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Edward [1687]

--- NOTE: the text below is from: J.C. Phillips, *Choate Family of Baltimore County*, 1970. His complete document is available under the Publications section of this web site. The J.C. Phillips document provides information on the descendants of Edward [1687] that remained in the Baltimore area. Additional information can be found in the Narrative History of his older brother Christopher [1685].

"Edward Choate, younger of the two sons of the immigrant Christopher Choate, was born in Ann Arundel county about 1687, probably on the small, farm his father obtained in 1681 on the Magothy River, not far from Gibson Island. After the father died in 1692, the mother and two boys, and maybe a second husband, eventually moved to Baltimore county, not far Patapsco, the first Anglican Parish House in Maryland, located north; of the Patapsco River near the head of Colgate Creek. In 1706 both Edward and his brother Christopher are shown on Tax List 115, Upper Part North Side, Patapsco District. (See Wilkins File, MHS)

In 1718, when he was about twenty-nine years of age, Edward obtained a warrent for fifty acres of land and at the same time got an assignment for another fifty acres out of a tract of two hundred fifty held by Richard Gist. This tract of one hundred acres Edward named Choate's Delight. For reasons unclear, however, a patent was not granted until November 5th 1731 in which the tract is described as lying in Baltimore County "on the south end of a ridge and on the northeast side of a run descending into Jones Falls known by the name of North Run". (MHR, Liber P.L. #8 folio 255-56 and Certificate Liber I.L. #B Folio 333) The Baltimore Atlas of 1877 shows the location to be in the 3rd District about one half mile north of Stevenson.

During the period 1718-1731 Edward very likely was in possession of the property for it as around 1718 that he married Constant, last name unknown. About 1820 (1720) a son, Edward, Jr. was born. This marriage, however, apparently was not made in Heaven for in 1725 a notice was posted at the court house at Joppa Town as follows:

Whereas on the 16th. day of June 1725 My Wife Constant Choate did Absent herself from her home without leave consent or Knowledge.

These are therefore to forwarn all Persons from Dealing or Contracting any Debts with Said Constant under the Penalty of Looseing" Such Debts given Under my hand this Day and Year abovesaid

Edward Choate

Received June the 20th. 1725

Recorded August the 27th. 1725 (See Lib. IS#H, f.133, Balto. Cty. Land Rec., MHR)

Whatever happened to the unconstant Constant is unknown.

Ten years later, on May 22nd. 1735, Edward married Elenore Savage in Old St. Paul's Church as recorded in the original register.(MHS) they became parents of one child; Solomon born about 1736. After Edward, Jr. was married about 1751, Solomon and his parents continue to live at Choate's Delight.

In 1742 St. Paul's established St. Thomas Chapel about a mile, from Choate's Delight "for the people of the wilderness". Wm. Hammond, Thos. and Nath'l Gist, Rich. Treadway and Edw. Choate were among the contributors. (Balto. Cty. Hist., MHS)"