**William Vawter2, (Bartholomew1)**

William Vawter, son of Bartholomew Vawter and Winifred Hodgson was b. ca 1695 as he is located to his own land by 1717. William Vawter married Margaret (nee?) as seen in a deed of 1729.

William Vawter’s inventory of estate is found in Northampton Co., VA order book 20, page 156 dated 13 May 1735. Admtr: Isaac Smith principal creditor of the dec’d. Apprs: Dingley Grey, Obedience White, John Smith, John Roberts.

Also found in The Library of Virginia, microfilm #30, Index to Northampton Co., Wills and Adm. 1632-1800, Wills and Inventories No. 18, 1733-1740, William Vawter, p. 105, Inv. and appr. Rec. 8 Jul 1735.

*Essex Co. Deed & Wills, No. 15, 1716-18 pp. 143-46*. 17 Feb 1717/18 James Boulware Jr. , one of the 3 eldest sons of James Boulware purchased 75 acres in Essex Co. from William Vawter.

In the will of his father, Bartholomew, 16 Aug 1717-17 Sep 1717 it states: *Item I give to my son William Vawter that half part of land I have in the forrest that is next to James Boulware, Jn (?) whereon he is now seated to his and his heirs forever.*

*Essex Co. Order Book 1716-1723 part II*

Court 18 Feb 1717/18. William Vawter acknowledged his Deed for Land & Livery & Seisin theron endorsed to James Boulware, which are admitted to record.

Court 18 Mar 1717/18. Robert King acknowledge his Deed for land & Livery & seisin thereon endorsed to William Vawter. Mary ye wife of Robert King came to court and relinquished her right of Dower.

Court 18 Jun 1719. In action of Trespass and assault brought By William Vawter agt. Benjamin Long, ye Sherif having returned he left a Copy of ye Writ at ye Defts. Dwelling house an alias capias is therefore ordered to issue.

Court 18 Aug 1719. The Suit brought by Wm. Vawter agt. Benja. Long being agreed is dismist.

*Essex Co. Land Records 1717-1722* by Dorman, page 18. Deed pages 186-188 16 May 1720 Buckinham Brown of St. Ann’s Parish, Essex Co., to John Vawter of same. For 57.4 pounds sterling 143 acres in St. Anne’s Parish…near the head of Blackburn’s creek, in the line of Mr. John Hawkin’s Patten and on the Long Bridge swamp side…crossing the main road near the Long Bridge to the run side. Bucken M. Browne. Witness: Will Vawter, David Vawter, Thomas T. Burk. 16 May 1720. Possession and seizin delivered to John Vawter. (Note: Will and David are John’s brothers)

*Essex Co Order Book 1723-1725*

p. 90 Court 17 Mar 1723. On hearing of the petition of James Boulware, Mark Boulware, Benja. Boulware, Wm. Vawter, John Willard, Edwd. Clark, Benja. Vawter, Daniel Neele, Jr. (Noel) & Wm. Beasley for a Rolling Road down to John Vawter’s Rolling House. It is ordered that John Hawkins, Thomas Ramsey & Robert Parker or any two of them view & lay off the most convenient road to ye sd Rolling House and it is ordered that the Surveyors of the Highways in who precincts part of ye sd Road shall happen to be do clear the same part & keep it in order according to Law.

(GJNote: This is interesting as it gives all the land owners in the area and the “rolling road” was the means to “roll” the tobacco casks down to the warehouse to be loaded on the ships.)

*Essex Co. Order Book 1723-1725 part II*

p.209 17Sep 1724. The suit brot by Wm. Vawter agt. James Boulware is dismist

p.212 17 Sep 1724. In the action of Debt brot. by Wm. Vawter agaainst Simon Miller, ye defendt prays oyer of the Note in Declaracon menconed and it is granted him.

p. 238 20 Jan 1724/25. In the action of Debt brot. by Wm. Vawter agt Simon Miller, the Deft. Filed his plea which ye plt. Hath time to consider.

p. 251 17 Feb 1724/25. The accon on ye Case brt. by John Rose agt. Saml. Loyde, a jur included Wm. Vawter and Stephen Chenault among others.

p. 252 17 Feb 1724/25. In ye action of Debt brot. by Wm. Vawter agt. Simller ye plt. This day joyned ye defts. Pleay, the tryal whereof is referred till next Court.

p. 254 17 Feb 1724/25. In the action of Tresps. Brot by Joseph Leemon agt Robert Jonesa on the jury was Wm. Vawter among others.

p. 259 17 Feb 1724/25. In accon of Trespass & assault brot. by James Jones by Robert Jones his next friend aft. Thomas Crow on the jury was Wm. Vawter.

p. 264. Court 16 Mar 1724/25. In accon on ye Case brot. by Edward Searle agt. Richard Goode a jury included Hugh Cary, Wm. Vawter, Robert Parker, John Boulware, Lodowick Rowzee and others.

p. 254. Court 16 Mar 1724/25. In accon of Debt brot. by William Vawter agst. Simon Miller a jury was impanelled, the jury found for the plnt.

Ordered that William Vawter pay Thomas Ramsey for one days attendance as evidence agst. Simon Miller

Ordered that Simon Miller pay Thomas Hipkings for one days attendance as evidence at ye suit brot. by Wm. Vawter.

Ordered that William Vawter pay John Retterford, Junr. For one days attendance as an evidence against Simon Miller

*Virginia County Court Records, Abstract of Land Trails in Essex Co., VA 1711- 1741*. By Ruth & Sam Saparacio, The Antient Press, McLean, VA Copyright 1992.

23 Jan 1724. William Vawter served on a jury in the division of land of William Brook and Richard Gatewood, Sr. and Richard Gatewood, Jr. (an infant) Surveyor Robt. Brooke.

Essex County Order Book 1723-1725 part II

20 Oct 1724. William Fowler & Philip Stockdell put in their claime for taking up a Runaway Servt. Man named John Homes belonging to the Reverd John Gooding in King & Queen Co. and making oath that they never reced any satisfaction for the same. Certificate granted for allowance.

John Ennis and John Tyler put in their claime for taking up a runaway Negro boy belonging to William Fowler of this county and making oath they never reced any satisfaction for the same. Certificate granted for allowance.

(This is William Vawter and Phillip Stogdell, Phillip purchased the “mountain land” with John Vawter that was given to John’s children by deed and will. There is no William Fowler found in this area and the old documents are difficult to read. The name is also seen as Vowler. His location and the names of the other people involved can only mean this is William Vawter)

It seems William left Essex and went to Northampton Co. late 1725 as there are a couple of attachments to his estate in Essex. Likely some debt was owed.

*Essex Co Order Book 1723-1725*

p. 356 18 Nov 1725. The attachment obtained by James Boulware Junr. Agt. ye Estate of Wm. Vawter being served in ye hands of Walter Fitzgarrell, it is therefore ordred that ye Sheriff sumon ye sd Walter to appear at next Court and declar on oath what of ye Defts. Estate he had in his hands at ye time of serving ye sd Attachment.

The attachmt. Obtained by John Hawkins agt. ye Esta. of Wm. Vawter being served on ye Defts. Estate in ye hands of Walter Fitzjarrall, it therfore ordered ye Sheriff sumon ye sd Walter to appear at next Court.

*Essex Co. Order Book 1725-1729 Part I*

p. 5 Court 16 Mar 1725/26

The attachmt obtain’d by James Boulware Junr, agt ye Estate of Wm. Vawter is Continued.

The attachmt obtain’d by John Hawkins agt ye Estate of Wm. Vawter is dismist.

*Essex Co. Deeds & Wills No. 18,* 1724-28. 19 May 1726 Know all men by these presents that I William Vawter of the Parish of St. Anne in County of Essex do for the good will and respect being to James Bowlware Junr. of the Parish aforesaid do impower by these premises to bargain and sell make suit at Law any right title or claims in my behalf to Sign Seal or deliver any writeing or Writeings appertaining to me the said William Vawter & hereby I do from my my heirs or assigns hereafterly these presents stand to all such bargaines contracts Suits at Law Claime or demand whatsoever done by the said James Boulware junr: in my name and behoof As Witness my hand nineteenth day of May 1726. In presence of John Wilson, Mark Boulware. Signed William Vawter. Power of attorney recorded 20 Jul 1726.

*Essex Co. Deed Book 18* pp. 222-223. This Indenture made this 19 May 1726 between William Vawter of Parish of St. Anne in County of Essex Planter of one part & Patrick Kernall of same parish Witnesseth that for sum of 16 pounds 10 shillings currt. Money of VA and 10 shillings paid in hand by the said Patrick Kernall he the said William Vawter by these presents hath conveyed unto said Patrick Kernall 50 acres it being a parcel of land bought of Robert King late of the said Parish & County. In Presence of Us John Wilson, Mark Boulware. Signed William Vawter.

At Court held 10 Jul 1726, William Vawter by James Boulware Junr. His attorney acknowledged this Deed of land and admitted to record.

*Essex County Order Book 1725-1729 Part1*

16 Aug 1726, The suit brot. by James Boulware Junr. Agt William Vawter is dismist

20 Sep 1726, William Vawter’s Power of Attorney to James Boulware, Jur was proved by ye oath of Mark Boulware a witness thereto & admitted to record

Wm. Vawter by James Boulware Junr. His attorney acknod. His Deed indented & livery & seizen theron endorsed to Patrick Kernell & admitted to record.

GJNote: James Boulware Jr. in his will dated 12 Oct 1751 prob. 21 Apr 1752 gave his son Mark Boulware “the land I bought of William Vawter”

Book- *Abstracts of Northampton Co., VA 1632-1802* by James Handley Marshall. P. 265.

With (White), John 10 Nov 1728 / 11 Feb 1828/29. Children: Jacob, John, Caleb, Sarah, Mary. Wf. Mary. Mentions Andrew Pitts, Charles Ashley, slaves Esther and Jonas. Wf. Extrx. Wit: Luke Johnson, William Vawter, John Tilner p. 171. (It is noted Mary White died before her husband)

*Essex Co. Deed Book 1728-1733 p. 41-44*

This indenture made 15 Sep 1729 bet. William Vawter of the county of Northampton in the collony of Virginia and Hugh Carey of the county of Essex, that William Vawter for the sum of 30 pounds current money doth grant unto the said Hugh Carey his heirs and assigns forever a parcell of land containing 75 acres lyeing in the co. of Essex on the North side of Popoman Swamp and bounded at the head of a small branch of the aforesd swamp and along a line of marked trees which devides James Boulwares land to a corner line of William Goldens land to the Corner Tree of Thomas Ramsey lands then to the corner line which was made for a division between William Vawter and his Brother David Vawter then along the branch to the beginning. Wit: Tho: Ramsey, Robt. Part, signed William Vawter

16 Sep 1729. Margaret Vawter wife of William Vawter freely relinquished her right of Dower in the land to Hugh Carey.

PhilipRosario, born say 1700, was an Indian living in Northampton County, Virginia, had an account with John Abdell, ordinary keeper, in 1722. In July 1724 the court ordered him to pay 4 barrels of corn which he had lost in a card game to David Stott. In November 1730 the court ordered the sheriff to arrest him until he provided security to appear in court to answer the suit of Andrew Walls, merchant, for a debt of 4 pounds. Philip sued William Vawter for 1 pound, 12 shillings in February 1730/1 [Orders 1729-32, 70; Mihalyka, *Loose Papers*, *1628-1731*, 59, 90, 232].

*Essex Co Deeds 1745 - 1749*, pp.209-213. Indenture made 14 Mar 1747 bet. Moses Carnell and Susannah his wife of Caroline Co., and Christopher Barbee of Essex. For 25 pounds current money of VA 133 acres of land bought by Patrick Carnall, father of Moses Carnell, from John Ridgsdale, William Vawter and Richard Ballard and these 133 acres given to Moses, bounded on North by Occupation Swamp then to land formerly of Caleb Ellitt now Simon Goldins then to Conaly’s line to land of Beazley to corner tree of Richard Hopson. Wit: Joseph Barbee, John Pitts, Jr. Edward Vawter 15.

*Essex County Deeds 1752-1754*

pp. 106-107 This Indenture made 21 Jan 1752 bet. Hugh Carry of Essex and Simon Goldin and Esther Goldin his wife. Hugh Carry for love and good will he hath unto said Simon and Esther for consideration of 10 acres of land Hugh Carry lett and leased by Simon Goldin for 99 years he doth sell and confirm unto Simon and Esther his wife, one tract of land lying in the County of Essex being land that Cary bought of Wm. Vawter, bounded by Simon Goldin and James Boulware. Containing 25 acres . Signed Hugh Cary, Wit: Corns. Brown, John Biddlecome, Benjamin Landrum and Edward Vawter.

*Virginia Colonial Abstracts*, King & Queen Co., VA, records concerning the 18th century. Deed Book 27, p54 Deed 10 May 1754 Benj. Landrum of Essex sells Simon Golden of Essex, for 15. “That Land my Grandfather Hugh Cary purchased of Wm Vawter and Thomas Ramsey”. 100 acres. Signed Benja. Landrum. Rec. 19 Nov 1754.

Children of William and Margaret (nee?) Vawter:

William Vawter m. Margaret Bonewell/Bowlwell.