

COALSON, JOHN, estimated born 1653, known to have been born in Scotland.

If John was in Virginia in 1653, it stands to reason that he was at least 23 years old as traditions says that he brought his two younger brothers with him. These brothers were surely old enough to make the decision to come to America with John; they had to be considered as "adults" or the father might not have let them leave Scotland.

In that time, the rule of primogeniture ruled; the oldest son inherited all the castles, lands, servants, etc., and the younger children did the best they could. Traditions says that John was the legal heir to the estates back in Scotland, this making him the oldest son. That when the father began to get older, he wanted John to return to Scotland and take his rightful place, but John had other ideas and they were to stay in America. John must have grown up knowing how hard it was to survive and keep all those estate going, and he had no desire to be so encumbered.

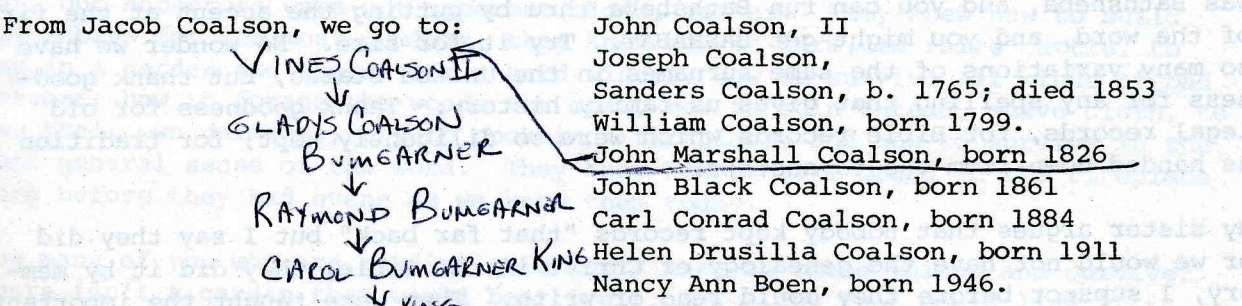
Anyhow, when John refused to return to Scotland, his father wrote a letter to the other two sons and promised that if they would come back, he would make a will which would leave everything to the two of them.

They apparently returned to Scotland, according to tradition, and left John in America. They were supposed to have died in Scotland, both still single, and two of the wealthiest men around.

Thus, those of us who are from JOHN, would not have aunts, uncles and cousins in America if John were the only one of our family who stayed.

We have no record of whom John Coalson married, and about all we do know is that he had one son, at least, named JACOB COALSON, who married Mary Burton Davis in Henrico, County, Virginia, January 14, 1692.

Mary Burton Davis's parents were John and Mary Burton Davis. Her grandparents were Mary Noel and Robert Burton (1665-1725) Her great grandfather was John Burton, 1632-1689. Her great great grandfather was Richard Burton who married Katherine Christian March 3, 1605. Her great, great, great grandfather was Lord Francis Burton, born in the 1500s.



MANY families begin to branch out with the Children of Sanders Coalson. Other families branch out from William, and John Marshall. We shall include all information we have on all "branches".