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# GABRIEL MAUPIN

## Tavernkeeper, Bruton Parish and Williamsburg, VA

Gabriel Maupin was born possibly at Guornay, France about 1666 and died at Williamsburg, York County, Virginia before February 1719/20. Marriage banns were published at the Walloon Church at Amsterdam, Holland 18 August 1691, and the marriage there on 2 September 1691 to Mary Erssen "from Rouen", born about 1666. She married second, probably at Williamsburg, in 1724 Thomas (?Cross) Croas.

Gabriel Maupin was apparently a French Huguenot. He embarked with his wife and three infants on the Nasseau bound for Virginia, arriving at Yorktown 8 March 1700/1. His residence for the next few years is uncertain, but on 18 April 1705, with four other Frenchmen, he was naturalized at Williamsburg. On 28 March 1708 he sued Thomas Haly for debt at Williamsburg, while he was living in the lower precincts of Bruton Parish, York County on William Hanford's Plantation.

Shortly before his landlord's death in 1708, Gabriel was accused of "retailing liquors without a lycense contrary to Act of Assembly." He pleaded "Not guilty" but at a jury trial he was convicted. A few months later he made and received a Headright Claim for two hundred and fifty acres in Henrico County. Apparently he sold the land there in order to establish an ordinary in York County. In 1711 he received his liquor "lycense" and was appointed Constable of the lower precincts of Bruton Parish."

By 1714 Gabriel was living in Williamsburg where he was granted a license by the York County Court to keep an ordinary at his dwellinghouse there. This, his second inn, was licensed again each year until 1718.

Gabriel bought "at outcry" in 1718 the house and lot of James Morris, architect brought from England to design the Bruton Parish Church. The house still stands, now at 352 Duke of Gloucester Street, in Williamsburg, at the corner of Nassau Street, now called the Cole-Taliaferro House. It was here that it was ordered that he be paid for the diet and accommodation of a Cattaba Indian woman while she awaited transportation back to her nation.

In February 1719/20 Mary Maupin applied to the County Court for license to keep an ordinary in her dwellinghouse in Williamsburg, and reapplied yearly until 1724.

Gabriel had willed the house to her. However, upon her remarriage, she sold the house immediately.

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