

## WOULD YOU WANT TO VISIT YOUR COLONIAL ANCESTORS.

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**A. INTRODUCTION;** 1. Parameters Of The Study; 2. Other Studies; 3. General Statistics; 4. Population  
5. No. of Decedents Studied (male and female)

**B. ORIGINS:** 1. Method of Arrival; 2. Place of Origin Known; 3. Parents Known; 4. Other relatives came o  
Md.; 5. Lived in another county; 6. Lived in another state.

**C: WEALTH: ECONOMIC STATUS:** 1. Value of estate in £ A) Up to £50; B) Up to £100; C) Over  
£100; 2. Value in tob.: A) up to 12,000 lbs; B) up to 24,000 lbs. C) over 24,000 lbs. 3. Estate overpaid  
(N.B.: I have calculated 12,000 lbs. tob. = £50)

**D. LAND AND OHER ASSETS:** 1. No. of acres patented; 2. No. of acres bought; 3. No. of acres inherited;  
4. Servants; 5. Slaves; 6. Was debtor; 7. Was creditor,

**E. FAMILY STRUCTURE:** 1. If married and how many times; 2. Had children; 3. Married a widow.  
4. How many times wife was married; 5. No. of children wife had by other marriages; 6. Had Grandchildren

**F. HOUSES AND FURNITURE:** 1. Details of Houses; Rooms; 2. No. of chairs; 3. No. of Leather  
Chairs.4. No. of Stools; 5. No. of joint stools; 6. No. of beds, cots, pallets; 7. No. of bedsteads; 8. No. of  
couches; 9. Bed hangings or furniture; 10. Bed linen; 11. Rugs; Containers: chests, etc.

**G. TABLES AND TABLE WARE:** 1.No. of tables: 2.Table forks; 3. Flesh forks; 4. Table knives; 5: Other  
knives; 6. Spoons; 7.: Table linen; 8: Other table items

**H. THE KITCHEN;** 1. Pots for Boiling; 2. Other equipment to prepare food in at least one other way;  
3.: Coarse earthenware or Ceramics; 4. Fine Earthenware; (Delft, Porcelain); 5. Pewter;

**I. OTHER HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS:** 1. Carpet; 2. Interior means of lighting; 3, Glass, bottles,  
Misc./Other

**J. STAPLES:** 1. No. of types of Cloth, Textiles; 2. Clothes; 3: Weapons; 4. Crops; 5. Foodstuffs; 6. Salt.

**K. LUXURIES:** 1. Gold objects; 2. Jewelry; 3. Silver; 4. Mirrors; 5. Pictures; 6. Time pieces;  
7..Musical Instruments; 8.Spices;

**L. TOOLS AND OCCUPATIONS:** 1. Occupation other than farmer; A) blacksmith; B) carpenter; C)  
shoemaker; D) cooper; E) boatwright/shipwright; F) cooper; G) fishing; H) tailor, I) joiner; 2: Occupational  
tools other than those used by farmer or planter; 3: Other Tools. 4. Boats

**M. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** 1: Was executor, admin. or overseer of will; 2: Witnessed a will;  
3: Witnessed a deed; 4: Was a Surety; 5: Appraised an estate; 6: Served as A) Guardian; B) Attorney;  
7: made a gift or bequest to an institution. 8: Held civil office; 9: Held church office; 10: Held military rank;  
11: Was involved in a civil action; 12: Widow was so involved; 13: Was involved in a criminal action; 14:  
Widow was so involved.

**N. EDUCATION AND LITERACY:** 1.Lit. Men; 2. Lit. Women; 3. Writing materials; 4. Religious Books;  
5. Secular Books;

**O. PERSONAL ITEMS:** 1. Items of hygiene and grooming; 2. Clothes; 3. Wigs (A).

**P. NOTES ON DEATH AND DYING**

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