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Nicholas Morris

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♂ 1609 - 1665 (56 years)

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Name	Nicholas Morris	
Birth	1609	
Gender	Male	
Death	20 Jan 1665	St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia - Probate
Person ID	I41705	Tree1
Last Modified	21 Mar 2024	

Father	Virginia Morris	
Relationship	natural	
Family ID	F6521	Group Sheet Family Chart

Family	Martha Newman , b. 18 Oct 1608, Suffolk, England d. 12 Apr 1675, St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia (Age 66 years)	
Marriage	Abt 1624	England
Children	<p>1. Jane Morris, b. Bef 1628, England d. Aft 20 May 1671, Northumberland County, Virginia (Age > 44 years) [Father: natural]</p> <p>2. Anthony Morris, b. Bef 1646 d. 3 Jan 1683, St. Stephen's Parish, Northumberland County, Virginia - admin (Age > 37 years) [Father: natural]</p>	
Family ID	F25894	Group Sheet Family Chart
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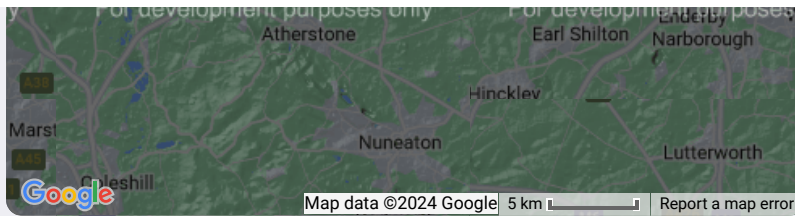
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1 Marriage - Abt 1624 - England



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1661-1665 Northumberland County, Virginia Order Book, Part 3; [Antient Press]; Page 403
Northumberland County Court 20th of January 1664/65

- This day, ye Last Will & Testamt. of Mr. NICH: MORRIS, deced., was proved by ye Oath of SAM: GOICHE, Mr. JEFFERY GOICHE, ye other witsesse, being sworne ye last Cort:

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1662-1666 Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book, Part 2; [Antient Press]; Page 140
IN THE NAME OF GOD Amen. I NICH: MORRIS beings in p:fect health doe make this my Last Will and Testamt: in manner & forme followinge;

First. I give my Soule into the hands of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ by whose merritts I hope to be saved; As for my Estate I dispose of as followeth:

It: I give & bequeath unto my Sonne, ANT: MORRIS, my Seate of Land wch: now I live upon being 558 acres; only my Wife, MARTHA MORRIS, is to have ye use of ye houseing orchard or what else she hath occasion for upon the sd: Divident of Land for her life tyme; Likewise I give unto my aforesd: Sonne, ANTHONY MORRIS, fowre Cowes, one called by the name of () the other three marked with three slitts In ye () & a hole & halfe spade in ye left eare wth: () their increase.

I give to my sd. Sonne for () I give to my aforesd: Sonne, ANTHONY () feather bedd bolster & pillow, two () a rugge, one iron pots, three pewter () one iron pestle for him to in joy ye () wth: one pare of sheets

It. I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife, MARTHA MORRIS, my Lease of Land at ye head of the River called by ye name of ye ISLAND, being 512 acres, she to in joy ye sd: land for ever;

It. I give to my aforesd: lovinge Wife, MARTHA MORRIS, all ye remainder of my Cattle except one Cow which I give to my Daughter, JANE HANEY, wth: ye increase & one yearling heyfer to my Grand Child, MARTHA HANEY, wth: ye increase, & one yearling Heyfer to my Grand Child, ELIZ: HANEY, wth: ye increase & one yearling heyfer to my Grand Child, RICH: HANEY, wth: ye increase, P:vided yt: if one of ye abovesd: Grand Children die, ye Heyfer wth: ye increase is to be devided betweene ye other two, or if they all dye but one, the survivor is to injoy what I have given to ye other two; all ye rest of my Cattle whatsoever I give unto my Wife & to her disposinge

Item. I give unto my loveinge Wife my Chattels as household goods & all moveables both wthin door & wth out except what is before given in this my Will, she to dispose of the sd. goods accordinge to her owne discrecon after my Debts is payd. out of them;

As for the interringe of my body after my decease, I leave to ye discrecon of my beloved Wife, who I make whole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testamt: Witsesse my hand and seale this 21th of November 1660, Before the signings of this my Will, I give to () GOICHE wch: writt my Will one yearlinge heyfer & ye ()

Signed in ye p:sence of SAM: GOICHE, JEFFERY GOICHE

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1650-1652 Northumberland County, Virginia Deed & Order Book; [Antient Press]; Page 72

At a Court held for the County of Northumberland the 22th of Aprill 1652

According to sufficient prooffe made to this Court there is due to Mr. NICHOLAS MORRIS two hundred acres of Land for transportacon of these p:sons following into this Colony, Vizt KATHERINE MADIX, WILLIAM NICHOLLS, JOHN WARNER, JOHN MICHEM

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1650-1652 Northumberland County, Virginia Deed & Order Book; [Antient Press]; Page 72

At a Court held for the County of Northumberland the 22th of Aprill 1652

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I NICHOLAS MORRIS of GREAT WICOMOCOW in the County of Northumberland in the Colony of Virginia doth give for his marke of hoggs and Cattle cropt on both eares and three slitts in each cropp Recorded this marke the 13th of April 1652

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1650-1652 Northumberland County, Virginia Deed & Order Book; [Antient Press]; Page 74

At a Court held for the County of Northumberland the 22th of Aprill 1652

Wee whose names are subscribed doe promise & ingage our selves to be true & faith full to the Comonwealth of England as it is now established without KING or HOUSE of LORDES
NICHOLAS MORRIS

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Joseph Wicks his letter of attorney

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Wicks of The Isle of Kent doth constitute appoint and ordain my trusty and well beloved friend Nicholas Morris Gent of Great Wicocomocoe in Virginia to sue and implead [...•] [•••••] for me and in my name and stead and for all lawful means for the recovering of satisfaction for the [A hole in this page makes this entry unreadable]

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1652-1658 Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book; ©[Frank V. Walczyk]

David Spiller his depo

The deposition of David Spiller aged 34 years or thereabouts sworn and examined and saith that being at the house of Nicholas Morris he heard Mr. Palmer call Richard Budd, "Church Robber" and a rogue and thief and that he would prove him a rogue and further saith not.

The mark of David Spiller, Nicholas Morris

21st November 1653 This depo was recorded.

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1652-1658 Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book; ©[Frank V. Walczyk]

Nicholas Morris his depo 21st November 1653 jurat in cur.

Nicholas Morris aged 44 years or thereabouts being sworn and examined saith that he hath heard Mrs. Calvert say that she dare not go out with Mr. Calvert her husband into the woods [----] private for fear he would kill her so he hath beat Mrs. Calvert [---] her into private but she would not go with him. He this deponent doth verily beleave that the words spoken against the states were spoken by her [----] and protect her from the fury of her husband that she might be taken into safe custody and he parted from her husband and further saith not

Nicholas Morris

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1652-1657 Northumberland County, Virginia Order Book, Part 1; [Antient Press]; Page 42

Mr. NICHOLAS MORRIS aged 48 yeares or thereabouts being sworne & examined saith that he hath heard MRS. CALVERT saye that she did not goe out with Mr. CALVERT her Husband in ye woods or into private for feare he would kill her so he said CALVERT hath beat her into private but she would not goe with him. He this Depont, doth verily beleave that ye words spoken agt. ye States were spoken by the () onely how much & pushet her () the fury of her Husband that she might be taken into safe custody & be parted from her Husband and farther saith not

NICHOLAS MORRIS

These prsts. witnesseth that I JOHN HOLLOWES doe make & ordaine JOHN WALTON to be my lawful Atturney in all causes whatsoever givingen unto my sd. Attur: as full power as any Atturney hath; Witness my hand the 5th Novem: 1653

Witness SAMPSON () JOHN HOLLOWES

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Mr. Morris his gift unto Adam Westgett and his oldest son

void vide fol. 65

These presents witness that I Nicholas Morris of Wicocomoco in the County of Northumberland many and weighty considerations more thereunto mentioned do hereby give and bestow upon Adam Westgett and his eldest son Robert Westgett the just quantity of fifty acres of land situated lying and being in the County of Northumberland beginning at Stonie Point and so running to Sandy Point so far as the quantity shall extend etc. the said Adam and Robert Westgett shall enjoy without any molestation from any from me. during the term or time of their natural lives without [----] rent or acknowledgment and at the expiration of the said time the land to return to me the said Nicholas Morris my heirs and assignees as witness my hand this 31st day of October 1654.

Nicholas Morris

Witness, George Dodson, John Haynie

20th August 1655, This writing was recorded.

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Mrs. Morris her deposition.

Martha Morris aged 46 years or thereabouts sworn and examined saith whereas this deponent was appointed by the [---] peruse the body of Jane Owen of her complaint of [----] and beating of her the said Jane, I do find the said Jane [---] about twelve places on her body beaten black and blue and [---]this deponent saith not.

Martha Morris her mark

4th [----] 1655.

Mrs. Hawley her deposition.

I Ann Hawley aged 40 years or thereabouts sworn and examined do testify the same as Mrs. Morris hath done above specified,

Ann Hawley.

Coram me Samuel Smyth, Nicholas Morris, James Hawley,

20th November 1655, these depositions were recorded.

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Mr. Nicholas Morris his pattent.

To all etc. whereas etc. Now know you Sir William Berkeley Knt. etc. give and grant unto Nicholas Morris five hundred acres of land situated laying and being in the County of Northumberland abutting [---] upon Wicocomoco River Northerly upon a creek [---]divideth this land from the land of Jeffery Cor-] Southerly upon a creek that divides this land from the land now in the possession of John Essex and Westerly into the main woods. The said five hundred acres of land [---] two hundred and fifty acres thereof being granted unto him the said Nicholas Morris by assignment of five persons [---] from William Ewen and the other two hundred and fifty acres of the said land being granted unto him the said Nicholas Morris by assignment from Silvester Colton for five persons all whose names are in records mentioned under this pattent dated the 29th of October 1651.

William Berkeley

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Mr. Morris his assignment of a pattent unto Anthony Morris.

Know all men by these presents that I Nicholas Morris do hereby assign and set over all my right title and interest of this pattent with all priviledges herein mentioned unto my son Anthony Morris his heirs and assignees forever, witness my hand the 20th January 1655 this assignment was acknowledged in open court by the said Mr. Morris and the assignment and pattent are recorded

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1652-1657 Northumberland County, Virginia Order Book, Part 1; [Antient Press];

Northumberland County Court 20th of October 1655

- Whereas it doth appeare unto me yt: THO: COGGIN, deced., doth owe unto Major SAMUELL SMYTH the summe of One hundred twenty and nine pounds of tobaccoe by Bill, It is therefore

ordered that Mr. NICHOLAS MORRIS, Administr: of the sd. COGGIN, shall forthwith: make paymt, of the sd. Debt unto ye sd. Major SMYTH out of ye deceds. Estate according to order of recovery HUGH LEE

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1652-1657 Northumberland County, Virginia Order Book, Part 1; [Antient Press];
Northumberland County Court 20th of October 1655

- The Court doth order that Mr. NICHOLAS MORRIS, Attur: of the Estate of THO: COGGIN dec'd., shall forthwith mate paymt. of One hundred and twelve pounds of tobacco unto Mr, PRESLY out of the deceds, Estate according to the order of recovery

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1657-1661 Northumberland County, Virginia Order Book, Part 2; [Antient Press]; Page 148
Northumberland County Court 23rd of November 1657

- Whereas Mr. ROBERT BURRELL, Chyrurgion, administered severall! meanes & divers medicines to the Wife of Mr. NICHOLAS MORRIS, as it appeares to this Cort:, It is therefore ordered that the said MORRIS shall forthwith: make paymt, of one thousand pounds of tobco: and caske unto the sd. BURRELL wth: Cort: charges

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1658-1662 Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book, Part 1; [Antient Press]; Page 13

() that I GEORGE COLCLOUGH of WICOCOMOEOE () of Northumberland in Virginia Gent) my Exrs. Admrs. &c. to deliver unto Mr. () Exrs. Admrs. &c. one good sufficient () exceeding the age of seaven yeares () first day of March next in LITTLE () for the sole use & proper benefitt as () vizt., the sd. Mare & all her future () the sd, MORRIS during his naturall life and () case () to the sole use & Benefitt of JANE () ter of. the sd. Mr. NICHOLAS MORRIS & now. () JOHN HAYNIE of the sd. Parrish & County () excepting the first Mare Male which shall fall from the sd. Mare and her increase to be for the onely use & behoofe of the sd. JANE HAYNIE & her heires for ever; Witnes my hand this 20th of 9br: 1658

Signed & delivered in presence of us

PETER ASHTON, RI: FLYNT GEO: COLCLOUGH

20th 9br: 1658 This Writeing was recorded

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1658-1659 Westmoreland County, Virginia Deeds-Wills; [John Frederick Dorman]; Page 97a.

14 Sept. 1657. Nicholas Morris of Northumberland County, Gent., puts Thomas Wilsford of Westmoreland County, Gent., his attorney against Fran: Haile of Westmoreland County upon a plea of case.

Nicholas Morris

Wit: John Haynie, Wi: Cooke [?].

20 Feb. 1657 [1658]. Recorded.

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1658-1662 Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book, Part 1; [Antient Press]; Page 59
KNOWE ALL MEN by these pr:sents that I NICHOLAS MORRIS of ye County of Northumberland have assigned and transferred all my right to () & twelve acres of land scituate in County of Northumberland & upon ye WICOMICO RIVER unto THOMAS GASCOINE SENR., & HENRY MAYES, their heires & assignes, the said Land I have delivered the () the one originally granted to Mr. () from JAMES POPE & further () & the land therein menconed () binde my selfe my heires () hand the 24th of M()

Teste JOHN HAYNIE, NICHOLAS MORRIS

SAMUELL GOCKE

22th July 1661. This Writeing was acknowledged in Court & recorded

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1658-1662 Northumberland County, Virginia Record Book, Part 1; [Antient Press]; Page 60

JAMES POPE Pattent for Land

To all &c Whereas &c., Now Know yee I SAMUELL MATHEWES Esqr. give & grant unto JAMES POPE () red & twelve acres of land in County of Northumberland on) RIVER, boundinge North East () opposite to the lands of RICHARD () West North West on a Creeke, () PETTER KNIGHTs Land formerly () () of DAVID CUFFIN () the River comonly called () the sd. Land being formerly () MORRIS by Pattent () now granted to ye said JAMES POPE () Councell bearing date () SAMUELL MATHEWES WM. CLAIBORNE Secr.

KNOWS ALL MEN by these pr:sents I JAMES POPE transfer one () to NICHOLAS MORRIS Witnes my hand this 23th of December 1659.

Teste JOHN HAYNIE, ED: SANDERS, JAMES POPE

22th July 1661. This Assignemt, was acknowledged in Court by JAMES POPE unto NICHOLAS MORRIS & is recorded wth: the Pattent

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1653-1656 Cavaliers and Pioneers, Patent Book No. 3; [Nell Marion Nugent]; Page 266

NICHO. MORRIS, 182 acs. Northumberland Co., - Nov. 1652, Page 133. N. E. upon a creek dividing this from land of sd. Morris, S. E. upon land of John Essex, S. W. Wly. upon land of George Fletcher, Gent. &c. Trans. of 4 pers: Katherine Madix, William Nicholls, John Warner, John Michem.

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1653-1656 Cavaliers and Pioneers, Patent Book No. 3; [Nell Marion Nugent]; Page 314

NICHOLAS MORRIS, 512 acs. Northumberland Co., 1 June 1654, Page 368. Upon great Wicocomoco Riv., in- dud. a peninsula called the Hand. Trans. of 11 pers: Ann Evans, James Veach, Geo. Wakefeild, Rich. Bates, John Demaley, John Warner, John Bridge, Stephen Taylor, Dorothy Griffen, John Galler, Kath. Madix, Wm. Nicholls; Wm. Nicholls due.

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1655-1664 Cavaliers and Pioneers, Patent Book No. 4; [Nell Marion Nugent]; Page 346

PETER KNIGHT, 1500 acs. Northumberland Co., 3 June 1657, Page 94, (138). Renewal of 2 patents for 500 acs. each. 700 acs. N. N. E. upon a creek deviding this & land of Mr. Nicholas Morrice, W. N. W. upon Scoggins Cr., etc. & 800 acs. N. N. E. upon said land, S. E. upon land of Thomas Read & David Kiffin, etc. 500 acs. for trans. of 10 pers.*

SAME. 1200 acs. Same county, date & page. Renewal of patent for 700 acs. granted him 2 Oct. 1654

& 500 acs. granted unto Thomas Scoggin, who deserted same, and now due for trans. of 10 pers. •
The name Rich. Shortland appears under this record.

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Title Morris, Nicholas.

Publication 4 June 1654.

Other Format Available on microfilm. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, reels 1-41.

Related See also the following surname(s): Moris, Morrice, Morriss.

Note Location: Northumberland County.

Description: 512 acres N. N. Et. on great Wicocomoco River, a small Peninsula commonly called the
Island and including the same W. N. Wt. on a creek about 3/4 of a mile above the said Island.

Source: Land Office Patents No. 3, 1652-1655, Page 368 (Reel 2).

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http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/GetLONN.pl?first=291&last=&g_p=P4&co llection=LO Patent
Title Hudnall, John.

Publication 24 August 1658.

Other Format Available on microfilm. Virginia State Land Office. Patents 1-42, reels 1-41.

Note Location: Northumberland County.

Description: 250 acres on the south side of great Wiccomoco River-150 acs. part thereof N. N. Et. on
said river, near a place called the Island, W. N. Wt. on the land of Nicholas Morris.

Source: Land Office Patents No. 4, 1655-1664, Page 291 (Reel 4).

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