

WHITE PAPER - CYAN 3
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Note: This white paper is based upon research completed as of April 6, 2020. The conclusions may change if new DNA results or traditional research comes to light. For additional details, please see www.genealogyfacts.org.

Prior to reading this, please read:

White Paper Cyan 1 - Two James Vaughan; and

White Paper Cyan 2 - Two Alexander Vaughan.

Joshua Vaughan

The first record of Joshua [Joss] Vaughan is his birth on 14 Dec 1722 to Daniel Vaughan and his wife Elizabeth in Bristol Parish, then in Prince George Co., VA. Later we find Joshua and his wife Sarah have two sons James, b. 22 Jan 1745 and Jesse, bapt. 28 Apr 1751. Then there is *nothing further* from in Prince George and later in Dinwiddie Co.

Then Joshua and his wife Sarah appear living on Sanson's Fork of Horsepen Cr. (See 1764 tithables list of Lunenburg Co., VA Patent Book 36, page 855, VA Charlotte Co. Deed Book 4, page 038.) This is *very* close to Abraham Vaughan. (This is a cruel genealogy "red herring" that confused us all until DNA came along.) Abraham Vaughan is a known member of the Orange DNA Group and cannot be related to Joshua.

The Joshua and his wife Sarah appear living on Buffalo Cr. in Mecklenburg Co. James Wilkins sold 300 acres to James Vaughan in 1775 (Mecklenburg Deed Book 4, page 478); and later, in 1777, he sold 100 acres to Joshua Vaughan (Mecklenburg Deed Book 5, page 116). Both tracts sold by James Wilkins came from a single 400 acre patent. Joshua Vaughan and his wife Sarah sold the 100 acres in 1784 (Mecklenburg Deed Book 6, page 417) and left the area.

Admittedly this is only circumstantial evidence, but it is all we have for now. However, the DNA evidence and traditional research point to Joshua Vaughan being the brother of William Vaughan and the father of James Vaughan as well as Alexander Vaughan. Nothing else seems to fit at all.

Here is some additional research.

Mary Leathe

In 1775, Mary Leathe gave a slave to her grandson Alexander Vaughan. This does not necessarily mean Alexander lived in Charlotte County. In fact, there are no other records of him in Charlotte Co. This makes her birth date likely in the late 1600s or very early 1700s.

Most of the next generation of Vaughan have wives with names other than the name of Mary. Dinwiddie County has few records available and is the likely place where the missing connection is located. The names of male Vaughan's and their wives are from the Bristol Parish Vestry and Register. There is no place where Mary appears to fit in the Vaughan family tree in the third generation.

In the (more likely) alternative, she could be the maternal grandmother of Alexander and no relation to William Vaughan. In this case her daughter would have married a Vaughan and would be the mother of Alexander. The father of Alexander could be: (1) any one of a number of male Vaughan appearing in the

Bristol Register being born in the 1720s; or (2) some other Vaughan that left no surviving record whatsoever. Currently, Joshua Vaughan is the most likely candidate to be his father.

The Leath Family

This family appears under Lath, Leath, Leathe, Lee, Leigh, etc. There are a number of records in early Prince George Co. for Arthur, Peter & Thomas and one later record for John. The Bristol Parish Register has a number of Leaths in it. None of the foregoing stand out as a relative of Mary, nor are their records abstracted herein.

Leath Abstracts

A review of abstracted records shows no Leathes appearing in early records of Prince Edward, Lunenburg and Charlotte County Records. There are records of various Leathes in Prince George, Dinwiddie, Amelia and Nottoway County.

14 Oct 1737. Arthur Leath mortgaged a slave to Richard Jones. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 1, page 77. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 1 Amelia County, Virginia 1735-1743*, page 23.

2 Jun 1746. Arthur Leath witnessed deed for land on Hurricane Swamp. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 353. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 2 Amelia County, Virginia 1742-1747*, page 52.

12 Nov 1746. Arthur Leath witnessed deed for land on Lazaretta Fork of Little Nottoway River. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 469. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 2 Amelia County, Virginia 1742-1747*, page 67.

18 May 1746. Peter Leath was adacent to land on lower side of middle Seller[Cellar] Creek of Deep Creek. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 2, page 365. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 2 Amelia County, Virginia 1742-1747*, page 54.

18 Mar 1747. Arthur Leigh was security Thomas Taylor, executor for Henry Tomlinson, deceased. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Will Book 1 Amelia County, Virginia*, page 63.

16 Mar 1749. Arthur Leigh was security Thomas Hinton, administrator for Christopher Hinton, deceased. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Will Book 1 Amelia County, Virginia*, page 62.

26 Oct 1751. Arthur Leath was one of the appraisers of the estate of John Moore, deceased. Amelia County, Virginia Will Book 1, page 92. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Will Book 1 Amelia County, Virginia*, page 26.

28 May 1752. Arthur Leath was adacent to land on lower side of Seller[Cellar] Creek. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 4, page 368. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 3-4 Amelia County, Virginia 1747-1753*, page 108.

28 May 1752. Peter Leath was adacent to land on lower side of middle Seller[Cellar] Creek of Deep Creek. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 4, page 511. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 3-4 Amelia County, Virginia 1747-1753*, page 124.

28 May 1752. Peter Leigh was adjacent to land on branches of Cellar Creek. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 282. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 5-6 Amelia County, Virginia 1753-1759*, page 39.

25 May 1765. James Beves sold to Arthur Leith 200 acres for 50£. Witnessed by David Greenhill, Thomas Lowry, Richard Hayes and Peter Jones. Description: Patented to Henry Tomlinson on 21 July, 1748. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 8, page 641. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 7-8 Amelia County, Virginia 1759-1765*, page 143.

2 Aug 1766. Peter Leath of Prince George County sold to Peter Randolph Bland 400 acres in Amelia County on Leath's Creek for 250£. Witnessed by James Davenport, ___ Al Epes, Drury Burchett, George Tarry, William Cureton and Richard Booker. Recorded on 28 August, 1766. Description: Adjacent Christopher Haskins, Lewis Tucker, and John Clark. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page 35. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 9-11 Amelia County, Virginia 1766-1773*, page 4. **Note:** On 2 August, 1766 Elizabeth Leath, wife of Peter Leath released her dower rights. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 9, page 298. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 9-11 Amelia County, Virginia 1766-1773*, page 30.

11 Mar 1768. Arthur Leath of Nottoway Parish, made his will naming wife Sarah Leath and children Arthur Leath, John Leath, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah[pamplin, wife of John Pamplin] and Katie. Proved: ca 1774 (no date given). Witnessed by: William Featherstone, William Stow and James Echols. Executor: Francis Epes. Lewis Featherstone was appointed administrator with the consent of Sarah Leath. Amelia County, Virginia Will Book 2, pages 111, 228 and 301. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Will Book 2 Amelia County, Virginia (1771-1780)*, page 36.

3 Jan 1775. Jesse Featherstone and Catron his wife sold to William J. Featherstone 42 acres on Leat's Creek for 52£. Witnessed by Lewis Featherstone, George Still and Lew Clark. Recorded on 27 April, 1775. Description: Adjacent Burril Featherstone, Arthur Leath, William Stow, Benjamin Simmons and Charles Howel. Amelia County, Virginia Deed Book 13, page 140. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Deed Book 12-14 Amelia County, Virginia 1773-1778*, page 51.

29 Mar 1787. Theodrick Wallace sold to Arthur Leathe 100 acres on east side of Haracain [Branch or Swamp] for 20£. Witnessed by John Vaughan, Lew Clark, James Amos, Abraham Stow and John Leathe. Proved on 28 June, 1787. Description: Adjacent Francis Wallace, Peter Stanback and Richard Lovesy. Amelia County, Virginia. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Unrecorded Deeds & Other Documents Amelia County, Virginia 1750-1902*, page 75.

21 Mar 1788. Jesse Featherstone, of Lincoln County, North Carolina, and Richard Featherstone, Burwell Featherstone, Leigh Clarke, John Vaughan and Jeremiah Stell of Amelia County, Virginia sold to Charles H. Featherstone 42 acres for 52£ 10 sh. Witnessed by Peter Bland, Edward Bland, Jr., Jno. Royal, and Richard Dennis. Proved on 25 September, 1788. Description: Adjacent Burwell Featherstone, Arthur Leathe, William Stow, Benjamin Simmons and Charles Featherstone. Amelia County, Virginia. See Gibson Jefferson McConnaughey, *Unrecorded Deeds & Other Documents Amelia County, Virginia 1750-1902*, page 10.

In 1787, the following Leathe's appeared in Virginia Personal Property Tax Digests:

Name	County
Arthur [Jr, Son of Arthur]	Amelia
John [Son of Arthur]	Amelia
Sarah [Widow of Arthur]	Amelia
Arthur	Dinwiddie
John	Sussex
Ebenezer	Shenandoah
Ephraim	Shenandoah
Leah	Shenandoah
James	Shenandoah
Martha	Frederick
Peter	Chesterfield
William	Sussex

The Chaffin Family

The 1775 deed from Mary Leathe was witnessed by John Chafin, Joshua Chafin and Joseph Chafin. Joshua Chaffin, SR. was the father of the foregoing three Chaffin brothers. A quick review of deed abstracts reveals the Chaffin's lived on Horsepen Creek, as did Joshua Vaughan and Abraham Vaughan. The Vaughan and Leathe families all appear to originate in Prince George, Dinwiddie and Amelia Counties.

The Chaffin family originated from the portion of Goochland County that became Cumberland County. John Chaffin m. Mary _____ and had 16 children. He died in Cumberland County before January 25, 1773. His son Joshua Chaffin, Sr. settled in Charlotte (then Lunenburg) County in 1759.

Vaughan Neighbors in Charlotte Co.

Abraham Vaughan is nearby. However, Abraham Vaughan belongs to the Orange DNA Group of the FTDNA Vaughan DNA Project. Accordingly, he can not be a relative of Alexander Vaughan as he is in the Cyan DNA group of the FTDNA Vaughan DNA Project.

Joshua Vaughan is also almost adjacent to the Chafin Family. That is promising. James Wilkins, the father in law of James Vaughan deeded land on Little Buffalo Cr. to both Joshua Vaughan (Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 116) and James Vaughan (Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 4, page 478).

It should also be noted that James Vaughan of Oglethorpe Co. and James Vaughan, son of William "T" Vaughan lived very close to each other and were about the same age. It appears the families were very close. This makes for a neat and simple probability. We know that Daniel Vaughan and his wife Elizabeth of Bristol Parish had sons Joshua, b. 1722; and William, b. 1724. What if Joshua is married to the daughter of Mary Leath and is the father of Alexander and James of Oglethorpe Co., Ga.; and his brother is William "T" Vaughan and is the father of the other James?

Let us look at this conclusion from a contrarian point of view. 1. James and Alexander Vaughan are sons of another son of Daniel Vaughan. This is, of course, possible. But why invent another son of Daniel for which there is absolutely no record. 2. James and Alexander are cousins, instead of brothers. This is an even further stretch. This requires that Daniel have a brother, for which we have no record and that brother had a son, for which we have no record. Again, why create these possibilities for people for which we have no record, when we have better probability before us.

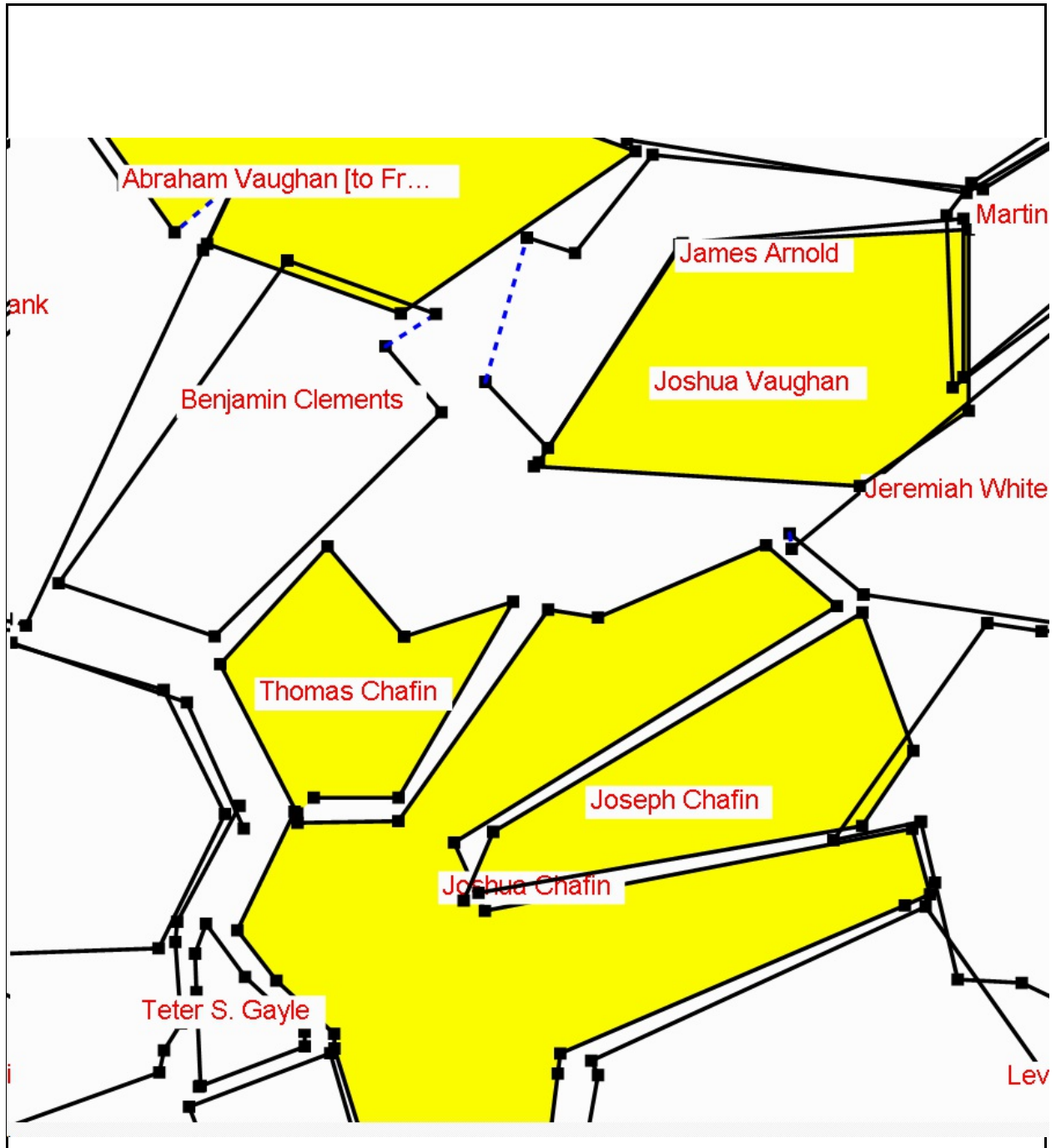
This conclusion will require the change of the birth date estimates of William "T" Vaughan and his children, *all of which are entirely speculative.*

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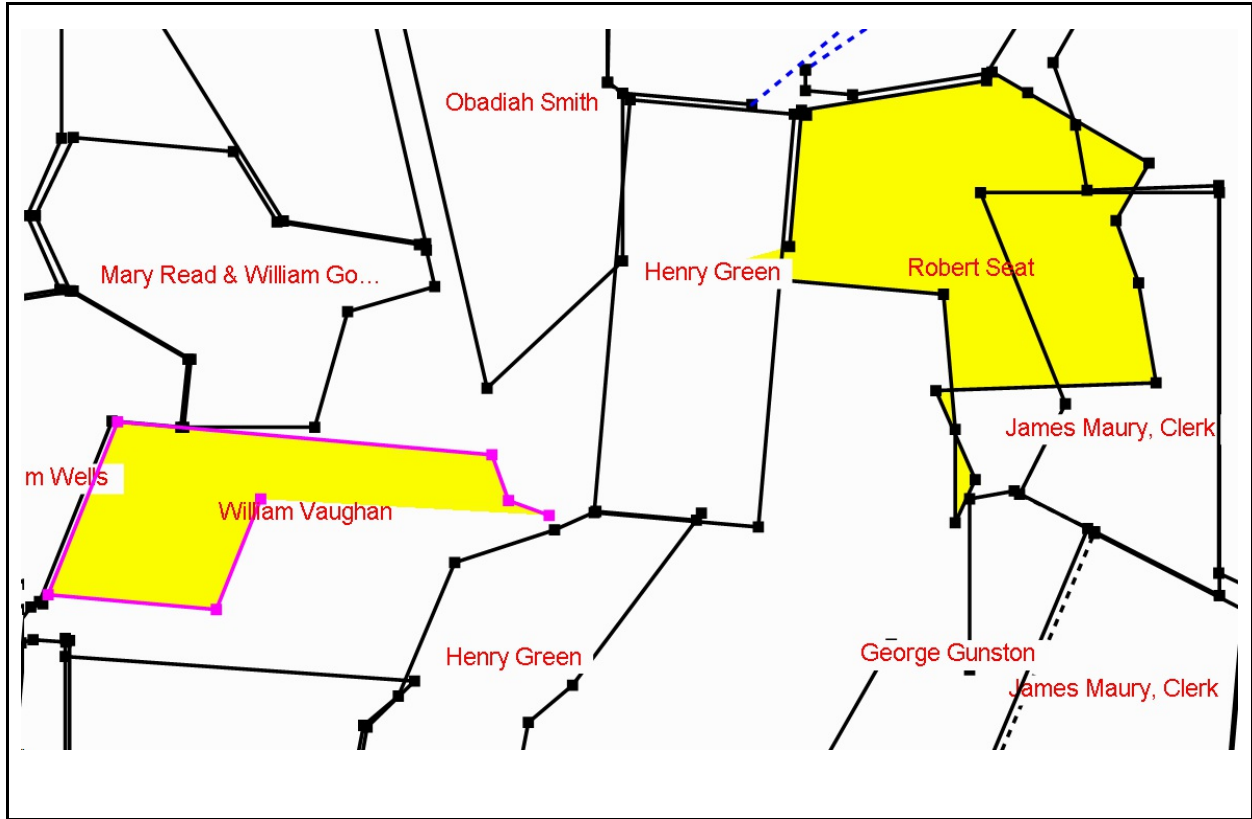
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A CLIP OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY LAND PATENTS



The above clip of land grants from the DeedMapper Deed Data Pool shows that Joshua Vaughan lived just north of the Chafin Family in Charlotte Co. Abraham Vaughan had a tract to the northwest. His main 400 acre grant is a little further to the northwest. Also John Vaughan had a grant just to the northeast of the above tracts.

A CLIP OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY LAND PATENTS



The above clip of land grants from the DeedMapper Deed Data Pool shows a closeup of the Buffalo Cr. area of Mecklenburg Co. The two highlighted tracts are about 1 mile apart. The highlighted tract on the left is the grant to William "T" Vaughan where he (and presumed his son James) lived. The highlighted tract on the right is a grant to Robert Seat. James Wilkins later acquired this tract. He sold 300 acres to his son in law James Vaughan (Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 4, page 478) and 100 acres to Joshua Vaughan (Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deed Book 5, page 116).