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Thomas (MackGehee) Mackgahye (abt. 1659 - bef. 1727)

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Thomas Mackgahye formerly MackGehee aka McGehee

Born about 1659 in York County, Colony of Virginia

Son of William MackGayhe [uncertain] and Mary (Johnson) McGeehee [uncertain]

Brother of William (MackGehee) Macgehee Sr.

Husband of Ann (Bastrop) MackGehee — married 1688 in Colony of Virginia

Father of William (MackGehee) McGehee, Edward McGehee, [DESCENDANTS](#) Abraham MacGehee, Diana (MacGehee) Lipscomb, Anna (MacGehee) Butler, Mary (MacGehee) Dixon, Sarah (McGehee) Lipscomb, Jacob McGehee and Samuel McGehee

Died before 27 Jul 1727 before about age 68 in St. John's Parish, King William County, Colony of Virginia

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Biography

According to [Glenncourt](#),^[1] Thomas was born to the immigrant William MacGehee (aka James MacGregor) after 1653 in New Kent County, Virginia, and died 27 July 1727 (*actually the date of his will*) in Prince (*sic*) William County, Virginia.

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[Kevin McGehee](#) : [Family Tree DNA Y-DNA Test 111 markers, haplogroup R-M269, FTDNA kit #B666257, MitoYDNA ID T14104](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#)

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- ~0.78% [Grace Baw](#) : [AncestryDNA](#), Ancestry member gracebaw [\[test details\]](#)
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- ~0.78% ~3.12% [John Roberts](#) : [Family Tree DNA Family Finder](#), [GEDmatch T007315](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[compare x\]](#), FTDNA kit #100137 [\[test details\]](#)
- ~0.78% ~3.12% [Moris Roberts](#) : [Family Tree DNA Family Finder](#), [GEDmatch F266987](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[compare x\]](#), FTDNA kit #266987 [\[test details\]](#)
- ~0.39% [Greg Roberts](#) : [23andMe](#), [GEDmatch M222750](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#) + [AncestryDNA](#), [GEDmatch A163698](#) [\[compare\]](#), Ancestry member cjroberts [\[test details\]](#) + [Family Tree DNA Family Finder](#), [GEDmatch T910661](#) [\[compare\]](#), FTDNA kit #B1955 [\[test details\]](#)
- ~0.39% [Elizabeth Meadows](#) : [23andMe](#), [GEDmatch M133713](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#)
- ~0.39% [William Cheshire](#) : [23andMe](#), [GEDmatch PY9984568](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#) + [AncestryDNA](#), [GEDmatch A737803](#) [\[compare\]](#), Ancestry member wpcheshire67 [\[test details\]](#)
- ~0.39% [Helen \(Cheshire\) Chapman](#) : [23andMe](#) [\[test details\]](#) + [AncestryDNA](#), [GEDmatch HL3322133](#) [\[compare\]](#), Ancestry member Hwelder [\[test details\]](#)

Prince William County should instead be King William County, listed in his Will.

According to Grider,^[2] Thomas was born about 1665, and died July 1724 in St. John's Parish, King William County, Virginia.

See [Place Creation](#) for the creation dates of these counties.

Marriage and Children

St. John's Parish Records of New Kent Co, VA, pg 22. *Will sone to Tho. Macheke bapt ye 10 day of Octo., 1689.*

He married:

- (1st) Mary Mumford
- (2nd) Anne Baytop, m. abt. 1688; b. 1664, England; d. 27 July 1724, Virginia.

Thomas's children named in his will:^[3] ^[4] were:

1. [William MacGehee](#), born c 1689 (m. Mary Carr, d. 1771 in NC)
2. [Anna MacGehee](#), born c 1691 (b. 1693, m. William Butler)
3. [Dinah MacGehee](#), born c 1693 (b. 1696, m. John Lipscomb)
4. [Mary MacGehee](#), born c 1698 (b. abt. 1702, m. William Dickson)
5. [Abraham MacGehee](#), born c 1700 (1699-1743, no known spouse)
6. [Edward MacGehee](#), born c 1702, m. Elizabeth de Jarnette (b. 1702, m. 1734 Eliz. DeJarnette, d. 1770 in Cumberland Co. VA)
7. [Sarah MacGehee](#), born 1705 (b. 1709, m. 1727 Thomas Lipscomb)
8. [Jacob MacGehee](#), born c 1707, m. Eleanor de Jarnette (b. 1707, m. 1737 Eleanor DeJarnette, d. 1783 in Prince Edward Co. VA)
9. [Samuel MacGehee](#), born c 1709 (b. 1705, m. Elizabeth Ellitt, d. 1791 in Louisa Co. VA)

Children's info in parentheses above are also from Grider.

Note that Grider has Thomas's son William (1689-1771) marrying Mary Carr, and Thomas's brother William (bef. 1675 - aft. 1743) marrying Mary Johnson; but Glenncourt shows Thomas's brother William (1672-1758) marrying Mary Carr.

Land

- 4 May 1689. Thomas Mackgehe, a land proccessioner appointed at a vestry held at St. Peter's Parish Church on behalf of St. Peters' Parish. ^[5]

Sources of following from Our McGehees and McGehee Descendants:

- Date? Thomas Mackgehee receives patent of 100 acres leased to Daniell Grant
- 28 Oct 1702. Thomas Mackgehee receives patent of 256 acres in Pamunkey Neck on west side of Nicatywance Swamp in King William County. Granted for transporting six persons. Not confirmed until 10 Nov 1713.
- 20 Sep 1703. Thomas bought 110 acres from William Glover, King William. Originally granted to **James Johnson**; Another record that shows relationship with James Johnson found in ^[6]; James Johnson power of attorney to friend Thomas Mackgehee. March 10, 1702. Book 5, page 46.
- 1704 Quit Rent Rolls, King William. Thomas MackGehee with 250 acres.

Will of Thomas MackGehee

WILL OF THOMAS MACKGEHEE - Dated 27 July 1727, St. John's Parish, King William County
Published in McGehee Descendants* Volume I, Page 31

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF THOMAS MACK GEHEE

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~0.39% [Kathy \(Snoke\) Mintz](#) ^[E] : [Family Tree DNA](#) Family Finder, FTDNA kit #617476 [\[test details\]](#)

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In the name of God Amen. I, Thomas Mack Gehee, of St. John's Parish, King William county, being sick and weak, but of perfect mind and memory, do call to mind the uncertainty of this life and here make my last will and testament. First, I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, my merciful Redeemer, hoping through his mercy to obtain an everlasting crown of glory, my body to be decently buried, and all my just and principal debts to be paid.

I bequeath as here followeth:

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my son, [William Mack Gehee](#), ten shillings to buy him a mourning ring, being in full of his portion.

Item 2nd. I give and bequeath to my daughter, [Anna Butler](#), ten shillings to buy her a mourning ring, being in full of her portion.

Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law, [John Lipscomb](#), and my daughter [Dinah](#), his wife, twenty shillings to buy them mourning rings, being in full of their portion.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my son, [Abraham Mack Gehee](#), ninety-six acres of land, being in part of the dividend of land I now live on, with the houses, orchards and appurtenances belonging thereunto, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my son [Abraham Mack Gehee](#), one negro man named Bristol, to him and his heirs forever; also one feather bed and furniture, and one large chest.

And it is my further will and testament that when my two sons, [Jacob](#) and [Samuel](#), and my daughter, [Sarah](#), come of age, that my said son, [Abraham](#), do pay them five pounds each.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath to my son, [Edward Mack Gehee](#), fifty acres of land, of the same dividend of land I now live on, belonging to my said plantation, also one negro man named Peter, to him and his heirs forever, on his paying to my sons, Samuel and Jacob, and my daughter, Sarah, when they arrive at the age of twenty one years, five pounds each. I also give and bequeath to my son, Edward Mack Gehee, one feather bed and furniture and the chest which was his mother'

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my son, Samuel Mack Gehee, fifty acres of land, being part of the same dividend of land I now live on, also one feather bed and furniture, and one large chest, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my son, Samuel, my riding mare, saddle and bridle.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath to my son, Jacob Mack Gehee, fifty acres of land, one large chest, to him and his heirs forever. My further will and desire is that my son, Jacob, shall live with my son, Abraham Mack Gehee, and when he arrives at the age of eighteen to have a share in the crop with him in case my said son, Jacob, works with him.

My further will and desire is that my said land, so given, to be divided among my children, to be laid out crosswise, beginning at Neckatewana bridge up the head line to the corner, and down the back line until it includes Abraham's portion of ninety-six acres, and so the list of my sons' parts to be laid out in this course until they each have their complement.

Item 9th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah, one feather bed and furniture, one chest of drawers, and one sealskin trunk. And it is my further will and desire that after my decease my said daughter, Sarah, be paid by my executors five pounds in current money or goods from a store, that is to say, the first year after my decease, fifty shillings, and the following fifty shillings more. And I give and bequeath unto my said daughter, Sarah, her mother's horse, saddle and bridle.

Item 10th. I give and bequeath to my daughter, [Mary Dickson](#), one bed filled with feathers, a pair of blankets, my desk and all that is in the desk.

My further will and desire is that my draught mare and hogs be and remain on the plantation for the support and maintenance of my children. My cattle and sheep and hogs I desire to be equally divided among my five youngest children. Also, the last of my personal estate, likewise by lots, be equally divided among the same.

I do constitute my loving sons, Abraham, Edward and Samuel Mack Gehee, my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void and disannulling all wills by me before made.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seventh day of July, in the year of our Lord, seventeen hundred and twenty four.

Thomas Mack Gehee

Signed and sealed in the presence of us:

Robert Bainbridge

W. Craddock

J. Buckley

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Research Notes

Place Creation

- York County, Virginia, was created in 1634 as one of the original eight shires.
- New Kent County, Virginia, was created in 1654 from York County.
- King and Queen County, Virginia, was created in 12 May 1691 from New Kent County.
- King William County, Virginia, was created in 12 Sep 1701 from King and Queen County.

Relationships

[Holmes-16158](#) 18:04, 20 November 2022 (UTC)Research paper "Two William McGehees" written by George M. Heil, 26 Sep 1999; thanks Louis Dan Megehee who suggested William of Caroline County was the son of Thomas instead of William, the Quaker [can be found in **McGehee Descendants** by Grider. His main points:

- Will son of Thomas, christened 10 Oct 1689 - St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County
- 10 Jul 1698, St. Peter's Parish record - Will Mackgeehe ordered to help clear the roads - can't be Thomas' son
- 1704 rent rolls of St/ Peter's/St. Paul's - Wm Mckgehee - 131 1/2 acres in New Kent - Thomas son would have been 15
- 1696, Wm. MackGehee of New Kent bought 100 acres in Henrico County - Thomas' son would have been 7
- May 1953 - Robert S. Cole made his case that William Mackgehee was the younger brother of Thomas [b. 1667] and a Quaker; then concludes that William, son of Thomas disappears by 1743 and William the Quaker, brother of Thomas dies in Caroline County where will is admitted to probate in 1748. This would have made him 81 years old in 1748, highly improbable.
- **William, the Quaker**, had 1311/2 acres in New Kent in 1704, become St. Paul's Parish and later Hanover County. Bought 200 acres in Henrico. His land in King William was surrounded by Johnsons, Lovell, Harris
- William, the Quaker's sons James and Samuel were "birthright" Quakers
- In Hanover, Samuel continues to show up in the same precincts as William, the Quaker, same neighborhoods as the Johnsons
- In St. Paul's processioning, William McGehee, the Quaker disappears after 1743; age 76. Samuel McGehee is shown in the 1751 processioning and thereafter as deceased. The land goes to McGehee orphans
- 09 August 1760 - Carr McGehee asks to be "taken under the care" of the Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting - Quaker; Had Carr been the son of James or Samuel McGehee, sons of William the Quaker, he would have been a "birthright Quaker" and would not have had to make this request. In 1761 it was discontinued due to Carr marrying Ann "Out of unity". There is no record that the request was repeated.
- **William, son of Thomas**, of **King William County**, 17 Aug 1725, 1,000 acres on both sides of Great Rockey Creek; age 36; neighbor of Thomas Carr. ^[7]
- 9 Jul 1724. Captain Thomas Carr of **King William** obtains a grant/patent for 400 acres on both sides of Great Rockey Creek ^[8]
- They both lived in King William which became part of Caroline County in 1728
- William, son of Thomas, is continually mentioned in Caroline County Order Books until his death in 1748 at age of 59 - juries, witnessed deeds, owned slaves, etc.
- NOTE: in Thomas' will that he left his eldest son, William ten shillings "to buy a mourning ring". This strongly suggests that the 1,000 acres on Great Rockey was a settlement on William's share of the estate. [1725]
- Will of William McGehee presented in Caroline County Court, 9 Dec 1748 by John McGehee and William McGehee, the executors who made oath - Quakers do not take oaths.

- In **McGehee Descendants**, Mary Carr was suggested as wife of William the son and then 8 pages later as wife of William the Quaker.

Disproven MacGregor Myth

See [Disproven MacGregor Myth](#).

Origin of Thomas McGehee

A person going by the name Thomas Mack Gehee certainly existed in Virginia: we know because we have his will (see source image in this profile) and other court records. Grider provides the theories of a number of researchers about his origins^[9].

An article by Harold Grier McCurdy^[10] (the text of which is reproduced in [Grider I] without its footnotes) is of particular interest. One of McCurdy's main conclusions is that it is very implausible that Thomas Mack Gehee was James McGregor, largely because he would have been more than 100 years old in 1727 when his will was proved, and it showed that he had three minor children at that time.

Grider summarizes: There are two possibilities for the Patrick MacGregor of the family story:

- (1) [Patrick, the 13th Chief of Clan Gregor](#) who fought under Montrose in 1645.
- (2) [Patrick, Chieftain of the Children of the Mist](#), a branch of the MacGregor Clan. He too fought under Montrose, but was subordinate to the other Patrick. After many years, the descendants of this branch became the rightful heirs to the Chieftainship of Clan Gregor and their properties. The present Chieftain, Sir Gregor, descends from this branch of the MacGregors. This Patrick married Marian MacDonald of Auchatrichatan, who was a cousin of the MacDonalds of Sleat. They had two children: (a) Iain, his heir, and (b) James, who came to America.

There are three possibilities about who James became in America:

- (1) Thomas MackGehee, who died in Virginia in 1727. Grider eliminates this possibility because it seems so implausible that he could have fought under Montrose with his father in 1645 and lived until 1727, and had three minor children at that time.
- (2) [James MacGregor](#), who was in Virginia and Maryland, and had one son, Hugh. Grider eliminates this possibility because of the family legend linking the MackGehees with the MacGregors and because Sir Gregor MacGregor stated that the name MackGehee probably comes from MacEagh, a name meaning Children of the Mist.
- (3) [William MackGahye](#) who was in Virginia in 1653. Grider thinks this is the likeliest possibility because the other possibilities don't fit the evidence.

Grider concludes that Thomas Mack Gehee originated as the son of [William MackGehee/Mackgahye](#), who was James McGregor. She reports speculation by Thomas L. Parnell, of Waterford, CA, that when Thomas MackGehee died, his children found papers proving the identity of [Major James MacGregor](#), and thought they belonged to Thomas but they really belonged to his father, William^[11].

For many years, Thomas Mackgehee was called the "immigrant," and identified as [James MacGregor](#), son of Patrick MacGregor and Marian McDonald of Auchatrichaton. He is said to have come to America when Clan MacGregor was outlawed following Cromwell's defeat of the Scots. He supposedly changed his name to Thomas MackGehee in an attempt to hide his identity from the Crown. Quite a number of researchers today think that Thomas was the son of the immigrant, not the immigrant himself. Recent material suggests that a [William MackGahey](#) had sons William and Thomas in Virginia by 1653. The evidence suggests that the elder William may have changed his name from James MacGregor, making him the immigrant ancestor, and "our" Thomas, his son.

Thomas owned land in several Virginia counties. Dorothy Helmer tells us that, "Thomas MackGehee owned land in New Kent Co, as early as 1689, when it is recorded in St. Peter's Vestry, p. 20, that he 'marked the bounds of his land'." Several years later, on 28 October 1702, Thomas petitioned for 256 acres in Pamunkey Neck on the west side of Nicatwance Swamp, in King William Co. This patent was granted for transporting six persons into the Colony. However, this land grant was not confirmed until 10 November 1713, according to English Duplicates of lost Virginia Records. Less than a year after his above petition, Thomas bought 110 acres from

William Glover, recorded 20 September 1703, King William County. This land was farther up the Nicatywance Swamp, which is now called Harrison Creek. According to Helmer, these acres had been granted to James Johnson on 1 April 1702, then sold to William Glover. Glover, in turn sold them to Thomas MackGehee.

The Quit Rent Rolls of 1704 for King William County list "Thomas MackGehee 250 acres." Nelson Heath Merriwether informs us, "...the records of these grants, detailing acreage, payments of rent, constitute the Quit Rent Rolls" and are "the first evidence of the foundation of a family progenitor in early Virginia."

Pamunkey Neck, on the west side of Nicatywance Swamp in King William County, Virginia, was laid out for the Pamunkey Indians. The "Articles of Peace" with the Indians, however, designated this area for colonists after the Governor and Council forced the Indians to relinquish their rights.

In his will, Thomas left bequests to all nine children but made no mention of his wife. She probably had died earlier.

SOURCES: "Our McGehees, A History of One Branch of the McGehee Family from 1659 to the Present," Elizabeth McGehee Johnson, 1993.

English Duplicates of Lost Virginia Records, Patents, pages 60, 62, 113

From "McGehee Descendants," E. C. W. Grider: "First, let's consider the ancestry of Marian MacDonald whose husband was Patrick MacGregor. According to Sir Gregor MacGregor there were two Patricks and the one who married Lady Marian MacDonald of Slate is NOT our Patrick. Our Patrick married Marian MacDonald of Auchatrachatan, who was possibly a cousin of the MacDonalds of Slate."

From a letter by Sir Gregor MacGregor, 2 February 1970: "There were, in fact, two Patricks living at this time who were distant cousins. The first was Patrick MacGregor of that ilk, 13th Chief of Clan Gregor, led his Clan under Montrose in 1644 and fought at the battles of Inverlochy and Kilsyth in 1645. . . . The other Patrick MacGregor of Ardchoille (called Aberach after his father), Chieftain of the Children of the Mist and is also said to have fought under Montrose at Kilsyth in 1645. He would, of course have been subordinate to the other Patrick who was his Chief. He married Marion MacDonald of Auchatrachatan in Glencoe member of the family of the MacDonalds of Glencoe and, perhaps, a distant relative of the MacDonalds of Sleat. By her, with other children, he had two sons---- Iain, his heir, and James who settled in Virginia and was your ancestor. I am directly descended from his elder brother, Iain, as a matter of interest. In the latter half of the 16th century, this branch of the Clan led such wild and hunted lives in the misty mountains that they became known as MacEagh or "Sons of the Mist." It may be that it is from this Gaelic patronym that James MacGregor took the name MacGehee."

Persons who could be James, the Immigrant:

1. Thomas MackGehee who died in Virginia in 1727 (this profile)
2. [James MacGregor](#) who was in Virginia and Maryland and had one son, Hugh
3. [William Mackgahye](#) who was in Virginia in 1653

"Any of these could be correct, but #1 Thomas is eliminated because it would not seem possible that he could fight under Montrose with his father Patrick in 1645 and have young children in 1727 when he was over 100 years old.

1. 2, James MacGregor, is eliminated because of the preponderance of family history linking the MackGehees with the MacGregors and because Sir Gregor MacGregor stated that the name MackGehee probably comes from MacEagh, a name meaning Children of the Mist.
2. 3, William Macgahye is my choice. His two sons were William and Thomas.

The children of Thomas MackGehee were: William, Anna, Diannah, Abraham, Edward, Mary, Samuel, Jacob and Sarah.

The children of William, the Quaker, brother of Thomas, were probably: Catherine, wife of Thomas Butts, James, who married Rebecca Prewitt; and Samuel, who married Mary Ladd.

Stark Young, in his famous and rare book "So Red the Rose" (about the McGehees of the 19th century in Mississippi, particularly in and around Natchez) quotes Lucy as saying "*McGehee rhymes with McFee.*"

From an essay by Dr. Clanton Ware Williams for his Master's Degree at Univ. of AL:
"Under the next king (James V), the property of the MacGregors was

family honors, and that state of affairs lasted until Montrose Rebellion, in which Patrick MacGregor joined Montrose in support of the royal cause. . . . This was during the Civil War of 1644, in which Charles I was defeated and executed. The property of the MacGregors was again confiscated."

Thomas had 9 children. 8 of them were by Anne, who was his 2nd wife.

Not sure why he changed his name when he came to America.

He was a Scottish prince.

Came from Scotland before 1701. Married Ann about 1688 in VA. Thomas Mackgehee, born Abt. 1659 in Loch Katrine, Scotland; died Aft. 27 July 1727 in St. John's Parish, King William County, Virginia; married Ann Bastrop.

Born in Scotland, presumably in 1618 (see below). Arrived in Virginia by 1653; was listed in that year as a headright on a grant of 1,000 acres to William Hoccaday of York County, VA. "Headright" means that his passage to the colony was paid by Hoccaday, who as a result received a set amount additional acres on his land grant for each such immigrant. Most persons who immigrated in this manner repaid their fare by indentured servitude.

will recorded in Will Book No. 2, pp. 84-85 of Louisa County, Virginia

Virginia Stat Historical Society Library ib Richmond VA . Oath of allegiance dated 11 Apr 1652 Could be MackGehee or MacGregor. Came to America in 1676 as Thomas MacGregor according to "McGehee early settlers of Alabama" by W. G. Stubbs, Vol. 1 page 106. Oath of Allegiance dated 11 Apr 1652 at Virginia State Historical Library, Richmond, Virginia. Descendants of Thomas Mackgehee and Ann Bastrop/Baytop For many years, Thomas Mackgehee was called the "immigrant," and identified as James MacGregor, son of Patrick MacGregor and Marian McDonald of Auchatrichaton. Believed to have come to America when Clan MacGregor was outlawed following Cromwell's defeat of the Scots, he supposedly changed his name to Thomas MackGehee in an attempt to hide his identity from the Crown. Quite a number of researchers today think that Thomas was the son of the immigrant, William MackGahey, not the immigrant himself. Recent material suggests that a William MackGahey had sons William and Thomas in Virginia by 1653. The evidence suggests that the elder William may have changed his name from James MacGregor, making him the immigrant ancestor, and that "our" Thomas was his son.

Thomas owned land in several Virginia counties according to Dorothy Helmer. She said that, "Thomas MackGehee owned land in New Kent Co, as early as 1689, when it is recorded in St. Peter's Vestry, p. 20, that he 'marked the bounds of his land'." Several years later, on 28 October 1702, Thomas petitioned for 256 acres in Pamunkey Neck on the west side of Nicitywance Swamp, in King William Co. This patent was granted for transporting six persons into the Colony. However, this land grant was not confirmed until 10 November 1713, according to English Duplicates of lost Virginia Records. Less than a year after his above petition, Thomas bought 110 acres from Wiliam Glover, recorded 20 September 1703, King William County. This land was farther up the Nicitywance Swamp, which is now called Harrison Creek. According to Helmer, these acres had been granted to James Johnson on 1 April 1702, then sold to William Glover. Glover, in turn sold them to Thomas MackGehee. The Quit Rent Rolls of 1704 for King William County list "Thomas MackGehee 250 acres."

From McGehee Descendants, E. C. W. Grider says, "First, let's consider the ancestry of Marian MacDonald whose husband was Patrick MacGregor. According to Sir Gregor MacGregor there were two Patricks and the one who married Lady Marian MacDonald of Slate is NOT our Patrick. Our Patrick married Marian MacDonald of Auchatrichatan, who was possibly a cousin of the MacDonalds of Slate."

From a letter by Sir Gregor MacGregor, 2 February 1970: "There were, in fact, two Patricks living at this time who were distant cousins. The first was Patrick MacGregor of that ilk, 13th Chief of Clan Gregor, led his Clan under Montrose in 1644 and fought at the battles of Inverlochy and Kilsyth in 1645. . . . The other Patrick MacGregor of Ardchoille (called Aberach after his father), Chieftain of the Children of the Mist and is also said to have fought under Montrose at Kilsyth in 1645. He would, of course have been subordiante to the other Patrick who was his Chief. He married Marion MacDonald of Auchatrichatan in Glencoe member of the family of the MacDonalds of Glencoe and,

had two sons

Iain, his heir, and James who settled in Virginia and was your ancestor. I am directly descended from his elder brother, Iain, as a matter of interest. In the latter half of the 16th century, this branch of the Clan led such wild and hunted lives in the misty mountains that they became known as MacEagh or "Sons of the Mist." It may be that it is from this Gaelic patronym that James MacGregor took the name MacGehee." (McGehee Descendants by E. C. W. Grider) Persons who could be James, the Immigrant: 1. Thomas MackGehee who died in Virginia in 1727 2. James MacGregor who was in Virginia and Maryland and had one son, Hugh 3. William Mackgahye who was in Virginia in 1653

Many researchers now believe that William Macgahye is the "immigrant". His two sons were William and Thomas.

The children of Thomas MackGehee were: William, Anna, Diannah, Abraham, Edward, Mary, Samuel, Jacob and Sarah. The children of William MackGehee, the Quaker, brother of Thomas, were probably: Catherine, wife of Thomas Butts, James, who married Rebecca Prewitt; and Samuel, who married Mary Ladd.

The McGehee name has been pronounced many different ways: Mc-Ga-hee, Mc-Ge-hee, and Mc-Gee among them. Stark Young, in his famous and rare book *So Red the Rose* (about the McGehees of the 19th century in Mississippi, particularly in and around Natchez) quotes Lucy as saying "McGehee rhymes with McFee."

Alt date of birth about 1645.

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