

Descendants of William Comegys [I] (C 13)

Generation Two

14. William Comegys [I] (C 13) was born circa 1664 at Kent County, MD.^{115,116} He married Elizabeth Tyler (C 13/S1), daughter of Robert Tyler II and Joanne (--?--), circa 1685 at Calvert County, MD.¹¹⁷ He married Elizabeth (--?-) (C 13/S2), daughter of Henry Wallis, circa 1698 at MD; The surname of William's second wife named Elizabeth is believed to be Elizabeth Wallis, daughter of Henry Wallis.¹¹⁸ He married Mary Unitt (C 13/S3), daughter of (--?--) Unitt, on 14 Dec 1709 at Kent County, MD.¹¹⁹ He died circa May 1736 at Kent County, MD.¹²⁰

Cornelius Comegys [I] petitioned the Commissary General on behalf of his son and daughter-in-law to appoint a trustee for the property of her brother George Reid who had drowned under age inestate in 1685.¹²¹ In a court deposition made 1732, at age 68, "Mrs" [Mr] William Comegys spoke of his marriage to the mother [Mary Unitt] of James Stavely in 1732.¹²² He left a will on 5 Jun 1735 at Kent County, MD; proven 22 May 1736. To eldest son William part of The Reserve, part of The Remainder, and 1/3 of an Island of Marsh. To son Cornelius Little Forrest. To youngest son Edward dwelling plantation with lands belonging to it ie Rasberry [Presbury], Little Worth, and Chance, with 1/3 of an Island Marsh. To daughter Anne Spencer the other 1/3 of the aforesaid marsh. To daughters Elizabeth Bishop and Hannah Freeman and eldest grandson William personality.¹²³

Elizabeth Tyler (C 13/S1) was born say 1668 at Calvert County, MD. She died circa 1697; The last known date she was alive was 3 Jun 1696 when William and his wife Elizabeth sold 150 acres of Viana to John Wyatt. On 10 Jan 1698 William Comegys sold 400 acres of Gloster with no wife's release implying Elizabeth was deceased and on 24 Apr 1702 William, while making a deposition about a land boundary, said his wife Elizabeth, deceased, in her life time did tell him.¹²⁴

Known children of William Comegys [I] (C 13) and Elizabeth Tyler (C 13/S1) were as follows:

- + 15. i. William Comegys [II] (C 131) was born circa 1686 at Kent County, MD. He married Anne Wyatt (C 131/S1), daughter of John Wyatt and Sarah (--?--), circa 1709 at MD. He married Esther Wharton (C 131/S2), daughter of Robert Wharton and (--?--) Lee, in 1756 at Kent County, MD. He died in Dec 1756 at Kent County, MD.
- 16. ii. Elizabeth Comegys (C 132) was born circa 1695.¹²⁵ She married (--?--) Bishop (C 132/S1).¹²⁶

Elizabeth (--?-) (C 13/S2) was born say 1680. She died before 14 Dec 1709. She was also known as Elizabeth Wallis (C 13/S2). The surname of William Comegys 2nd wife Elizabeth isn't proven but is assumed to be Wallis based on circumstantial evidence. Henry Wallis, her assumed father, was in Maryland by 1 Jan 1686/7 when he purchased the tract Boothhies Fortune. Boothhies Fortune and William Comegys plantation Gloster were proximate to each other both being located on the Andover Branch of the Chester River. Nothing has been discovered to place Samuel Wallis in the Maryland Colony prior to 4 Sep 1702 and a family tradition is that he was brought to Maryland by William Comegys

¹¹⁵-Chesapeake Cousins, Upper Shore Genealogical Society, Vol 5 #1, page 12. Chancery depositions compiled by William Francis Cregar and initially published in Maryland History Magazine Vol 23 1928.

¹¹⁶Kent County, MD, Land Records, Liber JS 16, folio 11, Kent Co. Court House, Chestertown, Kent County, MD.

¹¹⁷Robert W. Barnes & F. Edward Wright, *Colonial Families of the Eastern Shore of Maryland* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1996), Vol 1, page 62.

¹¹⁸Kent County, MD, Land Records, Liber M 1694-1701, folio 101 and Liber JD 1 1701-1704, folio 84.

¹¹⁹F. Edward Wright, *Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1982), Book 1, page 40.

¹²⁰Jane Baldwin & F. Edward Wright, *Maryland Calendar of Wills* (Baltimore, MD: Kohn & Pollock, 1904+), Vol 7, page 190.

¹²¹James Jr Bordley, *Hollyday Family, The* (1962), page 62.

¹²²-Chesapeake Cousins, Upper Shore, Vol 5 #1, page 12.

¹²³Kent County MD, Probate Records, Wills Vol 7, page 189.

¹²⁴Kent County, MD, Land Records, Liber M, folio 17; Liber M, folio 101 and Liber JD 1, folio 84.

¹²⁵Barnes, *Colonial Families of Eastern*, Vol 1, page 63.

¹²⁶Baldwin, *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol 7, page 190.

about 1700. Starting in 1704 William Comegys and Samuel Wallis began many joint land transactions for their mutual benefit. The source of the wealth for these accusations is believed to have been the estate of Henry Wallis. Cornelius Comegys, The second wife Elizabeth's 3rd known child, Cornelius, named his first son Henry in 1725. At that time Henry wasn't a Comegys name but rather a Wallis name.

These circumstances have lead to the conclusion that Elizabeth is a daughter of Henry Wallis and that Samuel Wallis and William Comegys were brother-in-laws.

Known children of William Comegys [I] (C 13) and Elizabeth (--?) (C 13/S2) all born at Kent County, MD. were as follows:

17. i. Nathaniel Comegys (C 133) was born on 4 May 1699.¹²⁷ He died on 26 Apr 1709 at Kent County, MD, at age 9.¹²⁸
- + 18. ii. Ann Comegys (C 134) was born on 30 Oct 1700. She married Jarves Spencer (C 134/S1), son of John Spencer, circa 1719.
- + 19. iii. Cornelius Comegys (C 135) was born on 28 Jul 1704. He married (C 135/S1) say 1725. He married Charity Death (C 1122), daughter of Randall Death (C 112/S1) and Martha Comegys (C 112), say 1734. He died circa Sep 1757.
20. iv. Margaret Comegys (C 136) was born on 4 Nov 1706.¹²⁹ She died on 28 Dec 1706 at Kent County, MD.¹³⁰

Mary Unitt (C 13/S3)¹³¹ was born say 1680. She married John Stavely say 1700.¹³² She married Moses Alford on 25 May 1704.^{133,134} She died on 22 Jan 1719/20 at Kent County, MD.¹³⁵ She was buried on 28 Jan 1719/20.¹³⁶ She was also known as Vinett (C 13/S3).¹³⁷

Known children of William Comegys [I] (C 13) and Mary Unitt (C 13/S3) both born at Kent County, MD, were as follows:

- + 21. i. Hannah Comegys (C 137) was born on 10 Feb 1711/12. She married Isaac Freeman (C 137/S1), son of William Freeman and Anne (--?). circa 1728. She married Thomas Bourk (C 137/S2) circa 1757 at Kent County, MD. She died in 1761.
- + 22. ii. Edward Comegys (C 138) was born on 8 Oct 1712. He married Anne Woodall (C 138/S1) on 22 Feb 1731. He died in 1751.

Generation Three

15. William Comegys [II] (C 131)¹³⁸ was born circa 1686 at Kent County, MD. He married Anne Wyatt (C 131/S1), daughter of John Wyatt and Sarah (--?), circa 1709 at MD.¹³⁹ He married Esther Wharton (C 131/S2), daughter of Robert Wharton and (--?) Lee, in 1756 at Kent County, MD.¹⁴⁰ He died in Dec 1756 at Kent County, MD.¹⁴¹

On 2 Sep 1738 William Comegys Senior [II] and his wife Ann transferred 113 acres of Buckhill to their son William Comegys Jr [III] for love and affection. On 14 Feb 1757 Hester [Ester] Comegys widow of William Comegys [II] deceased, sold her widows dower in Billey's Lott Resurveyed, Buck Hill and Billy's Lott Resurveyed to William Comegys [III] son of the above William Comegys.

The Kent County Rent Rolls [Tax Grand List] confirm both of these transactions. From 1754 to 1760 William Comegys Sr [II] was charged for 192 acres of Buck Hill and Billy's Lott. For the same time period William Comegys Jr [III] was

¹²⁷Wright, *Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records*. Book 1, page 38.

¹²⁸*Ibid.*

¹²⁹*Ibid.*

¹³⁰*Ibid.*

¹³¹*Maryland Historical Society*, Vol 35 #1, page 59.

¹³²*Ibid.*, Vol 36 # 1, page 50.

¹³³*Maryland Judicial Records*, Vol 12, page 403.

¹³⁴Letter, Joseph Rennie Stavely, 22 Apr 2004.

¹³⁵Wright, *Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records*. Book 1, page 43.

¹³⁶*Ibid.*

¹³⁷*Maryland Historical Society*, Vol 36 # 1, page 50.

¹³⁸Ernestine Parke Moss, *Cornelia Comegys of Kent County, Maryland* #658 Stonewall Memphis, TN 38107: Published by the Author, 1982)

¹³⁹Kent County MD, Probate, *Administration Accounts* Vol 1, page 139.

¹⁴⁰*Maryland Administrative Accounts*, 1754-60, page 110

¹⁴¹Baldwin, *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol 11, page 154.

charged for 112 acres of the same properties on 29 Sep 1744 at Kent County, MD.^{142,143} He left a will on 8 Dec 1756 at Kent County, MD; proven 21 Dec 1756. Mentions Wife Ester, sons William and Isaac, daughter Sarah, wife of Jacob Boots.¹⁴⁴

Anne Wyatt (C 131/S1)¹⁴⁵ was born on 20 Oct 1694 at Kent County, MD; [Date given as 20 th day 8 th month 1694.].¹⁴⁶ She died after 22 Jan 1738/39.¹⁴⁷

Known children of William Comegys [II] (C 131) and Anne Wyatt (C 131/S1) were as follows:

- + 23. i. William Comegys [III] (C 1311) was born circa 1709. He married Ann Cosden (C 1311/S1), daughter of Alphonso Cosden II and Elizabeth (--?--), on 28 Nov 1733 at Kent County, MD. He died on 29 Mar 1764.
- 24. ii. Isaac Comegys (C 1312) was born say 1711 at Kent County, MD. He married Sarah (--?--) (C 1312/S1) circa 1752 at Kent County, MD.¹⁴⁸ He married Elizabeth (--?--) (C 1312/S2) before 16 Jan 1765.¹⁴⁹ He died after 16 Jan 1765.¹⁵⁰

William Comegys III gave his brother Isaac Comegys land in Queen Anne's County called Comegys Reserve containing 103 acres. On 16 Jan 1765 Isaac sold this land to Joseph Ireland.¹⁵¹ Isaac Comegys and Nathaniel Comegys signed the inventory of William Comegys III as next of kin on 18 Apr 1764 at Kent County, MD.¹⁵² He was Cordwainer at Queen Anne's County, MD.¹⁵³

Sarah (--?--) (C 1312/S1)¹⁵⁴ married John Wyatt say 1740.¹⁵⁵ She died before 20 Apr 1754 at Kent County, MD.¹⁵⁶

Elizabeth (--?--) (C 1312/S2)¹⁵⁷ died after 16 Jan 1765.¹⁵⁸
- + 25. iii. Sarah Comegys (C 1313) was born say 1713. She married Jacob Boots (C 1313/S1), son of William Boots (B 1) and Mary (--?--) (B 1/S1), say 1740.

Esther Wharton (C 131/S2)¹⁵⁹ was born say 1724. She married Thomas Wyatt say 1740.¹⁶⁰ She married Francis Spearman circa 1744 at Kent County, MD.¹⁶¹ She died in 1760 at Queen Anne's County, MD.¹⁶² She was also known as Esther Whaley (C 131/S2). Hester Spearman wife of Francis Spearman was the Administratrix of the estate of Thomas Wyate on 14 Jun 1744.¹⁶³ Ester was listed as the wife of Francis Spearman but in the administration of his estate 5 Jun 1758 she was referred to as Easter Comegys.¹⁶⁴ She left a will on 13 Oct 1759 at Queen Anne's County, MD; proven 23 Sep 1760. Mentions cousin Joseph Waley Sr and his wife, William Heath, Sarah Heath daughter of William Heath. Abraham Waley son of Joseph, Sarah Waley daughter of Joseph. Also mentioned are Joseph Waley, Joseph Waley Jr, Daniel, Abraham, Mary Esther, Rachel, Hannah and Sarah.¹⁶⁵

There were no known children of William Comegys [II] (C 131) and Esther Wharton (C 131/S2).

¹⁴²Kent County, MD, Land Records, Liber 25, folio 134 and Liber 28, folio 313.

¹⁴³Maryland Land Patent Records, Liber PT 2, folio 204.

¹⁴⁴Baldwin, *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol 11, page 154 which refers to Liber 30 folio 226 of Maryland wills.

¹⁴⁵Vernon L. J. Skinner, *Abstracts of the Prerogative Court of Maryland 1674-1774, Family Archive CD #206*.

(Broderbund, 1998), Inventories and Accounts 1715-18, page 55.

¹⁴⁶Records of Meetings, Cecil Meeting of Friends, Kent Co. MD, Maryland Historical Society Library, 210 West Monument St., Baltimore, MD 21201. 301-685-3750.

¹⁴⁷Kent County, MD, Land Records, Liber JS 22, folio 241.

¹⁴⁸Skinner, *Abstracts of Prerogative Court*, Administrative Accounts 1750-54, page 168.

¹⁴⁹Queen Anne's County MD Land Records, Liber RT G, folio 134.

¹⁵⁰Cecil County MD Land Records, Liber RT G, folio 134.

¹⁵¹Moss, *Cornelius Comegys of Kent*.

¹⁵²Skinner, *Abstracts of Prerogative Court*, Inventories 1763-1766, page 35.

¹⁵³Queen Anne's County MD Land Records, Liber RT G, folio 194.

¹⁵⁴Skinner, *Abstracts of Prerogative Court*, Prerogative Court Administration Accounts 1750-1754, page 168.

¹⁵⁵*Ibid.*, Administrative Accounts 1750-54, page 161.

¹⁵⁶*Ibid.*

¹⁵⁷Cecil County MD Land, Liber RT G, folio 134.

¹⁵⁸*Ibid.*

¹⁵⁹Baldwin, *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol 11, page 14.

¹⁶⁰Skinner, *Abstracts of Prerogative Court*, Administrative Accounts 1737-44, page 204.

¹⁶¹*Ibid.*

¹⁶²*Ibid.*, Inventories 1760-1763, page 14.

¹⁶³*Ibid.*, Administrative Accounts 1737-44, page 204.

¹⁶⁴Maryland Administrative Accounts, 1754-60, page 110.

¹⁶⁵Baldwin, *Maryland Calendar of Wills*, Vol 12, page 19.