

RD-019	Wade Lineage
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RD-000-01	17-Aug-2024	• Original Document
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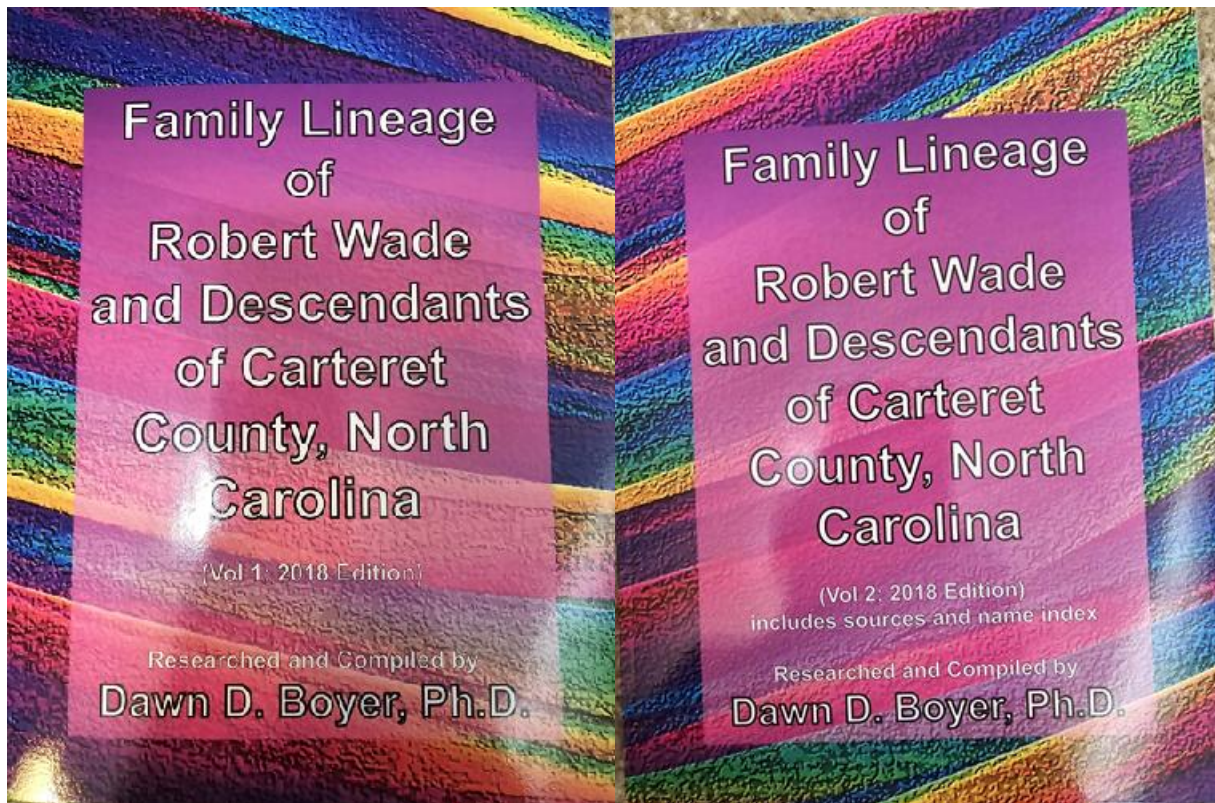
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In my system, an “RD-###” document is a “Research Document” that is used before I transfer information to an “FT-###” document, which is a “Family Tree” document. The Family Tree documents are more statements of the various facts of that particular family, while the Research documents are more investigative, intuitive, and sometimes just plain guessing. If you see something named “Source ###”, that is my numbering system for the various sources that back up the conclusions in the FT and RD documents. Sources, FT documents, and RD documents are all numbered sequentially as I create them.

In this Research Document, I will be tracing the Wade lineage, starting with Sarah Wade who married Reuben Benthall (see RD-016-02).

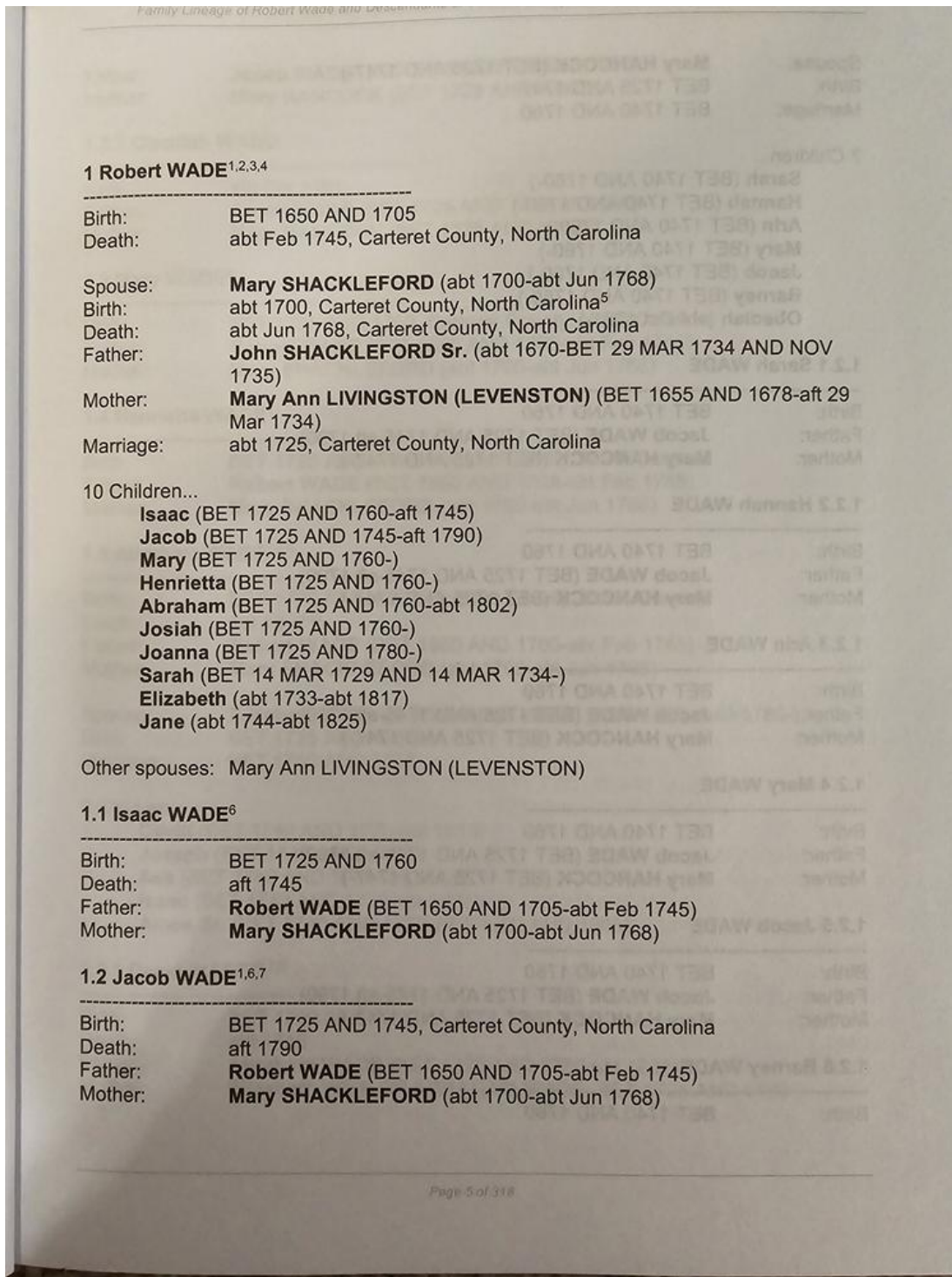
Item # 1	Sarah Wade’s Father	Family Lineage of Robert Wade and Descendants of Carteret County, North Carolina”, Voumes I and II by Dawn D. Boyer, Ph. D.
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I found and purchased a book – “Family Lineage of Robert Wade and Descendants of Carteret County, North Carolina”, Voumes I and II by Dawn D. Boyer, Ph. D. It’s an okay book, but not always very well resourced. Ms. Boyer says that she has done decades of research, but much of what is in the books is just downloads of various family trees from Ancestry.com, Tree Maker, WikiTree, etc. I have found that much of these family trees are just not well-resourced. Here are the front pages of the books:



Unfortunately, I am really only interested in one of Robert's daughters – Sarah – and his immediate family. So it was a little bit of a waste of \$40 to get both volumes. But I did, so it will go into my genealogy library.

On the first page of the genealogical part of the book in Volume I (the pages of the book are not numbered as you are expected to go by the "numbers" of the various descendants to find people), you can see Robert's immediate family:



At the top of this page, beside Robert Wade's name, you can see that there are 4 citations – 1, 2, 3, and 4. When we look at these citations, we see:

SOURCES

1. Internet Source, Family Tree Maker.
<http://www.martygrant.com/gen/webster/webster-gen.htm>, Marty Grant, North Carolina.
2. Simpson, T. P. & Sanders, R. W. (1997). Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County, NC. 87.
3. Heritage Of North Carolina, (The) Volume I (1986), Davis, Hamilton, & Hewitt, (ed.), The Carteret Historical Research Association, Beaufort, NC. Article 695-701, pp.392-396; Article 718, p. 404-405; Article 784-785, pp.442-443.
4. Heritage of North Carolina, (The) Vol. II, 1984-1986; The Carteret Historical Research Association, Beaufort, NC. Articles 411A-413, pp. 223-226; Articles 453-462, pp. 253-258.
5. "Gail Garwood, aventura@citcom.net, Carteret County North Carolina Query Forum, April 29, 2001."
Gail Garwood, aventura@citcom.net, Carteret County North Carolina Query Forum, April 29, 2001.
6. Simpson, T. P. & Sanders, R. W. (1997). Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County, NC. 87.
7. Heritage Of North Carolina, (The) Volume I (1986), Davis, Hamilton, & Hewitt, (ed.), The Carteret Historical Research Association, Beaufort, NC. Article 784-785, pp.442-443.
8. Internet Source, Family Tree Maker.
<http://www.martygrant.com/gen/webster/webster-gen.htm>, Marty Grant, North Carolina.
9. Heritage of North Carolina, (The) Vol. II, 1984-1986; The Carteret Historical Research Association, Beaufort, NC. Articles 453-462, pp. 253-258.
10. Simpson, T. P. & Sanders, R. W. (1997). Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County, NC. 89.
11. Simpson, T. P. & Sanders, R. W. (1997). Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County, NC. 90, 112.
12. Robert (Bob) G. Lewis, Ph.D., drbob@mail.clis.com, 812 Ralph Drive, Cary, NC 27511-4012.
13. Heritage Of North Carolina, (The) Volume I (1986), Davis, Hamilton, & Hewitt, (ed.), The Carteret Historical Research Association, Beaufort, NC. Articles 256-257, pp. 112-133.
14. Robert (Bob) G. Lewis, Ph.D., drbob@mail.clis.com, 812 Ralph Drive, Cary, NC 27511-4012.

So the first citation is a Family Tree Maker document by Marty Grant. I don't know what Family Tree Maker is, but Marty Grant now has his own webpage with the information that was probably in Family Tree Maker (See Item #2 below).

Item # 2	Sarah Wade's Father	http://www.martygrant.com/ , and the page on Robert Wade is http://www.martygrant.com/genealogy/familydata/grpf8597.html .
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It appears that Marty does some pretty good work. I am impressed with his sourcing of data. For Robert Wade, Marty's site shows:

Husband: Robert Wade

Born:
 Married: before 1745 in Carteret Co, NC
 Died: FEB 1745 in Carteret Co, NC
 Father:
 Mother:
 Spouses:

Wife: Mary Shackleford

Born:
 Died: JUN 1768 in Carteret Co, NC
 Father: [John Shackleford](#)
 Mother: [Ann](#)
 Spouses: [Major Enoch Ward](#); [Ananias Cavanaugh](#)

Children

01 (M): Abraham Wade
 Born: in Carteret Co, NC
 Died:
 Spouses:

02 (M): Jacob Wade
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses:

03 (M): Josiah Wade
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses:

04 (F): [Elizabeth Wade](#)
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses: [Cornelius Canaday](#)

05 (F): [Mary Wade](#)
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses: [Thompson](#)

06 (F): [Joanna Wade](#)
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses: [Joshua Simpson](#)

07 (F): [Sarah Wade](#)
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses: [Benthall](#)

08 (F): [Henrietta Wade](#)
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses: [Chadwick](#)

09 (F): [Jane Wade](#)
Born: in Carteret Co, NC
Died:
Spouses: [Davis](#)

Additional Information

Robert Wade:

Notes:

!WILL: 6 Feb 1745 Carteret Co, NC Wills Robert WADE verbal will. Sons Abraham & Josiah. North River. Son Jacob. Testator Valentine WADE;

!REFERENCE:Heritage of Carteret Co, NC Article # 788 Enoch WARD by Leighman L. GARNER;

Mary Shackleford:

Notes:

!NAMED:29 Mar 1734 Carteret Precinct, NC Will of John SHACKLEFORD, proven Sep 1734. "My present wife Ann". Daughters: Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, Sarah wife of John MOSS (MORSE). Grandsons John ROBERTS, William ROBERTS, daughter Hannah. Sons John, James;

!NAMED:--Feb 1750 Carteret Co, NC Wills. In the name of God Amen, I Enoch WARD, being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind... I desire that all debts be paid by my wife Mary, and she to have half the household goods, and my Negroes and my stock during her lifetime, and then her part to my son Enoch at age 17. My daughters Anne, Martha, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abigail and Susannah to have the other half of my household goods. I give to James SHACKLEFORD 250 acres of my Banks land and the rest to my son Richard and his heirs. Son Richard is to be executor. Witness: Aniaies Cavanaugh, Joshua Simpson;

!NAMED:12 Mar 1763 Carteret Co, NC Wills Ananias CAVENAGH proven Jun 1768 wife Mary. Wit: David JAMES, James SHAW, Alex Greer GILLIKIN S: Ananias Canaday;

!WILL:15 Apr 1768 Carteret Co, NC Wills Mary CAVENAGH proven Jun 1768. Widow of Carteret Co, NC. 2 oldest sons Abraham & Jacob WADE. Son Enoch WARD. Oldest daughter Elizabeth CANADAY. Daughter Mary THOMSON, dau Joanna SIMPSON dau Sarah BENTHALL, dau Henrietta CHADWICK, dau Jane DAVIS. To Cavenagh SIMPSON son of my daughter Joanna SIMPSON. To Ananias CANADY son of my daughter Elizabeth CANADAY. Exec: Sons Enoch WARD & Jacob WADE. Wit: Sam LEFFERS, Jos DAVIS, Peleg DUFEY. S: Mary (X) Cavenagh;

!REFERENCE:Heritage of Carteret Co, NC Article # 788 Enoch WARD by Leighman L. GARNER;

(01) Abraham Wade:

Notes:

INAMED: 6 Feb 1745 Carteret Co, NC Wills Robert WADE verbal will. Sons Abraham & Josiah. North River. Son Jacob. Testator Valentine WADE;

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(02) Jacob Wade:

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(03) Josiah Wade:

Notes:

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*** End of Marty Grant Citation

Ok, from this we don't learn Robert Wade's Birth date or even year. So Marty Grant is not the source of Ms. Boyer's birth year estimation. But there is other good information in Marty's webpage that we can use (spouse, children, various will information, etc.).

Item # 3	Sarah Wade's Father	"Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County" book, Thelma Simpson's and Rebecca Sanders, published in 1997.
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Ms. Boyer's second citation for the Robert Wade family is Thelma Simpson's and Rebecca Sanders "Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County" book, published in 1997. I haven't found any online copies of this book, but I have contacted the Carteret County Historical Society who lists the book on their website as available for purchase. We will see if this book is available, and what is in it.

[John Note: Updated] I have received Thelma Simpson's and Rebecca Sanders "Kith and Kin of Eastern Carteret County" book, published in 1997 from the Carteret County Historical Society, along with "The Index for Kith and Kin" by Phil Hastings, 2004. The Index tells me that there are citations for Sarah Wade on pages 25, 113, 120, and 88 of Kith and Kin.

Page 25 shows:

"433. Cason Gibbs Murphy b: 1852 m: 1881 Sarah Fair Wade" **[John note: obviously not my Sarah Wade]**

Page 113 shows:

"474. Sarah Fair Wade b: 1868 m: 1887 Cason G. Murphy" **[John note: some difference in the marriage year from the page 25 comment, but still not my Sarah Wade]**

Page 120 shows:

"(474) Sarah Fair Wade and Cason Murphy had issue:" **[John note: still not my Sarah Wade!]**

Page 88 **[John note: Ok, this looks like my Wade family!]**

There's a lot of information here about the Wade family, but we will only add that information that occurs before 1800, as that is where I am researching right now. Since Sarah was born about 1745 and probably died between 1782 and 1800, those are my date parameters. Starting on Page 88 we see:

"Wade

William Wade was living in the area now Carteret County before 1727 for in that year he petitioned the court for payment to his wife Elizabeth for her appearance as a witness.

Robert Wade, possibly son or brother of William, married Mary Shackelford, daughter of John Shackelford, an early land owner in the area. **Robert Wade** bought land on the west side of Wards Creek in 1728 from his brother-in-law Enoch Ward. In **Robert Wade's** "vearble" **[John note: possibly "verbal"?)** will of 1745, he named as his heirs sons Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and named his wife as Mary. Mary married her deceased sister Elizabeth's husband, Enoch Ward, and had a son Enoch. She later married Ananias Cavenagh and left a will in 1768.

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Robert Wade devised land to sons Abraham and Isaac Wade “where they live” and land on North River to Jacob (1745 nuncupative will). Isaac does not appear in any deed or record after 1745.”

The next mention of our Robert Wade is on page 90 under the heading of “Ward”:

“Ward

*The Ward name figures prominently in the families of eastern Carteret County. Richard Ward of Henrico Co., VA. was a Court Justice in 1666 and died in 1682, leaving his wife Elizabeth. He probably had other children, but his son Edward Ward departed Henrico prior to 1708, and was known to be in Bath Co., NC by 1711. Edward Ward had sons Richard, Enoch, and Edward. Little is known of the second Richard. Son Enoch Ward married first to Elizabeth Shackelford and had children: Anne, who married Joseph Sutton; Mary who married Benjamin Ward; Elizabeth, who married Edward Simpson; Sarah, who married Nathaniel Hancock; Martha who married Richard Thompson, and Richard. When his wife Elizabeth died, Enoch Ward married 2nd to Mary Shackelford Wade, sister of his wife and widow of **Robert Wade**, and they had children: Enoch Ward, Jr., who married Abigail Shepard; Abigail, who married Joseph Morgan; and Susanne. Son Edward Ward, 1694-1766 (will proved 1766 in Onslow Co.) named his wife Elizabeth and children: Richard, Benjamin, Enoch, Seth, Martha Simmons, Dorothy (wife of Richard Ward), Anne Granada, Elizabeth Hadnot, Ruth Strange, Obedience Hadnot and Mary Williams. Ward’s Creek, between Otway and Bette, got its name from Enoch Ward, Sr., who owned property in the area.”*

Item # 4	Robert Wade	“The Heritage of North Carolina”, Volumes I and II
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Citations 3 and 4 from Ms. Boyer’s book are from “The Heritage of North Carolina”, Volumes I and II, also listed as available at the Carteret County Historical Society. I joined the Carteret County Historical Society today, so we will see what type of information is available to members.

These are available in paperback for \$45 each, so I may order them to see what is in them.

20-Dec-2024 Update

Ok, I finally got these two books from the Carteret County Historical Society! Pretty interesting. From Source 896a:

From: The Heritage of Carteret County, North Carolina, Volume I – 1982. Editors: Pat Dula Davis and Kathleen Hill Hamilton, Editorial Assistant: Kay Slaughter Hewitt, The Carteret County Historical Society, Inc.

This particular article – written by Shirley Wade Lucas – within this document starts on page 442 and ends on page 443 and is numbered 785 ...

The first paragraph says:

Robert, Valentine and Richard Wade were three brothers who left Devonshire, England and landed at New Bedford, Massachusetts late in the seventeenth century. They continued on to Carteret Precinct, Bath Co., Province of N.C. Records show that they were among the original settlers in the area of Williston.

If true, this paragraph answers a lot of questions for me (maybe):

1. I now know who Valentine Wade, who witnessed Robert's will in 1745. He is Robert's brother!
2. Robert may have been an Original Immigrant for my purposes.
3. We may know where they landed in the New World – in New Bedford, MA.

At the end of the article on page 443, Shirley Wade Lucas cites as her sources:

War records, land grants. [Early Colonial Records](#), deeds located in Register of Deeds Office in Beaufort, N. C. [Early Marriage Bonds for North Carolina](#), old wills from 1700 – 1880, census records for Carteret County for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900.

The main issue I have with this data is that Shirley Wade Lucas is documenting her work in only a general way. I can't find anything that she cites online. It looks like I would need to travel to Beaufort, NC to check on her work. I have seen in the past that Robert's birth year was estimated at around 1696 and that he was born in Carteret County. So I am not sure who is correct here. If this other data is correct, it's unlikely that Robert is an Original Immigrant.

Now to see what we can find on any immigration records.

Item # 5	Robert Wade Immigration	The Planters of the Commonwealth in Massachusetts, 1620-1640 Lists of Passengers and the Ships Which Brought Them
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I found this book in the Card Catalog on Ancestry.com and just started browsing through it Here are some of the things I found in it.

Year: 1635, pages 125-128

I am choosing to note this entry for several reasons:

- The trade of Cooper (barrel maker) was part of my Wade's family heritage. Robert Wade's son – Abraham – was a cooper.
- Richard and Elizabeth are known names in my Wade's family.

- According to Item #4, the Wade's came from Devonshire, England. Below, you can see that this Richard Wade was from Simsbury, England. There is no Simsbury, England today. However, there is a Symondsbury Estate, in southern England, which is very near Devonshire, England. See the Google maps below the extract directly below.

1635

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..... This unknown vessel left the port of Weymouth in Dorsetshire in March of this year with about twenty families and servants under the leadership of the Reverend Joseph Hull, gathered largely from the parishes of Batcombe and Broadway in Somersetshire. The ship arrived May 5, and practically all of the passengers went to the plantation at Wessagusset by permission of the General Court which officially changed the name of the settlement to Weymouth in July.³

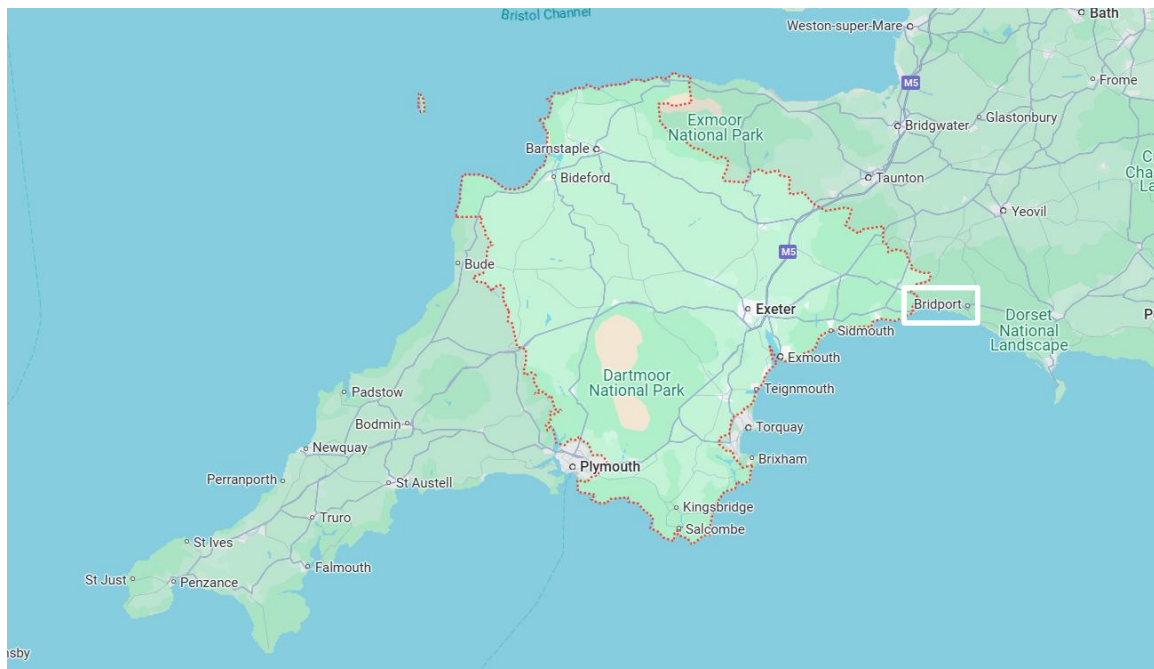
(Rev.) JOSEPH HULL	40	clergyman of	Weymouth, York
		Northleigh, Devon	Maine
Mrs. Agnes Hull	25		
Ioan Hull	15		

William Grane	14		
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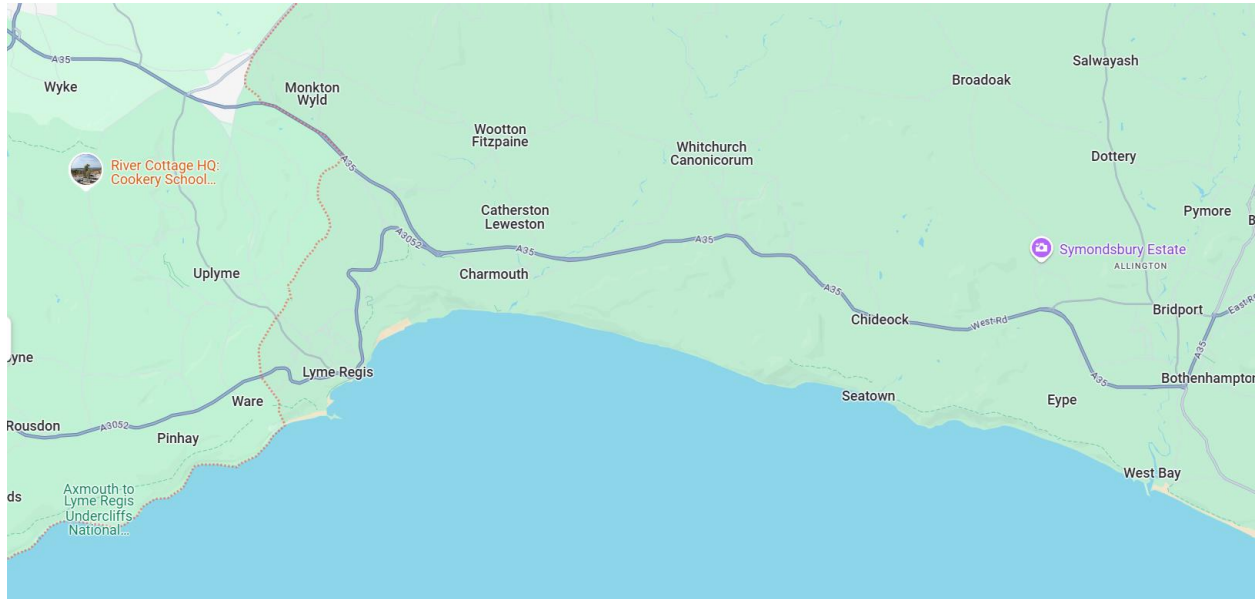
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RICHARD WADE	60	of Simsbury, cooper	Dorchester
Mrs. Elizabeth Wade	56		
Dinah Wade	22		
Henry Lush	17	servant	
Andrew Hallett	28	servant	
John Hoble	13	servant	
Robert Huste	40	husbandman	
John Woodcock	2()		
Richard Porter	3()	husbandman	

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Devonshire is highlighted in light green in the map above, and you can see that it is located near the Southwest Coast of England. Note the little white box around the name of the town of Bridport on the Southeast corner of Devonshire. We will expand that box in the map below.



You can see the red dotted line running south to north about a third over from the left side of the map – Devonshire to the left of that line and Dorsetshire to the right of that line. On the far right of the map, in purple font, you can see where Symondsbur Estate was, which was likely close to location of Symonds, England.

So, I don't know if this Richard Wade is an earlier ancestor of my Robert Wade, or a relative, or it's just a coincidence. He can't be the brother of my Robert Wade as he is too old. My Robert Wade died in 1745 and this Richard came to the New World in 1635 and was born in about 1575. But I can see a couple of options:

- He is an earlier ancestor of my Robert Wade who came to the New World earlier.
- My information about Robert being the original immigrant is wrong.

Summary of Information researched

So it looks pretty certain that Robert Wade and Mary Shackleford were Sarah Wade's parents. I haven't been able to go further back than Robert Wade at this time (14-Nov-2024), but I will try again later.