

## NELSON OF HANOVER

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH  
REPORT NO I, 21 March 1978

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ASSIGNMENT: Ten hours; received Feb 11, 1978; complied with, herewith.

TAPESTRY :

Mr. Jack Nelson, of Decatur, Georgia (hereafter called "client") desires as much information as possible on a certain EDWARD NELSON, born circa 1690, who emigrated from England to Virginia in the period 1714 to 1718; of his family and more specifically of his grandson, PETER CARR NELSON, born in Hanover County, Virginia 1757 (died 1827).

Client states that family tradition and information indicates his lineal descent as follows (charted for easier comprehension): -

- I EDWARD NELSON, born ca 1690 Essex Co, England; settled in New Kent Co VA ca 1714-1718; married 1719 MARY GARLAND.
- II JAMES NELSON (eldest son; born ca 1724)
- III REV PETER CARR NELSON, b ca 1757; d 1827; m 1789 NANCY LAWRENCE: Episcopal priest for 20 years at Old Fork Church Hanover Co VA.
- IV DR ROBERT ANDREW NELSON, graduate of W & M and Univ of MD, removed to Mercer Co, Kentucky...
- V JOHN NELSON (grandfather of client)....

Client also wishes to explore, if possible, the records of a certain DABNEY CARR who married a sister of Thomas Jefferson and who had a son named Peter Carr, born 1770, for some possible degree of relationship.

NELSON OF HANOVER COUNTY, VA

Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, Marriages of Some Virginia Residents (I) Vol 5, P 96 -

CAPTAIN EDWARD NELSON, (Surgeon), born 1690 Essex County, England, son of JAMES NELSON; settled in New Kent County, VA, 1718; married 1719 MARY GARLAND, daughter of EDWARD GARLAND and MARY JANE JENNINGS, his wife.

Note by CHH: The references for the above information is cited by Mrs Wulfeck as *Tylers Quarterly*, Vol 26, p 172 and Vol 27, pps 35-36.

Ibid, p 97 -

EDWARD NELSON JUNIOR - born 1727, son of CAPTAIN EDWARD NELSON and MARY GARLAND, his wife; married 1748 MARY HARRIS, born 1727 (Ref: 26 T, p 272 and 27 T p 37)

Ibid, page 97 -

JAMES NELSON, born 1723; died 1803; son of CAPTAIN EDWARD NELSON and MARY GARLAND, his wife; married 1750 in Hanover County, VA, KEZIAH HARRIS, born ca 1730, daughter of WILLIAM HARRIS (JUNIOR) (References: 2T pps 270, 272, 273; 27 T p 37; History of Louisa Co VA by Malcolm H. Harris) etc...

Ibid, page 96 -

EDWARD NELSON 3 married his cousin, AMELIA NELSON, born 1761, daughter of JAMES NELSON and KEZIAH HARRIS, his wife ..(Ref: 27 T p 37)-

Ibid, page 97 -

JAMES NELSON JUNIOR, 3 born 1755; died 1832 Louisa Co, VA, son of JAMES NELSON and KEZIAH HARRIS, his wife; married (1st)- 1792 ELIZABETH LAWRENCE; (2nd) 14 Oct 1795 MARY OVERTON (b 10 Aug 1761; d 1849-50) daughter of CAPTAIN JAMES OVERTON and MARY WALLER, his wife; married (3rd) - 1800- NANCY CLAYBROOK.

[Note by mlnjohnson - presume this means Nancy b 1800, as Wife #2 d 1849-50] (Refs: 26 T p 272; 27 T p 37; Hist of Louisa Co, VA 1936) by Malcolm H Harris)...

Ibid, page 98 -

REV PETER NELSON, 3, MINISTER - born 1757; died 15 February 1827; son of JAMES NELSON and KEZIAH HARRIS, his wife... married 4 December 1789 ANN (OR NANCY) LAWRENCE, born 1769; died 1814; DAUGHTER OF

EDWARD LAWRENCE AND FRANCES (FANNY) TAYLOR, his wife... (Refs: 26 T pp 37-38, 272) -

(Note: Two other sons of JAMES and KEZIAH (HARRIS) NELSON are listed:  
THOMAS NELSON b 1774 married (1) Helen Honeyman (2nd) Judith Owen and  
WILLIAM NELSON b 17\_\_ m 1777 MILDRED DAY... (Refs: 27 T p 37-38)...

## NELSON FAMILY RECORDS

### DISCUSSION:

In addition to the marriage records and other items quoted as references from "Tylers Quarterly" (supra) the best evidence and documentation found by this compiler concerning CAPTAIN EDWARD NELSON and client's direct line of descent is contained in "NELSON FAMILY RECORDS - HANOVER COUNTY, VA" which is at present in the safe custody of the VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA and an account of which has recently been rendered in the Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly, Vol 16 (Jan 1978) pps 14 - 15 from which we now quote: -

I "EDWARD NELSON, son of JAMES NELSON, ESQ., of ESSEX COUNTY, near London, England, was born 1790. His parents, dying while he was very young, was taken care of by an uncle. Having the acquaintance of a sea captain, the pictures of ocean adventures so dazzled his boyish imagination that he ran away from home, to sail with the Captain when he was only 14 years old. He followed the sea for 14 years, becoming the Captain of a vessel (from which he obtained his title of "Captain"). He came to Virginia and settled on Little River about 1718. (Note by compiler: this was in New Kent County in that portion which became Hanover County in 1720-21 when it was formed as a new county). He married 1719 MARY, daughter of EDWARD and JANE (JENNINGS) GARLAND and had issue: -

1. ELIZABETH, b 1720, m 1737 CHARLES THOMPSON
2. JAMES, b 1723; m KIZIAH HARRIS, d 1803 (of whom more later) -
3. SARAH, b 1725; married 1745 JAMES COSBY -(d. before April 1, 1793
4. EDWARD, b 1727; m 1748 MARY HARRIS
5. REBECCA, b 1729; m JOHN WADDY, d 1810
6. NANCY, b 1731; m WILLIAM OVERTON HARRIS
7. MARY, b 1733; m GEORGE CLOUGH, Clerk of Hanover Co
8. AMY, b 1736; m ROBERT SYDNOR

GARLAND EXCURSUS:

QUIT RENTS OF 1704 ( LANDOWNERS OF VIRGINIA ) -

EDWARD GARLAND                      NEW KENT CO                      2600 ACRES

*Vestry Book of St Peter's Parish, New Kent Co VA (1684-1786)* pub by Virginia State Library, page 357.

EDWARD, SON OF EDWARD GARLAND, BORN 26 MAY 1700. Baptized 8 JULY 1700 -

*Vestry Book of St Paul's Parish, Hanover County, VA, (1706-1786)*, pub by Virginia State Library -

(Note by compiler: The name of EDWARD GARLAND is indexed 129 times in this volume) -

Page 7 - 24 February 1705/06 - David Crawford and EDWARD GARLAND are listed as Church Wardens of St Paul's Parish, New Kent County, VA, he continues to be so listed in the years 1706 and 1707. He is elected and listed as a member of the Vestry in 1708 and continues so, each year, through the year 1718 when ROBERT JENNINGS is elected in his place.

(ibid p 84) 30 March 1719 Major Nicholas Meriwether and MR. EDWARD GARLAND elected Church Wardens for the ensuing year

(ibid, p 89) 3 July 1720 WHEREAS it has been a custom for every Church Warden to continue two years in office and MR. EDWARD GARLAND, who was Church Warden last year, being very ailing...it is ordered...etc

(ibid, p 94) 21 May 1721 - MR PETER GARLAND, was admitted a Vestryman in room of MR. EDWARD GARLAND, DECEASED and had the oath, usually administered, to him by Major Nicholas Meriwether...etc...

ibid, page 271 -

At a Vestry held 22 August 1727 it is ordered that the lands of CAPTAIN GARLAND, JOHN GARLAND - EDWARD GARLAND JR - CARR'S ORPHANS - COL PAGE - (other named) being made one precinct, that CAPTAIN PETER GARLAND and JOHN GARLAND see the said lands processioned.

Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, op cit., Vol 3, page 77 -

EDWARD GARLAND married MARY JANE JENNINGS (probably New Kent Co). Their daughter, MARY GARLAND, was born 1698 (Reference given as *Tylers Qtly*, Vol 4, p 45 and Vol 26, p 272 and Vol 27 pp 36-37) - (Mary is your ancestress and married Captain Edward Nelson)...

NOTE BY CHH: It may be mentioned here that most of the records of New Kent and Hanover Counties have been lost or destroyed and anything found is of the utmost importance and interest.

Virginia Historical Society, op cit., (NELSON FAMILY RECORDS)

JAMES NELSON [2]\_(SON OF CAPT EDWARD [1] )

2. JAMES NELSON AND KESIAH (HARRIS) NELSON HAD ISSUE:

- i. ANN NELSON, b 1752; married (1st) THOMAS BAKER (2nd) GEORGE DABNEY (3rd) JOHN KING - died 1810
- ii. WILLIAM NELSON, [b 21 April 1754 d 30 June 1831, buried on Wingfield's farm ; married 1777 MILDRED DAY d 3 June 1806.
- iii. JAMES NELSON, b 1755; married (1st) ELIZABETH LAWRENCE (2nd) MARY OVERTON; (3rd) NANCY CLAYBROOK
- iv. PETER NELSON (REV), b 1757; d 18 Feb 1827; married 1789 NANCY LAWRENCE (of whom more later)
- v. REBECCA NELSON, b 1759; married 1 Feb 1781 JOHN WINGFIELD
- vi. MILDRED NELSON, B 1761; married EDWARD NELSON.
- vii. SARAH NELSON, b 1763; married MINOR QUARLES
- viii. MARTHA NELSON, b 1765; died unmarried
- ix. ELIZABETH NELSON, b 1767; married JOHN TIMBERLAKE
- x. JEMIMA NELSON, b 1769; married SAMUEL COBB
- xi. MARY NELSON, b 1771; died unmarried
- xii. THOMAS NELSON, b 1774; married (1st) HELEN HONEYMAN (dau of DR. ROBERT HONEYMAN)\* (2nd) JUDITH OWEN  
(\* See Dr. Honeyman's letter & journals

ibid: [Child No. iv above, REV PETER NELSON (Gen 3) son of James Nelson & Keziah Harris (Gen 2) and grandson of Edward Nelson and Mary Garland (Gen 1)]

REV PETER NELSON graduated from William & Mary College; was ordained a minister of the Episcopal Church; taught a select Classical School at "Wingfield", Hanover County; was baptized 1808 by Rev Andrew Broaddus, D. D., and ordained a minister of Congress (or Elder) in the Baptist Church. He and his wife NANCY LAWRENCE had issue:-

1. JOHN NELSON [COLONEL]
2. ELIZABETH NELSON married REV. THOMAS A FOX, a teacher  
[Note: This information given by Jack Lee Nelson, not the compiler]
3. PETER NELSON
4. FRANCES NELSON [The compiler, CHH, listed her as md Rev Fox]
5. MARY NELSON
6. JAMES NELSON
7. ANDREW NELSON (This is Dr Robert Andrew Nelson, client's ancestor)
8. WILLIAM NELSON

HARRIS EXCURSUS: -

Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, op cit., Vol 3, p 223 -

WILLIAM HARRIS, BORN 1669; died before 1730; SON OF ROBERT HARRIS and his wife, MARY CLAIBORNE, married circa 1695 TEMPERANCE OVERTON, born 2 March 1679; died 19 February 1719; daughter of WILLIAM OVERTON and his wife, ELIZABETH WATERS.  
(Reference Tylers Qtly, Vol 26 p 272; Vol 27, p 303)

Ibid, page 224 -

WILLIAM HARRIS JUNIOR, son of WILLIAM AND TEMPERANCE (OVERTON) HARRIS, born before 1710; married (probably \_\_\_\_\_ BURNETT?)  
(Ref: History of Louisa Co by Malcolm H. Harris, p 349)

Ibid, page 224 -

WILLIAM OVERTON HARRIS (born 1730) married ANN (NANCY) NELSON, born 1731, daughter of EDWARD and MARY (GARLAND) NELSON; (Ref; 26 T p 272; 27 T p 37) -

Vestry Book of St Peter's Parish, New Kent Co, VA (1684-1786) by VA State Library, page 360

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"BIRTHS"

|                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ELIZABETH, DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM HARRIS | Baptized 27 Nov 1698  |
| GEORGE, SON OF WILLIAM HARRIS         | Baptized 13 Apr 1701  |
| JOHN, SON OF WILLIAM HARRIS           | Baptized 18 Mar 170__ |

Louisa Co, VA, Deed Book "B" (1754-1759) pp 491-492

23 May 1748 - Indenture in which Charles Barret, Gent., and Mary, his wife, of Louisa County, sell to WILLIAM HARRIS, OF ST MARTIN'S PARISH, HANOVER CO. for £ 90 - 380 acres of land in Louisa County...on Licking Hole Branch...  
Recorded 23 August 1753.

Ibid, pages 298-300 -

24 April 1759 - Indenture in which WILLIAM HARRIS JUNIOR AND HENERITTAH (SIC) his wife, (signed HENRITA) of Fredericksville Parish, Louisa County, sell to Martin Baker, of Hanover County, for £ 325 - a tract of land in Louisa County containing 350 acres, BEING PART OF A 1,500 ACRE TRACT

GRANTED BY PATENT DATED 24 MARCH 1725 TO WILLIAM HARRIS, FATHER OF THE SAID WILLIAM HARRIS JR, WHO GAVE IT TO HIS SON IN HIS LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT RECORDED IN HANOVER COUNTY...on the North fork of Little River...mouth of Horsepen Swamp...on Benjamin Bibb's line...etc...Recorded same day.

DISCUSSION:

A letter to Mrs. Charles E. Dille, 2601 Park Avenue, Cairo, Illinois, dated 1 August 1929 from Professor W. E. Dickinson, University of West Virginia, Morgantown, West VA, charts the HARRIS PEDIGREE as follows:

I  
MAJOR ROBERT HARRIS married (Mrs) MARY (CLAIBORNE RICE, WIDOW  
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CAPTAIN WILLIAM HARRIS married ca 1695 TEMPERANCE OVERTON, born 2  
March 1679; died 9 Feb 1710 - ISSUE: -

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- i. ROBERT OVERTON HARRIS, b 1696? d 1765 m Jan 1720  
MOURNING GLENN
  - ii. ELIZABETH HARRIS, baptized Nov 1698
  - III. GEORGE HARRIS, baptized 13 Apr 1701
  - iv. JOHN HARRIS, baptized 28 March 1703; married Miss (\_\_\_\_)  
CLOUGH
  - v. BENJAMIN HARRIS, died 1765
  - vi. FREDERICK, born 1705
  - vii.. WILLIAM HARRIS JUNIOR, born 1707 - married HENRIETTA  
and had issue:

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- a. JOHN HARRIS
  - b. WILLIAM OVERTON HARRIS, b 1730, d 1789; married 1752  
ANN (NANCY) NELSON, b 1731; dau of EDWARD  
NELSON, immigrant
  - c. FREDERICK HARRIS, m a cousin, ELIZA TERRELL -

- d. KEZIAH HARRIS, m 1750 JAMES NELSON (1723-1803) son  
of EDWARD NELSON, an immigrant
- e. ANN HARRIS m WILLIAM DAY
- f. TEMPERANCE HARRIS - m SAMUEL BAKER

Professor Dickinson stated that Mrs. Virginia Armistead Garber, of Richmond, VA gave him the above "NELSON" data and also verified his Armistead Churchill data.

RECORDS OF REV. PETER CARR NELSON

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST:

Fothergill & Naugle, Virginia Taxpayers, page 92 -

PETER NELSON     King & Queen County     1782 (himself and one slave)

COMMENT:

This may or may not be your ancestor, Rev Peter Nelson. However, in 1782 he was approximately 25 years of age and should appear as a taxable adult resident of some Virginia county. The above citation is the only "PETER" so listed.

Bishop William Meade, Old Churches, Ministers, and Families of Virginia, Vol. I, page 420 -

...In the year 1789 the REV PETER NELSON, of the same name, though of a different family, from those who formed a part of his congregation, was the minister of St Martin's and the Rev Mr. Talley was minister of St Paul's. MR NELSON, according to the journal, was (still) minister in 1799 and sometime after that united himself to the Baptist Church...

E. G. & P. G. Glazebrook, "Hanover Migrations (Virginia Migrations), Introduction page iii [See further]

John Boswell was born 14 September 1771; died 1815. It is believed that he attended the classical school conducted by the REV. PETER NELSON...etc... His brother, Chapman Johnson, born 15 March 1779, Louisa County, studied for two years at the classical school conducted by the REV PETER NELSON, probably at "Wingfield" on the Little River in Hanover County...etc...

Ibid, Vol II, page 102 -

ABSENTEE LANDOWNERS - 1814

PETER NELSON 970 acres Hanover Co Present Residence CAROLINE COUNTY

COMMENT: The clerk has a marginal note that 297 acres was conveyed to J. Thornton which means he had a total of 1267 acres in this tract at one time. I have been unable to find any further records of Rev Peter in either King & Queen or in Caroline County which are lost record counties. In the above record the clerk further identifies the 970 acre tract as being 17 miles west of the courthouse and adjoining lands of WILLIAM NELSON and ROBERT HONEYMAN... Also, of interest is an item found in Edward Pleasants Valentine, Valentine Papers, Vol I, p 69 - "Will of Izard Bacon, of Henrico County, VA, dated 23 December 1815 in which (among other legatees) he bequeaths £ 15 "TO MY FRIEND, MR. NELSON, SCHOOLMASTER".

CARR EXCURSUS:

Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, op cit., Vol 2, page 25 -

DABNEY CARR, born 26 October 1743 Albemarle County, VA, died there 16 May 1773...Son of Colonel John Carr and his wife, BARBARA OVERTON... married 20 July 1765 MARTHA JEFFERSON, born 1746; died 1811; daughter of Peter Jefferson and Jane Randolph, his wife and sister of Thomas Jefferson.

Rev William Douglas, The Douglas Register, Goochland Co, VA page 168 -

BIRTHS OF CHILDREN OF DABNEY CARR (KERR) AND MARTHA JEFFERSON

|                       |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| MARY AND LUCY (twins) | 7 Mar 1768  |
| PETER                 | 2 Jan 1770  |
| SAMUEL                | 9 Oct 1771  |
| DABNEY                | 27 Apr 1773 |

DISCUSSION:

As can be readily seen, Dabney Carr was only 14 years older than Rev Peter Carr Nelson. It is certainly possible that Dabney and Rev Peter were of some degree of relationship but if so it could not have been through a marriage connections between the "Carrs" and the "Nelsons". It would have to be thru a maternal line, probably the "OVERTON" line connected with the "HARRIS" line (See Harris Excursus, page \_\_\_ this report). There was not time enough to go into this SPECULATION further but it does seem to be an interesting possibility. If further pursuit in the future is undertaken it might be well to search for a hypothetical PETER CARR living in a generation earlier than 1757 (when Rev Peter Nelson was born).

[Handwritten note added here by (either) Charles Hughes Hamlin or Jack Lee Nelson: "See my research notes proving them 2nd cousins once removed, through Harris \_\_\_ Overton & ?Garland line]

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

It seems very likely that client's immigrant ancestor, EDWARD NELSON (Gen I) must have been a mariner and Captain of a ship at one time. There is no evidence at all that he was a "SURGEON" [See below \*] and it is very unlikely that he could have been one if he ran away to sea when he was age 14. The evidence we have at present is that he was born in Essex County, England, and was a son of JAMES NELSON, ESQ., of that place who died after 1690 and before 1704. To pursue this lineage further will require research in Essex County, England records and preferably Parish Records first for births, deaths, and marriages. These records would not be available in Virginia.

\*[ Jack Lee Nelson mentioned that according to books he has read on slavery, the Captain would often be required to examine the slaves as to their fitness, thus 'acquiring' a self-styled 'Surgeon' designation. See Sources # 8. See P 16/17 mlnj]

[Charles Hughes Hamlin's "Nelson of Hanover" report was requested by his client, Jack Lee Nelson, FTDNA Nelson Project, Kit #62734. Retyped by Mary Lu Nelson Johnson, pages 1-12. Below is supplemental research of Jack Lee Nelson.

EXCERPTS/SOURCES FROM RESEARCH OF JACK LEE NELSON,  
SUPPLEMENTING CHARLES HUGH HAMLIN'S REPORT [20 pages from  
books, magazines, quarterlies, other publications - Mary Lu Nelson Johnson]

1. Map of Hanover County, Virginia drawn by Dianne A. Jones, found at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~vahanove/>
2. *Tyler's Quarterly Magazine*, pp 45 and 46, "SYDNOR FAMILY . Bible Records.
3. *William and Mary Quarterly, Series 1, Vol XX (1911-1912)*. Query by Mrs. Blanche Sydnor Robinson, of Danville, VA regarding ancestry of Fortunatus Sydnor and relationship to William Sydnor.
4. *Some Ancient Landowners in St. Martin's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia*

Page 81: Mentions Ann Nelson... "Her forebears were Edward Nelson, Sr., son of James Nelson of Essex and London who settled on the Little River in Hanover. Edward m. Mary Garland, dau of Edward & Jane (Jennings) Garland (Bible Record: Nelson, Garland, Jennings, Virginia Historical Society). Ann is named in this Bible record as Nancy, b. 1731. This family lived at "Wingfield" on the north side of the Little River, a beautiful old home destroyed by lightning c. 1980-81, which stood across the river from 'Offley'. See photo of house & copy 1717 plat made by James Walker, evidently of the house tract."

Page 182: Discussion of home belonging to William C. Winston, known as Woodland, across the Little River Valley, Hanover Co.

"Buried at 'Woodland' with stones are

"Wm C Winston 3 Nov 1803 - 18 June 1880...

"Sarah S, wife of Wm C Winston 12 Feb 1808 - 18 June 1880

"Henry Robinson Winston...

"Lewis Coleman Winston...

"William Nelson of 'Humanity Hall' m. Nov 12, 1777 Milly Day (marriage bond is in old records in office at 'Scotchtown, listed next to that of Patrick Henry). (Was she a widow?) They are buried at 'Wingfield'

"From Judge Leon Bazile's tombstone inscriptions at that place are the following:

"William Nelson b 11 April 1754 d. 30 June 1831

"Mildred Nelson, wife of William b. 21 July 1958 d. 3 June 1806

"Anne Livingston Nelson, dau. of Robert and Pamela Nelson [Footnote] b 7 Nov 1832 d. 4 April 1836

"Eliz G Ford, wife of Macon Ford, dau of Frances (Francis?) Harris b Sept 1797 d 13 Oct 1850

"Lenora G Ford, dau of Eliza G and Macon Ford...

[Footnote] "The 1846 plat of Humanity Hall shows Dr R H Nelson adj. on land that was 'Wingfield'. The 1850 Census named Ro. H. Nelson, physician, age 53; Pamela M. 42; Ro. C 8; Mildred D 5; Maria Harris 2; Grace 1 1/2. On 12 Dec 1831 Robert H. Nelson m. Pamela 51. Harris, dau. of Francis Harris, dec. Surety, Frederick Harris (Marriages of Louisa Co, VA 1815-1861, 55"

P. 285 [Full page reinforcing Charles Hughes Hamlin's research, excerpt only here]: "Keziah (Harris) Nelson, and m. in 1789 Nancy Lawrence, dau. of John Lawrence (q.v.) Peter's brother, James Nelson, m. in 1792, Nancy's sister, Eliz. Lawrence as his (1) wife, m. (2) Mary Overton, m. (3) Nancy Claybrook. Thos. Nelson, brother of Peter, m. (1) Helen, dau. of Robert Honeyman and (2) Judith Owen. The twelve children of James and Keziah Harris Nelson are named in the Nelson-Garland-Jennings Bible at the Va. Historical Society.."

##### 5. *The Armistead Family 1635-1910* 'NELSON EXCURSUS

[No indication of source, but "The Armistead Family" is mentioned earlier by CHH. Repeats early life of Edward Nelson:

"Edward Nelson, son of James Nelson, of Essex County, England, was born A.D. 1690...one sister Elizabeth, older than himself, their parents dying when they were very young...resided with an uncle who lived in a small village near London...one Sunday morning, feigned sickness...succeeded in getting on board the vessel...only fourteen years of age...adventurous life of fourteen years...landed in Virginia and settled on Little River, in the county of Hanover, then called New Kent. During his voyage he had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes...The year after landing in Virginia he married Mary Garland, the second daughter of Edward and Jane Garland... Issue, among others, James Nelson, who married in 1750 Keziah Harris. Issue, among others, Peter Carr Nelson, who married, December 4, 1789, Nancy Lawrence. Issue, among others, James Henry Nelson, who moved to Holly Springs, Miss., and married, November 26, 1840, Maria Courtney Goodrich (James). Issue, among others, William Cowper Nelson, who married, March 26, 1867, at Centenary Church, Richmond, Va. Mary Louisa Armistead, Daughter of Robert A. Armistead and Martha Anne Savage, of Hampton, Va. Issue: Martha Armistead Nelson; Maria Courtney Nelson, died June 17, 1871, Richmond, Va; James Henry Nelson, died September 4, 1872, Nashville, Tenn. | William Clarence Nelson, died May 14, 1876, Nashville, Tenn.; Mary Louise Nelson; Robert Armistead Nelson; Virginia Garber Nelson; Kinlock Falconer Nelson, died July 9, 1885, Nashville, Tenn.; Wilbur Armistead Nelson.

"Rev. Peter Carr Nelson, born 1757, was rector of St Mattins [sic] Parish, Hanover County, Va., in 1789. According to Bishop Meade's Old Families of Virginia he was still rector of the parish in 1799, and was pastor of the Old Fork Church in 1808 or 1809 according to Dr. Jeter's Baptist Ministers of Virginia. He was baptized by immersion, together with his wife, and connected

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"himself with the Baptist Church. He died February 15, 1827, and was buried at the Old Fork Church by the side of his wife, Nancy Lawrence, who died in May, 1814, in the forth-fifth year of her age.

"Rev. Peter Carr Nelson was educated by Mr. Anderson Bell, a Scotchman, who also educated the children of the Berkeleys and Pages. He entered William and Mary College (the University not then being endowed); graduated with great distinction. Soon after went to Philadelphia, took orders, and preached twenty years in the Old Fork Church (Episcopal), Hanover. He married Anne Lawrence, daughter of Mr. Edward Lawrence and Fannie Taylor, who was sister of Mr. Thomas Taylor, a prominent citizen of Richmond, Va., and first cousin to the Galts, Ellises, Harrisons"...

6. *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, Vol. V, No 1 [Jan. 1967], p. 15:

Tombstones in St. Martin's Parish - Copied by Honorable Leon M. Bazile

Cemetery on Wingfield's farm:

WILLIAM NELSON  
Born 11 April 1754  
Died 30 June 1831

MILDRED DAY NELSON  
Wife of William Nelson  
Born 21 July 1758  
Died 3 June 1806

ANNE LIVINGSTONE NELSON  
Daughter of  
Robert and Pamela Nelson  
Born 7 November 1832  
Died 4 April 1836"

7. "Printed from Family Archive Viewer; Virginia Vital Records, Register of St. James Northern Parish, Goochland County: Births @ Broderbund Software, Inc., Banner Blue Division, July 13, 2000 [P. 136 of printed source (?)]

"Col. Jo: Nelson's Family, Feb. 18, 1789:

Jo: Nelson & Fanny Armistead were married; Sept., 1765.  
Frances Anderson yr daughter was born.

Jo: Nelson & Rebecca Woodley were married. Issue: Sarah, Phillip, Ann, Hepzibah, Rebecca Woodley, Mary, Elizabeth, Mary, now dead, Lucy Eppes, William, Catherine Griffin, John, Solmon Hughes"

8. "THE GARLAND FAMILY: England, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Texas" [Printed Source (?), pp 497-503, most appears to have been taken from articles by W. E. Dickinson, professor at West Virginia University, printed in *The Times-Dispatch, Richmond*. Retyping ONLY the Lineage of Edward Garland, Sr. here, pps 499 & 500 - mlnjohnson]

"EDWARD GARLAND, Sr., probably the son of Peter Garland, was born before 1680 in New Kent Co., VA and died after writing his will 14 Mar 1719 [St. Paul's Vestry Book]...

"He was married by 1700 to (Mary) Jane Jennings (she is named Jane Hensley by some writers. It is not known if she had two marriages, or if there is an error...

genealogists listed their offspring as follows (order not known):

- A. John Garland of Hanover Co., b c1685. His will in Hanover dated 27 Jul 1731, mentions wife Ann and sons Peter, Robert, John, James and Nathaniel
- B. Sarah Garland, m. John Wingfield ca 1720.
- C. Martha Garland, b 1690 (?); d. 1749, m. John Cosby II ca 1710, Hanover Co, VA.
- D. James Cosby Garland, b. ca. 1695; in 1727 patented land adjoining his brother Edward; d. 1782.
- E. Mary Garland, b. 1698; m. 1719 EDWARD NELSON Hanover Co., VA. Issue [per W. E. Dickinson]:
  - 1. Elizabeth Nelson, b. 1720; m. Charles Thompson.
  - 2. James Nelson, b. 1722; m. Keziah Harris
  - 3. Sarah Nelson, b. 1725; m. James Cosby
  - 4. Edward Nelson II, b. 1727; m. Mary Harris
  - 5. Rebecca Nelson, b. 1731; m. John Waddy
  - 6. Nancy Nelson, b. 1731; m. Overton Harris
  - 7. Mary Nelson, b. 1732; m. George Clough
  - 8. Amy Nelson, b. 1736; m. Robert Sydner.
- F. Edward Garland II, b. 20 May 1700 New Kent Co., VA; bap. 8 Jul 1700...
- G. Elizabeth Garland, b. ca. 1690 or 19 Dec 1704...m (1) Daniel Truhart... (2) James Overton, brother of William Overton [Lists seven Overton ch].
- H. Peter Garland, b. ca. 1705; Sheriff of Hanover Co.
- I. Margaret "Peggy" Garland, m. (1st) William Overton (2nd) Malcolm Harris. [Lists four Overton ch].

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