

## Mason Wills in Maryland

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### RODHAM - MASON

Skordas shows Mathew Rodam transported to **Maryland** 1633-41 (ABH.61 and 1.27). Capt. George Evelyn was given a 1,200 acre manor in St. Mary's **County** for financing the transportation of 22 men into **Maryland**, mostly from Kent Island, including Matthew Rodham (FMP). [Early documentation from research of Mrs. Frances Rogers.]

The case of Claiborne vs. Clobery from Admiralty Court records in London, quoted by Eric Isaac in the **Maryland** Historical Magazine states:

Matthew arrived in **Maryland** with a group of 22 servants aboard the ships James and Revenge. Among those received in 1634 was Matthew Roadan; 1635, Matthew Raidon, hired out; 1636 Matthew Royden, hired out. (MHM 52.#2.108).

The term "hired out" refers to servants sent over by Clobery who were rented to freemen on Kent Island. 17 Feb 1641 Leonard Calvert listed 'Mathew Rodam, one that served later part of his time with the Hales" (ABH).

The story of the conflict between William Clayborne and his London backers, Clobery & Co., and the conflict between **Maryland** and Virginia over Kent Island is told in detail in The Flowering of the **Maryland** Palatinate by Harry Wright Newman.

28 Oct 1639; These are to certify all men whom it may concerne that Mathew Rhodon of the Isle of Kent in the Province of **Maryland** planter hath served his full time of Service due by covenant with William Clobery & Company of London, Merchants; Is/ Leonard Calvert (**Maryland** Commissioner Land Office, 3.18)

At the General Assembly at St. Mary's on 5 Sep 1642, among the freeman on Kent Island was Mathew Rodan who named Giles Brent as his proxy. He was on the lists of assessments 25 Nov and 16 Dec 1642 (Colonial and Revolutionay Lineages of America).

Mathew is said to have stayed on Kent Island for the next few years and on 18 Mar 1650 Samuell Smith claimed land in Northumberland Co., VA for transporting 11 persons including

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Mathew Rowdon (C&P). Less than a month later we find an application for land in **Maryland**:

9 Apr 1650; Mathew Rhodon demanded 100 acres of land for his own transportation into this province seven years since and 100 more as servant to Governor Calvert.

Warrant to lay out 200 acres for Mathew Rhodon on the Western Shore of Chesapeake Bay over against Kent or thereabouts by Michaelmas next (no documentation).

9 Dec 1662; Math. Rhodum obtained 350 acres in Northumberland Co., VA, for transporting 7 persons. 260 acres N. E. on a branch of King's Creek issuing out of Chycokoon River, adj. land of Mr. Hugh Lee and 70 acres adj. said land; 13 Sep 1654 renewal of patent (c&p).

Hugh Lee patented 393 acres 5 Apr 1660 Northumberland Co. which he assigned to Mathew Rhodam on 8 Jun 1664; this land was located between land of Capt. Rogers (called Col. [John] Mattom's land), and land of Col. Jno. Trussell (C&P).

The Bulletin of the Northumberland **County** Historical Society, Vol. X, No. 1, 1973, states that "starting in 1651 and continuing for at least 20 years," there is considerable mention of Matthew

Rodham in the records of Northumberland Co. The following statements are documented in the above bulletin.

On 8 Nov 1651 Hannah Lee (b. ca 1614), wife of Hugh Lee (b. 1609), gave a cow to Mathew's dau. named Hannah. Since the above land records prove that Rodham and the Lees were neighbors, this gift further suggests that Rodham married a Lee dau. and named a child for the mother-in-law.

Skordas states Hannah Lee, transported to **Maryland** prior to 1650, was the widow of Robert Hewett, now wife of Hugh Lee (3.17). The next entry show her transported prior to 1662, wife of Hugh Lee and mother-in-law of Matthew Rhodon (ABH.45). Hugh Lee is shown as 'of Checacone,' m. Hannah, widow of Robert Hewitt, sometime prior to 1650; and m. William Price prior to 1661 (6.215). Robert Hewett immigrated many years prior to 1650 (ABH.44 & 3.17). No Hewitt children are mentioned by Skordas or found in Northumberland records.

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On 20 Sep 1653 Matthew Rhoden made a deposition stating he was age ca 33 years old. He became a vestryman for Chicacoan Congregation and commissioner in 1655 and in 1656 was appointed a Justice of Northumberland Co.

Mathew Rodham, b. ca 1620 in England; d. by 3 Feb 1674/5; m. Elizabeth Lee; d. by 3 Feb 1674/5; d/o Hugh Lee and Hannah \_\_\_\_\_, b. ca 1614 [widow of Robert Hewitt who m/3 by 1661 William Price]; children of Mathew and Elizabeth were:

1. Elizabeth Rodham 3.  
Susannah Rodham
2. Hannah Rodham 4. Mary  
Rodham

Mr. Robert Mason granted probate of the will of Matthew Rodham; 3

Feb 1674/5 (Northumberland Order Book, 3.110A)

"This day the non-cupative will and testament of Mrs. Elizabeth Rodham was proved by the oathe of Hannah Lee & Ann Graves, witnesses to the said will & probate thereof granted Mr. Robert Mason on his petition, executor to the said will." Mentions Hannah Lee, age ca 60 years, and two younger daus. of Elizabeth Rhodon, namely Susannah and Mary; the latter placed in custody of Susanhah with John Coutenceau as "overseer" of Mary (Northumberland Order Book, 3.111).

1. Elizabeth Rodham; m. by 1664 Richard Kenner

1-1 ?Rodham Kenner; listing of the acct. of Susannah Mason 20 Mar 1706/7 includes "Colo. Rodham Kenner for one Million & Cannaway, debt in Virginia" (SMAA 148)

2. Hannah Rodham; m. by 1666 Christopher Neale

3. Susannah Rodham; d. ca 1716/7; m. by 1674/5 to Robert Mason, b. ca 1653, age ca 40 in 1693, High Sheriff of St. Mary's Co.; d. ca 1701; their children from wills:

3-1 Robert Mason

3-2 John Mason

3-3 Matthew Mason

3-4 Rodham Mason

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3-5 Elizabeth Mason

3-6 Susanna Mason

3-7 Mary Mason

Skordas gives several entries for men named Robert Mason being transported into **Maryland** in 1663, 1665, 1671 and 1672

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(7.370, 8.501-2, 16.437, 14.443). In 1677 Robert Mason immigrated to St. Mary's (50. and transported his wife Susan (15.433).

Robert Mason patented Salom in **Charles** Co. on 22 Sep 1685 (HM). The will of Luke Gardiner written in 1703 states: 'Sale of (Grimditch and Island belonging thereto to Jno. Mason confirmed, it having been purchased by his father, Thos. Mason, of St. Mary's Co.'" (MCW 111.54). Other documentation appears to confirm that "Thos.'" was not the father of John Mason.

Will of ROBERT MASON, St. Mary's Co.; written 1 Mar 1697; probate 9 Feb 1701/2

To son Robert, dwelling plantation Sewall, 100 acres Cook's Folly, 30 acres (unnamed) adjoining thereto; 60 acres Amhersley and 50 acres Stimhope's Neglect. In event of death of son Robert afsd. without issue, sd. land to pass to 2 young, daus. (unnamed) and their hrs.

To son John 500 acres, Grime's Ditch, Prince George's Co., and a small island adjoining sd. tract. In event of death of son John without issue, to revert to 3 daus. and their hrs.

To son Matthew, 593 acres, Paradise, Baltimore Co. In event of his death to revert to son Rodham

To son Rodham and hrs., Bloomberry and Dunbarr in Poplar Hill Hundred

To dau. Mary and hrs., Salop, Prince George's CO.

To 2 daus. who have no land personalty is devised in lieu of same Sons to be of age at 21 yrs.; daus. at age 16 yrs.

To wife Susanna, extx., and child, afsd., residue of estate

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Test: Rachel Rymer, Wm. Lowry, Wm. Harpham, Philip Clarke (MCW 11.227-8; Wills, 11.146)

Robert Mason, St. Mary's Co.; £732.19.2; £554.13.4; 20 Mar 1706; 2nd inventory £70.0.0; 3rd inventory 22.10.0; extx. Susanna Mason (I&A 26.275 and 27.155)

Robert Mason, St. Mary's CO.; account; £748.7.0; 25 Sep 1710; extx. Mrs. Susanna Mason (I&A 32b.241)

Joshua Guibert, extx. of Robert Mason; mentioned in the accounting of estate of Benjamin Inman of St. Mary's CO. 15 Jun 1704 (I&A 3.362)

14 Jan 1703 Susanna Mason of St. Mary's CO. bought 200 acres on St. Thomas Creek of Christian Temple Manor of 1,000 acres from Thomas Whichaley and Elizabeth his wife (CCLR Z.76)

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Will of SUSANNA MASON, widow of Robert Mason, gent., St. Mary's Co.; written 14 Jan 1716; probate 13 Feb 1716

To son Mathew and hrs., tract of 200 acres in **Charles** Co., conveyed to testator by Thos. Witcherly, being part of Christian Temple Manor

To dau. Mary, personalty

To grandson Robert Mason, two rings and personalty

To sons John and Mathew and daus. Elizabeth Rogers and Susanna Clarke, residue of estate equally

Ex.: Son John

Test: John Greenwell, Catherine Greenwell, Geo. Clarke, Edw. Morgan (MCW IV.99; Wills, 14.341)

Mrs. Susarmah Mason, St. Mary's Co.; L3183.19.1; 17 Jun 1717; nok M. Mason; legatee Robert Mason; ex. John Mason (I&A 37b.229)

Accounting of estate of Susanna Mason Aug 1719 shows disbursement of part of 1/4 part to John Rogers, for his wife Elisabeth, and part of 1/4 part to George Clarke for his wife Suzanne (SMAA)

3-1 Robert Mason, b. ca 1675 (est. from age of bro. Matthew); d. ca 1705;

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unmarried at time of death

Will of ROBERT MASON; written 14 Sep 1704; probate 27 Aug 1705

To mother Susanna, extx., all money in hands of Isaac Milner, of London

To all brothers and sister (undesignated), Dr. George Rigg, Mathew Rhody, Elizabeth Mason, all brothers and sisters (undesignated) and godson William Forrest, personalty

To 2 young, sisters, all tracts left testator by his deceased father -

Test: Geo. Rigg, Alice Morris, Wm. Cannaday (MCW 111.68; Willas, 3.673)

Robert Mason, St. Mary's Co.; account; L24.4.11; 31 May 1716; legatees: Matthew, Rodham, John, and Elisabeth (children of executrix); extx. Susannah Mason (mother) (I&A 37c.157 and 38b.6)

3-2 John Mason, b. ca 1677 (est. from age of bro. Matthew); d. 1717; m. by 1713 Mary Guibert; d. ?by 1717; d/o Joshua Guibert and Elizabeth Gerard (M&D); Joshua's 1713 will calls her 'dau. Mary' (MCW 111.252) and Elizabeth's will written 1715 states 'to dau. Mary Mason and hrs., being Protestant, and for want of such issue to next surviving Protestant heir, 150 acres afsd., it being a part of tract of waste land bought of Michael Curtis

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of St. Clement's Hundred' (MCW IV.69); inventory of Elizabeth Guibert of St. Mary's Co. lists Mathew Mason as next of kin (I&A 38b.30); no children mentioned in his will

Indenture, 2 Jun 1703; from Luke Gardiner, the elder of St. Mary's Co. to John Mason, s/o Robert Mason, late of St. Mary's Co., now residing in London, England; 580 acres of Grimes Ditch formerly in **Charles** Co.; granted 20 Feb 1693 by Cecilius, Lord Baltimore, to Robert Mason in his lifetime and by his last will to John Mason (PGLR C.72a)

Will of JOHN MASON, St. Mary's Co.; written 30 Sep 1717; probate 29 Oct 1717

To sister Susannah Clarke and her husband George, personalty, provided they care for sister Mary (Mason)

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To sisters Elizabeth Rogers and Susannah Clarke and their hrs., Mason's Purchase, being part of tract formerly called Cooke's Folly, divided as they see fit

To nephew Robert Mason, personalty, including 1/2 the stock on plantation Dunbar and Bloonsberry. L50 to be pd. him by Tobias Bowles, merchant, of Deale, Kent, and expended in his education, also all other lands in Md. or elsewhere; he not to sell either lands or negroes until he is 25 yrs. of age. Shd. he die before attaining age of 18, portion bequesthed him to revert to bro. Mathew and hrs., sd. bro. to pay nephew Rodham Rogers £25, and £25 to eldest child of sister Clarke arid.

To Mrs. Ann Waughop, £5 and personalty

To John Greenwill, full balance of accts.

To sisters, each 20s for mourning rings

To Stratford, bro. to Robert Mason, personalty

Ex.: bro. Mathew, residuary legatee, he to possess nephew Robert (his son) in the lands, stock and negroes at age of 18

Test: Geo. Gillespie, Tho. Waughop, Robt. Morley, Jas. Croxon

Codicil: 21 Oct 1717 to Mrs. Eliza. Smith, personalty

Test: William Sweale, Ka. Daliner (MCW IV.171; Wills, 14.648)

John Mason, St. Mary CO.; inventory; 25 Nov 1717; nok: George Clarks; ex. Matt. Mason (I&A 39(:.173)

3-3 Matthew Mason, b. ca 1689, age ca 30 in 1719 in **Charles** Co. (MD); m/1 \_\_\_\_\_; m/2 Mary \_\_\_\_; Matthew was one of the legatees in the 1687/8 will of John Evans (MCW II.25); 1718

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Matthew Mason was one of the justices of St. Mary's Co. (CCLR H#2.180); children:

33.1 Robert Mason 33-4 Elizabeth Mason  
33-2 Stratford Mason 33-5 Susanna Mason

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33-3 John Mason 33-6 Mary Mason

Indenture, 24 Oct 1719; Matthew Mason, Gent. of St. Mary's Co. conveyed Salup at Rock Creek to William Meria Farthing; containing 300 acres formerly taken up by Robert Mason, father of Matthew; ack. by Mary Mason, wife of Matthew in St. Mary's Co. (PGLR F.250)

Will of MATHEW MASON, gent., St. Mary's Co.; written 12 Feb 1722; probate 27 Mar 1729

To wife Mary, extx., personalty; to divide personal estate with 4 child.

Testator has by her, viz. John, Elizabeth, Susannah and Mary

To son Robert and hrs., 1/2 of 490 acres Paradise, Swan Creek, Baltimore Co.; sd. son to accept same in lieu of a tract in Virginia sold to William Petrie and Thomas Stanford; sd. son dying without issue or not accepting this devise in lieu of land sold as afsd., then above land in Baltimore Co. to son John and hrs.; and personalty

To son John and hrs., other 1/2 of Paradise, pt. of Christian Temple Marmor nr. mouth of Matrawoman, **Charles** Co., land in Bedlam N??k; and personalty; sd. son dying during his minority, his share of personalty to daus. Elizabeth, Susanna and Mary

To daus. Elizabeth, Susanna and Mary, personalty, provided they live to age of 16 yrs., or day of marriage. Shd. any of them become members of the Church of Rome, or marry any one of that faith, the estate of child so doing to be divided among rest of children. Daus. to remain with their mother until 16, or day of marriage; son John until 18 yrs. of age

Test: John Blackiston, Ann Blackiston. Susanna Blackiston; Philip Key

(MCW VI.98; Wills, 19.612)

33-1 Robert Mason; ?m. Susannah Blackistone; Robert nok in 1724 estate of John Blackiston of St. Mary's Co. (le~A 10.ZgZ); children from 1742 will of her brother Thomas Blackistone (MCW VIII.195): children from wills:

331-1 Mate [?Matthew] Mason

33 I-2 Nehemiah Mason



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3312-1 Robert Mason; Robert and John named in 1776 will of their great-uncle John Mason

3312-1 John Mason

331-3 Rodolph Mason

331-4 ?Dorcas Mason

331-5 unborn child 1742

14 Jun 1732, Indenture; Between Robert Mason of St. Mary's Co., Gent., and Edward Neale of **Charles** Co., Gent; for £220; Landover formerly in **Charles** Co. which Luke Gardiner of St. Mary's Co. sold and by his last will devised to John Mason of St. Mary's Co. who, by his will, devised unto Robert Mason; 195 acres; /s/ Robert Mason; ack. by Robert and Susanna his wife (PGLR Q.460)

33-2 Stratford Mason

33-3 John Mason; d. ca 1777; factor for Cunningham Findley and Co. mentioned in many estate settlements

Will of JOHN MASON, St. Mary's Co.; written 6 Nov 1776; probate 1 Apr 1777

To nephew Clement Gardener, ex., tract in Bedlam Neck; personalty; care of niece Elizabeth Bailey

To nephew John Mason Goldsmith; plantation where I now live called Eandfields; personalty

To James Goldsmith, land and personalty

To nephew Gardener, his son John Gardener; nephew John Gardener to live on plantation bought of William Bowling until his son John is 21

To nephew John Roberts, personalty; if he die without issue to nephew John Gardener's daughters

To nephew Nehemiah Mason's 2 sons: Robert and John Mason, personalty

To niece Rebeckah Goldsmith; personalty if she remain Protestant; if not to Jean Gardener, d/o Clement Gardener

To niece Susanah Shanks, personalty

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To niece Elizabeth Brothers; personalty; then to her daus.

To niece Mary Ann Leek; personalty; then to her daus.

To niece Susanah Hilton, personalty; then to her dam.

To niece Abigal Jordan; personalty; then to her children

To Mary Gardener, wife of my nephew William Gardener; personalty; then to her dau. Sary Gardener

To niece Mary Goldsmith; personalty

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To John Mason; personalty

To Caleb, Isaiher, Nehemiah, Tericia and Sary Mason; personalty

To Jean Gardener

To Clement Gardener's son John

To Nehemiah Rodum Mason

To Clement Gardener's son Thomas Gardener; personalty

To niece Sarah Davice; then to my friends in greatest need

To Henritta Gardener; personalty; then to her daughters

To John Mason, Mary, Rebeckah and James Goldsmith; personalty

Test: Jno. Shanks, Stephen Tarlton, Matt. Tennison

Codicil: corrects bequest of Negro girl given both Elisabeth Brothers and Henrietta Gardener

Test: Jeremiah Jordan, Jno. Shanks (Wills, 41.470)

33-4 Elizabeth Mason

33-5 Susanna Mason

33-6 Mary Mason

3-4 Rodham Mason

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3-5 Elizabeth Mason; d. ca 1748; m/1 by 1716 John Rogers; d. 1717 (see Rogers family); m/2 Dr. Daniel Jenifer; d. by 1729; m/3 John Theobald; d. ca 1742; m/4 Robert Wythill (M&D); d. ca 1750; Elizabeth is named in the will of her grandfather, Roger Mason

35-1 Rodham Rogers

14 Jul 1721; Indenture from Daniel Jenifer, surgeon, to John Clark, planter; for £30; a parcel called Coate's Retirement; containing 243 acres; s/Daniel Jenifer; wit. Thomas Stone, Robt. Hanson; 14 Jul 1721 ack. by Daniel Jenifer and Elizabeth his wife (CCLR H#2.444)

Dr. Daniel Jenifer, d. by 4 Jun 1729 **Charles** Co.; son Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer named heir; no mention of wife (MCW VI.117)

Dr. Daniel Jenifer, **Charles** Co.; £420.12.6; 7 Jul 1729; 3 Nov 1729; nok: Ann Jenifer, "no other kin that can claim"; admns. John Theobalds and his wife Elisabeth Theobalds, Mary Jenifer (I&A 15.145)

Dr. Daniel's dau.-in-law, Elisabeth Jenifers, St. Mary's Co.; d. ca 1735; mentions dau. Ann, son Samuel, and deceased husband,

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Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer; estate shows John Theobalds as next of kin (MCW VII.149 and I&A 21.208)

John Theobalds, **Charles** Co.; £71615.11; 16 Nov 1742; nok: William Theobalds, John Muschett; admn./extx. Elizabeth Theobalds (I&A 27.216)

Robert Whythell; memorandum, **Charles** Co.; On 20 Feb 1750 came George Clarke and Duncin McRaie and made oath that they were present with Robert Whythell, lately dec'd .... His will that he give to Charity Theobald, horse and to her care his dau. Jannete Whythell. estate to Charity Theobald for the care of dau., including service of Negro girl Lucy until Samuel Theobald the son of John Theobald arrives to full age, the said Lucy being part of the dec'd Jno. Theobald's estate and right of said Saml. Theobald (MCW X.144)

3-6 Susanna Mason; m. by 1716 George Clarke; d. ca 1753; children from his will:

36-1 John Attaway Clarke; m. Hannah --

36-2 Susanna Markall Clarke; m. -- Smoote

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362-1 ?George Clarke Smoot; mentioned as friend of Benjamin Douglass of **Charles** Co. in his 1772 will (MCW XIV.206)

36-3 Hannah Clarke; m. -- Hey

36-4 Ellen Clarke

36-5 Anne Clarke

36-6 Sarah Clarke

Will ~ GEORGE CLARKE, St. Mary's Co.; written 13 May 1751; probate 21 Jul 1753

To son John Attaway Clarke, tract called Piney Point and if he should die without issue by his wife Hannah, then said Hannah to enjoy aforesaid tract

To dau. Susanna Markall Smoote, tract called Clarkes Range

To mn John Attaway Clarke, land upon Blake Creek, purchase of John

Turnhill (?)

To wife Susanna Clarke, use of plantation whereon I now live with several tracts purchased of Stephen Martin and Jane his wife and Robert Mason

To wife the rents of all my other lands until my youngest child arrives at age of 21 or marriage

To daus. Hannah Hey, Ellen Clarke, Susanna Clarke, Anne Clarke and Sarah Clarke, after the death of my wife, plantation whereon I live and other land mentioned above held by wife; all the land purchased of William Cayenough and also two tracts purchased of Robert Nugent, also tract mortgaged by Andrew Bulther, tract mortgaged by William Jones at the head of Clements Bay. In case all of them should die without heirs then to John Attaway Clarke and Susanna Markall. That slaves be held for the support and maintenance of four dam.: Ellen, Susanna, Anne and Sarah

Wit: John Reader, Thomas Perrin, James Hardwick, James Kendrick,

Phillis Griffin, James Muffin, John Hues, Thomas Innis

Codicil: To wife two tracts that I bought of Robt. Morgan

Wit: John Reader, James Hardwick, Phillis Griffin, John Hues, James Kendrick (MCW X.279; Wills, 28.521)

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Col. George Clarke, St. Mary's Co.; £1,094.0.3; 5 Dec 1753; nok John Somervell, Thomas Aisquith; admn/extx. Susannah Clarke (I&A 57.40)

3-7 Mary Mason; unmarried 1716

4. Mary Rodham; unmarried 1674/5