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Bridgett (Unknown) Doughty (abt. 1604 - bef. 1657)

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Bridgett Doughty formerly [surname unknown] aka **Stone** [uncertain]

Born **about 1604** in **England**

Daughter of [father unknown] and [mother unknown]

[sibling(s) unknown]

Wife of **Francis Doughty** — married 1624 in Oldbury, Warwickshire, England

Mother of [Mary Doughty](#), [Francis Doughty III](#), [Elias Doughty](#) and [Enoch Doughty](#) DESCENDANTS

Died **before 1657** before about age 53 in **New Netherland** [uncertain]

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No known carriers of Bridgett's DNA have taken a [DNA test](#).

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The Birth and Death Dates are a [rough estimate](#). See the text for details.

Bridgett (Unknown) Doughty was a New Netherland settler.
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Biography

Bridgett was a likely early English settler in New Netherland with her husband in 1642.



Bridgett (Unknown) Doughty was a Virginia colonist.

Bridgett Stone was born 1604 in England.^[1]

Research Notes

The Texas Society/National Society Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century claims without any sources indicated that her husband died in either Virginia or Maryland and that his wife Bridgett died in either Flushing, New York or Virginia.^[2]

Maintenance Categories (US Southern Colonies Project)

- **Needs Research:** See note above that she died in either New York or Virginia. ~ [Noland-165 02:55, 11 May 2021 \(UTC\)](#)
- **Needs Location Research:** Elsewhere in the profile, it says that "she died before 1657 in South Farnham Parish, Old Rappahannock County, Virginia." and "They married in June 1657 in Hungar's Parish, Northampton Co., Virginia." - both statements unsourced. Location research needs to check parish/county relationship and existence in 1657. ~ [Noland-165 02:55, 11 May 2021 \(UTC\)](#)

Opposition Research Notes

After many years of research on the Doughty family, I can state with some conviction that Bridget, the wife of Francis Doughty, was not a Stone; there is no known record of her baptism or birth, no record for her marriage to Francis, no record of her death. That she was his wife is proven by a couple of court records in 1640 that speak of Francis and Bridget Doughty being sued by his sister Elizabeth (Doughty) Cole. Those records follow:

Mentions of Bridget in Public Records

[150 in original] Boston (4). 25. 1640. The Answer & Complaint of Elizabeth Cole wife of Willm Cole concerning a deed of trust made by & between Francis Doughty her brother and her sister Bridget Doughty on the behalfe of the said Elizabeth on the one parte and her said husband before their marriage on the other parte [cipher].^[3]

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Francis Doughty to John Winthrop

To the much honoured Magistrat Mr Joh. Winthrop, these ddd in Boston.

Sr—My service rem to yor worship, may it please you, hearing my sister Cole hathe petitioned against me, I make bold to intreat you doe me the fauor to let me vnderstand the effect of her pceedings & whether I shall need to attend the next Cort, and wt you guesse she will doe then, & when the Cort is. I pray God increase yor honour & ppetuate yor hapinesse, resting, till you comand FR: DOUGHTY.

Towards the end of August, 1640, from Taunton. Indorsed by Governor Winthrop, "Mr Doughtye."^[4]

8 September 1640: Another suit of the Coles against Francis Doughty was tried. It concerned a deed of trust made between the Coles, before they married, and Francis and Bridget Doughty. The jury found for Francis Doughty, the defendant was given £10 in court costs.

At the same session of the Court, Doughty sued the Coles "for unjust molestation," asking to have the aforementioned deed of trust brought into court and canceled; the jury found for Doughty with costs, and "thereupon the judgment of the Court was accordingly that the said deed . . . should be canceled." However, Mrs. Coles, the person who was chiefly interested in the deed and who had procured "the said Doughty to be arrested," was not present with her husband at the trial, the Court delayed the cancellation of the bond for eight months, to give the Coles (another) opportunity, if they so desired, to show cause why the instrument should not be canceled. They did not show up, so the deed was duly canceled by the Court's order in May 1641.^[5]

No Maiden Name for Bridget

Incidentally, in all my research I have never seen "Bridgett" as the usual spelling of her name. Certainly, it is "Bridget" in the lawsuit files, and those--as far as anyone knows--are the only references to her in public records.

It is important to realize that John Anderson Brayton in his long, carefully researched

genealogical essay on Francis Doughty identifies Francis's first wife as Bridget _____ ; her surname is unknown. This highly skilled and carefully presented genealogical study cannot be ignored. If Brayton did not find a source for Bridget's surname, it is unlikely that anyone else will. ("The Ancestry of Rev. Francis Doughty of Massachusetts, Long Island, New Amsterdam, Maryland and Virginia," *The American Genealogist* Whole No. 305 (Jan. 2002) Vol. 77, No. 1, pp. 1- 17 & Whole No. 306 (April 2002) Vol. 77, No. 2, pp. 127-136)

The error that created Bridget STONE is easily identified and perfectly understandable. Gov. William Stone of Maryland in his will dated 3 December 1659 called Francis Doughty his brother-in-law.^[6] That gave rise to the misperception that Bridget, the wife of Francis, was a Stone, the sister of the governor of Maryland. The reason that Francis Doughty was identified as the brother-in-law of Gov. Stone is that he really was. Just not by a connection through his first wife. When the governor wrote his will, Bridget (____) Doughty was dead, and Francis had remarried (as her third husband) Ann (Graves) (Cotton) Eaton; they married in June 1657 in Hungar's Parish, Northampton Co., Virginia.^[7] The new wife Ann Doughty (maiden name Graves) was a sister of Verlinda Graves, the wife of Gov. William Stone.^[8] So Francis was the governor's brother-in-law through his second wife not his first.

In conclusion, Bridget's maiden name is unknown, The names of her supposed mother and sister are certainly incorrect. The dates of her birth and death are rough estimates, as is the date of her marriage. And this material needs to be reflected in the profile of Francis Doughty, which should not simply remain uncorrected. P.S. Francis and Bridget are ancestors of mine. [Sears-5927](#) 18:21, 18 January 2021 (UTC)

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See also:

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1964. 75p. Repr. 1986.

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- U.S., New England Marriages Prior to 1700 for Bridget Doughty; Third Supplement to Torrey's New England Marriages Prior to 1700; [Ancestry Record 3824 #177153](#); Name: Francis Doughty; Gender: Male; Birth Year: About 1607; Death Year: 1669; Spouse: Bridget Doughty. [Image](#)
- [Jess Boatman Family Tree » BRIDGETT STONE 3-1 \(1604-1657\)](#)
- [Early Colonial Settlers of Southern Maryland and Virginia's Northern Neck Counties](#) Many Virginia sources are listed on this page that need to be reviewed and added here if for the proper family. Includes the unsourced claim that she died before 1657 in South Farnham Parish, Old Rappahannock County, Virginia.
- [Wolfe, Robert and Janet Chevalley, Janet and Robert Wolfe Genealogy, "Notes for Francis Doughty"](#)

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I am disconnecting [Dorothy\(Stone\) Andrews](#) as her mother, due to the lack of evidence for her parents.

[posted](#) May 13, 2021 by [Ellen Smith](#)

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[Richard Sears](#)

I do have sources to demonstrate that Francis Doughty's first wife was not a Stone, but it is unclear to me how I can operate on a file that is "protected." I am perfectly willing to present the relevant material and the rules prevent me from doing so.

' I posted the comment below 3 months ago. Nothing has been done about the problem of listing Bridget wife of Francis Doughty with a mistaken surname (she was not a Stone). No one has said anything in response to my comment and no one has done anything about it. The whole Wikitree Project is put in jeopardy by this kind of neglect. Errors seem to remain intact for months, even years. If this project neglects the goal of accuracy in research and reporting, then it is finally as useless as all the other sites where false genealogies are simply common currency. We're supposed to be sorting the information on this site, supplementing and correcting it. We are trying to create a trustworthy site with reliable information. I realize how difficult it is to meet these standards (I have been doing genealogy for more than 60 years, so naturally I know about the problems of genealogical research). Constantly ignoring errors, mistaken dates, identifications, relationships, and so on--this is a very great problem for the WikiTree project. I notice that the Bridgett Stone profile with its genealogical errors has been accessed over a thousand times. How many researchers have been misled by it?

Richard Sears

[posted](#) on Stone-779 (merged) Jan 09, 2021 by [Richard Sears](#)
[edited](#) Jan 11, 2021 by [Richard Sears](#)

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[William Foster Jr](#)

If you have sources for your improvements I see no reason to not just make them if the project is too busy to assist.

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William Foster Jr

I added a bunch of sources I was able to find.

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Jillaine Smith

William, as a Leader, you have the "power" to temporarily remove the PPP, adopt the profile, change her LNAB to Unknown, then reset the PPP so it doesn't get changed back.

The question I now have is: does she belong to the New Netherlands project or to US Southern Colonies?

[posted](#) on Stone-779 (merged) May 11, 2021 by [Jillaine Smith](#)

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William Foster Jr

Completed. Given New York is where most of her life in colonies was, I suggest leaving with New Netherland's project.

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Jillaine Smith

Thanks, William. And the project association makes sense. Thanks for wrapping this up.

[posted](#) May 11, 2021 by [Jillaine Smith](#)

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Ellen Smith

We may need to expect to have continuing interaction between projects. Francis Doughty was an important character in New Netherland, so he clearly belongs to the New Netherland Settlers (NNS) project. Bridget, on the other hand, is at most a minor footnote in New Netherland. To such extent that (1) the documentation of her life is in New England sources and (2) the descendant interest in her profile is focused on children in Maryland/Virginia and descendants in Texas, the NNS project may not be able to be of much use.

[posted](#) May 13, 2021 by [Ellen Smith](#)

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Jillaine Smith

I see no evidence from what you sent me that Bridget went south with Francis. There are several docs that mention Francis and his daughter down south. Nothing about Bridget.

[posted](#) May 13, 2021 by [Jillaine Smith](#)

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Ellen Smith

When I mentioned that source, it was in support of the notion that Francis Doughty went south.

From the various sources (not necessarily reflected in either of the profiles for Bridget or Francis), it is evident that Bridget died before Francis remarried in 1657. He seems to have gone south somewhere around 1654-5, so Bridget may or may not have gone south with him.

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Ellen Smith

Richard, the project protection setting does not prevent you from editing these profiles. Project protection is applied to provide control over changes to the Last Name at Birth, as well as addition/removal of parents, children, and spouses. This family has been subject to a number of erroneous theories about parents, marriages, children, and descendants, so their profiles need that protection.

Project protection should make it easier for contributors like you to add solid research data, write good biographies, etc., without having to contend with unexpected and unwarranted changes to spouses, parents, etc. The project leadership has neither the interest nor the capacity to assume sole responsibility for researching and documenting the genealogy of every person whose profile has project protection under the project purview. We are just other WikiTreers trying to help out...

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Richard Sears

Bridget, first wife of Francis Doughty, was long ago discovered NOT TO BE A STONE. She had been assumed to be the sister of William Stone, Gov. of Maryland, because Francis Doughty, identified as the governor's brother-in-law, was a witness to his will (3 Dec. 1659) and appointed an overseer and guardian of one of the governor's minor children. But that brother-in-law relationship was explained when researchers realized that Francis Doughty's second wife Ann (Graves) (Cotton) Eaton was a sister of Verlinda Graves, who became the wife of Gov. William Stone. In other words the Stone connection was not Francis's first wife, Bridget, whose maiden name (I think) remains firmly unknown, but his second, whom he married in 1657.

Bridget's death is probably impossible to date certainly. She died, of course, after the birth of her last child, which was about 1639. I think there is no evidence that she was alive when Francis removed to Virginia. What should happen? Her profile should be retained and fully corrected. She's still the mother of Francis Doughty's children. I doubt the other relatives assigned to Bridget and I know of no evidence for any of them.

[posted](#) on Stone-779 (merged) Oct 12, 2020 by [Richard Sears](#)
edited Oct 12, 2020 by [Richard Sears](#)

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Ellen Smith

The PPP needs to remain because of some mythology that surrounds the Doughty family in New Netherland. And although Bridgett's is currently pretty sparse (and lacks sourcing), she had false family member connections in the past.

[posted](#) on Stone-779 (merged) Sep 02, 2020 by [Ellen Smith](#)

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Jillaine Smith

New Netherland Project; I see you're managing this profile and that it says she died in Virginia.

It's pretty rare for such a southern migration, and I see no sources on the profile to support it.

Can we figure out if she's NNS or USSC? And if both, who wants to manage her?

And... does she need continued project protection?

[posted](#) on Stone-779 (merged) Aug 08, 2020 by [Jillaine Smith](#)

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[Jim Moore](#)

It may be relevant to note that Northampton is a county on Virginia's eastern shore (the long peninsula between the Atlantic and the Chesapeake Bay). It was populated by Europeans as early as 1650. So, it's plausible that she could have removed there via ship.

[posted](#) on Stone-779 (merged) Aug 09, 2020 by [Jim Moore](#)

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[Ellen Smith](#)

Russell Shorto says (in *The Island at the Center of the World*) that her husband, who was a minister, went to Virginia to serve a church there. If that is true (and it probably is, as Shorto did competent research for this book), then she probably did die in Virginia.

Added: Shorto cites Hoffman, "Van der Donck-Van Bergen," pages 340-341. This is an article in NYGBR vol 67 (1936) that I have not yet looked up.

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[Jillaine Smith](#)

Nudging Ellen about looking up the NYGBR article... Thanks.

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[Ellen Smith](#)

I sent you the relevant pages.



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