

Rough Draft (16 Apr 2021)

TIMELINE for Richard Basse/Bass (1658-1722) (YDNA w/ Jane Bryant DNA RM269 L47 (UNK if matches to Humphrey)) and (Marry Burwell's descendants are R1B L21)

Overview:

NOTE from Brian Bass: An actual Richard Bass connection to our Andrew (1730) (R1A / R-M198) line is unknown though the possibility remains he may be where our Bass name comes from. Though usually attributed to John Basse and Elizabeth Nansemond, his genetic relationship to John is not certain.

There is debate that there may be only one or possibly two Nathaniel Basse's (Capt and Gentleman) with Capt Nathaniel Bass dying during the 1622 Indian raid and Gentleman Nathaniel Bass (Son of Humprhey Bass of London), dying in London with only 3 daughters. It is also argued the documents saying Nathaniel did not have children may have been a sister and brother-in-law in London attempting to gain his inheritance from a court.

There is a story that young John Basse survived the Indian massacre on Basses' Choice settlement, was found and raised by the Nansemond. This story is generally believed to be more of a fairytale at this point. Even if true, I would be somewhat skeptical that the child that survived the 1622 Indian attack on Basses' Choice and later found was actually the missing John Basse though may have been assumed that and given that name once found before later marrying Elizabeth the Nansemond "princess". This is not a commonly thought possibility, I have not seen a confirmed genetic connection between John Basse and London Basse's.

William Bass (presumed son of John Basse and Elizabeth the Nansemond) was the legal but NOT the genetic son of John Basse but was almost certainly the son of Elizabeth the Nansemond with a Halogroup A (African descent) father who's line forms the current Nansemond Bass line and the line that moved to Granville, NC. Seems this line made an effort to disavow their paternal African ancestry maintaining they were free people of Indian descent. The document (mentioned below) that ties Richard Basse to John and Elizabeth, at one point was labeled a forgery by the Nansemond though I suspect they might be more concerned about Richard being Elizabeth's son vice John's. What is not know is what exactly the Nansemond disagree with regarding Richard. I do know they disagree regarding Jane Bryant's death date and disagree that he married Mary Burwell. They also hold that descendants of Richard are not allowed to be considered Nansemond Indians. I do not know if they hold that Richard was or was not the son of John Basse. As far as I know, the Nansemond are now less adamant about their claim against Richard, Mary and their descendants and may be accepting them into the Nansemond now.

Richard Basse is listed as the seventh of the eight children of John and Elizabeth/Keziah Basse, is said to have been born in Nansemond County (or Isle of Wight), Virginia, on August 2, 1658. Richard had a daughter named Keziah (b: 1687) (Nansemond name) which supports some actual connection to John and Elizabeth (though at a minimum having a different father than William's Halogroup A). Richard may have been a relative (or unrelated) adopted or possibly John's son from another mother.

If the Nansemond are correct about the document forgery, then it is possible that there was two actually two different Richard Bass, one married to Jane Bryant and one married to Mary Burwell. The descendants of Jane of Mary have YDNA from two different fathers.

Another possibility (unless there is documentation regarding Richard and Mary's marriage) is that Mary brought her children into the marriage with Richard from a previous marriage (though all the children carry the name Bass). There is documentation that Jane Bryant was alive later than the 1690 date-of-death often described.

A certificate held by the Bass family of Bowers Hill, Virginia states:

"In the name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Richard Bass, son of John Bass and Keziah his wife was borned on ye Second day of August in the year of our Lord 1658. Jane Bryant was borned on ye 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1665. They were married according to the Canons the 6th day of November Anno dom. 1680. The said Jane Bass departed this life on ye 14 of February in the year of our Lord 1689/90, the mother of Charles Basse, Samuel Basse, James Basse, Matthew Basse, Keziah Basse, and Anna Basse, all Baptized Christian persons. The said Richard Basse took to wife Mary Burwell on ye 25 day of August in the year of our Lord 1695 and begat Andrew Basse, Alexander Basse, Richard Basse, Mary Basse, Uriah Basse, and Thomas Basse, every one a Baptized Christian.

Said Richard Basse, Senior died in nansemond on ye 26 day of December 1722.

These are Peaceful Subjects of his Majtie. George I King and Defr. of Ye Faith numbered among ye nansemond People freeborn and worthie of ye Respectful consideration of Christians in ye Church in Carolina as in Virgina and entitled to the Same.

Wm. Rudd, M. G. and Cl.

Parish of Elizabeth River in Virga."

(Note: The Nansemond have in the past disputed the authenticity of the above document and dispute that Richard married Mary Burwell) (it is possible there were two Richard Bass (possibly related) at this time, one married to Jane Bryant and the other to Mary Burwell???)

Dowd, Sylvestri, and the Nansemonds have produced court records proving that Jane Basse was still alive at least as late as 1701. They claim that the certificate is a forgery; that Richard never married Mary Burwell; and that the last four children (at least) attributed to Richard were probably grandchildren of John's brother Edward (who may also have married an Indian, but if so she was a Chowan rather than a Nansemond). In any case, Richard Basse is said to have died on December 26, 1722.

Aside from all this, there is also no established connection between Richard Bass and the [R1A / R-M198](#) Andrew (1730) to Rice (brothers John and Harmon) to Needham line. There is however a very good possibility that our [R1A](#) Andrew (1730) had a Bass mother which could possibly been Mary Bass (1709) daughter of Richard Bass and Mary Burwell. If Mary (1709) is Andrew's (1730) mother, she was likely not married at the time though POSSIBLY married John Johnson by 1735, May 10, and moved to Bertie Co, NC. YDNA appears to possibly connect the [R1A](#) Andrew line to a John Johnson. We certainly connect strongly to Johnson/Johnston Y-DNA. John Johnson will be discussed in different timeline.

Some POSSIBLY Scenarios:

Option 1: IF there is only one Richard (1658), THEN Mary Burwell's children had a different father (i.e. previous marriage) and IF Mary Bass (1709) is the mother of R1A Andrew (1730) then not only is Andrew (1730) not a Bass via paternal genetics, but his mother Mary is also only a Bass due to her mother Mary Burwell marrying a Bass and children assuming that name.

Option 2: IF there were two Richard Bass with the 2nd (unknown origins) Richard being married to Mary Burwell and IF Mary Bass (1709) is the mother of our R1A Andrew (1730) then while Andrew is still not a Bass by paternal genetics, his mother Mary would be a Bass (from some other unknown Bass line) by birth.

Option 3: R1A Andrew Bass (1730) is not connected to these known Bass lines at all. This seems unlikely as there is no other paper trail on him and his being in Duplin County, NC so close to many other Bass family members, in particular, numerous descendants of Richard Bass Jr (1707).

NOTE: The numerous other Bass members (particularly Richard E Bass Jr (1707) and his children are all in Duplin at the time of Andrew (1730). Richard Jr is Mary's older brother (by 2 years) and the names Andrew and Mary show up often in this families lineage. One problem is I have not seen any paper trail that places our young Andrew Bass inside any home of a Bass or any other where he may have lived in his youth. Also of note, our line moved to Cumberland County, North Carolina, then to Sumter County, Georgia and to the best of my knowledge, none of the other Bass lines did. This may imply no actual connection at all, other than having the same last name and living in the same vicinity.

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1658, Aug 2 – Richard Basse born in Nansemond County, VA (Father presumably John Basse (1616), Mother (possibly but disputed) Elizabeth the Nansemond (1622).

1680, Nov 6 – Married Jane Bryant (b: Dec 17, 1665, d: 1690, Feb 14)

1681, Sep 11 – Son Charles born (d: 1780, Jan 1)

1682, Jan 20 – Son Samuel born (d: unk)

1684, Jun 14 – Son James born (d: 1765 in Brunswick, VA)

1687, Dec 24 – Son Mathew born (d: unk) (*note: Mathew and Keziah's DOBs conflict*)

1687, Nov 30 – Daughter Keziah born (d: unk) (*note: Keziah is a Nansemond name and supports this Richard being a son (adopted or otherwise connected) to John and Elizabeth.*)

1688 Dec 16 – Daughter Anna born. (d: unk)

1690, Feb 14 – Jane Bryant dies (Disputed by Nansemond Indians)

1695, Aug 25 – Married Mary Burwell (b: ~1674 in Norfolk, VA, d: ~Dec 1722 in Norfolk, VA)

-Descendants of Richard Bass and Mary Burwell through son Richard Bass. R-M269 L21

-Descendants of Richard Bass and Mary Burwell through son Andrew Bass. R-S1051

1698, Jun 9 - Son Andrew Bass Sr. born (b: in Norfolk, VA, m: Elizabeth Smith ~1728 in Norfolk, VA, d: before 1770 in Craven County, NC) (children: Richard Bass (b: 1732 in Craven Co, NC, d: 1791 in Wayne Co, NC) / Anna Bass Blackledge (b: 1733 in NC, m: Richard Blackledge date unk, d: ~1807 in Wayne, NC) / Andrew Bass Jr (b: ~1735 in Craven Co, NC, mA: Alice Ann Rhodes date unk, d: 1791, Mar 15 in Wayne Co, NC)

(note: Andrew Sr (1698) is the father of Richard Bass (1730) who is the father of Uriah Benjamin Bass (1766) who moved to AL and is often confused with "Uriah RICE Bass" and our line. Uriah Benjamin Bass was married to Sarah McKinnie moved to Madison County, AL. This line has caused a lot of confusion with our lines with the names easily being mixed up.

1702, Jun 27 – Son Alexander born in VA (d: unk)

1707, Jun 24 – Son Richard E. Bass Jr born (b: in Norfolk, VA or Duplin Co, NC (D: 1790 in Sampson Co) *(note: Sampson was formed from part of Duplin Co)*, m: unk, d: 1780, May 9 in Duplin Co, NC) (children: William (b: ~1740 in Duplin Co, NC, d: 1802, Apr 19 in Sampson Co, NC), Sarah (b: ~17420, d: unk), Mary (b: ~1744 in New Hanover, NC, d: unk), Richard Jr (~1750, May 16 in Duplin Co, NC, d: 1791, Nov 17 loc unk) , Burrell Sr (b: ~1752 in NC, d: 1831 Aug 23 in AL), Ann (b: ~1753 in Duplin Co, NC, d: unk), Elizabeth (b: 1756 in Duplin Co, NC, d: unk), Willis (b: 1756 in Duplin, Co, NC, d: unk), Pherraby (b: ~1760 in Duplin, NC, d: 1837 in GA. m: James Hartley), Lewis (b: 1762 in Duplin Co, NC, d: ~1797) and Andrew (1768 in Duplin Co, NC, d: 1850 in AL). *(note: much of this line moved to AL)*

1709, Aug 16 – daughter Mary born (d: Unk) (Possible Bass mother of ANDREW BASS)

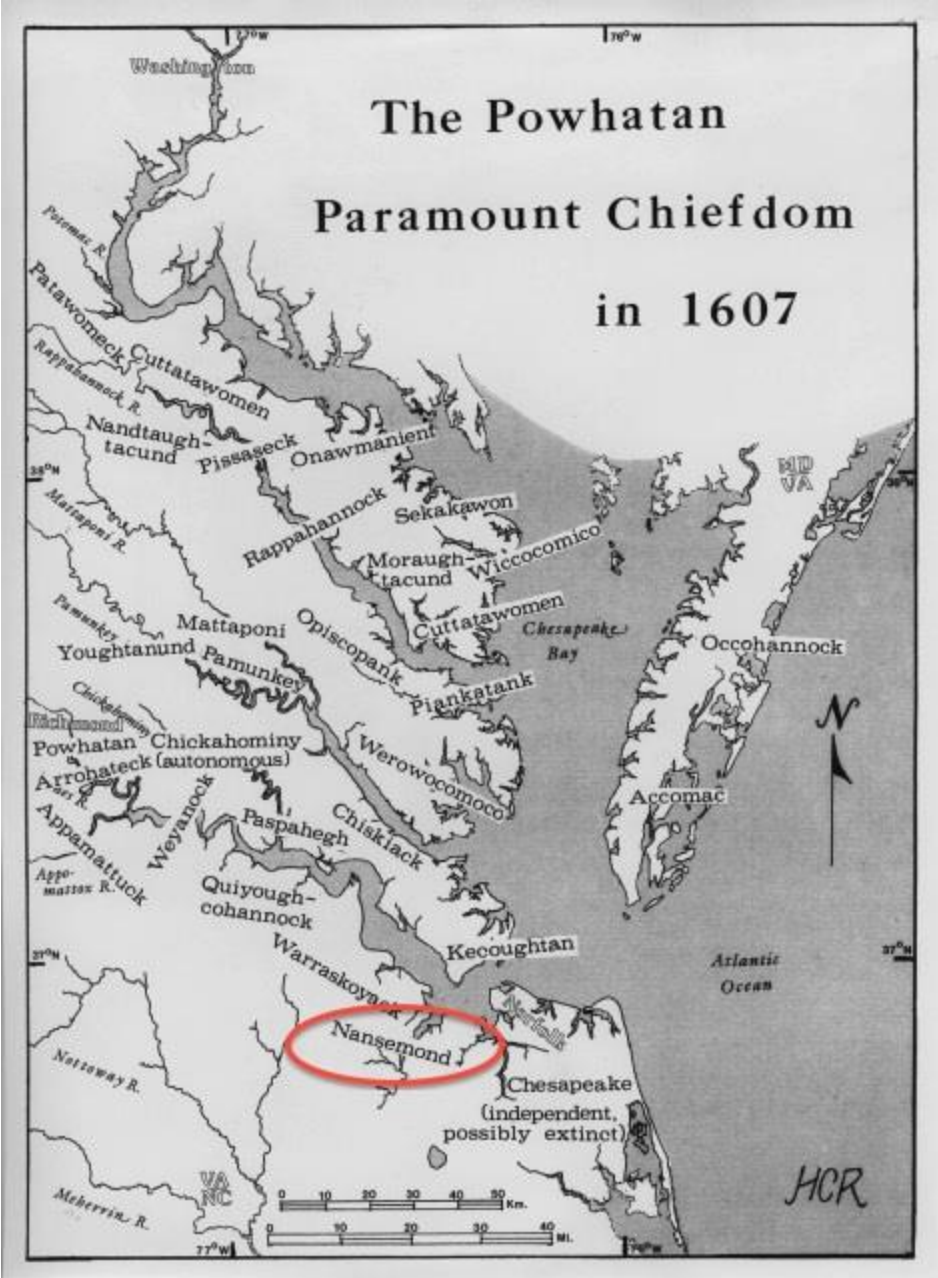
Xxx – son William born ???

1716, Oct 29 – Son Uriah born (d: unk)

1719, Jul 5 – Son Thomas born (d: 1786 in Bertie, NC)

1722, Dec 24 – Richard Bass dies in Nansemond, VA

1739, Jun 7 - Richard Bass (Jr) and his brother Andrew (two of the sons of Richard and Mary Burwell) were granted patents for lands in Craven County. Now part of Craven County becomes Johnston County in 1746, part of Johnston becomes Dobbs in 1759 and finally part of Dobbs becomes Wayne in 1779. Andrew dies in 1770, but his descendants are found in Wayne County in 1790. Most likely, Andrew actually settled initially in what would become Wayne County. The widow and most of the sons of Richard II are found in Sampson County in 1790. In his case, it likely means that he moved on from his initial land holdings in Craven.



Below shows the Halo A Bass Family (presumable half-brothers of Richard?) Movement to Granville. Richard Bass' family moved south to Duplin.



Carolana – 1701 to 1729

Many other temporary forts were established between 1700 and 1729. See separate map for all forts built during this time-frame.

