

ABELL FAMILY

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1.. It is certain that SAMUEL ABELL (2) who died testate in St. Mary's County in 1698 was our ancestor. As there is no sign of his coming into the colony, he must have been here. born After careful search of the records it still remains a mystery whose son he was. (According to J. B. Wathen, Jr., his father was Captain Robert Abell, born in England in 1620, came to America in 1649, died in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Other son, Richard.) The first record we find of him is where he signed his name with his mark to the protestant appeal to King William February 9, 1689 St. Mary's County. He made his will in St. Mary's County January 8, 1697. It was proven there April 11, 1698. He leaves to his son " John (3) at 18 years of age testator's right to tract of land on My Lord's Manor 120 acres all land on the other side of Napkin Branch. To son SAMUEL dwelling plantation, it being on this side of Napkin Branch. To wife ANN executrix and heirs residue of estate real and personal." Edward Cole, Luke Gardiner and Chas. Corly witnessed the will. SAMUEL (2) had four more children who were not mentioned in the will. (Admr. Acc. Liber 17, folio 94 1698 Annapolis). I feel certain that William Abell (3), who died in St. Mary's Co. 1735 was a son, also that Richard H. Abell who was on the surety bond of William's widow Ann was also a son. (Admr. Acc. 136 D.D. 1, folio 13 Annapolis). I have found no traces of the other two children, I suspect they were girls. The records do not show the maiden name of ANN wife of SAMUEL (2). From the above I feel sure they had the following children:

3	i Samuel (3)	b.	1678	d.	1784
4	ii John (3)	b.	1680	d.	1746
5	iii William (3)	b.		d.	1734
6	iv Richard (3)	b.		d.	

2. SAMUEL (3) of Samuel (2) was the oldest son of Samuel and Ann Abell (2). He was at least 18 when his father made his will in 1697, so was born circa 1678. He acted as Episcopal Vestryman and held office between 1720 and 1750, as Justice of Peace, Sheriff and member of House of Burgesses for St. Mary's Co.

3. The records of All Faith's Episcopal Church St. Mary's Co. show he was a vestryman 1723-1742. It seems that he married WINIFRED HALL, daughter of SIMEON HALL, who died testate in St. Mary's Co. 1717. and devised all the property he owned in Maryland to SAMUEL ABELL (3) while that located at South Shields, Durham Co., England, he left to his cousins the Misses Brown. SAMUEL probably married WINIFRED about 1716. He was on