

Edward Barnes & Sarah Pope of Edgecombe Co., NC, Timeline (birth dates are guesses only)

- c. 16801685 **Isle of Wight Co., VA (probably). Edward Barnes** was born to unknown parents.¹
- 08 Feb 1708 **Nansemond Co. VA. Sarah Pope** was still unmarried, according to the following record:
[p. 28] **Wm Pope** of the County of nanzemond and Mary Haile of the County aforesd did Publish their marriage In our Publick meeting house Before a meeting of men & woman friends upon the 11 day of the first mo 1707 and Coming Before the meeting the second time att our aforesd Publick meeting house in **Chuckatuck** upon the eight Day of the 2 mo 1708 they did publish their marriage the second time and were married in the Public meeting house on the western Branch on the eleaventh day of the 2 mo 1708.
Wm Pope, Mary Pope, Bro Henry Pope, Jno Porter, Jno Asken, Robt Rickes, Isaac Rickes, Phillip Alsbury, Thomas Page, **Wm Powell**, Rebecca Alsbury, **Sarah Pope, Elizabeth Powell**, Kathren Rickes. [NOTE: Sarah Pope was a second cousin of this William Pope. Sarah Pope was the daughter of Elizabeth (Powell) Pope and the granddaughter of William Powell and Elizabeth (perhaps Frizzell or Lawrence) Powell. Her grandfather was dead before the date of this marriage, but her grandmother may have been living still. Sarah had an uncle named William Powell.]²
- 28 Apr 1711 **Nansemond Co., VA. Edward Barnes** patented 131 acres east of Chowan River in Nansemond County, Upper Parish.³ Nansemond County was formed in 1637 from New Norfolk County. It was first called Upper Norfolk County, but in 1642 it was named Nansemond for an Indian tribe. Land granted for importing three persons: **Richard Barnes, Sarah Barnes**, and Thomas Carr. Beginning east of River Pocosin 60 degrees northeasterly 82 poles, then southeasterly 60 degrees 241 poles, then southwesterly 60 degrees 46 poles then southwesterly 70 poles, then at rivers edge running upriver to boundary of the high land to first station.⁴
- c.1711 **Edward Barnes** married **Sarah Pope**, daughter of **John Pope** and wife **Elizabeth Powell** of Isle of Wight Co. VA, and Southampton Co., VA, who made his will in 1748/51, naming daughter **Sarah Barnes**. [NOTE: This marriage date is arbitrarily chosen. I don't know when they were married, or when their children were born.]

¹ Mark [Raleigh, NC, Archivist & Genealogist (email address hidden), Re: Barnes genealogy; February 03, 2013 at 09:40:17 <http://genforum.genealogy.com/barnes/messages/14664.html>; Barnes Family Genealogy Forum, stated: "[i]t has been shown fairly conclusively that Edward Barnes (will devised December 5, 1761, Proven March, 1762; md. Sarah Pope) of Edgecombe County, NC was NOT the son of James Barnes (will devised March 2, 1719/20, Proven October, 1720) of Isle of Wight County, VA. Researcher Margaret Van Ness Nelson published a well documented article making the case that James' son Edward was actually the Edward Barnes who devised his will in Southampton County, Virginia on July 15, 1761 (Proven March 11, 1762). These two Edward Barneses were different men. See, "Which Edward Barnes was the son of James Barnes, Isle of Wight County, Virginia?" by Margaret Van Ness Nelson, published in "Trees of Wilson: The Newsletter of the Wilson County Genealogical Society", March, 2000, Volume 9, Number 3, pages 4-7."

² Ancestry.com. *Virginia Early Quaker Records* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 1997. Original data: White, Miles Jr., comp.. *Early Quaker Records of Virginia*. Southern History Association, 1902-1903. "This database contains the earliest Quaker records of Nansemond and Isle of Wight counties, Virginia."

³ Southampton Co., Virginia, Patent Book III-A, No. 387.

⁴ Virginia Patent Book 10:29. Item 443.

Chowan was formed in 1670 as a precinct in Albemarle County. It was named in honor of the Indian tribe Chowan, which lived in the northeastern part of the Colony. It is in the northeastern section of the State and is bounded by Albemarle Sound, Chowan River, and Bertie, Hertford, Gates and Perquimans counties. The present land area is 172.64 square miles and the 2000 population was 14,150. In 1720, Edenton, which was named in honor of Governor Charles Eden, was established. In 1722 it was designated and has continued to be the county seat.

(https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Chowan_County,_North_Carolina#History)

06 Apr 1722 **Chowan Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** patented 340 acres west side of the head of Chowan River and joining the south side of Indian Creek Swamp in Chowan County. Wit.: Thomas Pollock, C. Gale, **Richd Sanderson**, J. Lovick, Thomas Pollock, Jr., John Blount.⁵ Chowan Co. was established in 1670 as a precinct of Albemarle Co., NC.

02 May 1722 **Chowan Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** patented land on Buckhorn swamp/Indian creek, according to deed of 25 May 1743.

1722 Bertie Co. was formed from Chowan Co., NC.

After 1722 **Edward Barnes** lived near the present Riddicksville in the extreme northeastern corner of **Northampton County**, an area included in **Bertie County** from 1722 to 1741.

26 Mar 1723 **Chowan Co., NC.** Richard Holland and **Edward Barnes** patented 460 acres west side of the Chowan River and west side of Mirey Meadow adjoining Joseph Ballard, John Gay, John Davison, Godfrey Lee, the Meadow by a spring, and the Beginning Branch. Wit.: W. Reed, F. Foster, **R. Sanderson**, J. Lovick, M. Moore.⁶

26 Mar 1723 **Chowan Co., NC.** Richard Holland patented 575 acres on the west side of the Chowan River, known by the name of the Nansemond Town, joining on the south side of Indian Creek, a branch, Chowan River Pocason and the said river. Wit.: Wm. Reed, F. Foster, **R. Sanderson**, J. Lovick, M. Moore. Note indicates: lapsed in Robert Carr and **Edwd Barnes** names, patent dated 11 August 1727 and signed by "R. Everard and 7 others."⁷

26 Mar 1723 **Chowan Co., NC.** Godfrey Lee patented 540 acres on the West side of Chowan River on the South side of the Indian Creek, joining Richard Holland and the sd. Creek. Wit.: Wm. Reed, F. Foster, **R. Sanderson**, J. Lovick, M. Moore. Note indicates: Lapsed in **Edward Barnes** name. Patent dated 01 Aug 1727. /s/ R. Everard.⁸

26 Mar 1723 **Chowan Co., NC.** Godfrey Lee patented 345 acres on the W. side of Chowan river, joining Chowan river pocason and a Spring on the W. side of the Miery Marsh. Wit.: Wm. Reed, F. Foster, **R. Sanderson**, J. Lovick, M. Moore. Note indicates: Lapsed in **Edward Barnes** name.

⁵ Patent Book 3, page 98 in the North Carolina Land Grant Office, #1932. In Margaret M. Hofmann, *Abstracts of North Carolina 1663-1729 Land Patents*, Weldon, NC: Roanoke News Co., 1979, p. 178.

⁶ Southampton Co., Virginia, Patent Book III-A, No. 510; North Carolina Patent Book 3, page 131, #2055. (Province of North Carolina Land Patents 1663-1729, Hofmann, page 188.)

⁷ North Carolina Patent Book 3, page 127 #2039, Province of North Carolina Land Patents 1663-1729, Hofmann, page 187.

⁸ Abstract 2041, Patent Book 3, p. 127, in Hofmann, p. 187.

- Patent dated 01 Aug 1727. /s/ R. Everard.⁹
- 09 Aug 1726 **Bertie Co., NC.** John Hooks, Jr., and wife Martha of Nansemond Co., VA, to Francis Corbett of Isle of Wight Co., VA. On NS Meherrin River and WS Chowan River. Adj. Indian Creek Swamp, Godfree Lee, **Edw. Barnes.**¹⁰
- 27 Oct 1726 **Chowan Co., NC.** The name of **Edward Barnes** was mentioned in connection with land grants on lapsed patents.¹¹
- 25 Mar 1727 **Chowan Co., NC.** **Jonathan Sanderson** patented 95 acres in Buckhorn Woods on the Northernly side of Maherrin River joining **Edward Barnes**, John Garner, Robert Braswell, and Buckhorn Swamp. Wit.: R. Everard, C. Gale, E. Moseley, **R. Sanderson**, T. Pollock, T. Harvey, J. Palin, E. Gale.¹²
- 01 Aug 1727 **Bertie Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** patented 540 acres on the W. side of Chowan river, S. side of Indian River, W. side Miery Marsh, and along Miery Meadow.¹³
- 11 Aug 1727 **Bertie Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** patented 575 acres on the West side of Chowan River on the South side of the Indian Creek, known by the name of Nansemond Town.¹⁴
- 11 Aug 1730 **Bertie Co., NC.** John Daverson to **Edward Barnes** (badly defaced) Aug 11, 1730, 464 acres. dated April 1, 1723.....Wit: James Holland, Lawrance Wolferston, Thomas Page.¹⁵
- 12 Jun 1735 **Bertie Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** paid arrears of Quit Rents from September 1729 to March 1732, in the amount of 17 pounds, 6.6 shillings, on 440 acres in Bertie County.¹⁶ Bertie was formed in 1722 from Chowan Co.
- 18 May 1738 **Bertie Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** witnessed the will of John Baude in Bertie County.¹⁷
- 11 Oct 1739 **Bertie Co., NC.** Samuel Garland of Isle of Wight Co VA to Peter Garland 4 pds 100 ac on north side Maherring Riv adj **Edward Barnes** pat to Robert Brasswell 580 ac 1 Mar 1719. Wit. John Watts jurat, John Driver, Giles Driver.¹⁸
- 01 Feb 1741/2 **Northampton Co., NC.** John Minsie of Chowan Co. to **Edward Barnes of Northampton Co.** for 20 pounds current VA money 440 acres more or less on the north side of Indian creek and the west side of Chowan river, joining John Hooks, the Va. line, Robert Brasswell and Meadow

⁹ Abstract 2042, Patent Book 3, p. 128, in Hofmann, p. 187.

¹⁰ Bertie Co., NC, Deeds, Book B, p. 163.

¹¹ *Colonial Records of N. C.*, Saunders, Vol. 2, page 641.

¹² Land Grant North Carolina Patent Book 3, page 220, #2437 (Province of North Carolina Land Patents 1663-1729, Hofmann, page 223).

¹³ Abstract 2041, Patent Book 3, p. 127, in Hofmann, p. 187.

¹⁴ Abstract 2042, Patent Book 3, p. 128, in Hofmann, p. 187.

¹⁵ Bertie County, North Carolina, Deed C-359.

¹⁶ *State Records of N. C.*, Saunders Vol. 22, page 240.

¹⁷ Grimes, *Abstracts of N. C. Wills*, page 41.

¹⁸ Bertie Deed E-535.

branch, excepting 200 acres which John Mincie sold to Bryan MacClain, all houses, buildings, orchards etc, part of a patent for 640 acres granted to John Mincie I Apr. 1723. Wit: James Maney, Robert Shannan or Sharman.¹⁹

06 Feb 1741/2 **Bertie Co., NC. Edward (EB) Barnes** and James Maney witnessed the deed of Robert Sharman to George Liverman in Bertie County.²⁰

06 Feb 1741/2 **Bertie Co., NC.** Robert Sharman & wife Lucey of Northampton Co. to George Mathias Liverman. Wit.: **Edward Barnes.**²¹

1741 **Northampton Co., NC,** formed from **Bertie Co., NC. Edgecombe Co., NC,** also formed from **Bertie Co., NC.**

02 Apr 1741 **Northampton Co., NC. Edward Barnes** patented 100 acres on Horse Pasture Branch, as noted in deed of 22 Jan 1747/8.

12 Aug 1742 **Northampton Co., NC. Edward Barnes of Northampton Co.,** yeoman deeded to "my beloved son **Wm. Barnes,**" 150 acres west of the head of Chowan River and south of Indian Creek Swamp; witnessed by Peter Garland, Thomas Best and Barret Montgomery.²²

25 May 1743 **Northampton Co., NC. William Barnes** of Edgecombe Co., planter, to James Many of the Province of N. C., merchant, 12 pounds current money of Va. 150 acres more or less on the west side of Buckhorn swamp or Indian creek, part of a patent to **Edward Barnes** granted 2 May 1722. Wit: Barret Montgomery, John Garling.²³

14 Sept. 1743 **Northampton Co., NC. Nathan Barnes** of Edgecombe Co., planter to James Maney of Northampton Co., merchant 5 pounds current money of Va. 50 acres more or less on the west side of Chowan river, joining John Robin, Moore's pocosin, Miry Marsh branch and Joseph Barnes, part of a patent to Joseph Daverson 1 Apr. 1723, all houses, buildings etc. Wit: Robert Tharpe, **Edward Barnes,** E his mark, John Page P his mark.²⁴

15 Sep 1743 **Northampton Co., NC. Edward Barnes of Northampton Co., planter,** to James Maney merchant of Northampton Co., merchant 10 pounds current money of Va. 100 acres more or less on the west side of Chowan river, and the west side of Indian Creek branch, joining the swamp and a small branch ("from my patent of May 2, 1725"); Wit: Robert Tharpe, **William Barnes,** John Page P his mark.²⁵

16 Nov 1744 **Northampton Co., NC.** John Hobbs of Northampton Co. to James Maney of Northampton Co. 20 pounds current money of Va. 30 acres more or less, joining John Daverson, a branch and a pocosin; part of a patent to John Daverson and **Edward Barnes** together, all houses, buildings

¹⁹ Reg. Northampton Co. May Ct. 1742 J. Edwards C. Ct. DB 1-pg. 18.

²⁰ Bertie County, North Carolina, Deed Book F, page 419.

²¹ Bertie Co., North Carolina, Deed Book F, p. 419.

²² Northampton County, North Carolina, Deed Book 1, page 32.

²³ Reg. Northampton Co. Aug. Ct. 1743 J. Edwards C. Ct. DB 1-pg. 82.

²⁴ Reg. Northampton Co. Nov. Ct. 1743 J. Edwards C. Ct. DB 1-pg. 90.

²⁵ Reg. Northampton Co. Nov. Ct. 1743 J. Edwards C. Ct., DB 1-pg. 90.

etc. Wit; John Porter, Sr., Edward Boyd X his mark, John Jornagan.²⁶

14 Jan 1748/9 **Northampton Co., NC.** John Thorne (co. not identified) to Thomas Thorne (co. not identified) 15 pounds current money of Va. 145 acres on the water of Chowan River and the south side of Indian Creek swamp, joining Godfrey Lee, **Edward Barnes** and the swamp, as by patent to John Hook, Jr. 7 Nov. 1723, all houses, buildings etc. Wit: James Maney, Robert Gilliam, Daniel William.²⁷

22 Jan 1747/8 **Northampton Co., NC. Edward Barnes** (co. not identified) planter to James Maney (co. not identified) 10 pounds current money of Va. 100 acres more or less, joining John Cone, Horse Pasture branch, as by patent to **Edward Barnes** 2 Apr. 1741, all houses, buildings etc Wit: Thomas Uzzell, **Joseph Barnes**, Henry Gay.²⁸

12 May 1747 **Northampton Co. Edward Barnes of "Edgecombe"** to Carr Durden of Nancemond Co., Va., 28 pounds 8 shillings Va. currency 440 acres more or less on the north side of Indian Creek swamp, joining John Hooks, the Va. line and Robert Braswell, part of a patent for 640 acres to John Minsie/Mensie and excepting 200 acres on the sd. Minsie sold to Bryan Mcclam with all houses and buildings etc. Wit: **Joseph Barnes**, Elisha Durden.²⁹

16 Jun 1752 **Edgecombe Co., NC. Edward Barnes** made an unsuccessful attempt to patent 300 acres north of Toisnot Swamp.³⁰

1753 He appears to have settled near the White Oak Swamp in Edgecombe (now Wilson) County. (Wilson was formed in 1855.)

25 Oct 1753 **Edgecombe Co., NC. Edward Barnes** patented 179 acres adjoining the land of John Thomas.³¹

19 Apr 1755 **Northampton Co., NC.** William Moore and Judith his wife to John Williams of Northampton County for 25 pounds Virginia money, 390 acres on the north side of Contentney creek, joining the said Williams, **Edward Barnes**, Thomas Carter and the creek, part of a grant to the said Moore 11 April 1745. Witnesses John G____, James B____. Registered Edgecombe County August Court 1755. J. Montfor, CC.³²

11 May 1756 **Northampton Co., NC.** John Williams of Edgecombe County to Thomas Edmundson of Edgecombe County, physician, for 90 pounds sterling money of Great Brittain, 390 acres on the north side of *Great Contentney creek*, part of 640 acres granted to William Moore, 11 April 1745 and divided for three purchases, **Edward Barnes**, Peter Barbery and the said Edmonson. in the presence of said Williams, **Abraham Barnes** and Joseph Simms.³³

²⁶ Reg. Northampton Co. Nov. Ct. 1744 Robert Forster C. Ct. DB 1-Pg. 155.

²⁷ Reg. Northampton Co. North Carolina, Feb. Ct. 1748 J.EdwardsC.Ct. Deed Book 1, p. 360.

²⁸ Reg. Northampton Co., North Carolina, Feb. Ct. 1747 (C. Ct./Pub. Reg. not given) DB 1-pg.325.

²⁹ Reg. Northampton Co. Nov. Ct. 1747 (C. Ct./Pub. Reg. not given) DB 1-pg. 318.

³⁰ North Carolina Land Grant Office, File No. 0129.

³¹ North Carolina Patent Book 11, Page 140.

³² Northampton County, North Carolina, Deed Book 2, p. 403.

³³ Northampton County, North Carolina, Deed Book 6, p. 15.

- 12 Jul 1757 **Southampton Co., VA.** Elizabeth Pope of Nottaway Parrish, Isle of Wight Co., made her will and named Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Edward Barnes in N.C. [NOTE: This is the sister of Sarah (Pope) Barnes, wife of Edward Barnes.] Legacy: Cousin Rebecca Gatling, Cousin Benjamin Pope, Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Barnes in NC, Andrew McNail, cousin Henry Darden, cousin John Pope, son of William Pope. Exec: Brother William Pope Wit: Ann Faircloth, George Gurley, Jr.³⁴
- 09 Feb 1758 **Southampton Co., VA.** Estate of Elizabeth Pope appraised by: Joseph Newsum, Etheldred Holt, Stephen Pope.
- 15 Dec 1760 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes** made his will in St. Mary's Parish, describing himself as a Planter "formerly of Chowan River." "Wife & Extx: **Sarah**, all residue of estate, both real and personal, during her widowhood. Sons: **Nathan, William, Jacob** and **Abraham**; Daughters: **Mourning Fiveash, Charity Sims, Mary Sims, Elizabeth Leigh, Sarah Amason**, 1 S each; Daughter: **Patience Barnes**, reversion in plantation whereon I live. Daughter: **Elizabeth Barnes***, 100 A plantation on Chowan River whereon she now lives, reversion to my Gr. son: **Jacob Barnes**. Son: **Jacob**. Gr. daus: **Barbary Wiggins** and **Ferreby Wiggins**, 2 cows each; Gr. son: **Michael Barnes**, tract land lying on Chowan River, joining plantation his mother lives on called Myery Mash. Wit: James Barfield, Eliza Barfield, Thos. Edmundson."
* Elizabeth Barnes was the widow of Edward's son Joseph, and Jacob and Michael, listed as Edward's grandsons, were her sons with Joseph.³⁵
- NOTE: Joseph Barnes son of Edward Barnes is not listed in the will of Edward Barnes, as Joseph had died testate in Northampton County, North Carolina, in 1751.
- 24 Jun 1761 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** In the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, "Ordered that **Edward Barnes** an old and infirm Person be exempted from paying County Taxes and that He be recommended to the Next Assembly for a further Exemption of Public taxes.³⁶
- Mar Ct 1762 **Edgecombe Co., NC.** **Edward Barnes's** will was probated.³⁷

SEE BELOW FOR MY GUESTIMATES OF EDWARD'S CHILDREN'S BIRTHDATES. Any or all could be wrong.

- c. 1712 **Perhaps Nansemond Co., VA.** Daughter **Mourning** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1714 **Probably Virginia.** Son **Joseph** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]

³⁴ Southampton County, Virginia, Will Book 1, p. 230.

³⁵ Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Wills and Inventories, Vol. A-B, pp. 91-93.

³⁶ Minutes of Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the N. C. Archives.

³⁷ Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Wills and Probate Records, Wills, A-Di, Vol 1-3, 1758-1830, cover and pp. 41-46.

- c.1712-1715 **Perhaps Nansemond Co., VA.** Daughter (first name unknown) was born, age estimated, married a Wiggins. She had died by the time her father made his will because he referred to two granddaughters surnamed Wiggins. But if the granddaughters were grown and then married men named Wiggins, this hypothesis does not hold. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1717 **Perhaps Nansemond Co., VA, or Chowan Co., NC.** Son **Jacob** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1717 **Probably Virginia.** Son **Nathan** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1719 **Perhaps Nansemond, Co., VA.** Son **William** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1721 **Perhaps Chowan Co., NC.** Daughter **Charity** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1722 **Perhaps Chowan Co., NC.** Daughter **Mary** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1726 **Perhaps Chowan Co., NC.** Daughter **Elizabeth** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1728 **Perhaps Chowan Co., NC.** Son **Abraham** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1730 **Probably Bertie Co., NC.** Daughter **Sarah** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]
- c. 1732 **Probably Bertie Co., NC.** Daughter **Patience** was born. [All birth dates are only guesses.]