

# Family Group Record

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<b>Husband</b> <b>John Rudd Sr.</b>		
Born	Bef 1685	Place Perhaps, England
Christened		Place Arrived in Virginia 24 Oct 1701
Died	Bef 18 Jul 1745	Place Henrico Parish, Chesterfield Co., Virginia
Buried	Will 8 Aug 1744	Place
Married	By 1709	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
Husband's father		
Husband's mother		

<b>Wife</b> <b>Avis Whitaker</b>		
Born	Bef 1685	Place Perhaps, , England
Christened		Place Arrived in Virginia 24 Oct 1701
Died	Bef 8 May 1760	Place , Chesterfield Co., Virginia
Buried		Place
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		

**Children**    List each child in order of birth.

1	F	<b>Rebecca Rudd</b>	
	Born	Abt 1708	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened		Place
	Died	Aft Dec 1754	Place Perhaps, Chesterfield Co., Virginia
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	John Frith	
	Married	5 Aug 1731	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
2	M	<b>John Rudd Jr.</b>	
	Born	Abt 1709	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened		Place
	Died	5 Jan 1753/1754	Place , Chesterfield Co., Virginia
	Buried		Place
	Spouse	Hannah Russell	
	Married	Bef 1737	Place Perhaps Va. or England. Va?
3	M	<b>William Rudd</b>	
	Born	Abt 1713/1718	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened		Place [Lived in Accomack Co., Va, in 1750 deed]
	Died		Place Perhaps, , Virginia, or Maryland
	Buried	Perhaps died 1771	Place , Mecklenberg Co., Virginia
	Spouse	[Not known] [Not known]	
	Married		Place

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<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Elizabeth Rudd</b>
	Born	Abt 1715      Place      , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened	Place
	Died	Bef 1794      Place
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Daniel Brown
	Married	Abt 1730/1740      Place      Probably, Chesterfield Co., Virginia
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Thomas Rudd Sr.</b>
	Born	Abt 1717      Place      , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened	Place      [Lived in, Chesterfield Co., Va, in 1750/deed]
	Died	Bef 28 Jun 1792      Place      Perhaps, Chesterfield Co., Virginia
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Margaret Robertson
	Married	Place
<b>6</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Joseph Rudd</b>
	Born	Abt 1719      Place      , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened	Place
Abt 14 Jun 1779 [will recorded]	Died	Place      , Mecklenberg Co., Virginia
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Elizabeth perhaps Wilmouth perhaps Unknown
	Married	Abt 1740      Place      , Virginia
<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Mary Rudd</b>
	Born	Abt 1721      Place      , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened	Place
	Died	Perhaps bef 1753/1754      Place      Perhaps, Prince Edward Co., Virginia
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Alexander Brown
	Married	Abt 1740      Place      Probably, Henrico Co., Virginia
<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>James Rudd</b>
	Born	Abt 1723      Place      , Henrico Co., Virginia
	Christened	Place
	Died	Aft 16 Dec 1790      Place      , Chesterfield, Virginia
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Mary
	Married	Abt 1754      Place      Probably, Chesterfield Co., Virginia
<b>Notes</b> MARRIAGE Perhaps married after Rebecca and John were born.    Rebecca and John may not be biological children of John Rudd, Sr.    See depositions of neighbors about 1790 in Rudd vs. Rudd lawsuit.		

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Wife **Avis Whitaker**

## Notes

HUSBAND - John Rudd Sr.

NOTE: INFORMATION THAT HIS FATHER WAS A CAPT. JOHN RUDD, MARINER, FROM YORKSHIRE, WHO OWNED A PLANTATION IN VIRGINIA AND WAS WEALTHY IS FICTION. There was an older Capt. John Rudd/Rudds/Ruddes, but there are no records of this man owning property in Virginia or having any relatives who lived there named Rudd. Ask anyone claiming there was an ancestor named Capt. John Rudd for proof of the land ownership or any record of relationship or evidence of origin in Yorkshire, and you will find there is no documentation.

24 Oct 1698 Rudd, John, of Liverpool, a webster (weaver) listed to go to Virginia as an apprentice servant for 4 years on a ship called St. John the Baptist, captained by Nicholas Franch (perhas French). [From: List of emigrants to America from Liverpool, 1697-1707, found in the back of vols. 5 and 7 of the Records of the Corporation of Liverpool, deposited in the Town clerk's office, Leasing department, Liverpool. Reprinted in the The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vols. 64, 65], Boston: The New England Historic Genealogical Society at the Robert Henry Eddy Memorial Rooms, 1913, page 14.] According to Wikipedia: "Previously part of Lancashire, and a county borough from 1889, Liverpool became in 1974 a metropolitan borough within the newly created metropolitan county of Merseyside."]

Since no other John Rudd (various spellings) is known to have arrived in Virginia around this time, the following record may be the same man. Note, however, that the Capt. mentioned is William Hunt, not Nicholas Franch/French.

24 Oct 1701 RUDD, John; Book 9, p. 51. Capt. William HUNT, 4342 acs.; Chas. City Co.; on both sides of Nottoway Riv., 24 Oct 1701, p. 390. < this is very long and includes the Trans. of 87 pers; includes John RUDD >. [Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Vol. 3, 1695-1732, Virginia Patent Book 9:51, 390.]

24 Oct 1701 WHITEKER, Avis; Book 9, p. 50. Capt. Francis EPP'S, Mr. William EPP'S & Capt. Littlebury EPP'S, 1000 acs., Chas. City Co; s. side of Warwick Sw, & N. side of Joseph Sw., 24 Oct 1701, p. 380. <land description> Trans. of 20 pers: Matthew RAW (or HAW), Saml. ILES, John GRETION, Richard OWEN, Wm. JOYCE, Eliza. GILSON, Robert GILLEREAST, Vincent GODFREY, Martha PATTISON, John TUCKER, Wm. WOGAN, Robert MAITER, John SPIKE, Mary BRITTON, John EDWARDS, John FAN, Avis WHITEKER, Dennis CAILER, John WALKER, Jacob JOHNSON. [Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Vol. 3, 1695-1732, Virginia Patent Book 9:51, 390.]

20 Oct 1704 RUD, John; Book 9, p. 89. Mr. Charles COZENS, 362 acs., Henrico Co.; on S. side of the first br. of Swift Cr., 20 Oct 1704, p. 629. Adj. John WILSON, Senr. Trans. of 8 pers: Stephen GILL, Jos. GILL, Charles GIBSON, John RUD, John GILL. Note: Paid Wm. BYRD, Esqr., Auditor, for 3 rights. [Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Vol. 3, 1695-1732, Patent Book 9:89, 629.]

If John Rudd, Sr., is the John Rudd of Liverpool, his period of indentured servitude was 4 years; therefore, he and Avis could have married by 1705 or 1706. If, however, Avis's period of servitude was the usual 7 years, they would have had to wait until about 1708/1709. Indentured servants were not allowed to marry.

1709 John REED and Wife Avis REED appeared before the Henrico Co. court to claim headrights due under the importation system. NOTE: This shows that John Rudd & Avis Whitaker were married by 1709. [Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, "Some Henrico County Immigrants." In The Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 31:2 (Apr.-June 1987), pp. 131-132.]

16 Aug 1715 RED, John. Book 10, p. 171. John WOODSON, 1596 acs. (N.L.), Henrico Co.; S. side of James Riv; beg. at mouth of Giney-Towe Cr; 16 Aug 1715, p. 237. Imp. of 32 pers: among them were: John PATISON, Stephen GILL, William RED, John Red, John POTTER. This may or may not be John Rudd. [Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Vol. 3, 1695-1732, Patent Book 10:171, 237.]

13 Nov 1721 WHITAKER, Avis; Book 11, p. 228. John & Isham EPES, 538 ac. (N.L.), Pr. Geo. Co.; on S. side of the Gravelly Run; on the Bever Pond of sd. run, above mouth of the gr. branch; adj. John BROWDER; & Lines of

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HUSBAND - John Rudd Sr. (Continued)

George CROOKE; & BUTLER; 13 Nov 1721, p. 65. Imp. of 11 pers: John BROWN, James LEATH, James BAKER, Sarah CHANDLER, Henry WALTERS, Thomas HARLAND, Ann HOSKINS, Sarah WOOD, Avis WHITAKER, Martha PATERSON, Richd. RANT. [Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Vol. 3, 1695-1732, Patent Book 11:228, 65.]

17 Aug 1725 RED, John, and RED, Avis, Book 12, p. 292. John PRIDE, 328 acs. (N.L.), Henrico Co; on N. side of Appatock Riv; on br. of Butterwood Cr., parting ad. John, & land of Anne & Mary PRIDE; 17 Aug 1725, p. 315. 25 Shill., & Imp. of 2 pers: John RED & Avis RED. [Nell Marion Nugent, Cavaliers & Pioneers: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, Vol. 3, 1695-1732, Patent Book 12:292, 315.]

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA, WILLS, 1749-1774, edited by Benjamin B. Weisiger III. Will Book 1, p. 47, Will of John RUD of Henrico Parish written August 8, 1744,...mentions wife Avis, children William, Joseph, Thomas, James, John, and Rebecca FRITH; grandson William RUD, son of Joseph. Witnesses: John FARGUSON, Moses FARGUSON.

18 Jul 1745 Henrico Co., VA. Jonathan Cheatham of Henrico to Francis Cheatham of same for £8.16.4 and 144 pounds of tobacco, 200 acres in Dale Parish, next to John Folks, Curtis Cates, and John Read, dec'd, commonly called "Wintopock," being land where said Jonathan now lives. Wit: Fran's Redford, Chas. Ballow, Leonard Cheatham.

After John Rudd, Sr.,'s wife Avis died, their heirs squabbled over their inheritance, with some of them arguing apparently that John Rudd, Jr., and Rebecca were born before the marriage. See below:

Chesterfield Co., Virginia, Chancery "Dead" Papers, Box 38, 1794, Folder 1794-No. 1 John Rudd, PLT vs. Thos Rudd, DFT. Deposition taken at an unknown date in Chesterfield County, VA, but sometime between 1788 and 1794: William Williamson aged seventy seven years on testimony being sworn saith that he lived many years a neighbor to John Rudd father of the Plaintiff and also a neighbor John Rudd, Dec'd, Grandfather to the Plaintiff. That he often heard the said John Rudd the father to the plaintiff was born within seven months after the intermarriage that the depondant until a short time past never heard the said John Rudd the father of the plaintiff called a Bastard but always indicated that he was born in wedlock. The depondant being interrogated further saith not.

22 December 1788. The deposition of Mary Rudd of lawful age . . . being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty High god deposath and saith on that Avis Rudd the wife of John Rudd dec'd and Grandmother to the plaintiff John Rudd happened at the house of James Rudd, as well as this depondant can recollect about thirty years ago and in conversation with this depondant say'd that her daughter Rebeckah and her son John were both born before her marriage with the afore mentioned John Rudd dec'd and further this depondant saith not. Wit.: David Patterson, Creed Haskins.

10 July 1789. Aaron Farguson being sworn saith that he has often heard his parents say that John Rudd dec'd and Avis Rudd, Grandfather and grandmother to the PLF were servants and after their servantude expired they intermarried saith about their intermarriage the said Avis had a child who afterwards intermarried with a certain John Frith had never understood that John Rudd father to the PLF was born before their intermarriage nor never heard him called a Bastard and further saith not. Wit: Geo Chastain, Creed Haskins.

10 Dec 1789. Charles Burton of lawfull age being first sworn deposeth saith that he well knew John Rudd Dft, . . . a Servant, and also a woman whose name as well as he could recollect was Avis Whitaker a Servant to Peter Roulett and that the said Avis had a Daughter named Rebekkah and son named John before her . . . intermarriage with the above mentioned John and that as well as he the said Charles recollection the son of the said Avis was about two years old at the time of the Intermarriage aforesaid. After marriage the said John Rudd the elder, could not suffer the son of the aforesaid Avis to live in his family denying him as his child at all times during his acquaintance in the family. Which the said loss covering the last ten years, that the Son of the said Avis was at the home of his acquaintance called and known by the name of John Migalay. Further saith not. Wit.: George Woodson, David Patterson.

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WIFE - Avis Whitaker

Also see notes for her husband.

27 Sep 1759 Chesterfield Co., VA. Will Book 1, p. 312. Will of Avis Rudd. Heirs: grandsons Thomas Frith, Frederick Rudd, William Rudd son of Thomas, Daniel Brown, son Thomas Rudd. Son Thomas Rudd, executor. Wit: Richard Covington, John Baugh.

08 May 1760 Chesterfield Co., VA. Will Book 1, p. 305. Division of slaves of John Rudd, Sr., was made. Wit: Seth Ward, Archibald Cary.

05 Sep 1760 Chesterfield Co., VA. Will Book 1, p. 441. Inventory of estate of Avis Rudd.

After Avis died, the heirs fought each other in the courts over issues such as whether or not Rebecca and John Jr. were born before Avis and John Sr. married.

Chesterfield Co., Virginia, Chancery Papers, Box 38, 1794, Folder 1794-No. 1 John Rudd, PLT vs. Thos Rudd, DFT, Testimony, in regard to the Rudd family squabble over estate of Avis Whittaker Rudd, widow of John, Sr.] 10 Dec 1789. Charles Burton of lawfull age being first sworn deposeth saith that he well knew John Rudd Dft, . . . a Servant, and also a woman whose name as well as he could recollect was Avis Whitaker a Servant to Peter Roulett

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA, WILLS, 1749-1774, edited by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, Will Book 1, p. 312, Will of Avis RUDD written September 27, 1759. To grandsons Thomas FRITH, Frederick RUDD, grandson William rudd son of Thomas Rudd, and grandson Daniel BROWN; to son Thomas RUDD. Witnesses: Richard COVINGTON, John BAUGH.

Mary Gregg believes the maiden name of this Avis was Whiteker (various spellings). John Rudd II, son of John I and Avis, named a daughter Avis Whitteker Rudd. Mary located 1 or 2 women named Avis Whiteker/Whitaker. Avis Whiteker was listed as a headright of Capt. Francis EPPS, Mr. William EPPS, and Capt. Littlebury EPPS when they received a land grand in Charles City Co., VA, in 1701. This or another Avis Whitaker was claimed as a headright when John & Isham EPES received a 1721 land grant.

From CAVALIERS & PIONEERS/ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS AND GRANTS, Vol. 3/1695-1732, compiled by Nell Marion Nugent, pub. by VA Genealogical Society: From Book 12, 17 Aug 1725, AVIS RED and JOHN RED. John PRIDE received 328acres (N.L.), Henrico Co., on N. side of Appattock Riv; on br. of Butterwood Cr., parting sd. John, & land of Anne & Mary PRIDE; p. 315. 25 Shill., & Imp. of 2 pers. THIS RECORD MAY BE FOR THE AVIS [WHITAKER?] WHO MARRIED JOHN RUDD.

Clerk of Circuit Court, Chesterfield Co., Virginia, Will Book 1, p. 312, Will of Avis Rudd, 27 Sep 1759. Will Book 1, p. 441, Inventory of Avis Rudd, 5 Sep 1760.

CHILD 1 - Rebecca Rudd

Named in her father's 1744 will.

She was born no later than 1716, since she was married by 1731, per the above deed. Hugh Rudd of Armuchee, GA, indicated in his family group sheets that she was married on 5 Aug 1731 in Henrico Co., VA, and was born c1712. Jean Jones thinks she was born about 1708.

Chesterfield Co., Virginia, Dead Papers, Box 38, 1794, Folder 1794-No. 1 John Rudd, PLT vs. Thos Rudd, DFT [Additional information that may help in placing dates, in regard to the Rudd family squabble over estate of Avis Whittaker Rudd, widow of John, Sr.] Some family members alleged that Rebecca and her brother John were born before Avis and John married.

HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DEEDS 1706-1737, compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger III. Wills & Deeds, 1725-1737, p. 312. 2 Aug 1731. John RUD and Avice his wife of Henrico County to Rebeckah FRITH, wife of John FRITH, of

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## Notes

CHILD 1 - Rebecca Rudd (Continued)

same, for 5 shillings, land on north side of Middle Sapponi Creek; being part of a survey where John RUD, Jr., hath part of said land, 200 acres. Witnesses: Jas. Powell COCKE, Richard (R) WOOD. Signed: John (+) RUDD, Avice (N) RUDD. Recorded 1st Monday in August 1731.

HD 1737-50 Land selling 4 May 1747 Henrico Co. VA Note: Page 40 p257, JOHN and REBECKAH to JOHN RUD Jr, for 5 lbs land on North side of Sapponey Creek, being part of a survey whereof said JOHN RUD Jr hath part of 200 acres, including all land on North side of Middle Sapponey Creek.

CD 1749-56 Land selling 3 Dec 1754 Chesterfield Co. VA Note: Page 73 p216, JOHN FRITH to JOSEPH FRITH for 10 lbs, land on South side Andersons Road, joining George Hester and Thomas Eless, 100 acres. JOSEPH shall not sell any of the land during live of his father and mother. Wit REBECKAH FRITH, JOHN FRITH JR, John Ward. Rec. Dec 1754.

CHILD 2 - John Rudd Jr.

05 Jan 1753/4. CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA, WILLS, 1749-1774, edited by Benjamin B. Weisiger III, Will Book 1, p. 152, Will of John RUD written January 5, 1753/4, mentions children and grandchildren: daughter Jane and her son Ruscill [Russel]; daughter Anne and her son Thomas; daughter Avis Whitteker; daughter Hanner; son John. Witnesses: Thos. WOMUCK Sr., Francis MOORE, Thos. WOMUCK Jr.

08 Sep 1750. Chesterfield Co., VA, Deeds, 11749-1756, compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger, III. Bond of John RUDD to Thomas RUDD for 200 pounds 8 Sep 1750. John RUDD agrees not to lay claim to estate of his father John RUDD, dec'd. Witnesses: John FARGUSON, John BAUGH, James (R) RUDD. Book 1, p. 260.

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CHILD 3 - William Rudd

Named in his father's 1744 will.

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM 18TH CENTURY VIRGINIA NEWSPAPERS by Robert K. Headley Jr.: from THE MARYLAND GAZETTE, 27 Dec 1749: "William RUD, son of John and Avis RUD, late of Henrico County, but last of Chesterfield County - He left Virginia about 16 years ago designing as he said for Annapolis in Maryland; if he be living and will apply to his brother Thomas RUD in Chesterfield County...he may hear something to his advantage." Mary Gregg's

notes: "We know from the will abstract, that John Rudd (father of the above Thomas and William) had willed to William a slave and 1/2 of the 'land I live on.' He had stipulated that 'If William Rud never returns here' then the slave and land were to go to his grandson, William, son of Joseph Rud." Mary points out the above deed indicates that William did hear his father had died and he should contact Thomas. She concludes that Thomas must have been an adult by 1749 and William must have been at least 15 when he left home. He had been gone for about 16 years in 1749, so he left c1733. He could have been born no later than 1718.

14 Aug 1750: William RUDD of County & Parish of Accomac to Thomas RUDD of Chesterfield for 30 pounds, 310 acres on Spring Run of Swift Creek, being lower part of tract willed to said William Rudd by his father John Rudd, dec'd, next to old Clark, granted to said John Rudd by patent. Witnesses, Jno. FARGUSON, Wm. (X) MOOR, Wm. (W) ROBERSON. Book 1, p. 155.

Mary Gregg found an inventory of William RUDD recorded 12 Aug 1771 in Book 1, p. 102, Meckenburg Co., VA, who might be this William. Dy SMITH was administrator, Book 1, p. 258.

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CHILD 4 - Elizabeth Rudd

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CHILD 5 - Thomas Rudd Sr.

Named in his father's 1744 will.

14 Aug 1750: William RUDD of County & Parish of Accomac to Thomas RUDD of Chesterfield for 30 pounds, 310 acres on Spring Run of Swift Creek, being lower part of tract willed to said William Rudd by his father John Rudd, dec'd, next to old Clark, granted to said John Rudd by patent. Witnesses, Jno. FARGUSON, Wm. (X) MOOR, Wm. (W) ROBERSON. Book 1, p. 155.

He had a married granddaughter by 1791, per notes of Mary Gregg.

According to a Cheatham Genealogy in THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGIST 1983-1984, Thomas RUDD's will was dated 28 June 1792. Mary Gregg's notes do not specify county, perhaps Chesterfield or Henrico. Sons James and Thomas died before he did.

CHILD 6 - Joseph Rudd

Named in his father's 1744 will.

CHESTERFIELD CO., VA, DEEDS, 1749-1756, Benjamin B. Weisiger III, ed.: Book 1, p. 438, 6 Oct 1752, Joseph RUDD of Chesterfield Co. to Collins GOODING of Cumberland Co., Southam Parish, for 85 pounds, 210 acres on Sappony Creek, being dwelling place where said Rudd lives; being part of 400 acres granted him by patent 17 Jun 1744, and part being land he purchased of his brother John RUD. Land adjoins Benjamin BRANCH, John RUD, and George BROWN. Witness: J. WAYLES.

EARLY WILLS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY, VA, 1765-1799, by Katherine B. Elliott: Book 1, p. 299, will of Joseph RUDD dated 31 Jan 1779 and recorded 14 Jun 1779. Children: Joseph RUDD, Thomas RUDD, Field RUDD, Harwood RUDD, Avis AKIN, Margaret OWEN, Wilmoth AVERY, Anna HESTER, Louisa/Lucy DANIEL. Deceased sons John and William. Granddaughter Ann RUDD, daughter of late son John. Grandson Elijah RUDD. Grandchildren William RUDD, John RUDD, Sally RUDD, children of my late son William RUDD. Wife not named in will, previously deceased. Executors: son Thomas RUDD and son-in-law Thomas AKIN. Witnesses: Clausel CLAUSEL, Delphia WILLIAMS, John PURYEAR and Samuel PURYEAR. Book 1, p. 299.

Son John may be John RUDD, Will Book 1, p. 20, dated 28 Apr 1765, recorded 14 Jul 1766. Wife - Sarah; children, Joseph RUDD, Nancy RUDD, Wilmoth RUDD. Executors, wife Sarah, father Joseph RUDD, and friend John POTTER. Witnesses: John GLYNN, Elizabeth COX, and John CLEMONS/CLEMENTS.

John's wife Sarah may have been Sally HAYES, mentioned in will of John HAYES, Book 1, p. 389, dated 16 Nov 1779, recorded 12 Nov 1781. Mentions wife Eliabeth, children John HAYES, Winkfield HAYES, Catherine AVERY, Elizabeth HAYES, Ankey JETER, Rachel BAGWELL, Nancy ALLEN, Sally RUDD. Executors: wife Elizabeth, Benjamin PULLIAM, Clausel CLAUSEL, Charles ROYSTER, and Thomas HAILE. Witnesses: John ARMISTEAD, James HALL, William HUNT, Cradock VAUGHEN, and Achilles JEFFRIES.

CHILD 7 - Mary Rudd

In addition, the following record in Chesterfield Co., VA, Will Book 1, p. 305, mentions Browns: Thomas RUDD, Joseph RUDD, James RUDD, John RUDD, Daniel BROWN, Alexander BROWN, and William RUDD, all claim slaves of which John RUDD, father of Thomas RUDD died possessed. They agree to division by Seth WARD and Archibald CARY. 8 May 1760. Division of slaves of John RUDD, dec'd. among his children: lists division to: Thomas RUDD, John RUDD, Daniel BROWN & wife, James RUDD, Alexander BROWN, William RUDD, and Joseph RUDD.

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CHILD 7 - Mary Rudd (Continued)

Further see: Order Book 5, Chesterfield Co., VA, p. 15, 6 Jul 1771, Hannah RUDD, Thomas CHEATHAM Jr., and Hannah his wife, and William CASHON and Avis Whittaker his wife VS. John RUDD, Joseph RUDD, Thomas RUDD, James RUDD, Alexander BROWN and Daniel BROWN in suit RE estate of Avis RUDD.

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Alexander Brown was a tax paying property owner in 1736 according to the taxes collected by John Nash, sheriff of Henrico County, Virginia. This may be the Alexander Brown who married Mary Rudd.

See web page of Donna Anne Schwieder: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~southron/Brown/d1.htm>

Alexander Brown: The follow records may be for Mary Rudd's husband.\_1764-1769: Amelia Co, Va 200 acres\_1769: Prince Edward Co, Va 422 acres on Little Briery River

CHILD 8 - James Rudd

Named in his father's 1744 will.

Chesterfield Co., VA, Deeds, 11749-1756, compiled by Benjamin B. Weisiger, III. Bond of John RUDD to Thomas RUDD for 200 pounds 8 Sep 1750. John RUDD agrees not to lay claim to estate of his father John RUDD, dec'd. Witnesses: John FARGUSON, John BAUGH, James (R) RUDD. Book 1, p. 260.

According to Anne Rudd Hillebrand of Orlando, FL, DBWE46A on Prodigy 28 Nov 1993, he is this James Rudd, who died about 1791 in Chesterfield Co., VA. She gave children's names as Fredrick, Robert, Hezekiah, Aldridge, Susannah RALEY, Keziah, Caron CLIBORNE, Tabitha, and Lurany.

\_First Census of the United States, 1783, Chesterfield County, Virginia.\_James Rudd is listed as the head of household with 5 whites and 4 blacks.\_Chesterfield County, Virginia, Wills 1796-1802, B.B. Weisiger, III\_Estate of James Rudd to Aldridge Rudd 1800-1801, recorded 7 Dec 1801.\_Rudd Will, Chesterfield County, Virginia\_In the name of God amen. I, James Rudd of the County of Chesterfield being weak and low but of proper mind and memory thanks be to God and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Princially and first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and as for my body I commend it to the earth to be buried in a christian like manner and for such earthly estate wherewith it has pleased god to bless me with in this life.\_I give dispose and bequeath in the following manner and form.\_Item. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife the plantation I now live on and all my personal estate during her life and then to be equally divided between my four sons Fedrich Rudd, Robert Rudd, Aldridge Rudd, Hezekiah Rudd.\_Item. I give unto my dear wife all my negroes during her life and then to be equally divided between my four sons Fedrich Rudd, Robert Rudd, Aldridge Rudd, Hezekiah Rudd.\_Item. I give and bequeath to my five daughters my plantation in Buckingham to be equally divided between Lumanna Axley, Kiziah Rudd, Caron Cliborne, Tabitha and Lurany Rudd.\_Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson Fedrich Rudd fifty acres of land adjoining David Nunnely line and if he die without heirs it is to be equally divided between Robert Rudds surviving sons and the other hundred acres is to be equally divided between Aldridge Rudd and Hezekiah Rudd.\_Item. I appoint my loving wife, Aldridge Rudd, Hezekiah Rudd my hole and sole executors to this my last will testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made.\_Item. Witness of I have here unto set my hand and seal this Sixteenth Day of December 1790.\_Teste: \_his\_Haley Tolbot James (X) Rudd\_Archer Rudd mark\_Robert Wilkinson\_\_Court 10 April 1797, Chesterfield County, Virginia \_\_Will of James Rudd proved by Archer Rudd and Robert Wilkinson, witnesses.

Nov 1800. Chesterfield County, Virginia Court.\_There is a partial inventory of the estate of James Rudd, Dec'd. The inventory is verified by the signature of T. Aldridge Rudd., (His signature, not his mark.)