

BARRETT OF SOUTHAMPTON

1. John Barrett patented 100 acres of land in Isle of Wight County in 1727, in that part of the County which was cut-off to form Southampton in 1748. It is described in the patent as on the County line betwixt Nansemond and Isle of Wight.

Since the name does not appear on the 1704 tithable lists for Isle of Wight or for any of the adjoining counties, it seems reasonable to suppose that he came from the north side of the James River with the migration from the counties of Warwick, York and James City when the vast tracts of Indian lands were opened up on the Nottoway River.

There are no records in Isle of Wight County pertaining to John Barrett, but the Southampton records indicate that he left three sons- Edmun, Jacob and William Barrett.