

Summary of: A Revised Timeline for Jeremiah York
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Jeremiah York I, born in Olney, England in 1683, was the first immigrant to America of our York family. Jeremiah and several following generations were regularly found to be among the earliest families to migrate to the fringes of America's expanding frontier. He firmly implanted into our family the attitudes and resourcefulness necessary to enter, survive and thrive in the harshest of frontier settings, far from any civilized conveniences or comforts and often on the border of conflict.

Genealogy is a work-in-progress that never ends. Although much has previously been written about Jeremiah York, our recent research has allowed us to write a much more comprehensive narrative of Jeremiah's life, supported by primary sources and viewed in the historical context of his time and locations. Today's internet has allowed us to discover and retrieve many records not readily available to genealogists even a few years ago.

As our work progressed, we have found that many earlier assumptions about Jeremiah and his family needed to be rejected or revised. Important changes include:

- Jeremiah came to America as a young man about 1705 – 1710 and first married here.
- Jeremiah's first wife was "Sarah" Willson and she died about 1725.
- Jeremiah's second wife was a woman from Nottingham that was discharged from the local Quakers' New Garden Monthly Meeting in 1726 for "marrying out of union."
- Jeremiah didn't leave West Nottingham in 1730 but was part of a large number of people that migrated from Pennsylvania to the Opequon River Valley beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia in 1732.
- Jeremiah's son Henry was likely born en route near Pipe Creek, Maryland and not in the "Pipe Creek Settlement" that didn't exist until several decades after his birth.
- The conventional assumptions for the birth dates of Jeremiah's children should be adjusted slightly based on the "Early Arrival Scenario" so that they make much better sense biologically and when viewed collectively.

We have endeavored to rely strongly on primary genealogical sources, historical references and contemporary maps. We have tried to be clear where we present conclusions or postulate possible scenarios derived from those sources and to document our rationale. Our intent has been to provide our readers with sufficient information to allow them to distinguish between genealogical shades of gray, i.e. possible, probable or almost certain.

This paper consists of 65 pages of text with 30 images, plus several appendices and over 60 references.

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