

Benjamin Weeks



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Born: 4 Apr 1685 Falmouth, MA

Married: 14 Jan 1704 to Mary Chase

Died: Nov 1744 NC

Parents: William Weeks & Mercy Robinson

Benjamin Weeks was born 4 April, 1685 in Falmouth, MA. He died 1744 in NC. His will was probated in Carteret Co. North Carolina in 1745.

Benjamin married Mary Chase 14 January, 1704 in MA. She is the daughter of Isaac Chase and wife Mary Tilton Chase. According to Mary's will she died 11 August, 1788.

While Benjamin lived in MA. he owned a ferry that was given to him by his father-in-law, Isaac Chase as stated in the History of Martha's Vineyard, volume 1.

Benjamin moved southward and into Carteret Co. North Carolina about 1730. He lived in the area of White Oak River and died there in 1744. He is buried in the Weeks family Cemetery in the area.

Benjamin and Mary were the parents of ten (10) children:

1. Benjamin Weeks, Jr
- 2. Theophilus Weeks, born 1708
3. Lydia Weeks married Thomas Whitton 1 Sept. 1733
4. Archelaus Weeks
5. Mary Weeks married Weston Williams
6. Christian Weeks married Mathew Rowley
7. Thankful Weeks married Thomas Hicks
8. Isaac Weeks married Sarah ?
9. Jabez Weeks Mary Rhodes
10. Elizabeth Weeks

Ref. History of Martha's Vineyard, Volume I,II,III and Benjamin's Will probated 1745 book 6 page 62.

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Extracted text: page 28 Benjamin Weeks, the subject, was born April 4, 1685 in Falmouth, Massachusetts Bay Colony, a son of William Weeks Junior and Mary Robinson. His paternal grandfather William Weeks Senior arrived in Barnstable, Plymouth Colony, in 1638 from Staines, Middlesex, England. William Weeks, and his older brother John who arrived in the Plymouth Colony in 1635, were sons of Robert Wickes, a prosperous merchant and land owner in Staines.

When Benjamin Weeks became of sufficient age, he sailed with his father and learned the trade of the sea. The father had a thriving "packet" business up and down the coast and to the offshore islands. One of the regularly scheduled sailings was the transport of Quakers to Nantucket for their quarterly meetings. Before the establishment of a franchised ferry, William Weeks, Junior conducted much of the transport business between the mainland and Martha's Vineyard. A regular customer of his was Lieut. Issac Chase of the Vineyard who was the proprietor of an ordinary (tavern) at Holmes' Hole. The tavern was the island's terminus for the ocean crossing to the mainland. More importantly, Lieut. Isaac Chase was a close family friend of the Weeks family, having lived for years as a nearby neighbor of William Weeks Senior at Tisbury. Young Benjamin Weeks must have looked forward to the frequent trips to the Vineyard and the object of his affection, the beautiful Mary Chase. Benjamin Weeks and Mary Chase were married on January 14, 1704 at Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard



Portion of 1730 Mol Map Showing Weetock River

Sometime in 1730 Benjamin Weeks, son of William Weeks, Jr., moved his family from Falmouth to Carteret County, North Carolina, settling along Hadnot's Creek, a tributary of the White Oak River--originally called the Weetock by the Algonquian Indians. Benjamin and Mary had the following children—not listed in the order of their birth:

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BENJAMIN WEEKS' WILL

In the Name of God Amen, ys. Ninth Day of November in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred & Forty Four. I, Benjamin Weeks, of Cartwright County, in North Carolina, being of sick and weak Body, but of Perfect Mind & Memory, Thanks be given unto almighty God for it, & Knowing it is appointed for all Men Once to Die, do make & ordain this to be my last Will & Testament, that is to say; First of all I give my Sole into the Hands of God that gave it; & for my body, I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors, Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shal receive the same again by the mighty Power of God that gave it; And as for Touching such Worldly Estate wherewith if has pleased God to bless me with, I give & Dispose of the same in the Manner & form following.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my two sons, Isaac Weeks & Jabas Weeks, the Tract of Land that I now dwell on with the March thereunto belonging, to be Equally divided between them and their Heirs & Assigns for Ever. That is to say, my son Jabas to have that Part of the Land that the Plantation & Houses is on, and Isaac to have the other Part with half the Marsh.

Item, I give to my Son, Theoflis Weeks, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Son, Archelas, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Son, Bingman, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Daughter, Lidde Witton, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Dafter, Mary Williams, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Dafter, Christian Weake, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Dafter, Thankful Hicks, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, I give to my Dafter, Elizabeth Weake, One Shilling, Sterling.

Item, my Will & Desire is for my Wife to have the Plantation in her Lifetime.

Item, my Will and Desire is that my two Sons, Isaac & Jabas, do Each of them pay unto my Grand Son Edward Weeks, the Sum of Ten Pounds, current money of Carolina, & upon Failure thereof to be Dispossessed of the Land before given.

Item, I give unto my well beloved wife, Mary Weake, Two Beds & Furniture, Two Cows & Horses, and all other Household Goods & all the Remaining Part of my Estate that is not yet given During her Widowhood, She Paying all my Lawful Debts.

I also Depute and apoint my sd. Wife to be my whole & sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, Ratifying and alowing this & no other to be my last Will & Testament, Disanulling all other Wills formarly by me made.

In Testimony hereunto I have Set my Hand & Seal the year and date written above.

Hic Mark

Information from Ancestry.com

Copy of original will follows:

In y^e name of god amen y^e xiiiith Day of May
 in y^e year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
 and forty four J. Bingman Weaver of Carthwright
 County in north Carolina being very sick and wear
 of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks
 Be given unto all mighty god for it and noing it
 is appointed for all more ones to Dis Do make and or
 Print this to be my last will and testament First to
 say first of all I give my soul in to y^e hands of god
 that gave it and for my body I becomen to
 fourth to be buried in a Christin manner at y^e
 Discretion of my Executors nothing Doting betwixt
 y^e Hindern Paraciteon I shall Recive y^e same
 oncom by y^e mighty Power of god that gave it
 and as for such worldly Estate as I have
 it has pleased god to becom with I give and
 Dispose of y^e same in y^e maner and form followin
 Iam - I give and bequeath unto my son two first Acres of
 land and Garbels Weake y^e tract of Land that I now Dwelle
 with y^e mark shew unto belongin to be becomen
 divided be twen them three and there divid and ap
 for fear that it is to say my son Garbal to have the
 part of y^e Land that y^e Plantation and house is a
 and Garbal to have y^e other part with Rest of mine
 Iam - I give to my son Shuffles Weake and Shilling Starks
 Iam - I give to my son Nicholas one Shilling Starks
 Iam - I give to my son Bengman one Shilling Starks
 Iam - I give to my Daughter Lida Witten one Shilling Starks
 Iam - I give to my Daughter Mary Williams one Shilling Starks
 Iam - I give to my Daughter Christin Weake one Shilling Starks
 Iam - I give to my Daughter Thankfull Hicks one Shilling Starks
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Obtain my will and Desire is for my self to have 1/2 Plantation

~~... putting Dutton City back to work on~~
~~... of killing & failing -~~

Have my will and Desire is that my two several Glebes
 one Glebe Do each of them Pay unto my Grandson
 Edward Wallis if son of his parents Current money of
 Carolina and upon his death to be ~~disposed~~ Disposed
 of ~~as he shall think~~ as he shall think fit

I have given you my. Well loved Wife Mary Wake

Five beds and furniture. Two covers and pots and all
other household goods and all if remaining part of my
estate not given during her widow's life.

all my labor & sweat is not given during her widow's shopping

all my children & I have also appointed my son Wm to be my sole
 & exclusive executor of this my last will and testament

am sole executor of this my last will and testament
Ratifying and allowing this and no other to be my last
+ Reserving all other Will fully by

and I am
Ratifying and allowing this and no other to be my last
will and testament Dedicating all other Will finally by
testimony. Parents of have test long time

will and testimony that
I have made in testimony, pursuant to I have sent my letter
and sealed it by and gave above written

And send it Day and Year about written
 friends send in it
 Ringman - B. White

Bingman - Blythe
mark

- Presents of ours } mark

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Francis Burns

that his person.

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For Lord Somers &
N. Carolina.

June 1745

Those may certify ~~that~~ ~~within~~ ~~last~~
That Thomas Gordon one of the witnesses to the
Within Will in Open Court made Oath that he saw
Benjamin Weekes dead. sign & seal the same, and that
he also saw Jehoshaphat Holland & Francis Burns
evidence the same, and Mary Weekes Widow hath
Taken the Oath of an Executrix, and by her power admitted
to Record Dated at the Court House the 6th Day of
June Anno Domini 1748.