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Benois (Brasseur) Brashears (abt. 1620 - 1663) ✎ ID

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Benois (Benjamin) Brashears formerly [Brasseur](#) aka [Brassieur](#), [Brashear](#), [Brashears](#)

Born **about 1620** in [France](#) ♀

Son of [Robert \(Brasseur\) Brashears](#) and [Florence \(Unknown\) Brashears](#)

Brother of [Mary Brasseur](#), [John Brasseur](#), [Thomas Brasseur](#), [Persie \(Brasseur\) Cobreath](#), [Katherine \(Brasseur\) Clare](#), [Mary \(Brassieur\) Brasseur](#), [Martha \(Brasseur\) Moseley](#), [Margaret \(Brasseur\) Jordan](#) and [Mary \(Brasseur\) Biddlecomb](#)

Husband of [Mary \(Richford\) Brasseur](#) — married about 1645 in [Virginia](#) ♀

Father of [Mary \(Brashears\) Brasseur](#), [Robert Brasseur 3rd](#), [Benjamin Brasseur](#), [John Brasseur](#), [Mary \(Brasseur\) Ellis](#), [Anne Brashear](#), [Susannah \(Brasseur\) Duvall](#), [Martha \(Brasseur\) Kent](#) and [Elizabeth \(Brasseur\) Sellman](#)

Died **25 May 1663** at about age 43 in [Calvert, Maryland](#) ♀

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Benjamin (Brasseur) Brashears was a Huguenot emigrant.

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Biography

Name: This French surname is variously seen as Brasseur, Brasher, Brashear, Brashears, and Brassieur, among others. One source claims there are more than 35 variant spellings among the various descendants. The original



Benjamin (Brasseur) Brashears was a Huguenot emigrant (1540-1790).



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DNA Connections

It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships. It is likely that these [autosomal DNA](#) test-takers will share [some percentage](#) of DNA with Benjamin:
 ~0.39% [Betty \(Scarborough\) Jagoe](#) ✎ ✉ [23andMe](#), [GEDmatch HJ3537043](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#)

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Research

[RootsSearch for Benjamin \(Brasseur\) Brashears](#): conveniently search 20+ genealogy websites. [\[more info\]](#)
 Here is a likely matching profile for Benjamin on the

French spelling is most frequently given as "Brasseur," but even this is less than completely certain. His given name appears as Benois, Benoit, Bennet, and Benjamin, and there may be others.

[FamilySearch Tree: LKCD-V81](#). [\[more info\]](#)

Birth: His birth date ranges from about 1590 to about 1630. Nearly everyone agrees he was born in France, but several different specific locations in France are given. One of the merged records had "Pernes, [Comtat] Venaissan, Vaucluse, France," b. 1616. That birthplace is associated with the apparently erroneous connection of Allemand De Jocas Brassier and Madeline De Cheilus as his parents. This was thoroughly debunked in [Brashear & McCoy](#) in a segment of the book titled, *The deBrassier Nonsense*, which is also [available on the web](#). Birth date/place in the data section is about 1610, France, because nothing more precise has been documented [too early if father born ca. 1597; used 1620 as most-likely; his sister was born in 1622].

Family connections: Robert is said to be the name of his father and his younger brother, who accompanied him to America.

Immigration Record: Benjamin Brashear, Year: 1637, Virginia, Source Publication Code: 1262, Primary Immigrant: Brashear, Benjamin. Annotation: Date and place of settlement or date and place of arrival. Names not restricted to the Order of Founders and Patriots of America. [\[citation needed\]](#)

The following notes are copied in full or in part on several different web pages. They may or may not be originally from [Cheryl Grubb's website](#). Source references are those shown on that page, except "Tonsing" which indicates another website which might be the original source for this information.

1637 - Benjamin arrived in the English American Colonies sometime before 1638 and settled in the Upper Norfolk County which soon became Nansemond County, Virginia. At the time of Benjamin's arrival with his brother Robert, there were only few thousand persons in these colonies. Source: [Back p.6](#)

1653, 14 April - A land claim is issued for "Benjamin Brasseur" for three hundred acres on "or being at the head of a Creeke called Indian Creeke being a branch of the western branch of Nancemond river...joining the land of M. John Ganat." This grant was made for paying the cost of transporting six persons into the Colony. These transportation costs gave the person "headrights" to fifty acres a person. Although the patent itself was dated as 12 April 1633 it wasn't registered until 14 April of 1653. Signed by Edward Diggs Esq. Source: [VA Land Patents, Book 3, p.33](#)

1658 - Probably due to Maryland's more liberal laws on religious freedom, Benjamin and his brother, Robert Jr., move to Calvert County, Province of Maryland. He may have moved up the Chesapeake Bay by boat to settle on 1150- acres plantation known locally as "Upper Bennett." The plantation had been surveyed in 1651, for Richard Bennett, a Virginia merchant and a devout Puritan. This deed was one of several plots that seem to have been reserved for Puritan believers under Richard Bennett's guidance. Source: [Back, p.6](#)

1660 - Benjamin is called for jury duty. (this is the earliest known remaining record of Benjamin in Maryland, most other records were probably destroyed in one of several fires in Calvert Co. Court House). Source: [Maryland Archives, Vol 41, p.419](#)

1661, 14 June - He is employed as a Justice of the Peace and is named a Member of Calvert County's Commissioners, Maryland. Source: [Tonsing](#)

1662, 4 December - Benjamin Brassieur was naturalized at Maryland. Source: [Tonsing](#)

1663, 25 May - Benjamin Brassieur died on 25 May 1663 at near Chesapeake, Calvert County, Maryland, USA. Source: [Tonsing](#)

May 1663 - Benjamin Brassieur was buried at Calvert County, Maryland, USA. Source:

Tonsing

Note: When Benjamin "Benoit" or "Benois" Brasseur and his twin brother Thomas were born in 1620 in France, their father, Robert, was 23. Benoit or Benjamin Brasseur had three sons and five daughters with Mary Richford. He died in December 1662 in Calvert, Maryland, at the age of 39.

Benoit anglicized his name to Benjamin Brashear about the time he applied for English citizenship in the Province of Maryland in 1662. He died shortly afterwards [25 May 1663].

Inventory

An inventory of the goods and chattalls of Benjamin Brassear, gent., late of Calvert County, and appraised by us James Thomas and John Cobreath, this 24th day of February, 1663/4. Inventories, Book 1E, p. 92.^[1]

Name

Name: Benois /Brasseuir/^{[2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11][12][13][14][15][16][17]}

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Becky (Lawson) Gouge

What is going on with this family? Someone has added the father as the son and brothers?...Please pay attention when you are changing things. and if it is correct stop changing it and making duplicates. I really hop it was an honest mistake .Pay ATTENTION.

[posted](#) Nov 28, 2022 by [Becky \(Lawson\) Gouge](#)

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T Stanton

Thank you Becky. This is notice to Huguenot Project which manages the profile that the father attached is incorrect and parents here attached will be detached as part of an overall cleanup of the conflation and mis-identification of early Brasseur family members. See Brasseur-19 for further info in the Caution statement.

[posted](#) Dec 02, 2022 by [T Stanton](#)

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Laura DeSpain

[Brasseuir-1](#) and Brasseur-2 appear to represent the same person because: Clear duplicates: Brasseur-2 should be retained as the final WikiTree ID.

[posted](#) Aug 12, 2021 by [Laura DeSpain](#)

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D. Brenner

Please feel free to delete this comment as I dont know what Im doing and am just starting my research on this line of my family. My line used the Brashears spelling in 1700s Kentucky. This Benoît seems to be the same entry as: Brasseuir-1 (mispelled as Benois and no info).

[posted](#) Aug 10, 2021 by [D. Brenner](#)

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Fred Remus III

Thank you, Susan, I have just ordered the "Consolidated Update" book.

[posted](#) Aug 25, 2019 by [Fred Remus III](#)

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Susan (Knight) Gore

The date given here for his death date is actually the date his wife's will was probated. The source below gives his date of death as December 1662.

Cited in: "Consolidated Update to the Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of The National Huguenot Society." Fifth Edition, 2012, page 16.

An inventory of the goods and chattalls of Benjamin Brasseur, gent., late of Calvert County, and appraised by us James Thomas and John Cobreath, this 24th day of February, 1663/4. Inventories, Book 1E, p. 92.

[posted](#) Aug 25, 2019 by [Susan \(Knight\) Gore](#)

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Fred Remus III

[Brassieur-21](#) and Brasseur-2 appear to represent the same person because: Same wife, son, death date/place.

[posted](#) Jul 18, 2018 by [Fred Remus III](#)

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Becky (Lawson) Gouge

I just discovered him on my tree.

[posted](#) Jun 24, 2018 by [Becky \(Lawson\) Gouge](#)

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C Handy

Not the son of "Elizabeth Florence Fowke". An Elizabeth Fowke, daughter of Chandler Fowke and granddaughter of Gerard Fowke, married Zachariah BRAZIER in 1759. These are the same names that appear in the presumed ancestry of "Elizabeth Florence Fowke", claimed to be the wife of Robert Brasseur, Huguenot immigrant. This is a pretty clear case of genealogical fraud or error.

[posted](#) Apr 06, 2018 by [C Handy](#)

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Pamela (Henderson) LeCroy

[Brassier-15](#) and Brasseur-2 appear to represent the same person because: Same spouse.

