

Allegedly killed by Indians at a fort that later became Fort Royal. His estate was submitted for probate on 7 May 1673.

"The First party to explore and reach the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains was led by Col. John Catlett, of Rappahannock Co, as gleaned from "an account of Virginia" communicated to the Royal Society in 1676 by Mr. Thomas Glover, an ingenious Chirugion that hath lived some years in that country." (Blackwell's Reprint, Oxford, 1904).

Accompanying Col. Jno. Catlett, the immigrant, besides his half-brothers, Ralph and Edward Rowzie, were Nicholas and Thomas Catlett, believed to be the sons of Col. Jno by his first wife, who died before his emigration to VA in 1650.

Land Office patent Book 2, p. 224 on 23 May 1650, a patent for 400 acres of land is granted to John Catlett and Ralph Rousey on the south side of Rappahannock River for the transportation of eight persons into this colony...Ralph Rousey, John Catlett, Nicholas Catlett and others. Land Office Patent Book 3, p. 114, on 7 June 1652, John Catlett and Ralph Rouzee granted 300 acres of land adjoining their first patent and among their headrights they listed: Sarah Rouzee, Edward Rouzee and Martha Rouzee.; Book 3, p. 360 on 1 Jul 1655, a patent for 1,542 acres of land in Lancaster County (later became Rappahannock County) to John Catlett and Ralph Rouzee. Other large patents were in co-ownership with Ralph Rouzee and Thomas Lucas, Sr as well as to himself alone.

Known Issue: John CATLETT. Jr.; William CATLETT; Elizabeth CATLETT; Sarah CATLETT.

"The following will is transcribed and provided by Fran Osborn.
"Undated but 1657-1658 (Old Rappa. Recs. 1656-1664, I:65)
(missing) Francis SLAUGHTER sick in body but.

First I give and bequeath unto my Mother In Law Mrs. Margaret UPTON ten shillings to buy her a pair of gloves.

secondly to my Brother in Law Coll. More FANTLEROY my Book Intituled "Hookers Ecclesiasticall Policy"

Thirdly I give unto Andrew DEW my Overseer as much broadcloth as will make him a suite.

Fourthly to dear Wife Mrs. Eliza. SLAUGHTER all the rest. excepting my Rapier & belt and a young mare tht runs either about Lyns or lower Chipoke Creek (missing) River

lastly my very good friend & loving br(missing) Humphrey BOOTH assistant to my Wife to do what shall be needful in reference to (missing) estate & for his care & pains I give him the sd Rapier & (missing) as before reserved & excepted (missing) us.

S/Francis SLAUGHTER,

Wits: (missiing)hn JUM(mising), Phillip SANDERS (Sparacio)"

From Dave Smith' Family by Dave Smith on GenCircles.com

"John settled on the Rappahannock River when he first came to Virginia from Kent Co., England in 1650. He was accompanied to Virginia by his two sons and his half-brothers, Ralph Rowzee and Edward Rowzee. It is assumed by all records that John's first wife (the mother of Thomas and Nicholas) was deceased before they came from England. John was slain by the Indians while defending the fort at Port Royal. The records of Richmond Co. states that Col. John Catlett, in his will, directed his estate in England be devoted to the education of his children in that country.

The Virginia Land Books in Richmond: (Book II 224, and V I 12)- on 5/23/1650, John Catlett and Ralph Rowzie were granted 400 acres on south side of Rappahannock River. Four headrights, among them Nicholas Catlett. (Book II, 66) - John Catlett, 450 acres called "Green Hill" on the south side of the Rappahannock, between the Golden Vale and Cedar Creek. This was his home place and long continued in his family. On 9/10/1660, grant of 832 acres in Essex Co. Of this Francis Taliaferro and his wife, Elizabeth Catlett, deeded 416 acres to Augustine Smith, of Gloucester Co., March 11, 1701. (Book V, 477)- August, 1663, John Catlett, Gent., 500 acres in Sittingbourne Parish, Rappahannock, and in 1666, 2000 acres on the north side of Rappahannock, 45 headrights, and again, same year and locality 500 acres additional. Sept., 1667 John Catlett, 1850 acres, in Rappanannock Co.

As shown by various records, Col. John was a man of great importance, if not of distinction. He was Presiding Justice, Burgess, Sheriff, Colonel of Militia and of the Vestry. He was one of three commissioners to settle the boundry line between Virginia and Maryland, with Edmund Scarborough and Richard Lawrence, the last a distinguished Oxford graduate. He seems to have been an expert surveyor, and the records of Maryland show much work done by him in that state.

The first party to explore and reach the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains was led by Colonel John Catlett, of Rappahannock County, as gleaned from 'An Account of Virginia', communicated to the Royal Society in 1676 by Mr. Thomas Glover, an ingenious chirugion that hath lived some years in that country. [Blackwell's Reprint, Oxford, 1904]. Mr. Glover's account states further that 'There was a Colonel Catlett that was a good Mathmetician, who with some other gentlemen took a Journey to make some further discoveries of the Country to the Westwards and arriving at the foot of the Mountains early in the morning they left their horses

and endeavored to gain the tops of the mountains which they accomplished about four o'clock in the afternoon, and then looking further forward they discovered other mountains, whereof they took the altitude and judged them inaccessible; which discouraged them from any further attempts, their design being chiefly to discover whether there were any rivers that ran into the South-Ocean...etc.' Accompanied John Lederer on his third exploration of the country west of the Blue Ridge Mountains."