



Tingle Descendants

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published quarterly by volunteers
who are interested in their Tingle ancestry.

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THANK YOU !

The response to the first issue of our TINGLE family newsletter was most gratifying. From a mailing list of about one hundred and twenty-five names we received sixteen letters and over thirty genealogical charts. They came from ten states in many sections of the country.

The favorable and encouraging comments in these letters are heartening to our volunteer staff of five. They provide an incentive for us to carry on with our initial effort. We are appreciative of your backing.

As mentioned in the first issue, David P. Shaw is now taking over as editor, so material for publication should be sent to him. However, any member of the staff will welcome correspondence, charts, information and stories of interest in TINGLE related matters, and will see that they are channeled to the editor.

Thank you for your support.

J. Seeger Kerns
ex-editor

A Note From the Editor

As the new editor of TINGLE DESCENDANTS, I wish to express the profound gratitude I share with many others to J. Seeger Kerns, whose knowledge and labor have made this newsletter possible.

Mr. Kerns' diligent and unselfish work serves as a guide for all of us in our cooperative genealogical effort.

David P. Shaw, editor

We thank Mr. FREDERIC C. TINGLE for his heartfelt letter. His letter is typed below, as we thought that all readers would like to see it.

October 2, 1987

J. Seeger Kerns
and staff of "Tingle Descendants Newsletter"

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On behalf of my father, ERNEST M. TINGLE, who died August 16, 1987 in Meridian, Mississippi, I want to express my appreciation and thanks to you for dedicating the first issue of "TINGLE DESCENDANTS" to him. His correspondence with the Tingle families and descendants made the last years of his life of 84 years more enjoyable and pleasant. Thank you.

I am already on your mailing list and will look forward to receiving future copies of the newsletter. Hope it can continue.

Sincerely,
/s/
FREDERIC C. TINGLE
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FINANCES

In launching our family newsletter, the prime motive was to develop a means of communication among TINGLE descendants who are interested in their TINGLE heritage. It was not, and is not, an effort to make a large and expensive publication. No one receives or wants any remuneration for his or her time. It is a work of love.

The cost of the first issue was underwritten by an anonymous TINGLE descendant. Others have indicated a willingness to participate. Yet others must be sincerely thanked for the gifts they have already made. Obviously, the greatest cost is in printing and postage.

The staff, after consultation, believes that a yearly contribution of \$6, beginning 1 Jan. 1988 might cover expenses. Time will tell. Since our goal is to reach many TINGLE descendants, for the time being we will try to get copies to all those currently on the mailing list, regardless.

\$6.00 yr.

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For reasons of efficiency, financial contributions may be sent c/o Ms. DIXIE TINGLE WILLIS: Route 65, Box 23 Arapahoe, N.C. 28510. Ms. Willis will be donating a great deal of her time and energy in having our newsletter printed, mailing it out, and in keeping our mailing list up-to-date.

The following article was prepared by Mr. J. SEEGER KERNS: 120 Melrose East Apt. 1-B, Baltimore, Md. 21212. Mr. Kerns is a TINGLE descendant, and the former editor of this newsletter.

★ HUGH TINGLE ★

Some eighty-five years ago a lawyer in Jersey City, N.J., having left his native village of Pocomoke City in Worcester County, Maryland to seek a more remunerative life in the north, decided to prepare a "brief sketch to further honor and better keep alive the memory of my maternal grandfather, John Slemmons Stevenson."

The aforementioned attorney, John Stevenson McMaster, did indeed write a sketch but "brief" it was not. Titled "Sketch of John Slemmons Stevenson of Maryland and Missouri, 1807-1867," it covered forty-seven pages. In the process he traced the ancestry of his direct forebearers on his mother's side and thereby exposed for the first time in print some of the background surrounding HUGH TINGLE of Maryland. The book, of which only fifty copies were printed, is beautifully written in the language used around the turn of the century.

About ten years later, 1911 to be exact, a middle-aged gentleman who was employed in some capacity in the United States Senate, Washington, D.C. (but not a senator) became interested in tracing his family background. He was Millard F. Hudson, born 1861 in Indiana. His pursuit of the HUDSON line carried him to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, specifically to Worcester County. Inevitably his research ran into the TINGLE name when he discovered that MARGARET HUDSON, wife of RICHARD HUDSON, was a daughter of HUGH TINGLE. The result of this happenstance was a thirty-six page manuscript completed in 1918 and titled "Notes on the Tingle Family of Worcester County, Maryland."

These two articles, copies of which the author is fortunate to possess, simplified greatly his research

into the surname TINGLE. Full credit must be given to Mr. Hudson, who by his own admission, spent untold hours visiting and interviewing various members of the TINGLE and HUDSON families. He documented much of his investigation at the courthouses in Snow Hill and Princess Anne, Md. and in Georgetown, Del., as well as at the State Archives in Annapolis, Md. and Dover, Del. In the following condensed version of HUGH TINGLE's history I use much of Millard F. Hudson's writings, but I have personally verified the relevant facts of names, dates and places in the official records stored in the locations mentioned.

* * The first settler bearing the surname TINGLE, in what * * is now Worcester County, Maryland, would appear to be HUGH TINGLE. He was probably from England since the surname appears in parish records of Yorkshire, Lincoln, Derby, Nottingham, Gloucester and Sussex Counties. However, the possibility exists that he may have been a Scotsman.

His name (spelled TINGLES) initially appears in the records as one of seven persons "imported" into Maryland on 26 April 1669 by Christopher Rousby who received 350 acres of land thereby. The ship, named "Supply," was under the command of Thomas Pieghen, Master and may have sailed from Whitby, England situated on the North Sea coast, not too far from the Yorkshires.¹

No further record comes to light until 1683 when "Hugh Tingle and Elizabeth Powell were married by Mr. Traile, Minister, ye twenty-first day of December, Anno Domini, one thousand six hundred eighty-three."² Willaim Traile was one of the earliest Presbyterian ministers. He arrived in the Colonies shortly after Rev. Frances Makemie, founder of the Presbyterian Church in America.³

Elizabeth Powell was the daughter of Walter Powell and Margaret Berry. Her father was a Quaker and "one of the highest class of early settlers in Somerset County." It should be mentioned that this part of the county did not become Worcester until the latter was erected from it in 1742.

HUGH and ELIZABETH TINGLE started a family immediately. The old court record book of Somerset County shows this interesting item - "Samuell Tingle Son of Hugh Tingle borne of Elizabeth his wife ye 17th day of September one thousand six hundred eighty & four."⁴ It is rare to find a marriage and birth record in an official colonial court volume.

The couple appear to have lived at first on part of a tract called "Powell's Inclusion." The record of its

survey reads: Powell's Inclusion, 256 acres, surveyed May 2, 1686 for Walter Powell, back from the seaboard side. 128 acres possessed by Hugh Tingle in his wife's right, the residue by Walter Evans.⁵ The latter was Hugh's brother-in-law, having married Mary Powell, sister of Elizabeth Powell-Tingle. Their father, Walter Powell, in his will. gave these two daughters this tract and other land.

HUGH TINGLE, on 28 November 1689, signed the "Address of Loyalty to King William and Queen Mary."⁶

A few years later, 18 July 1693, HUGH TINGLE purchased from Thomas Fenwick and Mary, his wife, (for whom Fenwick Island was named) 200 acres of a tract called "Dumfreise" ★ for 4,000 pounds of tobacco. Lying in the northeastern part of what is now Worcester County and near Fenwick Island, this land was part of a larger tract of 600 acres called "Dumfreise."⁷ HUGH TINGLE adopted the name "Dumfreise" for his plantation which in those days carried a wider connotation than a present-day farm since it had to provide all the necessities of life.

The tax list for 1724 of Baltimore Hundred in Somerset County contains the names of HUGH TINGLE, JNO. TINGLE and HUGH TINGLE, JR. The latter two were sons of HUGH TINGLE and therefore at least 16, the taxable age. SAMUEL, the oldest son had died in 1721. DANIEL, the youngest son, was obviously not yet 16.

HUGH TINGLE, through purchase and by his wife's right, acquired the following parcels of land which were charged to him on the Land Office Proprietary Debt Books for Quitt Rents of Somerset County⁸ at the time of his death in 1733:

Powell's Inclusion	128 acres
Hilliard's Discovery	75 "
Dumfries	200 "
Parker's Denial (a.k.a. Rumley Marsh)	100 "
Scottish Plot (a.k.a. Layfield's Lot)	400 "
	<u>903 acres</u>

It would appear that HUGH TINGLE was a well-respected and substantial citizen as shown by his will and by certain affidavits submitted by his neighbors after his death, relative to the lengthy boundary dispute between William Penn's heirs and the various Lords Baltimore, concerning the Delaware-Maryland Line. One deposition refers to "Hugh Tingle as an 'antient' man of good credit who lived within a mile or two of Fenwick Island."⁹

Most, if not all, of HUGH TINGLE's lands were originally in Somerset County, Maryland. This portion eventually became

* See "Dumfries" or "Dumfreise" article here, ^{by} J. Rice from Colliers Encyclopedia, 1990.

See back

Pronounced: Wood'-ter (J. Rice, from Webster's Dictionary)

part of Worcester County in 1742. However, when the boundary dispute between the colonial proprietors was finally settled by the Chancery Court in England, based on the now famous Mason and Dixon Line, and the decree was signed by King George III in 1769, nearly all of HUGH TINGLE's land became situated in Sussex County, Delaware. This event, coupled with the rising problems between the colonies and the mother country that precipitated the American Revolution, makes research in these geographic areas both challenging and frustrating.

HUGH TINGLE made his will 28 April 1723 and it was probated 22 August 1733, showing that he had died in the summer of the last named year.¹⁰ His wife, Elizabeth, survived him about thirteen years. Her will, dated 18 May 1740, was proven 19 July 1746.¹¹ Photocopies of these wills are *(add these here) J.K.* in the possession of this author who will be glad to make them available at no charge to interested TINGLE descendants.

Eight children were born to HUGH and ELIZABETH TINGLE as far as is known, all of whom are named in his will:

SAMUEL TINGLE, b. 17 Sept. 1684, m. SARAH COBB

HUGH TINGLE, JR.

JOHN TINGLE m. MARY _____

MARGARET TINGLE m. RICHARD HUDSON

SARAH A. TINGLE m. CHARLES COLLINS

ELIZABETH TINGLE m. JOHN SAULS

DANIEL TINGLE m. MARY _____

MARY TINGLE m. WILLIAM COBB

Among the descendants of HUGH TINGLE who have proved their lineage through his children are the following:

★ Mrs. Vera M. Bennett Niemiec, 402 Meadow Lark Lane, Durant, OK 74701, descended from MARGARET TINGLE HUDSON

★ David P. Shaw, 2005 Golf Course Drive, Reston, VA 22091 descended from SAMUEL TINGLE

★ J. Seeger Kerns, 120 Melrose East, Apt. 1-B, Baltimore, MD 21212, descended from DANIEL TINGLE

Obviously, there must be dozens of descendants scattered across the nation who can or would like to trace their ancestry to this particular HUGH TINGLE through his children. I am sure that the three of us named above, plus Mrs. Dixie Tingle Willis, Route 65, Box 23, Arapahoe, N.C. 28510 who may be descended from HUGH TINGLE, JR., will be glad to help to the best of our ability. After all, that is one of the purposes of this family newsletter.

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J. Seeger Kerns

(for the curious, the "J" in my name stands for John; Seeger is a family name. I was named for my uncle, Paul A. Seeger. Most people call me "Seeger", but a few have special nicknames which I don't think I will disclose in print)

Sources:

1. State Archives, Annapolis, lib. 12, f. 334.
2. *ibid.* Somerset Co., lib. IKL, f. 258.
3. Rev. I.M. Page, "OLD BUCKINGHAM BY-THE-SEA", Ch. III, p. 15.
4. State Archives, Annapolis, Somerset Co., lib. IKL, f.258.
5. *ibid.* lib. I, f. 142.
6. Clayton Torrence, "Old Somerset On The Eastern Shore", p.349.
7. State Archives, Annapolis, Som. Co. Deeds. lib. L 1, f. 103-106.
8. *ibid.* Debt Books, Vol. 42, p. 95.
9. Pennsylvania State Archives, second series, p. 669.
10. State Archives, Annapolis, Som. Co. Wills, lib. 20, f. 786-788.
11. *ibid.* lib. JW 2, f. 36-37.

All readers are encouraged to submit anecdotes and articles (from a few sentences to a few pages) which are of genealogical and/or historical significance to TINGLE descendants. The staff reserves the right to edit or to refrain from publishing any submission. In the next issue, we plan to print information on HUGH TINGLE, JR., including an article by DIXIE TINGLE WILLIS.

FAMILY EXCHANGE

If you have a question about your TINGLE ancestry, you may send to the editor [David P. Shaw, 2005 Golf Course Dr., Reston, VA 22091] for inclusion in the FAMILY EXCHANGE. Detailed letters and charts are very helpful to the staff in answering queries, and in gaining a more comprehensive understanding of TINGLE lines of descent. It is also helpful for readers to phrase a specific question for the FAMILY EXCHANGE. Otherwise, the staff generally assumes that the reader's immediate interest is in extending his or her line beyond the earliest known TINGLE ancestor.

WENDY R. FARLEY, 201 Bonnie Blvd., #116, Palm Springs, FL. 33461, would like information about her great-great grandfather, HUBERT F. TINGLE, b. 6 Oct. 1848 at Camden, Hillsdale Co., Mich.; m. ELIZABETH CECLIA HAYNES, c. 1870; d. 1912.

Ms. Farley is a young lady, born in England. Let us try to help her and other younger TINGLE descendants by fostering interest and curiosity about their ancestors.

DONALD F. FOXWORTHY, 510 Overbrook Road, Baltimore, MD. 21212, would like to hear from anyone descended from a TINGLE who married a FOXWORTHY. He also sent this item from the "Virginia Genealogist", 1975, Vol.23, p.272: British Mercantile Claims--JOHN TINGLE of Prince William Co., VA, 6.18.11 pounds due 1770. Died about ten years ago, insolvent. JAMES TINGLE of Prince William Co., VA 24.5.3 pounds due Sept. 1775. Died about fifteen years ago, insolvent.

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Continued.....Family Exchange:

DAVID P. COFFIN, 8907 Mohawk Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817-3519, who edits the "COFFIN FAMILY NEWSLETTER" will appreciate any information about interaction between COFFINS & TINGLES. He refers to ESTELLA TINGLE as a witness to an affidavit dated 21 Nov. 1910, in reference to Pension Claim #953271 of LEVENIA GRANT, widow of SAMUEL COFFIN who served in Co.'s B & D of the Delaware Calvary during the Civil War.

CHARLES L. TINGLE, 5629 Groom Road, Baker, LA 70714 sent eight charts. He would like any information on JOSIAH TINGLE who married MARTHA and who had four sons, THOMAS T., BENJAMIN, HUGH HENRY and CLARK. The first named was born c. 1821-25 in Marion, Perry County, Alabama.

DIXIE TINGLE WILLIS, Route 65, Box 23, Arapahoe, N.C. 28510, who is on the staff of TINGLE DESCENDANTS would like information on ESAU TINGLE, who died near the area in which Mrs. Willis resides, in 1780. Mrs. Willis is especially interested in ESAU TINGLE's place of birth and residence; he was served by a 10-year old daughter, HANNAH TINGLE.

LESLIE P. DRYDEN, 6112 43rd St., Hyattsville, MD 20781, has the distinction of being the first to respond to a query in TINGLE DESCENDANTS. Mr. Dryden sent information to the editor in response to the editor's query about LITTLETON TINGLE, a grandson of HUGH TINGLE, SR. (& ELIZABETH POWELL). Mr. Dryden wrote that Littleton died in 1752, in Worcester Co., MD. His widow, MARGARET, later married WILLIAM WEBB. On 27 Mar. 1753 she filed an account of Littleton's estate. Named as Littleton's children, were SAMUEL, JOHN RHODA & MOLLY, (Md. Accounts, vol. 33, p. 399) Also of note: ANN TULL d. in Worcester Co. in 1773, leaving a bequest to her granddaughter, MOLLY TINGLE, and grandson, JOHN TINGLE, as well as to her dau., MARGARET HATFIELD, among others (Md. Wills, vol. 39, p. 421). MARGARET had no children by her second husband, WILLIAM WEBB, but later married WILLIAM HATFIELD. Mr. Dryden writes that he is not sure of the father of MARGARET TINGLE-WEBB-HATFIELD. ANN TULL, he writes, was the widow of JOHN TULL, who died in 1751, but Mr. Dryden assumes that she was a second wife and not the mother of all his children, because the children named were different in the two wills. Her children were apparently from her first husband, but Mr. Dryden does not know who he was.

Editor's note: The lineage of Littleton's wife has apparently kept researchers busy for many years. Some say that his wife was MARGARET SMITH, dau. of JONAS SMITH & ANN LINCH. The information sent by Mr. Dryden will certainly be of interest to many. In general, it would be very helpful if, in responding to queries in the FAMILY EXCHANGE, readers continue to send responses not only to interested readers, but to the EDITOR, also, for inclusion in TINGLE DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER, thereby making more information available to more people.

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The first issue of TINGLE DESCENDANTS not only elicited a response concerning the aforementioned LITTLETON, but also information and questions concerning another LITTLETON TINGLE, whose descendants today reside primarily in the South and Midwest.

★ Mrs. DOROTHY JACKSON, 207 West Sixth St., Columbia, Tenn. 38401, would like information about the lineage of LITTLETON TINGLE, b. 1766 in Maryland, d. 1848 in Henry County, Kentucky.

★ Mrs. VIRGINIA E. TINGLE, 220 E. 26th St., Kearney, NE 68847, sent a chart containing a LITTLETON TINGLE, (no dates) whose son, JOHN TINGLE, (b. 6 Aug. 1792/d. 7 Apr. 1867) married CLARISSA BISHOP on 26 Oct. 1815, in Henry County, Kentucky.

✓ Mrs. BETTY ANN BOWLES, Route 3, Box 59, Tower Hts., Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065, sent a number of charts which included information concerning a group of brothers: KINDLE TINGLE, (b. ca. 1774 in MD./m. LUCY REDMOND, d. before 1850, probably Henry or Carroll Co., KY.); LITTLETON TINGLE (b.ca. 1760 in MD./d. 1848 in Henry Co., KY.); JASPER TINGLE (b. 1764 in MD.); JOHN TINGLE; and possibly a THOMAS TINGLE.

Mrs. Bowles' chart on Littleton of MD. & KY. is in substantial agreement with that sent by Mrs. Virginia Tingle. Mrs. Bowles has a personal interest in the ancestry of KINDLE TINGLE, and in the line of his son, CHARLES TINGLE (b/ ca/ 1816 in Henry Co., KY./d. 1867).

The question posed by these readers, their relatives and the staff is: who were the parents of these brothers? They would seem to be in the Maryland line of HUGH TINGLE for a number of reasons. Obviously, at least three of the brothers are recorded as having been born in Maryland, in the 1700's. Furthermore, the → LITTLETON who settled in Kentucky had a son named "JEDIAH TINGLE ." ← Possibly he was named for JEDEDIAH TINGLE, an early settler of Warren Co., Ohio, not too far across the Ohio River, north of Cincinnati. JEDEDIAH TINGLE was a descendant of HUGH TINGLE, and will be the subject of a future article. Likewise, in Warren County, O., Jedediah had a grandson with the middle name BISHOP. That name figures highly in the Kentucky Tingle genealogies, as well as in records of Warren Co., Ohio, and the colonial Eastern Shore of MD. The name Littleton was, of course, that of Jedediah's grandfather, but was also a fairly common name from the Eastern Shore, Littleton being the surname of a prominent family. Anyone with information concerning this Maryland/Kentucky line is encouraged to write to the readers named above, and to the editor.

Mr. DAVID P. SHAW, 2005 Golf Course Dr., Reston, VA. 22091, would like to correspond with anyone having information about, or who is descended from, TRUMAN BISHOP TINGLE, who was b. 1826 in Warren County, Ohio and d. 1903 in Marion, Indiana. He resided most of his life in Allen and Putnam Cos., Ohio, and was the husband of CARRACY MC CLAIN, whom he married in Allen County, in 1849.
