

History and Origins of the Bryan/ Brian Family of Southern Maryland

"A Working DRAFT" - Comments, suggestions and input appreciated to

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Preface

- According to an early Prince Georges Co. land DEED [MSA CR49526 & Lib RR Folio 171 \(1761\) Deed](#) and church records of All Hallows Parish, AA Co., the Bryan surname appears to have originated from Brian, although other spelling variations (ie Broyan) occurred in the mid 1700's in the recording of records as many could not read or write. However, the spelling 'Bryan' appears to have been routinely recorded since the births of most of the children of William and Diana with the exception of perhaps some of the members of George Brian/Bryan's lineage which has yet to be substantiated. Our frequent interchangeable use of various spellings throughout this writing reflect the insignificance of spelling used by the working class of the past and illustrates the need for spelling creativity when searching the literature and records.
- One legend circulating among members of the Bryan clan and readily available on the internet is that of Sir William Smith Bryan (b. ca 1590) of Ireland who lived on an island off Claire/ Galway Co. until he and his eleven sons and three daughters were exiled by Cromwell ca 1650. They were dropped on the shores of Gloucester Co. VA. It is possible one or more sons migrated to southern Maryland and Calvert Co. The earliest evidence of a William Bryan in Calvert Co. is mentioned in the will of John Little of Hunting Creek in Calvert County dated 28 September 1666 who leaves personalty to a William Bryan. Interestingly there is one record ^{marriage} which indicates a middle initial 'S', the significance, if accurate, is unknown.

Southern Maryland Early History

Prince Georges Co. was formed from Charles and Calvert Co(s) in [1695](#) when the Province of Maryland was divided. Piscataway, named for and home to the [Piscataway Indians](#), existed before [1634](#) when Leonard Calvert sailed to its shores on the Dove to acquire permission for settlement. Piscataway was the chief settlement of a tribe of indians roaming between the Anacostia and Mattawoman creeks. Although the original indian village has been lost, the present day Fort Washington is believed to be the actual site of the village as it is almost 4 miles closer to the Potomac than the present day Piscataway.

Under an early decree known as the 'Headright System' until ca. 1680, land was given to individuals directly from Cecilius (aka Cecil) Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore, under conditions of plantation in exchange for transporting themselves and other person's to Maryland ¹¹. The amount of land given was dependant on the number of people transported.

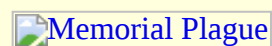
Many Bryans, Gutteridges, Gutheridges and Gutterages were **transported** to MD in the 1660's and 1670's such as Walter Bryan in 1655^{Lib 6 Folio 122}, Pat Bryan ^{Lib 15 Folio 553} in 1678 and William Bryan ^{Lib 15 Folio 337} in 1676. Others such as Thomas Bryan ^{Lib 9 Folio 49; 1665} and William Bryan ^{Lib 16 Folio 17; 1670} **immigrated** in 1665 and 1670, respectively. A Matthias Obryan or Obrian arrived in 1634 on the Dove at St Clements Island, however, he is believed to have never married and probably died around 1651. "Colonial Settlers of St Clements Bay"

A number of Bryan/ Brian/ Obryans were in Charles Co. in the 15th and 16th centuries and many of these came from St Mary's Co. and settled Bryantown Hundred. Of the few settlers that left Charles & St Mary's Co(s) by the late 1600's, most migrated and remained predominantly along the shores of the Potomac (aka Potomack) as far north as Georgetown as the inland country was wilderness and prone to

indian attacks. As the inland country became 'Tame', settlers moved north, west & south to Virginia, Kentucky (MD league of Catholics (1685)) and Tennessee. Of those that stayed in Maryland, another to the aforementioned [Matthias Obrian](#) of Charles County in the late 1600's settled a 200 acre tract of land called "Dublin" near Tinkers Creek in soon to be PG Co. Interestingly, this land adjoins a land tract drawn up for a William Hutchinson and our John Lenham^{14,17} and is in very close proximity to our family grounds across and on the west side of Piscataway road. Also in Charles Co. was an Eleanor Obryan, deceased by 1714 who had 300 acres near the head of the Mattawoman creek, south of Piscataway. "Charles Co. Settlers 1658-1745", Bates & Wight MdHistSoc MF187.C5 B329 [CT & Land:F#2.3]. This Eleanor may be kin of the parents of our William Bryan (1713-1781) as the name 'Eleanor' becomes common to his descendants. The will (WP 17 Dec 1766) of a William Bryan of Charles Co. dated 30 Nov 1760 (one year before William Bryan (b. abt 1711) purchases "Mistake") mentions a wife, Francis; son Wm Bryan and daughter, Philester Chesher. "MD Will Book 1760-1764", Annie Walker Burns, 1937, part 1, p. 286, MF180.B95. This family is in the proper era to be that of William Brian/Bryan (1713-1781).

Early Piscataway parish members met at the home of Col. John Addison. St John's Episcopal Church at Broad Creek was built Abt 1696 as a consequence of these meetings. Subsequent renovations were in 1706 and 1723. William and Diana, prior to their marriage in 1750, belonged to Piscataway and Queen Annes Parishes - two of the thirty original parishes of the church of England that later became known as King George. William and Diana raised their family from 1750-ca 1765 in/around Piscataway presumably near Broad creek where St Johns church of Piscataway is located and enumerates births and baptisms from their union. Sometime in the mid 1760's after the acquisition of "Mistake" they apparently built a small home about 6 miles to the north and east of the village of Piscataway perhaps to be closer to Diana's childhood home in Queen Annes parish (St Barnabus) near what is now Leeland MD. As a loyalist, John Addison returned to England in 1775 and did not return to Maryland until 1787 (six years following the death of William Bryan). As a consequence of the turbulent war years and the church not having a rector, no records were apparently kept during this period corresponding to William's death (1781) and presumably his wife, Diana (ca 1767-1781). Although William and Diana's burial location is unknown, either St Johns or St Barnabus at Leeland are prime candidates. St John's cemetery is now prone to flooding and appears to be the burial location of the wife of his grandson, William of Thomas in 1838 (age 19 "Stones & Bones" 49 E.G. Jourdan).

While William's (1713-1781) land tracts "*Mistake*" Lib RR (1761) and "*Lisbey's Discovery*" "[Lib BB \(1767\) \(p.1\)](#) & [Lib BB \(1767\) \(p.2\)](#) were on the opposite side of the current Piscataway road from Matthias Bryan's original tract, the close proximity maybe more than a coincidence. Since the land acquisitions of 1760 and 1766, William's land was added to, subdivided, taken from and united to form new tract names as times were difficult during the revolution and the freeing of the slaves in the mid 1800's. The latest name "*Bryan Hall*" was applied upon dissolution in 1892 as a consequence of war and death of his grandson and included the old and large John Simson/Simpson's tract, "*Sisters Delight*" 1828 Tax List; Ball to Lanham, 1767 indenture. Some of 'Sisters Delight' was transferred to 'Captain' Edward Lanham (ca.1750-1791) in the 1767 [land deeds](#) and some to Richard Bryan (1757-1819). 'Bryan Hall' also included part of the original John Wheeler land tract of 1673 called "*Brother's Delight*" that adjoined "*Mistake*". Both "*Brother's Delight*" and "*Sister's Delight*" were listed to a "Hillery" Ball (10 Dec 1710) wife, Ann Wheeler ^{Elise Greenup Jourdan}. "*Brother's Delight*" was apparently transferred to another Hillery/Hilleary Ball and



[Memorial Plague](#)
Memorial and Historical Plague erected by Miller family of Clinton MD and the Prince Georges Community College about 1990. The memorial is located at the entrance to a current recreational field and behind the local county library.

our Richard Ball, Sen. sometime prior to 1773 ^{Lib.}
BB No. 3 Fol. 310. Local Bryan family descendants
in the area have observed the old ruins at "*Bryan
Hall*" and have subsequently placed a granite
marker near the site at a current ball field behind
the local library.

1. Kellock, Katherine A. Colonial Piscataway in Maryland. Alice Ferguson Foundation: 1962, Call # 975.251K, [Piscataway, 1600-1775, Colonial Period; includes "tracts laid out in lower Piscataway Hundred before April 23, 1696"; and genealogy of some early Piscataway families.]
2. Jourdan, Elise Greenup, "Colonial Settlers of Prince Georges Co. Maryland"; 1998, MD Hist Society MF187.p9 .J865.

The Bryans, Wheelers, Lanhams, Balls and Jenkins were early colonial PG Co. settler families in the 1700's. By the mid 1850's, these families in addition to the Surratts, Websters, Baynes and Blandfords were prominent families in the southern Maryland area as illustrated by village and crossroad namesakes. These families frequently intermarried and many had land dealings with the Calverts as did the Jenkins and Surratts. Although religious freedoms were suppressed prior to the revolution, these families were devout Catholics. The old map of [PG Co](#) in 1794 shows a village of Lanhams in close proximity to Piscataway and what is now known as Jenkins corner and Surratts. This old village of Lanhams is most certainly the predecessor of the current town of Lanham north of Bladensburg as the Lanham family multiplied and diffused through the community.

[Surratts district](#) in 1860 and 1870 was formed in the mid 1850's from Surrattsville in the 9th election district. Piscataway likely included Surratts prior to that period. By 1870 and as a consequence of Mary Surratt being implicated in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Surrattsville was changed to Robeystown by the Post Office. In 1878 and according to "*Stones and Bones*", the US Post Office again changed the town's name from Robeystown to Clinton.

FAMILY LINEAGE

Maryland records indicate our line of Bryans lived in Surratts/ 9th Election District of Prince George's Co. in Southern Maryland from 1855 to Abt 1895 and Piscataway district from 1750 - 1850. Possibly descendants of the Brian/Bryans from Anne Arundel and Calvert Co(s) of the 1600's.

Little is known of the parents of William Bryan/ Brian (ca 1713-1781) perhaps as a consequence of fire casualties to the records of Charles and Calvert Counties. There is "William Brian" baptized 13 July 1713 (a date in agreement with the MD 1776 census) in All Hallows Parish, Anne Arundel Co. the s/o a **William and Martha** ^{MSA Card Index 28}. Martha Wigg may be the wife of William as suggested by the 1989 notes of genealogist, Ann Tomlinson provided by Donald Long of Ohio ^{Inv. 17} Apr 1716, Anne Arundel Co. [Note: There is also an "Elizabeth Bryan" (bapt. Mar 29, 1711) referenced in All Hallows Parish, AA Co. the d/o James & Elizabeth ^{Register 1700-1724, f.7}; perhaps cousin to William].
Click on the image to the RIGHT for a better description of All Hallows Parish.

William 'Brian' (ref. AA Co.) apparent father of William 'Bryan' (b. 1713) may be the s/o yet another William Bryan/ Brian () of Calvert Co. ^{Ann Tomlinson & will of Wm Brian/ Bryan, calvert Co.??} Note: The will of John Little of Hunting Creek in Calvert County dated 28 September 1666 leaves personalty to a William Bryan ²⁴.

1. MSA Card Index 28; BRIAN, William; Co: Anne Arundel; Parish: All Hallows; son of William & Martha; bapt: July 13, 1713
2. MSA Protestant Episcopal parish records in Special Collections; All Hallows, Anne Arundel Co., 1669-1857 [MSA SC2458] ^{Register 1700-1724, f.10}
3. Thomas Bryan s/o William & Matthew?? (perhaps Martha) Bryan twin sister? Elizabeth bbt. 22 May 1709; St. Annes Parish; AA Co. MD ^{Notes of Donald Long/ Ann Tomlinson; OH; 12/2000}

Legend [Becky Bryan to Estelle Summers 1935 \(12mb\)](#) suggest William's (b. 1713) parents or siblings & descendants lived out their lives in Charles Co. There was a William Bryan in Charles Co. of the

proper age (age 23) in 1736 Charles Co. Court Deposition dated 1736. Our William may have transitted Charles Co. in 1736 while in pursuit of his quest to assist the settlement of PG Co. By 1750, William moved to Piscataway (St John's Parish aka King George Parish) when the construction of the first wharves and warehouses were well underway at the head of the creek ²³.

William Broyan/Bryon/Bryan/Brian (~1713 1776 census -1781 Will) was married first to Sarah ? notes of Bill Massey, second to **Diana 'Gutteridge'** Louise Joyner Hienton 'Guttridge' E.G. Jourdan (b. 1730 - Bef. 1781) on May 4, 1750 by Rev Henry Addison at Broad Creek & Lower Chapel E. G. Jourdan; 1998. They initially settled between the Piscataway and Broad Creeks in St John's at Broad Creek Piscataway Parish of the late 1600's (renamed from King George Parish in the 1600's) in the current Prince Georges County^{1,9}. William may have fortunately been the first and/or only sibling of his family to move into PG Co. PG Co. was one of the few counties whose majority of records miraculously escaped the destruction of fire and war.

William and Diana produced three sons and six daughters: church records **William Thomas Bryan (aka Thomas)** baptized in 1751, **Richard Bryan** born in 1757 and a third son, **George Bryan**, mentioned in William's Will dated June 8, 1781 and a [document](#) obtained from the Miller Family apparently written in 1977. There is a George (b. calc 1742) and Anna (b. calc 1752) Bryan enumerated in the 1776 census living in Prince Georges county age 34. If he is the third son of William, he is the eldest of the three sons suggesting William to have had a first wife as Diana would have been aged 9 or 10 when George was born. A George Bryan was recruited for the military before 28 August 1780 but failed to report. This was one year before William Bryan wrote his will mentioning his son, George. Five of the six daughters are known: **Elizabeth Bryan** (b.1755 Church records/1752 Tomlinson - 1826), **Sarah Ann Bryan** (baptized 1761), and **Rebecca Bryan** (baptized 1764) referenced in church records and **Amelia Bryan** (b.~1770; confirmed November 23, 1793) and **Rachel Bryan** (b. February 5, 1772) referenced in William's Will (Note: William had 2 daughters each aged 6 enumerated in the 1776 census). An additional son, **Phillop Broyan** (bapt. 1767), appeared in the baptismal church records. Phillop may have died prior to 1776.

1. Louise Joyner Hienton, "Indexes to Register 1689-1878, Prince George's County, MD, Piscataway or St John's Parish (now called King George's Parish)", Enoch Pratt Lib.; Baltimore, MD.
2. "Index to Marriage Licenses", Prince George's County, MD, 1777-1886, Compiled

William Bryan's (~1713- 1781) Will of 1781 in Prince Georges County Wills , Box 13 Folder 48, MD Hall Of Records, Annapolis, MD:

In the name of God Amen, I William Bryan of Prince Georges County of the State of Maryland being sick in body but of sound & perfect memory and considering the uncertainty of this transitory life doe for avoiding controversie after my decease make publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following (This is to say). First I recommend my soul to God that gave it my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executor hereafter named and as for and concerning my worldly estate I give bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth (That is to say). First I will that all my debts and funeral charges be first paid and discharged ----- Item I give and bequeath to my son George Bryan part of my tract of land (so wit) Beginning at a marked Hickory on the mannes line at the mouth of a lane from thence to a marked white oak on a Nowl near Henry Walkers line----- Item I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Bryan another part of my tract of land (to wit) beginning at the white oak on the Nowl near Henry Walkers line where George Bryan's course ends, running from thence to a marked sweet gum near the quarter branch from thence up a nally to a marked poplar from thence with a straight line to Edward Lanham's line the land that Lanham bought of Ball. Item I give and bequeath to my son Richard Bryan the rest and residue of my land ----- Item I give and bequeath all my movable estate to my children except a half a child's part to Drusilla Clarvoe provided she stays till my daughters Amelia and Rachel comes of age and then for it to be equally divided, and for my house to be a home for my daughters with my son Richard during their single life and I do hereby nominate my son Richard Bryan full sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof to this my said will I have set my hand and seal the second day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.-----

Signed sealed & published in the Presence of us to be the last will and testament of the said William Bryan

*John Lusby
Joseph Wilson
Nathaniel Wilson*

Richard Bryan's (1730-WP 1813) Will drafted 1803 and obtained from microfilm # CR34682 pp. 63-63 at the Maryland Hall Of Records:

*[.....First Page not reproduced.....]
..... in good health and of sound disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. 1st it is my will and desire all my just debts shall be paid out of my estate by my executor hereafter named; 2nd It is my will and desire that my three negro women namely Lucy, Milley and darkey shall have their freedom at my death and discharged from bondage to enjoy every liberty of freedom. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Rachel my land during her natural life and at her decease to my nephew Edward Dailey , son of my sister Eleanor Dailey to him and his heirs. 4th I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Dailey son of my*

3. 1776 census, Colonial Revolutionary County Church, Brumbaugh, p. 19, St. John's and Prince George's Parishes
4. "The Early Settlers of Maryland" by Gust Skordas; Harf. Co. Lib

Diana 'Guttridge' (2/3 Feb 1730-bef.1781) E.G.

Jourdan was the d/o Richard Gutteridge (Bef. 1702-) and Elizabeth who were married before 1715 Ann Tomlinson, MA genealogist, 1989 to Donald Long . She was born in Queen Anne's Parish in PG Co., what was initially a 'chapel of Ease' for St Paul's Parish in the 1600's and apparently included PG and Anne Arundel Co(s). The Chapel of Ease was replaced by St Barnabus Episcopal church, Leeland, PG Co. in 1776 when it was completed. Among other guttridge/gutterage(s), a Henry Guttridge (WP 22 Jan 1711, PG Co.) living in Charles Co in 1704 may be a sibling of Richard. Ann Tomlinson maintains Richard Gutteridge was the s/o Paul Gutteridge (- 18 Aug 1702) Acct Admin by Thomas Goodrich Barnes who immigrated aboard the HMS Benjamin. Diana appears to be the second to the youngest of at least 7 ALL female siblings: the eldest, Mary (b. Nov 1715); Elizabeth (b. Nov 1717); Sarah (b. Oct 1719); Johanna (b.Oct 1723); Martha (b. Mar 1726) Carolyn Fix Blount and 'Rebeckah' (SIC) (b. Nov 1733).

Family legend Miller family initially reports William Bryan (~1713-1781) owned 200 acres at the north end of Piscataway road which was part of two tracts called "*Lusby's Discovery*" and "*Mistake*"¹⁴. Legend further documents "*Lusby's Discovery*" being settled in 1761¹⁴ when Richard was just 4 years old. It is now known the land tract "*Mistake*" was the first tract and originally granted to a Francis Marbury & John Middleton in 1709 [1709 retained Deed](#) to reconcile an error and adjoined two tracts called "*Brothers Delight*" and "*Sisters Delight*" listed to a Hillery Ball in 1710. Later an indenture dated 22 June 1737 transfers "Mistake" of 227 acres from Francis Marbury's children to a John Dawson and on 28 June 1737 another indenture transfer the tract from John Dawson to a William Thomas "Land Records of Prince Georges Co. 1733-1739", Liber TFolio 465-466 . Finally on 20 Oct 1761 (Recorded 10 Nov 1761) [Lib RR Folio 171; MSA CR49526 \(1759-1767\)](#) an indenture transfers "Mistake" of 176 acres from William Thomas of Frederick Co to William Brian for 85 pounds (Note: The William Thomas referred to in a family legendary document (1977) as selling land to his three sons was apparently mistakened for William's son Thomas).

There is also no mention of "*Lusby's Discovery*" in the original Thomas to Brian DEED (1761) as William purchased "*Lisbey's Discovery*" from Samuel Lisbey six years later (1767). At the "request of William Bryan" a Deed was recorded

sister aforesaid Eleanor Dailey all my wearing apparel. 5th I give and bequeath to my wife Rachel Bryan all the residue of my estateto dispose of as she thinks proper. And lastly I hereby appoint my aforesaid wife sole executor of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made . In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 10th day of February 1803.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the named Richard Bryan to last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

*Nathaniel Newton
Jonathan Burch
Joseph N. Burch*

Prince Georges County towit Then came Jonathan Burch one of the February 6, 1813 Subscribing witnesses to the will and made Oath on the Holy evangely of Almighty god that heded see Richard O'Bryan the testator herein named sign and seal this will and him publish, pronounced and declared to be his last Will and testament that at the time of his so doing he to the best of his apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding that he together with Nathaniel Newton and Joseph N. Burch the other two subscribing witnesses respectfully subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence of the testator at his request and in the presence of each other - before Trueman Tyler register of Wills for Prince Georges County.

25 June, 1767 from an indenture dated 25 June 1766 between "Samual Lisbey" and "William Bryan" both of PG Co. for an agreed 3800 lbs tobacco crop. "Lisbey's Discovery" was previously taken up by Samuel Lisbey according to "his lordship's warrant of Proclamation survey in his own name as by patent thereof" PG Co. Land records Lib BB No. 2 Fol67 (Bk 18) (1767-1769)

"Lisbey Discovery" was finally sold to William for 2018 lbs tobacco. There is no reference to the tracts, Mistake or ("Lisbey/ Lusby's Discovery") in William's will of 1781 or administration Lib ST 1 Fol 204; Nov 18, 1782. However in 1801 [MSA IRM 8](#)

[p. 530 \[CR49542 1800-1801\]](#), his son, Richard and a neighbor John Ball perhaps brother-in-law, sold or 'mortgaged' the majority of these two specifically referenced tracts "containing 200 acres more or less" plus "Brothers Delight" John Wheeler, 1673; Hillery Ball, 1710 to a Walter Edelin.

Later Richard willed the residual of these two tracts above in 1818 (WP 1819) to his son, William of Richard Bryan as "Mistake" and "Lusby's Discovery".

1. William Brian from William Thomas; Lib. RR Fol. 171 (MSA CR49526 (1759-1767)
2. William 'Bryan' from Samuel 'Lisbey' Deed Lib BB No. 2 Fol.67
3. Family genealogical [document](#) obtained from the Miller family and written about 1977 by a family member presumably using passed down information. We have yet to determine the accuracy of this document. The document is in Adobe Acrobat format and 3.1 mb.
4. CHARLES CO. - Disposition by William Bryan (aged 23), dated 1736.

William signed his will on 2 June 1781 and the testamentary bond issued 12 June 1781 Lib. 5 Fol. 233 [MSA Box 21 Folder 5] William and Diana Bryan are most likely buried in either St John's, Broad creek, Episcopal Church or St Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Leeland PG Co. Chapel of Ease; 25, two of the oldest cemeteries in the area. According to Helen W. Ridgely in "Historic Graves of Maryland and the District of Columbia", c. 1908, St Barnabas was erected between 1772 and 1773 Vestry books despite and inscription by a window dated 3 July 1774 E.G. Jourdan reports church begun 1771 & finished 1776. Nevertheless, this is in the time period of William's death (1781). William and Diana are mentioned in the cemetery records for St Barnabus under Barnabus Bryan, Jr. perhaps only as an association. At St. John's, Broad Creek cemetery, a Sarah Bryan wife of Wm. Bryan of Thomas is listed (died 23 Apr. 1838 in 19th year). Thomas being the son of William and Diana who lived in St John's at Broad Creek Piscataway Parish makes this cemetery an ideal final resting place for William and Diana Bryan.

William (b. ~1711) may have had a sibling, Richard or **Henry Richard**, (1730-1813) who married Rachel Lanham in 1757. This [RICHARD BRYAN](#) took the Oath of Allegiance in 1778 and made his 'R' mark. According to census of 1776, Richard and Rachel are believed not to have had any children of their own as several of Rachel's younger siblings are living with them in 1776. However, the Richard Jr. enumerated in the 1790 census has yet to be accounted for.

Sarah Ann Bryan daughter of William and Diana likely married a **Paul Talbutt/ Talbert** () in 1791 church record.

Rachel Bryan daughter of William and Diana married a **Joseph Wheat/ Wheat** () on Dec 13, 1791. This Joseph Wheat/ Wheat may be a descendant of John Wheat (d. 1711) of PG Co. [Marc Wheat](#) among [familytreemaker](#) records.

The **William Tho^s Bryan** (aka Thomas) may have had a first wife to whom he had a son, Osborn(e) Bryan (b. 1 July 1776 - < 1826) Lindsey M. Brien. He was referred to as Thomas (age 25) in the 1776 census with Anna Bryan (age 21). Anna may have died when he married **Lucy 'Ann' Lindsey Smith** () on 23 Mar 1778 PG Co. Index to Marriage licenses. The index to register Louise Joyner Hienton again simply refers to them as Thomas and Ann. Was Anna the Lucy Ann Smith

that married Thomas ca 1775 yet was recorded by the state in 1778 similarly to his brother Richard as a consequence of the war and the changes that took place in the recording of marriages?

Osborn(e) Bryan (-ca 1 Nov 1822) married his cousin Eleanor Bryan (d/o Richard Bryan & Ann Ball below) on 6 Dec 1815. They produced **Richard W. Bryan** (30 Oct 1818 - 23 Apr 1889) [m. Sarah A. DeMent (1848); Twins, Oliver Norris Bryan (4 Jul 1820-1891) [never married] and Elizabeth A. Bryan [m. Charles F. DeMent 17 Nov 1843] ^{Lindsey, 1842 Bill of Complaint; Chancery Ct.} and Mary E. Bryan (- 15 Aug 1824). Osbourn acquired a "very large and considerable estate" by the time of his death which included "Bell Mount Fishery" on the Potomac ^{squandered by Wm of Richard Bryan} purchased from a William H. Lyles. Wm of Rich. Bryan was appointed by the orphan's court, the sole administrator and guardian of Osbourn's entire estate.

- [Bill of Complaint](#) ; 1842, 1844, Chancery Court records, Guardian accounts courtesy of Arline Dement, 24 March 2000 Genforum
- Lindsey M. Brien's compiled genealogy at Dayton's Public Library, OH & LDS
Richard W. Bryan and Sarah DeMent produced George R. Bryan (d. ca. 1937) and Alexander M. Bryan (10 Oct 1852 - 25 Jan 1927). George Bryan married 1st to Wilhelmina H. Brown and 2nd to Jesse C. Stewart. They in turn produced Richard Bryan [m. Mary E. Bryan], Anna, Susan, Eleanor and Gertrude Bryan [m. Claude Underwood of Piscataway]. Alexander Bryan married Ella Hanson Clagett and produced William Clagett Bryan, Alexander Bryan Jr., Caroline H. Bryan [m. John Clagett], Sarah A. Bryan (d. 1918) [m. Vivian Clagett], Josephine R. Bryan [m. James Beall], Richard Oliver Bryan, Rebecca H. Bryan [m. John Chapman], George Keith Bryan, Robert E. Bryan, John Bayne Bryan and Ella C. Bryan [m. John Hupp] ^{Lindsey M. Brien} .

In addition to Osborn?, "Thomas and Ann" produced at least three sons and two daughters: **Edward** (3 Jul 1779) , **Joseph** (19 Oct 1782) [m. Unknown, 3 ch.], **Lucy Ann (aka Ann)** (3 Jan 1793), **John Fendal** (3 Mar 1789), **Sarah** (14 Apr 1776 ^{Lindsey/ 1797 Church record}) and **William of Tho^s Bryan** (29 Dec 1786 - 17 Nov 1865) [m1. Sarah Lanham & m2. Filla Thorn 4-1-1839] ^{Lindsey Brien notes & PG Index to Marriage licenses} . William Thomas Bryan was proprietor of "Pt of Hunters Fields" (163 acres) and "Pt of Two Johns" (46 acres) in Piscataway & Hynson Hundreds ^{1828 Tax List} . His son William was proprietor of the OTHER "Pt of Hunters Fields" (144 acres).

William of Thomas Bryan (Dec 1786-1865) is mentioned in the St Barnabus Epicopal Church parish cemetery records under the entry of a Barnabas Bryan, Jr. 1881-1952 and in paranthesis are the following individuals in presumably genealogical order: "(Richard and Catharine Maddox Bryan, William and Sarah Ann Lanham Bryan, Thomas and Ann Bryan and William and Diane Gutteridge Bryan)" ^{"Stones & Bones Cemetery Records of Prince Georges County", c. 1984} . William Bryan married first to Sarah Lanham on 24 Jun 1809 ^{Church Records} . They are likely the parents of Erasmus Bryan (1809-1858) who in turn married Martha A. Hunt. (Abt 1820- Aft 1861 ^{Hopkins Atlas}). William Bryan of Thomas died on 17 ^{Lindsey/19 Nov, 1865 (age 80 yrs)} ^{King George Parish register (P.G. Co.)} . Note: Wm of Thomas and Wm of Richard (cousins) were born in Dec of nearly identical years which may account for confusion of reported birth year for Wm of Richard (1786/1787).

Richard Bryan (9 Mar. 1812 - 9 Dec 1875), s/o William Bryan of Thomas married **Catherine Magruder Maddox** (1810/15-1884) d/o Sheriff Notley Maddox in 1844. Richard and Catherine are listed in the 1850 and 1870 Maryland censuses of Spaldings District now known as Oxon Hill. They produced at least four children: **Barnabus Bryan** (Oct/ Sept ^{Lindsey} 1845 - > 1937), Joseph Bryan (Abt 1845-), Mary P. Bryan (1848-) [never married], Sarah Ellen Bryan (ca. 1852 ^{Lindsey/ 1848- > 1937 [age 89]}) and Whittingham Bryan (May 1851 - 1934) [m. Addie Brooks d/o Judge Thomas Brooks of PG Co.]. Barnabus married **Mary 'E?' Wing Stebbins** (1844-1929) and produced Frederic Martin Bryan (Mar 1873), Richard Bryan (Jul 1875-), Mary Catherine (1877), and **Barnabus Bryan Jr.** (1881-1952).

Charity A. Bryan (26 May 1814); m. 4 Sept 1832 Thomas Jenkins.

Rachel J. Bryan (8 Apr 1816); m1 Locker, m2 Sansbury.

John Bryan (23 Feb 1819 - 1895);

Martha A. Bryan (Mar 1822 - 1899). m. 1841 to James G. Pumphrey.

Rebecca J. Bryan (11 May 1832); m. 1852 to Charles E.. Nelson ... 8 children.

? Erasmus Bryan (d. 1858 ^{St Mary's tombstone}) married Martha A. Hunt in 1855. Martha is listed in the 4th election district (Brandywine P.O.) of Prince Georges Co in 1860 with four of her children: Richard Bryan (Abt 1837-), James Bryan (Abt 1847-), Naomi Bryan (Abt 1843-), and Louisa Bryan (Abt 1849-). This lineage was also a Catholic line.

Lucy A. Bryan (3 Jan 1793 - 16 Octt 1881); m1. 1833, Lloyd M. Lowe and m2. 1847, Charles White, Sr. Moved to Marion OH where she died.

George Bryan/ Brian (b. calc. 1742 ^{1776 census}) likely s/o William married an **Ann** () and had at least four children: **Richard** (b. 1773; Broad Creek), **John** (b. 1775; Broad Creek), **Ann** (b. 1785) and **Josias** (b. 1787). George may have used his father's spelling of Brian as did apparently many of his grandchildren ^{Don Long, William Massey}. George is listed with ^{1790 census}. In 1789, a George Brian leased 10 acres of "Burches Venture" from Edward Burch "near the eastern branch of Potomack" (perhaps the anacostia river). There is speculation that George and Ann had a William Brian/ Bryan who is listed as such in other documents and may have been the William who married Susannah Selby on 11 Nov 1802 ^{Don Long; PG Index to Marriage licenses}. This lineage likely migrated to Harrison Co. Ohio ^{Donald Long} with subsequent generations moving to Lawrence Co and Ethridge (nr. Nashville) ^{William Massey}, Tennessee [Reita Jones Burress](#) ([Rieta J. Burress](#)). George's son, Richard likely married Mary Steele on Oct 3, 1796 who produced **Deborah Harriss Bryan** (b. 11 Mar 1799) ^{Piscataway/ St John's Index to register; Louise Joyner Hienton}.

1. George Brian from Edward Burch lease; Lib. JJ? 1 Fol. 420-423 (1789-1790) in CR49533 II); Recorded Dec5, 1789 yearly rent of 100 acres "Burches Venture" occupied by Thomas Wilmot on the line of tract "R/Nidge" near the eastern branch of Potomack".
2. George Bryan from Alexander Francis & others supersedes IRN 8, p. 275

Elizabeth Bryan (1752/55- 1826), d/o William and Diana, supposedly married in 1775 to a William Dement (1752-1820) and is buried on Carroll Brown Farm formerly Thomas Downs near Bryan's Rd 'Market Overton'. ^{Pedigree chart by Ann Tomlinson}. Considering the number of 'Elizabeth Bryans' in MD, she could be confused with another Elizabeth as Ann Tomlinson reports her hirth in 1752 yet church records in 1755. An Eliz ^a Bryan is known to have married a Thomas Church in PG Co. on 6 Dec 1777 ^{Index to marriage licenses, PG Co. MD} and migrated to Fayette Co. KY by 1788 ^{Dixie Northcott; Genforum; Oct 2000}.

On January 27, 1786 a marriage license (perhaps married at the 'Old' St Johns church at Broad creek ^{Lindsey Brien Notes}) was issued to William and Diana's son, **Richard Bryan** (b. September 6, 1757) and **Ann Baucy [Buace/Bucy/ Busey] Ball** () yet local church records report their marriage on January 31, 1783². The significance of these dates is unknown. After the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776 a number of changes occurred in Prince George's County that could have affected marriages and marriage licenses. Religious freedom had been denied Catholics until shortly after this date when the law disfranchising Catholics was repealed by an Amendment to the Constitution passed in 1777. The Md General assembly act of Feb 1777 also stated "no person should marry without a license" ^{Index to Marriage licenses PG Co.} Prior to this period vital records were recorded by law in the Church of England (Episcopal). The first marriage license issued in Prince George's County was on May 31, 1777.

The 1790 Federal Census enumerates three Richard Bryans in PG Co, two Richards and a Richard, Jr. Our Richard was referred to as Richard Jun. in his father's testamentary Bond (1781) and Richard 'Bryon' Junior as witness on his neighbor's (Edward Lanham) will (1791). He inherited his father homestead of at least 200 acres on the aforementioned tracts called "Lisbey's Discovery" ^{Richard refers to "Lusby's Discovery"} and "Mistake" and John 'Lusby' not Lisbey witnessed William's will (1781). Richard Bryan purchased some of "Brother's" and "Sister's

Richard Bryan's Will drafted in 1818 and obtained from Microfilm # CR34682 p. 234 at the Maryland Hall of Records: PART 1 (First sentence or two on previous page not acquired)

*Item after her death or marriage It is my will and desire that my son William Bryan shall have and possess in all right to him and his heirs forever, all the land I now live on being part of land called "Mistake" and part of land called "Lusby's Discovery" containing acres more or less. I also give and bequeath to my son William Bryan the following named negro slaves Lakey, George and pompey also one half dozen silver table spoons, a silver Ladle, a dining table, desk and
Item In the like manner I give and bequeath to my three sons William, Edward H. and Samuel H Bryan to them and their heirs in equal division the land I bought from John Ball and Simpson's heirs, part called "Brothers delight" and part called "Sisters Delight" containing about acres more or less to them their heirs and assigns forever in fee simple. Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward H. Bryan the following named negro slaves Bradley and Henry in the like manner as before mentioned that is after his mother 's death or marriage. Item In the like manner I give and bequeath to my son Samuel H. Bryan the following named negro slaves Charles Brown and Thomas Kelly. Item In the like manner I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eleanor Bryan the following named negro slaves Sophia Alexander and James. Item In the like manner I give and bequeath to each of my three sons aforementioned a feather bed and furniture. Item This then my will and desire that all the remaining part of my property shall be equally divided between my four children William, Edward H., Samuel H. and Eleanor Bryan. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear Wife Ann B. Bryan and my Son William Bryan Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all former wills by*

1818

signed RICHARD BRYAN

Witnesses Notley Maddox, .Richard Lanham,,
& William Marshall

PART 2

Delight" from "John Ball and John Simpson's heirs" Richard Bryan Will (perhaps the "John Ball Jr." that died ca 1767 Inv. GS 2 Fol. 75; Aug 1767) sometime prior to 1801. In 1801, a John Ball (perhaps brother of Ann) and Richard Bryan of William jointly transfers "Brothers Delight" of 155 acres and 200 acres probably the majority of "Mistake" and "Lusby's Discovery" to Walter Edelin for 783 pounds, one shilling and six pence. This was not the entire "Mistake" and "Lusby's Discovery" as he willed PART of each that he lived on to his son, William in 1818. Richard and Ann enlarged his father's house and at the completion of a new home at the site in 1816, he owned 430 acres^{legendary document ~1977}. The Ball: Bryan union was apparently evident by the etchings of the names on the chimney of the *Old "Bryans Hall"* prior to demolition in the 1920's Lindsey Brien. His enjoyment of his new home was shortlived as he died 3 years later (WP 1819). A Richard Bryan (possibly another) filed a petition for the parcel of land 'Pima' in 1785.

Little is known of Richard's wife, Ann Bucy/Busey/Buacy Ball (b. ca 1765). She was likely '**Rebecca**' Ann Busey [Ball](#) (R.A.B.B.) as initials were apparently observed carved in a silver ladled handed down to her great granddaughter, Rebecca Ann Bryan Lyons (RABL). [Becky Bryan to Estelle Summers 1935 \(12mb\)](#)& Lindsey Metcalfe Brien notes [Note RABL has been listed as 'Anna Rebecca Bryan' on early records but signed later in life as 'Rebecca Ann' presumably because of her relationship to her great grandmother]. A 'Hillery' Ball, likely her great grandfather, is recorded in his will dated Dec 1710 with a wife Ann and sons Richard and John with the land tracts "Brother's Delight" and "Sister's Delight" admx Anne (nee Wheeler) Scandlen that were adjacent to "Mistake" when in the hands of Marbury (1709) and when William (b. 1713) purchased it from William Thomas in 1761^{MSA Deed 1761}. Richard Bryan and Ann Ball were less than 10 yrs of age at the time of the purchase.

The parents of Ann B. Ball ([See Ball family](#)) were at first believed to be the John Ball that married Sarah Johnston on 19 Feb 1745/47? E.G.Jourdan based on data of John and Sarah Ball selling 100 acres of, "Sisters Delight" to another neighbor, Edward Lanham in April 1767 [indenture 1767](#) and Richard Bryan purchasing parts of "Brother's" and "Sister's Delight" from "John Ball and John Simpson's heirs" prior to 1801. A Richard Ball is the preferred parent as a Richard Ball, Jr. purchases 162 acres of '*Brothers Delight*' from a 'Hilleary Ball' (wife Elizabeth) and

Whereas I Richard Bryan of PG Co. in the State of MD have made and duly executed my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date 14 December in the year of our Lord 1818 which said will and testament and every clauseand devise therein contained I do hereby ratify and confirm excepting so far as to carry into effort this my which I will and direct shall be taken and held as a part of my said Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say ... Whereas in said will no provision was made for the education of my two youngest Sons towit Edward Henry Bryan and SamuelBryan and it being my will and desire that they should have an education out of my Estate independant of their legacy mentioned in said Will. Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Henry Bryan the sum of 200 dollars to be applied toward his education at the discretion of my executor. Item I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Bryan the sum of 400 dollars to be applied toward his education at the discretion of my executor. Such sums to be paid out of the crops made or property not mentioned in my last will and testament.

Signed RICHARD BRYAN
3 Jan 1819

Witness.. Notley Maddox, George H Lanham and
Richard Lanham signed 26 Jan 1819

Richard Ball, Sen. (likely brothers) in 1773 PG Co. Land Records Lib BB No.3 (Bk 20) Fol. 310 (1772-1774) and secondly a Richard and Sarah Ball produced several children ca. 1774-1776 including a son, Samuel BUCY Ball Parish Register 1689-1878. There are at least three Richard Balls in PG Co.: Richard Ball Admin Aug 1718, Richard Ball, Sen. Will Oct 1775, Inv. & Admin 1776 and Richard Ball (d. Feb 1792).

1. Peter Bryan Cert of a Stray ... Lib CC 2 Fol. 232 (CR49529 1774-1780)
2. Richard Bryan Cert of a stray ... Lib. BB 3 Fol. 332

Richard & Ann Ball Bryan produced at least six known children:

'William of Richard' Bryan (1786-1853)¹ (*The father of our next generation*); William married his neighbor Susannah Page Lanham (*See Below*).

Eleanor Bryan (b. November 6, 1788) and married (1) her cousin Osborne Bryan on December 6, 1815 (license). She married (2) Henry P/R.V. Cawood in 1826 and produced Samuel and Mathews Cawood. Lindsey Brien

Richard Bryan(b. March 15, 1793);

Sarah Bryan(b. 1795).

Edward Henry Bryan; Like his brother, William, Edward had married a Lanham girl, that of Susannah's sister, Mary Eleanor Lanham (1813-25 Oct. 1837) on 18 November 1833 [See Lanham History](#) in Alexandria VA. Prior to his marriage he his listed in the 1828 tax list of Piscataway & Hynson hundreds as proprietor of "PT of Brothers Delight & Sisters Delight" containing 77 acres. They produced two children, James Barry Bryan (moved to California and died there unmarried) and Susanna Bryan (died in infancy). Edward and family moved to St Louis where his wife, Mary Eleanor died at the age of 24 years. James B. Bryan was raised by his grandmother, Mrs George H. Lanham. Following Mary's burial in St Louis Co. MO, Edward moved to Vicksburg, MS where he married again and produced several children ^{Knapp Notes}. He is recorded as Dr Edward H. Bryan.

Samuel Henry Bryan(d. 1833); On 12 Aug 1834, his share of property was inherited by William, Edward H. and Eleanor.

'William of Rich^d. S. marriage records Bryan (Dec 1786/87 -Jun 1853) was listed in the federal census as a planter in Piscataway with real estate amounting to \$16,400³, a very large amount at this time. Of his other siblings, William was apparently the most interested in his father's affairs as he apparently added to his father's previous 430 acres for a total in excess of 2301 acres which included 8 farms ¹⁴ and including 200 acres called "Belmont" ^{1828 tax list} or "Bell Mount Fishery" Chancery Ct. located in King George and Grub Hundreds. Another moiety of Bell Mount was purchased from a James Sothoron prior to ca 1837 ^{Chancery Ct.} and hence the origin of his son's name. The land presumably included the current Bryan's point and land to the south and along the Potomac river known as Bryan's Fishing Shore adjacent to [Marshall Hall](#) Rambler column 27 August 1916. The majority of this land along the potomac is

brady portrait of W. Bryan

This photo was part of a collection of historical manuscripts obtained from David Miller. The original of unknown origin (& possibly the only one) was of a poor quality photocopy (Click on the image for enlargement)

expressly noted to have been acquired by William as a consequence of his cousin, Osborne Bryan's death in 1821 by an agreement of his wife and sister of William as guardian of the children. The land was only finally legally paid for just before William's death in 1853 with the official deeds being drawn in the mid 1850's among the children of both parties. The land is further directly across the river from Mount Vernon. According to Bryan/ Lyons descendant, David Miller, a silver punch bowl with an inscription by George Washington was handed down in the family. The bowl like many of the other family heirlooms fell into possession of William and Susannah's granddaughter, Susana Page Bryan Duff. The bowl was apparently sold by the husband of one of the Susana Duff's daughters, Lorna or Tidi [aka Virginia].

1. [Piscataway National Park](#)

William married Susannah Page Lanham (ca.1808/ 1807 ^{Lindsey Brien} -1895), the eldest d/o of George Horatio Lanham and Sempronia Hamilton. William and **Susanna Page Lanham** received their marriage license on February, 28, 1827 and were likely married at the catholic Mattawoman Chapel (AKA Mattawoman Mission) on the Mattawoman creek on the Middleton farm about 3 miles from the St Mary's Catholic church to be built later in 1838^{Stones & Bones}. They likely became members of St Mary's after ca. 1845 when it was completed where they worshipped regularly. Family legend and other records (Wills and Deeds) indicates Susanna Page Lanham was a neighbor of William Bryan ¹⁴ [See Lanham History](#). She resided with her family probably on "*Lanham's Addition*" land tract of ca. 476 acres across Piscataway road from the Bryan plantation . Following her Parents and siblings move to St Louis MO ca. 1835, Susannah was the only one of her siblings to remain in PG Co. MD.

In 1850 ^{unknown newspaper clipping} William had a close call when he attempted to rid crows from his field during dissemination of a self prepared concoction of corn and [strychnine](#). No date can be placed on this article as of yet and it is not known whether this incident played a role in his death.

Nevertheless, William died in 1853 and his son Richard followed one week later of Cholera ^{4, 18} at their home in Piscataway district. Five years later in 1858, Erasmus Bryan (probable nephew of William) living on William's land died after a brief illness ^{Newspaper Deaths of 19th century} perhaps as a consequence of the preceeding epidemic ranging on both sides of the Atlantic. They are both buried at St Mary's Catholic Church in Piscataway.

1. Richard H. Lanham to William Bryan of Rd; (MSA CR 33767-2) Deed of Trust JBB, 6, p. 287
2. Geo H. Lanham to William Bryan of Rd; (MSA CR 33765) Deed JBB/ IBB, 2 p. 574

Following the death of William, Susanna remained head of her household in Surrattsville in 1860. She and her sons, Edward and William, were also listed as planters. Susan's home is depicted in the 'G M Hopkins' atlases of 1861 and 1878 located off piscataway road in what is now Clinton. As William died intestate, an appointed commission surveyed and appraised the large estate to which was divided among the children and widow. The homestead of 796 acres was given to the widow, Susanna and the old "Lanham tract" of 476 acres [later referred to as 440 acres sold to LYONS & Murphy in 1865] was

transferred to his son, William Page Bryan. Between 1850 to 1860 the bryan wealth dwindled from \$16400 to \$11000 ^{1860 census} some of which might be attributed to the estate division but more likely due to the slaves taking their freedom prior to "Emancipation" as William was a large slave holder Chancery Ct. The complete process of estate division among the Bryan heirs lasted nearly 30 years when the youngest sibling, John H B Bryan sold his parcel to Conrad Faunce in 1879 [PG Co Deed HB 2 762]. During the war, Susannah and/or her sons, Edward and William, frequented their neighbor's and friend's 'Surratts Tavern', according to family documents and civil war records, as they had accumulated \$119.00 in unpaid barbills, blacksmith's and other merchandise fees. By 1870 'Susana' (sic) was living with her son William Page Bryan in Surrattsville of Surratts District on the 796 acre homestead. Susana's real estate wealth was further reduced to \$7000 in 1870. By 1880, Susana's son, William, was listed as head of household with Susana as an occupant in Clinton, MD of the 9th election district. About this time, their home was destroyed by fire and was partially rebuilt on a section of the old foundation ¹⁹. Between 1870 and 1885 in part to declining health and eyesight ^{Pers Commun.& email Judy Miller}, Susanna did not fulfill her tax responsibility which amounted to \$1362.90 by 1886 when the collector and treasurer, John G Hall died and a decree to the circuit court passed on Mar 12 1886 on request of complainants and defendant, Ruth Adelle Hall, administratrix of John Hall (PG Co Deed JWB 20/ 631). Subsequent court actions became known as the 'Equity Proceedings of Susanna P Bryan #156 Chapters 237 & 238'. Susannah died on July 20, 1895 at the home of her son-in-law, Walter Parker Griffin, near Clinton, MD at the age of 87. This was several years after the 9 Jan 1889 advertisement for sale in the Marlboro Gazette and auction in Feb 1889 with final sale ratification in Apr 1892 subsequent to the proceedings 29 trials of the January term 1892 of the circuit court for PG Co. Perhaps as a final ploy that the home remain in the family, the sale went to her grandson-in-law, Sydney Mudd who married the daughter of Walter and Eleanor Griffin. The name 'Bryan Hall' was given by James T Perkins, appointed trustee in 1886 on 12 Apr 1892 and "Assessed in the name of Mrs Susanna P. Bryan" (PG Co Deed JWB 20/ 634). William and Susannah produced at least nine children:

Richard H. Bryan (7 Mar 1827- 18 Jun 1853); Richard died of Cholera 1 week following his father. E. Pliny, the second eldest was administer to his brother's estate which letters were granted on 12 Jan 1858 (\$20,000) to Walter Parker Griffin and Susanna P. Bryan ^{Estate Dockets (1810-1858)}.

1. # 434; Richard H. Bryan ; Letters Issued: 13 Jan 1858 ; Estate Docket: 1858

Edward Pliny Bryan (b. ~1830); As part of his father's estate division, Edward recieved a 280 acre farm what was 'Brothers Delight' and part of 'Sisters Delight' adjoining the homestead in the south and the piscataway creek currently the 'Boniwood' development. Following his activity in the senate, he was arrested on 20 February 1862 for spying ^{21 Rambler} near alexandria and what was Fort Lyon ^{Dix pierpoint commission papers} and the same night as his brother William P. Bryan) and held at the old capitol prison. An entry opposite his name in the prison records is "*Spy, Rebel, Signal Service*" according to the Rambler dated 27 August 1916 and "Spy and Officer in Confederate signal Corps" according to the Rambler dated 31 October 1926. According to the Rambler on 24 October 1926, Pliny was on furlough to see his mother at Bryan Hall. He had crossed the Potomac and walked to Surrattsville. Pliny and his brother William P. Bryan were both apparently visiting their mother on the night of their arrest. Under an apparent trade agreement with the Union, Pliny was released and rose to [Captain](#) in the confederate army under General Beauregard. He died in South Carolina of Yellow Fever near the close of the war. Interestingly the name "Pliny" apparently originated from Susannah's brother, Pliny Lanham who apparently died at sea [See Lanham History](#)

1. "Edward Pliny Bryan: Soldier, Spy, Torpedoman", Samuel J. Martin, Aug-Sept 1985, The Kepi, pp. 6-12.
2. Harpers Weekly, May 1881 and Oct 1861
3. # 718; E. Pliny Bryan; Letters Issued: 8 Dec 1865; Estate Docket: 1858

Eleanor Ann H. Bryan (b. 1833); The third child of William and Susannah, she married Walter P. Griffin, son of Dr Griffin on 27 September 1853 [11 Jun 1853 ^{Lindsey}]. They "settled on one of the Bryan Farms overlooking Birch's swamp, the upper part of Piscataway creek, on the road from Surrattsville to TeeBee." and called it "*Highland Hall*". This was on the current Brandywine road southeast of Surrattsville. Walter and Eleanor produced at least seven children:

Mary Ida Griffin (b. Abt 1857-Bef. 1897), E. Pliny Griffin (b. Abt 1858) [a school teacher], Walter W. Griffin (b. Abt 1861), Cora Griffin (b. Abt 1865) [m. ... McNeil], Nellie Griffin (b. Abt 1865), Fanny Griffin (b. Abt 1874) [m1. Evans; m2] and Robert B. Griffin (b. Abt 1879) [m. ... Marshall] 1880 MD census (9th district)

Mary Ida Griffin married Samual E. Mudd [aka Hon. Sydney Mudd Sr. Lindsey Brien Metcalfe], a local school teacher and Congressional representative later in life. Mary Ida's husband, Samual aka Sydney, purchased her grandparents plantation homestead of 796 acres on 2 Feb 1889 at auction as advertised in the "Marlboro Gazette" on 9 Jan 1889. Following Sydney Sr's death, the plantation was transferred to Mary Ida Mudd on 12 mar 1897 (JWB 40 211). Walter P. Griffin, Jr. served in the Rough Rider regiment of the Cuban Campaign and was killed during the Anglo-Boer War in South Africa²⁰. Pliny Griffin, moved to Kansas about 1880. Bob (likely Thomas B.R. Mudd referred to in PG Co Deed 98/463 Apr 1914) remained in Washington in government service. Cora and Nellie apparently died relatively early. Nellie married Adolph Brown of Columbus OH and left two daughters, Ann and Eleanor Brown. Eleanor in turn married a Mr Hamilton Rambler column. Ann in turn married a Holland. Eleanor and Walter are buried at St John's Catholic Church in Clinton (Surrattsville) along with Cora and Nellie. Samual and Ida Mudd's son, Sydney became member-elect in the same district as his father^{20, 22}. Ida's daughter, Eleanor married a Wilmer and inherited the remnants of the Bryan homestead. She sold it to Rebecca Berger of Pittsburgh in Apr 1914 [PG Co Deed 98/463].

Rebecca Ann M. Bryan (b. 1836) married Edward S. Plummer on 7 October 1856. Sometime following the birth of their oldest son, William Bryan Plummer [Bryan reported in Knapp Notes] Personal Comm. descendant Robert Fallert of St Charles, MO 2010) on 24 August 1857, they moved to Memphis TN. There they produced Irene Plummer [married James Parkes in St Louis] and Edward Plummer Jr. [killed railroad accident]. Rebecca and her brother, William Page Bryan were apparently quite close as he apparently followed her to Memphis ca 1859 and reciprocating naming of their oldest children after one another. According to a deposition following his arrest in Virginia in 1862, he left Memphis for home in 1861. On 3 Sep 1864, he transferred power of attorney to a Bunnell 'F' or 'T' Plummer of Shelby Co. (Memphis?) Tennessee (unknown yet presumed relation to Edward Plummer) to sell his appointed farm referred to as "travelers Rest" of 450 acres [PG Co Deed FS 2 37]. William Page Bryan named his eldest daughter, Rebecca Ann after his sister and vice versa. Following the death of Rebecca in Memphis, Edward moved to St Louis MO with his children and married second to a 'Widow' Cook. Rebecca and Edward's share of her fathers estate resulted in a tract on the Potomac known as 'Bonds Retreat' later taken back by Barry family descendants.

William Bryan Plummer married a Minnie Morton of St Louis. They produced Edward S. Plummer, Seth Plummer, William Bryan Plummer, Jr. and Genevieve Plummer. Edward produced Dorothy Plummer who married a Fallert. Descendants of this line now live in St Charles and Michigan (personal Commun. with Robert Fallert of St Charles, MO Mar. 2010.)

James Ford Sothoron Bryan (February 19, 1837-Sept 6, 1900); Obtained from the Washington evening star Rambler column dated 8/27/1916, James was referred to as 'Suddy' Bryan often believed to be short for Sothoron. His name likely originated from one James Sothoron from whom William Bryan purchased part of Bryan's Fishing shore at or near the time of his birth Chancery Ct. He "inherited"¹⁹ his father's 300 acre farm adjoining Bryan's Point Fishing Shore and "*Marshall Hall*". Bryan's Point Fishing Shore was under lease to the federal government in 1916 and used as a fish hatchery. This hatchery was established in 1892 [same year the remaining Bryan homestead was sold], moved from Fort Washington where it was established in 1880. James married Francis Barry and produced 7 children^{19th century newspapers} PGEq one of which was Katie Norris Bryan (1874-1902) Stones & Bones and another Arthur B. Bryan [m. Elizabeth Clements]. Francis Barry was the daughter of David Barry, who owned a tract called "St Elizabeth" where the government hospital for the insane was established. James died of heart failure^{19th century Newspapers}

Arthur B. Bryan married Elizabeth Clements of Charles County and they in turn had 2 children. In 1916, "*Arthur owns and lives in the old 'Suddy' Bryan homestead, works the old farm, and is the custodian of the fish*

*hatchery*¹⁹. Arthur and Elizabeth's children are James S., Blanch, Charity, Susie who married Percy Clements and Mary Eva Bryan who married her distant relative, Richard Bryan (s/o George R. Bryan). *Rambler News column*. [Note. The later children may be a reporting error and actually children of John F.S. Bryan *Lindsey*]

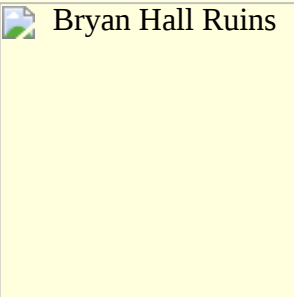
William Page Bryan(1840-Abt 1910) *The father of our next generation*; William, similar to his older brother Pliny and much of the other youth in the area, joined the confederacy about 1861. He (Rambler reported 'Pike') was in the "2d" Maryland Infantry, Confederate ¹⁹. Again and similarly to his brother and according to the Rambler dated 27 August 1916, he was arrested on 20 February 1862 ²¹ of being a spy (place of arrest not given) and held at the Old Capitol Prison. He was registered as a "*Prisoner of State, without doubt in the rebel intelligence service*".

William lived in the most difficult of times for the Bryan family of southern Maryland. As many other southern marylander plantation owners, the Bryans had been large slave owners and sided with the confederacy. During the war and after the fall of the confederacy in 1865, wealth dwindled substantially. Undoubtedly in an effort to lessen the impact, William sold his farm from his father's estate of abt. 492 acres to John and Timothy [Lyons](#), Irish Immigrants on 18 July 1865 [PG Co. Deeds FS 3 404; HB 11 623; HB 3 350]. Two months later he married **Catherine Virginia Scott** (1839-1896) on September 5, 1865, the eldest daughter of Thomas A. Scott and Ann E. Graham of Washington, DC ⁴ & [census 1850](#). In/ about 1880 their house burned *Rambler Column* and was rebuilt. The existing state of depreciation of assets and the cost of rebuilding undoubtedly fueled the escalation to insolvency and the culmination with the 1886 circuit court decree. The "Bryan Hall" ruins photo at the right was taken in April 1999. The site clearly shows expansion of the house through the years with addition of a porch and pillars and the enlargement from the older foundation to the newer section. Remnants of two chimneys are clearly visible attached to what was a small dwelling which was apparently reoriented over the years. Beneath the latest porch addition which was once the side of the house became the coal bin. William had further lost both his mother (1895) and his wife (1896) within a year of each other.

Anne E. Graham, mother of Catherine Virginia Scott had an apparent sister, Catherine who had married a George Doll and moved to Martinsburg VA by Feb 1846 at the time their daughter, Anne E Graham Doll

 Bryan Hall in 1914

Photo of the apparent partially reconstructed 'Bryans Hall' near the present day 'Clinton, MD' after 1880 copied from the Sunday series of the Rambler Column in the Washington Evening star dated February 8, 1914. According to the RAMBLER the original house burned about 1880 and was partially rebuilt on the old foundation. Therefore the house shown is somewhat smaller than the original house. The house had been uninhabited since ~1892. According to the Miller family, The structure was demolished for safety concerns in the 1920's *David Miller*.

 Bryan Hall Ruins


Viewing the ruins on the current PG Co Community college land, a small loose brick foundation adjoins a more modern poured concrete foundation and slab with a further addition of a large poured concrete porch with hollow, rectangular, plaster pillars.

(aged 9) had died Album notes belonging to Catherine Virginis Scott dated 1855-1860 . Catherine Virginia "aka Ginny" was close to her cousin Anne Doll who was just two years older.[see [Obituary notice](#) also found among the papers of her album].

William P. Bryan lived out the remaining of his days with his Lyons grandchildren, son Joseph Latimer Bryan, daughter, Rebecca Ann and son-in-law, Thomas H. Lyons on the old "Lanham Farm" purchased by his father, John Lyons, in 1865 from her father 1900 MD census . William died about 1910 at Providence Hospital in Washington DC and is buried in the "lot" at St Mary's Church, Piscataway. According to the Rambler dated 24 October 1926, William "Uncle Willie" was not an ambitious man and did not store much worldly wealth, but everybody in the country knew him and most liked him and thought fondly of him.

According to a family document written by the Miller family in the 1970's, the dissolution of the 796 acre homestead culminated with the February 1889 public auction due to rising debt and property taxes. The sale to Sydney Mudd, Sr. became final in Apr 1892 following Proceedings 29 for the January term of the circuit court for that year. Over the next 22 years, the property changed hands a number of times. On 18 April 1914, all outstanding debts were paid by Rebecca Berger of Pittsburgh (the sixth owner since 1892). This was just two months following the Rambler news story. Current locals in the area frequently refer to the area as the "*Old Berger Farm*". Rebecca held onto the property until 1939 when she died and transferred it to her son. During that time, she had sold a portion for the "Louise Cosca Regional Park", the Surratts-Clinton Library and the Leonard Dyer Regional Health Center. The property was later transferred to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and the Board of Education. The last remaining 247 acres were purchased by Prince Georges Community College in 1969.

Catherine Virginia Scott was born on June 9, 1839 in Virginia ⁴ similarly to her siblings and mother age 37 (b. ca. 1813). The 1850 census of Washington DC list her grandmother, Mrs Graham at age 72 (b. ca. 1788) born in Maryland the same state as Catherine's father, Thomas Scott (age 42, b. ca. 1808). She was educated at the Visitation Convent in Washington and afterward at the Academy of Mount de Sales near Baltimore. After her marriage their home was in Surrattsville (later became Clinton in 1878). Following her death in 1896, six children remained at the time of her obituary announcement 1897 (4 sons and 2 daughters). In 1870, the family was living on a farm in Surrattsville where William was a farmer. When Catherine died on December 5, 1896 at the age of 58 in Clinton she was buried (December 7, 1896) at the St Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Piscataway^{4,10}. William and Catherine's 10 children are:

Rebecca Ann Bryan (b. January 10, 1867 - 1941), *the mother of our next generation*,  married a neighbor, Thomas Henry Lyons on 26 Feb 1889 ^{Marriage License} in the District of Columbia [Thomas' father had purchased land 'Lanham Farm' from Anna's father in 1865 ^{MSA DEED}]. An early portrait (right) of Rebecca at about age 13 in 1880 acquired from distant cousins (descendants of John H B Bryan) in Buffalo NY in Jul 2005 was apparently taken in San Diego as annotated on the rear of the photo. Recall Bryan Hall had burned in 1880 and relatives living in Sacramento CA at the time. With the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, it is conceivable she and others may have traveled west while the home was being rebuilt.

According to our second cousin, David Miller, a local descendant who spent many of his boyhood days with his grandmother Violet Lyons Miller in Clinton, reports that she had spoke of her father's uncle Timothy Lyons who lived opposite of 'Bryan Hall' on the other side of Piscataway road near what is now Hyde field (original [Lanham Land](#)) [Rebecca's G Grandfather, George H. Lanham transferred much of this land to his daughter and son-in-law, William Bryan before moving to St Louis, MO. Legend and records indicate John Lyons conducted business in Washington regularly (perhaps with his boys) and had thought Washington DC would have a negative influence on his sons and subsequently sent them to be with his uncle between about 1865-1876.

Following their marriage, Anna and Thomas lived at least a year in Washington DC (326 Indiana Ave) where there daughter Violet was born. They moved to a house opposite 'Bryans Hall' about 1892 then referred to as "*Travelers' Rest*" [Purchased by John & Timothy Lyons in 1865] or the old 'Lanham Farm'. The house may be the same one Timothy lived at between abt 1865 when he was married & 1876. Following John's death in 1888, the estate including 'Lanham Farm' was divided among the Lyons children. Between 1899 and 1916, "lanham Farm" was transferred from siblings to Thomas and Rebecca [PG Co deeds JB 12/57(1899); 52/171(1909); 110/313(1916)]. In 1920, Thomas and Rebecca had purchased a tract called 'Burroughs Farm' from Eugene Burroughs to construct a house at 9312 Brandywine Road (see [Lyons History](#)). Two years later in Jan 1922, they sold "lanham Farm" to Gardiner Brothers (PG Co. deed 175/ 53). Rebecca following the death of Thomas in 1926 eventually moved in with daughter, Dorothy in DC Recollections of Susan Williamson. On 11 July 1938, she sold the house at 'Burroughs Farm' on Brandywine Rd to John & Mattie Anderson (PG Co Deed 498/223). The house was sold two years later on 21 Mar 1940 to son, Blossie Kubith (BK) Miller by the Andersons (PG Co Deed 541/149). Rebecca died a year later in 1941 and is buried at Mt Olivet Cemetery in Washington DC. Interment record

Agnes Augusta Bryan (March 21, 1869-April 17, 1869);

William Page Bryan Jr. (b. April 6, 1870); Obtained from the Washington evening star Rambler column dated 8/27/1926, William resided in Washington. He (age 49) is listed on South Carolina Ave in the District of Columbia with his wife, Joanna (ca. 1878), sons leo (b. ca 1907) and John (b. ca 1909); daughter Mary (b. ca 1913) and sister-in-law, Maud Gibbons (age 45) ^{1920 DC census}.

Thomas Arthur Bryan(b. March 27, 1872), a machinist at Rock Island Arsenal, moved to Panama with his sister and brother where he became a steam shovel operator during the construction of the canal. He died about 1910 ¹⁹.

Edward Pliny Bryan(March 10, 1874-April 18, 1874);

Susana Page Bryan(b. June 13, 1875); Obtained from the Washington evening star Rambler column dated 8/27/1926, Susie was the youngest daughter of William Page Bryan. She went to Balboa Heights, Ancon Canal Zone Panama about 1905. Legend suggest she went as a husband to one of her brothers as single women were prohibited to travel to Panama. She joined government service as either a school teacher or nurse ¹⁹. There she married a Malcolm Duff who died there but was later reinterred at Holy Sepulchre cemetery in Rochester in 1951 to be buried with Susie and her daughter, Catherine. Their daughters Catherine Virginia (1913-1989) and Lorna (b. ca 1915) were acrobatic divers of the "Red, White and Blue Troupe of Swimmers from Panama" performing in the Washington DC area in 1926 ^{Rambler News column}. Catherine met and married Gilford Scott Lyng in Panama in 1935 who was employed by the Kodak co in Rochester NY. She eventually persuaded her mother (Susie) to move to Rochester where Susie died in June 1955. Susie, being a favorite of her grandmother, Susanna P. Lanham Bryan, received many of the early family's records some of which have been copied and included in the [Lanham history](#). Susie's son, Bryan Duff (9 Nov 1910 - sep 1977) resided at 14615 Rochester, Monroe Co., NY ^{Social security death Index}. The extended family as of 2002 still resides in the Rochester area.

- 2002 Communication with Susan P. Walzer and Lorna O'Brien, daughters of Catherine Virginia Lyng

Walter Scott Bryan (Nov 18, 1876-Nov 26, 1876) was obviously named after his mother's brother [1850 Census](#).

Joseph Latimer Bryan (b. May 23, 1878); Joseph (age 51) is listed on B St of the District of Columbia married (ca 1904) with his wife, Evelyn E. (age 52), daughter M. Evelyn (age 24) and sons J. Arthur (age 22) and William N. Bryan (age 12) ^{1930 census DC}. J. Arthur Bryan married a Ruth ? and resided in Forestville, MD [District Heights] until his death on 23 Nov 1998 ^{SSI}. They had no children. William N. Bryan apparently died in Fruitland Park, Lake, FL on 2 Jul 2000 ^{SSI}.

John Humphries **Death Certificate** · **Jack' Bryan** (December 1880-11 April 1931) was the youngest son. He moved to Panama ca 1905 in search of his fortune working for an american lumber company in Nicaragua. He was killed by rebels of the honduran born Nicaraguan revolutionary leader, Augusta Sandino. The rebels, labeled by the american government as 'bandits' raided numerous american based companies in Nicaragua in the 1920's. Just days prior to Jack's scheduling to return to Maryland, the 'bandits' had raided one more location known as 'Moss Farm' where Jack was, butchering nearly all of the residents. Discussions with second cousin, Judy Miller-Clark ²⁰⁰⁶, granddaughter of Violet Lyons Miller suggest Jack was not only brutally murdered but decapitated. He is buried there. Judy's brother, David, had obtained an eyewitness account of the massacre at Moss Farm and the events unfolding afterward [Moss Farm account](#).

Jack was an adventuresome fellow according to his album provided to us by David Miller. Perusal of the album illustrates he explored not only Panama but the surrounding countries of Costa Rico (San Jose), Columbia and Chile dated from 1906 thru 1926 [Jack's Central and South American album](#). Viewing the photos with respect to current and present conditions available on the internet is interesting to contemplate considering the photos were taken a century ago.

Robert E. Census Suell Diggs Knapp notes Bryan (b. ~1842); Obtained from the Washington evening star Rambler column dated 8/27/1916, Robert went off to war in 1801 and served until appomattox in the 1st Maryland battery generally known after its second commanding officer as Billy Dement's battery. Following Appomattox, Robert came back to Maryland for a short while prior to heading to the far west prospecting and mining. He returned once again to Maryland in the late 1880's, returned west and died at Colfax, CA possibly during a 'Gold Claim' dispute Summers family. Note Colfax is off the interstate today just west of Sacramento CA and Elk Grove where Robert's Aunt Sempronia, his mother's sister, was living.

Sempronia C. Bryan (b. ~1845-1918 ^{Judy Miller}) (aka Sophronia ^{1860 census / Sophinia family document (Abt 1977)}Semphronia); Although we report her name as 'Sempronia' originating from her recorded maternal ancestors, the name may have been intentionally changed as the spelling, "sophronia" appears far too frequently in records. However, according to descendants of brother, John (below), and portraits (annotated on reverse) presented to us in NY, John refers to his "*Aunt Symphronia*" and "*daughter of George H Lanham and Symphronia Hamilton*" "["Symphronia spelling"](#)". Obtained from the Washington evening star Rambler column dated 8/27/1916, Sempronia married Raphael Semmes of Washington where they decided to raise their children and grandchildren. Also in the Rambler column dated 8 February 1914, Sampronia married Christopher C. (Charles) Semmes (d. 1918). The former Raphael was likely mistaken for her son, Raphael. Sempronia's son's, Raphael and Charlie Semmes owned a motor bus line running through the Clinton area in 1914.

Regardless of the uncertainty of the Rambler column information, discussions with descendant, [David Scott](#) now of San Jose indicates Sempronia married Christopher C. Semmes. Quoted by Dave ^{Sep 2001}: "*Christopher was my great grandfather and had two sons, Charlie and Raphael (my grandfather), and the two sons ran the motor bus line in Clinton. Raphael, my grandfather, enlisted in the French army in WWI and became an aviator. After the war, he was a champion horseback rider, then became head of the FHA in Hawaii, then ran a successful nightclub in*

Miami which hosted all the big celebrities prior to WWII. After the war, he started a Cadillac dealership in Baltimore. After WWI, Charlie became active in Democratic politics in Maryland, but never in the limelight. He knew many famous people and even met the Royal family of England, but died rather young at 57 in the 1930s". The source of the Rambler confusion may be the existence of two well known Raphael Semmes ^{Dave Scott}.

The Christopher/ Rapheal confusion reported by the 'Rambler' and explanation supplied by Dave is further supported by discussions with our second cousin, Judy Miller-Clark ²⁰⁰⁶. Apparently Christopher had an uncle Raphael (1809-1877) who was also the 'famous' US Navy admiral and civil war commander [USS Semmes](#) with Christopher having a son, Raphael, the grandfather of David Scott. Further and according to Judy, Sempronia became one of the spanish flu statistics in Philadelphia in 1918 while visiting her daughter in Lansdowne, PA, a suburb 'Society' newspaper columns of 1918

John Henry Summers family Bayne Bryan (1847-1918) Obtained from the Washington evening star Rambler column dated 8/27/1916, John, the youngest, was referred to as 'Bayne' Bryan. John's name was apparently derived from Dr John Henry Bayne of PG Co. who had delivered him ^{Sumer's family}. He married Mary Ida Hunter (1849-1915) at St Mary's Church in Alexandria VA ^{19th century newspapers} and became a prosperous businessman in Buffalo, NY. He is listed at 470 Seneca St as an Engineer in Buffalo City NY ^{1890 Directory} but perhaps later moved to 1796 Seneca as reported by a granddaughter ^{Sue Summers sep. 2000}. Further reported, John and Mary were married in the parlor of the Surratt house ^{Frances Bryan Knapp} but this may have been some sort of a later wedding party. One Child, Josephine Estelle Bryan (b. 11 Mar 1885; Philadelphina, PA) married Judge Robert Joseph Summers on 15 Sept 1909 [Michael Summers](#). During her life, J. Estelle Bryan conducted research to support her DAR application and contacted cousins in southern Maryland in 1935) [Becky Bryan to Estelle Summers 1935 \(12mb\)](#).



John Henry Bayne Bryan (8-9-1847 - 3-21-1918);
Buffalo, NY

John & Ida's other children included three daughters: Regina Ida Bryan [never married], Corinne Bryan [may not have survived] and Mary Page Bryan [never married]; and six sons, George W. Bryan, John H. Bayne Bryan Jr. [never married], William Paca Bryan [never married], Joseph E.L. Bryan U.S.N. (-1932), Thomas A. Bryan [never married], Walter James Bryan (b. ca 1890) [m. Eleanor Ilig] and Richard Guy Bryan [never married]. The only lines of Summers and James W. Bryan currently live in the Buffalo, Fulton and Snyder areas of New York. According to John Sr's g- granddaughter, Ruth Mary Leary Barry [family historian] and legend (JHB Bryan Sr Photo at right obtained from Ruth Leary Barry), John H.B. Bryan was an engineer developing steam engines and traveled frequently to Philadelphia and Ohio.

Following the death of John's youngest and longest surviving granddaughter, Frances Knapp in 2003, her daughter, Susan Page Knapp, organized a reunnion in July 2005 at Chestnut Ridge Park, Buffalo. Three photos were presented to us for possible identification. One was our great grandmother and niece of John, Rebecca, at age 13 taken at San Diego CA. Another one was John's sister, Sempronia Coons taken at Sacramento CA where she was living close by in Elk Grove. The third photo was Belle Warren wife of John Warren annotated on the rear by John's daughter, Mary Page Bryan, as "my second cousin". Interestingly, she was the "great

granddaughter of Bernard Bryan of Alexandria". We've looked into this briefly with the assistance of Pat Doster on genforum and derived the lineage of Hester Belle Warren and her connections with John [Hester Belle Warren](#)

1. Mrs Lindsey Metcalfe Brien Notes from Dayton OH of Bryan history from VA, NC, KY, IN, NJ, OH, DE and MD during 1699-1918; courtesy of Donald Long. Original notes are held at the "Dayton Montgomery County Public Library" in OH and microfilm copies at local LDS libraries.

The parents of Mary Ida Hunter were Joseph Hatton Hunter (1818 VA-1902) and Mary Dyer Edelin (1824 MD-1907) ^{Summers family} although Shirley & George Baltz apparently misrecord him as [James Hunter](#) of PG Co. in their compendium, "*Marriages and Deaths in the 19th Century Newspapers*". Joseph Hatton Hunter, a ship carpenter in 1850 of the town of Alexandria was the son of the wealthy Robert Wade Hunter (1788/90 DC-1857) and Elizabeth Bryan (b. 1798/1803 DC). Robert Wade Hunter was enumerated the same year as a ship carpenter in both Piscataway district of MD ^{1850 MD census} and in the town of Alexandria VA ^{1850 VA census} with a wealth of 17000/18000, respectively. He is reported as the s/o of John Hunter (b. Ayrshire, Scotland 1760 d. Alexandria, Virginia 1826) by descendants [Suzanne Summers](#) & [Mary Elanor Leary](#)

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3. 1850 MD census; Piscataway District, p. 109

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Walter Bryan's (b. ca 1890) daughter, Francis Bryan () married a Knapp and settled in the Cowlesville, NY area.



[Catherine Virginia's tomb](#)

*Catherine Virginia Scott Bryan's tomb at St Mary's Catholic Church. **CLICK ON IMAGE FOR LARGER VIEW.***



[St Mary's Church](#)
*St Mary's Catholic Church in Piscataway MD. Founded in 1640 and Established in 1830. Final Resting place of many of our Bryan ancestors. **CLICK ON IMAGE FOR LARGER VIEW.***



[Richard Bryan's tomb](#)
*Final Resting place of Richard H. Bryan (d. July 1853). Richard's Father, William (d. June 1853) is buried next to Richard with a stone of the same design. **CLICK ON IMAGE FOR LARGER VIEW.***

LYONS/ BRYAN LINKAGE

Thomas Lyons was born and raised in Baltimore from 1865-1883 and attended Loyola School between 1878-1883. His father, John Lyons (Abt 1830-1888), an Irish immigrant together with his brother Timothy and a Murphy couple purchased 440 acres of 'Lanham Farm' [hence the probable decline of Bryan acreage from 792 to 247/400 between 1860-1870] from William P. Bryan on in July 1865 (Deed of Partition Dec 1865). Wm P. Bryan would be the father of soon to be born Anna Rebecca Bryan. Anna was to be the future wife of Thomas H. Lyons. Thomas moved to Washington DC in 1884 ahead of his parents who likely used a house as vacation property across from the Bryans (likely homestead of George & Sempronia H. Lanham before their 1835 move to St Louis). A 'Lanham Farm' Deed was passed down and held by Thomas' daughter, Emily Lyons. After her death, the Deed was found in her bible ^{David Miller; Carolyn O'Brien}. When John died in Oct 1888, the property fell into possession of Thomas which he at least used as a vacation retreat and enjoyed fishing on the nearby Potomac River. He married Anna Rebecca Bryan in Feb 1889.

- Our second cousin, David Miller spent many occasion with his grandmother, Violet Lyons Miller of Clinton who apparently had mentioned an Uncle Timothy living in the area (Then Surrattsville and later Robeystown). Timothy lived there in 1870 ^{1870 census} and in Baltimore in the 1880 census. He sold the remainder of his lot to his brother, John in 1876. Another cousin, Anne Holford Hart (Granddaughter of John E Lyons) had heard John had given land in PG Co. to his son Thomas H. Lyons.

- According to family legend, Thomas' father, John, and his wife, Kate Lloyd, owned a hotel in Alexandria, VA. Alexandria and Clinton are in close proximity separated only by a ferry then [The Lyons Lot is at the corner of the MAIN Rd. to Piscataway and Alexandria Ferry Rd.]. Around 1776, George Washington in Mt Vernon and across the river was said to be close to the Bryans. People traversed the river frequently. Anna Bryan's uncle and her father's brother, John H.B. Bryan was the youngest of his siblings living in the house of Wm P. Bryan, his wife and children in 1870. John married Ida Hunter in 1872 in Alexandria.
- Anna's mother, Catherine Virginia Scott is reported to be born in DC and grandmother in VA. Other relatives could have existed in Alexandria.

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