

Farthing, "he being Returned Security for the Appearance of Mr. Richd. Taylor for what Appears Justly Due next Court, unless the sd ffarthing cause the Said Taylor then to Appear." [McIlwaine, MIN GEN CT OOL VA:409]

The next year on February 24, 1676, William Thompson patented 150 acres in Petsoe [Petsworth] Parish, Gloucester County, adjoining Mr. Fawcett, Mr. William Howare, the east side of the Rappahannock Path, Mr. Robert Lee, Mr. Thorneton, Mr. Tho. Viccars, Mr. **Rich. Farthingall**, and Mr. Ja. Forsyth; this had been assigned to Mr. Jno. Buckner and Mr. Tho. Viccars on November 25, 1673, for the transportation of three persons. [FB6:592]

The St. Michael's Parish records on the island of Barbados note the death on February 4, 1678, of **Edward Farthing** "belonging to the ENDEAVOR of London, James Gilbert, Comr." [Hotten:432]

Col. Arthur Smith, on November 20, 1683, patented 1100 acres in the Lower Parish of Isle of Wight County, on the south side of "Currewaugh Sw."; **Bar. Farthing** is included in among the 22 transported persons named by Smith for this land patent in headright to 50 acres per person. [FB-7:333]

William 2 Farthing

Of the Farthings mentioned in the above citations, Edward Farthing is the most likely to have been father of the William Farthing who was charged with fifty acres in the 1704 Quit Rents of James City County. Although no proof of lineage from Edward Farthing of the ship ENDEAVOR has been determined, the name **Edward** appears in subsequent James City County generations of this Farthing line, and there appears to have been only one Farthing household in James City County at a time when other early settlers had already produced several heirs who had reached tithable age. This suggests that Edward Farthing, deceased on Barbados, may have left a wife and at least one son in the Virginia colony. Further proof is needed.

Another possibility as father or grandfather of William 2 Farthing is the Richard Farthing who resided in James City ca 1678. The estate accounts of Jonathan Newell in the York County Order Book 6:145-147 mention Richard Farthing in a bill dated November 1678 under the subhead "James City debts." The given name **Richard** appears through several generations of the family.

According to surviving documents, William 2 Farthing seems to have resided in Blisland Parish in an original portion of James City County. Blisland Parish is believed to have been established in 1653 and may have been the mother parish of St. Peter's. In 1767



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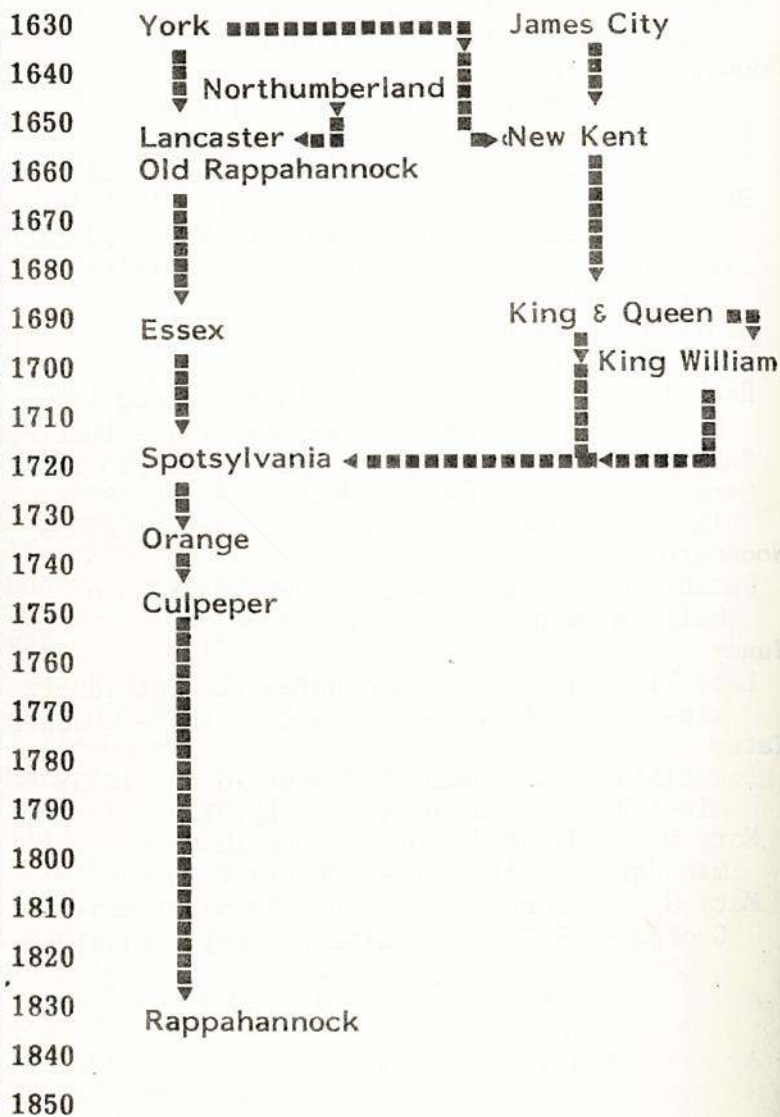
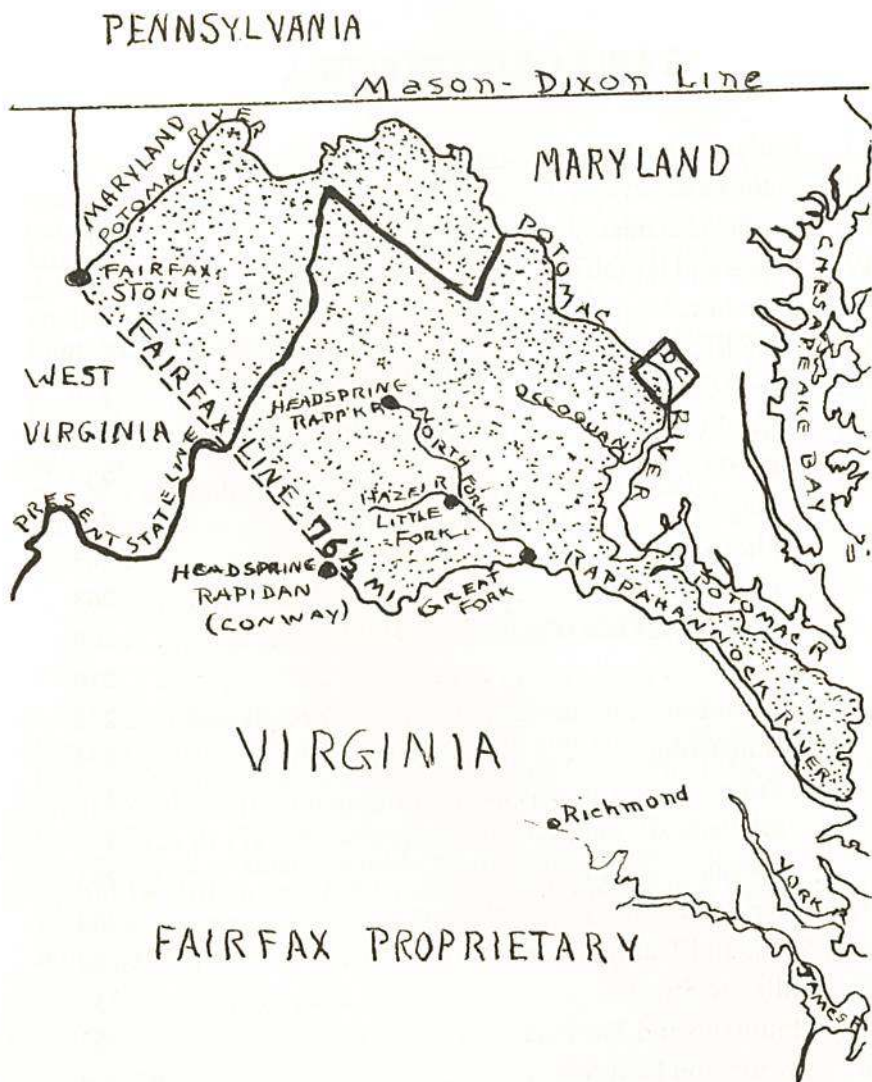


Fig. 1. Origins of Rappahannock County



VIRGINIA COUNTIES: Lancaster, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Richmond, Stafford, King George, Prince William, Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun, Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Madison, Page, Warren, Clarke, Shenandoah, Frederick.

WEST VIRGINIA COUNTIES: Hardy, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson.