

## Edward Tatum and Rebecca Unknown of Surry County, Virginia, Timeline

- Abt 1679 **Charles City Co., VA. Edward Tatum** was born to **Nathaniel Tatum II** and **Marie Robertson (Robinson)**.<sup>1</sup> [Note: Jim Murphy of [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org) thinks that Edward was born about 1670/1680.]
- 1701/2 **Charles City Militia List: Joseph Wynne, Captain of Dragoons, (including) Natt: Tatem, Sr., Edward Tatem; Natt; Tatem, Jr.; Samuel Tatem.**<sup>2</sup>
- Abt 1704 **Probably Charles City Co., VA. Edward Tatum** and **Rebecca unknown** were married.
- abt 1705 **Charles City Co., VA. Son Nathaniel Tatum** was born to **Edward Tatum & Rebecca.**
- abt 1707 **Surry Co., VA. Daughter Ruth Tatum** was born to **Edward Tatum & Rebecca.**
- 30 Aug 1707 **Surry Co., VA. Charles Gee** to **Timothy Reading**...for 15 pounds sterling 125 acres on north side of Josephs Swamp and bounded by **John Young, Mr. Thomas Busby** and **Edward Tatum.**<sup>3</sup>
- 05 Mar 1709 **Surry Co., VA. Edward Tatum** purchased the above 125 acres in Surry County.<sup>4</sup>
- Mar 1709 **Surry County Court. Timothy Reading** appearing in Court and acknowledging a deed of sale of a parcel of land sold to **Edward Tatham** the same is ordered to be recorded.<sup>5</sup>
- abt 1709 **Surry Co., VA. Daughter Elizabeth Tatum** was born to **Edward Tatum & Rebecca.**
- Jan 1711 **Surry County Court: John Doby, Edward Tatum** and **Christopher Tatum** or any two of them being first sworn before one of her Majesties. Justices of the Peace for this County are nominated and appointed to vale and appraise the Estate of **James Griffin, deceased.**<sup>6</sup>
- abt 1711 **Surry Co., VA. Son Peter Tatum** was born to **Edward Tatum & Rebecca.**
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21 Jan 1718 **Prince George Co., VA. Nathaniel Tatum, Jr. and Elizabeth his wife,** of Prince George County one year lease, release, & sale to **Samuel Tatum** of the same, 171 acres between Warwick and Joseph's Swamps in Prince George Co. being part of a tract taken up and patented by **Nathaniel Tatum, Jr.**, beginning on a line in a meadow on the line of the patent...up said branch...., Wit.: **Abraham Heath, Edward Tatum.** Signed: **Nathaniel (x) Tatum, Elizabeth (x) Tatum.**<sup>7</sup> [Is this Samuel Tatum the brother of Nathaniel? or his son? I think: brother.]

<sup>1</sup> This information relies on data from Jim Murphy, [n8sml@yahoo.com](mailto:n8sml@yahoo.com), at [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org), revised 1 Jan 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck, *Virginia's Colonial Soldiers*, Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co., reprinted, 1998).

<sup>3</sup> William Lindsay Hopkins, *Surry County Deeds, 1684-1733, and Other Court Papers*, Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, Georgia, reprinted 1994, p. 375.

<sup>4</sup> Jim Murphy, [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org): From Richard C. Booth, found 05/06/08 filed at Surry County Historical Society.

<sup>5</sup> Weynette Parks Haun, *Surry County, Virginia Court Records 1700-1711*, Book VI, 1992, (author, 243 Argonne Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27704), p. 139.

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12 June 1727 **Prince George Co., VA. Nathaniel Tatum, Senr.** of Bristol Parish, Prince George Co., to his son **Peter Tatum** of same, 250 acres in Prince George Co. on the north side of Joseph's Swamp bounded...beginning on the north side of the swamp, thence along the lines between **Nathaniel Tatum** and **Edward Tatum** to a corner red oak, thence along Nathaniel Tatum's own line to a corner white oak standing on the east side of a small branch, which tree is a corner tree, between the said **Nathaniel Tatum** and his brother **Samuel Tatum**, thence up the said branch being a branch to a mark \_\_ Black Oak sapling, thence along the said dividing line to a corner pine standing in the out line, thence along the line to a corner red oak standing near **Scotts Path**, thence along his own out line binding on **James Gees** land to a white oak standing near the main Joseph's Swamp, thence to the main watercourse, then down the said swamp to the beginning. 250 acres including the plantation wherein the Nathaniel Tatum now liveth...(with) reservation to the indenture to the heirs...(about) the aforesaid parcel of land with the appurtenances...after the death of the of **Nathaniel Tatum and Elizabeth**, his wife... father and mother...do grant...all the estate, rights...unto Peter Tatum his heirs and assignees. Witnesses: **Joseph Summers, John Bonner, Junior.** (Signed) Nathaniel "x" Tatum. Court 13 June 1727. (NOTE from Jim Murphy, [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org), "Because the last ½ of both the lease and release was so faded, wording from both is mixed and used here.")<sup>8</sup>

19 Nov 1729 **Surry Co., VA. Edward Tatum and his wife Rebecca of Surry County**, made an indenture lease to **Robert Doby** of the same County. Land was 100 acres on the south side of Joseph's Swamp in Surry County; part of a certain tract of land containing 300 acres granted by **Nathaniel Tatum, deceased, father to Edward Tatum** and by the said **Nathaniel Tatum** in his last will. Signed: **Edward (x) Tatum and Rebecca (x) Tatum.** Witnessed by **Thomas Eldridge.** Court: 19 November 1729.<sup>9</sup>

03 Sep 1736 **Surry Co., VA. Will of Edward Tatum,** To son **Nathaniel Tatum** ½ my land where he now lives, ...beginning on **Peter Tatum's** line...to and along **John Young** line to the main run of Joseph's Swamp and along said run to and along **Peter Tatums** line to beginning.  
To son **Peter Tatum** - the other ½ of my land and all the rest of estate after his mother's decease.  
Daughter **Ruth Tatum** – loom, furniture, pewter dish, bible, feather bed  
Daughter **Elizabeth Tatum** – loom, furniture, large pewter basin, feather bed.  
To Wife **Rebeckah Tatum** – use and profits of all the estate during her lifetime.  
Executor: **Peter Tatum.** Signed: **Edward "E" Tatum.**  
Witnesses: **Christopher Tatum and Peter ("P.J.") Tatum.**<sup>10</sup>

16 May 1739 **Surry Co., VA. Will of Edward Tatum,** proved.

18 Jul 1739 **Surry Co., VA. Inventory of Edward Tatum, deceased,** included two feather beds and

<sup>7</sup> Prince George County, Virginia, Records, Library of Virginia microfilm #1, pp. 280, 282, 284.

<sup>8</sup> Prince George County Records 1713-1728, page 1009 (from [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org)). Also: Benjamin B. Weisiger III, *Prince George County Virginia Wills and Deeds 1713-1728*, Iberian Publishing Co., Athens, Georgia, 1973, p. 133.

<sup>9</sup> Surry County Deeds and Wills, 1715-1730, microfilm page numbers unreadable. From: Jim Murphy, [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org).

<sup>10</sup> Note from Jim Murphy, [www.planetmurphy.org](http://www.planetmurphy.org), chapter on Edward Tatum: "P.J." Peter Tatum is thought to be a different Peter Tatum. Thanks go to Ed Tatum for details of this will, email courtesy 14 December 2009.

furniture, two looms, 2 iron pots and hooks, one iron pot rack and brass skem, one chest, 2 boxes, one horse, one mare, saddle, 5 head of cattle, 2 bells, three cider casks, one bedstead, one broad ax, one narrow ax, auger, 3 chisels, hand saw, file, one drawing knife, one cutting knife, 2 pales, one table, one looking glass, 3 spinning wheels, a pair of fire tons, 2 Bibles and 2 other books, joint vice, 2 pair compasses, smoothing iron, 5 tubs, wearing clothes,, brass skillet, pepper box and tin funnel, 5 plates and spoons, 2 stone pots, 3 glass bottles, a new rope and bucket, a comb, a pair scissors, 2 knives and forks, hone, 7 baskets, iron hooks, 1 brass cock, iron pestle, pair of pocket tongues and tobacco, 2 knives and forks, iron pestle, 2 meal bags, cart saddle and harness. (signed) **Peter Tatum**, Executor. Dated 3 September 1736 and proved in Surry Court 18 July 1739.