

## George Rivers

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Born: 1678 Bermuda

Married: Ruth Greatbeach

Died: 7 Nov 1789 Charleston, SC

Parents: Robert Rivers & Unknown

### Occupation

Farmer

### Family

Wife:

Ruth Greatbeach

Children:

David

Thomas

Ruth

Daniel

Elizabeth

George

John

Mary

Robert (by first wife)

# 2. GEORGE SR.

Born: \_\_\_\_\_ 1678 Died: \_\_\_\_\_ 1749.

Will dated: Aug. 11, 1749

Married between 1695 and 1706

RUTH GREATBEACH.

She was unmarried in 1695 and married before 1706

She was the daughter of THOMAS GREATBEACH and ELIZABETH WIDOW OF THOMAS DOWNING. THOMAS GREATBEACH had grants in 1678. He died in 1695. He had a son named DANIEL.

GEORGE OWNED land on James Island in 1712.

FROM GEORGE SR. IS descended DWIGHT IRVING RIVERS, genealogist of this branch of the RIVERS Family.

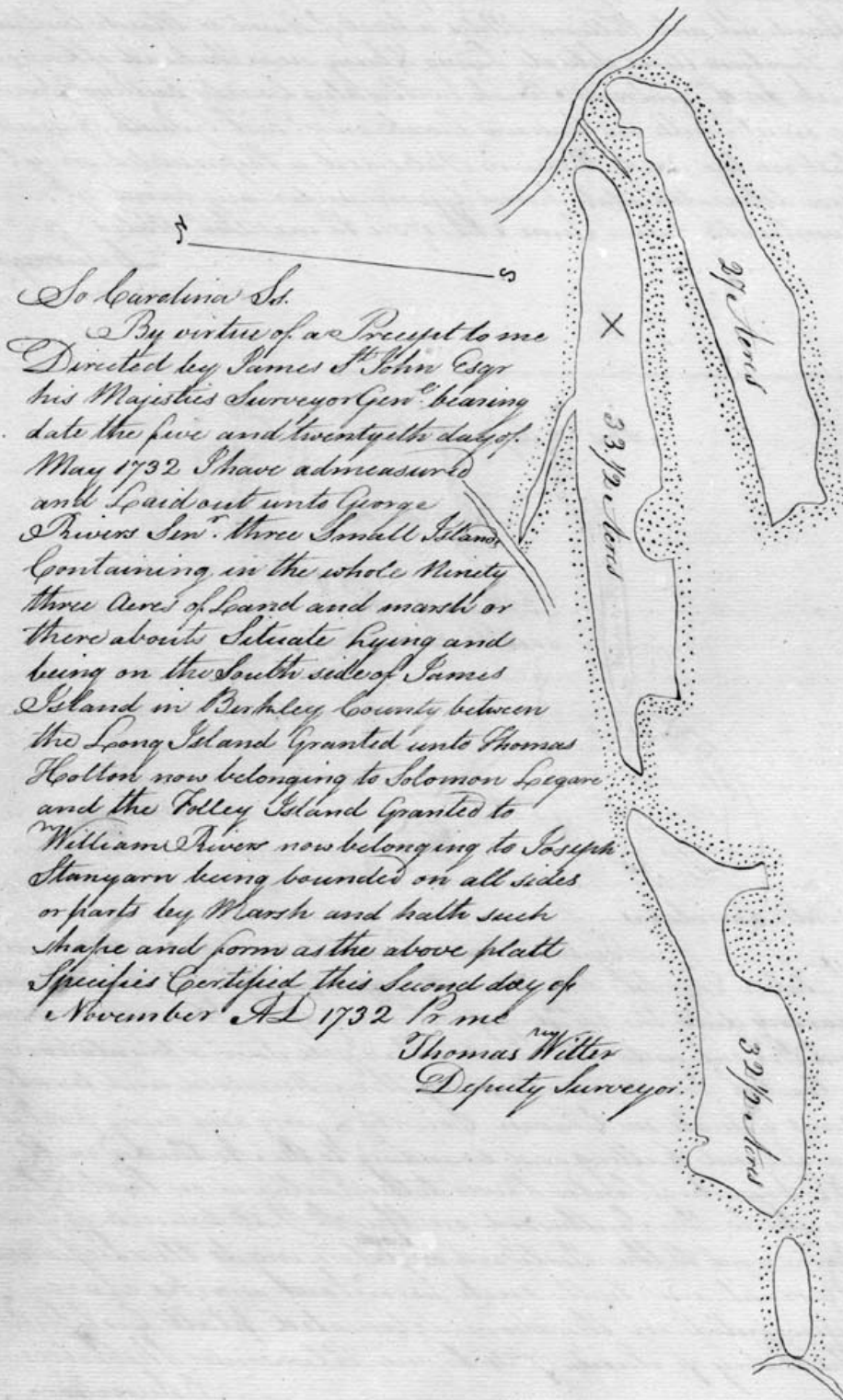
FOR DESCENDANTS OF  
GEORGE SR.

Above information from the book, "Thomas W Rivers Collection", found in the East Carolina University Joyner Library.

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\*Plat for land mentioned above follows on next page

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By virtue of a Receipt to me  
 Directed by James & John Esqr  
 his Majesties Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> bearing  
 date the five and twentieth day of  
 May 1732 I have admeasured  
 and Laid out unto George  
 Rivers Sen<sup>r</sup>. three Small Islands  
 Containing in the whole Ninety  
 three Acres of Land and marsh or  
 thereabouts Situate lying and  
 being on the South side of James  
 Island in Berkley County between  
 the Long Island Granted unto Thomas  
 Holton now belonging to Solomon Speare  
 and the Volley Island Granted to  
 William Rivers now belonging to Joseph  
 Stanyard being bounded on all sides  
 or parts by Marsh and hath such  
 Shape and form as the above plat  
 Specifies Certified this Second day of  
 November AD 1732 P<sup>r</sup> me  
 Thomas Witter  
 Deputy Surveyor.

RIVERS, GEORGE SR., PLAT FOR 93 CRES OF LAND IN BERKLEY COUNTY

<http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/onlinearchives>

Will from ref 55, vol 2, p 94

George Rivers, hs mark, James Island, St. Andrews [Parish], planter. Sons: Thomas, land where he now lives, island known as Half Tide; Robert, land where he now lives; George, land on west of Henry Samways and Wilkins and east of son Robert; Daniel, land where he now lives; John, plantation where I now live, 2 small islands east of Half Tide Island. Dau: Ruth Bedon. Granddaus: Jane Wilkins; Ruth Meverick, under 18 years; Elizabeth Bedon; daus. of my sons Robert and Daniel. Cousin: Robert Rivers' children Robert and Francis. Mentions: son <sup>p.508</sup> George to inherit if he "returns here two yhears after my decease." Exors: sons Thomas, Robert, Daniel, and John. Wit: Robt. Rivers, Jos. Snowden, John Holmes.

<http://www.geocities.com/hdpigott/np10.htm>

Will of George Rivers, Sr. follows. It is evident from this will that his son, George Rivers, Jr., had married and moved away since he leaves his son property and land but only on the condition his son returns within 2 years of his death. The reason for these stipulations is unknown.

WILL OF  
GEORGE RIVERS

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I George Rivers of James Island St Andrews Province of South Carolina Planter being weak in Body but of Sound & Perfect Mind & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same but Considering the uncertainty of this Transitory Life do make Publish and Declare these presents to be & Contain my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking and making null and void all former wills by me heretofore made and Published & first being hartily sorry for all my Sins Past I Commit my Soul unto Almighty God my Creator trusting by his Infinite Mercy & by the Merits of my Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free Remission of all my Sins & my body I Commit to the Earth to be Decently Interred according to the Discretion of my Executors & Exors hereafter named my Will is that all my Just Debts and funeral Expences be first Paid & Discharged. Imprimis. Item. I do give & bequeath unto my Son Thomas Rivers fifty Acres of Land whercon he now Lives and being in his Possession together with the Island Called and known by the name of half Tide Island to him and his Heirs forever. Item. I do give & bequeath unto my Son Rob<sup>r</sup>. Rivers one hundred Acres of Land whercon he now lives and to his Heirs Lawfully Begotten of his body forever. Item. I do give and Bequeath unto my Son George Rivers one hundred Acres of Land bounding to the westward on Land of Henry Sawways & Wilkins and to the eastward on the aforesaid hundred acres given to my Son Robert. My will further is that in Case my Son George Rivers should not Return here in two Years after my Decease then my will & Desire is that my Daughter Ruth Boden shall have the use use & Improvements of Twenty Acres of Land, Taken out of the aforesaid Hundred Acres Left to my Son George during her Natural Life and no Longer, & then the aforesaid One hundred Acres Land to be Equally divided among my Sons then Survivings & to their Heirs forever. Item. I do give & bequeath unto my Son Daniel Rivers all that my Tract of Land where now he Liveth Extending to the westward as far as where my Gate Posts now stands in the fence that was from Marsh to Marsh Crafs the Neck & to him & his heirs forever. Item.

I do give & Bequeath unto my Son John Rivers all that my Plantation or Tract of Land where on I now Live Bounding to the Eastward on the Lands given my Son Daniel Rivers & to the westward on my Son Thomas Rivers Land, together with all the Buildings thereon built or hereafter to be built with the Small Islands lying to the Eastward of the Half tide Island to his & his Heirs forever. Item. I give & Bequeath unto my Son Thomas Rivers & his Heirs forever one Mustee Man Slave by name Robin. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son Robert Rivers & his heirs forever two Negro Men Slaves By name Sampson & Simon Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son George Rivers & his heirs forever, One Negro Man Slave by name Scipio In Case my Son George returns here in two Years after my Decease, if not then my will and order is that the aforesaid Negro shall be Equally divided among my Sonsh then Surviving. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son John Rivers & his Heirs forever one negro man Slave by name Tom & one Mustee Woman Slave by name Moll & all her Mill Children that shall be living at my Decease. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Jane Wilkins one negro girl slave by name Lindsey. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Ruth Maverick one negro Girl slave by name Hagar together with one hundred Pounds Current money of this Province. I will & order that the aforesaid One Hundred Pounds be by my Exors put out to Interest on good security for a portion for my granddaughter Ruth Maverick & that She receive the Same at the age of <sup>on</sup> eighteen or the Day of Marriage together with the negro Girl Hager above mentioned. But if she my aforesaid granddaughter happens to Die before she arrive to that age or Day of marriage then I order the said Money & Negro Girl to be Equally Divided and shared among my Sons then Surviving. Item. I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Ruth Bedon & her Heirs one negro man Slave by name Jack. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son John Rivers & his Heirs all my Household Goods & furniture that is to say that shall remain & to be found in my dwelling house at my Decease. Item. I will order & direct that after all my Just Debts & Legacies be paid by my Ex'ors my will & order is that all the Remainder of my Personal Estate heretofore not disposed of shall be by my Ex'ors Equally Divided into Six parts among my Six Children hereafter hereafter named, that is to

say my Son Thomas Rivers, my Son Robert Rivers, my Son Daniel Rivers my Son John Rivers my Daughter Ruth Bedon & my Son George Rivers that is to say In case my Son George Returne here in two years after my Decease & if not my will & order is that my Son George's Part or Division to be Equally Divided by my Exors <sup>Thomas</sup> between my five Children (Vizt) Robert, Daniel John Ruth if then all Living, if not among the then Survivors. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Elizabeth Bedon & her Heirs one negre Girl by name Cubow. Item. I give to my Granddaughter's Daughters of my Sons Robert & Daniel each one Pistoll and also I Give one Pistoll to each of my Cosen Robert Rivers is Children Robert & Francis. Item. I Will ord r and hereby Impower my Exors to make a Division of the Lands heretofore Disposed of as this my will Directs. Item. I Constitute Nominate & appoint my Well Beloved Sons Thomas Rivers Robert Rivers Daniel Rivers & John Rivers Exors & trustees of this my Last Will & Testament Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament In Witnes whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this Eleventh Day of July in the Year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and forty nine. 1749.

(His Mark)  
George Rivers (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published  
Pronounced & Declared &  
Delivered by the Testator  
as his Last Will & Testament  
in Presence of us the Sub-  
scribers.  
Robt Rivers.  
Thos. Snowden  
John Holmes.

This Will was proved before his  
Excy the 11th August 1749 by the  
Oaths of Robt Rivers & John Hol-  
mes, and Thos. Rivers Robt. Riv-  
ers & John Rivers Exors were qual-  
ified at the same time.

The above Last Will & Testament containing two Sheets of Paper.)  
Recorded in Will Book 1747-52 Pg. 156