

Climbing the Family Tree

Huguenots Settled Henrico

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MARISSET (MORRISSET)-FAURE (FORE or FORD). Daniel Faure and Pierre Mariset were both Huguenot emigrants to Manakin-Towne, the Parish of Dale in Henrico County. Among the list of refugees who landed at Jamestown in 1700, the name of Pierre Mariset appears, no wife or children with him. Pierre Mariset was born in France; married Elizabeth Faure (dau. of Daniel Faure). (See Douglas Register, p. 378.) They were married prior to Mar. 1, 1721, as they had a daughter Elizabeth baptised on that day. (Ref.: Douglas Register, p. 383.) Another reference shows the Huguenot minister Fontaine baptised the child; godfather was Jean Faure and godmother was Elizabeth Morriset. (Ref.: Huguenot Emigration by R. A. Brock, p. 77.) Pierre Mariset died in the Parish of Dale in 1734.

Proofs: Appraisement of estate of Peter (Pierre) Morriset, June 1734, signed by Daniel Fore, Jno. Fore and Isaac Robinson, Henrico Co. Will Book No. 2, 1725-37, Part 1, p. 440. Will of Elizabeth Fore Morriset of Dale Parish, dated Dec. 17, 1746; Chesterfield County Will Book No. 1, Part 1, p. 26, probated Mar. 2, 1750. Order Book No. 1, Chesterfield Co., 1749-54, Part 1, p. 93. All at the Virginia State Library archives in Richmond. Will mentions: granddaughter Elizabeth Tobey; cousin, Mary Fore; son-in-law, Andrew Ammonet, husband of her daughter, Jean Morriset Ammonet; son, John Morriset; daughter, Katherine Morriset; daughter, Elizabeth Morriset; all having received their full portion; signed and witnessed by Thos. Ellyson, John Faure and William Lacy.

JOHN MORRISSET, son of Pierre (Peter) Morriset and his wife Elizabeth Fore (Faure) Morriset, married Judith Gordon.

Proofs: Will of John Morriset dated May 5, 1782, Will Book No. 3, Part 2, p. 390, Chesterfield Co. The will mentions:

His wife, Judith Gordon; daughters Judith Gordon, Mary Goode and Margaret (single); sons Daniel Fore Morriset (his will dated Nov. 21, 1806, Chesterfield Co., married Martha (?) and had Daniel, William, Elizabeth and Matilda), William (underage at time of father's will) and David.

DAVID MORRISSET, son of John Morriset and his wife, Judith Gordon, married on Dec. 29, 1768, Jane Baker, the daughter of Thomas Baker and his wife Sarah. (See Douglas Register, p. 113.) The will of Thomas Baker was made Sept. 10, 1774, recorded in Will Book No. 2, Chesterfield Co., p. 233. In it he mentions his wife Sarah and daughter Jean Morriset.

Proofs: Will of David Morriset dated Aug. 31, 1793, recorded in Chesterfield Co. Will Book No. 4, Part 2, p. 357. Will mentions 329 acres of land left to his sons, Peter and John (169 acres each) and 400 acres left to his son David. In 1794 Peter and John began paying taxes on the 329 acres, Chesterfield Co. Land Tax Book. Will of Jane Morriset dated July 13, 1807, Chesterfield Co. Will Book No. 6, p. 453 at Chesterfield Court House.

This Morriset data will continue.