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David:

This is my first Report, therefore it seems in order to explain its "make-up". It consists of four parts. Namely:

- Letter provides the opportunity to expand on the research and to hypothesize where possible.
- Report consists of the sources consulted and the facts that have surfaced.
- Research Calendar is a chronological progression of the research.
- Exhibits provide needed and/or requested documentation.

Your objective for this Report was to locate and obtain any early 1695 to 1750 Vardiman (variants) land surveys in what is now New Castle County, DE, and to obtain specified deed records.

I originally targeted fifteen hours of research and analysis to be completed by April 30, 2009. I met that goal and was ready to mail your Report on May 1, 2009. The suggestion that I transmit the New Castle County deed information to you by burning a CD or on a flash drive necessitated some adjustments in my schedule to comply with your request. One facet of Project #1 is complete with the mailing of the flash drive containing the New Castle Co. Deeds from Deed Book Q, vol 1. As I indicated in my e-mail of 2/28/09 only one Vardiman warrant for a survey surfaced; the William Vardiman and Robert James warrant of 1747 found on microfilm roll #8. The paucity of survey information should not, in my opinion, be a reason for deeming this should be the end of Project #1, and a move to Project #2 of determining the Vardiman family origins, or Project #3, to try to resolve the ten year gap between New Castle DE and Albermarle County, VA, for William Vardiman, wife Margaret and family. See Research Report #1' enclosed for additional thinking about these two projects.

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Land record surveys may yet surface in several sources that to my knowledge have not been tapped. Please inform me if any of the following three sources have been researched by others: The Delaware Fugitive Records project **DPA**, the Joseph Brown Turner MMS Collection **DPA & WMB**, or the CHB Turner Collection, **HSP** any of these three could contain surveys. The most likely source would be the Delaware Fugitive Records Project, it contains several pages of microfilm references to early Warrants and Surveys filed in PA and NY. See Exhibit 4A.

With respect to Project #2, I note the mention of and letter from Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig of 19 January 2002. Dr Craig is a known authority on the Swedes on both sides of the Delaware River. This caused me to think of the early Finn and Swede settlers on the West Jersey shore (NJ). Has there been any research performed in this area? John & Margareta Vardiman,s daughter's husband James Senex[on] -(many variants) may descend from the Sinnickson Family mentioned in The History and Genealogy of Fenwick's Colony.<sup>1</sup> Shourds says an Anders Seneca had two sons born in Sweden, Broor and Anders:

[A Broer and Anders Sinnickson are mentioned in Peter Stebbins Craig's 1671 Census<sup>2</sup>

A Broer and Anders Sinnickson are mentioned in Peter Stebbins Craig's, 1693 Census<sup>3</sup>]

Note: there is no reference to Vardiman (variants) in these three publications.

It is my practice to ask if I may have your written approval to furnish any Reports made to you to the Board for Certification of Genealogists at the time of my next five year peer review for the continuation of my service mark, post nominal as a CG; my seventh review.

I trust this Report meets with your approval, and I will await your response before proceeding further. Of importance to me is to learn if you concur with the thoughts I have expressed and the priority you place on the suggestions made for further research going forward.

Sincerely,

  
William Morris Brown, Jr.

WMB/ Encl. Research Report, Research Calendar, Exhibits, Statement of Account; sent earlier one CD, two flash drives.

<sup>1</sup> Thomas Shourds, *History and Genealogy of Fenwick's Colony*, (Baltimore,, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company) 1976.

<sup>2</sup> Peter Stebbins Craig, *The 1671 Census of the Delaware*, ( Philadelphia, PA : The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania) 1999 pgs 39, 42.

<sup>3</sup> Peter Stebbins Craig, *The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware*, Winter Park, FL: SAG Publications ) 1993, pgs.. 21, 22.

## RESEARCH REPORT

May 29, 2009

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### SUBJECTS:

James and Dorcas (Harmanson) Sennexon  
Vardiman: (surname variations) Verdiman, Verdeman, Verdamin, Wardeman, Werdeman  
Wardiman for: William, John, Christopher, Jacob, Elinor, Sarah.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Mr. David Miles Vardiman, and his cousin, Mr. Jesse (Jack) Harris Vardaman have done extensive research on their Vardiman family; publishing the same on their Vardiman Family web site: [http: www.treespot.net/index.htm](http://www.treespot.net/index.htm).  
Client is interested in pursuing colonial Vardiman research. His project is divided into three phases in the order set out, namely to:

- Locate old New Castle County, Delaware Surveys that could be associated to "known geographic control points or land monuments" of today, and to obtain copies of relevant New Castle County Warrants and Deeds.
- Research Vardiman (variants) European origins.
- Trace the William and Magdalena Vardiman family from the New Castle Wilmington area after October 1724 until they surface in Virginia in September 1734.

### OBJECTIVE OF THIS RESEARCH:

Initial research this Report is to locate old New Castle County, Delaware Surveys that could be associated to "known geographic control points or land monuments" of today, and to obtain copies of relevant New Castle County Warrants and Deeds.

### LIMITATION:

Fifteen hours Research and Analysis before Report. (self- imposed)



## **REPOSITORIES:**

Home Research Library 1103 Dardel Drive, Wilmington, DE-2711; hereafter **WMB**.  
Delaware Historical Society 505 Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801; hereafter **HSD**.  
The Delaware Public Archives 121 Duke of York St., Dover, DE19901; hereafter **DPA**.  
The University of Delaware Morris Library 181 South College Ave. Newark, DE 19717-5267; hereafter **UD**.  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania 1300 Locust St., Philadelphia, PA 19107; hereafter **HSP**.

## **ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT**

The Survey phase will require a visit to **DPA**. Some surveys for the Delaware colonial period might be found at **HSD**, but this site is closed to the public and researchers until June 2009 for an upgrading of the heating and air condition units. Copies of most Delaware New Castle County Deeds can be obtained at **WMB**; however, Deed Book Q, vol.1 copies will have to be obtained at **DPA**. Some surveys for Delaware's colonial period are among Pennsylvania Records at **HSP**, although it is probable such surveys are also in "The Delaware Fugitive Records Series" at **DPA**. The Morris Library site at **UD** presents a serious parking problem, and will be avoided if survey records can be accessed elsewhere.

## **RECORDS SEARCHED AND RESEARCH RESULTS**

### **WARRANTS & SURVEYS:**

Record Group 2555.016 is a series identified as New Castle County, Recorder of Deeds, Warrants and Surveys 1680-1860. It consists of nine rolls of microfilm. A-1 through Y-2. These microfilms have no index. One Vardiman Warrant surfaced in an examination of microfilm roll #8, "Warrants and Surveys S2- W-2"; and is enclosed. See Exhibits 1A-1F. Both the V and the W surnames were reviewed because of the variants in names.

### **LAND RECORDS-DEEDS:**

New Castle County Deeds listed in e-mail attachment of 2/09/09 were reviewed and copied in the order in which they were given, namely

- #7 Feb. 20, 1702 James and Dorcas (Harmanson) Sennexon Deed Bk. B vol. 1 pg. 229.
- #15 Feb. 9, 1718 John Werdeman and Sarah Deed Bk. E vol. 1 pg. 274.

- #16 Oct-20-21, 1718 John Vardiman Deed Bk. H vol. 1 pg.132.
  - #26 Nov. 8, 1727 John Verdemans Deed Bk. H vol 1, pg. 230.
  - #29 Feb. 1732 Johannes Vardiman Deed Bk. K vol, pg. 327 (missing).
  - #36 May 16, 1735, Johannis Wardirman & Sarah Deed Bk. K vol. 1 pg. 327 (missing).
  - #40 Nov, 19, 1736 John Vardiman Deed Bk. L vol. 1, pg.34.
  - #63 May 16, 1748 William Vardiman Deed Bk. Q vol. 1. pg. 81.
  - #65 Nov. 17, 1748 Christopher Vardiman, Johannse Vardiman, William Vardiman, Jacob [Vardeman] Deed Bk. Q vol. 1 pg. 113.
  - #67 Feb. 13, 1749 William Vardiman & Elinor Vardiman Deed Bk, Q vol. 1, pg. 281.
  - #68 Feb. 13, 1749 William Vardiman & Elinor Vardiman Deed Bk. Q vol. 1, pg. 279.
  - #73 Nov. 7, 1749 William Vardiman Deed Bk. Q vol. 1, pg 261.
  - #75 Aug. 21 1750 Johannes Vardiman Deed Bk. Q vol. 1 pg 391.
  - #77 Nov. 19, 1750 William Vardiman, Elinor Vardiman Deed Bk. Q vol.1, pg. 469.
  - #77 Jan. 17, 1752 Eleanor Wardeman Deed Bk. W vol. 1, pg. 55.
  - #91 Jan. 24, 1755 Eleanor Warderman [Eleanor (Wardermnan) Hillyard Deed Bk. W vol.1, pg 55.
  - #103 May 13, 1757 Eleanor Vardiman, William Vardeman (William Vardeman II, son of Johannes Vardeman) Deed Bk. S vol. 1, pg. 447.
  - #130 May 20, 1760 Charles Hillard, Deed Bk. W vol. 1, pg. 170.
- These Deeds (paper copies) are enclosed as Exhibits 2A through 2P.
- Note: Deeds #7, #15, #16, #26, forwarded earlier on a CD.
- Deeds #40 #77, #91, #103 forwarded earlier on a flash drive.
- Deeds #63, #65, #67, #68, #73, #75, #77 forwarded 5/27/09 on a flash drive.

## ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

### WARRANTS AND SURVEYS:

On the microfilm<sup>1</sup> two copies of one Warrant surfaced for a William Vardiman and a Robrt James -1747 for 60 acres. The two Warrants appear to be juxtaposed on the film. Both have the same date, both have the same 60 acres, but the second Warrant copy, noted as "not recorded", is entirely handwritten, and should be viewed as the earlier of the two. It also has an additional note to the Deputy Surveyor- George Stevenson.

In considering surveys and the apparent lack of them for Vardiman (varients) it should be considered that any survey will contain more that one name, ie abutting landowners. A case in point is a warrant and draught/plot for a dan'll Smith. Contiguous property

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<sup>1</sup> New Castle County , DE Warrants and Surveys , RG 2555.016, Microfilm Roll #8, folders S2-W1, folios 455-460.



holders were seven [John Griffin, Jo. Hallham, Willm Mansfield, James Handley, Jos. Esther, Daris Marshall, Wm Councill]. Thus, any deed/warrant with a survey in the Appoquinimink area could have a clue to a Vardiman next door, who would be unknown until the survey was read.

### **LAND RECORDS-DEEDS:**

The first deed requested was found to be incorrectly labeled. The Sennexon deed your #7 can be found in Deed Book B vol 1, pages 229, 230, not Deed Book C. There are actually two deeds for item #16 one on October 20, 1718 between Benjamin Allmond and John Vardiman for 130 acres, (Deed Book H vo. 1 pg. 132) and a second deed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1718 between Benjamin Alman (sic) and John Vardiman for 55 acres (Deed Book H vl. 1 pages 133, 134).

All the Vardiman (variants) and other New Castle County deeds specified have been copied. Most deeds are legible to some extent. All deeds from deed book Q were reproduced at **DPA** on 11" X17" paper; all other deed book copies were made in Wilmington on 8 ½ "X 11" copy paper (.50 cents per page vs. 10 cents per page). All copies made for James, which I am now withholding, were on 8 ½ X 11" copy paper. Should you wish 11" X 17" copies of the other deeds, copies of that size can be made, when I am next at **DPA** in Dover, DE, but I believe that size is now not necessary with the CD and the flash drives since sent..

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH**

Several options remain for New Castle County Warrants and Surveys category before moving on to the next phase of this project, namely, to search and review:

- each frame of unsearched microfilmed documents on microfilm roll #8, Warrants and Surveys, S2-W2, (excluding those frames already searched and to search each frame on the remaining 7 rolls of this series, (Record Groups 2555.016). : A listing of these microfilms is set out as Exhibit # 3A.
- The Delaware Fugitive Records series, earlier mentioned, for Delaware records made during the Penn Proprietorship 1682-1776. This series may also hold answers and relationships for Vardiman's (variants) not published elsewhere.

[The Delaware Fugitive Record series is based on original copies held by repositories in other states in particular early colonial records most at HSP, but also on microfilm at DPA. I have enclosed as an Addendum to this Report, Exhibit 4A, an old publication - 1980- for your information and records file.]

- The Joseph Brown Turner MMS Collection comprising 647 microfiche, each with a maximum capacity of seventy five documents, memos, charts, etc.. for over 2000 Delaware families.
- Indexed publications of The Delaware Genealogical Society 1980-2008, vol. 1-14, containing vital records and accounts for births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, burials, church records – memberships, cemetery records, newspapers accounts and family histories, but no surveys.

**END**

## **LIST OF EXHIBITS:**

### **WARRANTS:**

- 1A Introduction to Microfilm Roll #8.
- 1B Documents missing or unassigned at time of microfilming.
- 1C Title page of document to follow.
- 1D Warrant- William Vardiman and Robert James –printed form, frame no. 456.
- 1E Title page of document to follow.
- 1F Warrant – William Vardiman & Robert James – entirely handwritten, frame no 459, noted “ not recorded”, with additional note on document to the Deputy Surveyor-George Stevenson.

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## LIST OF EXHIBITS:

### LAND RECORDS:

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>		<u>Book</u>	<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Pages.</u>
2A	#7	Feb. 20, 1702	James and Dorcas (Harmanson) Sennexon Deed	B	1	229, 230.
2B	#15	Feb. 9, 1718	John Werdeman and Sarah Deed	E	1	274-279.
2C	#16	Oct-20-21, 1718	John Vardiman Deed	H	1	132,+133,134.
2D	#26	Nov. 8, 1727	John Verdemans Deed	H	1	230.-232
	#29	Feb. 1732	Johannes Vardiman Deed			Deed Bk. K vol 1 pg. 327 (missing).
	#36	May 16, 1735,	Johannis Wardirman & Sarah			Deed Bk. K vol. 1 pg. 327 (missing).
2E	#40	Nov, 19, 1736	John Vardiman Deed	L	I	34-36.
2F	#63	May 16, 1748	William Verdiman Deed	Q	1	81,82.
2G	#65	Nov. 17, 1748	Christopher Vardiman, Johannse Vardiman, William Vardiman, Jacob[Vardeman] Deed	Q	1	113,114.
2H	#67	Feb. 13, 1749	William Vardiman & Elinor Verdiman Deed	Q	1	281, 282.
2I	#68	Feb. 13, 1749	William Vardiman & Elinor Vardiman Deed	Q	1	279, 280.
2J	#73	Nov. 7, 1749	William Verdiman Deed	Q	1	261, 262.
2K	#75	Aug. 21 1750	Johannes Verdiman Deed	Q	1	391,392.
2L	#77	Nov. 19, 1750	William Vardiman, Elinor Verdiman Deed	Q	1	469.
2M	#77	Jan. 17, 1752	Eleanor Wardeman Deed	W	1	55.
2N	#91	Jan. 24, 1755	Eleanor Warderman [Eleanor (Wardermnan) Hillyard Deed	W	1	55.
2O	#103	May 13, 1757	Eleanor Verdiman, William Vardeman (William Vardeman II, son of Johannes Vardeman) Deed	S	1	447-449.
2P	#130	May 20, 1760	Charles Hillard, Deed	W	1	170-173.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY WARRANTS & SURVEYS

Folder V-1

Documents #1 through #35

At the time of microfilming these documents were unavailable. They were either missing or the numbers were unassigned.

V-1 #10  
V-1 #11  
V-1 #12  
V-1 #13  
V-1 #14  
V-1 #16  
V-1 #17  
V-1 #27

## NEW CASTLE COUNTY ARCHIVES WARRANTS AND SURVEYS

1640 - 1860

APPROXIMATELY 4.5 CUBIC FEET

The New Castle County Archives Warrants and Surveys series was artificially created and is primarily composed of materials retrieved from the proprietary papers of Pennsylvania. Other items were donated by private individuals, or received from various state and county offices and courts. The series is maintained as part of the Delaware Land Records Collection. At the present time (1983) there are 4.5 cubic feet of cataloged materials. Access to the series can be gained through the use of the Delaware Land Records Index, also available in microfilm format. The index, subdivided by county, is alphabetical in arrangement. The individual documents are referenced by an alpha-numeric code, for example A, #1; A, #2; A, #3; etc.

During the Colonial period, the proprietor held title to all land in the colony that had not been claimed. From 1655 to 1664 and from 1673 to 1674, the Dutch West India Company and the City of Amsterdam were proprietors of the land that is now Delaware; most of the surviving records of the Dutch colony are in Albany, New York. Most of the records of the small Swedish colony (1638-1655) have been destroyed. From 1664 to 1673 and from 1674 to 1682, the Duke of York was proprietor; his surviving land records and court records are also in Albany, New York. From 1682 until 1776, the Penn family were proprietors of the lower counties on the Delaware, which were a separate proprietary province from the colony of Pennsylvania. The Delaware Hall of Records contains many of the



documents from the proprietary land office. After the Revolution, the State of Delaware took over the proprietary function, and granted unclaimed land in the name of the people. A prospective landowner would first apply to the proprietor for a warrant, which would entitle him to claim a certain acreage in a certain locality, if some other person had not already claimed the land. He/she would then take his warrant to the surveyor, who would make a survey and file it with a surveyor's return at the land office in Philadelphia. The survey would also be filed at the county courthouse in a plot book or survey book, however this procedure was not always followed.