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Notes Illustrative of the Early Records
OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BY
GEORGE A. HANSON, M. A.

(17.) Wm. Leedes Complaines against ye estate of Edward Tarrent, deceased, for five hundred pounds of tob. which the sd Tarent stood indebted to ye plaintiff to bee payd the next ensuinge Cropp: Capt. Wickes being overseer. The plaintiff havinge proved his Complaint, The Court doth therefore Order that the afforementioned debt be payd out of the estate of ye sd Tarrent by Capt. Joseph Wickes overseer to ye estate, the last of November next ensuinge this present date.

(18. The Court doth order that John Winchester & John Elis shall make a legal appraisement of the estate of Edward Tarrent, deceased.

(19.) Capt. John Russell Complaines against the estate of Edward Tarrent, deceased, for one hundred fiftie eight pound of tob; having proved his Compt. The Court doth therefore Order that present payment be made of the one hundred fiftie eight pounds of tob. out of the sd Tarrent's estate to ye Plaintiff, els Execution.

Lib. A. Folios 109, 110, 111.

SECTION 71. Bee it known unto all men by these presents That I, Roger Baxster of ye County of Kent planter, beinge truly effected in love to Marye Croutch, Widdow, ye late relict of George Croutch deceased and am fully determined God willing to take her to my wedded wife, & soe to make her one with my selfe; The sayd Mary, having Childrn of her own, desires to reserve sume part of ye estate which was her husband Croutch's, to her own proper use, namely these particulars hearein hereafter exprest.

Imprim. One Redde Cow, called Cherrie, fformerly bought of Capt. Vaughan, her mark, ye right eare Cropt ye left eare under keeled.

Itm. One Cowe of a redish coloure, calld Clixke, havinge but one Eey, fformerly bought of John Dean.

Item. The whole plantation that was in ye possession, & did lately belonge to her husband Croutch with all ye Appurtenances thereunto belonginge or any wise appurtaininge.

Item. One single bedd, with all belonginge to it, which bedd her husband Croutch gave to theire daughter.

Item. One Boxe, containinge in bigness about halfe a bushell.

Item. One Iron Kettle, containinge about foure gallons.

Now I, the said Roger Baxster, Joininge my selfe in matrimony with ye sd Marie Croutch, doe, notwithstandinge, by virtue hearof disclaim all right, title, claime or interest for mee my heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assignes to all & every particulare of ye sd Cattell & goode formerly mentioned and exprest.

And doe allso further covenant, bind & engage my selfe that ye sd Mary shall have free liberty all ye tyme of her life to dispose of all or any part of ye forementioned Cattell and goods, And at ye expiration of her time heare upon Earth If God give her will & opertunitie, then by will, gift or bequest to dispose of ye same to her Childrene or whom she please as beinge hr owne proper Estate without ye lett or hindrance of me ye sd Roger Baxster my heires, Executors, Administrators or Assignes or any person or persons claiminge right or interest from or under me or mine; And if it so happen that ye sayd Marie depart this life without will or disposal of ye sayd Cattell and goodes, that then ye same bee left to be disposed of at ye discretion of ye Court to her children, thn beinge or otherwise accordinge to equitie and conscience:

I doe further covenant & bind my selfe as before that ye sd Marie shall have free librtie to dispose of either or both her children to any person or persons for their better Education & bringing up Allways provided that this disposal bee not done rashly, but to take ye advice of some two honest neighboures or to have ye approbation of ye Court, and for Confirmation I have heareunto put my hand in ye presence of ye Court, this first day of January 1655,

Signed
ROGER
BAXSTER. RB

Test. Tho. Hill Clar.
Liber A. Fo.l 112.

SECTION 72. Bee it known unto all men by these presents, that I, Rob. Vaughan, of ye Countie of Kent, Gent, doe by virtue hereof ffreely give and bestow upon Rebecca Lumber the child or daughter of Francis Lumbar deceased, One Cowe Calfe, colured Redd, her marq, the left eare cropt and a hole, the right eare a hole, to stand upon Record, as a deed of gift from mee ye sd Vaughan, my heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assignes, to the sayd Rebecca, her heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assignes, peaceably & quietly to enjoy as her of their own proper goods forever the said calf with all her increase, allways provided, that if ye sd Rebecca, happen to die, or depart this life beefore ye tyme of her marriadge, that then ye forementioned gift shall wholly, solely, redound, appertaine & belonge, as her owne proper goods to Jane Salter the wife of John Salter, naturall & owne mother to ye sd Rebecca Lumber. The males of ye stock (till marriadge) to John Salter father-in-law to ye child.

ROBT. VAUGHAN.

Ibid Fol. 112.

SECTION 73. The deposition of Mr. Isack Ilive, aged —— years or thereabouts, taken in Court the first of January 1655, sworne, examined & saith, That beeinge at ye house of George Croutch in ye tyme of his sickness: The sd Croutch desired to make his will, or to speak something concerning ye disposition of his estate, which was as followeth; Sayd hee, Mr. Ilive I entreat you to take notes what I intend to give to my Wife and Children, To my sonne George two gunnes, a great one & a little one, and allso I give him a heiffer called genttle, and yearling coloured black called nanie: to my daughter Marie the heiffer called melenore, two years ould, & one sowe and piggs that Capt. Vaughan had given her formerly; And for ye rest of my Cattell, the plantation, movables & immovables I give to my Wife, and further saith not.

ISA. ILIVE.

Nicolus Richard aged —— yeares or thereabouts, his deposition taken in Court the first of Januarie 1655, sworne, examined and saith.

That at ye same tyme when Mr. Isak Ilive was with George Croutch in his sickness your deponent was allso present & heard the same words, formerly exprest in Mr. Ilive's deposition, spoken or uttered by the sd Croutch & further saith not.

NICOLUS RICHARD.

Jurat coram
Phill Conier.

SECTION 74. Bee it known unto all men by these presents (that whereas there was formerly given to Rebecca Lumber, the daughter of Francis Lumber, deceased, three sowe shotes, one from Mr. Wickes, one from Jno. Ringgold, & one from John Dean,, the which shotes beeinge grown up to bee of sume considerable worth & value) That I, John Salter, in Lue for & in Consideration of the three hoggs, doe by virtue hereof; Order, appoint & give unto the foresd Rebecca, my daughter-in-law; One Cow Calfe Coloured Browne, her mark, the left eare Cropt & a hole, & the right ear a hole, with all her increase; from mee, my heirs, Executors, Administrators or Assigns, to the said Rebecca, her heirs, Administrator, Executor, or Aassigns forever, peaceably & quietly to enjoy as her or their own proper goods; Allways provided, that if ye sd Rebecca, dye or depart this life before her marriadge, that the sd Calfe, & her Increase, wholly & solely, to redound, belonge, & appertain to Jane Salter, the wife of John Salter natural & Owne Mother, to ye child, be & remain to ye sd John Salter, Naturel the wife of the sd John Salter, Naturel main to ye sd Jane as her own proper goods forever; The males till ye Child's marriadge to bee my owne use. Witness my hand this

Signed JNO. SALTER

Ibid Folio 113. (34)

STILL POND

Miss Gene Davis, of Baltimore, spent some time recently with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

Mrs. Annie Davis, Miss Louisa Travers and Mr. Walter Davis were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Romie Skirven, of Fairlee.

The Philathia Class had a very enjoyable meeting on last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Meeks.

Mr. Henry Davis, of Wilmington, is much improved and is now at home.

Mr. Howard Stayten, of Wilmington, was guest of Mrs. Angie Rasin for the opening of the gunning season.

Mr. Elmer Atwell is spending his vacation at his home this week.

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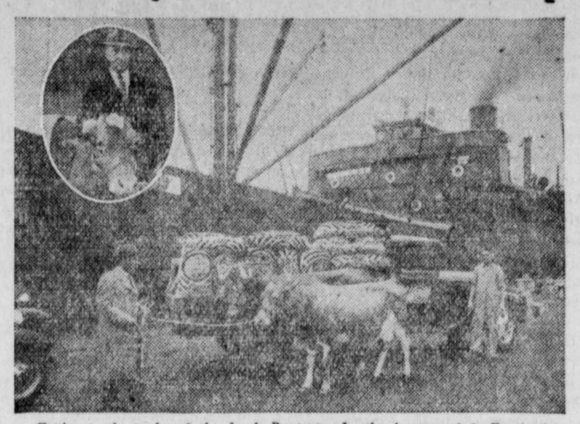

Getting ready to board the Jacob Ruppert. In the foreground is Deerfoot's Guernsey Maid, loaned by Deerfoot Farms, Southboro, Mass. Behind her stands Foremost Southern Girl, loaned by Emmadine Farm, Hopewell Junction, N. Y. At the upper left is Admiral Byrd and one of his cow-crew.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd, polar explorer, is making dairy history. He is taking three Guernseys—the first cows ever to accompany an American polar expedition—on his second visit to the Antarctic. Housed under shelters on the deck of his flagship, the 11,000-ton freighter Jacob Ruppert, these sturdy milk-producers are now on the high seas bound for Dunedin, New Zealand.

There Admiral Byrd will organize for the final leg of his 10,000-mile ocean journey which will end only when he and his party have fought their way through the vast ice pack that encircles the Antarctic, to the Bay of Whales and Little America. Arrived there the cows will be unloaded onto the great Ross Ice Barrier and ushered into the winter quarters which they will occupy during their two-year stay.

Admiral Byrd does not hold title to these Guernseys. He has merely borrowed them and fully expects to return them and expected progeny to their owners on his return in 1935. Emmadine Farm, Hopewell Junction, N. Y., is lending him Foremost Southern Girl. Deerfoot Farms, Southboro, Mass., have contributed the services of six-year-old Deerfoot's Guernsey Maid. The third, Nira Polar Guernsey, a four-year-old, comes from Klondike Farm, Elkin, N. C. This latter cow is due to freshen shortly and careful preparations have been made to assure this historic calf a proper start in life. Feed supplies include a quantity of Larro Calf Meal.

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Edgar F. Cox, one of the ship carpenters, will have direct charge of the cows. Mr. Cox is an experienced dairyman and owner of a herd of 27 cows at Arcade, N. Y., near Buffalo.

Elsworth Bunce of the American Guernsey Cattle Club has no doubts whatever about the ability of the three Guernseys to survive their long ordeal. "Why shouldn't they?" he asked. "They will have the best of feed and care." Special blankets which cover them from nose to tail will protect them against extreme cold weather in Antarctic, where temperatures range from 15° above zero to 70° below according to Leroy Clark, chief Commissary officer.

Information of scientific value to twelve different sciences, is expected to result from Admiral Byrd's second expedition. This is made possible by the improved equipment and the experience gained in the many previous invasions of the north and south polar regions in which Admiral Byrd and others of his group have taken part. The big ship carries 180 sledge dogs, nearly twice the number taken along in 1928 and added airplane equipment which will enable them to do ten times as much flying. They expect to map and explore 500,000 square miles of unknown territory.

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