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## HENRY MATHEWS

Tavernkeeper, The Hornes, Northampton County, Va.

Henry Mathews was a headright for land patented in Accomack County, Virginia, in 1663. His name was on the Tithable List for Northampton County in 1666.

At a Court held on 1 January 1678 it was stated that

"By the votes of the inhabitants of the county of Northampton they have made choice of Henry Mathews, his house at the place called The Hornes, for the Court to be kept for the future. The court doth therefore... license the said Mathews to keep an ordinary there."

The Hornes derived its name from two branches of Savage's Creek, which extended out from the main creek like a pair of horns. Court was held at The Hornes from 1677 - 1679.

In 1679 William Cowdrey, "ordinary keeper," assigned his life lease to land on Savage's Creek to Henry Matthews, "ordinary keeper."

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