

# Joseph L. Meek Manuscript

As given to John Rider in 1967

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This manuscript is the source of information for many genealogies. While it may contain errors, compared with what is known today, it also refers to many official records. For that reason, it may be valuable to some researchers. The time and place involved is Maryland in the 1600's and 1700's. It concerns the descendants of Guy Meek. There is no known and provable connection to a known Y\_DNA group in the Meek DNA Project. Y-DNA from a known and provable descendant of Guy Meek has not been obtained. This includes Isaac Meek born 1746 who is in DNA group B based on one descendant. Despite many genealogies to the contrary, his connection to his father is not proven.

The manuscript contains more than 60 pages. I have focused on the earliest generations as well as those portions that contain abstracts of official records. These pages originally appeared on my web site in HTML format. It was not possible to include the entire manuscript at the time it was originally placed on the Internet.

Note: This material was scanned from poor quality copies. I tried not to change the spelling. However, the scanner created many errors that needed to be fixed and the word processor corrected many errors on its own. But, this is a reasonably accurate representation of the material that Joseph Meek distributed in 1967.

Christopher A. Meek, Editor, Revised 31 March 2018

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JOSEPH L. MEEK, General Mgr.  
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July 11, 1967

Mr. John A. Rider  
1813 Carol St. N.E.  
Albuquerque, N. M. 87112.

Dear Mr. Meek,

I received your letter and Information yesterday and as I am rushing around getting packed to Fly West (Seattle and Portland Oregon ) Wednesday, July 12, at 5:45 PM. for 30 days. I am not going; to take the time to digest all the information in it, but will carry it along to go over and study. I greatly appreciate it an sure it contains information I do not have., which will be entered in my records on my return. I am only taking a couple of my records books with me and one of them may have part of the lineage you have included in your information.

Enclosed herewith, is a copy of information I have collected and put together. It is not complete and therefore I will be sending, more sheets at a later date. I am very disappointnd in the girl that I hired to cut the stencils, she made so many typographical errors that I can not possible correct them all and what I did correct on the stencils 1ook very bad and in some places almost un-readable. So just over look every thing and live in hopes that I will do a better job at some later date, plus additional information that I hope to get from friends.

In this booklet you will see your lineage stops with 1122, Thomas and Ann Meek.

Sincerely

Joseph L. Meek

Editor's note: In the salutation, Mr. Meek did refer to Mr. Rider as Mr. Meek.

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I-N-T-R-O-D-U-C-T-I-O-N.

JULY 1967 - BOOKLET #1 ON MEEK FAMILIES

This short history of the beginning of the colonies of Maryland and it's people and the introduction of Quakerism in America, along with some history of the colonizing of parts of Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and other States.

This genealogy background of the Meek Families that immigrated to America in the middle of the seventeenth century and their. Relationship to the early settlement of various parts of the country.

Many printed stories of genealogy, reference to different branches of the Meek families have been written without due consideration being given to available records or where such information could be found. , It is believed that they relied heavily on traditional stories handed down from generation to generation with some misleading and incorrect data given and printed, which we hope to correct in a great many instances, although we do not claim to have all the branches that will be mentioned herein straightened out or completed.. We also have obtained a great deal of information from members of the present generation regarding their families.

We have had a helping hand from several hundred people over the past 20 years and want to take this opportunity to thank them one and all.hoping to receive additional information and corrections from one and all.

This is only a temporary production and will be followed with more bulletins (I hope ) with the ultimate end in mind of having a family history and genealogy printed, that will stand on the records from County Court Houses, State Libraries, Archives, Family Bibles and other reliable records.

518 th Street Northwest. Joseph L. Meek. Washington, D. C. 12001. Alice L. Meek Others to be named later.

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N-U-M-B-E -R-I-N-G S-Y-S-T-E-M,  
CATALOGED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF TRACEING THE MEEK GENERATION.

No. 1. Guy Meek, first Generation., or as far as we Know the only one.

No. 1-1 or II, John Meek, 2nd Generation - First son in the 2nd Generation.

No. 1-1-2 or 112 - Guy Meek, 2nd son in the 3rd Generation.

No. 1-1-2-6 or 1126 - Jacob Meek, 6th son in the 4th Generation.

Numbers such as 11268 or 1-1-2-6-8. would represent the 8th child in the 5th generation.

Note that the numbers refer to the generation and the number of the child in that generation, according to the way we have them listed., which may not be in the right birth order, but to the best of our ability we have listed them in' birth order.

Where there were more then 9 children in a family you will note such numbers as 10 or 12 are in ( ) parenthesis and will be caried that way all through our bulletins or booklets.

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It seems appropriate to give a short history of the settlement of Maryland in and around the Severn River area (Annapolis) in connection with the genealogy of the forebearer of the Meek families herein afterwards dealt with.

Sir George Calvert turned Roman Catholic in 1624, resigned his Office in the English Government soon thereafter. He was made "Lord Baltimore" by King Charles I., soon after this time.

Lord Baltimore was in Virginia in 1628, he refused to take oath of Allegiance which as a Catholic he could not do, so he explored the Chesapeake Bay area and returned to England to obtain a grant to colonize it, but died before returning and the grant was turned over to his son Cecilius. The Charter was issued on the 20th day of June 1632 and the New Province, named in the honor of queen Henrietta Marie, Named Terra Maria-Maryland,

He fitted out two vessels "The Ark" and "The Dove" and called a body of two hundred adventures together, nearly all of them were Catholics and gentlemen of fortune and respectability, who desired, like himself or, his father., to flee from the realm of intolerance which prevailed in England in order to establish their freedom of religious belief in a new Country. The Colonists were accompanied by two Jesuit priests, Father Andrew White and Father John Althan, and were placed under the command of Leonard Calvert, the Lord proprietary and appointed governor of Maryland, he himself intending to remain in England for the present to supervise in person, the interest of the settlement in its infancy and send out additional people eager to join the new world movement".

"The Ark" and "Dove" after a weary and storm- trip landed at Saint Clements Island, March 25, 1634, after having stayed nine days in the Virginia Colonies resting. Catholic and Protestants hand in hand, friends and brothers equal in Civil Rights and secure alike in the free, full enjoyment of either creed, settled on March 27, 1634, at what later became St. Mary's, Maryland.

Puritanism\* The Puritans were those who thought that the English Re-formation had not gone far enough in its separation from the Roman Catholic Church, but that there were many ceremonies and forms still retained in the worship which were too suggestive of papacy, At this time the Puritans had established a small colony in Virginia and as their number began to increase the Virginia Government determined to stop their influence so in 1742, a large number were dispersed and driven from Virginia shores.

The year 1649, saw many critical steps in the development of Quaker-ism in both England and Maryland. In England, Charles 1st, was beheaded. Puritanism. was on the rise for years, and was in complete control, but throughout the Northern Counties, George Fox, and his increasing number of Friends of Truth were, approaching the creative movement of Quakerism. In Maryland the General Assembly passed the now famous Act Concerning Religion in which, for the first time in the world, freedom of conscience in religion with full civil rights guaranteed. Also in 1649, Cecilius, Second Lord Baltimore, through his resident governor, William Stone, offered sanctuary to all Virginia settlers who were being forced to leave that Crown Colony because they would not obey its stringent laws compelling conformity to the established Church of England. They sought freedom, both civil and religious, in Maryland.

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The earliest settlers that were non-Catholic who came into Maryland, settled on the Western Shores of the Chesapeake Bay, between Herring Creek on the South and the Magethy River on the North. This area became known as the Providence and at the junction of Severn River and the Chesapeake Bay become a popular location (New Annapolis). In 1650 the General Assemble of Maryland changed the name to "Anne Arundel" County, it was the third County in the precedence in the colonies and was named for the former Lady Anne Arundel, the wife of Cecil Calvert, Second "Lord Baltimore", the founding, proprietor of the Colony. The new County was, divided into Hundreds, extending from the Bay to the Patuxent River. At the far South was Herring Creek hundred, then came the West River and the South River Hundreds respectively. Middle Neck Hundred lay between South River and Severn River, while the Bread Neck Hundred extended from the Severn River Northward. This River was named by the early settlers of the area, but Lord Baltimore's Government favored the name of "Anne Arundel" and for many years it was referred to as the "Anne Arundel" River, Alias the Severn.

A number of Virginia Puritans with Richard Bennett at their head, sought refuge in Maryland, they were kindly received and settled at a place which was called Providence, near the present City of Annapolis, in Anne Arundel County. They were no sooner seated in their new habitation, then they refused to take the oath of Fidelity to the province, which the law required from all emigrants to obtain patents for their land, They declined this oath, "Because it was a Oath" said one of their defenders, To support a Government which upholds antichrist, that is secured freedom of conscience, to Catholics and Episcopalians, as well as to themselves.

They formed themselves into a community government by their own congregation, a Church System, occupied the land without grants, and had no recognized connection with the Colony, until In July 1650, when their settlement was erected into a County and a commander and "Justice of the Peace" was appointed, as was in Kent and St. Mary's Counties.

In July, 1650, Governor William Stone, visited the County and appointed Edward Lloyd as commander and James Homewood, Thomas Marsh, George Puddinton, Matthew Hawkins, James Merryman and Henry Catlyn as Commissioners. Commander Lloyd was empowered to issue warrants for land to which new settlers were entitled and which later could be converted into patents from Lord Baltimore, however, this right was withdrawn, December 18, 1652.

Richard Bennett a Virginia Puritan who came to Anne Arundel County is credited as having come into Maryland about the time that Anne Arundel County was formed in 1650. In 1651, he claimed about 250 acres of land on Towne Neckel, at the Mouth of Severn River., for himself and ton of his followers. This is the bases for the belief that the first settlement in the Severn River area was on Towne Necke., later Greenbury Point. Bennett was named a Parliamentary Commissioner and in 1652 he and William Clarborne first sized the Maryland Government,

William Clarborne a Puritan Opportunist and a known enemy of Lord Baltimore, and Richard Bennett seized the Maryland Government again in 1654 and created a Government appointed several men as its governing body and then they returned to Virginia. Among these men were, William Fuller, Richard Preston and William Durand, who virtually controlled the resident Puritan Government of Maryland from 1654 until its restoration to Lord Baltimore in 1658.

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Captain William Fuller, had the added authority of being commander of the Military forces and often referred to as "Governor". All three soon became convinced Quakers, and ironically, Richard Bennett himself also...was convinced by William Edmundson in 1672.

In March.1655, Maryland forces from St, Mary's sailed up the Chesapeake Bay to confer with the resident Virginia-dominated government forces of Fuller, Durand and Preston. Instead of a conference the meeting resulted in the so-called battle of the Severn, fought on Sunday, March 25, 1655. Contemporary accounts of the affair obviously are biased and contradictory. The Fuller forces aided by a large armed merchant vessel were victorious, losing but two men killed on the battle field, while the Marylanders of St, Mary's lost about fifty men slain or wounded and only four or five escaped. The disparity in casualties leaves room for speculation as to what actual-ly happened on that bloody Sunday. It is not know how many of the local settlers, who only a few years before had sought refuge and had been welcomed to Maryland, fought with the Puritans,

The generally accepted creative moment of Quakerism from a morning in May 1652, when George Fox, after Tears of forceful searching, stood on Pendle Hill in the Yorkshire moors and saw his future course out-lined sharply. Only three years later, in 1655, Publishers of Truth, went forth to plant the Quaker way of life in the New World,

The exact date of the arrival of Elizabeth Harris a great friend (quaker in Maryland is not known., but most Historians set the year as 1656, She labored in the Providence, for about a year before returning to England. It is said that perhaps one or two hundred families were settled about the area extending from Herring Bay on the South to the Magothy River on the north, Captain William Fuller and William Durand, two of the leading resident Puritan Officials, were seated in the Severn River Area. There were no towns or villages, although Herrington Bay, Londontowne at South River and Arundelton, later Annapolis, on the Severn River, all had their beginning with the coming of the settlers from Virginia in 1649 and 1650.

Elizabeth Harris was received in the Puritan-controlled section of the Province without religious or governmental opposition and within a few months had convinced a number of the leading people in Anne Arundel -then Providence County, Among the first commissioners who governed Anne Arundel County was Henry Catlyn(Caplin) and Thomas Mears who soon became a Friend. Other members of the Puritan government for the Province, she convinced both Captain William Fuller, Resident Governor and William Durand, secretary of State. Directly or indirectly she caused Richard Preston, later called the "Great Quaker to join the movement.

Elizabeth Harris's travels covered all of Anne Arundel County, probably some of Calvert County, and possibly part of the Eastern Shore, She planted Quakerism so firmly that by 1671, and probably,- much earlier, there were settled meetings in Anne Arundel County at West River and Herring Creek. Other meetings for the Western Shore were at The Cliffs and Patuxent River, in Calvert County. She returned to England before July 1757, but her influence kept on growing.

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John Burnyest arranged a General Meeting for all Friends in the Province in 1672, settled Meeting already existed at West River and Her-ring Creek, in Anne Arundel County, and at The Cliffs and Patuxent in Calvert County. More impressive than the number of Meetings, perhaps was the standing of the Quaker leaders in the Province and the number of people who had been convinced. Burnyest and his predecessors had planted well. Now George Fox, was to visit the Province.

George Fox, had been released from prison on September 1., 1666, in compliance with an order issued by Charles II\* George Fox attended the First General Meeting at 'Nest River., just outside of irrhat is now Galesville,, where the Old Quaker Burial grounds are now located, in late April of 1672, after having come ashore at Patuxent only the day before, and although weary, upon being advised of the Meeting, hurried to participate.

This meeting marked the beginning of organized Quakerism in Maryland. It lasted about five days, during which there were Meetings of Disciplin, as well as for worship and business. The work of the early Messengers, beginning with Elizabeth Harris had borne fruit. Quakerism was accepted and respected. This was the First General Meeting of Friends in Maryland and the first such Meeting attended by George Fox on the mainland of the New World.

Late In 1672, after much traveling on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay, he came and attended a large public Meeting at "Severn River" in Anne Arundel County. A gathering described as "More than the Meeting place could hold" came to hear him preach. "There were three Justice of the Peace., and, the Speaker of the assembly, his wife and many people(-were much satisfied."

August Hermann's Map of Maryland was published in London, Clearly, it shows a settlement called Arundelton on the south side of the Severn River, on the site of the present City of Annapolis, and marked with a symbol belived meant to designate some type of Meeting house or church. Possible this is where George Fox preached, though it was not a Quaker Meeting House. Perhaps it was built and used for both civic and reglious purposes by the Separatists or Independents, living in and about the settlement. No record exist of a Church of England edifice in the area at this time.

George Fox, James Lancaster and Robert Widders, had engaged passage for England and on March 21, 1673, they boarded the shin "Society of Bristol" riding in the Patuxent., but not until the, 24th did the vessel clear the Patxuent on its journey to England after a stormy passage of about a month, it reached Bristol and a joyful reunion was held with Margaret, wife of George Fox, Thomas Lowel,, William Penn, and his wife and Gerard Roberts. Fox had been abroad almost two years, most of which had been spent in Maryland. It must have been with great satisfaction that he reviewed his-labors in America and especially in Maryland. There he had left Quakerism, first brought to the Province by Elizabeth Harris, firmly planted, with settled Meetings being hold on both shores of the Chesapeake. His trip and travels were free from persecution or governmental interference.

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Quakerism had an open field in the upper Chesapeake Area, for several years., but in 1699 and 1700, just before the ratification of an acceptable law establishing the Church of England in the Province, Quaker-ism reached its greatest strenght in Anne Arundel County. The gradual decline of Quaker strenght in the County soon began to decline.

Beginning in 1692, when attempts were made to establish the Church of England in Proviencie, Quakers bitterly opposed the public' tax of forty pounds of tabacco per poll for the maintainence and support of that Church. In fact Dr. Thomas Bray, the most obstructive force against the enactment and enforcement of such a law.

On July 30,1694, a report to Governor Nicholson, showed that four Church of England parishes had been laid out in Anne Arundel County, Herring Crook, South River, Middle Nock and Broad Neck. No church had been built and there were no ministers.

In 1698 in a religious census made of all Quakers and other Protestant dissenters, the report for the County showed that while there were no Priests or Lay Brothers., six Quaker Meeting Places existed. This was more than in any other County in the Proviencie and, since the Meeting Places were all in the southern part of the county, the concentration of Quakers strength in that area is apparent.

Due to the chaos in government and Religious beliefs, the refusal to take the Oath of Allegiance., delayed the granting of land to the families that lived upon it in many instances. It is not certain when many of the settlers came into the Proviencie or Anne Arundel County, do to this confussion, but one thing we are sure of., is that they were there when a land grant was issued to them., but how long they had been there is uncertain, or when they migrated from,

Records in the Hall of Records, Annapolis, show that one Guy Meeke, was in Anne Arundel prior to December 1662.

James W. Meek, Columbus Ohio, in his small genealogy states that Guy Meeke, was of Welsh descent and emigrated to this County from Shrewsbury, England, and became a Quaker. It has never been established wheter his wife and son John, accompanied him to America or came at a later date.

Libor A.B. Folio 429, shows that on December 29, 1662, a certain Guy Meeke, demanded 50 acres of land from the Lord's Property, and a land warrant was issend accordingly.

Calvert Rent Rolls, Book #1. Page 68., "Salmon Hill" 100 acres, surveyed, October 26, 1663, for Ralph Solmon at the head of Plumb Crook on ye South side of Severn River. 50 acres to Hugh Howard - 50 acres to Guy Meeke.

Page 79. "Roso", 136 acres, surveyed January 16, 1668, for Guy Meek on ye south side of Severn River. Possr: John Meek.

Page 75: "Guy's Rest". 100 acres, surveyed June 14, 1669, for Guy Meeke on ye south side of Severn River. Possr:, John Meek.

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Page 76: "Guy's Will". 100ares June 28, 1671, for Guy Meeke between heads of South River and the Severn, at' a bounded White Oak of "Guy's Rest."

Book#2, page 81 - "Meek's Rost". 210- acres resurveyed, October 1., 1681 for Guy Meeke, on ye south side of Severn River. The records say his re-survey was made by "Assingmen of 140 acres from Henry Hanslap, but 'meacons' not how ye rest made complement of 210 acres, because, only I concluded that quantity" Possr; John Meek.

Page 81: "Weston". 130 ares, surveyed Octotor 1, 1681, for Guy Meeke, on ye South side of Severn River, on ye branch of Plumb Crook, Possr: John Meek.

Ref: Investory and Accounts Book#8., Page 6, n1so Liber 13, Folio 17 and 18.

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"Guy Meeke, of said County, died interstate and ye Widow of Deceased prays for a letter of Administration of the Estate. A Commission was issued to take the bond of Administratrix" "On March 28, 1682/3, came Captain Richard Hill, and made his return that he had sworn Rachel Meek Admtrx. of the Estate of Guy Meeke, and also taken bond for her Administration., with Thomas Brown and Charles Stevens as Securities." (1) Guy Meek, died in 1682, interstate, and the inventory was filled by Adam Shipley and Henry Pierpont.

(note - Henry Pierpont is mentioned as being a Quaker and attended Meetings.) (1-1)  
John Meek son of Guy the immigrant, believed to have been born about 1649.

Early settlers, Libor 5, Page 252 & 606, "John Meeke, Clirurgeon, immigrated, prior to 1663, was the son of Guy Meeke, who was given possession of the early grants to Guy Meeks'.

Note - The above statement is hardly true regarding John, being a chirurgoon,(Surgeon) as he would have been only about 14 years of age in 1663 if our age calculation is correct., also when his will was written he signed it with his mark.

Early Settlers, Liber 9, Pago 448. Guy Meek, was transported into the Provience in 1666. On May 30, 1666, the following entry is recorded in the Land Office: "Then came John Howard who married Susan, the relic of Charles Stevens late of Anne Arundel, deceased, and demanded land for transportation of several persons into the Provience by said Sovens. Among them, Guy Meek, and John Minter,

Note - This can hardly be correct as it is evident that Guy Meeke was in the Provience before 1662., according to his land grants dates. But is also known that John Minnter and Guy Meek, were close friends and Minter Will, dated, January 25, 1669 and Probated May 28, 1670, named Guy Meek., to receive some personal property,

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It is thought that John Meek, was born about 1649, and that his first wife was Elizabeth Heaton., but his will was probated he named, Mary Meek, as his beloved wife. In her will, dated 1726, she states that she was about 58 years old, making her born about 1668, or nearly 20 years younger than her husband John Meek This seems to indicate that she was the second wife. She (Mary Meek married, James Boyce, in 1713, for her second husband.

Records of Saint Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church, Anne Arundel County Maryland, shows that three of his children were baptised: Samuel and Christopher, on September 24, 1719, and Ruth on September 30, 1719, and gives their birth dates as herein shown.

See Copy of John Meek Will.

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Will of John Meek, son of Guy Meek

Copied from the Hall of Records, Anne Arundel County, Maryland  
Liber #13. Fol. 399 and 400

In the name of God Amen, December the 20th 1711; I John Meek of said County of Anne Arundel in the Province of Maryland being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, praise be given to God for the same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on earth and being desirous to settle things in order, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following; that is to say; first and principally I command my soul to Almighty God my Creator, assuredly believing that I shall receive pardon and free remission of all my sins and be saved by the precious death and merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Christ Jesus and my body to the earth from whence it was taken, to be buried in such decent manner as my Loving wife whom I leave shall think meet and convenient and as touching my worldly estate which the Lord hath sent me, my will and meaning is that it shall be employed and bestowed as here-after is expressed.

First: I do frustrate and make void all wills formerly and make this my last Will and Testament.

2ndly: I will that all such duties as I owe in right and conscience to any manner or person whosoever shall be well and truly contented and paid or predated to be paid in convenient time after my decease.

3rdly: My will is that my Loving wife and son, John Meek, whom I make whole executors shall have peaceable and quiet possession upon the plantation whereon I now live during her life.

4thly My will is that my older son, John Meek shall possess one parcel of land called Weston, lying down upon the head of Plumb Creek, desiring that my carpenter tools shall be equally divided between my son, John Meek and my son Guy Meek.

5thly: My will is that my sons, Charles Meek, James Meek, James Meek, Samuel Meek and Christopher Meek shall possess all the rest of my land, every one having an equal part.

6thly: My will is that my son, John Meek, shall possess one of my guns having his choice.

7thly: My will is that my son, Guy Meek, shall have my little gun having a silver sight, my will is that my son, Charles Meek, shall have that other gun that's left.

Lastly: I desire that my son, John Meek may be assistant to my Loving wife, Mary, to see that my last Will and Testament is performed to all concerned. I have set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord 1711 in the presence of these witnesses. December 28, 1711

John Stephenes  
John Brown  
Stephen S. Gill  
Peter Harris  
John (Mark) Hall

John (Mark) Meek (Seal)

On the back of the foregoing will was this endorsed, Viz. May 26, 1712, John Stevens, one of the evidences to the foregoing will, makes oath that he saw John Meek, Testor sign and seal the foregoing

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instrument as his will and Testament and that he declared the same so to be and that at the time of his so doing, he was of sound, perfect mind and memory to the best of his knowledge.

Before me, Thomas Ordlev

Also John Brown, another of the evidences to the same will makes oath as above the same day and year.

Thomas Ordly

Also John Hall, another of the evidences makes oath as above, the day and year above and before me.

Thomas Ordley

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### Part 2

At this point I will include excerpts from the Manuscript and provide information on the grandchildren of Guy Meek.

John Meek, son of Guy Meek

The records concerning Guy Meek are largely land records. We learn very little about him other than he accumulated large land holdings. He is connected to his son John, based on the fact that John later owned the land held by Guy and passed it on to his sons.

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

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

"Rose" 136 acres 16 Jan 1668

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

"Guy's Will" 100 acres 28 Jun 1671

"Meek's Rest" 210 acres 1 Oct 1681

"Weston" 130 acres 1 Oct 1681.

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

John Meek, son of John Meek, son of Guy Meek

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

Mary's will is dated 1726 and states that she is 58 years old. She married (2) James Boyce in 1713.

John may have been married first to Elizabeth Heaton. However, this is not proven. The last three children were by Mary.

John had the following children:

John Meek resided in Anne Arundel County. He is mentioned in his father's will and inherits "Weston" which was owned by his Grandfather. His will is dated 12 Mar 1742 and probated 11 Sep 1764. He was said to have been born about 1684 but no proof was offered. He married Hannah Brown 4 Dec 1716 according to parish records at St. Anne's Parish. Her name is mentioned in his will.

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

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Charles Meek mentioned in father's will receiving land.

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

Sussanah Meek married William Phelps about 1734. Although there is a marriage record, her connection to John has not been made clear. In addition there are conflicting dates mentioned.

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

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

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

See will of John Meek

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Guy Meek, son of John Meek, son of Guy Meek

Guy Meek resided Anne Arundel Co., MD. He sold or mortgaged "Soloms Hill" 15 Mar 1711. He moved to Orange Co., VA prior to 1734 as his name appears in a deed records dated 17 Feb 1735 and a tax list dated 1739. He married Dorothy Cobby. (Source for her last name unknown.)

A) John Meek not listed in church records and proof of a connection is not available. Connection to children also not apparent. However, court and deed records connect the children as siblings.

1. Thomas Meek will dated 26 Jun 1786 and probated Jan 1788. Court records give name of wife, Agnes. Records list siblings John and Mary. Resided Augusta Co., VA.
2. John Meek
3. Robert Meek
4. Mathius Meek
5. William Meek court records connect to brother Thomas. Orphaned 17 Feb 1762.
6. Mary Meek court records give father's name and brothers John and Thomas. Married Sharp \_\_\_\_\_. Orphaned 17 Feb 1762
7. Martha Meek married Robert Reagh and divorced in 1796. Orphaned 17 Feb 1762.
8. James Meek resided Augusta Co., VA. Orphaned 17 Feb 1762.
9. Jane Meek had a son John Meek Letcher. Orphaned 17 Feb 1762.

B) Thomas Meek not listed in church records but purchased land at same time and vicinity as brother Jacob. He resided in Washington Co., MD. On 5 Feb 1752 he purchased 60 acres "Mullens' Delight". He was in Frederick Co., VA in 1757. He purchased "Meek's Ingenuity" 19 Mar 1762 with his brother James. He was granted 100 acres "Meek's Folly" 19 Mar 1762. His wife Anne signed the deed. His will is dated 29 Oct 1776.

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1. William Meek benefited from his father's will. Received 50 acres "Pleasant Hill"
2. Jane Meek benefited from her father's will.
3. Rebecca Meek benefited from her father's will. She married William Long(Ling) according to father's will.
4. Margaret Meek benefited from her father's will.
5. Thomas Meek benefited from his father's will. He married Martha Davis and moved to Decatur Co., IN although no proof offered for either.
6. David Meek benefited from his father's will.
7. Samuel Meek benefited from his father's will. His father's land. A Lt. In Rev War.
8. Alexander Meek benefited from his father's will. Received "Mullas Delight" and part of "Needwood". Born 14 Dec 1774 according to pension application. Died 8 Sep 1857. Married (1) Agnes Buchanan 2 Jun 1786 (source unknown). Married (2) Elizabeth Keys 25 Oct 1791 according to Marriage records from Washington Co., VA. Resided Marshall Co., MS.
9. Isaac Meek benefited from his father's will.

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

1. Isaac Meek born 14 Jan 1746. Died 12 Dec 1840. Married (1) Mary Robinson. Married (2) Rachel Hedges. Source for all unknown.
2. Sylvester Meek source unknown.

D) Laurane Meek was baptized 24 Jun 1719.

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

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

G) James Meek ???

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Will of John Meek, son of John Meek, son of Guy Meek

Copied from the Hall of Records, Ann Arundel County, Maryland  
Box M? Folder 43 (2 sheets)

In the Name of God Amen. I John Meek, of Anne Arundel County, Planter, being in perfect health and of sound memory praised be to Almighty God for it but knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life does make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. (That is to say) Imprimis: I command my soul unto the hands of the Almighty God who gave it me and my body to the earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection through Merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as for that worldly estate which it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose thereof as follows:

Item: I give to my loving wife, my now dwelling plantation to her during her life and a horse called Clink.

Item: I give to my son, John Meek, fifty acres of land of the lower part of the track called Westone, lying in Anne Arundel County, to him and his heirs forever and also one large iron pot.

Item: I give to my Son, Joseph Meek, fifty acres of land of the upper part of the foresaid track called Weston, lying in the foresaid County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son, Moses Meek, fifty acres of land, part of a track called Guyes Will, lying in the foresaid County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son, Aaron Meek, fifty acres of land, part of the foresaid track called Guys Will, lying in the foresaid County to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son, Valentine Meek, fifty acres of land, part of a track called Guys Rest, lying in the foresaid County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Augustine Meek, fifty acres of land part of the foresaid track called Guys Rest, lying in the foresaid County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son, Joshua Meek, sixty-eight acres of land, part of a track called Ross, lying in the foresaid County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son, Edward Meek, sixty-eight acres of land, part of the foresaid track called Ross, lying in the fore-said County, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to each of my daughters, Mary, Jernima and Keron-happuch, one shilling current money.

Item: As for my personal estate after my wife's third, debts, legacies and funeral charges deducted, I leave it to be equally divided between my eight sons hereafter named, John, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Valentine, Augustine, Joshua and Edward, and to receive their parts at the ages of twenty-one years.

I ordain and appoint my loving wife, Hannah Meek and my son, John Meek, my whole and sole executors of this, my last will and Testament in witness whereof i the said John Meek have this my last will and Testament set my hand and veal this twelfth day of March, seventeen hundred and forty-eight.

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John Meek

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said John Meek to be his last Will and Testament and requested of us the subscribers to evidence this, his will.

William Gambrille            Elizabeth (mark) Burton  
Wilson (Mark) Burton      Thos. Wakeling  
Anne Arundel County Sct. September            Came Wilson Burton and

Thomas Wakeling, two of the subscribing witnesses as to the fore-going will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels for Almighty God that they did see the within named John Meek, the Testor, sign, seal the aforegoing instrument of writing ns and for his last Will and Testament and heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testment, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprensions of sound, disposing mind and memory, they further say upon oath as aforesaid, that they do \_\_\_\_\_ remember that they saw William Gambrille, and Elizabeth Burton, the other two whose names are thereunto subscribed, sign their names as witness to said will but the aforesaid Thomas Wakeling, who says that he wrote the said will deposoth that he only rembers that he wrote Elizabeth (her mark) Burton as appears around said mark at the foot of said will says that it having been a considerable term of years since the executor of said will, he cannot recollect any farther concerning the execution of said will, save that he verily believes that she, the said Elizabeth made the said mark as aforesaid. The aforesaid Wilson Burton deposeth that he well re-members that the said Elizabeth Burton was in and about the Testators house at the time of the executing of said will, but cannot remember anything concerning either share, the said William Gambrille signing said Will and those deponents depose that they did see each other sign the said will as witnesses thereto in in the presence of the Testor who departed this life on the twenty-first day of August last as each of these deponents have been credibly informed.

Sworn before Gideon M. Cauley, Reg. Wills, AA Co.,

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On the 11 September 1764.

Came William Gambrille, one of the subscribing witness to the within will and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that he did see the Testor John Meek sign and seal the within will and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprenshion of a sound disposing mind and memory and that he subscribed his respective name was evidenced in the presence of the said Testor also that he did see Wakeling sign his name in evidences to said will all in the presence of the said Testor.

Sworn before Gideon M. Cauley, Reg. Wills, AA County

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Will of Thomas Meek, son of Guy Meek, son of John Meek, son of Guy Meek

(Chris Meek note: It is highly unlikely that Thomas was a son of Guy Meek.)

In the name of God Amen. I, Thomas Meek of Washington County, and province of Maryland Farmer being in my perfect health and of sound memory blessed be God but called the Remembrance the Morality of my Body, and that it is appointed for all men once to die do this Twenty ninth day of October One thousand. Seven Hundred and Seventy-six make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the form and' manner following, viz:

First of all I give and recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it and my Body to the north to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at discretion of my executors hereafter named not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive it again by the mighty power of God. And as touching my Worldly Estate it hath please God to bless me with far above my deserts, I do will and dispose of the same form and manner following:

And first of all I will and allow all my just debts be paid and discharged by my Excutors than I give and bequeath unto Ann my dear wife my Negros, Patt, Fanny and George during. her widowhood and in case she is to have the one third of them during her lifetime also she is to have one third of my movables and if she chues during her widowhood to go and live at my place at Holstein she may have the privilege of renting the place where I now live on and have the rents and profits of it to herself.

Also I give unto my eldest son William fifty pounds Pennsylvania money to be paid out of my Estate at the end of two years or if my Exr's choose to keep the said Fifty pounds three years they may on paying him interest. As also Fifty acres of land called Pleasant Hill which was purchased out of my Fathers Effects he leaving no will, neither did any person administer lawfully theron likewise he is to have two coats and two jackets of the best of my wearing apparel.

Also I give unto my Oldest Daughter Jane the sum of One hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to be paid out of my Estate within two years after my decease or within three years on paying interest thereon.

I also give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebeccah the sum of One hundred pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania to be paid out of my Estate and paid unto her after the decease of her present husband William Ling, but if he should out survive, it shall be equally divided between her children as they come of age.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret the sum of Fifty pounds of Pennsylvania to be paid out of my estate in two years after my decease or within three years paying interest for one year.

Also I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas the sum of One hundred and twenty pounds Pennsylvania money to be paid unto him as he stands in need of it, for his learning likewise a horse to the value of twenty pounds like money or if he chooses Clothing to the value of the Horse he is to have it in lieu thereof.

Also I give unto my son David the sum of Fifty pounds to paid him by the Extrs, as soon as the place he now lives on is sold.

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Also I give unto my son Samuel if he lives to come Home from the Army the Plantation I now live upon, after his mothers decease and if he does not behave himself orderly I desire that he may be corrected and bound out at the discretion of my Executors.

Also I give to my son Alexander a Tract of land called Mullas Delight also that part of Needwood that his next to Pennsylvania.

Also I give unto my son Isaac a Tract of land containing 'three hundred and fifty acres lying in upon Cedar Creek. Also he is to have Seven Pounds Ten Shillings Virginia money to pay for the Deed of the said place. Also I do will and order that the Negro boy George be equally divided between my youngest sons Alexander and Isaac after their mothers decease.

Also I do will and ordain that if either of my Sons should die under age that their parts of the legacy shall be divided amongst the rest of my sons and Margaret.

Also a Tract of land called Needwood the lower end of it between where I now live and Boyd's place to be sold at the discretion of my Executors and the said Land is to be rented out till it is sold and the prices thereof to be apply'd towards pay-ing off the legacy 's.

Also Alexander's place is to be rented out till such time as he comes of age. Also I desire if Alexander and Isaac or either of them be disobedient to their mother and will not bear correction that they be bound to Trades.

All that remains of the movables after paying the legacies and Discharging my debts I give and bequeath the remainder to be equally divided between my Sons and Daughter Margaret likewise a vendue to be made for to sell such things as my Execrs. shall see cause o' the movables Except the Negros for to pay for Thomas' Learning.

I also appoint my Wife and my son Thomas executors of this my Last Will and Testament by me before confirmed and made and acknowledged this only and none other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Thomas Meek (Seal)

Witnesses William Boyd Senr.

Charity Boyd

Benjamin Boyd.

A true copy from a Copy taken by J. Bowles.

STATE OF MARYLAND? WASHINGTON CODNTY? TO-WIT

I? Harry Newcomer, Register of wills, and by law, keeper of the Seal and of the Records, and of the Original Papers of the Orphans' Court of Washington County, Do Hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and full copy of the last will and Testment of Thomas Meek, late of Washington County, Deceased, as taken from "Wills'", Liber A., Folio 23, one of the record books.

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kept in the office of Register of Wills for Washington County.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said Court and Office, this 4th day of November in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred forty eight.

Signed Harry Newcomer. Register of Wills for Washington County.

**Will of Ann, wife of Thomas Meek**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that I Ann Meek of the County of Washington and State of Virginia have named and constituted and by these presents do name, ordain and appoint and make William Song of said county aforesaid my true and lawful Attorney for me, and in my name and to my use, to demand, sue for recover, and receive of sundrie persons living in the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania, the several sums as the said Attorney shall make appear, to me due and owing by and from the said several persons giving and find hereby granting unto my said Attorney, my full power and authority to use and execute all such acts, things, and devise in the law, as shall be necessary for recovering of the said Debts, and to make and give acquittances, or other discharges in my name and generally to do end execute in the premises as fully as I myself might or could do, being personally present, ratifying confirming and allow all and whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done therein by virtue of these presents, in Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of February 1784.

SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF:

her

Ann X Meek

Mark

James Dysart

John Beatey

I certify the above power of Attorney was delivered to William Long in my presence and according to law February 2'nd 1734.

**(1126) Jacob Meek, Born May 29, 1717**

A son of (112) Guy Meek, grandson of (11) John Meek, and a great,grandson of (1) Guy Meek, the immigrant into Maryland prior to 1662, was born in Maryland, near Annapolis, and spent the greater part of his live in the State.

Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland, in Book Y.S. #8. Page 339."Jacob Meek, of Anne Arundel County Province of Maryland, granted 150 acres within our Province by virtue of a warrant for that quantity, granted him the 16th day of December 1745,as appears in our land Office and upon such condition and terms as are provided in our conditions of plantation of our said province"\*\*\*\*\*- We do therefore hereby grant unto him the said "Jacob Meek". all that tract or parcel of land ' called "Inspection" lying and being in Prince George County. Survey - March 5, 1745.

Book T.I.#4 Page 340 - 1749. "Jacob Meek " of Federick County, Maryland granted 50 acres called "Meek Delight" Warrant dated 24th day of November 1748." Land lying at the head of a small drought of Snowdon's River(Rawleight's River) on the west side of the said river running thence\*\*\*\*\* Return made May 4, 1749.

Jacob Meek, of Federick County, Provience of Maryland, granted 50 acres called "Kent Beginning" Dated February 72 1748.

Liber B. Folio 527, dated May 18, 1752, Jacob Meek, of Frederick County, Provience of Maryland, sold 50 acres called "Meek's Delight" to William Ridgby, in Anne Arundel County, Provience of Maryland. MARY wife of Jacob Meek, acknowledge relinquishing her dower.

Liber, Folio 192, dated October 28, 1765,"Jacob Meek". sold land to Thomas M. Roberts, Incorporated in this transaction and made a part thereof and roads as follows: "Mary Meek, wife of the above named Jacob Meek, acknowledged that she gave up all her rights of Dower of, in and to the within-mentioned tract of land".

Note - Prince George County, Maryland included all the Territory of Frederick, Washington, and Alleghany Counties in 1745. Frederick County was formed from Prince George Co. Maryland in 1748 and taken in all of Western Maryland at the time.

According to the records thus far noted, it is believed that Jacob Meek, had sold all his Frederick County holding by the later part of 1765,

Traditional stories has it that Jacob Meek, married a second wife, Nancy Duval, and some of his later children were mothered by her but this can hardly be true because his youngest child, Basil Meek, born March 7, 1763. Mary Meek, the wife of Jacob Meek, in 1765, signed the release of her Dower, for land sales in that year, It is also said that he lived near Elliot Miles,(Now Elicit City) about this time, which is easily understood, because that is the Neighbor-hood that William Ridgby lived, whom he sold his land to 1752. He also had an Uncle who had a large land holding in this vicinity. He most likely lived in Virginia around Winchester, at some time, and some of his children may have been born in that state. I do not find an entry in the Duvall Genealogy for Nancy Duvall, and Jacob Meek.

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Liber E. Page 117, shows that Jacob Meek, of Somerset county Maryland, purchased, one acre of land, a part of a tract called, "Gloucester" from Newton and Isaiah Bailey, for six pounds current money, January 10 1771.

Liber E. Page 146, shows that, Jacob Meek, of Somerset County, Maryland, Sold one acre of land a part of a tract called "Gloucester", same land as above, to Newton Bailey, for 28 pounds current money, May 9 1771. This transaction shows, Personal appearing before Me. Sarah Meek, wife of the within mentioned, Jacob Meek, and reinquished her rights of Dower,

"Gloucester" a land of 150 acres was at the head of the Main Branch of Wiscoccomico River, approximately where the present city of Salisbury, Maryland in now located.

Jacob Meek, enlisted, March 28, 1759 - Discharged December 2, 1759. Served under Captain Gideon Stoddard, Company M. Col. Witing's Second Regiment, in the Continental lines. Ref. French-Indian War Rolls., 1758 to 1762 Vol. II.

Revolution War Records - shows Jacob Mease - Moce - Meks, a Lieutenant

July 24, 1777, to cash paid Lieut, Jacob Mease for recruiting service \$60.00 Accounts sworn to by Col. Walter Stuart, at White Plains, July 31, 1778. Jacob Mace, appeared with the rank of First Lieutenant on a list of Pennsylvania Officers. Appointed by the Council of Safety Pursuant of the Resolution of Congress, Dated September 16, 1776. Lieutenant Jacob Meks, Captain Anderson, of Col. Stuarts, Penna. Regt. 1777, July 5, to case paid Jacob Moks, for Recruiting \$200.00 - on the outside of this jacket is written \* Jacob Meek.

As Jacob Meek, had children living in Pennsylvania and Virginia at this time and several in each military force, it is not hard to think that this is the same Jacob Meek, that we have been checking the records of, and as the records of no other Jacob Meek appears to the best of my knowledge.

Excerpts from the Genealogal and Personal history of Western Pennsylvania, by John W. Jordan, Volume I.

Joshua, John and Jacob II were among the early settlers of Moon township Alleghany, County, Pennsylvania coming from Virginia about 1769,

\*\*\*\*They were of WELSH decent. Their mother was a member of the LEE family of Virginia.

Jacob Meek, divided his living quarters, in Virginia and Maryland whichever was to his advantage, therefore he was back in Anne Arundel Co. Maryland in 1745, for the purpose of getting land grants.

Meek Genealogy, 1740 to 1902, written by H.B. Meek, of Kansas City., whom it is thought obtained his information by Tradition Stories., Correspondance with older members of the family, and various other ways of personal contact, but without actually being able or in a position to do research in County Court House and State Library's.

H. B, Meeks., Genealogy is the only source of information we have at the present time for the names of the children of Jacob Meek, The children as named on the following sheet is as he gave them, but not in the same order other information as to dates, marriages, places of abode and etc., have been added from other sources.

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H. B. Meek, in his genealogy states that Joseph Meek, a son of Jacob Meek, settled in Virginia, where he lived all his life, - See Joseph Meek, Record,\*

Chris Meek note: Many people are said to have descended from Jacob Meek. Joseph Meek was not able to find many records about him. H. B. Meek and Carleton Meek cannot be relied upon as their work is not based on any records and are known to be wrong in some cases.

There is simply no proof to connect any children to Jacob Meek. But that has not stopped a lot of people from doing it.

## The Guy Meeke Connection

### What Records are Available?

By Christopher A. Meek

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

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

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

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

Meeke, John immigrated prior to 1663, Chirurgeon  
Meek, Thomas Immigrated 1663  
Meek, John Immigrated 1664  
Meeke, Guy transported 1666

Meek, Alice transported 1674  
Meeke, John transported 1674  
Meeke, Walter immigrated from Virginia 1674 wife and 3 children  
Meeke, Sarah immigrated 1674 wife of Walter

Meeke, William transported 1675

Meeks, Moss transported 1678

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

John Meakes

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

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John Meakes, 200 acs. in Mobjacke Bay, on the S. side of the southern br. of Severne, Aug. 20, 1642, Page 809. Trans. of himself and 3 servts: Richard Carter, Robert Peircifull, Matthew Chapman.

The Severn River is in modern day Maryland

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

### **Guy Meeke**

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

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

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

"Rose" 136 acres 16 Jan 1668.

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

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

"Meek's Rest" 210 acres 1 Oct 1681

"Weston" 130 acres 1 Oct 1681.

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

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

He married (1) unknown

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1) **Jeremiah Meek**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WHO HIS CHILDREN WERE!**

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

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

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

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

**THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WHO HIS CHILDREN WERE!**

Children typically attached to Jacob were from 3 unrelated Meek families according to the Meek DNA Project using Y-DNA from a large number of descendants.

G.) **James Meek** (Editor: it is unclear why this name was included.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G) **James Meek** was born 12 Apr 1743 according to bible records. Deed records mentions his father and wife, Elizabeth. Will dated 17 Jan 1790 and probated 5 Feb 1790

(7) **Sussanah Meek** married **William Phelps** about 1734. Although there is a marriage record, her connection to John has not been made clear. In addition there are conflicting dates mentioned.

John married (2) Mary \_\_\_\_\_ about 1703. She is mentioned in his will. She was born about 1668, based on age given in her will signed in 1726 (age 58). The children of John and Mary were baptized 24 Jun 1719 which was recorded in parish records. She married (2) James Boyce in 1713.

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

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

(A) **Samuel Meek**

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

### Summary

Joseph L. Meek collected a large number of records from Maryland trying connect his ancestor, Joseph Meek born 1744, to Guy Meek. While he failed in that effort he passed on valuable data that may yet help others make the connection. The genealogy presented here is based on those records. It is important for others to try and expand it.

The early authors who wrote about Jacob Meek, son of Adam Meek and Jacob Meek, son of Guy Meek, frequently claimed the same set of children as descendants. They planted the Maryland connection firmly in our minds. Since it is known that the Meek families in Allegheny Co., PA had a Maryland connection it is appropriate to pursue that line of research.

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

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