

# WILLIAM GAUSE I (pg. 1)

**William GAUSE, Sr. (I)** was the ancestor of the Gauses of Brunswick County, NC and the adjacent area of South Carolina that is now Horry County. It is believed that William was the son of **Charles GOSS** of James City County, VA and the grandson of **Edmond GOSS**. He moved from Virginia to North Carolina and then to South Carolina as shown in the following records:

## VIRGINIA


2 Feb 1725 - **William GOSS** of Henrico Co, VA sold for 16 pounds, 50 acres of land in James City Co, VA that had been granted to **Charles GOSS** 22 Dec 1682 and left to his son **William** by will dated 12 Mar 1706 which also mentions a son **Benjamin**. (Weisiger, Benjamin B. III. Charles City County, Virginia Wills and Deeds, 1725-1731, pp 8, 38) The land had belonged to **Eddy GOSS** who probably was Charles' father. (Duvall, Lindsay O. Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Series 2, Vol 4, James City County, Va., 1634-1904) An **Edmond GOSS** was in Virginia as early as 25 Jan 1658. (Nugent, Nell M. Cavaliers and Pioneers, Vol. I, 1623-1800, Patent Book 4, p 385, 1963 Edition)

## NORTH CAROLINA

- 29 May 1729 - Rec: Nov 1729. "**Wm. GAUSE**" bought for 20 pounds, 300 ac. of land on the s. side of the Morattuck (Roanoke) River in Bertie Co, NC from John BRYANT (BRYAN). Wit: Charles CAVENAH, John MACKMIALL. (Bertie Co, NC Deed Bk C, pp 146, 157)
- 9 Nov 1731 - Bertie Co, NC court minutes show that a deed of sale from "**Wm. GOSS & Mary his Wife**" to Aron DRAKE was recorded.
- Aug and Nov 1732 - "**Wm. GOSS**" appeared in Bertie Co, NC court and cleared his name in a case involving a 5 pound bill. (Haun, Weynette Parks. Bertie County, N.C. Court Minutes 1724-1739, Book I, pp 20, 33, 34)
- 29 Jul 1734 - Rec: Aug 1736. "**William GAUSE** of Bertie Prect., planter" bought land (acres not given) on the s. side of Moratock R. from John BRYAN, Sr for 100 barrels of tar. Wit: John GRAY, Wm. GRAY, Jas. BRYAN. (Halifax Co, NC Record of Deeds, Vol I, p 172)
- 8 Nov 1736 - Rec: no date. "**Wm. GAUSE**" of Edgecombe Precinct, for 50 pounds, sold 400 ac. to John BALLARD, it being the remainder of the land he bought from John BRYAN. Sig: **William** (his mark **W**) **GAUSE**. Wit: Robt. BUTTERS, Wm. REDDING, M\_ \_ ?. (Halifax Co, NC Record of Deeds, Vol I, p 177) Edgecombe Prect. was formed unofficially from Bertie in 1732.

At that time, the settlers in Edgecombe Precinct were complaining about the illegal collection of quit rents and William GAUSE appears to have been among those who moved away. The next record of William is found in South Carolina.

 **Description:** WILLIAM GAUSE I page 1 of his documented records from Virginia to North Carolina to South Carolina.

 **Transcription:** VIRGINIA RECORD: 2 FEB 1725, NORTH CAROLINA RECORDS: 29 MAY 1729, 9 NOV 1731, AUG & NOV 1732, 29 JUL 1734 & 8 NOV 1736.