

## Mary Bayly

John Bayly is first mentioned in the record in August 1618 as transporting five servants to Virginia.. He apparently did not long outlive this event as 490 acres of his land was granted to Mary Bayly(Bailey), orphan, in February 1620. Ten acres of her inheritance appear to have been located on James Island just west of, and adjacent to, land owned by Robert Marshall. The relationship between Mary and John was more explicitly recorded in a land patent of August 1643 issuing land to "Randall Holt, son and lawful heir of Mary Bayly, late of Hogg Island, sole daughter and heir of John Bayly of the same island". Mary Bayly, as a minor, was able in October 1626 through her guardian, Richard Bayly to have Hogg Island leased to Sir George Yeardley for three years.

At some time before 1639 she married Randall (or Randolph) Holt, who had come to Virginia in 1620 indentured to Dr John Pott. He was listed in the 1625 muster as being 18 years old and living at Dr. Pott's property, "the Maine", which was the mainland property next to Hogg Island. In March 1626 a court order determined his indenture to end at Christmas of that year, when he would be given his freedom, a full suit of clothes and three barrels of corn. In September of 1636 Randall Holt patented 400 acres on the south side of the James, near Hogg Island. He appears to have died between July 1639 when he repatented his 400 acre tract and August 1643.

Mary had died by 1 August 1643 when a patent for 710 acres was issued to a second Randall (or Randolph) Holt, her son, as cited above. Her only child, he had been born about 1629. This son in turn married a widow, Elizabeth Hansford Wilson and they had six children, before he passed on, his will being recorded in 1679.

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