

The Early Hurt Family of Virginia  
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The earliest record that I have found of the Hurt family is in the year of 1273. In that year I find three Hurt names on the Hundred Rolls of Oxfordshire, England, as follows:

1. Amicia le Hurt, Co. Oxf. 1273.
2. Hugh le Hurt, Co. Oxf. 1273.
3. Thomas le Hurt, Co. Oxf. 1273.

Reference: Page 410; "A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames" by Charles Waring Bardsley, M.A., Worcester College, published London, 1901. This Hurt record is headed: "Hurt-Hurtt-Nick. Probably a form of Hart-q, v. A. S., heart".

The "Hundred Roll" is explained as a unit of government composed of 100 families, which was later expanded into a county or shire government.

It is well known that the Hurt family is of old English stock. See "Homes of Family Names in Great Britain", by H. B. Guppy, from which I quote:

"The distinguished name of Hurt is an ancient Nottingham (England) name. An ancient and distinguished, opulant family of this name resided at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, from the 15th to the 17th century. The Hurts of Kniveton, Casterne and Alderwashley, in that county were younger branches of the same. In the reign of Edward I (1274-1307), Hurt was a common name in Oxfordshire and it was also represented then in Lincolnshire and Devonshire. Richard Hurt was Mayor of Nottingham, England, in 1595-1602 and 1609. John Hurt was Vicar of St. Mary's Church (in England) in 1461".

The very first Hurt that I have found living in Virginia was Toby Hurt, who was on a list of those living at Elizabeth Cittie on February 16, 1623. See page 186, "The Original Lists of Persons of Quality", edited by John Camden Hotten in 1874.

Also see page 256 of said book by Hotten, which tells of a Tobias Hurst, aged 22, coming over to Virginia from England in 1618 in "The Treasurer", and as being on the "Muster of the inhabitants of Virginia on January 23, 1624".

Were Toby Hurt and Tobias Hurst one and the same person and was his correct name Hurt or Hurst? I do not know. If there were a Toby Hurst what became of him? Did he succumb to one of the common illnesses of his times, or perhaps to an Indian's tomahawk, as so many others did? At any rate, if he left any descendants, I can find no trace of them.

In 1650, Edward Hurt (See 65), was among a group of 23 immigrants brought to Virginia from England by James Williamson for which Williamson, on May 22, 1650, was granted 1150 acres of land on the north side of the Pappahannock River. This, by the way, was the way many settlers came to early America. The Government gave land bounties to those with the means and facilities for bringing settlers to the American Colonies. The Government gave 50 acres of land for each settler brought in. I do not find any further reference to Edward Hurt, or of any of his descendants, if he left any, unless by some chance the early Maryland Hurts were his descendants. See record numbers 224 and 226.

(See page 190, Cavaliers and Pioneers, by Mrs. Nell Nugent.)



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In 1653, Thomas Hurt (520) was among 12 immigrants brought to Virginia from England by Nicholas Meriwether, for which Meriwether received a land grant on November 16, 1653 of 600 acres of land in Northumberland County, Va. (Page 252, Cavaliers and Pioneers, by Mrs. Nell Nugent.)

I can find no further reference to this Thomas Hurt, unless he was the same Thomas Hurt who arrived in the Cooper River vicinity in South Carolina in August 1671. He received a land grant of 370 acres of land in that vicinity on September 7, 1672. His wife was Mary Hurt. (533-534).

In 1650, William Hurt was among 25 immigrants brought to Virginia from England by Stephen Hamlin, for which Hamlin received 1250 acres of land by grant in Charles City County, Va. on October 26, 1650. This 1250 acres of land was upon the head of Wionoke (South), Matsheis Creek and the land of Mr. Cantrell (East), Old Man's Creek, Queen's Creek (West) and into the Woods (North). (572) (Land Book 2, page 266).

William Hurt, on February 18, 1673/4, received a land grant of 213 acres in New Kent County, Va. (For full wording and comments see 573).

On October 24th, 1701, William Hurt Senior, received a land grant of 298 acres in Pamunkey Neck, then in King and Queen County, Va., but after 1702 was in King William County. (See 574 for full wording and comments.)

Compare the date, October 24, 1701, of this land grant to William Hurt Sen'r, as well as the number of acres, 298, with what we can read in the July 18, 1722 fragment of deed wherein James Hurt conveyed 74 1/2 acres of land (exactly 1/4 of the 298 acres) in King William County, Va. to his brother, William Hurt. Also note that the record states that William Hurt, Sen'r, was given this 298 acres of land for transporting six persons to Virginia, including himself and Margaret Hurt. (574).

The James and William Hurt of the July 18, 1722 deed fragment were sons of John Hurt (d. 1723) and grandsons of William Hurt, Sen'r of the October 24th, 1701 land grant. Inasmuch as William Hurt, Sen'r left 74 1/2 acres, exactly 1/4 of the whole 298 acres, to one of his grandsons James Hurt, in his will, it is very probable that he split the whole 298 acres into four parts and left it to four grandchildren, James, "John Hurt son of John", William (d. 1749) and possibly Joseph Hurt.

The King William County records were almost totally destroyed by fire in 1885. After the fire a few fragmentary portions of various records, mostly deed records, were fished from the debris. These were gotten together as well as could be done and photostatic copies made. A set of these copies is on file at the Virginia State Library at Richmond. Another set of these copies may be found at the courthouse at King William, the county seat of King William County. They are called the "King William Fragments".

Practically all of the early Virginia Hurts lived in the Pamunkey Neck, which is a strip of land lying between the Pamunkey River on the South and the Mattaponi River on the North, and is situated in the upper part of present day King William County and the lower part of Caroline County. Almost all of the Caroline County records were destroyed during the Civil War. The Court Order Books are still intact in Caroline County and are almost our sole source of information of Caroline County families older than the Civil War. These order books are not indexed and it is a tremendous job to glean data from these hard to read order books.



3.

Among the "King William Fragments", we find a portion of a deed dated July 18, 1722 that was recorded in Deed Book 2, page 107 and is found on pages 45 and 46 of the 1721-1722 part of Book 2 at the Virginia State Library at Richmond. The following is a copy of what the fire left:  
Page 45:

-----ne these presents shall come be it known that I James Hurt-----  
-----for divers good causes & considerations me thereunto movin-----  
-----consideration of ye naturall love & affection which I have-----  
-----Wm Hurt have given granted bargained sold Enf-----  
-----bargain sell En--& confirm unto my said Brother-----  
-----certain parcell of land lying & being in the parish of-----  
-----enty four acres a half part of a tract of-----  
-----date the 24th day of October 1701-----  
-----said grandfather's last will & Testament-----  
-----John Hurt son of John-----

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-----Same belonging or in any wise appertaining with-----  
-----my said Brother Wm Hurt to his heirs & assigns forever & to-----  
-----to be held free & clare without any disturbance until-----  
-----James Hurt my heirs, Exrs Adms or assigns or any other per-----  
-----Seal ye 18th day of July Anno Dom 1722.  
Ja-----

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in ye presence of

John Morris

Henry Harris

his

John X Smith

mark

Memorandum

That on ye 18th day of July Anno Dom-----  
-----Seizen by turfe & twigg part & parcell of land-----  
-----seventy four acres & a halfe of land was given-----  
-----named James Hurt to his Brother Wm Hurt-----  
-----of ye witness hereunto subscribed &-----  
-----ye said James ye same day doth hereunto-----  
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James-----

Witness:

John Morris

Henry Harris

his

John X Smith

mark

-----Court held for King Wm County on ye 19th day of July-----  
-----acknowledged the within deed & above memorandum-----  
-----Hurt & Hannah wife to ye said James Hurt Rel-----  
-----by ye said Deed unto ye said Wm Hurt-----  
-----to record.

Test--Wm Aylett-----  
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On April 1, 1702, William Hurt, Jun'r, was given a land grant in Pamunkey Neck of 98 acres. This land was then in King and Queen County, Va. but after 1702 was in the new County of King William which was created out of King and Queen County in 1702. (See 575 for the full wording of this grant and comments) (Land Book 9, page 440).



In 1704, the following were on the Virginia Quit Rent Rolls in King William County:

William Hurt, Sen'r-----	250 acres.	
William Hurt, Jun'r-----	90 acres.	
John Hurt-----	500 acres.	
Hans Hendrick-----	700 acres.	
Anthony Arnold-----	100 acres.	
Benjamin Arnold-----	1000 acres.	
Nick Moriwether-----	600 acres.	
Robert Napier-----	100 acres.	
John Yarbrough-----	150 acres.	(Vol. 32, page 71, Virginia Historical Magazine.)
Richard Yarbrough-----	300 acres.	

In 1691, John Hurt bought land from Arnold in King and Queen County, Va., which Arnold had bought from the Indians. Deed was acknowledged in King and Queen County on November 12, 1691. (See 217) (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 24, page 392).

In 1705, Sarah Hurtt, wife of John Hurtt, gave a power of attorney to Henry Webber to act and sign for her in the sale of land to John Yarbrough in King William County, Va. (See 515). (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 25, pages 175-176.)

Under date of May 2nd, 1706, John Hurt was given a land grant of 546 acres in King William County, Va. (Land Book 9, page 734.) (See 223 for full wording of this land grant. It tells us exactly where he and many of the other early Hurts lived.)

Under date of February 20, 1723, John Hurt patented 400 acres of land in St. John's Parish, King William County, Va. He died a few days before receiving title on 2-20-1723. On December 11, 1724, this same 400 acres was granted to William Hurt, the eldest son and heir of John Hurt. (Land Book II, page 330, Land Book 12, pages 124-125) (For full wording of all three of these records see 227-581-582).

Under date of August 17, 1725, James Hurt patented 368 acres of land on Polecat Creek and Reedy Swamp in St. John's Parish in King William County, Va., adjoining William Eubanks. (Land Book 12, page 253). (See 100).

Under date of September 8, 1736, James Hurt patented 1263 acres of land on the lower south fork of Stocks Creek, near the Appomattox River in the north part of Amelia County, Va. This record shows that James Hurt was then living in King William County, Va. (See 101). (Land Book 16, page 178.)

Under date of December 1, 1740, Joseph Hurt patented 300 acres of land on both sides of the Great Bent Run in Amelia County, Va. (See 317 and 323) (Land Book 19, page 879).

I will now try to assign the various names to their respective families. Some of it, of course, will be purely speculative. About some, I will not even try to guess. I will try to state why I make such assignment in each case and if I am guessing or speculating, I will say so. I am basing most of the assignments on the appended 659 "Early Hurt Records". These records are numbered consecutively from 1 to 659. I will make reference to an appropriate record by number, like this: (67). This gives a quick and easy reference. It is noted that these 659 early Hurt records come down to about 1800 and in a few cases to a little later.



5.

In that July 18th, 1722 King William County deed, a copy of a fragmentary part of which is shown above, James<sup>3</sup> Hurt appears to have stated that the 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres conveyed to his brother, William Hurt, was part of the 298 acres (exactly 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) granted to his grandfather, William Hurt, Sen'r, on October 24th, 1701. (See 99-227-574-580-582).

A setup of the early Hurt families of Virginia would be about like this:

1. William<sup>1</sup> Hurt, Senior. It is highly probable that he was the same William Hurt as the William Hurt who was one of 25 immigrants brought over from England to the Virginia Colony in 1650 by Stephen Hamlin (See record 572) and the same as the William Hurt who patented 213 acres of land in St. Stephen's Parish in New Kent County, Virginia in 1673 $\frac{1}{4}$  (See record 573). King William County was a part of New Kent County then. King and Queen County was cut off of New Kent County in 1691 and King William County was cut off of King and Queen County in 1702. William Hurt was a very young man when he came to Virginia in 1650 and was probably not yet 21 years of age at that time.

Record No. 217 on page 33 states that John<sup>2</sup> Hurt (son of William Hurt, Senior) was living in St. Stephen's Parish, King and Queen County, Va. on November 12, 1691. This proves that the 213 acres of land in St. Stephen's Parish, New Kent County, Va., patented by William Hurt in 1673 $\frac{1}{4}$  was in the same vicinity as where William Hurt, Senior was living in 1701. St. Stephen's Parish was in that part of New Kent County that was cut off of New Kent County in 1691 (but before 11-12-1691) and made into the new County of King and Queen.

I identify two sons for certain and possibly a daughter, viz:

- (1) John Hurt. He died in February 1723. See below.
- (2) William Hurt, Junior. (575-577). I do not know the names of his children, if he had any. Nor do I know the name of his wife.
- (3) Isabella Hurt. (97). She married Phillip Pendleton in 1682. They had seven children. It is pure speculation to say that she was a daughter of William Hurt, Senior. But she was of the right age and appeared to have been living in the same county. Then, who else in those parts, at that time, could have been her father?

I estimate that William Hurt Senior was born in England in about 1630 and died in King William County, Va. after 1704. I figure it this way. He was the father of John Hurt who died in 1723. John Hurt was the father of William Hurt, the elder, who died in Caroline County in 1749. William Hurt, the elder, had children who were born in the first decade of the 1700s. He, the elder, therefore, could not have been born later than about 1680. John Hurt (d. 1723) in order to have been the father of a son born not later than 1680, must have been born not later than the middle 1650s. Then William Hurt Senior, to have been the father of a son born in about 1655 could not have been born later than the very first part of the 1630s. If he was born in 1630 he would have been 20 years old when he came to Virginia in 1650 and 74 years of age in 1704, which is the last record we have on him.

- (1) John<sup>2</sup> Hurt. (William Senior<sup>1</sup>). His wife was Sarah Hurt (515). He was born in about 1655 and died in King William County, Va. in February 1723. He was a son of William Hurt Senior. (217-218-219-220-221-222-223-225 and 227). I identify three sons and possibly a fourth, viz:



The three known sons, and possibly a fourth son, of John<sup>2</sup> Hurt(d.1723) were as follows:

1. William Hurt, the elder. He died in Caroline County, Va. in 1749.
2. James Hurt of the July 18th, 1722 deed.(99-100-101-108-109).
3. John Hurt, the son in the "John Hurt son of John", in the 1722 deed.
4. Joseph Hurt.(See records No. 317 to 325 inclusive)) In putting down Joseph as a son of John(d.1723), is pure speculation. I figure that William Hurt Senior, in his will, split his 298-acre place into four equal parts and left a fourth part to each of four grandsons. We know that he left a fourth part to his grandson, James Hurt. In that 1722-deed James was telling us the story but, unfortunately, the fire of 1885 robbed us of it.

1. William<sup>3</sup> Hurt, the elder.(John<sup>2</sup>, William Senior<sup>1</sup>). He was the oldest son of John<sup>2</sup> Hurt(d.1723)(501) and a grandson of William Hurt, Senior. He was born in about 1680 and died in Caroline County, Va. in 1749. His wife was Ann Hurt. (16-17-585-588-589-592). Executors named in his will dated April 11th, 1748 were: Ann Hurt, William Hurt and Joel Hurt. Witnesses to his will were: Joel Hurt, Elisha Hurt and Moses Hurt. (588-589). His will and the record of it, like almost all Caroline County records, except the order books, were destroyed during the Civil War. That is the reason we are unable to identify all of his children. I believe that he had ten or more children. I am unable to identify any of his daughters, but feel sure of five sons and possibly a sixth. That may be all of his sons, viz:

- (1) John Hurt. He was born in King William County, Va. in the first decade of the 1700s and died in Amelia County, Va. before May 23rd, 1754. The old custom in the early Hurt family of naming the first born son for the papa's father, would suggest that John was the oldest son. (232-235-246-247-249-250-251-252-254-255-256-257-261-266).
- (2) Elisha Hurt. He died before 1768 and left no children(67-69).
- (3) Joel Hurt I. Wife was Hannah Hurt(175). He undoubtedly was the same Joel Hurt who moved to that part of Edgecombe County, North-Carolina, that became Halifax County in 1758, before 6-27-1758 (177) and the father of (1) William Hurt(1756-1812), (2) Elisha Hurt(d.1829), (3) Mary Hurt Gamble; (4) the wife of William Burt of Halifax County, N.C., who probably was Elizabeth Burt(211) and (5) very likely of a Joel Hurt, Junior(192). Joel Hurt I(or Senior) died after 1798 in Hancock County, Georgia.
- (4) William Hurt, Junior (d.1796)(639).
- (5) Moses Hurt, Senior, of Amelia County, Va.(d.1783)(408).
- (6) James Hurt. I am speculating on this one.

(1) John<sup>4</sup> Hurt.(William, the elder<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, William Senior<sup>1</sup>). He was probably the oldest son of William Hurt, the elder. His wife was Margaret Hurt (252). He was born in King William County, Va. in the first decade of the 1700s and died in Amelia County, Va. before 5-25-1754 (See 171A). We know that he was the father of a John Hurt, Junior and Joel Hurt II(266). There was a John Hurt living on Buffalo Creek in Halifax County, Va. as early as 1764(268). Joel Hurt II joined him there and acquired land there adjoining him in 1768(189). They both lived there until 1778 when they both sold out(200-286). John went to Surry County, N.C. and Joel went to Wilkes County, Ga. where we find him in 1778. He bought land on Little River in that part of Wilkes County that became Greene County in 1786.



2I2-I4A7-I798-Joel Hurt, Greene County, Georgia.

A certified copy of the same agreement between Joel Hurt then of Halifax County, Va. and James and William Collins dated 8-18-1768 concerning the marriage of Joel Hurt to Tabitha Collins, daughter of James Collins and shown in No. 190 above and recorded in Halifax County Va. in Deed Book 7, page 211 was rerecorded in Greene County, Ga. on 5-10-1798 in Deed Book 2, page 380.

2I3-I4A7-I798---Joel Hurt, Greene County, Ga.

Under date of 5-10-1798 (same date as the rerecording of the 8-18-1768 agreement in Greene County, Ga. See 2I2 next above), John and Thomas Collins, stating that they were heirs of James and William Collins, gave a power of attorney to William Hurt (son of Joel Hurt) of Oglethorpe County, Ga. in connection with the slave, Nann and seven other slaves (possibly children of Nann) named. (Deed Book 2, page 382, Greene County, Ga.)

2I4-I4A9-I799---Joel Hurt, Greene County, Ga.

Under date of 12-6-1799, Joel Hurt of Greene County, Ga. conveyed to John Johnson of same County, 100 acres of land on the waters of the North Fork of Little River. (Recorded on 9-2-1805 in Deed Book 4, page 222, Greene County, Ga.) (Note by O.H.: The records of Greene County, Ga. show five deeds to Joel Hurt of Oglethorpe County, Ga. wherein he was buying land on Fishing Creek, Greene County Ga. in 1831, 1840, 1855, 1866 and 1866. I have not yet identified him but think maybe he was a son of William Hurt (son of Joel Hurt II.)

2I5-10A17-1807---Joel Hurt, Baldwin County, Ga.

Joel Hurt was on Tax Return Book for Baldwin County, Ga. for year 1807 for 9 slaves and 202 acres of land originally granted to I. Jones. (Page 5, 2nd District, Capt. Stephens Dist., Baldwin County, Ga. (Note by O.H.: This land adjoined land of Abercrombie. This Joel Hurt was probably a son of William Hurt (1756-1812) and grandson of Joel Hurt Senior. He was born in 1784 and died in 1843.)

2I6-6B32-1809---Joel Hurt, Spartanburg County, S. C.

Joel Hurt conveyed 100 acres of land on Ford's Creek in Spartanburg County, S. C. to Johnson Beaver by deed dated February 1809. (Deed Book N, page 88, Spartanburg County, S. C.) (Note by O.H.: His wife was not given in this deed but in another deed dated 12-6-1833 to 500 acres on Samson's Fork of Pacolet River in Spartanburg County, S. C. conveyed to Ransom Golightly et al, he gave his wife as Frances Hurt. (Deed Book X, page 567, Spartanburg County, S. C.) This Joel Hurt died in 1846.) (See numbers 313-341-642)

2I7-9A143-1691---John Hurt, King and Queen County, Va.

John Yarbrough, planter, deed to Wm Aylott in 1704 for land sold and exchanged by Chickahominy Indians with Arnold for other land and by said Arnold of King and Queen County, sold to John Hurt of St. Stephen's Parish, King and Queen County, which deed was acknowledged in King and Queen County on November 12, 1691 and by said Hurt sold to Richard Yarbrough, father of said John, by deed acknowledged in King and Queen County February 12, 1695/6 and by virtue of deed for half interest conveyed from said John's brother, Richard Yarbrough. (Pages 104-133, Modern) (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol 24, page 392) (IIA131) (Note by O.H.: This land is probably in Pamunkey Neck in present day King William County in vicinity of where Herring Creeks runs into Mattaponi River, where the early Arnolds, Yarbroughs, Hurts, Hendricks et al lived)



218-IF8-I704---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

John Hurt, Dent Abney and Rice Williams witnessed a deed dated May 20, 1704 in which James Haney and wife, Margaret, conveyed 200 acres of land adjoining Madison's new plantation and Matthew Log's land to Isaac Hill in St. John's Parish in King William County, Va. (Page I79, King William Fragments in Virginia State Library, Richmond, Book No. I.)

219-9A69-I704---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

John Hurt was on the Virginia Quit Rent Rolls for King William County, Va. for 500 acres in 1704. (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 32, page 71) (Note by O.H.: This was the John Hurt who died in 1724)

220-9AI52-I705---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

Sarah Hurtt, wife of John Hurtt of King William County, Va. gave a Power of Attorney to Henry Webber. Land sold to John Yarbrough in King William County, Va. in 1705. (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 25, pages I75-I76.) (Note by O.H.: This was the John Hurt who died in 1724 and his wife Sarah, who is thought to have been a Webber.)

221-IG8-I705---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

Henry Webber, John Hurt and Martin Palmer Jr. witnessed a deed dated November 20, 1705 in which Henry Nelson conveyed 200 acres of land in Pamunkey Neck, King William County, Va. to Thomas Baker for 3000 pounds of tobacco. (Page 54, King William Fragments, Book No. I, in the Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

222-IOAI38-I706---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

John Hurt conveyed to Robert Townsley 134 acres of land being a part of a tract of land containing 546 acres which was granted to the said John Hurt by patent dated 2 May 1706. Sarah Hurt, wife of John waves her dower right in 134 acres which "my husband John Hurt lately sold to John Yarbrough" through her attorney, Henry Webber. Witnesses: Henry Webber, John Yarbrough and George Bennett. (Note by the author, ~~Elizabeth~~ Elizabeth Howes Ryland says apparently two transactions are involved here). (Deed much mutilated and almost illegible). (King William County, X Va. Records, Book I, pages 314-321--Page 32 in Rylands King William Abstracts in Virginia State Library at Richmond, Va.)

223-IKI-I706---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

"To all etc. Whereas etc. Now know ye that I the said Edward Nott Esq., Governor etc. do with the advice and consent of the Council of State accordingly give and grant unto John Hurt 546 acres of land in Pamunkey Neck in King William County formerly part of King and Queen County being marked and bounded as followeth, to-wit: Beginning at a corner hickory 36 poles from the Ridge path running thence North 216 poles to a red oak corner tree by the mainskin path thence West  $\frac{1}{2}$  a point North 41 poles to a line of old marked trees of Benjamin Arnold's and John Hurt's to a red oak in the said line thence Southwest 60 poles to a white oak on a hill side thence West by South 24 poles to a great white oak on the brow of a hill thence Northwest 40 poles to a gum thence North by West 80 poles to a corner white oak by a branchside thence North 54 poles to a corner white oak to the head of a branch thence Southwest by East cross a branch to a main swamp at the fork thereof 100 poles to a corner white oak just over the fork thence down the swamp the several courses 600 poles on a straight line to the mouth of the same emptying into the lower Herring Creek thence South Southeast a point East 50 poles to the mouth of the Herring Creek making into Mattapony River thence down the River Southeast by South 100 poles to a corner red oak on the bank of the Mattapony River side crossing Hance



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Hondrick's corner trees by a pine stump being formerly the old corner tree of Richard Yarbrough's grant thence along Hondrick's line North-east by West  $\frac{1}{4}$  a point West 86 poles to a hickory thence West  $\frac{1}{4}$  a point South 33 poles to a corner red oak of the said Hondrick's standing in the Bryery's Run thence West Northeast 16 poles to an old corner Spanish oak thence the same course continued West Northwest 76 poles to a corner white oak standing by a branch side Richard Yarbrough's tobacco ground thence up the branch Southwest by South 48 poles to a white oak thence Southwest 52 poles to a saplin red oak by a slash in a thicket being a corner of William Hurt Sr. thence West 104 poles to a Spanish oak thence Southwest  $\frac{1}{4}$  a point West 242 $\frac{1}{2}$  poles to the beginning place the said land being due unto the said John Hurt by and for the transportation of 11 persons unto this Colony whose names are to be in the records mentioned under this patent. To have and to hold etc. To be held etc. Yielding and paying etc. Provided etc. Given under my hand and the Seal of the Colony this 2nd day of May Anno Domini, 1706".

Signed- Edward Nott.

(Note by O.H. The above grant recorded in Land Book 9, page 734, is copied practically in full because it tells us exactly where so many of the early families were living.)

224-6CI-1707---John Hurt, Kent County, Maryland.

On 4-14-1707, John Hurt et al were chosen wardens in St. Paul's Parish in Kent County, Maryland. (Old Kent, page 349).

225-9B62-1717---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

John Hurt, on 7-15-1717, patented 450 acres of land on upper side of Reedy Swamp in King William County, Va. (Land Book 10, page 326).

(Note by O.H.: This land was in Caroline County after 1727).

226-9B42-1723---John Hurt, Kent County, Maryland.

John Hurt, planter, Kent County, Maryland, will dated 2-19-1723, probated 8-13-1726, page 230 of Maryland Calendar of Wills.

Wife: Mary Hurt. Children named were, viz: (1) Henry Hurt, (2) Cornelius Hurt, (3) John Hurt, (4) Morgan Hurt, (5) Rebecca Hurt, (6) Mary Hurt, (7) Johannah Hurt, (8) Rachell Hurt.

227-1K2-1724---John Hurt, King William County, Va.

John Hurt of King William County, Va. under date of Feb. 20, 1724, patented 400 acres of land in King William County but which was in Caroline County after the formation of that county in 1727. This grant is recorded in Land Book II, page 330. The grant is as follows:

"George etc. To all etc. Know ye that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of 10 shillings of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia, We have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant and confirm unto John Hurt of King William County one certain tract or parcel of land containing 400 acres lying and being between Polecat Swamp and the Reedy Swamp in St. John's Parish in King William County aforesaid and bounded as followeth to-wit: Beginning at a gun standing in the Reedy Swamp thence 30 East 378 poles to a black oak by 3 small white oaks on a level in Mr. Walker's back line then along his line North 60 West 168 poles to 2 small corner red oak saplings of Mr. Walker's by a valley thence South 30 West 378 to a red oak, white oak, and poplar standing by the East side of the Reedy Swamp"



This page No. 35A is inserted here after these 659 records (revised) of the early Hurt family of Virginia had been run off on the mimeograph duplicating machine, in order to make a correction in the date of this land grant to John Hurt and to give a better version of the grant.

As I explained, I did not have the date of this grant and I attempted to supply the date from the authorization for changing the beneficiary under this grant from John Hurt, deceased to his eldest son and heir, William Hurt, which is shown under No. 581 on page 88 herein, under the heading of William Hurt. That authorization was dated December 9, 1724. I quote from this authorization, as follows: "that the patent for the said Land past in the name of the said John Hurt some few days after his decease". Also, "the patent granted in the name of the aforesaid John Hurt for the aforesaid four hundred acres of Land bearing date the twentieth day of February last past". The "February last past" viewed from December 9th, 1724 should mean that the date of the grant was February 20, 1724. But you will see that the date of the grant was February 20, 1723, as shown by the corrected copy sent to me by Miss Mary Tyler Louthan of Richmond, Va. She copied it from Land Patent Book II, page 330. in the Virginia State Library at Richmond. Miss Louthan is a descendant of Benjamin Hurt (d. 1769). I have been giving the date of the death of this John Hurt as 1724. It is now clear that he died in February 1723.

The following is the corrected grant dated February 20, 1723: "George etc. To all etc. Know ye that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of 40 shillings of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver-General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia, We have given, granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give grant and confirm unto JOHN HURT of King William County one certain tract or parcel of land containing 400 acres lying and being between Polecat Swamp and the Reedy Swamp in St. John's Parish in King William County aforesaid and bounded as followeth to-wit: Beginning at a gum standing in the Reedy Swamp thence North 30 East 378 poles to a black oak by 3 small white oaks on a level in Mr. Walker's back line then along his line North 60 West 168 poles to 2 small corner red oak saplings of Mr. Walker's by a valley thence South 30 West 378 poles to a red oak white oak and poplar standing by the East side of the Reedy Swamp and lastly South sixty East 168 poles to the beginning etc. With All etc. To Have Hold and to Behold etc. Yielding and Paying etc. Provided etc. In Witness etc. Govr. etc. at Williamsburgh under the seal of our said Colony the twentieth day of February one thousand seven hundred and twenty three in the tenth year of our Reign.

Ex'd.

(Land Patent Book II-1719-1724- page 330.)  
(1712A-1723). (No. 227 corrected.)

Hugh Drysdale.



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(Note By O.H.: This grant as I have it does not have a date, but the 2-20-1724 date is supplied from number 581 under the heading of William Hurt where is given the authorization for the change of the grant to William Hurt, eldest son of John Hurt which was done because soon after the 2-20-1724 grant to John Hurt he died and before the title had been perfected in him. On 12-9-1724, the right to take title to this 400 acres of land was given to John's eldest son, William Hurt. The actual grant to William was under date of 12-11-1724 which you will find under number 582.)

228-IIAII5-about 1730---John Hurt, Stafford County, Va.

John Hurt was overseer of the Homestead Quarter in Stafford County, Va. for Col. Robert Carter, according to Col. Carter's will in Lancaster County, Va. in about 1730. (Virginia Historical Magazine Vol. 6, pages 1 to 22 and Vol. 7, page 68\*.

229-1K4-1732---John Hurt, Caroline County, Va.

The following six entries are found in Caroline County, Va. Order Book 1732-1740 and all six in 1732.

Page 6, May 27-1732--John Hurt was on the jury.

Page 24, May 27-1732--James Herndon vs John Hurt.

Page 34, August 10-1732-Debt action Jas. Herndon vs Jno. Hurt Deft not appearing and issued alias capias against him.

Page 41, Sept. 14-1732 Debt action brought by Jas. Herndon vs John Hurt continued.

Page 45, Oct. 12-1732--Herndon vs Jno. Hurt Deft failing to appear attachment against estate of said Jno. Hurt.

Page 48, Dec. 14-1732--Jno. Hurt paid as Constable County Levy.

230-1K4-1733---John Hurt, Caroline County, Va.

The following two entries are from Caroline County, Va. Order Book 1732-1740 and both in 1733:

Page 101, Aug. 9-1733-Pet. Jno. Anderson vs Jno. Hurt, judgement granted Anderson.

Page 105, Oct. 11-1733--County Levy Jno. Hurt Constable 223 pounds tobacco.

231-1G38-1735---John Hurt, Caroline County, Va.

At a Court held for Caroline County, Va. on 3-12-1735.

"Its ordered Edward Herndon, Thos. Buller, John Hurt, Philip Easton or any three of them being first sworn before a Justice of this County to appraise the Estate of Evan Thomas deceased and return their proceedings to next Court#.(Order Book 1732-1740, page 331, Caroline County, Va.)

232-1A20-1736---John Hurt, Amelia County, Va.

At a Court held for Amelia County, Va. on 1-14-1736.

"In the petition of Henry Cary Plaintiff against John Hurt, defend who ~~ex~~ came unto Court and confessed judgement for four pounds eleven shillings and six pence half penny. It is therefore considered by the Court that he do recover the same and his costs in his behalf expended".

(Order Book I, page 20, Amelia County, Va.)

(Note by O.H.: This 1-14-1736 date is the earliest record that I have found of any Hurt living in Amelia County. This, of course, raises the question as to what family did he belong.)