 ii. Francis Costen.
- + 4 iii. Esther Costen.
- + 5 iv. Amey Costen.
- 6 v. Priscilla Costen.

Generation No. 2

2. Stephen³ Costen II (Stephen², Unknown¹) was born Abt. 1650 in ?, and died 01 Jan 1696/97 in Somerset Co., MD.

He married **Comfort Furnis** WFT Est. 1676-1708, daughter of William Furnis and Olive Ivery. She was born 29 Dec 1663 in Somerset County, Maryland, USA, and died 25 Jun 1735 in Somerset Cty, Maryland.

Notes for Stephen Costen II:

Stephen Costen's father, Stephen was brought to the colonies about 1640 by Nathaniel Littleton, Esquire. He was in service to him in 1642-43. Later he had a small plantation on the Eastern shore of Virginia, near Eastville.

Stephen owned "Merchant's Treasure", 150 acres, surveyed 9 June 1679 and "Bear Point," 500 acres surveyed 10 July 1679

Will Abstract from Maryland Calendar of Wills v. 2, pg. 119

"Stephen Costine, Somerset Co., : 1st Jan., 1696; 19th Mch., 1696-97.

To dau. Eliza: and hrs., 150 A., part of 500 A., "Bear Point."

To dau., Ester and hrs., 150 A., part of afsd. "Bear Point."

To son Isaac and hrs., 200 A., residue of "Bear Point," and 100 A., part of "Costine's Trouble."

To son Stephen and hrs., 300 A., residue of "Costine's Trouble."

To son Matthias and hrs., 400 A., "Tenton," on n. side St. Martin's R.

To cous. Stephen Deare, residue of land on St. Martin's.

To daus. Amy and Eliza: and cous. Mary Deare, personalty.

Testator desires sister Priscilla to be put to school.

Wife Comfort, extx. and residuary legatee of personal estate equally with 6 child. afsd. Sons to be of age at 21 yrs.

Overseers: No. Bennett, Wm. Warwick, Wm. Demster, Walter Lane, Stephen Deare.

Test: Wm. Sumlin, Stephen Barnard, Edward Hearper, Jas. Frurins, No. Bennett. 7. 262."

From Court Records Book:

"v.33, p.30: Elizabeth Coston, daughter of Stephen Coston born of Comfort his wife the 22nd of November 1680.

v.34, p. 31: Mathias Cosden, son of Stephen Cosden born of his wife the 17th of October 1683.

v. 36, p. 33: Hester Coston, daughter of Stephen Coston born of Comfort his wife the 1st of October 1685.

v. 37, p. 35: Stephen Costen, son of Stephen born of Comfort his wife the 16th of February 1687.

v. 39, p. 35: Isaac Coston, son of Stephen born of Comfort his wife, the 8th day of March 1689.

v.42, p. 38: Isaac Costin, son of Stephen Costin of Pocomoke died 12th of November 1692.

v.43, p. 39: Anne Costine, daughter of Stephen Costine born of Comfort his wife at Perraawkin 25 June 1693.

Notes for Comfort Furnis:

Somerset Co., Maryland, Court Records Book, v. 68, p. 60, Comfort Furnis, the daughter of William Furnis was born of Olline, his wife at Manoakin, 12-20-1663.

1670/06/20, Maryland Archives 54, C

Will - found in Maryland Calendar of Wills v. VII, pg. 203 (Abstracts)

"Benton, Comfort, widow, Somerset Co., 25th June 1735; 17th Nov. 1736

Testator revokes deed of gift drawn by John Fisher 22 Feb. 1700.

To daus. Eliza. Townsend and Esther Tull, 1s. each.

To dau. Amy Costen, use of seventeen negroes and all other personal estate during life (with exception of three negroes).

To son Isaac Costen, certain personalty after decease of his sister Amy.

To Stephen son of Stephen Costen, dec'd., personalty.

To grandsons Mathias, Benton, Ezekiel, Oliver, Ahab and Isaac Costen, and Stephen son of John Tull, dec'd., grand-daus.

Elizabeth dau, of Stephen Costen, dec'd., Esteher and Mary Ann Costen and Comfort dau. of Isaac Costen, personalty after decease of dau. Amy.

To grand-dau. Comfort dau. of Stephen Costen and to grand-dau. Mary Costen, personalty.

To six youngest child. of son Stephen Costen, viz.: Matthias, Elizabeth, Esther, Ann Mary, Benton and Ezekiel, certain personalty that was their father's.

To son Isaac Costen, ex., certain personalty, at his decease to his son Oliver. Residue of estate after decease of dau. Amy; charge of sd. dau.'s estate, and the orphans of son Stephen.

To Isaac Costen's chil., viz.: Oliver, Ahab, Isaac, Comfort and Mary, personalty.

Test: John Benson, Samuel Handy, Jr., Stephen Handy. 21. 735."

More About Comfort Furnis:

Legal Record: 20 Jun 1670, Maryland

Will: 1736, Maryland

Children of Stephen Costen and Comfort Furnis are:

- + 7 i. Elizabeth⁴ Costen, born Bet. 22 - 23 Nov 1680 in Hungers Parish, Somerset County, Maryland; died 03 Nov 1745 in Sussex County, Delaware, USA.
- + 8 ii. Mathias Costen, born 17 Oct 1683 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Abt. Jun 1716.
- + 9 iii. Esther Costen, born 05 Oct 1686 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Bef. 21 Mar 1770.
- + 10 iv. Stephen Costen III, born 10 Feb 1687/88 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Abt. 18 Jun 1729.

- + 11 v. Isaac Costen, born 08 Mar 1688/89; died Abt. Feb 1742/43.
- 12 vi. Amey Ann Costen, born 25 Jun 1693 in Perraawkin, Somerset Cty, MD; died Bef. 1740.

Notes for Amey Ann Costen:

Adm. accounts recorded 24 May 1740, and 9 Apr 1741, Somerset Co., WBK EB14, 87-88

3. Francis³ Costen (Stephen², Unknown¹) He married **(1) Isabella**. He married **(2) Agnes Somers**.

Child of Francis Costen and Isabella is:

- 13 i. Stephen⁴ Costen.

4. Esther³ Costen (Stephen², Unknown¹) She married **Teague O Deare**.

Children of Esther Costen and Teague Deare are:

- + 14 i. Stephen⁴ Deare.
- 15 ii. Mary Deare.

5. Amey³ Costen (Stephen², Unknown¹) She married **John Isaac**.

Children of Amey Costen and John Isaac are:

- 16 i. Elisabeth⁴ Isaac.
- 17 ii. Stephen Isaac.

Generation No. 3

7. Elizabeth⁴ Costen (Stephen³, Stephen², Unknown¹) was born Bet. 22 - 23 Nov 1680 in Hungers Parish, Somerset County, Maryland, and died 03 Nov 1745 in Sussex County, Delaware, USA. She married **William S. Townsend** Bet. 1699 - 1700 in Worcester Cty, MD, son of John Townsend and Elizabeth Danfroy/Danford. He was born Bet. 01 - 02 Sep 1674 in Somerset County, Maryland, and died 04 Jan 1735/36 in Sussex County, Delaware, USA.

Notes for Elizabeth Costen:

Will made 21 September 1745, probated 02 November 1745; will book archives volume A 102, Liber A, page 51, folios 490-491, Sussex Co., Delaware

Abstract: Elisabeth Townsend, Widow: hirs Name: sons Steven, Costin, Solomon and Charles Townsend; daus. Elisabeth Deputy and Abigail Clendaniel; grandsons William Townsend (son of Steven), Costin and Charles Townsend; granddaus. Betty, Sarah and Mary Deputy, Sarah Townsend (dau of Steven), Betty Townsend (dau of Solomon) Elisabeth Townsend (dau of Steven); Mary Clendaniel

Exec/Trus Name: loving son

Wit Name: Thomas David, Thomas Lay, Rebecca Lay

Somerset Co., Maryland, Court Records Book, v. 33, p. 30, Elizabeth Coston, daughter of Stephen Coston born of Comfort his wife the 22nd of November 1680.

More About Elizabeth Costen:

Will: 02 Nov 1745, Sussex Co., Delaware

Notes for William S. Townsend:

Sussex County, Delaware Probate Records 1680-1800

Arch. vol. A102; Reg. of Wills, liber A, page 83; folios 284-285

William Townsend, Yeoman; will made 04 Jan. 1728/29; Names: wife, Elizabeth Townsend; sons Stephen, Costin, Solomon and Charles Townsend; daus., Abigail Townsend and Elizabeth Deputy; son-in-law Silvester Deputy

Exec/Trus: son, Costin Townsend; Wits: Simon Beply, Philip Darnie, John May

Will Probate: 17 Jan 1736/37

Birth record is notated in the margin "ok".

Peel Gedcom, pg. 23911 lists only five chn: Elizabeth, Steven, Costin, Charles and Abigail.

Inherited no land from father so believed to be the William who purchased St. Martin's Desart from Warren Hadder and wife Mary on 11 August 1696 which he and wife Elizabeth later sold to John Bradford. Owned in Mattapony 100 on the 1666-1723 Rent Rolls.

Children of Elizabeth Costen and William Townsend are:

- 18 i. Stephen⁵ Townsend, born Abt. 1700 in Worcester Cty, MD; died 1759 in Sussex Cty, DE. He married / Littleton Abt. 1745.

Notes for Stephen Townsend:

Will drawn 10 January 1759, probated 6 Spe 1759, Arch Vol. A 102, Reg. of wills, Liber B

Heirs: sons William, Stephen, Littleton, Jesse, Noe and Jehu Townsend

Daus: Abigail Townsend and Betty Spencer

grsons: Stephen, Oliver and Elijah Cobb (sons of dau. Sarah)

gdau: Leah Townsend (dau of son William)

Samuel Coston Townsend

Exec/Trus: son Stephen Townsend

Wit: Ja[me]s White, Christ [opher] Nutter, Jemima Townsend

Will of John Waltson, 03 Jan 1729, prob. 27 Feb. 1729 (Maryland?), names Elizabeth Townsend, wife of Stephen.

Deed on 9 Aug 1787 Sussex Co., DE between George Rickards and Littleton Townsend concerning land of John Watson names children of Stephen Townsend as Abigail wife of Aaron Oliver, Coston Townsend, since deceased, Betty Spencer, since deceased, Littleton, Noah, and Jehu and whereas Littleton purchased land from Jehu, etc.

Wife may have been Elizabeth Watson

- 19 ii. Costen Townsend, born Abt. 1703 in Worcester Cty, MD; died Abt. 13 Feb 1776. He married Julia.

Notes for Costen Townsend:

Sussex Co. Delaware, Probate Records:

Costen Townsend, Primary; Administrator: Littleton Townsend in right of Julia Townsend, widow:

WB Arch Vol. A 102, p. 48, Admrs. bond dated Feb. 13, 1776

- 20 iii. Charles Townsend, born Abt. 1706 in Worcester Cty, MD; died Bef. 1745 in Sussex Cty, DE. He married Mary Clendaniel.

- 21 iv. Solomon Townsend, born Abt. 1706 in Worcester Cty, MD; died 1783 in Sussex Cty, DE.

Notes for Solomon Townsend:

There was a Priscilla Townsend, born 22 September 1749, Somerset Cty, MD, whose parents were Solomon and Elizabeth via Wilmer O. Lankford's "They Lived in Somerset County, Maryland, 1726-1750", page 137.

Solomon Townsend, Sr., will made 04 Jan 1772; 23 Mar 1773

Heirs: sons Jacob, William, Solomon and Luke

Daus. Abigail Carlisle (wife of John), Phebe Morris (wife of Joseph)

exec/tr son Jacob

wit: John Clowes, Jesse Deputy, Joshua Deputy; John Lofland; John Clowes

Prob: 07 Apr 1793, Arch vol. A 102, reg of wills Liber B, p 76, fol. 487-491

Comment: Mentions grandson John Townsend (son of Luke); and widow of son Solomon Townsend

- 22 v. Elizabeth Townsend, born Abt. 1710 in Worcester Cty, MD; died Aft. 1746 in Sussex Cty, DE. She married Silvester Deputy Abt. 1729; born Abt. 1695 in Delaware.

- 23 vi. Abigail Townsend, born Abt. 1711 in Worcester Cty, MD; died Aft. 1745 in Sussex Cty, DE. She married John Clendaniel Abt. 1745; born Bef. 1725 in Somerset County, Maryland; died WFT Est. 1748-1785 in ?.

Notes for John Clendaniel:

A deed from Sussex County DE record book D, No. 4, John Clendaniel, pages 316 to 319 dated 4 April 1715 conveys to John Clondanol (sic) from Robert Hart and his wife, Ame, all of a tract of land, part whereof was left to Robert Hart, 400 acres, and tract 500 acres granted by the governor of New York. On the 7th day of the 4th month (May) 1688 by order of William Clark, surveyor of Sussex County DE. This land was sold to John Clendaniel for the sum of 30 pounds.

Robert Hart of Cedar Creek had a will dated 7 October 1685; it was probated 10 December 1685. (Penna. Hist. Soc., vol. AM 2013, pages 56, 57, 68).

8. Mathias⁴ Costen (Stephen³, Stephen², Unknown¹) was born 17 Oct 1683 in Somerset Cty, Maryland, and died Abt. Jun 1716. He married **Sarah Chambers**. She was born 21 May 1682, and died Aft. 1770.

Notes for Mathias Costen:

Maryland Calendar of Wills, v. 4

Costin, Mathias, Dorchester, Co., 9th June 1715/16; 13th June 1716

Daus: Rebecca, Roody and Sarah, 400 A.

Daus. Mary and Elizabeth, 300 A.

Dau. Rebecca 50 A., part of Costin's Trouble

Wife Sarah, extx., personalty

More About Mathias Costen:

Will: 13 Jun 1716, Dorchester Co., Maryland

Children of Mathias Costen and Sarah Chambers are:

- 24 i. Rebecca⁵ Costen. She married Thomas Perkins.
- 25 ii. Rhoda Costen. She married Stephen Costen.

Notes for Rhoda Costen:

Married Stephen Costen, her first cousin

- 26 iii. Sarah Costen. She married James Train, Jr..
- 27 iv. Elizabeth Costen. She married Jeremiah Warwick.
- 28 v. Mary Costen. She married Stephen O'Dear/Oder.

Notes for Mary Costen:

Stephen Costen II had a cousin Stephen O'Dear, so this may have been her second cousin

9. Esther⁴ Costen (Stephen³, Stephen², Unknown¹) was born 05 Oct 1686 in Somerset Cty, Maryland, and died Bef. 21 Mar 1770. She married **John Tull**, son of Thomas Tull and Mary Minshall. He was born Apr 1681 in Somerset Cty, Maryland, and died 28 Jan 1728/29.

Notes for Esther Costen:

aka Hester; will was dated 15 February 1770, probated 21 March 1770

alternate b. d. Oct. 1, 1685

More About Esther Costen:

Will: 21 Mar 1770, Maryland?

Notes for John Tull:

was of Manokin. He was the third son of Thomas and Mary

Children of Esther Costen and John Tull are:

- 29 i. Stephen⁵ Tull. He married Sarah Hall.
- 30 ii. Richard Tull, born Bef. 1750.

Notes for Richard Tull:

was under 21 in 1771

- 31 iii. Joshua Tull, died 15 Mar 1789. He married Esther/Easter.
- 32 iv. John Tull.

Notes for John Tull:

living in 1771

- 33 v. Mary Tull.
- 34 vi. Ester Tull.

10. Stephen⁴ Costen III (Stephen³, Stephen², Unknown¹) was born 10 Feb 1687/88 in Somerset Cty, Maryland, and died Abt. 18 Jun 1729. He married **Mary Fogg**, daughter of Ann Watts.

Notes for Stephen Costen III:

probably died intestate

Court Records Book, Somerset Co., Maryland:

v. 46, p. 41:

Stephen Coston, son of Stephen Coston and born of Mary Coston the 28th day of April Anno Dom one thousand seven hundred and twelve.

Comfort Coston, daughter to Stephen Coston and born of Mary his wife the twenty-fifth day of July ano Dom 1715.

Mathyas Coston, sonn of Steven Coston and born of Mary his wife on ye 9th day of 9ber anno dom one thousand seven hundred and eighteen.

Elizabeth Coston and Heaster Coston daughters of Steven Coston and born of Mary his wife on ye 9 of Feb. Anno Dom "seven hundred and nineteen twenty"

Notes for Mary Fogg:

Wills and Adm. Accomack County, Va, 1663-1800 (p. 50)

Fogg, Ann - 8 April 1712; 5 Aug. 1713: To dau. Ann. to firstborn son Aaron Foog whole est. both at home and abroad. He paying John Watts Fogg, John Fogg, Daniel Fogg, Moses Fogg and ann Fogg, each of them as they come to age a feather bed, &c. John Watts Fogg to have liberty to choose with whom he shall live. My brother John Watts to have the care of my two sons John and Daniel. Son in law Steven Costen to have Moses and Ann, provided he bring up the boy to read & write & the girl to read and sew. Son Aaron, Exr. Wits: John Watts, Denis Connar, Mary Watts - p. 604

Children of Stephen Costen and Mary Fogg are:

- 35 i. Stephen⁵ Costen, born 28 Apr 1712.
- 36 ii. Comfort Costen, born 25 Jul 1715.
- 37 iii. Matthias Costen, born 09 Sep 1718.
- 38 iv. Elizabeth Costen, born 09 Feb 1719/20.
- 39 v. Hester Costen, born 09 Feb 1719/20.

11. Isaac⁴ Costen (Stephen³, Stephen², Unknown¹) was born 08 Mar 1688/89, and died Abt. Feb 1742/43. He married **Roseannah Smullin**.

Notes for Isaac Costen:

Maryland Calendar of Wills: Vol. 8

Castin (Costen), Isaac, Somerset Co., 24th Nov. 1743; 23rd Feb., 1743

To wife Rose, life interest in dwelling plantation 'Cider House' and 1/3 'Bear Point.' To son Isaac, at 16 years, 100 A. 'Castin's Trouble.' To son Oliver, ex., residue of 'Bear Point.' To sons Ahab, Isaac and Oliver and daus. Mary, Betty and Sarah, personal estate. To dau. Comfort Donohoe, 1s. Test. John Harris, John Benson, John Tull.

Note: Widow makes her election and abides by will.

More About Isaac Costen:

Will: 1743, Maryland

Children of Isaac Costen and Roseannah Smullin are:

- 40 i. Isaac⁵ Costen.
- 41 ii. Oliver Costen.
- 42 iii. Ahab Costen.
- 43 iv. Mary Costen.
- 44 v. Betty Costen.
- 45 vi. Sarah Costen.
- 46 vii. Comfort Costen. She married / Donohoe.

14. Stephen⁴ Deare (Esther³ Costen, Stephen², Unknown¹)

Child of Stephen Deare is:

- 47 i. Mary⁵ Deare.