

Some time after his arrival in Virginia, Thomas Lanier married Miss Elizabeth Washington, a daughter of John Washington, who was the paternal great grandfather of General George Washington. John Washington's wife was Annie Pope. However, it should be noted that the preponderance of recent data shown on the internet in Ancestry Family Tree files of Ancestry.com shows that it was John Lanier who married Elizabeth Washington and was the progenitor of the Laniers who came to the prearsenal lands. Another published work shows that a Sampson Lanier born in 1682 married Elizabeth Washington, daughter of Richard Washington and his wife Elizabeth Jordan. Either way, the Lanier family history is intertwined with that of George Washington and other nationally prominent figures from Colonial days.

Sampson / John / Thomas and Elizabeth Washington Lanier had children named Sampson, James, Richard, Thomas, and Elizabeth. The Sampson Lanier (b. about 1712 in VA) who was a son of Elizabeth Washington Lanier and her husband, married Elizabeth Chamberlain in Virginia and had 6 children, including sons Burwell, Buckner, and Lewis. They lived in