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## A.) The TALIAFERRO Family in Legend and History.

The TALIAFERRO family has since near the beginning of the history of the Virginia Colony been an influential and cultured family. The name is pronounced as though it were spelled "TOLIVER." A friend of mine in Abilene named TALIAFERRO whose physician husband was at one time on the city council says that they listed their telephone number under both spellings for public access. Now that they are no longer in the public spotlight to that extent and have the listing only under the proper spelling, good friends cannot find them in the phone book.

The legend as to the beginning of the family name is that Julius CAESAR, while inspecting the Roman military camp at Gaul at twilight, was surrounded by hostile Gaelic warriors. CAESAR's bravery caused the leader of the band to spare his life. In the course of time that leader, himself a captive of CAESAR, was freed and made a personal attendant of CARSAR. Although Romans only were permitted to bear arms, an exception was made for that Gaelic leader, and he became known by the latin names of "telum" or dart, and "ferro" which means "to bear." [\[NOTE\]](#)

The family has been prominent for many years; the favorite wife of King John of England was Isabel, daughter of County Aymer de TAILLEFER, the swordsmith. And to get to the ancestry we can trace, we have to move forward only about three hundred years.

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## B.) Bartholomew TALLAFER and wife Joane LANE.

When Bartholomew TALLAFER applied for residency in London on March 4, 1562, he described himself as a subject of the Duke of Venice. After moving to London, he married Joane LANE on January 1, 1583/4, [\[NOTE\]](#) at St. Michael's, Cornhill, London. [\[NOTE\]](#)

Bartholomew and Joane had nine children before his death about September 22, 1601. He was buried on that day at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London. After his death, Joane remarried, on May 15, 1602, Thomas GRAYE of Whitechapel, County Middlesex, widower, at St. Olave's. She was living in the fall of 1609. Her husband was buried June 12, 1617, at Whitechapel, and his will was dated May 12 of that year.

Bartholomew and Joane had the following children:

Katherine TALIAFERRO, baptized November 29, 1584 at St. Olave's; buried there January 12, 1584/5;

Horatio TALIAFERRO, baptized January 16, 1585/6 at St. Olave's; buried there July 21, 1593;

Siprion or Ciprion (Scipio) TALIAFERRO of London, merchant, baptized February 25, 1587/8 at St. Olave's, mentioned in his father's will. He was buried September 7, 1609 at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, his will dated September 6, proved October 27, 1609, Commissary Court of London;

Francis TALIAFERRO, who was married to Bennett HAIE, is described in [Section C](#).

Isack TALIAFERRO, twin, baptized March 18, 1592/3, at St. Olave's, mentioned in the wills of his father and brother Ciprion, he was buried August 2, 1610, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate;

Jacob TALIAFERRO, twin, baptized March 18, 1592/3, at St. Olave's, buried there August 2, 1593;

Elyzabeth TALIAFERRO GRAYE, baptized January 26, 1594/5, at St. Olave's. Married February 27, 1611/12, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, by license of the Bishop of London, her stepbrother William GRAYE,

who was mentioned as deceased in his father's will 1617. Mentioned in the wills of her father, brother Ciprion, and father-in-law (who was also her stepfather) Thomas GRAYE;

Bartholomew TALIAFERRO, baptized December 9, buried December 10, 1596, at St. Olave's; and

Jeromme TALIAFERRO, mentioned in the will of his father and (as Jeremy) in that of his brother Ciprion. Buried September 7, 1609, at St. Botolph's Bishopsgate, aged 11.

Portions of the will of Bartholomew TALLEFER read as follows:

To my four sons Scipio Fraunces Isack and Jeromme Two hundred pounds sterling when they shall be of the age of Twenty one years.

To Elizabeth my daughter to be given at her marriage one hundred pounds sterling, meaning that she shall not marry until she be of the age of sixteen years or according to the will of her mother.

To Jone my wife one hundred pounds sterling, if she marries again. If she does not, she is to have the profits of all my estate, and then one hundred pounds when my sons are of the age of twenty one years.

I ordain my overseers of the things contained in this my Testament and Last will John Francisco Soprani Fraunces Rizzo and Phillippe Bernardi.

I do give five pounds sterling to our parish of St. Ollaves on conditions that they shall discharge my family of the taxation of the poor of the said parish so long as my wife, sons and daughter shall jointly dwell in the same. And not discharging them of the said taxation they shall pay them nothing.

Unto Margery my servant five shillings sterling.

I declare that I have two obligations of Cornelius De Neme, one of one hundred pounds which is paid, but the other of one hundred and twenty five pounds is in force and is due to me.

Made in the City of London the eighteenth day of September 1601 Subscribed in the presence of Jeromme Lopez Pompilio Gaetani Henry Valesi William Parkyns. May 3, 1602. Letters of Administration granted to Joan Taliaferro the relict of the said deceased. [\[NOTE\]](#)

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## **C.) Francis TALIAFERRO and his first wife Bennett HAIE.**

Francis TALIAFERRO, the son of Bartholomew TALIAFERRO and wife Joane LANE was baptied at the age of eight days on January 25, 1589/90 at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London. He married Bennett HAIE by license February 3, 1613/14 at St. Savior's, Southwark, County Surrey. After the death of his first wife, sometime between late 1626 and 1647, he married secondly a woman whose given name was Miriam. He and his wife died within a week of each other; he was buried August 19, 1647, at Stepney, County Middlesex, where she had been buried on August 16. By his first wife Bennett HAIE, Francis had two children mentioned in his will. The daughter was Anne who was not married at his death. In an unusual move, in that he had a living son Robert, he named his daughter the executrix of his will. It is possible that this move may be explained by his son's having already emigrated to the colony of Virginia.

By occupation, Francis was a yeoman. The obsolete definitions of yeoman include "a man possessed of small estate in land; a gentleman farmer; a freeholder of a class below the gentry, who worked his own land; 2. an attendant or manservant in a royal or noble household; 3. An assistant or subordinant, as to a sheriff; 4. one not advanced to the rank of gentleman." [\[NOTE\]](#)

The justification for naming this as the family line of Robert TALIAFERRO, The Immigrant, is set out by WAGNER and ANDRUS as follows:

Speculation on the origin of Robert TALAFERO or TOLLIVER who settled in Virginia by 1647 has ranged from Scotland where the forms TAILLEFER, TALFER, TELFER, and others are found from the thirteenth century onwards, through England where the forms include TOLVER and TULLIVER, through France to Italy where TALIAFERRA and TALIAFERRO are not uncommon. This meant that the surname in itself, being so widespread was of little use as a clue, and it was, therefore, with relief and gratitude for our good fortune that we found in the London area, the likeliest immediate place of origin for an early Virginia settler, references to members of a family of the name which appeared to fit the Virginia data perfectly.

From these, as will be seen, the conclusion has now been reached that Robert the settler was the grandson of Bartholomew TALIAFERRO, a subject of the Duke of Venice, who settled in London and was made denizen in March 1562.

Important points in favour of the identification were that this particular family of TALIAFERRO was the only one found mentioned in the probate records of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury and of London, and that after 1647 the name entirely disappeared from these probate records. Furthermore, letters of administration of the estate of Francis TALAFERO were granted on the 20th of August 1647 to his daughter Anne, not to his son Robert, as we might have expected had he been in England at the time. Robert was then aged twenty years and nine months.

Finally, the emigrant called one of his sons Francis. [\[NOTE\]](#)

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## **D.) Robert TALIAFERRO, "The Immigrant," and wife Katherine DEADMAN.**

Robert TALIAFERRO was baptized November 19, 1626, at Stepney, County Middlesiz, England, at the age of eight days. He was the son of Francis TALIAFERRO and wife Bennett HAIE. About 1653, he married Katherine DEADMAN, the daughter of Henry (?) DEADMAN/DEDMAN and Katherine \_\_\_\_ DEADMAN/DEDMAN GRYMES. Katherine DEADMAN, the wife of Robert TALIAFERRO, died after November 20, 1672. Robert died in or before 1677, probably in Gloucester County, Virginia.[\[NOTE\]](#)

He settled in York County, Virginia, as early as 1647 and held lands in Gloucester County in 1655. Robert TALIAFERRO, the Immigrant, is normally described in the literature by that designation, probably to distinguish him from his son Robert. He and all his sons were protestants, and in the York County records, where the name first appears about 1645, the spelling is sometimes "Toliver," showing that the pronunciation was then very much as it is now.

They had at least seven children:

Francis TALIAFERRO, who married Elizabeth CATLETT, is described in [Section F](#):

Col. John TALIAFERRO, "The Ranger", born in 1656 and died in 1720, he married Sarah SMITH in 1682. His children include Lawrence TALIAFERRO; John TALIAFERRO [married Mary CATLETT]; Robert TALIAFERRO; Elizabeth TALIAFERO CATLETT [married John CATLETT III]; Zachariah TALIAFERRO; Sarah TALIAFERRO; Richard TALIAFERRO; Catherine TALIAFERRO; Mary TALIAFERRO THORNTON [married Francis THORNTON, Jr.]; William TALIAFERRO; and Charles TALIAFERRO. His son Zachariah and his brother Francis' son Zachariah, our ancestor, are often confused by researchers. John was called "The Ranger" from his service as Lieutenant of the York County Rangers about 1692 in conflicts with the natives. is a genealogist on this line.

Mary TALIAFERRO, a daughter of Robert and Katherine, was born 1658 in Richmond and married in 1695 in Essex Henry Johnson. She died 1695.

Catherine TALIAFERRO, born about 1660, married Col. John BATTAILE, and died without children in 1682.

Charles TALIAFERRO, born 1670, died 1734, married Mary CARTER.

Richard TALIAFERRO, born in 1665, died in 1712. He married first Elizabeth EGGLESTON and second Martha Sarah WINGFIELD. His home was in settled in Richmond County and he carried the nickname "The Pirate."

Robert TALIAFERRO, (II) born in 1667, died in 1728. He married first Sarah CATLETT, a sister of the Elizabeth CATLETT who married Francis TALIAFERRO (our ancestor) and a sister of Mary CATLETT who married John TALIAFERRO, son of Col. John TALIAFERRO. Robert and Sarah's children included: Mary TALIAFERRO; Martha TALIAFERRO; Elizabeth TALIAFERRO; and Robert TALIAFERRO III. He married second Margaret BUCKNER and died June 6, 1726, at St. Paul's Parish, King George, Virginia.

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## **E.) Henry DEADMAN and Wife Katherine, and Her Second Husband Rev. Charles GRYMES.**

Katherine GRYMES, the mother-in-law of Robert TALIAFERRO, The Immigrant, was evidently the widow of Henry DEDMAN (or DEADMAN, the name is spelled both ways) who was granted 350 acres of land in Rappahannock River June 27, 1650. On November 18, 1653, Henry DEDMAN was granted 400 acres in Lancaster County "bounded with the land of Mr. James BAGNALL and with another tract now in the possession of the said DEADMAN; 150 acres by right of a patent granted him for 350 acres June 27, 1650, which is relinquished to make this good, and 250 acres for the transportation of 5 persons." [\[NOTE\]](#) Henry DEADMAN was alive on February 5, 1654/5 and deceased on June 6, 1655. [\[NOTE\]](#) After his death, his widow married the Rev. Charles GRYMES, born in Ingram, Kent, England, who graduated from Cambridge at the age of eighteen in 1631. He died about 1662/3 and his will was offered for probate by his widow, Katherine GRYMES. She was still living on August 26, 1678. Besides Katherine, the wife of Robert TALIAFERRO, other children of the marriage of Katherine and Henry DEADMAN were Ann, the wife of Edward HOYLE, and Mary DEADMAN. <A HREF="#" LANGUAGE="Javascript" onclick="alert(' DEADMAN-GRYMES-TALIAFERRO by John Bailey Calvert NICKLIN, Genealogies of Vir