PEDIGREE OF PRICE OF WESTMORELAND AND KING GEORGE COUNTIES, VA.: SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF MERIDETH PRICE, SOMETIME EMIGRANT INDENTURED SERVANT AND YEOMAN FARMER (1644-1708)

AN ENGLISH COUNTRY-MAN IN DOUBLET 1685

MERIDETH PRICE

FIRST APPEARS IN THE RECORDS OF WESTMLD CO. AS A WITNESS TO A "BLACKSMITH" TRANSACTION IN 1665.

b. 1644? (DEPOS. 28 W 1687-77, P. 196; D. BK 4 D. 168) AT AGE 21; PURCHASED 318 AC. (SINCE 1685) FOR NORTHAMPTON CO., GENTRY, P. 170-171 BY 7TH WHE 1685
d. 1708 WP NOV 29, 1708, WESTMLD CO. = MARY ——— b. 1654
"SERVANTS TO FOREIGN PLANTATIONS, BRISTOL (ENG.) ARCHIVES", VOL. I. (PUBLISHED TO LEAVE BRISTOL) (ARR. 19, 1682)
LEASED LAND FROM FRANCIS GRAY (GREY), THEN IN WESTMLD., NOW IN K. GEO. CO. NEAR "TEPUTEN" IN 1672. D.B.2 BK. 1667-71, P. 179

1. MARY PRICE LEFT "1 STEER" BY WILL OF HER FATHER; M. (1) ROBERT COLE, WHO DIED FEB. 25, 1707; HIM 1 CHIL. 1 SON (SEE WESTMLD. DOC. 16-19 & 8-21)
M. (2) JOHN ANDERSON, WHO D. 1721, K.G. CO. (SEE WESTMLD. DOC. 16-19 & 8-21)
WILL BK. 1 P. 1
SARAH ANDERSON (MENTIONED IN WILL OF HER AUNT, KATHERINE BUTLER)

3. MERIDAY PRICE
b. PR. 1726 (INVENTORY (BB #1) P. 70)
NOW GEO. CO.; WILL B1 PA 70-71
INCLUDED 200 UNDER HIS FATHER'S WILL; ALSO "OVER-SEER" HE HAD BRO. THOMAS'S WILL. REF. VARIOUS LAND TRANSACTIONS AS "GENT.", "CAPT." (OR MAJOR) & "PLANTER"; ONE OF THE ALMT. & JUSTICES OF KING GEO. CO.
MARRIED ELIZABETH MOORE, WIDOW, DAU. OF PAUL MOORE & MARGARET, DAU. OF MARGARET CROSBOR

2. THOMAS PRICE
b. 1673 (WP NOV. 1717 PP 94). 83 WESTMLD. WILLS
LEFT LAND BY WILL OF HIS FATHER
M. ABT. 1699 / MARGARET ——— (SHE WAS LEFT BY WILL, THOMAS'S "HOME PLANTATION" REF. D.BK 6 P. 202.

4. JOHN PRICE
b. ——— d. SEP 25, 1795
REF. D. BK 10 PP 195-196
LEFT 200 AC. BY WILL OF HIS FATHER
= ELLENOR BROWN

5. KATHERINE PRICE
b. ——— d. CA. 1743
HER WP KG CO. 1743
= JOHN BUTLER
MENTIONED AS "GRAND-LAN" IN WILL OF MERIDETH PRICE. UNDER OLDER WILL, JOHN BUTLER LEFT "GREAT ARM CHAIR" DAU. KATHERINE "TO KEEP DAU. GRACE".
3 CHILDREN: THOMAS, JOHN, & JAMES

6. GRACE PRICE
b. ——— d. BEF. 1726
LEFT "FIVE BED & FURNITURE" BY WILL OF HER FATHER.
= WILLIAM BUTLER
5 CHILDREN: PRICE, ELIZABETH, MARY, ANN, GRACE C.

BOURN PRICE
b. ——— d. PRIO. TO 1788 (K.GEO. WB 3, P. 172)
M. ELIZABETH POPE

2. ANN PRICE
b. CA. 1748

3. WILLIAM PRICE
b. CA. 1750
d. JULY 29, 1794
WB 1 P. 57
WESTMORELAND CO., VA.

1. MARIDAY PRICE
b. CA. 1752 d. MAR. 24, 1785
IN KEITHS
LTR. QNC. AM. REV.
= ELIZABETH FOX.
b. 1756 d. ———, TENN.

5. BOURN PRICE
LTR. QNC. AM. REV.
b. CA. 1759
= (1) CENA CALLAWAY on PAR. 2, 1793 IN BEDFORD CO., VA.
= (2) HEZEKIAH JENNINGS ON DEC. 18, 1787, IN CAMPBELL CO., VA.

4. JOHN PRICE, LEFT ESTATE. LIVED IN WESTMLD. DIED BEFORE 1787
b. CA. 1755

6. CHARLES PRICE
= ELIZABETH CALLAWAY ANDERSON ON FEB. 12, 1783

WILLIAM PRICE
LEFT 100 AC. STAFFORD BY FATHER'S WILL.

MERIDAY PRICE
WILL DATED MAY 1, 1759
WP 1767, 1ST WESTMLD. WILLS
WILLS LEFT 50 AC. BY WILL OF HIS FATHER, & WAS AN "OVERSEER" OF FATHER'S WILL.

2. THOMAS PRICE
b. 1710 d. DEC 3, 1773
= SARAH BUCKNER, DAU. OF ANTHONY & SARAH (ELLIS) BUCKNER, ON DEC. 31, 1739 (ST PAUL'S PARISH REG.); REFS. BOND BK. 2, P. 755 K.GEO. CO.; 3 P. 419, STAFFORD CO. (1768); THOMAS LEFT 88 AC. BY HIS FATHER'S WILL. ABOUT 1764, HE ACQ. "LAUDERDALE" PLANTATION, SOMETIME IN STAFFORD CO., NOW IN K. GEO. CO.

1. JOHN PRICE
b. ——— d. 1757
WILL BK. 1 P. 289, K.GEO. CO.
LEFT 300 AC. BY WILL OF HIS FATHER
= FRANCES

5. SUSANNA PRICE
LEFT 1 NEGRO BY WILL OF HER FATHER

WILLIAM PRICE, SURVEYOR, WESTMLD. CO.
b. ——— d. MAR. 30, 1726
M. JANE BROWN, JANE IS DAU.
BY WILL OF HIS FATHER, WM. WAS LEFT ONE "JOHN PARTER" & "TWO HOWE A NEGRO & A PIECE OF LAND CALLED "BARCLASS"; HE INHERITED MOST OF LAND & RESIDUE OF ESTATE. OF HIS BRO. MARIDAY.

MARIDAY PRICE
b. ——— d. NOV. 29, 1750 OR 1751;
WILL DATED MAY 1, 1749
WP NOV. 28, 1751 (JUDGE A. SPEED IN WILL BK. 1 P. 70)
LEFT 1 SPEED TO SISTER MARTHA WEREDITH & 3 CATTLE; TO COUSIN JOHN PRICE, 1 TABLE; TO BRO. WM. PRICE, THE WOLF TRAP RUN LAND & RESIDUE OF ESTATE.

MARTHA PRICE
b. ——— m. ——— COMARISON
m. ——— JOHN PASEY

1. ANN PRIE
b. DEC. 20 1735
ST. PAUL'S PAR. REG.

3. MARGARET PRICE
b. FEB. 10, 1737/8 d. JUNE 9, 1789
ST. P'S. PAR. REG.; REF. WILL OF JOHN PRICE (SR)
= JAMES RAWLINS (d. NOV. 3, 1785)
REF. K. GEO. BOND BK. P. 583-584

4. MARYSDAY PRICE
b. SEPT. 5, 1739
ST. P'S. PAR. REG.

5. ELIZABETH PRICE
b. JUNE 3, 1741
= MOSES BURGESS, MAY 30, 1762.
ST. PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER

2. ANTHONY PRICE
b. NOV. 12, 1736; d. FEB. 1, 1778.
ST. P'S. PAR. REG. FOR BIRTH & MARRIAGE; WP KING GEO. CO. WB 2, P. 213
= ELIZABETH STIRLING, PROBABLY DAU. OF THOMAS & JANE (THOMAS) STIRLING. ANTHONY INHERITED "LAUDERDALE" BUT DEEDED 100 AC. PART TO BRO. JOHN, JR.". ELIZ. D. SEPT 18, 1794 SEE REF.

4. ANN PRICE

2. WILLIAM PRICE
EXMEC. BOND: BOND BK 1 P. 85-89
PP 32-33, K. GEO. CO.
= MARY JORDAN

3. GRACE PRICE
= ANDREW GOSTAS

6. SARAH PRICE
b. MAY 13, 1713
= EDWARD BURGESS FEB. 20, 1745
ST. P'S. PAR. REG.

7. KATHERINE PRICE
b. FEB. 7, 1724

JOHN PRICE ("JR.")
b. JUN. 5, 1719 (ST. P. P. REG.)
WP 5 FEB. 1807
= (1) SUSANNA (SUSICE) JONES ON SEPT. 8, 1784 K. GEO. MARRIAGES B.K. 1 PAGE 1835; DAU. OF JOHN & SUSANNA (PAGE) JONES
= (2) ELIZABETH GADDES, DAU. OF FALCONDER (D. BEF. 9 OCT. 1784, WP 9 OCT. 86, BK 3 P. 362, STAFFORD CO.) & ANN GADDES (D. BEF. NOV. 13, 1801).
WILL OF JOHN PRICE (JR.) WB 3 P. 237 K. GEO. CO.; REC'D. OF ELIZ. GADDES ESTATE BK. AA, P. 175, STAFFORD CO.
IN ADDN TO 100 AC. PT OF "LAUDERDALE", JOHN OWNED 123 AC. PER FR. ROBERT T. DADE.

REF. ALSO BK AA P. 175, STAFFORD CO. "ALL OF THE ESTATE"

2. SUSANNA PRICE
b. MAR. 20, 1716/7
ST. P'S. PAR. REG.

MID-1732 CENT. MARINER

1. WILLIAM ROACH
b. ——— d. MAR. 2, 1813
K. GEO. BOND BK. 6 P. 77

2. JOHN ROACH

3. CATHERINE ROACH

4. FRANCES ROACH

6. THOMAS ROACH
d. JUN. 3, 1849
K. GEO. BOND BK. 6 P. 283

5. SARAH ANN ROACH

2. SARAH BUCKNER PRICE
b. 27 JULY 1767 d. JUN. 7, 1841
REF. K. GEO. BOND BK. 6, P. 100;
= BENJAMIN ROACH ON DEC. 22, 1786. REF. ST. PAUL PAR. REG. & K. GEO. MARRIAGE BK.

3. BUCKNER PRICE
b. 21 SEPT. 1774, d. b. f. MAY 5, 1842
REF. K. GEO. BOND BK. 6 P. 128

4. WILLIAM PRICE

5. BENNETT PRICE
b. ———
d. b. f. 1839
WP JUNE 6, 1839, WB 2, P. 425, K. GEO. CO.
OWNED "INDIANTOWN TRACT"

6. JOHN PRICE
"THE VINTNER"; MENTIONED IN A DEED OF GIFT UNDER "HOME PRICE (SR)" IN D. B. 2 P. 213 K. GEO. CO.
& HIS FATHER'S WILL, WB 2 P. 213, K. GEO. CO.

1. THOMAS PRICE
b. MAR. 31, 1772; d. MAR. 27, 1832.
= 27 JAN 1799, CATHERINE D. B. KING (K.GEO. BOND BK 7, P. 10; ST. PS PAR. REG. & K.GEO. MARRIAGE BK.)

A NOTE ABOUT INDENTURED SERVANTS

"THE INDENTURED SERVANTS WHO WERE ARRIVING IN SUCH LARGE NUMBERS" ON 17TH CENTURY VIRGINIA "WERE OFTEN RECEIVED IN GOOD STANDING IN ENGLAND, EVEN GENTLEMEN". SOME OF THEM QUICKLY MOVED TOWARD THEIR WAY OF TO POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY. SEVEN MEN LISTED AS SERVANTS IN VIRGINIA IN 1624 WERE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES FIVE YEARS LATER. (THIS WAS ABOUT A THIRD OF THE MALE-BERSHIP) "MANY OTHERS" (OF THE INDENTURED POPULATION) WERE FROM THE LOWER GRADES AND REPRESENTED 20 PERCENT TO 25 PERCENT OF ALL IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME IN THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS ARRIVED AS INDENTURED SERVANTS.

FROM VIRGINIA, THE NEW DOMINION (A HISTORY FROM 1607 TO THE PRESENT) BY VIRGINIUS DABNEY, P. 34.

ALL 1671, 21,467 WHITE INDENTURED SERVANTS OUTNUMBERED SLAVES BY A RATIO OF THREE TO ONE: 6,000 TO 2000.
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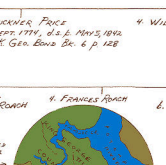

ORIGIN AND MEANING OF THE NAME:

ELDON C. SMITH, BARRISTER AND AUTHORITY ON AMERICAN SURNAMES, STATES IN HIS BOOK AMERICAN SURNAMES, PAGE 93, AND 302, THAT THE WELSH "AP" MEANS "SON OF" OR "HAS AND" THUS, THE LONG PEDIGREE "ROBERT ap RHYS ap HOWELL ap BLEDDER ap CYNON TEFEYDDYN" SIGNIFIES ROBERT WITH THE NAME TO FORM SURNAMES SUCH AS POWELL (SON OF HOWELL), AND PRICE (SON OF RHYS).

THE NAME RHYS IS SAID TO MEAN "RHYS BEDDEREDD FROM RHYS — "ARDENT, A RISE" — A NAME MADE FAMOUS BY A GREAT SOUTH WALES FAMILY."

NOTE BY THE COMPILER: NO REMARKABLE EFFORT SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THE IDENTITY OF SURNAMES. IN THE WORK REFERRED TO ABOVE, THE AUTHOR ESTIMATES THAT (AS OF 1969) THE NAME PRICE IS HELD BY 212,000 PEOPLE IN THE U.S.; MANY OF THESE PEOPLE, OF COURSE, ARE OF DIVERSE ORIGIN, AND ENTIRELY UNRELATED.

REFERENCES TO MEREDITH PRICE (CA 1673-1708) IN RECORDS OF WESTMORELAND COUNTY, VA.: DEED & WILL BK. 1, PP. 692, 3 & 4 (DIV. INTEST.); DEED BK 1667-77, P. 179; LEDGER OF LAND, 1812 BY 1667-77 PP. 1334-1674 - 1682; DEED BK. 1667-77 P. 123. PLEADS; DEED BK. 1667-77 P. 178 (WILL CONTRADICTION); DEED BK 1667-77, P. 196 DED OF THOMAS PRICE, WILL OF MEREDITH; DEED BK. 1673-1687 P. 3 & 4 (DED OF GIFT); DED. BK. 1667-77 P. 87, JURIES WITS; DEED BK. 1667-77 P. 337 & 338, ACCUSATION; DED BK. 1673-78 P. 97, ORDERED TO PAY COSTS; DED. BK. 1667-77 P. 337 & 338, ORDERED TO PAY COSTS; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 101, ORDER FOR 100 AC. TOBACCO TO METHERELL; DED BK. 1673-78 P. 104, SUIT WITH WILLIAM CONNOR (DEPOSITION); DED BK. 1673-78 P. 93, SUIT BETWEEN DED BK. 1673-78 P. 94 & 95 (DEPOSITION); DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 131, "A SERVANT WHO WILL SERVE"; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 170, GRANT (1673); DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 172, GRANT (1673); DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 173-174, WITNESS; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 174-175, DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 175, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 176, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 177, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 178, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 179, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 180, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 181, SALE OF 1 ACRE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 182, REF. BEST OF INDENTURES BY WM. PRICE; DED. BK. 1673-78 P. 183, REF. MERIDETH PRICE, W. & COUNTY CTY. BY HOLDER; DEEDS & WILLS BK 1 1673-78 PP. 183-5, WITNESSES MERIDAY AND JOHN PRICE; DEEDS & WILLS BK 1 1673-87 P. 184, WILL OF MERIDETH PRICE.

* A CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS WILLIAM PRICE AND MERIDETH PRICE, THOUGH CIRCUMSTANTIAL, REMAINS TO BE PROVEN.

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MORE ABOUT INDENTURED SERVITUDE: DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD, LABOR IN THE COLONIES WAS ALMOST SHORT, AND IN MOST SEASONS. THE "TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS (FRANK WHITE FOR A NUMBER YEARS)" TO FILL THE PLACE WAS A VERY VISIBLE (AS WELL AS VISUABLE) FORM OF TRADE. MANY MEN PERSONAL VALUES ENTERED INTO INDENTURES; OTHERS WERE LURED, SEDUCED, OR KIDNAPPED. SOME WERE CONVICTS, POLITICAL PRISONERS, CAPTURED PRISONERS OF WAR, MERCENARIES, BOYSTOUS APPRENTICES, "SUPPLIES" — EVEN "INDUSTRY SCHOLARS". FROM LONDON ... AS WELL AS FROM FIVE LESSER PORTS AND HINTERLANDS. THE ENGLISH POOR, LURED, SEDUCED, OR FORCED INTO THE SYSTEMS SYSTEM, MUST COMMON TO AMERICA. ... IT IS SAFE TO GUESS THAT FEW OF THEM ... KNEW VERY MUCH ABOUT WHAT THEY WERE GOING INTO. THEY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO LIFE IN AMERICA. FOR THOSE WITHOUT A SKILL, OR TRADE OF SOME KIND, WHO WERE DISTINED FOR THE LARGE PIECE OF COMMON LABOR, THE PROSPECT COULD BE MARGINALLY "TERRIBLE" TREATMENT OF INDENTURED ... VARIED WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE PEOPLE OF THOSE WHO SERVED THE PLANTATIONS. DESTITUTE MANY RUN AS EARLY BOYS. (CHRISTITZ). IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT FOR SOME SERVANTS ... WHO HAD A SKILL, A LITTLE CASH, SOME LUCK, OR SOME INTELLIGENCE, EDUCATION OR SENTIMENT, SERVITUDE IN THE COLONIES MIGHT NOT BE WORSE THAN ORDINARY APPRENTICESHIP. (CHRISTITZ).

ABNER BUCKNER PRICE JR.
5 CHILDREN (2 DIED AND THREE SURVIVED THE YOUNGEST SON)
DELIVERT VIRGIA PRICE, OF ALM. & KING GEORGE, M. ANN, HAD 2 DIED AND 4 SURV. ABNER BUCKNER PRICE III WHO IS M. AND HAS 4 DAU. AND A SON, ABNER BUCKNER PRICE IV, B. SEPT. 30, 1882.

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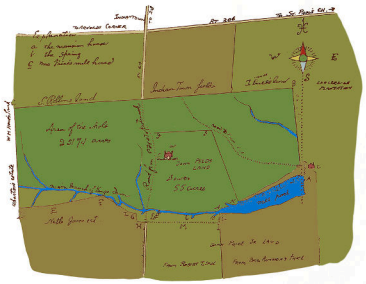
THE COUNTY RECORDS OF STAFFORD CO., VA.
THE COUNTY RECORDS OF KING GEORGE CO., VA.
REPRESENTATION OF PRICE OF LAUDERDALE PLANTATION:
FROM THE PAPERS OF HERBERT W. PRICE, JR.
REPRODUCTION OF 1733 COPY: ENGLISH SHIP, FRENCH
THE COLONIAL GENTLEMEN, A PUBLICATION OF THE PRINCETON SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES
AMERICAN SURNAMES, BY ELDON C. SMITH
VIRGINIA, THE NEW DOMINION, BY VIRGINIUS DABNEY
AMERICA AS 1776, A SOCIAL HISTORY, BY RICHARD HOFSTADTER.
COLONISTS IN BONDAGE, BY R.B. JAMES (COMP.) & P. TAYLOR
THE VIRGINIA DYNASTIES, BY CLIFFORD DOWDEY.
HISTORY OF AMERICAN CUSTOMS, BY ALBERTA MCCLELLAN.
THOMAS PUB. CO. N.Y. 1937
EARLY AMERICAN DEEDS, BY WARNER, PITZ & VOKEMP.
BOWMAN BOOKS, N.Y.

The typical indentured servant of the period consisted of lower-class male and female of various ages, single or married, which of them under the age of twenty-one, the majority were between 15 and 20 years of age, and the following seven or eight years were spent in a kind of slavery. Apprentices generally were treated as members of the family, but indentured servants were treated as property, and could be sold, traded, or bequeathed. Slaves were a dependent class, modelled by the family & work performed, and an adopted child in the place of position of similar status in England.

THE COLONIAL PLANTER COULD RISE FROM MINE SUBSISTENCE TO PROSPERITY ONLY BY COMPANDING THE LABOR OF OTHERS. IT THEREFORE WAS INDISPENSABLE FOR HIM TO BUY INDENTURED SERVANTS. PLANTERS WERE CONSTANTLY ACTIVE IN STIMULATING THE SERVANT TRADE. (R.B. SMITH, PHD.)

"THE INDENTURES DESCRIBING IN ENGLAND HAVE BEEN APPROXIMATED BY A VARIETY OF ESTIMATES MADE FROM INCOMPLETE FIGURES, LARGELY FROM THE WESTERN PORT OF BRISTOL AND FROM LONDON. THE APPROXIMATIONS HAVE BEEN LARGELY SUBSTANTIATED BY THE RECORDED EARLIERS OF THOSE WHO SURVIVED IN THE COLONY. A LOOSE COMPOSITE OF ALL ESTIMATES INDICATED THAT AS MANY AS EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE INDENTURES CAME FROM THE ENGLISH PROVINCE OR FROM THE LOWER CLASS OF LANDLESS AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, AND THAT SKILLED WORKERS — ARTISANS AND TRADESMEN — CAME FROM THE TOWNS AND CITIES. ..." OF ALL WHO CAME AS INDENTURED, NO MORE THAN 15% APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN UNSKILLED, MOST AGRICULTURAL LABORERS. LITTLE MORE THAN 1% CAME FROM THE GENTRY — MOSTLY AS "TUTORS", OR CLERKS, OR INDENTURES TO ANOTHER." (CLIFFORD DOWDY)