

SIDE-LIGHTS  
ON  
MARYLAND HISTORY

WITH  
SKETCHES OF EARLY MARYLAND FAMILIES

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daughter of Colonel Augustine Herman. Ariana was the widow of James Frisby when she married Bordley. Three children were the result of this marriage, viz: Matthew, Thomas and John Beale. Thomas Bordley's will devised his estate to his children.

The sons and descendants of Thomas Bordley intermarried with prominent families of Maryland.

#### BOSMAN-BOZMAN

The facts recited in the public records of Maryland are, generally speaking, very reliable and may safely be accepted as final. However, it happened now and then that statements were officially recorded in the Colonial period that subsequent investigation in other records proved to be erroneous. A case in point is that of the maternity of the children of William Bozman, a gentleman who settled in Somerst County as early as 1663. As there are still living many worthy people who descend from this gentleman, it is well to recite a few facts supported by the official records of Virginia, that prove another mother for his children than the lady credited with that honor in the Somerset County records. In Liber D B I K L, Somerset County Land Records, the births of five children born to William Bosman (Bozman) and Elinor, his wife, are recorded, viz.: John, 1650, Bridgett, 1653; William, 1655; Anne, 1657; George, 1659. In the absence of any record to the contrary, this record would have to stand. Further research has proven beyond question that William Bosman's first wife, Bridget, was the mother of his children, and not Ellinor, as entered in the Somerset County land record. The following from the Northampton County, Virginia, Records, Vol. 7, p. 92, Hungar's Parish Record,

proves the above: "Buried in July 9th, 1660, Bridget, the wife of William Bosman." In the same liber the following pre-nuptial transaction between William Bosman and his second wife, Elinor Mattocks, is recorded under date of February 11, 1660, (Old Style), which at this period was the end of the year—the year beginning on March 25th. Northampton County Records, Book 7, p. 88, Deed February 11, 1660:

"Know all men by these presents, that I Ellinor Mattocks, widow and ye late wife of Alexander Mattocks of Northampton County, deceased, do make over unto my own proper use and to be at my disposal as I think fit without molestation or hindrence from any of these things following, viz.: One mare and three cows with all their increase during my life are to be at my disposing as I shall think fit and one feather bed with all furniture thereto belonging to be at my own disposing and one bedstead and one looking glass.

"These things within mentioned I, William Bozman, do ratify and confirm unto her and do acknowledge it to be done by my free consent unto which I have subscribed my hand this 11th day of February, 1660.

"Know all men by these presents that I, William Bozman, do give and make over unto Ellinor Mattocks, one breeding ewe with all her increase to be at her disposal as she shall think fit." Recorded May 15, 1661.

"Elinor Mattocks, late wife of Alexander Mattocks of Morthampton County, deceased, for the tender love and affection of a mother unto her child do give unto my son, Lazarus Mattocks," kitchen utensils, dishes, &c., February 11, 1660. Recorded May 15, 1661.

The marriage of William Bozman to Ellinor Mattocks

is entered in Liber 7, folio 92, as occurring in Hungar's Parish, February 15, 1661, thus establishing that Bridget—who died in 1660—was mother of his children.

Bridget Bozman was evidently related to Katherine Scarborough, as at the date of William Bosman's pre-nuptial contrat with Ellinor Mattocks, widow, Katherine Scarborough gave to Katherine Bozman, daughter of William Bozman, as his will proves, a heifer.

William Bozman removed to Somerset County, Maryland, in 1663, took up land there, and was for a short time quite a prominent figure in the life of the county. His Will, dated August 5, 1664 (no probate date, Annapolis Wills, Liber I, folio 228), leaves the 1200 acres of land he then lived on in Somerset County to be equally divided between his sons John and George Bozman, "provided William Bozman hath a seat of land convenient for him, if not, that the above mentioned land may be equally divided to my three sons, John, William and George Bozman. . . . My daughter Bridget Bozman and son William Bozman to go to Captain William Thorne until they come of age, and in case my daughter Katherine marry it is my will that my daughter Ann Bozman may stay with her until she is fifteen years of age." Personalty to his four daughters, viz., Katherine, Bridget, Ann and Mary.

The further records of Elinor Mattocks Bozman are of interest. She married thirdly James Cain (or Keen) and died in 1692, leaving all her estate to her son Lazarus Maddox and her wearing apparel to her niece Blandina Bozman. This Blandina was the daughter of Philip Ridsen, of Northampton County, Virginia. She was the wife of John Bozman, son of William.

The sons of William Bozman by his wife Bridget (not Elinor) became important in Maryland, John especially being distinguished as a member of the Assembly, as one of the County Justices and as a generally representative man in the high and important affairs in the county and Province. The historian Bozman was of this blood, and many others of prominence and distinction.

#### BOYD

Of the families settled at New Scotland, Prince George's County, Maryland, none were more interesting or contributed more to the Revolutionary history of the State than the Boyd family, of whom John Boyde was the early progenitor. Settling first in Anne Arundel County where, on February 26, 1683, he received the first warrant for land, he soon removed to Prince George's County, and settled on his estate Amptill Grange, a tract of nearly a thousand acres granted to him by Charles, third Lord Baltimore, September 16, 1703. This land was included in the original boundaries of Calvert County, in that part afterwards included in Prince George's. John Boyd was a prominent man in his day, and while not having held public office, was called upon to discharge duties involving grave responsibility, as per the following:

(Council of Maryland. Maryland Archives, vol. 23, folios 327-328.)

"At a Court held for Prince Georges County before his Majesties Justices and Commissioners of the County aforesaid the 24th day of November, 1697, the Grand Jury made the following report: