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Case Subject: Bowler Family Research

Case Number: M112114H

Thank you for your research request. You have asked us to connect Mary (Hackley) Warren to John and Elizabeth (Bowler/Boulware) Hackley. You have also asked us to connect Elizabeth Bowler/Boulware to Thomas Bowler, a Jamestowne Society ancestor. You have authorized five hours for this task.

Research Report

We began our search with the Jamestowne Society ancestor, Thomas Bowler/Boulware. We first turned to the volume *Jamestown People to 1800* to see if the book contained any additional genealogical information on the family of Thomas Bowler/Boulware. The volume contains a description of Thomas Bowler's life in Virginia.¹ The sketch also references his will, which mentions his wife Tabitha, children Anne and James, and unmarried daughter Elizabeth from a previous marriage.² However, the sketch pertaining to Thomas Bowler does not continue with his children, and does not state whether Elizabeth Bowler married John Hackley.³

We then turned to *Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia, 1649-1800*. This included the Virginia counties of Lancaster, Northumberland, Old Rappahannock, Richmond, and Westmoreland. We searched the marriage records for individuals with the Bowler or Boulware surnames, and located the following marriages:⁴

¹ "Thomas Bowler": Martha W McCartney, *Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2012), 78-79. **[Document A]**

² "Thomas Bowler": Martha W McCartney, *Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2012), 78-79. **[Document A]**

³ "Thomas Bowler": Martha W McCartney, *Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2012), 78-79. **[Document A]**

⁴ Robert K Headley, Jr., *Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2003), 46. **[Document B]**



- Andrew Boulware and Susanna Miller (widow), before 1791
- James Boulware/Bowler and Tabitha Gray, before 20 July 1673

We then searched the book for marriages involving the Hackley and Warren surnames, but we were unable to locate a marriage record involving John Hackley or Thomas Warren. We also searched *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, but could not locate a marriage record pertaining to the Bowler, Hackley, and Warren surnames.⁵

We next searched our volumes of *Genealogies of Virginia Families, From the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine* for additional references to the Bowler and Hackley families. We located an article titled “Edlowe, Bowler, Cocke and Adams”, which we hoped would help determine what happened to the Bowler children after the death of Thomas Bowler. The article discusses Thomas Bowler and his wife Tabitha, as well as the children of Thomas Bowler.⁶ Though the article states that the daughter of Thomas and Tabitha, Anne Bowler, married Richard Cocke, there is not any mention of a marriage for Elizabeth Bowler.⁷

We turned to *The Boulware Family Genealogy* for information on Thomas Bowler/Boulware. Though Thomas Bowler is discussed in the volume, there was not any mention of Elizabeth Bowler beyond the reference of her in her father’s will.⁸

The Library of Virginia has digitized various records for several early counties of Virginia. We searched for records pertaining to Elizabeth Bowler and Boulware for anything that may link the daughter of Thomas Bowler to the Hackley family. However, we could not locate an early record for Elizabeth Bowler or Elizabeth Boulware. We also searched for Thomas Bowler and Thomas Boulware in conjunction with the Hackley family, but could not locate them buying or selling land to one

⁵ Eva Eubank Wilkerson, *Index to Marriages of Old Rappahannock and Essex Counties, Virginia, 1655-1900*, (Richmond, VA: Whittet & Shepperson, 1952).

⁶ “Edlowe, Bowler, Cocke and Adams”: *Genealogies of Virginia Families, From the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, 4 Vol. (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982), 2: 239-240. **[Document C]**

⁷ “Edlowe, Bowler, Cocke and Adams”: *Genealogies of Virginia Families, From the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, 4 Vol. (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982), 2: 239-240. **[Document C]**

⁸ James Richmond Boulware, *The Boulware Family Genealogy* (Lakeland, FL: J.R. Boulware, II). **[Document E]**

another, or members of the Bowler or Hackley families referenced in a document together.

Turning to the Hackley family, we searched the book *Warrens and Related Families of North Carolina and Virginia* to see if they could provide any evidence for the parents of Mary (Hackley) Warren. In this book, we located information on Thomas and Mary Warren, the parents of Hackley Warren.

According to *Warrens and Related Families of North Carolina and Virginia*, no marriage record exists for Thomas and Mary Warren in Essex County, Virginia.⁹ However, the author points out that Thomas Warren and his brother William Warren both have descendants named Hackley, which points to the probability that Mary (Hackley) Warren's parents were John and Elizabeth Hackley.¹⁰ According to the author, Thomas Warren was a neighbor of the Hackleys, which would support the theory that Mary Warren's maiden name was Hackley.¹¹

We also searched the Library of Virginia digital archives for references to Thomas and Mary Warren, as well as John and Elizabeth Hackley. Though there are many records for the Warren and Hackley families, we could not locate a record, such as a land deed, that would connect the families of Thomas and Mary Warren and John and Elizabeth Hackley.

You also asked whether the Hackley family may be potential qualifying ancestors for the Jamestown Society. We searched the volume *Jamestown People to 1800*, but could not locate an individual with the Hackley surname in the biographical sketches.¹²

We then searched the book *Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666* to see if we could determine when the Hackley family may have arrived in Virginia, and whether they settled on Jamestown Island.

⁹ Holland D Warren, *Warrens and Related Families of North Carolina and Virginia*, (Charlotte, NC: Delmar Printing, 1990), 52-53. **[Document D]**

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¹² Martha W McCartney, *Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2012), 78-79.



In *Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666*, we located three early Hackley immigrants:¹³

- Jane Hackley, 1653, Northumberland County, Virginia
- Richard Hackley, 1653, Lancaster County, Virginia
- Jon. Hackley, 1638, Lower New Norfolk County, Virginia

Though we located several Hackleys arriving in Virginia in the seventeenth century, none of these individuals resided on Jamestown Island, and they are not listed as landowners or public officials in *Jamestown People to 1800*, so it does not appear that they qualify as Jamestown ancestors.

Conclusion and Suggestions for Further Research

We searched several books and articles pertaining to Jamestown and early Virginia, but we were unable to locate any information about Elizabeth Bowler, the daughter of Thomas Bowler. We also searched for documents in the Library of Virginia Archives in hopes of connecting the Bowlers, Hackleys, and Warrens to one another. However, we could not find any definitive records indicating that Elizabeth Bowler married John Hackley. According to *Warrens and Related Families of North Carolina and Virginia*, we did locate circumstantial evidence linking Thomas and Mary Warren to John and Elizabeth Hackley of Essex County, Virginia

In the volume *Jamestown People to 1800* the biographical sketch of Thomas Bowler states that his estate took several years to resolve.¹⁴ Looking at documents beyond the will of Thomas Bowler, such as an inventory or division of estate, could provide more information on the children of Thomas Bowler/Boulware. Therefore, we recommend ordering the following microfilm in hopes of locating additional documents of Thomas' will:

- *Rappahannock Deed and Will Book Vol. 6-7* (FHL Film 1929928)
- *Rappahannock Order Book Vol 1-2 1683-1692* (FHL Film 1929862)

¹³ George Cabell Greer, *Early Virginia Immigrants, 1623-1666*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982), 141. **[Document F]**

¹⁴ "Thomas Bowler": Martha W McCartney, *Jamestowne People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2012), 78-79. **[Document A]**



Learning more about the Hackley family could lead to evidence connecting Elizabeth Hackley to Thomas Bowler. We recommend locating the will of John Hackley, and ordering the following microfilm for the Hackley family:

- *A Brief history of the Hackley family and other genealogical notes, ca. 1684-1817* (Film 29884)
- Rappahannock and Essex County Deed and Will Books 1688-1692, 1695-1699 (Film 1929929)

In order to search these microfilm for the Hackley and Bowler families, we recommend an additional five to eight hours of research time.

Thank you again for your research request. We hope you find this information helpful and useful to your research. Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

The above report was prepared by Katrina Fahy, a full-time researcher on the NEHGS Research Services team. If you have any questions or would like us to research this case further, please contact us at 617-226-1233 or research@nehgs.org.

Sincerely,

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Attachments - M112114H

- A. "Thomas Bowler": Martha W McCartney, *Jamestown People to 1800: Landowners, Public Officials, Minorities, and Native Leaders*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2012), 78-79.
- B. Robert K Headley, Jr., *Married Well and Often: Marriages of the Northern Neck of Virginia 1649-1800*, (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2003), 46.
- C. "Edlowe, Bowler, Cocke and Adams": *Genealogies of Virginia Families, From the William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, 4 Vol. (Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1982), 2: 239-240.
- D. James Richmond Boulware, *The Boulware Family Genealogy* (Lakeland, FL: J.R. Boulware, II).
- E. Holland D Warren, *Warrens and Related Families of North Carolina and Virginia*, (Charlotte, NC: Delmar Printing, 1990), 52-53.
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