

Descendants of William Wells

Generation No. 1

1. William¹ Wells He married **Elizabeth Bennett**.

Child of William Wells and Elizabeth Bennett is:

- + 2 i. Thomas² Wells, born Abt. 1550.

Generation No. 2

2. Thomas² Wells (William¹) was born Abt. 1550. He married **Elizabeth Harrington**, daughter of William Harrington. She was born Abt. 1550.

Child of Thomas Wells and Elizabeth Harrington is:

- + 3 i. John³ Wells, born Bef. 1583.

Generation No. 3

3. John³ Wells (Thomas², William¹) was born Bef. 1583. He married **Elizabeth Elyott**, daughter of William Elyott. She was born Bef. 1587.

Children of John Wells and Elizabeth Elyott are:

- + 4 i. Richard⁴ Wells, born 01 Jan 1608/09 in Ann Arundel County, MD; died 31 Aug 1667 in Will proved Ann Arundel Co., MD.
- 5 ii. Alice Wells.
- 6 iii. William Wells.

Generation No. 4

4. Richard⁴ Wells (John³, Thomas², William¹) was born 01 Jan 1608/09 in Ann Arundel County, MD, and died 31 Aug 1667 in Will proved Ann Arundel Co., MD. He married **Frances White** Abt. 1637 in Norfolk County, VA, daughter of Richard White and Catherine Weston. She was born Abt. 1610 in MD.

Notes for Richard Wells:

Richard Wells, Sr., transported to Virginia in 1635, born in England, died August, 1667, in Anne Arundel Co., Maryland. Service: Member of General Assembly Province of Maryland, October 20, 1654, Provincial Commissioner of Md., appointed August 8, 1654.

7 Aug. 1635, Richard Wells, age 26 transported in 'Globe of London' to Virginia

"Encyclopedia of Virginia Biography", v. 1 p. 356: Wells, Richard, was a burgess for Upper Norfolk county in 1645.

From Anne Arundel Gentry:

"Among the strict adherents of the Puritan faith in Virginia was Richard Wells, a chururgeon or surgeon, originally of Charles City County who had entered the Colony a bachelor in 1637. His leadership soon placed him in an important capacity among the Puritans, a sect which grew to such portions that the Legislature became somewhat alarmed, inasmuch as the Church of England was the only faith allowed to be practised at that time in Virginia. In 1645 the Puritans were so strong in Upper Norfolk County that they elected Richard Wells to the House of Burgesses.

"Lieutenant-Governor Stone of Maryland about this time invited the Puritans to settle in Maryland where complete religious toleration was offered to all. During 1649 about fifty Puritan families left Virginia and settled on the Severn and thus began the early history of Anne Arundel County. It was not until 1653 that Richard Wells left Virginia and transported his wife, Frances, and eleven children. He did not join the large group of Puritans on the Severn, but settled on Herring Bay, later the nucleus of Herring Creek Hundred. The maiden name of his wife is unknown. She was undoubtedly a daughter of one of the early Virginia settlers. (list of children)

"Richard Wells received grants of land for each member of his family on Herring Bay, which by the number of his transportees were of considerable size. His first grant from Lord Baltimore was 600 acres of land, recorded as the 'Wells' on the west side of Herring Bay, adjoining Stockett's Creek. In 1663 he patented 'Little Wells' of 100 acres, and 'Benjamin

Choice' of 280 acres, both in Anne Arundel County. In 1664 he patented 'Well's Hills' of 420 acres, and 'West Wells' of 350 acres. In 1658 he received 'Well's Neck' of 1, 100 acres in Baltimore City.

"On Herring Bay, Richard Wells built his dwelling and there he resided until his death in 1667. His estate took upon itself all the features of a manor of his native England. He had in his service an Irishman by the name of John and his wife, Ellen, whom he had brought into the Province. In 1654 they absented themselves from his plantation without permission, whereas he appealed to the courts for their return. John and Ellen declared that they had been abused by their master, however, the court decided that the reprimand was justified and ordered them to return to the plantation of their master. In addition they were sentenced to serve an additional eight months at the expiation of their indenture.

"Richard Wells was in the Province only a short time when the Puritan revolution broke out in England during the reign of Charles I and which shortly afterwards spread to Maryland. Governor Stone who has succeeded the Calverts appointed Richard Wells on July 22, 1654, along with nine others, a member of the Parliamentary Commission met at Patuxent on October 20, 1654, and sat as one house. Richard Wells was also a member of the Severn Provincial Council in 1656.

"On July 12, 1657, Richard Wells was appointed by Governor Fendell a Commissioner of Anne Arundel County and was summoned by the sheriff to appear at the home of Edward Lloyd to take the oath of office. he continued in this office until 1661, being a member of the 'Quorum' in 1660. On July 12, 1658, he was appointed a justice of the peace. He was also in the Puritan Council of 1658 after the Calverts had regained control of their Province. At the April session of the court at St. Mary's in 1659, he was a member of the jury and at the session of 1681 a member of the grand jury. That same year he was the presiding justice of the court.

"A few years before his death in 1667, Richard Wells took very little interest in public affairs. His wife died at the 'Well', and he also buried three of his children after he arrived in Maryland."

An abstract of Richard Wells' will follows being dated 22nd Jun 1667 and having been probated 31 Aug 1667:

To son, Richard, 600 acres, 'Wells,' on Herring Creek; 100 acres 'Little Wells;' 420 acres, 'Well's Hills.'

To son, George, 300 acres, 'Planter's Delight,' in Baltimore County; also 475 acres 'Well's Neck,' in Baltimore County.

To son, John, 1500 acres, 'Langford Neck' in Talbot County.

To son, Robert, 350 acres, 'West Wells' in Anne Arundell County.

To son, Benjamin, 280 acres, 'Benjamin's Choice' in Anne Arundell County.

To dau. Martha, wife of Antony Salloway, dau. Ann, wife of Dr. John Stansby, dau. Mary, wife of Thomas Stockett, personalty.

Executors: 5 sons named above. Witnesses: Francis Stockett, Bonham Turner and William Lincolne.

According to "Anne Arundel Gentry" Richard Wells maintained an estate in Britain. Richard Wells Jr. sailed for England and proved the will at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in 1668, declaring himself as the son and heir "with power reserved for the others [executors]". - From Anne Arundel Gentry pp 500

"His Maryland estate was appraised on December 5, 1667, by Captain John Howell and Godfrey Bayley. He was styled "Cirurgion of Herin Creek" and one of the items in the inventory was a case of cirurgion instruments also a "chirurgeon chest". He maintained an interest in the ship "Majestic" in the service of His Majesty. The inventory reflected his great wealth of that day and indicated that he was associated with shipping as well as his profession of chirurgeon. The total appraisement was 1,735/6/4 plus 57,145 lbs. tob. He possessed a negro man and women [sic] and one white servant man 16 months to serve. There were a Bible and two other books, two small writing trunks, ten guns, 31 oz. of selver plate, 7/9/9 currency found in his house and also listed was one-sixteenth share in the ship "Baltimore" appraised at 259/15/6. Furthermore His Majesty owed him 212/10/- for hire of the 'Baltimore'. At the time of his death he had on the high seas en route to Britain on the "Goulden" livestock and 39 hogsheads of tobacco. The inventory was signed by Samuel Chew and william Burgess, and he was styled "Richard Wells of Anne Arundel Sr. of Herin Creeke Chirurgion". - From Anne Arundel Gentry pp 500-501

Notes for Frances White:

6-17 April, 1635: Passengers embarked in the Elizabeth, Mr. William Stagg, bound from London to new England: Francis White, age 24

13 April 1635 - 14 May 1635: Passengers in Elizabeth and Ann, Mr. Roger Cooper, from London to New England: Richard White, carpenter, age 30.

More About Frances White:

Name 2: Francis White

Children of Richard Wells and Frances White are:

- + 7 i. Mary⁵ Wells, born 1631 in Norfolk, VA; died 21 Jan 1697/98 in All Hallow's Parish, Ann Arundel Co., MD.
- 8 ii. Richard Wells, born in Virginia; died Abt. 1671 in Maryland. He married Sophia Ewen.

Notes for Richard Wells:

Left his entire estate with the exception of "Breshy Hill" on the ridge to Samuel Lane, to his wife, Sophia, including 'Wells', the parental dwelling, "Little Wells" and "Wells Hills". At her death the esate was to pass to his male heirs, or if no male heirs to the male heirs of his brothers, George and Benjamin.

Sophia then married Henry Beedle of Herring Creek.

Notes for Sophia Ewen:
Will probated February 9, 1674/5

- 9 iii. Anne Wells, born Bef. 1652 in Virginia; died Aft. 1667. She married Dr. John Stansby.
- + 10 iv. Benjamin Wells, born Bef. 1652; died 1702 in Maryland.
- 11 v. Elizabeth Wells, born Bef. 1652; died Aft. 1667.

Notes for Elizabeth Wells:
Died young.

- 12 vi. Frances Wells, born Bef. 1652.

Notes for Frances Wells:
Died young.

- + 13 vii. George Wells, born Bef. 1652; died Abt. 1695.
- 14 viii. Martha Wells, born Bef. 1652; died Aft. 1667. She married Anthony Salloway.
- 15 ix. John Wells, born Bef. 1652; died Aft. 1667.

Notes for John Wells:
Removed to Eastern Shore

- 16 x. Robert Wells, born Bef. 1652; died Aft. 1667.
- 17 xi. William Wells, born Bef. 1652; died Aft. 1667.

Notes for William Wells:
Died Young

Generation No. 5

7. Mary⁵ Wells (Richard⁴, John³, Thomas², William¹) was born 1631 in Norfolk, VA, and died 21 Jan 1697/98 in All Hallow's Parish, Ann Arundel Co., MD. She married **(1) George Yates**. She married **(2) Captain Thomas Stockett** 1665 in Ann Arundel Co., MD, son of Thomas Stockett and Frances Ayelsworth. He was born 02 Apr 1635 in Berkesbourne, Kent Co., Eng, and died 23 Apr 1671 in Ann Arundel County, MD.

Notes for Mary Wells:

The Will of Mary Yate, Anne Arundel Co, prob. 29 Mch. 1699

To son, Thomas Stockett, ex 211 acres 'The Range' near Lyon's Ck, and his father's black walnut box with his coat of arms engraved thereon.

to dau. Frances, wife of Marvin Duvall; dau. Eliza., wife of Thomas Plummer and to each grandchildren living at time of testatrix' death, personalty

to sons George and John Yate, residue of estate, including 'Vale of Benjamin' which is to be sold for their benefit.

Richard Wells left to his daughter, Mary, as follows: "I do give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary wife unto Mr. Thomas Stockett three Cowes to be delivered after my decease in the County of Anne Arundel mor over I do give unto my Daughter Mary one hundred pounds of Lawful Money of England to be paid in the City of London within twelve months after my Decease".

Harry Wright Newman, Anne Arundel Gentry, v. 2, (1933), 528-229, Mary Yates, widow of Thomas Stockett and d/o Richard and Frances Wells, md. George Yates @ 1672. George Yate was described as 'cousin' of Jerome White, Gent., Surveyor General of the Province. From the Register of All Hallow's Parish - "Mary Yeates was Buried the 21st Day of January Anno Domi 1698/99 in the p'ish of All Hollowes".

More About Mary Wells:

Burial: 21 Jan 1698/99, All Hallow's Parish, Ann Arundel Co., MD

Will: 1699, Maryland

Notes for Captain Thomas Stockett:

Stockett, Thomas, A. A. Co., 23rd Apr., 1671;

4th May, 1671.

To wife Mary, entire estate, real and personal, during life.

To son Thomas and unborn child, if son, all real estate at death of wife afsd.

To daus. (unnamed) all personal property at death of said wife.

To cous. Henry White, personalty.

Exs.: Brothers Francis and Henry Stockett and Richard Wells.

Test: Thos. Beson, Jr., Thos. Hedge. 1. 430.

"...the Stockett's first came to Maryland about 1651. They arrived from England after losing their properties in Kent, because they had followed Charles II into exile. The lands were either confiscated by the crown, or were lost because they couldn't redeem the mortgages upon their return. The record isn't clear which but I have read it both ways from different sources. There were four Stockett brothers, Captain Thomas Stockett, Henry, Lewis, and Dr. Francis. In 1668, Thomas, Henry and Francis took up residence in Anne Arundel county, at a place on a stream called "Stockett's Run". This is located at the foot of a high ridge about a half mile north from the place known as Birdsville. In July, 1669, a 664 acre tract of land there called 'Obligation' was patented to Capt. Thomas, and Henry obtained a patent on the adjoining 664 acres which he called 'Bridge Hill'. Dr. Francis obtained a patent on an adjoining 664 acre parcel which was called 'Dodon' and was located on Ridge Road. There were several other tracts of land owned by the Stocketts, including Thomas's 'Bourne', Henry's 'Rapalta'. and Francis' 'Delph' and also 'Delph Island'. Capt. Thomas and Henry were both Judges of the County Court of Baltimore in the 1660's. Thomas later being appointed High Sheriff for Anne Arundel County in 1668, until he died in April, 1671, still in office. Dr. Francis was the clerk of Anne Arundel County as early as September, 1658." [From Ancestry Message Board, 27 Sep 1999, porsche74s@aol.com, Don L. Stockett]

Harry Wright Newman, To Maryland from Overseas, pg. 165, "The elder of the four Stockett brothers who settled in Maryland after their exile in France with Charles II is listed in the Visitation of Kent which carries the lineage to an ancestor to the time of Elizabeth who served at her court as Surveyor of the Works."

Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, pg. 93-96, In 1658 four brothers, Thomas, Lewis, Henry and Francis, came to the province and obtained grants under the Calverts. The family was of the Church of England, loyal to King Charles. After the crushing defeat of the royal cause at Worcester, in 1651, these worthies gathered up all they could from the wreck of their property and came to Maryland."

"In 1668 all three brothers removed to Anne Arundel, and located on 'Stockett's Run,' near Birdsville. Captain Thomas Stockett held 'Obligation,' 664 acres; Henry Stockett held 'Bridge Hill,' 664 acres; Dr. Francis Stockett held 'Dodon,' 664 acres. They there lived and died."

Among their old family papers, was a description of the coat of arms, and one engraving on the silver tankards, 'or a lion rampant, Sa, on a chief of the last, tower tripple toured, or between two bezants; Crest on a stump of a tree, couped and eradicated or a line sejant, Sa.'."

Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, pg. 94, "'About or in ye year of ye Lord 1667 or 8, I became acquainted with four gents ye were brothers, and then dwellers here in Maryland. The elder of them went by the name Colonel Lewis Stockett: ye second by the name of Captain Thomas Stockett; ye third was Doctor Francis Stockett, and ye fourth brother was Mr. Henry Stockett...."

"Tidewater Maryland Ancestors", p. 78

Stockett, Thos. and bros first settled Baltimore Co. at the upper reaches of Chesapeake Bay."

See "The Augustian" vol. xxvii, #4, Issue #116; article by James Trabue. See www.augustansociety.org
See also :Coat of Arms (journal of Heraldry Society) 2004, vol 207-208, pp 311-326

More About Captain Thomas Stockett:

Baptised: Jul 1635, Hackington, Canterbury, England

Individual Note: Maryland

Will: 1671, Ann Arundel Co., MD

Children of Mary Wells and Thomas Stockett are:

- 18 i. Elizabeth⁶ Stockett, born 1662 in Ann Arundel County, MD; died 08 Jul 1736 in Prince George's Co, MD. She married Thomas Plummer; born Abt. 1650 in Ringmer County, Essex, Eng; died 12 Jul 1694 in Will probated, Ann Arundel, Co, MD.

Notes for Thomas Plummer:

Maryland Calendar of Wills: v. 2, p86/87:

Will of Thomas Ploumer of Anne Arundel Co., ; written 12 Jul 1694; probate 26 Feb. 1694:

To eld. son Thomas, 100 A, 'Seaman's Delight' in Calvert Co.

To eld. dau. Margaret, wf. of Hugh Reily, 5 shillings because of advances already made.

Sec. Dau., Mary, wf. of William Jackson and hrs., rights in certain tract of land, and 300 A 'Scott's Lott' in Calvert Co.,

Third dau. Susanna, wf. of Francis Swanson, personalty

wf. Eliza: extx, home plantation, being 164 A part of 'Bridge Hill' and 'Doden' during her life.

Young. dau. Eliza: and hrs., sd. plantation at death of wf. afsd.

In event of death of sd. Eliza: without issue, sd. plantation to pass to 2 daus. afsd, Mary Jackson and Susanna Swanson, equally.

Test. Henry Hanslap, Edw. Brucebank, Jos. Hanslap

Inventory of Thomas Plumar of Anne Arundel Co.: L110/15/0; 12 mar 1694 (10.399); Account of Thomas Plumer; #4740; 15 July 1700; ex. Elisabeth Plumer (20.42). Testamentary papers; 25 July 1706 show Elizabeth was still alive (Box 11, folder 17).

"Thomas Plummer was brought from England in 1667 by William Stanley (Patent, Liber 11, folio 171). 100 acres of 'Bridge Hills' in Anne Arundel Co., of the 663 acres granted Dr. Henry Stockett in 1669, was conveyed to Thomas Plummer in 1672. Elizabeth inherited 200 acres remaining unsold of 800 acres of 'Riche Level' and 118 acres of 'Level Addition' from the 1691 will of her step-father, George Yate, erroneously listed as 'Joseph Yate' (Md. Cal. Wills, Vol. II, p. 48).

"Thomas Plummer bought on 28 Jul 1686 for 3,000 lbs of tobacco from Francis Stockett, physician of Anne Arundel Co., 64 acres 'Doden' in the woods northward of 'Anne Arundel Manor' granted Stockett; containing 664 acres; bounded by 'Bridgehill' (Abstracts of Land Records of Anne Arundel Co.).

"On 20 May 1676 Thomas Plummer, Anne Arundel Co., planter, obtained 'for valuable consideration' 100 of the 663 acres of 'Bridge Hill' from Henry Stockett of 'The Ridge', Anne Arundel Co. (Abstracts of Land Records of Anne Arundel Co.)." Early Families of Southern Maryland, Vol. II, p. 2

Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patentts and Grants, 1623-66, p. 138, Thomas Plommer, 207 acres, Oct 28, 1642, page 843

Maryland Historical Magazine, v. 19, pg. 368, "The Riche Levell, 800 acre Sur. the 24 March 1679 for George Yates at the End of the west Line of Henry Stockett at a bounded Chestnut by bourn branch now in 'posession' of Thomas Plummer In Prince Georges County, rent?? anum ae 1...12.--"

"Levell Addition, 118 acre Sur. the 15th decembr 1686 for George Yates Lyeing on the west side of Susquehanna river posed by Thomas Plummer in Prince Georges County, rent?? anum ae --, 4...9."

Riley, Tidewater Maryland Ancestors 1634-1999, 78-79, Thomas Stockett married Mary Wells, the daughter of Richard Wells of Anne Arundel County on May 15, 1665. Thomas and Mary Stockett had one son and three daughters: 1. Thomas, md. twice; Frances md. Mareen Duball; Elizabeth md. Thomas Plummer; Mary md. Mark Richardson.

Thomas Stockett d. in 1671. "His will was dated April 23 1671 and was probated May 3, 1671. He left his entire real and personal estate to his wife, Mary, during her lifetime. He left all his land to his son, Thomas at the death of his widow. Hisdaughters, unnamed, received all his personal estate at the death of his widow."

Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin, v. 28, #1, Winter 1987; pp. 30-47, "A Line of Descent from Thomas Plummer, Maryland Colonist" - in file. Contains additional land info. and good bibliography.

- 19 ii. Thomas Stockett, Jr., born 17 Apr 1667 in South River Hundred Parish Register. He married (1) Mary Sprigg 12 Mar 1688/89; died 27 Jan 1693/94. He married (2) Demaris Welch 09 Apr 1700 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel Co..

Notes for Thomas Stockett, Jr.:

Will dated Oct. 13, 1732; probated Dec 8, 1732 (See, "Tidewater Maryland Archives", p. 80)

More About Thomas Stockett, Jr.:

Burial: 30 Oct 1732, Ann Arundel Co., MD

- 20 iii. Frances Stockett, born Bet. 1665 - 1669 in All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel Co., MD; died 1685. She married Mareen Duvall Bet. 1685 - 1686; born Bet. 1662 - 1663.
- 21 iv. Mary Stockett, born Abt. 1673.

10. Benjamin⁵ Wells (Richard⁴, John³, Thomas², William¹) was born Bef. 1652, and died 1702 in Maryland. He married **Frances Hanslap**.

Notes for Benjamin Wells:

In August, 1668, Benjamin Wells, received from William Russell all title in "Morley's Lot", consisting of 300 acres in Calvert County which Russell had purchased from Joseph Morley. In June, 1706, "George Wells of Baltimore County, Gent., brother and sole heir of Benjamin Wells, late of Anne Arundel County" sold for L600 "Well's Hills", "Little Wells", and "Wells" to Samuel Chew and Nehemiah Birkhead, Merchants. In 1717, Mary Wells, the widow of George Jr., assigned to Samuel Chew and Nehemiah Birkhead Jr., all her claims and dower rights in the three tracts."

More About Frances Hanslap:

Burial: 08 May 1697, All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel Co., MD

Child of Benjamin Wells and Frances Hanslap is:

- 22 i. Elizabeth⁶ Wells, born 09 May 1696.

Notes for Elizabeth Wells:
Died young

More About Elizabeth Wells:
Burial: 11 May 1697, All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel Co., MD

13. George⁵ Wells (Richard⁴, John³, Thomas², William¹) was born Bef. 1652, and died Abt. 1695. He married **Blanche Goldsmith**. She died 1704.

Notes for George Wells:

Maryland Calendar of Wills, Vol. 2 (see file)

Wells, George, Baltimore Co., 20th Feb., 1695

Dau. Blanch and hrs; Frances and hrs., Susanna Mary and hrs., Son, George and hrs., Benjamin, ex., and hrs., Certain personalty due testator from cousins Thomas Stockett and Samuel Chew

To 5 child., Benjamin, Blanch, Frances, George and Susanna Mary, residue of estate equally. Son George to be of age at 18 yrs; and 3 daus. at 15 yrs.

To wife Blanc, personalty, in lieu of that half of Maj. Samuel Goldsmith's estate received by testator at his marriage.

Test: Thos. Smith, Eliza: Hamanck, Ralph Gillian. 7. 192.

More About George Wells:

Burial: 19 Jul 1696, Baltimore Co., Maryland

Notes for Blanche Goldsmith:

Maryland Calendar of Wills, volume 3

Wells, Blanch, Baltimore Co., 20th Apri. 1704; 22nd June, 1704

To Daus. Blanch, Frances and Susanna, personalty. To son George, ex. and residuary legatte

Test: Henry Jackson, Sam'l Brown, Susanna Arnold. 3. 237.

Children of George Wells and Blanche Goldsmith are:

- 23 i. Benjamin⁶ Wells.

Notes for Benjamin Wells:
Died intestate, Inventory filed June, 1702

- 24 ii. Blanche Wells. She married Richard Smithers; born in of Kent Co..
25 iii. Frances Wells. She married Thomas Frisby.
26 iv. Susannah Mary Wells. She married John Stokes.
27 v. George Wells, died 1717. He married Mary Goldsmith.

Notes for George Wells: