



## William Rountree (abt. 1699 - bef. 1765) /UserID



### William Rountree

Born **about 1699** in **New Kent, Virginia** ♀ [uncertain]

Son of [Francis Rountree Sr.](#) [uncertain] and [Sarah \(Coleman\) Rountree](#) ANCESTORS 🗑️  
 [uncertain]

Brother of [John Rountree](#), [Francis Rountree Jr.](#), [Christian \(Roundtree\) Knight](#), [Rebecca Roundtree](#), [Moses Roundtree](#), [Elizabeth \(Roundtree\) Wallace](#), [Susanna Roundtree](#) and [Jesse Rountree](#)

Husband of [Dorcas \(Dudley\) Roundtree](#) — married 1720 in Albemarle County, Virginia ♀

Father of [William Rountree Jr.](#), [Randall Rountree](#), [Dudley Rountree](#) DESCENDANTS 🗑️  
[Sr.](#), [Richardson Rountree](#), [Isabell \(Roundtree\) Goldsmith](#), [Elizabeth \(Roundtree\) Bailey](#), [Dorcas \(Roundtree\) Murrell](#), [Mary \(Roundtree\) Whitlock](#), [Turner Rountree](#), [Thomas Rountree](#) and [Drucilla \(Roundtree\) Haden](#)

Died **before Dec 1765** before about age 66 in **Goochland County, Virginia** ♀

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## Biography

This William is **not** the son of [Francis Rountree](#) and [Sarah Coleman](#). The New Kent Family is not related to the Nansemond Family. [1]

Nothing definitive is known about William Rowntree's early life. It has been suggested that William was the son of [Francis Rountree](#) of Nansemond County, Virginia, but **no evidence** has been produced to back up this claim. Although Francis mentioned a son named William in his will, there is no reason to believe it was this William.

The first known record concerning William appears in the vestry book of Saint Peter's parish of New Kent County, Virginia, which records the birth of "Dudley son of Wm. & Dorcas Rowntree" on 4 January 1728/9, and his baptism two months later on 2 March 1728/9. [2] There are no other entries for Rowntrees or Rountrees in the vestry book.

Dudley Rowntree's birth record shows that William's wife was named Dorcas, but there is no evidence that her maiden name was Dudley, or that she was the daughter of [Ambrose Dudley](#), as is often claimed. [3]

On 15 October 1741, the accounting given at a vestry meeting for Blissland Parish, located in New Kent and James City counties, shows a payment to "Mr. William Rountree Junr." If the reference was to this William, then there must have been another, older, William Rountree living in the area at the time, who may or may not have been William's father. It's possible, however, that the reference was to William's son, who then would likely have been born no later than 1720. [4]

On 25 March 1749, "William Rowntree of Blisland Parish in New Kent County" purchased 700 acres of land on the Broad Branch of Tuckahoe Creek in St. James Parish, Goochland County, Virginia. [5]

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William also owned land in Hanover County, Virginia. The loss of county records makes it impossible to determine exactly when he acquired the land, but he first appeared in the quadrennial [processioning](#) records in 1751, and again in 1755 and 1759. Records show that he owned the land on 30 November 1763, but on 29 February 1764 it was called "the land of William Roundtree transferred to Thomas Hooper." <sup>[6]</sup> William didn't mention any land in Hanover County in his 1765 will.

William Rowntree Senior was living in St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, on 14 November 1757, when he purchased 700 acres of land on the branches of Beaver Dam Creek in St. James parish, Goochland County. The following day, he gave the 700 acres on Broad Branch, which he had bought eight years earlier, to his two sons William and Randol, half to each, for the "father like love" he bore them. The land his sons received bordered Manakintown Ferry Road. The "upper part" of the land went to William, the "lower part" to Randall. <sup>[7]</sup> It's likely that William and Randall were his two oldest sons.

William died sometime between when he signed his will on 1 October 1765, and when he was referred to as deceased in an inventory of his estate taken in December 1765. The inventory included 11 enslaved people: Rip, James, George, Phillis, Nan, Luse, Nell, Charles, Sall, Ben and Jene. It also included 7 horses, 23 head of cattle, 17 sheep, 55 hogs, 60 geese and 6 bee hives. <sup>[8]</sup> William did not mention his wife in his will, so she probably predeceased him. It is unknown where he is buried, but it was likely at the family homestead, as would have been customary at the time.

## Will

William Rowntree of St. James Northam Parish in Goochland County, Virginia, signed his will on 1 October 1765. It was proved in Goochland County on 16 September 1766. His sons William and Randall (and presumably Dudley, although there is no record of it) had previously received land from their father. Major provisions of the will: <sup>[9]</sup>

- To his son **Richardson Rowntree**: 200 acres on both sides of Middle Creek, a Negro boy named George, and five head of cattle.
- To his son **Thomas Rowntree**: 250 acres on Middle Creek adjacent to Richardson's land, a Negro boy named Charles, a feather bed and furniture.
- To his son **Turner Rowntree**: The manor plantation, a Negro girl named Lucy, a feather bed, etc.
- To his son **Randall Rowntree**: a Negro woman named Nan.
- To his son **Dudley**: a Negro fellow named Jamie.
- To his son **William Rowntree**: a Negro girl named Nell, and £10 for his tending me in my sickness in the County of Hanover, and five head of cattle.
- To his granddaughter Molley Bailey, when she turns 18: a Negro girl named Salley, who was to be raised by his daughter **Betsy Bailey**.
- To his grandson John Murrel, when he turns 21: a Negro girl named Jean, who was to be raised by John's father Drury Murrell.
- To his daughter **Drusiller Haden**: a Negro boy named Ben and 30 geese.
- To his daughter **Molley**: a Negro woman named Philliss, a sorrel mare & colt, a horse, a feather bed, etc., 36 dollars, 30 geese, and one doubloon for her kindness in my sickness.
- His Negro man named Ripp was to be hired out to support his daughter **Isebell** and her children.
- The residue of his estate was to be sold, with the money equally divided between the following children: Turner, Molley, **Darcas**, Drusiller, and his grandson John Bailey, when he reaches age 21.
- He also mentioned his granddaughters Martha Goldsmith, Massie Goldsmith, Lewsy Goldsmith, Elizabeth Goldsmith, Lewsender Goldsmith, and Milley Goldsmith.
- Executors: His sons William, Turner, and Randall, and his friend Stoakes McCaul.

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The legacies were paid in 1767. The accounting shows a payment to "Col. Fleming for advice how to proceed in the Inventory & Sales, it being done in the time of the confusion about the [Stamp Act](#) & no Courts of Record held." <sup>[10]</sup>

**Children** with possible birth dates. The birth order is unknown.

- William Rountree, b. 1722
- Isabella (Rountree) Goldsmith, b. 1726
- Randall Rountree, b. 1727
- Dudley Roundtree, b. 4 January 1728/9
- Richardson Roundtree, b. 1730
- Elizabeth 'Betsey' (Roundtree) Bailey, b. 1740
- Dorcas (Roundtree) Murrell, b. 1740
- Mary 'Molly' (Roundtree) Whitlock, b. 1745
- Thomas Rountree, b. 1748
- Druscilla (Roundtree) Haden, b. 17 February 1749
- Turner Roundtree, b. 1750

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