

Church; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; and in perfect charity with all mankind. A large concourse of friends and acquaintances gathered around her grave, after the usual religious exercises had closed, to pay the last sad tribute of respect to her mortal remains, and many were the tears of unfeigned sorrow that fell from sympathizing hearts, when her corpse was deposited in its "narrow cell," there, "in solitude and silence to sleep the years away," till the trump of the archangel shall summon it to the bar of the final judgment. But the tears of grief that bedewed her resting place were mingled with those of joyful hope—for the eye of faith beheld her happy spirit united to the blissful throng of the redeemed, chaunting, with heavenly melody, the praises of our Redeemer. May the dear relatives and friends whom she has left behind, and to whom, whilst living, she was so much devoted, follow her holy example of deep and ardent piety, and like her, depart in peace, to enter the bright abodes of everlasting felicity

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THE TALIAFERRO FAMILY.

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In TYLER'S QUARTERLY for July, 1929, was published a genealogy of the Taliaferro Family compiled by the writer. Now, a decade later, it seems desirable to reconstruct the first two or three generations due to certain court records of the Northern Neck which have just been made available. To begin: Robert Taliaferro, the founder of the family, did not die in 1687, nor did he marry Sarah Grymes. It was his son, Robert, who died in 1687 (O. S.) and who married Sarah. She was born Catlett and not Grymes. Robert Taliaferro I., married Katherine (not Sarah), daughter of the Rev. Charles Grymes (d. 1677) and Katherine, his wife. This Robert died in or before 1677, probably in Gloucester County. On Aug., 26, 1678 Katherine Grymes, extrx. of Charles Grymes, Clerke, Dec'd. had a suit brought against her by Thomas Godlington of London who "demanded proof that the said pltf. being Ex'x. Mr. John Morecock declared on oath that he drew the decedent's will which was proved in Gloster County & order for probat granted the plte which the dfte not accepting as proof for being a single testimony the Court conceive it good ground for a Reference to ye plte till ye next Court & have hereby accordingly granted it. (TYLER'S QUARTERLY, vol. 5. p. 260). Thus we know that the Rev. Charles Grymes had died, testate, in Gloucester County before this date and that his widow was Katherine. Their daughter was named for her mother and it was she who married Robert Taliaferro I., of Gloucester County, who had also died by this time. He may have died as early as 1672 (or

even earlier) when Katherine Taliaferro was granted 600 acres (Nov., 20, 1672): "These are the rights due Mrs. Katherine Taliaferro—600 acres of Land due for the transportation of 8 negroes and four english servants, viz: Richard George, John Dalton, John Brookes (and) Henry Hodges. Which rights I doe hereby assigne over to my son Robert Taliaferro." Witnessed by William Mosely and James Kay (Rappahannock County Deed Book #5. p/99). The record goes on: "These are to Certifie that Mrs. Katherine Taliaferro did before us swear to the Justness of these Rights & that noe land had been taken to the best of her knowledge. William Mosely and James Kay. Juratis coram Nobis. Recordate xx Die Novembris, 1672. Edmund Craske, Cl. Cur."

After the death of Robert Taliaferro I., Katherine seems to have married again as she is later called Katherine Dedman. A Henry Deadman appears in Rappahannock County in 1672 and a Thomas Deadman in 1689. Perhaps the first was her second husband Aug., 9, 1711. Robert Taliaferro of St. Mary's Parish, Essex Co., sold to Augustine Smith for 10,000 pounds of tobacco & caske the woodland ground containing 200 acres, said land being part of a Pattent of 600 acres formerly granted to Mr. Charles Grymes on Sept., 4, 1654 & Renewed by Pattent Oct., 3, 1657, then renewed again by Pattent dated Nov., 22, 1661 and by the last Will & Testament of the said Charles Grymes bequeathed to Katherine Dedman, Grandmother to the said Robert Taliaferro, to her and her heirs forever, and doth by right belong unto the said Robert Taliaferro, party to these presents, etc. (D. & W. #13, p. 426).

After the death of Robert Taliaferro, II., in 1687, his widow, Sarah (nee Catlett) married twice. Samuel Sallis was her first choice; he died in 1704 and she then selected Samuel Short, who seems to have survived her for in 1724 his wife was Frances who released her dower rights in land sold by her husband to Thomas Evans. June 6, 1688. Sarah Taliaferro, admx. of the estate of her deceased husband, Robert Taliaferro, gave bond for her administration with Francis and John Taliaferro as her bondsmen. Book 1686-1692, p. 74). The same day John and Francis Taliaferro "acknowledged themselves indebted to His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Rappahannock to the sum of 200,000 pounds of good tobacco and caske to be paid into the aid Justices, their heirs, etc., in case, Sarah Taliaferro, who is admitted Admx. of the Estate of her deceased husband, Mr. Robert Taliaferro, shall not well & truly administer & render an account when thereunto Lawfully required" (O. B. "2, p. 95). On Dec., 6, 1688, Samuel Sallis and Sarah, his wife, admx. of Robert Taliaferro, dec'd., were mentioned. (Book 1686-1692, p. 107). On the same day there was a suit: Hugh French vs. Samuel Sallis as marrying the widow of Robert Taliaferro. (*Ibid*). On May 10, 1692 Mr. Samuel Sallis was appointed surveyor of the Highway in St. Mary's Parish, then in the new county of Essex (O. B. #1, p. 3). Nov., 10, 1697. Samuel Sallis and

Robert Coleman witnessed a deed from Francis Stone, power of attorney to John Bridger and Elizabeth, his wife, residents at that time of England. (D. & W. #10, p. 33). An Aug., 11, 1699. Samuel Sallis gave his power of attorney to Robert Coleman in a suit against him by Charles Taliaferro. (D. & W. #10, p. 8). April 10, 1702. To Samuel Sallis was granted 200 acres of land due him for the transportation of four servants. (*Ibid*, p. 117). On June 10, 1704. Administration of the estate of Samuel Sallis, Dec'd., was granted to Sarah Sallis, his widow (O. B. #3, p. 82), and on June 10 Francis and John Taliaferro became securities for Sarah Sallis as admx. of Samuel Sallis, Dec'd. (D. B. #11, p. 237). On July 24 the inventory of Mr. Samuel Sallis, Dec'd., was presented by Mrs. Sarah Sallis, Admx. The appraisers were: James Harrison, Rees Evans, William Williams and Charles Taliaferro (D. B. #12, p. 58). May 10, 1709. The petition of John Taliaferro against Samuel Short and Sarah his wife, Admrs. of Robert Taliaferro, Dec'd., is dismissed, the said John Taliaferro failing to prosecute. (O. B. #4, p. 163). On Jan., 12, 1712. John Taliaferro registered a petition showing that he became security for one Sarah Sallis for her adm'r. on the estate of Samuel Sallis, late of this county, Dec'd. Said Sarah since intermarried with one Samuel Short who he fears makes waste of the said estate, etc. (O. B. #4, p. 498). The will of Thomas Meades (dated Jan., 29, 1716/7 and probated Jan., 21, 1717) mentioned a "brother-in-law", John Sallis. (W. B. #2, p. 2). In 1719 Robert Taliaferro (the third of the name) deeded to Samuel Short land formerly granted to Robert Taliaferro, Dec'd., adjoining the Pament of Grymes, etc. (D. B. #16, p. 245). On July 10, 1721, Samuel Short leased to Thomas Freeman the land he had bought of Robert Taliaferro. (D. B. #16, p. 316). The will of Thomas Ayres (dated Jan., 5, 1721 and probated March 20, 1721) mentioned his wife Anne and her former husband, Thomas Meades. Samuel Sallis was one of the witnesses. (W. B. #3, p. 192). Samuel Sallis had at least two daughters: Sarah and Anne. Sarah married twice: firstly, Alexander Doniphan of Stafford Co., and, secondly, William Hansford of Spotsylvania Co. This second marriage took place by 1726. Her sister Anne married three times: firstly, Thomas Meades (d. 1717); secondly, Thomas Ayres (d. 1721); and, thirdly, Jeremy (sic) Bizwell (d. 1732). Samuel Sallis seems to have had two sons: John and Samuel. John was mentioned in the will of Thomas Meades and Samuel died in 1730. His will was dated Nov., 16, 1725 and probated Nov., 16, 1730. He mentioned a half-brother Thomas Short and a "cousin" Samuel Taliaferro. (In 1740 a Samuel Taliaferro was taxed with one tithe in Orange County on the list of tithables taken by James Pickett.). It further mentioned his sisters Anne Ayres and Sarah Doniphan, whom he made executrixes. It was witnessed by James Cannady, William Johnson and David Vawter. The will was presented by Jeremiah Bizwell and Anne, his wife, one of the executrixes. As the widow of Thomas Ayres she married Jeremiah Bizwell after the will was made and before it was probated. On Oct., 9, 1724. Samuel Short sold to Edward Evans land which was part of a tract formerly granted to Robert Taliaferro, Dec'd.,

father of Robert Taliaferro, containing 739 acres patented March 17, 1673, adjoining the Patent of Grymes, Corbin, etc. (D. B. #17, p. 421). Francis, wife of Samuel Short, released her right of dower in this land through her attorney, Moseley Battaley, thus showing that Sarah Short had died and that Samuel had married again.

On July 25, 1646 Samuel Sallis and Jeffrey Power were ordered to take the list of tithables in Yorke Parish, York Co. (Va. Mag., vol. 17, p. 106; and Wm. & Mary Quar., 1st Series, vol. 22, p. 241). On Feb., 21, 1651 there was granted to Samuel Sallate (*sic*) and Robert Troliver (*sic*) (i. e., Samuel Sallis and Robert Taliaferro 800 acres of land in Gloster Co., for the transportation of 16 persons. (V. L. O., Book #2, p. 359). On Nov., 22, 1661. There was granted to Samuel Sollis (*sic*), son of Samuel Sollis, dec'd., 352 acres in Gloucester Co., formerly granted to Samuel Sollis, dec'd., March 25, 1655 and now due the abovenamed as son and heir of the said Samuel Sallis, dec'd. (V. L. O., Book #3, p. 534). On Dec., 1, 1662 there was granted to Samuel Sollis and Robert Tolliver 900 acres of land in Gloucester Co., a renewal of their patent dated March 26, 1655. Renewed now in the name of Tolliver alone (!). (Sallis being dead, of course.). (V. L. O., Booc #3, p. 534). On Sept., 16, 1664 Samuel Sallis was a headright of Paul Woodbridge who was granted 800 acres in Rappahannock County. (V. L. O., Book #4, p. 141).

On Sept., 21, 1667. Henry Corbyn was "content & fully satisfied with the Survey of my Lands, viz: 4000 acres made by Coll. John Catlett and Capt. Alexander Fleming & doe hereby oblige me & my heires in the penall sume of £1000 Sterling not to make any other Clayme than the bounds of the Land therein Expressed against Mr. Robert Taliaferro or his heires. Witness my hand and seale this 21st day of 7ber 1667. Henry Corbyn." Witnessed by: John Catlett, Alexander Fleming and John Buckner. Recorded 14 Die 9ber 1667 (O. B. #3, p. 303). On the same day the following was recorded: "Whereas 334 acres of land or thereabouts (the most west and the Houses of Mr. Robert Taliaferro, being a part of 500 acres by him purchased of Richard White, hath most Rightfully fallen into the survey of 4000 acres, taken up by Mr. John Gillett and others—and purchased by me Henry Corbyn). Now KNOW YEE that out of the singular affection & kindness I have to Mr. Robert Taliaferro & out of a Charitable respect to Mr. Richard White & for accordyng all Future contençon Betwixt the said White and Taliaferro—grant unto the said Taliaferro 334 acres. Witness my hand & seale this one & twentieth day of September, 1667 (*Ibid*). On Sept., 5, 1667 Richard White and Adria, his wife, sold to Robert Taliaferro of Gloucester Co., 1000 acres in Rappahannock Co., lying near the land of John Gillett, etc., for £20 Sterling money, three able servants & one mare. (*Ibid*, p. 79). On Nov., 7, 1667 there was an agreement between Henry Corbyn, Esq., and Mr. Robert Taliaferro concerning the land of the said Corbyn and *Taliaferro or Grymes*. John Catlett and

John Weire were witnesses. (D. B. #3, p. 305). On April 26, 1676. Henry Benson made a deed of gift to Charles Taliaferro, "Sonne to Mr. Robert Taliaferro, Dec'd.," of all right and interest in 1000 acres granted to him Oct., 5, 1673. (O. B. #6, p. 34). The witnesses were: David Jones, Francis and John Taliaferro. On March 27, 1678 Robert Taliaferro, dec'd., was mentioned. (Book 1677-1682, p. 166). He had died between 1667 and 1677, probably before 1672 when his wife (Katherine) deeded land to her son Robert Taliaferro, second of the name.

On Sept., 26, 1682. "Francis Taliaferro of Gloucester Co., Gent., Sonne & heir of Robert Taliaferro, late of the County of Rappahannock in the Colony of Virginia, Gent, Dec'd.—my deceased father joyntly with Lawrence Smith of ye County of Gloucester, Gent., did on ye 26th day of March, 1666, take up survey & pattent 6300 acres of land being of the aforesaid County of Rappahannock—for love and affection to my brother John Taliaferro of Rappahannock Co., Gent., and for the future advancement of my said brother (he being now intending by the permission of Almighty God to marry with Sarah, daughter of Lawrence Smith) have given & granted to the said John Taliaferro 1000 acres of the abovesaid Divident." (D. B. #7, p. 7). On the same day Francis deeded to his brother Richard and Charles 1600 acres of this same patent (*Ibid*). On Feb., 7, 1682, Francis Taliaferro of Gloucester Co., son and heir of Robert Taliaferro of Rappahannock Co., dec'd., deeded to his brother John 1000 acres on Snow Creek, being part of the same patent of 6300 acres "which patent was divided as per agreement between the two patentees on May 16, 1667." (Book 1680-1688, p. 11). On Feb., 13, 1686. John Taliaferro, son of Robert Taliaferro, dec'd., of Gloucester Co., and Sarah, his wife, daughter of Lawrence Smith of Gloucester Co., were mentioned. (*Ibid*, p. 11). On March 2, 1686 "Mr. Robert Taliaferro" was guardian to Charles and Catherine Taliaferro, his brother and sister. (*Ibid*, p. 16). On April 14, 1687, Robert Taliaferro and Sarah, his wife, deeded to John Battaile 300 acres, one half of 600 acres bequeathed by Col. John Catlett, dec'd., to his daughters Elizabeth and Sarah Catlett, which Sarah, now Sarah Taliaferro, is one of the parties to these presents. (*Ibid*, p. 314).

June 1, 1687. Whereas John Battaile who married Catherine, one of the daughters if Mr. Robert Taliaferro, Dec'd., made humble suit to this court to be possessed with all & singular the estate of his said wife in the hands of Mr. Robert Taliaferro, her Guardian. The Court have thereupon ordered that Mr. George Hazlewood & Mr. John Catlett some time between this & next Court held for the County of Rappahannock do meet at the house of the said Robert Taliaferro & that then & there they equally divide all & every the Estate of the said Catherine & Charles Taliaferro, her brother, now in the hands of the said Robert Taliaferro & after such division made the said John Battaile be forthwith vested in right of the said Catherine his wife with one half part of the said Estate as it was received

by the said Robert from Coll. Cadwallader Jones, their former guardian. (*Ibid*, p. 35). June 1, 1687. Whereas Mr. Robert Taliaferro who married one of the daughters of Col. John Catlett and Elizabeth his wife both deceased—the said Elizabeth by her last Will & testament did give & bequeath unto the said Sarah her daughter the fourth part of what money Sterling she had at the time of her decease remaining in the hands of Mr. John Munford of London, Merchant. The said Robert Taliaferro to be paid in right of his wife the fourth part of £53-5-0 Sterling money due her—resting in the hands of the said John Munford. (O. B. #2, p. 25.). June 6, 1688. Sarah Taliaferro, admx. of the estate of her deceased husband, Robert Taliaferro, made bond for administraiton with Francis and John Taliaferro as her bondsmen. (Book 1686-1692, p. 74.). On Jan., 26, 1688 there was mention of Francis Taliaferro and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Col. John Catlett, dec'd. (Book 1686-1692, p. 413). Feb., 5, 1691. It was ordered that Charles Taliaferro be paid out of the Estate of Mr. Robert Taliaferro, Dec'd., £49-1-1 Sterling money, so much being put into the hands of the said Robert in his lifetime, being Guardian of the said Charles. (O. B. #2, p. 343). Evidently Charles had just come of age and so was born in 1670. His sister Catherine was also a minor at the death of their father. Whether she was older or younger than Charles does not appear, but if older she would have come of age before she married John Battaile in 1687 and so was probably born after 1676, the probable date of the birth of Charles. If born in 1672, she married at fifteen, which was by no means uncommon at that time. She died after Aug., 9, 1692 when she and her husband witnessed a deed from John Smith of Ware Parish, Gloucester Co., to John Taliaferro of St. Mary's Parish, Essex Co. (O. B. #1, p. 40). On Feb., 10, 1695, John Catlett, Francis Taliaferro, Samuel Sallis and Robert Kay were appointed to appraise the estate of John Buckner, dec'd. (D. B. #9, p. 6).

March 1, 1701, Francis Taliaferro and Elizabeth his wife, one of the daughters of Col. John Catlett, Dec'd., sold to Augustine Smith one moiety of a Pattent granted to John Catlett for 732 acres, Sept., 10, 1660, which land was left to his 2 daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, and divided by Mr. William Moseley in 1691 (D. & W. #10, p. 80).

We can rearrange the order of the children of the first Robert Taliaferro as follows:

1. Francis (d. 1710), who married Elizabeth Catlett (who died about 1716.).
2. John (d. 1720), who married Sarah Smith.
3. Mary, who seems to have died young or unmarried as she does not appear in the records.
4. Richard (d. 1712), who married Sarah ———.
5. Robert (d. 1687/8), who married Sarah Catlett, sister of Elizabeth Catlett (above).

6. Charles (1670-1734), who married Mary Carter.

7. Catherine (c1672-c1692), who married Col. John Battaile.

Robert Taliaferro, Jr., had an only son, Robert who married Margaret daughter of Richard Buckner of Essex County. Margaret may have been a second wife as the will of Lemuel Cox (1710) mentioned Robert Taliaferro and "his *now* wife Margaret." In 1710 Richard Taliaferro made bond to pay the legatees of Martha Winfield "late in New England deceased." They were: Richard, Martha and Catherine Taliaferro (his children). On Jan., 4, 1715, Thomas Turner (who in 1714 had married Martha Taliaferro) made bond to act as administrator of the estate of Richard Taliaferro, dec'd., with Nicholas Smith and John Lomas as his securities. The will of Sarah Taliaferro (widow of Richard) was dated Feb., 4, 1717/8 and probated Aug., 6, 1718. It mentioned a son Richard and 3 daughters: Catherine, Sarah and Martha. (Richmond County records.). On May 19 1721. The estate of Richard Taliaferro, dec'd., was ordered to be inventoried and his last will probated on a petition of Thomas Turner and Martha his wife. (*Ibid.*) This was Richard, son of Richard and Sarah Taliaferro. In 1726 the King George County records mentioned him as deceased and stated that his sister Catherine was then the wife of Rice Hooe (of Stafford County.).

Aug., 13, 1713. Charles Taliaferro became security for Edward and Elizabeth Evans. The will of Richard Kemp (dated Jan., 30, 1713 and probated May 13, 1714) mentioned his daughter Ann, born Aug., 13, 1694; daughter Rachel born April 3, 1696; son Richard, born April 6, 1699. (W. B. #14, p. 248). Of these children Anne married Charles Taliaferro and Rachel married Richard Gatewood.

Aug., 19, 1718. Margaret, wife of Robert Taliaferro of the Parish of St. Mary's in the County of Essex, gave power of attorney to John Taliaferro to release her title and claim in land sold by her husband to Thomas Catlett. (D. & W. #15, p. 210). May 7, 1723, Robert Taliaferro sold to James Noell a parcel of woodland in St. Anne's Parish (it being all ye land I hold there excepting 100 acres that I sold to Henry and Thomas Samuel). The land was formerly taken up by John Catlett, Gent., by Patent bearing the date of Sept., 10, 1660, and by the said John Catlett given to his daughters Sarah and Elizabeth, the moiety of which doth now of right belong to the said Robert Taliaferro, being son and heir of the said Sarah. Margaret, wife of Robert, released her right of dower in the said land. (D. B. #17, p. 200). June 18, 1723, Robert Taliaferro sold to Paul Micou, Surgeon, land left him by his father, Robert Taliaferro, dec'd. (*Ibid.*, p. 184). The will of one Robert Taliaferro was dated Dec., 3, 1725 and probated June 21, 1726. He was "of St. Paul's Parish, Stafford Sounty." It mentioned brothers John, William, Richard and Francis and sister Agatha; nephews Francis and John, son of brother John Taliaferro. This was Robert, son of Francis and Elizabeth (Catlett) Taliaferro. The "sister

Agatha" was his sister-in-law, the wife of his brother John. She was the mother of the two nephews mentioned in the will, viz: Francis and John Taliaferro (1710-1756).

The brother Robert mentioned in the will of Zachary Taliaferro was the Robert who died in Stafford County in 1726 (as has been stated. Zachary (or Zachariah) Taliaferro to have died during the same year (1726) in Essex County, although his will, for some unknown reason, was not probated until 1745. On Aug., 28, 1690 there was granted to Mr. John Taliaferro 393 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres of land in Rappahannock County on the north side of the river, near Francis Hailes (Northern Neck Land Book A., p. 22).

The inventory of Francis Taliaferro, dec'd., was appraised by James Harrison, Larkin Shew, William Williams and Robert Kay, Aug., 31, 1710 and presented at court by Elizabeth, his widow. The value was £374-7-2. On Oct., 10, 1710, Elizabeth made bond as administratrix. (Deeds, etc. #13, pps. 358-60). Her estate was appraised by John Ellitts, Robert Thomas and John Bourne, May 22, 1717 (D. & W. #15, pps. 55-7). On the same day an account of the settlement of the Estate of James Thelwall (Funeral charges, etc.), Elizabeth Taliaferro, dec'd., Executrix, was filed by John Taliaferro, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Taliaferro, dec'd. (*Ibid*, p. 59). March 20, 1716/7. Know all men by these presents that we, John Taliaferro & Thomas Catlett, are firmly bound unto William Woodford, Leo, Tarent, Reuben Welch, Aug Smith, William Dangerfield and Thomas Waring, Gent., Justices of Essex County. The matter was the administration of the estate of Elizabeth Taliaferro, dec'd. (D. & W. #15, p. 19). Thus it is shown that Elizabeth, widow of Francis Taliaferro, died in or about 1716, some six years after the death of her husband.

The will of John Taliaferro was dated June 1, 1715 and was probated June 21, 1720 (W. B. #3, p. 159). He was of St. Mary's Parish, Essex County. To his sons Lawrence and John he left the plantation he lived on and negroes. To daughter Mary a ring of 20 shilling value. To daughter Elizabeth 78 pounds sterling, part of a portion presented to her on marriage. To son Charles 300 acres and one moiety of a tract of land taken up and patented in partnership with brother Francis Taliaferro, dec'd. To son Robert 675 acres, one moiety lying in Golden Vale Swamp. To son Richard one moiety of land he (testator) lived on. To son William, after the decease of his (testator's) wife, the other moiety of this land. Son John to make sure the lower moiety of land sold to deceased brother Francis, deed for same not having been recorded. "My will is that my whole Estate be equally divided among my loving wife and 7 children (Viz.) Charles, Sarah, Robert, Zachariah, Catherine, Richard and William. All of these equal parts to be severed from the other until the owner arrive at the age of one and twenty, or the girls be married. I appoint my sons Charles, Robert, Zachariah, Richard and William Executors of my Estate." Wit-

nessed by John Sutton (who died before the will was probated), Thomas Evans and Henry Brice.

In Nov., 20, 1721 Zachary (*sic*) Taliaferro made a deed to Lawrence Taliaferro and John Battaile relinquishing "his whole right to his father's (John Taliaferro) estate." (Book 1718-1721, p. 326). On May 7, 1726 Lawrence Taliaferro made his will which was probated June 21, 1726. It mentioned daughters Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary and Alice; sons John and William; brother John. The will of Zachariah Taliaferro, while dated Feb., 1, 1721/2, was not probated "until some years after his death". May 21, 1745, in Essex County. It mentioned his youngest brothers Richard and William; "cousins" Kemp and Mildred Taliaferro; brother Robert.

July 19, 1726. Know all men by these presents that we, John Taliaferro, Francis Conway and John Taliaferro of the Mount, are held and firmly bound unto John Lomax, William Dangerfield, Salvator Muscoe & Benjamin Robinson, Gent., Justices of Essex County in the sum of fifteen hundred Pounds Sterling, etc. This bond was for the administration on the estate of Charles Taliaferro, dec'd. (W. D. I. #4, p. 153). Aug., 22, 1726. Pursuant to an order of Court dated 16th day this Instant We the Subscribers being first sworn before Mr. Thomas Catlett to set apart the Est. of Charles Taliaferro, dec'd., from the Est. of Edward Evans and to appraise the same and then to set apart the Dower of the widow of the said Dec'd Charles do proceed as follows Viz (list of negroes furniture, horses, etc.). Twenty five sheep which on the evidence of Robert Taliaferro & James Sullenger were on the plantation of Charles Taliaferro at the time of his death which James Noell refused to have appraised for he said there were none on the said plantation at the time the said Evans Dec'd married the said Charles Taliaferro's Dec'd widow. (John Taliaferro, admr.). John Catlett, Fran: Kay, Jno: Roy and Fra: Conway. (*Ibid*, p. 186). The inventory and appraisement were returned to court on Sept., 20, 1726 (*Ibid*, p. 186) and on March 19, 1728/9 an additional appraisement of the hogs of Charles Taliaferro dec'd was recorded, having been filed by the appraisers: Fra: Conway, John Catlett, John Roy and John Taliaferro, admrs. (*Ibid*, p. 286).

The inventory of Francis Taliaferro (1710), filed by his widow Elizabeth showed: Imprimis Negroes, Furniture, etc.: in the Hall, in the Chamber, in the small Chamber, in the Parson's Room (*sic*), in the Kitchen, Wearing apparel, Cattle, etc.

It is to be understood that all records before 1692 refer to Old Rappahannock County which was that year divided into Essex and Richmond Counties. The former county continues the Rappahannock records at Tappahannock while the Richmond County records are filed at Warsaw. My thanks are due Mrs. Thomas R. Shelton of Wheeling, West Va., who suggested this article, and who furnished some of the material used in it.