

## O'BRYAN

### OUR O'BRYAN FAMILY LINE

John Bryan - 1590, Ann

Mathias O'Bryan - 1627, Netherlands, Elizabeth Thompson

Mary O'Bryan - 1669, Maryland, Dennis Connell

Mary O'Bryan Connell - 1685, Maryland, Stephan Noland

Daniel Noland - 1712, Maryland, [Henrietta Smallwood](#)

Henrietta Noland - 1759, Maryland - [George Redmon](#)

Eunice Redmon - 1802, Kentucky, [William Green](#)

Charles Green - 1829, Illinois, Rachel Rock

Lueanna Green, 1865, Illinois, [Jacob Nathaniel Keller](#)

Leona Keller - 1887, Illinois, [Robert D. Gifford](#)

Martha Gifford - 1917, Tuckerman, Arkansas

Mary Jo Gifford - 1937, Leachville, Arkansas, [Luther Goodman](#)

### *Descendants of John Bryan*

#### *Generation No. 1*

**JOHN BRYAN** was born 1590, and died 1638 in Maryland. He married **ANN**. Various spelling of the last name as Bryant, Bryan, and O'Bryan. He was a passenger aboard either the Ark or Dove in 1634, that brought the first settlers to Maryland; probably an indentured servant, and referred to as an Irishman.

On November 22, 1633, they set sail from Cowes, in the Isle of Wight, with a gentle east wind blowing. They sailed past a number of rocks, which from their shape were called the Needles. They left behind them the western promontory of England and the Scilly Isles sailing easily on. They passed over the British channel. They did not hasten, fearing, that if they left the pinnacle [i.e., the Dove] too far behind, that it would become the prey of Turks and Pirates, who generally infested that sea.

The winds increased, and the sea grew more boisterous, they could see the pinnacle in the distance, showing two lights of her masthead. They then thought it was all over with her, and that she had been swallowed up in the deep whirlpools; for in a moment she had passed out of sight, and no news of her reached them for six months afterwards. But the Dove had returned to England and made a fresh start from there, she overtook them months later at the Antilles.

Along the way they encountered a furious hurricane, which damaged the mainsail, the only one they were carrying, it was torn in the middle from top to bottom. All control of the rudder was lost, the ship drifted about like a dish in the water, at the mercy of the waves. Eventually the storm passed and was

followed by delightful weather for three months. They continued past the Strait of Gibraltar, and the Madeiras, with favorable winds, which blew steadily towards the South and the south-west to the Fortunate Isles [the Canary Islands].

En route to the Caribbean Sea, Christmas was celebrated and in order that that day might be better kept, wine was given out; and those who drank of it too freely, were seized the next day with a fever; and of these, not long afterwards, about twelve died. They reached Barbados on the third of January, They had no beef or mutton at any price. On the twenty-fourth of January, they weighed anchor and continued past St. Lucia, Guadalupe, Montserrat, and Nevis and spent ten days at St. Christopher's.

At length, sailing from this place, they went north, rounded Cape Hatteras, and entered Chesapeake Bay between Cape Charles and Cape Henry and]reached Point Comfort, in Virginia, on the 27th of February, full of apprehension, lest the English in habitants, who were much displeased at their settling, should be plotting something against them. Nevertheless, the letters they carried from the King, and from the high treasurer of England, served to allay their anger.

After being kindly treated for eight or nine days, they set sail on the third of March, and entering the Chesapeake Bay, turning their course to the north to reach the Potomack River, having now arrived at the wished-for country. The first island they came to they called St. Clement's Island. However, the island contained only four hundred acres, they saw that it would not afford room enough for the new settlement, They went about nine leagues from St. Clement, and sailed into the mouth of a river, on the north side of the Potomac [now St. Mary's River] capable of containing three hundred ships of the largest size. They landed, and going in about a mile from the shore, they laid out the plan of a city, naming it after St. Mary. And in order to avoid every appearance of injustice, and afford opportunity for hostility, they bought from the [Indian] King thirty miles of land.

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John Bryant killed by the felling of a tree in 1638, leaving a widow Ann and son Mathias.

Child of JOHN BRYAN and ANN is:

- i. MATHIAS O'BRYAN, b. 1627, Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands; d. Bef. August 1703, Charles County, Maryland.

*Generation No. 2*

MATHIAS O'BRYAN (JOHN BRYAN) was born 1627 in Rotterdam, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands, and died Bef. August 1703 in Charles County, Maryland. He married (1) ELIZABETH THOMPSON Abt. 1648, daughter of WILLIAM

**THOMPSON.** She was born 1635, and died May 06, 1670 in Charles County, Maryland. He married (2) **MAGDALEN POPE** 1671 in Charles County, Maryland, daughter of **CAPT. POPE** and **CATHERINE SPARLING**. She was born 1642 in Charles County, Maryland, and died Bef. 1720 in Northumbeland County, Virginia.

**Liber A, Page 120, folio 308; Charles County Circuit Court, Microfilm Cr 35,689, Court 12 Feb 1660.**

**Mathias Obrian, -age ca 33 years, states that John Tomkinson, in the presence of William Allen and James Johnson, said there were 30 of the inhabitants of this province to be hanged including Zacharie Wade, Joseph Harrison, William Heard and several others**

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**1648 Mathias testified to having seen the Indian called Moyke kill a swine of Mr. Thompson**

**1649 Mathias bought a heifer from William Thompson**

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**Charles County Circuit Court, Liber B, 5 Mar 1663/4, Page 257**

**Mathias Obrian presents a man servant named John Lyle; judged to be 17 years old**

**Children of MATHIAS O'BRYAN and ELIZABETH THOMPSON are:**

- i. MARY O'BRYAN, b. 1669, Charles County, Maryland; d. Aft. 1723, Charles County, Maryland.**
- ii. ELINOR O'BRYAN, b. November 05, 1666.**
- iii. JOHN O'BRYAN, b. Abt. 1660; m. MARY STEWART.**
- iv. THOMAS O'BRYAN, b. 1663.**

**Children of MATHIAS O'BRYAN and MAGDALEN POPE are:**

- v. WILLIAM O'BRYAN, b. March 06, 1671/72.**
- vi. JOHN O'BRYAN, b. 1678.**

*Generation No. 3*

**MARY O'BRYAN (MATHIAS, JOHN BRYAN)** was born 1669 in Charles County, Maryland, and died Aft. 1723 in Charles County, Maryland. She married **DENNIS CONNELL** 1682 in Charles, Maryland, United States. He was born 1665 in Charles County, Maryland, and died August 06, 1705 in Charles County, Maryland.

**Charles County Maryland Land Records, Liber Z, Page 49**

**Recorded at request of Dennis Connell:**

**10 Aug 1703; Indenture from Ellinor Obryan, surviving heir of Matthias Obryan, dec'd, to Mary Connell, wife of Dennis Connell; for love and affection to Mary Connell for her natural life, then to William, Elizabeth, Mary and Angellica Connell, children of Mary Connell; two tracts of land; a parcel called**



Fernes on the south side of Mattawoman formerly taken up by Matthias Obryan about 2 miles from the head of sd. creek; laid out for 300 acres; also a tract of 200 acres bound by land formerly owned by George How called Howland; /s/ Elinor Obryan (mark); wit: Wm- Stone; 10 Aug 1703 ack. by Ellinor Obryan; alienation by Wm. Stone 11 Aug 1703

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Charles County Land Records, Liber C#2 Page 203  
15 Sep 1710; Recorded at the request of Thomas Riggs:  
27 Dec 1709; Indenture of Lease between Stephen Noland and Mary his wife and Thomas Riggs; for 500# tobacco annually; 200 acres, part of land called ?Hemirad [CLAHAMOND], not already leased to Norman Mackcloud [McLeod]; commonly known as Mathias OBryans Old Plantation lying between Peter Hardiman and land leased to Norman Mackcloud; /s/ Stephen Noeland, Mary Noland (mark); wit. Peter G\_\_\_\_; Norman Mackcloud (mark)

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Charles County Land Records, Liber F#2, Page 31  
30 Aug 1714; Recorded at request of Stephen Nowland, {Noland} planter:  
27 Apr 1714; Indenture from William Connell, planter, and James Byrn and Elizabeth his wife to Stephen Nowland; for 13,000# tobacco; a parcel of land formerly conveyed from Eleanor Obryan, dec'd, to Mary Connell, mother of William Connell and Elizabeth Byrn, during her lifetime to be divided among her children after her death; from Eleanor Obryan to Mary Connell 10 Aug 1703; two tracts; Freshes near head of Mattawoman Creek of 300 acres; also Clahammond of 200 acres; /s/ William Connell (mark), James Byrn (mark), Elizabeth Byrn (mark); wit. John Dimcey (mark), Robt. Hanson; 14 May 1714 William Connell, James Byrn and Elizabeth his wife, ack. deed

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Charles County, Maryland Liber L#2, Page96.

At the request of Jno Dempsey of CC, planter, the following deposition was recorded this Jul 23 1723.

On Jun 22, 1723, Josh Thomas came before me and made oath that Wm Connell, the son of Dennis & Mary Connell, was a sucking child and the sd Mary wanted this deponent to set down the day of the birth of the sd Wm in her Bible in these words (viz) Wm Connel was born in Mattawoman .[Cr] Apr 2, 1693. Sworn before Robt Hanson.

Children of MARY O'BRYAN and DENNIS CONNELL are:

- i. MARY O'BRYAN CONNELL, b. 1685, Charles County, Maryland.
- ii. WILLIAM CONNELL, b. April 02, 1693, Mattawoman, Charles County, Maryland.
- iii. ANGELLICA CONNELL, b. Bef. 1703, Charles County, Maryland.
- iv. ELIZABETH CONNELL, b. Bef. 1705.

*Generation No. 4*

**MARY O'BRYAN CONNELL** (*MARY O'BRYAN, MATHIAS, JOHN BRYAN*) was born 1685 in Charles County, Maryland. She married **STEPHEN NOLAND** 1704 in Charles County, Maryland, son of **PIERCE NOLAND** and **KATHERINE**. He was born Abt. 1682 in Charles County, Maryland, and died October 1791 in Rowan County, North Carolina.

Children of **MARY CONNELL** and **STEPHEN NOLAND** are:

- i. **JAMES NOLAND**, b. Abt. 1707, Charles County, Maryland.
- ii. **DANIEL NOLAND**, b. 1712, Charles County, Maryland; d. March 1761, Charles County, Maryland; m. **HENRIETTA SMALLWOOD**, 1738, Charles County, Maryland; b. 1718, Charles County, Maryland; d. Aft. 1780, Loudon County, Virginia.
- iii. **STEPHEN NOLAND**, b. Abt. 1715, Charles County, Maryland.