Ralph Shelton Sr. (1685 - 1733)

RALPH SHELTON SR.

Born **1685** in **PROVINCE OF MARYLAND** [uncertain]

Son of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **MARY JANE (CRISPEN) SHELTON** — married 1706 in Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, VA

Father of Thomas Shelton Sr., Ralph Shelton Jr., Elizabeth (Shelton) Davis, Crispin Eliphas Shelton, Mary Shelton, Catherine (Shelton) Blakely, John Shelton, Benjamin Shelton, James Shelton and Daniel Shelton

DESCENDANTS

Died **13 MAR 1733** at about age 48 in **MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA COLONY**

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PROBLEMS/QUESTIONS

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Ralph Shelton Sr. resided in the Southern Colonies in North America before 1776.
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Please be careful with merges and updates. There has been a lot of confusion around Ralph Sheltons. There were several of them in Virginia, and they all seemed to use similar names for their children. Add to that, their wives were all named "Mary".

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Biography

Disputed Origin and Parents

Despite a common supposition, Ralph Shelton was definitely not the son of Peter Chilton (not Shelton) and Susanna Jackson . See the Research Notes for discussion of this issue.

Planter in Virginia

Ralph Shelton spent his adult life in Middlesex County, Virginia as a planter.

Family

In his last Will, dated 10 March 1733, he mentioned his son Ralph, Thomas Crispin, his daughter Elizabeth Davis, and his wife Mary. He stated that in case his son Thomas should die, he wished his sons Ralph and Crispin would take care of Thomas' children. Thomas died five years later.

1733 Death

Ralph died on 17 March 1733 in Middlesex County, Virginia at age 48.[1]

Remarriage of Widow

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DNA CONNECTIONS

It may be possible to confirm family relationships with Ralph by comparing test results with other carriers of his Y-chromosome or his mother's mitochondrial DNA. Y-chromosome DNA test-takers in his direct paternal line on WikiTree:

- Dennis Shelton : Family Tree DNA Y-DNA Test 37 markers, haplogroup R-M269, FTDNA kit #55716
- Eric Franklin : Family Tree DNA Y-DNA Test 111 markers, haplogroup M-269, FTDNA kit #B253791

It is likely that these autosomal DNA test-takers will share some percentage of DNA with Ralph:

- ~1.56% Richard Ragland : MyHeritage DNA
- ~1.37% Garry Shelton : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A864037 [compare], Ancestry member GarrySShelton
- ~0.78% Janice Jones : MyHeritage DNA, GEDmatch M968780 [compare]
- ~0.78% Kenneth Shelton : AncestryDNA, Ancestry member rkshelton
- ~0.78% Coneigh (Berkley) Sea : Family Tree DNA Family Finder, FTDNA kit #597745
- ~0.78% Marybeth (Patton) Isaminger : Family Tree DNA Family Finder, FTDNA kit #689933
- ~0.78% Joseph Marable : AncestryDNA
- ~0.78% Angelist Gunter : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A724879 [compare], Ancestry member hcapshaw61
- ~0.78% Raymond Proctor : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A841861 [compare], Ancestry member rproctorsr1
- ~0.78% James Skelton : 23andMe, GEDmatch M133044 [compare]
- ~0.78% ~1.56% Jim Secan : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A892483 [compare], Ancestry member james_secan
- ~0.78% Jerry Patton : AncestryDNA
- ~0.78% Alice (Littrell) Amelung : 23andMe, GEDmatch AA8165501 [compare]
- ~0.78% Gerd Naydock : 23andMe, GEDmatch SY260399C1 [compare] + AncestryDNA, GEDmatch SY260399C1 [compare], Ancestry member gerdnaydock
- ~0.78% Mary (Proctor) Sleppy : 23andMe, GEDmatch M791280 [compare]
- ~0.78% Donna (Jones) Jenkins : 23andMe, GEDmatch M274768 [compare]
- ~0.78% Staci (Haden) Cloughley : 23andMe, GEDmatch M205808 [compare]
- ~0.39% Dale (Hinshaw) McMasters : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch BB1967547 [compare], Ancestry member adalemc1 + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch XV6143891 [compare], FTDNA kit #864264
- ~0.39% Jacqueline Levesque : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A436202 [compare]
- ~0.39% Michael Cordell : MyHeritage DNA
- ~0.39% Thomas Mclehaney : 23andMe + AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A416211 [compare], Ancestry member tmclehaney + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch A417948 [compare], FTDNA kit #346109
- ~0.39% James Spalding : Family Tree DNA Family Finder, FTDNA kit #895073
- ~0.39% Clyde Shelton : Family Tree DNA Family Finder, FTDNA kit #23445
- ~0.39% Shawna Green : Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch T305945 [compare], FTDNA kit

After Ralph's death his widow married William Clark (Clock). Mentioned in her last Will, were her sons Crispin Shelton, John Shelton, Benjamin Shelton, James Shelton, Ralph Shelton, Daniel Shelton, grandchildren Reuben Shelton and Patience Catesby Blakey, and daughter Elizabeth Davis.

1702 Importation of Servants

The following is from the book "Ralph Shelton of Middlesex County, Virginia" by Kenyon Stevenson, 1955. Corrections added by Margaret Alford, 2002:

1. On 10 October 1702, Thomas Meriwether had recorded in the Essex Court OrderBook this entry:" Certificate according to Act of Assembly is granted to Tho. Meriwether for the importation of seven persons into this colony by name Sarah Eaton, Richd Cullen, **Ralph Sheldon**, (name illegible), Mary Millner, Isaac Bayly, Edw Cartwright." This is the first appearance in the Virginia of Ralph Shelton of Middlesex County. There is no indication of Ralph' s parentage or age, actual date of importation or place from which he came.

2. In 1708, six years after his importation to Middlesex, Ralph Shelton, signing his name Ralph Shelteon, was a witness to Thomas Meriwether' s last Will. He was also a beneficiary of the Will, which read: "I give unto **Ralph Shelton** & his heires forever the Sixty five acres of Land Grantedto me by Patent joyning to the Land of Rice Jones, John Lohees (Toslees?) & the Land formerly belonging to Capt. Edward Thomas." This 65-acre tract appears to be one granted to Meriwether on 2 May 1706, described in patent as follows: " Sixty five acres of Land part of a patent of four hundred and fifty acres in Essex formerly Rapp County bounded as follows (Vizt) beginning at a decayed walnut and a great mulberry tree marked by it (at the upper extent of a devident of Land belonging unto John Jones, orphan) standing by the Dragon swamp side in the point of an old field just below the mouth of a great branch and running thence North East by sd Jones. land . . . to a red Oake in John Masses' Line thence . . . to the main run of the Dragon swamp . . .sd Land formerly granted Edward Thomas Gent by patent dated 20th of October 1691, and by him deserted and since granted sd Meriwether by order of the genll Court dated 25th of October 1705.

3. The Will and Patent descriptions place this land on the Essex-Middlesex boundary line. This location is further indicated by a description of Middlesex County written 14 April 1700, which reads in part, . ." said County is bounded on the head with the lower part of the land of John Jones dec' d which runs up from Rappahannock River on the upper part of Cock' s Bay next above ye land of James Blaise and so crossing the Ridge along the land of Thomas Tosley including the same from the outline of Thomas Toseley' s land down a great Branch dividing the land of Edward Thomas dec' d and the land of Rice Jones dec' d, including the said Rice Jones dec' s Land to the dragon swamp.

4. Ralph Shelton married about 1707, either in Essex or Middlesex, a wife Mary, whose surname had been guessed to be Crispin. No record of the marriage or suggestion of a maiden surname has been discovered. Births of the three oldest children :. Thomas, about 1707, Ralph, about 1709, and Elisabeth, about 1711, are not in the Christ Church Register, where all the other births are recorded. There were 11 children in all, as follows:

1. Thomas, born about 1707, married Mary Probert, 14 January 1730.
2. Ralph, born about 1709, married Mary Daniel, 10 June 1731.
3. Elizabeth, born about 1711, married William Davis, 29 October 17**. (Her mother's last Will was recorded in Pittsylvania County in 1770, mentioning daughter Elizabeth DAVIS, leading to the false supposition that she was either the wife or the mother of William Davis (d. 1791), miller of Pittsylvania County. Elizabeth could have been the wife of a different William Davis of Culpeper County, who did have a wife named Elizabeth.)
4. Crispin, born 1 April 1713, married Letitia ____ about 1734.
5. Reuben, born 1 February 1715, died 8 October 1715.
6. Mary, born 21 January 1716, died 18 July 1719.
7. Catherine, born 26 January 1719, married George Blakey 31 December 17**.
8. John, born 14 July 1722.
9. Benjamin, born 18 June 1724.
10. James, born 23 February 1726.
11. Daniel, born 27 May 1729.

Ralph Shelton lived only four years after the birth of his son Daniel. His last Will, badly damaged in the old Middlesex Will Book, was dated March **, 1733. Some of the provisions still legible on the torn pages are: "My Son Ralph Shelton should have my land . .. .___zabeth Davis twenty five Shillings to buy her __. ._____ Ralph Shelton one cow and calf.. .___m** son Thomas Shelton should take care of my children, and if in case y son Thomas should Die, my Desire is that my Children should be left to the ____ of my other two Sons, Ralph and Crispin.. Appoint my Loving wife Mary Shelton and my son Thomas to (be executors of my) Last will and Testament." The witnesses were William Buford, Thomas Clarke, Henry Buford and Abraham _____.

5. The Will was presented in Court 2 April 1734 and proved by oaths of Henry Beauford and Thomas Clark. Thomas Buford, John Jones, John Clark and Garrit Daniel were sworn to appraise the estate. Inventory and appraisement were presented to the court on 2 July 1734. After this there are no further entries in the Middlesex Court Orders or other county records regarding Ralph Shelton. His widow, Mary, remarried to a Clark, perhaps Thomas or Peter, and as Mary Clark made her last Will in Nottaway Parish of Amelia County on 30 June 1750. A Middlesex deed dated 5 October 1757 by Mary Clark and Peter Clark of County Middlesex to John Lamboth transfers 150 acres beginning at a deep bottom between Edward Bristow and William Bristow' s line, thence along Elizabeth Smith' s line to main run of the Dragon Swamp &

1. Essex Co. Deeds & Wills Vo. 10, (1699-1702) Page 133. 2. Virginia Land Office Patent Book 9 (1697-1706), page 727. 3. Virginia Mag. Vol. 12, Page 285. 4. Middlesex County Will Book (1734), pages 418-419. 5. Middlesex Deed Book 1754-67, part 1, page ___.

Research Notes

Origins and Parents

Ralph Shelton's origins and his parents have been the subject of significant dispute. This is discussed at the following website: Our First Known SHELTON Family in America.

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- ~0.39% Cindy Shelton : 23andMe + AncestryDNA
- ~0.39% John Bales : Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch SU9291485 [compare], yourDNAportal JOH2eaf0deb, FTDNA kit #130122
- ~0.39% Barb (Looper) Beasley : 23andMe, GEDmatch A939387 [compare] + AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A939387 [compare], Ancestry member BarbaraBeasley66 + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch A939387 [compare], FTDNA kit #207206
- ~0.39% Valerie (Patterson) Simonton : 23andMe, GEDmatch KL2821804 [compare]
- ~0.39% John Greene : AncestryDNA
- ~0.39% James Hudler : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A810254 [compare], Ancestry member JLHudler
- ~0.39% Craig Foster : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A718902 [compare]
- ~0.39% Alisa (Anderson) Griffith : AncestryDNA, Ancestry member griffith061
- ~0.39% Trina Allen : AncestryDNA, Ancestry member triwhi
- ~0.39% Amy (Shelton) Anderson : AncestryDNA, Ancestry member Amyocn + MyHeritage DNA
- ~0.39% S. Watkins : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch KD3962272 [compare]
- ~0.39% Charley Priddy : AncestryDNA
- ~0.39% Alan Spalding : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch T707872 [compare], Ancestry member spaldal + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch T707872 [compare], FTDNA kit #119286
- ~0.39% Sandra Carver : AncestryDNA, Ancestry member sandrafergus11
- ~0.39% Laura Jones : 23andMe, GEDmatch M505289 [compare] + AncestryDNA, GEDmatch M505289 [compare], Ancestry member LauraJonesGray + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch M505289 [compare], FTDNA kit #181659
- ~0.39% Charles Brooks : AncestryDNA, Ancestry member ch4421
- ~0.39% Denise (Cruey) May : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A216647 [compare], Ancestry member dcruey
- ~0.39% Cassandra Scott : 23andMe, GEDmatch KC8189078 [compare] + AncestryDNA, Ancestry member costasandcassie + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, FTDNA kit #B282180 + Autosomal DNA Test
- ~0.39% Michael Hamilton : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A230581 [compare], Ancestry member mhamilton5591
- ~0.39% Betty Jean Cole : AncestryDNA
- ~0.39% Tom Looper : AncestryDNA, GEDmatch A724705 [compare], Ancestry member BarbaraBeasley66 + Family Tree DNA Family Finder, GEDmatch A724705 [compare], FTDNA kit #B13118
- ~0.39% Claudia (Cade) Biddle : AncestryDNA
- ~0.39% Becky Jenkins : 23andMe, GEDmatch M278067 [compare]

Have you taken a DNA test? If so, login to add it. If not, see our friends at Ancestry DNA.

It has been commonly supposed that Ralph Shelton emigrated from England, based on an assumption in his 1955 genealogy. There is no evidence to support this, and Ralph could have easily come from Maryland, where there was an early Shelton family with a Meriweather connection:

1. Thomas Meriwether, the man who imported Ralph Shelton to Virginia, was the brother of Francis Meriwether who married Mary Bathurst, according to a Meriwether Society website that is no longer available or archived.

2. The aunt of this Mary Bathurst was another Mary Bathurst who married a James **Shelton** (son of Thomas of Cecil County, Maryland), who had sons **Reuben, Daniel and Thomas**[2], and Ralph Shelton of Middlesex County also had sons **Reuben, Daniel, Thomas, and James**. (Daniel and especially Reuben are rather uncommon names.) This and the Bathurst connection would seem to indicate a close family connection between the early Maryland Sheltons and Ralph Shelton of Middlesex County, Virginia.

From the *redacted email address* mailing list for the surname SHELTON, comes this interesting thought from one of the members, January (her 1997 E-mail address was *redacted email address*): ".....am researching the Meriwethers and in touch with the Meriwether Society. They have the theory that Ralph was a Skelton and that Thomas married his sister, Susannah. They base this on the fact that everyone in Thomas's will were family named as brother, sister, nephew; except for Ralph. They think that is the reason Thomas imported Ralph. That and the fact that Thomas bequeathed to Ralph in his will 65 acres. Dr.Frank Shelton has another area to explore. In the mentioned will of Thomas he asks to sell his tobacco and to pay his debts to Messr. Micajah Perry, London merchant. Dr.Frank thinks if we knew more of Mr. Perry and his type of trade it would lead to more clues as to Ralph's parents."

This is a good theory, worth exploring, and might well explain just why Thomas Meriwether gave Ralph Shelton the 65 acre legacy in his 1708/9 Will. NOTE: This SHELTON research is confusing for several reasons. There was another Ralph SHELTON, a younger man than our ancestor, who was of King William County. He married Mary Pollard. The two Ralph Sheltons lived, according to Jan, on opposite sides of the Dragon Swamp and were about 15 years apart in age. This was established by a bond for 200 pounds in King William County dated 30 September 1703, entered into by Joseph Bickley of King and Queen County with Major John Waller, (see notes below regarding Crispen Shelton's children), King William Co., to cover two years schooling for Ralph Shelton, son of Mrs. Sarah Gissage, whom Bickley contemplated marrying soon. A good article on "the two Ralphs" can be found at Brian Eddy's helpful website (outdated URL - if you know about his new URL, please let me know). In correspondence from Katherine Snow *redacted email address* 2/2000, she wrote that the marriage of Ralph Shelton (supposedly b. c1698, while our Ralph SHELTON was b. 1685) and Mary Pollard occurred on 5 December 1721, which certainly would exclude Mary ? Crisp/Crispen? from being the same person as Mary Pollard. I have not researched the SHELTON/POLLARD connection, so I cannot say for certain if this is all true.

- This Ralph Shelton of Essex-Middlesex is not to be confused with the younger Ralph Shelton of King William County who married Mary Pollard. They lived on opposite sides of the Dragon Swamp and were about 15 years apart in age.[3][4]

It is unknown who the parents of Ralph Shelton were at this time. Some researchers would like to believe that Ralph was the son of Peter Shelton and his wife Susannah Jaxon/Jackson, but it appears this assumption is incorrect after all the evidence is viewed. Kenneth Shelton, who wrote "The Shelton Trek Across Kentucky", (LIBRARY of CONGRESS Call #CS71.S545 1987a), said on page 7 of his book that he believed Ralph Shelton was not a son to Peter Shelton. He believed that Peter was actually a CHILTON. Although Peter CHILTON (1664-1718) did live in Middlesex Co., Virginia, he left a Will which did not name a Ralph Shelton as a son, and all of Peter Chilton's children are noted in the Christ Church Parish Register (no Ralph was listed there). Ralph Shelton, by English primogenitor law, would have been included in this Will if he was the first born son, and by law, would have inherited Peter Chilton's 100 acres of land had he been the son as claimed by some researchers. Why would Ralph SHELTON b. 1685, be "imported" if this supposed father, Peter Shelton/Chilton, was already residing in America, as documents prove? There may have been a connection between Peter and Ralph, but it apparently was not as father and son. The following is another comprehensive message regarding this issue. It was also posted to the *redacted email address* SHELTON mailing list: Subject: Chilton vs. Shelton, Date: 7 June 1999, From: *redacted email address* To:*redacted email address* "Dr. Frank H. Shelton wrote a pamphlet: Sheltons in the Christ Church Parish Register-in Virginia, copyright 1985. He descends from Ralph & Mary, through their first son Thomas. Source of his information is "The Parish Register of Christ Church Parish of Middlesex Co., Virginia, From 1653-1812" published by the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia, Richmond: Wm Ellis Jones, Steam Book And Job Printer - 1897. Also, Essex Co. Court Records. I quote the following. "There are records for Peter Chelton (and descendants) in the Christ Church Parish Register from 1685 when Peter Chilton married Susan Jaxon until 1725 when Abby was born to Zebulon & Mary Chelton. Over this period of 38 years and three generations it was always Chilton/Chelton. There was never any mixing of the Shelton and Chelton names over a period of many years in the Christ Church Parish Register. There is only one exception to this fact: unaccountably on page 54 "Peter ye sone of Peter & Susanna Shelton baptz ye 15th November 1687" does a Shelton enter into the Chilton's records and never a Chilton in the Shelton's records of Christ Church Parish. The above Parish Register records indicate the following concerning the Peter Chilton family: Peter Chilton 1st married in 1684 Susanhah Jackson and by her had William and Peter (Jr) - 1687. Peter Chilton then married 2nd Abigail and by her had Henry - 1691, Thomas and Zebulon. Peter Chilton died October 1718 and his widow Abigail Chelton married Robert Holderness a short time later - Feb 1719.....""I think that Dr. Frank Shelton provides the most compelling evdence, backed up by direct research, that Peter was not a Shelton. Also that he could not have been the father of Ralph. Regards, Wayne Shelton

Read more on the SHELTON/MERIWETHER connections here at Glen Shelton's page.

Sources

1. ↑ Christ Church Parish, Virginia Deaths, 1653-1812 (https://archive.org/stream/parishregisterof00chri#page/188/mode/2up)
2. ↑ See *Ralph Shelton, of Middlesex Co., Virginia, and Some of His Descendants*
3. ↑ RALPH SHELTON, OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS. An Account by Kenyon Stevenson, a Shelton Descendant, Hudson Ohio, 1955 Version
4. ↑ "Ralph Shelton of Middlesex County, Virginia" by Kenyon Stevenson, 1955. Corrections added by Margaret Alford, 2002

See also:

- Source: Christ Church Parish, Virginia Births, 1653-1812.
- Source: Christ Church Parish, Virginia Deaths, 1653-1812.
- Find A Grave: Memorial #167756213 for Ralph Shelton Sr.

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Tony Belcher

Thomas Merriweather imported Ralph Sheldon/Shelton who is still somewhat of a mystery. I wonder if any of the other ones imported by Merriweather are connected? (That is, Sarah Eaton, Richd Cullen, Mary Millner, Isaac Bayly, Edw Cartwright). A quick search yielded a Mary Milner (1667-1700), daughter of Thomas Milner (1619-1694) and Mary Sheldon (1625-1700). However, both of those Mary's, mother and daughter, are listed as dying in 1700. But, it is interesting. Also, notice the "illegible name" is between Ralph and Mary Milner's names. Is it really another name, or is it wording that indicates a relationship between Ralph and Mary? I've learned to look at every possible angle I can think of when faced with a brick wall: sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't!

posted Jul 03, 2022 by Tony Belcher
edited Jul 03, 2022 by Tony Belcher

Scott McClain

I believe the "scroll box" on this profile is non-standard html/css coding, which the current WikiTree guidelines do not allow, based on this page:

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:HTML_and_Inline_CSS

If anyone disagrees, please weigh in. Otherwise, I think we should remove this coding and just place that material in a Research Note. It might be more appropriate to move it a free space page, given the length. If anyone has views on this, please weigh in.

posted May 27, 2022 by Scott McClain

Jeff Gentry

I thought the same thing when I saw it earlier. If you like, I can take care of that when I make the changes in my prior comments.

posted May 27, 2022 by Jeff Gentry

Jeff Gentry

Profile is PP so I cannot make the following changes:

- The source *Per the Meriwether Society website*. leads to a dead link that is unarchive by the Internet Archive,
- There is an email address in the profile that needs to be removed
- The URL http://members.xoom.com/briankeddy/homepage.htm should be replaced with it's final Internet Archive version from June 2000: https://web.archive.org/web/20000601050006/http://members.xoom.com/briankeddy/homepage.htm. However, this page provides no relevant information, though there may be a lower level page archived that does.
- The URL http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vapittsy/SheltonGen.html should be replace with it's final Internet Archive version: https://web.archive.org/web/20171108090746/http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vapittsy/SheltonGen.html

posted May 27, 2022 by Jeff Gentry

Jeff Gentry

While reading the profile, I also noted an email address in the scroll box (clever) that has been obfuscated from the email address check mechanism using "[at]" instead of the "@" sign. This email address also needs to be removed. Can't change because profile is PP.

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Email_Addresses#Email_Addresses_for_Other_People_on_WikiTree

posted May 27, 2022 by Jeff Gentry

Scott McClain

Jeff - you can edit the profile, but you will need the Pre-1700 badge to do it. You can get that badge by reviewing the guidelines for editing pre-1700 profiles and completing the self-certification quiz here: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:Pre-1700_Profiles

posted May 27, 2022 by Scott McClain

Kerry Larson

I don't see a primary source for his will on the profile. A damaged copy can be found at https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-89P6-RZ3L?i=234&cat=382907

posted Sep 30, 2021 by Kerry Larson

Jack Day

In cases like this, we have to ask first, "is there any evidence that there was a Mary Jane Crispen, apart from her relationship with Ralph Shelton. At the moment, the answer seems to be no. In that case, then, this profile is the profile for "Mary, the wife of Ralph Shelton", and since her birth name is unknown, the LNAB should be changed to "Unknown."

The material form the unreliable sources can be retained in a section called "Research Notes" because they might be helpful clues for ongoing research, but they should not be in the Biography. I'm correcting the profile in cosmetic fashion at a couple of points -- we don't use "British Colonial America" in WikiTree, there was never such a place. And we only have four major headings -- two mandatory, Biography and Sources, and two optional, Research Notes and Acknowledgements. Anything else is a subheading.

posted Jun 23, 2021 by Jack Day

Scott McClain

Carol Baker has raised a good issue on the LNAB of his spouse in her comment below. It appears from the profile that there is solid evidence that his wife's name was Mary but that the identification of her as a Crispen is speculative and based only on the "U.S. and International Marriage Records" and "Millennium File" databases cited in Mary Jane (Crispen) Shelton (abt.1690-1771). These are considered unreliable sources for Southern Colonies Project-Protected profiles. Is anyone aware of a reliable source for this LNAB claim? If not, we should fix this either by detaching Mary Jane Crispen and adding a new Mary (___) as his spouse, or changing the LNAB for Crispen-1 and detaching her from her Crispen parents.

posted Jun 23, 2021 by Scott McClain

Leah (Monk) Chaillet-Hines

I am straightening up my Shelton line and noticed that the died as an infant Reuben Shelton (1715-1715)

is connected to mother Mary Jane (Crispen) Shelton (abt.1690-1771), but not to father Ralph, Sr. Shelton-52. His father link is to Ralph Shelton (1698-1743) . If this is a "typo" error will a profile manager fix it? Thank you, Leah

posted Jun 15, 2021 by Leah (Monk) Chaillet-Hines

Jim Ward

I'm a member of Southern Colonies project. Looking at the instructions for editing project protected profiles, it says for minor changes (such as adding sources), a communication beforehand is appropriate. My plan would be to add sources from ancestry.com for:

Christ Church Parish, Virginia Births, 1653-1812 Christ Church Parish, Virginia Deaths, 1653-1812 U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970 (many times not accurate) Millennium File (many times not accurate)

This source data agrees with the existing wikitree data above, so I'm a little confused by all the controversy noted above but maybe that's old news not removed yet? I am using bio check to correct all my unsourced ancestors, and I'm on 9th generation. I will wait for a response from a fellow Southern colonies project member before proceeding, as I have little experience with PPP.

posted Feb 01, 2021 by Jim Ward

Darlene (Athey) Athey-Hill

Hi Jim, I'm not sure where you're looking, but here's the link to the US Southern Colonies managed profiles team page: https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:US_Southern_Colonies_Managed_Profiles_Teams

Minor changes to project-managed profiles can generally be made without contacting the project, but if in doubt contact the project, post in G2G. or in the profile comment section before making a change.

With regard to sources, the Millennium File isn't reliable and I would avoid using it. It's really no different than an unsourced family tree. Certainly the birth and death records are helpful; Find-a-Grave, although not always reliable, still can be used so people can view the memorial. Ditto with SAR applications. Thanks.

posted Feb 01, 2021 by Darlene (Athey) Athey-Hill

David Douglass

Hi Jim,

Thank you for reaching out to the project before making changes to this profile. It is project protected due to the uncertainty surrounding Ralph Shelton's parentage and origins. Of the sources you have referred to the parish records may be useful and would generaaly be considered reliable for a Pre-1700 profile (if transcribed from, or an image of the original source document). As you have noted Find A Grave, Dar member applications and Millnnium files are frequently unsourced or poorly sourced and in most cases are not considered reliable for Pre-1700 profiles. You could post them in the comments section of this profile to allow other members to review and independently verify them. And I want to thank you for your source contributions on behalf of the Southern Colonies Project.

posted Feb 01, 2021 by David Douglass

Russ Maney

Question to the group: An article in the 'William and Mary Quarterly' ("The Shelton Family" by Mrs. A. E. Whitaker, St Louis, MO - https://www.jstor.org/stable/1921301?read-now=1&seq=4#page_scan_tab_contents) states that Ralph is "mentioned in the will of Thomas Meriwether (1708) as 'My brother-in-law, Ralph Shelton'." The article goes on to say that Thomas Meriwether was married to Susanna Shelton, daughter of Peter Shelton and Susanna Jaxon, which would mean, as Thomas's brother-in-law, Ralph would be Susanna's brother and thus a child of Peter Shelton and Susanna Jaxon after all. I haven't seen this will myself - does anyone else know anything about this?

posted May 10, 2019 by Russ Maney

[Living Schmeeckle]

Nephi, your source is mistaken. He was imported to VIRGINIA, probably from Maryland (a nice little scam back then to get free land).

posted Jan 03, 2018 by [Living Schmeeckle]

Carol (Baker) Murray

Ralph Sr. was imported from England as an indentured servant in 1702. His first appearance in VA is found in the Essex Court Order Book with an entry by THomas Meriwether listing his importation in 1702 along with 6 other servants. His parents are unknown as is his place of birth in England. It is figured that he was in his mid teens at the time of his importation because in 1707 he married Mary (NOT CRISPIN) last name is unknown. If there is no marriage Bond, License or record why add a surname without proof? A year after his marriage to Mary he witnessed Thomas Meriwether's will in which he received a bequest of 65 acres. On the opposite side of Dragon Swamp on the Essex-Middlesex Co. boundary lived ANOTHER Ralph Shelton who was born in King William Co. about 1698 and married Mary Pollard. This younger mas has sometimes been mistakenly confused with our Ralph Shelton but there is NO provable connection. Ralph and Mary had a total of 11 children and except for the first 3 all births are recorded in the Christ Church Register of Middlesex County.

posted Jun 21, 2021 by Carol (Baker) Murray
edited Jun 21, 2021 by Carol (Baker) Murray

Scott McClain

Good point on the spouse. I have started a new comment chain at the top of the list to discuss this on both his profile and Mary's.

posted Jun 23, 2021 by Scott McClain

Nephi Shelton

I have been doing some research and as far as i know Ralph SHELTON SR. was imported to North America, by Thomas Merriwether

it is stated here Prior to the Oct. 10, 1702 Middlesex Co, VA County Court Session, Ralph SHELTON was imported to North America, along with six other persons, by Thomas Merriwether (who was granted a headright for this importation): source - Essex County, VA Court Order Book 1699-1702, (Deeds and Wills Vol 10, p. 133). Ralph's surname was spelled SHELDON in this document. Probably, he was at least 18 years of age. There is no evidence that Ralph Shelton served a formal indenture as an indentured servant, since no release or other documents have been located in support of this matter.

posted Jan 03, 2018 by Nephi Shelton

Paula J

I deleted the extra references tags and also the entire last merge which was just GEDCOM and ancestry.com with no new information as well as the acknowledgements section which is no longer standard WikiTree formatting.

I also suggest that instead of putting all your Shelton links here, possible look into a Shelton Name Study or even making a space page where you can collect them and linking that to this page.

Thanks again!

posted Oct 10, 2017 by Paula J

Paula J

Thanks for your hard work on this profile. It appears that there has been a merge without cleanup, there is a lot of info pasted from other sites (not referring to will) and in general the entire bio needs to be improved.

I am reluctant to make changes as project manager since I know all of the profile managers are actively involved. Please take time to improve on this bio a bit.

You do not have to take on the entire thing. The initial dispute section is perfect. I would just organize it and remove redundant material, paraphrase into copied that is not a transcription of a record, and organize it a bit.

Thanks!!

Paula

posted Oct 10, 2017 by Paula J

Staci (Haden) Cloughley

Shelton-52 and Shelton-2950 are not ready to be merged because: This is one in the same Ralph Shelton from Middlesex VA, my 6th great grandfather.

posted May 27, 2017 by Staci (Haden) Cloughley

Staci (Haden) Cloughley

Shelton-52 and Shelton-2473 appear to represent the same person because: I believe we have the same Ralph Shelton! I haven't done research on him, so am trusting yours.

posted May 27, 2017 by Staci (Haden) Cloughley

[Living Schmeeckle]

Many Shelton researchers have arrived at the groundless conclusion that Ralph Shelton came to Virginia from England. In reality, it seems more likely that he came from Maryland: see http://archiver.rootsweb.ancestry.com/th/read/SHELTON/2011-12/1324514780

posted May 09, 2014 by [Living Schmeeckle]

Jeff Gentry

Hate to reply to a comment from eight years ago, but since it's never been addressed, I may be able to shed some light, The basis for this conclusion is that Thomas Meriweather brought this Ralph Shelton, the one who witnessed his will, over from England in 1702, as documented in Sparacio, R. (1991). *Order Book, Essex County, Virginia, 1699-1702*, p. 133. United States: Antient Press.

posted May 21, 2022 by Jeff Gentry

[Living Schmeeckle]

Hello, my understanding is that DNA evidence proves that Ralph Shelton is not the son of Peter and Susanna (Jackson) Shelton.

posted May 09, 2014 by [Living Schmeeckle]

Carol (Baker) Murray

Where is this evidence that people can see it? I totally agree with you. He was born in England and indentured to America about 1702. His parents and home in England are unknown. His wife is also unknow except for the first name of Mary. And it is my understanding that it is not Mary Crispin...

posted Jun 21, 2021 by Carol (Baker) Murray
edited Jun 21, 2021 by Carol (Baker) Murray

Ralph is 23 degrees from Tina Turner, 26 degrees from Christine Amphlett, 29 degrees from Marie Bolyos, 17 degrees from Joan Jett, 13 degrees from Janis Joplin, 17 degrees from Linda McCartney, 21 degrees from Alanis Morissette, 13 degrees from Stevie Nicks, 14 degrees from Grace Slick, 14 degrees from Nancy Wilson and 29 degrees from David Weinberg on our single family tree. Login to find your connection.

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