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Deale Owes Richard Gott Gratitude

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The history of Deale and the land upon which it sets dates back to the first settlers of Maryland and Anne Arundel county.

In 1659, Richard Gott, an Englishman, patented about 600 acres, with Lord Baltimore granting the patent, in the Great Swamp. He called his land in the new world "Rams Gott Swamp," sometimes spelled Rams Goat Swamp, probably a misspelling of the name. The rent paid to Lord Baltimore by Gott was 12 shillings a year, about \$3 at that time.

Richard Gott of Herring Creek made his will Nov. 23, 1660, probated Feb. 20, 1662/3. He left his daughter, Susan Gott, personalty; son Richard, plantation at Herring Creek at age 17. To his wife, Susan, executrix and residuary legatee of estate, use of plantation at her volition. It was witnessed by Edward Parrish and Jeffry Flambert.

Just when Richard Sr. died is not noted, but Henry Hooper

asked letters of administration upon this estate on Feb. 20, 1662/3 saying he had married the widow, Susan.

Aug. 1, 1698, Richard Jr., presumably having reached the age of 17, sold 240 acres of Rams Gott Swamp to Anthony Holland. This is the part that is now Deale.

Anthony Holland of Herring Creek made his will Feb. 12, 1702, probated Aug. 2, 1703. He stated he had four tracts of land lying in Herring Creek Swamp, obtained as follows:

"Goldsborough," 120 acres purchased from Robert Goldsborough May 10, 1677; part of "Great Neck," 50 acres, given him by his deceased wife, Isabell, left to her by the will of her father Thomas Parsons.

"Holland's Range," 120 acres purchased from George Yates May 13, 1679; part of "Locust Neck;" 18 acres bought of Robert Lockwood Aug. 8, 1682.

To three sons, John, 116 acres; Benjamin, 100 acres; and Anthony, residue of this tract he divided among them.

To son Thomas, who was 16 years old Jan. 20, 1702, 180 acres, part of "Holland's Choice,

a Baltimore county patent of May 12, 1670.

To son Richard, when 16 years of age March 1, 1703, 100 acres of Holland's Choice.

Daughter Elizabeth, wife of Richard Gott of Herring Creek, 100 acres of Holland's Choice.

Son Jacob, when 16 years of age May 2, 1706, 100 acres of Holland's Choice.

Son Capele, at 16 years of age June 10, 1708, 100 acres of same tract.

Susanna, at 16 years of age April 24, 1710, 80 acres remaining of same tract.

Youngest son, Abraham at 16 years of age June 13, 1714, dwelling plantation purchased of son, Richard Gott.

His wife is not mentioned, so it is presumed she was dead. The executors were Benjamin Capele, Mordecay Price, William Richardson, and Samuel Gassaway.

Witnessed: Richard Chesheir, John Anderson, John Chesheir, William Taylor and Christopher Vernon.

Thomas Holland was eventually given the shares of Jacob, Capele, Elizabeth, and Susanna, by these brothers and sisters.