

Know all men by these Presents that I John Walston do assign over all my right Titles and Interest of my right belonging to me for transporting my self into this Country unto (?) James Phillips of Bush River of Baltimore County to him and his heirs forever as Wittness (?) my hand this 8th day of April 1676 _____ John Walston

This later copy has no break indicated, but I suspect there should be one here between these two records that don't seem to relate to one another. I suspect there should also be another break between the Hasfurt and Denboe indenture documents below.

To his Excell[ency] the Capt. Peverall [*there is a Daniell Peverall on the Baltimore County Tax lists for 1678*]

By virtue of a Warrant bearing the date the 5th day of November Anno Dom 1675 granted unto George Hasfurt of Somerset County signed P McWilliam (?) Stewards Pordu----(?) These are therefore humbly to certify that I Francis Jenkins deputy surveyor [other documents list him as deputy surveyor for Somerset County, MD between 1670-1682] under the honorable Baker Brooke Esq Sur—(?) gen – (?) [*Charles Calvert, Lord Proprietary, left Philip Calvert, William Calvert, Jerome White, and **Baker Brooke** as deputies governing the colony from May 1669 to November 1670 while he was in England*] have laid out for the said George Hasfurt a parcell of Land called Hasfurts Purchase Situate lying and being on the East side of Chesapeak Bay near Pocomoke River on the westernmost side of Marumsco Creek [this took some sleuthing to find] bounded as followeth. Beginning at a marked white oak standing on the North side of a small glaid of Marsh thence with a Line drawn North North East up the said Creek side for breadth Twenty Six Perches [early name for a rod: 16.5 feet] to a marked red oak thence for length with a right Line drawn Northwest five hundred Thirty four perches, and from thence with a Line drawn South South West Ninty three perches and from thence with a right line drawn to the first Bounder Containing Two hundred Acres more or less. To be holden to the Mannor of Somersett.

---- Franc[is] Jenkins, deputy surveyor

On the backside of the foregoing Certificate was written Viz.

Know all men by these presents that I George Hasfurt for a valuable consideration in hand already received from Richard Brittaine of somerset County do assign and make over all my right and Interest of in and to the within mentioned Parcell of land and rights thereto belonging according to the meets and Bounds herein specified in the Certificate of Survey unto the said Richard Brittain the said Richard Brittain to have and to hold the same to him the said Richard Brittain and his heirs or assignes forever. Writtness my hand and Seals this 16th day of March in the 44th year of the Dominion of the right hon[ora]ble Caecilius (?) ___(?) Annoq dom. 1675 === === ===== Geo. Hasfurt
Testis John Price Daniel Curtis

In the earlier copy, there is a line here separating the above from the list below. This is left out on the later copy, making in SEEM as though this is part of the Hasfurt document. I suspect the two are unrelated. As noted below, there are many other inconsistencies

between the two copies, with most of the spelling errors, abbreviations, etc. in the later version.

Jn Bidder	Wm Saunders	Wm Ogbourne
James Jenkins (?)	Marg. Saunders	Obediah Gumbleton
Tho. T-----	Hen. Casswell	Grace Erbery
Jane Smith	Hen. Claymore	Eliz Erbery
Rachael Keyes	Tomasin Bathrump	Tho. Thurston*
Davey Heine_ (?)	Leroy Jones	Bridgett his wife*
Wm Lederick (?)	Marg. Warde	Eliz*
Jn Denboe	Jn Vaughan	Ann his Daughters*

- note there is an inconsistency between the two copied documents. In the older document the annotation “12 years since” applies only to the Thurston’s. In the later copy this is extended to all the names in the last column.

Know all me by these Presents that I Thomas Thurston of the County of Baltemore do assign over from me my heirs [heyr] and ___ _ (?) all those Rights above mentioned of Twenty Servants unto Miles Gibson of the place aforesaid or to his assigns. Wittnes my hand Seal– this second day of May 1676.

Wittnes Tho. Song [Long?] Jn Blomfield

Tho. Thurston

Note: this Thomas Thurston was an important Quaker leader who first came to Maryland from Gloucestershire, England in 1658, sent by George Fox to establish a Quaker community. The established government was not tolerant of his views and he got into some trouble for refusing to sign an “Oath of Fidelity” on the grounds that Quakers should not be “servant to any man.” He returned briefly to England to seek more financial support and then, in 1663, he returned to Maryland along with his wife and two daughters that are mentioned in the above document. The brief article I have found in a web publication by Forrest Flanders titled “Thomas Thurston: Maryland Friend” in a newsletter called “Letters from Lost Towns” goes on to say that: “In 1663, he returned to Maryland accompanied by his wife, two daughters, and several servants and in doing so had secured land rights in Anne Arundel, including the property named the Tanyard (18AN825). Thurston’s return was marked by turmoil; although, the source of his tribulation was not the Provincial Courts. A schism had grown in the Quaker community over the controversial teachings of John Parrot, to which Thurston adhered. The Maryland Friends were deeply dissatisfied with his new beliefs ... ‘and the disturbance that he brought upon us in our meetings.’ The rift between Thurston and the group he had labored to establish had risen to such heights by 1672 that George Fox traveled to America to speak with Thurston about his ‘vagabond ways.’ In the presence of Fox, Thurston did renounce his practices; yet by 1676 Thurston had become so disenfranchised with the community that he signed his property over to his daughters and departed from Maryland.” (see <http://www.geocities.com/losttownsproject/2004Winter>, pages 4 and 5).

Maryland records show John Denbow coming as an indentured servant to Maryland in 1663, and it seems a good possibility that he might have been among those mentioned as accompanying Thurston. So this Quaker background is likely part of our early Denbow

background as well. Did we originate from Gloucestershire? I don't know, but it seems a reasonable place to put on our radar screen. This Miles Gibson of Baltimore was, by 1683, the "High Sheriff of Baltimore County." He was also involved in the so-called Maryland Protestant Revolution of 1689.

Following another line marking a break between entries in the older document is this interesting one written the same day. The writing style is a little difficult to follow, but here goes:

Warr (?) then granted to Miles Gibson of Baltimore County for five hundred acres of land due to him by assignment from Thomas Thurston for transporting himself and Bridgett his wife, Elizabeth and Ann his Daughters, Thomas Bathrump, Leroy(?) Jones, Margaret Ward, Jn Vaughan, Wm Ogborne, Obediah Gumbloton, Grace Erbery and Elizabeth Erbery into this Province to inhabit – I Thomas Thurston do hereby assign over unto Miles Gibson my right to two hundred acres of land for transporting myself Bridgett my wife Eliz and Ann my Daughters into this Province to Inhabit to hold to him his heys and assigns forever wittnes my hand this second day of May 1676

Wittnes Nic (?) Painter

Tho. Thurston

New record follows.

Know all men by these Presents that I Thomas Thurston of Baltimore County am _____ firmly bounden unto the Right Honorable Charles (?) Lord Baltimore Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Province of Maryland ___ the full quantity of Tenn Thousand pounds of good sound Merchantable tobacco and Caffé (?) to be paid to the said Lord Baltimore his heys or ___ to ___ this payment will and truly to be made I binde myselfe my heys and ___ firmly by this ___ sealed with my seal dated this second day of May in the ___ year of his Copps Dominion and Annog dom 1676.

(The Intention (?) of this obligation is such that whereas the above bounden Thomas Thurston hath transported himself, Bridgett his wife, Elizabeth and Ann his Daughters, Jn Bidder, James Jenkins, Thomas Troute, Jane Smith, Rachael Hayes, Wm Hendrick (?), Jn Denboe, Wm Saunders, Marg. Saunders, Henry Casswell, Hen. Claymore, Tomasin Bathrump, Leroy(?) Jones, Margaret Warde, Jn Vaughan, Wm Ogborne, Obediah Gumbleton, Grace Erbery, Elizabeth Erbery into this said Province of Maryland to inhabit. If henceforth(?) the above Thomas Thurston hath not att any tyme heretofore made use of or assigned any the Rights to land due to him as aforesaid Then this obligation to be void Or else to stand in full force.

Sealed and ___ presence of Tho. Song (Long?) Jn Blomfield

Tho. Thurston