

## Thomas Gerard



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Born: 10 Dec 1608 New Hall, ENG

Married: Susannah Snow

Died: 15 Dec 1673 Westmoreland, VA

Parents: John Gerard & Frances Molyneaux

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#### **GERRARD—(NOBBIS)—(PARRAN)**

Through this distinguished personage of **Gerard, Dr. Thomas** or **Sir Thomas Gerard** of **St. Clement's Manor, St. Clement's Island, Province of Md.**

Registrant: **Alice Norris Parran.**

According to the Book of Early Settlers (Land Office, Annapolis), **Dr. Gerard** emigrated to the Province of Md. in 1638 (Lib. A.B.H., Fol. 68.) "The 29th Oct., 1639, **Thomas Gerard, Gent.**, demands land for Transporting himself with five able men into the Province to inhabit. The 30th of March, 1640, Survey for **Mr. Thomas Gerard** 1,000 acres of land lying to the North of **St. Clement's Manor** where the Town of **Mattapania** now stands and including the Island in **St. Catherine's Creek** called **St. Catherine's Island.** Warrant signed, **Leonard Calvert**".

In Book A.B.H., P. 47 (Early Settlers) is the following: "**Thomas Gerard, Esq.**, demands Land (2,100 acres) for Transporting into the Province before 1648 a number of men: Warrant to lay out for **Mr. Gerard** 2,100 acres joyning to his own land at **Mattapania**; also for Transporting his wife (not named) and five children into the Province to Inhabit in 1650; 2,000 acres upon the **Potomac** or **Wicocomico River** or some branch or Creek thereof, not formerly laid out by the Governor". His five ch. were—**Justinia Gerard, Elizabeth Gerard, Frances Gerard, Susanna Gerard, Temperance Gerard** (Lib. A.B.H., p. 193), 1650. In 1658 he transported **Winifred Gerard** and **Bridget Gerard**.

The 2nd of July, 1649, all land head of **Wicocomico River**, near the Creek called **Herring Creek**, 1,600 acres, as belonging to **Manors of England—Honour of West St. Maries**, we do erect same into a **Manor** called by the name of "**Westwood Manor**" together with a

Court Baron and all things thereunto belonging according to the Laws and Customs of England, 27th March, 1651.

Among other of his land possessions taken from the rent rolls of St. Mary's Co., 1639-1724, may be named: St. Clement's Manor, St. Clement's Island, 11,400 acres, granted **Dr. Thomas Gerard** by Lord Baltimore, in 1638-9. Resurveyed for **Justina Gerard**, his eldest son, 1678. (p. 42.) Gerard's Freehold, 243, in St. Mary's Hundred, surveyed 21st April, 1640. (p. 1.) St. Winefrides Freehold, surveyed, 28th March, 1651, on Ye West Side of St. Clement's Bay. (p. 39.) In Charles Co. after the division of that County from St. Mary's. Wicocomico—500 acres surveyed for **Thomas Gerard** in 1666. (p. 81.) "Westwood Manor", surveyed 1651 at head of Wicocomico Creek, 1,600 acres. (p. 156.) "Meadows"—400 acres, surveyed, 23rd April, 1663, at head of Wicomico, beginning at bounds of "Westwood Manor". In all 32,343 acres.

The will of **Thomas Gerard** of "Mathotick River", formerly of "St. Clement's Manor", St. Mary's Co., Province of Md., made 5th Feb., 1672; Prov. 15 Dec., 1673. (He spent his last days in Va.) "To dau—**Mary** and heirs, 4 seats of land in St. Mary's Co., including 'St. Katharine's Manor' and 'Westwood Lodge'. In event of d—of dau—**Mary** without heirs, said lands to pass to surviving sons and daus—of Testator". (See Will of **Keneim Cheseldyne**, "The Immigrant".) "Eldest son, **Justinian**, and heirs, part of 'St. Clement's Manor', also, any land or lands in England; wife **Rose**, during life and male heirs, one-half of said 'St. Clement's Manor', one-half of 'Bastfoord Manor', and one-half of 'Gerrard's Reserve' in Virginia. In event of death of said wife without male issue, son **Justinian** to possess the whole of St. Clement's Manor. To young son **John**, one-half of 'Bastfoord Manor', and one-half of 'Gerrard's Reserve', in Virginia, to possess the whole of sd. Tracts in event of death of wife without male issue".

"Other 3 sons and 5 daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren; viz. **Gerrard Paten** and **Gerrard Tucker**, at 18 years of age and to **John Wange**, personality. ExS. wife **Rose** and son ..... **Gerrard**. The Testator desires to be buried by his deceased wife **Susanna**". (**Susanna Snow**.)

**Mary m—Keneim Cheseldine**, "The Immigrant".

Other persons of the name (not already given) among the First Settlers of Md. are: "Among the First Gentlemen Adventurers of Maryland was **Richard Gerard**, son of **Sir Thomas Gerard**, Knight and Baronet. He came in the Ark and the Dove, 1633". (Md. Hist. Soc. Mag., Vol. 28, p. 304.) **John Gerard** came over in 1662; **Robert**, 1664; **Margaret Gerard** from Ireland, 1678; **Jons**, 1678; **Elizabeth**, dau—of **Katharine**, 1678.

The Will of **Dr. Thomas Gerard** (Wills, Annapolis, Md., BK. 1- p. 567) does not name all his ch. He m—3 times—2nd—**Susannah Snow**, evidently mother of his ch., and "**Rose**" **Tucker**, maiden name or widow **Tucker**? He requests to be buried by his deceased wife **Susannah**. Names himself thus—"Thomas Gerard, of 'Mathotick River', formerly of 'St. Clement's', in St. Mary's Co., Md."

**Dr. Gerard** was one of the earliest "chirurgeons in the Province. A list of his patients may be had from the Administration Accounts of the Colonial Courts". It seems that his fame as a physician had reached Va. long before he took up his residence there, for as early as 1639, one **Richard Lee** and his wife of that Colony d—at the home of **Dr. Gerard**, having come there for treatment.

Lineage—**Dr. (Sir) Thomas Gerrard m—Susannah Snow; Mary Gerard m—Keneim Cheseldyne**, "The Immigrant" (see **Cheseldine** lineage, Vol. I).

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Information from "Register of Maryland's Heraldic Families"



*The Gerrard Family.*—Among the neighbors of the Washingtons none were more conspicuous than Dr. Thomas Gerrard. His first wife, Susanna, was the daughter of Justinian Snow, one of the founders of Maryland and Lord Baltimore's factor in the Indian trade. Abel Snow, a clerk in the chancery office, London, and Marmaduke Snow, were two other brothers.<sup>24</sup> Dr. Gerrard was for a long time councillor, but was finally banished from Maryland for taking part in the insurrection of Josias Fendall in 1659.<sup>25</sup> Before this he had provided a refuge in Virginia, having obtained on October 18, 1650, a patent for land, and naming among the head-rights his wife Susanna Gerrard, and his children Susanna, Temperance, Frances, Justinian, and John Gerrard. The same day Walter Brodhurst patented land next to William Hardwick, on the west side of "Poor Jack" Creek. As Walter Brodhurst had a son Gerrard, it raises the suspicion that his wife, Anna, who afterwards married Col. Washington, was perhaps a daughter of Col. Thomas Gerrard, as well as Washington's third wife, Frances.

Dr. Gerrard's wife, Susanna, died before 1672-'73, whereupon he married Rose, the widow of John Tucker, whose children were John, Gerrard, Sarah (married William Fitzhugh) and Rose, to which children Gerrard (then married to his second wife) made a gift. John Tucker's will was dated 5 May, 1671, proved 31 May, 1671. His two daughters were then under seventeen and unmarried. Dr. Gerrard had five daughters and three sons: 1, Susanna (?) Gerrard married Robert Slye, Esq., of the Maryland Council; 2, Temperance Gerrard, married in 1666, 1st, Daniel Hutt,<sup>27</sup> formerly merchant of London, who (will, 3 March, 1673-24 June, 1674) had Gerrard Hutt and Anne. She married secondly about August, 1675, John Crabbe; 3, Frances Gerrard married first Col. Thomas Speke (he died in 1659); married second Col. Valentine Peyton, and had Gerrard Peyton, who died s. p. in 1687; third, Capt. John Appleton<sup>28</sup>, who died between February 25, and April 12, 1676. May 10 she entered into a marriage contract with Col. John Washington. 4, Mary; 5, Anne Brodhurst (?); 6, Justinian, called of "Brumley in Maryland," who married Sarah, widow of Wilkes Maunders; 7, John, who married

Elizabeth, and had John. Elizabeth married secondly James Johnson, of Westmoreland, before July 27, 1678. The widow Rose, relict of Dr. Thomas Gerrard, married secondly John Newton, who came from Maryland, and was the ancestor of the Newton family of Westmoreland.



**1. DR. THOMAS<sup>3</sup> GERARD (JOHN<sup>2</sup>, THOMAS<sup>1</sup>)** was born December 10, 1608 in New Hall, Lancashire, England (the oldest son) and died before December 1673 in Westmoreland, Virginia. He married (1) ROSE TUCKER; she was born about 1610. He married (2) SUSANNAH SNOWE on September 21, 1629 in England; she was the daughter of JOHN SNOWE and UNKNOWN Mother; she was born about 1610 and died in 1666 in St. Clement's, Maryland.

He immigrated to the American Colonies in 1638 as a free adult; returned to England in 1640, but resettled in the Virginia Colony with his family soon thereafter. He resided on St. Clement's Manor in St. Mary's County & moved to Virginia in 1664.

His father = JOHN GERARD of New Hall, England; son of THOMAS GERARD & wife, JANE of Garswood, England. His mother = ISABEL WINWICK (b. 1585 in England). His brothers = MARMADUKE, WILLIAM, FRANCIS & RICHARD. He married 1st SUNNAH SNOWE, daughter of JOHN SNOWE of Brookhouse, Chedulton, England. Her brothers were ABEL, JUSTIAN & MARMADUKE. He 2nd married ROSE TUCKER & had sons: THOMAS (d. in 1686), a Justice of St. Mary's County from 1676 to 1679, who married ANN; his daughters from this 2nd marriage = SUSANNAH & FRANCES.

He was well educated & was a surgeon/physician -- as well as a planter/farmer in the Americas. His religious affiliation was always Catholic, but his wife & children were Protestants. He was a gentleman with high status upon his arrival in the American Colonies & he brought 5 servants with him; by 1648 he had imported over 40 servants. He became Manor Lord of St. Clement's in 1639; sold his English holdings and brought his family to Maryland in 1650. He became involved in a celebrated legal action against his brothers-in-law over control of extensive lands in Maryland.

He had a Public Career in the Legislative Service, servings in the Assembly of St. Mary's County, 1638/39; Upper House, 1658, 1659/60; Council, 1643-1649, 1651-1660 (suspended from October 1658 to October 1659 for maligning other Councilors); Justice, Provincial Court, 1643-1649, 1650/51-1660; Conservator of the Peace in St. Clement's Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1639/40. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** a very controversial figure in provincial politics and frequently at odds with the propretor's spokesmen, Gerard supported Fendall's Rebellion in 1659/60, for which he was permanently barred from voting or holding office in the colony. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** valued at L299.11.3 in 1664. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,030 acres in 1639; 11,000 acres by 1642; 14,000 acres by 1651, plus 3,500 acres in Virginia.