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## Thomas **Cheatham I** aka **Cheetam**

Born **1644** in **Deane, Lancashire, England** 👤

Son of [Jonathan Chetam](#) and [mother unknown] ANCESTORS 🗨️

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of **Margaret (Houlme) Cheatham** — married 13 Feb 1669 in Deane, Lancashire, England 👤

Husband of **Margaret Maye (McClure) Cheatham** — married 2 Oct 1681 in Henrico, Virginia Colony 👤

Father of [Henry Cheatham](#), [Mary Cheatham](#), [Tabytha Cheatham](#), [Thomas Cheatham Jr.](#), [Jonathan Cheatham](#), [Marmaduke Cheatham](#), [Susannah \(Cheatham\) Farmer](#), [Benjamin Cheatham](#), [William Cheatham](#) and [Mary Cheatham](#) DESCENDANTS 🗨️

Died **1 Aug 1726** at about age 82 in **Henrico, Colony of Virginia** 👤

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~0.39% [Roy Hodges](#) 👤: [Family Tree DNA Family Finder](#), GEDmatch [T475945](#) [\[compare\]](#), FTDNA kit #111299 [\[test details\]](#)

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## Biography

**Thomas Cheatham I** was born abt 1644 Deane, Lancashire, England. His father needs to be determined with reliable sources.

possibly son of [Jonathan Chetam](#).

possibly son of [William \(Cheatham\)](#)

[Chetham \(1615-1656\)](#). Note - William profile states it is unlikely to be William

Thomas Cheatham I was born in England.

Thomas Cheatham I was a [Virginia colonist](#).

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**Thomas Cheatham I** married [Margareta Hulme](#) on 13 Feb 1669 at St Mary's church, Deane, St Mary, Lancashire, England.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

He married [Margaret Maye McClure](#) on 2 Oct 1681 in Henrico County, Virginia.<sup>[3]</sup>

Thomas Cheatham was in a York County, Virginia Charles Parish Records with his wife Margaret Cheatham.<sup>[4]</sup>

He died 1 Aug 1726 in Henrico County, Virginia. <sup>[3]</sup>

From *Descendants of Thomas Cheatham of Chesterfield County, Virginia* <sup>[5]</sup>

Thomas Cheatham I was the original Cheatham immigrant to the New World. He is listed in Nugent's *Cavalier's and Pioneers, Volume II* p. 358 as being a headright imported by Martin Elam. On 23 October 1690 Elam received 900 acres in Varina Parish of Henrico County on the south side of the James River and on Proctor's Branch, his right for importing eighteen persons. Among these eighteen immigrants was listed Thomas Cheatham.

Quoting from the introduction to Volume I of the named series, author Nugent states: "It is not to be assumed that the claim for land in consequence of a person transported was made immediately after the arrival of the headright in the colony. There is, for instance, record of a patentee awarded land for the transportation of three wives, who, it is safe to conclude, were successive. The headrights may have arrived in the colony long before the patentee had entered claim for land thereby due. Nor is it to be assumed that the headright is necessarily an immigrant. Even men of prominence in the colony, through a voyage or repeated voyages to England and return, appear as headrights of friends or relatives, who acquitted the cost of the passage in order to obtain the consequent land."<sup>[6]</sup>

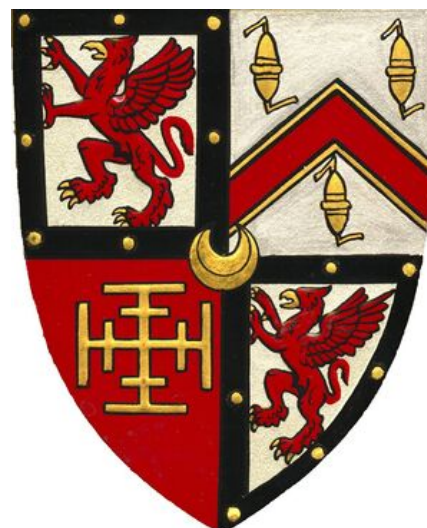
And indeed Thomas was in the colony long before Elam's 1691 claim. He is first found living in York County, Virginia where the register of Charles Parish records the death of his wife in 1670 as follows, "Margarett Cheatham, wife of Thomas, died April 6, 1670."<sup>[7]</sup> We are led to wonder what caused her early death and if she was the mother of any of the eight children of Thomas.

Sometime thereafter he moved up the James River to that part of Henrico County which later became Chesterfield. The record shows him there as a witness in a court case on 9 Nov. 1677.<sup>[8]</sup> Again in 1679 Thomas was among twenty men who signed a warrant for viewing the body of one deceased to determine if the man had died a natural death or had met foul play.<sup>[9]</sup> And in the following year on 10 February 1680 he testified in court that his horse had been stolen from him.<sup>[10]</sup> At the time he gave his age as 34 years so we can establish that he was born about 1645 or 1546.

I believe Thomas married again in 1681 but can find no record of his second wife's name. In Henrico Records, 1677-162, p. 185 the "lycensed" granted at Henrico Court on 24 October 1681 for the year and returned to "towne Jamestown, the seat of government" were enumerated. Among seven such licenses granted for the year was one for Thomas Cheatham for which he paid 200 pounds of tobacco. The *William and Mary Quarterly, Volume 27, p. 191* uses this reference as proof of the marriage of another of the licensees, Seth Ward, stating "The above is evidence that Seth Ward was married in 1681." Therefore, I conclude that Thomas also was married that same year.

A rather frightening incident is reported in the Henrico records in 1694 in which Thomas testified in court that on Monday night, the 20 August, about midnight he heard his dogs in a great rage. Coming to the door, he heard someone calling "Thomas Cheatham, get up, get up". There he saw Mr. Thomas Edward's Indian who told him that his master sent word that he must be at William Puckett's at daybreak for all the county, both "horse and foot" were to be there. The Jeniters (Genito Indians) had killed Mr. Jones' Indian and had taken two or three English women. At the time of this testimony Thomas gave his age as fifty. <sup>[11]</sup>

Thomas was the only Cheatham listed in the Quit Rent Rolls of Virginia for 1704, paying 1 shilling per fifty acres to the King for his 300 acres of property, establishing him as the only property holder by this name in the colony at the time. This acreage was undoubtedly the 300 acres which he had purchased from Martin Elam on 29 January 1691 for 2000 pounds of tobacco. <sup>[12]</sup>



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## Cheatham

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In his will of 2 May 1720 Thomas left his property to his eight children: Thomas, Jonathan, Marmaduke, Benjamin, Mary, Susanna, Tabytha, and William and his grandson, Thomas. His land bordering Proctor's Creek, which emptied into the James River a short distance northwest of Dutch Gap, bounded by an Indian path and Arthur Moseley's property was left to his eldest son, Thomas. His lesser effects, books, clothing, a horse named Norman, a gold ring, a scented bottle, and a slave named Mary Herbert were willed to his other children and grandson.

Thomas' Will was probated 1 August 1726 so I assume that he had died earlier that same year, being about eighty years of age.

It is interesting to me to note that Arthur Moseley who lived on the adjoining land and who witnessed Thomas' will was the direct ancestor of my husband. Our families have had ties for well over two and a half centuries.

#### **Will of Thomas Cheatham**

dated 21 May 1720

Henrico County, Virginia

To son Thomas, Jr. that part of land I live on according to its first and earliest bounds, beginning at Indian Paton path on Proctor Creek along said path south to a marked pine corner tree in the Moseley line, thence east to a marked corner pine in the head of the branch before his house, down said branch north to the creek, then up said creek to the beginning.

To son Jonathan my wearing clothes.

To son Marmaduke four books, viz. "The Parable of the Pilgrim," "The Rule and Exercise of Holy Living and Dying," "Osborne's Advice to a Son," and "Coker's Arithmetic."

To son Benjamin two books, viz. "Dr. Smith's Sermons," "True Happiness and a Comfortable Walk with God," and "Allen's Sermons on Conversion," also one ewe lamb, also the bed upon which I lie with the furniture thereof.

To daughters Mary and Susannah each a pair of gloves.

To Tabitha is given Mary Herbert for the time she has to serve, viz. 21 years of age, also the horse called Norman, the plush side saddle, one doubled paringer, a dram cup, a scented bottle, a gold ring, and one grand pewter candlestick.

To son William, who is named executor, all singular lands tenanted by him to be freely enjoyed.

Signed and dated May 21, 1720.

Witnesses: Arthur Moseley, Jr., John Clark, Jr.

Abstract of will is on *Virginians* site<sup>[13]</sup>

## **Research Notes**

- The original profile gave his birthplace as Lancashire, Leeds, England. Lancashire is not in Leeds. Leeds is in Yorkshire, a different County entirely. For this reason, Leeds has been deleted,
- Searched Lancashire OPC for christening ([Hardman-1532](#) 19:31, 14 August 2020 (UTC)) of Thomas Cheatham with father William. There is nothing for 1644 with any father. The closest is:  
Baptism: 30 Jun 1657 St Katharine, Blackrod, Lancashire, England  
Thomas Cheetam - Son of William Cheetam<sup>[14]</sup>

THE IMMIGRANT. The spelling of "Chetam", "Cheetham" usually appears as CHEATHAM now.

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What are the sources on Thomas' origins being placed in Lancashire? The surname seems to also appear in Chesire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire, which is rather reflective of it being endemic to Northern England. We have the marriage record for Thomas to Margaret Hulme in Deane, Lancashire, but how certain are we that this is the correct couple or marriage? There is no doubt about the death record for Thomas' wife Margaret on 6 Apr 1670 in Charles Parish, but how do we know this is Margaret Hulme specifically? If this is the correct couple, then it's rather interesting to note that they had immigrated sometime after they married on 13 Feb 1669 and before her death on 6 Apr 1670 - was Margaret's death a result of the recent voyage they had taken?

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