

## Descendants of James Merritt

**James Merritt** b. abt. 1643 prob. England, arrived in Old Rappahannock Co., VA 1663 (Essex Co. created from ORK 1692); wife, unknown. ISSUE:

1. John Jr.
2. James marr. Martha Parker who marr. Robert Hudgens after James' death in 1733/34
3. Unknown
4. Francis marr. Robert Gresham
5. Mary, marr. Matthew Cox, Sr. - See [Cox Family](#)

### Refs:

1) LVA Patents No. 4, p. 604, 1663 deed to John Smith for transp. 4 persons into colony

2) 23 August 1742 accounting of his estate by Robert Hudgens included payments to **John and Francis Merrit** and **Mary Cox** for their part of their brother James Merrit's estate which came into the hands and possession of William Hendrick. Other accounting by Robert Hudgens identify James Merrit as the first husband of Martha (Hendrick) Hudgens. Robert Hudgens and his wife Martha were also involved in the final settlement of Merritt's estate. The inventory and appraisal of Merritt's estate was made Jan 1734 in Caroline & Essex counties and **recorded in Essex County** 21 July 1736.

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/r/i/Pamela-Cox-Criswell/WEBSITE-0001/UHP-0063.html>

3) Researcher Mike Merritt noted that Merritts lived at Mt. Landing Creek on all sides of John Smith who marr. Elizabeth Cox.