

# Ancestors of Mary Elizabeth Woodson

1905- 1981

by

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**The Short Version!**

This book describes the ancestors of Mary Elizabeth Woodson of Weston and Fink Creek, WV. It is intended primarily for the use of family members.

Any geneology may have inaccuracies. If you have a question, or find a problem, please contact me at:

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## **Introduction**

This book provides a genealogy of Mary Elizabeth Woodson, who lived from 1898- 1971 in Lewis County, West Virginia. Her husband was Jesse Richard Stout. This book contains my current research on the family, and may have errors. If you find an error, or have more information, please let me know!

In this book, I have not included all the references for each fact, because it would make the book much longer, but I do have them.

### **Ancestors only**

This book deliberately only includes Mary Elizabeth Woodson and her ancestors. This is the easiest way to ensure that no details about living people are shared. It also keeps the book shorter, as I actually have a lot more details.

I have only include the direct ancestors, not listing their children. But I've got lots of info on the other family members, too. I'm calling this "The Short Version" because I'm trying to keep it short!

### **About the Author**

I'm Kate (or Kathy) Stout. I'm a granddaughter of Mary Elizabeth Woodson, and I've done a lot of genealogy research over the years. I've always loved history, and for me history is about the stories. So this also about telling some of the stories of the Woodson (and affiliated) lines.

Contact me if you'd like more information about an individual or a group. I have several ways I can get them to you. Most of the information is also in a tree named "KateStout" on ancestry.com My email is [kate@katestout.com](mailto:kate@katestout.com).

Also see <http://katestout.com/family> for the latest versions of any genealogy information I've written.

***Related:*** A book on the ancestors of Jesse Richard Stout, Mary Woodson's

husband. It's available on [http://katestout.com/?page\\_id=304](http://katestout.com/?page_id=304)

### **Just to get you interested**

The Woodsons are early settlers in America. How early? John Woodson and his wife Sarah came to Jamestown in 1619, a year before before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock. He came as a surgeon (a doctor) to the young colony. He was killed in 1644 in an Indian raid, but his wife Sarah and his two sons survived. See **Woodson Story** for more details.

## **The Woodson Story**

In this section, I'm not going to tell the story of the whole Woodson family, just the first Woodsons in America, and the first to head to West Virginia.

### **John and Sarah Woodson**

In 1619, the ship "George" arrived at Jamestown, Virginia. Among the people on board were James Woodson (b. 1586) and his wife Sarah Winston Woodson (b. 1595). At this point, Jamestown was a young English colony, which had almost failed several times, due to a combination of fighting with the native people, lack of food, and sweeping diseases that killed many of the weakened settlers. James had been educated at Oxford, and came to serve as a surgeon ( a doctor).

John and Sarah settled at Flowerdew (also called Fleur de Dieu) Hundred, a community 30 miles north of Jamestown, created by the new governor of Virginia, Sir George Yeardly. There were about 30 settlers. A "Hundred" was a typical land grant issued to a key settler, such as the Governor. Later, the place was sold and renamed Piersey's Hundred. More about Flowerdew, which is on the National Historic Register, here:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flowerdew\\_Hundred\\_Plantation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flowerdew_Hundred_Plantation)  
<https://www.nps.gov/articles/flowerdew.htm>

John and Sarah survived an serious attack by native people in 1622. This was a colony-wide attack, with 347 people in Virginia killed. However, Flowerdew was well fortified, and only 6 people died in the attack on Flowerdew.

John Woodson was also a very early slaveholder. In a 1623 registration, he is listed as having 6 slaves. The first slaves were brought to Jamestown in 1620.

In 1644, John Woodson did not survive another native attack. There was another major colony-wide uprising by the native people, and John Woodson was killed as he returned home. His wife Sarah and a man who was visiting used a huge (8 feet long) gun to defend the house. Sarah hid one son under a large washtub, and another hid in a hole dug in the ground to store potatoes in the winter. Sarah and her boys survived. Since then, the two branches of the family descended from the boys are called "Washtub"(John) and "Potato Hole" (Robert) Woodson. Robert Woodson is Mary Woodson's 6th great grandfather.



### **The Woodson gun.**

**When I heard this story, I thought the gun was exaggerated, but remarkably it still exists!**

More resources

<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/2567072>

<http://www.theheritagelady.com/john-woodson/>

<http://webpages.charter.net/pepbaker/woodson.htm>

### **Woodsons in WV**

The Woodson family had a strong presence in Virginia, starting in 1619, and running til the present. Many had large families., and they settled all over Virginia, and eventually spread throughout the South.

The Woodson family member in our line who moved to what is now West Virginia was Edwin Woodson (1808-1872). He married in 1830 in Lynchburg Virginia, which is close to the Applachian mountains, but still on the Virginia side. However, by 1850, he is living in Lewis County, VA (which becomes Lewis County WV).

## Relationship: Mary Elizabeth Woodson to John Woodson

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7th great grandfather

<b>John Woodson</b>	<b>Sarah Winston</b>
b: 1586 Devon, England	b: 1595 England
d: Apr 18, 1644 Prince George County, Virginia, USA	d: Jan 17, 1659 Prince George County, Virginia, USA

6th great grandfather

<b>Robert Woodson</b>
b: 1634 Peirseys Hundred, Prince George, VA
d: 1707 Varina, Henrico, Virginia, USA

5th great grandfather

<b>Robert Woodson</b>
b: 1660 Curles, Fleur De Hundred Henrico Co,
d: 1729 Curles Neck, Henrico, VA, USA

4th great grandfather

<b>Joseph Woodson</b>
b: 1685 Henrico, Virginia, USA
d: Oct 02, 1783 Goochland, Goochland, Virginia, USA

3rd great grandfather

<b>Joseph Woodson Jr</b>
b: Abt. 1749 Henrico, Virginia, USA
d: 1839 Goochland, Virginia, USA

2nd great grandfather

<b>Milner Woodson</b>
b: Abt. 1782 Virginia, USA
d:



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Great grandfather

**Edwin Woodson**

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b: Abt. 1808

Virginia, USA

d: 1872

Upshur, West Virginia, USA

Paternal grandfather

**Edward Woodson**

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b: Abt. 1847

Virginia, USA

d: May 15, 1894

Benson, Harrison Co., West Virginia

Father

**William J Woodson**

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b: Abt. 1868

Upshur, West Virginia, USA

d: Sep 27, 1945

Lynn, WV

Self

**Mary Elizabeth Woodson**

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b: May 20, 1905

Copley WV

d: Dec 07, 1981

**Mary Elizabeth Woodson**

b: May 20, 1905 in Copley WV  
m: Apr 02, 1932 in Weston, Lewis, West Virginia, USA  
d: Dec 07, 1981

**William J Woodson**

b: Abt. 1868 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA  
m: May 19, 1903 in Lewis County, WV  
d: Sep 27, 1945 in Lynn, WV

**Eliza C Paugh**

b: Sep 28, 1875 in Gilmer, West Virginia, USA  
d: Jun 22, 1954 in Elkins, Randolph, West Virginia, USA

**Edward Woodson**

b: Abt. 1847 in Virginia, USA  
m: May 08, 1867 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA  
d: May 15, 1894 in Benson, Harrison Co., West Virginia

**Elizabeth Dooley**

b: Sep 28, 1842 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA  
d: Jul 01, 1925 in Weston, Lewis, West Virginia, USA

**Benjamin F Paugh**

b: Aug 1841 in Harrison County, Virginia  
m: Jun 10, 1867 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA  
d: Jul 03, 1902 in Lewis County, West Virginia

**Mary Elizabeth Sandy**

b: Abt. 1847 in Rockingham County, Virginia  
d: Jun 25, 1911 in Alice, Lewis County, West Virginia, USA

**Edwin Woodson**

b: Abt. 1808 in Virginia, USA  
m: Sep 22, 1830 in Lynchbur...  
d: 1872 in Upshur, West Virgi...

**Mary Ann Gouldin**

b: Abt. 1818 in Virginia, USA

**Robert Dooley**

b: Abt. 1804 in Virginia, USA  
m: Dec 28, 1823 in Lewis, Virginia

**Mary Warner**

b: Abt. 1802 in Virginia, USA  
d: Bef. 1860

**William J Paugh**

b: Abt. 1799 in Virginia, USA  
m: Nov 23, 1827 in Harrison,...  
d: Apr 09, 1871 in Upshur, W...

**Mary Paugh**

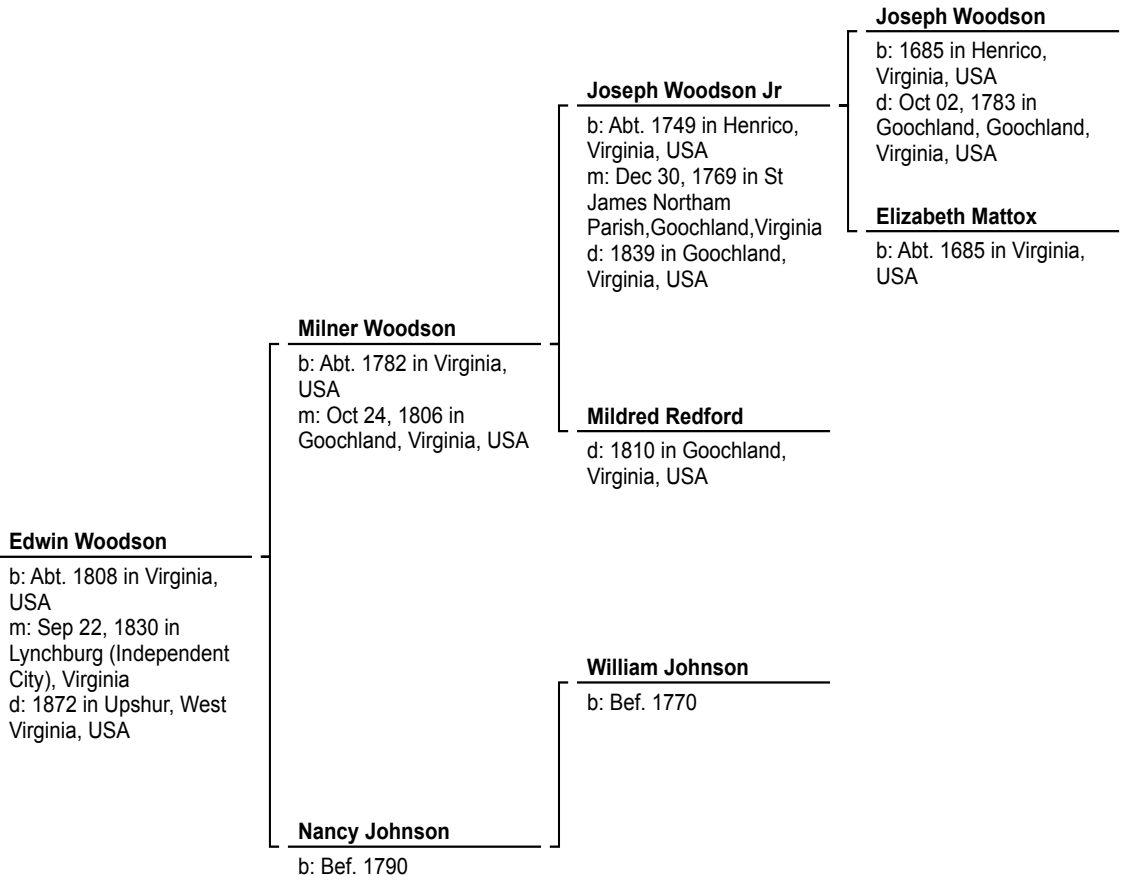
b: Abt. 1800 in West Virginia, USA  
d: Sep 21, 1885

**John Wilson Sandy**

b: Mar 22, 1825 in Virginia, U...  
m: Sep 24, 1845 in Augusta,...  
d: Sep 16, 1898 in Gilmer, W...

**Martha J Snyder**

b: Abt. 1820 in Virginia, USA  
d: Nov 12, 1892 in Gilmer, Gilmer, West Virginia, USA



**Joseph Woodson**

b: 1685 in Henrico, Virginia, USA  
d: Oct 02, 1783 in Goochland, Goochland, Virginia, USA

**Robert Woodson**

b: 1660 in Curles, Fleur De Hundred Henrico Co, VA  
m: 1692 in Henrico, Virginia, USA  
d: 1729 in Curles Neck, Henrico, VA, USA

**Sarah Lewis**

b: 1664 in Henrico, Virginia, USA  
d: 1710 in Henrico, Virginia, USA

**Robert Woodson**

b: 1634 in Peirseys Hundred, Prince George, VA  
m: 1656 in Virginia, USA  
d: 1707 in Varina, Henrico, Virginia, USA

**Elizabeth Ferris**

b: 1638 in Henrico, Virginia, USA  
d: 1689 in Henrico, Virginia, USA

**John Lewis**

b: Dec 15, 1633 in Warner Hall, Gloucester, Virginia, United States  
m: 1665 in Gloucester, Gloucester, Virginia, USA  
d: Dec 02, 1689 in St Peters Parish, New Kent, Virginia, United States

**Isabella Warner**

b: Aug 24, 1640 in Warner Hall, Gloucester, Virginia, United States  
d: Feb 09, 1703 in Virginia, USA

**John Woodson**

b: 1586 in Devon, England  
m: 1619 in England  
d: Apr 18, 1644 in Prince George County, Virginia, USA

**Sarah Winston**

b: 1595 in England  
d: Jan 17, 1659 in Prince George County, Virginia, USA

**Richard Ferris TBD**

b: Bef. 1620 in England  
d: Virginia, USA

## How the Ancestor Report Works

The following report lists Mary Woodson's ancestors, and some of the information we know about them.

In this report, Mary is the first generation. Her parents are the second generation. Her grandparents are the third generation.

In each generation, we have more people. She only has 2 parents, but has 4 grandparents. She has 8 great-grandparents, and 16 great-great grandparents.

So there are a lot of people who appear here. To keep this report short, I have not listed all the children of each generation. However, I do have most of that information.

Each person in the report is given a number, which only applies to this report. Don't worry about the numbers.

### Odd Names

For some names, you will see a name followed by "**TBD**", or "**NMN:** or "**Not Married Name**", or "**Tenative**"

When I am doing research, I try to keep track of the status of my work. I simply mark people with a quick reminder. They are

**TBD**        **To Be Done.** This means I know I have additional research, but what's there I believe is correct. For example, I may have a birth and death date, but haven't added information from census records about where the person lived.

**NMN/**        The woman's last name is not her maiden name  
**Not Married**  
**Name**

**Tenative**        I'm not sure about this connection. Usually the notes will have details about why I think this person may be related, and what my concerns are. More research may be required, or it just may be that  
there are no records that help us decide for sure.

## Ancestors of Mary Elizabeth Woodson

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### Generation 1

1. **Mary Elizabeth Woodson** (daughter of William J Woodson and Eliza C Paugh) was born on May 20, 1905 in Copley WV. She died on Dec 07, 1981 (Sheffield Lake, Lorain, Ohio, United States of America). She married **Jesse Richard Stout** (son of Calvin Lafayette Stout and Susan Jane Shackelford) on Apr 02, 1932 in Weston, Lewis, West Virginia, USA. He was born on Mar 22, 1898 in Finks Creek, Lewis, West Virginia, USA. He died on Sep 26, 1971 in Camden, Lewis, West Virginia, USA.



More About Mary Elizabeth Woodson:

Burial:

More About Jesse Richard Stout:

Burial: Sep 29, 1971 in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Weston, WV

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### Generation 2

2. **William J Woodson** (son of Edward Woodson and Elizabeth Dooley) was born about 1868 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA. He died on Sep 27, 1945 in Lynn, WV. He married **Eliza C Paugh** (daughter of Benjamin F Paugh and Mary Elizabeth Sandy) on May 19, 1903 in Lewis County, WV.
3. **Eliza C Paugh** (daughter of Benjamin F Paugh and Mary Elizabeth Sandy) was born on Sep 28, 1875 in Gilmer, West Virginia, USA. She died on Jun 22, 1954 in Elkins, Randolph, West Virginia, USA.



More About William J Woodson:

Burial: Old Field Fork Cemetery, Lewis County, West Virginia

Notes for William J Woodson:

In 1903, living in Copley, per son Thomas's birth record

His granddaughter Fay Woodson Bunch remembers their home as being "grand". The Woodson/Stout family would sometimes visit on Sundays. However, it is not clear whether the house was truly "grand" or merely nicer than a rural farmhouse.

Notes for Eliza C Paugh:

Died in a nursing home. Mary (Woodson) Stout, her daughter, was the person who reported the death, per the death certificate. I have the

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image of the death certificate.

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**Generation 3**

4. **Edward Woodson** (son of Edwin Woodson and Mary Ann Gouldin) was born about 1847 in Virginia, USA. He died on May 15, 1894 in Benson, Harrison Co., West Virginia. He married **Elizabeth Dooley** (daughter of Robert Dooley and Mary Warner) on May 08, 1867 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA.
5. **Elizabeth Dooley** (daughter of Robert Dooley and Mary Warner) was born on Sep 28, 1842 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA. She died on Jul 01, 1925 in Weston, Lewis, West Virginia, USA.

More About Edward Woodson:  
Burial: West Virginia, USA

More About Elizabeth Dooley:  
Burial: USA

Notes for Elizabeth Dooley:

Her birth date is from her death certificate. She is referred to as Elizabeth, and the reporter of her death is "Floyd" Woodson

6. **Benjamin F Paugh** (son of William J Paugh and Mary Paugh) was born in Aug 1841 in Harrison County, Virginia. He died on Jul 03, 1902 in Lewis County, West Virginia (Age: 60). He married **Mary Elizabeth Sandy** (daughter of John Wilson Sandy and Martha J Snyder) on Jun 10, 1867 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA.



7. **Mary Elizabeth Sandy** (daughter of John Wilson Sandy and Martha J Snyder) was born about 1847 in Rockingham County, Virginia. She died on Jun 25, 1911 in Alice, Lewis County, West Virginia, USA.

More About Benjamin F Paugh:  
Burial: USA

Notes for Benjamin F Paugh:

Have images for marriage and death, and several census records.

Aug 1841 is based on 1900 census record

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Notes for Mary Elizabeth Sandy:

Have death record.

Lists a son Clarence, who I have added

In the 1870 census, Benjamin Paugh and Mary are listed just after Mary's parents in the census, implying that they are living close to one another. Her parents are John Wilson and Martha J Sandy.

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#### Generation 4

8. **Edwin Woodson** (son of Milner Woodson and Nancy Johnson) was born about 1808 in Virginia, USA. He died in 1872 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA (Lists Milanda and Nancy Woodson. Assuming transcription error and that Milanda is Milner.). He married **Mary Ann Gouldin** on Sep 22, 1830 in Lynchburg (Independent City), Virginia.

9. **Mary Ann Gouldin** was born about 1818 in Virginia, USA.

More About Edwin Woodson:

Burial: USA

Notes for Edwin Woodson:

Notes for Mary Ann Gouldin:

Research her line.

10. **Robert Dooley** was born about 1804 in Virginia, USA. He married **Mary Warner** on Dec 28, 1823 in Lewis, Virginia.



11. **Mary Warner** was born about 1802 in Virginia, USA. She died before 1860 (Her husband has younger wife in 1860 census).

12. **William J Paugh** (son of William Paugh and Mary Paugh) was born about 1799 in Virginia, USA. He died on Apr 09, 1871 in Upshur, West Virginia, USA (Age: 69). He married **Mary Paugh** on Nov 23, 1827 in Harrison, West Virginia.

13. **Mary Paugh** was born about 1800 in West Virginia, USA. She died on Sep 21, 1885.

More About William J Paugh:

Burial: Buckhannon, Upshur, West Virginia, USA



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More About Mary Paugh:

Burial: Buckhannon, Upshur, West Virginia, USA

14. **John Wilson Sandy** (son of Ewing Sandy Tentative) was born on Mar 22, 1825 in Virginia, USA. He died on Sep 16, 1898 in Gilmer, West Virginia, USA. He married **Martha J Snyder** on Sep 24, 1845 in Augusta, Virginia, USA.
15. **Martha J Snyder** was born about 1820 in Virginia, USA. She died on Nov 12, 1892 in Gilmer, Gilmer, West Virginia, USA.

More About John Wilson Sandy:

Burial: Gilmer, West Virginia, USA

Notes for John Wilson Sandy:

Possibly was company sergeant for 3rd regiment W VA calvary. There is a Civil War veteran headstone record for John W. Sandy. Gives death as Sept 16, 1898, and place of burial as Conrad Cementary near Ellis WV.

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#### Generation 5

16. **Milner Woodson** (son of Joseph Woodson Jr and Mildred Redford) was born about 1782 in Virginia, USA. He married **Nancy Johnson** (daughter of William Johnson) on Oct 24, 1806 in Goochland, Virginia, USA.
17. **Nancy Johnson** (daughter of William Johnson) was born before 1790 (Based on date of marriage).
24. **William Paugh** was born before 1780. He married **Mary Paugh**.
25. **Mary Paugh** was born before 1785.
28. **Ewing Sandy Tentative** was born in 1806.

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#### Generation 6

32. **Joseph Woodson Jr** (son of Joseph Woodson and Elizabeth Mattox) was born about 1749 in Henrico, Virginia, USA. He died in 1839 in Goochland, Virginia, USA. He married **Mildred Redford** on Dec 30, 1769 in St James Northam Parish, Goochland, Virginia.
  33. **Mildred Redford** She died in 1810 in Goochland, Virginia, USA.
  34. **William Johnson** was born before 1770 (Based on daughter's marriage - estimating her age as 16 and his at 20, about the latest he could have been born.).
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### Generation 7

64. **Joseph Woodson** (son of Robert Woodson and Sarah Lewis) was born in 1685 in Henrico, Virginia, USA. He died on Oct 02, 1783 in Goochland, Goochland, Virginia, USA. He married **Elizabeth Mattox**.
65. **Elizabeth Mattox** was born about 1685 in Virginia, USA.

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### Generation 8

128. **Robert Woodson** (son of Robert Woodson and Elizabeth Ferris) was born in 1660 in Curles, Fleur De Hundred Henrico Co, VA. He died in 1729 in Curles Neck, Henrico, VA, USA. He married **Sarah Lewis** (daughter of John Lewis and Isabella Warner) in 1692 in Henrico, Virginia, USA. 
129. **Sarah Lewis** (daughter of John Lewis and Isabella Warner) was born in 1664 in Henrico, Virginia, USA. She died in 1710 in Henrico, Virginia, USA.

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### Generation 9

256. **Robert Woodson** (son of John Woodson and Sarah Winston) was born in 1634 in Peirseys Hundred, Prince George, VA. He died in 1707 in Varina, Henrico, Virginia, USA. He married **Elizabeth Ferris** (daughter of Richard Ferris TBD) in 1656 in Virginia, USA.
257. **Elizabeth Ferris** (daughter of Richard Ferris TBD) was born in 1638 in Henrico, Virginia, USA. She died in 1689 in Henrico, Virginia, USA.
258. **John Lewis** was born on Dec 15, 1633 in Warner Hall, Gloucester, Virginia, United States. He died on Dec 02, 1689 in St Peters Parish, New Kent, Virginia, United States. He married **Isabella Warner** in 1665 in Gloucester, Gloucester, Virginia, USA.
259. **Isabella Warner** was born on Aug 24, 1640 in Warner Hall, Gloucester, Virginia, United States. She died on Feb 09, 1703 in Virginia, USA.

Notes for John Lewis:

There's a lot of confusion around John Lewis in VA at this time.

I have not CONFIRMED THIS IS THE CORRECT parent of my Sarah Lewis.

So, wife and sibs may also be wrong.

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### Generation 10

512. **John Woodson** was born in 1586 in Devon, England. He died on Apr 18, 1644 in Prince George County, Virginia, USA. He married **Sarah Winston** in 1619 in England.

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513. **Sarah Winston** was born in 1595 in England. She died on Jan 17, 1659 in Prince George County, Virginia, USA.

More About John Woodson:  
Arrival: Jamestown, Virginia

More About Sarah Winston:  
Arrival:

514. **Richard Ferris TBD** was born before 1620 in England. He died in Virginia, USA.

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