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## Richard Radcliffe (1661 - 1721)



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### Richard **Radcliffe** aka **Ratcliff**, **Redcliff**, , **Radclive**, **Ratliff**

Born **10 Oct 1661** in **Chapel Hill, Rossendale, Lancashire, England** 





Son of [Richard Ratcliff of Chapel](#) and [Alice \(Rawsthorne\) Radcliffe](#) [ANCESTORS](#) 

Brother of [Agnes Ratcliff](#), [Isabelle \(Radcliffe\) Haworth](#), [William Ratcliff](#), [James Ratcliff](#), [John Ratcliff](#), [Alice Ratcliff](#), [Elizabeth Ratcliff](#), [John Ratcliff](#) and [Susan Ratcliff](#)

Husband of **Mary (Caterne) Ratcliff** — married 13 Mar 1690 in Tuckahoe Creek Friends Meeting House, Easton, Talbot Co. Maryland 

Father of [Richard Ratcliffe](#), [James Ratcliff](#), [John Ratcliff](#), [William Ratcliff](#), [Robert Anthony Ratliff](#), [Jane Ratcliff](#), [Mary Anne \(Radcliffe\) Wakefield](#), [Samuel Ratcliff Sr.](#), [Alice Ratcliff](#), [Mary \(Ratcliff\) Fellows](#) and [Mary Anne \(Radcliff\) Poynter](#) [DESCENDANTS](#) 

Died **1 Jun 1721** at age 59 in **Saint Michaels, Talbot, Maryland, Colonial America** 

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## Biography

- Richard Ratcliff, 1661-1721
- Found in a FamilyTree on Ancestry.com:


OUR RATLIFF ANCESTRY IN AMERICA The Ratcliff family in Lancashire, England, descended from Sir Nicholas de Fiitz-Gilbert de Tailbois (Talbot). His great-grandfather, Ivo de Tailbois, was a Norman knight who invaded England with Williams the Conqueror. For meritorious service in wars in Scotland, the King gave Sir Nicholas the manor of Radcliffe. He was then known as Sir Nicholas de Radcliffe, which became the family surname. During the years it has changed form, and our branch uses the Ratliff form. The only remaining evidences of the manor are the church and the ruins of the tower.

## DNA Connections

It may be possible to [confirm](#) family relationships. Paternal line [Y-chromosome DNA](#) test-takers:


[Bradley \(Ratcliff\) Hudson](#)  : [Family Tree DNA](#) Y-DNA Test 111 markers, haplogroup R-M269 [\[test details\]](#)


It is likely that these [autosomal DNA](#) test-takers will share [some percentage](#) of DNA with Richard:


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russlivingston11 [\[test details\]](#) + [Family Tree DNA](#) Family Finder, GEDmatch [T643259](#) [\[compare\]](#), FTDNA kit #11714 [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [James David Gillian](#)  : [23andMe](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Pamela \(McCaleb\) Parker](#)  : [23andMe](#), GEDmatch [M896722](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#)


~0.39% [Betty Lytle](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), Ancestry member ejflamm [\[test details\]](#)


~0.39% [Thomas Wakefield](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#) [\[test details\]](#)


~0.39% [Kerry Moore](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), Ancestry member doaker [\[test details\]](#)


~0.39% [James Ratcliff](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), GEDmatch [A649779](#) [\[compare\]](#), Ancestry member jamesratcliff1 [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Betty Cantrell](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Rita \(Riley\) Strang](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Frankie Wakefield](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#), GEDmatch [AD6019433](#) [\[compare\]](#), Ancestry member flwakefield [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [Katherine \(Workman\) Beaty](#)  : [AncestryDNA](#) [\[test details\]](#)

~0.39% [James Hodges](#)  : [Family Tree DNA](#) Family Finder, GEDmatch [T512223](#) [\[compare\]](#), FTDNA kit #631148 [\[test details\]](#) + [Autosomal DNA Test](#), GEDmatch [T512223](#) [\[compare\]](#) [\[test details\]](#)

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The Radcliffe Tower is being protected by the Radcliffe Historical Society in the Borough of Radcliffe, which is located about nine miles north of Manchester.

During the 1600's the Quaker religion developed in Lancashire. The Church of England was the official state religion and the adherents of Quakerism were subjected to fines and imprisonment in the dungeons of Lancaster Castle. Richard Ratcliff and his wife Alice (Hawthorne) Ratcliff were fined and imprisoned on February 15, 1660/1 for attending Quaker meetings, refusing to swear an oath to the king, and for refusing to pay tithes to the Church of England. The historical novel, *The Peaceable Kingdom*, by Jan de Hartog gives an excellent account of this period.

One of their sons, Richard, and his wife, Mary (Caterne) boarded the ship SUBMISSION on September 16, 1682, bound for Pennsylvania. On November 10, 1682, they arrived on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay instead of landing in Pennsylvania. It is thought that the Maryland colony paid the captain a bounty for each person delivered to their colony. The Ratliffs settled near Easton in what is now known as Talbot County, Maryland.

They became active in organizing a Quaker congregation there. Their original building is still standing today and is being preserved as a historic landmark. The family is prominent in the Quaker records of that locale. John Ratliff, a son of Richard and Mary, was born September 15, 1694, in Talbot County, Maryland. He died in North Carolina in December 1771.

- The habitational name from any of the places, in various parts of England, called Ratcliff(e), Radcliffe, Redcliff, or Radclive, all of which derive their names from Old English *rēad* 'red' + *clif* 'cliff', 'slope', 'riverbank'.
- When Richard Ratcliff was born on 29 July 1661, in Rossendale, Lancashire, England, his father, Richard Ratcliff, was 46 and his mother, Alice Rawsthorne, was 43. He married Mary Caterne on 13 May 1691, in Talbot, Maryland, British Colonial America. They were the parents of at least 6 sons and 3 daughters. He died on 1 June 1721, in Saint Michaels Parish, Talbot, Maryland, British Colonial America, at the age of 59.
- FamilySearch ID: 9J3Y-X25
- Birth: 129 Jul 661, Rossendale, Lancashire, England
- Christening:
- Residence:
- Death: 1 Jun 1721, Saint Michaels Parish, Talbot, Maryland, British Colonial America,
- Burial:
- Parents:
  - Richard Ratcliff, 1614-1725
  - Alice Rawsthorne, 1618-1670
- Spouse: Mary Caterne, 1662-1732
- Married: 13 May 1681, Tabot, Maryland, British America
- Siblings:
  - Agnes Conwy (born Ratcliff) 1641 - 1700
  - James Radcliffe 1645 - 1690
  - Isabella Heyworth (born Ratcliff) 1647 - 1687
  - Elizabeth Ratcliff 1659 - 1721
  - Samuel Ratcliff 1700 - 1778
  - William Ratcliff 1643 - 1645
  - John Ratcliff 1646 - 1650
  - Alice Ratcliff 1649 - 1692
  - Susan Ratcliff 1663 - 1664
- Children:
  - Edward Radcliffe 1678 - 1714
  - Rebecca Hall (born Radcliffe) 1684 - 1714
  - Unknown Ratliff 1690 - 1739

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## Research

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- Robert Ratliff 1690 - 1738
- James Ratcliff 1693 - 1765
- Robert Anthony Ratliff 1696 - 1775
- Jane Dixson (born Ratcliff) 1698 - 1720
- Samuel Radcliff 1700 - 1778
- Rachel Hayhurst (born Radcliffe) 1680 - 1713
- Daniel Stephen Ratcliff 1690 - 1784
- Robert Anthony Ratliff 1690 - 1738
- Richard Ratcliff 1692 - 1725
- John Benjamin Ratcliff, Sr. 1694 - 1771
- William Anthony Ratcliff 1696 - 1775
- Mary Ann Wakefield (born Ratcliff) 1699 - 1794
- Alice Kennedy (born Ratcliff) 1702 - 1790

## Migration

Richard migrated to the new world on board the William Penn Fleet ship "Submission," sailed September 1682.



Richard Radcliffe was a William Penn fleet passenger.

Richard was born in 1661.<sup>[1]</sup> He was the son of [Richard Ratcliff](#) [Alice Rawsthorne](#). He came from Liverpool to Maryland on the "Submission" in 1682. They were bound for the Delaware River or elsewhere in Pennsylvania. However, the Captain, James Settle, claimed to not know his exact location and one researcher speculated he had landed in Maryland where he would receive head-money for each new immigrant. However, the ship's logs revealed storms and considerable damage to the ship. The passengers were unloaded at Choptank, MD, 10 Nov 1682. He married [Mary Caterne](#) in 1691.<sup>[2]</sup> He was the father of eight children [Richard Ratcliff](#) [James Ratcliff](#) [John Ratcliff](#) [William Ratcliff](#) [Jane Ratcliff](#) [Samuel Ratcliff](#) [Alice ratcliff](#) and [Mary Ratcliff](#). He passed away at St. Michaels, Talbot Co, MD, in 1721.

## Death

21 JUN 1721, Talbot County, Maryland, Age: 59

- Family records

## Notes

Individual Ships of Penn's Fleet and their passengers

The Submission

November 2, 1682, James Settle, master, one of Penn's fleet.

Randall and Allis Blackshaw and family: Phebe, Sarah, Abraham, Jacob, Mary, Nehemiah and Martha

Robert Bond

Roger and Eleanor Bradbury and family: Jacob, Martha, Jospeh, Sarah and Roger

Elizbaeth Breadbury

James and Jane Clayton and children: James, John, Joshua, Sarah, Mary and Lydia

Jane and Margery Maude

Allis Dickenson

James and Ann Harrison, Agness Harrison

Ellis and Jane Jones and family: Barbary, Dorothy, Mary and Isaac

Jane Lyon

Joseph Mather

Marjory Mede, Jane Mede

Phineas and Phebe Pemberton and children: Abigail and Joseph

Ralph Pemberton  
 Richard Radcliffe  
 Joseph Steward  
 Lydia Wharmby<sup>[3]</sup>

The Captain's Log survives and has been copied.

Michael Tepper, ed., "The Sailing of the Ship 'Submission' in the Year 1682, With a True Copy of the Vessel's Log" in *NEW WORLD IMMIGRANTS: A CONSOLIDATION OF SHIP PASSENGER LISTS & ASSOCIATED DATA FROM PERIODICAL LITERATURE*, vol. 1 (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988) pp. 235-238.

<http://familytree.ratcliffs.net/submission.htm>

There were 49 passengers on board, many of them members of six families.

The passenger list shows Richard Radclif, age 21 - he seems to have traveled alone although the Harrison & Pemberton families from Lancashire were aboard, as well as several other singles.

The log states that they were bound to Pennsylvania. They went aboard at the Port of Liverpoole 1682, 5th of the 7th m [September]. James Settle was Captain, the mate was Samuel Rigg; there were 9 other crew members.

Abraham, age 10, son of Randolph Blackshaw, died at sea. On the same day they were struck by a storm that staved in part of the boat and broke the mast.

There were two days when the captain noted great schools of Porpoises following the boat. The log is mostly a weather report. When they were within 80 leagues of land, the captian noted smelling the pines. The voyage took 58 days.

Richard transferred his membership in the Society of Friends to the Third Haven Monthly Meeting in Talbot Co, MD in 1682. He was witness to numerous marriages.

Richard and Mary Caterne first announced their intentions to marry at the Third Haven Monthly Meeting, 1690, 12m 6d. Richard was required to write to a Friend in Pennsylvania, Henry Baker, and get from under any entanglement for the account of marriage with Henry Baker's daughter. Apparently James had lived for a short time with his older brother James in Bucks Co, PA. Church records in the town of St. Michael's indicate they had at least eight children.

From *Maryland Quaker Records* by Lucy Kate McGhee, online at Ancestry.com: Vol 3, Part 1, p.36

Whereas Richard Ratcliff of Talbot County in the province of Maryland, sawyer [also transcribed by some as lawyer], and Mary Catherine Caterne, spinster of the same county and province, aforesaid, having declared their intentions of marriage two several times at several meetings, of the people of God called Quakers, in the county aforesaid, which was approved on by those meetings, now these are to certify all people whom it may concern that for the full accomplishment of the intentions aforesaid this 13th of the 3rd month called May in 1691 in an assembly of the aforesaid people of God at their meeting house at Tuccaho Creek in the county aforesaid, Richard Ratcliff did solemnly in the fear of God according to the example of the Holy men of God recorded in the Scriptures of Truth take the said Mary Caterne to be his wife and in like manner she the said Mary Caterne did then and there take the said Richard Ratcliff to be her husband, each of them promising to be faithful one to another, as husband and wife so long as they shall live and we who were present at their taking each other have hereunto set our hands, witnesses unto the same, the day and year above written.

#### **Richard Ratcliff, Mary [her mark] Ratcliff,**

John Pitt, Thos. Cook, Samuel Usley, Bazl. Stone, Edward Clark, Wm. Berry, John Baynard, Thos. Alcock, George Pratt, Jon Newman, Jonathan Ary, Thos. Aylor, Richard Hall, Jon Pemberton, James Rdly, Robert Regester, Jon Jadwin, Benj. Parrott, Jon. Wotters, John Esdale, Sarah Pitt, Mary Sockwell, Hannah Jadwin, Sarah Hall, Elizabeth Allcock, Elizabeth Parrott, Mary Goult, Elizabeth Pitt.

1710, Richard Ratcliff bought "Jerusalem", a 400 acre tract in Queen Anne's Co, MD from Charles Hollingsworth and wife Mary. The land originally taken up by John Hollingsworth. It was on the south side of the Chester River, the SE branch of the head of the river. Liber 7, p.147a [part of this deed is missing at the Maryland Land Records online site]

1 Nov 1715, Richard sold 200 acres of "Jerusalem" to Richard Tilghman.

5 Nov 1715, Richard Ratcliff, planter & weaver, bought 170 acres called "Jacob & John's Pasture" from Samuel Cochayne, gentleman, and Anne his wife for 15,000 #'s of tobacco. Richard Carter, late of Talbot Co, merchant, deceased, purchased a tract of John Newman and Jacob Abraham which was afterward divided between John Newman and Thomas Eubanks. Sold by John Newman

and wife Joan as the same moiety [half] of 170 acres. Boundaries begin at the line of Thomas Eubanks, descending to a valley on the Mill Branch, East side of the Court Road, by a great marsh and the road side, till it intersects Thomas Eubanks. Signed by Samuel and Anne Cochayne. Wit: Thos. Emerson, W. Clayton, Theodorus Bonner. On the same day the deed was acknowledge by Samuel and Anne Cochayne released her dower rights. Liber 12, p.220  
Will of Richard Ratcliff

"IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I, Richard Ratcliff, of Talbot Co., Md., being at this time in perfect health and sound mind and perfect memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life do therefore make and ordain this my last will and testament upon this eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and twenty, revoking all other will or wills heretofore made by me and this my last will to stand authentic above them all.

"I give and bequeath my soul to the Almighty God that gave it, hoping that by and through Jesus Christ our Lord his only son to obtain remission for my sins and to find acceptance with Him, and my body buried in Decency at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named.

"And for those worldly goods that it has pleased the Almighty God to bestow on me, I give and bequeath as follows:

"Item, I give and bequeath unto my **son, James Ratcliff, one half of one hundred and seventy acres of land called by the name of Jacob and John's Pasture**, next to the main road on the plantation where I now live, to him and the male heirs of his body forever. *[The entail "to the male heirs of his body forever" would cause problems among his great-grandsons as late as 1791, as they cleared title to this tract]*

"Item, I give and bequeath unto my **son John Ratcliff, the other half of that tract of land called Jacob and John's Pasture**, and next unto hog neck, to him and his male heirs forever, with one forty foot tobacco house. *[John sold his part to his brother James before leaving for North Carolina. John's eldest son Joseph would also have to "break the tail" of this provision, 1775.]*

"Item, I give and bequeath unto **my son Samuel Ratcliff, part of a tract of land called by the name of Jerusalem**, lying in that part of the land that I sold to Col. Richard Tilghman, 100 acres of land to him and his heirs forever.

"Item, I give to my well **beloved wife, Mary Ratcliff, the plantation and the moveables, during her life**, and after her decease the moveables to be equally divided **amongst my three sons and two daughters, That is to say, John, William, Samuel, Alice and Mary Ratcliff.**

"I also appoint **my wife, Mary Ratcliff, James and John Ratcliff, to be wholly and solely executors of this my estate.**

s/"Richard Ratcliff (SEAL)

"Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

"And: Allen

"Edward E. F. Fish.

"Dominick Cowen

"Item, I give and bequeath unto my son, John Ratcliff, one steel whip saw."

WILLS, Vol. 16, page 484, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.; as cited in Clarence Earl Ratcliff, B.S., M.A., RICHARD RATCLIFF OF LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND AND TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND AND HIS ANCESTORS AND DESCENDENTS, 1066-1988, (1963; eighth edition privately published by Clarence Earl Ratcliff, 1988), and published on the Internet at URL <http://don.ratcliff.net/tree/rr.html>.

## Research Notes

- This particular profile is an on-going project to document the genealogy of one Ratcliff line. If you have a problem with a particular entry, please contact the submitter of said entry. This profile is a collaborative work-in-progress, always in need of direct and primary sources. Please contribute valid sources with your information.

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- Source: S1038 Abbreviation: Ratcliff Book Title: The Richard Ratcliff Book: *Richard Ratcliff of Lancashire, England and Talbot County, Maryland*, Clarence Ratcliff, 1988. Book now out of print.
- <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/31392144/richard-ratcliff>

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