

## Henry Filmer

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**Born:** 1600 East Sutton, England

**Married:** Elizabeth Standards

**Died:** 1673 Mulberry Island, VA

**Parents:** Edward Filmer & Elizabeth Argall

Henry Filmer was in Virginia in 1629. He had land grants in James City in 1637. He was a member of the House of Burgess for James City in 1642-43. He was a justice of Warwick County in 1647. A member of House of Burgesses for Warwick County in 1666-67.

Henry graduated from Queens, Easter in 1624. He earned his B.A. in 1627-28 and M.A. in 1631 at Cambridge. Before 1637 he went to Virginia, in which time he established himself on Mulberry Island, just down the James River.

Henry and his wife, daughter, son, cook, and nephew Samuel, came to Virginia on the ship "John & Ambrose" that embarked on March 13, 1652 off of Gravesend (the mouth of Thames River east of London). Upon arriving in Virginia, the family and servants moved to Mulberry Island where he had a plantation called "Laus Duo" was located in or near Felker Field, about where the first site heliopad ever built in the U.S. The plantation adjoined the land of his friend Emmanuel Wills which gave him access to Will's Mulberry Island Pier. The Filmer's were also friends with the Robert Hubbard and his cousin, Governor Berkeley. Elizabeth was friends with Governor Sir William Berkeley's sister, Lady Frances Berkeley.

Name: Henry Filmer

Surname: Filmer

Given Name: Henry

NPFX: Major

Sex: M

Birth: 1607 in Sutton Manor, East Sutton, Kent, England

Death: 1673 in Mulberry Island, Warwick Co., Virginia

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Note:

He was in Virginia in 1629. He had land grants in James City County in 1637; member of the House of Burgesses for James City County 1642-43; Justice of Warwick County 1647; member of the House of Burgesses for Warwick County 1666-67; Major in British Army of occupation in Virginia; before leaving England married ELIZABETH.

He was christened in Nov 1607 in East Sutton, Kent, England. He died after 1673. Henry graduated from Queens, Easter 1624. He earned his B.A. in 1627-28 and M.A. in 1631 at Cambridge. Sometime before 1637 he went to Virginia, by which time he had established himself on Mulberry Island, just down the James River. He was an officer in the British Army of Occupation. On 1642/3 he became a Burgess for James City but moved to Warwick County where in 1647 he became Justice of Warwick. In 1653 he returned to England but went back to Virginia aboard the 'John Ambrose'. His nephew, Samuel Filmer joined him in Virginia in 1654. He seems to have visited England again in 1662. He died after 1673, leaving at least one daughter Martha by his wife Elizabeth. According to Bruce John Filmer's book, 'The Filmer Family of Kent- Part One', he left a will dated 1672. Under it he left a legacy to provide plate for the Mulberry Island parish church.

On 27 Oct 1673, Henry acquired 360 acres in Warwick County formerly granted to Anthony Barham, "and later found esceat." There is a reference to Henry in Vol II of the Compendium of American Genealogy that reads: 'Maj. Henry Filmer (d. post 1673) from Eng. to Va. ante 1642, settled first at James City and later in Warwick Co. Burgess James City Co. 1642-43, Justice of Warwick 1647, had land grants as early as 1637. Officer British Army of Occupation, m. Elizabeth -

Another note in letters at County Hall (reproduced Vol.18 (1960) p. 408-428) edited by Peter Walne reads, "Henry Filmer of Mulberry Island, Gentleman 1653-1671. On Mar 13, 1652/3 he embarked on the 'John and Ambrose' off Gravesend having narrowly avoided missing the boat. With him sailed his wife, son and daughter, their cook and Samuel, younger son of Henry's brother Sir Robert.

1. Major Henry Filmer, (COLONIAL DAMES) b. 1600/07, E. Sutton Manor, E. Sutton, Kent, Eng., occupation County Court Justice, farmer, m. pre 1640, in Kent, England, Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, b. Eng., d. Va. Major died post 1673, will dated 21 Feb 1671, alive 1666/7, Warwick co., Virginia, 5th or 8th son, to Virginia Mar 1640, Burgesses of Va.

VA Magazine of History Bio. vol. 68 p. 408-428, vol. 15 p 181;V. 24 17; Stanard: Some Emigrants to VA, 2nd ed. p. 34; Berry's Kentish Genealogies; Visitation of Kent 1619; Benning: Francois Benin Descendants p. 68

- Henry received a BA at Queen's Cambridge 1624 a MA in 1631. In VA pre 1642; called his plantation "Laus Deo", on Mulberry Island, Wm. Mary Quarterly vol. 5 1918 p. 531; 1st settled in James City, office of the British army of occupation; Colonial Families in the U.S. p. 147; Wurts p. 1964; came on ship "John Ambrose"