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Mary **Skerme** formerly **Repps** aka **Jones**

Born **about 1633** in **Charles City, Virginia** 👤

Daughter of [Wylle Repps](#) and [Mary \(UNKNOWN\) Repps](#)

[sibling(s) unknown]

Wife of **Thomas Jones Jr.** — married 1655 in Henrico County, Colony of Virginia 👤

Wife of **Edward Skerme** — married about 1671 in Henrico, Virginia 👤

Mother of [Elizabeth \(Jones\) Turpin](#), [Repps Jones](#), [Martha \(Jones\) Osborne](#), [Thomas Jones](#), [Edward Skerme Jr.](#) and [Mary \(Skerme\) Brodnecks](#) DESCENDANTS 🗨️

Died **before 5 Oct 1710** before about age 77 in **Varina Parish, Henrico, Virginia** 👤

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Biography

Mary Repps was born about 1633 in Charles City, Virginia,^[1] said to be the daughter of Wylle Repps. [Documentation needed. See Reseach Notes.]



Mary (Repps) Skerme was a Virginia colonist.

She married first about 1655 **Thomas Jones** and settle in Bermuda Hundred, Henrico County, Virginia. Thomas died about 1670, leaving her with four young children.

She married second **Edward Skerme** and had two more children before he died in 1677. Mary served as executrix of his will.^[2]

On August 9, 1684, Mary Skerme and her son Thomas Jones equally divided the land of Thomas Jones' deceased.^[3]

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No known carriers of Mary's DNA have taken a [DNA test](#).

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We Mary Skerm of Bermuda Hundred, Henrico Co., and Thomas Jones, my son, agree to peacably occupy land which was my husband's, Thos. Jones, dec'd, bounded by the river and the high road, called The Hundred Path, equally. Mary Skerme to hold the part joining the creek toward Wm Ligon, and Thomas Jones, the part joining the swamp, next to Edward Stratton 9 Aug. 1684.

On the same day, son Thomas Jones sold 100 acres of his portion to his brother Repps Jones. This land, per the deed, lay *"at the head northward from the river of my plantation,"* and was adjacent to William Liggon, Edward Stratton and Thomas Shippy. The deed was signed by Thomas Jones, as well as his wife Martha Jones and mother Mary Skerme.^[4]

Mary (Repps) Jones Skerme outlived her two husbands and three sons.

She wrote her will on November 16, 1707 stating that she was sick in body. She apparently lived a few more years, for her will was not proved in court until October 5, 1710.^[5]

She left to daughter Martha Osborne her wedding ring; to daughter Elizabeth Turpin all her wearing clothes; and to daughter Mary Brodnecks, her mourning ring. She mentioned grandchildren Martha Turpin, who received her best bed and furnishings belonging to it; Elizabeth Turpin, who received a warming pan, chest, a calf, and other items; Philip Turpin, who received a table, 4 chairs, her pewter, and 2 pots; Matthew Turpin land adjoining Joseph Wilkinson ; Mary Osborne, who received the next best bed and furnishings for it ; Martha Osborne, who received one cow and her father's house; and Thomas Osborne, who received a chest. Philip Turpin was named executor, and Thomas Osborne and Thomas Cheatham Sr. were witnesses. She requested that "if I die before Ed Thatcher, he is to be free."

Children

1. Thomas Jones, b. abt. 1658?, m. Martha Tanner, d.1689. Lived in Bermuda Hundred. Widow m.2 Edward Haskins.
2. Repps Jones, b. 1660s, d. 1689, single. Lived in Bermuda Hundred.
3. Martha Jones, b. 1660s, m. Thomas Osborne. Lived in neighboring Coxendale. [That Mary named Martha first in her will implies she was the older daughter.]
4. Elizabeth Jones, b.1660s, m. Philip Turpin. Lived on Redwater Creek, a portion of the Osborne's Coxendale.
5. Edward Skerme, b. abt.1672, m. Pricilla Branch, d. 1700. [He witnessed Thomas Jones' will in Jan 1688/9, so was then at least 16.] Widow m.2 Joseph Wilkinson.
6. Mary Skerme, b. abt. 1674, m. Mr. Brodnecks.

Research Notes

Numerous unsourced family trees and Find-a-Grave^[6] say she is the daughter Wylle Repps, however there is no one by that name in Neil Marion Nugent's "Cavaliers and Pioneers; abstracts of Virginia land patents and grants, 1623-1800"^[7] or John Camden Hotten's "The Original List of Persons of Quality 1600-1700 (1874)."^[8]

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I added the Find a Grave source-- which has a different date of birth. Thinking yours was just transposed I changed the date to go with FAG-- and then saw the problem that caused, so changed it back. Sorry for any confusion.