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Claiborne (grandson of Secretary Claiborne), and had issue Claiborne Gooch, eldest son. (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. II., p. 318.)

Claiborne Gooch was living in 1748 in King William county, opposite to Sweet Hall. (Hening, VI., p. 17.) He was probably father of Rowland Gooch, whose will was proved in Louisa county December 8, 1794. Rowland's wife was Unity ———. He had issue: 1, William; 2, Claiborne; 3, John; 4, Rowland; 5, Lanea; 6, Elizabeth. In the same records is a deed of gift from Luvinah, wife of William Gooch (will proved 1780), son of Rowland, to her daughters Mary, Jemimah, and Sally Gooch.

Sir William Gooch, governor of Virginia from 1727 to 1749, was born October 12, 1681. He married Rebecca, daughter of William Stanton, Esq. He had one son, William, who married Eleanor, daughter of James Bowles, of Maryland, but as Sir William Gooch was succeeded in the baronetcy by his brother, there are no descendants of the Governor in Virginia. Governor Gooch died, according to one account, in 1751, and, according to another, August 14, 1759. (*Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. III., p. 113.)

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#### A QUAIN T CONSIDERATION.

The following is the abstract of a deed on record in Goochland county:

“William Randolph<sup>1</sup> for and in consideration of Henry Wetherburn's<sup>2</sup> biggest bowl of Arrack punch to him delivered at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof the said William Randolph doth hereby acknowledge hath granted &c., unto the said Peter Jefferson<sup>3</sup> and to his heirs & assigns one certain tract or parcell of land 200 acres on the north side of the Northanna in the parish of St James in Goochland, 18 May 1736.”

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#### FREE SCHOOLS IN ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

##### I. *King's Free School.*

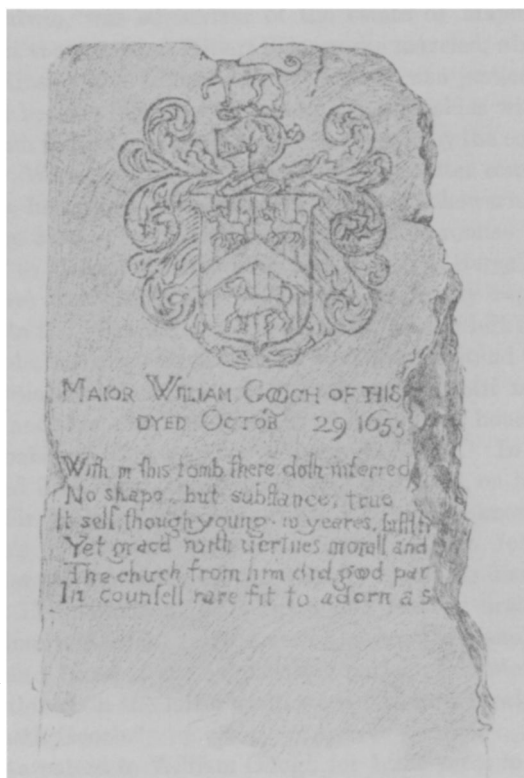
“I give one hundred Acres of land lieing & beinge next Adjacent

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<sup>1</sup> William Randolph, of Tuckahoe.

<sup>2</sup> Henry Wetherburn kept a popular inn in Williamsburg. He married Ann, widow of James Shields, who kept the inn before him.

<sup>3</sup> Father of Thomas Jefferson. He married in 1739 Jane Randolph, first cousin of Wm. Randolph, of Tuckahoe, above mentioned.



TOMBSTONE OF COL. WILLIAM GOOCH AT TEMPLE FARM.

to m<sup>r</sup> England and being exchanged for land of myne now in the possession of m<sup>r</sup> England to this parrish where I now live towards the maintenance of a ffree school." Will dated March 2, 1668; proved May 3, 1669.

## II. *Moon's Free School.*

"Also I give and bequeath four ffemale cattle to remain for a Stock forever for poor fatherless children that hath nothing left them to bring them up, and for Old People past their labour or Lame People that are destitute in this lower parish of the Isle of Wight County; the ffemale from time to time to be disposed to those that do keep, such persons to have the milk provided that those that have them be careful of those they receive and of their Increase; my will is that all y<sup>e</sup> ffemale Increase From time to time to remaine for a Stock for this use; and the male cattle & old cows to be disposed of for clothing and schooling and the like necessaries for such persons in condition as is before expressed, and the overseers of the poor with consent of my children from time to time are to see this my will in this particular performed as it is in my will expressed and not otherwise." Will of Captain John Moon, recorded 12 August, 1655.

## III. *Smith's Free School.*

Elizabeth Smith, through Joseph Bridger her trustee, did by deed order said Bridger to invest a sum of money in the purchase of a lot in Smithfield and erection of a house to be used as a house for a free school, and appointed Miles Cary, Jr., Richard Kello and Richard Baker trustees to employ a teacher and conduct a school. The lot was purchased by Baker and the house erected for that purpose directed. It is lot No. 26 in the old plat of Smithfield, and is the same now occupied as a Mason's hall. (Letter of N. P. Young, clerk of Isle of Wight.) According to a letter of A. S. Edwards, Esq., clerk of Surry county court, Elizabeth Smith was Miss Bray, sister of Thomas and James Bray. She married 1st, Arthur Allen, of Surry, who died without will in 1728, then Arthur Smith, Jr., of Isle of Wight, and lastly — Stith. A daughter of Mrs. Stith by Allen married Benjamin Cocke, first of Goochland and then of Surry. Mrs. Stith's death is thus recorded in the *Gazette* for February 24, 1774: "Died Mrs. Elizabeth Stith at her home in Surry Co. This lady has bequeathed several charities to the parish in which she lived." Mrs. Stith's will on record in Surry is so interesting that it deserves publication in full.