

HUTCHENS FAMILY HISTORY

Some of the earliest records of this **Hutchens** family were found in a pamphlet called the CRIDER Report. In it, we find Nicholas **Hutchens**, born circa 1645, listed in the Quaker meeting record from Henrico County, Virginia, wherein he condemns his marriage by the priest. In 1699, he divorced his first wife who he had married in the Church of England. We do not know her name or if any children were born to this union.

Nicholas again married in 1701, to Mary **Watkins**, in Henrico Co. where he received land by patent in 1702. Nicholas lived twelve miles down the James River from Richmond, Virginia, three miles below Dutch Gap. We find records of his having owned 230 acres on the north side of the James River and west side of Four Mile Creek, adjacent to lands of Henry **Pew** and John **Woodson**. Nicholas died between 1728 and 1729.

Among the children born to the union of Mary and Nicholas was a son, Strangman **Hutchens**, born in Virginia in 1707. He married Elizabeth **Cox** around 1731. She was the daughter of Richard and Mary **Trent Cox** and granddaughter of Henry and Elizabeth **Sherman Trent**. She lived to be 102 years of age, dying in Surrey Co., NC.

Of Strangman, we have found records with the Daughters of the American Revolution, where he served in patriotic service which he could do without going against his Friends Faith which forbid him to take part in any war. At his time of his service, he was too old to have taken part in a war even if his belief had not forbidden it. He was 68 when the American Revolution began.

Strangeman **Hutchens** and his wife had many children, six girls and five boys. Among them was a son, John, born December 23, 1738, in Virginia. He was married to Alice **Stanley** first. After her death, he married Jane **Brasswell**. To this union, sixteen children were born and we are concerned with only one son, Elkanah, in this history.

Before we get into particulars about Elkanah **Hutchens**, we wish to show a copy of **John Hutchen's will filed in Surry County, North Carolina.**

I John **Hutchens** of the county of Surrey in the state of North Carolina being weak of body tho in my perfect mind and understand the calling to with the certainty of immortality I will and desire that my worldly affairs may (and is to be) settled in manners due to mankind. I will and bequeath (revolving all former wills by me made) that my beloved wife Jane **Hutchens** is to have one hundred and twenty-five acres of land taking in my dwelling house where I now lived adjoining the lands of Jonathan **Haines** during her life of widowhood and likewise all the stock, household and kitchen furniture of every description, excepting things otherwise disposed of by me, John **Hutchens**.

After she, my beloved wife Jane, is taken from time or married to any person, then my son Allis and my daughter Quintilly are to have the 125 acres of land equilly divided between my son and daughter before mentioned.