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William Bradshaw, b. ca. 1690, md. ca. 1712 Judith Scruggs, daughter of Charles and Mary (Field) Jones Scruggs in Henrico Co., VA. He was executor of his father-in-law's will dated 20 December, 1718, recorded in Henrico Co., VA.

William and Judith inherited land from Judith's father and mother, land which had been part of the Field inheritance. The 440 Field-Scruggs land, on the James River, below the falls, was divided in 1720, between William Bradshaw, John Robinson (who md Tabitha Jones, daughter of Edward & Mary Field Jones), William Bradley (who md a Jones daughter) and Mary Pyrant (who md William Easley) granddaughter of Charles Scruggs. All of these families sold their land in Henrico County and moved to Goochland County, in the area later to become Cumberland County.

William Bradshaw's grant of 390 acres on Deep and Muddy Creeks in Goochland County, was recorded 30 December 1733. On 14 May 1741 he deeded 200 acres to John Robinson, son of John & Tabitha Jones Robinson. Indications are that Ann, wife of John Robinson, Jr., was William Bradshaw's daughter.

William purchased 330 acres on Deep Creek from William Tabour, on 18 July 1743. On 29 September 1745, he received an 800 acre grant, bringing his total holdings to 1,530 contiguous acres. Part of his land was located at a place known today as Maxey's Mill. In June of 1746, William Bradshaw, with 7 tithables and Field Brandshaw, was on the list of Southern Parish, Goochland.

William Bradshaw died in 1747 in Goochland Co., his wife, Judith was granted administration of his estate.

William and Judith's oldest son, Field Bradshaw inherited the land. On 24 July 1749, in Cumberland Co., Field gave "for Love, Goodwill and affection:, 205 acres to his brother Charles, 170 acres to his brother-in-law Field Robinson, 250 acres to brother Josiah Bradsahw, & 230 acres to brother John Bradshaw (DBK 1 pp. 30-361. Judith Scruggs Bradshaw may have died by that time, as she did not relinquish her dower rights.

On 24 July 1754 Field and wife Judith Bradshaw gave to William Bradshaw (Jr.?) 130 acres part of Field's father's land. At the same time, Field also sold William 70 acres, which Field had bought from William & Mary Trigg, on the same day.

There was some exchange of land between the siblings, but by 1772 most of William's sons had moved elsewhere and the last of his land was sold in 1777 by grandson Joel Bradshaw, son of Charles, and by Field Bradshaw, Jr., son of Field Bradshaw. The

Descendants of William and Judith Bradshaw migrated to North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois and westward.

Children of William and Judith Scruggs Bradshaw:

1. Temperance Bradshaw md Wiltshire Marrin (b. ca. 1703 – d. 1737, son of Gilly Groomarrin). (William Bradshaw was security for Temperance, admin. of Wiltshire Marrin's estate, Henrico Co., VA).
2. Field Brandshaw: d. 1788 Lincoln Co., NC md Judith Robinson, daughter of John and Tabitha Jones Robinson of Cumberland County, VA. Issue: Benjamin, d. 1814-15 Lincoln Co., NC md Hannah; John, d. ca. 1820 Lincoln Co., NC; Rebecca, md 3 July 1784 NC, Benjamin Ratcliff; Field Jr. md Anna (Hannah) Bradshaw, daughter of William and Susannah Robinson Bradshaw, moved to IL by 1806; Charles, d. 1800-02 Lincoln Co., NC md Michele Ratcliff (no issue); Jonas, b. 1759 Cumberland Co., VA – d. post 1842 Lincoln Co., NC md Elizabeth Ratcliff; Judith md William Rabb; Josiah md 7 August 1789 Betsy Hogan, daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth Robinson Hogan; Susannah md 8 November 1791 John Hogan.
3. Charles Bradshaw: d. by 23 June 1761 Cumberland Co., VA md Jemima Hendrichs (who md 2nd Daniel Russell, moved to Burke Co., NC by 1777). Issue: Joel, b. ca. 1750, VA – d. 1823 White Co., TN md Mary Montgomery; William d. 1784 Burke Co., NC; Ruth md Seth Hyatt; Temperance md Greensberry Wilson and moved to TN.
4. Josiah Bradshaw: d. ca. 1820 NC md 20 December 1763 Elizabeth Armistead, daughter of John and Hannah Harrison Armistead of Westmoreland and Cumberland Counties. Issue: Obedience, b. 1765 – d. 1846 Gaston County, NC md ca. 1786 Andrew Lawing; Judith, md 9 October 1783 Billy Williams; William Armistead Bradshaw md Elizabeth (Duncan) Middleton, daughter of William and Phoebe Connally Duncan; Josiah, b. ca. 1774 VA – d. by 10 July 1847 Burke County, NC (our line), md 19 December 1816 Elizabeth Higdon; Elizabeth md 24 November 1795 Charles Williams; Frances, b. 1782 Bedford County – d. by 1870 Burke County, NC md John Bradshaw, son of Benjamin and Hannah; Nancy, b. ca. 1790 md 28 January 1808, John Welsh; John A., b. 1794 – d. 1878, Burke County, NC md Susanna ca. 1818.
5. Ann Bradshaw: md by 1741 John Robinson Jr., son of John and Tabitha Jones Robinson.
6. Obedience Bradshaw: b. 1725, md ante 1747 Field Robinson. Issue: Temperance, d. 1813 md Stephan Fuqua; Daniel; William; Field, d. 1826, md 1784 Keziah Scruggs; Joseph; Obedience, md Mr. Nichols; Elizabeth; Sarah? or Judith?; Nancy.
7. John, whose marriages seem unclear, was in Bedford County by 1762. Said to have gone to Tennessee.
8. William, b. ca. 1728, VA – d. 23 August 1817, Overton, TN md 1st Susannah Robinson, daughter of John and Tabitha Jones Robinson md 2nd ca. 1805 Elizabeth Harper, Burke Co., NC. Issue: Obediah; William; Josiah, d. by March 1821, Burke Co., NC md Nancy Hogan, daughter of Daniel & Elizabeth Hogan; Seth, d. 1826 Afair Co., KY; Isaiah; Charles; Elijah; Ann, md Field Bradshaw, Jr.; Ursala, md Miles Abernathy; Rhoda, md John West; Judith, md Justice Beach.

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