

JOHN NEVILLE

Born 1612
 Died 1664 Charles County, Maryland
 Married (1) Bridget Thorsby before 1639

Born
 Died

Children (1):

James Neville
 b. 1640
 d. 1674
 m. Elizabeth -----

William Neville
 b. before 1643
 d. after 15 Jan 1664
 m.

Eleanor "Ellen" Neville
 b. probably c1645-1648
 d.
 m. John Lambert by 1664

Married (2) Johanna "Joan" Porter by 1651

Born
 Died after 1656

Children (2):

unknown

The parents and birthplace of John Neville (1612-1664) who died in Charles County, Maryland, have not been determined (SOCIETY OF JOHN NEVILLE DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER, Issue 16, February 1978). John Neville was married twice: (1) Bridget Thorsby before 1639 and (2) Johanna "Joan" Porter by 1651 (THE EARLY SETTLERS OF MARYLAND). The parents of Bridget Thorsby and Johanna Porter are not known.

Johanna Porter Neville married (2) Thomas Hussey by August 1666 in Charles County. Her marriage and the marriage of Eleanor Neville to John Lambert by November 1666 do not appear in Charles County marriage records but are reflected in proceedings of various courts published in ARCHIVES OF MARYLAND. The marriage of Johanna appears in Volume 60, page 27, and that of Eleanor in Volume 60, pages 49 and 278 (MARYLAND MARRIAGES, 1634-1777 by Robert Barnes, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1975):

Hussey, Thomas, m. by Aug. 1666, Johanna, widow of John Nevill.

Lambert, John, of Chas. Co., m. by Nov. 1666, Ellinor, dau. of John Nevill.

Eleanor Neville actually was married and had a son before her father John Neville wrote his will on 15 January 1664 (abstract, THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS, Volume I, by Jane Baldwin Cotton, Baltimore, 1904, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1968).

Bridget Thorsby must have been the mother of James Neville, who was born in 1640; William Neville, who was at least 21 in 1664 to inherit his father's plantation without a guardian; and Eleanor Neville, who was old enough to be married and a mother by 1664 (abstract, THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS).

It has been said that John Neville came to America in the ship Ark and Dove (data of Elizabeth Landers, Bakersfield, CA, 1977).

John Neville was brought to Maryland in 1633 as a servant. Later he claimed credit for paying the costs of transportation to the colony for his wife Bridget Thorsby about 1639 which suggests that he completed or bought his freedom from his contract as an indentured servant between 1633 and 1639. John may have sent to England for Bridget or he may have reimbursed the original sponsor of her trip for the cost of her voyage, in order to marry her, and obtained credit for her headright. However it appears that the government did not require proof when an applicant for land claimed headright credits. Another record shows that John Neville and wife immigrated in 1646. He transported Joan Porter to Maryland in 1651 and married her. A record in 1656 mentions Joanna Neville, wife of John (THE EARLY SETTLERS OF MARYLAND):

Name	Liber	Folio	Remarks
Nevell, Joanna		4	13 Wife of John. Living 1656.
Nevell, John	ABH	98	Transported 1633. Servant.
Nevell, John	ABH	27	Immigrated 1646, with wife.
Nevell, John	4	186	Transported his former wife, Bridget Thorsby, about 1639.
Nevell, Mary	18	174	Transported 1674.
Nevill, Ann	ABH	150	" 1639. Wife of Richard.
Nevill, Benjamin		9	489 " 1665. Servant.
Nevill, Cornelius		WC2	128 " 1679.
Nevill, John	1	121	" 1633.
Nevill, John	2	528	Immigrated 1646 with wife.
Nevill, John	ABH	241	Married Joan Porter, whom he transported 1651.
Nevill, Richard		ABH	65 Transported 1633. (1 fol. 20, 38).
Nevill, Richard		---	--- " 1634-41.
Nevill, Richard		1	65 " 1641. Servant.

Since John Neville and Richard Neville both came to Maryland in 1633 as indentured servants, perhaps they were brothers. Mary, Benjamin and Cornelius Neville, the later arrivals, have not been connected with John or Richard.

Randall Revell reportedly paid the passage to Maryland for Richard Neville in 1641. Richard must have paid off his indebtedness, if any, promptly because he acquired 50 acres of land 25 August 1641 (data of Elizabeth Landers).

John Neville lived in Portobacco in Charles County when he wrote his will on 15 January 1664. It was proved on 04 February 1664/5 (Liber 1, folio 222, abstract, THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS):

Nevill, John, Portobacco, Chas. Co., 15th Jan., 1664;
4th Feb., 1664.

To wife Johanna, property, real and personal, formerly bestowed by deed
of gift.

To son William, plantation. " dau. Ellen Lambert, son John Lambert, grandson

John Lambert
personalty.

Test: Henry Bailye, Andrew Bashar. 1. 222.

Perhaps James Neville was not mentioned by his father as an heir because James was in Virginia, possibly already possessed of his legacy by a deed of gift; prepared at the same time that John gave Johanna her inheritance.

John Neville who died in Calvert County, Maryland, about 1674 may have been John, Jr. (abstract, Liber 2, folio 16, THE MARYLAND CALENDAR OF WILLS):

Nevill, John, Calvert Co.,

5th Oct., 1673;

14th Oct., 1674.

To Richard Tillman, Talbot Co., personalty.

Patrick Sullivant of Talbot Co., ex. and residuary legatee of estate,
real and personal.

Test: Ralph Blackhall, Jas. Barkhurst.

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If the testator had been married, it appears that his wife was dead and that he had no surviving sons. Since Calvert County is contiguous with Charles County, it is reasonable to surmise that the testator was John Neville, Jr. Perhaps John Neville did not mention a son John, Jr. in his will for the same reason that he ignored son James. However the connection with Talbot County on the Eastern Shore next to Queen Anne's County also provides a rationale for connecting the testator with the Neville family of Queen Anne's. The relationship of John Neville of Charles County to a group of contemporary Nevilles who were married across Chesapeake Bay in St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County, has not been determined (MARYLAND MARRIAGES):

Nevil, William	07 Sep 1731	Mary Harris
Nevill, Walter	12 Nov 1731	Elizabeth Lambden
Seney, Solomon	23 Apr 1732	Mary Nevill
Mand, James	27 Jan 1736	Sarah Nevill
Wise, Rich'd	27 Dec 1736	Margaret Nevil
Primrose, William	15 Mar 1743	Bridgit Nevil
Moony, Patrick	19 Nov 1746	Mary Ann Nevil
Seney, Solomon	28 May 1747	Ann Nevel
Nevill, John	17 Dec 1748	Catherine Nevill
Monah, Charles	5 Feb 1750	Elizabeth Nevill
Mason, John	13 Aug 1751	Elizabeth Nevill
Nevill, David	28 Sep 1758	Martha Wharton
Nevill, John	19 Jun 1759	Elizabeth Alsop

The parents of many of these persons must have been Walter and Bridget Neville who resided in Queen Anne County in 1741 (data of Elizabeth Landers).

The English origins of John Neville of Charles County, Maryland, may be disclosed in the probate of two estates involving Virginia colonists. Paulus Ambrosius Croke of Hasleigh, Essex, England, made his will "intending for Virginia" and died with probate being authorized to his uncle John Neville (Nevell) in August 1652. Vice Admiral John Neville (Nevill) of St. Margaret, Westminster, Middlesex, England, died at Virginia and probate was issued to his widow Mary Neville in November 1697 (ENGLISH ESTATES OF AMERICAN COLONISTS 1610-1699, Peter Wilson Coldham, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1980).

The Neville families in America undoubtedly descend from Gilbert de Neville, a Norman who came into England with William the Conqueror in 1066. His son Geoffrey de Neville had a son and heir Geoffrey de Neville who married Emma, daughter and heiress of a great baron of the north, Bertram de Bulmer, Lord of Brancepeth.

They had two children, Henry de Neville who died in 1227 without issue and Isabel who inherited the huge estates that came to her father through his marriage. Isabel de Neville married the Saxon, Robert FitzMaldred, Lord of Raby, who was the lineal male descendant of Uchtred, Earl of Northumberland. In recognition of the tremendous wealth and power brought to Robert FitzMaldred by Isabel de Neville, their son and heir Geoffrey FitzRobert assumed the surname Neville by which his many descendants thereafter were known, including the Barons of Raby, Earls of Westmoreland; Earls of Salisbury, Earl of Warwick, Barons of Montacute and Monthermer; Baron Nevill of Montagu, Earl of Northumberland, Marquess of Montagu, Duke of Bedford; Baron Fauconberg, Earl of Kent; Barons Latimer; Baron Furnival; and lesser distinguished lines (A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE DORMANT, ABEYANT, FORFEITED, AND EXTINGUISHED PEERAGES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, Sir Bernard Burke, C.B., LL.D., London, 1883, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1978; A GENEALOGICAL AND HERALDIC HISTORY OF THE COMMONERS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, John Burke, Esquire, London, 1834-1838, reprinted Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, 1977).

The Neville family was represented in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, as early as 10 July 1643 when a patent was issued to Captain John Upton for land on Pagan Point Creek and New Towne Haven adjoining, among others, Mr. Nevill (abstract, Patent Book 1, Part 2, page 876, CAVALIERS AND PIONEERS, Volume 1).

On 12 May 1665 a patent to Christopher Wade for 300 acres in Isle of Wight County referred to the adjoining lands of John Neville, Robert Coleman and John Garner (Patent Book 5, page 513). Humphrey Marshall acquired 1300 acres in Isle of Wight County on 05 April 1667 next to Mr. Fulgham, Thomas Harris or John Neville and Mr. Hardy. 700 acres had been granted to John Marshall on 12 July 1665 and assigned by him to his son Humphrey. The other 600 acres were for transporting 12 persons (Patent Book 6, page 336). On 20 April 1682 Jacob Dardon got 435 acres in Isle of Wight County on the main swamp of the west branch of Nansemond River adjacent to Mr. John Neville, Francis Bridle and Robert Hooke (Patent Book 7, page 137). John Thornton obtained 390 acres in Isle of Wight County on the west branch of Nansemond River on 20 April 1682 that was bounded by lands of Mr. John Neville, Jacob Durden, William West, William Powell, John Moore, and Francis Bridle (Patent Book 7, page 158). Christopher Wade acquired 92 acres in the Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, between Mr. Coleman and Mr. John Neville on 20 April 1682 (Patent Book 7, page 375). On the same day, Mr. John Neville was granted 92 acres in the Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, adjoining Mr. Robert Coleman and Christopher Wade (Patent Book 7, page 378). On 30 October 1686 Mr. John Neville was issued a patent for 246 acres in the Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, on the west branch of Nansemond River opposite the house of Thomas Oglethorpe and next to Christopher Wade (Patent Book 7, page 545). John Parnell got 400 acres in the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight County on 25 October 1695 up the Dirty Branch and adjoining James Gardner, Christopher Wade and John Neville (Patent Book 9, page 23). John Neville and Thomas Marlor were granted 650 acres in Nansemond County, on 26 October 1699 that had been escheated from Robert Throgmorton, deceased (Patent Book 9, page 220). On 19 December 1711 John Howell got a patent for 92 acres in the Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, situated between the lands of Mr. Coleman and Mr. John Neville which was escheated from Christopher Wade for failure to seat under his patent dated 20 April 1684 (Patent Book 10, page 53).

John Neville had 433 acres and Roger Neville had 200 acres of land in Isle of Wight County, while Benjamin Neville (all spelled Nevill) had 475 acres in adjacent Nansemond County in 1704 (THE QUIT RENTS OF VIRGINIA 1704). They must have been sons or grandsons of Mr. Neville who settled in Isle of Wight County by 1643. Mr. Neville could have been an uncle of James Neville (1640-1674) and the father of John Neville of the subsequent Isle of Wight patent descriptions and the grandfather of John Neville who died there about 1730.

Mr. Neville of Isle of Wight County in 1643 could have been Richard Neville who came to Maryland in 1633.

John Neville who died in Isle of Wight County before 27 July 1730 probably was related to John Neville of Charles County, Maryland. John Neville of Isle of Wight County made his will on 30 September 1726 (Isle of Wight County Will Book 3, 1726-1734, Reel 23, pages 213-214, Virginia State Library):

In the Name of God Amen. I John Nevel being Sick ... give unto my Daughter Penelope one Shilling ... unto my Daughter Elizabeth one Shilling ... unto my Daughter Martha one Shilling ... unto my Daughter Elenora one Shilling ... unto my Daughter Florence one Shilling ... unto my Daughter Mary one Shilling ... unto my Daughter Patience a good Feather Bed and Furniture and a Cow and Calf ... unto my Daughter Sarah a Good Feather bed & Furniture & a Cow & Calf ... my Executrix maintain my Daughter Ann out of my Estate and my Negro two Women to Remain with her to look after Her as long as they both Live. I give unto my Wife and Son John all the rest of my Estate ... My Wife to have a seed Maintenance out of the Estate as long as she lives a Widow but if She Marry then to have nothing. I give unto my Son John Nevel all my Land that I Dye possessed with in my Patten. I do make my loving Wife and Son John my ... Executors ... Witness my Hand & Seal this 30th Day of September in the Year of Our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred Twenty Six. 1726 ... John his J mark Neivel ... Jno Marshal, Michl. his M mark Murpey, Jno. Garrey ... At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 27th Day of July 1730 ... last will ... of John Neivel Deceased was presented ... by the Exrs. therein named and proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses ...

The son John Neville, Jr. apparently died in Isle of Wight County in 1740 (Isle of Wight County Will and Accounts Book 4, 1733-1745, Reel 24, pages 317-318, Virginia State Library):

In the Name of God Amen. I John Neavill being Very sick ... I Give unto my son John Nevill my Land and plantation where I now live and my hott Still and the worme and one Feather Bed and the Furneture with Curtains & Vallaines and my Pistoles & holsters & Sword and one young Horse & one Ovell Table & one Iron pott and one Brass Kittle and one Gold Ring ... unto my son Thomas Nevill one Hundred and Twenty five Acres of Land lying at the Meadows and one Negro man called Luke and one feather Bed & ye furniture with Curtains & Vallanes and two Iron potts one small & one large & one Desk and one hand Gun ... unto my son Joseph Nevill one Hundred & Twenty five Acres of Land lying at the Meadows and one Negro called Nan and one Brass Kittle and one Long Table and two Iron pott Racks and one Feather Bed and the Furniture belonging to it ... unto my Daughter Penellipen Nevill one Negro Girl Called Moll with her increase Excepting the first that she Brings I give to my son John and the next two to Jos. and one feather Bed and the furneture belonging to it and one large Gilted Trunk ... remaining part of my Estate ... equally Devided among my four Children Three Sons and one Dugther ... I do Appoint Jno. Marshall Junr. my whole and sole Extor. of this my last Will ... whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand & Seal this Tenth Day of Jany. 1740 ... John Nevill (Seal) ... in the presence of us Thos. Gale, B. Beal, Thos. Bullock ... At a Court held for Isle of Wight County Feby. 23d. 1740 The last Will & Testament of John Nevill Deceased was presented in Court by John Marshall the Exor. therein Named ... and being proved by the Oaths of Thomas Gale & Thomas Bullock two of the Witnesses thereto who also deposed that they saw Benjamin Beall Subscribe the same as a Witness ...

Elizabeth Neville who died in Isle of Wight County in 1747 must have been related to the two testators named John Neville. Michael Murphy (Murpey) who witnessed John Neville's will in 1726 probably was related to her granddaughters and heirs, Mary and Sarah Murphy (Murphry). John Marshall, Jr., the executor for John Neville in 1740, probably was related to her son-in-law James Marshall (Isle of Wight Wills and Accounts Book 5, 1745-1752, Reel 24, pages 79-81, Virginia State Library):

I Elizabeth Neavill of the Isle of Wight County in Virginia being very Sick ... I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter in Law Mary Sikes, One two Year old Steer, and two Hoggs ... unto my Grand-Daughter Mary Sikes one of the largest pewter Dishes ... unto my Daughter in Law Rachel Wainwright one Ewe ... unto Amy Wainwright One Ewe ... unto Ann Wainwright on Ewe ... unto my Daughter in Law Mary Neavill, one Heifer with Calf, and four Barrells of good Sound Corn, and as much Fodder as will Winter her Heifer and my Crop of Potatoes, and all the Remainder of my Hoggs and my Crop of Cotton ... unto my Grand-Daughter Rachel Holleboy, one pair of Stilliards, and one old Spining Wheel (that did belong to her father) ... unto my Grand-Daughter Elizabeth Garnes one Iron Spitt ... unto my Grand-Daughter Mary Murphry one Pewter Plate ...

unto my Grand-Daughter Sarah Murphry one pewter plate ... unto my Grand-Daughter Elinor Everett one pewter plate ... unto Daughter Sarah Carter One shilling ... unto my Son Francis Hampton one large Chest ... my Daughter Mary Marshall all my Wearing Apparell ... unto my Son in Law, James Marshall one feather Bed and the Furniture belonging to it and one Brass Kettle ... the Remaining part of my Estate ... equally divided between James Marshall & Francis Hampton And I do Appoint my Son in Law James Marshall ... Executor ... Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this Twenty first day of September 1747 ... Elizabeth her X mark Neavill (Seal) ... In the presence of Us John Marshall, Jacob Darden, John Everitt ... At a Court held for Isle of Wight County October 8th 1747. The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Neavill Deced was presented into Court by James Marshall the Executor therein named ... and being proved by the Oath of John Marshall and John Everitt two of the Witnesses ...

----- NEVILLE

Born

Died before 21 Sep 1747

Married Elizabeth ----- Hampton

Born

Died 1747 Isle of Wight County, Virginia

Children:

The will of Elizabeth Neville indicates that she was the widow of a Neville and that she had been previously married to a husband named Hampton. The various grandchildren could be Neville or Hampton issue:

Mary Sikes (daughter-in-law = step-daughter Neville married to a Sikes)

Mary Sikes (granddaughter)

Rachel Wainwright (daughter-in-law = step-daughter Neville married to a Wainwright)

Amy Wainwright (not identified, probably of Rachel)

Ann Wainwright (not identified, probably of Rachel)

Mary Neville (daughter-in-law = widow of a Neville step-son)

Rachel Holleboy (granddaughter)*

Elizabeth Garnes (granddaughter)*

Mary Murphy (granddaughter)*

Sarah Murphy (granddaughter)*

Elinor Everett (granddaughter)*

Sarah Carter (daughter - of Hampton)

Francis Hampton (son - of Hampton)

Mary Marshall (daughter - of Hampton)

James Marshall (son-in-law - husband of Mary)

* - issue of deceased Neville or Hampton children

Considering the large number of daughters had by John Neville, Sr., four of them could have married a Holleboy, Garnes, Murphy and Everett, so he might have been the husband of Elizabeth Neville. Michael Murphy (Murpey) who witnessed his will could have married one of John's daughters and fathered Mary and Sarah Murphy (Murphry). John Everett (Everitt) who witnessed the will of Elizabeth Neville could have been the father of Elizabeth's granddaughter, Elinor Everett. However, Elizabeth's daughter-in-law Rachel Wainwright could not be a daughter of John Neville, Sr., since he did not have a daughter and heir named Rachel. Also Mary Neville could not have been the widow of John Neville, Jr., since his wife was not mentioned in his will and probably died before him.

JOHN NEVILLE

Born

Died between 30 Sep 1726 and 27 Jul 1730 Isle of Wight County, Virginia

Married

Born

Died after 30 Sep 1726

Children (order of birth unknown):

John Neville Jr

b.

d. 1740 Isle of Wight County, Virginia

m.

Penelope Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Elizabeth Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Martha Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Elenora Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Florence Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Mary Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Patience Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

Ann Neville

b.

d. after 30 Sep 1726

m.

JOHN NEVILLE JR

Born

Died 1740 Isle of Wight County, Virginia

Married

Born

Died before 10 Jan 1740

Children (order of birth unknown):

John Neville III

b.

d. after 10 Jan 1740

m.

Thomas Neville

b.

d. after 10 Jan 1740

m.

Joseph Neville

b.

d. after 10 Jan 1740

m.

Penelope (Penellipen) Neville

b.

d. after 10 Jan 1740

m.