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Last Name: Graves

First Name: Thomas

Birthplace: Leeds, Yorkshire, England (possible)

Birthdate: February 9, 1587 (possible)

Death Place: Virginia

Death Date: 1635 or 1636

Married to: Katherine Croshaw or Katherine Brearly

Children: John Francis and Thomas, Jr. and Ann and Verlinda and Katherine

Children Notes: Francis was also one of his children

Virginia Settlement Place: Jamestowne and Easterne Shore

Occupation: Gentleman and Captain





Arrival Date: 1608

Arrival Ship: Mary and Margrett

Notes: Arrived in 2nd supply on Mary and Margaret. He was taken captive by the Indians who held him in Opencanough's town and was rescued by Thomas Savage. A Burgess from Smythe's Hundred in 1619. Granted 200 acres on Eastern shore in 1622. His wife came to VA after 1616 with his two sons.

Burgesss for Accomack in 1629/30 and 1632.

The Graves family originates in Yorkshire, England where they settled in the area of Leeds and Sheffield. Thomas Graves of Jamestown may be the Thomas Graves christened 9 February 1587 in Leeds, Yorkshire.

The distinctive arms of the Graves family are Gu. An eagle displayed or Ducally crowned arg.  The crest:  A demi-eagel displayed and erased or engiled round the body andbelow the wings by a ducal coronet arg.  Thomas Graves married Katharine whose surname is not determined. There is some suggestion that she may have been Katharine Crowshaw, a member of the Crowshaw family of Yorkshire and a relative to Captain Raleigh Crowshaw who also traveled to Virginia in the Mary Margaret in 1608.

Shortly after arriving in the colony, Graves was taken captive by the Indians, who held him in Opencanough's town. He was later rescued by Thomas Savage. He served as a Burgess from Smythe's Hundred in 1619 and granted 200 acres on Eastern Shore in 1622. His wife came to Virginia after 1616 with his two sons John and Thomas. He served as a Burgesss for Accomack in 1629/30 and 1632. He had five children including John, Thomas, Ann, Verlinda, Katherine and Francis. His daughter Ann, married Nathaniel Eaton. Thomas Graves died in the colony by 1635-36.

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