

GENERATION 9

JAMES HALL (ca 1637-1698)

THE GREEN FAMILY

It is pure probability that James is our first Hall in Virginia. Halls seem to abound in the James River valley and in Charles City County, which became Prince George County. Most of the “smart” people I have been in contact with seem to agree that our branch of the Hall family originated with this James who we will try to document.

In 1650, a Sylvester Thatcher and Thomas Whitlock brought into Virginia two new settlers named John Green and James Hall. We do not know of any relationship between these two men, or even if this is our James. It is possible. The date works. The scenario was for these immigrants to be brought in and to work off their passage for a number of years, often amassing enough money to buy their own land. Actually there was a lot of bartering in what was known as headrights where the “importers” were granted land for bringing in new colonists. I will not go into those details. What does seem to be true is that on April 8, 1674, a James Hall received 302 acres of land in Charles City County, VA. This original grant bordered on land owned by the Woodward family and in 1691, James Hall received 157 additional acres in “Bristol Parish”, Charles City County. The land in this particular area became part of newly created Prince George County in 1702. Thus, any records we might want to show family relationships before 1702 would be back in Charles City County.

Land records show James Hall, Instant Hall and Isaac Hall all having land on the same creek (Second Swamp??) next to the same neighbors from 1674 to 1717. This succession of land being held by surely indicates that James was the father of Isaac and Instant.

James Hall probably had other children. Evidently there has been some research done by people who believe James Hall died about 1695, leaving sons Instant, Isaac and James, Jr. and the daughter, Elizabeth, and possibly another daughter, Mary Hall Thweatt..

LEWIS GREEN AND SUSANNAH GRIGG (a work in progress!!)

We believe these are the parents of Judith Green and the “beginning” of the name Lewis into the Hall family descendants. We think Lewis was born about 1665 and died about 1730 (probably in Surry County). Surry and Prince George are next to each other and we can never tell where our ancestors were actually living day by day. They wore out their land planting tobacco and had to continue to acquire new fertile land.

Children attributed to this couple are:

Lewis, Jr. b. ca 1695 possible wife Frances, and their son Peter. William Nathaniel

Peter and possible wife Mary, baby Martha b. 1728 BP Vestry records
Mary who m. into the Epes family

Susannah b. 1723 (Lewis Sr. would have been been in his sixties)

Martha

Judith

Burwell and possible wife Mary, baby Lewis b. 1741

AS TO THE PARENTS OF LEWIS GREEN AND SUSANNAH GRIGG

Somehow William Grigg and Frances Burwell figure into this family. They had a daughter named Susannah, who was born in 1723, but she would have been too young to have been the wife of Lewis Green. William and Frances were married in 1687 in CC County VA. Some people have shown Frances Burwell as the first mother in this line, but I am unable to find her as a possibility in any of the Burwell family lines. However, the name Burwell keeps popping up...so there must be some connection. There is even some connection between Frances Thacker (who figures into Shirley's mother's Brodnax line) and Lewis Burwell. Lewis Burwell was well-known in early Virginia, but his line is so confusing that I have been unable to figure out his relationship to us. More notes on this bunch:

As early as 1642, Peter Green and his wife, Katherine, lived in Surry County. They are both on the list of Early Virginia Immigrants. They are

together until 1666, when he dies; she remarries to John Salway. Then she dies. Obviously, there were children of Peter and Katherine. Possibly they had a dtr who m. John Dunstan, and a dtr. who m. Jas Reddick. Peter Green got 200 acres in Surry Co. 3-5-1656, 350 more, same place 2-21-1663. This land bot. fm Wm Lea. (James City County was original parent of Surry)

A Lewis Green age 30 b. VA is in They Went Thataway as a member of McKenzie's Co VA militia ca 1756. Surely he is Judith's relative.

William Grigg II b. 1666 Baly's Creek Westopher parish m. Susannah Lockett, dtr of Thos Lockett/Margaret Osborne or maybe Martha.

WILLIAM II IS THE BROTHER OF OUR SUSANNAH. Therefore, we are not interested in Lockett family unless it is to post a request for info on the possible Burwell connection.

William Grigg I m. Frances Burwell before 1663 still alive 1726
Refs. For Grigg in the VA Genealogist: Burrell, 12-93, Wm. 11:119, 15:18, 16:245, 18:288 & 319, 19: 135, 9:10, 16:198, 10:84 Refs for Lewis Green 15:288, , 20: 205 Records for Lockett ala Swemm: Thos 8V426, 22V 194, 33V 177, **24W(I)132, 27wi 189,7w2 193**

Swemm on Green, Lewis 8H193,5T137,6T 38,42, 1V378,,2V11,, 4V276, 20V 88, 24V 187,331,**24W I 260**

Lookup Sylvester Thatcher in WM Qtrly. And enter the Frances Thacker connection to Lewis Burwell.