

Captain Thomas Harris

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Arrived in Virginia Colony on the ship *Prosperous* in May (1611) (Shifflett, Muster)

Upper Hundred – “Curls”

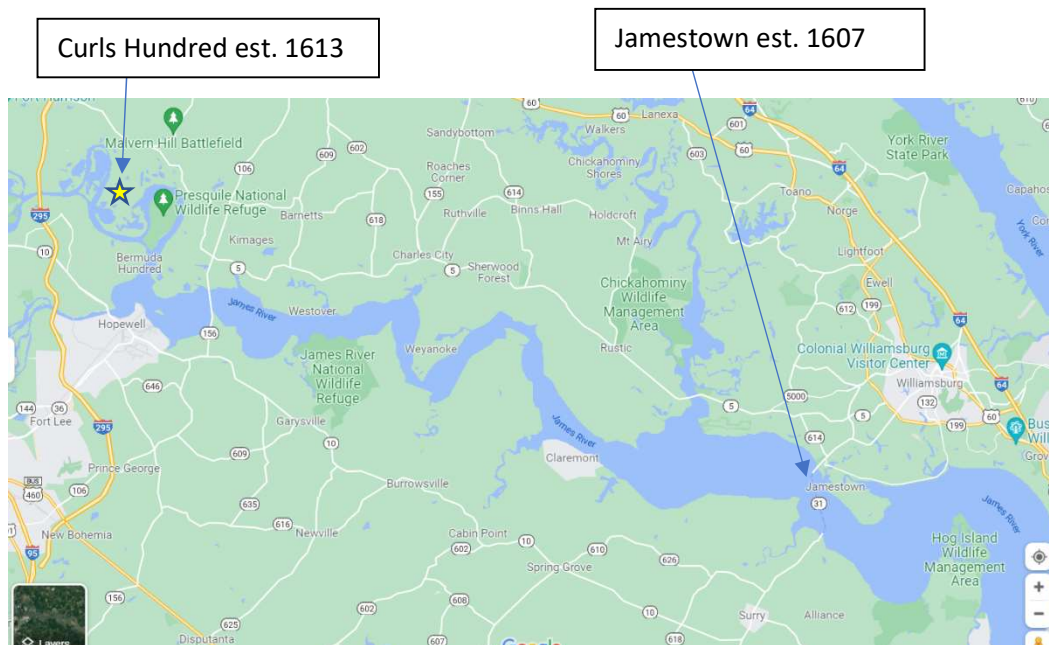
Where: north side of James River below Henrico and across from Bermuda (Nether) Hundred. One of several hundreds annexed to Bermuda City.

When: 1613 – settlement at Curls “seems to have begun although little is known of events in the early years.”

“Curls” evidently was a name suggested by the course of the river here.

1617 – patent for 400 acres to Edward Gurgany in October 1617.

Who: “In 1619 Gurgany’s widow bequeathed the tract to Captain Thomas Harris (Hatch 49). Progress in the occupation and use of the ground was severely checked by the massacre (22 March 1622)” by the Indians.



According to the 1624/25 Census Thomas Harris was 38 years old, married to Adria (Hoare) Harris, age 23 (she arrived in the *Marmaduke* in 1621), living in land-of-the-neck, Charles City. He owned 1 boat, 2 houses, 11 cattle, 30 poultry, 1

sword, 1 coat of mail, 1 armor, 3 guns (Piece Fixed), 11 pounds gun powder, 2 lead, 7 ½ bushels corn, 1 bushel peas (Shifflett, Muster)

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