

Isle of Wight County Records – 1750 and Later
(and some North Carolina records)

- 7 Feb 1750/1 Accounting of estate of Charles Chapman examined by **Richard Reynolds**, Joseph Norsworthy. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p302, abstracted by Chapman]
- 4 Apr 1751 Accounting of estate of Jacob Dickinson examined by Thomas Gale, Charles Fulgham, and **Richard Reynolds**. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p328, abstracted by Chapman]
- 2 May 1751 Accounting of estate of Robert Richards examined by **Richard Reynolds**, John Applewhaite. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p339, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Aug 1751 Appraisal of estate of Thomas Uzzell by Bartholomew Lightfoot, **Christopher Reynolds**, John Joyner. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p354, abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Sep 1751 Processioners named: **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Norsworthy... Robert Tynes and **Christopher Reynolds**. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p147]
- 3 Oct 1751 Appraisal of estate of Thomas Wills by Arthur Applewhaite, **Richard Reynolds**, John Smelly. Signed Martha Wills. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p367, abstracted by Chapman]
- 6 Feb 1752 Accounting of estate of Thomas Whitley examined by **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Norsworthy. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p409, abstracted by Chapman]
- Same date: Estate of Robert West appraised by Augustine King, **Richard Reynolds**, George Whitley. Signed Giles West. Ordered 6 February 1752, recorded 4 June 1752. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p428, abstracted by Chapman]

In 1752, the English calendar changed to the present one, with 1752 beginning on January 1. Dates after this are in the modern calendar.

- 12 Feb 1752 Will of Elizabeth Shaw of Newport parish... Executors Joseph Whitley and Mary his wife. Witnesses: **Richard Reynolds**, Joshua Gross. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p28, abstracted by Chapman]

- 5 Mar 1752 Accounting of estate of Caleb McCoy examined by **Richard Reynolds**, John Clark, Thomas Miller. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p419, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1752 Processioners returns by **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Norsworthy... Robert Tynes and **Christopher Reynolds**. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p155]
- 21 May 1752 Accounting of Murcilla Davis, orphan of Samuel Davis, by guardian William Davis... lists [debits or credits to] several persons, including **Tabitha Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Guardian Accounts 1740-1767, p77 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 4 Jun 1752 Additional accounting of the estate of Edward Driver examined by **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Norsworthy. Date of appraisal. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p430, abstracted by Chapman]
- Same date: Appraisal of estate of Joseph Bridger Jr. by **Richard Reynolds**, Thomas Miller, Joseph Norsworthy. Ordered 4 June 1752, recorded 6 August 1752. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p449, abstracted by Chapman]
- 16 Jul 1752 **Richard Reynolds** a witness to 15 year lease of James West to Giles West, 200 acres (being the land Patience Casey lives on and was “given to me by my father”). Recorded 14 Sep 1752. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 8, p516 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 6 Aug 1752 Accounting of estate of Francis Gross examined by **Richard Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin, John Godwin. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 5, p453, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Oct 1752 **Richard Reynolds** and Charles Driver witnesses to 15 year lease of Henry Pitt to Giles Driver...”all my land” on the south east side of Jones Creek (except 50 acres known as “Hains”). Giles West is mentioned. Recorded 2 November 1752. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p38 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 5 Oct 1752 Accounting of estate of Richard West examined by Thomas Gale, Charles Fulgham, **Richard Reynolds**. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p7, abstracted by Chapman]
- 3 Nov 1752 Deed: **Christopher Reynolds** to James Calcote, 150 acres adjoining the Deep Branch and Bartholomew Lightfoot. Signed: **Christopher Reynolds**, **Mary (x) Reynolds**. Witness: John Chapman, Joseph Chapman and **Robert Reynolds**. Recorded 3 November 1752. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p39 abstracted by Hopkins]

This is the son of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman, and the witness is his brother. Note that four years later [see 6 Feb 1756] James Calcote sold

what may have been this same land to Christopher Reynolds, describing it as part of a patent of 566 acres granted to Richard Reynolds [the younger] on 10 May 1679.

- 7 Dec 1752 Accounting of estate of Robert West examined by **Richard Reynolds**, Augustine King, John Goodrich. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p17, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Feb 1753 Accounting of estate of William Lane examined by **Richard Reynolds** and Charles Fulgham. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p38, abstracted by Chapman]
- 4 Feb 1753 **Richard Reynolds**, Charles Driver and William Chapman witness deed from Henry Pitt to Giles Driver....50 acres (being part of a patent for 750 acres “formerly granted to my deceased father, Thomas Pitt”) on the south side of Jones Creek. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p98 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 3 May 1753 Appraisal of estate of Mary Pedin by **Richard Reynolds**, Joseph Norsworthy, Sampson West. Signed Anthony Holladay. Undated, precedes examination of accounting recorded 3 May 1753. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p59, abstracted by Chapman]
- 5 Apr 1753 A deed from James Baker to Edmund Fowler for 419 acres on the east side of Blackwater River (being part of a patent for 1311 acres granted to Hugh Campbell on 21 April 1695 and this 419 acres was willed by Hugh Campbell to John Campbell who willed it... to his son Robert Campbell who sold it to said James Baker on 12 June 1746). Land was surveyed by John Milner, Gent., of Nansemond County and adjoins **Richard Reynolds** and Owin Burns. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p104 abstracted by Hopkins]

The survey referenced is the original one. Owen Burns had died in 1705 and Richard Reynolds in 1707. The Richard Reynolds referenced is actually Richard Reynolds the elder, long dead by this time. The adjoining land had already been sold by Christopher Reynolds, son of Richard Reynolds.

- 4 Jun 1753 Deed: **Christopher Reynolds** and wife **Mary Reynolds** to William Woodward, 460 acres in Newport Parish adjoining Western Branch Run. Signed: **Christopher Reynolds**, **Mary (x) Reynolds** and Ann (x) Hunt. Witnesses: William Rand, Peter Woodward, and Phillip Moody. Recorded 5 July 1753 [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p154 abstracted by Hopkins]

Ann Hunt is his mother, remarried to a Hunt, her releasing her dower interest in the land. When William Woodward sold half of this land in 1762 [DB 11, p73] he described it as 230 acres adjoining the Western Branch, Martha Pledger, Willis Branch, James Parnall, Jones and Bridger.

5 Jul 1753 Deed: **Christopher Reynolds**, his wife **Mary Reynolds** and Ann Hunt to John Marshall, Jr., 250 acres (being part of the land willed by Robert Coleman) adjoining the main swamp, Stricklins Bridge and the Beaverdam Swamp. Signed: **Christopher Reynolds**, **Mary (x) Reynolds** and Ann (x) Hunt. Witnesses: Thomas Gale and **Christopher Reynolds**. Recorded same date. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p156 abstracted by Hopkins]

Christopher Reynolds, husband of Ann Coleman, who was willed this land, died in 1732. This is his son Christopher Reynolds, married to Mary, who is selling both parcels. He had inherited the land because he was the eldest son of an intestate father. Ann Hunt has to be his widowed mother, releasing her dower interest in the land of her deceased husband. (She has obviously remarried to a Hunt then been widowed again.) The Christopher Reynolds who witnessed the deed is probably his first cousin.

4 Jan 1754 Accounting of estate of Jacob Dickinson examined by John Applewhaite and **Richard Reynolds**. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p78, abstracted by Chapman]

6 Jun 1754 Appraisal of estate of Arthur Smith by James Calcote and **Christopher Reynolds**. Ordered 6 June 1754, recorded 1 August 1754. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p108, abstracted by Chapman]

7 Jun 1754 Deed: **Robert Reynolds** and his wife **Patience Reynolds**, to Henry Pitt, 200 acres called "the Pocason Plantation" adjoining Jordans Mill Swamp, Robert Driver and Turner (?). Signed: **Robert Reynolds**, **Patience (x) Reynolds** and Ann (x) Hunt. Witness: Giles Driver. Recorded 7 Nov 1754. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p289 abstracted by Hopkins]

Robert Reynolds is selling the land his brother had given him four years earlier. This appears to confirm that Robert Reynolds had married Patience Lightfoot [see 3 October 1754 below]. It also confirms that he was the son of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman. Ann Hunt was his widowed mother, remarried to a Hunt, releasing her widow's dower interest in the land of her deceased husband.

8 Jul 1754 Will of **Sharpe Reynolds**: Legatees – cousin **Richard Reynolds**, cousin **George Reynolds**, Sarah Wooten, cousin **Christopher**, the son of **Christopher Reynolds**, decd. Executor: cousin **Christopher Reynolds**. Dated 8 July 1754, recorded 5 September 1754. Witness: Bartholomew Lightfoot, John Green, Richard Casey, Ralph Carter, Arthur Goodson. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p115, abstracted by Chapman] Appraisal recorded 3 October 1754, appraised by Thomas Norsworthy, James Calcote, Robert Tynes. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p121, abstracted by Chapman]

Sharpe Reynolds was apparently unmarried and without heirs of his own.

Cousin Christopher is his nephew, the son of his deceased brother Christopher Reynolds. (Note that he has to identify which Christopher this is.) Cousins Richard and George are nephews, the sons of his brother Richard Reynolds. Notice that he has to identify which Christopher Reynolds he is talking about, but not which Richard or George Reynolds. (His brother Richard Reynolds had a son named Christopher as well as Richard and George.) Sharpe Reynolds is singling out the Christopher Reynolds for whom he acted as guardian.

Note also that a witness was Richard Casey, but not the same Richard Casey who was the husband of Sharpe Reynolds' first cousin Jane. That Richard Casey had died by 1748.

3 Oct 1754 Accounting of estate of Henry Lightfoot Sr. examined by John Wills and Charles Fulgham. To paid the widow [Patience Lightfoot], to Bartholomew Lightfoot, to Henry Lightfoot Jr., to Thomas Lightfoot, to **Mary Reynolds**, to **Patience Reynolds**. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p122, abstracted by Chapman]

Chapman's separate "Marriages" book implies that this record identifies Robert Reynolds as the husband of Patience Lightfoot and Christopher Reynolds as the husband of Mary Lightfoot. Her "Wills" book does not include that information. Henry Lightfoot had died intestate, apparently only a few months earlier, as his appraisal was ordered on 29 May 1754. Given his location and later associations, it does appear that the two daughters married two brothers, grandchildren of Richard Reynolds the younger, and sons of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman.

3 Oct 1754 Appraisal of estate of **Sharpe Reynolds** by Thomas Norsworthy, James Calcote, Robert Tynes. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p121, abstracted by Chapman]

5 Dec 1754 **Christopher Reynolds**, William Woodward and George Hall witness a deed from James Bridger and wife Mary [a typo, her name in other deeds was Sarah] to Nathan Cooke...250 acres adjoining Burks Swamp, Round Hill Branch and Daniel Herring. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p290 abstracted by Hopkins]

6 Mar 1755 Acknowledgements by **Richard Reynolds**, **Christopher Reynolds**, **George Reynolds**, and **Tabitha Reynolds** recorded this date. [See entry for 7 April 1741]

Note that the 4 May 1745 will of their mother, Rebecca Reynolds, was proved on this same date.

- 1 Apr 1755 **Richard Reynolds**, Phillip Moody and Thomas Gale witness a deed of gift from John Murphrey to his son, John Murphrey, for love and affection...50 acres in Newport Parish (being part of a patent that was formerly granted to his father, William Murphrey) adjoining Wilkinson. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p328 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 3 Apr 1755 **Richard Reynolds, Christopher Reynolds**, John Smelley and George Wilson witnesses to a deed of gift from Bartholomew Lightfoot of Newport Parish to his “cozin” John Lightfoot for love and affection and a promise made “to his father Henry Lightfoot”, 70 acres adjoining Capt. Arthur Smith and James Calcote. Recorded 3 Jul 1755 [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p351 abstracted by Hopkins]
- Another piece of evidence, although a very weak one, that Richard and Christopher Reynolds were the husbands of the two daughters of Henry Lightfoot.*
- 3 Apr 1755 Estate of Solomon Sanders appraised by **Richard Reynolds**, George Whitley, Jonathan Godwin. Dated 3 April 1755, recorded 2 October 1758. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p198, abstracted by Chapman]
- 4 Apr 1755 Appraisal of estate of **Rebecca Reynolds** by Bartholomew Lightfoot, William McConnell, Robert Tynes. No recording date, but between entries recorded 3 April and 4 April. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p164, abstracted by Chapman]
- Her will, though dated 11 years earlier, had been proved a month earlier on 6 March 1755.
- 17 Oct 1755 Processioners named: **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Norsworthy... Arthur Applewhite and **Christo. Reynolds**... James Jordan and **Christo. Reynolds**. No returns noted for the latter two districts. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p175]
- 7 Nov 1755 Accounting of estate of Solomon Sanders by **Richard Reynolds**, Charles Fulgham. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p204, abstracted by Chapman]
- 4 Dec 1755 **Richard Reynolds**, George Whitley, Giles West ordered to appraise estate of Robert Driver. Returned 5 February 1756. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p209, abstracted by Chapman]
- 5 Feb 1756 Additional estate of Solomon Sanders appraised by **Richard Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin, George Whitley. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p211, abstracted by Chapman]

6 Feb 1756 Deed: James and Mary Calcote to **Christopher Reynolds**, 150 acres (being part of a patent of 566 acres granted to **Richard Reynolds** on 10 May 1679). Witnesses: Thomas Brock and John Joyner. Signed: James and Mary Calcote. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p417 abstracted by Hopkins]

Is this the land Christopher Reynolds had sold to Robert Brock back in 1717? Or was it the land sold to Calcote just four years earlier?

1756 Undated entry on or after 30 March 1756, on a list of debits to the parish: **Christopher Reynolds** for making garden on the Glebe. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p185]

The Glebe land on which Christopher Reynolds mad the garden was located about 2-3 miles west of Cypress Creek, from which we can infer that he was living on or near the original Reynolds land on Cypress Creek.

24 Apr 1756 Deed of Gift: **Christopher Reynolds** to his children: to daughter **Elizabeth Reynolds** negro Judith, to daughter **Mary Reynolds** negro Kate, to son **Sharp Reynolds** negro Port, to son **Christopher Reynolds** negro Dick, and to son **Robert Reynolds**, negro Philis. All gifts for their lifetimes, then to their own issue if any, otherwise to revert to the other children. Acknowledged by Christopher Reynolds by memorandum dated 7 May 1775. [Jones County, North Carolina Deed Book C, p33]

It is not completely clear why he would have made this deed of gift, since the children were all minors. One possibility is that his wife had died and he was removing the negroes from his own estate in contemplation of a remarriage. That would have served a similar purpose to a prenuptial agreement. There's no indication of where the deed was made, only that it was acknowledged in Jones County nearly twenty years later. See also 16 November 1762.

30 Jun 1756 John Wills and William Almand agree to a dividing line between the land John Wills bought from **Christopher Reynolds** and the land William Almand bought from Richard Casey. Witness: Lemuel Riddick and John Scarsbrook Wills. Signed by John Wills, recorded 3 December 1756 [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p449 abstracted by Hopkins]

John Wills was a son-in-law of Richard Casey. His wife was Martha Casey.

14 Aug 1756 **Christopher Reynolds**, William Rand, and Sophia Rand witness lease from Thomas and Catherine Liles to Andrew Mackie (being land where William Lane formerly lived and belonging to Ann Giles, orphan of Hugh Giles deceased). [Isle of Wight Deed Book 9, p480 abstracted by Hopkins]

1756-7 A lost deed in Johnston County, North Carolina recorded sometime in 1756-7 from John Spear to **Richard Reynolds** [Johnston County Grantee/Grantor

Index, recorded Book 4, p24, now lost]

This may be the son of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman, who we know was in Craven County by 1762. John Spear appears to have lived in the area that became Dobbs, then Greene and Lenoir counties, which was later near the border of Jones County. If the deed was for land, it was apparently in the area in which Richard Reynolds of Isle of Wight is later found.

6 Jan 1757 **Richard Reynolds** and John Applewhaite examination of estate of Lemuel Godwin recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p252, abstracted by Chapman]

3 Feb 1757 **Richard Reynolds** and Thomas Miller examination of estate of Robert Driver recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p262, abstracted by Chapman]

It's not clear which Richard Reynolds this was.

3 May 1757 Will of Joseph Norsworthy mentions "daughter **Elizabeth Reynolds**." Recorded 2 February 1758. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p316, abstracted by Chapman] Her husband is identified as **George Reynolds** in later records [Isle of Wight Order Book 1759-1763, p330, p504 abstracted by Hopkins and by Chapman]

8 Jul 1757 **Richard Reynolds**, William Richard, and Micajah Wills witnesses to will of Ralph Gibbs. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p300, abstracted by Chapman]

16 Jul 1757 Robert Tynes, **Christopher Reynolds**, John Joiner witnesses to will of John Turner. Proved 3 December 1761. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p123, abstracted by Chapman]

1757-8 Lost deeds in Johnston County, North Carolina recorded sometime in 1757-8 included deeds from Robert Redford to **Christopher Reynolds** (two deeds), **Robert Reynolds** to James Sherwood, **Christopher Reynolds** to John Sherwood, and William Teague to **Robert Reynolds** [Johnston County Grantee/Grantor Index, recorded Book 5, p19/86, p299, p330, and p336 respectively]

We don't know for certain that these are Isle of Wight Reynolds, but we know that Isle of Wight Reynolds with these names were in this area a few years later. Problem is, they seem to have remained in Isle of Wight for another 4-5 years. Keep in mind that not all of these deeds may have been for land, nor that the Reynolds necessarily resided there at the time.

1 Jan 1758 Lease: **Richard Reynolds** to John Brantley, ? acres (being the land where Mary Goodson last lived). Witness: George Benn, William Ponsonby, Jr. Recorded 3 Aug 1758 [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 10, p28 abstracted by Hopkins]

- 2 Feb 1758 **Richard Reynolds**, Samson West, and Thomas Miller appraisal of estate of Joseph Bridger Jr. recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p325, abstracted by Chapman]
- 2 Mar 1758 **Christopher Reynolds**, Bartholomew Lightfoot, and William Allmand ordered to appraise estate of John Butler. Recorded 6 April 1758. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p385, abstracted by Chapman]
- 2 Mar 1758 **Christopher Reynolds**, Robert Tynes, Thomas Brock, James Watson ordered to appraise estate of Jesse Smith. Recorded 6 April 1758. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p387, abstracted by Chapman]
- 21 Mar 1758 **Christopher Reynolds**, Bartholomew Lightfoot, and William Allmand ordered to appraise estate of Elizabeth West. Recorded 6 April 1758. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p383, abstracted by Chapman]
- 6 April 1758 **Christopher Reynolds**, Bartholomew Lightfoot, and William Allmand examination of estate of Everitt West recorded. Among items, to widow and three children. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p384, abstracted by Chapman]
- 3 Aug 1758 **Richard Reynolds**, Samuel Holladay, Jonathan Godwin appraisal of estate of Joseph Norsworthy recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p409, abstracted by Chapman]

Note that an appraiser could not have an interest in the estate. Joseph Norsworthy's daughter Elizabeth was married to George Reynolds.

- 3 Aug 1758 **Richard Reynolds**, Giles Driver, and Charles Driver appraisal of estate of John Applewhaite recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p414, abstracted by Chapman]
- 3 Aug 1758 Deed: **Christopher Reynolds** to Samuel Cutchin of Nansemond County, 100 acres (being part of 200 acres granted Jeremiah Ruter [Rutter] by Francis Morrison, Esq.) adjoining Thomas Jordan and the Cypress Cart Path. Witness: Samuel Cutchin, Jr. and Robert Driver [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 10, p26 abstracted by Hopkins]

This apparently refers to a patent more than 60 years earlier to Jeremiah Rutter in the vicinity of Cypress Swamp. How this land was acquired is unclear. It does not appear that this is the same land leased to William Noyall in 1738 for 20 years, and therefore this is not a reference to the son of Richard Reynolds the elder. Rather, this seems to be the son of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman. Assuming it's him, note that there is again no release of dower.

- 3 Aug 1758? **Christopher Reynolds** and James Benn witness a deed from Charles Driver Jr. and wife Keshiah Driver to Samuel Cutchin. Undated but recorded this date. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p24 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 19 Aug 1758 Land Patent: Richard Williams, 46 acres in Nansemond County "...a hickory butting on the land of **Christopher Reynolds** then south binding on the said **Reynolds** 80 poles to a pine.." [Virginia Patent Book 33, p469]
- While this patent contains no clues as to its location, the immediately preceding patent is also to Richard Williams, for land in the fork of the Nottoway and Blackwater Rivers. So this would appear to adjoin the 1731 patent to Christopher Reynolds. Note that the land descriptions of patents were based on their surveys, which could have been several years old, so this is not proof that Christopher Reynolds still owned the adjoining land on this date.*
- 2 Oct 1758 Charles Fulgham and **Richard Reynolds** appointed to assign the dower of Sarah, widow of Aaron Gray, later the wife of Bignall Tuel. Undated. Assignment recorded this date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p197 abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Oct 1758 A deed from John Godwin to Jonathan Grace for 50 acres (being part of 250 acres now in the possession of **Richard Reynolds**, **George Reynolds**, Andrew Mackie, and John Bridger, orphan of Joseph Bridger, decd.). [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p41 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 20 Oct 1758 Robert Tynes to pay for work done on the Glebe and Brick Church to William Smith, John Wills Jr., **Christopher Reynolds**, Bartholomew Lightfoot, and Joseph Hill. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p241]
- 2 Nov 1758 Will of Benjamin Brock of Johnston County (NC) recorded in Isle of Wight. Legatees – wife Elizabeth, who is to maintain my children. Witness: **Robert Reynolds**, Dorothy Brock, Richard Braswell. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p440 abstracted by Chapman]
- It isn't clear from this abstract whether this Robert Reynolds is still in Isle of Wight or has moved to Johnston County, but he would certainly be there shortly. Richard Braswell appears to be the one who had recently moved into Johnston County from Isle of Wight. The will is probably recorded in Isle of Wight because most or all of the estate is located there.*
- 7 Dec 1758 **Richard Reynolds** and Nicholas Parker agree on two slaves viz Stephen and Jude as his dower in right of his wife Mary Parker, the widow and relict of Robert Richards, deceased, and 1/3 part of said Richard's land. Signed: **Richard Reynolds** and Nicholas Parker. Recorded 4 Jan 1759. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p63 abstracted by Hopkins]

Robert Richards had died in 1748 and Richard Reynolds had appraised the estate, meaning he had no interest in it. The widow Mary Richards first married Lemuel Godwin, then Nicholas Parker. Nicholas Parker's wife was due a dower interest in 1/3 of the land and property of her former husband(s). The question is why the agreement was made with Richard Reynolds. This implies Richard Reynolds had some relationship to Robert Richards.

- 1 Mar 1759 **Christopher Reynolds** a witness to a deposition by Adam Brown. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p132 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 3 May 1759 **Richard Reynolds**, and Augustine King examination of accounting of estate of Ralph Gibbs recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 6, p481 abstracted by Chapman]
- 24 Sep 1759 **Richard Reynolds** and **Richard Reynolds, Jr.** witness to a release of rights in slaves by Ann Holliday. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p203 abstracted by Hopkins]
- This is surely Richard Reynolds III and his son Richard Reynolds IV, the third and fourth of that name in the line of Richard Reynolds that began with Richard Reynolds the younger.*
- 10 Dec 1759 Processioners named: ...**Christopher Reynolds** and Arthur Applewhite... **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Norsworthy... [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p243-5]
- Mar 1760 Processioners returns: "That Joshua Hunter and **Christopher Reynolds** do procession the lands within their district" Signed Daniel Hering and John Wills. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p241]
- 6 Feb 1761 Deed: Mary Jackson to William Robertson and **Christopher Reynolds**, lot #34 in the town of Smithfield (being the lot she now lives on). [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p285 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 6 Feb 1761 **George Reynolds**, Charles Driver, and Jonathan Godwin appraisal of estate of Samuel Holladay ordered. Recorded 4 February 1762. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p129, abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Mar 1761 **George Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin, and Augustine King appraisal of estate of John Clark recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p79 abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Mar 1761 **Richard Reynolds**, Brewer Godwin, and Jonathan Godwin appraisal of estate of Joseph Norsworthy recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p81 abstracted by Chapman]

- 2 Jun 1761 **Richard Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin and Nicholas Fulgham witness allotment of land to Mary Norsworthy, relict of Joseph Norsworthy, deceased [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p281 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 1 Jan 1762 Deed: **Christopher Reynolds** of Newport Parish to Andrew Mackie of the same place, 700 acres on Cypress Swamp in Newport Parish (being part of a patent granted to Ambrose Bennett for 1150 acres on 3 Jun 1641...part was sold by said Bennett to Robert Coleman who willed on 8 Mar [1715/16] to **Christopher Reynolds** and wife **Ann Reynolds**, and it descended to their son, the said **Christopher Reynolds**) adjoining Bullinges Branch and John Smelley. Signed: **Christopher Reynolds**. Witness: Richard Baker, Gardner Fleaming and Will Robertson. Recorded 7 January 1762 [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 11, p4 abstracted by Hopkins]
- This makes it pretty obvious who he is. Note that there is apparently no release of dower by a wife, nor (unlike the earlier deeds) by his mother. That supports the theory that his second wife was the widow Penelope Nolleboy/Nolley, who would have had no dower interest in this land. When Mackie sold part of the land in 1765, he described it as adjoining Butlers Branch, John Butler, John Wills and himself. This land appears to be in the vicinity of the original Reynolds lands.*
- Note also that this deed, describing him as of Isle of Wight, suggests that he was not the same Christopher Reynolds of Johnston County, North Carolina ca1757/58.*
- 7 Jan 1762 **George Reynolds** and Augustine King examination of estate of Robert Driver recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p125, abstracted by Chapman]
- 5 Mar 1762 **Richard Reynolds** and Charles Driver examination of account of John Applewhaite recorded. To dower, to Benjamin's share, John's share, Mary's share. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p138, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Apr 1762 Appraisal ordered of estate of Thomas Joyce by **Pitt Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin, Joseph Brantley. Recorded 5 August 1762. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p190, abstracted by Chapman]
- 6 May 1762 Estate of **George Reynolds** ordered appraised by Charles Driver, John Smelley Jr., John Brown. Recorded 5 August 1762. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p192, abstracted by Chapman] Accounting of estate examined by **Richard Reynolds** and Charles Driver recorded 4 August 1763 [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p298, abstracted by Chapman]

Later records identify at least two children. On 1 August 1765 the court appointed William Webb the guardian of Martha Reynolds, "orphan of

George” and then appointed Ann Fulgham guardian of Martha (sic) Reynolds “orphan of George”. The second reference to Martha was apparently the correct one, as Charles Fulgham’s will mentions her. On 1 April 1773 and again on 2 March 1775, Robert Reynolds, orphan of George, was to be bound out. [Court Minute Books transcribed in Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol. 26, pp 121, 205, 209] All three children would have been under 14 on these dates, for the court appointed their guardians.

1 Jul 1762 Appraisal ordered of estate of Jonathan Gross by **Richard Reynolds, Pitt Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin. Recorded 5 August 1762. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p191, abstracted by Chapman]

This is one of several records that suggests Pitt Reynolds was a brother of Richard Reynolds. Since appraisers were chosen by the court for their proximity, these last few appraisals tell us Pitt and Richard Reynolds were close neighbors. Since we can eliminate other possibilities, it seems safe to assume Pitt Reynolds was a son of Richard Reynolds and a brother to this Richard.

6 Aug 1762 Deed: George Stringer Jr. to **Robert Reynolds**, both of Craven County, 70 pds proclamation money, 70 acres... east side of Gum[?] Swamp at the mouth of Poplar Bee Tree Swamp... [Craven County, North Carolina Wills, Deeds, Etc. 1749-1777, p272]

Deed: William Stringer to **Robert Reynolds**, both of Craven County, 30 pds proc money, 70 acres... east side of Gum[?] Swamp joining to Poplar Bee Tree Swamp... [Craven County, North Carolina Wills, Deeds, Etc. 1749-1777, p17]

Robert Reynolds, son of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman, is by now in North Carolina. The land is on the border of Craven County and what would later become Jones County. He sold some of the land within a few years.

2 Sep 1762 Deed: William Woodward and wife, Jane Woodward, to George Hall, 230 acres adjoining the Western Branch, Martha Pledger, Willis Branch, James Parnall, Jones and Bridger (being land sold by **Christopher Reynolds** to said William Woodward on 4 Jun 1753.) [Isle of Wight Deed Book 11, p73]

16 Nov 1762 Deed of Gift: **Christopher Reynolds**... two negroes given in deed of gift, one to son **Sharp Reynolds** and one to son **Robert Reynolds** have since died... Christopher Reynolds now gives to each another negro under the same conditions as in the original deed of gift... also gives a negro named Lewis to son **Richard Reynolds** and a negro Pegg to son **James Reynolds**, both under the same conditions of reversion. Acknowledged by Christopher Reynolds by memorandum dated 7 May 1775. [Jones County, North Carolina Deed Book C, p34]

See 24 April 1756. Since 1756, he has apparently had additional sons named Richard and James. From later records, James was evidently a son of his second wife Penelope.

7 Feb 1763 Deed: John Stanaland of Craven County to **Christopher Reynolds** of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 200 pounds proc. money, 300 acres in Craven County, north side of Trent River and north side of Beaver Creek. [Craven County, NC Miscellaneous Records 1749-1777, p47]

Christopher Reynolds is moving to Craven County, North Carolina. Two days later perhaps the same Christopher Reynolds, then of Craven County, bought an additional 100 acres on the south side of the Neuse River adjacent his own land (p74).

5 May 1763 Accounting of estate of Jonathan Gross examined by **Richard Reynolds**, Jonathan Godwin. Recording date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p244, abstracted by Chapman]

22 Mar 1763 Will of **Christopher Reynolds**: to son **Sharpe Reynolds** the plantation I bought of my cousin Christopher Reynolds, also a Negro boy named Coffee; to son **Saunders Reynolds** the plantation that I now live on and a Negro boy named Toby; to daughter **Sweeting Reynolds** a Negro boy named Prince; all other Negroes to be hired out by my executor until son Saunders Reynolds becomes age 21 years of age at which time all money from Negroes to be equally divided among all my children. Executor: John Joyner. Dated 22 March 1763, recorded 5 May 1763. Witness: Robert Tynes, Bartholomew Lightfoot, Charles Driver. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p242] Appraisal by Charles Driver, Jesse Atkinson, Thomas Uzzell, signed by John Joyner, recorded 6 April 1764. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p337, abstracted by Chapman] Accounting of estate recorded 6 January 1774 signed by John Joyner and examined by Bartholomew Lightfoot, Robert Tynes, John Scarsbrook Wills. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p279]

As the entry for 15 May 1773 clarifies, this is Christopher Reynolds, the son of Richard Reynolds, husband of Elizabeth Saunders. His first cousin Christopher Reynolds is still alive.

There is no widow mentioned, so his wife Elizabeth apparently predeceased him. The will mentions "all my children", implying that there were more than the three mentioned. At least two other children, Mourning and Mary, are mentioned in the record below. [See 7 September 1775] Interestingly enough, the executor John Joyner was married to a woman named Sweeting (not the same person as the daughter).

- 2 Jun 1763 Deed: William Robertson and **Christopher Reynolds** to Giles Driver, lot #34 in Smithfield Town (being land bought from Mary Jackson on 6 February 1761). Signed: William Robertson, **Christopher Reynolds**. No witnesses. Recorded same date. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 10, p152 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 7 Jul 1763 Appraisal of Miles Wills ordered by **Richard Reynolds**, John Smelley Jr., Giles Driver. Recorded 1 September 1763. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p304, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Sep 1763 **Richard Reynolds** and Charles Driver examination of estate of John Applewhaite recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p304, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1763 Marriage proven: **Christopher Reynolds** and Mrs. Penelope Nolliboy [Nolley], relict of Needham Nolliboy. [Isle of Wight Order Book 1759-1763, p464 according to Marriages of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, 1628-1800, Blanche Adams Chapman, p39.]
- Chapman abstracts the name as "Nolliboy" but it also appears in the records as "Nolley". Needham Nolley first appears in Isle of Wight records in 1750, lived in the northern portion of the county, and died by 7 May 1761 when his appraisal was ordered [WB 7, p105] A supplementary accounting was filed in 1771, suggesting that he left small children [WB 8, p107]. His son Josiah Nolley was ordered bound out in 1763 [VGSQ 25:37]. Josiah Nolley may have been the person of that name who was later in Brunswick County. Penelope Nolley Reynolds was already in North Carolina by 1763. The only explanation that makes sense is that Josiah was not Penelope's son (rather the son of a prior wife) and was perhaps left in the care of his blood relatives when his stepmother left the area.*
- Assuming this is the same Penelope Nolley or Nolleboy, she must have married Christopher Reynolds not long after her husband's appraisal was ordered, for by November 1762, Christopher Reynolds had a son James whose later will calls Penelope "my mother". Christopher Reynolds was the son of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman, who had earlier married Mary Lightfoot, and we know from the deed record above that his wife Mary was likely dead by 1762 and perhaps as early as 1756.*
- 3 Mar 1764 Will of Thomas Pinner witnessed by **Christopher Reynolds**, Thomas Dixon, Joseph Bullard. Recorded 3 October 1765. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p413, abstracted by Chapman]
- 6 Apr 1764 Appraisal of estate of **Christopher Reynolds** by Charles Driver, Jesse Atkinson, Thomas Uzzell. Recorded by John Joyner this date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p337 abstracted by Chapman]

See his will above.

10 Oct 1764 Deed of Gift: John Wills and wife, Martha Wills, to John Scarsbrook Wills for love and affection, 250 acres (being part of the land said Wills bought from **John Reynolds**) adjoining William Allmand, John Butler, Miles Wills, and John Wills. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 11, p276 abstracted by Hopkins]

Recall that Martha Wills was the daughter of Jane Reynolds and Richard Casey. John Reynolds is Jane Reynolds Casey's nephew, the son of her brother Christopher.

There is no deed from John Reynolds to John Wills. Note the earlier reference to land that John Wills had bought from Christopher Reynolds.

8 Nov 1764 Will of Charles Fulgham: "...to cousin **Martha Reynolds**, in case she dies, bequest to go to the use of a free school... I request Mrs. Eason to have the care of my darling **Martha Reynolds**" Recorded 7 February 1765. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p371 abstracted by Chapman]

Surely this is the Martha Reynolds, orphan of George Reynolds, for whom Ann Fulgham is later the guardian. What is the relationship that accounts for "cousin"? Is Charles Fulgham or his wife related to Elizabeth Norsworthy? Or did George Reynolds have two wives?

18 Mar 1765 John Godwin, **Richard Reynolds** and wife **Prudence Reynolds**, John Bridger, John Godwin (sic), Andrew Mackie and wife Martha Mackie, and **Pitt Reynolds** petition to divide 300 acres in Newport Parish into equal parts. [Isle of Wight Deed Book 11, p332 abstracted by Hopkins]

This is an interesting record. The most obvious reason why they would be petitioning for a division is if they shared an interest as heirs. The division into equal parts implies all were children rather than grandchildren, but anyone interested should obtain the original record. Is it possible this is a division of land left in the will of John Pitt Jr. back in 1729?

4 Apr 1765 Deed: Andrew Mackie of Newport Parish, merchant, and wife, Martha Mackie, to William Allman of the same, 422 acres on Cypress Swamp in Newport Parish (being part of a larger tract said Mackie bought from **Christopher Reynolds** adjoining Butlers Branch, John Butler, John Wills and said Mackie.) [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 11, p327 abstracted by Hopkins]

1 Aug 1765 Guardian account for **John Reynolds** and **Robert Reynolds**, orphans of **George Reynolds** deceased, **Elizabeth Reynolds** their guardian [Isle of Wight Guardian Accounts 1740-1767, p328 abstracted by Hopkins]

- 23 Feb 1766 Deed: **Robert Reynolds** to Thomas Kent, 340 acres on both sides Gum Swamp, part of a patent to Francis Stringer who sold it George Stringer Sr., who sold to George Stringer Jr. and William Stringer, adjoining line between George and John Stringer. Witness: Fred. Harget, **Christopher Reynolds**. [Craven County, North Carolina Deed Book 12, p150]
- This appears to be the two brothers, sons of Christopher Reynolds and Ann Coleman, both now in North Carolina.*
- 4 Sep 1766 Account of estate of George Benn examined by **Richard Reynolds** and Giles West recorded. [Isle of Wight Will Book 7, p437, abstracted by Chapman]
- 17 Nov 1766 Lease from Thomas Smith to William Robertson, ? acres (being land formerly rented by Bartholomew Lightfoot and called “Driver’s Plantation”) adjoining said Smith, Smith’s Creek, **Richard Reynolds**, the Bridle Road to Cypress Mill, the old Warehouse Road and Mary Jordan. Witness: Cornelius Deforest and William Martin. Recorded 4 December 1766. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 12, p82 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 7 Aug 1766 Guardian account for **Isham Reynolds, John Reynolds, and Robert Reynolds**, orphans of **George Reynolds** deceased, Thomas Pitt their guardian. [Isle of Wight Guardian Accounts 1740-1767, p364 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 7 Aug 1766 Guardian account for **Martha Reynolds**, orphan of **George Reynolds** deceased, Ann Fulgham her guardian [Isle of Wight Guardian Accounts 1740-1767, p376 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 17 Jun 1767 Deed from Andrew Mackie to Robert Driver, ? acres (being land said Mackie bought from **Christopher Reynolds** except 422 acres which he has already sold to William Armand). Witness: John Mallory, Bartholomew Lightfoot and William Mackie. Recorded 2 July 1767. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 12, p176 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 6 Aug 1767 Guardian account for **Isham Reynolds, Robert Reynolds, and John Reynolds**, orphans of **George Reynolds** deceased, Thomas Pitt their guardian. [Isle of Wight Guardian Accounts 1740-1767, p399 abstracted by Hopkins]
- Mar 1768 Processioners returns: John Smelley and **Pitt Reynolds**. [Newport Parish Vestry Book, p211]
- 12 Oct 1769 Will of Samuel Cutchins mentions “the land bought of **Christopher Reynolds** and now rented to George Goodson.” Recorded 1 March 1770. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p23, abstracted by Chapman]

- 15 Feb 1770 Will of Ann Fulgham. Leg – estate to be divided between Brewer Godwin and **Martha Reynolds**. Ex: Brewer Godwin. Recorded 4 November 1773. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p273, abstracted by Chapman]
- 17 Feb 1770 Lease: **Richard Reynolds** to Joseph Brantley, both of Newport Parish, ? acres (being the patent on which he now lives). Signed: **Richard Reynolds** and Joseph Brantley. Witness: Anthony Holliday, **Roland Reynolds** and Samuel Godfrey. Recorded 3 May 1770. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 12, p359 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 4 Feb 1772 Deed: Benjamin Applewhaite and wife, Martha Applewhaite, to **Richard Reynolds** all of Newport Parish, 100 acres (being land willed by John Applewhaite to his son, Benjamin Applewhaite). Signed: Benjamin Applewhaite and Martha Applewhaite. Witness: John Smelley, Ben Hawkins and Hugh Provary. Recorded 6 February 1772. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 12, p448 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 8 Feb 1772 Deed of Gift: **Richard Reynolds** to his son **Randall Reynolds**, 100 acres (being the land said Reynolds bought from Benjamin Applewhaite). Signed: **Richard Reynolds**. Witness: Brewer Godwin, John (x) Darden, Edmund (x) Stuckey. Recorded 5 March 1772. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 12, p459 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 7 May 1772 Will of John Wills proved (dated 31 October 1675). Securities for Martha Wills, executrix, were Josiah Wills, James Wills, **Pitt Reynolds**, and Brewer Godwin. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p142, abstracted by Chapman]
- James Wills' wife Martha was the daughter of Richard Casey and Jane Reynolds, thus a distant cousin of Pitt Reynolds. One of the sons named in this will was John Scarsbrook Wills, who appears in several records with members of the Reynolds family.*
- 1 Oct 1772 A deed from Thomas Miller of Bute County, North Carolina, and wife Mary Miller, to Thomas Pierce of Newport Parish, 100 acres in Newport Parish (being land said Miller bought from **Richard Reynolds** adjoining Pagan Creek, Smithfield Town, George Purdie, Thomas Smith and said Thomas Pierce). [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 12, p523 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 13 Nov 1772 John Crocker, **Rowland Reynolds** witness to will of Robert Tynes Jr. Recorded 7 October 1773. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p267, abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Jan 1773 **Rowland Reynolds**, Benjamin Applewhaite, John Smelley witness a deed from John Harrison of Nansemond County to Joseph Chapman for lot #59 in Smithfield Town. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p39 abstracted by

Hopkins]

There were several earlier-generation Rowland Reynolds not associated with this family – all in England, except one in 17th century Maryland. Is this just coincidence?

- 15 May 1773 Deed: **Sharp Reynolds** to Tristram Norsworthy the elder, both of Newport Parish, 130 acres (being land **Christopher Reynolds**, son of **Richard Reynolds**, bought from **Christopher Reynolds** the son of **Christopher Reynolds**, deceased, on 1 February 1769 (sic) and **Christopher Reynolds**, son of **Richard Reynolds**, willed the land to his son, **Sharp Reynolds**). Signed: **Sharp Reynolds**. Witness: Arthur Smith, John Taylor, Jr., and John Taylor. Recorded 3 June 1773. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p93 abstracted by Hopkins]
- This deed is very helpful in clarifying the somewhat confusing connections. Note that the deed cited was dated 1 February 1749, not 1769.*
- 6 Jan 1774 Accounting of estate of **Christopher Reynolds** by John Joyner, examined by Bartholomew Lightfoot, Robert Tynes, John Scarsbrook Wills. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p279 abstracted by Chapman]
- 6 Jan 1774 Deed from John Lightfoot to Josiah Wills, both of Newport parish, 70 acres (being land John Lightfoot bought from Bartholomew Lightfoot Sr. on 3 April 1755) adjoining **Richard Reynolds**, Capt. Arthur Smith, and James Calcote. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p166 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 3 Feb 1774 Undated appraisal of estate of **Richard Reynolds** signed by Joseph Fulgham. Recorded this date. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p298, abstracted by Chapman]
- 9 May 1774 Joseph Fulgham, John Bridger, **Roland Reynolds** ordered to appraise estate of Thomas Pitt. Recorded 2 February 1775. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p353, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Sep 1774 Undated appraisal recorded: estate of **Pitt Reynolds** appraised by Joseph Fulgham, Jonathan Godwin, James Wills, James Peden. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p331, abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Jan 1775 Lease: **Rowland Reynolds** to Charles Butler, ? acres adjoining the Bridle Road, said Reynolds, Thomas Smith and the late Mrs. Tynes. Witness: **Mourning (x) Reynolds**, Joseph Chapman, Bartholomew Lightfoot Jr., James Wills, John Smelley, Edmund (x) Alling. Signed: **Rowland Reynolds** and Charles Butler. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p311 abstracted by Hopkins]

Mourning Reynolds is presumably the daughter of George Reynolds.

4 May 1775 Lease: **Rowland Reynolds** to Lemuel Godfrey, 100 acres adjoining Thomas Smith and Joseph Brantley. Witness: Thomas King, William Smith, Joseph Brantley. Signed: **Rowland Reynolds** and Lemuel Godfrey. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p306 abstracted by Hopkins]

Rowland Reynolds is leasing the land formerly owned by Richard Reynolds, having presumably inherited it.

7 Sep 1775 Sweeting Joyner, executor of John Joyner who was guardian to **Sweeting, Mourning, Mary**, and **Saunders Reynolds**, submits a guardian accounting. [*Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 4, p255]

20 Jun 1776 **Sharp Reynolds**, William Orr, and Henry Lightfoot witness a deed from George Hall to Willis Wills for 200 acres adjacent the western branch of Nansmond River, Martha Pledger, the Bowling Green Road, John Garner, Edwards, and the Beaverdam Road. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p378 abstracted by Hopkins]

12 Aug 1776 Will of **Isham Reynolds**. Leg – whole estate to grandmother Rachel Norsworthy. Ex: grandmother Rachel Norsworthy. Witness: **Ranal [Randall?] Reynolds**, Christopher Dickinson. Recorded 1 January 1778. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p477, abstracted by Chapman]

7 Aug 1777 **Sharp Reynolds** ordered appointed as a Second Lieutenant in the company of Capt. Thomas Pierce. [*Virginia Magazine of History & Biography*, Volume 11, p83. Also Boddie, p188]

4 Dec 1777 Deed from Andrew Mackie and wife Martha to Shemuel [Lemuel?] Godwin, 50 acres adjoining Oyster Shell Neck and Newport Town (being 17 acres bought from **Rowland Reynolds** and the remainder 33 acres fell to him as right of his wife). [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p491 abstracted by Hopkins]

23 Feb 1778 **Sharp Reynolds**, John Powell, and Thomas Powell witness deed from George Hall Sr. to Solomon Jenkins for 300 acres adjoining John Bowden, Burks Swamp, the land of old Ratcliff Boon, Ratcliff Boon Jr., Rawleigh Barrett, Pews Branch, and the Island of Blackwater. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 13, p546 abstracted by Hopkins]

3 Dec 1778 Tristram Norsworthy the Elder and wife Esther sell to Timothy Tynes 130 acres adjoining Thomas Smith and Robert Tynes (being land said Norsworthy bought from **Sharp Reynolds** on 15 May 1773). [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 14, p25 abstracted by Hopkins]

- 7 Jan 1779 Undated appraisal of estate of James Godwin recorded, appraised by Josiah Wills, John Butler, **Sharpe Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 8, p516, abstracted by Chapman]
- 4 Mar 1779 Deed from John Godwin and wife Silva to Thomas King for 65 acres adjoining John Bridger, **Pitt Reynolds**, Brewer Godwin, Pagan Creek, and Oyster Shell Neck (being land John Godwin received as heir of his father). [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 14, p51 abstracted by Hopkins]
- Note that Pitt Reynolds was dead four years earlier.*
- 26 Aug 1779 Escheat jury regarding two houses in Smithfield Town owned by Elizabeth Applewhaite includes **Sharp Reynolds, Roland Reynolds** (sic). [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 14, p119 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 23 Dec 1779 **Randolph Reynolds** ordered appointed as a Second Lieutenant in the company of Capt. James Wills. [*Virginia Magazine of History & Biography*, Volume 11, p86. Also, Boddie, p190]
- 22 Jan 1780 Deed: **Robert Reynolds Sr.** of South Carolina to **Christopher Reynolds** of North Carolina, 450 pds, 148 acres in Jones County, North Carolina... both sides of Crooked Run... whereon a grist mill commonly called "Wilcox and Leeks" now stands... Witnesses included **Richard Reynolds**. [Jones County Deed Book C, p27]
- This land was sold three years later by the heirs of Christopher Reynolds (Richard and Sharp Reynolds) subject to the dower right of the widow Penelope Reynolds. Robert Reynolds is apparently his brother, now in South Carolina.*
- 3 Aug 1780 Account of estate of Bartholomew Lightfoot Jr. examined by John Butler, **Sharpe Reynolds**, Josiah Wills. [Isle of Wight Will Book 9, p53, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1 Feb 1781 Thomas King sells to Christopher Dickinson the land bought on 4 March 1779, described as in the 1779 deed, adjoining **Pitt Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight County Deed Book 14, p220 abstracted by Hopkins]
- 4 Jul 1782 Ordered that **Sharp Reynolds** be appointed a first Lieutenant in the company of Capt. Thomas Smith. [Boddie, p196]
- 25 Feb 1783 Deed: **Richard Reynolds** and **Sharp Reynolds** and his wife Elizabeth, to Lewis Bryan... 248 acres in Jones County formerly Craven on north side of Trent River and both sides of Crooked Run whereon Mrs. **Penelope Reynolds** now lives... also the 148 acres on Crooked Run sold to **Christopher**

Reynolds by **Robert Reynolds** in 1780. One third part reserved to Mrs. **Penelope Reynolds**... widow of **Christopher Reynolds**, deceased, for her lifetime... [Jones County, North Carolina Deed Book C, pp230]

7 Mar 1783 Appraisal recorded of William Smith, by Josiah Wills, Charles Butler, **Sharpe Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 9, p156, abstracted by Chapman]

26 May 1783 Will of Mary Fry: ...grandson **Andrew Reynolds**, daughter Mary Ronald... Exs, son Robert and Mr. Andrew Ronald. Recorded 6 October 1794. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p309, abstracted by Chapman]

This appears to be a misspelling or mistranscription of "Ronald". There are no other references to an Andrew Reynolds but there is an Andres Ronald.

5 Jan 1784 **Roland Reynolds**, William Walden, John King witness will of Tristram Norsworthy. Recorded 6 May 1784. Security for executor: James Wills and **Roland Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 9, p226, abstracted by Chapman]

13 Feb 1784 Will of **Sharpe Reynolds**. Legatees – Wife **Sophia**, the plantation on which John Garner lives, son **Henry**, daughter **Betsey**, daughter **Patsey**. Executors: wife and friend Mills Wills. Witness: John S. Wills, Joseph Brantley, Samuel Atkins. Recorded 6 May 1784. [Isle of Wight Will Book 9, p230 abstracted by Chapman]

Sophia is apparently the daughter of Samuel Godwin Sr. [see 10 Feb 1791]

6 Aug 1784 Appraisal of estate of William Stokely ordered; appraisers **Rowland Reynolds**, **Randal Reynolds**, Copeland Whitfield, Sr. Recorded 4 June 1792. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p230, abstracted by Chapman]

6 Oct 1785 Appraisal of Joseph Fulgham recorded, appraised by Ralph West, Charles Gross, **Randolph Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p2, abstracted by Chapman]

28 Mar 1786 Deed: **Christopher Reynolds** made deed of gift of a negro to his son **James Reynolds**... James Reynolds died without issue, the other children of Christopher Reynolds namely: Elizabeth now **Elizabeth Wood** [wife of James Wood], **Sarah Reynolds**, **Mary Reynolds** now Mary Spaight, **Christopher Reynolds**, **Robert Reynolds**, **Richard Reynolds**, **Nancy Reynolds** now Bryan [wife of Nathan Bryan] brought suit against the widow of Christopher Reynolds who now has negroes in her possession... James Wood and wife Elizabeth and Christopher Reynolds sold their interest to Sharp Reynolds. Now Sharp Reynolds, Robert Reynolds, Richard Reynolds sell their interest to Nathan Bryan, including the interests of James and Elizabeth Bryan. [Jones County, North Carolina Deed Book D, pp127]

- 3 Jul 1787 **Rowland Reynolds** to Martha Godwin, marriage bond. Surety: **John Reynolds**, Martha, the widow of Jeremiah Godwin. Performed 14 July 1787. [Isle of Wight Marriage Bonds abstracted by Chapman]
- Martha was apparently the daughter of Joseph Chapman [WB 10, p220]. See 22 Feb 1791.*
- 1 Dec 1787 **Martha W. Reynolds** to George Baines, marriage bond. Permission by her guardian James Wills, surety Charles Groce. Bond dated --- November, performed 1 December 1787. [Isle of Wight Marriage Bonds abstracted by Chapman]
- 12 Feb 1789 Appraisal of estate of Martha Bridger by Thomas King and **Roland Reynolds**. Recorded 4 June 1789. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p148, abstracted by Chapman]
- 1790 Tax list for Isle of Wight (substitutes for the missing 1790 census):
Randolph Reynolds – 1 poll (over 21)
Roland Reynolds – 1 poll (over 21)
John Reynolds – 1 poll (over 21)
- There are no Reynolds in the 1790 tax lists of Southampton or Nansemond counties.*
- 22 Apr 1790 Estate of Edmond Stuckey ordered to be appraised by R. R. Read, **Roland Reynolds**, and Joseph Driver. Appraisal recorded 4 April 1791. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p201, abstracted by Chapman]
- 2 Nov 1790 Accounting of estate of **Pitt Reynolds** recorded. Examined by John S. Wills, Mills Wills, Edmund Godwin. Signed: Brewer Godwin. Paid Benjamin Applewhaite and Charles Groce, the same amount. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p190, abstracted by Chapman]
- He had died at least 16 years earlier, implying that the delay in distributing the estate was because he left small children. Apparently there were two daughters who married Applewhaite and Groce.*
- 10 Feb 1791 Will of Samuel Godwin Sr. mentions “daughter **Sophia Reynolds**” [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p205 abstracted by Chapman]
- 22 Feb 1791 Will of Joseph Chapman: “granddaughter **Liddia Reynolds**, daughter of **Roland Reynolds**.” [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p220 abstracted by Chapman]

- 13 Jan 1792 **John Reynolds** to Elizabeth Whitley, marriage bond. Surety: Charles Groce; Parent, Tabitha Whitley Performed 14 February 1792. [Isle of Wight Marriage Bonds abstracted by Chapman]
- 13 Oct 1792 Henry Howard, **John Reynolds** witnesses to will of Thomas Giles. [Isle of Wight Will Book 10, p243, abstracted by Chapman]
- 9 Nov 1795 **Randall Reynolds** to Martha Dickinson, marriage bond. Surety: Charles Groce. Performed same date. [Isle of Wight Marriage Bonds abstracted by Chapman]
- 7 Dec 1795 **Robert Reynolds**, orphan of **Francis** [?], chose Zilpha Vaughan as guardian. [Isle of Wight Order Book 1795-1797, p248]
- 3 Apr 1797 Undated accounting recorded of estate of **Richard Reynolds**, examined by George Benn, Willis Wills, Robert R. Read. Signed: **Rowland Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 11, p32, abstracted by Chapman]

Unfortunately it is not clear from the abstract whether it is the estate of a dead man or of a minor child. "Estate", it should be noted, merely meant "the personal property of". It did not imply the man was dead. The examiners were relatively young men, so it must have been a recent accounting. See similar entry for 4 September 1797.

This is the first mention of a Richard Reynolds in Isle of Wight since Rowland Reynolds father's estate appraisal in early 1774, more than 23 years earlier. And there's no indication that man's son Richard (Rowland's brother) outlived his father, since the last mention of him was nearly forty years earlier. Thus there is no plausible explanation why this would be an accounting of the estate of Rowland's long-dead father or brother.

Without seeing the record itself, it seems most likely that this is actually an accounting of the estate of a minor child, perhaps the son of Pitt Reynolds. Note that a new Richard Reynolds begins to appear in the records just two years later. That suggests that the accounting is in preparation for dispersal of the estate to a child about to reach majority.

- 6 Apr 1797 Will of Chastity Dickinson: Leg – brother Charles Groce, sister **Martha Reynolds**, to Janet Davis. Ex, brother Charles Groce. Recorded 4 September 1797. [Isle of Wight Will Book 11, p76, abstracted by Chapman]

It's unclear if they were half-siblings, or if Martha Dickinson was a widow before marrying Reynolds.

- May 1797 Deed of Gift: **Penelope Reynolds** in 1786, as executrix of **James Reynolds**, gave negroes to her grandson James R. Bryan, son of **Nancy Reynolds**, sister

of James Reynolds... The income from the negroes was Penelope's for life, and the estate owes money to Nancy Reynolds (now Bryan) so Penelope Reynolds now makes an outright gift of her lifetime interest to grandson James R. Bryan. [Jones County Deed Book H, p250]

4 Sep 1797 Undated accounting recorded of estate of **Richard Reynolds**, examined by Willis Wills, Robert R. Read, George Benn. Signed: **Rowland Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 11, p66, abstracted by Chapman]

See 3 April 1797.

17 Nov 1798 **John Reynolds** to Polly Jordan, marriage bond. Surety: **Richard Reynolds**, Parent: Betsey Jordan. Performed same date. [Isle of Wight Marriage Bonds abstracted by Chapman]

This is the first mention of a living Richard Reynolds since 1774.

1799 Tax list for Isle of Wight
Randolph Reynolds Sr. – 1 poll (over 21)
Randolph Reynolds Jr. – 1 poll (over 21)
Sophia Reynolds – 0 polls

John Reynolds doesn't appear to be on this tax list, nor does Richard Reynolds. Rowland Reynolds is apparently dead by the date of this list. It is not all clear why there are two Randolph Reynolds listed.

12 Jan 1800 George Benn and **Randall Reynolds** named executors in the nuncupative will of Richard Gibson. Recorded 4 February 1800. [Isle of Wight Will Book 11, p234, abstracted by Chapman]

22 May 1800 Thomas Grantham, **John Reynolds**, George Baynes witnesses to will of William Bryant of Smithfield. Recorded 7 July 1800. [Isle of Wight Will Book 11, p254, abstracted by Chapman]

6 Aug 1800 Account of estate of **Rowland Reynolds** recorded. Cash paid **Randolph Reynolds** and Lemuel Godfrey, distributees of the **Richard Reynolds, Sr.** [estate?]. Examined by Thomas King, James Johnson, Charles Fulgham. Signed: **Richard Reynolds**. [Isle of Wight Will Book 11, p262, abstracted by Chapman]

There were apparently assets in his own estate that had not yet been distributed to the heirs of Richard Reynolds.

-- Oct 1800 **Randolph Reynolds** to Rhoda Baines, minister's return by Willis Wills. The entry for 28 October gives the bride's name as Rhoda Weston. [Isle of Wight Minister's Returns, p450 abstracted by Chapman]

- 14 Oct 1804 Robert Jordan to **Esther Reynolds**, minister's return by Isaac Vellines. [Isle of Wight Minister's Returns, p450 abstracted by Chapman]
- Nov 1817 Chancery Case: **Richard Reynolds, Rebecca Reynolds, Josiah Reynolds, and Nancy Reynolds** (children of **Roland Reynolds**, deceased) and **Randolph Reynolds**, under 21, and Sabra the wife of Henry Bagnal who was formerly **Sabra Reynolds** (these two the children of **Randolph Reynolds**, deceased) vs. John Carson and his wife Margaret, formerly **Margaret Reynolds**. A dispute over the division of land of **Roland Reynolds**, deceased, by his children.
- The complaint states that Randolph Reynolds died intestate leaving a widow named Martha and seven children: Richard, Randolph, Lydia, and Rebecca by an earlier wife and Nancy, Josiah, and Margaret by his second wife. Margaret has married John Carson. Randolph has since died intestate leaving two children named Randolph, under 21, and Sabra who has married Henry Bagnal. Lydia has died intestate and unmarried. The widow Martha is "lately deceased" and the children are requesting division of the land. [Library of Virginia Chancery Case, Indexed as Isle of Wight Case No. 1817-019]
- 1818 Chancery Case: **Richard Reynolds** by Nathaniel Young his guardian, **George Reynolds** by Richard Bidgood his guardian, **Mary R. Reynolds** and **Virginia R. Reynolds** by their next friend Nathaniel Wills – all four described as "an infant of tender years" – versus **Christopher Reynolds** "also an infant of tender years" represented by his guardian Mathew Powell.
- These five were the children and only legal heirs of **Martha Reynolds** who died intestate seized of 50 acres. The children are now suing for a division of the land. The court ordered the land sold and the proceeds divided among the children. [Library of Virginia Chancery Case, Indexed as Isle of Wight Case No. 1818-005]