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YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA, GOODWINS.

The pedigree entered in the *Visitation of London for 1633*, and the abstracts of wills published in *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vols. XLVII and XLVIII, of Robert Goodwin, Peter Goodwin, and John Pigot, show the following:

HENRY, of Buckinghamshire, had issue: ROBERT, who married Jane, the daughter of Anthony Dollin, of Heralt, in Flanders. Issue: PETER, a salter,* of Tower-Street Ward, London, who married Sarah, daughter of John Hillard, *alias* Highloed, of London, merchant. Issue: 1, Gertrude, who married, 1st, John Pigot, of London, merchant, who died in 1639; 2dly, Maurice Abbott, Esq.; 2, Susanna, who married ——— Stone; 3, Elizabeth, who married John Osborne; 4, Sarah, who married Wm. Elwood; 5, John, deceased before his father; 6, Mathew, eldest son in 1661, to whom his father gave his dwelling-house in "St. Margaret Patternea," in or near Tower street; 7, Peter; 8, James, "youngest son." The will of PETER GOODWIN was dated October 28, 1661, and was proved December 17, 1661, by the oath of James Goodwin, his son, one of the executors, power being reserved for Mathew and Peter, the other executors, etc. [So far the English authorities.]

In the early records of York county, Va., preserved at Yorktown (a copy of which, down to the year 1700, is in the State Library), the name of a James Goodwin appears as an early justice, with the title of major. He was justice from 1657 to 1662, and in 1658 he represented his county in the House of Burgesses. He lived on Back Creek. The identity of this James with the James of the English pedigrees is shown by two things: *First*, By the names of his children, which repeat the family names of the English people;

*The introduction to the *Visitation of Shropshire in 1633*, published by the "Harleian Society," contains an interesting account of the practice of the Herald's College and the distinctions in society: "The simple state of society in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries did not draw lines of demarcation at retail trades; great foreign merchants, such as we have now, had not yet been developed. War as a profession for younger sons had ceased; also the custom of attaching them to the *suites* of the greater nobility; and the consequence was, that they could only enter the learned professions, or be apprenticed to some ordinary retail trade, and so become members of one of these guilds; thus we find that the younger sons of extensive estates became tradesmen in the neighboring towns, and did not thereby cease to be members of the country gentry." So Peter Goodwin, in being a salter, did not cease to be a gentleman; and it was he who recorded his pedigree and arms with the Herald's College in 1633.

and *Second*, By the fact that the York county books show that Major James Goodwin was present in York county on November 13, 1660, and that he reached England before April 30, 1661.* This would indicate that he returned to England after hearing of his father's death, and was present to swear to his father's will December 17, 1660. There was, between the date of the will and its proof in court, an interval of fifty days, which would have given time for the transmission of the news of Peter Goodwin's death to Virginia and for Major Goodwin's return and appearance in England. At the same time, the margin is not wide enough for us to suppose that his being in England about this time was the result of an accident.

Assuming this connection as proved, JAMES GOODWIN married, 1st, Rachel ———, whose tombstone on Back Creek, York county, Va., says that she was born in 1630, and died May 23, 1686, leaving, as it states, by Major Goodwin, five sons and two daughters. The tombstone bears an "impalement," by which is meant a division of the shield into two equal parts; the right, or dexter, representing the husband, and the left, or sinister, representing the wife. The right side in this case is too much worn to make out, but the left is divided *quarterly*; one and four, a bend; two and three, three bars. This quartering ought to give the names of the father and mother of Rachel Goodwin. Now, among those for whom Major Goodwin got "head rights," besides Mrs. Blanche Parry, Mrs. Ann Gooch, Robert Goodwin, John Goodwin, and "myself and wife," was one John Porter; and "three bars or" are the arms of Porter of County Warwick, England. With great confidence, then, it might be assumed that the mother of Rachel Goodwin was a Porter.† The other two quarters, containing each a bend, are too general for identification. Captain Gooch is called "brother" by Major James Goodwin; and Henry Gooch was, in 1660, the husband of Millicent Kinsey, widow of Robert Kinsey.

* In the York county records is the following:

"30th April, 1661. Capt. Henry Gooch and M^r. Robert Baldry are added to the Commission of Yorke County, and to be sworne at y^e next Court, in the places of Coll. Xtopher Calthorpe & Maj^r. James Goodwin, who are removed, one to y^e s^oward, y^e other for England.

W^m. BERKELEY."

† Off the mouth of the creek, near the tombstone, is an island still known as Goodwin's Island, which Samuel Chew deeded to James Goodwin. There is a lighthouse at the extreme point, called "Too's Point Lighthouse." Perhaps "Too's Point" is a corruption for "Chew's Point."

Henry Gooch,* who was also a magistrate of York county, Va., was manager of the estate of Major William Gooch, Esq., member of the Council, whose tomb is at "Temple Farm," where Cornwallis surrendered. This latter, who seems to have been an uncle of Governor William Gooch, and who died in 1655, left a daughter Ann, who married Captain Thomas Beale, of York and Richmond counties. Probably Ann Gooch, mentioned among Major Goodwin's head rights, was the wife of William Gooch and the mother of Anne Beale.

After the death of Rachel, Major James Goodwin married, 2dly, Blanche ———, probably Mrs. Blanche Parry, mentioned above. He died intestate, and his inventory was recorded January 6, 1672, showing £542 1s. 2d. On January 25, 1691, John and Peter Goodwin petitioned for their shares of their father's estate in the hands of their "mother-in-law" (step-mother), Mrs. Blanche Goodwin, and in the following month settlement was made with "seven children and y^e widow." In 1687 Mrs. Blanche Goodwin had given property to her "sons," John and Peter Goodwin, and daughter Susannah. Her will was proved September 22, 1701, and names sons Robert and Martin as executors; daughter, Elizabeth Blinkhorn; and grandchildren, James and Elizabeth Duke. Matthew Goodwin witnessed a deed from Peter to Martin in 1701.

Children—All, Presumably, by First Wife.

I. *Robert*, married Anne ———; II. *John*, married Elizabeth Moore; III. *Peter*, married Rebecca Tiplady; IV. *Matthew*; V. *Martin*, married Barbara ———; VI. *Susannah*, married Duke; VII. *Elizabeth*, married ——— Blinkhorn.

No children by second wife.

Robert Goodwin (James) was married before 1696 to Anne ———. By occupation he was a planter. They resided in Hampton parish, York county, Va., and in 1696 Robert was grantee in a deed from Peter Goodwin, the witnesses being John, Matthew, and Martin. A Robert was mentioned in 1711 as being one of the patrons of a private school. Anne Goodwin was permitted to keep an ordinary in 1715. A few years later she had married Joseph Frith, and was devisee of her son Martin, deceased, one of the orphan children of Robert Goodwin, deceased.

* Henry Gooch became Lieutenant-colonel, and was a supporter of Bacon in 1676. (See "Gooch Family," QUARTERLY, IV.)

For probable descendants of Robert Goodwin, see Appendix H.
Children: i. Martin, d. s. p.

Capt. John Goodwin (James) was born in England; was married to Elizabeth Moore, a daughter of Augustine and ——— Moore, of Elizabeth City county, Va. By occupation he was a planter. They resided in York parish, York county, Va. John was security of Robert Reade as sheriff in 1689; churchwarden of the lower precincts of York parish in 1694; justice in 1699, with the title of captain, etc. He died in 1701, and his wife qualified on his estate. Elizabeth (Moore) Goodwin died in 1718-'19.

Children: i. Elizabeth, married, 1st, William Moss; 2dly, Robert Kerby; ii. James, married Mildred Reade; iii. Rachel, married Charles Wise; iv. Susannah; v. John (Colonel).

Elizabeth Goodwin (John, James) was born in York county, Va.; was married, first, to William Moss. Elizabeth (Goodwin) Moss married, secondly, Robert Kerby. Moss child: i. Edward.* Kerby children, if any, unknown.

James Goodwin (John, James) was born in York county, Va.; was married to Mildred Reade, a daughter of Robert Reade, gent., son of Col. George Reade, Secretary of State. By occupation he was a planter. They resided in York county, Va. James Goodwin's will, proved November 16, 1719, mentions "the child my wife now goes with." Mildred (Reade) Goodwin married, 2ndly, Col. Lawrence Smith. (See "Temple Farm," WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE QUARTERLY, Vol. II, No. I.) No surviving child.

Rachel Goodwin (John, James) was born in York county, Va.; was married to Charles Wise. They resided in York county. Rachel (Goodwin) Wise's will was proved February 15, 1719. Wise child: i. Frances.

Col. John Goodwin (John, James) was born in York county, Va.; was married to ———. By occupation he was a planter. They resided in York-Hampton parish. He was justice, captain, colonel, etc. Will proved February 16, 1763. Children: i. Elizabeth, born 1711, married Edward Moss, Jr.; ii. Rebecca, married James Goodwin; iii. Peter, died in 1763, unmarried; iv. John (Captain), married Rebecca ———?

Elizabeth Goodwin (John, John, James) was born in 1711, in York county, Va.; was married to Edward Moss, Jr., a son of Ed-

* Edward Moss, "eldest son," died in 1738, leaving a daughter, Diana, who was eighteen years old in 1754.

ward Moss. They resided in York county. Edward Moss, Jr., died in 1754, and administration was granted to his wife April 6. She died in 1760.

"Ordered, that Albritton Wagstaffe pay to Peter Goodwin 11£ 10s. for Elizabeth Goodwin, who had come of age December 15, 1729." (York County Records.)

Moss children: i. John; ii. Sheldon; iii. Anne; iv. Lucy; v. Diana, married Capt Thomas Chisman; vi. Elizabeth, married _____ Toomer.

Rebecca Goodwin (John, John, James) was born in York Co., Va.; was married to James Goodwin, a son of Captain John and Elizabeth (Dowell) Goodwin (Peter,² James). By occupation he was a planter. They resided in Hanover county, Va. *Goodwin* children: i. John, born before 1759; ii. Martin, born after 1763.*

Captain John Goodwin (John, John, James) was married to Rebecca _____? They resided in York county. Children: i. Peter; ii. Margaret; iii. Mollie; iv. Elizabeth, born July 23, 1772; † v. Nancy.

Peter Goodwin (John, John, John, James) was married to Frances Chapman or Toomer. By occupation he was a farmer. They resided in York county. Children: i. John, died unmarried; ii. Peter, drowned young; iii. Harold, born 1800; died January 10, 1878, unmarried; iv. Jefferson, died unmarried; 12. v. Mary, married John Garrett; vi. Frances, died unmarried; vii. Louisa, died unmarried; viii. Rebecca, died unmarried; ix. Elsie, died unmarried; x. Elizabeth, died unmarried; xi. Caroline, died unmarried. (Dr. Tyler doubts the identity of this Peter with Peter, son of Captain John.)

Mary Goodwin (Peter, John, John, James) was born in York county; was married to John Garrett. Child: i. Frances Elizabeth, married Robert L. Williams. †

Peter Goodwin (James) was married, before 1694, to Rebecca Tiplady, a daughter of Captain John Tiplady, justice of the peace for York county, and son of John and Ruth (Beale) Tiplady.

*See note to page 12 for John and Martin.

†Elizabeth, daughter of John and Rebecca Goodwin, born July 23, 1772. (Parish Register of Charles, or New Pocosin.) On March 22, 1787, a Martin Goodwin signed a bond to marry Elizabeth Goodwin in York county.

‡Their daughter, Frances, is the wife of W. T. Moss, attorney, Newport News, Virginia.