
TRACING THE SETTLEMENT OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

OVERVIEW

This document serves as an addendum to the like-named document Tracing the Settlement of Howard County.docx with information pertinent to my research of Anne Arundel County. I realized during my first project I should have started with the oldest Anne Arundel County patents before I tackled Howard County as many of the settlers of Howard County already owned property in Anne Arundel. The more I learned about these earliest of Central Maryland's settlers the more I wanted to research their efforts to settle Anne Arundel County, although I had no connection to it. I lived in Howard County for nearly 25 years starting in 1995 and grew up in a town just downriver on the Baltimore County side of the Patapsco. I was lucky to watch Columbia grow from vacant farmland to the sprawling bustling town it is today, and lucky to live in greater Ellicott City which allowed easy access to Ellicott City's famed Main Street. Now my husband and I have retired to Anne Arundel county so it's nice to feel a more personal connection to it.

The techniques I used to research Anne Arundel were all the same as described in my previous document – just the file names have changed for the county name. Since the first patents were issued starting around 1650 and most of the land records were destroyed by fire in 1704, I had to rely more heavily on later resurveys and research by others to determine where these old tracts were located. I am providing an additional appendix of bibliographical information. I am particularly grateful to Robert W. Hall for his excellent and no doubt painstaking research into these old tracts – I simply could not have gotten very far without his books. Many of the descriptions of the patents appear to have been lifted directly from the patent documents so I wasn't sure I needed to cite him at first but such time spent extracting all of this information from the patents certainly requires credit. His books also contain maps of the tracts and rivers, and additional information about many of the tracts that you may find helpful.

I kept a list of sources in the Excel worksheet labeled Land Grants. The patent descriptions reference them using the shortened label. In this way, if someone uses my Google Earth land patents kml file, the source citation is included in the placemark descriptions, but it won't mean anything without the Excel spreadsheet to decipher it. These sources are included in Appendix B.

I am also left with many conflicts and questions. If you have information to offer please email me at the link at the bottom of my website: Here is a sampling of some of my questions and quandries:

1. How can West Puddington adjoin Godwell and Arnold Gray and also be part of the Summer Hill and Two Brothers resurveys?
2. Which properties were a part of Providence to Amos Garrett?
3. Roper vs. Ross
4. Sync up AACo and HoCo tracts, Forrests Range, Addition to Timber Neck, Huntington, etc.

5. Cromwells Inheritance area does not align - Locust Hill and Milford, Coxes Forest
6. Mount Robinson and Askewton Enlarged overlap - where is Luns Addition?
7. Where is Batson's plantation – West Wells?
8. Pumpreys Search does not align with both Piney Forest and Mill Seat - Hammond - too many course corrections needed.
9. Desarts of Arabia

APPENDIX B

Here is a list of the sources I found most helpful in compiling information specific to Anne Arundel county. The bibliography in the original document also applies to this project. Many of the books can be found in Google Books or Ancestry.com.

Sources cited in the Land Grants worksheet:

DORMA - Dorsey, Maxwell J. and Jean Muir, and Nimmo, Nannie Ball, *The Dorsey Family*, Urbana, IL and Baltimore, MD: self-published, 1947.

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HALAA - Hall, Robert W., *Early Landowners of Maryland Volume 1: Anne Arundel County 1650-1704*, Lewes, DE: Colonial Roots, 2003.

HALBA - Hall, Robert W. and Sandy, *Early Landowners of Maryland Volume 7: Baltimore County 1658-1710*, Lewes, DE: Colonial Roots, 2010.

HALCA - Hall, Robert W. and Sandy, *Early Landowners of Maryland Volume 3: Calvert County 1640-1710*, Lewes, DE: Colonial Roots, 2009.

HALMN - Hall, Robert W., *Land Grants in the Middle Neck Hundred of Anne Arundel County Maryland 1650-1704*, Westminster, MD: Willow Bend Books, 2001.

HALSR - Hall, Robert W., *Land Grants in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1650-1704 South River Hundred*, Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, Inc., 2002.

NELTN - Nelker, Gladys P., *Town Neck Hundred of Anne Arundel County The Land*, Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1990.

RILAA - Riley, Elihu Samuel, *A History of Anne Arundel County in Maryland*, Annapolis, MD: Charles G. Feldmeyer, 1905.

WARFO - Warfield, J. D.. *The founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland : a genealogical and biographical review from wills, deeds and church records*, Baltimore, MD: Kohn & Pollock, 1905.

WILLS - *Maryland Perogative Court Wills (S538) 1635-1674 photostat 1*,
[https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/stagser/s500/s538/000000/000001/pdf/msa_s538_000001.pdf]

Other Sources on the Internet:

A Brief Description of the Ancient City of Annapolis: https://books.google.com/books?id=Vr9ib-I1WlIC&pg=PA5&lpg=PA5&dq=providence+anne+arundel+history&source=bl&ots=n4n2_BUWif&sig=I0vnworRy3LF2uBxS9yJkFzYKlk&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwi7tL2E99TYAhWsUd8KHer7DIY4HhDoAQhUMAk#v=onepage&q=providence%20anne%20arundel%20history&f=false

A History Of Anne Arundel County In Maryland: Adapted For Use In The Schools:

https://books.google.com/books?id=LkwVAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA29&lpg=PA29&dq=providence+anne+arundel+history&source=bl&ots=JOEQsFxy3&sig=DI_VzpRrIPBC8mYAE8yprje6v-A&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiA1ur09dTYAhXNMd8KHbJAAAg4FBDoAQgtMAE#v=onepage&q=providence%20anne%20arundel%20history&f=false

Ancestry.com – Birckhead’s Mill: <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/37124903/person/29346361876/media/2b853035-6714-473c-a31e-8454e9fd3a6b>

Anne Arundel Mill Chapter:

<https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc4300/sc4300/000005/000000/000002/unrestricted/anne%20arundel%20mill%20chapter.pdf>

Anne Arundel County’s Inventory Of Historical Properties:

<https://dev.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/forms-and-publications/AACoInventoryHistoricProperties.pdf>

Anne Arundel County Historical Boundaries: <https://aagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=27>

Anne Arundel County Maryland 2013 Zip Code Areas:

https://planning.maryland.gov/MSDC/Documents/zipcode_map/2013/annezc13.pdf

Anne Arundel County Maryland County History: <https://www.aacounty.org/our-county/history/>

Anne Arundel County Maryland History: <https://www.aacounty.org/boards-and-commissions/severn-river-commission/history/>

Assessment of Anne Arundel County – 1783:

<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/stagser/s1400/s1437/html/1437aa.html>

Birckhead’s Mill: <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/37124903/person/29346361876/media/2b853035-6714-473c-a31e-8454e9fd3a6b>

From Mother to Daughter, Following My Maternal Line: Information About James Weems:

<https://www.genealogy.com/ftm/s/c/a/Jodie-Kay-Scales-IN/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0003.html>

<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/educ/exhibits/images/fig18.jpg>

History of the Weems Family:

<http://www.weemsjohn.com/PVH%20and%20Douglas%20Andes%20Weems%20History%20of%20the%20Weems%20Family.html>

Lost Towns Project: <http://www.losttownsproject.org/> There are many projects under the Research the Past menu item at this site that provided useful information – the list is here:

<http://www.losttownsproject.org/research-the-past/catalog-of-papers-articles-academic-works/>

Burle’s Town Land (18AN826): <https://core.tdar.org/project/6074/burles-town-land-18an826>

Maryland Genealogy Trails: <http://genealogytrails.com/mary/annearundel/ourearlysettlers.html>

Maryland Historical Magazine:

http://archive.org/stream/msa_sc_5881_1_87/msa_sc_5881_1_87_djvu.txt

Maryland Manual On-Line, September 1927:

<http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdmanual/36loc/an/chron/html/anchron.html>

Pasadena/Marley Neck Small Area Neck: https://www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/small-area-planning/forms-and-publications/PasadenaSAP_Final.pdf

South County Small Area Plan: https://www.aacounty.org/departments/planning-and-zoning/long-range-planning/small-area-planning/forms-and-publications/SouthCountySAP_Final.pdf

Williams, Richard, *Chew of Virginia and Maryland*, 1913:

<https://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/chew/851/>

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Ridgely, Helen W., *Historic Graves of Maryland and the District of Columbia*, New York, NY: Grafton Press, 1908.

Sioussat, Anne Middleton Leakin, *Old Manors in the Colony of Maryland, Volume 2*, Library of the University of Virginia, 1913.