

GOOCHLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

WILLS and DEEDS

1728-1736

*For the Albemarle County Historical Society*

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## INTRODUCTION

Goochland County was formed in 1728 from Henrico County, from that portion west of Tuckahoe Creek on the north of the James River, and that portion west of Lower Manakin Creek south of the James River. It was named for Sir William Gooch, who became the Lieutenant Governor, resident in Williamsburg, remaining there for 22 years as a very popular official.

In 1744 the County of Albemarle was formed from the western portion of Goochland. This in turn was further divided in 1749 when that part south of the James River became Cumberland County. Cumberland was itself further divided in 1777, when its eastern portion became Powhatan Co. Albemarle County, in turn, was mother county to Amherst in 1761, Nelson in 1808 (from Amherst), Buckingham in 1761, Appomattox in 1845 (from Buckingham), and Fluvanna in 1777.

In colonial times Goochland County was divided into parishes of the Church of England. St. James Parish was created in 1720 from Henrico Parish, and remained St. James until 1744, when it was further divided into St. James Northam, north of the James River, and St. James Southam, south of the river. It was originally formed from that part of Henrico Parish west of Westham Creek on the north side of the river, and the upper line of the lands of the French refugees south of the river. King William Parish was formed in 1700 from Henrico Parish, with no set boundaries, but was to encompass the lands near Manakin Town granted to the French Huguenot refugees. Some birth and death records from the register of King William Parish are on pp 380-386 of The Douglas Register, edited in 1928 by W. Mac Jones and reprinted 1966 by the Genealogical Publishing Co. , Baltimore. They have also reprinted Brock's Huguenot Emigration to Virginia, originally printed in 1886.

During the period covered in this book (1728-1736) Henry Wood was Clerk of the Court. Richard Randolph and John Bolling were Burgesses in 1727/8, John Fleming and Dudley Digges in 1732, and Edward Scott and James Holman in 1736.

The wills and deeds for this period are both found in the deed books, the first two of which are abstracted here. Please be warned that errors may occur in abstracts. To be certain of the facts, one must consult the original books.

8921 Ginger Way Drive  
Richmond, Virginia 23229  
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p.123 Will of Henry Baley of King William Parish, Goochland Co.  
Executor: George Smith

To William Smith and James Smith, 400 acres at head of Chastains branch on south side of James River, William to have the lower 200 where Mathew Age lives. If either William or James dies under age 20, land goes to their sister Ann Smith, daughter of George and Ann Smith.

To Ann Smith, daughter of George and Ann Smith, all my moveable estate.

Dated 7 July 1735

Wit: Jos. Bingley, Stephen(+) Forcey, John (I) Belew

Signed: Henry (H) Baley

Recorded 15 July 1735

p.123 Inventory of Henry Hamton, dec'd, presented by Ann Hamton, Adm'x., value £ 12/11/10

June 25, 1735, by Francis Samson, James Nowlin, Jos. Fuqua

Recorded 15 July 1735

p.124 Inventory of Judith Johns, dec'd, , value £ 21/10/8  
by Robert Hughes, Daniel Wilmore, Fedrick Cox.

Recorded 15 July 1735

p.125 Deed 16 Aug. 1735 William Verdeman of St. James Parish, Goochland Co., to Charles Cox of same, for £ 20, 200 acres in same parish, bounded by the river and Charles Lewis.

Wit: None Signed: William (W) Verdeman

Recorded 19 Aug. 1735

p.128 Deed 10 June 1735 Nicholas Cox of St. James Parish, Goochland Co., to William Spears of same, for love and goodwill, 400 acres on south side of James River, bounded by William Mayo, Stephen Hughes, Maple Swamp.

Wit: Richard Deane, Jacob Moseby, Alex'r Farg, Sr.

Signed: Nicholas (N) Cox

Recorded 19 Aug. 1735

p.129 Deed 10 June 1735 Nicholas Cox of St. James Parish, Goochland Co., to John Sanders and Sarah his wife, in consideration of a marriage before had between John Sanders and Sarah Sanders, daughter of Nicholas Cox, for good will and affection, land on Maple Swamp, a branch of Muddy Creek.

Wit: Richard Deane, Wm Walker, William Easely

Signed: Nicholas (N) Cox

Recorded 19 Aug. 1735

p.130 Deed 14 Aug. 1735 Thomas Murrell of St. James Parish, Goochland Co., to Francis Hill of Westover Parish, Charles City Co., for £ 20, 200 acres of land on Little Bird Creek, next to George Payne.

Wit: None Signed : Thomas Murrell

Recorded 19 Aug. 1735

Elizabeth, wife of Thomas, relinquished her dower right.