

The Passage

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Pemberton Hall (Wikimedia Commons) - See page 6

*The purpose and objectives of the Society shall be:
To enrich knowledge of American history and the development of
America through the efforts of indentured service.*

*To preserve the history of indentured servitude through (1)
conservation of historical documents, (2) publication and/or
abstracting of primary source materials, (3) partnering with
organizations to further public awareness and acknowledge the
contributions of our immigrant indentured servant ancestors, who
brought their talents, skills, and labor to the colonies to help make
their new-found country a success.*



6th General Meeting
Friday, April 12, 2024 – Noon
The Army & Navy Club, Washington DC



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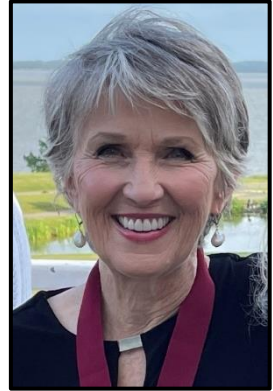
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A Note from the President General

I am pleased to offer our February 2024 Issue of *The Passage*. We are all very thankful that Honorary President General Sumner Hunnewell continues to serve as editor and webmaster, in addition to contributing many articles for publication.

If you haven't visited the website in a while, go to www.indenturedservants.org for resources, minutes, reports, and past issues of *The Passage*.

Our Annual Meeting will be held **on April 12, 2024**, at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C., as a joint meeting with the Early Postmasters. The registration form, with details, is included in this newsletter. I hope you'll be able to attend. Seating will be limited, so mail your reservation early!



In Bonds of Service,

Sharon Rennard Sowders, President General

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John Nuthall of Virginia and Maryland

by Cheri L. Graham (Member #F-54)

My ancestor, John Nuthall, was born in Cattenhall, County Cheshire, England. His baptism is recorded on 10 “Februairie” 1614, “JOHN THE SOONE OF JOHN HUTTHALL OF CATNALL WAS BAPTISED THE 10TH.”¹

He arrived in Virginia sometime during the period of 1626-1627 as a child, literate, and without parents. John worked as the servant of Hugh Hays of Accowmacke County, Virginia, sometime before 1630. He ran away from his master and lived with the Indians and was found there by a man named William Jones who paid the Indians “a hoe” for the boy, and then returned the child to his master.



Cross Manor, St. Marys City, St. Mary's County, Md. (Library of Congress)

Records show that John Nuthall made trips from to the new British America to England and back on several occasions, often accompanied by different family members. In 1661, he moved to St. Mary's County, Maryland, and purchased “Cross Manor,” consisting

¹ E W Bulkeley, *The Parish Registers of Saint Mary Stockport* (Stockport, Cheshire, England: Swain and Co., 1889), 97

of 2,000 acres.² He also purchased “St. Elizabeth’s Manor,” another estate of 2,000 acres.

Mr. Nuthall was an attorney and served as a Justice from 1663 to 1667 in St. Mary’s County.^{3 4}

John was licensed to trade with the Indians in St. Mary’s County in the mid-1660s. John may have felt comfortable trading with the Indians after living with them as a boy. Information discovered through research indicated that he would have the Indians come to his home at Cross Manor to conduct trade. He would be expected to feed them while they were there and – at one point – was not happy with how much of his beef they were consuming.

John Nuthall married three times. His first wife was Rebecca Bright, whom he married in June 1642. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Bacon Holloway, whom he married during January/February 1643-44.⁵ His third wife was Jane Johnson whom he married on 12 September 1660. John’s second wife, Elizabeth (Bacon) Holloway, was the widow of Dr. John Holloway

John passed away in July of 1667 at Cross Manor, St. Mary’s County, Maryland. Mr. Nuthall and his character were considered above reproach. He certainly contributed to the history of Maryland and Virginia

John and Elizabeth (Bacon) (Holloway) Nuthall had four children:

1. Eleanor, m. Col. Thomas Sprigg
2. James,
3. John
4. Elias.

² At one time, Cross Manor in St. Mary’s County was owned by Ted Koppel. Mr. Koppel is known for his 20 years as a broadcast journalist and news anchor for ABC. He placed the property on the market for sale in 2014.

³ Frederick Adams Virkus, *The Compendium of American Genealogy* (Chicago: Virkus Co., 1930) 4:694.

⁴ *Portraits Ancestral Records and Portraits* (New York: Grafton Press, 1910), 1:92

⁵ The marriage is recorded in *Genealogical Notes and Anecdotes, Antecedents and Descendants of John Nuthall of Cross Manor*

Anthony West of Shadwell, England (1605-1652)

by Sharon Rennard Sowders (Member F-6)

Anthony West was born in 1605, arrived in Virginia in 1622, married Anne (Barlow) Huffe in 1633/34, and died May 25, 1652, at Accomack County, Virginia. He came to Virginia in the *James*, 1622, as an indentured servant and was listed in the 1623/4 census at James City, where he was living at “Mr. Treasurer’s (George Sandys, brother of Sir Edwin Sandys) Plantation, across the river from Jamestown.” At a court held at James City, December 12, 1625, Henry Menefre, merchant, testified that

Mrs. Rowsley did sett Anthony West free and delivered his Indentures to Capt. Sampson to carry him to England to his friends.” At the same court, Anthony West “sworne and examined sayeth that he made an agreement with Zacharie Crips and Edmund Shite, to have fyfteen hundred plants and after, he intending to goe for England, he quitted that agreement, and after purposinge to staye about planting tyme Zacharie Crips promised to give the said deponent Content for his labor, and so he stayed and Contynued to work with him till the crop was in.

On January 9, 1625/6, he testified at a James City court concerning the quality of some tobacco. He is mentioned in Virginia records between February 28, 1627/8, and April 14, 1628, as having shipped 1380 pounds of tobacco to the port at Dartmouth, England. Subsequently, West carried out his original intention and returned to England. On March 10, 1633/4, “Anthony West of ye parish of Stepney in the County of Middlesex, Surgeon and a bachelor aged 28 years alledgeth that he intendeth to marry with Anne Huffe of the foresaid parish widowe aged 26 years the relict of Anthony Huffe.” As “Anthony West of Shadwell, chirurgion (surgeon),” he married Anne Huffe, March 11, 1633/4, at St. Dunstan’s Stepney.

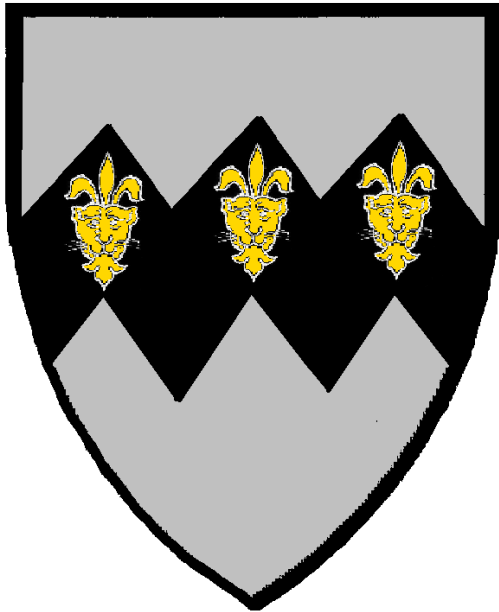
Anthony West returned to Virginia prior to October 5, 1649, when “Anthony West, Ann his wife, John West and Kathe West” were named as headrights in a patent issued to Capt. Randall Herle, mariner, for 600 acres in Northampton County on the “great Naswattock river from Chingandohee Creeke Mouth unto Arokoko Creeke.”

Anne Barlow married (1) Anthony Huffe (2) Anthony West, and (3) Stephen Charlton. She died after October 29, 1658.

Anthony and Anne (Barlow) West had three children:

1. John. Born April 8, 1638, married Matilda Scarborough about 1660, and died May 27, 1703.
2. Katherine. Born January 9, 1634/5, married (1) Ralph Barlowe, (2) Charles Scarborough, and (3) Edmund Bowman, died before March 15, 1691/2.
3. Anthony West. Born November 4, 1641, buried November 24, 1641.

Richard West was granted a coat of arms. It is described as argent, on a fesse dancettee sable, three leopards' faces jessant-de-lis or.



It is said that Anthony West had some relation to Lord Delaware, as the arms of his family were the same as those of this lordship. However, the claim remains unsubstantiated.

Sources:

- John Frederick Dorman, comp., *Adventurers of Purse & Person Virginia 1607-1624/5*, 4th Ed. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore; 2007) 3:509-10.
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- William Armstrong Crozier, *Crozier's General Armory* (New York: Fox, Duffield & Co., 1904), 135.
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(Sharon Rennard Sowders' 7th great-grandfather)

Historic Pemberton Hall: focus of charitable donations NSDCIS

by Janet Butler Walker (Member F-2)

Pemberton Hall Foundation, a 501(c)(3) entity, receives funds to restore and preserve the historic home of Isaac Handy, the 13th son of indentured servant Samuel Handy who came to the Eastern Shore in the late 17th Century. When Samuel died in 1721 he owned over 2000 acres of land as well as ships for coastal trade. Pemberton Hall Foundation includes caring for the historic home, furnishings and 2 acres located in Pemberton Historic Park in Salisbury, Maryland.

Pemberton Hall is an outstanding example of eighteenth-century Eastern Shore regional architecture. This gambrel-roofed brick structure was built by Isaac and Anne Handy in 1741.

The building has been fully restored to its eighteenth-century appearance. The restoration is based on extensive and ongoing research. The attached 1786 kitchen was reconstructed on its original foundation. Furnishings are based on three eighteenth-century probate inventories taken on the plantation.

After the plantation house became derelict and threatened with destruction, the Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc. was formed to restore and interpret this important vestige of the Chesapeake Bay regional heritage. The Hall and two acres are owned and maintained by the Foundation. Pemberton Hall is surrounded by 262-acre Pemberton Historical Park, which maintains three of the original plantation boundaries of 1750.

During the mid-seventeenth century, the Maryland colony expanded along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and up the many rivers and inlets. Settlers discovered that Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore offered many advantages: level expanses of sandy soil favorable for growing tobacco, grain, and other crops; abundant streams to power mills; and protected inlets and coves suitable for boat landing from which plantation goods could be shipped to Britain and other foreign and domestic markets.

Pemberton Hall Plantation was created in this relatively undeveloped landscape. After purchasing the property from Joseph Pemberton in 1726, Isaac Handy developed the plantation. The site's wharf and rolling road become a hub for commerce in the region.

During the American Civil War, the Hall was the home of Allison Parsons, a Southern sympathizer. Despite the Federal troops encamped in Salisbury, Parsons insisted on firing a cannon upon the receipt of the news of each Confederate victory. After Parsons ignored orders to cease the firings, U.S. Army soldiers raided Pemberton Hall intent on silencing the cannon. Their efforts were thwarted by Parsons, who had buried the cannon before their arrival.

References:

<https://pembertonhallfoundation.com>

Taylor, Pat. Executive Director, Pemberton Hall Foundation, email communications, 2019-21, pjtsby@aol.com, 443-235-9616

The National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants wants to support this Foundation and encourage its historic preservation of the home representing the quintessential American success story of an indentured servant and his next generation becoming prosperous landowners in Colonial America.

National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants

Fifth Annual Meeting, 14 April 2023, The Army and Navy Club, Washington, D. C.

The fifth annual meeting of the National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants was called to order at 12:01 p.m. on April 14, 2023, by President General Janet Butler Walker.

An invocation was given by Chaplain General Pat Gallagher. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Treasurer General Tim Mabee, and the Purpose of Our Society was read by Honorary President General Sumner Hunnewell.

Welcome and Introductions

President General Janet Walker welcomed and introduced executive officers present. Vice President General Carla Odom was unable to attend.

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| • Registrar General | Robin Towns |
| • Treasurer General | Tim Mabee |
| • Chaplain General | Pat Gallagher |
| • Secretary General | Sharon Sowders |
| • Inspector General | Susan Gray |
| • Counsellor General | Deborah Hicks |
| • Historian General | Sumner Hunnewell |

Parliamentarian Jane Power was introduced. National Leaders of Other Hereditary Societies were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and the societies in which they preside.

Officer Reports

Officer Reports were presented and are attached to these minutes.

- Registrar General reported that 120 members have been approved.
- Treasurer General reported a balance of \$21,773 as of December 31, 2022.

- Chaplain General reported that a Memorial Service would be held following adjournment.

President General Walker presented each officer with a throw blanket embroidered with NSDCIS 2021-2023 as a gift of appreciation.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

President General Walker confirmed that more than four members were present as required, to conduct business at the Annual Meeting.

Recommendations

The Secretary General read the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Society donate \$1,000 to Pemberton Hall Foundation, Inc., and moved that the donation be made. The motion was adopted.

Nominating Committee Chairman Pat Gallagher thanked her committee and presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2023-2025 term as follows:

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| • | President General | Sharon Sowders |
| • | Vice. President Gen'l | Pat Gallagher |
| • | Chaplain General | Sumner Hunnewell |
| • | Secretary General | Elizabeth Sewell |
| • | Treasurer General | Tim Mabee |
| • | Registrar General | Robin Redfearn Towns |
| • | Inspector General | Susan Bolton Young Gray |
| • | Historian General | Janet Butler Walker |
| • | Counselor General | Deborah W. Hicks |

A motion to elect the officers as presented was made and seconded. The motion was adopted. Officers were installed by Chaplain General Pat Gallagher.

Newly elected, President General Sowders expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence as she received the President General's Star and NSDCIS Gavel. It was moved and seconded that Janet Butler Walker be elected Honorary President General. The motion was adopted, and the Honorary President General Star was presented.

Announcements

The sixth annual meeting will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024, at The Army-Navy Club in Washington, D.C., jointly with Postmasters.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

The blessing for lunch was offered by Vice President General Pat Gallagher.

A Memorial Service was held jointly with the Descendants of Early Postmasters for the following members:

- William Otis Walker F-35 3 July 2022
- David Melson Butler F-28 17 November 2021
- David Hobert McReynolds F-69 27 July 2019, and
- David Judson Bahn F-43 19 April 2019.

Attendance: 19 members, 2 guests

Sharon Rennard Sowders, Secretary General

Date: 4/14/23

Approved by committee 4/26/23

New Members

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| 120 Todd Bartholomew Draper | <i>Thomas Woodford (1632), Mass.</i> |
| 121 Ella Margaret Bone Cron | <i>Randall Holt (1624/5) Virginia</i> |
| 122 Renee Marie Willingham Hamilton | <i>Thomas Prather (1622) Virginia</i> |
| 123 Melaney Rita Grimshaw McHale | <i>George Soule (1620-1627) Plimouth</i> |
| 124 Sarah Gilmore Tullis de Barcza | <i>Samuel Handy (1674) Maryland</i> |
| 125 Linda Carol Walker | <i>Thomas Doughty (1650-58) New Hampshire</i> |
| 126 Robert Allan Hurrie | <i>Daniel Poore (1638) Massachusetts</i> |
| 127 Amy Karen Hall | <i>Stephen Hopkins (1609-1614) Virginia</i> |

Necrology

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| 119 Nancy Johnson Coglan | 31 March 2023 |
| F-13 David Lawrence Grinnell | 18 April 2023 |
| F-44 Doraine Arlene Easter Dorman | 15 May 2023 |

Be sure to check out our website

Indenturedservants.org

*As new members join, it is updated with new resources for
research and qualifying ancestors!*

Also keep up to date by joining our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/colonialindenturedservants/>



National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants

The President General and Officers

cordially invite you to join us for to the Sixth Annual Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024

11:30 am

in the Washington Room

The Army and Navy Club

Farragut Square, 901 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC

Luncheon will be followed by a business meeting and brief presentation

Reservations must be postmarked by March 22, 2024

The Luncheon will be shared with Descendants of Early Postmasters.

**The Postmaster's Treasurer will confirm that your monies are received.
If by March 27, 2024, you have not received an email confirmation, please
contact the Postmaster's Treasurer General (see below).
(Seating is limited to 40.)**

National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants

Member name _____

Member of: Postmasters Indentured Servants

Guest _____

Cost is \$44.00 per person. The menu is a Chicken Cobb Salad and Peach Cobbler.
Please send a check payable to "Descendants of Early Postmasters" to:
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Gaithersburg, MD 20879-3110
301-461-4204 sbys1953@comcast.net

Note any food allergies here; meal substitutions are at the discretion of the chef:

