

## Notes

The book traces your ancestors all the way back to the original JOHN VEAZEY, who came over here from Essex, England. The book says that he was born about 1647 in ENGLAND and he married MARTHA BROCCUS in MARYLAND in 1670.

(1) JOHN VEAZEY, whose parents are unknown to this writer at this time, was born about 1647 at ESSEX, ENGLAND. He married MARTHA BROCCUS about 1670 at CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND. JOHN died about 1700 at CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND. He is the progenitor of all of the Veazeys who sprung from "Cherry Grove" on "Veazey's Neck" on the northern end of the Delmarva Peninsula. This would include the Veazeys who migrated to North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky, Alabama, Texas and many other states.

It is thought that he is of the family of Veazey of "Wickes" in Essex County, England. It is very possible that he had been living in Cecil County a number of years before the deed for his tract of land was recorded in 1687. A deed to the tract named "True Game" and dated January 5, 1694, was in the possession of Mrs. Benjamin B. Craycroft of Philadelphia and viewed by Duncan Veazey of Baltimore in 1896. The recording of this document has not been located. This tract was originally surveyed for Anne Morgan on April 14, 1665, and was in the possession of John's son, Edward Veazey in 1707, when the Rent Roll for Cecil County was made.

Apparently, on or before April 1, 1687, John Veazey became a Freeholder in Cecil County, Maryland, with two tracts of land, the aforementioned "True Game" and a second tract, "Dividing both included in the homestead which is known as "Cherry Grove." He is fashioned in this history as the "First of Cherry Grove," even though it is not known that he adopted that name for his dwelling plantation. Although John Veazey's grave is not marked, it is believed that he is buried in the family burying ground at "Cherry Grove" where many of his descendants are also buried.

John executed a paper in the form of a will on February 28, 1697-8 that was apparently never admitted to probate and is not recorded in the office of the Register of Wills for Cecil County. The original paper was in the possession of the "Cherry Grove" branch of the family where it lay for many years with other family papers and deeds. In 1896 it was in the possession of James Wallace Veazey, the last of the family to make a home at "Cherry Grove." He permitted Duncan Veazey to make a copy from the original and to have the original photographed. The original photograph became faded and Duncan had inserted a copy made from his own notes in his manuscript.

John's will is interesting although it is possible that it was kept as a mere memorandum and not used or regarded as of importance in early times. Its great interest lies in the fact that it names the children of John Veazey and is important in tracing the Veazey genealogy. After James Wallace Veazey's death, this paper was in the possession of Mrs. B. Craycroft of Philadelphia, daughter of Governor Thomas Ward Veazey.

### John Veazey's Will

"In ye name of God, Amen, I, John Veazey of Cecil County in ye Province of Maryland, being of sound mind and perfect memory (Thanks be to Almighty God). Doe ordeine and

Constitute this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following first and principally I commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God, my most merciful father hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ, my most blessed Savior, to have Remission of all my sins: And in the next place I commit my body to ye Earth to be decently buried att ye discretion of My Executors here after named, and also as to this outward temporall Estate where with it hath pleased God of his goodness to blesse me, I dispose thereof as follows: Imprs I give and Bequeath unto my beloved sons William VBeazey & George Veazey all taht tract of land Called Manchester lying one yer south side of Bohemia River formerly in ye possission of **Joseph Spermon** as may more att large appear by a Conveyance Dated the first day of April Anno Domini(1687) Equally to be divided between ye above said WM & George Veazey.

"Item it is my will yt neither of my two sonns shall sell or dispose of any part or pr'cell of their said Land to any pr son or persons whatsoever without yue consent of Each other unless ye one brother soe sell itt to the other Brother.

"Item: I give and Bequeath unto my son Edward Veazey & my son James Veazey & my son Robert Veazey all yt Tract or pr cell of land Called True Game lying, on the south side of Bohemia River which formerly was n ye possession of Abraham Morgan as many more att large appear by a Conveyance Dated ye fift day of Jan e Anno Domini 1694 Equally to be divided between my three sons, Edward Veazey, James Veazey & Robert Veazey.

Item: Itt is my will yt if my Three sons doe not think itt Convenient to live together butt have the said p cell or tract of land divided Each theirs Equall Sahre I part then yt ye other two parts be equally divided between my sons James Veazey and Robert Veazey.

Item: it is my will & doe give & bequeath unto my bloved wife, Martha Veazey, ye thirds of all my goods & Chattells & yt she shall live upon my now dwelling Platation During her life.

Item: I doe hereby decree ordiane and appoynt my Loveing Wife Martha Veazey & my son Wm Veazey to be the Exectors of this my last Will & Testment.

In Wittness where off I have Hereunto sett my hand & seale this 28th day of Febr 1697-98.

"Witness: Gareet Monney (Hand written note: this seems to have been Garrett Murray) John Ward

That John Veazey had some character and standing in the community is evidenced by his election as Church Warden at St. Stephen's Parich in 1698, a time which was twenty-four years after the Parish was organized in 1692, and a time when the population of the county was estimated to be least twelve hundred persons. The provisions of the will show a desire to preseve the homstead in the ristrictions upon the sale of his land and are such as a reasonable and prudent man might make for hjis wife and family.

Children (Veazey) by Martha Broccus:

2.\* i. WILLIAM VEAZEY, d 15 APR 1733 at CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND. 3.\* ii. GEORGE VEAZEY, b about 1674 at CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND. d.about 1760 at CECIAL COUNTY, MARYLAND. 4.\* iii. EDWARD VEAZEY, d. about 1731 at CECIL

COUNTY, MARYLAND 5.\* iv. JAMES VEAZEY, d. 25 JUL 1766 at CECIL COUNTY,  
MARYLAND 6.\* v. ROBERT VEAZEY, d. about 1767 at CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Well this is about all that I am sure that you want. There are four hundred and thirty-six pages  
in this book. There are some land grant tables that I will try to type and send tomorrow.

Love and God Bless Cousin Anne