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## The Year of Hugh Tingle's Arrival in Maryland

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Hugh Tingle and his wife Elizabeth, née Powell, are the progenitors of an American Tingle family, which by the end of the 19th century had established itself in the South, Midwest and West of the United States. The year in which Hugh Tingle arrived in Maryland has been of interest to Tingle researchers. The Hall of Records of the Maryland State Archives contains documentation indicating that Hugh Tingle arrived in Maryland in 1668.

A statement as to the year in which Hugh Tingle arrived in Maryland is contained in Land Office (Patent Record, Original) HH, p. 415, 1669 [MdHR 17,313 (accession), 1-28-4-29 (location)]. The final two entries on page 415 of Liber HH concern land grants to Christopher Rousby in connection with the importation of persons into Maryland. The final entry lists "Hugh Tingles" as one of the persons who was "imported." Tingle researchers have generally accepted the proposition that the person referred to as "Hugh Tingles" is Hugh Tingle, the progenitor of the aforementioned Tingle family.

The top of page 415 of Liber HH bears the legend "1669." The entry that lists "Hugh Tingles" begins with information pertaining specifically to the actual importation aboard ship, as follows: "Imported in the Supply of Whittby Thomas Peighen Master Anno Mdcxviiij." The Roman numerals are written in a colonial script similar to other lettering on the page, and are equivalent to 1668.<sup>1</sup> The entry contains additional dates written in Roman numerals which refer to 1669. The latter dates relate to the date on which the rights were proved, the apparent date on which the record was made, and the issuance of a warrant for 350 acres of land.

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<sup>1</sup> In early American documents, Roman numerals were written in upper or lower case letters. In handwritten documents, a descender was frequently used at the end of Roman numerals, thereby making the numeral *i* resemble the letter *j*. Indeed, the letters *i* and *j* were largely interchangeable in colonial handwriting. For a discussion of colonial handwriting, including the writing of numbers and Roman numerals, see Kip Sperry, *Reading Early American Handwriting* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1998); and Harriet Stryker-Rodda, *Understanding Colonial Handwriting* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1998).

In the case of the year indicated for the arrival of the Supply of Whittby, the Roman numeral ends with a long descender that advances sharply back up and above the plane upon which the other letters are written. Thus, the final portion of the numeral resembles a modern letter *q* written with a long and angular tail. That feature is consistent with other lettering on the page. It is further noted that only three dots appear in the Roman numeral following the small *v*, thus indicating the year 1668. In addition, it is noted that in contrast to the Roman numeral for 1668, the year 1669 is written on the page as "Mdcxix."

The entry in Liber HH that pertains to Hugh Tingle is transcribed in part in Land Office (Patents) 12, p. 334 [MSA S11, MdHR 17,345-2, 1-23-1-15],<sup>2</sup> along with other partial or complete transcriptions from Liber HH. Reference is made in Patents Liber 12 to original Liber HH, and the page on which the original entry is found. The text on page 334 of Patents Liber 12 essentially repeats the statement made in Liber HH that “Hugh Tingles” was “[i]mported in the Supply of Whittby Thomas Pieghen Master Anno Mdclxviij.”

Consequently, based upon a statement contained in Liber HH, which was repeated in Patents Liber 12, it may be ascertained that the Supply of Whittby arrived in Maryland in 1668, with Hugh Tingle aboard, and that Christopher Rousby proceeded to prove his related claim to land in 1669. Furthermore, inasmuch as Hugh Tingle was born in or about 1654,<sup>3</sup> it may be inferred that he was approximately 14 years of age at the time of his arrival in Maryland in 1668. This information may prove useful to those researching the origins and biography of Hugh Tingle.

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<sup>2</sup> According to a State Agency Series Listing, Land Office (Patent Record) MSA 11, contained in the Maryland State Archives’ Internet website ([www.mdarchives.state.md.us](http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us)), Patents Liber 12 is a transcript of HH and JJ Photostat, and its location is 1/23/1/16. The location 1-23-1-15 is also provided in this article because it appears in the citation attached at the Maryland Hall of Records to a photoduplication from Patents Liber 12.

<sup>3</sup> Somerset County Court (Judicial Record) 1727/6 - 1730/6, p. 261B, 14 May 1730 [MdHR 9176, 1-48-3-3] states that Hugh Tingle was 76 years of age in 1730. This record is discussed in the author’s article entitled *The Use of Old Somerset County Judicial Records to Determine the Approximate Years of Birth of Hugh and Elizabeth Tingle of Maryland, and of Certain Relatives*, which was published on the Internet in September, 2000, on Ed Hill’s Tingle Family website ([www.hill-ky.org/tingle](http://www.hill-ky.org/tingle)).

## APPENDIX

In order to clarify the accompanying article, the following transcription is provided of the pertinent entry on page 415 of Liber HH. It was necessary to approximate certain aspects of the original entry in order to conform to the modern font and format used for this article. Unclear words or portions thereof are transcribed within brackets, and are accompanied by a question mark.

Imported in the Supply of Whittby Thomas Peighen  
master Anno Mdclxviiij.

John E[wry?] Adam [Patifeild ?] Hugh Tingles Sarah ffoster  
ffrances Chambers Ellenor Johnson and W<sup>m</sup> Priest.

The rights of the seven persons above named were proved  
by Christopher Rousby Sworne before me the xxvi<sup>th</sup>  
of April Mdclxix Charles Calvert.

September the iij<sup>d</sup> Mdclxix.

Warrant then issued in the name of Christopher Rousby for  
three hundred and fifty acres of land (due for the consideration  
aforesaid) [Cert retur ?] iij<sup>d</sup> December next.

Readers may wish to compare the above text with the following transcription of  
the pertinent entry on page 334 of Patents Liber 12.

Imported in the Supply of Whittby Thomas Pieghen Master Anno  
Mdclxviiij. John Ewry Adam Palefeild Hugh Tingles Sarah  
ffoster ffances Chambers Ellenor Johnson and William Prest  
The rights of the Seven persons above named were proved by Christop-  
=her Rousby Sworn before me the xxvi<sup>th</sup> of Aprile Mdclxix. —  
September the iij<sup>d</sup> Mdclxix Charles Calvert  
Warrant then issued in the name of Christopher Rousby for three  
hundred and fifty Acres of land (due for the Consideration afd) Cert  
ret iij<sup>d</sup> December next