

John Dods

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Born: abt 1580 Lincolnshire, England

Married: Jane Eagle Plume

Died: 1652 Jamestown, VA

Parents: John Dods & Unknown

John Dods, our first immigrant

ancestor from Great Neck, Yorkshire County, England, in contract with King James I and The Virginia Company to build the first permanent settlement in the New World, Jamestown, Virginia Colony 1607. Year 1624 there were only three original Jamestown immigrants of 1607 alive.

John Dods; b. 1571 d. 1652; Great Neck, Yorkshire, England; F. John Dod M. unknown; Laborer; Contracted with Virginia Company for permanent settlement on North American continent 1607; passenger on Susan Constant. Survived struggles of Jamestown, Virginia Colony. Befriended Chief Opechancanough Mangopeesomon Powhatan, Algonquin Iroquois, Pamunkey; built wooden and mud house for the Chief's family.

<http://www.hittson.net/jamestown.html>

"John (1) Dodson came over to America from England with Capt. John Smith in 1607. There were a hundred and five men in this company that founded the first permanent English Colony in America. "They reached the capes of Virginia April 1607, and sailed up the broad river, thirty two miles from the river's mouth. They named the river, James and their settlement Jamestown, in honor of their King. "The colonists soon erected cabins out of poles and branches and some dug caves to live in.

"The site of the colony was unhealthy, and the deaths, especially during the first few years of the colony, were horrifying. From 1606 to 1618, a period of twelve years, eighteen hundred immigrants sailed from England for Virginia. At the end of that time only six hundred were living. "Attacks by Indians, starvation, and the system of holding property in common added to the difficulties of the colonists. But in 1612 they began to grow tobacco and they fared better. "In spite of all the hardships John (1) Dodson survived and was reported to have been a mighty hunter and fur trader and in his dealings with the Indians became the possessor of large bodies of land. He was a good citizen .

Children:

"a. Jesse

"b. William

<http://listsearches.rootsweb.com/th/read/DODSON/1998-05/0894015733>



Last Name: Dods

First Name: John

Birthplace: Aslackby, Lincolnshire, England (possible)

Birthdate: ca. 1588

Death Date: After 1626 / 1627

Married to: Jane

Father: John Dodds (possible)

Virginia Settlement Place: James Fort and Neck of Land, Charles City

Virginia Settlement Place Notes: Living at Neck of Land, Charles City, in the musters of 1624/1625 at age 36.

Occupation: Labourer and Soldier and Ancient Planter

Arrival Date: May 1607

Arrival Ship: Susan Constant or Godspeed or Discovery

Notes: John Dodds one of the original colonists who arrived in the Virginia colony in May of 1607 was still alive and living at Neck of Land, Charles City, Virginia and listed in the musters of 1624/5 at age 36. Dodds accompanied John Smith on his expeditions "up river" when he was referred to as a soldier by Smith.

A christening record was located for John Dodds c. 30 July 1559, Aslackby, Lincolnshire, England. It is possible that this is Dodds' father.

Oral history has it that Dodds married, Jane, the daughter of an Iroquois, Chief Eagle Plume (Sabrina Dodds, Cincinnati, 440-323-5813. 12/5/01]

Additional references to Dodds in British records:

PROB 11/43

Dept: Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Series: Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers

Piece: Name of Register: Mellershe

Date: 06 February 1560

Description: Will of John Dodd, Gentleman of Little Ilford, Essex

Reference: PROB 11/221

Dept: Records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury

Series: Prerogative Court of Canterbury and related Probate Jurisdictions: Will Registers

Piece: Name of Register: Bowyer Quire Numbers: 52 - 106

Date: 07 May 1652

Description: Will of John Dodd, Gentleman of Enfield, Middlesex

John Dods, listed as a labourer by John Smith, arrived in the colony with the original supply in May of 1607. He accompanied John Smith on his expedition of the Pamunkey River in 1608. On these expeditions Smith gave him the title of soldier. The will of John Dodd, gentleman, of Little Ilford, Essex was proved 15 January 1560. Although this may be the will of a relation it makes no reference to a wife or children.

According to family historians, shortly after arriving in Virginia, John Dodds married Jane, daughter of an Iroquois, Chief Eagle Plume. John Dods, age 36, was alive and listed in the Musters of 1624/5 as living at Neck-of-Land at age 36. He lived there with his wife, Jane, age 40.

Barbour, Smith's Works, Vol. I: 209, 244, Vol II: 142, 193; Jester [1987] Muster 1624/25, p. 9; personal correspondence with Michael G. Shanks, Dodds family researcher, September, 2001; PROB 11/43.



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