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Henry Farmer II (1657 - bef. 1734)



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Henry Farmer II

Born **1 Jul 1657** in **Henrico, Colony of Virginia** 


Son of [father unknown] and [Alice \(West\) Farmer](#)

[sibling(s) unknown]

Husband of [Mary \(Clarke\) Farmer](#) — married 1683 in Henrico, Virginia, British Colonial America 

Husband of [Hester Branch \(Unknown\) Farmer](#) — married 1696 in Henrico County, Colony of Virginia 

Father of [John Farmer](#), [Thomas Farmer](#) and [William Henry Farmer Jr.](#) [DESCENDANTS](#) 

Died **before 1734** before age 76 in **Henrico, Colony of Virginia** 

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Biography

Disputed Origins



Henry Farmer II was a Virginia colonist.

A previous version of this profile attached him as son of [Thomas Farmer](#) and his wife [Ann](#). If he was related to Thomas at all, he might have been his grandson, but the timing works hard against him being his son. We have detached these parents.

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[Will someone Please finish merging profiles Farmer-6679 & Farmer-1054 to pre-1700 style.](#) Apr 7, 2021.


[II, III, etc in names not used by the person](#) Jun 5, 2018.


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 Henry:

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Birth

Henry Farmer was born in 1657 in Henrico County, Virginia,^[1] the purported son of [Thomas Farmer](#) (may have been grandson).

1657, Henrico, Virginia, United States.^[2]

Marriage

Henry's 1st wife is unknown. (Family Search family trees suggest her name was Mary Clarke, but there is yet no source to verify this.)

Henry married 2nd [Hester \(Unknown\) Bass](#), widow of [William Bass](#), after William's death. The exact date of the marriage is unknown but William's will was proved 1 October 1695 in Henrico County, Virginia.^[3]

Land Transaction

On November 8, 1689, John Clark of Henrico County and Henry Farmer entered into an indenture concerning land.^[4]

Death

He passed away before 1734 in Henrico County, Virginia Colony.^[5]

Research Notes

There was a Henry Farmer in Jamestown in 1624, a servant of a man named William Perce.^[6] There appears to be no further reference for him. Is he another candidate for this Henry's father or grandfather?

Notation on Henry Farmer, Henrico County, Virginia, 1696: "p. 78 of Orphans Court book 1677-1739 of Henrico Co. Va. by Pauline Pearce Warner; 1963; p. 39 of original Orphans Court book-- "At an Orphans Court held at Varina for the County of Henrico the 20th day of August 1696 in the yeare of the Reign of Wm. the 3rd.... 1696 it is ordered that Henry Farmer who maryed the Executrix of William Bass late of this County decd be sumoned to the next court to give se'ty for the probate of the Decd will.".... Excerpted

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- <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LKR6-JBL>

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CHAPTER II

I THOMAS FARMER, IMMIGRANT ANCESTOR

The first reference to 1 Thomas Farmer is in "The Living and The Dead in Virginia", "At ye neck of land, Thomas Farmer, February 16, 1625", Hotten, p. 170; again in the Muster roll of Settlers in Virginia 1624 "Thomas Farmer, age 30, in the Tryall 1616", Hotten, p. 201. He came to Virginia four years before the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts. He survived the March 22, 1622 Indian Massacre in which over four hundred English settlers were killed.

The Neck of Land is an area of a thousand acres, more or less, that the James River meanders around, which is now called Farrars Island. It is located in Henrico County which was an original shire whose records are supposed to begin about 1632. Due to Bacon's Rebellion and conditions leading up to it few records of Henrico County are extant before 1676. The records that have been found that refer to 1 Thomas Farmer are Colonial records made before Henrico County was formed. He was a member of the House of Burgesses in Jamestown in 1629-30 from the "Plantation of the College and The Neck of Land." (Virginia State Archives, Henning's Statutes, Book 1, p. 147.) It is reasonable to believe he became a resident of Henrico County when "The Neck of Land" was made a part of that County in 1632.

The date of 1 Thomas Farmer's birth appears to be either 1586 or 1591 depending on the interpretation of the above information from Hotten, p. 201. If the former date, he would have been 71 when 2 Henry Farmer 1 was born in 1657; if the later date, he would have been 63 when 2 Henry Farmer 1 was born. In either case it is entirely possible that he could have been the father of 2 Henry Farmer 1. There is no record of 1 Thomas Farmer after 1621 except that he was a member of the House of Burgesses 1629-30 from the "Plantation of the College and the Neck of Land", which was on the frontier of English settlements at that early date. Counties had not been formed and records of births and marriages were not kept. It is possible that 2 Henry Farmer 1 was the grandson of 1 Thomas Farmer considering the difference in their ages. No record is extant of any other Farmer in that locality who might have been 2 Henry Farmer 1's father. The proximity of "The Neck of Land" (Farrars Island) where 1 Thomas Farmer lived to the "Plantation of 2 Henry Farmer 1 on Proctor's Creek in what is now Chesterfield Co., only a few miles apart, and the fact that 2 Henry Farmer 1 named one of his sons Thomas, and that the name Thomas runs through succeeding generations are very strong evidence of the relationship. Mrs. A. V. D. Pierrepoint, professional genealogist, after two years of study and research of Farmer records, wrote that she firmly believed that 1 Thomas Farmer was the immigrant ancestor of the Henrico Co. and the Chesterfield Co. Farmers, based on the strong circumstantial evidence. Mrs. Pierrepoint, in the process of tracing the line of ancestry of 6 Benjamin Farmer back to 1 Thomas Farmer, the immigrant, thru 2 Henry Farmer 1, decided to trace the descendants of all of 2 Henry Farmer 1's sons who were: 3 Benjamin, 3 Thomas,

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¹ John, 3 William and 3 Henry II. This she did for two generations except for 3 Henry Farmer II. She traced his line thru his son 1 Elam and his grandson 3 Heeriah to his great grandson 6 Benjamin Farmer.

Mrs. Pierrepoint proved the line of descent from 1 Thomas Farmer, the immigrant ancestor, to 6 Benjamin Farmer to be:

1 Thomas Farmer, b. in England in 1586 or 1591.
2 Henry Farmer 1, b. in Henrico Co., Va., about 1657 (Henrico records, Book 5, p. 317).

3 Henry Farmer II, b. in Henrico Co., Va., before 1696, d. 1755.

4 Elam Farmer, b. in Henrico Co., Va., about 1725, d. 1784.

5 Heeriah Farmer, b. in Chesterfield Co., Va., about 1740, d. 1825.

6 Benjamin Farmer, b. in Chesterfield Co., Va., 1783, in Kentucky, June 8, 1857.

2 Henry Farmer 1 and his sons lived in the eastern part of Chesterfield Co. on Proctor's Creek near Farrars Island. Later generations lived in the central part of the Co. In 3 Heeriah's time most of them lived in the northwestern part of the Co., known as the Skinsquarter section, twenty miles northwest of the Court House. In the latter part of the eighteenth century the Farmers began moving west and south to other Virginia counties and to other states.

The writer inspected two monuments erected on Farrars Island many years ago by the Association for The Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. One of the monuments commemorates the location of a town named Henricopolis for Henry, Prince of Wales, which was established in Colonial Governor Thomas Gates in 1611. After the Indian Massacre of March 1622 the town ceased to exist. The other monument commemorates the location of the "Plantation of the College Lands" which had been set aside by the London Company in the 1620s for the establishment of a college. The college lands extended from the falls in the James River, along the northern bank of the river southwest ten miles, to "The Neck of Land" (Farrars Island). In 1618 the colonists obtained a charter from King James I for the "University of Henrico". It was never more than an ideal; a tract of wild land and a charter from the King of England. After the Indian Massacre at Henricopolis in 1622 the plan for the University was put aside and not revived until 1692, when King William and Queen Mary established William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va.

Henrico County, named in honor of Henry, Prince of Wales, is the county in which Richmond is situated. Richmond is located at the falls (head of navigation) in the James River ten miles up from Farrars Island. Henrico Co., established in 1632, originally comprised the present Henrico and Chesterfield counties, but in 1749 Chesterfield was made a separate county. The James River separates the two counties. The records of 1 Thomas Farmer's descendants are Henrico Co. records until 1749, after which they are Chesterfield records for they lived across the James River from Farrars Island in the part of Henrico Co. that became Chesterfield Co.

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CHAPTER III

2 HENRY FARMER I AND HIS DESCENDANTS

2 Henry Farmer I, b. about 1657 (Henrico Co. Records, Book 5 p. 317) d. before 1734. He was the father of 3 Henry Farmer II. This relationship was determined by the deed records of Henrico County when 2 Henry Farmer I deeded real estate on Proctors Creek to his sons 3 Henry II; 3 John; 3 William and 3 Thomas for "natural love and affection". (Henrico County records 1706-1709; p. 187 for Henry II and John. Henrico County records 1710-1714 for William and Thomas.)

The first wife of 2 Henry Farmer I is unknown. His second wife was Hester Bass, whom he married in 1696, the widow of his neighbor, William Bass. (Henrico Orphan Court 1677-1759 p. 39). 2 Henry Farmer I deeded property to his sons in 1707-1709 and 1714. It is presumed they were of age (21) when he did this, in which case it would have been impossible for the second wife to be the mother of his sons.

The children of 2 Henry Farmer I, descendant of 1 Thomas Farmer, immigrant ancestor:

- 3 Benjamin Farmer b. before 1693.
- 3 William Farmer b. before 1693, d. about 1750.
- 4 Mary Farmer, will dated July 11, 1787, W. B. 4, p. 121.
- 4 William Farmer.
- 4 Isham Farmer, m. Judith Moom.
- 3 Thomas Farmer, b. before 1695, will recorded in W. B. 3, p. 240.
- 1 Thomas Farmer, W. B. 8, p. 540.
- 5 Blackman Farmer
- 5 Thomas Farmer.
- 5 Elizabeth Farmer, m. Gary.
- 5 Ann Farmer.
- 5 Sary Farmer, m. Frazier.
- 5 Phebe Farmer.
- 5 Lucy Farmer.
- 5 Dolly Farmer.
- 5 Ruth Farmer, m. Turner.
- 5 John Farmer.
- 4 Josiah Farmer.
- 4 Francis Farmer, d. 1814. His will is in W. B. 8, p. 290, dated December 12, 1814, m. Mary Ferguson about 1761.
- 5 Polly Farmer.
- 5 Kattie Farmer.
- 5 Patience Farmer.
- 5 Nelson Farmer, m. Rebecca _____.
- 5 Ferguson Farmer.
- 5 Charles Farmer.
- 5 Absalom Farmer.

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- 5 Betty Farmer.
- 4 Peter Farmer, d. 1778.
- 5 John Farmer, b. before 1686, wife's name Susannah.
- 4 Frederick Farmer, m. Martha Hatcher, the daughter of Col. William Hatcher who was a member of the House of Burgesses for Henrico Co. 1644-1645-1649-1652. 4 Frederick Farmer was appointed surveyor by the January Court 1760. Martha Hatcher Farmer d. 1765.
- 5 David Farmer m. Jane (Halifax Co., Va., History by Carrington).
- 4 Obediah Farmer.
- 5 Frederick Farmer m. Obedience, daughter of William Atkins of Chesterfield Co., moved to Halifax Co.
- 4 James Farmer, moved to Charlotte Co., Va., in 1766.
- 4 Joseph Farmer, W. B. 3, p. 475. The will is dated May 25, 1778.
- 5 Phebe Farmer, m. Atkins.
- 5 Ann Farmer, m. Bosman.
- 5 Tabitha Farmer, m. Nathaniel Hatcher, descendant of Col. William Hatcher, Member of the House of Burgesses for Henrico Co. 1644-45-49-52.
- 5 Edea Farmer.
- 5 Arter Farmer.
- 5 Mark Farmer.
- 5 Judes Farmer.
- 5 Melissa Farmer, m. Franklin _____.
- 4 Benjamin Farmer, d. 1757—moved to Lunenburg Co., Va.
- 5 Benjamin Farmer.
- 5 John Farmer.
- 5 Stephen Farmer.
- 5 Isham Farmer.
- 5 Sarah Farmer.
- 4 John Farmer - will dated March 1795 - Book 4, p. 171.
- 5 Phebe Farmer.
- 5 Frances Farmer.
- 5 Elizabeth Farmer.
- 5 Ann Farmer.
- 5 Henry Farmer.
- 4 Mark Farmer, m. Amy, daughter of John Bowman, will dated October 8, 1771, W. B. 2, p. 95.
- 5 Daniel Farmer.
- 5 Samuel Farmer, m. Peggy, daughter of Daniel Binns.
- 5 Elizabeth Farmer, m. Treuman.
- 5 Prudence Farmer, m. William His.
- 5 Phebe Farmer.
- 5 Mary Ann Farmer.
- 3 Henry Farmer II

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CHAPTER IV

3 HENRY FARMER II AND HIS DESCENDANTS

3 Henry Farmer II, b. before 1696, d. 1755. He was the father of 4 Elam Farmer. He left no will because he had deeded his property to some of his children before his death. (Cheserfield Co. Order Book 1, p. 291, June 1752 - property to his son 4 William; p. 216 August 17, 1752 - property to his son 4 Lodowick; Deed Book 1, p. 451, July 1754, property to his son 4 Henry 191 acres). There is no record that he deeded property to his son 4 Elam.

However, the father and son relationship is evident from the following: 3 Henry Farmer II's wife was Sarah Ward, daughter of Edward Ward and his wife Elizabeth Elam, who was the daughter of Gilbert Elam, Sr., a large land owner of Cheserfield Co. 3 Henry Farmer II's wife Sarah named one of their sons 4 Elam, which was Sarah's mother's maiden name. They also named another son 4 Lodowick. They had a relative named Lodowick Elam and a neighbor named Lodowick Farmer. Sarah Ward Farmer's father, Edward Ward, was the grandson of Seth Ward. She named one of her sons Seth for her great grandfather and for her uncle, both of whom were named Seth Ward. (See Ward family in Addenda).

Her son 4 Seth Farmer in his will (W. B. 1, p. 226) left property to the sons of his brothers 4 William, 4 Lodowick and 4 Joel and his sister 1 Ann, which are the names of two of the sons of 3 Henry Farmer II, to whom he deeded property: 4 Elam and 4 Lodowick Farmer, brothers, married two sisters, Phoebe and Sarah, the daughters of Benjamin Cheatham. 4 Elam Farmer in his will (B. 3, p. 367) named two of his sons 5 Henry and 5 Lodowick, which are the names of two of 4 Elam's brothers. (See Elam Farmer's will in Addenda).

THE CHILDREN OF 3 HENRY FARMER II AND SARAH WARD FARMER:

- 1 Henry Farmer moved to Cumberland Co., Virginia.
- 4 William Farmer d. 1782, m. Elizabeth Forest - moved to Cumberland Co., Virginia.
- 1 Ann Farmer.
- 4 Joel Farmer.
- 4 Seth Farmer, d. 1756, m. Sarah. He was named for his mother's uncle and for her great grandfather, both named Seth Ward. (The uncle and great grandfather, Seth Ward, son and father respectively of Richard Ward. His wife, Martha Branch Ward. (See Allied families).
- 4 Mary Farmer.
- 4 Lodowick Farmer, d. in 1786, m. Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Cheatham and his wife Grace Williams of Amelia Co., Va. She died in 1789. 4 Lodowick Farmer took the oath as the Lieutenant of the Militia of Cheserfield Co. (Order Book 2, p. 481, December Court 1759). He took the oath as Assistant Sheriff to Edward Osborne, Order Book 2, p. 436, July Court 1758. He became Justice of the

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Kenneth Milton Spratlin (1962-2024)

Is there a reliable source for the attaching of [Thomas](#) as son?

[posted](#) Jun 02, 2023 by [Kenneth Milton Spratlin \(1962-2024\)](#)

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Shirley Ann (Strutton) Dalton (1943-2023)

I am unaware of any primary, or good secondary, sources for any of the linked children. I quit looking some time ago. If

anyone does find anything, I'd be very pleased to see it.

[posted](#) Jun 02, 2023 by [Shirley Ann \(Strutton\) Dalton \(1943-2023\)](#)

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[Katherine \(Alvis\) Patterson](#)

It was asserted by See Jim Farmer, "Thomas Farmer, Jamestown Adventurer: His History, Descendants, & Ancestors," in *Pioneers along Southern Trails*, Volume 3, 2006, at <https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AChJHeFAf9hdTU&cid=5799669D9CD62D52&id=5799669D9CD62D52%212908&parId=5799669D9CD62D52%21687&o=OneUp> and at Genforum that Henry Farmer (1657-bef 1734) (Unknown-599414) was the stepson of Henry Farmer (Farmer-7667). The parents were Alice (Unknown-132931) and William (Unknown-599413), "Irish persons." After William's death, Alice married Henry Farmer, and her son took the stepfather's surname. Alice later married William Harris (Harris-754) and George Alves (Alvis-44). Her maiden name was not West; this was a different lady.

These profiles should be merged: Farmer-1054 and Unknown-599414, with LNAB listed as Unknown and CLN as Farmer; West-21120 and Unknown-132931 with LNAB listed as Unknown, CLN as Alvis, and Other Last Names as Farmer and Harris. The Henry Farmer of York County who married an Alice West was a different man.

[posted](#) Apr 13, 2022 by [Katherine \(Alvis\) Patterson](#)

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[Scott McClain](#)

Thank you! Jim Farmer's work is persuasive to me. I support the proposed merges and have removed PPP from this profile to allow them assuming Shirley agrees and there are no other objections.

[posted](#) Apr 13, 2022 by [Scott McClain](#)

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[Shirley Ann \(Strutton\) Dalton \(1943-2023\)](#)

I have no problems with PPP removal. This profile does need to be updated and the info posted by Katherine appears good.

[posted](#) Apr 13, 2022 by [Shirley Ann \(Strutton\) Dalton \(1943-2023\)](#)

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[Shirley Ann \(Strutton\) Dalton \(1943-2023\)](#)

Discrepancy of birth dates for Henry and his father is result of lack of proof to show whether Henry is son or grandson of Thomas. More sources would be welcome.

[posted](#) Jul 10, 2018 by [Shirley Ann \(Strutton\) Dalton \(1943-2023\)](#)

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[Jillaine Smith](#)

Shirley, any objections to detaching Henry from Thomas? Seems impossible that he was his son; MIGHT have been a grandson.

[posted](#) Aug 09, 2020 by [Jillaine Smith](#)

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**Shirley Ann (Strutton) Dalton (1943-2023)**

None whatsoever. I've thought for quite a while this was an error, but not sure what to do about it. One assumes mother Ann Farmer will be detached from Henry as well. And there seems to be a problem with duplicate profiles of Ann Farmer attached as wife to Thomas Farmer. Ages wildly different.

[posted](#) Aug 09, 2020 by [Shirley Ann \(Strutton\) Dalton \(1943-2023\)](#)

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**Jillaine Smith**

Detached both Thomas and Ann. Also project-protected so they don't get easily re-attached.

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**Jillaine Smith**

I posted a message to Thomas' profiles about all his wives. Please respond there. Thanks.

[posted](#) Aug 09, 2020 by [Jillaine Smith](#)

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**Joan (Williams) Wagner**

I have added a marriage record here, but the dates are off! and their son John is born 8 yrs. before the marriage. Need more input!!

Reading Descendants of Henry Farmer, Records of Jim Farmer, [email address removed] <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orange/farmer.htm>

Sounds like Hester Bass is a second wife. "Children of Henry Farmer are: +...2.....i.....John3 Farmer, born about 1688 in Proctors Ck, Chesterfield Co VA; died Bef. 1770 in Chesterfield Co VA. +...3.....ii.....William Farmer, born about 1690 in Henrico Co VA; died Bef. 1750 in Chesterfield Co VA. +...4.....iii.....Henry Farmer, born about 1690 in Henrico Co VA; died about 1753 in Chesterfield Co VA.5.....iv.....Thomas Farmer, born about 1690."

All of these children were born before Hester Bass, so who was the mother to Henry's children?

[posted](#) Sep 06, 2015 by [Joan \(Williams\) Wagner](#)

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