**Margaret Vawter3, (John2, Bartholomew1)**

Margaret was the daughter of John Vawter and Margaret Noel. John and Margaret were likely married by the time of John’s father’s, Bartholomew, death in Sep 1717.

Margaret b. ca 1722 Essex Co., VA d. 1811 Culpeper Co., VA m. 25 Mar 1738 Ephraim Rucker in Essex Co., VA Ephraim will 24 Sep 1796, proved 28 Dec 1797 Madison (previous Culpeper) Co., VA . Ephraim was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Noted in Vol. 10 page 11 of the *VA Historical Magazine* under “Virginia Militia in Revolution”. April 2 (?) Capt. Ephraim Rucker, pay of his Company in Culpeper to 5th of Sept last. 49, 3, 5. And again on page 18 Capt. Ephraim Rucker pay of two military men. Pay Roll 1, 9, 4.

In the will of her father John dated 1748, proved 1752: *4thly To my daughter Margaret Rucker one hundred and fifty acres of land at the great Mountains, that which leys most convenient to her.*

In the will of her mother Margaret in 1756: *But in case the said Cloe should be without child or before she has been in the possession of Ephraim Rucker and his wife one year then my said son Angus to be paid ten pounds current money out of the remainder of my estate. I constitute, ordain and appoint Ephraim Rucker whole and sole executor.*

From the book *Culpeper County Virginia Deeds, 1749-1755*, by Dorman, pg. 121-126.

Deed dated 8 Feb 1750. John Vawter of Essex County to Ephraim Rucker and Margaret his wife of Culpeper County. Lease and release; for the love and good will he hath to his son in law and daughter Ephraim and Margaret Rucker and for 5 shillings. 200 acres, part of a tract granted John Vawter for 700 acres by patent 20 July 1736……corner to Kirtley and Stanton…. John Vawter. Witnessed: Bartholomew Vawter, Richard Vawter Senr., Angus Vawter, Richard Vawter. 15 Mar 1749/1750. Proved by Richard Vawter, Richard Vawter, Junr. And Angus Vawter.

Book- *History of the Rucker Family and Their Descendants* - Ephraim Rucker was born in the early 1700s or perhaps late 1690s, most likely in England; possibly in Virginia. He lived in Culpeper (later called Madison) County, Virginia.

*Will of Ephraim Rucker, Madison County, Virginia, Will Book 1, Dated September 24, 1796, Proved December 28, 1797*

*The balance of my estate I lend to my beloved wife, Margarett Rucker, to be peaceably enjoyed by her during her natural life and after her decease . . . to be sold . . . and the money arising . . . I give to my son, Angus Rucker, one seventh part . . . also the whole tract of land whereon I live . . . to my son, Elliott Rucker . . . to my son, John Rucker . . . to my daughter, Tabitha Gaines . . . to my daughter, Mary Vawter . . . to my daughter, Tomagen Rucker, John Booten, her son, Ambrose Booten, her son, and Anna Rucker, her daughter, and Elizabeth Minor, Joseph Minor and Mary Early to be apportioned between them as follows, one third part of that seventh to my daughter, Margarett Morgan, on other third part to her son, Elliott Minor, and one other third part equally divided between her son, Joseph Minor and her daughter, Mary Early . . . appoint my sons, Angus Rucker, Elliott Rucker and John Rucker, executors . . . this 24th day of September 1796. Test: James Redish, George Allen, Joseph Bradford.*

*At a court held 28th December 1797 will exhibited and proved and ordered to be certified, and upon the motion of Angus Rucker and John Rucker a probate thereof granted to them. At a court held 23rd September 1802 will exhibited and fully proved and ordered to be recorded.*

*Know all men . . . We, Angus Rucker, John Rucker, William Blakey and Joseph Bradford . . . bound in the sum of ten thousand dollars . . . 28th December 1797. Condition of the above that Angus Rucker and John Rucker do make a true and perfect inventory. At a court held 28th December 1797 bond acknowledged and ordered to be recorded.*

Found in *Virginia Magazine of History* Vol. 23, pub. 1968, year ending 1920 p. 79. Will Book 1, p. 248, Orange Co., VA is will of John Rucker, date “XI”Jan’y 1742, proven, 28 Jan’y 1742; names his wife Susannah and his 12 children and among them Peter. Appts. Wife Susannah, son Peter Rucker and friend George Taylor exors.

In the same Will Book p. 299, is will of Peter Rucker dated 18th Jan’y. 1742/43, proven 23 Feb 1743, Orange Co., VA; *lends to wife Elizabeth Rucker, all estate, real and person during life, and after her death gives certain personal property to daughter Margaret Tinsley and son in law Isaac Tinsley; son Ephraim Rucker and to daughter Ann Cook and son in law Shem Cook, and balance to be sold and divided amoung his children by name as follows: Thomas Rucker, Elizabeth Pearce, Wm. Rucker, Mary Offott, James Rucker, Ephraim Rucker and Ann Cook. Appts. James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker Exors.*

Culpeper Co. Deed Book Vol. 1 page 411-12. 21 Feb 1752. Bond of Thomas Rucker, William Rucker, William Offill and Shem Cook unto James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker, executors of Peter Rucker. For 1000 pounds sterling. There have been several legacies delivered out of the estate to the several legatees: To Isaac Tindsley a Negroe boy names Yorkshire, to Shem Cook a Negro girl named Jenny, to Ephraim Rucker a Negroe girl named Phillis. If Thomas Rucker, William Rucker, William Offill and Shem Cook agree with the delivery of the legacies without taking any rents, interest, then this obligation be void. Signed Thos. Rucker, Wm. Rucker, Shem Cook, Wm. Offill. Wit: Francis Kirkley and Richard Vawter.

Page 412. 21 Feb 1752. The subscribers hath received of James Rucker and Ephraim Rucker, executors of Peter Rucker, all of the estate bequeathed to me and my wife Margaret Tindsley by the said will, and discharge the executors of all debts, dues and demands or any legacy to me or my wife bequeathed by the will. Signed Isaac Tindsley and Margaret Tinsley. Wit: Richard Vawter and William Offill.

Culpeper Co., VA Deed Book II

14 Nov 1759 Pg 338-40. Isaac Tindsley and Margaret his wife of Amelia County to Isaac Tindsley Junr. of Brumfield parish, Culpeper Co., For natural love and paternal effection for their son and 5 shillings sterling. 100 acres in Brumfield Parish on the Rapidan River…William Crawford’s line…William rucker’s line. Sign Isaac and Margaret Tindsley

Wit: Emphraim Rucker, David Vawter (proved 17 Apr 1760) Richd. Vawter (proved 15 May 1760)

10 Nov 1759 Pg 340-43 Isaac Tindsley and Margaret his wife of Amelia Co., to Ephraim Rucker of Brumfield Parish, Culpeper Co., for 25 pd. Current money. 100 acres in Brumfield Parish and on the branches of Elk Run in the fork of the Rappidan and Robinson rivers…corner to John Offill and Richard Vawter’s line…Jerrard Banks’s lline and Ephraim Rucker’s line. Sign Isaac Tindsley, Margaret Tindsley

Wit: Richd. Vawter, David Vawter, Isaac Tindsley

17 Apr 1760 proved by David Vawter

15 May 1760 proved by Isaac Tindsley Junr. And Richard Vawter

Occupatica Creek Rappahannock County Virginia, Peter Rucker listed as living along the Creek. Reference: {Rappahannock County, Virginia History 1656 to 1662 listed in Rappahannock County By T.H. Warner, Page 166.}

Peter Rucker lived along the Occupatica Creek near the old Chicacoon Indian Trail in Rappahannock County, Virginia. Reference:{Rappahannock County DBk 4 Page 144.}

Researcher Carla Orcutt of Bainbridge Island, WA and Maria Bobo of GA both descendants through the Rucker line lists the following children of Margaret and Ephraim.

1. Mary Rucker d. Boone Co., KY m. 29 Jun 1784 in Orange Co., VA to William Vawter d. 27 Nov 1823 Boone Co. KY. William was the son of David Vawter and Mary (Offill?), David the sister of Margaret, so they were first cousins. (see William3, David2, Barth1 Vawter file)

According to the following will of Ephraim Rucker, Mary Rucker wife of William was his daughter, shown as Mary Vawter, but no husband is listed so this is not finalized.

Children: William Jr., George M., Herman, Edmond, Thomas and Virginia Vawter.

2. Margaret Rucker b. ca 1738 Orange Co., VA m. Armistead Minor b. ca 1738 Culpeper Co., VA d. bef. Sep 1796 Madison Co., VA

a Mary Minor m. 1795 to Whitfield Early. Parents Joseph Early and Jane Paschal.

b. Elizabeth Minor

c. Joseph Minor

Possible second marriage to William Morgan

3. John Rucker b. ca 1740 Orange Co., VA d. 1811 KY. M. to Julianna Early b. 1763 d. 1851. Parents Joseph Early and Jane Paschal. Juliana Early was a sister of William Early who married Catherine Rucker.

4. Angus Rucker b. ca 1743 m. ca 1762 to Jane Allen b. ca 1753

a. Catherine Rucker b. ca 1770 m. 1804 to William Early. Parents Joseph Early and Jane Paschal.

b. George Allen Rucker b. ca 1800

c. John F. Rucker

d. Jane Rucker

e. Sallie A. Rucker

f. Margaret Rucker m. James Blakey. One son known: Angus Rucker Blakey m. Jane Eliza Johnston.

5. Elliott LeGrande Rucker b. VA d. 19 Mar 1832 Shelby Co., KY m. (1) 6 May 1780 Orange Co. VA to Nancy Smith b. ca 1745 VA d. bef 1809. Father Isaac Smith. Married (2) 1809 to Mary Burton b. Orange Co., KY(?). It is noted that Elliott also served in the Revolutionary War, his son LeGrand was named executor of his will.

a. Merial Rucker m. John E. DeNeal b. KY

b. LeGrand Rucker b. ca 1790 m. Harriet Davis b. KY

Shelby Co., KY marriage record shows Harriet Vawter m. William Davis 22 Feb 1820. Harriet Davis m. LeGrand after this date. Which Vawter she belongs to is unknown

c. John Ephraim Rucker b. ca 1795 m. Miss Wright

d. Mary Rucker

6. Tabitha Rucker b. ca 1747 married Edmond Gaines

7. Tomagen Rucker b. ca 1749 VA d. KY married Augustine Rucker b. VA d. KY. Parents of Augustine, James Rucker and Elizabeth Elzaphan. They were 1st cousins.

a. Ephraim Rucker m. Rosamond Wright. Parents Winfield Wright and Judith Tinsley.

b. Anna Rucker

Tomagen married again to Mr. Booten. Date unknown. Children of 2nd husband:

c. John Booten

d. Ambrose Booten

8. Ephraim Rucker, Jr. b. ca 1751 married 1775 Orange Co., VA to Elizabeth Randall.

9. Julius Rucker.