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Subject: [MASON] Ann Mason dau of Francis Mason 1600s
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William Stafford : Chr) 09 Sep 1604 Warwickshire England) d) abt.
1655
Elizabeth Town, North Carolina

Marriage 1. Ann MASON 1640 Virginia

1. William Stafford b) abt. 1641 Elizabeth City, Pasquotank, Virginia
d)
1700 York of Stafford, Virginia

Warwickshire, England: Parish and Probate Records

Warwick: Solihull - Parish Registers, 1538-1668

Christenings.
September.
County: Warwick
Country: England
09 Sep 1604 , Mr William Stafforde, sonne of Mr William Stafford, Knighte.

Muster of the inhabitants of Virginia settlements, January 20 to February 4,
1624/5
Sources: "Hotten's Lists" and "Adventurers of Purse
and Person"
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Immigration records:

Name: William Stafford
Year: 1622
Age: 16
Place: Virginia
Source Publication Code: 3520
Primary Immigrant: Stafford, William

Annotation: From state papers in the Public Record Office, London, a census of the inhabitants of Virginia taken between January 20 and February 7, 1624 or 1625. Lists 1,232 names, with ages and ships taken. Item no. 1272, Colonial Records of Virginia, has many more
Source Bibliography: JESTER, ANNIE LASH, and MARTHA WOODROOF HIDEN. "Musters of the Inhabitants in Virginia 1624/1625." In *Adventurers of Purse and Person; Virginia, 1607-1625*. N.p.: Order of First Families of Virginia, 1607-1620 [Princeton University Press], 1956, pp. 5-69.
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Year: 1624
Age: 17
Place: Virginia
Source Publication Code: 3283
Primary Immigrant: Stafford, William
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Came to Jamestown VA at 16 as a possible ward of Francis MASON on the ship

Furtherance. (Hotten: Arrivals in VA of Persons of Quality), confirming the evidence with nothing to refute it, that he was the son of William Stafford of Grafton, England, being 5 or 6 when his father died in 1612, making his date of birth about 1606. He made his home at Elizabeth City, and in 1639-40 married Frances, daughter of Francis. She would have been 16-17, he 33-34. He later married Anne Mason, older sister of Frances. Va records state that the planter William Stafford was granted 100 acres on Keith's Creek on 8-23-1634, and 300 acres on 11-12-1635. He seemed to die suddenly in 1644, and there is a will and inventory of his estate dated 3 March 1644. His inventory was appraised at 30,681 lbs of tobacco and 8 negroes.

Thanks to Natalie Whiteman at genforum:

"William Johnston Of Isle Of Wight County, Va. and his descendants"; William

Stafford came to Virginia at the age of 14 aboard the Furtherance in 1622.

He was married to Frances MASON and had a son William Jr. This William also

had a son William III who was married to Jean Brown. They lived in Currituck Precinct, N.C. They also had a son William IV- he was married to a woman named Elizabeth and lived in New Hanover County, N.C. They had a daughter Mary Stafford who was born in 1717 and died 1823 (106 years of age) She is buried at Old Bostick Cemetery in Garnett, S.C. She was married twice that I know of, her first husband was John May of New Hanover County and her second

husband was a Mr. Mullet. I don't know if there were siblings. It also states for a complete account of the Stafford Family see the House of Stafford in Annie Elizabeth Miller's Our Family Circle at page 503-505. Just

in case anyone was wondering why the Staffords would be in a Johnston book--Mary Stafford May's daughter Elizabeth May married a Johnston.

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William Stafford was born around 1608 in England. He is found in America in the official "Muster of Francis Mason," of Elizabeth City, Virginia in 1624.

It lists under servants: "William Stafford, aged 16, in the "Furtherance," 1622 . The next record is February 11, 1634, John Harvey, Lieutenant Governor granted to William Stafford, a planter of Kolher Creek, in the

county of Norwicke River, 100 acres of land on the west side of Kolher Creek. Stafford was to pay each year at the Feast of St. Thomas a rental in Indian Corn. William Stafford married Ann Mason around 1640. They had a son William Stafford born around 1641. William and Ann moved to York Co. Virginia where he died and the inventory of his estate was presented to the court in March 3, 1644.

The January 1624 survey lists Francis and Mary MASON among those living at
"Elizabeth Cittie";

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William Wells was granted 50 acres in the county of Elizabeth City at the head of Hampton River, adjoining the lands of William Stafford and John Place. Due for his own personal adventure. By West, last day of March, 1636.

He apparently died suddenly in 1644. There is a will and inventory of his estate dated March 3, 1644. His inventory was appraised at 30,681 pounds of tobacco and 8 negroes.

Note: One source mentions marriage to Anne MASON sometime after 1640 and that William died 1655 in Elizabeth Town, North Carolina. Another source mentions that William died suddenly in 1644 and there is a will and inventory of his estate dated March 3, 1644.

He was married to Ann MASON in 1640 in Virginia. Further proof of this marriage is needed. The publication "General Leroy Augustus, His Forebearers and Descendants" by G. M. G. Stafford mistakenly lists the "wife's" name as Frances Mason.

Ann MASON was born in 1610 in England. She died in Elizabeth City Co.,

Virginia. Some sources have her death in 1642. Ann Mason was born in England about 1610 to Lieutenant Francis Mason and his wife Mary. The family came to America on the ship "John and Francis"; which landed in Jamestown, Virginia in 1613. Ann probably went back to England for schooling as she is not shown in her father's household in the census taken for 1624. She is shown returning on the ship "Merchant's Hope"; in 1634. She married William Stafford who lived in her father's home. They married in 1640 and stayed in Elizabeth City, VA for a short while, then moved to York County, VA. They had a son, William II. William Stafford I died and his estate inventory was presented to the court in York County on March 3, 1644. Ann married for the second time to Rev. John Cluverius.

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