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d. 27 Mar. 1692

William Bundy, colonial official, settled in Albemarle [2] in 1663 or 1664. He was a member of the council of the Albemarle colony in 1684 and a justice of Perquimans Precinct Court, 1690–92. He lived in Perquimans Precinct, where he held at least 170 acres of land, granted him in 1669.

Bundy, a devout <u>Quaker [3]</u>, was active in the Perquimans Monthly Meeting. In September 1679 he joined with other settlers of his faith in sending to London a signed "Remonstrance" regarding the current disorders in the colony. In June or July 1680 he and several other Quakers were fined and imprisoned for about six months for refusing to bear arms "in the musterfield."

Bundy was married twice. His first wife, Elizabeth, bore him four children: Mary, Caleb, Samuel, and William, Jr. She died on 4 Mar. 1676/77. Bundy's second wife was Mary Pearce, widow of John Pearce and daughter of Joseph Scott. Their marriage took place on 15 Dec. 1683 and a daughter, Sarah, was born to them.

Bundy's three sons settled in Pasquotank Precinct, where they held adjoining tracts of land. Caleb and Samuel were early members of the Quaker meeting in Pasquotank. Caleb married Jane Manners, daughter of Perigreen and Frances Manners, in 1690. Samuel married Tamer Symons, daughter of Jeremiah Symons, in 1696. No marriage record has been found for William, who died 28 July 1700. Bundy's older daughter, Mary, was married to Timothy Cleare, son of William Cleare, in 1685. She died in 1694, and Cleare subsequently married Hannah Snelling, a widow. Although Bundy's other children had married members of their own faith, his younger daughter, Sarah, married Francis Pettitt of Chowan in 1711; the Perquimans Monthly Meeting declared her "out of union," as her husband was not a Friend.

Bundy's executors were his son Caleb and Timothy Cleare.

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