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~ The Roseberry-Sutton, Howell-Burnop and Keister-Foster Families of Radford, VA

The Godby Generations

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The Godbey Family History

Thomas Godbey arrived in Virginia from England in 1608 on the ship *Delivrance*. His wife, Joane, came over in 1621 possibly as part of a program to bring wives for the settlers. In 1622 they survived the Powhatan Indians' massacre of 350 settlers (app. 1/3 of the Virginians) probably because they lived in Elizabeth City, where many of the settlers were concentrated, rather than in one of the outlying farms. Thomas Godbey's son, also named Thomas, was born in lower Norfolk in 1623. In 1624, Thomas and Joane Godbey are listed on the census as living in Elizabeth City.

The Godbeys lived in lower Norfolk for the next 50-75 years until Edward Godbey moved north to Middlesex County. After his death, his wife, Frances, moved southwest to Goochland County. Eleven years after Frances' death in 1739 the records show William Godbey's birth in Montgomery Co. in what would later be Pulaski Co.

— *1st Generation* —

Thomas GODBEY

- **Birth** 1587
- **Immigration** May 23, 1610 From England to Jamestown, VA.
- **Marriage** abt 1622 Joane ? (935)
- **Death** Feb 08, 1628 Lower Norfolk Co., VA.

— 2nd Generation —

Thomas R. GODBEY

- **Birth** 1623 Lower Norfolk Co., VA.
- **Marriage** bef 1645 Anne BAIN
- **Death** abt Feb 15, 1653 Lower Norfolk Co., VA.

— 3rd Generation —

Thomas GODBEY

- **Birth** abt 1645 Lower Norfolk Co., VA.
- **Marriage** abt 1670 Ann JACOB
- **Death** bef Feb 21, 1686 Lower Norfolk Co., VA.

— 4th Generation —

John GODBY

- Birth abt Apr 01, 1705 Middlesex Co., VA.

— 5th Generation —

Edward GODBY

- Birth abt 1675
- Marriage abt 1695 Frances ?
- Death bef 1708 Middlesex Co., VA.

— 6th Generation —

William GODBEY

- Birth abt 1725 Montgomery Co., VA.

— 7th Generation —

William GODBY

- Birth Sep 29, 1750 Montgomery Co., VA.
- Marriage 1768 Zannah ? ; Montgomery Co., VA.

- **Death** **Feb 1833** **Montgomery Co., VA.**

— *8th Generation* —

Francis Marion GODBY

- **Birth** **Jun 24, 1786** **Montgomery Co., VA.**
- **Marriage** **Apr 03, 1806** **Rhoda WHITT; Montgomery Co., VA.**
- **Death** **Sep 17, 1867** **Pulaski Co., VA.**

— *9th Generation* —

Amanda M. GODBY

- **Birth** **1829** **Pulaski Co., VA.**
- **Marriage** **Feb 12, 1850** **James RANKIN; Pulaski Co., VA.**
- **Death** **abt 1853** **Pulaski Co., VA.**
- **Mary Jane Rankin, daughter of James and Amanda Rankin, married Thomas Baker King in 1866 in Pulaski County, VA.**
- **Thomas and Mary King's daughter, Cornelia King, married John Chester Roseberry in 1885 in Pulaski County, VA.**

***My direct descendent is not Amanda Godby, but William V. Godbey, born in 1807.
Amanda and William V. were both children of Francis Marion Godbey and Rhoda**

Whitt. The Godbey (Godby) family is from my maternal grandmother, Roxie Leah Godby, who married Robert Nelson Doss, Sr.

Lisa Ann (Howard) Swiger