

## THE WOODLEYS

### OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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The county court of Isle of Wight county, Virginia, on the 9th of March, 1693, entered the following order:

"These may notify that there is due to Mr. Andrew Woodley six hundred acres of land for the importation of himself foure tymes; his wife and two sons namely, Henry and Thomas and five negroes, namely Cowberry, Isabella, Maria, Ruben and Jenny into this county, being legally proved in court." See deed and Minute Book number one page 27.

This Andrew Woodley was our immigrant ancestor. He settled in Little Neck, Isle of Wight county, and became the owner of the greater portion thereof (about 900 acres). Little Neck lies between two branches of Pagan creek, which unite and flow into Pagan creek about a mile above Smithfield, more or less. One of these branches runs up to an old mill seat at one time known as Bell's Mill, and the other runs up to what has been recently known as Wilson's Mill or Factory pond, formerly Woodley's. In former years the main road from Blackwater to Smithfield ran through this Neck and crossed the last mentioned creek at the back of the present Glebe land by a bridge, the remnants of which I myself have seen, and some of which now probably exists. It was called the