

William Fuller

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Born: 1625 England or Virginia

Married: Sarah Martiau

Died: 1695 St Andrews, South Carolina

Parents: Thomas Fuller & Audrey Gylman

William Fuller, founder of the Fuller family of St. Andrew's Parish on Ashley River in South Carolina, was born presumably in England about 1625 or earlier. He arrived in Virginia sometime in the late 1640s to 1650. In 1651, he moved into Maryland to join a colony of Puritans, who settled there two years earlier.

In his book, *Nicolas Martiau, The Adventurous Huguenot*, John Baer Stoudt states that William Fuller had been the surveyor for the Province of Virginia. However, no reference is given for this information, and no records in Virginia have been found to confirm it.

William was a Captain and married Sarah Martiau, youngest daughter of Captain Nicolas Martiau (1592-1657) and his wife, Jane of York County, Virginia. William Fuller married Sarah about 1651 and took her with him to Maryland.

Source: Captain William Fuller of Maryland and South Carolina and his Descendants by Virginia Fripp Shaffer, Southern Historical Press Inc., 2002,

1654 The new governor of [Maryland](#), William Fuller, does away with the Toleration Act which gave Catholics the right to practice their religion and removes Lord Baltimore from authority.

<http://americanhistory.about.com/od/americanhistorytimelines/a/timeline-1651.htm>

Richard Bennett and William Claiborne, with authorization from the Puritan government in England, issued an ordinance July 22, 1654, to ten Marylanders as commissioners "for the well Ordering, directing and Governing the affaires of Maryland" with powers that included the right to summon assemblies.

Later additions to the body of commissioners were: William Parker, Robert Slye, Thomas Meeres, Thomas Marsh, Sampson Waring, Michael Brooke, John Pott, Woodman Stockley, William Parrott, Philip Morgan, William Ewen, Thomas Thomas, Philip Thomas, Samuel Withers and Richard Woolman. The commissioners surrendered their powers to the restored proprietary government March 24, 1657.<http://www.marylandtheseventhstate.com/article1099.html>

The ordering and governing the affairs of Maryland, was then committed to **Captain Will. Fuller**, Mr. Rich. Preston, Mr. Richard Durand, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and others mentioned in the Commission, who were required to attend the Engagement of the Commonwealth of England, to keep Courts, and to summon an Assembly in October following. At this Assembly there was a full and lawful Representative of the whole Province, ¹ where the Act of Reducement of this Province by Commission from the Council of State in England to Richard Bennet Esq., Col. William Cleyborne, Edmund Curtis, was freely and fully acknowledged by the whole Assembly; the Burgesse of every respective County and Limit confirming the same and submitting thereunto. And did pass and record an Act, That whosoever did publish any Writ or Summons, Declaration or Proclamation, either in the Lord Baltimore's or any other name, then the Government so settled as aforesaid had and received should be accounted a Delinquent against the Commonwealth of England, and dealt with accordingly.

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