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JEAN¹ DEPP OF MANAKIN TOWN, VIRGINIA, AND BATH/CRAVEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

With Five Generations of His Descendants

By Cameron Allen, F.A.S.G.

Jean Depp was the immigrant who brought this surname to Virginia. No references thus far located provide a clue as to his exact place of origin. He was not listed on any of three extant ship lists of the four ships that brought the initial settlers to Manakin Town in 1700 and 1701. Nor was he listed on the Falling Creek Miller's list to receive an allowance of meal in 1701.¹ His first appearance in Virginia records occurs under the date of 24 April 1704, when "The petition of Jno Veillon, Peter Foncyelles, John Dep, Francois Colonia, Jaqueline Jaques, Bartholomew Depuys, Isaac Figuier, John Rossett & Paul Drapier was read & Referred to the consideration of the House of Burgesses."² This petition resulted in the enactment the following year of "An Act for Naturalization of Claud Phillippe de Richebourg, Francis Ribot, Peter Faure, John Joanny, James Champagne, and others."³ Among the 148 males granted naturalization under the Act was John Dep (at page 40). The petition, dated 24 April 1704 and resulting in the Act signed 12 May 1705, would presuppose that John Dep had arrived in Virginia in 1702 or 1703.

A second early reference exists to John Depp, on 26 October 1704:

¹ R. A. Brock, *Documents, Chiefly Unpublished, Relating to the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia and to the Settlement at Manakin-Town*, Virginia Historical Soc. Col. N.S. 5 (Richmond, 1886): 14-16 (*The Peter and Anthony*), 29-34 (*The Nassau*); R. A. Brock, *Unpublished Papers, 1672-1855*, ibid., 6 (Richmond, 1887): 62-67 (*The Mary and Ann*).

² H. R. Mallwaine, ed., *Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia*, 3 vols. (Richmond: Colonial Press, Everett Waddy Co., 1918-19), 1:390.

³ Waverly K. Winlow, comp., *The Laws of Virginia: Being a Supplement to Henning's The Statutes at Large, 1700-1756* (Richmond, Virginia State Library, 1971), 39-41, citing [Naturalization] C.O. 5/1384, ff. 28-29, cited by title only in 3 Henning 228, signed 12 May 1705.

On the Petition of John Depp in behalf of himself and the rest of the French Refugees living in King William County being five families, Order is granted them for an equal Share of the land laid out at Manican Town for the French Refugees according to the Proportion allowed by the General Assembly, they removing themselves immediately & settling upon the said land.⁴

The initial Virginia concept of scattering the French refugees around the colony, a few here, a few there, was coming to an end. But notice that Depp had managed to secure a place on the naturalization petition despite his geographical handicap as a resident formerly of King William County, and not of King William Parish in Henrico County.

But whence had he come? A search of the two standard current French works for the origin of the surname *Depp*, *Dep*, or *Deppe* yields no immediate results under the initial letter "D." However, one then makes the assumption that the initial letter "D" of the surname as recorded in Virginia represents the preposition "de" or "d" (before the vowel of the true proper name), which preposition the French in alphabetizing ordinarily suppress. By consulting the alphabet under the second component of the name, *Depp*, under the letter "E," the following entry appears:

Eppe, nom de localité d'origine. *Eppe-Sauvage* (Nord), canton de Trélon [Helpe, 1118], situé sur la rivière l'Helpe Majeure dont le village tire son nom.⁵

In view of this information, it would seem clear that the surname comes from a much earlier place of origin of the first man to bear and to transmit the name. Further, the name of the village of Eppe (referred to as Helpe in a document dating from 1118) comes from the river that flows in the area, the Helpe Majeure. Eppe lies in the Département du Nord (on the Belgian border), in the arrondissement of Avesnes-sur-Helpe and in the commune Trélon. The attribution of the surname (conveniently respelled "Dieppe") to the city of Dieppe, in Seine-Maritime, is without foundation.⁶

Searches were then conducted (in a hunt for Huguenot refugees bearing the name) in the two great bodies of available Huguenot refugee material.

⁴ H. R. McIlwaine, ed., *Executive Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia*, 6 vols. (Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1925-66), 2:401.

⁵ Marie-Thérèse Morlet, *Dictionnaire étymologique des noms de famille* (Paris: Perrin, 1991), 289. The other surname work, Albert Dauzat, *Dictionnaire étymologique des noms de famille et prénoms de France* (Paris: Librairie Larousse, ca. 1951), contains no helpful information under either "D" or "E."

⁶ Camille J. Dittus, "An Etymological Ancestral Roll," *The Huguenot* (Huguenot Society of the Founders of Munkia in the Colony of Virginia), Publication No. 23, pp. 120-31, at 122.

⁷ Londen (Zut-Holland), Waalse Bibliotheek (Bibliothèque Wallonne), "Fiches op de Waalse Registers, 1500-1828," Family History Library (FHL) microfilm 199806 and 195822, and the publications of the Huguenot Society of London.

The Bibliothèque Wallonne card fiches contained no references under "Depp" or "Eppe." However, in the other great series, Publications of the Huguenot Society of London, one prominent member appears repeatedly in records of the French Church of Portarlington, Ireland: an *ancien* of the congregation, David de Proisy [d'Eppe], Seigneur Chastelain d'Eppe (1630-1712). He was referred to variously in abbreviated fashion as Proisy, Proisy Deppe, and Deppe. Quite obviously he was surnamed (*de*)Proisy, but was referred to also by his title of the lower nobility, *Chastelain d'Eppe*. Another person who appears in the Portarlington Registers is the Dame Magdelaine de Champaud Deppe, also known as Magdelaine Deppe de Thuny and Madellenne de Tugny.⁸ No succeeding generations that would link to Jean Depp can be deduced from these two refugees.

Following his naturalization in 1705, Jean Depp appears in the tithable lists of King William Parish in the following three lists only:

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| 1710 | Jean Dep ⁹ |
| 1711 (first 5½ months) | Jean Deppe ¹⁰ |
| 1711 (final 6¼ months) | Jean Deppe ¹¹ |

The tithable lists for 1712, 1713 and 1714 are devoid of references to Depps by name; there are no surviving deeds involving Jean Depp in King William Parish.

⁸ Thomas Philip le Fanu, ed., *Registers of the French Church of Portarlington, Ireland*, Pub. Huguenot Soc. of London, 19 (London, 1908) xiii, 1-37, 39-47, 50-53, 55, 57-67, 72 (David de Proisy d'Eppe), 41, 83 (Dame Magdelaine/Madellenne de Thuny/Tugny). The edou, le Fanu, stated in his introduction: "David Proisy d'Eppe . . . had lost five sons in the service of England, France, and Brandenburg" (ibid., xiii). He based much of what he had to say on a series of articles by Sir Edmund D. Boscawen, Bart., "The French Settlers in Ireland: The Huguenot Colony at Portarlington, in the Queen's County," *The Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, (1855), 3 (1855): 56-57, 213-31 (parts 5 and 6), and 6 (1856): 327-46 (part 8). The sole reference of import on Proisy d'Eppe that is to be found in these three volumes is as follows: "The higher class of colonists, who had been men of landed property, lost aside their patrimonial, and adopted the designation of their chief seignory, or added to it the family surname, doubtless, fired a desire to perpetuate a record identifying their name and race with the territory to which they originally belonged, and which they had been recently forced to relinquish. Hence we find . . . Messire David de Proisy, Chevalier, Seigneur Chastelain d'Eppe, Cagne, de Cavalerie, writes 'Proisy d'Eppe' . . ." (ibid., 6:317).

⁹ R. H. Fife, trans. and ed., "The Vestry Book of King William Parish, Va., 1707-1750," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 11 (1905-6): 289-304, 421-40; 12 (1906-7): 17-32, 241-56, 369-84; 13 (1908-9): 65-80, 175-90, 265-80, at 11:301; repr. in *Virginia Tax Records from the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography: The William and Mary College Quarterly, and Tyler's Quarterly* (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1983), hereafter VTR, 107.

¹⁰ Vestry Book of King William Parish (supra note 9), 11:304; VTR, 110.

¹¹ Vestry Book of King William Parish (supra note 9), 11:431; VTR, 117.

Initially a Virginia researcher might conclude that John Depp underwent an early death in late 1711 or early 1712. However, that would be to ignore the fact that a number of the Manakin Town settlers threw in their lot with their controversial rector, Claude Philippe de Richebourg, and migrated on down to North Carolina. Two standard North Carolina histories state that the Manakin partial resettlement down in North Carolina occurred in 1707.¹² However, internal evidence in the Vestry Books of King William Parish would seem to require that the date of M. Philippe de Richebourg's departure be set after 15 June 1711.¹³

It seems possible to pinpoint the 1707 error in dating. A bitter little squabble developed between the rector and the vestry when the rector took it upon himself to erase the minutes of two vestry meetings, dated 27 March 1707 and 7 April 1707, whose contents he took personally. Presumably the North Carolina historians had this date in mind when they dated his migration as 1707. The vestry restored the minutes, apparently in 1711 after the departure of M. Philippe.¹⁴ But Claude Philippe de Richebourg continued as rector, making regular appearances in the vestry minutes, remaining in office through 15 June 1711. Those who have used the tithe lists of the parish may have been puzzled by the existence of two tithe lists for the year 1711. The first 1711 tithe list is specifically denominated "List of tithes to pay 5 months and 15 days service of Mr. Phillippe."¹⁵ A second tithe list for 1711 is for the remainder of the year, "[F]or 6½ months salary to Mr. Cairon, minister."¹⁶ The vestry minutes then include specifically to "For 5 months 15 days from January 1 to June 15 which Mr. Phillippe preached."¹⁷ By 30 June 1711, Jean Cairon was serving as rector.¹⁸ Mr. Phillippe dated his receipt for final payment as rector 21 November 1711 (*fait a monocantown ce 21e 9bre, 1711*).¹⁹

At any rate, whenever M. Philippe de Richebourg moved down to the Trent River, it would seem very likely that Jean Depp departed after the second tithable list for 1711 was drafted and before the 1712 tithable list was prepared, probably in very late 1711 or very early in 1712. Jean Depp

¹² Francis I. Hawkes, *History of North Carolina from 1663 to 1729*, 2 vols. (Fayetteville, N.C.: E. J. Hale, 1857-58), 2:85; R. D. W. Connor, *History of North Carolina*, 6 vols. (Chicago: Lewis Publishing Co., 1919), 1:77.

¹³ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:425; VTR, 112.

¹⁴ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:426-29; VTR, 112-14.

¹⁵ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:304; VTR, 110.

¹⁶ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:430-31; VTR, 115.

¹⁷ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:304; VTR, 112.

¹⁸ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:303; VTR, 110.

¹⁹ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 11:426; VTR, 112.

was there in North Carolina at the time of the Tuscarora Indian massacre of many of the French settlers at Pamlico and Trent/Neuse Rivers:

On the morning of September 22d [1712] . . . five hundred warriors . . . about sunrise . . . fell upon the unsuspecting planters in their isolated homes and began a fearful massacre. In two hours one hundred and thirty persons fell beneath their bloody blows. . . . In those hours of fearful calamity, those who fortunately escaped the first fury of the savages fled in dismay to convenient points of refuge. They collected at Bath and at ten other places where they hurriedly fortified themselves against attack. . . . For two days the murderous bands glutted themselves with blood and revelled in spoil. . . . Fugitives from their homes . . . the survivors of Bath County kept watch and ward at the asylums they had gained in momentary dread of the reappearance of the foe, while the other settlements were paralyzed with fear lest the whole colony should be destroyed.²⁰

On this fearsome stage, Jean Depp found himself with his wife and family. That he was present for the Tuscarora War we know from one personal reference to him: On 4 November 1713, at a Council held at the house of Capt. Thomas Lee in Chowan:

Upon Petition of Jno. Debt Showing that when he was out in ye service of this Governmt. agt. ye Indyen Enemy the Provost Marshll. made Distress upon a hand saw belonging to him for five shills Due for his Levy's which hand saw is now in ye possession of ffran. Beezely being pd. to him for ye afsd. sume of five shills. by the Treasurer of the Precinct of Perquimons And prays that he may have his Said Hand saw againe paying ye afsd. Sume of ffive shills. to ye said Beezely therefore. Ordered that ye said ffran. Beezely doe deliver to ye sd. Jno. Debt ye afsd. handsaw, he paying & Delivering to him the sume of five Shil:ls. in good & Merchantable Comodities of the Governmt. at ye rated price.²¹

There is reason to believe that Jean Depp brought his entire family with him to North Carolina, including his elder son Pierre (Peter), the latter of whom, however, returned to Virginia by 1714 (as further discussed under no. 2, Pierre). The first land purchased by John Depp of which we have record was that of 17 January 1714/5, when "William Brice of Bath County, Province aforesaid [North Carolina] for £20 sold to John Dep planter of the county aforesaid 200 acres lying on the west side of aforesaid Brices Creek beginning at a corner old oak tree next to Robert Coleman."²² He had, before or afterward, acquired other lands, as is shown in his will:

²⁰ Samuel A'Court Ashe, *History of North Carolina*, 2 vols. (Greensboro, N.C.: C. L. VanNoppen, 1908-25), 1:182-83, and the entire chapter (XV) "The Tuscarora War."

²¹ William L. Saunders, ed., *The Colonial [later State] Records of North Carolina*, 26 vols. plus index (Raleigh: P. M. Hale or Josephus Daniels, Printers to the State, 1886-1914), 2:65.

²² Craven Co., N.C., Deeds, 2:623, FHL microfilm 18639.

John Deiptt of the County of Bath Planter being very sick and weak in Body . . . I give and bequeath to Penon Deiptt my Dearly beloved wife the hundred acres of Land witch [sic] I bought of Petter Hand and all my stock and all my houses and all my househel Goods Debts and mouveble effects and if so be that Penon Deiptt my he loved wife marries my will his [sic] that the children shall com in heirs she having her thirds if not having the same During her Life time. Item I Give and Bequeath to my well be loved son Petter Deiptt my plantation in Machapongo containing two hundred acres. Item I Give and Bequeath unto my well be Loved son John Deiptt that peice of Land that I bought from Coll. Brice containing two hundred acres. And I Likewise Constitute and make and ordain for my Executors of this my last will and Testament my well Beloved wife Penon Deiptt and Ann Deiptt my well Beloved Dafter. [Will made 17 Jan. 1723/4.]

[Witness:] Peter Hand
John Fonvielle Junr.

John (D) Deiptt
(his mark)

Att a Court held at Newbern Town ye 17th day of June 1724, the said Penon Deiptt made Oath in open court to full fill her husband's will.²³

Jean Depp's will mentions, as noted, his wife Penon, two sons, Peter and John, and just one daughter, Anne. In the years following his death, several deeds helped smooth the final distribution and settlement of his estate. On 13 March 1731/2, *Penelope* Dept (the name she began using in lieu of the *Penon* her husband had called her in his will) of Craven Precinct, Bath County, province of North Carolina, sold "to my son John Dept of the above precinct planter for £10 one tract on the south side of Neus [Neuse] River in the precinct aforesaid containing 100 acres beginning at Peter Tongils old field and running up the said river Nuce to a sassafras post and so runs back for its compliment of 100 acres . . . of which the s[ai]d Penelope is sole owner by a deed of sale by Peter Hand deceased of the above mentioned bounded acres." Henry Moresset and John Rogers witnessed.²⁴ In the following month, on 19 April 1732, Peter Dept of Craven Precinct sold for £18 "to my brother John Dept of the said precinct and province all my right, title and interest to the plantation and all the lands there unto belonging and all the Rights, Title and Interest to the Plantation that my Mother Penelope Dept now lives on and all my Right, Title and Interest to all my part of my Deceased Father John Dept movable estate that he died possessed." Henry Moresset and John Rogers witnessed this deed as well.²⁵

In between these two deeds, Penelope Dept on 25 March 1732 made her will:

Penelope Dept being in Perfect Health & Memory & knowing herself to be aged . . . her body after her death to be entered [interred] in the earth at the Discretion of my son John [as] he shall judge Meet [meet] . . . Secondly I will & bequeath unto my eldest son Peter Dept one English shilling here in my last will enclosed. Thirdly I will & bequeath unto my son John all my Real Estate wheresoever it is or may be found. Fourthly, I will & bequeath unto my Three Daughters Anne, Jane & Elizabeth together & with my said son John whome I leave & will shou'd be my sole Executor to prove & cause this my Last Will & Testament to be fulfilled.

Penolepe Debt signed with a mark in the presence of Mary Lane and Elizabeth Norwood. On 27 August 1735, Mary Lane and Elizabeth Norwood made oath that they "saw Penelope Dep sign, seale and publish the within written Instrument as her Last Will & Testament." Two days later, John Debt made oath to execute the trust of an executor and signed by his "D" mark as "John Depp."²⁶

Meanwhile, in between the making by his mother of her will (25 March 1732) and its probate (27 August 1735), one other reference to Peter Dep/-Dept occurs under date of 17 June 1733: "In the action upon the Case by Caleb Metcalfe pl[ain]t[iff] ag[ains]t Peter Dep Def[endan]t both being caled Def[endan]t not appearing, pl[ain]t[iff] having proved his acc[oun]t ag[ains]t the Def[endan]t for five pounds Cur[ren]t money, Judgem[en]t is granted him for the Same with Cost of Suit. Thomas Hogg appearing Garnshee of the s[ai]d Peter Dept & Confest hee was owing the s[ai]d Def[endan]t Money, It is further ord[e]red the s[ai]d Garnashee bee acquitted from the s[ai]d Peter Dept for the af[orsai]d Debt hee shall pay to the pl[ain]t[iff] with Cost of Suit."²⁷

As we shall observe, Peter Depp by this time had returned to Virginia, where he had been living for the past twenty years, and never put in any record appearance thereafter, not even to collect his "English shilling." It seems clear that his mother Penon/Penelope was, for one reason or another, deeply disappointed in him and his decision not to unite himself with the rest of his family here in Craven County. Who knows? Perhaps she did not approve of his marriage.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1 JEAN¹ DEPP, born abroad say 1670 (based on the estimated birth date of his first known child), died in Bath County, North Carolina, between 17

²³ North Carolina Wills Filed in the Secretary of State's Office, FHL microfilm 1605224, frames 21–22.

²⁴ Craven Co., N.C., Deeds, 1:274, FHL microfilm 18638.

²⁵ Craven Co., N.C., Deeds, 1:274, FHL microfilm 18638.

²⁶ North Carolina Wills [*supra* note 23], frame 17, alphabetized under "Debt."

²⁷ Craven Co., N.C., Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, County Court Minutes, 1730–1740, folio 73, FHL microfilm 1689312.

January 1723/4 and 17 June 1724, the dates of his will and its proof.²⁸ He married by say 1696–1698 (if she was mother of all his children; but see no. 2 below) PENON/PENELOPE —, who died in Bath County between 19 April 1732, the date of her son Pierre/Peter Depp's deed,²⁹ and 27 August 1735, when her will was proved.³⁰

Issue of Jean¹ and Penon/Penelope (—) Depp:

- 2 i PIERRE² DEPP, b. abroad say 1696–1698; m. (1) ANGELL/ANGELICA (—) PANETIER, (2) JANE LESTER.
- 3 ii JOHN DEPP, Jr., b. say 1700; m. SUSANNAH
- 4 iii ANN(E) DEPP, b. say 1702; m. (1) PETER HAND, (2) EDWARD BRYAN.
- iv JEANNE/JANE DEPP, b. say 1710, living March 1732 (mother's will).
- 5 v ELIZABETH DEPP; m. (it is believed) DAVID DUNN.

2 PIERRE² DEPP (Jean¹), born abroad say 1696–1698 and brought as a child to Virginia by John Dep, was of tithable age by 1715 (age 16 or more). He died in Cumberland County, Virginia, between 2 April 1774 and 22 July 1776, the dates of his will and its proof.³¹ He married first about 1717 ANGELL/ANGELICA (—) PANETIER, widow of Jean Panetier of Henrico County, Virginia, and second, on or soon after 2 April 1774, JANE LESTER (as discussed below).

It is believed that Pierre accompanied his parents to North Carolina in 1711 or 1712, but he was back in Virginia by 1714. That would make him very young to be reverting on his own to the place of his youthful upbringing. While we have seen that Penon/Penelope Depp calls him in her will "my eldest son Peter Dept" and we have seen Peter in his Craven County deed call her "my Mother Penelope Dept," it is not impossible that Peter was an only child by a first marriage of John and that the two were using the terms eldest son and Mother loosely, meaning that they were, instead, stepmother and stepson. That would make the cool treatment Penelope accorded him in her will more understandable. It is even possible that if he were the son of a first marriage, he may have remained behind in Virginia when John migrated, preferring to remain with maternal relatives in Virginia, rather than accompany a stepmother to North Carolina.

At any rate, the first reference we have to him on his own in Virginia occurs in the circa 1714 *Liste Générale de Tous les Francois [Français]*

Protestants Réfugiés Establys dans la Paroisse du Roy Guillaume, Comté d'Henrico en Virginia, y Compris les Femmes, Enfants, Veuses [Veuves] et Orphelins. He is listed as Pierre Deppe, no femme, no enfans, for a total of one person.³² He first appears by name on a tithe list in 1715 in the household of Etienne Bocard. Was that a fortuitous linking for that year alone; might he merely have "hired out" to Etienne Bocard; or might there have been some blood connection between Etienne Bocard or his wife and Pierre Deppe, that made Pierre either remain in Virginia or return to Virginia? For whatever light they may shed upon this linking, these references are noted to Etienne Bocard: He arrived on the ship *Nassau* as "Etienne Bocar, sa femme & 2 enfans."³³ It seems likely that the Falling Creek Miller was referring to him when he referred to "Bossard, his wife and three children."³⁴ Inventory of the estate of Peter Tonguil by Stephen Boccard was made following court order of 7 July 1712.³⁵ In the circa 1714 *Liste Générale*, he appears as Estienne Bonard [sic], 1 femme, 2 garçons, 1 fille; total of five in the household.³⁶ On 31 October 1716, as "Stephen Buccard," he patented 93 acres in Henrico County on the south side of James River, adjoining Charles Perault, "part of the upper part of the last 5,000 acres surveyed for the French Refugees."³⁷ After 1715, Pierre Depp separated himself from Etienne Bocard's household. Their family paths crossed again only once, so far as the records disclose: On 19 November 1728, "Peter Boccard comes into Court and makes Oath that Stephen Boccard, deceas'd, died without any will . . . and on his giving security for his just & faithfull Administration of the said Decadents Estate, Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration of the same, William Lansdon & Peter Dep, Securities."³⁸

The tithe list appearances of Pierre Dep/Depp/Deppe in King William Parish are as follows:

1715 Etienne Bocard

³² Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [supra note 1], 75.

³³ Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [supra note 1], 30.

³⁴ Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [supra note 1], 27.

³⁵ Henrico Co., Va., Wills and Deeds (1710–1714), 147, FHL microfilm 31764. Parenthetically, it may be of interest to note that a 1732 reference was made in Bath/Craven Co., N.C., to Peter Tongil (Craven Co. Deeds, 1:274 [supra note 24]).

³⁶ Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [supra note 1], 74.

³⁷ Virginia Patent Book 10:296, FHL microfilm 29327; also abstract in Nell Marior Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1623–1800*, 7 vols. to date (Richmond, 1934–), v. 3 (1695–1732): 183–84.

³⁸ Goochland Co., Va., Court Order Book, 1 (1728–1730): 49, FHL microfilm 31671.

²⁸ North Carolina Wills [supra note 23], frames 21–22.

²⁹ Craven Co., N.C., Deeds, 1:274, FHL microfilm 18638 ("the Plantation that my Mother Penelope Dep now lives on").

³⁰ North Carolina Wills [supra note 23], frame 17, alphabetized under "Debt."

³¹ Cumberland Co., Va., Wills, 2:218, FHL microfilm 30738.

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| | Pierre Deppe | 2 ³⁹ |
| 1717 | Peter Deppe | 1 ⁴⁰ |
| 1719 | Pre Deppe | 1 ⁴¹ |
| 1720 | Pre Deppe | 1 ⁴² |
| 1723 | Pierre Deppe | 1 ⁴³ |
| 1724 | Pierre Dep | 1 ⁴⁴ |
| 1725 | Pierre Dep | 1 ⁴⁵ |
| 1726 | Pierre Deppe | 1 ⁴⁶ |
| 1729 | Pierre Dep | 1 ⁴⁷ |

From 1730 onward, Pierre Depp's household became more complex:

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| 1730 | Pierre Dep Estiene Paratie [<i>sic</i> , Panetie] March Gobrig | 3 ⁴⁸ |
| 1732 | Peter Dep Panetie Jean Pierre Panetie | 3 ⁴⁹ |
| 1733 | Pierre Dep Estienne Panetie Jean Pierre Panetie | 3 ⁵⁰ |
| 1734 | Pierre Dep (other tithables not named) | 3 ⁵¹ |
| 1735 | Pierre Dep | 1 ⁵² |
| 1735 | Estiene Panetie Jean Panetie Pierre Loucadou | 3 ⁵³ |
| 1736 | Pierre Depp (other tithables not named) | 3 ⁵⁴ |
| 1738 | Pierre Dep | 2 ⁵⁵ |

³⁹ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:21; VTR, 131.

⁴⁰ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:28; VTR, 138.

⁴¹ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:32; VTR, 142.

⁴² Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:245; VTR, 147.

⁴³ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:251; VTR, 153.

⁴⁴ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:253; VTR, 155.

⁴⁵ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:369; VTR, 159.

⁴⁶ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:371; VTR, 161.

⁴⁷ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:378; VTR, 168.

⁴⁸ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 12:382; VTR, 172.

⁴⁹ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:71; VTR, 181.

⁵⁰ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:75; VTR, 185.

⁵¹ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:77; VTR, 187.

⁵² Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:81; VTR, 191.

⁵³ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:80; VTR, 190.

⁵⁴ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:176; VTR, 192.

Peter Depp acquired his first land in Virginia of which there is record on 4 March (1725/6) from William Lions and his wife Henrietta of King William Parish and Henrico County, a 46-acre tract "in King William Parish at Manakin Town adjoining Anthony Mattoone and the river" for £7 10s. The deed was recorded on 2 May 1726.⁵⁶ Peter Depp of King William Parish, Henrico County, sold this on 3 June 1727 for £10 to Jacob Capoon, the land described as "on the river at Manakin Town." Angelica Depp, wife of Peter, relinquished dower in the same.⁵⁷

The seeming merger of the Depp and Panetier (Panetie) (the latter name eventually became *Panky*) households, which is observable for the period from 1730 through 1736 or 1738, invites speculation. This speculation is further fueled by these references to Pierre Depp's land holdings, absent any recorded patent to him or any extant deeds to him prior to this, other than the 1725/6 deed. The circa 1722 "List of land which each holds in the parish of King William and adjacent thereto" includes:

Pierre Dep 076 acres⁵⁸

The "List of the lands which each inhabitant of the parish of King William owned in the year 1727/8" gives:

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Among the extant Virginia patents there is a very interesting match between Pierre Dep's stated holdings in 1722 and 1727/8, and this patent

to John Paniteur, 76 acres (N.L.), Henrico County, on the south side of James River, adjoining Claude Gory, patented 31 Oct. 1716 (Patent Book 10, p. 297), part of the first 5000 acres surveyed for the French Refugees.⁶⁰

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⁵⁸ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:181; VTR, 197.

⁵⁹ Henrico Co., Va., Wills & Deeds (1725-1737), 17, FHL microfilm 31765.

⁶⁰ Henrico Co., Va., Wills & Deeds (1725-1737), 106, FHL microfilm 31765.

⁵⁷ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:278; VTR, 220.

⁵⁸ Vestry Book of King William Parish [*supra* note 9], 13:279; VTR, 221.

⁶⁰ Virginia Patent Book 10:297, FHL microfilm 29327; Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers* [*supra* note 37], 3:184.

1717.⁶¹ The question then arises: What was Pierre Depp doing in possession, in 1722 and 1727/8 apparently, of the 76 acres that John Panetier had patented in 1716? And why was he administering John Panetier's estate? These legal involvements would be consonant with his having married the widow of John Panetier.

The author of the Pankey genealogy observed the associations of the Depp and Panetier families immediately after the death of Jean Panetier the immigrant, the merger of the two households in the tithe lists from 1730 to 1736 or 1738, and numerous interactions between the two families for decades following this. In his first volume, he states:

The many close personal relationships between the first three generations of Pankeys in Virginia and Peter Depp . . . indicate a family kinship between them. Jean Panetier, the immigrant, may have married a sister of Peter Depp. Peter Depp may have married Jean Panetier's young widow and reared his sons.⁶²

In the second volume, he continues:

In 1722 and in 1727, when these landowners lists were made, it is logical to believe that Peter Depp was living on land listed in his name and that it was the tract of seventy six acres then owned by the Panetier (Pankey) family. The facts and circumstances suggest that after Jean Panetier's death in 1717 Peter Depp either married Jean Panetier's young widow or he was her brother. If the latter were the case, Peter Depp would normally have owned and lived on his own land.⁶³

In light of what we have learned of the issue of Jean Depp and his wife Penon down in Craven County, North Carolina, it seems possible to eliminate the brother-sister hypothesis that Mr. Pankey provides as one of the two alternatives to explain the interaction of the two families. This would leave the remarried widow as the explanation for the household merger. This hypothesis is strengthened by the deed executed by Jean Panetier's elder son Etienne [Stephen] on 3 February 1737, when Stephen Panitur, planter, conveyed to Edward Scott, both of Goochland County, 76 acres in King William Parish, Goochland County. The realty description therein set out matches the language in the patent of 1716. Thus, it would seem clear that Pierre Depp never himself had any claim to the 76 acres, but was listed

as possessing the acreage in 1722 and 1727/8 only as safeguarding, overseeing, and farming it for Jean Panetier's widow and the elder son Stephen Panetier. Unfortunately, the given name of Jean Panetier's widow escaped recording in all documents relating to the administration of his estate.

Because the interconnection between the Panetier/Pankey and the Depp families is pivotal, it is perhaps not redundant to set out Mr. Pankey's outline of the Panetier immigrant and his issue:

Jean Panetier, born probably at Soubise in Saintonge, arrived as a single man on the ship *Mary and Ann*, 23 July 1700;⁶⁴ still single in Feb. 1701, he received a charitable allotment of corn meal from the Falling Creek Mill;⁶⁵ the *Liste Générale* of circa 1714 for King William Parish lists Jean Panetie, 1 femme, 1 fils, 0 fille, total, 3.⁶⁶ Inferentially, Jean must have married about 1710, wife's name unknown; Jean died in July 1717. Issue:

i Stephen (Etienne), b. ca. 1711, d. Jan. 1789.

ii John Peter (Jean Pierre), b. ca. 1713, d. June 1750.⁶⁷

It should be noted that the circa 1714 *Liste Générale* indicates inferentially a fairly recent marriage for Jean Panetier and but one child. It seems more likely that the only child listed there (Etienne) was probably born about 1713 or 1714, since he was not listed in Pierre Dep's household as a tithable in 1729. (Pierre's household had only one tithable that year.) Etienne made his first appearance in 1730 in Pierre Dep's household as a tithable, when he had to have reached age 16. The second son, Jean Pierre Panetier, was not listed in the circa 1714 *Liste*, so he must needs have been born very late in 1714, or more likely 1715 or 1716. He was first listed as a tithable in 1732. Thus, if we are to predicate the marriage of Pierre Depp to the Widow Panetier, she was herself a young woman with two little boys, not over four and two years of age. The widow Panetier and young Pierre Depp were clearly within suitable age-range of each other.

To sum up, Pierre Depp administered the estate of Jean Panetier in 1717, was listed as possessor of Jean Panetier's 76 acres in 1722 and 1727/8, and headed a household in which Jean Panetier's two sons were documented as tithables in the period 1730–1733 and probably subsequently. Thus, there is very compelling reason to believe (1) that Pierre Depp married the widow of Jean Panetier about 1717, and (2) that this widow bore the given name Angell or Angelica (in French, *Angélique*). Pierre Depp's realty transactions (and the witnessing of a will) confirm that his wife bore that name in the

⁶¹ Henrico Co., Va., Wills & Deeds (1714–1718), 212, FHL microfilm 31765.

⁶² George Edward Pankey, *John Pankey of Manakin Town, Virginia, and His Descendants*, 3 vols. (Ruston, La.: the Author, 1969–81), v. 1 (*Descendants and Connections of His Son Stephen Pankey, Sr., of Lucy's Springs, Chesterfield County, Virginia*): 6–7.

⁶³ Pankey [*supra* note 62], v. 2 (*Descendants and Connections of His Son John Peter Pankey of Manakin Town, now Powhatan Co., Va.*): 378.

⁶⁴ Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [*supra* note 1], 45.

⁶⁵ Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [*supra* note 1], 26–28.

⁶⁶ Brock, *Documents . . . Relating to . . . Manakin-Town* [*supra* note 1], 74–75.

⁶⁷ Pankey [*supra* note 62], 1:10.

years 1727, 1731, 1734, and 1740/1, and this is precisely the period in which the two Panetier brothers were tithables in Pierre Depp's household. Interestingly enough, the Pankey genealogist in his third volume eventually came to the same conclusion:

Peter Depp married after 1717 Angell, probably the widow of John Panetier (Pankey) who died July 1717.⁶⁸

Thus far, note has been taken of Pierre Depp's purchase in 1725/6 and sale in 1727 of a 46-acre tract, and his listings with John Panetier's acreage of 76 acres in 1722 and 1727/8. Pierre's realty acquisitions continued with a patent of 28 September 1730 by which "Peter Dep received 400 acres in Goochland County on the South Side of James River in the west side of lower Manakin Creek," for 40s.⁶⁹ This tract "Peter Dept of the Parish of St. James's in the County of Goochland planter" sold on 1 April 1737 to Thomas Dickins, Gentleman, for £20. Peter signed by mark and his wife Angell relinquished her dower the same date, also by mark.⁷⁰ On 19 March 1732, William Maxey of Goochland County and Mary his wife sold a tract of 100 acres for 5s. to Peter Dep of the same county.⁷¹ On 20 November 1733, William Maxey and Mary his wife (she being first privately examined) acknowledged a deed from themselves to Peter Dept.⁷² He purchased one half of 400 acres from John Witt of the County of Goochland and Parish of King William for £20 on the south side of James River.⁷³ On 16 July 1734, John Witt and Elizabeth his wife (she being first privately examined) acknowledged a deed with livery of seizin endorsed from themselves to Peter Dept.⁷⁴ On 20 May 1735, Peter Deepp of the County of Goochland and Saint Jameses Parish sold the 100 acres he had acquired from William Maxey to Stephen Calvitt for £10, again signing by mark; Angell his wife was privately examined.⁷⁵ That same day, Peter Dep acknowledged a deed to Stephen Calvit,⁷⁶ and for £5, as Peter Deepp of Goochland County and Saint Jameses Parish, he sold to John Peter Pancay 100 acres on the south

side of James River adjoining John Peter Bilbo and John James Depute on the north side of Dutoys Branch. Peter's mark was affixed and again Angell his wife was privately examined.⁷⁷ Again on the same day, 20 May 1735, Peter Dep acknowledged a deed with a receipt thereon endorsed from himself to John Peter Pancay.⁷⁸ At about this time, Peter Depp was named executor, along with the testator's wife Jane, of the will of Gideon Chamboon, Jr. (1702-1737) ["Giddian Jambon," as the will has it], the will being dated 14 November 1735 and proved on 17 May 1737.⁷⁹

May 17, 1737, was a very busy day in court for Peter Dep, for on the same day he presented the will of Gedian Chamboon as executor, "on the motion of Daniel Gory, leave is granted him to choose Peter Dep his Guardian, who accepts the charge, Stephen Parky and Edward Scott entering themselves securitys for the same."⁸⁰ That same day, it was "Ordered that Isaac Gory be summoned to take administration of the Estate of Claudius Gory deceased."⁸¹ Isaac Gory having failed to do so, on 21 June 1737 "John Peter Bilbow and Peter Dept come into court and make oath that Claudius Gory deceased died without any will so far as they knew or believed and on their Motion Certificate is granted them for obtaining Letters of Administration in due form, Thomas Porter entering himself Security for the same."⁸² On 19 July 1737, it was "Ordered that the Church Wardens of King William parish do bind out Daniel Gory and John Gory according to law."⁸³

On 28 October 1754, Peter Depp, Sr., of King William Parish and County of Cumberland, for £20, sold "to Peter Depp Junr. his son of the same parish and county 80 acres lying on one of the branches of Dutoys Branch in the parish and county aforementioned and is part of the tract whereon the said Peter Deepp Senr. dwelleth, bounded by John James Dupuy, John Wooldrige, Dorothy Panky and Peter Depp Junr." Peter Depp again signed by mark, but no wife relinquished dower.⁸⁴

Peter appears to have sustained a long widowerhood. However, on 2 April 1774 he gave all his estate to a Jane Lester: "To all to whom these presents shall come, Know ye that I Peter Depp of Cumberland County for divers causes and considerations have given, granted and confirmed and by

⁶⁸ Pankey [supra note 62], v. 3 (*John Pankey of Manakin Town and His Descendants: Supplement to Records Contained in Volumes One and Two*): 3.

⁶⁹ Virginia Patent Book 13:507. FHL microfilm 29329; Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers* [supra note 37], 3:374.

⁷⁰ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 1:254, FHL microfilm 31653.

⁷¹ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 1:443, FHL microfilm 31653.

⁷² Goochland Co., Va., Order Books, 3 (1731-1735), 219, FHL microfilm 31671.

⁷³ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 1:524, FHL microfilm 31653.

⁷⁴ Goochland Co., Va., Order Books [supra note 72], 3 (1731-1735), 273.

⁷⁵ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 2:87, FHL microfilm 31653.

⁷⁶ Goochland Co., Va., Order Books [supra note 72], 3 (1731-1735), 352.

⁷⁷ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 2:89, FHL microfilm 31653.

⁷⁸ Goochland Co., Va., Order Books [supra note 72], 3 (1731-1735), 351.

⁷⁹ Goochland Co., Va., Wills, 2:34, FHL microfilm 31653.

⁸⁰ Goochland Co., Va., Order Books [supra note 72], 4 (1735-1741), 138.

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⁸² Goochland Co., Va., Order Books [supra note 72], 4 (1735-1741), 181.

⁸³ Goochland Co., Va., Order Books [supra note 72], 4 (1735-1741), 187.

⁸⁴ Cumberland Co., Va., Deeds, 2:169, FHL microfilm 30745.

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4 ANN/ANNE² DEPP (*Jean*¹), born say 1702, died in Craven County, North Carolina, between 24 October 1769, the date of her will, and sometime in December 1769, when it was proved.⁹⁹ She was named in the will of her father Jean as one of his executors in 1724, using the maiden form of her name. It was about this time that she married, as her first husband, a childless widower, PETER HAND, who died in 1730/1, leaving a will:

I give & bequeath to my Loving Wife Ann the track of Land which I Live on ffive hundred acres for her natural Life, then the Land to fall to my Daughter Elizth Hand if no Hairs after her natural Life to my Daughter Mary and [no] Hairs afterward to fall to my Daughter Jean Hand and her Hairs her natural Life. If no [heirs] Land to fall unto Richard Hart. I give to my Loving wife twelve cows & calfs and all of crops and two Horses and all my Houngs and to my Daughter Elizth six cows and calfs & one two year ould mare, and to my Daughter Mary six cows & calfs and one two year ould Mayr and to my Daughter Jean six cows and calfs and one two year ould mayr and ye remaining part of ye sters . . . to be Distributed to pay for Learning of my children and Richard Hart my son [crossed out] is I lickwise to have Learning with ye children. and Leave him one gun and one Hand saw, to [two] chisels, one Squire and Compas two plains one Broad Ax and [] cows and calfs and ye children to have ye Increase of cattle . . . and to my Loving wife one negro man for her natural life and lickwise ye money and credit that I do have and to my youngest child Jean and to my Daughter Elizth one negro Aggy and to my Daughter Mary one negro Bess and to my Loving wife Ann the household goods. I make & constitute my Loving Wife Ann Hand and Brother John Dept joyntly my executors of this my Last Will & Testament.

Peter Hand

wit.: Willm. Fox, James Green, Jno. (x) Deep

Will dated february ye first 1730; proved 16 March 1730/1 by the oath of James Green.¹⁰⁰

"At a Court held at the Court house in Newbern Town (22 June 1732) Mrs. Ann Hand Exhebeted Two Inventorys of the Estate belonging to the Orphains of Peter Hand Deceased on Oath It is ordered Shee give Security in

⁹⁸ Craven Co., N.C., Court Minutes [*supra* note 27], (1762-1766), 143 (13), FHL microfilm 1689308.

⁹⁹ Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1548458, frames 846-48.

¹⁰⁰ North Carolina Wills [*supra* note 23], frames 1143-44.

the Sume of One thousand pound Sterling &c. Mr. James Green and Mr. Adam Moore became Securities for the aff[or]s[aid] Estate."¹⁰¹ "An Inventory Exhibited on Oath by John Dept of the Estate of Richart Hart To this Court and at the s[ai]d Depts Motion order the Same To Record Further Ordered aff[or]s[ai]d Dapt Give Security for the Estate of the aff[or]s[ai]d Richard Hartt and for bringing him Up According to Peter Hands Last Will & Testament in the Sum of fifty pounds &c. Mr. Adam Moore and John Murphy became Security &c. Further ordered that the Tooles &c which beeing Left the Orphain by the s[ai]d Peter Hands Will &c be sold and the Money Laid out in Cattle for the Orphain aff[or]s[ai]d he being now [] years of age."¹⁰²

After some period of widowhood, Ann (Depp) Hand married EDWARD BRYAN, by whom she had a second family. Edward Bryan made his will on 28 January 1745/6; it was witnessed by W[illia]m Whitford, Jane Hand, and Richard Hare [*sic*], the latter two of whom proved it on 9 May 1746. By it, he gave:

unto my eldest son John Bryan 220 acres, . . . unto my son Edward Bryan 250 acres, . . . unto my son William Bryan 300 acres. . . . If any one of my three sons should Die without heirs, his portion bequeathed as aforesaid shall be equally divided between the two living brothers; to my sons John, Edward and William one lot each in Newburn Town, . . . to be divided by my Executors when my son John Bryan shall be at age; to my daughter Penelipy Bryan one lot in Newburn Town, the lot and storehouse the corner lot whereon the Storehouse now stands. Also I give unto my Daughter Penelipy £500 in bills instead of a portion of land at age or at the date of marriage. Also I give £100 in bills out of my stock of money to buy her a bed and furniture. To my loving wife Ann Bryan one Plantation and all the Survey of Land belonging to it on the west side of Swifts Creek Surveyed for me in 1744/5 called Paradise.

The will provides for the division of a substantial number of named slaves among Edward's wife and four children, then continues:

My desire is that my four children should have seven years of schooling and between the ages of seven years old and seventeen years old . . . the cost of their Cloathing, washing, lodging and schooling and vittling shall be paid out of their negroes labor put to use . . . money due Jane Hand upon the books.¹⁰³

Left a widow for a second time, Anne (Depp) (Hand) Bryan survived her second husband over twenty years. The will of Ann Bryan, widow, made 24

¹⁰¹ Craven Co., N.C., Court Minutes [*supra* note 27], (1730-1740), 30 (15), FHL microfilm 1689312.

¹⁰² Craven Co., N.C., Court Minutes [*supra* note 27], (1730-1740), 31 (16), FHL microfilm 1689312.

¹⁰³ North Carolina Wills [*supra* note 23], FHL microfilm 1605223, frame 569.

October 1769, names only three children: my son John Bryan, my daughter Mary Castelo, and my daughter Penelepy Lane. Executors named were son John Bryan and trusty friend William Bryan; the witnesses were W[illia]m Bryan and Lewis Bryan, both of whom proved it in December 1769.¹⁰⁴

Issue of Peter and Ann² (Depp) Hand:

- i ELIZABETH HAND; m. ARTHUR BLACKMAN (see no. iv below), whose will made 7 May 176[—], proved 1768, names wife Elizabeth and their issue:¹⁰⁵
 - 1 Nancy Blackman; m. — Powell.
 - 2 Azal Blackman.
 - 3 Penelope Blackman.
 - 4 Elizabeth Blackman.
 - 5 John Blackman.
 - 6 Mary Blackman.
 - 7 Arthur Blackman.
- ii MARY HAND, living Oct. 1769 (mother's will); m. — CASTELLO.
- iii JEAN/JANE HAND, living Feb. 1730[?/17] (father's will) assumed to have died without issue prior to her mother.
- iv PETER HAND, Jr., apparently a posthumous son; consequently unnamed in his father's Feb. 1730[?/17] will. He is assumed to have died without issue prior to his mother. On 15 Oct. 1758, Arthur Blackman of the County of Craven, planter, sold to Peter Hand of the county aforesaid, planter, for the love and affection which he hath and beareth unto the said Peter Hand and for five shillings, 270 acres on the south side of Neuse River, beginning at John Depps corner in the marsh, being the tract whereon said Peter Hand now liveth and part of a tract of 640 acres granted by patent from the Lords Proprietors to Peter Hand deceased bearing date 1 July 1725. If Peter Hand die without heir, the land shall revert.¹⁰⁶ On the following day, 16 Oct. 1758, Peter Hand of Craven County, planter, sold to Arthur Blackman of the county and province aforesaid, planter, for the love and affection he beareth to Arthur Blackman and for five shillings, a track [sic] on south side of Neus River containing 270 acres, being the land whereon the said Arthur Blackman resides, part of a 640-acre tract granted to Peter Hand from the Lords Proprietors.¹⁰⁷

Issue of Edward and Ann² (Depp) (Hand) Bryan:

- v JOHN BRYAN, living Oct. 1769 (mother's will). Issue (see vi below):
 - 1 Edward Bryan.
 - 2 John Hill Bryan.

- vi EDWARD BRYAN, d.s.p. post 1762. His will dated 17 June 17[62?] mentions his loving Mother Ane Bryan; his loving cussins Edward Bryan and John Hill Bryan, sons of my Brother [John?] Bryan; brother John Bryan; sister Penelope Lane; executors, loving Brother John, loving Mother Ane Bryan.¹⁰⁸
- vii WILLIAM BRYAN, living Jan. 1745/6 (father's will).
- viii PENELOPE BRYAN; m. LEVIN LANE. His will, made 3 July 1774, was proved June 1775; it names wife Penelope; sons Levin and Ezekiel; dau. Penelope Lane; my several children, all underage.¹⁰⁹

5 ELIZABETH² DEPP (Jean¹) married, it is believed, DAVID DUNN in Craven County. If so, she apparently died there before 21 October 1768, the date of his will.¹¹⁰ David Dunn clearly married either Elizabeth or her sister Jeanne (Jane), but unfortunately no document has been located which attaches a wife's given name to David. His wife predeceased him, so she is not mentioned in his will, and in none of his deeds did his wife join him, nor did she relinquish dower. As between Elizabeth and her sister Jeanne as wife to David Dunn, one reason alone favors his marriage to Elizabeth: Of their five surviving children, two were named for the maternal grandparents, Penelope Dunn and John Depp Dunn; one was named for the father David, and the only other daughter was named *Elizabeth*, presumably, in this naming pattern, for her mother.

David Dun came into Craven Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in New Bern on the third Tuesday in June 1748, and "moved the Court to have the following [livestock] marks Recorded [obviously he was doing this on behalf of his children, as his will reveals] for Penelope Dun [mark described], Eliza. Dun, [and] John Dep Dun."¹¹¹ On 21 October 1768, David Dunn of Craven County, very sick and weak in body, made his will, mentioning no wife but giving "unto all my s[ai]d children Penelope, John, David, Elizabeth and Francis [a son] all the rest of my estate to be equally divided amongst them." Earlier in the will he gave "unto my son Francis Dunn and my daughter Penelope Dunn a sertain track [sic] or Parcel of Land containing 400 acres with all the plantation whereon I now dwell; unto my son David Dunn one certain track of 300 acres; unto my daughter Elizabeth Dunn 100 acres on the west side of Little Swift Creek opposit against Abraham Moon. . . . I do hereby ordain and appoint my two sons

¹⁰⁴ Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1548458, frames 846–48.

¹⁰⁵ Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1548458, frames 605–6.

¹⁰⁶ Craven Co., N.C., Deeds, 2:204, FHL microfilm 18639.

¹⁰⁷ Craven Co., N.C., Deeds, 2:334, FHL microfilm 18639.

¹⁰⁸ Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1548459, frames 6–7.

¹⁰⁹ Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1548504, frames 170:–2.

¹¹⁰ Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1548459, frames 1193–94.

¹¹¹ Craven Co., N.C., Court Minutes [*supra* note 27], (1742–1748), 49 (26), FHL microfilm 1689311.

and daughter John, David & Penelope Dunn my hole and sole Executors." His will was proved in December 1768.¹¹²

Issue of David and Elizabeth² (Depp) Dunn, as named in his 1768 will:

- i PENELOPE DUNN.
- ii JOHN DEPP DUNN.
- iii DAVID DUNN.
- iv ELIZABETH DUNN.
- v FRANCIS DUNN.

6 PETER³ DEPP (*Pierre*², *Jean*¹), born say 1718–1721, died in Powhatan County, Virginia, on 23 August 1808.¹¹³ Peter first made a publicly recorded appearance on 31 July 1740, when he served, as Peter Dapp, Jr., as one of the witnesses to the will of Thomas Dickins.¹¹⁴ This action helps set a possible birth date for him. While the attainment of legal majority may not have been a requirement for the witnessing of a will, the request to witness nonetheless implied that he was well enough advanced in years to appreciate the importance of what he was doing and to be taken seriously if any dispute should arise over the making and signing of the will. His next appearance on a legal record occurred on 28 October 1754, when, as we have seen, he received 80 acres from his father, Peter Depp, Sr.¹¹⁵ (The bounds in that deed refer, however, to the pre-existing boundary line of Peter Depp, Jr., but any earlier deed to the son apparently escaped recording.) But it would appear that Peter, Jr., was born early in his parents' marriage, probably between 1718 and 1721.

Peter Depp, Jr., was married to SUSANNAH HARRIS of King William Parish probably about 1755 or 1756, who died on 25 March 1810,¹¹⁶ the daughter of Peter Harris of King William Parish. By his will dated 15 February 1771 and proved on 28 August 1775,¹¹⁷ Peter Harris left land on Dutoys Branch after the death of his wife Elizabeth to his son Henry and a number of other children, including "my daughter Susannah." He also left a legacy to "my granddaughter Ann, daughter of my daughter Susannah."

¹¹² Craven Co., N.C., Original Wills, FHL microfilm 1348459, frames 1193–94.

¹¹³ Place from will and probate, the date is from his son Thomas's Bible (Thomas Depp Family Bible Record, Virginia State Library, #22357).

¹¹⁴ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds and Wills, 3 (1737–1742), 435, FHL microfilm 31653. Other witnesses were Angel Depp, Peter Depp, and John Pankey.

¹¹⁵ Cumberland Co., Va., Deeds, 2:169, FHL microfilm 30745.

¹¹⁶ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record (*supra* note 113).

¹¹⁷ Katherine Reynolds, *Abstracts of Cumberland County, Virginia, Will Books 1 and 2, 1779–1782* (Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, ca. 1985), 61, citing Cumberland Co., Va., Wills, 2:188.

Executors were to be his wife Elizabeth and Charles Clarke. The witnesses were Daniel Guerrant, Mary Guerrant, Peter Depp, and Charles Clarke.

The 1754 tract of 80 acres conveyed by Peter Depp, Sr., to his son Peter Depp, Jr., was by Peter Depp, Jr., and Susanna his wife of King William Parish in the County of Cumberland sold to Samuel Pankey (son of Stephen Pankey) of Dale Parish in Chesterfield County for £60 on 20 December 1759.¹¹⁸ It was described as "adjoining the lines of Peter Depp Senr., John Wooldridge, Stephen Pankey, John Pankey decd., and John Roberts." A few days later, on 31 December 1759, Peter Depp, Jr., of King William Parish in the County of Cumberland purchased a tract from John Roberts of Dale Parish in the County of Chesterfield on Dry Creek Branch.¹¹⁹ On 29 December 1786, Peter Dep of the County of Powhatan purchased 50 acres from Charles Forsee and Judith Forsee of Chesterfield "adjoining Jacob Flour-nour, William Johnson, and the said Dep."¹²⁰ On 21 April 1796, Peter Depp of the County of Powhatan sold a tract of 83¼ acres to William Hopkins, the bounds of which included a "corner stone on Depp Road" and a line "thence along Depps road as it meanders."¹²¹ Peter Depp's wife (unnamed) was privately examined in the matter of her dower right.

Peter Depp's will, made 13 March 1807, was proved on 21 September 1808.¹²² By it, "I lend unto my beloved wife [Susanna Depp] during her natural life or widowhood the land and plantation whereon I now live, together with every part and particle of my personal estate, To wit, All my negroes, stock of horses, Hogs, Sheep and Cattle, and all my household and Kitchen Furniture together with all my Plantation Tools and after the Death or Marriage of my wife Susanna, my will and desire is, that my Estate lent to my wife Susanna as above directed, be divided among my five children and four Grand Daughters in the following Manner, First, I give to my Daughter Ann, the wife of James Howard of Chesterfield County the sum of six shillings and no more . . . to my son John Depp all the money he is owing of me . . . to my son Thomas Depp all the money that he is owing of me . . . to my daughter Elinor who intermarried with William Johnson £30 to be raised out of my Estate . . . and I lend to my son William Depp after the death of my wife Susanna the land and plantation whereon I now live, during his natural life, and after his death, I give and bequeath the said land and premises with all its appurtenances to my two grandsons [Peter and

¹¹⁸ Cumberland Co., Va., Deeds, 2:531, FHL microfilm 30745.

¹¹⁹ Cumberland Co., Va., Deeds, 3:35, FHL microfilm 30746.

¹²⁰ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 1:367, FHL microfilm 33079.

¹²¹ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 2:214, FHL microfilm 33079.

¹²² Powhatan Co., Va., Wills, 3:215, FHL microfilm 33069.

John Depp, sons of William Depp] to be equally divided them ... to my granddaughters Elizabeth Johnson, who intermarried with Thomas Baugh ... Marshall Johnson ... Susanna Johnson ... Nancy Depp (Daughter of William Depp) ... one feather bed and furniture ... The Ballance of my estate not disposed of to be equally divided among my four following children, John Depp, Thomas Depp, Elinor Johnson (wife of William Johnson) and William Depp." Executors were to be his two sons John and Thomas. The will was witnessed by Shakford L. Moseley, John Pemberton, and William Bransford.

Peter Depp died nearly a month before his will was proved in 1808. Following the widow's death in March 1810, "Articles of Agreement" were entered into on 24 October 1810 whereby "John Depp, Thomas Depp, Eleanor Johnson, William Johnson and William Depp, Legatees of Peter Depp, deceased, have chosen Thomas Wooldridge, David Flournoy and Jordan Flournoy to divide and allot to each of us our portions of the above named Estate"¹²³

Issue of Peter³ and Susanna (Harris) Depp:

- i ANN⁴ DEPP, b. say 1753, living Chesterfield Co., Va., in March 1807 (father's will); m. JAMES HOWARD. Ann was mentioned, as seen above, in the 1771 will of her maternal grandfather, Peter Harris. That will is referred to in the following instrument, dated 5 April 1803: "I, James Howard, of the County of Chesterfield, have received from Peter Depp of the County of Powhatan a negroe woman named Judy who when a girl was bequeathed by Peter Harris deceased to Anne, now the wife of me the said James Howard which said Negroe Judy was Daughter to a negroe woman named Jenny mentioned in the said Harris' will and therein bequeathed to Susanna daughter of the said Peter Harris and now the wife of the said Peter Depp and I the said James Howard do further acknowledge to have received from the said Peter Depp the following negroes Children of the said Judy, to wit, Rachel, James, Patience, and tiller sidder [sic], all of whom I have claimed and received in Right of my said Wife under the Will of the said Peter Harris and do by these presents for myself and my Heirs release, acquit and exonerate the said Peter Depp and His Heirs, Excc. & Admr. from all Claims & Demands relative to the said negroes & ... I do for myself, my Heirs, Exec. & Admr. quit all claim or pretense of Right or Title to a negroe girl also called Rachel which the said Peter Depp hath for some time past let live with me."¹²⁴ Whether this instrument was the result of any acrimony between James Howard and Peter Depp cannot be known, but it may explain why Peter Depp appears to have been fairly abrupt in his will references to

- James and his wife Ann. Perhaps Peter Depp merely felt that James and his wife had received enough prior to his will.
- 7 ii JOHN DEPP, b. say 1755; m. ELIZABETH PERKINS.
 - iii ELEANOR DEPP, b. say 1757, living in Oct. 1810 (agreement regarding father's estate); m. "in Maniken Town" 17 Sept. 1776, by Parson Douglas, WILLIAM JOHNSON,¹²⁵ living Oct. 1810.
 - Issue of William and Eleanor⁴ (Depp) Johnson (grandfather Depp's will):
 - 1 Elizabeth Johnson; m. Powhatan Co., Va., 17 Feb. 1794 Thomas Baugh.¹²⁶
 - 2 Marshall Johnson (a daughter).
 - 3 Susanna Johnson
 - 8 iv WILLIAM DEPP, b. Powhatan Co., Va., 25 March 1761,¹²⁷ m. ELIZABETH WALKER.
 - v ELIZABETH DEPP, b. 3 April 1763, bp. 1 May 1763,¹²⁸ d. young, or at least before her father.
 - 9 vi THOMAS DEPP, b. 2 Aug. 1765,¹²⁹ m. MARY/POLLY TRABUE.

7 JOHN⁴ DEPP (*Peter, Jr.*³, *Pierre*², *Jean*¹) was born say 1755 and died in Powhatan County, Virginia, after the 1830 census date,¹³⁰ but before 19 January 1831, when his will was proved.¹³¹ He was married in Goochland County, Virginia, on 2 December 1782 to ELIZABETH PERKINS, Constant Perkins surety.¹³² Elizabeth, who died in Powhatan County between 7 January 1835 and 2 February 1835, the dates of her will and probate,¹³³ was the daughter of Constantine Perkins by his wife Mary (Walker). Constantine Perkins' will, proved on 19 June 1769, mentioned his "young children," including Elizabeth.¹³⁴ His widow Mary's deed, dated 18 December 1797, gave 10 shillings each "to my children," including Elizabeth Depp."¹³⁵ Numerous deeds involving John Depp are of record in Powhatan County: On 17 March 1796, James Harris and Sally his wife of Wilkes County, State

¹²³ W. Mac Jones, ed., *The Douglas Register* (Richmond: J. W. Ferguson & Sons, 1928), 29, 61.

¹²⁴ John Vogt and T. William Kethley, Jr., *Powhatan County Marriages 1777-1850* (Athens, Ga.: Iberian Pub. Co., ca. 1985), 105.

¹²⁵ Revolutionary War Pension Application S.2511, William Depp.

¹²⁶ *The Douglas Register* [supra note 123], 186 (birth and baptism).

¹²⁷ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

¹²⁸ 1830 U.S. Census, Powhatan Co., Va., p. 265 (household of John Depp, aged 70-79, including a female 60-69, a male 20-29, and a female 15-19).

¹²⁹ Powhatan Co., Va., Wills, 8:372, FHL microfilm 33071.

¹³⁰ Kathleen Booth Williams, comp., *Marriages of Goochland County, Virginia, 1733-1815* (Alexandria, Va.: 1960), 24, citing Marriage Register, 27.

¹³¹ Powhatan Co., Va., Wills, 9:47, FHL microfilm 33071.

¹³² Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 9:206, FHL microfilm 31656.

¹³³ Goochland Co., Va., Deeds, 17:172, FHL microfilm 31659; William K. Hall, "Perkins Families of Goochland County, Virginia," *Genealogies of Virginia Families: from Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, 4 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1981), 2:823-24.

¹²³ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 4:215, FHL microfilm 33080.

¹²⁴ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 3:131, FHL microfilm 33080.

of Georgia, sold a tract containing 315 acres on both sides of Dutoys Branch, bounded on James Bryant (called the old place) to John Depp of Powhatan for £275.¹³⁶ On 29 October 1804, William Johnson of Powhatan County sold 116 acres on the south side of Buckingham Road to John Depp for £232.¹³⁷

John and Elizabeth (Perkins) Depp had no children, and in his middle age, perhaps as a result of local Baptist preaching against the institution of slavery, he drafted the following deed of emancipation, dated 1 March 1801:

It is my desire that at the death of my present wife and of me death that all the negroes hereafter men shuned shall be free, I use Sinder was born March the eat day one thoussen seven and eight tey eat, Abraham was born January the six day one thoussen seven and nintey one Sauls ws born march the forth day on thoussen seven hundred and ninety three, Steeven was born may [sic] the thirty day one thoussen seven hundred and nintey five easter was born december the first day one thous seven hundred and nintey seven delilas was born March the eat day eighteen hundred all the negroes that ever shall arise from this famly shall all be free of [sic] negros.

John Depp's signature was witnessed by Elisha Maxey and Peter Pollock. Marginal notation: "Deed of emancipation recorded."¹³⁸

As promised in the deed of emancipation, the will of John Depp, made in January 1829, confirmed the emancipation provided for in the 1801 deed, but did not stop there, and made provision for establishing his freed slaves as fiscally responsible and independent people:

I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life all my estate real and personal (after the payment of my debts aforesaid) except my slave Abram, who is to be free at my death and one of the boys Frank and Henry, or Edmund, which I have given to said Abram, and after the death of my said wife the estate which I lend her as above is to be disposed of in the following manner.

To Nancy Brooks who has been raised by my wife, I give my negro woman Sylvia and her increase, also a good feather bed and furniture, and also one Cow. I lend to old Lucy during her natural life a negro girl called Eliza Ann (daughter of Hannah) and at the death of Lucy I give the said Eliza Ann and her increase to the said Nancy Brooks and her heirs forever.

On the first day of March in the year 1801 I executed to Lucy and her children (Abram, Salisbury, Stephen, Esther and some others since dead) and the increase of females, a deed of emancipation to take effect after the death of me and my wife . . . in case there should be any defect in the said deed, my will and desire is that the above said negroes and the increase in the female Esther should be free at the death of my wife, except Abram, who I desire to be

¹³⁶ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 2:213, FHL microfilm 33079.

¹³⁷ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 3:253, FHL microfilm 33080.

¹³⁸ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 3:10, FHL microfilm 33080.

free at my death, and as we have long had the benefit of their labour, justice and good conscience require that I should make some provision for them, which I do as follows. I give Salisbury 40 acres of land on the north side of Buckingham Road to be laid off at the east end of the tract which I purchased from William Johnson, and also the land I purchased of Baker bounded by lands of Pemberton, Watson and my own containing not more than four acres, to him and his heirs forever. I give to Abram so much of the Tract of Land purchased by me of Johnson and also that purchased of Hopkins and Walker . . . but should Abram die before his wife, then I give to his said wife Mary during her natural life the land above described, as given to her husband and at her death to such of her children as she may have had by said Abram to be equally divided between them. I also give to said Abram two negro boys Frank and Henry, or Edmund whichever he may choose and also the sett of Blacksmith Tools used by him. . . . To Stephen all my land lying on the west side of Dittoys Creek, as also money enough to build him a Comfortable house . . . and the sett of Blacksmiths Tools. I hereby emancipate and sett free my slave Miles to take effect on the death of my wife . . . and to Miles and to Esther his wife 100 acres from the east end of the tract on Dittoys Creek and sufficient money to build them a comfortable dwelling. The rest and remainder of my estate to be sold and the money to be divided amongst all my negroes.¹³⁹

The will of John Depp's widow Elizabeth (made 7 January 1835, proved 2 February 1835) provided that "the balance of my estate is to be equally divided between the daughters of my brother Ezekiel Perkins and the daughter of Gustavus Depp, viz., Elizabeth Perkins, Martha Perkins, Sally Perkins, Mary Ann Perkins, and Mary H. Depp."¹⁴⁰

8 WILLIAM⁴ DEPP (*Peter, Jr.³, Pierre², Jean¹*) was born, according to his own statement made on his application for a Revolutionary War Pension, in Powhatan County, Virginia, on 25 March 1761.¹⁴¹ He died in Barren County, Kentucky, after 15 July 1833, when he filed for the pension, and November 1834, when his will was proved.¹⁴² He married as "bachelor" of Powhatan County (bond Amherst County, Virginia, dated 4 September 1789, Joel Walker surety) ELIZABETH WALKER,¹⁴³ daughter of Joel Walker (discussed below). Betsey Depp, William's wife, was living in Barren County in January 1816.¹⁴⁴

¹³⁹ Powhatan Co., Va., Wills, 8:372, FHL microfilm 33071.

¹⁴⁰ Powhatan Co., Va., Wills, 9:47, FHL microfilm 33071.

¹⁴¹ Revolutionary War Pension Application S.2511, William Depp, FHL microfilm 970799; also abstracted in Edythe Rucker Whitley, *Genealogical Records of Buckingham County, Virginia* (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1984), 61; and John Frederick Dorman, *Virginia Revolutionary Pension Applications: Abstracted* (Washington, D.C., 1958-), 29:41-42.

¹⁴² Barren Co., Ky., Wills, 3:74, FHL microfilm 209741.

¹⁴³ William Montgomery Sweeney, comp., *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763-1800* (Lynchburg, Va.: J. P. Bell, ca. 1937), 25.

¹⁴⁴ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, 1:77, FHL microfilm 209723.

William Depp filed for his pension on 15 July 1833 in Barren County, Kentucky, declaring as follows:

In the year before Cornwallis was taken he entered service as a private in the Virginia militia under Captain Thomas Harris and 1st Lt. George Smith. He joined the company at Westham where he assisted in ferrying Morgan's men over James River. From Westham he went to Manchester where they waited and assisted in guarding the boats until General Steuben landed at Petersburg. He was placed under a regular major at Ware Bottom Church in Chesterfield County where he was marched after Steuben landed at Petersburg. At Ware Bottom Church he met Steuben and was on parade half a day to meet him but Steuben went off down the river. It was late in the year 1780 that he entered service under Harris. He was discharged at Ware Bottom Church and served at least six months.

On the first of January 1781 he again entered service under Capt. Robert Hughes at Powhatan Court House. He was marched to the house of General Lawson in Prince Edward County where he remained until a regiment was formed under General Lawson, Major Tucker and Colonel Randall. From there he marched to Hanging Rock not far from Guilford Court House, North Carolina, where he joined General Greene and marched under him to Guilford Court House. He had not long been there before the battle of Guilford, in which he was engaged. He escaped without wounds. He can't say, however, that he was engaged actually in the battle because he was picked out as one of the Bully Guard, which was not engaged in the battle although it was present. He went after the British until he reached Rocky River, where he was discharged. He served three months.

In May 1781 he again entered service under Captain Porter, 1st Lt. George Smith, and 2d Lt. George Smith, two brothers of different mothers of the same name. He was engaged in collecting the boats at Jude's Ferry on James River. He did nothing but guard and collect boats on this tour. He was discharged after the boats were collected at Woodson's Ferry. He served at least two months. . . .

When called into service he lived in Powhatan County. Since the war, he has lived in Buckingham County, then in Chesterfield County, then in Powhatan [County]. He came to Kentucky in 1795 and lived in Fayette near Lexington near seven years and then settled in Barren County where he now lives.

William Depp of Barren County, Kentucky, private in the company of Captain Harris in the regiment of Colonel Randall in the Virginia line for six months and twelve days, was placed on the Kentucky pension roll at \$21.33 per annum under the Act of 1832. Certificate 22016 was issued on 26 September 1833.

William Depp and Elizabeth Walker had been bonded in Amherst County on 4 September 1789 to marry, Joel Walker serving as surety.¹⁴⁵ Joel Walker, her father, was bonded to marry Mary Penn, spinster, on 21 Feb

ruary 1775, Samuel Allen, surety, Mary giving her own consent.¹⁴⁶ From the dates set out, it is a virtual certainty that Elizabeth was Joel's daughter by an earlier marriage. Joel Walker left a will, dated 24 July 1794 and probated on 20 June 1796, which mentions his beloved wife Mary and his daughter Elizabeth Debts. His executors were to be his "friends" William Debts, William Thomell, and Nath. Lancaster.¹⁴⁷ On 7 October 1796, Joseph H. Morrison, widower, and Mary Walker, widow, were married by the Reverend William Crawford.¹⁴⁸ Within six months of his death, Joseph H. Morrison and Mary his wife, residents of Amherst, and William Depp and Elizabeth his wife, residents of Kentucky, sold on 2 December 1796 to George Hilton of Amherst for £50 a 162-acre tract on Elk Island Creek.¹⁴⁹

Thus, William Depp's Kentucky residence had already begun. On 29 August 1800, William Depp was listed for taxes in Jessamine County, Kentucky.¹⁵⁰ The 1810 and 1820 U.S. Censuses located him as follows:

Barren County, Kentucky, 1810 Census, p. 34:

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| William Depp | males | 2-1-1-0-1 | females | 3-2-2-1-0 | 13 slaves |
|--------------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|

Barren County, Kentucky, 1820 Census, p. 9:

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|--------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| William Depp | males | 0-1-0-0-0-1 | females | 1-2-x-1-0-0 | 8 slaves |
|--------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|

On 20 May 1811, William Logan and Sally his wife of the County of Barren sold 150 acres on the waters of Beaver Creek for \$300 to William Depp of the same county.¹⁵¹ In the following year, on 19 September 1812, Henry Renick and Prudence his wife, William Renick, and Samuel Renick of the County of Barren sold 1000 acres on Skaggs Creek for \$2000 to William Depp of the same county.¹⁵² On 4 January 1817, William Depp of Barren County gave power of attorney to "my son Peter Depp of the afore-said county to ask, demand and receive all Debts due or monies that is [sic] owing to me in the State of Virginia . . . also to sell all my right, title, interest and estate which I have in the Tract of Land whereon my Father Peter Depp formerly resided in the County of Powhatan and State of Virginia and to convey title."¹⁵³

¹⁴⁶ Sweeney [*supra* note 143], 79.

¹⁴⁷ Amherst Co., Va., W.I.S. 3:402, FHL microfilm 30275.

¹⁴⁸ Sweeney [*supra* note 143], 54.

¹⁴⁹ Amherst Co., Va., Deeds, H:280, FHL microfilm 30288.

¹⁵⁰ G. Glenn Clift, *"The Second Census" of Kentucky* (Frankfort, Ky., ca. 1954; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1966), 78.

¹⁵¹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, C:168, FHL microfilm 209720.

¹⁵² Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, C:208, FHL microfilm 209720.

¹⁵³ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, E:180, FHL microfilm 209721.

¹⁴⁵ Sweeney [*supra* note 143], 25.

The following month, on 12 February 1817, Peter Depp of the County of Barren and State of Kentucky sold for \$825.25 a tract containing 396 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres, an undivided moiety, to Thomas Depp of the County of Powhatan as well in his own name as by a Power of Attorney given to him by his father William Depp of Kentucky, dated 4 January 1817. The "tract in Powhatan which was devised to the above named William Depp by the Last Will and Testament of Peter Depp, deceased, of record in the county court of Powhatan during the life of the said William Depp and after his death to be equally divided between the said Peter Depp of Kentucky and his brother John Depp . . . an undivided moiety." (Acknowledged in Powhatan County 12 February 1817 by Party Peter Depp.)¹⁵⁴ On 12 November 1822, William Depp of the County of Barren gave a similar power of attorney to "my son John Depp of the aforesaid county . . . to ask, demand and receive all debts, dues, monies that is owing to me in the State of Virginia . . . [and] to sell all my right, title, Interest and Estate which I have in the tract of land whereon (my father) Peter Depp formerly resided in the County of Powhatan and to convey all my title."¹⁵⁵ This power of attorney was re-recorded in Powhatan County, Virginia.¹⁵⁶ On 24 February 1823, John Depp of the County of Barren sold to Thomas Depp of the County of Powhatan "as well in his own name as by a Power of Attorney given to him by his Father William Depp of Kentucky for \$400, his remaining interest in the same tract of 396 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres that his brother Peter had deeded away in 1817."¹⁵⁷

On 6 January 1816, William Depp and Betsey his wife of the County of Barren sold his 150-acre tract on Beaver Creek for \$800 to John Clayton, Jr.¹⁵⁸ Five years later, on 21 May 1821, William Depp and his wife [not named] of the County of Barren sold 250 acres lying on the waters of Skaggs Creek for \$1200 to James Redford.¹⁵⁹

By his will of 10 April 1833, proved in November Court 1834, William Depp of the County of Barren provided that "all my real and perishable estate be immediately sold after my Decease and out of the money arising therefrom pay and satisfy such of my Debts as shall remain unpaid together with my funeral expenses, and the balance of the proceeds of the sales to be

divided among my children." The children were named in the following order, which is believed to represent their birth order; daughters' married names are not given. It is clear that several of the daughters had predeceased him. He enumerated alongside each name property "I have given" (in the past) with a valuation of gift set after each, which was intended to be taken into account and dividing the proceeds from the various sales so as to achieve equality of gift:

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| unto my Daughter Nancy one negro woman & fanny her child | \$645. |
| unto my Daughter Elizabeth one negro woman named Phillis | \$535. |
| unto my son Joel 250 acres of land, it being part of the tract whereon I now live | \$785. |
| unto my son Peter the use of the money arising from the sale of a tract of land lying in the state of Virginia | \$770. |
| unto my daughter Susan one negro woman named Sarah | \$525. |
| unto my daughter Polly one negro girl named Nancy | \$435. |
| unto my son John the use of the money arising from the sale of a tract in the State of Virginia | \$575. |
| unto my daughter Patsey one negro girl | \$395. |
| unto my daughter Sally one horse and other property | \$105. |
| unto my son Thomas one negro man named Jacob | \$500. |
| unto my daughter Pemelia one negro woman named Maria | \$395. |

I have not as yet given my daughter Jane any part of my Estate . . . [she] is to have a horse worth about \$60 and a Respectable bridle and saddle and a good feather bed and furniture and a reasonable amount of money to pay for her board and clothing until she marries, exclusive of her equal portion with the rest of my children, but should she not marry before she arrives to the age of 21 . . . ; unto my Grandson William Davidson a horse worth about \$50 and a respectable saddle and bridle besides being an equal heir with my Legatees mentioned instead of his Mother deceased. . . . Executors my sons Joel and Peter and John Depp; if my sons refuse to act, I do hereby appoint my two sons in law William Wooten and James Young.¹⁶⁰

A deed made on 21 September 1844, ten years after William Depp's death, is particularly helpful in confirming the marriages of daughters named in the will without married names and in setting out his grandchildren by deceased daughters:

Indenture made and entered into between William Garnett a commissioner appointed by the Barren Circuit Court of the one part and Thomas Depp of the other part Witnesseth That

¹⁵⁴ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 6:158, 161, FHL microfilm 33081.

¹⁵⁵ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, 1:387, FHL microfilm 209723.

¹⁵⁶ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 8:231, FHL microfilm 33082.

¹⁵⁷ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 8:232, FHL microfilm 33082.

¹⁵⁸ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, 1:77, FHL microfilm 209723.

¹⁵⁹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, 11:368, FHL microfilm 469202.

¹⁶⁰ Barren Co., Ky., Wills, 3:74, FHL microfilm 209741.

whereas in a suit in Chancery depending in the Barren Circuit Court wherein Thomas Depp was Complt. and Joel W. Depp & others were Defts It was ordered and decreed at the September Term 1844 of said Court that Joel W. Depp, Peter Depp, John Depp, James Young, Patsy Young, William H. Wooten, Sally Wooten, Isaac N. Wren, Permelia Wren, William H. Young, Jane Young & Elizabeth Winn, children and heirs at law of William Depp decd., Thompson Davidson, Joseph Davidson, William Davidson, William Harvey & Elizabeth Harvey his wife, late Davidson, James Tayler and Susan his wife late Davidson, Samuel Everett, children & heirs at law of Nancy Davidson decd. who was a daughter of William Depp decd., William Davidson who is the only child of Susan Davidson decd. who was also a daughter of William Depp decd., Simeon Buford & John Buford who are children of Polly Buford decd. who was a daughter of William Depp decd., being the adult heirs of said William Depp decd. convey to Thomas Depp by deed of general warranty the tract of land in the bill and exhibit mentioned which land is described in said exhibit as follows to wit: A certain tract situate on Skaggs Creek in Barren County Kentucky containing 750 acres more or less (and is part of a tract of 1000 acres of land conveyed by Henry Rennick & Co to Wm. Depp by deed bearing date the 19th September 1812 & of record in the Barren County Courts Clerks office in deed Book C, page 208). . . .¹⁶¹

William Depp is recorded as having in April 1820 joined the Skaggs Creek (Poplar Log) Baptist Church, Barren County, organized in 1806 in southeastern Barren County, on Highway 63, leading from Temple Hill to Tompkinsville in Monroe County, Kentucky.¹⁶² William Depp is reported to have been buried on "the Walter Atkinson Farm near the junction of Skaggs and Nabob Creeks," Barren County, Kentucky.¹⁶³

A moment's reflection upon the material outlined in the preceding pages will bring the reader to the realization that the surname Depp did not sustain the enormous numerical expansion that was common with a number of the other Manakin Town settlers of the same era; for good examples: the Salles, the Soblets, the Chastains and the Flournoys. The immigrant Jean left only one son who apparently passed on his name, Pierre; that Pierre had but one son, Peter; that only grandson, while leaving three sons, secured almost all of his male descendants through one of his sons, William, because his son John died leaving no posterity, and his son Thomas "daughters out." Thus, the surname as found in North America comes exclusively through this one great-grandson, William Depp.

¹⁶¹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, R:275, FHL microfilm 209728.

¹⁶² C. P. Cawthorn and N. L. Warrell, *Pioneer Baptist Church Records of South-Central Kentucky and the Upper Cumberland of Tennessee, 1799-1899* (n.p., ca. 1985), 92.

¹⁶³ Patricia Law Hatcher, *Abstract of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots* (Dallas, Tex.: Pioneer Heritage Press, 1987), 1:252, citing as its source, the 48th Report of the D.A.R., 1944-1945, *U.S. Senate Document No. 132, 79th Congress, 1st Session*, 186.

Issue of William⁴ and Elizabeth (Walker) Depp:¹⁶⁴

- 10 i NANCY⁵ DEPP, b. 5 Sept. 1790, m. BENJAMIN DAVIDSON,¹⁶⁵
- ii ELIZABETH/BETSY DEPP, b. Va. 17 Jan. 1791 [*sic*, perhaps 1792]; m. Barren Co., Ky., 14 Jan. 1820 THOMAS WINN.¹⁶⁶ On 4 Nov. 1830, Thomas Winn and Betsy his wife and David Warren and Mary his wife, all of Barren Co., sold to Simeon Lewis 65 acres for \$130.¹⁶⁷ On 30 Sept. 1834, Thomas Winn and Elizabeth his wife sold 25 acres on the waters of Skaggs Creek for \$200 to Jesse Renfro.¹⁶⁸ By 1844, Thomas Winn had died, leaving Elizabeth his widow. On 15 Jan. 1846, William J. Winn, one of the legal heirs and distributees of the late Thomas Winn of Barren County, deceased, sold to John E. Winn for \$75 all his interest, right and title now due or hereafter to become due in all the land and town lots whether divided or undivided.¹⁶⁹
- 11 iii JOEL WALKER DEPP, b. 16 May 1793, named for his maternal grandfather; m. ELIZABETH MONTAGUE.
- 12 iv PETER DEPP, b. 14 Feb. 1795, named for his paternal grandfather; m. (1) MARY HANSON COURTS, (2) DRUCILLA TERRY.
- v SUSAN DEPP, b. Ky., 14 March 1797, named for her paternal grandmother; m. Barren Co., Ky., 4 Jan. 1815 JESSE DAVIDSON,¹⁷⁰ son of Alexander Davidson and the brother of Benjamin Davidson who had married Susan's sister Nancy. On 11 Aug. 1815, "Jessee Davidson of Tennessee do hereby constitute and appoint Benjamin Davidson of the County of Barren my attorney-in-fact to draw the wages that are due me from the U.S. for my service as a

¹⁶⁴ All dates of birth and some dates of death are taken from the Bybee Manuscript [untitled], a leather-bound book containing information on a number of Barren Co., Ky., families, collected over the decades by three maiden ladies, the Bybee sisters: Fannie Bybee (1857-1934), Bettie Bybee (1860-1930) and Rose Lee Bybee (1865-1930), librarians and public school teachers at Glasgow, Ky., who must have had access to a number of family Bible records by reason of their positions in the community and their descent from, or connection to, a number of these families. Should anyone know the whereabouts of the William Depp family Bible, on which this immediate family account appears to be based, it would be helpful if he or she would send that information to the contributor. The provenance of the MS has been traced by its current owner, D. Spencer Hines, of Hawaii. Mr. Hines has been an invaluable resource in the collection of records for this article, which the contributor acknowledges with much appreciation. That provenance is as follows: On the death of the last survivor of the three Bybees, the MS came into the possession of the sisters' first cousin, Horace Young, Esq., the executor of the estates. On his death, it became the property of his widow, Lulu (McGrath) Young, purportedly a Hollywood silent-era actress. About 1961, Lulu Young sent the MS to Benjamin G. Davidson, III, another first cousin once-removed to the Bybee sisters. In July 1996 this Benjamin Davidson gave it to D. Spencer Hines, the current owner. (Letter, 29 June 1998, D. Spencer Hines to Cameron Allen.)

¹⁶⁵ Marriages of all children of William Depp are to be found in Martha Powell Reneau, *Marriage Records of Barren County, Kentucky, 1799-1849* (Ky.: the Author, 1984) in this order: pp. 59, 286, 65, 65, 60, 29-30, 65, 293, 291, 65, 294, 294.

¹⁶⁶ *Marriage Records of Barren County* [supra note 165], 286.

¹⁶⁷ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, O:467, FHL microfilm 209726.

¹⁶⁸ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, O:443, FHL microfilm 209726.

¹⁶⁹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, W:552, FHL microfilm 209731.

¹⁷⁰ *Marriage Records of Barren County* [supra note 165], 60.

soldier in Capt. Forbes's company from the County of Barren under Gen' Samuel Hopkins in the expedition which he carried on against the Indians beyond the Wabash on the mounted volunteers for Kentucky in the year 1812."¹⁷¹ On 30 May 1822, Jesse Davidson of Murfreesboro, Rutherford Co., Tenn., conveyed to Abraham S. Davidson of Rutherford Co., for \$467, "all right, title and interest which the said Jesse now has or hereafter may have to the undivided part of the estate of Alexander Davidson dec[ase]d, the said Jesse being one of the heirs and legal representatives of the said Alexander having died in the State of Kentucky. Barren County, having previous to his death made his will . . . and having willed his property to remain in the possession of his widow during her lifetime and at her death to be equally divided between his heirs and legal representatives. Witnesseth that the property in Barren County whether of lands, negroes, horses or stock . . . which at the death of my mother the wife of the said Alexander decd., which shall fall to my share or lot upon a division of said estate."¹⁷²

Issue of Jesse and Susan³ (Depp) Davidson:

1 William Davidson, "the only child of Susan Davidson, decd."¹⁷³

- vi MARY/POLLY DEPP, b. Ky. 5 Dec. 1799; m. Barren Co., Ky., 16 April 1816 ELIJAH BUFORD.¹⁷⁴ By 2 Nov. 1820, Elijah Buford assigned his negro woman Lucy to his brother-in-law Peter Depp to secure Peter from being injured or suffering damage by being his security.

Issue of Elijah and Mary⁵ (Depp) Buford, mentioned in 1844:¹⁷⁵

1 Simeon Buford.

2 John Buford.

- 13 vii JOHN DEPP, b. 7 July 1801; m. MARY ELIAS.

- viii MARTHA/PATSY DEPP, b. Ky. 27 April 1803, d. Mississippi Co., Ark., 26 April 1846; m. Barren Co., Ky., 14 Dec. 1826 JAMES YOUNG,¹⁷⁶ b. 23 July 1801, d. 4 June 1853, son of James and Frances (Chapman) Young. After Martha's death, James married (2) Julia —.¹⁷⁷

Issue of James and Martha⁶ (Depp) Young:

1 Fannie J. Young; m. — Buckner. They had several children.

- ix SARAH/SALLY DEPP, b. 7 June 1804; m. 23 Sept. 1829 WILLIAM H. WOOTEN.

- 14 x THOMAS DEPP, b. 15 Sept. 1805; m. PHEBE D. YOUNG.

- xi PEMELIA/PAMELA DEPP, b. Ky. 28 July 1807; m. (1) Barren Co., Ky., as Pamela Depp, 14 Oct. 1827 PHILIP V. YOUNG, surety Thomas Depp.¹⁷⁸ She m. there (2), as Pamela Young, 23 Feb. 1837 ISAAC N. WREN; Peter Dep witnessed, Permelia wrote her own consent.¹⁷⁹ The census has this:

¹⁷¹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, D:369, FHL microfilm 209721.

¹⁷² Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, I:410, FHL microfilm 209723.

¹⁷³ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, R:27, FHL microfilm 209728.

¹⁷⁴ Marriage Records of Barren County [supra note 165], 29.

¹⁷⁵ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, R:275 (21 Sept. 1844), FHL microfilm 209728.

¹⁷⁶ Marriage Records of Barren County [supra note 165], 293.

¹⁷⁷ All information on this family is taken from *Genealogies of Kentucky Families*, 3 vols. (Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1981), 2:674-76.

¹⁷⁸ Marriage Records of Barren County [supra note 165], 294.

¹⁷⁹ Marriage Records of Barren County [supra note 165], 291.

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, p. 336.

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| Isaac N. Wren | 40 | Farmer | b. Ky. |
| Permela | 42 | | b. Ky. |
| Nancy J. | 11 | | b. Ky. |
| William J. | 9 | | b. Ky. |
| Trescinda | 7 | | b. Ky. |
| Martha F. | 5 | | b. Ky. |
| Robert | 2 | | b. Ky. |

Issue of Isaac N. and Permela⁵ (Depp) Wren:

1 Nancy J. Wren, b. ca. 1838 or 1839.

2 William J. Wren, b. ca. 1840 or 1841.

3 Trescinda Wren, b. ca. 1842 or 1843.

4 Martha F. Wren, b. ca. 1844 or 1845.

5 Robert Wren, b. ca. 1847 or 1848.

xii Twin daughters, unnamed, b. and d. 18 Nov. 1809.

xiv JANE DEPP, b. 30 April 1815; m. 17 Dec. 1840 WILLIAM H. YOUNG.

9 THOMAS⁴ DEPP (*Peter, Jr.*³, *Pierre*², *Jean*¹) was born in Powhatan County, Virginia, on 2 August 1765 and died there on 12 January 1829.¹⁸⁰ He was married there on 11 July 1801 to MARY/POLLY TRABUE,¹⁸¹ born in Chesterfield County, Virginia, on 22 December 1768, who died in Powhatan County on 6 April 1811,¹⁸² daughter of John Trabue (1735–ca. 1792) and his first wife, Elizabeth (Elmore).¹⁸³

Thomas Depp had apparently begun acquiring land before the purchase on 28 December 1790 of 232 acres for £350 from Daniel Guerrant and Elizabeth his wife, bounded by Philip Gatch and wife and said Thomas Depp. . . till it intersects the Lower Manakin Creek.¹⁸⁴ On 10 January 1797, he acquired 40 acres for £80 on Bush Branch from William Rouzee and Elizabeth his wife.¹⁸⁵ On 1 April 1816, Thomas Depp acquired 150 acres on Buck Branch that had been held on deed of trust from Thomas Johnson and Nancy his wife for \$70;¹⁸⁶ and on 24 April 1816, 138 acres for \$1035 from Benjamin Johnson and Peggy his wife.¹⁸⁷ On 12 February 1817, Thomas Depp acquired one half of his father Peter's home tract that had been given

¹⁸⁰ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

¹⁸¹ Vogt and Ketley, *Powhatan County Marriages* [supra note 126], 25; Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

¹⁸² Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

¹⁸³ Julie Trabue Yates and Charles C. Trabue, IV, *The Trabue Family in America, 1700–1983* (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1983), 20, 23, 34.

¹⁸⁴ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, I:602, FHL microfilm 33079.

¹⁸⁵ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 2:336, FHL microfilm 33079.

¹⁸⁶ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 5:477, FHL microfilm 33081.

¹⁸⁷ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 5:485, FHL microfilm 33081.

to Peter's grandson Peter for \$825.25,¹⁸⁸ and the other half of this tract on 24 February 1822 from Peter's grandson John for \$400, totaling 396 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres.¹⁸⁹ On 20 July 1822, James Harriss and Frances his wife of the County of Buckingham sold 322 acres at the junction of Lower Manakin Creek to Thomas Depp of the County of Powhatan for \$2000.¹⁹⁰

Following the death of his wife Mary/Polly in 1811, Thomas was involved in a number of transactions that secured to himself and their infant children property of her subsequently deceasing near relatives. On 22 July 1812, "We John Trabue of Chesterfield and Thomas Depp of Powhatan acknowledge to have received from Magdalen Trabue of the County of Chesterfield the sum of \$400 by her separate bonds for our claims on the slaves of the late Anthony Trabue, dec[ease]d."¹⁹¹ On 3 August 1816, Thomas Depp of Powhatan County conveyed for \$5 to Magdalen Trabue of Chesterfield one half part of 62 acres "[at] the corner of estate lands of John Trabue dec[ease]d and was run off as a joint legacie and now falls to me through my wife Polly from the estate of Anthony Trabue her half brother."¹⁹² Three weeks later, on 26 August 1816, John Trabue of the County of Chesterfield conveyed to Thomas Depp of the County of Powhatan for \$3 "all the moiety of a tract lying in Sumner County and State of Tennessee which was devised to the said John Trabue by the Last Will and Testament of Thomas E. Trabue dec[ease]d containing 149 acres."¹⁹³ On 30 August 1817, John Trabue, executor of Thomas E. Trabue deceased of the County of Chesterfield, conveyed to Thomas Depp "father and guardian of Elmore Depp & Gustavus Depp children of the late Polly Depp of the County of Powhatan" a tract of 11 acres, "being a part of the land the said Tho[ma]s E. Trabue deceased inherited by the death of the late Anthony Trabue dec[ease]d, lying in [sic] Poho spock Creek."¹⁹⁴ John Trabue, executor of Thomas Trabue, deceased, and Thomas Depp, guardian of his two sons Elmore and Gustavus Depp, conveyed to Robert G. Wilkinson for \$385 on 3 March 1820 the 35-acre tract that "Thomas Trabue in his life time purchased of Edward Bass and his wife Polly and John Ellison and which said Thomas Trabue devised by his Last Will and

Testament to the said John Trabue and the said Ellmore and Gustavus Depp sons of the said Thomas Depp."¹⁹⁵

When the younger of his sons, Gustavus, turned 21 on 17 August 1827, Thomas Depp of Powhatan conveyed to his sons Ellmore and Gustavus Depp, "for natural love and affection" and \$5.00, two tracts in Chesterfield, one containing 125 acres, the other 32 acres.¹⁹⁶ At nearly the same time, on 21 August 1827, Thomas Depp and Ellmore Depp of the County of Powhatan granted power of attorney to Gustavus Depp of the county aforesaid to make sale of a tract in Sumner County, Tennessee, containing 240 acres "which tract formerly belonged to Thomas E. Trabue, dec[ease]d, and was by him willed to his brothers John Trabue and Jacob Trabue and his sister Polly Depp and the said Jacob Trabue and Polly Depp having departed this life their portions of the land have descended to the said John Trabue and the said Ellmore Depp and Gustavus Depp and the said Thomas Depp having by deed duly recorded in Sumner County, Tennessee, purchased from the said John Trabue his portion of the said land, the same is therefore now held, one half by the said Thomas Depp and the other half by the said Ellmore Depp and Gustavus Depp."¹⁹⁷ On 20 August 1827, Gustavus Depp noted that he had "[r]eceived of Thomas Depp the amount in full of my legacies as Guardian to me on the estate of Tho[ma]s E. Trabue dec[ease]d"¹⁹⁸

After Thomas Depp died in Powhatan County on 12 January 1829, his two heirs lost no time in dividing the land that remained in his estate. By 23 January 1829, "Ellmore and Gustavus Depp [had] chosen Thomas Porter, Patrick Harris and Thomas Howard for the purpose of making a just and fair division of the two plantations belonging to the estate of Thomas Depp dec[ease]d of Powhatan . . . [and] their report [of 10 January 1831] was that the lower place was due the upper [place] \$1375, the upper place containing 396 and 3/8 acres and the lower place containing 619 acres." Gustavus took the lower place and paid Ellmore \$1375.¹⁹⁹

Issue of Thomas⁴ and Polly (Trabue) Depp:²⁰⁰

i. JEFFERSON⁵ DEPP, b. 29 May 1802, d. in infancy or childhood.²⁰¹

¹⁸⁸ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 6:158, FHL microfilm 33081.

¹⁸⁹ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 8:232, FHL microfilm 33082.

¹⁹⁰ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 8:135, FHL microfilm 33082.

¹⁹¹ Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 20:230, FHL microfilm 30894.

¹⁹² Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 21:172, FHL microfilm 30895.

¹⁹³ Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 21:335, FHL microfilm 30895.

¹⁹⁴ Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 21:396, FHL microfilm 30895.

¹⁹⁵ Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 23:464, FHL microfilm 30896.

¹⁹⁶ Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 27:4, FHL microfilm 30898.

¹⁹⁷ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 10:123, FHL microfilm 33083.

¹⁹⁸ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 10:509, FHL microfilm 33083.

¹⁹⁹ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 11:344, FHL microfilm 33084.

²⁰⁰ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [*supra* note 113].

²⁰¹ Called Peter III in Yates and Trabue [*supra* note 183], 34.

- ii ELMORE DEPP, b. 14 Nov. 1803, prob. in Powhatan Co., Va.; m. Chesterfield Co., Va., 12 Nov. 1827 WINNIFRED AMIE WINFREE, dau. of John Winfree, deceased. Samuel Winfree, her uncle and guardian, consented to her marriage.²⁰² On 5 July 1828, "Ellmore Depp, Winnifred A. Depp, his wife, and Gustavus Depp of Powhatan" conveyed to William Robertson of Chesterfield for \$600 a 51-acre lot that was on 22 April 1815 assigned by the Commissioners to Thomas Depp, guardian for the said Ellmore and Gustavus Depp.²⁰³ There "[d]ied in Chesterfield County on Nov. 3rd, age 29, Mr. Elmore Depp of Powhatan, leaving a brother."²⁰⁴ The family Bible gives his date of death as 2 Nov. 1832. His wife had predeceased him: "Died July 6th at the residence of her mother in Chesterfield County, aged 22, Mrs. Winnifred A. Depp, wife of Mr. Elmore Depp of Powhatan."²⁰⁵ The couple died childless.

- 15 iii GUSTAVUS DEPP, b. 17 Aug. 1806; m. MARY HILL CHEATHAM.
iv THOMAS DEPP, Jr., b. 12 Nov. 1808, d. in infancy or childhood.

10 NANCY⁵ DEPP (*William⁴, Peter, Jr.³, Pierre², Jean¹*) was born in Virginia on 5 September 1790 and died in Barren County, Kentucky, on 8 February 1828.²⁰⁶ She was married in Barren County on 30 November 1814 to BENJAMIN DAVIDSON,²⁰⁷ the son of Alexander Davidson whose will, made 15 June 1811 and probated at the August Court 1817, was witnessed by William Depp.²⁰⁸ Benjamin Davidson's will, made 2 February 1832, was probated at April Court 1833.²⁰⁹ It names no wife, and stipulates that "my Mill and the tract of land on which it stands be sold by my executor at such time and on such terms as he may think most for the advantage of my children. All the rest of my Land I wish to be kept and taken care of for the benefit of my children. It is my will that my executor hire out for such time as he may deem proper all my negroes until my children become of age. And as the children severally become of age I wish my executor to advantage [advance?] to them such portion of the negroes and other estate which may be in his hands as he my executor may decide right and proper, having it in view after making a due allowance for the raising the younger children to make the distribution among them when they all become of age

²⁰² Benjamin B. Weissiger, *Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns of Chesterfield County, Virginia, 1816-1853* (Richmond: the author, ca. 1981), 46.

²⁰³ Chesterfield Co., Va., Deeds, 27:272, FHL microfilm 30898.

²⁰⁴ *Death Notices from Richmond, Virginia, Newspapers, 1821-1840* (Richmond: Virginia Genealogical Soc. Special Pub. no. 9, 1987), 87, citing *Richmond Enquirer*, 6 Dec. 1832, p. 3.

²⁰⁵ *Death Notices from Richmond Newspapers* [supra note 204], 87, citing *Richmond Enquirer*, 17 Aug. 1832, p. 3. The Family Bible of Thomas Depp [supra note 113] gives her death as 6 July 1834.

²⁰⁶ Bybee Manuscript [supra note 164].

²⁰⁷ *Marriage Records of Barren County* [supra note 165], 59.

²⁰⁸ Barren Co., Ky., Wills, 1:446, FHL microfilm 209740.

²⁰⁹ Barren Co., Ky., Wills, 3:31, FHL microfilm 209741.

as nearly equal as may be." None of the children was named. "I appoint my friend Joel W. Depp executor of this my last will and testament."

Three deeds spaced over nearly twenty years elucidate the children referred to. On 18 March 1835, various Davidson heirs (heirs of Alexander Davidson, though not so identified in the deed), by Richard Garnett a Commissioner appointed by the Barren Circuit Court, deeded to "Thompson Davidson, Joseph Davidson, William Davidson, Elizabeth Davidson, Susan Davidson, Benjamin Davidson, and Mary Davidson, the heirs at law of Benjamin Davidson deceased" (Joel Depp as executor of Benjamin Davidson also being a complainant), 100 acres on the south fork of Beaver Creek "mentioned in the bond of Alexander Davidson deceased filed in the suit in chancery."²¹⁰

Nearly sixteen years later, the following deed amplifies the identities of these seven heirs of Benjamin by providing marriage identities for the now-grown daughters: On 27 December 1850, Sarah Holland conveyed to "Thompson E. Davidson, Joseph W. Davidson, William Davidson, Benjamin Davidson, James Taylor and Susan Taylor his wife, Samuel Everett and Mary Jane Everett his wife," for the \$80 paid to her late husband George W. Holland and herself in 1825 by Benjamin Davidson, dec[ease]d, has sold to the parties of the second part, heirs of the said Benjamin Davidson dec[ease]d all her right, title and interest in and to the land belonging to the estate of her deceased father Alexander Davidson dec[ease]d."²¹¹

Finally, on 18 August 1853, William E. Mumford, a commissioner appointed by Barren Circuit Court, conveyed to Thompson E. Davidson the tract of 698 acres lying on Beaver Creek for \$1475, it being the land referred to in the Last Will and Testament of Alexander Davidson on which he and his widow Mary lived and died.²¹² Mumford as commissioner acted on behalf of the heirs and legal representatives of Alexander Davidson dec[ease]d (to wit) Joseph W. Davidson, William Davidson, Benjamin Davidson, Elizabeth Harvey and William Harvey her husband, Susan Taylor and James M. Taylor her husband, Mary Jane Everett and Samuel Everett her husband, followed by a lengthy list of their cousins, other descendants of Alexander Davidson.

Issue of Benjamin and Nancy⁵ (Depp) Davidson:

- i THOMPSON E. DAVIDSON, b. ca. 1816; m. ISAPHENY —.

²¹⁰ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, O.448, FHL microfilm 209726.

²¹¹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, V.369, FHL microfilm 209730.

²¹² Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, V.600, FHL microfilm 209730.

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, Household 542, fam. 557, p. 343:

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|------------|--------|
| Thompson E. Davidson | 34 | Farmer | b. Ky. |
| Isapheny | 34 | | |
| Mary J. | 13 | | |
| Elizabeth | 10 | | |
| Benja. G. | 5 | | |
| Benja. A. Davidson | 24 | Blacksmith | |

ii JOSEPH W. DAVIDSON, b. ca. 1818; m. SARAH E. —.

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, p. 332, dwelling 376, fam. 386:

| | | |
|--------------------|----|--------|
| Joseph W. Davidson | 32 | b. Ky. |
| Sarah E. | 29 | |
| Nancy E. | 8 | |
| William T. | 7 | |
| Benja. A. | 5 | |
| Martha C. | 4 | |

iii WILLIAM DAVIDSON, b. say 1820.

iv ELIZABETH DAVIDSON, b. say 1822; m. WILLIAM HARVEY.

v SUSAN DAVIDSON, b. say 1824; m. JAMES M. TAYLOR.

vi BENJAMIN A. DAVIDSON, b. say 1825 or 1826.

vii MARY JANE DAVIDSON, b. say 1828 or 1829; m. 14 March 1844 SAMUEL EVERETT, Jr.

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, pp. 356-57, dwelling 737, fam. 757:

| | | |
|----------------|----|--------|
| Samuel Everett | 41 | b. Ky. |
| Mary J. | 21 | b. Ky. |
| William T. | 5 | |
| Rachel E. | 3 | |
| Elizabeth S. | 1 | |

11 JOEL WALKER⁵ DEPP (*William*⁴, *Peter, Jr.*³, *Pierre*², *Jean*¹), born in Virginia on 16 May 1793,²¹³ died at Glasgow, Barren County, Kentucky, on 23 June 1848, aged 55 years.²¹⁴ He was married in Barren County on 10 January 1815 to ELIZABETH MONTAGUE, surety being James Montague.²¹⁵ Elizabeth died as Joel's widow on 21 April 1872.²¹⁶ Her full name appears to have been ELIZABETH PEMBERTON MONTAGUE; she was the daughter of

²¹³ Bybee Manuscript [*supra* note 164].

²¹⁴ George William Montague, *History and Genealogy of Peter Montague of Nansemond and Lancaster Counties, Virginia, and His Descendants, 1721-1894* (Amherst, Mass.: Carpenter and Morehouse, 1894), 158; this book is available in microfilm in Salt Lake City as FHL microfilm 928298, item 1; also his tombstone in Glasgow Municipal Cemetery, in Brice T. Leech, Kenneth Beard, ed., *Barren County, Kentucky, Cemetery Records* (Glasgow, Ky.: South Central Kentucky Historical and Genealogical Soc., ca. 1992), 183.

²¹⁵ *Marriage Records of Barren County* [*supra* note 165], 65.

²¹⁶ Montague [*supra* note 214], 158.

Clement Montague (ca. 1751-1813) and his wife Sarah Pemberton (1772-1846). The Montague couple settled in Barren County about 1805 from Spotsylvania County, Virginia. After Clement's death, his widow married secondly on 20 March 1817 Colonel Hardin Davis.²¹⁷

Several deeds in the 1840s pinpoint Joel's place of residence as the Town of Glasgow. On 5 June 1840, "Joel W. Depp of the Town of Glasgow," for \$1.00, received a corrective deed for a lot and buildings there, which he had "contracted" on 25 April 1833 to receive from the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of the United States, Inc.²¹⁸ On 20 December 1842, Robert Jarvis, James Trabue and Eliza his wife, and Haiden T. Curd and Martha his wife of the City of Louisville sold four lots in the Town of Glasgow to Joel W. Depp of the Town of Glasgow.²¹⁹

Joel W. Depp made his will on 19 June 1848, which was probated July Term 1848. By it, he "bequeathed unto my beloved wife Elizabeth my property, real, personal and mixed after the payment of my debts &c. as aforesaid with full power to sell, devise or otherwise dispose of it as she may think proper. . . . I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Depp Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament . . . and I hereby request my sons to render any assistance to their mother that she may require to the discharge of her duties as Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament." The will mentions none of the children.²²⁰ Joel W. Depp and his wife (or widow) and family are found in the U.S. Census as follows:

Barren Co., Ky., 1820 U.S. Census, Town of Glasgow, p. 33:

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Joel Depp males | 3-0-1-1-0 | females | 0-0-x-1-0-0 | 0 slaves |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|-------------|----------|

Barren Co., Ky., 1830 U.S. Census, p. 115:

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Joel W. Depp | males | 3-1-2-0-1-1 | females | 0-1-0-0-0-1 | 2 slaves |
|--------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|

Barren Co., Ky., 1840 U.S. Census, Town of Glasgow, p. 187:

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| Joel W. Depp | males | 0-0-2-1-3-0-1 | females | 0-1-0-1-0-0-1 | 4 slaves |
|--------------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------|----------|

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, Town of Glasgow, pp. 401-2:

| | | | |
|------------------|----|----------|--------|
| Elizabeth Depp | 55 | | b. Va. |
| William | 32 | Saddler | b. Ky. |
| Clement | 22 | " | b. Ky. |
| Hardin | 20 | Druggist | b. Ky. |
| Sarah | 17 | | b. Ky. |
| William Montague | 60 | none | b. Va. |

²¹⁷ Montague [*supra* note 214], 97.

²¹⁸ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, Q:62, FHL microfilm 209727.

²¹⁹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, R:72, FHL microfilm 209728.

²²⁰ Barren Co., Ky., Wills, J:295, FHL microfilm 209741.

Barren Co., Ky., 1860 U.S. Census, Town of Glasgow, p. 1062:

| | | | |
|----------------|----|----------------|--------|
| Elizabeth Depp | 65 | \$5800 \$3500 | b. Va. |
| Clement Depp | 32 | Saddler \$2500 | b. Ky. |
| William Depp | 42 | | b. Ky. |

Issue of Joel Walker⁵ and Elizabeth (Montague) Depp:²²¹

- i JAMES⁵ DEPP, b. 18 April 1816, d. 22 March 1888; m. 26 Nov. 1840 WILLEMINA TAYLOR, b. 30 Sept. 1818, d. 2 March 1905.²²² Eight children listed in the Montague genealogy, as well as some grandchildren.
- ii WILLIAM DEPP, b. 9 March 1818, d. 2 Dec. 1886; unm.; d.s.p. Glasgow.
- iii ALBERT M. DEPP, b. 26 Feb. 1820, d. 26 Sept. 1908; m. 1 April 1841 EMILY J. COX, b. 19 Oct. 1819, d. 30 Jan. 1892, dau. of Moses and Sarah (Waller) Cox.²²³ Nine children listed in Montague genealogy, as well as some grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
- iv MARY J. DEPP, b. 10 Sept. 1823, d. Nashville, Tenn., ca. 1884; m. 8 Sept. 1841 SAMUEL E. HARE. Four children listed.
- v HENRY DEPP, b. 10 Dec. 1825, d.y. and s.p.
- vi CLEMENT DEPP, b. 31 March 1828, d. 3 Sept. 1879; one son.
- vii HARDIN DEPP, b. 16 April 1830, d. 12 April 1864 (Montague; g.s. shows 11 April 1865);²²⁴ m. SARAH A. RITTER; two children, both d.y.
- viii SARAH DEPP, b. 29 Dec. 1832; unm.
- ix ELIZABETH DEPP, b. 29 April 1834; unm.

12 PETER⁵ DEPP (*William⁴, Peter, Jr.³, Pierre², Jean¹*), born in Virginia on 14 February 1795,²²⁵ died in Barren County, Kentucky, on 10 July 1865 and is buried at the Depp Family Cemetery near Eighty Eight.²²⁶ He married first in Barren County on 1 April 1817 to MARY HANSON COURTS.²²⁷ Walter H. Courts, her father, was present and consented. Mary was born on 29 January 1793 and died in Barren County on 8 January 1840.²²⁸

Peter Depp was a brick mason and contractor. At least three apprenticeship agreements survive: On 28 May 1817, John Kirtly of Barren County bound his son Whitefield Kirtly to Peter Depp of the same county

to learn the trade, art or business of brick making and laying. . . . Whitefield shall faithfully serve the said Peter Depp during the term of seven years from the 26th of August next and that he shall not absent himself or depart from business at any time without leave and shall in all things well and truly demean himself as a faithful apprentice and the said Peter Depp on his part doth covenant and promise to teach the said Whitefield Kirtly and instruct him in said business of a bricklayer in all its various and necessary parts and also teach the said Whitefield or cause him to be taught reading and writing with Common Arithmetic including the rule of three and find him in sufficient meat, drink, washing and lodging with common wearing Apparel suitable for an Apprentice during the term of servitude."²²⁹

Similar apprenticeship arrangements were made by William Logan, Clerk, of the County Court of Barren, for "James Asten who is about 9 years and 6 months old" and "Charles Aston who is about 7 years of age" until each arrives to age 21.²³⁰

On 2 November 1820, Elijah Buford assigned his negro woman Lucy about 50 years of age to Peter Depp to secure Peter from suffering injury as his security.²³¹ On 25 June 1821, Walter H. Courts assigned his negro man Peter, negro woman Sally and her two children Essex and Mary, and negro woman Winney and her six children Washington, Jefferson, Priscilla, Madison, Monroe, and Jane, and all Courts' claims on his mother's estate to Peter Depp to secure a debt of \$2,000.²³² On 16 June 1823, William Martin of Monroe County, Kentucky, sold 568 acres to Peter Depp, it being the tract whereon Walter H. Courts now lives on the first branch emptying into Skaggs Creek.²³³ On 6 January 1829, Peter Depp and his wife Mary of the County of Barren sold 665 acres on Nabob Creek to Fieldin L. Wade adjoining William Courts.²³⁴ On 30 May 1836, Francis L. Courts sold to Peter Depp 167 acres on Fallen Timber for \$850.²³⁵ On 31 August 1837, Peter Depp and Mary H. his wife of Barren sold 99 acres on Fallen Timbers to Robert Burch for \$148.50.²³⁶

On 8 February 1842, Peter remarried to DRUCILLA TERRY.²³⁷ On 11 September 1847, "whereas we Peter Depp and Drusilla Depp his wife are both desirous that the slaves and other property hereinafter mentioned shall be subject to the disposal of the said Drusilla by will and whereas the slaves

²²¹ The deaths of the father and mother and the birth dates of all their children appear to be based on a family Bible within the family unit, not cited, but published in Montague [*supra* note 214], 158-59. For further information on the immediate descendants of Joel W. and Elizabeth (Montague) Depp, consult the Montague genealogy.

²²² Barren Co. Cemetery Records [*supra* note 214], 184.

²²³ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [*supra* note 214], 183 (Glasgow Cemetery).

²²⁴ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [*supra* note 214], 183 (Glasgow Cemetery).

²²⁵ Bybee Manuscript [*supra* note 164], Barren Co. Cemetery Records [*supra* note 214], 104 (g.s., Depp Family Cem. near Eighty Eight, Ky., Highway 90 about nine miles east of Glasgow, Ky.).

²²⁶ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [*supra* note 214], 104.

²²⁷ Marriage Records of Barren County [*supra* note 165], 65.

²²⁸ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [*supra* note 214], 103 (g.s., Depp Family Cem. near Eighty Eight).

²²⁹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, F:52, FHL microfilm 209722.

²³⁰ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, G:11, 12, FHL microfilm 209722.

²³¹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, H:187, FHL microfilm 209723.

²³² Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, H:330, FHL microfilm 209723.

²³³ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, I:194, FHL microfilm 209724.

²³⁴ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, L:434, FHL microfilm 209725.

²³⁵ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, O:438, FHL microfilm 209726.

²³⁶ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, P:506, FHL microfilm 209727.

²³⁷ Marriage Records of Barren County [*supra* note 165], 65.

and other property was at the time of the intermarriage of the said Peter Depp and said Drusilla Depp the property of the said Drusilla, Peter for the love and affection which he bears to his wife and for and in consideration of the slaves and other property having belonged to the said Drusilla at the time of her intermarriage, Peter sells to Bennett Terry the following slaves, to wit, Aggy, Alice, Annasa, Sarah, Bob, Lelia, Ann, John, Eliza, Maria, Louisa, and Agnes to Bennett Terry as Trustee for my said wife.²³⁸ The census tracks Peter as follows:

Barren Co., Ky., 1820 U.S. Census, Town of Glasgow, p. 33:

Peter Depp males 2-1-1-5-0-0²³⁹ females 0-0-x-1-0-0 7 slaves

Barren Co., Ky., 1830 U.S. Census, p. 122:

Peter Depp males 2-2-1-1-0-1 females 1-0-0-0-0-1 4 slaves

Barren Co., Ky., 1840 U.S. Census, p. 139:

Peter Depp males 0-1-2-2-1-0-1-0 females 1-1-1-0-1-0-0-0 9 slaves, 7 in agr.

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, pp. 452-53, dwelling 692, fam. 709:

| | | | |
|----------------|----|--------|--------|
| Peter Depp | 55 | Farmer | b. Va. |
| Drucilla | 53 | | b. Va. |
| William | 29 | | b. Ky. |
| Thomas | 24 | | b. Ky. |
| Joel W. | 19 | | b. Ky. |
| Virginia C. | 17 | | b. Ky. |
| Christopher T. | 14 | | b. Ky. |
| Mary H. | 10 | | b. Ky. |

Barren Co., Ky., 1860 U.S. Census, p. 824, dwelling 543, fam. 543:

| | | | |
|------------------|----|--------|--------|
| Peter Depp | 65 | Farmer | b. Va. |
| Drucilla | 64 | | b. Va. |
| Chris | 24 | | b. Ky. |
| Mary H. | 20 | | b. Ky. |
| Mary D. Gassaway | 8 | | b. Ky. |
| Josephine | 6 | | b. Ky. |

Issue of Peter⁵ Depp with his first wife, Mary Hanson (Courts).²⁴⁰

i ELIZABETH W[ALKER]⁶ DEPP, b. 17 Jan. 1818, d. 18 Jan. 1818.

²³⁸ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, U:260, FHL microfilm 209729.

²³⁹ Most of the males in 1820 were presumably employees or apprentices of Peter, as he was first married in 1817.

²⁴⁰ Bybee Manuscript [supra note 164]. The parents and seven of the ten children are buried at the Depp Family Cemetery near Eighty Eight.

- ii WALTER HANSON DEPP, b. 18 July 1819 (g.s. says 11 July 1819), d. 12 July 1863.²⁴¹ He m. (bond 23 Aug. 1841, Barren Co.) MARCELLA P. BURKS.²⁴² She was the dau. of John Burks, Jr., and Fannie (Garrett).²⁴³ On 19 May 1849, Walter H. Depp and Marcella P. Burks sold 98 acres on the head waters of Beaver Creek to Asher W. Clemmons, "the same land allotted to Marcella P. in the division of the lands of her father John Burks, Jr., dec[ease]d."²⁴⁴ The 1850 U.S. Census lists Walter H. Depp, aged 30, Marcella, 28, Gertrude 8, Peter 6, John 4, and Mary 2.²⁴⁵ The current Hollywood notable, Johnny Depp, descends from this man in the 11th generation from the immigrant.²⁴⁶
- iii WILLIAM DEPP, b. 29 May 1821, d. 5 Dec. 1855.²⁴⁷
- iv JOHN DEPP, b. 23 May 1823, d. 31 July 1906.²⁴⁸
- v THOMAS DEPP, b. ca. 1825.
- vi SARAH JANE DEPP, b. 17 May 1828, d. 8 Sept. 1848.²⁴⁹
- vii JOEL W. DEPP, b. 20 Sept. 1830, d. 27 Aug. 1889.²⁵⁰
- viii VIRGINIA COURTS DEPP, b. 8 Feb. 1833, d. 5 Nov. 1857; m. — GASSAWAY.²⁵¹
- ix CHRISTOPHER TOMPKINS DEPP, b. 11 July 1835, d. 25 Sept. 1917.²⁵² He m. NANCY/NANNIE DAUGHERTY (1849–1914).²⁵³ Her g.s. inscription says that she was b. 18 May 1845, d. 18 Jan. 1911.²⁵⁴

²⁴¹ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 104 (g.s., Depp Family Cem. near Eighty Eight).

²⁴² Marriage Records of Barren County [supra note 165], 65.

²⁴³ Thomas W. Westerfield, ed., *Kentucky Genealogy and Biography*, 9 vols. (Owensboro, Ky.: Genealogical Reference Co., 1970–), 2:109.

²⁴⁴ Barren Co., Ky., Order Books, 12 (March Term 1847), 336, FHL microfilm 209781, and Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, S:395, FHL microfilm 209728.

²⁴⁵ 1850 U.S. Census Census, Barren Co., Ky., p. 419.

²⁴⁶ The line of descent is as follows:

6th gen. Walter Hanson Depp (1819–1863); m. Marcella P. Burks.

7th gen. John Burks Depp (1845–1927); m. Mariba Rencau.

8th gen. Richard T. Oren Depp (1879–1912); m. Effie America Palmore.

9th gen. Oren Larimore Depp; m. Violet Grinstead.

10th gen. John Christopher Depp; m. Betty Sue Wells.

11th gen. John Christopher Depp II (Johnny Depp), b. 9 June 1963, Owensboro.

See Warder Harrison, "Screen Star, Johnny Depp, Has Many Relatives in Ky.," *Kentucky Explorer* (Jackson, Ky.), July–August 1997, 38–39.

²⁴⁷ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 104 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁴⁸ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 103 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁴⁹ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 104 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁵⁰ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 441 (g.s., Refuge Cemetery, Eighty Eight).

²⁵¹ Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 104 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁵² Barren Co. Cemetery Records [supra note 214], 103 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁵³ Charles Kerr, ed., *History of Kentucky*, 5 vols. (Chicago and New York: American Historical Soc., 1922), 4:603–4 (Dr. Candor Galiton Depp).

x MARY HANSON DEPP, b. 20 Sept. 1839, d. 12 Sept. 1864.²⁵⁵

13 JOHN⁵ DEPP (*William⁴, Peter, Jr.³, Pierre², Jean¹*) was born in Kentucky on 7 July 1801, probably in Jessamine County or Fayette County,²⁵⁶ and died at High Point, Moniteau County, Missouri, on 7 January 1845.²⁵⁷ He was married in Barren County on 24 September 1823 to MARY ELLIS. Surety was George Ellis, and the consent of John Ellis was filed.²⁵⁸ The widow Mary (Ellis) Depp died at Round Rock, Williamson County, Texas, on 3 November 1885.²⁵⁹ Mary Ellis was the daughter of John Ellis, reportedly with his wife Elizabeth (Chapman).²⁶⁰

John Depp served as "messenger" in 1825 and 1826 from the Concord Baptist Church in Barren County.²⁶¹ On 15 October 1832, "John Ellis of the County of Barren for the love, good will and affection which I have and do bear to my loving daughter Polly Depp and my son in law John Depp" conveyed a tract to them on the waters of Peters or Snells Creek.²⁶² John Depp and Polly his wife of the County of Barren sold this tract of 60 acres on 10 August 1833 for \$150 to William Payne of that county.²⁶³ Within a year or two of this sale, the couple had moved with their young family to Cole County, Missouri, and by 1841 from there to Moniteau County, Missouri. The census tracks John Depp as follows:

Barren Co., Ky., 1830 U.S. Census, p. 139:

John Depp males 3-0-0-0-1-0 females 1-0-0-0-1-0 I slave

Cole Co., Mo., 1840 U.S. Census, Harrison Township, p. 87:

John Depp males 2-3-3-0-0-1 females 0-1-0-1-0-1

²⁵⁴ *Barren Co. Cemetery Records* [supra note 214], 103 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁵⁵ *Barren Co. Cemetery Records* [supra note 214], 103 (g.s., Depp Family Cem., near Eighty Eight).

²⁵⁶ Bybee Manuscript [supra note 164]; Family Bible of John Depp, photocopy in Virginia State Library, # 22858.

²⁵⁷ His death and that of his wife and the birth and death dates of their children are taken from the Family Bible of John Depp [supra note 256], as expanded narratively by the son Thomas (b. 1837) living in 1899 at Christiansburg, Va.

²⁵⁸ *Marriage Records of Barren County* [supra note 165], 65.

²⁵⁹ Family Bible of John Depp [supra note 256], as expanded narratively by the son Thomas.

²⁶⁰ *Genealogies of Kentucky Families* [supra note 177].

²⁶¹ *Pioneer Baptist Church Records* [supra note 162], 86.

²⁶² Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, M:456, FHL microfilm 209725.

²⁶³ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, N:138, FHL microfilm 209726.

Following John Depp's death in 1845, his father-in-law, John Ellis, died in Barren County sometime between 20 July 1849 and August Term 1849, the dates of the making and probate of his will, which gave "to my daughter Mary Depp the tract of land which she has sold."

Issue of John⁵ and Mary (Ellis) Depp:²⁶⁴

- i ELIZABETH⁶ DEPP, b. Barren Co., Ky., 21 June 1824, d. in infancy.
- ii CATHARINE DEPP, b. Barren Co. 21 July 1827 [sic, perhaps 1825; see date for Joseph next below]; m. Dr. JOHN BLANCHARD, who d. in Colo.
- iii JOSEPH H. DEPP, b. Barren Co. 3 Jan. 1827 [sic], lived at the head of Green Horn River, Colo., P.O., Rye, Colo. Married, d.s.p.
- iv GUSTAVUS W. DEPP, b. Barren Co. 17 Jan. 1828; m. — KING. They had one son, John⁷ Depp, clerk of the Wahash R.R., St. Louis, Mo.
- v HEZEKIAH E. DEPP, b. Barren Co. 11 Sept. 1829, d. Sedalia, Mo., 1 Oct. 1895; m. (1) — FLURNEY [sic], (2) — STEVENS. Her brother is now [1899] Governor of Missouri. One dau. and two sons living in Mo. and Kans.
- vi JOHN E. DEPP, b. Barren Co. 18 May 1831, d. St. Louis, Mo. 5 July 1865; m. — MCGUIER; one son and one dau. living [1899] in St. Louis.
- vii ADALINE DEPP, b. Barren Co. 1 Nov. 1832; m. Dr. B. F. SMITH, resided at Eldorado Springs, Mo. She had two sons and three daus., all married. Dr. Smith d. Chillicothe, Mo., 25 April 1894, at their son Oscar L. Smith's. Oscar is now [1899] living in St. Louis.
- viii EGBERT DEPP, b. Barren Co. 13 July 1834; m. — POWELL, no issue. Resided Kansas City, Mo.
- ix EDWIN DEPP, b. Barren Co. 13 July 1834 (twin to Egbert); m. in Mo. — BONE; had four or five daus., all married. He and all his daus. lived in or near Austin, Tex.
- x WILLIAM DEPP, b. Jefferson City, Coles Co., Mo., 3 March 1836, d. infancy.
- xi THOMAS DEPP, b. Jefferson City, Coles Co., Mo., 13 July 1837; m. — BRODDY, Dr. Baker Broddy's dau. of Tex. She d. in 1877. Her only child died with her. By April 1899, Thomas Depp was living, still single, at Christiansburg, Va.
- xii GEORGE DEPP, b. Jefferson City, Coles Co., Mo., 1 Oct. 1839, d. Floyd Co., Va., Simpson P.O., 2 March 1894.
- xiii SUSAN DEPP, b. High Point, Moniteau Co., Mo., 29 Oct. 1841, d. Fulton, Howard Co., Mo., 31 March 1884.
- xiv MARY DEPP, b. Fulton, Howard Co., Mo., 29 Nov. 1843; m. — JONES. She d. 17 May 1884. Her surviving husband and children lived in St. Louis.

14 THOMAS⁵ DEPP (*William⁴, Peter, Jr.³, Pierre², Jean¹*), born in Kentucky on 15 September 1805,²⁶⁵ was living in Barren County, Kentucky, in No-

²⁶⁴ Birth and death dates are taken from the Family Bible of John Depp [supra note 256], as expanded narratively by the son Thomas.

²⁶⁵ Bybee Manuscript [supra note 164].

ember 1850.²⁶⁶ He was married there on 17 December 1827 to PHEBE D. YOUNG,²⁶⁷ born in Kentucky about 1812 (aged 38 in 1850).²⁶⁸ Philip V. Young of Barren County, by his will dated 23 March 1822 and probated November Court 1822, left "to my daughter Phebe Depp a lot of land adjoining Philip G. Young on the east side beginning at his spring branch . . . also \$300 which I loaned or furnished her and her husband which I give to her."²⁶⁹

On 12 July 1836, Thomas Depp and Phebe D. his wife sold for \$250 to James Harvey part of a survey deeded to Thomas Depp by Philip V. Young containing 140 acres;²⁷⁰ and the other half of the same tract the same day to Granville Whitlow for \$250.²⁷¹ On 17 February 1845, Thomas Depp and his wife [Phebe D. is named in the signature position only] sold 278 acres on the waters of Skaggs Creek to Anderson Wooten for \$823.²⁷² On 1 November 1850, Thomas Depp and Pheby D. his wife, late Pheby D. Young, sold for \$150 to Henry Crutcher "all right, title and interest in the Estate of Philip V. Young, dec[ease]d, late of Barren County, the father of the said Pheby D. Young."²⁷³

The census follows Thomas Depp as follows:

Barren Co., Ky., 1830 U.S. Census, p. 152:

Thomas Depp males 0-0-0-0-1-0 females 1-0-0-0-1-0 4 slaves

Barren Co., Ky., 1840 U.S. Census, p. 145:

Thomas Depp males 0-0-0-0-1-1 females 3-1-1-1-1-0

Barren Co., Ky., 1850 U.S. Census, p. 468:

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|----------------|----|---------|--------|
| Thomas Depp | 44 | Partner | b. Ky. |
| Phebe D. | 38 | | b. Ky. |
| Elizabeth W. | 18 | | b. Ky. |
| Frances Y. | 12 | | b. Ky. |
| Susan T. | 9 | | b. Ky. |
| Phebe D. | 4 | | b. Ky. |
| William G. (?) | 1 | | b. Ky. |

²⁶⁶ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, T:282, 348, FHL microfilm 209729.

²⁶⁷ Marriage Records of Barren County [supra note 165], 65.

²⁶⁸ 1850 U.S. Census, Barren Co., Ky., p. 468.

²⁶⁹ Barren Co., Ky., Wills, 3:53, FHL microfilm 209741.

²⁷⁰ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, O:149, FHL microfilm 209726.

²⁷¹ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, O:150, FHL microfilm 209726.

²⁷² Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, R:473, FHL microfilm 209728.

²⁷³ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, T:348, FHL microfilm 209729.

On 18 November 1850, Peter Depp and James Depp conveyed to "Pheby Depp wife of Thomas Depp all of Barren County . . . for and in consideration of the affection we have for the said Pheby (she being our relation) and for her separate use and benefit one womans saddle, two beds and her clothing . . . and to have George Shurley for her sole use and benefit."²⁷⁴

Issue of Thomas⁵ and Phebe D. (Young) Depp:

- i ELIZABETH W.⁶ DEPP, b. ca. 1832, presumably named for her paternal grandmother, Elizabeth (Walker) Depp.
- ii FRANCES Y. DEPP, b. ca. 1838.
- iii SUSAN DEPP, b. 12 Sept. 1845, d. 12 Jan. 1912; m. 2 March 1869 S. C. HARRIS.²⁷⁵
- iv PHEBE D. DEPP, b. ca. 1846.
- v WILLIAM G. DEPP, b. ca. 1849.

15 GUSTAVUS⁵ DEPP (Thomas⁴, Peter, Jr.³, Pierre², Jean¹), born in Powhatan County, Virginia, on 17 August 1806,²⁷⁶ died on 8 May 1877.²⁷⁷ He was married in Chesterfield County, Virginia, on 16 April 1833 to MARY HILL CHEATHAM; Isham Cheatham consented.²⁷⁸ She was born on 23 December 1808, daughter of Isham (who gave the consent) and Hannah (—) Cheatham.²⁷⁹ As was seen in the division of his father Thomas's estate in 1829–1831, Gustavus took the larger tract of 619 acres. On 9 September 1846, Gustavus Depp and Mary his wife of the County of Powhatan sold "the tract commonly called Depps old place containing 345 acres" for \$1000 to John Beasley.²⁸⁰

Issue of Gustavus⁵ and Mary Hill (Cheatham) Depp:²⁸¹

- i MARY HANNAH⁶ DEPPE, b. 4 Feb. 1834, d. 4 March 1913; m. DAVID BEASLEY HANCOCK; one son:
1 Elmore Deppe Hancock, b. 1864, d. 1942.²⁸²
- ii THOMAS ELMORE TRABUE DEPPE, b. 27 Aug. 1835, d. 22 March 1872, s.p.
- iii WILLIAM ISHAM DEPPE, b. 25 Jan. 1837, d.y. and s.p.
- iv GUSTAVUS AUSTIN DEPPE, b. 4 July 1839, d. 14 Oct. 1840.

²⁷⁴ Barren Co., Ky., Deeds, T:282, FHL microfilm 209729.

²⁷⁵ Harlin Family Bible Record, in *Genealogies of Kentucky Families* [supra note 177], 2:691–92.

²⁷⁶ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

²⁷⁷ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

²⁷⁸ Weisiger [supra note 202], 235.

²⁷⁹ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

²⁸⁰ Powhatan Co., Va., Deeds, 17:173, FHL microfilm 33087.

²⁸¹ Thomas Depp Family Bible Record [supra note 113].

²⁸² Note: The surviving children of this line only started spelling the name Deppe.

- v LAVINIA AUSTIN DEPP, b. 18 April 1841, d. Feb. 1842.
- vi ANN ELIZABETH ROSABELLE DEPPE, b. 26 Oct. 1842; m. 11 Dec. 1872 JORDAN COLLIER CHRISTIAN. Four children:
 - 1 *Thomas Deppe Christian*, b. 2 May 1874; m. 1901 Marcilla Gerow.
 - 2 *Elizabeth Archer Christian*, b. 2 May 1876.
 - 3 *Mary Hill Christian*, b. 3 March 1878.
 - 4 *infant son*, b. and d. 3 Nov. 1880.
- vii JAMES SEDDON DEPP, b. 20 Oct. 1844, d. 9 Nov. 1846.

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INTERCEPTED LETTERS RELATING TO AMERICA 1777-1811

By Peter Wilson Coldham, F.S.G., F.A.S.G.

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- 11 December 1798. C. Mountflorece, The Hague, to Messrs. Buchanan and Young, Baltimore, regarding the illegal detention of the ship *Rosanna*.
 - 15 December 1798. Syllas Bourne, Amsterdam, to Oliver Wolcott, Esq., Secretary of the Treasury, Philadelphia.
 - 27 November 1798. T. H. Backer, Amsterdam, to Messrs. Pratt and Kintzine, New York.
 - 20 December 1798. Same to Messrs. Zwislser and Albers, Baltimore.
 - 19 January 1799. Samuel Donaldson, London, to Mr. William Sharpe, Petersburg, Virginia.
 - 19 January 1799. Same to Messrs. Watson and Ebenezer Scott, Petersburg, Virginia.
 - 27 January 1799. Same to Messrs. Munroe and Roe, New York.
 - 29 January 1799. Edward Sutton, Nettlestone Saltern, [Isle of Wight], to Thomas Auldjo, Cowes, Isle of Wight. I have not heard from my son Henry Sutton for nearly two years. He went about five years ago with a Mr. Pippin at the Vine Inn, West Cowes, and served for four years with John Utt, cooper in New York.
 - 6 February 1799. Thomas Auldjo, Cowes, Isle of Wight, to Alexander Auldjo, Montreal, Canada. This goes by the American ship *Juno* bound for New York. Our wheat crop turned out well.
 - 6 February 1799. Same to Messrs. Leffingwell and Pierrepont, New York.
- IIICA 30/403.** (A further miscellaneous collection of letters and papers in English, Dutch and French mostly sent by the *Juno*, Capt. Richard Baird, including some sample packets of seeds.)