

## DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM SPENCER

### Generation 1

\***WILLIAM SPENCER**, b. abt. 1600, England; d. abt. Feb 1, 1638 in Jamestown, Surry Co., VA; married

1) **Alice Lightfoot**; See [Lightfoot Family](#) 2) Dorothy MNU. ISSUE of Wm. & Alice:

1. Alice 2. William 3. Anne 4. **Elizabeth**

### Notes for William Spencer & Alice Lightfoot:

1) This \*William Spencer is **Not** to be confused with **Ensign William Spence(r)**, Ancient Planter who is noted as member of the 1st expedition which arrived at Jamestowne, from Ship "Sarah Constant" with Christopher Newport in 1607. The Ens. William Spence, was member of the House of Burgesses, 1619.

2) In the muster of **24 Jan. 1624/5** William Spencer resided at James Island (Jamestown) with his wife Alice and their daughter Alice, the family being well supplied, having ten barrels of corn, 200 fish and for their protection ammunition consisting of four pounds of powder, eight pounds of shot and three "pieces," along with twelve swine, three goats and two kids. They also had two dwelling houses and one boat....  
Source: Adventurers of Purse & Person: VA 1607-1624/5

3) Note that Ensign Wm. Spence & wife were slain *[presumably by Indians]* as reported by John Smith in year **1622** - "Smith's General Historie, Book IV: Numbers that were **slaine** in those several Plantations: ) at **Ensign Spences house** 5(five) - p. 368-9 ]Source: "**Narratives of Early VA, 1606-1625**" at <http://archive.org>.] Their child, Sara Spence, aged 4, born in Virginia, was living, 1624/5, with Sara Bush, her guardian (MCGC, p. 42). That Ens. Spence and his wife had perished is also verified by a court order, 1626, that "administrators of Ensign William Spence should have his land at Archer's Hope surveyed"  
Source: [http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=gen\\_author&id=I2112&style=TABLE](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=gen_author&id=I2112&style=TABLE)

4) As a "yeoman and Ancient Planter" **William Spencer** received a patent for 12 acres at James City, 14 Aug. 1624. This acreage was "part of his first dividant within the Island towards Goose Hill" and was to be deducted out of his dividant at Spencer's Hole. In 1629 the General Court granted him permission to take up 400 acres "in any place not already taken up. Source: Adventurers of Purse & Person: VA 1607-1624/25

5) "Of those send under the royal charter in 1609-1615: **John Lightfoot, William Spencer** et al (p. 613); "Private Lands. There were many parcels of land granted on Jamestown Island & lots in town: **John Lightfoot, William Spenser**, et al (p. 621) [Source: "The First Republic in America", by Alexander Brown (google ebook)

### Generation 2

**ELIZABETH SPENCER** - married 1) Major Robert Sheppard; 2) **Thomas Warren** - See [Warren Family](#)

### Research Log

**1654**, Sep 7 - ... "**Dear Brother Cockerham**," signed "Your loving sister, **Elizabeth Sheppard**," asking him to represent her in Court. William Cockerham married a daughter of William Spencer and it is probable that Elizabeth was another daughter. [Surry Record Books]

1656 Feb - Lieut. William Cockerham granted 1230 acres of land in Surry County, 1100 acres of it being "due to the said **Cockerham as marrying the daughter of Mr. Spencer** to whom it was granted." (cf. Nugent, p. 341).

**1654 Sep 25 Thomas Warren & Elizabeth Shepherd**, widow, enter marriage agreement in which Elizabeth was to retain the estate of her dec'd husband, Maj. Robert Sheppard, Mr. Warren was also to give certain horses & cows to her children **Anne, John, Robert, and Will**. Priscilla and Susanna Sheppard, daughters of Maj. Sheppard & his first wife Priscilla - were also named [ Surry Co. Rec.: 1652-1684]

**1656 Sep 29 - Thomas Warren** re orphans Priscilla & Susan Sheppard heirs of Robert Sheppard ][ Surry Co. Rec.: Surry Co., VA 1652-1684 - google ebook]

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### Land Records

**1624 Aug 14,- William Spencer, Yeoman & Ancient Planter**, 12 acs., James City; part of his 1<sup>st</sup> dividant within the Island, towards Goose Hill, near land of Sir Thos. Dale & John Lytefoote, due for his personal adv. Land measured by Wm. Clayborne. Fee Rent: 3 pence...due yearly at Feast of St. Michael the Archangel...."which is to be abated out of his devidend at Spencers hole. [LVA Pat.#1, pg. 9]

**1632 Sep 9 William Spencer** of James Is., 250 acs on west sd. **Lawne's Creek** at mouth, **James Island**, James City County [LVA Pat#1, p.120]

**1635 June 19 - William Spencer**, 1,100 acs. lying in "**Lawnes Creek** & Westerly upon Hog Island Creek, Southerly upon a parcel of land near his parcel at the mouth of the Creek." [LVA Pat.#1, p.249]

**1637 Feb 6 - William Spencer**, 1,350 acs. Lying in "**Lawnes Creek**". [LVA Pat.#1, p. 521]

**1667**, May 24 - **Nicholas Spencer** of Lawne's Creek Parish (son of the aforementioned Nicholas), sells to Capt. Wm. Cockerham, a parcel formerly his uncle's: **Wm. Spencer, deceased**, and lately bequeathed to Nicholas Spencer by will or right of descent. (Surry Co. VA, D & W, Book I, 1652-1672, p. 287)

**1685/6**, January 4 - Indenture, Wm. Cockerham to Wm. Harris, 150 acs in Hog Island granted to **Wm. Spencer, late of the County, dec'd February 1, 1637/8**. Beg. near a saw pitt in the line twixt said Cockerham and Robt. Barham, orphan, to edge of the marsh of Hog Island Creek, east by a line dividing **Cockerham** and **Wm. Swards** land, SSE by **Jno. Case's** cart path. (Surry Co., VA, D & W, Book I, 1652-1672, p. 287). (Note: this land deeded to Harris Taylor, grandson of Wm. Harris, to John Holt, Feb. 20, 1738/9).