

**DESCENDANCY**

of

**JOHN LARKIN (b c1618) and KATHERINE [HOLLAND?]**

John's parents are not known to us

Katherine's parents may have been Gabriel Holland and Mary Pink

Katherine's birthdate is not known to us

*Note 1: material in small type is written by BFE (Barbara Ann Fisher), wife of KFE (Karl Frederick Edler Jr), while information in large type is from our family history datafile maintained by KFE.*

*Note 2: names of direct ancestors of KFE are underlined.*

**I. John<sup>1</sup> Larkin**, born about 1618 England, married Katherine [Holland?]; at least seven children, born in Anne Arundel Co MD. We think Katherine's parents may have been Gabriel Holland and Mary **Pink**.

According to the register of the All Hallowes Church, John Larkin, age 88 and upwards, was buried 4 Feb 1702/3. He had apparently had a vigorous, productive and full life in Colonial Maryland.

*Please note: we are not certain that John Larkin's wife's surname was Holland. (Roberts and Thomas have been suggested as possible surnames.) Please do not assume that her name was Holland without further research and verification.*

Our thinking that Katherine's surname may have been Holland is based primarily on legacies which George Holland made to Katherine's son Thomas Larkin and her son-in-law Otho Holland. It seems likely that Gabriel Holland and his first wife were parents of George, and that Gabriel and his second wife were parents of Katherine as well as William (father of Katherine's son-in-law Otho). Thus, Thomas and Otho would be George's nephews, and legacies to them would seem reasonable.

If **John Larkin's** wife was **Katherine Holland**  
our **LARKIN** lineage was joined by our **HOLLAND** lineage  
see Section 10b

John is thought to have come to what is now Anne Arundel Co MD about 1650, with a group of settlers from tidewater Virginia invited by Governor William Stone. The first settlement was at Greenberry Point, then called Town Neck. John was one of the early Friends (Quakers) in Anne Arundel.

Apparently most of his early activity was in or near Londontown. Larkins Hills was surveyed 3 Mar 1661 and granted to John Larkin by patent for 660 acres in 1663. It was located on the Severn Ridge Road, an important North/South route, and he was well known throughout the colony as an innkeeper. The first regular post route in Maryland from St Mary's through Annapolis included a stop at John Larkin's Ordinary.

Later many Council and Court meetings between 1681 and 1699 were held in or near his home, Larkins Hills "on the Ridge". The Maryland General Assembly met there 2 Oct 1683 with Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltimore, in attendance. At the time there were a number of frame outbuildings, one of which served as a courthouse.

Also in 1683, a commission made up of "large land owners" met at Larkin's home and decided to build a new courthouse on the town site of Londontown on the South River, on land then owned by Larkin. That building later served many years variously as a schoolhouse and an almshouse. It has been restored and today is a museum known as the London Towne Publick House (839 Londontown Rd, Edgewater MD 21037). KFE's sailing yacht *Hilde M<sup>2</sup>* called there on several occasions.

Governor Sir Lionel Copley and his Council met "at the house of John Larkin" 16 Aug 1692, and it was also the meeting place of the Council of Maryland with Col Nicholas Greenbury serving as President 16 Aug 1694.

Perhaps more rewarding than his innkeeping was his land dealing. He apparently bought and sold large tracts of land in Anne Arundel, Kent, and Baltimore Counties, according to a land grants card index at the Maryland Hall of Records.

In 1697 he served as a custodian, together with Samuel Galloway I, of gifts of tobacco from Quakers of the Eastern Shore to the West River Yearly Meeting "towards building ye house for ye use of friends".

**A. Hester<sup>2</sup> Larkin**, born about 1649, married Nicholas **Nicholson**. His father was John Nicholson. She married William **Gough**. She married John **Baldwin**. She died about 1749 in MD, age about 100.

First marriage, two children: Sarah and Susannah.

Third marriage, four children: Thomas, John, Catherine, and James.

Hester was said (by Rachel T Thomas in a letter to Harry Wright Newman) to have been the first white child born in Anne Arundel Co MD. It was claimed that Hester died at age 100 leaving "a long line of distinguished descendants" by two of her husbands.

1. James<sup>3</sup> **Baldwin**, born about 1693,<sup>1</sup> married Mary **Tyler** 20 Jan 1714/15.<sup>2</sup> Her parents were Robert Tyler and Susannah **Duvall**, Section 10b. James died about 1727 Anne Arundel Co,<sup>1</sup> age about 35; his will was proved 14 Feb 1727/28.<sup>2</sup>

Six children: James Jr, John, Thomas, Tyler, Susannah, and Mary.<sup>2</sup>

**B. Mehitable<sup>2</sup> Larkin**,<sup>3</sup> born about 1666, married **Otho Holland** -- see page 10a-3.

**C. Rebecca<sup>2</sup> Larkin**, born about 1667, married Thomas **Lightfoot** about 1680. His parents were John Lightfoot and Elizabeth [Lightfoot]. Rebecca married Col Thomas **Hammond**<sup>15</sup> 30 Jul 1689.

His parents were Maj Gen John Hammond and Mary **Howard**, Section 10b.

Second marriage, five children: Thomas, Helen, John, Susannah, and William.

**D. Margaret<sup>2</sup> Larkin**, born about 1672, married Col Edward **Dorsey Jr** -- see page 10a-4.

**E. Capt Thomas<sup>2</sup> Larkin**, born about 1673, received property when George Holland's will was proved in 1685, Section 10b. Thomas married Margaret **Gassaway** 24 Sep 1697.<sup>11</sup> Her parents were Nicholas Gassaway and Anne Hester **Bessom**. Thomas may have married two additional times.

He was a vestryman of St Ann's Parish, Annapolis MD.<sup>12</sup> He was living at Larkins Hills in 1707, and was aged 47 in 1720. He died 10 Apr 1731, age about 58.

Five children: Ann (christened 20 May 1699), Sarah (c1702), John (12 Feb 1703), Elizabeth (c1709), and Anna (8 Apr 1711).

**F. Leatita<sup>2</sup> (Ruth?) Larkin**, born about 1655, married Joseph **Chew**; at least two children. His parents were John Chew and Sarah **Walker**.<sup>13</sup>

1. Larkin<sup>3</sup> **Chew**, born about 1678, married Hannah **Roy**.<sup>14</sup> They settled in Spotsylvania Co VA where he was a justice in 1722, Burgess in 1723 and 1726, and sheriff in 1727-28.<sup>14</sup>

Four children: Thomas, Anne, John, and Larkin.<sup>14</sup>

2. Mary<sup>3</sup> **Chew**,<sup>15</sup> born about 1689, married Goodrich **Lightfoot** 9 Jun 1707. He was born about 1684 New Kent Co VA. His parents were Philip Lightfoot and Alice **Corbin**.

Three children: Ann (22 Sep 1708), Goodrich Jr (before 1730), and William (about 1720).

**MEHITABLE LARKIN (b c1666) and OTHO HOLLAND (b c1660)  
and their descendants  
from page 10a-2**

Mehitable's parents were John Larkin and Katherine [Holland?]  
Otho's parents may have been William Holland and Susan Neville

**B. Mehitable<sup>2</sup> Larkin,<sup>3</sup>** born about 1666, married **Otho Holland** about 1684; six children born Anne Arundel Co MD. He was born about 1660, and may have been her first cousin. His parents may have been William Holland and Susan **Neville**.

Otho received property when George Holland's will was proved in 1685, Section 10b. Otho died Feb 1701 Anne Arundel Co, age about 41.

Secondly, Mehitable married John **Pierpoint** before 1703; one child. John's parents were Robert Pierpoint and Mary **Thurgood**.

Mehitable died after 1750,<sup>3</sup> age probably at least 84.

With the marriage of **Mehitable Larkin** and **Otho Holland**  
our **LARKIN** lineage joins our **HOLLAND** lineage  
see Section 10b

**1.-6.** The six children of Mehitable Larkin and Otho Holland are shown in Section 10b: John, Elizabeth, Otho, Mehitable, Thomas, and James.

**7.** Larkin<sup>3</sup> **Pierpoint**, son of Mehitable Larkin [Holland] and John Pierpoint, was born 12 Feb 1703 Anne Arundel Co MD, and christened 26 Mar 1704 All Hallowes Parish, Anne Arundel Co.

Larkin married Charity **Duckett** 18 Nov 1725. Her parents were Richard Duckett and Charity **Jacob**

-- [see Section 10b.](#)

Larkin married Sarah **Simmons** about 1730.<sup>4</sup> Her parents were Jonathan Simmons and Elizabeth **Isaac**

-- [see Sections 10c and 11a.](#)

First marriage, one child: Larkin Jr (24 Sep 1726).

Second marriage, one child: Jonathan (3 Aug 1732).

**MARGARET LARKIN (b c1672) and EDWARD DORSEY Jr (b c1646)  
and their descendants**

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Margaret's parents were John Larkin and Katherine [Holland?]

Edward's parents were Edward Dorsey Sr and Anne [Dorsey]

**D.** Margaret<sup>2</sup> **Larkin**, born about 1672 Anne Arundel Co MD, married Col Edward **Dorsey** Jr about 1691 as his second wife.<sup>5</sup> His parents were Edward Dorsey Sr and Anne [Dorsey]. Edward Jr died 1705, age about 59.

Margaret married John **Israel** about 1706; children not known to us. He was born in England. She died about 1708, age about 36. He died about 1723.

First marriage, five children born in MD: Charles (about 1692), Larkin (about 1694), Francis (about 1696), Edward III (about 1700), and Anne.

-- see Section 10b for some information about the DORSEY family --

1. Anne<sup>3</sup> **Dorsey** married John **Hammond**.

a. Hannah<sup>4</sup> **Hammond** married Capt John **Welsh** III.

-- see Section 10b for some information about the HAMMOND and WELSH families --

i. Charles<sup>5</sup> **Welsh** married Sarah [Welsh]. He died before 10 Jan 1814.<sup>6</sup>

a) Hannah Hammond<sup>6</sup> **Welsh**, born about 1770,<sup>6,7</sup> married James **Holland**. His parents were John Holland and Mary **Gartrell**.<sup>6</sup>

Seven children: Charles, Sarah Ann, Grafton, Ann, Mercy Ann, Philip, and Lemuel.

ii. Anne<sup>5</sup> **Welsh** married Lewis **Duvall** III before 1763.<sup>8</sup> His parents were Lewis Duvall II and Eleanor **Farmer**. Anne died before 9 August 1825.<sup>10</sup>

Eleven children: Betsy, John, Philip, Lewis IV, Hammond, Nancy, Ruth, Elizabeth, Asenath, Hannah, and Delilah.<sup>9</sup>

-- see Section 10b for some information about the DUVALL family --

*This is the last page of  
text about our LARKIN lineage  
in this document*

**-- Selected Endnotes, Section 10a --**

*Note: where we have information from sources available to the public, we show those sources below. In some cases, however, we received the information from individuals, and it is in our database only. We hope showing it may nevertheless be of some help to a future researcher.*

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Baldwin	Isaac
James (1693-1728) 2	Elizabeth (1677-1757) 3
John 2	Israel
Bessom	John ( -1723) 4
Anne Hester (1658-1692) 2	Jacob
Chew	Charity 3
John (1590-1665) 2	Larkin
Joseph (1637-1716) 2	Hester (1649-1749) 2
Larkin 2	John (1618-1704) 1
Mary 2	Leatita 2
Corbin	Margaret (1672-1708) 4
Alice 2	Mehitable (1666-1750) 3
Dorsey	Rebecca (1667- ) 2
Anne 4	Thomas (1673-1731) 2
Edward Jr. (Col.) (1646-1705) 4	Lightfoot
Edward Sr. (1620-1659) 4	Goodrich 2
Duckett	John 2
Charity (1703- ) 3	Philip 2
Richard 3	Thomas 2
Duval	Nicholson
Susannah (1677-1710) 2	John 2
Duvall	Nicholas 2
Lewis ( -1817) 4	Pierpoint
Lewis II (1704- ) 4	John (1661- ) 3
Farmer	Larkin (1703- ) 3
Eleanor 4	Robert (1626- ) 3
Gartrell	Roy
Mary ( -1812) 4	Hannah 2
Gassaway	Simmons
Margaret 2	Jonathan ( -1726) 3
Nicholas (1634-1691) 2	Sarah (1714- ) 3
Gough	Thurgood
William 2	Mary 3
Hammond	Tyler
Hannah 4	Mary (1698-1767) 2
John 4	Robert (1671-1738) 2
John, Maj Gen 2	Walker
Thomas, Col 2	Sarah ( -1651) 2
Holland	Welsh
James (1764-1831) 4	Anne ( -1825) 4
John (1731-1816) 4	Charles ( -1814) 4
Otho (1660-1701) 3	Hannah Hammond (1770-1816) 4
Howard	John III (Capt.) 4
Mary 2	