

from

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"The Pulliam family is one of the oldest in Virginia, the first Pullum (Pulliam) as far as I can find out, having come in 1636, however, so many of the records have been destroyed it has been impossible for me so far, to get any well connected record. You ask me if I think the spelling, Pullam, Pullum, Pulhan, could be a wrong spelling. I do. I think the name was pronounced that way, and the clerks just wrote it the way it sounded. The earliest record of Pullam (Oulliam) I have found was 1704 in the Quit Rent Rolls of New Kent Co., Parishes of St. Peter and St. Paul - "William Pullam (Pulliam) 575 acres 1704."

My own Pulliam line begins (going backward) with Frances Pulliam, who married twice - 1st John Hisle 1796 - and Absolom Lillard 1810, and died before 1816. Her father was Thomas Pulliam who died in Culpeper Co., Va. 1806, and her mother's maiden name was Boswell. Thomas Pulliam lived in Spottsylvania Co., Va. in 1764 when he was appointed guardian of his younger brother Benjamin after the death of his brother James. Both Thomas and James were executors of the estate of their father, Thomas Pulliam, in 1758 in Spottsylvania Co., when he was living and "of age" and listed as a "planter" in 1735. He married Winifred Holladay, daughter of Capt. John Holladay, and was one of the executors of his will. This is as far back as I have any connected Pulliam record. The fact that the names of James and Benjamin run through the family suggest that Rhomas Pulliam may have been the son of James Pulliam of New Kent Co.

I had some correspondence with a Mrs. Williamson several years ago, who claims decent from Edward Pullam who came to Virginia in 1636, her line as given in the Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. VI is as follows:

Edward (Pullum) Pulliam

James b. about 1640 of Henrico Co. Va.

William b. about 1665 of New Kent Co. Va.

Benjamin b. about 1706 Mecklenburg Co. Va.

Benjamin m. 1st Mary Bruce

son John Bruce (1755-1809 - wrote name Pulliam)

You will notice that I found the two spellings given as the same in 1704

I also found a William Pullam who was "of age" as early as 1656 and patented land in New Kent Co. all of which fits into what my father told me that his mother told him - that one of her Pulliam ancestors was born on the Atlantic Ocean. If Edward came to Virginia in 1636 and William was "of age" in 1656, he might have been born on the Atlantic Ocean.

John Clark's will, York Co. Va. 1657 mentions his sister Mary Pullum. William Pullam received 1000 acres in New Kent Co. for transporting 20 persons, including his sister Elizabeth Pullum. You see that Pullam and Pullum were the same. The thing to take into consideration is that all of the old records were in long hand, also the pens were not good, possibly quill, a's and o's couldn't be told apart, also could be taken for u. I have often wondered if Edmund and Edward were the same man.

* I have seen somewhere that Sidney Lanier was descended from a Pulliam. Two Pulliams went to Kentucky and settled in Breckenridge Co., the other around Frankfort.

* I have traced a descendant of George Pulliam, thru his daughter Nancy Pulliam Woodfin, whose son married an Anderson, and Sidney Lanier's mother was Mary Anderson, and her father was Jeremiah Anderson.

Do you have any records that show anything more than this?

The following was copied for me by Miss Alberta Pantle, Librarian, Kansas State Historical Society Library, Topeka, Kansas

Vestry book and Register of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Va.
1684-1786

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William son of William Pullum Nat. ye 3 August Bapt: ye 3 of Sept. 1690
James son of Will Pullum Bapt the 2 May 1691
Benjamin son of Wm. Pullum Baptz 31 March 1700
Anne Daut of Wm. Pullum Baptiz ye 22 Nov. 1702

Following material I copied from books at State Historical Society Library, Topeka, Ks.
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PULLIAM FAMILY This name was a prominent one in England and in the Colonial days of America. Edward Pulliam b. 1600 in England, came to Henrico County Va. in 1636 and had sons,

James and William (1665) This William married 1687 in that part of New Kent Co., transferred to King and Queen Co. in 1702.

Children of William

1- James 2. William 3- Benjamin b. 1706 St. Peter's parish and
4- Anna

Benjamin married, first, Mary Bruce, daughter of George Bruce of Granville Co., (N.C.) (see will of Bruce) tradition says of the Bruces of Scotland.

2nd wife Mrs. Hest (I wondered if Hester)

their children- (don't know which were 1st or 2nd wife- but think John (1755-1809) was son of Mary Bruce Pulliam.

John, Barnett and Mary (who m. Rose)

John (1755-1809) m. Elizabeth Wilson and their children

John (1760-1824) (John 2nd.) Barnett, Lucy Wilson,

Elizabeth m. Wm. Webb) and Nancy- Mary-Martha-Harriett

John 1, m. 2nd Temperance Norman - (see index 169 Webb Family Record)

Some daughters married Price (see pg. 33-56-132-150)

Pulliam Family book- "Our Webb Kin in Dixie" pg. 116

Price pg. 33-56-132-150

pg. 346 Records Will Book 1 George Pulliam (my George) was a witness with George Foster and Thomas Crafford, Prince Edward Co. to will of William McGehee (a distinguished family Georgia-Alabama, N. Carolina.)

Following material I copied from "Sptsylvania County Records"
- Crozier

(books borrowed from our DAR State Library) kindly advise me if these are your people.

pg. 73 Guardian Bonds L 600 James Pulliam, guard. to Susanna, Isabella and Agnes Pulliam. orphs. of Thomas Pulliam, with David Sandage, Sec. Dec. 5, 1758

L 400 James Pulliam guard. to Mary and Benj. Pulliam, orpha. of Thomas Pulliam with David Sandage, Sec. Dec. 5, 1785.

pg. 177 Deed Book D. 1712-1751

Decr. 6, 1748 Patterson Pulliam of Spts. Co. to Joseph Pulliam, his son, deed of gift 130 A in Spts. Co. -- Edmund Waller, Jno. Holladay, Benjamin Pulliam. Decr. 6, 1748

over

pg. 284 Deed Book 4, 1771-1774 Decr.12, 1770

Benj. Pulliam and Lucy, his wife, of Culpeper Co. to Joseph Holloday of Spts. Co. £ 100
curr. Tract land in Spts. Co. June 20, 1771)

(you see Holliday, Holloddy and Hollady- but imagine all the same person)

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Deed Book B. 1761-1766 July 24, 1761

Patterson x Pulliam to John Holloday £ 10 curr. 50 A in Spots. Co.

John Penn, James Chiles, Ransom Boswell, John Anderson and George x Anderson Sept. 7, 1761.

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Guardian Bonds Will Book D. £ 1000 Thomas Pulliam, guard. to Benjamin
Pulliam, orph of Thomas Pulliam with Henry Lewis and John Penn Sec. Apr. 2, 1764.

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Deed Book C. Spts. Co. 1734-1712

Oct. 7, 1735 John Holloday, Gent. of Spts. Co. to Thomas Pulliam, planter, of same
County, 200 A in Spts. Co. Joseph Woodfolk, Wm. Waller, John Waller, Oct. 7, 1735.

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Deed Book D. 1742-1751 June 7, 1743

Daniel Holloday and Agnes, his wife, of St. Geo. Par. Spts. Co. to Thomas Pulliam
of same Par. and County £ 59 3 s 6 d curr. 197 A in sd. Parish and County
on East North East River, being devised to sd. Daniel by the will of his father,
John Holloday. Dec'd. Nov. 4, 1742. Josias Baker, Patterson Pulliam, Anthony Thalston
(will dated / June 7, 1743

(Compendium of American Genealogy)

I copied the material below/ from Vol. VII, pg. 876-Emigrants
Pulliam(Pullam) Edward b. 1600 England to Henrico Co. Va. 1636 "paid his own passage."

(do you feel that material in Compendium of American Genealogy is a good
source? I also had a researcher in Chapil Hill, N.C. do some work for me and she sent
in data on Edmund Pullum(who we think is the same as Edward)