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Early Canaday/Cannady/Etc. Families And their Arrival in America

There were a number of various immigrants who came to America in the mid 1600s. I am only going to list the ones who came into Virginia and into the greater Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware areas. This seems the only logical place our family/families could have entered.

Virginia Landings

The following persons arrived in Virginia based on what I can find in Nugent's book, *Cavaliers and Pioneers* and in Coldham's four volumes of The Complete Book of Emigrants.

SIMON KENNEDAY arrived in Virginia on the ship *Merchant Bonaventure* from London on January 2, 1635. He was single and age 20.

JOHN KENNEDAY arrived in Virginia on the ship *Merchant's Hope* on July 31, 1635 from London. He was single and 20 years old.

PATRICK KENNEDE arrived in Virginia on April 13, 1637.

CLEMENT CANNADY arrived in Virginia on October 10, 1642.

JOHN CANNADAY arrived in Virginia on December 21, 1642.

CORNELIUS CANADA (CANADY) and wife Susan, son James in Virginia September 1652.

BRYAN CANIDA arrived in Virginia on September 10, 1654.

JOHN CANADA arrived in Virginia on March 2, 1656.

WILLIAM KENNEDAY transported to Virginia in 1665.

EDWARD CANNEDAY transported to Virginia in 1665.

JEREMIAH CANNEDAY transported to Virginia in 1665.

JAMES CANIDA arrived in Virginia on March 11, 1666.

WILLIAM CANNADY and wife Ann transported to Virginia in 1671.

JAMES CANIDIE transported to Virginia 1677.

THOMAS CANNEDY transported to Virginia in 1679.

JOHN KENNEDY and wife Ellinor on the ship *Society* in Virginia on May 2, 1679.

ROBERT CANNADAY transported by George Alvis November 7, 1700.

JOHN CANEDAY transported by Augustine Smith May 2, 1705

HUGH CANADA transported by John Kimbrough May 1, 1706.

SAMUEL CANIDAY transported by Joseph Smith May 2, 1713.

ROBERT CANNADAY imported to Norfolk, Virginia April 28, 1711.

Keep in mind that in the mid 1600s virtually everything south of the Massachusetts Colony was the Virginia Colony. These folks most likely did not land exactly in what is now known as Virginia, but along the shores of what is now Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and also Virginia.

Early Canaday/Cannaday Records in Maryland

Information taken from a book, Citizens of the Eastern Shore of Maryland 1659-1750, by F. Edward Wright indicate these families were present there quite early in our history.

1666 Somerset County - Cattle marks registered by WILLIAM CANNEDY.

1674 Somerset County - Cattle marks registered by WILLIAM CANNING (?).

1700 Somerset County - Cattle marks registered by JOHN CANDRY (?).

1712 Kent County - Cattle marks registered by ROGER CANADY.

1723 Somerset County - Taxables, Wicomico Hundred lists TIMOTHY KENNEDY.

1733 Talbot County - Taxables, Tuckahoe Hundred lists JOHN CANNADY.

1733 Talbot County - Taxables, Tuckahoe Hundred lists JOHN KENNEDY.

1740 Cecil County - Militia list includes JAMES KENNEDY.

In another book by Mr. Wright, Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records 1726-1750, are these Parish Records.

Talbot County, St. Peter's Parish:

JOHN CANADAY and Margaret Summers married August 17, 1727.

MARY CANNADY and John Vain married November 27, 1734.

DANIEL CANNADY and Mary Vinton married February 13, 1739.

Kent County, St. Paul's Parish:

JOHN CANNADAY son of JOHN and MARGRETT CANADAY born July 22, 1728.

WILLIAM CANADAY son of JOHN and MARGRETT CANADAY born October 16, 1730.

SARAH CANADAY daughter of JOHN and MARGRETT CANADAY born July 12, 1733.

SUMMERS CANADAY son of JOHN and MARGRETT CANADAY born April 12, 1734.

MOSES CANADAY son of JOHN and MARGRETT CANADAY born February 20, 1735.

William Bowers and JANE CANADAY married April 21, 1731.

Wicomico County, Stepney Parish:

HUGH KENNEDY and Sarah Radish married July 25, 1745.

ELIZABETH KENNEDY daughter of Hugh and Sarah born July 13, 1746.

JOHN RADISH KENNEDY son of Hugh and Sarah born September 12, 1748.

In yet another of Mr. Wright's books, Maryland Eastern Shore Vital Records 1751-1775:

Kent County, St. Peter's Parish:

WILLIAM CANNADY son of DANIEL and MARY CANNADY was born December 18, 1765.

Somerset County, Stepney Parish:

SARAH KENNEDY daughter of Hugh and Sarah born 2-12-1751.

WILLIAM KENNEDY son of Hugh and Sarah born 7-27-1753.

GEORGE KENNEDY son of Hugh and Sarah born 10-8-1757.

I have left these dates as recorded, because the first was in the old style calendar year and the others in the new style and I do not know which months are correct. As you remember, up until 1753 March was month 1, after 1753 it was month 3 and so forth.

In a book by S. Eugene Clements and F. Edward Wright, The Maryland Militia in the Revolutionary War, we find these possibles.

Kent County: Samuel Kennaday, John Kenady, William Kenedy, William Kenneday. Also there was Abraham Haynes, whose son Abe junior married Alie Canaday in Wilkes County, North Carolina on November 3, 1800. The William Kenneday listed here was most likely her father.

Frederick County: John Candry.

Talbot County: James Kennady and James Kennedy.

Washington County: John Kennady and lots of Beals men.

Montgomery County: John Kennedy and John Beall and other Beals folks.

Hartford County: John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy.

Baltimore County: J. Kennedy.

In the next section, I will briefly list the first known Canaday, Cannaday, etc. folk that are most likely a part of our family. These folk all came from the same general area and appear to be tied in with each other.

I have separate sections on these and other early families with more complete details for those interested. Just go back to the Canaday Home Page.

My Wife's Canaday Family

Guesswork at the early line of Canadays

Based on what pops up in Maryland in the 1600s and early 1700s, I am making a stab at the early American part of this particular Canaday family.

Much of this is based on several points. These lines all spell their name the same way. They were all Quakers. They all have roots on the Eastern shore of Maryland in the mid to late 1600s. All moved to Virginia by the early 1700s. They married into the same families.

WILLIAM CANADAY

William was born about 1645-1650 most likely in Ireland, but possibly in England. Records show that he was transported to Virginia (Virginia, which of course then included Maryland, Pennsylvania and most of the South) in 1665. Transport was paid for by Ambrose London on January 22, 1665. He is listed in Somerset County, Maryland in 1666.

He married Anne Fisher in Somerset May 28, 1667 or April 26, 1668. Anne came to Maryland by ship in 1665. Transport was paid by Richard Whitty who sold Anne's indenture to William Canaday, and they were married soon afterwards. They were later divorced and Anne married George Treherne on August 29, 1676.

He had a daughter Mary born July 26, 1669 and son William born October 22, 1671, and maybe another one or two tossed in for good measure. Then he seems to have married again and had Roger in 1678 and John in 1680.

JOHN CANADAY

John was born in Somerset County, Maryland in about 1680. He has his own cattle marks registered here in 1700. He married Elizabeth Douge or Douze in Kent County Maryland on May 31, 1701. Since there is a gap between the first and second kids, we think he had a second wife, but don't know her name yet.

JOHN CANADAY was born in 1707, and married Margaret Summers on August 17, 1727 in Talbot County, Maryland. Their children were:

John Canaday born July 22, 1728. He married Susan Triplet in King George County about 1750. He died in 1773. See **JOHN CANADAY OF KING GEORGE COUNTY VIRGINIA.**

William Canaday born October 16, 1730. He was first married about 1750, but we don't have her name. He later married Nancy Hill September 11, 1759 and ended up in Franklin County, Virginia. See **WILLIAM CANNADAY of FRANKLIN COUNTY VIRGINIA.**

Sarah Canaday born July 12, 1733.

Summers Canaday born April 12, 1734.
Moses Canaday born February 20, 1735.

JANE CANADAY born in 1714. She married William Bowers in Kent County, Maryland April 21, 1731.

CHARLES CANADAY born in 1715. He married Phoebe Beales in Prince George County, Maryland in 1740. This is where Suzy's line comes from and is covered separately under **THE CHARLES CANADAY FAMILY**. They had two sons:

John Canaday born in Prince George County on April 5, 1741. He married Margaret Thornburgh in Guilford County, North Carolina on April 10, 1764. This is my wife's family, and they went into Jefferson County, Tennessee and then up into Wayne County, Indiana.

Charles Canaday born in Fairfax County, Virginia on November 4, 1744. He married Abigail Foster in Guilford County, North Carolina on March 13, 1771. Charles died in 1797 in Tennessee. Some of the family moved south, most went up into Indiana and Ohio.

MARY CANADAY born in 1716 and married John Vain in Talbot County, Maryland on November 27, 1734.

DANIEL CANADAY born in 1718 and married Mary Vinton in Talbot County, Maryland on February 13, 1739. They had at least one son:

William Canaday born in Kent County, Maryland on December 18, 1765. He is very possibly the William Cannady of Wilkes County, North Carolina. See **SOME NORTH CAROLINA FAMILIES**.