

Family Group Record

Husband Thomas Burton Sr.		
Born	Abt 1634	Place Probably, England
Chr.		Place In Henrico Co., Virginia, by 1656
Died	Bef 1 Feb 1685	Place Cobbs Plantation, Bristol Parish, Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
Buried		Place
Married	Abt 1663	Place
Husband's father	Burton	
Husband's mother		
Wife Susannah "Susan"		
Born	Abt 1646	Place
Chr.		Place
Died	Abt 1667	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
Buried		Place
Other Spouse	John Stewart	
Married	2 Oct 1686	Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
Wife's father		
Wife's mother		
Children List each child in order of birth.		
1	F	Anne Burton
	Born	8 Aug 1663 Place "Cobbs" plantation on Appomattox River, Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 2 Oct 1736 Place , Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Bartholomew Stovall
	Married	8 Aug 1693 Place St. John's Episcopal Church, Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Spouse	John Saunders
	Married	Abt 1725 Place , Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
2	M	Thomas Burton Jr.
	Born	1664 Place "Cobbs" plantation on Appomattox River, Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Chr.	Place
Aft 1	Jan 1691/Bef 9 Nov 1691	Place Resided, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Elizabeth
	Married	Bef 1691 Place Perhaps, Boston, Suffolk Co., Massachusetts, USA
3	M	John Burton Sr.
	Born	Abt 1666 Place , Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Aft 23 Feb 1754 Place , Chesterfield Co., Virginia, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Elizabeth Fowler
	Married	Abt 1687 Place , Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Spouse	Judith Nunnally
	Married	Relationship c. 1724 Place , Henrico Co., Virginia
4	M	Isaac Burton
	Born	Abt 1667 Place "Cobbs" plantation on Appomattox River, Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Aft 1736 Place , , Virginia, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	[Unknown]
	Married	Place
5	M	Abraham Burton Sr.
	Born	Abt 1669 Place "Cobbs" plantation on Appomattox River, Henrico Co., Virginia, USA
	Chr.	Place
	Died	Bef 14 Jan 1736/1737 Place , Amelia Co., Virginia, USA
	Buried	Place
	Spouse	Anne Featherstone
	Married	Feb 1691 Place , Henrico Co., Virginia, USA

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Notes

HUSBAND - Thomas Burton Sr.

Thomas came to American in 1656 & lived at Cobbs, Henrico Co., now Chesterfield Co, Virginia. His home was later known as Bolling Home, Thomas left it to his son, John who sold it to the Bolling family in 1704.

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Thomas Burton of Cobbs and John Burton of Longfield were likely brothers. It is not clear which one was the younger and which was the older.

Chapter III Thomas1 Burton of Cobbs & his Eldest Son

"The existing records of Henrico county start with 1677, only some eight years before the death of Thomas Burton; hence we have very little information as to his personality, his friends and his associations.

"The maiden name of his wife is unknown. The name of his son Abraham suggests two persons who lived in the immediate neighborhood of Thomas1. When Ambrose Cobbs took out his patent in 1639 in Henrico, the estate thereafter known by his name lay 'upon Appomattuck River adjoining lands of John Baugh and Abraham Wood.' For many years thereafter General Abraham Wood (1610 – 1684?) was the leading citizen of that vicinity, and was in command of Fort Henry which stood on the site of the present city of Petersburg, across the Appomattox River from Cobbs, and several miles up-stream. Another neighbor was Abraham Womeck (1644-1733) who as we shall see was often associated with the affairs of the family of Thomas1. Abraham Womeck, as appears from the records, was what is known in the parlance of today as a 'sport'" and seems to have lived life to the full. He was frequently "had up" for drunkenness and profanity, and his racehorses were famous in the annals of the tracks at Varina and Bermuda Hundred, where he lived.

"A clue to the identity of Susannah, the wife of Thomas1 Burton might be found in the close association of the latter with Thomas Lockett, who was a friend, a neighbor and possibly a relative. When, shortly before his death, Thomas1 divided his lands between his sons, an error was made in the deed, and Thomas Lockett was later called into court to testify as to the grantor's real intentions. A record of earlier association between these two men is found in 1667; on October 5th of that year Thomas Osborne assigned his right (i.e., headright) for the transportation of an Abraham Wood to Thomas Lockett; on the 24th of the same month the latter transferred this right to Thomas Burton.

"The will of Thomas Lockett dated June 1, 1686, mentions his sons Benjamin and James, and daughter Susan. A William Lockett whose will was filed in Chesterfield in 1756 named several sons, among them Abraham Lockett. References to Thomas1 Burton in the now extant records of Henrico are limited to (1) an entry in the list of tithables of that county for the year 1679 where his name appears between those of Richard Ligon and Mr. William Baugh - probably then his nearest neighbors - as responsible for one tithable and (2) gifts of cows and sows to his sons John (1681) and Abraham (1681) recorded in Henrico Book I, at page 265 and witnessed by Thomas Lockett and Margaret Lockett; (3) on February 2nd 1682, Thomas Burton was non-suited by the Henrico court in an action for trespass against James Baugh. Further than these items we find only references to the division of his estate. He died in 1685, and on January first of that year (1685/6) evidently in anticipation of death, he made division between his four sons of his estate of Cobbs (Liber I. p. 350 Henrico). In this deed the name of his son Abraham appears as the grantee of two portions, but Thomas Lockett and James Baugh later testified in court that the grantor intended to give one share of the lands to his son Isaac, and that the name of Abraham should have appeared only once; and settlement was made accordingly. Thomas Burton thus gave 100 acres, including the dwelling plantation to his youngest son Abraham; 100 acres adjoining the dwelling plantation to his eldest son Thomas; to his son John 100 acres adjoining John Baugh, and to 'Abraham' Burton (meaning Isaac) land next to the dwelling plantation." (pp. 34-35)

"To return now to Thomas1 Burton, we have seen that on January first 1685-6 he divided his lands by deed of gift between his four sons. He died between that date and April 1, 1686, when the inventory of his personal estate was returned by the appraisers, Edward Stratton, junior, Abraham Womeck and James Baugh. It was valued by them at 7380 pounds of tobacco. This appraisal was "presented to the court by Susannah Burton, Admx. of Tho. Burton, dec'd." Evidently he died intestate, though his son John, in the deed we have cited above to John Bolling in 1704 states that the land was "given" to grantor 'by the will of his father Thomas Burton, deceased.' He used the word 'will' no doubt to express 'volition.' No will of Thomas Burton has been found. The widow Susannah obtained letters of administration upon his estate on February 1, 1685, with Henry Lound and Edward Stratton, Jr., as securities. At the same time,

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James Baugh, Thomas Lockett, Abra. Womeck and Edward Stratton, Jr., were appointed appraisers of the estate.

"In the same year, his widow Susannah married John Stewart generally referred to in the records as 'John Stewart, Glove' to distinguish him from another individual of the same name, a contemporary in Henrico. The designation 'Glover' referred, no doubt to his trade. Their marriage license was dated October 2, 1686. On February 1, 1686-7 'John Stewart (ye Glover)' was appointed Constable. . . ." (pp. 38-39)

CHILD 1 - Anne Burton

See notes for husband.

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"Besides their four sons, to whom the rest of this chapter will be devoted, Thomas1 and Susannah Burton had at least one daughter Anne, who married Bartholomew Stovall. Their marriage license was dated August 8, 1693, and John Stewart, her step-father was security (Henrico records V. p. 435). They had sons Bartholomew, George, Thomas and William Stovall, and a daughter Margaret who married Wyles." (p. 40)

CHILD 2 - Thomas Burton Jr.

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"Of the four sons of Thomas1 and Susannah Burton of Cobbs, the eldest was: Thomas Burton, junior.

"Thomas Burton, junior, was born in 1664, as is proved by a deposition he made in court in 1680, (Liber I. p. 358). The suit in which this deposition was recorded evidently arose from an incident calculated to arouse the deepest passions of man - poaching on fish or game reserves. William Hatcher (probably the son of the violent tempered Burgess of that name) certainly meant to put a stop to the invasion of his sporting rights by his neighbors, for Thomas Burton, junior, aged sixteen, testified that he 'saw Jno. Lantroope strike a piece out of the head of Mr Robert Woodson's canoe with an axe, and that ye deponent heard Mr William Hatcher order ye said Lantroope and his other servants to splitt all ye cannoes they found in the swampp and further saith not.' He had said enough - indeed more than might have been expected from one so greatly indebted to the Hatchers as this young man. Four years before the attempt of William Hatcher to put an end to canoeing in his swamp, one of his name, in making his will in 1676 in Henrico left his personal property and a life estate in his 226 acres of land lying between those of Mr. Henry Seward and Gilbert Elam to Thomas Burton, junior. Testator also provided for the schooling of the young man until the age of seventeen."

"Thomas2 Burton died about the year 1691, when absent from Virginia. Thereupon Edward Hatcher demanded and received an order of the Henrico court that the 226 acres in which Thomas had enjoyed a life estate - only fourteen years in this case should revert to the petitioner. Thomas2 Burton left a widow in Boston, Massachusetts. Many men, but few Virginians, have done likewise. We do not know where he died, nor how - nor did his widow know, as appears in a letter from her dated November 9, 1691, and entered in the Henrico records on May 16, 1692. This letter was recorded by Edward Hatcher as proof of the death of the life tenant of the above mentioned 226 acres. The letter was from Elizabeth, the widow of Thomas2, who had meanwhile married John Buchanan in Boston; it was addressed to "honble. mother Mrs Susannah Burton." She knew, however, that her mother-in-law had also improved the shilling hour and had remarried for she addresses "you and your new bosome companion" a refined Boston phraseology for marriage worthy of a quip in the "Precieuses Ridicules." Elizabeth Buchanan states further in this letter that she had never been in Virginia, and she adds that she "never heard any certain information of ye manner of ye death of my dear husband Mr Thomas Burton" but alludes to the fact that she has 'buried his body.' There is no mention of any children.

"Thomas2 Burton had made an enviable impression upon his mellifluous wife - possibly because he was absent from her a great part of the time, apparently having been engaged in the fish trade. In her letter she refers to him as "my first and in his lifetime my dearest and most valuable joy" and earnestly adds "God hath also been pleased to deprive me of that Aimable flour which ye lord was pleased to lend me from his Loyns." It must, in expiation of this

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flight of rhetoric, be added that she was evidently concerned about her prospects of inheritance in far-away Virginia, for she adds a keen thrust at Abraham Womacke (Womeck) who was her late husband's representative in Virginia in the 'mackerell' business. The letter continues 'ye said Jarland informs me from Mr Chicklay and that you desire him to send me word that my husband's estate is misimproved and squandered by ye P(er)son whom he intrusted with power in his Businesse.' "
(pp. 41-42)

". . . . The jury decided for the plaintiff - it was most unusual for a Burton to lose in litigation! It is evident that young Thomas Burton, was still living at the date of this action - June 1, 1691, and that he died before May 16, 1692.

"Thomas2 Burton, at the time of his death, had already been absent from the family nest by the banks of the Appomattox for more than four years, for in 1687 his brother John, then just arrived at man's estate, petitioned the court in Henrico to have the property of his elder brother 'who is out of ye country' delivered to him - presumably to manage it as trustee. The court ordered that "if at ye next court John Steward who maryed the mother of the said Burtons doe not give security for the said Thomas Burton's estate, it shall be delivered unto John Burton, aforesaid.'

"Thomas2 Burton left no issue; he died intestate, probably during a trading voyage, and his 100 acre share of Cobbs passed by the laws of descent to his next brother John. His life estate in the 226 acres left him by William Hatcher vested in Edward Hatchet. Whether any personal property remained in Virginia we do not know; nor may we determine whether any inheritance came to his accomplished widow in Boston." (p. 43)

CHILD 3 - John Burton Sr.

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"The second son of Thomas1 and Susannah Burton was named John. He was born in 1666, as shown by a deposition made by him in Henrico court October 12, 1688 (records V. p. 11), and lived until 1754. In 1746 his son is still styled John, Jr., and his grandson, John the Younger. The first mention of him in Henrico is in 1681, on October 13th when his

father made a deed of gift to his son John of a yearling heifer and a young sow. He was then 15 years old, and when he was about twenty, his father died. For about a year, his stepfather John Stewart was his legal guardian. By 1687 he was of age, and took over his share of the estate of Cobbs, 100 acres. Probably in about the same year he married, for the will of Samuel Fowler, Sr., blacksmith of Henrico mentions in 1688 his daughter Elizabeth Burton.

"A family of Fowlers were at that time planters near the Womecks, and not far from Cobbs. There is, however, no direct proof that this was the wife of John Burton of Cobbs. An item in Henrico records on October 12, 1688, reads as follows: 'John Burton (and also Abraham Burton) having attended as evidence for Sam'll Fowler, junr., agt. Jno. Granger hath Order granted him agt. ye sd. Fowler for eighty pounds of tobo.'" (p. 43)

"By 1728 John Burton (son of Thomas1 of Cobbs) had begun to seat his sons on landed estates, for in that year Henrico records contain an indenture between John Burton, Senior, and Isaiah Burton "for valuable consideration of 5 shillings current money," for 85 acres on the south side of Falling Creek; signed with the peculiar mark of John Burton, and witnessed by William Cocke and Samuel Soane. (Henrico Deeds, Wills, 1725-1737 p. 256.) In 1734 on March 3rd, John Burton deeded "to son James Burton .. natural affection .. south side fawling (sic) Creek .. 85 acres." The witnesses to this deed were Andrew Leprade (recently, no doubt, André) and Wm (X) Adams. In 1736-7 on March 4th, John Burton deeded to Thomas Burton, for "natural love and affection I bear unto my son Thomas Burton .. 85 acres .. Joyning on James Burton," signed by the mark of John Burton. Witnesses to this deed were Andrew Laprade, James Burton and John Laprade (Ibid. p. 625). These lands lay near the headwaters of Falling Creek and only a few miles away from Manikin Town. Evidently in the thirty odd years since they first settled there, the French Huguenot families had prospered and were already spreading out into the surrounding territory. In the three deeds just cited the mark made by John Burton (formerly of Cobbs) is identical; they establish the fact that he had at least three sons, whose names are recorded; that he was the father of three other Burton men of whom mention will be made in due course, is shown by his will in 1754." (pp. 47-48)

"'Old John Burton' and his wife Elizabeth (Fowler) lived in matrimony for some sixty years, and produced at least six

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sons and five daughters who lived to maturity. In 1754, when he made his will, there were five daughters living: "Sarah Jackson, Elizabeth Tirpin, Susannah Tanner, Febue (Phebe) Johnson and Ann." Apparently there had been another daughter (dead before 1754) who had married William Shepard. We have no information concerning these daughters (except in one instance), nor of their issue. The Turpins and Tanners were well-known families in Chesterfield. Elizabeth Turpin was, no doubt, the sister-in-law of Col. Thomas Turpin of Powhatan county who in 1760 married the aunt (Mary) of (President) Thomas Jefferson. Col. Turpin was the son of Thomas Turpin and of the much married Obedience Branch. The will of Elizabeth Turpin, dated February 19, 1767, names sons Thomas, Philip, Elisha, Josiah and daughters Martha and Mary; grand-daughter Sally Winfree, etc., and was witnessed by Jacob and Robert Ashurst and Mabel Turpin. The last named was the wife of Josiah Turpin, who died in 1768. The name of Winfree occurs later (Jan. 22, 1781) in the will of Sarah Harrison (a near neighbor of these Burtons) who mentions her daughter Elizabeth Winfree; William Burton was a witness to this will. The only Jackson reference which is found in our notes from Chesterfield (Deed Book 2, 322) is a deed from Thomas Jackson of Amelia to George Cogbin of Chesterfield for 145 acres on Swift Creek, north side. This deed was witnessed by Charles Burton, Jr. (grandson of Abraham¹), Ed. Walthall and George Cogbin, Jr. (pp. 53-54)

"The account of the life and works of Old John Burton would be incomplete without the mention of a trifling indiscretion which may be thought to mar his otherwise entirely estimable record, occurring as it did when he was already some sixty years of age. The Bristol parish register records in 1725 the birth to Judith Nunsry of a son Samuel Burton. The churchwardens were not so discreet and reticent in their mention of this incident, for in Henrico "Loose Papers," we find the following:

'Wee William Randolph, Esq., and Edmund Booker, Gent., Churchwardens of this parish of Henrico in the county of Henrico do by order of the Justices of the said county made at court .. first Monday in September 1730 .. Bind unto Thomas Cheatham, Senr. his executors .. Samuel Burton a bastard child of Judith Nunslys ..3 April, 1732.'

"In a deed of land in 1739 by John Burton to Edward Logwood, the witnesses were Thomas Burton (John's son), Thomas Burton, Jr. (son of preceding) and Samuel Burton.

"Samuel is mentioned only once more - as 'my son Samuel Burton' to whom Old John leaves one shilling in his will of 1754." (pp. 81-82)

"Old John Burton, whose life was almost contemporary with that of his cousin William Burton of the Level, lived to be about 88 years of age. His will is found on page 208 of the first will book of Chesterfield county under the heading of John Borton; this trifling error was corrected by the clerk who wrote 'Burton's will' in the margin. This will was dated February 23, 1754, and signed by the identical mark used by the old man in all the legal documents of early life. An abstract follows:

'I John Borton of the Parish of Dale and County of Chesterfield .. unto my loving wife Elizabeth the land and Plantation I now live on during her natural life and all the rest of my movable Estate to her and her disposing .. to William Shephard, Junr., the Land and Plantation I now live on after my wife's Decease .. to my son John Borton's heir five shillings sterling .. to my son Thomas Borton one shilling .. to my son Samuel Borton one shilling .. to my son James Borton one shilling .. to my daughter Sarah Jackson one shilling .. to my daughter Elizabeth Tirpin one shilling .. to my daughter Susannah Tanner one shilling ... to my daughter Febue (Phebe) Johnson one shilling .. to my daughter Ann Borton one shilling .. to my son Esar (Isaiah) Borton one shilling .. to my grand-daughter Arrobello Borton one shilling .. my loving wife hole (sic) and sole Executor." Witnesses: John Baker, Robert Cayce, Sarah Baker.

"The appraisers of the personal estate, which amounted to £ 28-12-0, were Matthew Branch, Senr., John Brummall and William Brummal. They reported the appraisal to the court in June 1756." (pp. 50-51)

CHILD 4 - Isaac Burton

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"Chapter VII Isaac Burton of Cobbs"

"Having now followed, so far as we were able, the lines of descent of John Burton of Cobbs through the eighteenth century in Chesterfield, we come back to his younger brothers - Isaac and Abraham. These we understand on the

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best authority, to be respectable Jewish names, and thus a guarantee of aggressive Puritanism on the part of their parents Thomas¹ of Cobbs and Susanna his wife. The Puritans literally wallowed in the gloom, bitterness and violence of the early Hebrews.

"Isaac was born about 1667 and lived until at least 1736. The first mention of him in the records was on January 1, 1685-6 when his father, evidently 'in extremis,' and attempting to make equal division of his estate between his four sons, omitted Isaac's name in the deed. Upon the testimony of two of the neighbors that this was an act of inadvertence, the court recognized Isaac's rights. Some years later, recorded in the Henrico Order Book for 1694 - 1701, at page 290, we find that "Isaac Burton who is one of ye orphans of Thomas Burton, deceased, came into open court and acknowledged ye portion due to him from his dec'd father's estate." This probably referred to a division of the personality by an administrator, or by a guardian." (p. 103)

"We have no proof that Isaac Burton was married and yet an Abraham Burton who appears in the next generation in the Bristol parish register and in the later records of Brunswick county must have been his son. One or two other Burtons in Amelia and in Chesterfield who put in a phantom appearance in the pages of the county books probably belong to this family.

"This Abraham Burton whom we believe defied the scriptural legend by being the son of Isaac (instead of his father) is probably the one mentioned once in the Bristol parish register in 1733 when 'Jemmy slave of Abra & Sarah Burton was born.' At that time only five other Abraham Burtons are known to have been in existence, viz: - Abraham¹ whose wife was named Anne, and who died three years later in Amelia: Abraham² with wife Mary (Beavill); and three boys of the name aged respectively 13, 5 and 4 years of age, in 1733.

"An Abraham Burton, probably this son of Isaac was entered on the poll list of Brunswick county in 1748. His will is found in the records of that county in 1750, appointing as executors John Peebles, Sr., and James Maclin, Sr. and devising his plantation to his wife Anne. If this, as we think, was the Abraham of the Bristol parish register of 1733, it is evident that he had married a second time. The land which he left to Anne was conveyed by her in 1756 with the same boundaries as the tract previously purchased by Abraham Burton, to her son by a prior marriage, as appears from an indenture recorded in book VI of Brunswick county at page 244:

"Joseph Peebles from Anne Burton, both of St Andrews parish ... for the Love and affection she bears to Joseph Peebles 200 acres of land on both sides Meherrin.' Witnesses, Lemuel Lanier and David Peebles.

"It thus appears that this Abraham had married a widow with children. Apparently she was the daughter of Francis Maybury of Surry county who in his will of 1711 mentions his daughter Anne Peebles. Her son Joseph Peebles became a vestryman of St Andrews parish, was a captain in the army during the Revolution, and later was a member of the House of Delegates. The evidence offered indicates that this Abraham Burton died childless." (pp. 103-104)

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"Chapter VIII Abraham Burton of Cobbs & his Descendants in Amelia"

"The fourth and last of the sons of Thomas¹ Burton of Cobbs was named Abraham. He was born about 1669, as is proved by a statement in Henrico court on October 1, 1692, as follows:

"Abraham Burton, aged about 23, some time last November the deponent was at ye house of Samuell Newman when Major Chamberlain .. said to the sd Newman 'Saml. I paid fifteen Buckskins for your horse.' (Henrico records V. 352.)

"Major Chamberlain was obviously a mighty Nimrod. The buckskin, however, as a unit of currency was as unstable a measure as is gold today.

"Shortly after the time when he overheard this interesting example of colonial barter, Abraham was married, for in February 1692-3 the court records:

"Abra. Burton who marryed Anne one of the orphs. of Charles Featherstone, dec'd, did this day appear in open court with Sam'l Newman his late guardian & acknowledge his receipt of ye sd Anne's full portion or share of her dec'd father's estate & did thereof fully & clearly acquitt & discharge him ye sd Newman his heirs and securities.' (Henrico Orders 1678-1693, p. 405).

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"Samuel Newman, it appears, had married (when twenty seven years of age), the widow of Charles Featherstone, as is shown by an entry for July 17, 1683, in a suit by Joseph Connor against Samuel Newman." (p. 107)

"In the end, Abraham1 who had started life, like his brothers with his ancestral portion – 100 acres of Cobbs, owned some 1350 acres of land. He was 67 years old when he died. His will is on record in Amelia Will Book I, page 13; it was dated May 13, 1736, and probated January 14, 1736-7. An abstract follows:

"daughter Susan Garrott one cow and calf .. son Abraham Burton .. tract containing 200 acres .. in the county of Amelia on Appomatox near the mouth of Deep Creek where he now lives .. also five negroes .. son Charles .. all my land on Swift Creek in Henrico county being a tract of land containing 200 acres I purchased of Capt. Thomas Jefferson .. also fore negroes .. unto Thomas Burton the upper part of the land I now live on .. also 2 negros .. and one half of my personal estate .. unto my loving wife Ann the other half of my personal estate also use of half the land I now live on .. use of two negroes .. after her death the sd plantation & negroes .. to son Thomas .. my son Abraham 'hole and sole executor.'"

ABRAHAM (X) BURTON.

Witnesses: Edward Booker, John Phillips.

"His widow survived him by nine years, and her will is found in the Amelia Will Book; it was dated December 22, 1745. An abstract follows:

"Ann Burton of the county of Amelia .. tomy daughter Susanah Clifton my Grand Daughter Susanah Burton and my Grand Daughter Anne Garrott all my wearing apparill to be equally divided between them .. to Charles Burton son of Charles Burton half my stock two dishes one Bason four plates and one large Pott .. to Abraham Burton son of Charles Burton .. to my son Thomas Burton all the residue of my estate Real and personal.'

ANNE (X) BURTON.

Witnesses: Wm Maycock, James Collings, Susanah (X) Barnes.

"Thomas Burton presented this will for probate in January 1745-6." (pp. 112-113)