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WILLIAM CRADDOCK, SR. ca. 1710 - 1795

Ordinary keeper, Courthouse, Amelia County, VA 1736 - 1795

William Craddock's date and place of birth are unknown. He died before 3 September 1795 as William Craddock, Sr. when his will was probated in Nottaway County Court, Virginia. He married first probably at Charles City County, Virginia, prior to 1730, Mary Cross, daughter of John Cross of Charles City County, Virginia. She died at Amelia County, VA before 1750. William married second Hannah Harper, daughter of Edward and Anna Harper of Amelia County, Virginia. He married third, probably at Amelia County on 15 December 1791 Sarah Truly, who was called his recter when she witnessed a wedding in 1797. She married in 1799 Robert Vaughan as widow of William Craddock.

On 11 June 1736 William Craddock was granted a license to keep an Ordinary at Amelia Courthouse, Amelia County, Virginia. At the same time he purchased two slaves. He had held about four hundred acres of land in Albemarle County from 1727 which he sold in 1737, and in 1741 he purchased two hundred thirty-six acres in Amelia County. Although unable to write, he made his mark on a number of deeds. His Ordinary prospered, allowing him to provide well for his large family of children to whom he gave lands and other possessions. During the Revolutionary War he assumed responsibilities for his sons' families while they gave service in the conflict.

On 14 November 1748, out of "natural love and affection" he made a Deed of Gift to his older four children; he was then of Raleigh Parish. On 17 May 1750 his second wife, Hannah relinquished her right of dower as he sold property to Dr. James Scott. When he died, his will provided for his younger children to whom he gave slaves, land and money.

- Kathleen J. Bridges

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Charles City, VA Wills and Deeds, 1725-1737, 242

Ibid, 44

Deed Books 3 and 4, Amelia County, VA 1747-1753, 68, 70, 71

Marriages of Amelia County, VA 1735-1815, Kathleen Booth Williams, 30

Amelia County Court Records

Nottaway County, VA Court Records 1:184

from RECORDS OF THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY
IN NEW ENGLAND, edited by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, (1854):

Vol. 1: 126

It is ordered that noe pson that keepes an ordinary shall take above 5jd a meale for a pson, & not above id for an ale quarte of beare, out of meale time, vnder the penalty of xs for euy offence, eithr of dyet or beare.

Likewise, that victualars or keepers of an ordinary, shall not suffer any tobacco to be taken in the howses, vnder the penalty of vs for euy offence, to be payde by the victualer, & xijd by the pty that takes it.

Further, it is ordered, that noe pson shall take tobacco publicquely, vnder the penalty of vijs vjd, nor privately in his own howse, or in the howse of another, before strangers, & that two or more shall not take it together, anywhere, vnder the aforesaid penalty for euy offence.

3 Sept. 1634

1:140

It is ordered, that noe pson whatsoever shall keepe a comon victualing howse without licence from the Court vnder the penalty of xxs a weeke.

4 Mar 1634/5

1:167

The order that restrained ordinaries to a certaine prize for dyett is nowe repealed.

3 Mar 1635/6

1:205

In regard of the great abuse in ordinaries it is ordered that no ordinary keeper shall sell either sack or strong water.

2 Nov 1637