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Stafford Co., Va., Patent Book No. 10, Patent #125:  
Calvet, April 30, 1714 — 100 acres on S. side James River, Begg. at  
a cash standing on the river at the mouth of a small branch being on  
the upper corner on the river of the French lands. Vol. XI, p. 301, *Virginia  
Magazine of History and Biography*. Register of Huguenot Church at  
Manakin shows Jean Calver elected to vestry 12-26-1718. Jean Calvet a  
tithable 1710 (17 yrs. or older) at Huguenot Church. Vol. 11, 12, 3 (sic)  
*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* finds Anthony (Antoine),  
Stephen (Etienne), John (Jean) and Peter (Pierre) Calvet are settlers at  
Manakintowne, Va.

Additional information from Mr. Louis Agee then National Registrar of  
the Huguenot Society, Founders of Manakin, states: "Jean Calver settled in  
Stafford Co., Va., before coming to Huguenot settlement at Manakintown.  
He was naturalized in 1705 and received his land grant in the upper part of  
5,000 acres set aside for the French refugees. His was the most western grant  
in this plot. He also received another patent adjoining the above one for im-  
portation."

## DAUX — WITT

### THE ORPHANS OF WALTER DAUX OF CHARLES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA

By Wayne Witt Bates

This chronology brings together records that pertain to the orphans of  
Walter Daux, namely Susanna Daux and Ann Daux. Ann Daux married  
John Witt; and Susanna Daux married three times, first Richard Rawlins,  
second John Turbyfield, and third John Andrews. Their grandfather was  
Richard Daux of London. Since their father (Walter Daux) was the im-  
migrant, no attempt herein is made to connect with like-sounding names of  
early Virginia. Like-sounding names include Henry Dawkes and Sir Thomas  
Dawks, who were members of the Virginia Company of London, and who  
are listed in the records of the Company (Vol. IV, pages 82 and 363); and  
one William Dauke/Dawkes of Verinas within the Corp. of Charles City,



who inherited land from his father (Henry Dawkes) in the year 1632, and mentions his uncle William Leigh (Patent Book 1, page 107).

### Summary

1. *Walter Daux*. He was deceased before June, 1658. His father was Richard Daux of London, who appears to be a merchant. The name Walter Daux (variations) appears as a headright/immigrant at least three times: In 1637, 1655, and 1663. This may indicate that he made trips back and forth to London. The entry in 1663, for Watt (Walt) Daux is plausible, even though he was deceased by that time. Accounted for in the time delay necessary in obtaining land patents. One record indicates that Walter Daux acreage adjoined that of Col. Edward Hill (Shirley Hundred).
2. *Mary, wife of Walter Daux*. She was twice a widow when she married John Flowers. She married three times, first to Robert Plaine; second to Walter Daux, and, in 1658, she was the wife of John Flowers. In 1678, her children claimed that John Flowers "wasted the (Daux) estate." As a minimum, Mary had at least three children; John Plaine, and daughters Ann Daux and Susanna Daux. A word about third husband, John Flowers. Per court records, he was born in 1633 or "thereabouts." In 1661, John Flowers of Dicks Hundred (probably Diggs Hundred) sold "all my reall and personall estate" to George Harris, merchant of London. For a short time, he was Constable for "Shirley Hundred," which again serves to locate the land of Walter Daux.
3. *Susanna Daux*. Court records show that she married three times. First, before 1674, to Richard Rawlins; second, in 1678, she was the wife of John Turbyfield (born ca. 1649 per court record); and, third, in 1688, she was the widow of John Andrews. Susanna was probably deceased in 1694, when her children were placed with guardians. In 1694, the orphans of John Turbyfield (John and Mary) were placed with guardians, with "consent of relations." Richard Turbyfield, who was recorded in the area, and in Prince George Co., may well be another son of Susanna.
4. *Ann Daux*. Court records show that Ann Daux was the wife of John Witt in 1674. By tradition, John Witt was born in 1645 and died in 1715. John Witt (and fellow immigrants) are listed on three or more land patents in 1682, 1685, 1689 and 1695. Perhaps, some mitigating circumstances for the multiple claims for their importation (same names). But, again, there is evidence, here and there, that point to some dishonesty by land owners in the re-use (re-cycling) of names to obtain land patents. It is apparent that John Witt, and some of the names listed with him on the three or more land patents, arrived before the year 1682, which was the date of the first patent. They arrived earlier, because their names appear in records that pre-date the year 1682. In 1687, John Whitt (sic) was well established in Charles City Co., Virginia. The surname was spelled both Witt and Whitt in court action involving the Daux estate. John and Ann (Daux) Witt had at least two sons, namely John Witt, Jr., who died in Goochland Co. after 1742, and William Witt, who died in Albemarle (now Fluvanna Co.) in 1754. The deed documents that these brothers (John and William Witt) were of Charles City Co., Virginia, when they bought 300 acres in Henrico Co. (now Goochland Co.) in the year 1715. And it is deemed significant that each if the brothers named their first son John. The inference is being named in honor of John Witt, the immigrant. No doubt that John and Ann (Daux) Witt had other

children. By name, place, and "old" Halifax County and "old" Whit (sic), of C. leberry (sic), because the given lineage, by the Witt(s). And tions by the Witt(s). Unless oth descendant (1739 Patent Bristol Parish). Unless oth court records of Charles (laid in cousinly coopera Mrs. Ruth Witt Harris (19 Plainfield, Indiana.

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children. By name, place, and age, Richard Witt of Amelia, Prince Edward, and "old" Halifax County, is a prime candidate. By name association, Littleberry Whit (sic), of Charles City County, has a plausible place in Witt lineage, because the given name of Littleberry is much used in later generations by the Witt(s). And one Edward Whitt has not been ruled out as a descendant (1739 Patent Book 18, page 563, Prince George County and Bristol Parish). Unless otherwise indicated, the following chronology is from court records of Charles City County, Virginia. The records have been collated in cousinly cooperation by Wayne Witt Bates, of Fairfax, Virginia; Mrs. Ruth Witt Harris (1910-1977), Frisco, Texas, and Mrs. Roy A. Wilson, Plainfield, Indiana.

#### Witt Excursus

Minutes of the Council and General Court of Colonial Virginia 1622-1632, 1670-1676. Edited by H. R. McIlwaine, Richmond, Virginia. MCMXXIV.  
1 Oct 1674 Refference betweene Jno Witt and Susanna Rawlins plts and Lt. Coll Epps to the Third Day of next Genll Court  
20 Nov 1674 Refference betweene Witt and Rawlins & the Comr of Charles City County till the 3d Day of next Genll Court  
3 Mar 1674/5 The Difference Betweene Jno Witt and Richd Rawlins who married the Two\* orpts of Walter Daux Dec' Plt and ye Commissions of Charles City County defdts is Refferred to ye next Assembly.

*Deduction:* Susanna Daux was the wife of Richard Rawlins. Ann Daux was the wife of John Witt.

Abstract page 272 Charles City Co. Order Book

14 Feb 1677/8 Jno Turberfield (2nd husband of Susanna Daux) and Jno Whitt (sic) plts bring suit agst Anotho. Wyatt deft for the value of the estate of Walter Daux dec'd. The Charles City Court granted admin. 3 June 1656 unto Mr Jno Flowers. The estate has appraised and divided between the two Daux sisters . . . (Flowers) has wasted the estate.

Reference: *Virginia Colonial Abstracts*, Vol. XI, page 10 and 22, by Beverley Fleet.

Page 148\*\* Abstract. John Flower "for and in cosidoracon of marriage with Mary the relict of Walter Daux decd, and in considoracon of my love and affection to the children of the sd Mary Daux now my wife" gives unto John Plaine "the son of the sd Mary by her former husband Robt Plaine decd," 2 steers, a bed and other furniture and household stuff. "Also unto Ann Daux," 3 cows certain furniture. Also to Susan Daux cattle, household furniture etc. The land descended from Robt. Plaine to his heirs. Dated 24 May 1658.

Wit:

signed John fflower

John Stith

Howell Pryse.

Rec. 25 June 1658.

\*John Witt married Ann Daux on/before 1674.

\*\*Charles City County Court Orders 1658-1661.



Page 163\*. Ordered that John Flower give bond and caution to Will'm Odeon marin'r for the freight and other charges of two hds of tobbo sent and consign'd by *Walter Daux dec'd to his father Richd Daux*, London, the sd hds being proved to be delivered according to form order.

Reference: *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, Vol. II, 1666-1695, published 1977.

Page 247. Patent Book 7 page 199. 20 Nov. 1682, Wm. Randolph & Robert Bolling (Bolding), Gent. Chas. City Co., Bristoll Par.

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Beg. at Hugh Lee; to the Great Meadow; up the main SW;

Daux/Dawkes/Lee/Witt EXCURSUS

In 1632 in Chas City Co., Wm. Dauxe (son of Henry) mentions his uncle Wm. Leigh.

Prior to 1674, Ann Daux m. John Witt. She, the dau. of Walter Daux; granddau. of Richd Daux of London.

623 acs. (for) Transfer of 13 persons

Borar, Jane; Beazley, Robt.; Witt, Jon.

Sawyer, Lydia; Gower, Edwd; Glover, Tho.; Britton, Lyon; Jones, Tho.; Brown, Richd.; Harrold, Jon;

( ), Job; Lyborne, Tho.; Prout, Peter

Page 335. Patent Book 8 pages 1 & 2, 20 Oct 1689, Thomas Cock, Senr. Henrico Co., Verina Parish

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816 acs. (for) Importation of 17 persons

Borar, Jane; Beasley, Robt.; Witt, Jno.; White, Joane; Foster, Patrick; Povey, Robert; Edwards, Jno.; Fickett, Gill.; ( ), Alex; Mathews, Tho.; Baltimore, Hen.; Cleavelly, Fra.; Davis, Hugh; Herbert, Jno.; Harrison, Eliza; Negro Nell; Clame (or Claime), Benetta.

Reference: (Not in "Cavaliers and Pioneers".)

#### No Coverage

Patent Book 9 page 2 & 71, 25 Oct 1695 & 15 Nov 1696, Capt. Willam Randolph.

Chas. City Co., Weynoake Par.

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(described by no adjoining land/surnames listed)

Patent Book 9 page 2 dated 1695, and Patent Book 9 page 71 dated 1696 describes the same land. Not clear why, unless there be need for some cor-

\*Charles City County Court Orders 1658-1661.

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Rich: Paulet & Catie Smith a son Alexander born Oct: 19 1783.  
 Baptized Dec: 2 1782. p. 108.  
 Rich: Paulet & Catherine Smith, Lewis-Meriwether & Lucy Smith,  
 Baptized Dec: 2 1783. p. 110.  
 twins, June 8 1786. Baptized Sep: 24 1786. p. 117.  
 Richard Paulett & Caty Smith a child Henry born Jany. 28 1789.  
 Baptized June 13 1789. p. 122.  
 Richard Paulett & Caty Smith a child Thomas born 18 Mch. 1791.  
 Baptized Sept. 5 1791. p. 126.  
 Archer Payne & Martha Dandridge a son named John Dandridge  
 born Nov: 20 1770. Baptized Jan: 3 1771. p. 89.

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Lists 19 other names and 20 Negroes.

## DES MEAUX — DISMUKES

By

Leonora Dismukes Parish

(Mrs. E. Walker Parish, Sr.)

The immigrant ancestor of our Dismukes family is of French Huguenot origin, and, according to family tradition, came over with the Huguenots in colonial days. The original spelling of the name was DesMeaux. The immigrant settled in the Colony of Virginia. Immigrant Guillaume DesMeaux could have possibly been among the 300 Huguenot soldiers whom William III sent to Manakin in 1690, but, if he was, he did not stay long enough to get his name on the Parish Register. Contrary to public opinion, the Colony under de la Muce in 1700 was not the first to Manakin. William III sent a group of his friends, the Huguenot soldiers, to Manakin, Virginia, in 1690 and another group in 1699-1700. Our immigrant Huguenot ancestor appears in the Virginia records.

It is fairly well proven the Desmeaux — Dismukes were French and Protestant, thus at that period had to be Huguenot. There are several early *printed* statements (before 1900) by members of the Dismukes family stating that family tradition has passed down that the first immigrant ancestor and founding father to this country about 1690-1700 was a French Huguenot.

There are three distinct branches of the Dismukes family stemming from Virginia, which we believe are all from the Immigrant Guillaume DesMeaux. We know there was a William Dismukes of age in 1704, and there were three Dismukes men in Virginia born by 1700, as shown by their descendants. The extreme rarity of each of the three names which could have been interpreted as DesMeaux makes it impossible they were not of the same family. Our immigrant would have had to come through England, no matter what way he escaped from France. Louis XIV did not provide transportation for fleeing subjects, so they naturally escaped via the nearest boat to the west coast escaped by small boats. The Channel