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3583. **RICE - CONNELL** — "From Maryland Records, James Connell, came to America in 1678, settled in St. Marys Co., Md., was still living in 1694 (Ref: Robert Gates' will of that year, Vol. II, p. 97, the name was spelled James Connill, this will proved 1707, & was attested by him same year, 1707, James left a wife living, Mary, in St. Charles Co., Md., 1714." Mary & James Connell had child.: Eleanor (m.- Mr. Bryan); Daniel (marriage record not yet located, settled in Baltimore & left sons, Wm & John); Dennis (m.- Mary, dau. of Mathias & Eleanor O'Bryan); Elizabeth (m.- James Burn); Thomas (m.- Mary Ogden left son, James, who m.- Ann Williams dau. of John Williams); Mary (m.- John Dempsey).

James Connell & Ann (Williams were parents of Zachariah; Thomas; William; John; & a dau. who m.- a Reagon & she was known as Rachel Reagon.

Charles Co., Md. is just across the river from Va.; the parents moved to Va. before 1741.

Zachariah Connell, bro. of Rachel Reagon, was older than she, & after leaving Chas. Co., Md. he lived several years in Jefferson Co., W. Va. (but it was then Va., half-way betw. Martinsburg & Winchester). He sold his farm there to Samuel Washington, bro. of Gen. George Washington in 1771, he moved to what is now Connellsville, Pa. & with him came his 2 younger bros., James & Thomas, also his sister, Rachel Connell Reagon. The latter dropped from sight later, because he moved via Ky., & Ohio, into Ill. (Ref.: **Index of Early Settlers, 1633-80**, Vol. I, A. to H., Annapolis, Md., James Connell, 20 yrs., (184) transported from Ireland to Md. in 1678). Eleanor Connell, m.- Bryan, 1714, dau. of M. & E. (see above) of Charles Co., Md. & her bro., Dennis signs on bond, but not her father, James (Ref.: Deeds, Liber I, Folio, 53, LaPlata, Md.), some think he was decd. by then.

Dennis Connell m.- Mary O'Bryan, 1714, dau. of Matthias & Elinor O'Bryan, Charles Co., Md. (Deeds, Liber Q-No. 2 Folio, 53, LaPlata, Maryland).

Eliz. Connell, m.- James Burn, 1714, dau. of Mary Cannell, Charles Co., Md. (Deeds F, No. 2, Folio 31, LaPlata, Md.

Thomas Connell, m.- Mary Ogden, 1717, Charles Co., Md. (Court proc., Liber, No. 1, Folio 249, LaPlata, Md.).

Mary Connell, m.- John Dempsey, 1724, Charles Co., Md.

Elizabeth Connell, m.- James Bourn, 1722, dau. of Dennis Connell, Charles Co., Md. (Deeds Liber L, -No. 2, Folio-5, LaPlata, Md.), prob. should read "sister of

Dennis," because her father was decd. by 1722.

James Connell, m.- Ann Williams, 1740, dau. of John & Sarah Williams, in Chas. Co., Md. (Deeds liber Z, No. 2, Folio 74-95, LaPlata, Md.).

A John Williams m.- Anne Wilkinson (dau. of John, of Chas. Co., Md.) Court Proc. liber-P, No. 2, Folio 240, LaPlata, Md.

It is suggested that the inquirer look through Vols. after No. 8 of Maryland Wills, from 1635-1744-5. There were other Connells who remained in Maryland, since here are some mentioned on p. 30, of Vol. 4, Md. Wills — "Robert Collson, Gent., Charles Co., Md. (28 Mar. 1715; 20 Apr. 1715) to my daus. Elizabeth Connell; Frances Daniell, wife of Wm.; Eleanor Collson personalty. Wife Ann & her heirs, etc." This could be another Elizabeth of another Connell branch. It is also suggested that you see, 3rd Series, Penn. Archives, the last 3 are the Index; this is where all the names of landowners, taxpayers listed for W. Pa. as per: — Zachariah Connell, Bullshin twp., Fayette Co., Pa., 1795 pays 2:3;2½; Wm Connell pays the same; Vol. 23, lists the Rev. soldiers of Pa.; Vol. 25. warrants of land; see also "History of the Valley of Virginia" (Kercheval — 1902) will of Zach Connell given in this book; also listed in it are Class leaders in Methodist Church, Adams Co., Ohio — i.e., Connells, Reasoner, Burbages, Brownfields, Fosters, Jackmans, Grimes, Wilsons, Wikoff, Sanders, Currys, etc. See also "The Minutes of the Court for Yohogana, Co., Va. 1776-80," Boyd Crumrine) for various documentary data re Zach Connell, also see Pa. Archived "Rangers on the Frontier" (not indexed); also see "Tax Reports, Fayette Co., Pa., 1785-6"; also "Centennial History of Connellsville, Pa." & "The Boundary Dispute, Between Va. & Pa. 1748-85," by Boyd Crumrine. There is a new book of late, "Scioto Valley Pioneers" which carries on down the Connell lines. Some of this data is from the MSS compiled by the late Co. M. A. Reasoner, U. S. Army Medical Corps; his top MSS was placed in Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. (Editor: this data was contributed by Mrs. W. E. Morris, of Elburn, Ill.).

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