

Name:

James Madison

Residence Place:

Port Conway

Comments:

The first of the name in Virginia , John Madison patented land in Gloucester county , in 1653 . His son John was the father of Ambrose , who married Frances , daughter of James Taylor , Aug. 29th, 1721 . Their son, James Madison , Sr., was married to Nelly , daughter of Francis Conway of Caroline , Sept. 13th, 1749 . James Madison , Jr., (the President) was born at Port Conway at 12 o'clock (midnight) 6th March, 1751 , was baptized by Rev. Wm. Davis , March 31st , and had for godfathers John Moore and Jonathan Gibson , and for godmothers Mrs. Rebecca Moore and Misses Judith and Elizabeth Catlett . Frances , daughter of James , Sr., born June 18th, 1753 , baptized by the Rev. Mungo Marshall , July 31st ; godfathers, Richard Beale and Erasmus Taylor ; godmothers, Miss Milly Taylor and Mrs Frances Beale . Ambrose , son of James , Sr., born Jan. 27th, 1756 , baptized by Rev. Mr. Marshall , March 2d ; godfathers, James Coleman and George Taylor ; godmothers, Mrs. Jane Taylor and Alice Chew . Catlett , son of James Sr., born Feb. 10th, 1758 , baptized by Rev. Jas. Maury , Feb. 22d ; godfathers, Col. Wm. Taliaferro and Richard Beale ; godmothers, Mrs. E. Beale and Miss Milly Chew . Nelly , daughter of James , Sr., (Mrs. Hite ) born Feb. 14th, 1760 , baptized March 6th by Rev. Wm. Giberne ; godfathers, Larkin Chew and Wm. Moore ; godmothers, Miss E. Catlett and Miss C. Bowie , William Madison born May 1st, 1762 , baptized May 23d by Rev. James Marye , Jr.; godfathers, William Moore and Jas. Taylor ; godmothers, Miss Mary Willis and Miss Milly Chew . Sarah (Mrs. Thomas Macon ) , born Aug 17th, 1764 , baptized Sept. 15th , by Rev. James Marye ; godfathers Capt. R. J. Barbour and Andrew Shepherd ; godmothers, Mrs. Sarah Taylor and Miss Mary Conway . Elizabeth Madison born Feb. 19th, 1768 , baptized Feb. 22d by Rev. Thomas Martin ; godfathers, Major T. Burnley and Ambrose Powell ; godmothers, Miss Alice and Miss Nelly Chew . Reuben Madison born Sept. 19th, 1771 , baptized Nov. 10th by Rev. Mr. Barnett ; godfathers, Francis Barbour and James Chew ; godmothers, Alice and Nelly Chew . Francis Taylor Madison (Mrs. Dr. Robert Rose ) born Oct 9th, 1774 , baptized Oct. 30th by Rev. Mr. Wingate ; godfathers, Thos. Bell and Richard Taylor ; godmothers Miss Frances and Miss Elizabeth Taylor . Here the old family record closes. It is a model record, which others would do well to imitate. In it we have the succession of the ministers of the parish, Wingate being the last of the colonial clergy. James Madison , Jr., was chairman of the Committee of Public Safety and an active vestryman.