

Descendants of William Furnis

Generation No. 1

1. William² Furnis (Unknown¹) was born 1635 in England, and died Aft. Jun 1689 in Manokin, Somerset Cty, MD. He married **Olive Ivery** 06 Feb 1662/63 in Northampton, Virginia, daughter of Nicholas Ivery and Olive. She was born Abt. 1648 in England, and died Abt. 1685 in Somerset Cty, Maryland.

Notes for William Furnis:

Name appears variously spelled: Furnis, Furness, Furnish, Furnace, Furniss, Furnes

Alexander Draper assigns and sets over to William Furnis all rights to 900 acres of land called "Amitte", Nov. 22, 1675 (Allied Families of Delaware) surveyed 13th day of Oct., 1673

Petitioned for 300 acres of land in Somerset Area March 12, 1663 (old-style year) - Furnis' Choice, 300 acres.

Entitled to 50 acres of land, for transport of persons:

August 12, 1662 -- Phillip Bairee* for himself, wife Olive*, Geo. Lane,* Margaret*, and Mary* Ivory and Elizabeth Bairie*; Wm. Furnish* for himself and wife Olive*

In 1674 Henry Smith sold to Wm. Furniss 100 acres of 'Poole's Hope' (Deed Liber O 4) Therefore the original 300 acres of Pool's Hope' tract was by 1678 in the hands of Gideon Tillman and William Furniss.

A list of men being 'churchmen' (adherents to the Church of England) found in Manokin in the beginning, ie, by may, 1662: William Furniss, Randall Revell, John Elzey, nicholas Fountain (or Fontaine), Thomas Poole, George Mitchell.

Also found in a list of first settlers of Manokin: William Furnish (Furnis, Furnes) and his wife.

Maryland Tax List for 1678:

Furness, William, - 92 pds. of tob.

Marblehead, MA - Nov. 1689:

File 10453, vol 48:66 - Adm. Furnace, William, inventory

Court Record Book Somerset Co., MD:

v. 68, p. 60:

"Comfort Furnis the daughter of William Furnis was born of Olline his wife at Manoakin, 12-20-1663

Sarah Furnis the daughter of William Furnis was born of Oline, his wife at Manaokin, 12-20-1665"

v. 69, p. 60: William Furnis, son of William was born of Olline, his wife at Manaokin, 7-20-1668

Elizabeth Furnis the daughter of Wm. Furnis was born of Olline his wife at Manaokin, 4-2-1672

v. 70, p. 61 James Furnis, son of William Furnis born of Oline his wife at Maneakin, 11 February 1678

v. 71, p. 62 Rozannah Furnish daughter of William Furnish and born of Olive his wife, in January as saith John Bennett and said Olive in 1680.

Priscilla Furnish, daughter of William Furnish and born of Olive his wife, 9th April, 1683.

Residents in Prov. Court of Somerset, MD:

1665 - Wm. Furnis - NF

1665/66 - Olive Furnis; William Furnis, Planter, gives a cow to Olive Barre; juror; registers livestock mark; William Furnis - NF

1667/68 - William Furnis, Constable; juror, to be Constable for Manoakin Hundred, otherwise known as Furnice

AOMOL:

Livestock mark, p. 744: Wm Furnis, "swallowe tayld of left ear and Cropt of the right with a nick under the same ear, rec'd 20 Feb 1665

p. 702: Phillip Barre against William Furnis in an action of the case 11th December 1665.

p. 737: Wm. Furnis, constable for Manoakin Hundred, April 18, 1668

Sommerset Co., (sic) from AOMOI, long discourse and depositions about Wm. and wife on road between Thomas Tulls and Wm. Turpin's, were attacked, Olive beaten and called a whore. Purps. Thomas and Edward Jones, July 1677. discourse in file.

More About William Furnis:

Tax List: 1678, Furness, William, 92 pds tobacco

Notes for Olive Ivery:

Maryland: USGenWeb:

1666, Jun 26. "William Boyes subpe John Okee Mary Goldsmith Anne Rogers Elyzabeth Huss in the Cause now depending betweene Will: Boyes plant & Will & Oliue Furnis defendts in an action of defamation" ("Archives of Maryland, LIV, Somerset county Court Proceedings, 1665-1668" MD Historical Society, 1937, p 625)

1666, Jul 3. "The deposition of John Okee taken in Courte Saith tht Oliue Furnis tolld Mary Boyes tht if soe she would bringe the tancy home againe she would pay her for makinge the Lynnen & for the Lace she had of the woman Mary Boyes; Oliue Furnis was to giue her holland for the Lauce & Further saith not. (op cit, p 626) [More depositions in this case]

Court cases involving Wm.'s property calls Olive "Honor" Strawbridge.

More About Olive Ivery:

Legal Record: 1666, Maryland

Children of William Furnis and Olive Ivery are:

- + 2 i. Comfort³ Furnis, born 29 Dec 1663 in Somerset County, Maryland, USA; died 25 Jun 1735 in Somerset Cty, Maryland.
- + 3 ii. Sara Furnis, born 20 Dec 1665 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Bet. 1703 - 1716 in Cedar Creek, Sussex, DE.
- + 4 iii. William Furnis, born 20 Jul 1668 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died 12 Feb 1731/32.
- 5 iv. Elizabeth Furnis, born 02 Apr 1672 in Somerset Cty, Maryland.
- 6 v. James Furnis, born 06 Feb 1677/78 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died 19 Sep 1710. He married Judith.
- 7 vi. Rozannah Furnis, born 01 Jan 1679/80 in Somerset Cty, Maryland.
- 8 vii. Priscilla Furnis, born 09 Apr 1683 in Maryland.
- 9 viii. Catherine Furnis, born Abt. 1685 in Somerset Cty, Maryland.

Generation No. 2

2. Comfort³ Furnis (William², Unknown¹) was born 29 Dec 1663 in Somerset County, Maryland, USA, and died 25 Jun 1735 in Somerset Cty, Maryland. She married **(1) Peter Benton**. He died Abt. 13 Jun 1729. She married **(2) Stephen Costen II** WFT Est. 1676-1708, son of Stephen Costen and Ann. He was born Abt. 1650 in ?, and died 01 Jan 1696/97 in Somerset Co., MD.

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

Notes for Peter Benton:

Maryland Calendar of Wills:

Benton, Peter, planter, Somerset Co., 3rd March 1728-9; 13th June 1729

To Benton costen and hrs., 50 A "Saplin Ridge" and personalty

To Mathias Costen and hrs, 50 A "Bare Hole" afsd tracts to be possessed at decease of their grandmother Comfort Benton; and personalty

To wife, Comfort, etx, and hrs., entire personal estate.

Witss: William Handy, William Mills, John Hanes

More About Peter Benton:

Will: 1729, 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. Sumllin, 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 Perrahawkin 25 June 1693.

Children of Comfort Furnis and Stephen Costen are:

- 10 i. Elizabeth⁴ Costen, born Bet. 22 - 23 Nov 1680 in Hungers Parish, Somerset County, Maryland; died 03 Nov 1745 in Sussex County, Delaware, USA. She married William S. Townsend Bet. 1699 - 1700 in Worcester Cty, MD; born Bet. 01 - 02 Sep 1674 in Somerset County, Maryland; 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 Dernie, 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 Desert 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.

- 11 ii. Mathias Costen, born 17 Oct 1683 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Abt. Jun 1716. He married Sarah
Chambers; born 21 May 1682; 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

- 12 iii. Esther Costen, born 05 Oct 1686 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Bef. 21 Mar 1770. She married John
Tull; born Apr 1681 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; 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

- 13 iv. Stephen Costen III, born 10 Feb 1687/88 in Somerset Cty, Maryland; died Abt. 18 Jun 1729. He
married Mary Fogg.

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 and
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 Connor, Mary Watts - p. 604

- 14 v. Isaac Costen, born 08 Mar 1688/89; died Abt. Feb 1742/43. He married Roseannah Smullin.

Notes for Isaac Costen:

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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

- 15 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. Sara³ Furnis (William², Unknown¹) was born 20 Dec 1665 in Somerset Cty, Maryland, and died Bet. 1703 - 1716 in Cedar Creek, Sussex, DE. She married **John Bennett** 06 Feb 1687/88 in Somerset Cty, MD.

Notes for Sara Furnis:

Somerset Co., Maryland, Court Records Book, v. 68, pg. 60, Sarah Furnis, the daughter of William Furnis was born of Oline, his wife, at Nanaokin, 12-20-1665.

Maryland Archives, #54: Furniss, Sara, 1665/02/20, registered cattle mark, dau. of William Furniss; OT Furniss

Somerset Land Records, Md. Eastern Shore Vital records, volume 1, pp. 98 ff.

William, s/o John Beenet and Sarah his wife b. 25 Nov. 1684

Anne, d/o John Bennett and Sarah his wife b. 16 Apr. 1687

John Bennett, s/o John Bennett and Sarah his wife born 24 Jan 1689

John Bennett and Sarah Furnis married by Mr. William Brereton, Justice of the Peace, 6 Feb 1683

Sarah Bennett, d/o John and Sarah b. 20 Aug. 1691

Thomas Bennett, s/o John and Sarah, b. 5 Dec. 1694 at Manocan (sic.)

Hannah, d/o John and (blank) b. at Manokin 20 Oct 1697

John, s/o John and Mary, b. 22 Nov. 1699

This family is David's connection through dau. Sarah?

More About Sara Furnis:

Legal Record: 20 Feb 1664/65, Maryland

Notes for John Bennett:

Howard, Henry, A. A. Co., 31st Dec., 1683;

8th Mch., 1684.

To Sarah, wife of Joseph Dacey, 200 A., "Collingborne."

To Richard Guin, Hugh Meriking, Edward Jones, John Bennett and his wife Sarah, John Townsend, John Howard of A. A. Co., Mary Cousens, Henry Chappell, John and Matthew Howard, and John Kelee, personalty.

Theophilus Hackett, ex., Edward Michael, Samuel, and Eliza: Skidmore, residuary legatees.

Test: Jas. Floyd, Richd. Howard, Francis Winnington. 4. 25.

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Children of Sara Furnis and John Bennett are:

- 16 i. William⁴ Bennett, born 25 Nov 1684.
17 ii. Anne Bennett, born 16 Apr 1687.
18 iii. John Bennett, born 24 Jan 1688/89.
19 iv. Sarah Bennett, born 20 Aug 1691.
20 v. Thomas Bennett, born 05 Dec 1694.
21 vi. Hannah Bennett, born 20 Oct 1697.

4. William³ Furnis (William², Unknown¹) was born 20 Jul 1668 in Somerset Cty, Maryland, and died 12 Feb 1731/32. He married **Ann**.

Notes for William Furnis:

The Maryland State Archives MSA S 1437 lists: Assessment of 1783 Index - William Furnis, Double Purchase, pt, 163 1/4 acres, SO Monokin p. 23

Will Abstract - Md. Calendar of Wills, v. VI, pg. 248-49

"Furnis (Furnes), William, Somerset Co., 28th Dec., 1732; 12th Feb., 1732.

To son James and hrs., 245 A., "Middle Plantation."

To son William and hrs., land where Patrick Mathews now lives, and a small parcel that lies bet. bro. James' and Sollomon Long's.

To son George and hrs., pt. of dwell. plan. from Ephraim Wilson's line to the marked Great Poplar.

To son Nehemiah and hrs., land lying bet. the Great Poplar and John Tillman's line. When child. come to age mill to be valued and taken by one of them, who shall pay to others their equal pt. If agreement made with Solomon Long stands, dau. Esther to have L20 of price of sd. land. Personal estate to be divided amongst wife and children.

Wife Ann, extx.

Test: John Dear (O'Dear), James Furnis, James Strawbridge. 20, 541"

More About William Furnis:

Tax List: 1783, Maryland

Will: 1732, Maryland

Children of William Furnis and Ann are:

- 22 i. James⁴ Furnis. He married Sarah Townsend; born Abt. 1700 in Somerset Co., MD; died Aft. 1767 in Somerset Co., MD.

Notes for Sarah Townsend:

Sep 23, 1797, Elizabeth Warwick, ae 50, testified that her deceased husband, Arthur Warwick, was son-in-law (step-son) of James Furniss, decd. On 2 Sep 1799, Mary Benston age 73, testified concerning her step-father James Furniss, deceased.

- 23 ii. William Furnis.
- 24 iii. George Furnis.
- 25 iv. Nehemiah Furnis.