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daughter of Thomas and Martha Honor (Champion) Ellison of Hempstead.

As "George Baldwin *alias* Benham," at Huntington, Long Island, Court on 21 February 1680/1 he was a party in a dispute with Jonathan Rogers relative to a barrel of cider, at which time he signed by mark on a document discharging Rogers from debts due to him. Henceforth called "George Baldwin," on 21 December 1681, he acknowledged having received from Joseph Baldwin his part of the estate of "my desesed father [*sic*, foster father] Georg Baldin" of Hempstead. At Huntington Court on 1 March 1682/3, stating his age as about 27 years, he testified in a suit between Henry Soper and Jonathan Rogers. At Hempstead on 3 March 1683/4 he registered his cattle earmarks. He contributed toward the patent of 1696, and was listed with his wife in the 1698 census of Hempstead, then owning a large amount of land.<sup>90</sup>

His wife Mary apparently having predeceased him, George Baldwin made his will on 9 January 1730/1. It was proved at New York City on 25 February 1730/1.<sup>91</sup>

George and Mary (Ellison) Baldwin's twelve children and many descendants are identified in Seversmith's *Colonial Families of Long Island* 198-210, and will not be repeated here.

## JOHN BRISCOE

1. Doctor John<sup>1</sup> Briscoe was born c1612 at Crofton Hall, County Cumberland, England, the fourth son of Leonard Briscoe.<sup>92</sup> His death date is not known. He married, date unknown, Elizabeth Dubois, who was probably born in England of Huguenot ancestry. Doctor Briscoe was probably an Anglican, but his descendants married into Roman Catholic families of Maryland.<sup>93</sup> He accepted the invitation of Cecil Calvert to come to Maryland as one of the Gentlemen Adventurers on the *Ark* and the *Dove* Expedition. A Briscoe descendant is stated to have had a letter

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90. Records summarized in Seversmith, 197-198.

91. Will abstracted in *Collections of the New York Historical Society*, 3:18.

92. Richard St. George, *Visitation of the County of Cumberland in the Year 1615*, London: The Harleian Society, 1872. Vice-Admiral and Mrs. William S. Pye, "The John Briscoe Story," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* [hereafter *NGSQ*], 46:120-127, refutes the "negative article" published 25 years earlier by Alexander H. Bell, *NGSQ*, 21:73-76, which questions whether a Doctor John Briscoe ever came to Maryland and whether the person referred to in Maryland records was or was not a John Briscoe.

93. Alice Ijams Williams, "Briscoe Notes," typescript in possession of R. W. Barnes.

dated 1 September 1633 in which Cecil Calvert wrote to "Dr. John Briscoe, M. D., Brikskaugh, Newbiggin, Cumberland," telling him that the *Ark* and the *Dove* would sail from Gravesend on 1 October, and inviting him to join the expedition.<sup>94</sup>

John Briscoe was a member of the court that met at St. Mary's City.<sup>95</sup> In 1642 the name of John Brisquett appears twice in an assessment.<sup>96</sup> John Briscoe should not be confused with a contemporary named John Biscoe. The ancestor of the Briscoe family is usually referred to as Doctor.

Some sources say that Doctor John had a son, John Jr., who was the father of Philip Briscoe, but if the latter was in fact born in 1648 he is most likely to have been a son and not a grandson of the Doctor. Pye states that Philip was a son of Doctor John. Alice Ijams Williams, using data compiled by Katharine Spencer Heywood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1854, states that Doctor John and Elizabeth DuBois Briscoe had at least three children.

Children of John and Elizabeth (DuBois) Briscoe:

- 2. George<sup>2</sup> Briscoe, probably d. unmarried.
- + 3. John Briscoe.
- + 4. Philip Briscoe, b. c1648.

3. John<sup>2</sup> Briscoe, son of Dr. John and Elizabeth (Dubois) Briscoe of County Cumberland, birth unknown, died testate in St. Michael's Hundred, St. Mary's County, by November 1718, when his will was proved. He married Ann [-?-].<sup>97</sup>

He made his will on 9 May 1718, proved 11 November 1718. He named his wife Ann and children: Thomas, John, James, Mary, and Anna. Jas. Edmonds and Bryan Dulsey (Dussey) were witnesses.<sup>98</sup> No inventory or account of the administration of the estate have been found filed in the Prerogative Court.

John Briscoe is believed by some to have had a daughter Elizabeth who married Captain Thomas Attaway. A study of other sources has failed to

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94. Pye, 121.

95. *Archives of Maryland*, 72 volumes (Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 1888-1990) [hereafter *Archives*] 2:391.

96. *Archives*, 3:120, 123.

97. St. Mary's Co. Rent Roll #1:12, states she was a daughter of Thomas Jackson. However, subsequent research has established that Anne Jackson, daughter of Thomas Jackson, married first, John Biscoe, and second, Owen Smithson. The spelling Biscoe is consistently used. Maryland Administrations, 2:431; Baltimore Co. Land Records, IS#L:256, HWS#1-A:392.

98. Maryland Prerogative Wills [hereafter Md. Wills], as abstracted by Jane Cotton Baldwin in *Maryland Calendar of Wills*.



find proof of the marriage.<sup>99</sup>

John Briscoe was the father of:

5. Thomas<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, d. c1697 when his estate was valued at 35,374 lbs. tobacco.<sup>100</sup>
6. Dr. John Briscoe, probably the John Briscoe, Jr. who with Philip Briscoe witnessed the will of Susanna Briscoe on 5 Feb. 1739/40.<sup>101</sup> He may have married Elizabeth DeCourcey. The son Walter sometimes ascribed to him is more likely the son of Walter #95.
7. James Briscoe.
8. Mary Briscoe.
9. Anna Briscoe.

4. Philip<sup>2</sup> Briscoe, son of Doctor John and Elizabeth, was born c1647/48 and died in Charles County by January 1724/5. About 1719 he made a deposition giving his age as about 72, saying he saw a bounded white oak in a gully belonging to Luke Barber, where he himself lived some 50 years earlier.<sup>102</sup> He married Susannah Swann, daughter of Edward Swann. She died by July 1740 in Charles County.<sup>103</sup> On 19 June 1707 she signed the inventory of the estate of her brother James Swann of St. Mary's County.<sup>104</sup>

Philip Briscoe was one of the coroners of Charles County, and later one of the Magistrates, Justices and Chief Civil Officers of Charles County. He also served on the vestry of King and Queen Anglican Parish, St. Mary's County, in 1692 and 1697.<sup>105</sup> He was a delegate to the Lower House of the Assembly, representing Charles County, 1699-1700.<sup>106</sup>

His will was dated 25 April 1724, proved 29 January 1724/5, and named wife Susannah, who was devised the dwelling plantation *Morris' Venture* for life, then to son John; to son Philip the 80 acres "bought from Father Swann;" son Edward was devised *Hitchen* and 111 acres of *Love's*

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99. William Crockett Parsons, *Ancestry of the Descendants of Thomas Attaway Reeder of St. Mary's County, Maryland* (1979); June Cooper Reynolds, *Notes on a Brady Family* (Greenville: A Press, 1985); Mary E. Ramey, "Brissko-Brisco-Briscoe and Some Family Connections," typescript, Maryland Historical Society [hereafter MHS]; Semmes Family Genealogical Collection, MHS; Annie Walker Burns, "Maryland Marriage References," typescript, MHS; and Mary Louise Donnelly, *Colonial Settlers of St. Clements Bay, 1634-1780* (Ennis Tex.: the author, 1996).

100. Md. Inventories and Accounts, 15:170.

101. Md. Wills, 22:122.

102. Md. Chancery Court Records, PC:449.

103. Williams, no page number.

104. Md. Inventories, 27:145.

105. Williams.

106. For more on his career, see Papenfuss, *Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature*, 169.

*Enjoyment*; deceased son George (who left a son Leonard) and daughters Sarah Leonard [*sic*], Judith Ashcom, Susanna Compton and Ann Wood. Son James was devised 200 acres of *Love's Enjoyment*.<sup>107</sup> At his death his total estate value was £671.19.9 (including 14 slaves and numerous books). After his debts were paid, a final balance of £490.7.2 remained for distribution. An account of the administration of his estate was filed on 3 December 1725 by John Briscoe, executor. Legacies were paid to wife Susannah, Susanna Compton, Ann Wood, Charles Ashcom, and William Howard.<sup>108</sup>

Susannah Briscoe died in Charles County leaving a will dated 5 February 1739/40 and proved 24 July 1740. She named her brother Samuel Swann, daughter Elizabeth, children of her deceased son John, *viz.*: Samuel Williamson, Philip, James, Hezekiah, John Briscoe, and Martha Willson; her daughter Ann Wood and Ann's daughter Mary; granddaughter Elizabeth Garner; grandson William Howard and all the remaining children of daughter Sarah Howard; granddaughter Sarah Parker; granddaughter Susanna Whitely, and all the remaining children of daughter Susanna Compton; grandsons Briscoe and George Davis; grandson Robert, son of Edward; grandson Leonard; children of deceased daughter Judith Brooke; and grandchildren Rebecca and Williamson Briscoe and Henry Smoot. Sons Philip and James were appointed executors. The will was witnessed by John Briscoe, and Philip Briscoe (both minors).<sup>109</sup> No inventory or account of the administration of the estate of Susannah Briscoe was filed in the Prerogative Court.

Children of Philip and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe:

- + 10. John<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, b. c1678.
- + 11. Philip Briscoe, b. c1679/80.
- + 12. Edward Briscoe, b. c1685.
- + 13. George Briscoe, d. by 1720.
- + 14. Sarah Briscoe, d. 1735.
- + 15. Judith Briscoe, d. by 1739.
- + 16. Susanna Briscoe, m. Matthew Compton.
- + 17. Ann Briscoe.
- 18. James Briscoe. On 25 March 1730, James Briscoe of St. Mary's Co., and Ann his wife, conveyed to Peter C. Scallorn of Charles Co. 100 acres of *Love's Enjoyment*. On 1 Feb. 1731 James conveyed 115 acres of the same tract to Abrah. Parker. No wife released dower.

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107. Md. Wills, 18:339.

108. Md. Administrations, 7:216.

109. Md. Wills, 22:212.

10. Captain John<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, son of Philip and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe, was born c1678 and died by 10 May 1734 in Charles County. He married Eleanor Williamson, possibly born c1680, died in Charles County c1753.<sup>110</sup>

On 12 June 1722, John Briscoe of Charles County, gentleman, conveyed to Henry Wharton of St. Mary's County, part of *Baltimore's Guift*, which William Digges of Prince George's County had conveyed to him on 23 June 1719. His wife, Eleanor, consented.<sup>111</sup>

Capt. John Briscoe's, inventory was taken on 10 May 1734 and valued at £322.00, with son Samuel Williamson Briscoe named as principal creditor; he and John Briscoe signed as next of kin.<sup>112</sup> Elioner Briscoe, executrix, filed the administration account of the estate of her husband on 12 April 1735. Payments totalling £15.11.6 were taken out of the inventory of £323.0.0. No heirs were named.<sup>113</sup>

On 5 September 1738 John Lewellin of St. Mary's County leased to Eleanor Briscoe for 21 years, 102 acres of *Wood Manor* in Charles County. The lease stipulated that Eleanor was to plant 100 apple trees within 10 years.<sup>114</sup> On 6 September 1754, Samuel Williamson Briscoe, son of Eleanor Briscoe, and Hezekiah Briscoe, son and executor of the said Eleanor, conveyed to John Lewellin 102 acres of *Westwood Manor*.<sup>115</sup>

The children of Captain John and Eleanor (Williamson) Briscoe, named by their grandmother Susannah:<sup>116</sup>

- + 19. Samuel Williamson<sup>4</sup> Briscoe.
- + 20. Philip Briscoe.
- 21. James Briscoe.
- + 22. Hezekiah Briscoe.
- + 23. John Briscoe.
- 24. Martha Briscoe, m. [-?-] Willson.

11. Doctor Philip<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, son of Philip and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe, was born c1679/80 and died c1743 in St. Mary's County. He married Elizabeth [Cole?],<sup>117</sup> who died c1767.

Philip Briscoe of St. Mary's County, with acknowledgement of his wife

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110. Probably the daughter of Samuel Williamson, based on the name of John's first child.

111. Charles Co. Land Records, L#2:24.

112. Md. Inventories, 18:275.

113. Md. Administrations, 13:60.

114. Charles Co. Land Records, 0#2:348.

115. Ibid., A#3:229.

116. Md. Wills, 22:212.

117. No proof found, but George Cole in his will named a daughter Elizabeth. Md. Wills, 11:5, and a son was named George Cole Briscoe by Philip and Elizabeth.



Elizabeth, on 19 June 1725 conveyed to Samuel Swann 80 acres, part of *Eggleston*, formerly belonging to Edward Swann.<sup>118</sup>

The personal property of Philip Briscoe was appraised at £273.19.0 by Luke Barber and William Bond in November 1743. Richard Wanright and Philip Briscoe signed as next of kin, Elizabeth Briscoe filed the inventory on 6 February 1743/4.<sup>119</sup> Payments were £301.15.9. The balance (*sic*) was distributed with one-third going to the widow, and the balance to the orphans [named below].<sup>120</sup>

Children of Philip and Elizabeth Briscoe:

- + 25. Dr. John<sup>4</sup> Briscoe, b. 1717.
- + 26. Philip Briscoe, b. c1719.
- 27. Edward Briscoe.
- 28. James Briscoe.
- 29. Walter Briscoe.
- + 30. George Cole Briscoe.
- 31. Elizabeth Briscoe, m. [-?-] Hedges.
- 32. Sarah Briscoe.

12. **Edward<sup>3</sup> Briscoe**, son of Philip and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe, born c1685 and died in 1726, having married **Susanna Gerard**.

Edward Briscoe died leaving a will dated 7 December 1725; proved 19 February 1725/6. He named his wife Susanna as executrix and his children Philip, Robert (devised *Love's Enjoyment*), Edward (devised *Hitchen*), John, George, Lydda, and Priscilla, and a posthumous child. William Wood, George Saint Clare, and Matthew Parlow were witnesses.<sup>121</sup> The estate of Edward Briscoe of Charles County was appraised by John Chunn Jr., and Benjamin Chunn, and was valued at £194.16.7. Philip Briscoe and Thomas Masser signed as creditors. John Briscoe Sr., Susanna Briscoe Sr., and John Briscoe Jr., signed as next of kin.<sup>122</sup> Susannah Briscoe, executrix, filed the account of the administration of the estate of her husband on 21 August 1727. Payments totaled £2.8.1 and were made to Thomas Reed and Samuel Hanson.<sup>123</sup>

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118. *Ibid.*, L#2:227.

119. Md. Inventories, 28:518.

120. Md. Administrations, 21:446. Often the amount of money distributed in accounts exceed the amount cited in the inventory. Probably additional inventory was found and not reported.

121. Md. Wills, 18:444.

122. Md. Inventories, 11:424.

123. Md. Administrations, 8:347.

Children of Edward and Susanna (Gerard) Briscoe:<sup>124</sup>

- + 33. Philip<sup>4</sup> Briscoe, b. 1718.
- 34. Robert Briscoe.
- 35. Edward Briscoe, schoolmaster on 14 April 1741, sold to Jacob Wood 100-acre *Hitchen*.
- + 36. John Briscoe, b. 1721.
- + 37. George Briscoe, d. by 1755.
- 38. Lydda Briscoe.
- + 39. Priscilla Briscoe.
- + 40. James Briscoe, b. 1726.

13. George<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, son of Philip and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe, died by March 1720. He married Mary [-?-], who married second, William Tippolls of Charles County.

Samuel Williamson and Francis Clarke appraised the personal estate of George Briscoe on 9 March 1720 and set a value of £152.1.1 on his personal estate. Philip and Susanna Briscoe [probably his parents] signed as next of kin. Mary Briscoe, administratrix filed the inventory on 6 June 1721.<sup>125</sup> On 5 July 1726, Mary, wife of William Tippolls, filed the account of the administration of the estate of George Briscoe of St. Mary's County. His personal estate had been appraised at £152.15.1<sup>126</sup>

Child of George and Mary Briscoe:

- 41. Leonard<sup>4</sup> Briscoe.

14. Sarah<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, daughter of Philip and Susannah (Swann) Briscoe, died May 1735. She married first Thomas Truman and second William Stevens Howard.

Thomas Truman of Prince George's County died leaving a will dated 15 September 1717, proved 14 January 1717/8. He named his mother, Mrs. Jane Taney, his oldest son Henry, son James, his own brother Edward, daughter Jane, nephew Thomas Truman, and wife Sarah, executrix. The will was witnessed by Thomas Greenfield, and Philip Willissey. A codicil dated 15 September 1717 stated that his brother Edward was to be discharged of his debt to the testator if he should convey *Thomas and Anthony's Choice* to the testator's son James at once.<sup>127</sup> An account of the administration was filed on 23 October 1719 by Sarah Truman. She

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124. Sources cited above and "Briscoe Lineage," a series of charts in possession of R. W. Barnes.

125. Md. Inventories, 5:70.

126. Md. Administrations, 7:406.

127. Md. Wills, 16:649.



reported an inventory value of £602.16.11, and a second inventory value of £98.7.10. Payments totaled £72.15.9. Truman's mother Jane Taney was mentioned, and the legal representatives named were: the widow Sarah and children: Henry, Jane, James, and Thomas.<sup>128</sup>

William Stevens Howard was a son of Edmund Howard, gentleman, of Charles County, whose will dated 3 December 1709 named the children of William Stevens Howard. William married first, Eliza, and was the father of Edmund and Elizabeth.<sup>129</sup> He died in Charles County leaving a will dated 15 December 1733, proved 29 April 1734. He appointed his wife Sarah executrix. He mentioned his eldest son Edmund, a daughter Rachel, wife of Matthew Compton, and his four younger children: William, Elizabeth, Susannah, and Sarah. The will was witnessed by Benjamin Douglas Sr., Philip Jenkins, and Benjamin Douglas Jr.<sup>130</sup> Henry Truman, executor of Sarah Howard [now deceased], the original executor of William Stevens Howard, filed an account of the administration of the estate of William Stevens Howard on 3 June 1736. An inventory value of £474.15.6 was listed and payments totaled £102.12.<sup>131</sup>

Sarah (Briscoe) (Truman) Howard died in Charles County leaving a will dated 16 April 1735 and proved 20 May 1735. She named her sons Henry Truman, James Truman, and William Howard, daughters Elizabeth and Sarah, and grandson Henry Smoot. Later she named her children William, Elizabeth, and Sarah Howard, her deceased husband William Stevens Howard and his son Edmund. Her sons Henry and James Truman were cautioned to behave with tenderness toward Edmund Howard. George Dent and Anne Smoot witnessed the will.<sup>132</sup> Henry Truman administered Sarah Howard's estate on 22 February 1736. An inventory value of £487.13.3 was listed, and payments totaled to £49.18.2. No heirs were named.<sup>133</sup>

Children of Thomas and Sarah (Briscoe) Truman:

+ 42. Henry<sup>4</sup> Truman.

43. James Truman, d. without issue; will dtd. 26 May, proved 30 Aug. 1744, naming brother William Howard, sisters Elizabeth and Sarah Howard, nephew Henry Smoot, niece Susanna, and nephew James; devised land to nephew Thomas, with nephew James as reversionary heir. Brother Henry was

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128. Md. Administrations, 2:364.

129. Md. Wills, 13:632, 14:187.

130. Md. Wills, 21:55.

131. Md. Administrations, 15:53.

132. Md. Wills, 21:344.

133. Md. Administrations, 15:306.

executor.<sup>134</sup>

+ 44. Jane Truman.

45. Thomas Truman.

Children of Sarah by William Stevens Howard:

46. William Howard.

+ 47. Elizabeth Howard, b. 1725.

48. Susannah Howard, m. [-?-] Smoot; had son Henry Smoot.

49. Sarah Howard.

15. Judith<sup>3</sup> Briscoe, daughter of Philip<sup>2</sup> and Susannah (Swann) Briscoe, died by 1739. She married first, by 1723 Charles Ashcom, who died in 1726 in St. Mary's County, and second, between 23 March and 5 September 1727, Thomas Brooke; after her death Thomas Brooke married second, Sarah Mason.<sup>135</sup> On 21 October 1717 Winifred Ashcom made a will naming her brother Charles, her niece Martha Ashcom, and other relatives.<sup>136</sup>

Martha Dansey, widow and mother of Charles Ashcomb, of St. Mary's County, made a will on 19 February 1723/4. She named her daughter-in-law Judith Ashcom, granddaughters Martha and Susannah Ashcom, and granddaughter Elizabeth wife of William Shelley. She bequeathed to her grandson Samuel Ashcom money in England, and stated that if any of her grandchildren married Roman Catholics they were to forfeit their bequests.<sup>137</sup>

Charles Ashcom of St. Mary's County was the son of Charles and Martha [-?-] Ashcom. He died by March 1726/7,<sup>138</sup> leaving a will dated 20 November 1725 and proved 23 March 1726/7. His wife Judith was named executrix. He named his children Martha, Susannah, Elizabeth (not yet 16), and son Samuel. He left personalty to Joyce Haines, Richard Ward Key, and Philip Key. He named his grandmother Martha Dansey and Elizabeth Shelley. To daughter Martha was devised 100 acres of *Ashcom's*. To son Samuel was devised *Point Patience*, *Marsh Neck*, and *Town Neck*. The will was witnessed by Grace Clelan, Magdalen Tomlinson, Richard Deaver, Thomas Truman Greenfield, and Ellis Slater.<sup>139</sup> Executrix Judith Brooke filed the inventory of the estate of Charles Ashcom on 5

134. Md. Wills, 23:589.

135. Md. Wills, 18:339; Testamentary Proceedings, 18:1, 29:186; Christopher Johnston, "The Brooke Family," *Maryland Genealogies*, 1:91-110.

136. Md. Wills, 14:464.

137. Md. Wills, 18:256.

138. Elise Jourdan, "The Ashcom Family," *Early Families of Southern Maryland*, 3:211-219.

139. Md. Wills, 19:127.

September 1727. John Cartwright and John Burroughs had appraised his personal property at £939.8.9. Elizabeth Greenfield and Elizabeth Jenifer signed as next of kin. An additional inventory value of £36.6.6 was filed 29 May 1728.<sup>140</sup> An account of the administration of the estate of Charles Ashcom of St. Mary's County was filed by executrix Judith, now wife of Thomas Brooke, who filed an account on 29 May 1728. An inventory value of £979.15.8 was listed and payments totaled £116.18.8. Another account was filed on 21 November 1732.<sup>141</sup>

Thomas Brooke was a son of Thomas and Lucy (Smith) Brooke.<sup>142</sup> He died leaving a will dated 2 September 1748, proved 15 June 1749. He named his wife Sarah, his sons Walter and Richard Brooke, and his eldest son Thomas Brooke. He also named his brother Richard Brooke. Elizabeth, Richard, and Isaac Brooke witnessed the will.<sup>143</sup> On 26 November 1750 Sarah Brooke, executrix, filed an account of the administration of the estate. An inventory value of £472.0.0 was cited, and payments totaled £142.17.9.<sup>144</sup>

Children of Judith by Charles Ashcom:

50. Martha<sup>4</sup> Ashcom, b. by 21 Oct 1717 when named as niece in will of Winifred Ashcom.<sup>145</sup>

+ 51. Susannah Ashcom, b. by 1723.

52. Elizabeth Ashcom.

+ 53. Samuel Ashcom, b. by 1723.

Child by Thomas Brooke:

+ 54. Thomas Brooke, b. 1734.

16. **Susanna<sup>3</sup> Briscoe**, daughter of Philip and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe, died c1739. About 1704 she married **Matthew Compton**, born c1671, died 1747.

Matthew Compton died leaving a will dated 19 March 1744/5, proved 15 September 1747. He devised to his son Samuel all his estate in Virginia. He named his daughters Susanna Whitely and Elender Slye, and a grandson Matthew Compton Parker. The residue of his estate he bequeathed to his son Matthew. George Briscoe and William Howard

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140. Md. Inventories, 12:257, 13:102.

141. Md. Administrations, 9:195, 11:525.

142. Johnston, 114; Jourdan, 214.

143. Md. Wills, 27:25.

144. Md. Administrations, 29:142.

145. Md. Wills, 14:464.



witnessed the will.<sup>146</sup>

Children of Matthew and Susannah (Briscoe) Compton:

- + 55. Matthew<sup>4</sup> Compton, b. 26 June 1709.
- + 56. Samuel Compton.
- + 57. Susannah Compton, m. Robert Whitely.
- + 58. Elender Compton, m. John Slye.
- 59. [possibly] daughter who m. [-?-] Parker.

17. Ann<sup>7</sup> Briscoe, daughter of Philip<sup>2</sup> and Susanna (Swann) Briscoe, married first John Davis, and second, by 1724, Samuel Wood.<sup>147</sup>

John Davis, son of John and Mary Davis, died leaving a will dated 23 December 1716, proved 29 March 1717. He named his wife Ann as executrix, and gave to her one-third of his real and personal estate. He also named his sons John, Briscoe, and George, and his daughter Mary.<sup>148</sup> Philip Briscoe and Peter Harris appraised the personal estate of John Davis on 26 April 1717, and valued it at £88.6.3.<sup>149</sup> Ann Wood, wife of Samuel Wood, filed the account of administration of the estate of John Davis of St. Mary's County on 3 June 1718, listing payments of £19.8.10.<sup>150</sup>

Samuel Wood of St. Mary's County, planter, died leaving a will dated 22 February 1757/8 and proved 4 July 1758. He named his daughter Ann Briscoe, and son Samuel Wood, as well as a grandson Jared Briscoe. The residue was bequeathed to Samuel's son Jonathan Wood, who was not to forget his two poor sisters, Susanna Suit and Elizabeth Banner. Son Jonathan was executor. David Dick, James Brady Jr., and James Broadey, [Jr.?] witnessed the will. Jonathan Wood, executor, filed the account of the administration of the estate of Samuel Wood of St. Mary's County on 24 October 1759. John Eden was paid. George Briscoe and David Dick were sureties for the estate.<sup>151</sup>

Children of John and Ann (Briscoe) Davis:<sup>152</sup>

- + 60. John<sup>4</sup> Davis.
- 61. Briscoe Davis.
- 62. George Davis.
- 63. Mary Davis.

Children of Samuel and Ann (Briscoe) Wood:

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146. Md. Wills, 25:150.

147. Donnelly, *Colonial Settlers*, 78.

148. Ibid., 78 cites Md. Wills, 14:235.

149. Md. Inventories, 27B:125.

150. Md. Administrations, 1:54.

151. Md. Wills, 30:527.

152. Donnelly, 78.

64. Jonathan Wood.
65. Samuel Wood.
66. Anne Wood, m. [-?-] Briscoe; probably had child Jared Briscoe.
67. Susanna Wood, m. [-?-] Suit.
68. Elizabeth Wood, m. [-?-] Banner.

19. **Samuel Williamson<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Capt. John and Eleanor (Williamson) Briscoe, may have married Margaret [-?-]. He was still alive on 2 August 1775 when with his brother Philip he conveyed to William Compton a 30-acre part of *Willion*.<sup>153</sup>

Child of Samuel Williamson and Margaret Briscoe:

69. Philip<sup>5</sup> Briscoe.

20. **Philip<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Captain John and Eleanor (Williamson) Briscoe, was born c1710 and died by 1756 when his will was probated. He married **Chloe Hanson**, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Story) Hanson.<sup>154</sup>

Eleanor Briscoe of Charles County, widow, in her will signed 2 February 1753, bequeathed a negro boy to her grandson Hanson Briscoe, son of Philip and Chloe Briscoe. If he died without issue, the negro was to pass to his brother John Hanson Briscoe.<sup>155</sup> On 2 August 1755 Philip Briscoe of St. Mary's County, and Samuel Briscoe of Charles County, planters, conveyed to William Compton 30 acres, part of tract called *Willion*, as cited above. Chloe, wife of Philip, released her right of dower.

Children of Philip and Chloe (Hanson) Briscoe:

70. Hanson<sup>5</sup> Briscoe.
71. Dr. John Hanson Briscoe, b. Chaptico, Md.; d. 7 Sept. 1796; m. c1780 Elizabeth Attaway Bond. Elizabeth d. at Chaptico 5 June 1816.<sup>156</sup>

22. **Hezekiah<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Captain John and Eleanor (Williamson) Briscoe died by August 1757. He married **Susannah Wilson**, who married second, on 18 November 1758, William Compton.<sup>157</sup>

Samuel Amery and Joseph Dyson appraised the personal property of Hezekiah Briscoe's estate on 20 August 1757. No value was cited; Samuel and Philip Briscoe signed as next of kin. Susannah Briscoe filed the

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153. Charles Co. Land Records, A3:371.

154. Harry Wright Newman, *Charles County Gentry* (Baltimore: GPC, 1971), 232.

155. Md. Wills, 29:110.

156. *Maryland Gazette*.

157. Jourdan cites Trinity Parish records.

inventory on 21 October 1757.<sup>158</sup> An account was filed on 12 September 1759 showing the administration of the estate of "Philip" Briscoe, with an inventory of £290.16.10, and filed by Susanna Briscoe, now wife of William Compton. Payments in the account of Philip Briscoe's estate totaled £359.13.1, and the representatives were the widow, and four children: Eleanor Wilson Briscoe, age 8; Margaret, age 6; Mary, age 4; and Elizabeth, age 2.<sup>159</sup>

Children of Hezekiah and Susanna (Wilson) Briscoe:<sup>160</sup>

72. Eleanor Wilson<sup>5</sup> Briscoe, b. 21 Sept. 1750; m. Hanley/Hendley Smoot by 1770.<sup>161</sup>
73. Margaret Briscoe, b. 30 Nov. 1752.
74. Mary Briscoe, b. 15 March 1755, probably the Mary Briscoe, sister of Eleanor Briscoe, who m. John Nathan Smoot.<sup>162</sup>
75. Elizabeth Briscoe, b. 17 Dec. 1756.

23. **John<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Captain John and Eleanor (Williamson) Briscoe, was born c1707 and died in Calvert County in 1742. He married **Mary Hanson**.<sup>163</sup>

Captain John Briscoe of Charles County, was living on 14 March 1738/9 when John Lewellin of St. Mary's County leased part of *Wood Manor* to him (originally for 21 years); the lease was amended on 14 March 1738 to run for the lifetimes of Mary, wife of John Briscoe, and their son Samuel Briscoe.<sup>164</sup>

Captain John Briscoe died leaving a will dated 30 December 1741, proved 15 February 1741/2, naming wife Mary, children Eleanor, Samuel, Elizabeth, and an unborn child, as well as his brothers Samuel and Philip. The estate of Captain John Briscoe was inventoried on 4 December 1742 by Samuel Chunn and Peter Wood; William Williams and Gustavus Brown signed as creditors, and Samuel and Philip Briscoe signed as next of kin. The property was valued at £477.8.0. The inventory was filed by Mary Briscoe, executrix on 3 February 1742.<sup>165</sup> Mary Briscoe filed an account on

158. Md. Inventories, 64:62.

159. Md. Administrations, 44:34. The question of the apparent contradiction cannot be resolved, but the children named below were listed in Trinity Parish as having been born to Hezekiah and Susanna, but as the children of "Philip" in Hezekiah's administration account.

160. Jourdan, *Early Families of St. Mary's County*, 5:91, cites Trinity Church records.

161. Hodges Marriage Index, #5, at MSA; *Ibid.*, 92.

162. Hodges cites Trinity Parish records.

163. Md. Wills, 22:424.

164. Charles Co. Land Records, O2:387.

165. Md. Inventories, 27:299.



12 July 1746.<sup>166</sup>

Children of John and Mary (Hanson) Briscoe:

- 76. Eleanor<sup>5</sup> Briscoe.
- 77. Samuel Briscoe, d. testate, Charles Co., 1786; m. Anne Warren Dent.<sup>167</sup>
- 78. Elizabeth Briscoe.
- 79. Capt. John Briscoe, b. c1741; d. St. Mary's Co. 29 May 1822; m. Jane L. Key.<sup>168</sup>

25. Doctor **John<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Doctor Philip and Elizabeth (Cole) Briscoe, was born March 1717 and died 7 December 1788. He married **Elizabeth [McMillan?]**, born May 1730, died 5 July 1774. He married second **Ann [-?-]**.

John Briscoe died in Berkeley County, [now West] Virginia, leaving a will dated 6 January 1785 and proved in January 1789. He named his wife Ann, children Hezekiah, Sarah Slaughter, Parmenas, John, Elizabeth Baker, and Fra[nces?] Davis. Son John was to be executor. Thomas Hart Sr., Thomas Hart Jr., and George Smallwood witnessed the will.<sup>169</sup>

Children of Dr. John and Elizabeth Briscoe:

- 80. John<sup>5</sup> Briscoe.
- 81. Hezekiah Briscoe.
- 82. Parmenas Briscoe, b. 1 May 1749; d. 27 Sept. 1824, Nelson Co., Ky.; m. Ann Briscoe, b. possibly 5 Feb. 1760, d. by 1810.
- 83. Sarah Briscoe, m. [-?-] Slaughter.
- 84. Elizabeth Briscoe, m. [-?-] Baker.
- 85. Fra[nces?] Briscoe, m. [-?-] Davis.

26. **Philip<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Philip and Elizabeth (Cole) Briscoe, was born c1719. He married first, by 16 November 1759, **Mary [-?-]**, administrator of Francis Parham of Charles County.<sup>170</sup> He married second, **Nancy Foster**. Philip Briscoe went to Kentucky, but returned to Maryland.

Philip and Mary Briscoe have been generally accepted as having been the parents of:

- 86. Bolivar<sup>5</sup> Briscoe.
- 87. Hezekiah Briscoe.
- 88. Jeremiah Briscoe.
- 89. Rebecca Briscoe.

Children of Philip and Nancy (Foster) Briscoe:

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166. Md. Administrations, 20:349.

167. Charles Co. Wills, 9:227.

168. *Historic Graves by Ridgely; The Key Family*, 55-69.

169. Transcript filed with applications #586, #615.

170. *Ibid.*, 44:25.

- 90. William Briscoe.
- 91. Robert Briscoe.
- 92. George Briscoe.
- 93. Parmenas Briscoe.
- 94. Walter Briscoe, b. 21 May 1741; d. 1784; m. Eleanor (or Elizabeth) Compton Trinity Parish 13 May 1762.<sup>171</sup>
- 95. Philip Briscoe.
- 96. Henry Briscoe.
- 97. Kate Briscoe, m. Joseph Summerhill.
- 98. Sarah Briscoe, m. [-?-] Swan.

30. **George Cole<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Dr. Philip and Elizabeth (Cole) Briscoe, was born c1733 in Maryland and died in Jefferson County, West Virginia, on 7 June 1805. He married **Frances [McMillan?]**, born in Prince William County, Virginia, and died in Berkeley County, [West] Virginia, on 24 June 1795.<sup>172</sup>

Child of George Cole and Frances Briscoe:

- 99. John McMillan<sup>5</sup> Briscoe, b. c1760, Frederick Co., Va.; d. 18 Aug. 1807, Nelson Co., Ky.; m. Maria Horner.

33. **Philip<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Edward and Susanna (Gerard) Briscoe, died in Charles County in 1750. On 1 November 1748 in Trinity Parish, Charles County, he married **Cassandra Chunn**.<sup>173</sup> She later married Erasmus Gill.

Philip Briscoe died leaving a will dated 2 August 1750 and proved 20 October 1750. He named wife Cassandra, daughter Susanna, brother Robert Briscoe, sister Susannah Anderson, and brothers George and James Briscoe. Wife Cassandra and brother George were named executors.<sup>174</sup> Robert Horner and James Nevison appraised the personal estate of Philip Briscoe of Charles County on 12 January 1750, assessing his goods at £365.0.6. George and Cassandra Briscoe, executors, filed the inventory on 14 January 1750.<sup>175</sup> On 11 May 1752 his executors George Briscoe and Cassandra Briscoe, now the wife of Erasmus Gill filed an account of the administration of the estate. The representatives were the widow and one child, both unnamed in an account filed in 1756, but legatees George and Samuel Briscoe were named.<sup>176</sup> An account filed on

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171. Jourdan, *Colonial Records*, 14.

172. *MHM*, 21:43, 45, 47, 51, 53 (Bible Records of Hezekiah Briscoe).

173. Jourdan, *Colonial Records*, 2.

174. Md. Wills, 27:437.

175. Md. Inventories, 44:326.

176. Md. Administrations, 32:254, 40:154.

25 October 1756 showed that Cassandra, now wife of Erasmus Gill as the surviving executrix, with Mathew Compton and George Elgin as sureties, had distributed a balance of £360.10 to Cassandra and Susannah.<sup>177</sup>

Child of Philip and Cassandra (Chunn) Briscoe:

100. Susannah<sup>5</sup> Briscoe.

36. John<sup>4</sup> Briscoe, son of Edward and Susanna (Gerard) Briscoe, was born in 1721 and died after May 1749. He married first Ann Wood, daughter of Samuel and Ann (Briscoe) Wood, on 27 November 1746 in Trinity Parish, Charles County.<sup>178</sup> He may have married second Mary [Greenfield?]. John and Ann Briscoe signed the inventory of William Wood's estate as kin on 2 May 1749.<sup>179</sup>

Children of John and Ann (Wood) Briscoe:

101. James<sup>5</sup> Briscoe, b. c1745, d. Charles Co. by Nov. 1800; m. Elizabeth Sothoron.<sup>180</sup>

102. Ralph Briscoe, b. 24 Nov. 1747; d. Missouri, 1835; m. Ann Mackall, b. 1750, d. Frederick Co. by 1792.

103. Jared Briscoe, named in the will of his grandfather Samuel Wood on 4 Feb. 1758.

Child of John and Mary (Greenfield) Briscoe:

104. Truman Briscoe, m. Henry Co., Va., 1782, Katharine Dunn.<sup>181</sup>

37. George<sup>4</sup> Briscoe, son of Edward and Susannah (Gerard) Briscoe, died by July 1755. He married Mary [Warren?], who married second, [-?-] Musgrave.

John Clagett and Joshua Brisey appraised George Briscoe's personal property on 4 July 1755 at a value of £248.16.11. James Briscoe signed as next of kin, and Mary Briscoe, administrator, filed the inventory on 1 October 1755.<sup>182</sup> Mary Musgrave, late Mary Briscoe, filed an account of the administration of George Briscoe's estate on 7 July 1760. Payments totaled £59.19.<sup>183</sup> The account showed that Mary Musgrove, administrator, had distributed a balance of £240.16.11. The "representatives were not known to this office."<sup>184</sup>

177. Md. Balance Books (of Final Distributions), 2:40.

178. Jourdan, *Colonial Settlers*, 7.

179. Md. Inventories, 40:92.

180. Charles Co. Wills, AK11:609.

181. Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, *Marriages of Some Virginia Residents, 1609-1800* (GPC).

182. Md. Inventories, 59: 227.

183. Md. Administrations, 46:73.

184. Balance Books, 3:38.



39. **Priscilla<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, daughter of Edward and Susanna (Gerard) Briscoe, married 1750, **Richard Anderson** who died 1778. Richard and Priscilla (Briscoe) Anderson were the parents of at least one son:

105. Col. Richard<sup>5</sup> Anderson, b. 16 Jan. 1752, St. Mary's Co.; d. 22 June 1835, Philadelphia, Pa.; m. Ann Wallace, 31 July 1787.

40. **James<sup>4</sup> Briscoe**, son of Edward and Susanna (Gerard) Briscoe, was born in 1726 and died by September 1750 in Frederick County. His wife has not been identified. James Briscoe of Frederick County died by 19 September 1750 when John Clagett and Samuel Beall appraised his goods and chattels at £160.19.11. John Briscoe and Samuel Sothoron signed as next of kin, and James Sothoron Briscoe filed the inventory on 11 April 1751.<sup>185</sup> On 31 May 1751 an account of the administration of his estate was filed by James Sothoron Briscoe of St. Mary's County. Payments totaled £139.11.1. A second account was filed on 9 June 1752.<sup>186</sup>

Children of James Briscoe:

106. James Sothoron<sup>5</sup> Briscoe, d. by Nov. 1774; m. Mary [-?-.]<sup>187</sup>

107. John Briscoe.

108. Nathan Briscoe.

109. Mary Briscoe, m. Jonathan Swann.

42. **Henry<sup>4</sup> Truman**, son of Thomas and Sarah (Briscoe) Truman, died in Prince George's County by March 1756. He married **Anne Magruder**, daughter of Alexander and Susannah (Busey) Magruder.<sup>188</sup>

Henry Truman died leaving a will dated 30 September 1755, proved 23 March 1756. He named his wife Anne and children: Thomas, James, Henry, Alexander, and Edward. He named tracts *Brittington*, *Dawson's Purchase*, *Buttington*, and *Thomas and Anthony's Chance*. The will was witnessed by Fielder Gantt, John Stone Hawkins, and James Sothoron Briscoe. Undated and unvalued lists of debts for Henry and Anne Truman were filed c1761-2.<sup>189</sup>

Anne Truman died in Prince George's County, leaving a will dated 8 April 1760, proved 24 June 1760, and witnessed by Priscilla Hawkins, James Sothoron Briscoe, and Thomas Truman. She named her children: Thomas, James, Sarah, Henry, Jane, Alexander, and Edward. Son Thomas

185. Md. Inventories, 45:43.

186. Md. Administrations, 30:208, 32:239.

187. Md. Wills, 40:60.

188. Henry C. Peden, Jr., *Truman and Related Families of Early Maryland* (1987), 22.

189. Md. Wills, 30:60; Md. Inventories, 75:209, 213.

was executor. Thomas Truman filed an account of the administration of the estate of Henry Truman on 24 March 1762, valuing it at £1346.1.1. On the same day he filed an account of the widow, who left a personal estate worth £1271.12.8.<sup>190</sup> Thomas Truman, with John Stone Hawkins and James Briscoe as sureties, distributed the estate of Ann Truman, with a balance of £1186.9.3, to Ann's children: Thomas, James, Leonard, Chloe, Clara, Sarah, Henry, Jane, Alexander, and Edward.<sup>191</sup>

Children of Henry and Anne (Magruder) Truman:

110. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Truman, d. by 1777.
111. James Truman, b. c1742; d. 22 Dec. 1789; m. Elizabeth Gordon.<sup>192</sup>
112. Henry Truman.
113. Alexander Truman, b. 1750/1 (his age in 1789); m. Margaret Reynolds, 1781.<sup>193</sup>
114. Edward Truman, b. c1753.
115. Sarah Truman, m. Samuel Compton of Charles Co.<sup>194</sup> [See #56 on page 39.]
116. Jane Truman, m. Capt. Alexander Howard Magruder.<sup>195</sup>
117. Leonard Truman.
118. Chloe Truman.
119. Clara Truman.

44. Jane<sup>4</sup> Truman, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Briscoe) Truman, was not named in her mother's 1735 will, so probably died before 1735. She married Barton Smoot, born 1711, died 1760, son of Barton and Sarah (Hawkins) Smoot. Barton married second, Susanna (Clarke) Mackall, daughter of George Clarke,<sup>196</sup> who survived him.<sup>197</sup>

Barton Smoot died leaving a will dated 19 January 1760 and filed 7 March 1760. He left the use of his personal estate to his [unnamed] wife, and at her death to be divided among his children. His wife was to be executrix. Jn<sup>o</sup> A. Clarke, William Watts, and Elizabeth Guyther witnessed the will. On 26 September 1761 Thomas Watts and John Wherritt valued the personal property at £721.2.1. George Guyther and William Guyther signed as next of kin, and Susanna Smoot, filed the inventory on 21 August 1761, and the administration account on 30 October 1765.

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190. Md. Wills, 31:1121; Md. Administrations, 47:393, 398.

191. Balance Books, 5:188.

192. Prince George's Co. Wills, T1:638.

193. Peden, *Truman and Related Families*, 29-30.

194. Compton bible record.

195. Peden, *Truman and Related Families*, 27.

196. George Clarke's will dtd. 13 Nov. 1751 calls her Smoot.

197. Harry Wright Newman, *The Smoots of Maryland and Virginia* (1936), 97.

Payments totaled £45.13.10, but no heirs were named.<sup>198</sup> Susanna Mackall Smoot filed an account of the administration of the estate of Barton Smoot on 30 October 1765. Payments totaled £45.13.10, but no heirs were named in the account.<sup>199</sup>

Susanna Smoot's will dated 26 September 1780 devised to sons William Barton Smoot and Thomas Smoot the dwelling house and adjoining lands. Also mentioned were daughters Elizabeth Smoot, Susanna Smoot, Hannah Watts, and Tabbs grandchildren.<sup>200</sup>

Children of Barton and Jane (Truman) Smoot:<sup>201</sup>

120. Henry<sup>5</sup> Smoot, b. by 1735, named in the will of grandmother Sarah (Briscoe) (Truman) Howard; m. Jane [-?-]; and d. in Charles Co., leaving will dated 8 Oct. 1759 and proved 28 Nov. 1759, naming wife Jane, executrix, and brothers and sister Barton, Thomas, and Eleanor Smoot. If his wife should be with child, then the negroes left to his brothers and sister should go to his child. Jn<sup>o</sup> Fendall, William Leigh, and Jos. Thompson witnessed the will. His personal property was valued at £444.7.3 as appraised on 20 Dec. 1760 by John Fendall and John Marshall. George Clarke Smoot and Francis Smoot signed as next of kin. Jean [or Jane] Smoot filed the inventory 27 July 1761.<sup>202</sup>
121. George Clarke Smoot.
122. William Barton Smoot.
123. Thomas Smoot, d. without issue.
124. Eleanor Smoot, m. [-?] Tabbs.
125. Hannah Smoot, m. Joshua Watts.
126. Elizabeth Smoot, m. Benjamin Philpot.
127. Susanna Mackall Smoot.

47. **Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Howard**, daughter of William Stevens and Sarah (Briscoe) Howard, was born in 1725 and died 2 September 1803. On 6 December 1744 she married **Alexander Magruder**, born 1713 and died in October 1779, son of Alexander and Susanna (Busey) Magruder.

Children of Alexander and Elizabeth (Howard) Magruder:<sup>203</sup>

128. Alexander Howard<sup>5</sup> Magruder, b. 15 Sept. 1745, m. Jane Truman [see above]; served in Revolutionary War, and administered Oaths of Fidelity in Prince George's Co. Jane m., second, John Mackall in Calvert Co., 1788.<sup>204</sup>

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198. Md. Wills, 30:812; Inventories, 74:262; Administrations, 53:234.

199. Md. Administration Accounts, 53:234.

200. St. Mary's Co. Wills, JJ#1:167.

201. Peden, *Truman and Related Families*, 35.

202. Md. Wills, 30:351; Inventories, 76:283.

203. Jourdan, 2:166.

204. Peden, *Truman and Related Families*, 27-28.



129. Leonard Magruder, b. 4 Apr. 1763; d. 25 Feb. 1795; m. Susanna Priscilla Hawkins.<sup>205</sup>

51. **Susannah<sup>4</sup> Ashcom**, daughter of Charles and Judith (Briscoe) Ashcom, was born by 1723. She married **John Reeder**, born 1705, died 1777. In his will, John Reeder named the following children:<sup>206</sup>

- 130. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Reeder, m. Draden Reeder (dau. of Thomas Reeder who d. 1773).
- 131. William Reeder, may have moved to Loudoun Co., Va.; m. and had two daughters and one son.
- 132. John Reeder, b. 1750s; d. 1804; m. Mary [-?]; settled in Washington Co.
- 133. Benjamin Reeder, b. 1760, served in Revolutionary War, moved to Va., and then to Overton Co., Tenn.; had issue.
- 134. Ann Reeder, m. [-?] Biscoe.
- 135. Susanna Reeder, m. first cousin Nathaniel Ashcom.
- 136. Amy Reeder, m. [-?] Biscoe.
- 137. Elizabeth Reeder, m. [-?] Thompson.
- 138. Henrietta Reeder.

53. **Samuel<sup>4</sup> Ashcom**, son of Charles and Judith (Briscoe) Ashcom, was born by 1723 and died by December 1754. He married **Sarah** [perhaps **Brome**], who married, second, **Abraham Neverson**.

Abraham Neverson and wife Sarah filed the inventory of Samuel Ashcome's estate on 17 December 1754; Edward Cole and Thomas Mattingly appraised the personal property at £589.11.10. Anne Brome and Thomas Brome signed as next of kin.<sup>207</sup> On 16 August 1755 Sarah Neverson, administrator, and wife of Abraham Neverson, filed account of administration of the estate, listing payments totalling £545.19.7. The distribution was as follows: one-third to widow, and residue to orphans of the deceased: Ann, John, Sarah, Charles, Samuel, and Nathaniel.<sup>208</sup>

Children of Samuel and Sarah Ashcom:

- 139. Ann<sup>5</sup> Ashcom, b. c1741, age 14 in 1755.
- 140. John Ashcom, b. c1744, age 11 in 1755.
- 141. Sarah Ashcom, b. c1745, age 10 in 1755.
- 142. Charles Ashcom, b. c1746, age 9 in 1755; d. St. Mary's Co. by May 1772; m. Margaret [-?].<sup>209</sup>
- 143. Samuel Ashcom, b. c1750, age 5 in 1755.

205. Francis B. Culver, *Society of Colonial Wars in State of Maryland* (1940).

206. Elise Greenup Jourdan, "The Ashcomb Family," *Early Families of Southern Maryland*, 160.

207. Md. Inventories, 58:320.

208. Md. Administrations, 38:185.

209. Md. Inventories, 110:71; Testamentary Proceedings, 44:383.

144. Nathaniel Ashcom, b. c1752, age 3 in 1755.

54. **Thomas<sup>4</sup> Brooke**, son of Thomas and Judith (Briscoe) Brooke, was born 1734 and died 1789 in Washington County. He married by 1765 **Elizabeth [-?-]**, who died between 25 August 1784 and 1 April 1785.<sup>210</sup>

In 1774 Thomas Brooke was appointed to a committee to represent Frederick County, and in 1775 he was appointed to the Frederick County Committee of Observation. Later he served on the Washington County Committee. He was the first surveyor of Washington County.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth Brooke:

145. Thomas<sup>5</sup> Brooke, d. in the Carolinas.

146. William Pitt Brooke, d. 1816, m. and had issue.

147. Clement Brooke, b. 1770; d. 1836, Zanesville, Ohio; m. Anne Dillon.

148. Rachel Brooke, m., first, William Darrell, and, second, William Collard.

149. Susan Brooke, m. William Lee.

150. Judith Briscoe Brooke, m. James Lindsay.

151. Ann Greenfield Brooke, m. [-?-] Winder.

152. Elizabeth Brooke, m. John Simonson; had issue.

55. **Matthew<sup>4</sup> Compton**, son of Matthew and Susanna (Briscoe) Compton, was born 26 June 1709 and died 14 March 1770. He married **Rachel Howard**, born c1714 and died 23 May 1789, daughter of William Stevens and Sarah (Briscoe) Howard.<sup>211</sup>

Matthew Compton died in St. Mary's County leaving a will dated February 1770 and proved 3 September 1770. He named wife Rachel as executrix, and children: Barton, Alexander, Edmund Howard, Stephen, Matthew, John, and Susanna Compton. Robert Slye Wood, Henry Morris, and Samuel Briscoe witnessed the will.<sup>212</sup> On 24 October 1770 Robert Slye Wood and Leo. Briscoe appraised Compton's personal property at value of £130.4.9. William and Matthew Compton signed as next of kin; filed on 10 October 1771.<sup>213</sup>

Children of Matthew and Rachel (Howard) Compton, most of whose births were recorded in Trinity Parish:<sup>214</sup>

153. William<sup>5</sup> Compton, b. 4 March 1733 [not recorded in Trinity Parish]; d. 5 Dec 1807; m. Susannah Wilson, widow of Hezekiah Briscoe, 18 Nov. 1758. She d.

210. Christopher Johnston, "The Brooke Family," *Maryland Genealogies*, 118-121.

211. Compton bible, submitted with application #519.

212. Md. Wills, 38:53.

213. Md. Inventories, 107:184.

214. Jourdan, *Colonial Records*, 9.

19 July 1807.<sup>215</sup>

154. Elizabeth Compton, b. 21 May 1742.
155. Matthew Compton, b. Dec. 1744.
156. John Compton, b. 28 Feb. 1747; d. Kentucky 10 Jan. 1803; m. 12 Feb. 1771, Elizabeth Briscoe, b. 18 March 1751, d. 4 Nov. 1790.<sup>216</sup>
157. Susanna Compton, b. Feb [-?-].
158. Barton Compton, b. 3 Dec. [-?-].
159. Alexander Compton, b. 16 Sept. 1755.
160. Edmund Howard Compton.
161. Stephen Compton.

56. Samuel<sup>4</sup> Compton, son of Matthew and Susanna (Briscoe) Compton, is probably the Samuel Compton who died in Charles County by April 1765. He married Sarah Truman [#115 on page 35], daughter of Henry Truman. She married, second, Thomas Compton.

Samuel Compton died leaving a will dated 30 November 1764, proved 16 April 1765. He named his wife Sarah as executrix, and son Henry Truman Compton. William Compton, George Willson, and John George Stinson witnessed the will.<sup>217</sup> Samuel Amery and Samuel Turner appraised the personal estate of Samuel Compton at £333.8.7. Zach Compton and William Compton signed as next of kin; it was filed on 18 June 1765 and the account on 11 May 1769, listing payments totalling £369.6.9, and naming two legatees: herself and son Truman Compton.<sup>218</sup>

Child of Samuel and Sarah Compton:

162. Henry Truman<sup>5</sup> Compton, b. 1763; d. 1836; m. Ann Swann, 17 Nov. 1797.

57. Susannah<sup>4</sup> Compton, daughter of Matthew and Susannah (Briscoe) Compton, was born in Charles County c1716 and died in Loudoun County, Virginia, by 29 December 1787. She married Robert Whitely, who died in Fairfax County, Virginia, by 19 April 1744.

Child of Robert and Susannah (Compton) Whitely:

163. William<sup>5</sup> Whitely, b. c1737; d. by 12 Dec. 1789; m. after 10 April 1769 Susanna Tyler, b. Fairfax Co., Va., c1748, d. Loudoun Co., Va., by 12 Dec. 1789.

58. Elender/Eleanor<sup>4</sup> Compton, daughter of Matthew and Susanna (Briscoe) Compton,<sup>219</sup> married before 1734 John Slye of Charles County.

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215. Jourdan, *Colonial Records*, 14.

216. Bible filed with application #617.

217. Md. Wills, 33:280.

218. Md. Inventories, 87:262; Administrations, 59:267.

219. Matthew Compton's will. Md. Wills, 25:150.



He was born c1694-1695,<sup>220</sup> only son of Robert, Jr., and Priscilla (Goldsmith) Slye of St. Mary's County.<sup>221</sup> He died at *Lapworth*, Newport Parish, Charles County, shortly before 10 May 1777.<sup>222</sup> His widow Eleanor Slye died in Charles County shortly before 25 January 1783.<sup>223</sup>

Children of John and Eleanor (Compton) Slye:<sup>224</sup>

164. Mary<sup>5</sup> Slye, b. 8 May 1734; d. Woodford Co., Ky., 8 Feb. 1808; m. by 1751, Philip Wood.<sup>225</sup>
165. Thomas Gerard Slye, b. c1735;<sup>226</sup> d. Charles Co., shortly before 3 July 1764;<sup>227</sup> m. c1762 Elizabeth (Sothoron) Wight.<sup>228</sup>
166. Robert Slye, b. Newport Parish, Charles Co., 15 11th month [Jan.] 1745[46];<sup>229</sup> m. (1) Trinity Parish, 3 June 1773, Elizabeth Stoddert;<sup>230</sup> m. (2) Henrietta [-?-].<sup>231</sup>
167. Susanna Slye, b. Newport Parish, 1 9th month [Nov.] 1749;<sup>232</sup> d. Union Co., Ky., cApril 1828; m. (1) c1766 Leonard Burch; m. (2) by 1775, Nathaniel Harris.<sup>233</sup>

60. **John<sup>4</sup> Davis**, son of John and Anne (Briscoe) Davis, died by March 1734. He married **Ann Reeder**, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Attaway) Reeder.

John Davis died leaving a will dated 21 December 1733, proved 6 March 1734 naming daughter Martha (who was in Virginia), daughter Elizabeth wife of William Elliott, daughter Ann wife of Thomas Notley Goldsmith, son Adelard, grandson John Elliot, daughter Elinor wife of John Murphy and her son Thomas Truman Murphy, and his children Elinor, Violetta,

220. Was age 57, his deposition 30 Dec. 1752. Charles Co. Court Records, B#3 (1752-1753): 343-344.

221. Named in father's will dated 18 April 1698, St. Mary's Co. Wills, 6:207.

222. Date on which his will was proved. Charles Co. Wills and Accounts, AF#7 (1777-1782): 2-3.

223. The date on which her personal estate was appraised. Charles Co. Wills and Accounts, B#1 (1782-1785): 339-340.

224. Three surviving children named in his will dated Jan. 1775, and in the final administration account filed 2 Aug. 1777. Charles Co. Wills and Accounts, AF#7:2-3, 39.

225. Family records and research findings, Evlin K. Kinney, M.D., Miami Beach, Fla., letters 1988 and 1993.

226. His orphaned son John Sothoron Slye named as grandchild in 1775 will of John Slye.

227. Md. Inventories, 86:5.

228. Md. Administration Accounts, 59:421, 425.

229. Newport Parish Register.

230. Trinity Parish Register.

231. Henrietta identified as his widow in 1799. Charles Co. Administration Accounts, 1798-1806, 106-108. Nine children named in the account.

232. Newport Parish Register.

233. Family records and research findings, Nan Overton West, Lubbock, Texas, letter 1995.

Arabela, Rebecca, and Sarah.<sup>234</sup> The inventory of his estate, filed 24 May 1734 by Ann Davis, executrix, was valued at £166.9.6. His sons-in-law Elias Smith and Joseph Kine signed as next of kin. An account of administration was filed on 17 September 1735. Out of an inventory of £137.15.6, she made payments totalling £24.1.6.<sup>235</sup>

Children of John and Ann (Reeder) Davis:<sup>236</sup>

168. Martha<sup>5</sup> Davis, in Virginia in 1733.

169. Elizabeth Davis, d. after May 1758, m. William Elliott.<sup>237</sup>

170. Ann Davis, d. by April 1746; m. Thomas Notley Goldsmith.<sup>238</sup>

171. Adelard Davis.

172. Elinor Davis, m. John Murphy.<sup>239</sup>

173. Violetta Davis.

174. Arabella Davis.

175. Rebecca Davis.

176. Sarah Davis.

## WILLIAM BROWN

1. William<sup>1</sup> Brown, passenger on the *Ark* and the *Dove*, was born c1623 (giving his age as c20 in 1643), and came to Maryland in 1633 as a servant of Captain Thomas Cornwallis.<sup>240</sup> He died c1665/6. He married Margaret [-?-]. A Roman Catholic, he settled in Bretton Bay, St. Mary's County. Jn<sup>o</sup> Thimbelby and William Brown gave a power of attorney to George Manners to take legal action against John "Hollis" (Hallowes) c1648/9.<sup>241</sup> On 2 December 1659 he was named as executor in the will of John Thimbelby. Thimbleby left property to the Roman Catholic Church, to John Brown, and to Margaret wife of William Brown, as well as making other bequests. He left all his land in Maryland to his goddaughter Mary Brown.<sup>242</sup> William "Broune" of St. Mary's County died leaving a will dated 27 February 1665 and proved 26 July 1666. He named his children John and Mary who were to share his personal property in equal proportions, but Mary was also to have the personalty given to her by her godfather

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234. Md. Wills, 20:900.

235. Md. Inventories, 18:329; Administrations, 13:326.

236. Mary Louise Donnelly, *Colonial Settlers of St. Clements Bay (1634-1780)*, 1996, 78.

237. Donnelly, 79.

238. *Ibid.*

239. *Ibid.*

240. Newman, *Flowering*, 178; Md. Land Warrants, 1:110; Md. Land Patents, ABH:94.

241. Newman, *Flowering*, 178; *Archives*, 10:7.

242. Md. Wills, 1:80.