

ISLE OF WIGHT CO., VA

PEARCE FAMILY

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**Elizabeth Pearce Ray's Ancestral Families**

from

**Isle of Wight and Surry Counties in Virginia and England**

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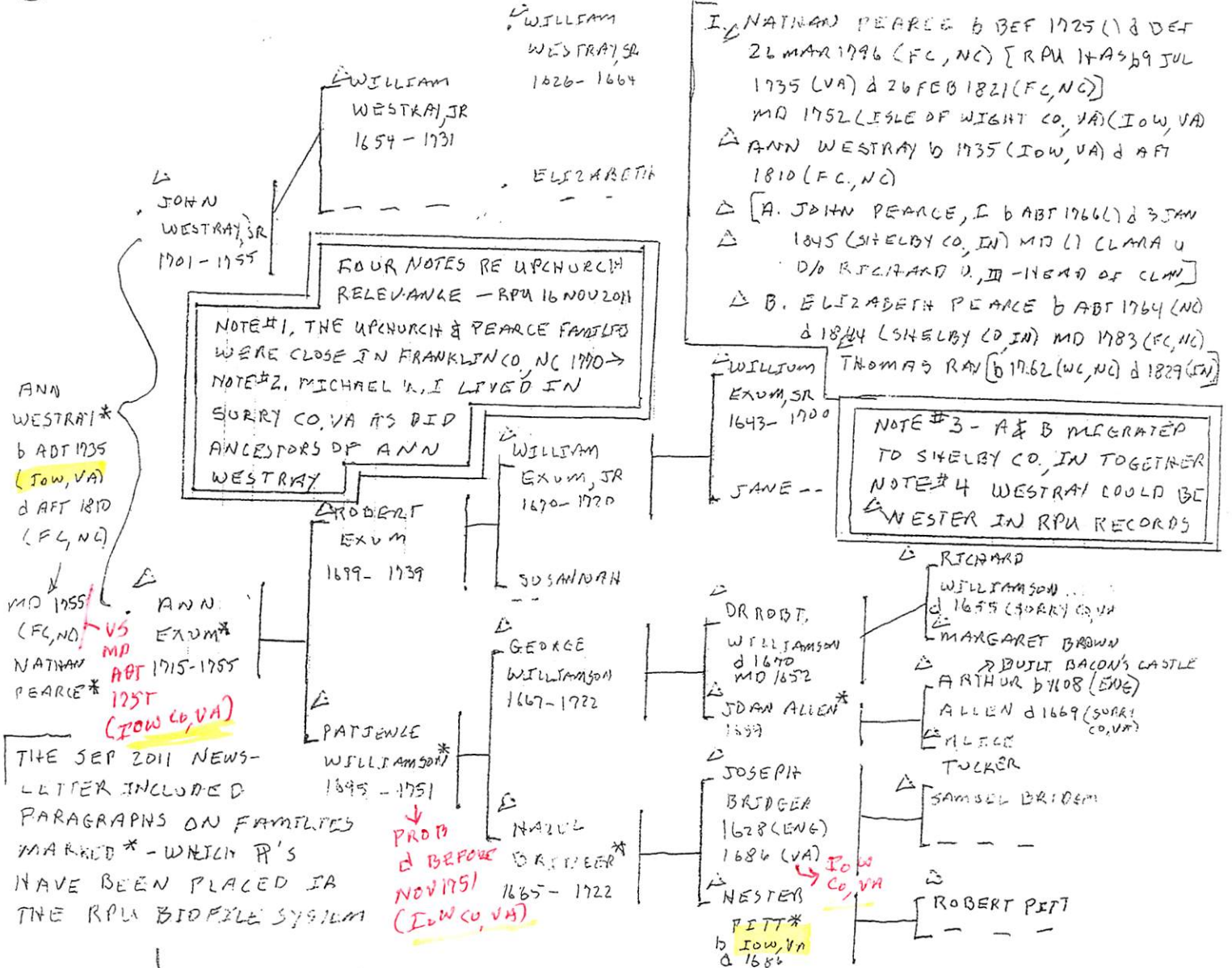
NOTE: TWO ASSOCIATED MAPS ATTACHED

COPY OF COVER SHEET TO:

- △ ISLE OF WIGHT CO., VA
- △ SURRY CO., VA
- △ ELIZABETH PEARCE + PGS
- △ NATHAN PEARCE + PGS

ISLE OF WIGHT CO., VA

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**PITT FAMILY.** Elizabeth Pearce's ggg-grandmother Hester Pitt was born in **IOW, VA**, where she died aft 1686. She was a daughter of Robert Pitt and his first wife of Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. Robert was from a family of merchants and mariners in Bristol, England. He was a large dealer in land and servants in Virginia by 1637. He represented **IOW, VA**, in the House of Burgesses 1649-1660 and was a member of the Governor's Council in 1662. Robert was baptized 16 Mar 1605/06, St. Thomas Parish, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, and died 1672-1674/5, IOW Co., VA. Robert was a son of William Pitt and Mary Gibbs. William was a merchant, Mayor of Bristol 1623, born 1575-80, Bristol, buried 24 Nov 1624, St. Thomas Parish, Bristol. William was a son of Thomas Pitt, merchant, Chamberlain of Bristol, Gloucester. Thomas was born before 1545 buried 06 Mar 1613, St. Thomas Parish, Bristol. Thomas was a son of William Pitt of Blanford Forum, Dorset [abt 55 miles south of Bristol] born before 1520 died aft 1560. William may have been a son of Nicholas Pitt. Some famous descendants of William Pitt of Blanford Forum include Thomas "Diamond" Pitt and the English Prime Ministers William Pitt the Elder and William Pitt the Younger.



## ISLE OF WIGHT, VA

- The item below makes reference to Michael U, I in VA  
It was sent on 17 NOV 2006 by <sup>△</sup>Mae Frances (Davenport) Cox  
to <sup>△</sup>Kevin Michael Burton who sent it on to RPA under  
Cover of his ltr of 27 NOV 2006 [NOTE: I am unable to pursue  
this in detail at present but will cross file it as follows:  
<sup>△</sup>MICHAEL U, I ; <sup>△</sup>SOMER CO, VA ; <sup>△</sup>ISLE OF WIGHT CO, VA  
<sup>△</sup>ROBERT BENNETT; EDWARD BENNETT; ROBERT LAWRENCE

Burton, Kevin/CVO

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From: Mae Cox ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2006 11:19 AM  
To: Burton, Kevin/CVO; 'Kathryn Burton'  
Subject: Cussell Creek

Woohoooo... guess what I found!!!!

While searching and looking for information on Michael Upchurch, I, I've run across something pretty interesting. We still need to do more investigating to prove it all, so I thought I'd enlist your keen observation powers!

In the endorsement of Ferrar for the first letter written by Michael in 1650, it is noted that he *lives neere Cussell Creek nor far from Warrisqueke by Mother Bennett's plantation* [Isle of Wight County]. That particular location has not been identified as far as I can tell reading all the *Upchurch Bulletins*. I think though I may have found where he was talking about.

There was a widow Alice Bennett whose plantation was known as Warrascoyack. In April 1644, she bought 150 acres of land between Castle Creek and Cypress Swamp. Another reference is made to her in 1644 as Robert Lawrence buys land located on the *eastermost side of Lawnes creek adjoining the land of widow Bennett*.

Alice, as best I can determine, was the widow of Robert Bennett, son of Edward Bennett. Edward, of London, obtained a patent from the Virginia Company to establish Bennett's Plantation in 1622. There's a plethora of data on these folks!

I pulled a bunch of info on these folks trying to determine if I was on the right track. There are several references of a Castle Creek that appears to meet or merge with Quarter Spring. Both those names are listed in numerous descriptions of land transactions. It looks like this would have been in the northeastern part of Isle of Wight County, near Hog Island in Surry County. Reference is also made to it being near the town of Smithville, Virginia.

Doesn't this sound plausible? I do feel I've made a good find to solve the confusion about *Cussell Creek*! If you look at the handwriting where it's written, it actually looks like it could be *Castle* or *Castile*.

Cool!