

The Guy Meeke Connection What Records are Available?

The purpose of this paper is to explore leads for the search of the progenitor for the several men named Meek who settled in SW Pennsylvania in the 1770's. Over the last 50 years there have been a number of researchers who, unsatisfied with the antidotal works by H. B. Meek and Carleton Meek, actually searched the early records of Maryland and Virginia for information and based their genealogies on those records. This group of researchers believed that the progenitor of some of the children attributed to Jacob Meek, son of Adam Meek by the previous researchers were actually children of Jacob Meek, son of Guy Meek. They generally discount the conclusions of the authors mentioned above.

Most notable in this group of researchers was Joseph L. Meek. Unfortunately, he never published a book and his work is less available to modern day researchers. While his work has proved to be valuable for some people, it also contains many dates and other facts without reference to records or otherwise explained. The data gets weak for several lines and unsubstantiated assumptions take over just as it did for the previous authors. However, he has provided documentation for some of his conclusions.

It is the intent of this paper to extract from the earlier writings the names and dates that are supported by official records. If people are listed here that are not supported by records it is so noted. This information primarily concerns the area of Western Maryland. There were other families in Eastern Maryland that do not appear to be connected to the Guy Meeke family.

In "The Early Settlers of Maryland" by Dr. Morris L. Radoff 1986 there are several people named Meek mentioned:

Meeke, John immigrated prior to 1663, Chirurgeon

Meek, Thomas Immigrated 1663

Meek, John Immigrated 1664

Meeke, Guy transported 1666

Meek, Alice transported 1674

Meeke, John transported 1674

Meeke, Walter immigrated from Virginia 1674 wife and 3 children

Meeke, Sarah immigrated 1674 wife of Walter

Meeke, William transported 1675

Meeks, Moss transported 1678

Walter Meek appears in the records of Cecil Co., MD. The names Thomas, William and Moses appear in various records of Maryland and Virginia. Likewise, the name John Meek appears several times in various records. It is likely that one of the men named John in the list of early settlers was the son of Guy Meek.

John Meakes

In Book No. 1-Part II of "Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623-1666" by Nell Marion Nugent, 1963

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John Meakes, 200 acs. in Mobjacke Bay, on the S. side of the southern br. of Severne, Aug. 20, 1642, Page 809. Trans. of himself and 3 servts: Richard Carter, Robert Peircifull, Matthew Chapman. (The Severn River is in modern day Maryland.)

The focus of this paper will remain on the records of Maryland although it is understood that the family in Western Maryland moved between Maryland and Virginia.

Guy Meeke

Records in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, show that Guy Meeke was in Anne Arundel Co., MD prior to December 1662. The records show that "on 29 Dec 1662 a certain Guy Meeke demanded 50 Acres of land from the Lord's Propriety, and a land warrant was issued accordingly". The records concerning Guy Meek are largely land records. We learn very little about him other than he accumulated large land holdings. He is connected to his son John, based on the fact that John later owned the land held by Guy and passed it on to his sons.

The Calvert Rent Rolls, describe several transactions on the south side of the Severn River including:

"Solmon Hill" 50 acres 26 Oct 1663 (50 acres to Hugh Howard)

"Rose" 136 acres 16 Jan 1668.

"Guy's Rest" 100 acres, surveyed June 14, 1669, for Guy Meeke on "ye south side of the Severn River. Possr: John Meek".

"Guy's Will" 100 acres 28 Jun 1671,

"Meek's Rest" 210 acres 1 Oct 1681

"Weston" 130 acres 1 Oct 1681.

The records show that Guy Meeke died intestate in 1682. His wife Rachel was appointed administrator on 28 Mar 1682.

John Meek resided in Anne Arundel Co., MD from 1666. He made a will dated 28th Dec 1711, which was probated 26 May 1712. He names his wife Mary _____ and he leaves the plantation "Weston" to his oldest son John. He also leaves land to sons Guy, Charles, James, Samuel and Christopher. Records at St. Anne's Parish show that 3 children were baptized, Samuel, Christopher and Ruth. He was said to have been born about 1649 but no proof was offered. It was suggested that he had a first wife, but no proof was offered. He married (1) unknown

(3) **John Meek** resided in Anne Arundel County. He is mentioned in his father's will and inherits "Weston" which was owned by his Grandfather. His will is dated 12 Mar 1742 and probated 11 Sep 1764. He was said to have been born about 1684 but no proof was offered.

He married **Hannah Brown** 4 Dec 1716 according to marriage records at St. Anne's Parish. Her name is mentioned in his will.

A) **John Meek** was baptized 13 Jul 1724 at All Hallow's Parish. He inherited 50 acres, part of "Weston".

B) **Joseph Meek** inherited 50 acres, part of "Weston". His will was dated 26 Feb 1781 and probated 20 Nov 1808. His wife's name was Sarah.

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C) **Moses Meek** was born 5 Apr 1719. He was baptized 24 Jun 1719 at St Anne's Parish. He inherited 50 acres, part of "Guys Will". His wife's name was Anne.

D) **Aaron Meek** will was dated 11 Apr 1808 and probated 21 Apr 1808. He inherited 50 acres part of "Guys Will". His wife's was named Mary.

1. **Ruth Meek** mentioned in deed records.

E) **Valentine Meek** inherited 50 acres part of "Guys Rest". His wife's name was Henrietta. He died about 1763 based on court records.

F) **Augustine Meek** inherited 50 acres part of "Guys Rest".

1) **Mary Meek** her name is mentioned in father's deed records.

G) **Joshua Meek** inherited 68 acres part of "Ross". A deed records gives name of his wife, Sarah and one son.

1) **Jeremiah Meek**

H) **Edward Meek** inherited 68 acres part of "Ross".

I) **Mary Meek** was baptized 12 Jul 1724 at All Hallow's Parish.

J) **Jernima Meek** benefited from father's will.

K) **Keronhappuch Meek** benefited from father's will.

L) **Sarah Meek** was born 4 Oct 1717. She was baptized 24 Jun 1719 at St Anne's Parish. She may be the person named Keziah in some histories.

(4) **Guy Meek** resided Anne Arundel Co., MD. He sold or mortgaged "Soloms Hill" 15 Mar 1711. He moved to Orange Co., VA prior to 1734 as his name appears in deed records there. He married **Dorothy Cobby**.

C) **Isaac Meek** was born 4 Mar 1710 Anne Arundel Co., MD. He was Baptized 24 Jun 1719 at St. Anne's Parish. Deed records give the name of his wife, Rebecca.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WHO HIS CHILDREN WERE!

Isaac Meek born 1746 may or may not be his son. Isaac Meek born 1746 is in DNA Group B.

D) **Laurane Meek** was baptized 24 Jun 1719.

E) **Nathan Meek** was born 24 Mar 1715 Anne Arundel Co., MD. He was baptized 24 Jun 1719 at St. Anne's Parish.

F) **Jacob Meek** was born 29 May 1717 Anne Arundel Co., MD. He was baptized 24 Jun 1719 At St. Anne's Parish. He received a land grant dated 16 Dec 1745 in Prince George Co, MD 150 acres known as "Inspection". In 1749 received 50 acres known as "Meek Delight" which is sold 18 May 1752. His wife, Mary is mentioned. (This is the person thought to be Jacob, son of Adam by Carleton Meek.)

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Children typically attached to Jacob were from 3 unrelated Meek families according to Y-DNA.

G.) **James Meek** ???

(5) **Charles Meek** mentioned in father's will receiving land. He is not named in Mother's will in 1726.

(6) **James Meek** will was dated 20 Oct 1758 and probated 15 Nov 1758 in Anne Arundel County. His wife Elizabeth is mentioned in deed records. His will mentions 5 children.

A) **Christopher Meek** was born 25 Nov 1727 according to bible records but is not listed in will.

1. **Samuel Meek** identified from deed records naming his father.

B) **Lydia Meek** was born 25 Feb 1729 according to bible records.

C) **Susan Meek** was born 12 May 1731 according to bible records.

D) **Elizabeth Meek** was born 21 Jan 1735 according to bible records.

E) **John Meek** was born 1 Feb 1737 according to bible records. Benefited from his father's will and referred to son of James in deed records.

F) **Elizabeth Meek** was born 15 Dec 1739 according to bible records

G) **James Meek** was born 12 Apr 1743 according to bible records. Deed records mentions his father and wife, Elizabeth. Will dated 17 Jan 1790 and probated 5 Feb 1790 (7) Sussanah Meek married William Phelps about 1734. Although there is a marriage record, her connection to John

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has not been made clear. In addition there are conflicting dates mentioned. He married (2) Mary _____ about 1703. She is mentioned in his will. She was born about 1668, based on age given in her will signed in 1726 (age 58). The children of John and Mary were baptized 24 Jun 1719 which was recorded in parish records. She married (2) James Boyce in 1713.

(8) **Samuel Meek** was born 5 Mar 1704 in Anne Arundel Co., MD. He was baptized 24 Sep 1719 at St. Anne's Parish. His will was dated 21 Jan 1771 and probated 20 Jan 1789. The will does not mention any children. He married Alice Ridgely 17 Sep 1734 (source unknown).

(9) **Christopher Meek** was born 12 Apr 1707 in Anne Arundel Co., MD. He was baptized 24 Sep 1719 at St. Anne's Parish. His son's name is given in a deed record.

(A) **Samuel Meek**

(10) **Ruth B. Meek** was born 30 Sep 1709 in Anne Arundel Co., MD. She was baptized 24 Jun 1719 at St. Anne's Parish.

Summary

Some of the men named Meek who settled in SW Pennsylvania during the 1770's had a documented connection to Anne Arundel and Washington Counties in Maryland as well as the area of modern day West Virginia. The fact is that there is simply no documentation to prove where most of them came from. We make the assumption that many of them were related and had a common origin.

Unfortunately, the genealogy presented above does not provide any information, which would help make a connection to the men in SW Pennsylvania

The early authors who wrote about Jacob Meek, son of Adam Meek and Jacob Meek, son of Guy Meek, frequently claimed the same set of children as descendants. They planted the Maryland connection firmly in our minds. Since we know that some of the men in SW Pennsylvania had a Maryland connection it is appropriate to pursue that line of research.

There is no evidence that Jacob Meek, son of Adam was in Maryland, especially Western Maryland. The Guy Meek family is documented to have occupied this area. The factual details of the men from SW Pennsylvania would indicate that they could not all be sons of Jacob Meek, son of Guy. However, given the size of the Guy Meek extended family it is a reasonable to theorize that some of them were connected to this group.

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