

THE AREY/AIRY FAMILY

The Descendants of GOTTLIEB ("CUTLIP") IHRICH (AREY/AIRY)
of Rockingham County, Virginia
Born ca 1730 - Died 1781

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The ship "St. Andrew" (James Abercrombie, Master) which arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam via Cowes on September 14, 1751, carried 230 "whole freights", of which 8 were "Roman Catholics", 10 "Mennonists" and the remainder "Calvinists". Among those passengers who signed the oath of qualification on September 14, 1751, was our ancestor, GOTTLIB IHRICH:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gottlieb Jung". The letters are dark and somewhat thick, with a fluid, connected style. The signature is written in black ink on a light background.

Enlarged Signature
List 165C, Vol. I p. 457, Vol. III p. 535,
Pennsylvania German Pioneers, R.B. Strassburger, 1934*

As was usual for most immigrants with non-English names, the Germanic name Gottlib, Gottlieb or Godlieve was quickly anglicized, and our ancestor became "Cutlip" Arey or Airy in America. Early records contain spellings which include Earrey, Eary, Airey, Erie, Eariff and possibly Eariss (as a mis-translation of the colonial script ff for ss). Most of the descendants of Gottlieb Ihrich adopted either AREY or AIRY as the spelling of the family name. The name AREY is used in this history, although numerous descendants spell the name AIRY or AIREY. Because the name was anglicized, there has been some confusion with the AREY family of English origin. However, the Gottlieb Ihrich family, which became known as AREY or AIRY in Virginia, was of German origin.

Gottlieb Arey probably settled first in Pennsylvania before traveling up the South Fork of the Shenandoah River (southwest) to the area of Rockingham County, Virginia, then part of Augusta County. The earliest known record of our ancestor in the area

* The same passenger list also included "Hans Jerg Uhrich" and "Conrad Errich (his mark)". "Peter Ihrig" was a passenger on a previous voyage of the St. Andrew, arriving September 9, 1749 (Strassburger List 128C, Vol. I pp 396-397, Vol. II pp 436-438). It is possible that these passengers' signatures were various spellings of the same family name, but the relationship, if any, among the passengers Ihrich, Ihrig, Uhrich and Errich is presently unproved.

later in Rockingham County is February 10, 1769. On that date, survey was made for "Cutlip Eariff" of 190 acres of land on the southeast side of the "Shanandoah River, beginning at two pines and a Lynn on the bank of the River in Fairfaxes boundary line and running thense up the River and the several courses of the Same". (Rkgm Survey Bk 0-1 p 129; see document following p. 4). The area lay on the southeast side of the South Fork of the Shenandoah, on the Rockingham side of the Fairfax line in the area which became part of Page Co in 1831. The land surveyed for Gottlieb Arey was approximately eight miles downriver (north-east) from the land of our ancestors GEORGE JACOB & CHRISTENA EBERT MOYER whose homestead lay at the juncture of Naked Creek and the South Branch of the Shenandoah in Rockingham County.*

Gottlieb Arey was probably born ca 1730, and is believed to have married after his arrival in Philadelphia in 1751. In 1775, "Cutlip Arie" appears on Felix Gilbert's list of tithables in East Rockingham (History of Rockingham County, Va., John W. Wayland, 1912, p 60). Since only one tithable, Cutlip himself, is listed in 1775, he evidently had no sons over 21 (i.e., born before 1753) at that time. His first known child, Elizabeth, was born 11 Feb 1755. He was married at least twice, his widow Mary surviving him in 1781.

On 24 Sep 1781, Administrator's bond in the amount of \$ 100,000 was executed in Rockingham County by bondsmen Brewer Reeves and Andrew Hudlow for Anthony Reader (Rader), Administrator of the estate of "Godlieve Airy" (Rockingham Co Bond Bk 1778-1815, p 20; see document following p. 4.) The original bond shows the date clearly as September 24, 1781 as does the entry in Court Minute Book I, p 102: "Administration of the estate of Gottlieve Airy, deceased, is granted to Anto. Reader, his son-in-law, Mary the widow having relinquished her right in favor of the said Anto. Reader who having entered into bond with security and made oath according to law, ordered certified. Ordered that Michl. Rorork, John Fultz, Saml. Short and Wm. Oler or any three being sworn do appraise said estate." Thus, the date of 24 Sept 1780 as shown in Priode's Abstracts of Executor, Administrator and Guardian Bonds of Rockingham County, p 21, is apparently a typographical error, and should read 1781.

On 26 Nov 1781, appraisement of the estate of "Cutlive Arey" deceased was returned and ordered recorded (Rkgm. Ct. Min. Bk. I, p 104). On 25 Mar 1782, the church wardens were ordered to bind out William Airey, Geo. Airey and Philip Airey, orphans of Cutlip Airey, deceased, according to law (Rkgm Ct. Min. Bk. I, pp 117,212). On 23 Aug 1784, the court ordered that Wm. Dunlap and John Fitzwater, Gent., adjust and settle the accounts of the estate of

* See THE MOYER FAMILY - THE DESCENDANTS OF JACOB AND CHRISTENA MOYER OF NAKED CREEK, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA, Paula Moyer Jung (1974, as revised). The MOYER and AREY families were joined on 22 June 1795 when "Molly Earrey" (Mary Magdalena Arey, born 14 Jan 1777 as the youngest child of Gottlieb Arey) married Henry Moyer (the fourth son of George Jacob and Christena Ebert Moyer) in Rockingham County.

Cutlip Airey, deceased, with the Administrator Anthony Reader, Gent., and make return to the next court. Anthony Reader returned the settlement of the estate of Cutlip Airy on 28 Mar 1785, there being a balance due to said estate of £168.8s.3d and the same was ordered recorded. (Rkqm Ct. Min. Bk 1, pp 365, 403).

The size of the administrator's bond, set at £ 100,000, was unusually high, indicating that Gottlieb Arey's estate was large at his death. However, the only land which has been definitely identified as his in Rockingham County is the 190 acres surveyed in 1769.

Gottlieb's widow is called Mary in the 1781 estate administration record. It is possible that his widow "Mary", if her name was Mary Margaret, is the "Margaret" Arey who married Henry Null, Sr. (b ca 1730, d 1816) on 8 Nov 1781 in Rockingham County. However, the Margaret Arey who married Henry Null, Sr. in 1781 may have been a daughter of Gottlieb, not his widow. See Margaret Arey below, tentatively listed as a daughter of Gottlieb Arey.

According to the Casper Branner family history*, Gottlieb Arey had at least two wives. The first died probably ca 1764-1770, since she is called the mother of Christina (b 1764), while Cutlip Jr. (b ca 1760-2?) is called the half-brother of William (b before 1772), George (b 1772) and Philip (b ca 1774?).

Summary of the children of Gottlieb Arey (order of birth tentative):

1. Elizabeth b 11 Feb 1755; d 21 Nov 1793, Shenandoah Co, Va; m Philip Long (1742-1826), s/o Paul and gr s/o the Massanutten Pioneer Philip Long. Lvd Massanutten, present Page Co, Va.
2. Catherine Anna b ca 1759?; d before 1820; m Anthony Rader (Reader), s/o Adam, 1778, Shenandoah Co, Va. Lvd Rockingham Co, Va; to Greenbrier Co, Va (later W. Va) ca 1793-1796.
3. Cutlip, Jr. b ca 1760-2?; d Nov 1822, Greenbrier Co, Va m 1) Barbara Sible/Siveley, d/o Joseph, 1784, Shenandoah Co, Va; m 2) Elizabeth Huggart (ca 1788-1855) m 1804, Greenbrier Co, Va. Lvd Rockingham Co, Va; to Greenbrier Co, Va (later W. Va) ca 1793-1796.
4. ?Margaret b ; d before 1811; m Henry Null, Sr (ca 1730-1816), 1781, Rockingham Co, Va. Lvd Rockingham Co, Va; to Warren Co, Ohio ca 1797-1800.

* "Casper Branner of Virginia & His Descendants", John Casper Branner, Taylor Nash & Taylor, San Francisco, Cal., 1913, pp 88-109. Although this publication confuses the families of Gottlieb Arey, Sr. and his son Cutlip, Jr., most of the information on the Arey family in this publication has proved correct.

5. Christina b Feb 1764, Rockingham Co, Va; d 13 Feb 1857, Chattooga Co, Ga.
m Michael Branner, (1764-1839), s/o Casper, 1785, Rockingham Co, Va; lvd Rockingham Co, Va; To Jefferson Co, Tenn 1799. She to Chattooga Co, Ga. 1844.
6. Susannah b ca 1768?; d ca 1809, Warren Co, Oh;
m 1) (Reuben?) Long, s/o Paul and gr/so the Massanutten Pioneer Philip Long; brother of Philip Long who m Elizabeth Arey, d/o Gottlieb Sr.
m 2) Henry Null, Jr. (ca 1767/70-1809), s/o Henry Sr, 1788, Rockingham Co, Va.
Lvd Rockingham Co, Va; to Warren Co, Oh ca 1793-1796.
7. William b before 1772, prob Rockingham Co, Va; d Greene Co, Oh
m Mary Stowers, 1788, Orange Co, Va.
Lvd Rockingham Co, Va; to Greene Co, Oh ca 1811.
8. George b 15 Mar 1772, Rockingham Co, Va; d 1 Jun 1858, Rockingham Co, Va.
m Mary Coogler/Koogler (1775-1830), d/o George, 1796, Rockingham Co, Va.
Lvd Rockingham Co, Va.
9. Philip b ca 1774, Rockingham Co, Va; d _____, prob Rockingham Co, Va.
m Elizabeth Cirkle/Sirkle/Zirkle (ca 1776- _____), d/o Lewis, 1795, Rockingham Co, Va.
Lvd Rockingham Co, Va. No children.
10. Mary Magdalena (Molly) b 14 Jan 1777, Rockingham Co, Va; d 17 Oct 1830, Montgomery Co, Oh.
m Henry Moyer (ca 1771/76-1841), s/o George Jacob and Margaret Christena Ebert Moyer (Jacob & Christena of Naked Creek, Rockingham Co, Va), 1795, Rockingham Co, Va.
Lvd Rockingham Co, Va; to Montgomery Co, Oh ca 1814.

The families of each of the ten children of Gottlieb Arey Sr. are discussed in the pages which follow.

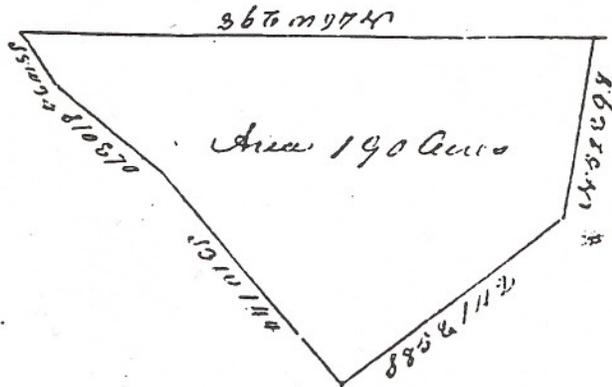
Land Surveys
Rockingham County, Virginia
Book 0-1, p. 129

Febr 10th 1769

CUTLIP EARIFF

190 Acres

Surveyed for Cutlip Eariff 190 Acres of Land in Augusta County on the S^o E^o
 side of Shenandoah River Beginning at two firs and a Lign on the bank
 of the River in Fairfaxes boundary line & running thence up the River & the several
 Courses of the same S 8 W 34 poles & S 10 E 70 poles & S 3 W 144 poles to a pine on
 the bend of the River & S 8 E 142 poles to two Red oaks & a Black on a high bank
 of the River & S N 52 E 98 poles to 2 White Oaks & 1 Black Oak Sapling in F.
 Boundary line thence with y^e same N 46 W 298 poles to the Beginning
 Feb^r 10th 1769
 Tho Lewis & Co



KNOW all Men, by these Presents, that we *Anthony Reeves*
Brewer Reeves & Andrew Hudlow

are held and firmly bound to *Daniel Smith Thomas Howel*
Henry Spring Reuben Harrison & Perry Harrison

Gentlemen, Justices of the Court of *Rockingham* County, now
sitting, in the Sum of *one Hundred Thousand Pounds*
Five Money of Silver

to the
Payment whereof, well and truly to be made to the said Justices, and
their Successors, we bind ourselves, and each of us, our and each of our
Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by
these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, this *twenty fourth* Day of
March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred
and *Seventy Eight* and in the *Sixth* year of the said most Excellent
Fear of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord *George III.*

THE Condition of this Obligation is such, that if the above bound
Anthony Reeves

→ *Administrator* of all the Goods, Chattles, and Credits, of
Godlieve Airy deceased,
do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory of all and
singular the Goods, Chattles, and Credits, of the said Deceased, which
have or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or Knowledge, of the said
Anthony Reeves
or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person
or Persons for *him*
and the same so made do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the
County Court of *Rockingham* at such Time as *he*
shall be thereunto required by the said Court, and the same Goods,
and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattles, and Credits, of the said
Deceased, at the Time of *his* Death, which at any Time after shall
come to the Hands or Possession of the said *Anthony Reeves*

or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for *him*
do well and truly administer, according to Law; and farther, do make a
just and true Account of *his* Actings and Doings therein, when
thereto required by the said Court; and all the rest and Residue of the
said Goods, Chattles, and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon
the said *Administrators* Account (the same being first examined and
allowed by the Justices of the Court for the Time being) shall deliver
and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively as the said Justices, by
their Order, or Judgment, shall direct, pursuant to the Laws in that Case
made and provided. And if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will
and Testament was made by the said Deceased, and the Executor or
Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court, making
Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said
Anthony Reeves being thereunto required to render and
deliver up *his* Letters of Administration (Approbation of such
Testament being had and made in the said Court) then this Obligation to
be void and of none Effect, or else to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Sealed and Delivered }
in the Presence of }

Anthony Reeves
Brewer Reeves
Andrew Hudlow

Rockingham County, Virginia
Administrator Bonds 1778-1815, p. 20
Anthony Reader, Administrator of estate of Godlieve Airy deceased.
24 September 1781 Bond £ 100,000
Bondsman Anthony Reader, Brewer Reeves & Andrew Hudlow (German signature)