

THE DEGGE FAMILY OF STAFFORDSHIRE,
ENGLAND AND THE AMERICAN
BRANCHES

- - - - -

THE DIGGS FAMILY OF KENT, ENGLAND
AND THE AMERICAN BRANCHES

- - - - -

Compiled by
Ruth (Thayer) Ravenscroft

1 9 5 0

I N T R O D U C T I O N

- - - - -

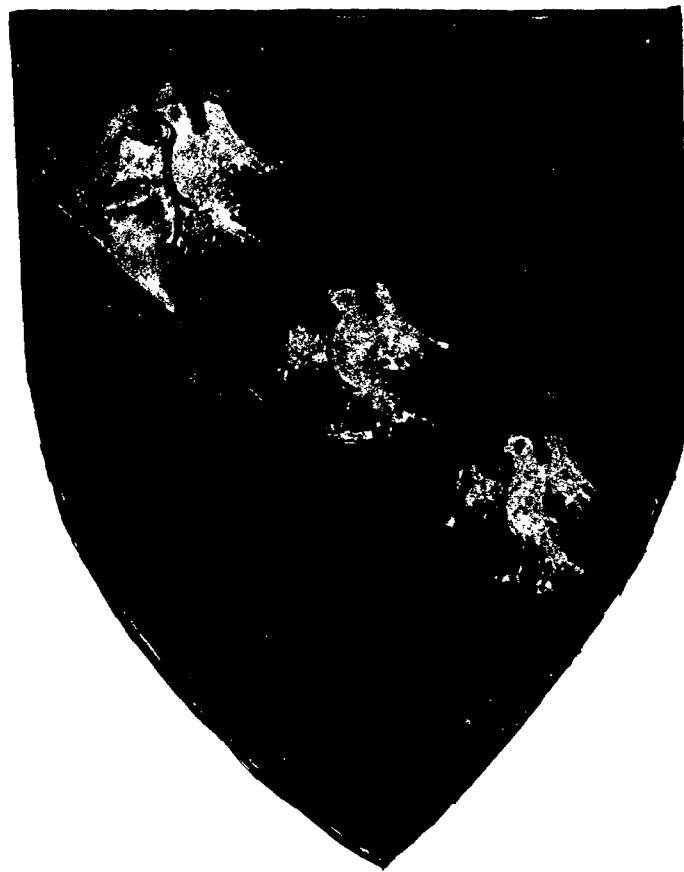
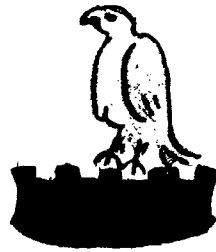
Through the help of Mary (Wall) Dockery of Wadesboro, North Carolina I have been able to locate the manuscript on the Diggs family left by Wm S. Diggs of Winchester, Indiana and Cincinnati, Ohio. Unfortunately, Mr. Diggs had not searched far enough to determine that the Diggs family of which he wrote and the Degge family of which he was a descendant, were not one and the same. Dr. John Beals, Winchester, Indiana (whose wife was a Diggs) loaned me his copy of this manuscript. Wm S. Diggs was a descendant of the Degge family. One of the descendants changed the spelling of Degges and the later generations who came to Winchester, Randolph Co., Indiana changed it still further to Diggs.

Mrs. Dockery had a copy of a letter written to one of her relatives by Wm H. Degges of the Surgeon-General's Office, Washington, D. C. in which he says that he had been gathering material for a Degge-Degges genealogy for over twenty-five years and hoped to publish it soon. This was in 1922. He died in 1927 and left his findings to his niece, Sara (Bonnell) Minor of Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Minor has generously loaned me her uncle's manuscript and the blue prints he had had made of the various pedigrees. From these we were able to write the genealogy of the Degge family. His papers prove without doubt, that the Diggs and Degge families had different coats-of-arms and were two distinct names. Bernice (Meyers) McCleary of Colorado Springs, Colorado gave me permission to use the proof she found for membership in the D. A. R. through the service of William Diggs of North Carolina.

The cross references in the present compilation will be helpful to those tracing a lineage. An "x" preceding the Arabic numeral indicates the name is carried down in the following pages. The documentary evidences, the wills, records, etc. make good reading some for the quaintness of speech, some for items listed which we no longer use, some for proof, and some for human interest. It is hoped by the compiler that these pages will encourage others to do more research on those branches of the family which have not been treated. All data in both manuscripts has been used, but many more descendants are living, but have not been traced.

Ruth (Thayer) Ravenscroft
RUTH (THAYER) RAVENSCROFT

November 20, 1950
Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Degg

DEGGE FAMILY
- - - - -

The Diggs Family of Anson County, North Carolina is descended from Thomas Degge of Strongshall, Co. Stafford, England, near Uttoxeter, where he is buried. The following pages trace the lineage back of Hugh Degge who lived in the time of Richard II (1377-1399). The first of this family to come to America was John Deggs who came to Gloucester County, Virginia where he was granted 1425 acres 16 April 1683.

The Diggs Family of which Colonel Cole Digges born 1692 and died 1744, was a member, is a different family than that described in the above paragraph. Colonel Cole Digges was a member of the Virginia Council in 1719 and sometime President thereof. He was a descendant of Leonard Digges born at Digges' Court, Kent, England and died 1574.

The following is a letter from Charles Francis Gordon, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, England dated 11 November 1883 written to William H. Degges in the course of his investigation in tracing the Degge family.

"My cousin, the Rev. Francis Staunton, has asked me to answer your letter of Sept. last for him, so I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in addressing you.

"I am afraid we cannot help you much in connecting the Degge Families. I enclose a copy of a monument in Staunton Church, which shows our connection with the Degges, also a paper written by my uncle, Mr. George Gordon, which contains all he knows of the Degge Family; I have also asked two of my friends who are great at genealogy, and one says you cannot have any authority better than "Sir Thomas Phillip's Collection" and that as you have extracts from that he does not know what else to recommend; and the other advises searching at Derby for registers and then Somerset House for wills as the only sure way of tracing a pedigree.

"I also enclose the Arms and Crest of Degge according to Bourke's Armoury, the arms are the same as in the sketch you sent with the exception of the charge below the bend; I fancied from your drawing that there is a Helmet (full faced open) and Mantling in your old painting, if so might they not be the Arms of Sir Simon Degge as Knight bears the Helmet full faced and open? I cannot help thinking that some of the sons of Simon Degge (who married Jane Staunton for his 2nd wife) by his 1st wife (if he had any) might have settled in America. I should say the Derby registers would be the most likely place to find out if he had any sons by his 1st wife.

"If I can be of any further assistance to you I should be most happy, but I am afraid the connecting link is almost too far back to be recovered; but I should be delighted to hear that you had succeeded, and I only wish I could have done more for you. I hope that you may be successful in your search.

"In copying out the inscription I find Simon Degge of Derby had three sons by his first wife. (see chart on later pages)"

Enclosure from George Gordon, Esq. reads:

"I know nothing of the Degge family except their connection with the Stauntons. I enclose the inscription on a monument in this church--I do not think it possible to find out what were the names of the brothers and sisters of Sir Simon Degge. Under the lineage of the Sitwells of Stainsby in the County of Derby who are descended from the Degges (a Wilmot having married a Degge) is this note, "Simon Degge (the father of Mrs. Wilmot) was grandson and his daughter Dorothy eventually the sole descendant of Sir Simon Degge of Stramshallat which place the Degges were resident from the 11th of Ed. 2nd....." The Wilmots took the name of Sitwell in persuance of the will of a Miss Sitwell.

"The Parish register of Stramshall is the only source I know of to ascertain the names of the brothers of Sir Simon Degge."

INSCRIPTION ON A MONUMENT IN STAUNTON CHURCH

"To the memory of Jane Degge, 10 years the second wife, and 41 years the widow of Simon Degge, of Derby, Esq. who died 29 March 1757, aged 74 and of Harvey Degge his fifth, her second son, Fellow of Trinity College Cambridge, who died 22 May 1733 aged 25. He was the grandson, she the youngest of the four daughters and coheirs of Harvey Staunton, Esq. the last of that beloved family, Lord of this Manor. They both lie under the same gravestone in the aisle opposite hereunto".

"This memorial of the place of the Sepulchre of his Mother and brother, was erected by Staunton Degge, Rector of this church."

ARMS AND CREST OF DEGGE (Bourke's Armory).

DEGGE. (Derbyshire and Callow Hill, Co. Stafford)
Or (gold) on a bend az. (blue) three falcons mounting argent (silver), jessed and belled of the first (gold).
CREST--On a ducal coronet or. a falcon close ar. jessed and belled of the last (silver).

Excerpts from a letter written ot William H. Degges by Evelyn M. Brakspear, 95 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts, England 24th July 1914.

"..... I sent you the list of Staffordshire wills from the earliest down to 1600, together with the will of "Pheales" Degge. I have now searched the lists of wills at Somerset House from the earliest (1383) down to 1650, the date at which the list, orginally sent you, began.

"There are, alas, no fresh wills, so that now we have practically exhausted, as far as I can see, all the information to be got from that source. In the same letter I proposed searching at the Public Record Office, the lists of those paying Poll Taxes and Lay Subsidies for Staffordshire.

"I have searched them from the reign of Edward III

down to Elizabeth's reign as I hoped by this means to fill in the earlier part of the pedigree. (see pedigree beginning with UHugh Degge on later page) I searched eleven long rolls, either for the county of for the district taking in Uttoxeter and those parts but I am sorry to say find very few instances of the name.

"However in some cases the account being for the whole county and in one, that of apoll tax of 1377 containing only collectors' names, we cannot look upon the information as quite conclusive.

"The years for which there are lists and which I have searched are ---1332, 1340, 1345, 1377, 1440, 1524, 1536, 1542, 1544, 1545, 1547, down to the reign of Elizabeth.

"It struck me as very interesting, as well as important that in a subsidy for 1332, we get the name "William de Egge" He was of Caverswall, which I see is about nine miles northwest of Uttoxeter. I see no reason why this should not be the early spelling of the name, which may have become corrupted into "D'Egge" and then "Degge". If this is correct, I think it is the earliest mention we get of the name, as the earliest given in Erdeswick's History of Staffordshire is that of Hugh Deg temp. Ric. II (1377-1399) father of William Degge, 1401. Why should not this William de Egge be the father of Hugh and Grandfather of William?

"In 1524 we get on a Subsidy Roll a "Christopher Ege" and again in 1547 a "William Ege". These may have been cases where the "de" was gradually lost altogether. Horton was the locality in which both lived and it is about 20 miles northwest of Uttoxeter and therefore about eleven from Caverswall.

"I have now finished searching under name of plaintiffs all the Chancery Proceedings that are indexed viz: from 1258 to 1660 and a series called "Before 1714" and have taken abstracts of any Degge suits.

"Whether it would be worth spending time over searching these indexes under defendants' names, which are of course, not in alphabetical order I leave to you, but I did get a reference given me to one suit in which a Degge was a defendant and will enclose it with the others. (Note--these abstracts follow each name in the pedigree to which they refer and will be found on following pages).....

"I see there is a Muster Roll for Staffordshire of Henry VIII's reign and also the Agincourt Muster Roll of 1415, which might be worth looking at.

"I think also that the fines for Staffordshire from 1500 to 1540 should be examined. There are no indexes to these fines at that date, but the documents themselves are not large and would not take a great while to search. (Note--If William H. Degges had these searches made, the present compiler does not find the result in his notes) They begin in the reign of Henry II so that if the first search were successful, it could be gradually carried back. These fines are often very useful, as yielding information at an early period when it is difficult to learn much. They are so called from the words with which they begin --"Finalis Concordia"--The document was an amicable agreement between parties, by which freehold property might be transferred or settled. As you now have a practically proved pedigree from

1537 down, the earlier history becomes particularly important."

- - - - -
 "HISTORY AND ANTIQUITIES OF THE TOWN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
 OF UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND"
 By Francis Redfern.

SIR SYMON DEGGE, KNIGHT, JUDGE AND ANTIQUARY.

Sir Symon Degge, Knight, was descended from Hugh Degge gent. of Stramshall, who lived in the time of Richard II. Sir Symon Degge was born at Uttoxeter, January 15th, 1612, and was educated for the law in which profession he was much distinguished, and practiced in Doctor's Commons as a civilian. The fact of Sir Symon's birth at Uttoxeter is attested in the handwriting of his son, Doctor Symon Degge, in the copy of Dr. Plott's "Natural History of Staffordshire", in Cambridge University Library. He says on the margin of Page 313, that Sir Symon Degge died in the 92nd year of his age, and that he was born at Uttoxeter, a town remarkable for the great age of its inhabitants.

Owing to his eminent legal attainments, King Charles II appointed Sir Symon Degge judge of West Wales, a position which he retained for a period of fourteen years; after resigning this post he became counsel in the war of Wales during the space of twelve years, an appointment to which he was also preferred by the same King. He received his discharge from this office on his own petition, when he entered the commission of the peace for the counties of Derby and Stafford, and became at the same time recorder of Derby. He was in the commission of the peace twelve years, but the recordership of Derby he held thirty-nine years. In 1675 he was High Sheriff for the County of Derby. At the same time he was in a great practice as a barrister, and which he is said to have served in a barrister's gown with a sword by his side. In the churchwardens' accounts of the parish of St. Warburgh, Derby, this entry occurs in reference to Sir Symon Degge:- "Paid for a warrant and copy of it to remove Sarah Moore 1s. 6d. pd Symon Degg's man for sealing it 6d." "Account of what money we laid forth at the session when the dispute was with Mark Heaton about Sarah Moore as followeth given Sir Simon Degge for his fee 5s. 1d." At that time he probably occupied Babbington House. Sir Symon was the author of two distinct legal treatises entitled "The Parson's Counsellor" and "The Law of Tithes and Tithing" dedicated to his son-in-law, the Rev. Anthony Trollope, rector of Norbury. His legal opinions are quoted by Coke, in his Ecclesiastical Law. These works have been re-published under the editorship of Mr. Ellis.

Sir Symon Degge is, however, principally known as an eminent antiquary. He wrote copious manuscript notes to his own copy of Plott's "Natural History of Staffordshire", which is now in the library of Trinity College, Cambridge, and to Erdeswick's "Survey of Staffordshire" about the year 1660, in which appeared his remarkable letter on Abbey Lands, and with some of these notes I have been kindly favoured for use in this volume.

Sir Symon Degge was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of Richard Brandon, Esq., of Shenstone Hall. She died

July 2nd, 1652, aged 42 years. His second wife, whom he married December 7th, 1652, was Alice, daughter of Anthony Oldfield, Esq. of Spalding, widow of James Trollope, Esq. Sir Symon Degge resided at some period in the old fortified house at Fenny Bentley, and died at Blythe Bridge Hall, at the age of 92 years, and his remains were buried in the chapel on the north side of Kingstone Church, which was taken down in 1861. In 1655, Sir Symon was living at Callowhill, when he compounded for his estate for £ 007 00S. 00D.

The accompanying engraving represents the interesting fortified house of the thirteenth century of Sir Symon Degge, at Bentley. The name of Sir Symon is cut on the lead at the top of the tower, in which there is a curious spiral flight of steps conducting nearly to the top.

His son, Dr. Symon Degge, was a physician at Derby, living in the parish of Allhallows, and like his father, he possessed a taste for antiquarian pursuits. He was the discoverer of Roman antiquities at Fenny Bentley, in Derbyshire, as well as of antiquities in other parts of that county. He was the purchaser of the manor of Marchington and Agardsley from Charles Egerton, Esq., and the Earl of Bridgewater. Although the last male descendant of Sir Symon Degge is stated to have died in 1812, there are now persons of the name in Uttoxeter claiming male descent from him. There are also descendants in America, one being on the Surgeon General's Staff at Washington. (Note by present compiler--This was William H. Degges who collected these present notes on the family)

The above is the fullest and most correct account of any yet given of this distinguished man.

The following are inscriptions to Sir Symon Degge and his wives which I carefully copied from three tablets which were in the old church at Kingstone, but all of which have since become obliterated by exposure to the atmosphere:-

"Here lyeth the body of Sir Symon Degge, Knt. who was judge of West Wales, to Civri the 2nd XIV years, and of the same King, Counsel in the War of Wales 12 years, and then upon his petition (his) discharge he was in the commission of peace for the counties of Derby and Stafford, and Recorder of Derby above thirty-five years. Was born Jany.vth, MDCIXII, Dyed February X, MDCICII."

On the right side of the slab bearing the above is another slab, with an inscription to the second wife of Sir Symon Degge.

"Here lies the body of Dame Alice Degge, daughter of Anthony Oldfield, of Spalding, Lincolnshire, Esq., and second wife of Sir Symon Degge. Was born and christened June xxvth, MDCIXIV. Died March xxxth, MDCIXCVI."

The following inscription to Sir Symon Degge's first wife, and other persons, was on a stone which was fixed in the north side of a chapel projecting from the nave and said to have been built by Sir Symon Degge:-

"Against this place, in the body of the church, was buried the bodies of William Whitehall, gent., who died 12 March 1615, aged 83, and Elizabeth, his wife, formerly the wife of Thos Degg, of Stramshall, gent., great grandmother of Sir Symon Degg, ye built this chapel. She died 10 June, 1620 aged 94, and Symon Whitehall, their son, gent., who died 17 May 1630, aged 63; and Letice, his wife, who died Octbr 20, 1649, aged 97; and Dame, first wife of the said Sir Symon Degg, who died 2 July 1652, aged 42 years."

The arms of Degge are: Or (gold) on a bend, azure three falcons mounting. Argent (silver), fesses and beles of the field. CREST: On a ducal coronet, a falcon reclaimed, arg. (silver)

"All the above inscriptions have perished since I copied them".

DEGGE PEDIGREE

Lay Subsidies, Staffordshire, England.
177 6 Edward III A. D. 1332
2 Caverswall William de Egge xvi d.

177 16 Henry VII A. D. 1525
92 Horton ---Crystoffor Ege, in lands, 40s 2s.

177 1 Edward VI A. D. 1547
142 Horton ---From William Ege for goods 4s.

Chancery Proceedings, Series II 79
62

1558---1579

Harte v. Degge

Complaint of William Harte, the younger. Mentions his great grandfather, William Harte of Uttoxeter. States that Thomas Harte, his grandfather, made his will about seven years last past, making Joan his then wife, and Margaret Harte, his executors. The said Joan afterwards married one William Degge.

Complainant requires recompense for certain heirlooms (a furnace of lead, brass pans, etc.) formerly belonging to his great grandfather and which had been sold by his grandfather and his then wife.

Answer of William Degge and Joan his wife.
 (no information)

Note--for details and explanation of above, see pg 3.

The following pedigree from Hugh Degge to Thomas Degge who d 3 Charles I (1627) is from Harleian Ms. 2161, fol. 185 (now fol. 30) and Erdeswick's "History of Staffordshire" (see pg 3 of these notes for explanation).

HUGH DEGGE, tempo Richard II (1377-1399), had son

WILLIAM DEGGE, b 3 Henry IV (1403) d. 10 Henry VI, (1432),
had son

JEFFREY DEGGE d 5 Edward IV (1466), had son

ROBERT DEGGE d 15 Henry VII (1500) had son

THOMAS DEGGE d 10 Henry VIII (1519), had son

THOMAS DEGGE d 10 Henry VIII (1519), had son

THOMAS DEGGE of Stramshall, d 5 Elizabeth (1563), m
Elizabeth Smyth, dau of Thomas Dymth of Cambridge,
d 6-10-1620 aged 94. She m 2nd, William Whitehall,
d 3-12-1615 aged 83. Had son, Simon Whitehall,
d 5-17-1630 (63); he m Felice...who d 10-20-1649 (97)

Note--There are several wills on file for different
Thomas Degges, all given below.

Staffordshire Wills, (Somerset House)

1537-8

Feby. 5

Thomas Degge of Uttoxeter, England

Will dated 6 November 1537

To be buried in the churchyard of Uttoxeter

To Croxden Abbey to pray for me xiid.

To the Gray Friars of Stafford to pray for me iid.

To the Black Friars of Stafford iid.

To Robert Degge my uncle my second jacket and a
pair of hose

To my brother Robert my best doublet and a pair
of hose

Executors: Jone my wife and William Degge my
brother

Overseers: John Walker and Robert Russell

Residue to my wife and children (not named)

Witnesses: My ghostly father Sir William Freynd,

Hugo Russell Robert Degge and John Peyke

Debts owing by deceased

To Jone my sister

To Margery my sister

To Robert my brother

To Sebell my servant

Debts owing to deceased from

William my brother

William More

Robert Russell

Robert Degge my uncle

Amount of Inventory £17. 0. 0.

Appraisers: John More Thomas Wyld William

Weddeward Thomas Mylward

Proved by the Executors.

- - - - -

1558-9
Jany. 25

Thomas Degg of Tamworth, Goover, England
Will dated 8 December 1558
To be buried in the churchyard of Tamworth
near to my wife.
To Joan my daughter XXVis. VIIId. &c. household
stuff
To Elizabeth my daughter XXVis. VIIId. &c.
To Mary my daughter XXVis. VIIId. &c.
To Richard my son my best cloak &c.
To Richard Geffreys a hose cloth.
To Homffris my son my best coat.
To Wilson my brother a buckskin.
Residue to Margarite my wife.
Executrix: The said Margarite.
Overseers: Wilson my brother & Richard Degge.
Witnesses: John Browghton, Thomas Francs.
Inventory dated 22nd, January 1558, Amount £5.11.8
Appraisers: Xpofer Weston Richard Wilson &
Thomas Francs.
Proved by the Executrix.

- - - - -
This will is that of Thomas Degge who married Elizabeth
Symth.

1563
April 23. THOMAS DEGG of Stramshall parish of Uttoxeter,
Yeoman.

Will dated 20 January 1562-3.
To be buried in the churchyard of Uttoxeter, Eng.
To wife Elizabeth Degg to have my messuage and
land so long as she remain unmarried for the
bringing up of my children (not named) if she
marry then to have XXVis. VIIId. yearly for her
whole dower.
My eldest son THOMAS DEGG to have all my land
certain goods and husbandry geer, & Xs. in money
To my daughter Mary Degg my greatest pan &c.
To my sister.....one cow and a calf.
To my brother Roger Symthe a hefer
Executors: my wife Elizabeth and brother
Wyllm Smyth.
Supervisors: Rye Smythe & Roger Smythe my
brethren
Witnesses: Henry Flackett Thomas Myllward
Thomas Degg Senior Rye Myllwards.
Inventory dated 29 January 1563. No total given
Appraisers: Robert Wettun Rychard Taylor
Wyllm Woodward Phillip Schot.
Testator owed debts to
Rychard Smythe of Cambridge
William Smythe.
William Woodward of Alvetoon.
Proved by the Executors.

- - - - -

NOTE---The Feales (Felice or Phyllis?) Degge who made the will which follows may have been a sister of Thomas Degge who married Elizabeth Smyth (see p 7). Elizabeth (Smyth) Degge married second, William Whitehall.

1577 Feales Degge of Stromshill parish of Uttoxeter servant
 April unto William Whitehall of Uttoxeter. Will dated
 19 22 February 1577.
 To be buried in the church yard of Uttoxeter.
 To Mary Degge a pound & IIII puter dishes &c.
 To Rodger Degge my coffer.
 Residue to children (not named) of Elizabeth
Whitehall.
 Executor William Whithall my mayster.
 Debts owing by John Smith of Crakemach iiiili.
 vis. viiid.
 Thomas Baulle of Nowpart viis. and apott, the wch
 Rodger Days gave unto me.
 Witnesses: Richard taylor Robert russel Fraunces
 Wilson.
 Inventory dated 17 April 1577. Amount L5. 7. 10.
 Appraisers: Thomas Milward Simond Hearing Richard
 taylor Robert russel.
 Proved by the Executor.

- - - - -

NOTE--(See will of Thomas Degge, pg 7) In her letter to Wm H. Degges, Miss Brakspear says, "I do not think that your ancestors were Roman Catholics (as we should call them nowadays) at the time they went to America. You will notice that the will in which the testator bequeaths to Friars, etc. is pre-reformation, when there would have been no protestants in the present sense of the word. The same remark applies to the John Digg of 43 Hen. III, whom you mention in your letter as having been a benefactor to the Franciscans." (letter dated March 8, 1914)

- - - - -

Thomas Degge and Elizabeth Smyth Degge had a son:

7. THOMAS DEGGE, d 2-24-1599; m ELLEN MORE, daughter of Thomas More of Beamhurst; they had a son: (will, p 9a)
8. THOMAS DEGGE d. 3 Charles I (1627). Thomas Degge of Stromshall m Dorothy Crichlow, daughter of George Crichlow of Wolscote, Derbysnre. Their children:
 9. i Katharine Degge, bp. 10 Oct 1607, m 1st, Edward Abell 18 July 1626 (see record From parish Register on following pages) she m 2d, Gregory Walklet
 10. ii Robert Degge b 6-2-1609; m Jane Rowley, dau of John Rowley of the Ribs, Cheshire and had:
 - i Thomas Degge
 - ii John Degge
 - iii Mary Degge
 11. iii Mary Degge bp 24 Feb 1610-11
 - x 12. iv Sir Simon Degge, Knt., b 1-5-1612; d 2-10-1702-3; Knighted 1669; m 1st, Jane Orrell who d 7-5-1652 aged 42, dau of Thomas Orrell; of Slaugham, Sussex, Gent.; m 2nd, Alice Oldfield 12-8-1652; b 1-26-1614 dau of Anthony

WILL OF THOMAS DEGG, 1599
- - - - -

Extracted from the Principal Registry of the Probate
Divorce and Admiralty Division of the High Court of Justice.

In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN in the one and fortieth yeare
of Elizabeth the Queenes Jagestie that now is &c of England
Fraunce and Ireland Queene &c and in the seventeenth day
of November in the yeare of our Lord God One thowsand fyue
hundreth nymethye and nyne.

I, THOMAS DEGG, of Landyford in the County of Derby
Yeoman being sicke in bodie yet of perfecte, unde and good
remembrance do make and ordayne this my last will and test-
ament in mannor and forme followinge First...bequeath my soule
into the handes of the eternall God my Maker in whome and
thoroughe whome I hope assuredly through Jesus Christe to haue
a joyfull resurrection to eternall lief Item I geve and be-
queath vnto my master his worhsipp master Nycholas Langford
fyue poundes Item I geue vnto Master Frauncis Trenthm my
great bay filly Item I geve vnto my mother all my corne at
Stranshall Item I geue to my brother symon Whittle fyue markes
Item I geue to my sister Marye Harvie fyue poundes Item to
my sister Anne Clarke twenty shillinges Item to my sister Jane
twenty shillinges Item I geve vnto my sonne Thomas Degge all
my frehould land in Stronshall and my bay gelding and all my
heire loomes and twenty pounds in money Item I geve vnto my
mann Thomas Harvie twinter heifer going in butterlie Item I
geve vnto my mann Lawrence an noble Item I geve vnto my god-
sonne Frauncis Degg fyue shillinges Item I geve vnto the poore
of Vttoxeter Parishe fortie shillinges Item I geve vnto the
poore of Langford parishe that keepes a howse and is needie
twelue pence a peece Item my funerall dischargd all the rest
of my goodes and all chattellies money plate or els whatsoever I
geve vnto my wief Ellen and to my three daughters Marie Degg
Ann Degg and Suzan Degge to be devided equally amongst them
my daughters to be ordered and their portions guded by their
mother their brother Thomas and their vncle Symon Whittell.
Item I doe ordayne and make my wief Ellen Degge my sole
EXECUTRIX of this my last will and testament and Master Ny-
cholas Langford and Master Frauncis Trentham Esquiers to be
overseers of the same by me-THOMAS DEGG- Subscribed and de-
livered in the presence of George Blacke Beard Fauncis Hopkin
Joane Millington.

Post. All debtes owing vnto me doe appeare in my little
paper booke by whome they are owing and allso a note of all
bills and bondes As for my debtes I owe none except that
which I owe vnto Master Frauncis Trentham as may appeare by
specialtie Witnes George Henshare.

Proved 6th June 1600
Fos 6 OB.
HFB
- - - - -

NOTE---It is not clear who this Mary Degge was but we include this item here because she probably belonged to the family on pg 9 and was #11.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714.Hamilton
101:122

- - - - -

4 December 1661.

Complaint of Mary Degge of Fenton, Co. Stafford, spinster. States that about five years past, at the request of John Degge of Strongshall, Co. Staff., her brother, she had paid to Thomas Degge, another brother, 54/- for a nag sold by him to the said John, besides lending certain money to the said John, who now asserts that the complainant owes him for the rent of certain ground called Sheepe Close in Strongshall.

No answer to the bill.

- - - - -

- Oldfield, of Spalding, Co. Lincoln, Eng.:
 she m 2d, James Trollope
 13 v Elizabeth Degge bp 5 Feb 1614-15
 14 vi Thomas Degge bp 15 Dec 1616
 15 vii George Degge bp 31 Jan 1618/19
 In "Chancery Proceedings before 1714" by
 Hamilton, 500 appears:
47

- Degge v. Oddy
 18 February 1672/3
 Complaint of George Degge, of the borough
 of Stafford, gentleman, administrator of the
 goods of John Browne, late of Stafford, gentle-
 man. Dispute as to debt.
 xl6 viii Isaac Degge of Nantwich in Cheshire b 8 Dec 1619,
 d 1687.; m Rose Marshall, daughter of John
 Marshall of Wisbeche, Cambridge, d 1722.
 17 ix Lettice Degge bp 20 Nov 1622
 18 x John Degge buried 4 Dec 1624
 19 xi Dorothy Degge bp 26 Dec 1625; m Wakelin
 20 xii Ellen Degge bp 22 Mar 1628
 x21 xiii John Degge bp 22 Mar 1627-8; m Ann

Dorothy Degge, widow of Thomas, married 2nd,
 William Spragge 1635; Dorothy d August 1643; William
 d 1645; they had a son, John Spragge

- - - - -
 WILL OF THOMAS DEGGE

1627
 Decr. Thomas Degge of Uttoxeter, Co. Stafford, Yeoman
 24
 Administration granted to Dorothy Degge the
 lawful widow and relict of the said intestate.
 The Inventory is dated 22 November 1627.
 Amount L106.6.0. consisting of household goods &c.
 Appraisers: Rychard Startin William Milward John
 Wylde Thomas Butler
 Debts owing to deceased from
 Mr. Robert Harvey & Mr. Jeron
 Chamberlain Henrie Hampson L5. 10. 0.
 Frances Hill L3.
 Burton Goodwin L1.
 John Wild L2.

The Inventory was exhibited at Lichfield on the
 24th December 1627 by Vincent Topples Notary Public of the
 Consistory Court of Lichfield Procurator General one of the
 nominees of Dorothy Degge the relict and Administratrix of
 the goods of the said deceased.

- - - - -

This letter is from Evelyn M. Brakspear, 95 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts, Eng. March 9, 1914.

....."I hope you will be satisfied with the search, when you see the result, as we learn from it that Isaac Degg was baptized in 1619 and that he had twelve brothers and sisters. I concluded from the Chancery Proceedings of 1646, which I reported on and sent to you, that there were nine brothers and sisters, but evidently it means that Thomas Degge left nine young children ~~deaths~~ in Nov. 1627. The nine youngest would have been under 15 at his death, and the elder ones would have been by that time put out as apprentices. Katherine the eldest perhaps was already married, in fact we get from the Register the fact that Edward Abell married Katherine Degge in 1625 (when she would have been aged 19). I know from the various pedigrees that Katherine was supposed to have married Walklet, but perhaps he was her second husband.

"The two youngest children were evidently twins and were baptized four months after the father's death; one of them died a few months later.

"You will notice from the extracts from the parish register, that besides our family, there were two fairly large families, those of Richard and Elizabeth Degge and of Edward and Katherine. These were most probably closely connected with our people.

"The Thomas Degge, who appears in the register, as having been buried in January 1600-1, is, of course, the grandfather of Isaac. It is curious that there should be the burial of a Dorothy, wife of Thomas Degge in 1607 and the burials of two Thomases, one in 1609 and the other in 1623. It is interesting to learn from the register, that Thomas Degge, the father of Isaac, was Bailiff of Uttoxeter when he died.

"I was making out a pedigree yesterday and see that the pedigree is absolutely proved by just the documents, I have sent you, from John Degge (your ancestor who came to America) back to the Thomas Degge whose will was proved in 1538. Of course the Herald's Visitations carry it back a good deal further, but these are sometimes very inaccurate."

- - - - -
EXTRACTS FROM PARISH REGISTER OF UTTOXETER, STAFFORD-SHIRE, ENGLAND. Searched from 1600 to 1628.

1597--May--Godfrey son to Richard Degge and Elizabeth his wife, christened.
1600--April 27--Margaret, daughter of Richard and Elia. Degge, baptized.
1600--May 13--Margaret, daughter of Edward and Katherine Degge, baptized
1600-1--Jan 21--Thomas Degge, husbandman, buried
1605--Aug 11--Thomas, son to Edward and Katherine Degge, baptized
1607--July 9--Dorothy, wife to Thomas Degge, buried.
1607--Oct 10--Katherine, daughter to Thomas Degge and Dorothe his wife, baptized
1607--Oct 14--John, son to Edward and Katherine Degge, baptized

1609--Dec 30--Thomas Degge, buried
 1609-10--Feb 2--Henry son to Edward and Katherine Degge, bp.
 1609-10--Feb 12--Henry son to Edward and Katherine Degge, bur.
 1610--Dec--Anne Degge, widow, buried
 1611--June 10--Richard, son to Richard Degge, buried
 1614--15--Feb 5--Edward Degge, a poor man, buried
 1609--June 3--Robert, son of Thomas and Dorothy Degge, bp.
 1610--11-Feb 24--Mary, dau of " " " " "
 1612-13--Jan 10--Symon, son of " " " " "
 1614/15--Feb 5--Elizabeth, dau of " " " " "
 1616--Dec 15--Thomas, son of " " " " "
 1618/19--Jan 31--George, son of " " " " "
 1619--Dec 3--Isaak, son of Thos " " " " "
 1622--Nov 20--Lettis, dau of " " " " "
 1623--Nov 17--Thomas Degg, buried
 1624--Dec 4--John, son of Thomas and Dorothy Degge, buried
 1625--Nov 11--Ellen Degg, widow, buried
 1625--Dec 26--Dorothy dau of Thomas and Dorothy Degge, bp.
 1626--July 18--Edward Abell and Katherine Degge, married
 1627--Nov 15--Thomas Degge, Bayliff of Uttoxeter, buried
 1627-28--Feb 3--Margrett Degg, widow, buried
 Mar 22--John son of Thomas and Dorothy Deg baptized
 Mar 22--Ellen, dau of Thomas and Dorothy Degg, baptized.
 1628--Nov 20--Ellen, dau of buried

- - - - -
 Chancery Proceedings before 1714--Bridges 388:38
 (At the Public Record Office, London)

24, April 1646.

Complaint of Simon Degge of Callohill, County Stafford, gentleman, a younger son of Thomas Degge of Stromshall, County Stafford, gentleman, deceased and of Dorothy, his wife, also deceased.

States that the said Thomas, about the year 1625, took a lease from Sir Edward Longvill, of a piece of ground called Littlewood, within the lordship of Crakemarch and parish of Uttoxeter, fro the lives of the said Dorothy and of Thomas and Isaac Degge, two other younger sons of the said Thomas, for the benefit of his younger children; but the said Thomas the father "being taken with sudeen sickness and unexpected death following even in his best time had not according to his intention disposed of the same" so that the complainant's mother possessed it, until sixteen years ago, about which time she took to husband one William Spragge.

The said Thomas Degge, the father had also taken a lease of land in the hamlet of Crighton, parish of Uttoxeter, for term of the lives of Robert Degge, his eldest son and of John Ferne and John Norman.

- - - - -
 Chancery Proceedings Charles I D18:61
 (At the Public Record Office, London)
 16 November 1646. Complaint of Symon Degg of Callohill, County Stafford, gentleman, and of Thomas Degg, Isaack Degg, Lettice Degg, and Dorothy Degg, brothers and Sisters of the said Symon, and all of them the younger Children of Thomas Degg of Stromshall, County Stafford, gentleman, and Dorothy, his wife, both deceased.

States that the complainants' said father was in his life time possessed of a good estate to the value of L600 and upwards in leases, goods and chattles and died so possessed, making no will or other disposal thereof. Immediately after the death of the said Thomas, hiw widow, the said Dorothy, possessed herself of the estate, as admistratrix to her said deceased husband and afterwards took to husband one William Spragge of Uttoxeter, County Stafford, gentleman, who possessed himself of the estate in right of the said Dorothy and so continued till the decease of the said Dorothy, about August 1643, and so till his own death in May, 1645.

After his death, Grace Spragge, a later wife of the said William, together with one Lawrence Dawson od Uttoxeter, clerk and Walter Grey of Uttoxeter took the adminstration into their hands and possessed themselves of the estate.

The said William Spragge had in his will bequeathed to the complainants several good legacies, but the defendants try to degeat the complainants of their lawful legacies.

The complainants pray that the defendants may be ordered to set forth what lands, goods and chattels are in their possession lately belonging to the complainants's said deceased father.

- - - - -
Answer of Lawrence Dawson, clerk, and Walter Grey, gentleman, two of the defendants.

States the said William Spragge made his will about 4 February 1644 and it was proved by the said Grace Spragge in the Consistory of the then Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield.

The defendants have heard that the said William Spragge had by his will given to the complainant, Dorothy Degge, a legacy of Ll0, but they think he left no other legacies to any other of the children of the said Thomas Degge.

They state that the estate of the said Thomas Degge was not nearly of so great a value as set forth in the bill and they have heard that it only amounted to Ll06.6s.

- - - - -
Answer of Grace Spragge, one of the defendants.

States that she believes the complainants seek to have possession of all leases, goods and chattles, which belonged to their late father, Thomas Degge, decreed unto them by the Court, and if the complainants intend thereby two leases--one of a certain ground called Littlewood, lying in Creighton, Co. Stafford, which the said Thomas had during the lives of Dorothy, his then wife and the wives of the said complainant's Thomas and Isaac Degge; the other, the moeity of a certain ground in Creighton called Creighton Parke, which the said Thomas, the father, held during the lives of Robert Degge, John Ferne and John Norman, who are all living--then this defendant says that the said complainant Simon Degg, in Easter term last past, in his own name and on behalf of himself and the rest of the complainants, exhibited a bill of complaint in this Court against her, the said defendant for the possession of the above named premises, which suit still depends in this Court undetermined, for

which causes, she demands of the Court, whether she shall be compelled to make answer to this second bill.

She states that she does not know of what personal estate the said Thomas Degge died possessed, but has heard that he had mortgaged and leased out all the greatest part of his real estate, and having nine children all young, (see letter, p 11) by the said Dorothy, and having little left him to live upon and being indebted in large sums to several persons, the defendant believes it to be true that the estate of the said Dorothy, his widow, when she married the said William Spragge "was very mean and of no value" and that the said William, after his marriage with the said Dorothy, paid more money in satisfying the debts of the said Thomas, then the above named premises were worth.

The said William Spragge had besides, the charge of the educating of the said complainants of their brothers and sisters, which were all (except the said complainant, Simon Degge, who was otherwise very plentifully provided for by his uncle, Simon Whiteall) left to the care of their said Mother.

The said William Spragge paid to and for seven of the younger children of the said Thomas Degge, who had nothing left to them by their father, and for placing them in services, the sum of L85. That is to say, to Mary, one of the daughters of the said Thomas, L0; to the said complainant, Dorothy Degge L6; to the complainant Thomas Degge, L14, besides an annuity of 30/- during his life; to the complainant, Lettice Degge and to Elizabeth her sister and others of the daughters of the said Thomas L20; to the complainant, Isaac Degge L30, and to and for George Degge another of the sons of the said Thomas, L5.

The said William, being in actual possession of the said close called Littlewood and the moiety of the said close called Creighton Parke; and for the maintenance of the defendant, his ten wife and of John Spragge their only child, by indenture dated 1 February 1644-45, leased the said premises to the other defendants, Lawrence Dawson and Walter Grey.

-
- 12 Sir Simon Degge (see pg 9) see pp 4,5,6 for summary on Sir Simon Degge. BORN: 1-5-1612 DIED: 2-10-1702-3; Knighted 1669. MARRIED: first, Jane Orrell, daughter of Thomas Orrell who died 7-5-1652 aged 42. CHILDREN:
- 22 i Whitehall Degge d 1664; m Constance Boughey; she m 2d, Thomas Whitgreave, the preserver of King Charles; they had:
 - 23 i Simon Boughey Degge m 6-8-1684, Alice Trollope
 - MARRIED: (2d) 12-7-1652, Alice Oldfield BORN: 1-26-1614 DIED: 3-30-1690 daughter of Anthony Oldfield; she m 1st, James Trollope. CHILDREN:
 - 24 ii Simon Degge, d infant
 - x 25 iii Simon Degge d 5-1-1676, m Mary More, dau of Edward More of Worcester

x26 iv Margaret Degge bp 5-4-1658; d 3-3-1737/8;
 m Sir John Oldfield, Bart, b 10-28-1659;
 d 9-2-1705 of Spalding

WILL OF MARY DEGGE (#8, pg 9 must have been
 her brother)

- - - - -

(From the Probate Register of Staffordshire)

1670

Aug 26. Mary Degg of Blythe Bridge, Co. Stafford,
 Spinster. WILL (nuncupative) dated 27 May 1670.
 She was aged and infirm in body.
 Symon Degg her nephew to have all her household
 goods and stock of cattell allowing something at
 his pleasure to Catheryne Degge her goddaughter.
 Executor: The said Symon Degg
 Witnesses: George Hassell of Stoks
 James Whitehurst's wife (name not given)
 The Inventory to be exhibited at the Feast of the
 Nativity. No amount given.
 Proved by the Executor.

- - - - -

PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY. Register DEGG 33.

WILL OF SIMON DEGGE, of Derby, Knight

16 January 1702-3.

Usual committal.

Desires to be buried "in my little chappel that I
 lately built adjoining to the parish church of Kingston",
 in the county of Stafford.

To my sister-in-law Rose Degg, L10 per annum during
 her life.

To the widow of my late servant Walter Smith, 30s.
 yearly for life.

To my cousin (sic) Mary Degg, daughter of my brother
 Isaac Degg, if she outlives her mother Rose Degge L3
 yearly for life.

To my sister Dorothy Wakelin L8 per annum during her
 life.

To my grandson Simon Degge, one half of my books (except
 my law books)

To my great-grandson Symon Degge, son of William Degg
 all my lawbooks, if he study the law and make it his profession
 Also to him all the household goods in and about testator's
 house in Derby, and all silver, plate, timber, chests, tables,
 presses, etc., etc., when he shall attain the age of twenty-
 one years or marry; in the meantime "his mother to preserve
 them". If the said Symon dies, they are all ot revert to
 "my great-grandson William Degg, son of my grandson Simon
 Degge", if he will study the law as abovesaid, and if he refuses,
 to any such of my grandson Symon Degge's sons as will
 study the law and make it his profession.

To said great-grandson Symon, son of William Degg, "all that messuage, and the lands, tenaments" etc. in Strongshall, in the county of Stafford, now in the holding of "young John Degg", purchased of "William Lovatt, his daughters and their husbands", charged with the perpetual repair of the little chapel lately built by testator bequeaths to said great-grandson Wymon Degge, and his heirs.

To "my last wife's children, and to my daughter Oldfield's children, Ll. ls. Od."

Legacies to servants.

Appoints "my beloved granddaughter and cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Degg" (in trust for her son, my said great-grandson Symon Degg) and said grandson Symon Degg, executors.

Proved 21 April 1703.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714. Hamilton 100-23

DEGGE v. WILLESBY
18 May 1655.

Complaint of SYMON DEGGE of Thurlby, Co. Lincoln, Esq. and Alice his wife. States that the said Alice, in her widowhood, was tenant in possession of a messuage called "The Castle" in Spalding and of certain lands there and employed her brother, John Oldfield, to contract for the purchase of the lands.

The dispute is with John Willesbye, as to the premises.

Chancery Depositions Elizabeth --Charles I 160-8

Interrogatories to be administered to witnesses on behalf of Symon Degge Esq. and Alice, his wife, against John Willesby and Edward Styshens, defendants.

1. Do you know a messuage in Spalding, in the parts of Holland, and county of Lincoln, called the Castle, 22 acres of pasture ground in Fulney and 10 acres of pasture in Chapell Gate, both in the Parish of Spalding, and one close in the said parish called Wrights Herbert and another called the Gunroelles, a piece of meadow called the Peartree Meadow, all of which are or were in the holding of the complainants, and did not the said Alice, or some other person for her, contract for the same, with the Trustees for the Sale of the late King, Queen and Prince's lands and was not the said Alice at that time the immediate tenant and received the rents thereof?

Chancery Proceedings before 1714, Whittington 466.

DEGG v. TROLLOP.

7 February 1655-6

Complaint of Symon Degge of Thurlby, Co. Lincoln, and Alice, his wife.

States that James Trollope of Thurlbye aforesaid, gent. deceased, formerly husband to the said Alice, was possessed

of certain lands and tenements aforesaid and also of the Hall and site of the Manor of Thurlbye for term of years, if the said James and Alice and William their son and heir should so long live.

The complainant Alice married the said Symon about 7 December 1652 and the said Symon became bound in a certain sum of money to account for all sums received by them on behalf of the children of the said Alice and the said late James Trollope.

The dispute concerns money matters.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714 Hamilton 100:101

DEGGE v. HIGGES.

8 February 1675-6

Complaint of Sir Symon Degge of Derby, knight. States that about twenty years since, he purchased of Robert Degge of Stromshall, Co. Stafford, gent. certain land in Stromshall, called Butterlie, and also other lands in Creighton, Co. staffs. of George Higgess of that place.

Dispute is with Elizabeth Higgess, as to the premises.

Chancery Proceedings before 1714. Reynardson 439:31

10 Janury 1700.

Complaint of Elizabeth Degg, of London, widow and sole executrix of the will of William Degg, late of Derby, Esq. States that the said William before his marriage with the complainant and about the year 1680, possessed lands in Hartlebury, Kenderminster, Beoley and Alchurch, Co. Worcester, and in Welton Boothby Willoughbye and Heyestorpe, Co. Lincoln byt the said William being aged but five years only, Mary Degg, widow, his mother, afterwards the wife of Mr. Sands, received the profits until the year 1685, when the said Mary died, and SIR SYMON DEGG of Derby, knight, grandfather of the said William, became his guardian and received the profits, from the lands.

SIR SYMON soon after 25 March 1695 delivered possession to the said William, who had i termarried with the complainant.

The said William made his will 6 March 1693 being then of the age of eighteen, leaving his goods and personal estate to the complainant and died about April 1695.

The complainant prays that SIR SYMON may be required to set forth the true yearly rents and values of William Degge's real estate.

Letter from Hubert Hodson, Diocesan Registry, Litchfield, England. October 17th, 1881.

.....I have found in my private library a rare old book called "The Parson's Counsellor" with the "The Law of Tithes and Tithing" in two books" written by Sir Simon Degge, Kt. and printed MDCLXXCI at London" Prefixed to the second part of the volume is a letter from the author addressed "to his worthy and reverend son in law, Mr. Anthony Trollop, Rector of Norbury in Derbyshire and signed "from affectionate loving father S. D."

Bills and Answers Charles I, 56:42
(At the Public Record Office, London)

Degge v. Townesend.

12 October 1637.

Complaint of SIMON DEGG of Callohill, Co. Stafford,
gentleman.

States that he is possessed of a messuage and lands
in Callohill in the parish of Kingston and has always
paid to the proprietor of the rectory of Kingston the
annual sum of 23d. instead of apying any tithes for his
land, except the tithe of hay growing on a certain meadow
called Blith meadow.

The defendant, John Townssend claiming to be pro-
preitor of the said rectry intends to sue the complainant
for the tithes.

- - - - -
Chancery Proceedings, Series II 440:61
(At the Public Record Office, London)

Degge v. Gibson

4 May 1649

Complaint of Symon Degge of Callohill, County
Stafford

The dispute concerns a messuage and lands in
Overton, County Stafford, leased to the complainant
by William Gibson of Biddulph, County Stafford, by
indenture dated 24 April 1648.

- - - - -

EXTRACTS FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS FOR THE PARISH OF
KINGSTONE IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD.

DEGGE SEARCH

On April 7th, 1695 William Degg was buried.
On April 2nd, 1696, The Lady Degg, wife of Sir Simon Degg
was buried

EXTRACTS FROM THE TRANSCRIPTS FOR THE PARISH OF
UTTOXETER IN THE CO. OF STAFFORD

1680 (old style) -- Elizabeth, the dau of Robert
1681 (new style) Degge and Elizabeth, his wife
February baptized the 13th day

1698 -- Mary, the daughter of John Degg, and Mary
July his wife, born the 25th, bp. the 31st

1701 -- John Degg, buried the 23rd.
November

1703 -- William Mellor of ye Parish of Checkley, and
May Mary Degg of this Parish married ye 12th

1703--
Sept John Marston and Elizabeth Degg, both of
this Parish married ye 9th

1703 (old style) --Richard ye son of John Marston,
1704 (new style) and Elizabeth his wife, bp ye 11th
February

1703 (old style) --Richard, the son of John Marson,
1704 (new style) buried ye 17th
February

- - - - -

I hereby certify that the following nineteen extracts
from the parish register of Kingstone are true copies as
witness my hand this 12th day of July 1881.

Charles O. Gordon, M. A.

Clerk in Holy Order

Rector of Gratwich, Vicar of Kingstone.

Staffordshire, England.

EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTER OF THE CHURCH OF
KINGSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF STAFFORD, ENGLAND.

1. Anno Domini, 1695. Aprilis Die, 4
William Degg Sepultus fuit
2. Anno Domini, 1696. 2d Aprilis.
Domina Deg. Simonis Deg, Militis, exor
Sepulta fuit
3. 1702, Dec 20. Salina Uxor Simonis Degg, Armigri Sepulta est
4. 1703, Feb 25. Simon Degg. Miles, Sepultus est.
Inscription on tomb, which is in bad repair, the stone
being broken in two, and inscription nearly illegible.
"Here lies the body of Sir Simon Degge, Knt. who was
Judge of West Wales to Charles II, XIV years, and of the same
King Counsel in the Marches of Wales XII years."

5. 1765, May 21. James, son of Elizabeth Gaunt and John Middleton, bptized
6. 1767, March 9. Jane daughter of Robert Degg and Jane Walthoe baptized
7. 1768, Feb 19. Ann, daughter of John Middleton and Elizabeth his wife, bp
8. 1780, Feb 6. Robert Degg, Senr. was buried
9. 1785, March 13. Margaret, daughter of Samuel and Mary Middleton, baptized
10. 1788, April 24. Jenny, daughter of William Ann Middleton bp
11. 1793, Francis Degg of the Parish of Utttoxeter and Ann (No.53) Hubbard of the Parish of Kingstone married in this church by Banns this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, by me, J. Hilditch, Curate.
12. 1794, Dec. 28. Ann, dau of William and Ann Middleton bp
13. 1794, March 16. Letice, dau of Francis and Ann Degg
14. 1795, Aug 30. William, son of Francis and Ann Degg, bp
15. 1797, Sept 3. Elizabeth, dau of Francis and Ann Degg bp
16. 1799, April 29. Ann, dau of Francis Middleton Degg and Ann his wife, bp.
17. 1799, Jan 3. John, son of Samuel and Mary Middleton bp
18. 1801, June 7. Francis Middleton, son of Francis Middleton Degg and Ann his wife bp.
19. 1804, April 15. Mary, dau of Francis Middleton Degg and Ann his wife bp.

- 25 Simon Degge d 5-1-1676, m Mary More, dau of Edward More, of Worcester. CHILDREN:
- 27 i John Degge; m Mary Billing 5-13-1696 of Kingston
 - 28 ii William Degge, m Elizabeth How of London; she d 1695. (see later pg for her legal complaint)
 - 29 iii Simon Degge; m 1st, Selina Williams who d 12-20-1702; he was b posthumus 1676 and d 1716; m 2d, Jane Staunton 1706, she d 1757. CHILDREN: (by 1st wife)
 - 30 i Simon Degge b 1697
 - 31 ii William Degge b 1698, remembered in great-grandfather Sir Symon's will
 - 32 iii John Degge b 1699
 CHILDREN: (by 2d wife) see p 1-2 for her history
 - 33 iv Staunton Degge b 1707
 - 34 v Harvey Degge b 1708, d 1735
 - 35 vi Dorothy Degge, m Richard Wilmot
- Chancery Proceedings before 1714 Reynardson 439:31
10 January 1700.

Complaint of Elizabeth Degg, of London, widow and sole executrix of the will of William Degg, late of Derby, Esq. States that the said William before his marriage with the complainant and about the year 1680, possessed lands in Hartlebury, Kederminster, Beoley and Alchurch, Co. Worcester, and in Welton Boothby Willoughbye and Heyesthope, Co. Lincoln, but the said

William being aged but five years only, Mary Degg, widow his mother, afterwards the wife of Mr. Sands, received the profits until the year 1685, when the said Mary died, and SIR SYMON DEGG of Derby, knight, grandfather of the said William, became his guardian and received the profits from the lands.

SIR SYMON soon after 25 March 1695 delivered possession to the said William, who had intermarried with the complainant

The said William made his will 6 March 1693 being then of the age of eighteen, leaving his goods and personal estate to the complainant and died about April 1695.

The complainant prays that SIR SYMON may be required to set forth the true yearly rents and values of William Degge's real estate.

26 Margaret Degge (see p 15) BP 5-4-1658 DIED: 3-3-1737/8
MARRIED: Sir John Oldfield, Bart. BORN: 10-28-1659 DIED:
9-2-1705 of Spalding. CHILDREN:

- 26 i Alice Oldfield m Edward Horseman; Chn:
 - 27 i Margaret Horseman
 - 28 ii Dulvibelle Horseman
 - 29 iii Alice Horseman
 - 30 iv Anne Horseman
 - 31 v Jane Horseman
- 32 ii Elizabeth Oldfield; m John Wingfield
- 33 iii Anthony Oldfield bp 7-21-1684; d 1684
- 34 iv Margaret Oldfield bp 12-19-1681; d 10-20-1720;
m Beaupre Bell 4-1-1703

(Nantwich)
16 Isaac Degge (see pg 10) of Nantwich in Cheshire BORN:
12-8-1619; DIED: 1687 MARRIED: Rose Marshall, daughter
of John Marshall of Wistache, Cambridge who d 1722.
CHILDREN:

- x35 i John Degge d 8-28-1726; m 1st
m 2d, Johanna Kilbee 1-21-1706
- 36 ii Simon Degge; m children were:
 - 37 i John Degge
 - 38 ii Margaret Degge, m Axton
 - 39 iii Rose Degge
- 40 iii Mary Degge d 1721; spinster (see will
on following pages)

Letter dated February 13, 1907 from James Hall
of Lindum House, Nantwich, Cheshire, England

"Your letter dated 23rd Jan 1907 addressed to the
"Postmaster, Nantwich" has been handed to me. I have pleasure
in sending you a few items of information in reply.

"I printed in my History of Nantwich a record that
Simon Degge (from whose brother you say you are directly
descended) held the tithes of Willaston, a township adjoining
Nantwich on the eastern side, in the year 1705.

"According to a Rate Book, penes me, dated 24 Feb
1691, I find the same Simon Degge residing in Welsh Row,
Nantwich (one of the principal streets in this town) and
assessed separately for his real and personal estate.

"Isaac Degge, of Nantwich, Gent., as he is described in the register died and was buried at Nantwich in 1687. Administration was granted and inventory of his goods in 1688. His widow Rose Degge, made a will, which was proved in 1723; and her daughter Mary Degge, spinster, of Nantwich predeceased the mother, her will being proved in 1722....."

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACT

On the 19 May 1688 letters of Administration of the personal estate of Isaac Degg of Nantwich Cheshire were granted by the Consistory Court of Chester to Rose Degge of Nantwich aforesaid the widow and relict of the intestate. Surety Richard Marshall of Nantwich aforesaid Sild Stocking Weaver

Bond dated 19 May 1688.

Witnesses to Bond-- Jo Hulton
Ra Hulton

Appraisees of Inventory: Thomas Wicksted
Richard Marshall
Robert Wright
Richard Gill
(From the Probate Registry at Chester, Eng)

WILL OF ROSE DEGGE

Extracted from the District Registry of the Probate Division of His Magestys High Court of Justice at Chester--

In the name of God, Amen the fourteenth day of April in the eighth year of the Reign of Queen Anne Anno dni 1709 This is the last Will and Testament of my ROSE DEGG of Nantwich in the County of Chester Widow who am now of perfect disposing mind and memory (praise be to God for the same) in manner following that is to say first I Will and request all my just debts (if any there be at the time of my death) to be fully paid and satisfied as alsoe my funerall expenses by my Executrix hereafter named. Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Margrett Degg daughter of Symon Degg one silver tankatt two silver spoons one mourning ring one little trunk one chest of drawers one sugger box one large looking glass twenty shillings a yeare during the life of my daughter Mary Degg spinster to be paid her out of ye interest of such moneys I have now owing me and five pounds in moneys after the death of my said daughter Item I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Rose Degg daughter of the said Symon two silver spoonds Item I give and bequeath to John Degg my grandson and son of the said Symon one large trunk and Ten pounds in moneyes after the death of the said Mary Degg Item I give and bequeath to my said Son Symon Degg Thirty pounds

after the death of the said Mary Degg Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Degg the product and interest of all such moneys as I shall have due and owing to me and out at interest at the time of my death (except the said twenty shillings a year before bequeathed to ye sd Margrett Degg) during her naturall life and after her death I give and bequeath the said moneys (after the severall legacies before menconed are paid) to the said Margrett Degg and Rose Degg equally to be divided betwixt them and if in case either of them happen to dye before marriage or the age of twenty one years then I give and bequeath her share to the survivor Item I give and bequeath to my sister Mrs. Frances Church one broad piece of Gould Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Degg all the rest residue and remainder of my personall estate and lastly I doe hereby nominate and appoint my said daughter Sole Executrix of this my said Will revoaking and making voyd all former Wills by me made IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written ROSE DEGGE LS
 SIGNED sealed published and declared by the said ROSE DEGGE to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of MARGARET BOSTOCK her X mark THOMAS SMITH JOHN WEBSTER

ADMINISTRATION with the WILL annexed of the ESTATE of this TESTATRIX was granted in the CONSISTORY COURT of CHESTER on the 4th day of MARCH 1723.

Mary Degge predeceased her mother; the following Will of Mary Degge is interesting for its detail and for the improtant information gained from it.

Extracted from the District Registry of the Probate Division of His Majestys High Court of Justice at Chester, Cheshire, England.

In the name of God, Amen. This is the last Will and Testament of my Mary Degge of Manptwich in the County of Chester Spinster being of sound and perfect minde and memory God be praised for the same I doe make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as following First I comite my spirit into the hands of God who gave it me, my body to be decently buryed in Namptwich Church by my Father and Mother and Aunt and my other relations if Mr. Church at Tonston will give me leave if not by my brother in his buriall place in the Church Yard in as deep a grave as they can well make and I would have a Sermon the text in 31 Psalm and the 5th verse "Into thy hands I commend my Spirit for thou hast redeemed me O Lord thou God of Truth" if not one this text noe Sermon for it is above forty year since I made choice of it and with these words as if my last I commite my self into the hands of Jesus Christ my Redeemer every night before I sleep in whomm is my whole trust and comforte. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew John Degge son of my brother John Degge one duble pestole of gold one sermon book write by my Father an essay of Friendship Devine Poems by Speed Doc Hamonds Practical Catechisme. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Simon Degge son of my brother John Degge one Portugalle Peice of Gold one large Herball a booke of tith

write by Sr. Simon Degge a book of Sermons a Collection of
 Nativitis Sr. George Whartons works Item I give and bequeath
 to my nephew Marshall Degge son of brother John Degge
 one piece of Portugalle Gold my Seall wu ye Degges & Marshall
 Armes the Practis of Piety ye Jews conspiracy against their
 King. Exposion one ye Church Catechisme Item I give and be-
 queath to my nephew Charles Degge son of my brother John
 one broad peice of gold St. Augustines Meditations Bishop
 Andrews devotion conference by Gilbert Burnet Item I give
 and bequeath to my nephew James Degge Son of my brother John
 one broad piece of gold a book write by Henry ye 8th against
 Luther & ye Method of private devotions Item I give and be-
 queath to my nephew William Degge son of my brother John
 one broad piece of gold a book one Lent and meditations
 one eternity. Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Anthony
 Degge Son of my brother John one broad piece of gold Bishop
 Halls Case of consience ye following of Christ by Tyomas A.
 Kempis. Item I give and bequeath to my niece Rose Morgan
 daughter of my brother John Degge one broad piece of Gold wh
 a Septer one gold ringe with 7 white stones. The Art of Con-
 tentment bound up wh 2 other Shelock one death Bishop Sands
 Sermons Docter Featleys Fountain of tears Item I give and
 bequeath to my nece Mary Degge daughter of my nephew Simon
 Degge son of my brother John two broad peices of gold one gold
 ringe enamelled wh black marke T M one silver proringer markt
 M D a thicke one one silver spoon wh my name att length a new
 one my eare rings my silver bodkin my silver bucklet in my
 best shoues; one paire of find flaxen sheets markt MD 2
 bredths and halfe one pair of fine holland Pillibers markt
 R:D: ye Whote Duty of Man. Ye Ladys calling my-Common Prayer
 Booke Item I give and bequeath to my nece Rebeckah daughter
 of my nece Rose Morgan one broad piece of gold one gold ringe
 markt J:M: wh a deaths head in black one silver proinger
 markt A M one silver spoon markt AM my psalter a book called
 ye New Years gift Doctor Collets Devotions Item I give and
 bequeath to my nephew John Degge son of my brother Simon Degge
 ye bed bolster pillow curtains--conterpain and blankets and
 all belonging to ye bed I lye one A paire of sheets and a
 paire of pillobers markt wh JD ye brase pote yt is set for
 a boyler in ye brewe house ye great goeburns in ye kitchen
 ye great table in ye kichen ye great leather chaire in ye
 parlor and he sum of _____pounds of lawfull money. If he dyes
 or doth not perform his Fathers will to his sisters then to
 be divided betweene his sister Margaret and Rose or two ye
 longest liver. Item I give and bequeath to my nece Margaret
 Axton daughter of my brother Simon Degge ye sume of _____pounds
 of lawful money, a silvercupe with one handle a silver sugar
 boat a silver spoon wh my name att Length 2 little spoons
 markt MD one gold ring wh a white deaths head Randle Church:
 My great Bible Docter Collets Devotions advice to a friend ye
 Devote Comunicant my great cabinet one little black cabinet
 my dressing box halfe my pictures my great looking glass a
 chushen of my mothers work two pillows markt MD a little
 ovall table coper tea pot a green celler of bottles Item
 I give and bequeath to my nece Rose Degge daughter of my
 brother Simon ye sum of _____pounds of lawful money one silver
 tankard a paire of silver salts one spoon markt A M 2 little

ones markt E P one gold ringe wh a white deaths head Markt
 W D my own picture a little black cabinet my combe box ye
 looking glass in my closet the treen curtains rug chairs
 fether bed bolster all as belongs to it a pair of pillows
 stript ticke ye table wh a drawer in it A Bible of my
 Mothers work the Government of Ye tonge ye weekly preparation

Item I give to Mary Bailey for her true and honest service
 my clothes I weare every day 6 Pewter plats markt R D one
 pewter dish ye brase kettle in ye chimney ye brase skelet
 wh 3 feet and forty shillings in money Item I give and be-
 queath to John Baley son of Charles and Mary Bailey Five
 pounds to put him out to prentice or to be paid to him at ye
 age of twenty one Item I give and bequeath to Charles Bailey
 the sum of Ten shillings this 7 pounds ten to be paid out
 of ye moneys Charles Bailey owes me ye rest of the moneys which
 will remain due from Charles Bailey to me I give to Margaret
 Axton and Rose Degg to take it as he can pay it and not
 trouble him for it Item I give and bequeath all my wearing
 clothes and apparell of all sortes to my three neces in
Virginia Rose Morgan daughter of my brother John and Rebeckah
 Morgan her daughter and to my nece Mary Degge daughter of my
 nephew Simon Degge and my household goods and house linings
 which is not named two be devided be-tween my five neces Rose
 Morgan Rebeckah Morgan Mary Degge Margaret Axton Rose Degg
 and the rest of my books which are not named to be devided
 between my 2 brothers sons and what money is left in gold or
 silver after legacyes paid and the funerall charges and debts
 paif if I owe any I give it to my nece Margaret and Rose Degg
 and the rest of my books which are not named to be devided be-
 tween my 2 brothers sons Item I give and bequeath to Ann
 Shacklock her weding ringe and if she pay twenty shillings to
 Margaret Degge twenty to Rose Degge when they shall deliver
 to the said Ann Shacklock the two rings above named which I
 have given them Item I give and bequeath to Mr. John Com-
 bercach one broad piece of Gold to buy him a ringe Item I
 give and bequeath to Mr. Mathew Meken one broad peice of
 gold to buy him a ring and lastly I doe nominate and desire
 the said Mr. Comberback and Mr. Meken Executors of this my
 last Will and Testament my brother told me ye they were god-
 fathersto John and Margaret Soe I make it my last request
 that they will take care of the children they haveing noe
 freinds neare them this I desire should be performed as my
 last Will and Testment In witness whereof I the said Mary
 Degg have hereunto put my hand and seall the 13th day of
 September in the year of our Lord 1715 && Mary Degge

Item I give and bequeath to my niece Mary Degge daughter of
 my nephew Simon Degge five broad peices of gold 2 of my best
 holland shifts 2 of my best flaxen shifts and all my pach
 work quilt chairs cushens and all the rest; my silver bodkin
 thimble buttons for my skeves buckles for my shoes;; my
 flourished apron and night vail hood and head clothes hand-
 kerchiefs and rufles paire of fine flaxen sheets 2 breath and
 half markt pair of fine pillebers markt R D the rest that
 is not named to be devided as above said In Witness whereof
 I the said Mary Degg have hereunto put my hand and Seall the
 21. day of September in the year of our Lord 1716.

Wittness

Mary Degge

I have sent ye ring to my Lady Sanderson & ye Medle
 to her Son

Proved in the Consistory Court of Chester on the 19th April 1722.

-
- 21 John Degge (see pg 10) BORN: 22 March 1627/8; m
 AnneBORN: DIED: buried 15 Dec
 1700 Stronchell in the Parish of Uttoxeter;
 (see text below) CHILD:
 41 i Robert Degge bp 6 Mar 1650; m Elizabeth
 and they had:
 42 John Degge bp 2 Sept 1675; m Mary
 and they had:
 43 i Mary Degge bp 25 July 1698
 44 ii Robert Degge bp 28 Apr 1700
 45 iii John Degge bp 28 Apr 1704

Letter from Henry Abud, Vicar of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, England 3 Oct 1881.

"In tracing the Degge family the first thing of notice is the inscription on our old fine Silver Paten, or Receptacle for the Bread in the administration of Holy Communion. The inscription is "The gift of Lettice Pratt, Daughter of Thomas Degge, Gent: of Stronchell." There is no date, and Stronchell is now the ecclesiastical District of Stronchell in the Parish of Uttoxeter.

- - - - -
 "These entries are all that we can find up to the date requested by you, but perhaps, if you were a little more definite in your instructions we might find more."

- - - - -
 Burials in 1700--December 1,
 Anne, the wife of John Degg buried the 15th
 Burials in April 1707,
 Elizabeth, the wife of Robert Degg bur the 18th Stronchell
 Burials in January 1713,
 Mary Degg buried the 26th
 Christenings in April (28) 1700.
 Robert, the son of John Degg of Stronchell
 Christenings in April 1706,
 John the son of John Degg, and his wife baptized the 28th.
 Marriage, July 1724,
 Robert Degg and Anne Corden were married the 22nd,
 Christenings in May 1725.
 Mary, the Daughter of Robert Degg and Anne his wife were
 baptized the 25th.
 Christenings in October 1728,
 Robert, the son of Robert Degg and Ann his wife Baptized
 the 14th
 Marriage in January 1731,
 John Degg and Ann Ratcliffe, both of this Parish were
 married the 19th
 Burials in June 1759,
 Thomas, the son of Sarah Degg the 18th.

- - - - -

NOTE--Since Roger Degg or Deg seems to belong to this family, although we have ~~not~~^{found} him on the pedigree, we include his will and other documents here before we take up the American branches of the family.

Genealogical Abstract of the will dated 1 Feb 1728 of Roger Deg of Bradwall Parish of Sandbach Cheshire Yeoman proved in the Consistory Court of Chester on the 10 October 1733 by Wm Rode the sole Executor.

"And whereas by a certain article bearing date 16 January 1704 and made between me the said Roger Deg of the 1st part and Mary my wife then by the name of Mary Walton of Church Lawton Cheshire Widow of the 2nd part and Daniel Stanway then of Sandbach and now of Betchton Cheshire Yeoman and Randle Rode the Younger of Betchton aforesaid Gentleman of the 3rd part, I did thereby covenant with the said Daniel Stanway and Randle Rode that in case I should happen to die in the lifetime of the said Mary my then intended wife that then and in such case the Exors. of Adm'ors of my the said Roger Deg should pay to the said Mary the sum of L50 of lawful English money within six months after the death of me the said Roger Deg."

Testator mentions his cousin Jane Stanway daughter of his Brother-in-law, Joseph Stanway, late of Sandbach Yeoman deceased.

Testator also mentions: Robert Baguley of Mear Hath Staffs. Webster and Mary his wife also Ellen Baguley spinster and William Baguley children of the said Robert Baguley.

His brother-in-law Daniel Stanway and his son Thomas.

His brother-in-law James Stanway and his wife (no name given) and Sarah and Joshua Children of the said James Stanway.

His brother-in-law Peter Stanway.

"To the said Jane Stanway L22-10. To Mary Stanway her sister. To Anne, Katherine, Martha and Hannah four more daughters of the said deceased Joseph Stanway L10 equally between them."

Appoints William Rode of Sandbach Gentleman executor.

Witnesses: Wm Boulton
John Tomkinson
Sarah Tomkinson

Inventory dated 28 November 1729 and appraised by John Tomkinson and Thomas Taylor at the sum of L197-9-3.

WILL OF MARY DEG, WIDOW OF ABOVE ROGER

Genealogical Abstract of the Will dated 8 March 1731 of Mary Deg of Bradwall Parish of Sandbach Cheshire widow proved in the Consistory Court of Chester, Eng. on the 10th October 1733 by Peter Stubbs and Jane Stubbs the Executors.

Testatrix in the will bequeaths to her niece Jane Stubbs, wife of Peter Stubbs, of Bradwall aforesaid Yeoman the sum of L50 which sum the Testatrix had power to dispose of by virtue of a Settlement made before marriage with her late husband Roger Deg deceased and the residue of her goods and personal estate she also bequeaths to the said

Jane Stubbs.

Appoints her kinsman Peter Stubbs and the said
Jane Stubbs executors.

Witnesses-- Wm Rode
John Furnwall
Jno. Proudlove.

- - - - -

- 35 John Degge, First American Settler, (see pg 20)
DIED: Aug 28, 1726; m first.....; m 2nd,
Johanna Kilbee 21 Jan 1706 CHILDREN:
(by 1st wife)
x 46 i Simon Degge; m Anne (Nancy)
x 47 ii William Degge b 1691; d 1762; m
Dorothy Smith, see p 61
x 48 iii Marshall Degge, see p 105
49 iv Charles Degge
50 v Rose Degge mMorgan and had:
51 i Rebecca Morgan
(by 2d wife)
52 vi John Degge bp 10-7-1707 (see his will
in text below)
53 vii Johanna Degge bp 8-7-1711; d 1-17-1718
x54 viii Anthony Degge b 11-4-1714; m (see p 89;104)
55 ix James Degge b 7-14-1718; m Elizabeth
(will of a James Degge given below;
not definitely established that it was
this James) washed overboard, see p 90

Parish Register Christ Church, Middlesex Co., Va.

John Degge and Johanna Kilbee mar. 21 Jan 1706
John, son of John and Johanna b 17 Oct 1707
Johanna, dau (same) b 7 Aug 1711
Anthony, son " b 4 Nov 1714
James, son " b 14 July 1718

William and Johanna Kilbee, children of, following:
Christopher born (bp) 9 Feb 1695/6
William, born (bp) 13 Mar 1697/8
Catherine born (bp) 9 Sept 1702
Elizabeth, dau of William and Hanna, b (bp) 11 Feb 1704/5
William Kilbee d 3 Feb 1705/6
His widow, Johanna m John Degge 21 Jan 1706

Christopher and Catherine Kilbee, children:
Johanna b 27 Oct 1719
Catherine b 5 July 1721
William b 19 Dec 1722
Mary Kilbee m John Lawson 19 Aug 1680

Christopher and Hope Sutton, Elizabeth, dau of, b
21 Jan 1704/5

- - - - -

Letter from J. W. Brockenbrough, Reg. Land Office,
Richmond, Va., May 4, 1882.

"I send herewith (certified copies of the patents ordered, and have to inform you that our records contain only the original titles to first proprietors and issued by Authority of the Crown---Colonial Governors--Lord Fairfax, proprietor of Northern Neck--and Commonwealth of Va--for the unpatented or public land then belonging to the Governments, etc---Subsequent changes of title were never recorded in this office and cannot now be found outside the local or County Offices unless among private papers. The Diggs family with all the modern changes of spelling the name are still numerous I think in the Counties of Lancaster, Matthews, Gloucester, and Norfolk....."

JOHN DEGGS ---1425 Acres--Gloucester, Co., Va.

To all &c. whereas &c. now know ye that I the said Thomas Lord Culpepper &c. Govenor &c. do with the consent of the Counsill Give and Grant unto JOHN DEGGS Fourteen Hundred and Twenty five Acres of land lying on the Southward side of Garden Creek and a Beaver dam at the head thereof-- Gloucester County Beginning at a marked Chestnut tree that stands near the head of said Beverdam that parts this land from the land of Matthew Gale and from thence runing East by North six degrees North five hundred and eight eight poles down ye said Beaverdam and creek to the land of John Garnett thence South by East two hundred and eight poles South West by South Sixty two poles South by East thirty poles West South West twenty poles, West North west 40 pos. to a marked pine in the head of Sandy Branch thence West South West forty poles South by West Eighteen poles to a marked dogwood by a pth thence South West by West One hundred Poles West Sixty poles to a water oak thence West by South Four Hundred and seventy seven poles to the land of Mr. Hampton, Dec'd. Thence along said Hamptons land North by West 300 pols. Thence East by North Twenty eight poles to the land of Matthews Gale thence along said Gales marked trees South East by South Fifty poles to the first specified place. The said land being formerly taken up and patented by ye said John Deggs as by Patent bearing date September ye Twenty sixth, One thousand six hundert and seventy eight. To have and to hold &c. to be held &c. yielding and paying &c Provided &c. dated the 16th day of April, One thousand Six Hundred and Eightyree.

Land Office, Richmond, Va.

The foregoing is a true Copy from the records of this office. Witness my hand and seal of Office this 2nd day of May 1882.

J.W. Brockenbrough.

Reg. Land Office.

(SEAL)

JOHN DEGGS---1800---Acres--Gloucester Co.,
Virginia 26 Sept 1678

To all &c. Whereas &c. now know ye that I ye said Herbt. Jeffries, Esq. Governor &c. do give and grant unto John Degge Eighteen Hundred Acres of land in Kingston Parish in Gloucester County lying and being and bounded round with ye lands of Smithey Greggs, Foster, Smith, Sterling, Hampton, and Gayle ye side of ye beaver dams and touching and adjoining all along ye said track of lands and beaver dams and beginning to be measured at a red oak corner tree being ye corner tree of Smith's his land and running thence by marked lines S by E 360 po: to a Spanish Oak. W. S. W. 40 po: to a red oak S by W 18 po: to a dogwood by a path side S. W. and W. 100 po: to a maple N. 60 po: to a Water Oak then W. by S. to ye land of Ja: Foster and along his land to William Smiths lands and along his land to Sterlings land and along his land to Mr. Hamptons land and along his land to Math. Gayles land and to Mathew Gayle's corner Chestnut tree at ye head of ye Beaver dams and by to ye beginning Red oak corner tree including within ye said tract of 150 Acres commonly called Lucas, his neck and granted to Robt. Beverly by pattent dated ye 6th Nov 1673 Ye said land being due by and for the ye transportation of thirty six persons &c. to have and to hold &c. to be held &c. yielding and paying &c. provided &c. Dated 26th Sept 1678.

(36)

Jo Williams, Martha Hunt, Tho. Coanlow, Mary Ozborn,
Robt. Parker, Mary Davis, Mary Sciper, Sis Powell,
Tho. Clements, Jona Taylor, Wm. Davis, Thos Jones,
Bach. White, Bach Powell, Sam Moore, Jno. Henry, Jno.
Mann, Robt. Bunberry, Mary Webb, Mary Boubridge, Wm. Anson
Bath Decenson, Ruth Young, Tho. Gardner, Elia. White, Ja. Turner,
Wm Parker, An Arrington, Two Negroes, Jno. Smith, Anne Gibson,
Jos. Mauneton, Wm. Davidson, Sam Verdz, Jos Richards, Fra. Smith.

Land Office, Richmond, Va.

The foregoing is a true Copy from the records
Witness my hand and seal of Office this 2nd day of May 1882.

J. W. Brockenbough,
Reg. Land Office.

APPRAISEMENT OF JOHN DEGGE'S ESTATE, 1726.

In obeisance to an order of Middlesex county court, dated the 6th day of December 1726, we the subscribers being first sworn, according to law met at the house of Capt. John Degge deceased and valued and appraised the following:

	L	s	d
To six steers at	7	0	0
To two coves and two calves	2	10	0
To 4 yearlings at	2	0	0
To 1 cow at	1	0	0
To 1 old ditto at	0	10	0
To 1 iron pott qt 77 lbs at 3 1/2 d pd hooks 1		2	5

To 2 old pots 1 old kettle 1 old prossnet & 3 prs pot	0	15	0
To 1 iron spitt and six iron lifter at	0	5	4
To 1 frying pan	0	2	0
To 1 pr fire tongs	0	1	0
To 35 1/2 lbs of old puter at 6d per lb.	0	17	9
To 31 1/2 lbs ditto at 10 d per lb	1	6	1/2
To 7 spoons at	0	1	0
To 1 iron ladle at	0	1	3
To 1 parcel of carpenters tools at	0	18	0
To 1 parcel of coopers tools at	0	6	0
To a parcel of old iron at	0	16	0
To 1 brass mortar and pestle and 1 brass candlestick	0	5	0
To 2 old hors collars and one cart saddle	0	2	0
To one large bible at	0	10	0
To 1 common prayer book and 1 New testament at	0	3	0
To a parcel of old books at	0	3	0
To three pr of old woolcards	0	2	6
To 3 iron wedges	0	4	0
To 1 pr brass weights and scales at	0	7	0
To 4 earthen pots at	0	2	6
To 1 stone jug and 1 stone mug	0	4	0
To 1 pr pistols and holsters & 1 saddle & brassplate	1	2	6
To 6 old leather chairs at 3 S & 6 d each	1	1	0
To one old wooden ditto	0	1	0
To 1 old speaking trumpet & 1 candle box at	0	1	6
To 1 gun mold shot bag and worm at	1	2	6
To 1 pr pot racks	0	2	0
To 2 old chests at	0	6	0
To 2 old trunks at	0	10	0
To 1 old table at	0	4	0
To 1 old oval ditto at	0	12	0
To 1 pr money scales and weights	0	4	0
To 1 looking glass at	0	3	0
To 5 files at	0	1	6
To a parcel of shoemakers thread	0	1	3
To 9 yards of striped cotton at 1/3 S per yd	0	11	3
To 1 yd white ditto	0	1	3
To 1 linen jacket and breeches	0	2	8
To 3 cotton shirts at	0	12	0
To 2 turnover and 3 hecks	0	2	0
To a parcel of table linen at	0	15	0
To 1 old spinning wheel at	0	4	0
To 3 raisors at	0	1	6
To 1 hone at	0	1	0
To 1 penknife at	0	0	3
To 1 hand saw rest at	0	0	3
To 1 dowlng bitt and 1 wimbell bill.	0	0	6
To 1 lb gunpowder and 4 1/2 lbs shot at	0	1	31/2
To 1 1/4 lbs pepper at	0	1	0
To 3 old wooden boxes at	0	1	3
To a parcel of old fish hooks and lines	0	3	0
To 1 ink glass	0	0	3
To 2 powder horns	0	0	3
To a parcel of white earthen ware	0	0	7

To 1 box iron 2 heaters and 1 frame at	0	2	3
To 2 worsted caps at	0	1	6
To 1 old loos coat	0	14	0
To 1 old shagatta frock	0	4	0
To 4 1/2 lbs of spun cotton at 2 per lb	0	9	?
To 13 lbs ditto in the store at 2 1/2 per lb	0	2	?
To 5 1/4 lbs ditto at 1 S per lb	0	5	1
To 1 1/4 of wool at	0	0	6
To 1 old meal sifter at	0	0	1
To 2 doz and 9 qt bottles at 2 1/2 pr bottle	0	6	1
To 1 old warming pan at	0	2	6
To 1 old saddle at	0	8	0
To 8 sides of tan leather	1	10	0
To 1 cross-cut saw and rest at	0	8	0
To 1 pr small stilliards at	0	5	0
To 1 feather bed bolster 1 pillow case 1 rug 1 pr cotton sheets 8 pr curtains and vallaps bedstead & bed cord hide	7	0	0
To 1 feather bed 2 bolsters 1 pillow bedstead & bed cord & rug	3	0	0
To 1 feather bed & bolster	1	10	0
1814 lb of tobacco at 12-6 per Cwt	11	6	9
To 18 1/2 barr of corn at 5 S per bbl	4	12	6
To 10 bushels peas at 1-6 per bushel	0	15	0
To a parcel of old wooden lumber at	0	5	0
To 1 old negro woman named Judith at	15	0	0
To 1 negro boy named Cesar at	26	0	0
To 1 negro boy named Peter at	24	0	0
To 1 negro girl named Hannah at	12	0	0
To 1 negro girl named Flora at	12	0	0
To 1 negro girl named Knell at	7	0	0
To 2 gold rings and 2 gold drops at	2	5	0
To 1 silver seal at	0	1	7
To a piece of old silver at	0	0	0
To 1 grindstone at	0	2	0
To 1 iron spitt at	0	4	0
To 7 young hogs 1 sow and 6 piggs at	2	1	0
To 1 silver tankard qt 29 oz at 4 S 6d per oz	6	13	0
To 5 cider caste	0	17	6
To 1 cannon at	0	13	0
To 1 old sword at	0	8	0
To 1 old drum and drumstick at	0	2	0
To 1 old paddler	0	0	6
To 1 milld sixpence	0	0	7
To a pr of old stilliards & pee & canthooks	0	4	6
To 1 old hand saw 1 old chisel & 1 old drawing knife	0	2	6
To a parcel writing paper	0	1	9

Geo. Harding
Robert Johnson

Things not appraised Chr. Sutton

1 old gun & 1 old time spinning wheel

1 flax hackel & 1/2 Bus. beans

114 lbs cotton in stone at 2 1/2 per lb.

To 1 pr quern stones and irons

To 1 pr iron lined wheels old and broken

(Signed) SIMON DEGGE

At a court held for Middlesex county the 1st day of Aug.
1727 Simon Degge made oath to this inventory and appraisment
of JOHN DEGGE deceased and his estate.

NOTE--The notes of Wm H. Degges did not explain who this John Degge of Westmoreland belonged to, but from the text of his will, it seems to the present compiler that he was #52, pg 27. The James Degge mentioned in the will must be #55, p 27, his brother. Wm H. Degge does not carry these lineages down any farther.

-- JOHN DEGGE'S WILL ---

In the name of God Amen. I JOHN DEGGE of the County of Westmoreland being sick and weak but of sound mind &c. do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis. I give to my brother Simon Degge's Son Isaac all my Pump tools--Item. I give the said Isaac my Family Seal. The residue of my Estate I give to my Relation James Degges of the County above mentioned, 'tis my Will and desire my Estate may not be appraised, I appoint the aforesaid James Degges Executor of this my Will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and seventh five.

Signed & sealed in presence of

Jo Fox
Benja. Steward
Thomas Showning
his
Thos. Webb T Forrest
mark

JOHN DEGGES (SEAL)

Examined

A Copy, Frank Stuart, Clerk.

-- - - - -
-- JAMES DEGGE'S WILL --

In the name of God Amen. I James Degges of Westmoreland County being sick and weak, but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis. I give to my Nephew Christopher Edrington the Tract of Land whereon I now live together with the Land purchased by my mother of Jeremiah Murdock, and liberty of getting Timber for the use of the plantation from the land my Father purchased of Bunch Roe, to him & the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten, and in case my Nephew died without such heirs, then it is my desire that the Land above mentioned be sold to the highest bidder and that money be equally divided between my neices, Ann, Elizabeth and Susanna Edrington. I give to my Nephew James Degges Dishman my Tract of Land laying in the swamp purchased as above mentioned by my Father of Bunch Roe to him and the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten and if my Nephew dies without such heir, then the Land to be

sold and the money equally divided among his sisters. It is my desire that my slaves and Cash be equally divided among my Sisters Children, my Sister Harrison's Daughter Elizabeth excepted who I desire may have only an equal part of my Cash, all the rest of my Estate to be sold, and the cash arising from the sale to be equally divided among my Sisters, Edrington & Dishman's Children. I leave my nephew Christopher Edrington, and my friend Joseph Fox Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 28th day of Decr. 1777.

Signed and sealed in presence of)
 Benjamin Steward William Clutton)
 Wm Berryman Matthew Sparks) JAMES DEGGE (SEAL)

At a Court held for Westmoreland County the 27 day of January 1778.

This Will was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Benjamin Steward William Clutton and Matthew Sparks three of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Christopher Edrington & Joseph Fox the Exors. wherein named who made oath thereto according to Law and together with Samuel Dishman and Daniel Edrington their securities entered into an acknowledged bond with condition as the Law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste,
 R. Bernard C W C

A Copy, Frank Stuart, Clerk

46 Simon Degge (see pg 27) MARRIED: Anne (Nancy).....
 CHILDREN:

x56 i William Degge m 1st, Margaret Gale who
 was b 6-23-1767/8; m 2d, Mary Sutton
 dau of Rowland Sutton and Ann Morgan
 Sutton; Mary Sutton b 2-28-1770

x57 ii Isaac Degge b 1739; d 1793; m Mary

x58 iii John Degge b 3-16-1745; d 9-27-1794
 m Dolly Degge 3-18-1778; Dolly Degge
 was dau of William and Jane (Currie)
 Degge (see p 39)

59 iv Mary Degge; m John Boss 3-10-1764 (see p 64)

60 v Ann Degge b 12-22-1770; m Christopher Gale
 60a Sarah Gale b 12-22/1770

60b Lavin Gale, commanded Co. in War of 1812

SIMON DEGGE OF LANCASTER COUNTY, VIRGINIA, DIVISION OF ESTATE

Know all men by these presents that we, Isaac Degges, John Degges, William Degges, John Boss and Christopher Gayle are held and bound either to the other in the sum of One hundred thousand pounds Current Money, which payment will and truly to be made by each of us and each of our Heirs Exors, and Admis. to the other and each of them and each of their Heirs Exors and Admis. firmly by these presents

Witness our hands and Seals this 30th day of March 1780.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounded Isaac Degges, John Degges, William Degges John Boss and Christopher Gale have mutually chosen and elected Harry Currell, Thomas Carter and John Berryman Gent. to make Division of the Negroes and Personal estate of Simon Degges late dec'd. between the said parties, if therefore the said Isaac Degges, John Degges, William Degges, John Boss and Christopher Gale and each and every of their Heirs Exors. and Amis. shall at all times hereafter stand to and abide by such Division of the said Negroes and Personal Estate as shall be made by the said Harry Currell, Thomas Carter and John Berryman and given in writing from under their hands to the said parties or either of them requiring the same, then the above obligation to be void otherways to be in force and power.

JOHN BOSS (SEAL)
Christopher Gale (SEAL)

ISAAC DEGGES (SEAL)
JOHN DEGGES (SEAL)
WILLIAM DEGGES (SEAL)

We the subscribers at the desire of the parties to the within Bond having met at the house of Isaac Degges and the parties being all present and signing and acknowledging the within Bond in the presence of us proceeded to divide the Estate of the Within named Simon Degges dec'd. March 30, 1780. as followith viz:

Isaac Degges
Negro Crip
Martha
Baldwin
Lewis
Young Sue

William Degges	John Degges
Dinah	Old Sue & child
Sprigg	Dinah
Sam	Nelson
Bridgett	Lucy
	Frances

John Boss
Negro Sarah
Spencer
Jenny
Mary

Christopher Gale
Letty
Harry
Sarah
Solomon

Harry Currell.
Thomas Carter
John Berryman

At a Court held for Lancaster County the 20th day of April 1780.

On the motion of Isaac Degges and the consent of the parties concerned this Division of the Estate of Simon Degges dec'd. with the Bond for performance of Covenants was admitted to record.

Test--Thads McCarty, C. L. C.--

A Copy

Test Warner Eubank C. C.

SIMON DEGGE settled in Lancaster County in the year 1743. He bought a piece of land from Hugh Kelly in Feby. of that year and the deed represents him as a Citizen of Gloucester County. The second deed is from a Mr. James and is dated May 1745 and states that he was at that time a resident of Lancaster County.

- 56 William Degge (see pg 33) MARRIED: 23 June 1767,
 Mary Gale; MARRIED: 2nd, Mary Sutton, dau of
 Robert Sutton; CHILDREN: (by 1st wife)
 x61 i Christopher Degge b 25 Feb 1769; p 100
 (by 2d wife)
 62 ii Nancy Degge b 25 Feb 1773
 63 iii Simon Degge b 19 Feb 1775
 64 iv Isaac Degge b 3 Nov 1776
 This William Degge was of Kingston Parish, Gloucester
 (Matthews) County, Va.

- 57 Isaac Degge (see pg 33) BORN: 1739 DIED: 1793 MARRIED:
 Mary Degge; they had no children at the time he
 made his will 18th July 1792 (see p 61, #174, p 63a)

-- WILL OF ISAAC DEGGE --

In the name of God Amen, I Isaac Degge of the County of Lancaster and State of Virginia being in perfect health and sound memory and disposing mind blessed be God, do this Eighteenth day of July Anno. Dom. 1792 make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First my soul I bequeath to God in hopes of a joyful meeting at the Resurrection of the Justthro' the merits of Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Exors hereinafter named.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Mary all my Estate real and personal during her natural life and no longer, to be enjoyed by her without her embezzeling any part of the same nor making any Waste on my Landed Estate nor movable property but to leave the same in as good order as it may be foundat my Decease.

Item. I give and bequeathe unto my relation Mary Tunstall Degge one Hundred Pounds Current money to the State aforesaid one Negro girl and a Mare being included in the same to be paid to her by my wife at her discretion and in such mannerand at such time as my said wife Mary shall deem meet and expedient.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my relation Ann Degge One hundred Pounds Current money as aforesaid, one Negro girl Rose and her increase being included therein to be paid in the same manner as to her sister Mary Tunstall Degge.

Item. After the death of my wife or other determination of her Estate herein to her bequeathed and also after the payment of the above mentioned Legacies to my two relations Mary Tunstall and Ann Degge, I give, bequeath and devise all the rest remainder or residue of my Estate unto Mary Tunstall and Ann Degge equally to be held and possessed by them during their Natural Life or lives together with the use of my Lands in Lancaster County during their Natural Live or Lives and at their Decease my Lands in Lancaster to descend to my Brother Wm. Degges, son Simon or Heirs forever--all---

Lastly. I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Degge and my two relations Mary Tunstall and Ann Degge

my whole and sole Exors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking, cancelling and disannulling all Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and seal the Day and Year above written.

Signed, Sealed and Declared Isaac Degge
by Isaac Degge to be his last Will
and Testament in presence of us whose names
are hereunto subscribed.

James Maxwell
Gilbert Currell
Armistead Currie
William Degge

At a Court held for Lancaster County on the 15th day of July 1793 this last will and testament of Isaac Degge dec'd was this day proved in Court by the oaths of Gilbert Currell, Armistead Currie and William Degge, three of the witnesses thereto and admitted to Record, and upon the jotion of Mary Degge and Ann Degge two of the Executors therein named having made oath and given Bond with Security according to Law a Certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

A true copy. James Gordon, C. L. C.
Sam.P. Gresham, C. C. (Clerk Lancaster Court)

Lancaster C. H. (Court House) Va.

Isaac Degges--Proved July 16, 1793.

Wife Mary my estate for her natural life.

Relation Mary Tunstall Degges, 100L. etc.

Relation Ann Degges 100L. etc.

Use of my lands to wife and to Mary Tunstall and Ann during their lives and at their decease my lands in Lancaster to descend to my brother Wm Degges' son Simon forever.

Pg 111, Bk 27--Estates--App. of the unadministered Estate of Isaac Degge, deceased, taken March 6, 1812.
Amounted to \$2436.34.

At a court held June 15, 1812, this Inventory of the appraisement of the estate of Isaac Degge was ordered to be recorded.

pg 111---Appraisement of the estate of Christopher Gayle, Mch 6, 1812. (brother-in-law of Isaac Degge)

Due on division of negroes from John Degges heirs--
Peter \$300 and Billy \$250, 6 barrells of corn due from
Hugh Brant--etc---Daniel P. Mitchell, Adm.

pg 112--Order of Court Feb 17, 1812 dividing the negro property of Isaac Degge.

Lot No.1 to John Degge, Nat \$350--Patty \$300--\$650.

Lot No. 2 to Christopher Gayle, Peter \$350--Billy \$250---\$600.

Lot No.3 to William Degge--Gibs \$350--Nancy \$150--
Crip \$20---\$520

Lot No. 4 to Ann Boss-Solomon \$333--Jerry \$333---\$666
Mch 6, 1812.

Lancaster C. H., Va.

pg 122--Acct of the estate of Isaac Degge---Mch 6, 1812.
William Degges buys Dish and Arm Chair.

Estate of Isaac Degges to Wm Degge, Adm--
To my expenses to and from Richmond together
with what cash paid Mr. Wickham for advice \$23.50

pg 281. (Note--this should follow Isaac's will, p 36)
Ordered on petition of Gilbert Currell that Mary Degge
and John Brent and Ann his wife who was Ann Degge (Mary
and Ann Executrixes of Isaac Degge) to appear and give
security to indemnify him for having security for their
said Exor.ship.

pg 72. Court held (Quarterly) Nov 20, 1792.
On motion of John Digges leave is given him to
preach in the Courthouse.

NOTE--Mrs. J. F. Traylor of Rockdale, Texas wrote a letter
dated 29 Aug 1876 to Wm H. Degges the compiler of these
notes. She sent a copy of the records found in her grand-
father's Bible. He belonged to the family of John Tunstall
Degges b 1765 but she does not give her grandfather's name.
She says, "The first name on the record and I have no idea
who he was, reads:

1793, May 7th, A little before sunset, Isaac Degge de-
parted this life, being 54 years and 6 months, born in 1739."

This Isaac Degges was a first cousin, once removed to
John Tunstall Degges b 1765 thus:

John Degges
Simon Degge (brothers) William Degges m
Dorothy Smith
Isaac Degge (cousins) William Degges m
Jane Currie
-----John Tunstall Degges
(1st cousins, once removed) b 1765

58 John Degge (see pg 33) BORN: 3-16-1745 DIED: 9-27-1794
MARRIED: 3-10-1778, Dolly Degge (Wm;Wm;John;Isaac)
(her first cousin, once removed) She was born (see
pg 62 and p 64) 1-22-1758 and d 11-11-1822; she m
2d, 7-24-1800 Richard Mitchell. CHILDREN:
65 i child b 8- d 1-19-1779
66 ii Isaac Degge b 7-20-1780
67 iii Jane Currie Degge b 17-1781; d 10-21-1785
x68 iv John Tunsatall Degge b 7-5-1784; d 7-7-
1874; m 1st, Nellie S. Waddy 8-29-1804,
d 7-20-1811; m 2d, Harriet Ingram
69 v Dolly Degge b 10-5-1787, d 10-12-1787
x70 vi William Degge b 12-21-1788; d 10-29-
1845; m Margaret O'Neal Leland
9-27-1810, she b 9-15-1790, d 11-26-
1872 (see p 51 and 64)
x71 vii Mary Smith Degge b 10-29-1793; m 1st,
Bidcar George 5-6-1812; m 2d, Capt.
Currell (see pp. 59; 63a; 64)

LANCASTER COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA (nov 1914)
Vol 28, Fol. 233

WILL OF DOROTHY MITCHELL formerly DOLLY DEGGE, WIDOW OF JOHN
- - - - -

Lends the use of Gigg and harness to son JOHN and his wife and children for and during the life of said son John; and if he dies before his wife it is my will that his widow have the use of the same while she remains the widow of my said son John. I also lend to my said son Joh the use of my bed and furniture already in his possession and one large pair of and-irons, my Buffet, one iron pot, one lead candle for his and family's use. And after the death of my said son and the widowhood of his wife I give all the aforementioned property to be equally divided among all his children. I give to my son John an over coat at the price of eleven dollars. To my granddaughter Dorothy S. Degge and my grandson James W. Degge, each the sum of Fifty dollars which I deem shall be kept in the hands of my son-in-law Bidkar George until he, my son-in-law shall think proper to use it for them provided they live to use the same as before mentioned, but if either of my said Grandchildren depart this life before the same is used for them then I give the said fifty dollars to my son William.

I give to my son Wm. One hundred and eleven dollars and one white counterpane, one large glass tumbler and large china Bowl.

I give to my son-in-law Bidkar George One hundred and eleven dollars.

I give to my granddaughter Dorothy S. Degge one bed.

It is my will that provided my son William shall send from Georgetown a new set of Gigg Harness which I have written ~~for~~ to him for. I lend them to go with the Gigg to my son John and family instead of the present harness and the price of the new set ot be taken from the legacy of Fifty dollars to each of my grandchildren, Dorothy S. Degge and James W. Degge and in that case I give ~~to~~ my first set of harness to my brother John T. Degge.

I give to my granddaughter Jane E. George my large Clothes trunk.

I give to my granddaughter Mary S. George my small clothes trunk.

All the rest of my estate I give to my daughter Mary S. George.

Appoint Bidkar George my son-in-law exeuctor.

WITNESS: Spencer George

Proved Nov 18, 1822.
- - - - -

Lancaster Court House, Virginia
 WILL OF RICHARD MITCHELL Proved Mch 20, 1821

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Dolly all her dower in the estate of her former husband John Degge which I have received; to her to dispose of as she may think proper, provided, however, that she my said wife shall not claim any part of my estate as dower or thirds:

To my sons James, Thaddeus, John Westley and Daniel Payne Mitchell.

To my daughters, Fanny Peckering, Betsy Hays.

To my granddaughter, Fanny Bromley Mitchell

To my grandson, Meredeth Muse

 Daniel Payne Mitchell's will proved July 21, 1828.
 (his first wife who was Catherine C. Degge died June 1, 1807)

To my son Daniel Payne Mitchell---

To my wife Elizabeth -----

To my daughter Margaret M. Mitchell....

To my daughter Elizabeth I. Mitchell ----

 DANIEL PAYNE MITCHELL'S WILL, Proved Apr 20, 1846

To my sister Margaret M. Hughlett----

To my sister Mary Jane Beane--One hundred dollars

To my sister Polly Harvey--One hundred dollars

To Benj. Warwick--One hundred dollars

To my wife Jane E. Mitcehl and my two children

Daniel Payne and Sophia Virginia---

 (See p 89 for letter from Geo. Anthony Degge, nephew of Wm W. Degge, Norfolk Va. who wrote letter April 2, 1881 as follows:

....."My grandmother, Mrs. Mary Degge, being too old to write, and being anxious to impart any information in her possession or mine, I will answer your inquiries as best I canthirty years ago a portion of the family record was lost out of the old English Bible now in our possession. About that time, my grandfather, while endeavoring to obtain money due the Degge family (see p 115-116) In assisting his agents to obtain all the information possible allowed them to take the old Bible to their law office, and when he secured it part of the family record had been destroyed. The earliest date of birth now in it is "Anthony Degge, 1714". This name occurs oftener than any other. (see pgs 27;89;105) We also have the Coat of Arms of the Degge family, which bears the name of Anthony Degge. My grandmother says it bore the date 1400 and something. The names and dates are so faded that we cannot make them out, The old lady, my grandmother's aunt, who held this Bible, was named Mary Degge, and never married. She died in Smithfield, Isle of Wight, County, Va. My grandfather often said that his forefathers and the Todd family came to this country together and settled in that county.... I will call on my uncle, Geo. Anthony Degge, from whom I can get further information."

On the back leaf introducing the Book of Psalms in this old Bible, Wm. H. Degges (compiler of these notes originally) copied this record: "John Degge son of Simon and Nancy Degge was born Nov 16, 1745 and departed this life Sept 27, 1794 on Saturday morning about sunrise, being 48 years 10 months

between two and three o'clock in the morning, being Saturday (Note--this was the widow of John Degge who married Richard Mitchell July 24, 1800)

One page of the "Family Record" in this old Bible, referring to the Degge family had been torn out when it came into my possession. (Signed) Wm H. Degges.

The following records are from the same Bible, but the present compiler has been unable to find the connection between the Scarborough, Wainhouse and Degge and Degges families. It may be they were related to the Mitchell family and this old Bible was brought into the Degge family by Dolly Degge who married as her 2d husband, Richard Mitchell.

Mitchell Scarborough departed this life, June 21, 1763
 Elizabeth Scarborough " " " Oct 29, 1720
 Francis Wainhouse " " " Apr 4, 1720
 Margrate Wainhouse " " " Jan 15, 1723
 Sarah Potter, dau of Edmund Scarborough and Elizabeth his wife, and wife to John Potter, departed this life, Aug 16, 1727 in the 26th year of her age.
 Dorothy Wainhouse b Aug 4, 1695
 Mitchell Scarborough b Aug 13, 1695
 Mitchell Scarborough and Dorothy Wainhouse was joined in the Holy State of Matrimony Nov 24, 1715

Edmund Scarborough, son of the above, b Aug 19, 1716
 Mitchell Scarborough " " " b Nov 18, 1718
 Margrate Scarborough dau " " " b Apr 26, 1721
 Americus Scarborough son " " " b Sept 17, 1723
 Mary Scarborough, dau " " " b Feb 28, 1725
 Matilda Scarborough " " " b Feb 29, 1727/8
 Dorothy Wainhouse Scarborough, dau of above, b Feb 10, 1730

Mitchell Scarborough, Sen. departed this life June 21st, 1763 at the going down of the sun
 Edmund Scarborough, son of Mitchell and Dorothy his wife born Aug 19th, 1716
 March 28th, 1751, Edmund Scarborough was married to Mary Knot in Nansemond Co.

Edmund Scarborough departed this life Feb 5th, 1764

"March the 20th, 1734---My dear son Edmund Scarborough, set sails for Hampton in James River with John Shephard; the wind at the East and at night there was a great storm at North East--God grant I may see him---for Jesus Christ his sake.

Wrote the 21st day by me. M. S."

"August 21st day 1742, Dorothy Scarborough" Note---
 The above is all scratched over, and was probably erased at the date and by the person signing below it--probably because he lived through the storm.

"Mitchell Scarborough, Junr. departed this life in March, between the 12th and 16th, in 1764. Being uncertain of the day, he went from Pongoteague the 12th in a canoe and by misfortune was drowned over to Wecaconeco and was found the 16th."

Robert Thorouggood, son of John Thorogood and Margaret his wife born Jan 5th, 1754

Thomas Scarborough Thorowgood, born June 29th, 1755.

Mitchell Thorowgood, son of above parties b Apr 13th, 1757.

Mary Scarborough b Feb 28th, 1725, was married to Andrew Stuart, Oct the 2nd day 17--(torn off), and departed this life, Sept 15th, 1759.

Robert Thorowgood, the son of John and Margaret, departed this life Oct 1759.

Penbrook Thorowgood, dau of John Thorowgood and Margaret his wife, was born the 9th day of March 1760.

The following of the "Degges" family were members of the Sixty First (61st) Regt. Virginia Militia (in the War of 1813-1814 and 1815) organized in Matthews Co., Va. and commanded by Lavin Gale, Colonel (his mother was the dau of SIMON DEGGES (see #60, p 33) of Lancaster Co. formerly of Gloucester)

On Pay Roll of Capt. Bailey Degges' Co.

John Degges, Sgt.
George Degges, Corp.
Joel Degges, Pvt.
Isaac Degges, Pvt.
Anthony Degges, Pvt.
Augustine Degges, Pvt., Sen.

Capt. Thos. Teagle Todd Tabb's Co.

Jesse Degges, Sgt.
John Degges (of Jashua) Corp.
Anthony Degges, Pvt.
Barber Degges, Pvt.
Cole Degges, Pvt.
James Degges, Pvt.

Capt. John Billup's Co.

John Degges, Lt.
Anthony Degges, Pvt.
Bailey Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Henry Degges' Co.

Davis Degges, Sgt.
Bailey Degges, Pvt.
John Degges, Pvt.
John Gayle, Pvt.

Capt. Langley B. Eddin's Co.

John Degges, Sgt.
Anthony Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Thomas James' Co.

William Degges, Sgt.
Samuel Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Gabriel Hughes' Co.

Blackwell Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Thomas James' Co.

Augustine Degges, Pvt.

John Degges, Pvt.

Capt. Francis Jarvis' Co.
Anthony Degges, Corp.

56 William Degge (see pg 35) m 1st, Mary Gale; m 2d, Mary Sutton dau of Rowland Sutton and his wife Ann Morgan Sutton. The following documents belong to these families:

WILLS OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Bundle 126: DAVID MORGAN--to wife Eliza and 2 children.
proved 26 Oct 1719

Bundle 189: WILLIAM MORGAN--To son John Morgan--To son Josiah Morgan, daughter Ann Sutton (that plantation where she now lives that I bought of John Row) To my daughter Johannah Lee. To my daughter Letetia Hill; to my daughter Rose Jones. Proved 3 Apr 1764

F 293 JOSIAH MORGAN--Inventory of estate signed at a court held Oct 26, 1784 by John Morgan, Neeldes Hill and Rowland Sutton

F 302 JOHN MORGAN--To Agnes Powell wife of Jeremiah Powell; their daughter Lucy Powell; To John Sutton son of Rowland Sutton, deceased. To Mary Dayne Dudley daughter of Ann Dudley, deceased. Proved May 23, 1785.

Bundle 1: JOHN SUTTON--To my sons Christopher and John Sutton---To my daughters Mebel and Cassandra To my wife Elizabeth. Proved May 2, 1693

F Page 245: WILL OF ROWLAND SUTTON--proved Oct 28, 1782 To my son John Gayle Sutton--To my beloved wife-- To my two daughters, MARY DIGGS and Nancy Dudley. Appoint my beloved wife executrix with WILLIAM DIGGS and Charles Dudley executors.
Appraisement, p 250 shows: 1 Bed, 2 sheets and 1 blanket to WM DEGGES, 6 leather chairs, etc. to WM DEGGES. 1 table to WM DEGGES. 2 cows and calves to MR WM DEGGES'. Dinah and child Sall at MR. WM DEGGES'.

No. 2, 267.368.

Estate of Rowland Sutton Feb 1806.
Stock etc. lent to WM DEGGES etc. Charles Dudley, etc. Sept 28, 1807--Staunton B. Dudley Dr.
Assenith Dudley, Dr.---Wm Degges, Dr.----
Pg 371: WM AND MARY DEGGES Slaves to Wm Degges Tony a man, Sall a woman, Lucy a girl, Peter a boy, Hannah a girl. Divide the lot which fell to Chas. Dudley and wife to their heirs as follows:

To Thomas Merchant and Lucy his wife, To Alice Dudley---
To Doratha Dudley--To Jane Dudley--To Assenith Dudley.

No. 2 353

JOHN SUTTON---To my wife Ann Sutton and to my children Rowland Sutton, Maria Sutton, John Sutton, Robert Sutton, and Ann Sutton--to be educated and maintained to age of 21 or marry----the charges allowed me for the board of the orphans of Charles Dudley, deceased I give to the said orphans. Appoint as executors-wife Ann Sutton and Staige Davis. Proved May 27, 1807.

Inventory of estate of John Sutton deceased 1809, mentions:
To James Chowning in right of his wife Maria.
To James Chowning as guardian of Ann Sutton
To Staige Davis as guardian of Rowland, John and Robert Sutton.

Pg 526, Book No. 2--Division of slaves of John Sutton decree of the court Dec 1809 made July 1, 1810

Wife: To Ann--No. 1--Godfrey a fellow, James a boy, Crisp alias Mack, child Jenny and Beck a girl.

To Robert No. 2--Daniel a fellow, James a boy, Fenny a child of Moses, Cloe an old woman

To Maria No. 3--Bartlett a fellow, Judy a girl, Kelly mulatto girl, Sam a boy, James an old man.

To John No. 4--Cephus a young fellow, Pricilla a girl, Phil a boy, Crisp an old woman, Polly ditto.

To Rowland No. 5--Aaron a lad, Ben a boy, Jenny and child of Gabriel and Letty a small girl.

To Ann Sutton(not in division, probably died) in will.
John Sutton's will was proved May 27, 1807.

The Dudley and Sutton families were related in some way,
The Dudley documents are included here.Middlesex Co, Va. Rec.

A. 97. ROBERT DUDLEY--To my oldest son Robert Dudley and his heirs forever the land in Middlesex Co. whereon I formerly lived, about 350 acres given me by my father Richard Dudley. To youngest son George Dudley and heirs forever all the use of my land in Va. being 100 acres whereon I now live which I purchased of John Scarbrough (Scarbrugh records on pp 40-41) and which he purchased of John Grimes attorney of Daniel Rice and all the land I purchased of Thomas Dudley and William Elliott, about 550 acres. To my daughter Avarilla Dudley and Elizabeth Dudley. All the rest of my personal estate to wit: money in England or Virginia, etc. To my wife Elizabeth Dudley, my sons Robert and George and daughter Elizabeth. Mentions brother Ambrose Dudley.Proved Nov 3, 1701.

A. 237. ROBERT DUDLEY--To my son Ransom Dudley--To my daughter Avirrilla Dudley--To my wife Elizabeth Dudley---Witness: John Dudley. Proved Aug 7, 1710.

- A. 244. JAMES DUDLEY--To son James Dudley all my lands in Middlesex Co. To son Robert all my lands in Gloucester Co. To daughter Judith----To wife Mary Dudley-----
Proved Apr 3, 1711.
- A. 245. JAMES DUDLEY--To my son James Dudley--To my son William Dudley----To my daughter Elizabeth Dudley---
To my oldest daughter Sarah, one shilling--Jno. Dudley attests the signature. Proved May 1, 1711
- C. 252. ROBERT DUDLEY---To my wife Jane Dudley-----To my sons Marlon Dudley, Lewis Dudley---Daughter Judith Dudley. Proved June 4, 1745
- C. 407. JEAN DUDLEY--Between my two sons William and Stanton the land and plantation whereon I now live when Wm arrives at the age of 21 years. All my other estate to be divided equally among all my children. Proved Apr 5, 1748.
- E. 60. WILLIAM DUDLEY---To my beloved wife Rebecca Dudley To my son Charles and daughter Jane. Mentions his brother Stanton Dudley. Wm Morgan and Needles Hill. Executor. Proved May 6, 1760.
- E. 144. PEYTON DUDLEY--To my nephews Gwyn Dudley, Thomas Dudley---Niece Lucy Dudley---one shilling, etc. To my wife Mary Dudley all my estate, etc. To niece Betty Dudley, daughter of John Dudley my brother. Proved Apr 6, 1762.
- E. 76. JOYCE DUDLEY--Eldest daughter Ann Dudley and to my youngest daughter Agnes Dudley--Appoint Mr. John Morgan executor. Proved Feb 26, 1776.
- F. 211. LEWIS DUDLEY--To my daughter Frances Dudley my whole estate. Proved May 28, 1781.
- 9 423. JAMES DUDLEY--1768 (see p 47)
- - - - -
- NOTE---Ann Morgan married Rowland Sutton. Their daughter Mary Sutton m Wm Degge, see pg 42.
- B. 126. DAVID MORGAN--To wife Eliza and two children. Proved Oct 26, 1719.
- E. 189. WILLIAM MORGAN--To son John Morgan--To son Josiah Morgan, daughter Ann Sutton (see note, above)
(that plantation where she now lives that I bought of John Row) To my daughter Johannah Lee. To my daughter Letetia Hill. To my daughter Rose Jones. Proved 3 Apr 1764.
- F. 293. JOSIAH MORGAN--Inventory of estate signed at a court held Oct 26, 1784 by John Morgan, Needles Hill and Rowland Sutton
- F. 302. JOHN MORGAN--To agnes Powell wife of Jeremiah Powell--
To Lucy Powell their daughter---

To John Sutton son of Rowland Sutton, deceased. (see pg
No.2, 353, pg 43)
To Mary Gwyne Dudley daughter of Ann Dudley, deceased
Proved May 22, 1785.

- - - - -
The Morgan, Sutton and Dudley and Jones families
were related; Jones documents follow:(see p 68 for Jones
families) MIDDLESEX CO., VA. RECORDS

- Bundle 1. HUMPHREY JONES--To my son Jumphrey Jones and
my three grandchildren Wyntfer Seager, Katherine
Seager and Oliver Seager--- Appoint my daughter
Marie Seager and friend Humphrey Floyd my exrs.
Proved Nov 3, 1684.
- A. 151. FRANCIS JONES. Mentions: Petition of Elenor Slaughter,
May 3, 1703---To Elinor Slaughter and to Anne Morgan
(see #56, p 42) and Ann Mason his sisters' daughters.
- A. 224 WM JONES--To my sons Wm Jones, Thomas Jones, James
Jones---To my daughters Anne Jones and Elizabeth
and my wife Mary. Proved Mch 6, 1709
- C. 349. WM JONES---To his wife Mary Jones. Proved Apr 7, 1747
- C.410. WM JONES--To sons Rice Jones, Thomas Jones--To daughter
Susannah Jones---(His brothers Executors--Rice Jones
& John Jones) Proved Apr 5, 1748
- G.182. WILLIAM JONES--To wife Elizabeth Jones my whole estate
during her widowhood out of which she is to maintain
my daughter's until she comes of age or marries. If wife
married and daughter dies then between my brothers and
sisters and their heirs forever. Wife Eliza.and brother
Gabriel, Executors. Proved Feb 28, 1791.
- B. 5. THOMAS JONES--To my son John and if he die before the
age of sixteen then my will and desire is that Richard
Blakley, Robert Blakley and Annie Blakely shall have
my estate. Proved Sept 18, 1713.
- C. 135. MARY JONES--To my daughter Katherine Jones and to my
five granddaughters, Pauldin Andersons Children--Between
my son Churchill Jones and daughter Katherine Jones.
Proved Mch 6, 1743.
- D. 73. JOHN JONES---To Ann Deagle and Rebecca Deagle and to
my friend Churchill Jones. Proved Nov 7, 1749.
- D.245. JOHN JONES--To my brother Rice Jones, Godson Samuel
Smith, Goddaughter Margaret Montague, Nephew Webb and
my nephews and niece--Rice, Thomas and Susannah Jones.
Proved July 7, 1752.
- D. 412. CHURCHILL JONES--To my wife Anne Jones--son Churchill
Jones and son William Jones. Proved 2 Aug 1757.
- F.36. LUCY JONES ----1788
- 7 85. JAMES JONES ---1843
- F. 90 LODWICK JONES--To my wife Lucy Jones--
To my daughter Elizabeth Travas Jones--
Proved Jan 27, 1777.
- Bundle 5. ELIZABETH JONES---To my daughter Betsy Morgan--
that I received from my deceased husband Wm Jones
and part of the estate to my deceased husband's
brothers and sisters....and that the estate that
comes by me to my brothers Staphton Davis and George
Davis----that Mr. Staige Davis be guardian to my
daughter Betsey M.Jones.Proved Feb 4, 1794.

F. 195. WILL OF ISAAC JONES (To my loving wife Rose Jones--
After the death of my wife Rose Jones or intermarriage
I give to my beloved son William Jones the land whereon
I now live.

I desire that my son William Jones have my gun.

I desire that my sons Gabriel and Isaac Jones have
my lands at the Church Quarter equally divided and L100
each out of the money now on my house and which to be
put at interest till they come of age of twenty-one.

All the rest of my estate to be divided between all
my children at the death or intermarriage of my wife.--

William, Gabriel, Isaac Jones, Sarah Hackney, Lucy
Jones, Fanny and Betsey Jones.

My further desire is that my wife give one barrel
of corn to Mary Dudley, Senr.

Proved Sept 25, 1780----Bonds L500,000.

- - - - -

MIDDLESEX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA. (see pg 54)

Will Book "E" page 378.

Alexander Frazier of Urbanna, Va. Middlesex Co, Va.

I give to the poor of Middlesex Co. fifty pounds
current money of Virginia, to be paid to the Church Wardens, etc.

I give the land purchased of Mr. James Reed to the
Parish of Christ Church this county for the benefit of a free
school for poor children.

I give to Mrs. Annie Ross, my wife's niece five
hundred pounds current money to be paid after my death on
demand.

I give to Charlotte Neilson daughter of Charles
Nielson, Esq. my negro girl Lucia and her two children.

I give to James Gregorie my negro girl Sarah and
my boy Robin.

I give to Mrs. Theodosia Ross fifty pounds sterling
to be paid her in Edinburgh after my death.

After my just debts are paid I give the remainder
of my estate both real and personal to the said Mrs. Annie
Ross and her heirs forever and appoint my friends Mr. David
Ker and James Gregorie Executors, etc.

Signed Mch 2, 1768---Proved July 4, 1769.

- - - - -

Will & Estate Book No. 2. The Inventory and
appraisement of Alexander Frazier was returned by James
Gregorie, surviving Executor and ordered to be recorded
Apr 25, 1803. (see pg 44, #9, 423.)

- - - - -

MIDDLESEX CO., VA. RECORDS

JAMES DUDLEY (1768)

To Lucy Columbia, James Ismore and Mary Magdalene,
my children---

If my above named children should die before they
arrive at age my property shall be equally divided
between my two sons Peyton G. and Frederick M. Dudley.

- - - - -

(NOTE--See pg 46 for other Jones records)

Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Clerk's Office, Nov 26, 1914.

The name of James Dixon appears as a purchaser of
articles sold by apprisement. Will Book A, pg 389.

- - - - -

WILL OF THOMAS JONES proved Aug 13, 1807.

"I, Thomas Jones of the town of Fredericksburg late of
Stafford Co. advanced in years"-----

Appoint Lewis Lunn of Bucks Co., Pa. sole Exor. and
Trustee.

My wife Sarah to have a reasonable allowance.

To my sons--Enos, Samuel, Thomas, and Isaac Jones,
my grist and saw mills with the land attached which
are in Baltimore Co., Md.

To my daughters Rebecca Williams of Baltimore Co., Md.
Leah Lunn of Bucks Co., Pa., Rachael--of Balto. Co.,
Hannah Owens of Chester Co., Pa. Susanna Jones, Philadel-
phia Jones and Sarah Jones of Bucks Co., Pa. 50 pounds
current money each.

Wants his Exor to sell about 160 acres of land which
I hold in Stafford Co. and divide the proceeds among my
daughters.

- - - - -

WILL OF CHARLES JONES, Proved July 13, 1810.

To my wife Letitia Jones and children:- James R.
Jones, Charles Jones, Wm Lewis Jones, Martha A. Jones,
Letitia R. Jones, Johanna Jones and Maria Jones.

- - - - -

SMITH WILL OF MIDDLESEX CO., VA.

Bundle 1. ROBERT SMITH Senr.--To son Robert Smith, Jr.
sole heir. Proved July 4, 1687.

Bundle 3. JOHN SMITH--To my son John Smith the plant-
ation where my father Alexander Smith dwelt. To my son
Maurice Smith and Samuel Smith--To my daughter Jane Smith
by loving brother Maurice Cock as executor. Proved
Apr 6, 1696.

A. 170. THOMAS SMITH--To my son and daughter, John
Smith and Anne Smith, but if both die to my loving
brother James and heirs forever.

John and James, his brothers, as guardians. Proved
June 4, 1705. Mentions Capt. John Smith and Wm Kilbee
as executors.

Bundle 3. ALEXANDER SMITH--To my only son John Smith--
To my daughter Rachel Wyatt--Wm Wyatt of King and
Queen Co. executor. Proved--1696.

B. 242. JOHN SMITH--To my wife Elizabeth Smith and my

grandson John Smith the younger my plantation and all the lands thereon, he and his heirs forever. My will is that my son Thomas Smith may have the privilege of mowing hay on the Marshes belonging to the above bequeathed land during the term of his natural life if he things fitt. Thomas made guardian for grandson until 21 years of age. Give and bequeath unto my son and daughter, John and Jane Price 20 shillings to buy mourning. To my grandson John Smith the older 50 L on the birth of his first child. To my granddaughter Jane Price L30. To my granddaughter Martha Smith L30. Proved Apr 3, 1722.

- B. 264. THOMAS SMITH--To my wife Ann Smith and after her death to my son Gregory Smith and heirs forever. My land in Essex Co. to my two sons, Gregory and Thomas to be divided by a branch--where John Billings (?) Billips lived---
- To my son Gregory Smith and heirs forever for want of such heirs to my son Anthony Smith etc., and if John Smith the son of my sister Frances Smith dies without heirs, etc. to my sisters Jane Price and Francis Smith, Witnesses Edward Smith. Proved June 4, 1723.
- B. 333. JOHN SMITH--To my brother James Smith and my nephew John Smith--To my nephew Wm Smith--To my niece Phoebe Lawson--To my niece Phoebe Daniel--To my niece Jane Smith--To my niece Elizabeth Smith--To my niece Ann Smith and my niece Margaret Smith, daughters of my brother James Smith. To my three nephews Cary, Wm and Oswell and my niece Dinah--Executors--Cary, Wm and Oswell Smith and nephew Wm Lawson. Proved Jan 2, 1727.
- B.345. JAMES SMITH--To my brothers Oswald, Cary, Wm Smith---Father, James Smith to be executor. June 4, 1728. Witnessed by Anne Smith.
- B.352. JAMES SMITH--To my children, Elizabeth, Anne, Margaret, Cary, Wm., Oswald, Dianah Smith together with my grandson James Dacier his estate. Proved Dec 3, 1728.
- C.101. CARY SMITH--To my wife Ann Smith and daughters Mary and Catey--and Sampson Dorell, my sister's son. Proved Aug 2, 1743.
- C. 322. JOHN SMITH--To my wife Elizabeth, son John and two daughters, Ruth and Frances--Executor--son-in-law, John Batchelder. Proved Aug 5, 1746.
- C. 291. SMITH, ANTHONY---To his mother Mrs. Ann Smith 1745.
- D. 57. ANN SMITH--To my grandson Thomas Smith--To my granddaughter Ann Smith--To my son Anthony Smith--To my daughters Martha Bowker, Ann Gardner and Elizabeth Forster. Sons-in-law Achillis Bowker and James Gardner. Proved July 4, 1749.
- D. 145. FRANCES SMITH--To my mother Elizabeth Smith 1750.

- D. 459. ELIZABETH SMITH--To Wm Daniel, son of Richard and Ann Daniel, and later to his brother John Daniell. Proved July 4, 1758,
- E. 463 JAMES SMITH--To my daughters Esther, Frances, Sarah, Molly---To my sons John and James--To my wife Frances Smith---Proved May 27, 1771.
- F. 9. ELIZABETH SMITH--To my granddau Franky Smith---To my granddaughter Judith Smith--To my grandson John Smith--Executor: Maurice Smith. Proved May 25, 1773.
- F. 38. AUGUSTINE SMITH--To wife Margaret Smith--Son Augustine Jaquelin Smith(hereafter to be named) Daughters--Mary Jaquelin Smith and Mildred Smith. My Exor's to settle with Mr. David Boyd on amount of 1000 L promised by him on the marriage between his daughter Margaret and myself.
Appoint my brother John and brother Edward Smith Executors and guardians bo my daughter Mildred.
Proved Oct 24, 1774.
- F. 231. MARGARET SMITH--To son Augustine Jaquelin Smith--Daughter, Mary Jacquelin Smith. To my cousin Jane Swan--To Millie Smith my daughter. Father David Boyd. Proved May 27, 1782.
- - - - -

- 68 John Tunstall Degge BORN: 7-5-1784 (see p 64-65) DIED: 7-7-1874 (see p 37) MARRIED: (1st) 8-29-1804 Nellie S. Waddy who d 7-20-1811; he MARRIED: (2d) 12-22-1811 Harriet Ingram who d 5-21-1879 CHILDREN: (by 1st wife)
- 72 i Dolly S. Degges b 1-15-1806; d 8-8-1836
- 73 ii Elizabeth Degges b 7-20-1807; d 7-20-1811
- x74 iii James W. Degges b 16 Sept 1808; d 2-16-1856; m 1st, Ann McClanahan who d 1839; m 2d, Melissa G. Lawson b 9-9-1813; d 6-28-1884; his (see pg 60) Mrs. Lavenis Brown was living in Lancaster, Va. in 1881; could not find any letter from her in the notes of Wm H. Degges Ms.
- CHILDREN: (by 2d wife)
- 75 iv Olivia Degges b 12-25-1812
- 76 v Amelia Ann Degges b 10-5-1814; m William Currie Degge 10-22-1835; he was son of John Tunstall Degge (Wm Degge, m Jane Currie); Amelia and her husband were first cousins, once removed)
- 77 vi Margaret Degges b 3-24-1817 d 10-30-1822
- 78 vii William Perry Degges b 2-21-1819; d 10-16-1823
- 77a viii Harriet Ingram Degges b 1-21-1821; d 9-11-1876; m Nathaniel R. Crump 1837
- 78a ix Charles Taylor Degges b 4-23-1823; d 10-20-1825
- 79 x John Henry Degges b 5-7-1825; d 9-1-1825

From a letter written April 13, 1881 by James W. Crump, Thompson P. O., Huston Co., Texas.

"My aunt received your letter a few days ago and at her request I will endeavor to give you all the information in reference to the pedigree of the Degges family that we have in possession.

"The first birth we have on record is that of John T. Degges, son of John Degges, born July 4th, 1784. He married (first) to Nelley S. Waddey, August 29th, 1804, (second) he married Harriet Ingram, December 22nd, 1817. Died July 7th, 1874. Nelley S. Degges, first wife of John T. Degges died July 29th, 1811. Harriet Degges, second wife of John T. Degges, died May 21st, 1879. Dolly S. Degges, daughter of John T. Degges and Nelley S. Degges, born January 15th, 1806. Died August 8th, 1836. Elizabeth Degges, daughter of John T. and Nelley S. Degges, born July 20th, 1807, Died July 20th, 1811. James W. Degges, son of John T. and Nelley S. Degges, born September 16th, 1808.

"We have no record of James W. Degges' marriage or death. By writing to his daughter, Mrs. Lavenia Brown at Lancaster Court House, Lancaster County, Va. you can obtain the desired information about him and his descendants." (Note--- I do not find a letter from Mrs. Brown among the notes of W. H. Degges. R.T.R.) More of this letter will be found below.

Chart showing connection between the 2 John Tunstall Degges.

John¹ Degge d 1726

Simon (2) Degge	(brothers)	William (2) Degge
John (3) Degge m	(cousins)	William (3) Degge
(cou. once removed)	Dolly ⁴ Degge (sis & bro)	John Tunstall (4) Degge
John Tunstall (4) Degge	(cousins)	--- Wm Currie (5) Degge
Amelia Ann (5) Degge m	(cou. once rem)	-

Amelia Ann and Wm Currie Degge were first cousins, once removed through her mother and cousins, three times removed through her grandfather, John (3) Degge.

To quote again from letter above:

"John T. Degges, son of William and Jane Degges (see John T. Degges in above chart on right hand side) was born Dec 8th, 1765. Married to Lucy Waddey Feb 25th, 1800, and to Mary Brent July 20th, 1809. Died Dec 29th, 1826. Lucy Degges died Nov 25th, 1800. Mary Degges died Apr 20th, 1833. The following are the names of the children of John T. and Mary Degges:

"W. C. Degges, born Jan 5th, 1811, married to Amelia Ann Degges Oct 22nd, 1835. Died June 17th, 1873. James B. Degges born Mar 29th, 1812. We have no record of his mar. or death, but you can get any information desired from Mrs. Virginia Traylor. She has married Mr. Seely since you saw her. (Note--- Mrs. Traylor Seely's letter is quoted elsewhere in the biography of W. C. Degges, see p 65)

"Eliza B. Degges, born Apr 22nd, 1814. Died July 5th, 1834. John T. Degges, born July 22nd, 1816. Died June 2nd, 1844. Robert F. Degges, born May 10th, 1818. (You may get any necessary information about R. F. Degges from his widow, Mrs. Harriet F. Degges) Note--- her letter is

quoted later in biographical sketch for R. F. Degges. Jane C. Degges, born Mar. 10th 1820. Died Aug 2nd, 1821. Mary Brent Degges born Aug 16th, 1822. You can get the date of her marriage and death from her daughter, Miss Lila Crawford, Chappell Hill, Washington County, Texas. (information will be found in its proper place in following pages) The following are the names of the children of John T. and Harriet Ingram Degges:

"Olivia Degges, born Dec 25th, 1812. Have no record of her marriage and death, but you may get it from one of her sons in this State, if I can I will send it to you as soon as possible.

"Amelia Ann Degges, born Oct 5th, 1814. Married to William Curry Degges October 22nd, 1835. Margret Degges, born Mar 24th, 1817. Died Oct 30th, 1822. William Perry Degges born Feb 21st, 1819. Died Oct 16th, 1823. Harriet Ingram Degges, born Jan 21st, 1821. Married to Nathaniel R. Crump 1837. Died Sept 11th, 1866. Charles Taylor Degges, born April 23rd, 1823. Died Oct 20th, 1825. John Henry Degges, born May 7th, 1825. Died September 1st, 1825.

"The John T. Degges who heads the above Record had a brother named William Degges who resided in Washington City. I know nothing of his birth or death. Probably you are a descendant of his. We have a partial record of another family of Degges who sprung from a cousin of the above John T. Degges which I have given to you, you will perceive it is also headed by John T. Degges.

"My Aunt wishes to know the name of your father, also the names of your father's brothers and sisters, if he had, or has any. We were much pleased as well as surprised to hear from you and would be glad to hear from you at any future time."

- 70 William Degge (see pg 37) BORN: 12-21-1788 DIED: 10-29-1845 MARRIED: 9-27-1810 Margaret O'Neal Leland BORN: 9-15-1790 DIED: 11-26-1872 CHILDREN:
- x80 i Wm Henry Decatur Degges b 1-27-1812; d 3-20-1883; m 1st, Marriett Dixon; m 2d, Wlizabeth Fox
 - 81 ii John Oliver Perry Degges, b 1-16-1813; d 9-8-1836
 - 82 iii Addison Blakely Currie Degges b 10-20-1814; d 9-8-1836
 - 83 iv James Lawrence Ludlow Degges b 6-9-1816; d 7-9-1816
 - 84 v James Leland Degges b 7-1-1817; d 3-21-1818
 - 85 vi Mary Jane Degges b 1-23-1819; d 3-31-1842; m Chas. Abbot 6-16-1841
 - x36 vii Robert Hamilton Degges b 5-19-1820; d 3-28-1863; m Mary Ann Spalding 1-9-1826; d 7-15-1887
 - 87 viii Margaret Malvena Degges b 3-16-1822 d 2-8-1824
 - 88 ix Isaac Tunstall Degges b 8-29-1824 d 8-31-1843

- 89 x Philip Edwin Degges b 6-29-1826;
 d 1-15-1891
 x90 xi Laura Virginia Degges b 4-24-1829 d
 m Robert M. Sutton 12-14-
 1852 (see p 42 for Sutton wills)

WILLIAM DEGGE ----HIS BIBLE

Bought of Thomas Read Merchant in Northumberland Co. and given to Jane Degge the said Bible. I, Jane Degge, do give it my nephew, William Degge, by his promising it shall never go out of the family.

"William Degges, his book given to him March 16th, 1810 by Jane Degge".

(NOTE--This William Degge is #70, p 51, his mother, Dolly Degge had a sister Jane Degge; Dolly and Jane were daughters of William and Jane (Currie) Degge--note records from it in biographical sketch for William and Jane (Currie) Degge) see p 62.

- - - - -

Record of Births and Marriages, Lancaster Court House, Virginia (Clerk's Office)

1. William Degges born Lancaster Co., Va. Dec 21, 1788
of John and Dolly Degges. Died Oct 29, 1845
2. Margaret O'Neal Leland born of John and Elizabeth
Leland, Sept 15, 1790. Died Nov 26, 1872.
3. Wm Degges and Margaret O'Neal Leland were married
Sept 27, 1810
4. Wm Henry Decatur Degges b Jan 27, 1812; died Mar 20,
1883
5. John Oliver Perry Degges born 16th of Jan 1813.
Died Mar 25, 1847
6. Addison Blakely Corrie Degges born Oct 20, 1814
Died Sept 8, 1836.
7. James Lawrence Ludlow Degges born June 8, 1816.
Died July 9, 1816
8. James Leland Degges born July 1, 1817; died Aug 21, 1818
9. Mary Jane Degges born Jan 23, 1819; died Mar 31, 1842
10. Robert Hamilton Degges born May 19, 1820. died Mar 23,
1863
11. Margaret Malvena Degges born Mar 16, 1822; died Feb 8, 1824
12. Isaac Tunstall Degges born Aug 29, 1824; d Aug 31, 1843
13. Philip Edwin Degges born June 29, 1826; d Jan 15, 1891
14. Laura Virginia Degges b Apr 24, 1829
15. Charles Abbot and Mary Jane Degges m June 16, 1841
16. Robert M. Sutton and Laura Virginia Degges m Dec 14, 1852
17. Robert Hamilton Degges and Mary Ann Spalding were
married Jan 3, 1844.

- 80 William Henry Decatur Degges (see pg 51) BORN: 1-27-1812; DIED: 3-20-1893 MARRIED: first, Harriet Elizabeth Dixon; MARRIED: (2d, Elizabeth Cox CHILDREN: (first marriage)
- 91 i James A. Degges b 1835; m 1855 Martha Edwards and had:
- 92 i Thomas Henry Degges b 1856
- 93 ii Sophia Alice Degges b 1839
- 94 iii Wm Joseph Degges b 1860
- 95 iv Ernest Elmer Degges b 1862
- 96 v Harriet Degges b 1864
- 97 vi Lilly Belle Degges b 1866
- 98 ii Margaret M. Degges b 1837; m Mar 1855 Charles W. Sherwood; children:
- 99 i Lawrence W. Sherwood b 1856
- 100 iii William A. Degges b 1839; m Rose Sweeney; no children
- 101 iv Mary Jane Degges b d
- 102 v Henry Clay Degges b d.....
- 103 vi/Frederick Degges b 1845; m Louisa Bacon John Children;
- 104 i Frederick Degges b
- 105 ii Mildred Degges
- 106 iii Margaret Degges
- 107 iv Henry Degges
- 108 v John Degges
- 109 vi Wm H. Degges
- 110 vii James R. Degges
- 111 viii Louise Degges
- 112 vii Charles A. McComb Degges b 1852 CHILDREN: (2d marriage)
- 113 viii Edwin Degges b
- 114 ix Henry Degges b
- 115 x Mary Degges b
- 116 xi William Degges; no issue
- 117 xii Addison Degges

-
- 86 Robert Hamilton Degges (see pg 51) BORN: 5-19-1820 Lancaster Co., Va. DIED: Mar 23, 1863 (see Court record, p 52) MARRIED: Jan 3, 1844, Mary Ann Spalding (see p 52, #17 court rec) CHILDREN:
- 118 i William Hamilton Degges b 10-4-1844 m Mathilde Royston 11-26-1879; no chn
- 119 ii Mary Virginia Degges b 6-12-1848 m George W. Bonnell 6-11-1868 CHILDREN:
- 120 i Mary Alice Bonnell b 7-11-1869; d 3-1-1870
- 121 ii Sarah W. Bonnell b 2-7-1879 m John B. Minor; living Richmond, Va. in 1950
- 122 iii Mary Spalding Bonnell, living Washington, D.C. in 1950; b 6-22-1882
- 123 iv John Adams Bonnell b 9-7-1884; m .
- #118 Wm Hamilton Degges is compiler of the Degges data used in this manuscript. It is through the generosity of his niece #121, that this compiler was able to edit his material.

I Enoch Spalding married Ann Frazier Dec 18, 1787
(see p 46 for Frazier will) Children:
1 Richard T. Spalding b Nov 5, 1788; d Jan 27, 1826
2 Elizabeth Spalding married Igantious King July 13,
1809, b Sept 25, 1790
3 James Spalding b Sept 30, 1792
4 Elexius Spalding b Oct 7, 1794, d Apr 25, 1840
5 Jane Spalding m Southey Parker July 27, 1815,
b Feb 8, 1796, d Oct 15, 1884
6 Catherine Spalding married Richard Smith Mar 3,
1821; b Jan 17, 1798
7 Wm R. Spalding m Harriett Clark b Mar 22, 1800
8 Enoch Spalding b May 28, 1802
II John Spalding b 1793, d Jan 2, 1817
III Sarah Spalding d Nov 6, 1818
IV Uriah Carberry b Apr 14, 1792

9 i Mary Ann Spalding b 15 Aug 18a6; m
Robt Hamilton Degges (#86, p 53)
10 ii John R. Spalding b Dec 26, 1827
11 iii Samuel McClain Spalding b 4 May 1830
Wm R. Spalding d June 26, 1839
Harriet H. Spalding d Feb 4, 1868
Mary Ann (Spalding) Degges d July 1888
Robert Hamilton Degges d Mch 1863

Spalding, Edward (R. I.) Capt. Elliotts R. I. S. Art.,
Jan 15 to Nov 1776

Spalding, Edward (Mass) 1st Lt. Cottons Mass. Regt. May--
Dec 1775, 1st Lt. Cont. Inf. year 1776

Spalding, Eleazer (Mass) 1st Lt. Prescotts Mass. Regt.
May--Dec 1775; 1st Lt. 7 Cont. Inf. 1776 (also
called Ebenezer)

Spalding, John (Conn) Surg. 3 Conn. May 1--Oct 4, 1775
Surg. 20 Const. Inf. year 1776

Spalding, Joseph (Mass) 1st Lt. Prescotts Mass Regt May 1775

Spalding, Josiah (Conn) Lt. Cont. Militia. Wounded at
Quaker Hill Aug 29, 1778

Spalding, Simon (Conn) 2nd Lt. Ransoms Wyoming Valley Co.
Aug 26--1776; 1st Lt. Jan 1, 1777; Capt. Jan 24,
1778; To 1 Conn. Jan 1, 1781; retired Jan 1, 1783,
died Jan 24, 1814.

Spalding, Thomas (Mass) 2nd Lt. Prescotts Mass. Regt.
May--Dec 1775

Spalding, Levi (N. H.) Capt. 3 N. H. May---Dec 1775
 Capt. 2 N. H. Inf year 1776
 Died Mch 1, 1835

 TENNEY, PARKER AND SPALDING LINES CONCERNED WITH
 PARKER AND SPALDING FAMILY.

Our English jome was Rowley, County of Yorkshire, England. The Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, Rector of the Parish, refusing to accede to King Charles' demand to read the "Declaration of Sports" from the pulpit, with twenty families of his parish emigrated to this country in 1638. Thomas Tenney aged 24 and wife Ann were of this company. In April 1638, they were joined by forty more families. Their settlement was first called "Rogers Plantation", later changed to Rowley in honor of their English home.

1. THOMAS TENNEY and wife ANN TENNEY settled in Rowley April 1639. Died 1699 (Thomas Tenney) Ann Tenney died 1657, buried in Bradford, Mass.
 Supposed that they sailed from Hull on the ship "John"; arrived in Salem, Mass. Dec 1638.
 His second wife was Elizabeth Parat, widow.
2. Thomas, son of Thomas and Ann Tenney born in Rowley 1648, d 1730; m Margaret Hidden of Rowley
3. Samuel Tenney, son of Thomas and Margaret (Hidden) Tenney b 1692; m 1st Ann Cressey of Rowley; m 2d, Sarah Duty who d 1767; he d 1746
4. Thomas Tenney, son of Samuel and Sarah (Duty) Tenney m Hannah Boynton of Newbury, Mass 1745.
5. Captain Moses Tenney, son of Thomas and Hannah (Boynton) Tenney died at sea; m Anna Knight of Newburyport, Mass 1797. Children:
 1. Anna Tenney m George Parker of Va.
 2. Sarah Tenney d unm in Washington, D. C.
 3. Abigail Tenney m Southey Parker of Va.
 (see below)
 4. Hannah unm buried in La Porte, Ind.
 5. Mary Tenney unm bur in Washington, D. C.
6. Abigail Tenney and Southey Parker were m Oct 4, 1806
 His first wf was Hester Grennells whom he m Aug 3, 1803; he m 3rd, Jane Spalding 27 July 1815. Children of Southey and Abigail (Tenney) Parker:
 1. Thomas T. Parker b June 14, 1807
 2. Wm H. Parker b Apr 14, 1809
 3. Mary B. Parker b Aug 10, 1811
 4. Southey Parker b Nov 14, 1813
 by 3rd wife:
 5. Elizabeth K. Parker b July 4, 1816
 6. Jane C. Parker b Oct 23, 1818
 7. Ann W. Parker b 2 Mar 1821
 8. Southey S. Parker b Nov 18, 1822
 9. Catherine S. Parker b May 8, 1825
 10. Andrew Jackson Parker b Nov 18, 1827
 11. Henry Hunt Parker b Mar 6, 1832.

- #1, Thos. T. Parker and Barbara Ann King
married Oct 12, 1830
- #3, Mary E. Parker and Richard M. Newman
married Oct 6, 1831
- #2, Wm H. Parker and Mary Augusta Hopkins m
Apr 10, 1832
- #5, Elizabeth H. Parker and Lewis Chism m
Dec 27, 1832 (see below)
- #7, Ann W. Parker and Wm T. Dove m June 26, 1838
- #9, Catherine Parker and John Larcombe m May 7, 1844
- #8, Southey S. Parker and Mary Ann Waters m
May 4, 1848
- #8, Southey S. Parker and Isabelle Waters m
Oct 31, 1854
- #5, (see above) Virginia Chism and Wm Nash m Apr 27,
1854

DEATHS

Hester Parker, wf of Southey Parker d Dec 20, 1803
Abigail Parker " " " " d Jan 12, 1815
Jane Parker, 3d wf of " " d Oct 15, 1886, 89 yrs old
Southey Parker d Dec 23, 1838 aged 60 years

From Bible belonging to Samuel Clark born in Bolton
1785, died in Washington, D. C. he being the brother of
Harriett (Spalding) Clark, the grandmother of Wm H. Degges,
collector of this data. (NOTE--See pg 54, #7)

JESSE CLARK b Mar 3, 1763 in Maryland

Catherine Miller, wf of Jessy Clark b 1766

children:

1. Samuel Clark b Sept 3, 1785
2. Mary Clark b Feb 16, 1788
3. Catherine Clark b Apr 17, 1791
4. Rebecca Clark b Mar 8, 1794, d July 21, 1795
5. Catherine Sagason, dau of Jessy and Catherine
Clark departed this life in Baltimore
Nov 7, 1863, age 72 yrs and 7 mos.

Alice Carlton, wf of Wm M. Clark d Mar 16, 1871 age
25 years; CHILDREN:

1. Robert Mason Clark } twins, d Aug 25
2. Henry Carlton Clark } d Aug 27

6. Elizabeth Clark, dau of Jessy and Catherine
Clark b May 8, 1796

7. Harriett Clark, b Apr 13, 1799

8. Rebecca Clark b Dec 9, 1802

GEO. WASHINGTON CLARK, son of Samuel and Jane Clark
b Oct 1, 1817, George Town, D. C.

Robert Amiss Deaven Clark, son of Saml & Ann H. Clark
b Oct 7, 1830

Janie Carlton, dau of Guy and Lottie Carlton b Jan 6, 1880

Henry L. Carlton d Mar 20, 1883; sermon by Rev. Wm H.D.
Harper

Bessie Carlton d Nov 1, 1881, age 21 days

Elizabeth Blackman dau of Saml & Jane Clark d Nov 27th
1846---Friday, 2 o'clock in the morning, Age 25 years,
11months and 20 days.

Laura Virginia Blackman, dau of Wm and Elizabeth Blackman was born Sept 20th, 1846. Departed this life at 12 o'clock Thursday night 27th of May, age 8 mos. and 7 days---"He taketh the Lamb in His Bosom".

Isiah Hagerty, son of John and Ann Hagerty departed this life Dec 31st, 1836---In a glorious hope of a Blessed immortality Age 19 years 18 days.

John Hagerty died June 12, 1820---Age 29 years 2 months 7 days---"His troubles cease".

John Deaven Hagerty son of John and Ann Hagerty died Feb 17, 1814---Age 10 mos wanting 2 days

Francis Asbury Hagerty, son of John and Ann died Dec 1817, age 8 months

Emanuel Deaven Hagerty d July 5, 1820--Age 3 months wanting 19 days

John William Davis Hagerty d Oct 1, 1820 age 6 mos wanting 9 days

John and Ann Hagerty m June 4, 1812

John Hagerty, son of Paul & Eleanor Hagerty b Apr 5, 1791

Ann Hagerty, dau of John was b 12, 1792 m to Paul Clark

John, son of John and Ann Hagerty b Apr 19th -----

George Hagerty, son of John and Ann Hagerty b and d Mar 1815

Francis Asbury Hagerty son of John and Ann Hagerty was born April 12th, 1816

Isaiah Hagerty, son of John and Ann Hagerty born Dec 13th, 1817

John William Davis Hagerty and Emanuel Deaven Hagerty, sons of John and Ann Hagerty was born Apr 10, 1820

Samuel Clark was born Sept 3rd, 1785 in Baltimore, Md.

Jane Mitchell Clark was born Dec 14th, 1787, Dorchester Co., Md (first wife of Samuel Clark)

Ann W. Clark was born Oct 14th, 1814

Laura V. Carlton, dau of H. L. Carlton and Ann W. Carlton was born Apr 5th, 1848

Oscal Oden Carlton was born Aug 5, 1849

Ella V. Carlton was born Jan 13th, 1851

Clara D. Carlton was born July 11th, 1855.

Henry Carlton and Robert Mason twin children of Wm M. and Alice Carlton Clark were born Apr 28, 1871.

Mary Ann Clark dau of Samuel and Jane Clark was born July 7th, 1807 in Baltimore, Md.

Samuel Coate Clark, son of Samuel and Jane Clark was born Friday, Sept 7th, 1808 Baltimore, Md.

Elizabeth Clark, dau of Samuel and Jane Clark was born Dec 7, 1810 Baltimore, Md.

Jane Clark dau of Samuel Clark and Jane Clark was born Nov 17, 1812 Baltimore, Md.

Henry Carlton and Robert Mason twin children of W. M. Clark and Alice Carlton Clark were born Apr 28th, 1871.

Ann Williams Clark, dau of Samuel and Jane b Oct 14, 1814 in George Town, D. C.

Samuel Clark and Jane Mitchell m on Thurs. eve. Aug 28, 1806

Guy C. Carlton and Lottie Baden m Apr 30, 1875 by Rev. Mr. Wms Frank Hyatt and Ella Carlton m Oct 9, 1878, Mt. Vernon Ch. Washington by Rev. L. R. Jones assisted by W. H. Harper

Robert H. Fountain and Clara D. Carlton m Jan 14, 1879, Hyettville's Ch. by Rev. W. H. Harper assisted by Rev. L. R. Jones

Samuel Clark and Ann Hagerty were m on Sun. afternoon July
1st, 1827
Henry J. Carlton and Ann W. Clark m Tues. evening Nov 7,
1843---Georgetown by the Rev. Littleton F. Morgan
William M. Clark and Alice E. Carlton m Sept 28, 1869 by
Rev. W. H. Harper assisted by Rev. J. M. Williams
Bessie Carlton dau of R. A. and Clara Fountain b Oct 9, 1881
R. Carlton b Feb 7, 1883, son of R. A. and Clara Fountain
Russell Fountain son of R. A. & Clara Fountain born
Jan 25, 1885.
Jane Anna Carlton dau of Henry L. and Ann W. Carlton, died
Sat. morning Nov 6, 1864 at 8 o'clock aged 20 yrs.
3 months
Mary Ann Clark dau of Samuel and Jane Clark died Fri. July
24, 1807--age 17 days. To die is gain--Paul.
Jane Mitchell Clark d Apr 19th Wed. morning 1/4 before 2
o'clock, 1826---age 38 yrs, 4 mos, 5 days-- wife of
Samuel Clark
Robert Amiss Deaven Clark, son of Samuel and Ann H. Clark
died Fri. afternoon Feb 11, 1831--age 4 months, 4 days
Jessey Clark, d St. June 12, 1802--aged 39 yrs, 3 m 9 das
Catherine Clark died (wife of Jessey Clark) Feb 18, 1823--
aged 57 years
Elizabeth Mitchell, died Mon. morning Dec 23, 1811.
Rebecca Baxter, dau of Jessey and Catherine Clark, died
Oct 1, 1822, aged 19 yrs, 9 mo and 22 days.
Samuel C. Clark died Sun. morning Sept 21, 1851--aged 43 yrs
and 14 days
Ann H. Clark, wf of Samuel Clark, died suddenly on Sat.
morning Aug 29, 1857, aged 65 yrs, 7 mos. 17 days.

90 Laura Virginia Degges (see pg 52) BORN: 4-24-1829
DIED: MARRIED: 12-14-1852
Robert M. Sutton; CHILDREN:
126 i John R. Sutton m Annie Dobler;
children:
127 i John R. Sutton, Jr.
128 ii Walter Sutton
129 iii Frank Sutton
130 iv Paul Sutton
131 v Mary Sutton
132 vi Flora Sutton
133 vii Virginia Sutton
134 ii Mary Sutton; m L. C. Childs; Chn:
135 i Nettie Childs m Wm Paulison; had 3 chn
136 ii Margaret Childs
137 iii Lee Childs
138 iv Gladys Childs
139 iii Walter R. Sutton; m
140 iv William F. Sutton; m Elizabeth M. Porter,
dau of J. Mercer Porter and his wife Abbe
Ruskell. Children:
141 Wm F. Sutton, Jr.
142 Mercer Porter Sutton
143 Ella Sutton

NOTE---See pg 42 for Sutton wills.

71. Mary Smith Degge (see pg 38) BORN: 10-29-1872 DIED:
 MARRIED: (first) 5-6-1812, Bidcar George;
 MARRIED: (2d) Capt. Currell; CHILDREN:
 (all by first marriage)
 144 i Mary Dorothy George b 10-2-1815;
 m Robert Dunnaway
 x 145 ii Jane Elizabeth George b 10-2-1815
 m 1st, D. P. Mitchell; m 2d,
 Penfield Doll
 146 iii Joseph Hamilton George
 iv child
 v child
 x 147 vi Ann Hamilton George b 10-20-1820
 m Wm H. Harding 9-8-1841; he was
 b 11-1-1806, d 1-4-1856

RECORDS OF BIRTHS, LANCASTER C. H., VA.
 (Clerk's Office)

May 6, 1812 Bidcar George and Mary Degges m by Rev.
 Baker Angel.

See pg 38 for will of Mary Smith (Degge) George's
 mother in which she mentions her daughter and son-in-law
 Bidcar George.

NOTES FROM ORDER BOOK "F" pages 95-98

Court held at Lancaster Court House, Va. Apr 19, 1782

BAILEY GEORGE, sworn First Lieutenant, William Kirk
 second, and John Flowers, Ensign to the third Company of
 this Militia by taking the oaths preserved by law.
 This Lt. Bailey George was murdered by Maurice Wheeler
 and was unanimously found "Guilty" and ordered for trial
 at Richmond, July 10, 1782.

Court held at Lancaster Court House, Va. Apr 19, 1782
 To NICHOLAS GEORGE Commissary to the different Guards in
 Lancaster County, 1781.

To JESSE GEORGE Dec. Com. in Lancaster County

To Capt. Robt. Chinn for 1 gun lost while on duty at
 the siege of York L-3, 1781.

To Job Carter, Gaoler, for imprisoning deserters and
 soldiers.

To Job Carter for keeping the county Magazine.

To Col. Edwin Conway for Beef Imp. by Rawh. Tapscott
 D. C. 1781

To Col. Edwin Conway for necessarys furnished the
 prison guards 1780-1781.

To Harry Lawson for Beef impressed by Rawh. Tapscott
 D. C. 1781

Also to HARRY CURRELL, WM BRENT, JAS. WALLACE, Thos.
 Flint, Thos. LAWSON, same.

To Col. Jno. Flint, Thos. Hubbard, James Tapscott,
Mango Harvey, same.

To Wm. GRIGGS for horses and sundry for Sam Eddings,
Capt. Art. Agu 1781.

To Robert Gilmore for 603 pounds bacon for the use
of the minute service under the command of Col. Peter P.
Thornton in July 1776.

To Mrs. Agatha Ball for corn furnished the troops
on their march to York, Sept 1781.

145 Jane Elizabeth George (see p 59) BORN: 10-2-1815 DIED:

MARRIED: Daniel P. Mitchell; CHILD:

148 Sophie V. Mitchell b 4-7-1845; m James

Little Avis 10-26-1869; he was b

6-19-1844; Children:

149 i Imogen Mitchell Avis b 12-26-1870

m 1st, Chas. W. Tatum 5-21-1890;

m 2d, W. Emanuel Brozius 10-28-1898;

lived Harrisonburg, Rockingham Co.

Va. in 1895; Tatum children:

150 i Imogen Avis Tatum

151 ii Payne Mitchell Avis b 3-22-1874

152 iii James Little Avis, Jr. b 12-19-1877

147 Ann Hamilton George (see pg 59) BORN: 10-20-1820

DIED: MARRIED: 9-8-1841, Wm H. Harding

BORN: 11-1-1806 DIED: 1-4-1856 CHILDREN:

153 i Thomas Everett Harding b 8-24-1842

154 ii Theodore Hamilton Harding 10-9-1844

155 iii William H. Harding 3-8-1848

156 iv Edward Coles Harding 9-11-1850

157 v Marcellus Otho Harding 12-21-1854

74 James W. Degges (see pg 49) BORN: 9-16-1808 DIED: 2-16-

1856 MARRIED: (first) Ann McClanahan who d 1839;

MARRIED: (2d) Melissa G. Lawson BORN: 9-9-1813

DIED: 6-28-1884 CHILD: (first marriage)

158 i Lavinia E. Degges b 7-27-1835

CHILDREN: (2d marriage)

x 159 ii Cookman L. Degges b 7-22-1842 m

Alice L. Carlton 12-10-1874

(see Carlton records, p 56-57)

160 iii William H. Degges 10-28-1843; see p 65

161 iv James L. Degges b 1846-7

162 v Melissa Ann Degges b 1-14-1849

163 vi Amelia F. Degges 6-20-1851

159 Cookman L. Degge (see p 65) BORN: 7-22-1842 MARRIED:

12-10-1874 Alice L. Carlton CHILDREN:

164 i Margaret L. Degges b 9-1-1875

165 ii James C. Degges b 7-21-1877

166 iii Lavinia E. Degges b 5-31-1879

167 iv Harrie H. Degges b 2-16-1881

168 v William A. Degges b 6-2-1885

- 169 vi Marvin C. Degges 9-21-1887
 170 vii Egbert R. Degges 10-5-1889
 171 viii Francis T. Degges 6-29-1892

- 47 William Degge (see pg 27) BORN: 13 Mar 1691 DIED: 4 Mar 1762 MARRIED: Dorothy Smith BORN: 26 Feb 1701 DIED: 14 Feb 1777 CHILDREN:
- x 172 i William Degge b 1-10-1727; m 1st, Jane Currie; m 2d, Mary Fox
 - x 173 ii John Degge b 11-24-1735; m Elizabeth Harris
 - 174 iii Mary Degge b 9-16-1737 m Isaac Degge probably son of Simon and grandson of John (see pg 35)
 - x 175 iv Robert Degge b 7-8-1742 m Elizabeth Lawson 1766 who was b 3-9-1744 (see pg 75)
 - 176 v Anne Degge b 1-1-1745; m Jesse Garland 1773

The following is a record taken from the old Degges Bible by one of the descendants living in Wilson, N. C. to Lavenia Degges, daughter of Cookman L. Degges (see #159, p 60 and #166, same page) Copy made Nov 29, 1912

(Note--abbreviations used to conserve space)

WILLIAM DEGGE was born March 13, 1691--and departed this life--the 4th day of March 1762.

DOROTHY DEGGE, wife of William Degge was born Feb 26, 1701 and departed this life--the 14th of Feb 1777.

William Degge, the son of Wm & Dorothy, born Jan 10, 1727

John Degge, son of Wm & Dorothy,	b Nov 24, 1735
Mary Degge, dau of Wm & Dorothy,	b Sept 6, 1737
Robert Degge, s " " " "	b July 8, 1742
Ann Degge, dau " " " "	b Jan 1, 1745

- - - - -

Betty Degge Lawson, wife of Robert Degge was born March 9, 1744

Robert Degge and Betty Lawson were m by Rev Wm McKay Dec 11, 1766

Sarah Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b Nov 8, 1767, died Jan --- 1817

Dolly Smith Degge, dau of Robt & Betty, b Jan 17, 1770 died Apr 11, 1781

Frances Degge, dau of Robt & Betty b Apr 20, 1772

Starling Degge, son " " " " " Sept 12, 1775

Betty Degge, dau " " " " " Nov 12, 1777

Caty Degge " " " " " Dec 11, 1779

Dolly Degge " " " " " Dec 27, 1783;

died Jan 28, 1784

- 172 William Degge (see p 61) BORN: 1-10-1727 MARRIED:
 (first) 3-9-1752 Jane Currie MARRIED: (2d)
 Mary Fox CHILDREN: (first marriage):
 177 i Corrie Degge b 28 Dec 1753; d 1756
 178 ii Anne Degge b 21 Sept 1755 m John
 Brent 12 June 1796 ("Marriages of
 Lancaster Court House, Va" (see p 64)
 (Clerk's Record) John Brent and Ann
 Degge m 12 June 1796 by Rev. Samuel
 McLaughton. They had:
 179 i Catharine Brent
 180 iii Dolly Degge b Jan 22, 1758; m John
 Degge (see biog. record, p 37, #58)
 xl81 iv William Degge b 4-15-1760; m Mary Kirk
 182 v Jane Degge b 12-3-1762
 xl83 vi John Tunstall Degge b 12-8-1765; m
 1st, Lucy Waddy; m 2d, Mary Brent
 xl84 vii Elizabeth Degge b 4-30-1768; m 1st,
 John Lipscomb; m 2d, Lucy Branfield
 185 viii Mary Tunstall Degge b 1-1-1771, d
 2-3-1797; m 1st, John Lawson 2-13-
 1794 (see p 64); m 2d, Hugh Brent
 1-9-1796; Mary T. and Hugh Brent had:
 186 i Isaac Brent b 10-31-1790
 (see pg 64)
 187 ix Catharine Currie Degge b 7-10-1776
 d 6-1-1807; m Daniel Payne Mitchell
 5-1-1800 (see p 60, #145 for Mitchell
 CHILDREN: (second marriage) (see p 64)
 xl88 x Mildred Coleman Degge; m James E. Jones
 xl89 xi Robert Fox Degges b 9-27-1785; m
 Rebecca Evans (see pg 68)

(see pg 52)

WILLIAM DEGGE---His Bible

Bought of Thomas Read Merchant in Northumberland Co.,
 Va. and given to Jane Degge the said Bible. I, Jane Degge
 (#182) do give to my nephew William Degge, by his promising
 it shall never go out of the family. (#70, p 51)

"William Degges, his book given to him March 16th,
 1810 by Jane Degge".

William Degge and Jane Corrie were joined together in
 the Holy State of Matrimony on the 9th day of March 1752
 by the Rev. Hancock Dunbar at Mantapik, King and Queen Co.,
 Va.

Jane Degge departed this life the 24th day of July
 1776 in the 43rd year of her age and in the 25th year of
 her marriage state. (Abbr. used hereafter)

Ann Degge, dau of Wm and Jane b Sept 21, 1755
 Dolly Degge " " " " " " Jan 22, 1758
 William Degge son " " " " b Apr 15, 1760
 Jane Degge dau of " " " " b Dec 3, 1762
 John Tunstall Degge s Wm & Jane b Dec 8, 1765
 Elizabeth Degge dau of " " " " b Apr 30, 1768
 Mary Tunstall Degge, dau " " " " b Jan 1, 1771
 Catherine Corrie Degge b Jly 10, 1776
 Corrie Degge b Dec 28, 1753, d Mar 1756

181. William Degge (see p 62) BORN: Apr 15, 1760 DIED:
 Apr 17, 1803 MARRIED: 9-5-1788 Mary Kirk who d
 4-11-1802 CHILDREN:
 190 i Jane C. Degge b 12-5-1789
 191 ii Wm Smith Degge b 4-1-1791
 192 iii Jane Currie Degge b 2-14-1792
 193 iv Robert Degge b 1-9-1793
 194 v James Kirk Degge b 12-1-1794
 195 vi Thomas Degge b 6-25-1796
 196 vii John Degge b 6-25-1796
 197 viii Lucy K. Degge b 9-16-1797
 198 ix Elizabeth Degge b 8-15-1799

Records from Wm Degge Bible, see p 62.

September 5th, 1788, was joined together in the Holy
 State of Matrimony, William Degge and Mary Kirk, by the
 Rev. John Leland. She departed this life the 11th day of
 April 1802 in the 29th year of her age.

Dec 5th, 1789, was born Jane C. Degge, daughter of
 William and Mary Degge

(abbreviations used hereafter to conserve space)

Apr 1st, 1791, William Smith Degge was born

Jane Currie Degge, their dau, b Feb 14, 1792

Robert Degge b Jan 9, 1793

James Kirk Degge b Dec 1, 1794

Thomas and John Degge, twins, b June 25, 1796

Lucy K. Degge b Sept 16, 1797

Elizabeth Degge b Aug 15, 1799

William Degge died Apr 17, 1803

- - - - -

WILL OF WILLIAM DEGGE, Christ Church Parish, Lancaster Co.,
 Va.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Ailliam Degges of the County
 of Lancaster and Parish of Christ Church being very sick in
 body but sound mind thanks be to Almighty God and calling
 to mind the mortality of all flesh and that it is appointed
 to all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last
 will and testament in manner and form as followith viz:-

First and principally I give and bequeath my soul to God
 who gave it me my body I recommend to the Earth from whence
 it came hoping for a joyful resurrection at the last day
 when soul and body will be united again.

Second and as for what worldly good it hath pleased God
 to belss me with of all kind whatever I wish sold on a
 credit of twelve months and the money arising therefrom
 to be put upon interest and it is my desire that my Daughter
 Lucy K. Degge be sufficiently supported and educated on the
 said profits. I give to my daughter Lucy K. Degge all the
 said money and interest arising from the sale of my estate
 as before mentioned to her and to her lawful heirs forever.
 If it should please God to take her before she should marry
 or arrive at the age of twenty years it is my will and de-
 sure that all my estate should be divided as followith, viz:-
 between Jane Degge, Elizabeth Lipscomb, Catherine C. Mitchell
 and Catherine Brent, equally .(Note--these were his sisters
 and nieces, see p 62) It is my desire that my set of silver

Lancaster, Virginia

WILL OF JAMES KIRK

Proved Mch 20, 1777

To my wife Mary Kirk ----
To my son William Kirk ----
To 3 daughters: Sarah Gibson, Judith Hathaway,
and Elizabeth Hathaway
To 3 grandchildren: James Gibson, Elizabeth Hathaway,
and James Hathaway
(see p 101)

- - - - -

Lancaster, Va. Orders, 1770-1778 page 421
Court held Apr 18, 1777 (see pg 35)

Thomas Carter is recorded as a person qualified
to be Capt. of the Militia in this County in the room
of Henry Lawson who has resigned, and Isaac Degges for
Lieutenant in the place of said Carter.

- - - - -
(see pg 38)

Lancaster Court House, Virginia.

pg 140. Dec 18, 1809---MARY DEGGE orphan of Jno. Degge
deceased, chose for her guardian Joseph Carter, Jr.
with Wm Kirk as her surety: also ordered three
appointed to examine and settle with Richard Mitchell
the account of his guardianship of Mary Degge and to
possess Joseph Carter Jr. her present guardian with
the estate of his said ward and return report thereof
to the Court.

- - - - -

tea spoons be not sold but to remain and delivered to my Daughter Lucy K. Degge as she may be in want of them. It is my desire that Jane Degge should have my large Bible. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Daniel P. Mitchell executor of this my last will and testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Two (1802)

WILLIAM DEGGE (SEAL)

Signed and acknowledged in the presence of Spencer George, John Brent--The word Jane interlined before signed. At a Court held for the County of Lancaster on the 20th day of June 1803.

This last will and testament of William Degge dec. was proved by the oath of Spencer George, a witness thereto and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Daniel F. Mitchell the executor therein named who made oath thereto and together with Richard Mitchell, Joseph Carter, Jr. and Peter Beans his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs. A certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

Teste

JAMES TOWLES, CLERK

A true copy, Sam'l. P. Gresham, C. C.

From Record of Marriages, Lancaster Co., Va.
and Wm Degge's Bible Record.
See pg 62.

#185--Mary Tunstall Degge and John Lawson were married by Rev. Joshua Jones Feb 13, 1794

#185--Mary T. Lawson and Hugh Brent were m by Rev. Raleigh Tapscott Jan 9, 1796

#187--Catherine C. Degge and Daniel Payne Mitchell m by Rev. Raleigh Tapscott May 1, 1800

#187--Catherine C. Mitchell who was Catherine C. Degges, wife of Daniel P. Mitchell d the first of June 1807 in the 31st year of her age (Wm Degge's Bible, see pp 62-63)

#164--Ann Brent who was Ann Degge died latter part of the year 1808 (Wm Degge's Bible)

#69, p 33--Mary Degge and John Boss, Marriage License, Bond Mch 10, 1764 (Lancaster Co., Va. records)

#69, p 37, 49--John T. Degges was born about day brake July 5th, 1784 (Wm Degge's Bible rec)

#70, p 33, 61--William Degge was born about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning, Dec 21st, 1783 (Wm Degge's Bible Rec)

#71, pp 53, 64--Oct 28th, 1793, was born about 1 P. M. Mary Degges (Wm Degges Bible Rec)

#187, p 62--Oct 31st, 1790 was born Isaac Brent, son of Hugh and Mary Tunstall Brent (Wm Degge's Bible Rec)

#185, p 62--Mary Tunstall Brent departed this life Feb 3rd, 1797, in the 27th year of her age

#58, p 37--Dorothy Mitchell (who was Dolly Degge) departed this life Nov 16, 1822 in the 64th yr of her age.

(Wm Degge's Bible Record)

- 183 John Tunstall Degge (see pg 62) BORN: 12-3-1765
 Lancaster Co. Va. DIED: "John Tunstall Degge
 departed this life the 29th day of Dec 1826,
 on Thursday evening at Capt. John Hunts, age
 66 years." (Family Bible in possession of Mrs.
 J. E. Traylor (since Mrs. Seely) of Rockdale,
 Texas 29 Aug 1876) See p 50, 2d paragraph from
 Bottom of page. Mrs. Seely does not give her own
 name, but is presumed to be the dau of #183 and
 sister of James Brent Degges. MARRIED: "John T.
 Degge and Lucy Waddy were married on the 28th of
 Feb 1800 and Lucy died Nov 28, 1800 JOHN T. DEGGE
 and MARY BRENT were married on the 20th July 1809"
 "Mary Brent, dau of James Brent and Elizabeth his
 wife was born April 27th, 1781." "Mary Degge departed
 this life April 20th, 1833." "John T. Degge son of
 William Degge and Jane his wife who was Jane Currie
 was born Dec 3th, 1765" CHILDREN. (by 2d marriage):
- 199 i Wm Currie Degge b 1-5-1811; m Amelia
 Ann Degge 10-22-1835 who was b 10-5-
 1814 (see chart, p 50 showing relation-
 ship) see letter quoted in sketch below
 - 200 ii James Brent Degge b 3-29-1812
 - 201 iii Eliza Brent Degge b 4-22-1814
 - 202 iv John Tunstall Degge b 7-22-1816
 - x 203 v Robert Fox Degge b 5-10-1818 m 4-15-
 1844, Harriet F. Hall
 - 204 vi Jane Currie Degge b 3-10-1820
 - 205 vii Mary Brent Degge b 8-16-1822

Letter from Harriett F. Degges, Wilderville, Falls County,
 Texas March 14th, 1881.

"I am the widow of Robert Fox Degges, the youngest of
 four brothers with two sisters, Mary Brent and Eliza, all
 were the sons and daughters of one John Degges of Virginia.
 I will further state that the above mentioned brothers and
 sisters were born and reared in Va. They are all deceased:
 W. C. Degges being the last. His widow Amelia Ann Degges
 resides near Sempronius, Austin Co., Texas and I think she
 has perhaps one of the oldest records of the family on the
 continent. (see pg 50-51 for letter from her nephew, James
 W. Crump. her children are not given, probably had none)
 The record is in an old English Bible and in all probability,
 the record goes back to some of the family in England....."

Another letter dated Aug 16th, 1881 says "In regard to
 those who came to Texas with my husband (Robert Fox Degges)
 I would state they were from Va. to Miss. and from there to
 Texas in the fall of 1853. They were John Tunstall Degges
 with his second wife who was Harriet Ingram, and his three
 daughters: Olivia, Amelia Ann, and Harriet Degges; James B.
 Degges; Wm Curry Degges, Robt Fox Degges and their sister
 Mary Brent Degges. (see pg 37, 49 for John T. Degges #68)
 Since the war Coopman and Hamilton Degges, grandsons of John
 Tunstall Degges, came to Texas. (See #159 Cookman Degges and
 #160, Am H(arrison) Degges, p 60) Simon Degges who went to
 California is a stranger to me, I have only heard of him
 through persons who met him en route to California several
 years ago....."

- 203 Robert Fox Degges (see p 65) BORN: 5-10-1818 Va.
 DIED: MARRIED: 15th day of Apr 1844
 Kemper Co., Miss. Harriet F. Hall BORN:
 DIED: living Wilderville, Falls Co., Texas 1881
 CHILDREN: (b Kemper Co., Mississippi)
 206 i Mary E. Degges b Feb 10, 1845; m
 J. H. Scales 23 Apr 1866 Washington
 County, Texas
 207 ii J. W. Degges b 15 July 1846, d Feb 15,
 1873 McLennan County, Texas
 208 iii Ann E. Degges b Feb 5, 1848; m B. Farris
 July 22, 1874 McLennan County, Texas
 209 iv J. B. Degges b Apr 15, 1850; m Sarah
 Webb July 1875 Falls County, Texas
 210 v R. C. Degges b Feb 14, 1852; m Manerva
 Farris July 1874 McLennan Co., Texas
 211 vi M. J. Degges b Oct 18, 1853; m J. R.
 Scales Sept 1874 McLennan Co., Texas
 CHILDREN: (b Washington, Falls and Austin Co., Tex)
 212 vii Sarah J. Degges b Mar 3, 1857
 Washington Co., Texas
 213 viii Fannie B. Degges May 29, 1859 Wash-
 ington Co., Texas; m Wm D. Coates,
 Falls County, Texas Sept 25, 1877
 214 ix Robert F. Degges b Dec 30, 1880
 Austin County, Texas

Mrs. Harriet F. Degges says the above "are our entire family and they are scattered very much but are all in this State. There are several Degges farther west in this State, but I am not prepared to give any definite information about them."

-
- 184 Elizabeth Degge (see pg 62) BORN: 4-30-1768 DIED: 4-14-1826
 "April 14th, 1826, 2 o'clock P. M. closed the life of
 Elizabeth Lipscomb" (Wm Degge's Bible Record; m
 John Lipscomb; after her death, he m 2d, Lucy Branfiel.
 CHILDREN:
 215 i Wm Currie Lipscomb; m Phoebe Adgate
 216 ii Philip Degge Lipscomb; m Maria Burd
 217 iii John Lipscomb
 218 iv Robert Middleton Lipscomb
 219 v Ann Lipscomb; m John Dixon
 Child by his 2d marriage:
 vi Thomas Lipscomb

Letter from O. M. Winston, King Wm County Court House,
 Va. Feb 11, 1881: "..... the first mention of Degge is made
 in a deed dated Mar 1, 1795 from WILLIAM DEGGE and Bernard
 LIPSCOMB conveying 142 acres of land to one Robert Lipscomb".

133 Mildred Coleman Degge (see pg 62) m James E. Jones

CHILDREN:

- 220 i Thomas Fox Jones m
Children;
221 i Theodore Jones b
222 ii Thomas Fox Jones, b
223 ii Robert Degge Jones d 1-15-1881
224 iii Mary Jones; m John Angell
225 iv Ann Elizabeth Jones; m James Parsons
7-10-1834; Children:
x226 i Elizabeth Degge Parsons b 4-30-1835
m Samuel Grigg 10-27-1862
227 ii James Lipscomb Parsons
228 iii Charles Davis Parsons
x229 iv Laura Virginia Parsons b m
James Dunbar Franzoni
230 v Albert Murray Parsons b
231 vi William Currie Parsons
232 v William Joseph Jones d 6-11-1852
233 vi James Henry Jones; m 1st, Eliza Peyton Adams
11-27-1845; d 7-16-1858; Children:
234 i George Adams Jones b 9-12-1846; d
7-11-1876
235 ii Edwin Hamilton Jones b 11-2-1850, d
3-25-1896 unm
236 iii Melville Emory Jones b 4-24-1855; m
Ellen Maria Clark Taylor
James Henry Jones m 2d, Martha Catharine Thomas
11-8-1860; Children:
237 iv Bettie Mildred Jones 12-1-1861, m
Wm H. Lacy
238 v Eva Haney Jones b 4-14-1866, m
Charles R. Starr

226 Elizabeth Degge Parsons (see above) BORN: 4-30-1833, m

Samuel Grigg 10-27-1862 CHILDREN:

- 239 i Florence Caroline Grigg b 9-12-1864
m Edwin Lyon Chapman 6-23-1897
240 ii Helen Virginia Grigg b 5-15-1866 d 7 wks
241 iii Inez Muir Grigg b 5-11-1869 d 7 wks
242 iv Kate Morris Grigg b 11-17-1872, d 10 mos
243 v Laura Genevieve Grigg b 9-15-1875 d 9 mos

229 Laura Virginia Parsons (see above) MARRIED: James Dunbar Franzoni; CHILDREN:

- 244 i Charles Holland Franzoni b July 8, 1864
m Edith Bayard Lawer Sept 5, 1906
245 ii Edith Elizabeth Franzoni b Aug 27, 1867
m Wilson Prestman Malone, M. D. 23 Dec
1907
246 iii Edwin Larnour Franzoni b July 7, 1870; m
Louise Agnes Prather Nov 23, 1894
247 iv Kate R. Franzoni b Sept 16, 1872
248 v Joseph Dunbar Franzoni, Jr. b July 27, 1875
249 vi Fred R. Franzoni b July 4, 1880; m Eliza-
beth Williams Jones Nov 5, 1907,

- 247 iv Kate R. Franzoni b Sept 16, 1872
- 248 v Joseph Dunbar Franzoni, Jr. b July 27, 1875
- 249 vi Fred R. Franzoni b July 4, 1880; m
Elizabeth Williams Jones Nov 5, 1907
Children: 250 i John Carlos Franzoni
b Aug 15, 1908
251 ii Elizabeth Virginia
Franzoni b Aug 21, 1910
252 iii Fred Royce Franzoni,
Jr. b Mar 15, 1913

189 Robert Fox Degges (see p 62) BORN: Sept 27, 1785 DIED:
Sept 27, 1867 MARRIED: Rebecca Ebans in the 16th
yr of her age (died Dec 10, 1858) July 19, 1814
by Rev. Wm Waters at Alexandria, Va. (Bible Record
sent to Wm H. Degges by Miss Maria Degge, St. Louis,
Mo) CHILDREN:

- 253 i Wm Henry Fox Degge m 29 Jly 1845 St.
Louis, Mo. to Caroline Burd by Rev.
John H. Linn. Children:
254 i Mary Emily Degge
255 ii Martha Degge
- 256 ii Sarah Jane J. Degge m in Va. to Wm
Joseph Jones 24 Nov 1841 by Rev. Best
Children:
257 i Annie Elizabeth Jones d 6-26-1851
258 ii Robt Edw Jones d 5-10-1847
259 iii Mary Emily Fox Jones d 6-27-1851
260 iv Wm Henry Jones d 6-30-1851
261 v John Parsons Jones

note---See p 45 for Jones Records

- 262 iii Ephraim Evans Degge d 6-21-1859; m
Drusilla R. Hydspeth in Crawford Co.,
Mo. Sept 1850 by Rev. Geo. W. Loce;
he d 1-21-1859 Children:
263 i Robert Harrison Degge
264 ii Johanna Kate Degge
265 iii Alice Degge
- 266 iv John Robert Degge m at Petersburg, Ill.
to Mary F. White 5-24-1848 by Rev.
John A. Powell. Children:
267 i Annie Elizabeth Degge m in Ill.
Lewis L. Montgomery 3-4-1869 by
Rev. I. C. Wolf; Children:
268 i Mary E. Montgomery
269 ii Johnnie W. Montgomery m Norah
Adams 11-25-1899 Children:
270 i Virgil Montgomery b 4-15-
1902
271 ii Louis Dale Montgomery
b 9-23-1910
- 272 ii Aaron Robert Degge
273 iii Mary Frances Degge
274 iv Jameson Middleton Degge m Sue E.
Calloway 3-31-1880
275 v Kate Emerson Degge
276 vi Sarah Virginia Degge
277 vii Caddie Alice Degge

- 278 viii Minnie Ella Degge
- 279 ix Mabel Degge } twins, d in
- 280 x Beulah Degge } infancy
- 281 v Charles Edmund Degge
- 282 vi Mary Emily Fox Degge
- 283 vii Daniel Evans Degge
- 284 viii Mildred Degge
- 285 ix Thomas Fox Degge
- 286 x Philip Currie Degge
- 287 xi Anne Elizabeth Degge
- 288 xii Maria Virginia Degge (sent record to Wm H. Degge)
- 289 xiii Middleton Daniel Degge m St. Louis, Mo. to
Eugenia A. Higdon May 14, 1867 by Rev.
Joseph Boyle; Children:
- 290 i Nettie Higdon Degge
- 291 ii Gertrude Eleanor Degge
- 292 iii Ethel Degge, d aged 6 wks
- 293 iv Mabel Degge
- v child
- 294 xiv Kate Philip Degge

-
- 173 John Degge (see pg 61) BORN: 11-24-1735 DIED:
MARRIED: Elizabeth Harris CHILDREN: (see p 74a)
- 295 i Starling Degge (daughter) d unm
 - 296 ii Mary Degge; d unm
 - 297 iii Elizabeth Degge; mDarneille
 - 298 iv Charlotte Degge; m Wm Moon
 - 299 v Catherine Degge; m Edw Harris; p 74a
 - 300 vi Dorothy Degge; m Marshall Durrett
 - 301 vii Nancy Degge m James Durrett; see p 74a
 - 302 viii Lucy Degge m Dabney Carr
 - 303 ix Benjamin Degge, d unm
 - 304 x John Degge; m Lucinda Harris
 - 305 xi Wm H. Degge m Nicey Coleman, dau of
Samuel of Caroline Co., Va. 1800
Children:
 - 306 i Eliza Degge (Aunt E. mentioned
in letter quoted in text) d 1880
 - 307 ii Lucetta Degge ("Aunt Lett")
 - 308 iii Mary Degge; m Tompkins
(see letter in text below)
 - 309 iv Nicey Degge; m Chew
 - 310 v Rebecca Degge; m Coleman
 - 311 vi Sallie Degge; m Carter
 - 312 vii Robert Degge; d unm
 - 313 viii Wm Smith Degge b 1812; m Sarah E.
Coleman; Children:
 - 314 i E. D. Degge
 - 315 ii W. C. Degge

Note at top of page signed by Wm H. Degge, Washington, D. C.
"Copy of letter from Mrs. Mary I. Thompkins (#308) at Arrington, Nelson Co., Va. to her nephew Wm C. Digges (#315) Bowling Green, Caroline Co., Va. dated Sept 7, 1881 and enclosed to me in a letter from him dated Sept. 15, 1881".

See next page for letter.

"I kept your letter longer than I should have done but could do no better. I found your Aunt E's Old Testament which I send, you know she might not have recollected exactly, but we well recollect your grandpa telling us that our right name was Degge or Degges and I recollect when a child calling myself Degge or Degges instead of Digges. From what I learned from your grandpa, his relations were from York, Lancaster, Gloucester and other Counties where your Aunt E. stated your grandpa's father's name was John. (#173) I recollect seeing his hand writing in his old family Bible, and his writing was certainly beautiful. Your Aunt Lett (#307) is not certain that Dudley Digges was an uncle of your grandpa's (NOTE---probably was the Dudley Digges of the other family, properly spelled Digges. see later pages of this ms. R.T.R.) she says he may have been, but not certain, but we all recollect that he had an uncle Robert and Edward, (?) Isaac and John was my father's father; who my father's father married I can't tell. I am very certain that we belong to the branch of Degges who wrote to you from Washington, for in this branch the old family names are the same: John, Isaac, William, Dolly, Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary. (NOTE---See pg 61 for the uncles of the grandfather of W. C. Degges; Isaac Degge was an uncle by marriage, having married Mary Degge #174. No Edward is mentioned as belonging to this family in the notes made by Wm H. Degges, who gathered the material for a genealogy on the family. His notes are accompanied by blue prints showing the pedigree but no Edward is given. An Edward Digges belonged to the Diggs family whose history follows the Deege family in this ms. R.T.R.) I was named after Pa's sister. (see #296) I think I recollect hearing Pa say that some were from Isle of Wight County and said he thought some of our relations had moved to King William and Matthews Counties and perhaps to Fauquier. (Diggs descendants also lived in some of these counties). I think the Smiths were from there. Your grandpa when a young man visited some of his relations down about Williamsburg and below there, and while at Williamsburg his horse was taken sick, his money gave out, and he met with an old friend Charles Marshall (probably a member of the family of Rose Marshall who married Simon Degge and became the parent of John Degge who established the family in Gloucester Co., Va) who was so kind to him. You will see that the man who wrote you descended from the same branch who lived in Lancaster and Gloucester Counties where my grandfather came from. I think the Smith family was also a very nice family. (see pg 48-49 for Smith records) Your grandpa (Wm H. Degge #305) also met with them and was so much pleased that he named your Pa, Wm Smith Degges. There is a family living in Charlottesville, Albemarle Co. by the name of Digges who only had one son and his name was David Dudley Digges and his sister Georgianna Digges came to see me some years ago to find what branch of the family we belonged to and said they could prove their descent by will, etc. from Sir Edward Digges down. She said she had a newspaper sent her from Washington extolling the old family to the highest degree. (NOTE---This was the Diggs family given in this ms following this account of the Degge family) She also said there was a family living in Louisa Co., Va. but did not think they were branches of our family. Your Aunt Lett (#307) says she is pretty certain that she heard your grandpa say that he had an uncle Wm H. Degges, and you know his name as Wm H., (#305p-69)

but I was under the impression that the H. was Harris, as his grandfather by his mother's side was Wm H. Harris. However, he may have been named for both. (NOTE---His uncle was William Degge, 172, p 61, no middle name given in these notes) I got a letter from John Singleton Digges, a lawyer in Lynchburg, asking information of his family. I shall send him a copy of Wm H. Degges' letter to you and also to Miss Georgianna Degges of Charlottesville, and give what information I can. I also got a letter from George S. Digges which I send you. I shall know of J. Singleton Digges where he is from, etc. and will write. Do ask the man writing to you what the Degges Coat of Arms is, with the family in Norfolk, also the Coat of Arms of Robt. Fox Degge and let us see if it is the same as what we suppose ours is. The Coat of Arms I have been long waiting to know about, I am so sure we descended from Wm H. Degges' branch of the family. Do try and learn all you can and send me a copy of his letters. I have written all about our family and nothing of ourselves.

"The following is a statement of the Aunt (E) of Wm C. Degges (who died last year) forwarded to me at the same time as the above, headed "Aunt E's Statement".

"My grandfather was John Degges; I do not know what his father's name was, John Degges, my grandfather, came from the lower counties of Eastern Va. and his relatives lived there. He married Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Wm Harris, of Albermarle Co. His residence was on Green Mountain and he was very wealthy. John Degges after his marriage, moved to Amherst Co. (Nelson and Amherst Counties were one) on the waters of the Rock Fish where he died. He had three sons: William H., John and Benjamin. Benj. died unmarried; Wm H. married Nicy Coleman, daughter of Samuel Coleman of Caroline Co., Va. John married Lucinda Harris, daughter of Maj. Wm Harris of Amhurst Co. (and Nelson) and my grandfather John Degges and Elizabeth, his wife had eight (8) daughters: Starling, Elizabeth, Mary, Charlotte, Dorothy, Catherine, Nancy and Lucy. Starling and Mary died unmarried. Charlotte married Wm Moon; Nancy married James Darrett; Dorothy married Marshall Darrett; Lucy married Dabney Carr; Elizabeth married Darneille; Catherine married Edward Harris. My father who was Wm H. Degges told me of three of his uncles, there may have been more. The names I recollect. Edward Digges I am impressed moved Southwest and had children. Isaac Digges and perhaps Dudley (don't know where they settled) died before they married. Robert Digges I think settled somewhere below Williamsburg or Norfolk, or it may be Edward settled there and Robt. went South or West. I never heard my father, Wm H. Degges, speak of his father's sisters, but suppose the names of Dorothy, Starling, Catherine, Charlotte, maybe all except Nancy, must have been named after my grandfather's, John Degges' family. I am very sure that Dorothy, Catherine and Starling were. My Grandmother, who was wife of John Digges told me that after her marriage she went to visit her husband's relations at Yorktown, York Co. also Lancaster, Gloucester and Matthews, and Westmoreland and Warwick and that she had crossed York, Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers while visiting her husbands relatives in the Northern Neck of Va. The Degges family was related to the Smiths who lived down there, perhaps in Gloucester, Matthews, or Fauquier or somewhere in this Northern Neck. My eldest brother, Wm S. was named after the Smith family. My grandfather may have had a brother named Dudley Digges, but this I am not certain of. (NOTE---Dudley is a Diggs name rather than Degge family name) From what I have heard my grandfather, John Degges, moved to the upper country on account of his

health. My Aunt Dorothy Degges who married Marshal Durrett, told me the Degges Coat of Arms was brought from England by her fathers relatives and that she had it in her possession. I met (I think) in 1859 with a Mr. Degges from Matthews Co. who informed me that the Degges had sent on to England to prove their descent. I forgot to say above that Dudley and Isaac died before marriage as I think I was informed. I have been informed that my father's Uncle Robt. or Edward, which ever one it was who lived some where below Williamsburg or in and about Norfolk perhaps, I heard that two of his daughters lived in Williamsburg after their marriages, one married a Mr. White who died and left her poor, and her daughter, Mary White married a Wm Hambleton of New York. Miss Digges the (2d) daughter, who lived in Williamsburg married Rosco Cole and her daughter Ann married a Mr. Hambleton, or Hamilton of New York and I think her daughter married R. Taylor of Louisiana. (NOTE--I think this is confused with the descendants of the Diggs family; see Diggs notes following the Degge family in this manuscript. R. T. R.) The Digges spoken of in Bishop Meade's Book of Virginia families, must have been our ancestors. Aunt Lucy Carr requested him to pay particular attention to the tombs, and he mentions the friends request in this book. (Note--See "Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Va." by Bishop Meade) (Note 2--One can see from the above vague statements how unreliable family traditions may become and why it is necessary to have proof on family descent.)

- - - - -
WILL OF JOHN DIGGES OF ALHERST COUNTY, VA.
- - - - -

I, John Digges of the County of Amherst, do hereby make my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: first my Will and desire is that the whole of my Estate which I now have in possession, to be kept together and to be under the management of my Executors, hereinafter mentioned untill all my just debts are paid, which I desire to be paid out of the profits of my Estate. Secondly I lend unto my loving wife Elizabeth the plantation whereon I now live, together with eight negroes, to-wit: Hobdy, Robin, Bridget, Lewis, Amy, York, Clary and Jack, also all my stock of every kind, household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils during her life (except such stock and furniture hereinafter given). Thirdley, in order to provide for the support and maintenance of my daughter Elizabeth Darneille, and her children, I give and bequeath unto John Harris, of the County of Lbermarle, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges of the County of Amherst, the following property, to wit: One tract of land, lying on the Waters of Hatt-Creek, containing four hundred acres, also ten negroes, to wit: Jean, Nancy, Sam, Jesse (Jean's youngest child) Marge, Billy, Nelson, George and (Marges youngest child) to them and their heirs forever UPON TRUST, Nevertheless, that the said John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges, dispose of the said property, either by selling, hiring or renting the same, which they or a majority of them may think most advantageous and out of the profits arising therefrom, to be applied to the support and maintenance of my said daughter Elizabeth and her children, during her, my said

daughter's life, and after her death, my Will and desire is that the said property and its increase or the proceeds and profits thereof, be equally divided between the said Elizabeth's children, and should either of her said children die, before they arrive to lawful age, or without having any children, my will and desire is, that such portion of the above estate, such deceased child may or might have been entitled to, be equally divided between her, the said Elizabeth's surviving child or children, and should all my said daughter's children die before they arrive to lawful age, or before they have any children, my Will and desire is, that all the before mentioned estate with increase and profits (or the proceeds arising therefrom) be equally divided between all my children, and their heirs forever: And Whereas I am security for Isaac Darneille, in a law suit between Thomas Barnett and said Darneille, in the Court of Appeals in Virginia, and in case the said Darneille should be cast in the said suit and subject to me, my heirs &c. to pay the debt and cost of such suit, or any part thereof my will and desire is that the said John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges, pay the same when necessary, out of the before mentioned Estate, either by selling any part thereof, or out of the profits arising therefrom, which they the said Hawes Coleman, John Harris, Wm H. Digges and John Digges may think proper; provided, nevertheless, that the said John Harris, Hawes Coleman, Wm H. Digges and John Digges or a majority of them may at any time, they may think proper, give up any part of the before mentioned (or the estate hereinafter mentioned) to my said daughter Elizabeth or either of her children, and make a complete title thereto.

Fourthly, I lend unto my daughter Doratha Durrett six negroes, to wit, Lit, Sampson, Sirley, Suckey, Lucy and Maria together with every other property, which she may possess, during her life, and after her death my will and desire is that them and their increase be equally divided between her children, to them and their heirs forever.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Nancy, six negroes, viz: Reuben, Ben, Ned, Delphy, Winney and Lindsey, together with one horse call'd Pilgrim, her saddle and bridle (which she now has) and one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto my son, Wm Harris, ten negroes, to-wit: Ben, Jeff, Phil, Stephen, Milley, Harry, Robin, Jacob, Luce and Suckey (Luce's daughter) which said negroes he has now in possession, together with every other kind of property he may possess, at this time, to him and his heirs forever, (except Ned and Delphy given above to my daughter Nancy.)

Seventhly, I lend unto my daughter Cahrlotte Moon, five negroes, to-wit: Hannah, Sam, Franky, Marge and Kez, which said negroes she hath in her possession, together with all the property of mine, of what kind soever she may have, also after the death of my wife or sooner, should my ex'ors hereinafter named think proper the sum of fifty pounds specie, during her life, and after her death my will and desire is that the said property with increase be equally divided between all her children, to them and their heirs forever.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Kitty Harris, seven negroes which she has now in possession, towit: Moses, Pat, Jack, Judy (and Pat's youngest child), Pheby and her child, together with every kind of property she may have in her possession, at this time, to her and her heirs forever:-

Ninthly, I give and bequeath unto my son John, that tract of land whereon I now live (after the death of my wife) also five negroes, to-wit: Charles, Jim, Skiler, Rachel and Barbara together with one horse, saddle and bridle, (which he now claims) one feather bed and furniture, and all the plantation tools to him and his heirs forever:-

Tenthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy six negroes to-wit: Dick, Fanny, Kiz, Tim, Will and Frank together with one sorrel mare, saddle and bridle (which she now claims) and one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever:-

Eleventhly, I give and bequeath to my grandson, Benjamin Harris, one small negro named Suckey (which is Amy's youngest child) to him and his heirs forever:-

Twelfthly, After the death of my wife my will and desire is that all the property which I have lent her, together with all my land and property of every kind, not hereinbefore mentioned, be equally divided between my following children: that is to say, Elizabeth Darneille, Doratha Durrett, Wm. H. Digges, Nancy Digges, Lucy Digges, and John Digges, to them and their heirs forever, except my daughter Elizabeth Darneille's portion, which I give and bequeath to John Harris, Hawes Coleman Wm H. Digges and John Digges for the expresse purpose of supporting my said daughter and her children, as is before mentioned. And lastly I do hereby appoint and constitute my sons Wm H. Digges, John Digges and my friend Hawes Coleman executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other former wills, or testaments by me heretofore made: In WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord 1803.

JOHN DIGGES (SEAL)

Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for the last Will and Testament of John Digges, in the presence of (in the third line from the beginning interlined before assigned), John Harris, James Jopling, W. E. Harris.

At a Court held for Amherst County the 18th day of July 1803.

This will and testament of John Digges, decd. was presented in Court and proven by the oaths of James Jopling and Wm E. Harris subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And Wm H. Digges and John Digges, two of the executors therein mentioned personally came into Court and qualified according to law, and entered into bond with James Murphy, Joseph Montgomery, Wm Lee Harris and Matthew Harris, their securities, in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars, conditioned as the law requires.

Certificate is granted to them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form.

A Copy, Test:
W. E. SALLIDGE, CLERK

May 18, 1912.

From DAR Lineage Bks, Vol 143:252 (1936)

JOHN DIGGES (1733-1803) see #173, p 69, was a member of the Committee of Safety; commanded a company of Virginia militia. He was born in Va.; died in Amherst Co., Va. m 1757, Elizabeth Harris (1739-1810) their daughter:

Catherine Digges (1760-1860) m 1798 Edward Harris (1776-1857) their daughter:

Elizabeth Digges Harris (1803-36) m 1820

Francis Lee Dillard (1800-52) daughter:

Jane Dillard b 1828; m 1848 Joel Ledbetter (1816-70)

Margaret Ledbetter (1802-) m 1878 William

Logan Martin (1851-1907) daughter:

Susie Martin b Scottsboro, Alabama m Henry Key Milner and is member #147796 in Nat'l Soc. of Dau of the Am Revolution.

- - - - -

From DAR Lineage Bks, Vol 25:154 (1898)

JOHN DIGGES, same as above, m Elizabeth Harris, their daughter:

Nancy Digges m James Durrutt

Margaret Hieskell m.....lyers (Note--seems either a
#24432 generation is missing or wrong name printed)

Marie lyers m Fidler

ISDAR #26286

- - - - -

If a DAR member is deceased, the Registrar General of the ISDAR, Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C. will send proof from the member's papers for anyone who is a descendant of the same Rev. war ancestor. Or, if the prospective member will write Mrs. Newman Smith, 1026 Sixteenth St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C. genealogist, she will copy the entire proof for a small fee. A list of other genealogists will be sent free of charge to any interested person by the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C. Be sure to enclose stamped, return envelope when making requests.

175 Robert Degge (see pg 61) BORN: 7-8-1742 DIED:
 MARRIED: Elizabeth Lawson 1766 BORN: 3-9-1744
 DIED: CHILDREN:
 x 316 i Sarah Degge b 11-8-1767; d 1-10-1817
 m Joseph Wimberley
 317 ii Dolly Smith Degge b 1-17-1770, d 4-11-
 1781
 x 318 iii Frances Degge b 4-20-1772; m Elias Fort;
 see p 86
 x 319 iv Starling Degge b 9-12-1775; m Nancy
 Elizabeth Hodges
 x 320 v Betty Degge b 11-12-1777 m Sugg Fort;
 p 86
 321 vi Catharine Degge b 12-11-1779 m Richard
 Hart; Children: (others, names unknown)
 322 i Robert Hart
 323 ii Frances Hart; m Wm Whitfield
 child:
 324 i James Whitfield; m Sarah
 Jane Bourne
 325 vii Dolly Degge b 12-27-1783; d 1784
 see p 78 for letter

Letter from E. L. Fort, Sr., Adams Station, Tenn.,
 April 13th, 1885.

"I received your letter and regret that I cannot give
 you all necessary information, but I know very little to
 tell you. My Grandfather, Robert Degge, lived in Edgecomb
 Co., N. C. but I do not know whether he was born there or
 not. I found among my father's papers the old record I
 enclose. This is all I have. I do not know when or by whom
 it was written. I wish you to return it as it may be of use
 in the future. I never had the family Bible. Have no idea
 what ever became of it. Of the six children referred to in
 the record, Sarah married Joseph Wimberley in N. C. I
 do not know the date. They moved here in 1800, had several
 children when they came. Elizabeth (my mother) came with
 her sister Sarah, and in 1801 she and my father, Sugg Fort,
 were married in this country. Frances married Elias Fort
 in N. C. Starling married Miss Hodges in N. C. He did not
 live to be old. Left but one child, a daughter (my wife's
 mother) so the name so far as Robert Deggs is concerned is
 lost. Caty married Mr. Hart in N. C.

"I sometimes hear of the Deggs name, but principally
 from Ma. We have always spelled it Diggs, and have always
 been proud of the name. I have a grandson, Diggs Fort, also
 had a great nephew by the same name. You see by the above
 that my mother and my wife's grandfather were brother and
 sister, being both of the same lineage on one side. We have
 not lost interest in the family, besides my wife's mother
 was born and married in Edgecomb Co., N. C. She married Wm
 E. Pency. After his death she lived with us for years until
 her death. She was always proud of her Diggs blood, and was

a very intelligent and cultivated lady.

"I am now in my 63rd year, therefore, you will readily understand that I cannot get around and aid you in getting information. I hope you will succeed in your efforts, would be much pleased to have a copy of the printed record, when finished. I am very glad to know the record may be written up and am pleased to hear from you. Hope when you feel so inclined you will let us hear from you again."

NOTE---Mr. Fort died in 1891; Wm H. Degges died in 1927 but his notes have never been printed. It is from his manuscript findings and notes that this present compilation is written. R. T. R.

-
- 316 Sarah Degge (see pg 75) BORN: Nov 8, 1767 DIED: 1817
 MARRIED: Joseph Wimberley (see Wimberley Record
 in text below) CHILDREN:
- 326 i Sarah Wimberley m Joseph Neville
 - x327 ii Dorothy Wimberley; m Whitmell Fort
 (see p 79)
 - x328 iii George Wimberley IV, m 1st, Louisa
 Dicken; m 2d, Charlotte Trigg;
 m 3rd, Mrs. Judith Ligon Keesee (p 81)
 - 329 iv Catherine Wimberley m Milton Bourne;
 lived in Kentucky
 - x330 v Joseph Wimberley II; m Sarah Battle Fort
 dau of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn Fort;
 sister of Elias Fort II
 - 331 vi Elizabeth Wimberley m Lewis Whitfield, son
 of William Whitfield
 - 332 vii Robert Degge Wimberley m Margaret Ann
 Powell, dau of Willis Powell of N. C.

These records were copied by Mr. Wimberley of N.C. while visiting his relatives in Montgomery Co., Tenn. in 1857.

("Degge" of Richmond Co., Va. and Edgecomb Co., N. C.)

William Degge (born Mch 18, 1691 died Mch 4, 1762)
 married Dorothy Smith (born Feb 20, 1701, d Feb 14, 1777)

Their children were:

Mary Degge born Sept 6, 1737

Robert Degge born July 6, 1742, married Elizabeth
 Lawson Dec 11, 1766 (Rev. Wm McKay) Richmond Co., Va.

Elizabeth Lawson born Mch 1, 1744.

John Degge born Nov 24, 1735, married Elizabeth
 Harris of Albermarle, moved to Amherst Co., Va.

Robert Degge moved to Edgecomb Co., N. C.

William Degge born Jan 10, 1727

Ann Degge born Jan 1, 1745

Robert Degge married said Elizabeth Lawson, daughter of Christopher Lawson and Sarah his wife, and their children were:

Sarah Degge born Nov 3, 1767, died 1817
 Dolly Smith Degge born Jan 17, 1770, died Apr 11, 1781
 Frances Degge born Apr 20, 1772, m Elias Fort
 Starling Degge born Sept 12, 1775, married Nancy Hodge
 Betty Degge born Nov 12, 1777, married Sugg Fort,
 moved to Tennessee (see pg 75-76 for letter
 from his descendant)
 Catherine Degge born Dec 11, 1779
 Dolly Degge born Dec 27, 1783, died 1784

Catherine Degge married Richard Hart, son of Henry.
 Children were:

Robert D. Hart, married 1829, Martha, dau of
 Arthur Arrington
 Catherine Hart, married Wm Whitfield, son of
 William (see #331, p 76)

WIMBERLY RECORD

1. George Wimberly married to Miss Foote
 A daughter of this couple married Amos Catton or
 Cotton
2. A son, George Wimberly married Charity Thomas,
 daughter of Mecajah Thomas (Nash) 1764, and had
 George and Joseph
3. George Wimberley married first, Phoebe Winton
 and m 2d., Catherine Hart; their daughter
4. Elizabeth Wimberley married Wm Whitfield, only
 son of Lewis, their son
5. William Whitfield married Catherine Hart,
 daughter of Richard Hart, their children were:
 i James Whitfield, m Sarah Bourne
 ii Richard Whitfield, m Emily McInnis
 iii Charlotte Whitfield, m Rev. Basil Manly
 iv Robert Whitfield, m Miss Fitzhugh
 v Fanny Whitfield m George Wimberly
 vi Geo. W. Whitfield m Louisa Wimberly

- - - - -

3. Joseph (see #2 above) Wimberly m Sarah Degge, dau of
 Robert and Elizabeth, their children were:
 i Sarah Wimberly, m John (Mr. Degge's
 notes say, Joseph Neville)
 ii Dorothy Wimberley; m Whitmell Fort
 iii George Wimberley m 1st, Louisa Dicken, 2d,
 Charlotte Trigg; Degge notes says he m
 3d, Mrs. Judith Ligon Keesee
 iv Catherine Wimberley m Milton Bourne (Ky)
 v Joseph Wimberley m Sarah, dau of Josiah Fort
 vi Elizabeth Wimberley, m Lewis Whitfield,
 son of William
 vii Robert Degge Wimberley, m 1823 to Margaret
 Ann Powell, dau of Willis Powell; see
 next page

Children of Robert Degge Wimberley and his wife, Margaret Ann (Powell) Wimberley:

- i Louisa Wimberley m George W. Whitfield
- ii Catherine Wimberley m Archibald L. Arrington (Nash Co.)
- iii Joseph Wimberley, m Martha, dau of John Lawrence
- iv George Wimberley m Fanny, dau of Wm Whitfield
- v Robert Wimberley d in C. S. Army fighting for his country

Letter from Miriam Fort Gill. 73 South 25th St. Paris, Texas. March 1st (no year given)

"I have written several letters to different descendants of Robert Degge and Elizabeth Lawson for full data and have promise of good success; and I am waiting to hear from all so I can send you as complete data as possible. (Note--All the letters found in Wm H. Degges' notes have been included here; whether Mrs. Gill sent him others and he did not put them with his notes, it is impossible to tell)

"Wheeler's History of North Carolina says "Robert Degges" (our Robert who married Elizabeth Lawson) was a member of the House of Commons from Edgecombe Co. of the General Assembly of North Carolina from 1781 to 1786. The list of that Assembly is full of my ancestors who had moved from Virginia--Eliska Battle, Jeremiah Hilliard, William Fort and Robert Degges among them. Our family has always spelt the name Degges and until I got the record of William Degge's will and a mention from the County Clerk of a deed signed by Robert Degge after he went to North Carolina signed Degge we thought Degges the proper spelling. The family record went back to William Degge and Dorothy Smith.

"I think I never had the copies of William Degge's and John Lawson's will---only the mention of the fact that they were on record in Richmond Co. The same letter from the Co. Clerk gave these facts: "I find the will of William Degge and John Lawson. I find that Robert Degge who married Betty Lawson made a deed in 1789 of one fifth of a tract of land lying in this County at which time it appears he lived in Edgecomb Co., North Carolina. John Degge and his brother seems to have gone to Amherst County as early as 1777."

"William Degge came to Richmond Co. as early as 1722 from Gloucester Co. Mary Degge married Isaac Degge of Westmoreland County. Ann Degge married Jesse Garland in 1773."

(Note at foot of letter---"Letter written by H.L. Warner, Dept. Clk on May 22, 1897 to me)

"We were married on Nov 6, 1879 and went immediately to Washington to live. Mr. Gill was clerk of the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads when the Senate was Democratic by one majority--and Senator Lacey of Texas, my husband's law partner was chairman of that Committee and needed Mr. Gill so much that the law firm consented to do without both of them for the time."

- 327 Dorothy Wimberly (see pg 76) BORN: 1761 DIED: 1822
 MARRIED: Whitmel Fort BORN: 1768 DIED: 1866 son
 of Josiah and Piety Horn Fort, grandson of Elias
 Fort II and Sarah Suggs; grandson of Elias Fort I
 and Sarah Battle, all of N. C. CHILDREN:
 x 333 i Piety Fort m 1st, Thomas Lee
 Yancy; m 2d, Dr. Greenfield;
 m 3d, Thompson Ewing
 334 ii George Washington Fort b 1814;
 d 1840 m Susan Ewing; Child:
 335 i Mary Dorothy Fort b 1839
 m Chas Benj Russell b
 1838 d 1895; Children:
 336 i Wm H. Russell b 1860 m
 Ella Kelly
 337 ii Fort Russell, d infant
 338 iii Benjamin Russell, d infant
 339 iv Dora Myrtle Russell b 1866
 340 v Manie W. Russell b 1872 ----
 341 vi Daisy Ewing Russell; m 1st,-
 E. F. Robinson; m 2d, J.W. -
 Russell -
 #340 m Wm J. Boyer - - - - -
 342 iii Dr. Thomas Jefferson Fort b 1811; d 1861
 m Martha Maria Fort, dau of Elias Fort
 II and Catherine Prince, granddau of
 Elias Fort I; Children:
 343 i Chas. Washington Fort b
 1834; d 1860
 344 ii Catherine Dorothy Fort b
 1836; d 1859 m James Sales
 345 iii Thompson Ewing Fort b 1840
 m Elizabeth Noll, children:
 346 i Thomas Fort b 1873
 347 ii Guy Earle Fort b 1872
 m Myrtle Gupton
 348 iii Mabel Fort m Francis
 E. True; son
 349 i Frank Fort True
 350 iv Ludora Wimberly Fort b
 1843; m Wm Bladwin
 351 v Amelia Ann Fort m 1st,
 Wm C. Bridges; m 2d,
 Jas Bell: CHILD:
 352 i Wm Fort Bell b 1872
 x352A iv Edmund A. Fort

-
- 333 Piety Fort BORN: DIED: MARRIED: (1st)
 Thomas Lee Yancey; m 2d, Dr. Greenfield; m 3rd,
 Thompson Ewing CHILDREN:
 (1st marriage)
 353 i Thomas Lee Yancey; m 1st, Sarah Barker
 m 2d, Jennie Sayers CHILDREN:(1st m)
 354 i Piety Yancey m John
 Barber; Children:
 355 i Oiletus Barber
 356 ii Yancey Barber
 357 iii John Kent Barber

- 358 ii Mary Yancey m Benjamin Felton Gill; Children:
 359 i Bennie Gill, m Nancy Fort, descendant
 of Elias II and III, Clarksville, Tenn
 360 i Josiah Fort
 361 ii Mary Yancy Fort
 362 ii Sarah Gill m James W. Botts, Lexington, Ky
 363 i Josephine Botts
 364 ii Miriam Botts
 365 iii Felton Gill, Clarksville, Tenn; m Gussie
 Haddox; Children:
 366 i Elizabeth Gill
 367 ii Felton Gill, Jr.
 368 iv Benjamin Felton Gill, Jr.; m Martha
 Harold, Child:
 369 i Gloria Gill
 370 v Louis Gill
 371 iii Nannie Yancey m James Manion; Children:
 372 i Rebecca Manion
 373 ii Mary Manion
 374 iv Sallie Yancy; died young
 375 v Mattie Lee Yancy m Holmes B. Strayer; Children:
 376 i Mary Strayer
 377 ii Sarah Strayer
 CHILDREN: (2d marriage) Piety Fort m Dr. Greenfield and had:
 378 ii Cyrus Wimberly Greenfield; m Minnie Barker; Chn:
 379 i Maria Greenfield m 1st, Thomas Rollins; m 2d,
 Dr. Paine
 380 ii Tommie Greenfield; m McNary
 381 iii Cyrus W. Greenfield; m Willie Bryant
 382 iv Eugenia Greenfield
 383 v Sarah Greenfield m Charles Clark
 CHILDREN: (3d marriage) Piety Fort m 3d, Thompson Ewing
 384 iii Ewing (son); m another Barker's sister(see 378)

-
- 358A Edmund A. Fort (see pg 79) BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: 1st, Anne Gatewood; m 2d, Julia Garth
 CHILDREN: (1st marriage)
 385 i George Washington Fort b 1850; m Mary Hampton
 386 ii Whitmel Fort II, b 1851; m Ida Crowder
 (2d marriage)
 387 iii Elsie A. Fort b 1855
 388 iv Dolly Fort b 1856; d 1857
 389 v Walter A. Fort b 1858; d 1903
 390 vi Cheater Fort, died young
 391 vii Eugene Fort, d young
 391aviii Edwin E. Fort b 1862
 391b ix Garth Fort b 1864
 391c x Susie Fort, d young
 391d xi Sarah Fort, d young
 391e xii Dr. Rufus Elijah Fort b 1872; m Louise Clark
 of Mass. 1910 and had:
 391f i Rufus Elijah Fort, Jr. b 1911
 391g ii Dudley Clark Fort
 391h iii Edmund Garth Fort
-

328 George Wimberly IV (see pg 76) BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: 1st, Louise Dicken; m 2d, Charlotte
 Trigg; 3rd, Mrs. Judith Ligon Keesee CHILDREN:
 (2d marriage)

x392 i Mary Catherine Wimberly b 1838
 d 1906; m Joseph Buckner Killebrew
 393 ii Elizabeth Degge Wimberly b 1844,
 d 1874; m James Bellamy

392 Mary Catherine Wimberly b 1838, d 1906; m Joseph
 Buckner Killebrew; CHILDREN:
 394 i Mattie May Killebrew b 1858 m Will J. Jones
 395 ii Lulu Killebrew b 1860; d 1911 m 1st,
 C. B. McCuddy; m 2d, M. J. Orr; Chn:
 396 i Mary Catherine McCuddy b 1909
 397 ii Charles B. McCuddy, jr.
 (2d marriage)
 398 iii Louise Elizabeth Orr
 399 iv Alfred Killebrew Orr
 400 iii George Wimberly Killebrew b 1862; m
 Donna Frierson; Children:
 401 i George Wimberly Killebrew, Jr.
 b 1894
 402 ii James Killebrew b 1895
 403 iii Martha L. Killebrew b 1897
 404 iv Helen Killebrew b 1899
 405 v Joseph B. Killebrew b 1901
 406 vi Robert Killebrew b 1904
 407 vii Catherine Killebrew b 1906
 408 viii William Killebrew b 1908
 409 iv Joseph Pleasant Killebrew b 1867 m
 Ruby Ross; Children:
 410 i John Ross Killebrew b 1895
 411 ii Kate Wimberly Killebrew
 412 iii Reuben Ross Killebrew b 1903
 413 v Mary Mattie Killebrew
 414 vi Alfred Killebrew b 1869; m Gretchen Fry
 Children:
 415 i Meta B. Killebrew b 1892, d 1895
 416 ii Buckner B. Killebrew III b 1895
 417 iii Catherine B. Killebrew
 418 vii Joseph Buckner Killebrew, Jr. b 1872, d 1907

330 Joseph Wimberly II BORN: DIED: MARRIED:
 Sarah Battle Fort, dau of Josiah Fort and Piety
 Horn Fort, sister of Elias Fort II; CHILDREN:
 x419 i Araminta Wimberly b 1822; d 1843; Thos Trigg
 420 ii Robert Degge Wimberly b 1830; d 1857; m
 Dilinis Barker
 421 iii Ludora Wimberly m Dr. James Mallory; their
 children died young
 422 iv Eugenia Wimberly b 1838, d 1858 m James
 B. Sugg, 1 child died young

419 Araminta Wimberly BORN: 1822 DIED: 1843 MARRIED:

Thomas Trigg CHILDREN:

423 Fanny Trigg b 1842, d 1894; m R. A. Barnes;
Children:

424 i Thomas Barnes b 1861; m Hattie Sary b
1868; children:

425 i Rebs Barnes, Jr. b 1895

426 ii Sary Barnes b 1899

427 iii John Thomas Barnes

428 ii Norman Barnes b 1865, d 1886

331 Elizabeth Wimberly m Lewis Whitfield CHILDREN:

(see pg 76)

x429 i Joseph Whitfield m Mrs. Miriam Whitfield
Fort, wid of John Degge Fort

430 ii Needham Whitfield; m Agnes Bourne

431 iii Robert Whitfield m Susan Scott

iv George Whitfield

x432 v Lewis Whitfield; m Caroline Williams

429 Joseph Whitfield; MARRIED: Mrs. Miriam Whitfield

Fort, wid of John Degge Fort; CHILDREN:

433 i Lewis Whitfield; m Lou Child:

434 i Nannie Whitfield

435 ii Sarah Whitfield; m Nathaniel O. Lovelace;
Children:

436 i Mattie Mai Lovelace m Tom Mumfort

437 ii Jody Lovelace; m Howard

438 i Vivian Howard

439 iii Fort Lovelace

440 iv Bailey Lovelace m Gertrude Bellamy; Child:

441 i Sarah Bellamy Lovelace b 12-23-1914

442 iii Mollie Whitfield; m Richard Taylor; Children:

443 i Margaret Taylor; m

444 ii Bernard Taylor; m

445 iv Robert Whitfield; Confederate soldier;
killed at Fredericksburg; m Maggie Carney;
Children:

446 i Constance Whitfield; m

447 ii Dudley Whitfield; m

432 Lewis Whitfield BORN: DIED: MARRIED:

Caroline Williams CHILDREN:

433 i James Whitfield m Minnie Voiers of Detroit,
Texas and had:

434 i Louise Whitfield; m Hancock

435 ii Byran Whitfield

436 ii Mary Whitfield, d young

318 Frances Degge (see pg 75) BORN: 4-20-1772 DIED:
 MARRIED: Elias Fort, not the Elias Fort shown in
 later pages who m Sarah Sugg; this Elias was called
 "Brush Creek Elias"; CHILDREN:
 437 i Robert Degge Fort
 438 ii Wiley Fort
 439 iii Nancy Fort; mGray
 440 iv Elizabeth Fort; m Mott

319 Sterling Degge (see pg 75) BORN: 9-12-1775 DIED:
 MARRIED: Nancy Elizabeth Hodges CHILDREN: (1)
 441 i Nancy Degge b 1796; d 1868; m William
 E. Dancy of Alabama m 1815; Children:
 x442 i Caroline Dancy b 1816, d 1895; m
 L. P. Parks 1842
 x443 ii Elizabeth Degge Dancy b 1818; d 1900
 m Eppa Lawson Fort as his 2nd wife;
 he was son of Bettie Degge and Sugg
 Fort; Bettie and Sterling Degge were
 sister and brother
 x444 iii John A. Dancy b 1822, d 1867; m Lizzie
 Johnson, descendant of Henry Clay's
 grandfather
 x445 iv Alonzo D. Dancy b 1828, d 1868; m Jane
 Brooks 1865
 x446 v Charlotte Dancy b 1834; m Ilai Metcalf
 Fort; #515, p 86
 x447 vi Elyza Dancy b 1834; m Josiah W. Fort
 1863, son of Joel Battle Fort &
 Nancy Metcalf; grson of Elias Fort
 and Sarah Sugg Fort

442 Caroline Dancy BORN: 1816; DIED: 1895; MARRIED:
 L. P. Parks 1842 CHILDREN:
 448 i Annie C. Parks b 1843, d 1903 m L. E.
 Sinsabaugh in 1888
 449 ii John Dancy Parks b 1845; d 1913
 450 iii Elizabeth L. Parks b 1849
 451 iv Harriet E. Parks b 1853; m J. F. Miller
 1898; m Lulu Dancy, his wife's cousin
 452 v Alonzo Parks b 1856; d 1863

443 Elizabeth Degge Dancy BORN: 1818 DIED: 1900 MARRIED:
 as his 2d wife, Eppa Lawson Fort; CHILDREN:
 x453 i Mary Fort b 1841; d 1869; m John Jones
 1864; see p 88
 x454 ii William Dancy Fort b 1843; d 1910; m
 Anna Hamlett 1881; see p 88
 (Note--his other children will be found listed under
 his family on later page; he was son of Elizabeth (Bettie)
 Degge and Sugg Fort) see p 86.

- 444 John A. Dancy (see pg 83) BORN: 1822 DIED: 1867
 MARRIED: Lizzie Johnson, descendant of Henry Clay's
 grandfather; Children:
 455 i Charles Dancy b 1857, d 1860
 456 ii Lula Dancy b 1862, d 1888, m J. F.
 Miller, he m 2d, his wife's cousin,
 Harriet E. Parks: CHILDREN:
 457 i Maud Miller b 1881; m Buford Warfield,
 Child:
 458 i Miller Warfield b 1912
 459 ii Frank Miller b 1883
 460 iii Eastman Miller b 1881; m Ethel Seberry;
 Child:
 461 i Eastman Miller II b 1912
 462 iii Minnie Dancy b 1864; m Joe H. Puckett of
 Denver 1891; Children:
 463 i Malcolm Puckett b 1897
-
- 445 Alonzo D. Dancy (see pg 83) BORN: 1828 DIED: 1868
 MARRIED: Jane Brooks 1848 CHILDREN:
 464 i Mary C. Dancy b 1850; m 1st, Dr. Chas.
 H. Fort 1874; m 2d, Dr. Joseph Marston
 Fort 1883: Children: (1st marriage)
 465 i Guerry Brooks Fort b 1874; m Katherine
 Fife; 1 child:
 466 i Mary Guerry Fort b 1913
 Children: (2d marriage)
 467 ii William Felts Fort b 11-7-1887
 468 ii Della Dancy b 1853; m William Felts; Children:
 469 i William Guerry Felts
 470 ii Mamie Felts b 1884; m Eugene Smith,
 Port Arthur, Texas
 471 iii Jesse Felts b Nov 1887
-
- 446 Charlotte Dancy (see pg 83) BORN: 1834 DIED:
 MARRIED: Ilai Metcalf Fort CHILDREN:
 472 i Virginia Fort b 1855; m Wm L. Fuller
 of Ft. Worth, Texas; Children:
 473 i Joe Fuller b 1880; m Pearl Bridges;
 Children:
 474 i Chester Fuller b 1906
 475 ii Joe Fuller II b 1910
 476 ii William Fuller
 477 iii George Fuller
 478 iv Frank Fuller
 479 ii James Dancy Fort b 1863, d 1873
 480 iii Jack Fort b 1866; m Jessie Howard
 481 iv Lawson Fort b 1867 m Bella Polk of
 Springfield, Tenn. CHILDREN:
 482 i Combs Fort b 1882 m Ora Morehead,
 Children:
 483 i Elizabeth Fort b 1910
 484 ii Combs Fort II b 1912

485 ii Mary Fort b 1884
 486 iii Epps Fort b 1887
 487 iv Minnie Fort b 1890; m A. B. Walfrep; Child:
 488 i Dorothy Ann Waldrep b 1913
 489 v Maggie Fort b 1893 m Welsey Shannon 1913
 x489a v Degge Fort b 1870; m Mattie Harriess (see p 89)
 x489b vi Annie Eliza Fort b 1873; m J. F. Martin of Nashville,
 Tenn. (see p 89)

447 Elyza Dancy b 1835 (see p 83) DIED: MARRIED:
 1863, Josiah W. Fort, son of Joel Battle Fort
 and Nancy Metcalf; grandson of Elias Fort and
 Sarah Sugg CHILDREN:
 489c i Joel Battle Fort b 8-9-1854 m Sallie
 McKay; Children:
 490 i Jane M. Fort b 1878
 491 ii Elyza Fort b 1879, d 1880
 492 iii Susie Fort b 1880, d 1913
 493 iv Della Dancy Fort b 1883
 494 v Ida G. Fort b 1886; m W. O. Carlisle
 1911; 1 child:
 495 i Carson G. Carlisle b 1911
 496 vi Joel Battle Fort, Jr. b 1888
 497 vii Duncan McKay Fort b 1893
 498 viii Charles H. Fort, Jr. 1896
 499 ix John G. Fort b & d 1900
 500 x Walter A. Fort b 1903
 501 ii William D. Fort b 1896; m 1st, Lizzie
 Van Dyke 1888; m 2d, Lizzie Anthony;
 Child by 2d marriage:
 502 i Lucile Fort
 503 iii Sterling Fort m 1st, Sallie Jones 1885;
 m 2d, Maggie Fleming 1895; Children:
 (1st marriage)
 504 i George T. Fort b 1887; m Lillian
 Crouch 1913
 505 ii Sallie Fort b 1889; m Mark
 Anthony 1912
 (2d marriage)
 506 iii Margarette Fort b 1902
 507 iv William Illebrew Fort 1906
 508 iv Nancy Fort b 1867; d 1868
 509 v Dancy Fort b 1870 m Bennie Gill 1896
 (see #359, p 80)
 510 vi Charlotte Fort b 1877; m 1st, Dale Douglas;
 m 2d, Frank Baker 1902; Children:
 511 i Elyza Fort Douglas b 1903
 512 ii Elsie Van Cleve Baker b 1911

- 320 Elizabeth (Bettie) Degge (see pg 75) BORN: 11-12-1777
 DIED: 2-1-1805 MARRIED: 12-10-1801 Sugg Fort
 BORN: 6-25-1776 DIED: 3-22-1829 son of Elias Fort
 and Sarah Sugg, grandson of Elias Fort and Sarah
 Battle CHILDREN:
 513 i Eppa Lawson Fort b 8-31-1802, d 7-12-180-
 m 1st, Virginia Metcalf; m 2d, Eliza-
 beth Degge, granddau of Sterling Degge
 (see #443, p 83); Children: (1st mar.)
 514 i Jack Fort b 1833; d 1854
 unmarried
 x515 ii Ilai Metcalf Fort b 1834;
 d 1808 m Charlotte Dancy,
 sister of his father's
 2d wife (#446, p 83)
 516 iii Sugg Fort II b 1836, d 1877;
 m Virginia Sugg; Children:
 517 Eppa Lawson Fort (daughter)
 b 1869, d 1875
 518 Sugg Fort III
 519 Frank Fort
 x520 ii John Degge Fort b 3-18-1804, d 10-28-
 1829; m Miriam R. Whitfield 1-23-1827
 she b 2-13-1808, d 2-13-1888

515 Ilai Metcalf Fort (see #446, p 83)

- 520 John Degge Fort BORN: 3-18-1804 DIED: 10-28-1829
 MARRIED: 1-23-1827 Miriam R. Whitfield BORN:
 2-13-1808 DIED: 2-13-1888 on 80th birthday CHILDREN:
 521 i Elizabeth Degge Fort b 12-18-1827
 d 1-29-1904 m Buckner Killebrew Williams
 11-11-1844; he b 2-21-1819, d 3-1-1867
 (see Killebrew notes, p 81) Children:
 x522 i Eva Sarah Williams b 8-10-1849 m Dr.
 Isaac H. Brewton 1868 of Spartanburg, S.C.
 x523 ii William Leon Williams b 7-24-1853 d 5-16-
 1913; m Helen Randle 4-16-1888
 x524 iii Joseph Buckner Williams b 12-15-1860; m
 1st, Mattie Gates 11-1-1857, d 11-12-
 1892; m 2d, Mamie Young 6-4-1895, d
 4-9-1895, d 4-9-1906
 525 iv Marian Frances Williams b 10-4-1857, d
 12-5-1900 m Carey Sansing 4-19-1882
 he was b 9-5-1849 (see pg 88)
 526 v Jack Ann Fort b 12-8-1829, d 7-20-1882;
 m Dr. Joseph Marston Fort 11-6-1849
 b 1-11-1828 d 12-21-1908, He was son
 of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman
 Clay Ligon, grandson of Wm Fort, brother
 of Sugg Fort; m 2d, Mary Dancy Fort,
 wid of Chas. H. Fort and great-granddau
 of Sterling Degge; CHILDREN: (next pg)

(1st marriage):

- 527 i Elizabeth Lawson Fort b 1851- d 1858
 - 528 ii Diana Coleman Fort b and d 9-7-1852
 - 529 iii John Degge Fort b 8-19-1853; d 10-13-1875
 - 530 iv William Lawson Fort b 6-20-1858, 12-24-1859
 - 531 v Miriam R. Fort b 8-22-1861; m Wm Francis
Gill 11-6-1879, b 10-13-1851, son of
Wm H. Gill of Baltimore, Md (see Gill, p 80)
Children:
 - 532 i Joseph Henry Gill b 9-26-1886
 - 533 ii Murray Francis Gill b 10-4-1888
 - 534 vi Harriet Eugenia Fort b 1863- d 1864
 - 535 vii Diana Coleman Clay Fort b 1855; d 1858
 - 536 viii Josepha Marston Fort b 11-5-1865 m Thaddeus
Stocks Preston 11-5-1885, he b 9-18-1861,
Paris, Texas; Children:
 - 537 i Miriam Fort Preston b 8-25-1890 m Walter
Henry Allen 11-23-1911
 - 538 ii Cornelia Davis Preston b 6-27-1893,
d 8-22-1896
 - 539 iii Jack Degge Preston b 12-27-1898
- (2d marriage)
- 540 ix William Felts Fort b 11-7-1887

522 Eva Sarah Williams BORN: 8-10-1849 MARRIED: 6-15-1868

Dr. Isaac H. Brewton BORN: DIED:

CHILDREN:

- 541 i Perry Thomas Brewton b 11-25-1871 d 6-29-1914
m Annie Johnson 4-19-1897; Children:
 - 542 i Maude Bfewton b 6-10-1901
 - 543 ii Thomas Perry Brewton b 3-6-1904
 - 544 iii Ena Brewton b 1-5-1906
- 545 ii Elizabeth Brewton b 4-11-1870 m Clem Lawson
4-10-1895 he b 7-4-1862
- 546 iii Herbert Buckner Brewton b 8-12-1877; d 9-22-1903
- 547 iv Marian P. Brewton b 3-31-1875 m 11-11-1902
Paul Metzger b 8-16-1876; Child:
 - 548 i Pauline Metzger b 9-21-1913

Dr. Isaac H. Brewton was of Spartanburg, S. C.

523 William Leon Williams (see pg 86) BORN: 7-24-1853
 DIED: 5-16-1913 MARRIED: 4-1-1888 Helen Randle
 CHILDREN: (lived at Blossom, Texas)
 549 Essie Williams
 550 Randle Williams
 551 Herman Williams
 552 Malcolm Williams

524 Joseph Buckner Williams (see p 86) BORN: 12-15-1860
 DIED: MARRIED: (1st) 11-1-1887
 Mattie Gates d 11-12-1892; m (2d) 6-4-1895
 Mamie Young d 4-9-1906 CHILDREN: (all by 1st m)
 525 Ethel Williams b 1-10-1889
 526 James Buckner Williams b 10-17-1892
 527 Hardee Williams b 12-16-1904
 528 William Earl Williams b 3-14-1896

525 Marian Frances Williams (see pg 86) BORN: 10-14-1857
 DIED: 12-5-1900 MARRIED: 4-19-1882 Carey Sansing
 BORN: 9-5-1849 CHILDREN:
 529 Jack Sansing b 12-24-1882; m 5-1-1904
 Maude Owens; have 1 son
 530 Carl Sansing b 7-17-1885
 531 Bert Sansing b 12-23-1888, d 1891
 532 Elizabeth Sansing b 2-21-1898
 533 Louis Sansing b 9-12-1896

453 Mary Fort (see pg 83) BORN: 1841 DIED: 1869 MARRIED:
 1864, John Jones BORN: DIED:
 CHILDREN:
 534 i Carrie Jones b 1865 m W. D. Elliott
 Children:
 535 i Thomas Elliott b 1894
 536 ii Will. Elliott b 1897
 537 iii Jones Elliott b 1900
 538 ii Birdie Jones b 1869; m Dr. J. A.B.
 Ward, Children:
 539 i John Ward b 1900
 540 ii Mary Ward b 1908

454 William Dancy Fort BORN: 1843 DIED: 1910 (see pg 83)
 MARRIED: 1881 Anna Hamlett BORN: DIED:
 CHILDREN:
 541 i Elizabeth Fort b 1881; m M. Moody
 542 ii Winnie Fort b 1888 m Conor Garden
 Child:
 543 i Mildred Garden b 1912
 544 iii William D. Fort

489a Degge Fort (see pg 85) BORN: 1870 DIED:

MARRIED: Mattie Harris BORN:

DIED:

CHILDREN:

- 545 i Harris Fort b 1895
- 546 ii Mary Charlotte Fort b 1897
- 547 iii Ilai Fort II b 1899
- 548 iv Jessie Fort b 1900
- 549 v Martha Fort b 1902, d 1904
- 550 vi Mattie Lee Fort b 1910
- 551 vii Virginia Fort b 1908
- 552 viii Robert D. Fort b 1913

489b Annie Eliza Fort (see pg 85) BORN: 1873 DIED:

MARRIED: J. F. Martin of Nashville, Tenn. CHILDREN:

- 553 i Frank Martin b 1884
- 554 ii Virginia Martin b 1900
- 555 iii Joe Martin b 1904

556 Anthony Degge (see p 27; 104) BORN:

DIED:

MARRIED: Averilla BORN:

DIED:

CHILDREN: (from Kingstone Parish Reg. Gloucester Co.,
(Matthews Co) Va.)

- 569 i Mary Degge d Sunday 24 June 1759 in the
3d yr and 5th mo. of her age
- 569a ii Ann Degge b 9-8-1758
- 570 iii Mary Degge b 6-6-1761
- 571 iv Lawson Degge b 8-24-1764 d 8-3-1865
- x 572 v Anthony Degge d 4-30-1786; (probably
oldest child) m Elizabeth Day (see p 95)
- 573 vi Johanna Degge d 9-11-1790

Letter from George Anthony Degge, Norfolk, Va. April 12, 1881:

"In answer to your letter to my mother making certain enquiries concerning the Degge family I send you a copy of the record contained in this old Bible that we have. My father's name is not in the record now; his name was John Lawson Degge, he had a sister named Polina, their father was Anthony and his father was Joel or Joseph (?probably Joshua as shown on p 104), but I cannot tell which. I remember my grandfather, Anthony Degge. My father's aunt, who died in Smithfield, Isle of Wight Co., Va. was named Polly Degge, and this Bible and Coat of Arms that we now have was in her possession while she lived; she has been dead about 45 years. (d 1836) There are tomb stones in Smithfield, Warwick and Sussex Counties bearing the name "Degge". I have never seen any myself but have been told so by those who have.

RECORD

"Mary, the daughter of Anthony and Averilla Degge, departed this life on Sunday, 24 June 1759 in the third year and fifth month of her age.

NOTE---see p 39 for this same Bible

Lawson the son of Anthony and Averilla Degge, departed this life Thursday the 3rd of August 1765 in the 12th month of his age

Allen Smith (who was he?) departed this life Thursday 6th of May 1774, see #563, p 95)

Averilla, the wife of Anthony Degge departed (the other torn out)

Anthony Degge, the son of Anthony and Averilla, also the husband of Elizabeth Day departed this life in the year of our Lord 1786, 30th of April.

Johanna Degge, the daughter of Anthony and Averilla Degge died in the year of our Lord 1790, 11th September.

Anthony, the son of John and Johannah Degge was born November the 4th, 1714

There is mention made in the record of one James Degge being washed overboard while crossing from some point to Jamestown (see #55, p 27)

"This is a correct copy. If you think a copy of the Coat of Arms would be of any service to you we could have it photographed and sent to you"

- - - - -

Letter from Susan Williamson Wren, 834 West Beverly, Staunton, Va. March 2, 1889:

"Your letter duly received and I have tried to reply by sending a "History of the Wren Family" or rather some parts of it that I have collected, but being a novice at such work I beg you may overlook all imperfections. I am sorry not to be able to give more dates.

"My object in sending so much is to show how closely the families have been connected as far back as we can go, and truly hope you will not be fatigued in having to peruse so lengthly an epistle. I will be fully repaid for my trouble if you find anything that will be any help to you.

"We were called upon in twenty-seven short months to give up father, mother, and the eldest sister, and since their death we have found out how entirely we depended on them for everything, even their knowledge of relationships, not realizing that we would not have them always to go to for information, consequently are not as well informed as we might be, as to who, and where our relations are. I will send your letter to my Aunt Mrs. (Dr.) L. A. Leyburn (Waynesboro, Va) and I am sure she will give you any information she can about Miss Elizabeth Degge."

"The History of the Wren Family"

Sir Christopher Wren was the architect who built St. Pauls Cathedral and about sixty churches in London in the place of those destroyed by the great fire, This distinguished man was born in Wiltshire in 1632 and was educated at Oxford.

He was early in life devoted to mathematical pursuits and was appointed professor of Astronomy at the University and also elected a fellow of the Royal Society, but the office which gained him his peculiar reputation was that of St. Pauls, and this vast heap, this splendid pile, is the most magnificent monument to anyone man's genius that exists perhaps in the whole world.

"It is true that St. Peters at Rome exceeds St. Pauls in size and perhaps in splendor, but that was more than one hundred and thirty years in building, and was the work of many hands. The first stone of St. Pauls was laid in 1675 and whole building was completed in thirty-five years. The little church at St. Stephen's Walbrook is thought by many to exhibit quite as much of Sr. Christopher's genius as St. Pauls though on a very small scale. It is considered a model of architectural taste and elegance. Sir Christopher Wren died the very year that St. Pauls was completed, aged 91 and was interred in the Church.

"Sir Christopher Wren was married (but I do not know to whom) he had one son Sir Anthony Degge (so his wife might have been a Miss Degge) he married and had three sons who when grown came from England to America and but one of them that we know anything about, lost sight of the other two, they might have gone back to England or probably married and settled somewhere in America. The names of two of them were Kilby and John, the other's name is unknown, but supposed to have been after his father"

(Note--The following is made up of what followed in the above letter. R. T. R)

- I. Sir Christopher Wren m
- II. Sir Anthony Degge (his wife may have been a Degge) 3 sons:
- III. Kilby Wren m his cousin, Elizabeth Degge
21 June 1764 ("Kingstone Parish Reg., Gloucester
(Matthews) Co., Va.) Children: (see pg 95)

- 4. John Wren
- 5. Kilby Wren
- 6. William Degge Wren b Williamsburg, Va.; settled
in Richmond, Va; m Theodocia Price of
Henrico Co., Va. Children:
- 7. i Ann Virginia Wren m Lofton M. Elett
16 chn; 6 lived to maturity:
- 8. i James Elett m Hudson; had
2 chn; he was killed in Civil War
- 9. ii Thomas Elett m widow of his brother
James, above; no chn
- 10. iii Mary Elett; m James Crenshaw,
widower of her sister Ellen;
no chn; Mr. Crenshaw living 1889
- 11. iv Robert Elett; killed in Civil
War, never married
- 12. v Ellen Elett m James Crenshaw
(see #10) of Richmond, 1 chd:
- 13. Ann Virginia Elett
- 13. vi Virginia Elett; d unmarried
- 8. ii Mary Elizabeth Wren d 1859 unmm
- 9. iii Susan Williamson Wren m Dr. Alfred
Leyburn of Rockbridge, Va; lived at
"Elwood"; no children
- 10. iv John Fleming Wren d suddenly 1 Feb 1884
age 68; m Catherine Elizabeth Kennon
dau of Dr. George Kennon, Navy surgeon,
of Norfolk, Va. 10 children:
(see next page.)

- 11 i Sarah Ann Wren m Albert G. Hill of Richmond
no chn; he d 5 yrs after his marriage
- 12 ii George Kennon Wren m Lelia Watkins of
Richmond who d Nov 1888; 3 children:
 - 13 i Lelia Wren d age 5 in 1887
 - 14 ii George Wren d 1888
 - 15 iii Kate Harris Wren
Geo. K. Wren with his small dau Kate
Harris Wren lives with his mother at 318
S. 4th, Richmond, Va.
- 16 iii Theodocia Virginia Wren, d after the birth
of her 6th child; m Capt. Albert G.
Williams (U. S. Army) of Bedford Co.
6 children:
 - 17 i John Wren Williams
 - 18 ii Matilda Beverly Williams
 - 19 iii Kate Kennon Williams
 - 20 iv Alberta Hill Williams
 - 21 v Albert G. Williams
 - 22 vi Theodocia Virginia Williams, d 6 mos.
- 23 iv William Degge Wren m Fannie Dunn of Powhatan,
d in 6 mos after m; m 2d, Rebecca Ruffin
of Norfolk who d in a few months; m 3d,
Belle 1 child:
 - 24 i Catherine Elizabeth Wren
This family lives at Coronea, Alabama
- 25 v John Fleming Wren, un m in 1889
- 26 vi Kate Beverly Wren " " "
- 27 vii Richard Henry Wren " " "
- 28 viii Mary Welford Wren m Robt R. Field 17 Nov 1885;
Child:
 - 29 i John F. Wren
This family lives at 804 W. Main, Staunton,
Va.
- 30 ix Walter Martin Wren m Fannie Hall of Richmond,
Child:
 - 31 i Walter Martin Wren
This family lives in Richmond, Va. (1889)
- 32 x Anthony Degge Wren; d infancy
- 33 v Samuel Price Wren; d aged 17
- 34 vi Anthony Degge Wren; moved to Staunton and opened
a drug store; m Susan Mary Breckenridge, dau
of the late John B. Breckenridge of Kentucky
This family lived in Staunton for some time when
Mr. Wren's health failed and they went to their
farm "Glenmore" in Augusta. 7 children:
 - 35 i William Degge Wren; m Annie Blair, dau of
John of Scotville, Va. they live in
Richmond; 3 children:
 - 36 i John Blair Wren, d in few days
 - 37 ii Anthony Degge Wren
 - 38 iii Mary Elizabeth Wren
 - 39 ii John Breckenridge Wren m Ella Campbell
of W. Va.; 2 children:
 - 40 i Anthony Breckenridge Wren
 - 41 ii Mary Bell Wren

iii

42 Robert Lewis Wren; his health was bad; went south;
m Rebecca Stores and died a short time after;
1 child:

43 i William Degge Wren

44 iv Margaret Breckenridge Wren, unnm

45 v Mary Elizabeth Wren, unnm

46 vi Susan Williamson Wren, unnm

47 vii Caroline Heiskell Wren, unnm

The last four lived with their parents at
"Glenmore" until a few years ago. Mrs. Wren died
while on a visit to her son William in Richmond
20 Apr 1885 and is buried at Staunton in Thornrose
Cemetery. Mr. Wren lived only 17 months after his
wife's death; he died at "Glenmore" Sept 20, 1886
and is buried by his wife. The four youngest (daus)
moved to Staunton where they lived only ten months
when Margaret died July 24, 1887 after a long illness.
She wrote poetry and had her book published "Echoes
From The Heart" only a few months before she died.
Mary, Susie (writer of the letter from which this
data is taken) and Carrie live at 834 West Beverly St.,
Staunton, Va. in 1889.

48 vii Robert Lewis Wren

#6, William Degge Wren (see pg 91) m 2d, Mrs. Crump and they
had one son:

49 viii Wren (his first name not given)

- - - - -

NOTE---It is difficult to properly place the names
found in Matthews County (formerly part of Gloucester)
Virginia records by Wm H. Degges. The following is based
on these records; more research necessary for those who
may be descendants of these families. R. T.R.

The Ball and Wren families were connected as evidenced
by the following will:

WILL: I, Henry Ball, of Lancaster, Parish of Christ
Church, give to my daughter Rebecca Ball, all my land and
all my movable furniture in the house and out. I give my
son William Ball, one English shilling when he come of age.

I give my son Henry Ball one English shilling when he
comes of age; and if my wife Rebecca Ball should happen to
be with child that it shall receive one shilling when it comes
of age. It is my will that my wife Rebecca Ball shall receive
dower of land----

It is my will that if my daughter Rebecca Ball die be-
fore she come of age or marry that then MR. NICHOLAS WREN, SR.
shall possess my land for him and his heirs forever and that
my whole estate shall be divided between WM. WREN and Katherine
Ball, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Ball.

It is my will that my movable goods
 I do nominate and appoint my well beloved friend Mr.
 Andrew Jackson and Mr. William Lefere and Derror James, Jr.
 and MR. NICHOLAS WREN, all to be my lawful Executors.
 I appoint my well beloved friend Mr. Andrew Jackson
 to be my children's guardian and that my estate and she be
 in his possession until my children become of age and not
 longer unless she be willing.
 Witnesses: Wm Brugh
 Elizabeth Wren
 Thomas Ball

Dated Feb 17, 1723-4.
 - - - - -

From "Virginia County Records" by Crozier

EARLY MARRIAGES.
 Middlesex Co., Va. --- Bonds.

Jan 9, 1749--Henry Washington to marry Miss Anne Thacker
 Lancaster Co. ---- Bonds.
 Dec 10, 1735---Geo. Ball and Judith Payne
 Sept 7, 1748--Robt. Mitchell and Miss Hannah Ball
 Mch 12, 1765--John Ball and Mary Ball, consent of Lettice
 Ball mother of Mary Ball and William Ball, guardian
 to his brother John Ball
 Oct 21, 1768---Henry Lawson and Esther Chinn
 Nov 3, 1772---Le Roy Griffin and Judith Ball, dau of James
 Ball
 Jan 25, 1797--Joseph Ball and Ann Currell

Westmoreland Co.,----- Bonds.

Oct 25, 1819--Lawrence Washington and Sarah T. Washington
 Sarah Washington, her mother, gives consent.
 Lancaster Co., Va--Clerks Office--Bonds.
 - - - - -
 Oct 16, 1727--Wm Montague and Hannah Ball
 Sept 22, 1724--Denis McCarty and Sarah, the dau of Wm Ball
 Oct 5, 1721--Chas. Burges & Frances Fox, the dau of David Ball
 Jan 13, 1725--John Selding of Eliz. City Co. and Sarah Ball,
 dau of Richard Ball
 Feb 17, 1723--Wm Ball and Mrs. Margaret Ball by Wm Ball, Jr.
 and David Ball
 Feb 17, 1723/4--Marriage license--Wm Ball to marry Margaret
 Ball, dau of Richard Ball witnessed by David and
 Spencer Ball
 May 29, 1727---David Ball and Ellen Neale
 Apr 13, 1726--Geo. Glasscock of Richmond Co. and Mrs.
 Judith Ball of Lancaster
 Nov 25, 1717--Samuel Ball and Annie Taylor
 Nov 2, 1727--Joseph Chinn and Mrs. Elizabeth Ball.
 - - - - -

572 Anthony Degge (see pg 89) BORN: DIED: 4-30-1786
 MARRIED: Elizabeth Day (see rec of death, p 90)
 CHILDREN: (see documents below in text)
 561 i Anthony Degge, Jr.
 562 ii Elizabeth Degge; m Kilby Wrenn
 21 June 1764 "Kingstone Parish
 Reg. Gloucester (Matthews Co) Va.
 (see their biography on pg 91, #III)
 see p 38, Johanna Kilbee m John Degge
 563 iii Averilla Degge; m Allen Smith
 564 iv Sarah Degge
 565 v Anne Degge
 566 vi Molly Degge
 567 vii John Degge m
 had one son:
 568 i Anthony Degge

Letter from A. S. Edwards, County Clerk, Surry County,
 Surry, Va. Sept 17, 1912.

"I am sending you all I can find in our records touching the Degge family. Our records do not show where they came from, but as JOHN DEGGE seems to have had property in Gloucester County, they must have come from that part of said County now composing Matthews County. Anthony Degge, Senr. died about 1784, for on May 25, 1784 the Court "Ordered that William Burton whose name is subscribed as a witness to the last will and testament of Anthony Degge, Senr., be summoned to appear at the next Court to prove the same". This is the last entry I can find about this will; if proved, it was never recorded, nor do I find any order in the order book admitting it to record. The deed to Peter James shows that young Anthony had moved or gone back to Matthews County."

1775. THIS INDENTURE Made this Twelfth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and seventh-five between Anthony Degge, of the County of Surry and John Degge, SON OF THE ABOVE SAID ANTHONY DEGGE, of the other part, WITNESSETH: That said Anthony Degge, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Eight Pounds Money of Virginia, hath granted, bargained, sold aliened and enfoeffed and confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfoeff and confirm unto the said John Degge, his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract or quantity of land situate lying and being in Surry County aforesaid, containing two hundred and forty acres being on the South side of a small swamp, taking in the land that is known by the name of the seventy acres land, joining Mr. Wm Cox land and running along the said Cox line to a lad Oliver's so along the said Oliver's land to the mouth of

the above said small swamp, to a forked white oak on the north side of the said Swamp. To have and to hold with all woods, ways water-courses, profits, emoluments, hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to him the said John Degge, his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns forever in a full and ample manner as the most learned in law can devise, and I do hereby warrant and defend this my sale of all and singular and premises with their appertainances to him ~~the~~ said John Degge, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever against any person or persons whatsoever as shall claim by from or under or my heirs, Executors, or any other person or persons whatsoever as shall claim by, from or under me or my Heirs, Executors, or any other person or persons whatsoever, and to acknowledge this to be my real act and deed in the next Court to be held for the County aforesaid in Witness of the premises I have put my hand and seal this day and year above written.

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED IN
PRESENCE OF -----

Anthony Degge, (L. S.)

At a Court held for Surry County January 24th, 1775.

Anthony Degge came into Court and acknowledged this Indenture to John Degge, and was by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste:

Exam.

William Nelson CLK. CURE.

A Copy,

Test:

A. S. Edwards, Clerk.

- - - - -

1766 THIS INDENTURE, made this twenty-sixth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty six, Between Hartweell Philips and Jane, his wife, of the County of Edgecomb in North Carolina, of the one part and ANTHONY DEGGE of Surry County, Virginia of the other part, WITNESSETH: That the said Hartwell Philips and Jane, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty Pounds Current Money of Virginia, hath Granted, Bargained sold, Alien'd, Enfoeffed and Confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien enfoeff and confirm unto the said ANTHONY DEGGE, his heirs and assigns forever, A certain tract or quantity of land situate lying and being in Surry County, aforesaid, containing two hundred and seventy acres, more or less, bounded Beginning at a pine, a corner tree formerly betwixt Samuel Thompson and Nicholas Sessoms Southeast to a small pine standing above the head of a branch formerly between Charles Savedge and Joseph Richardson, then along the said branch to the mouth then along a line of Marshes trees to the first station To have and to hold, be the same more or less with all woods, ways, Water Courses, Houses and Orchards, Profits, Emoluments, Hereditaments thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining to him, the said Anthony Degge, his heirs, Exors, Admr's., or Assigns forever in as full and ample manner as the most learned

in the law can devise, and we do hereby warrant and defend this our sale of all and singular the premises with there appurtenances to him, the said Anthony Degge, his heirs, Exors., and assigns forever against any person or persons whatsoever, and to acknowledge this to be our real act and deed in the next Court to be held for the County aforesaid.

IN WITNESS of the premises we have put our hands and seals this day and year above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED	Hartwell Philips (L.S.)
in the presence of us.... (L.S.)
Nicholas Faulcon, Junr.	
Thomas Hart.	
his	
Joseph X Gwaltney	
mark	

At a Court held for Surry County, May the 19th, 1767.

This Indenture ffrom Hartwell Philips to Anthony Degge was proved by the Oaths of Nicholas Faulcon, Junr., Thomas Hart and Joseph Gwaltney, the witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Test:

William Nelson Ct.Cur.

Exam. & Delivered Degge

A Copy, Test:

A. S. Edwards. Clerk

1779

WILL OF JOHN DEGGE

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I JOHN DEGGE of Surry County, being in perfect health, bless God for the same, I do make this my last Will and Testament, as followith, that is to say, Imprimis, that all my funeral expenses be paid and discharged, by my Executrix and Executors, hereinafter named. Item, I lend all my Estate to my beloved Father and Mother during their lives, and after their death, to be equally divided, between my loving Brother and Sisters, all. Lastly, I make my loving Mother Executrix and my loving Brother Allen Smith my Executor of this my last Will and Testament, Dated this 20th day of June 1769.

Sealed in the presence of us,
John Preson
Johanner Degge
Averillah Smith
Anthony Degge

John Degge, (L. S.)

At a Court held for Surry County, August 24th, 1779. The aforewritten last Will and Testament of John Degge, dec'd was presented in Court, and being first proved by the oaths of John Presson and Anthony Degge, two of the witnesses thereto was by the Court ordered to be recorded, and on the motion

of Anthony Degge, Junr. who made oath according to law Certificate is granted for obtaining letters of Administration on the Estate of the said John Degge, dec'd with the will of the said John Degge annexed, he thereupon gave Bond and Security as the Law directs.

Teste:

Exame. A Copy, William Nelson, Co. Clk.

Teste:

A. S. Edwards, Clerk

NOTE--From the following document it will be seen that the John Degge who made the above will, left a son, Anthony Degge.

1782. KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Anthony Degge, Junr. Elizabeth Wrenn (See #III, p 91) Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Anne Degge, Molly Degge, do hereby covenant and agree of our, and each of our voluntary consent to make over and confirm unto ANTHONY DEGGE, the younger Orphan of JOHN DEGGE, Dec'd. Two negroes namely, Harry and Judy, now in the possession of Anthony Degge, Senr., by virtue of the last Will and Testament of John Degge, Dec'd., wherein he gave unto the said Anthony Degge, Senr. the use of the said Negroes during his natural life and after Death he gave the said Negroes to be equally divided between the said Anthony Degge, Junr. Elizabeth Wren, Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Anna Degge, and Molly Degge as will more fully appear by the said will, reference being thereto had which Negroes we do hereby give grant make over and confirm unto the said Anthony Degge the Younger and to his Heirs forever saving only and on this proviso that if the above mentioned Anthony Degge the Younger should die without lawful issue of his body then and in that case the above Negroes to return to us above mentioned and to our and each of our Heirs in the same manner as if this Instrument of writing had never been made or granted and we, the said Anthony Degge, Junr., Elizabeth Wren, Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Anne Degge and Molly Degge do for ourselves, our Heirs Executors quit claim, and forever defend the right title claim and reversion of the said Negroes above mentioned and every party thereof unto the said Anthony Degge, the younger, and to his Heirs lawfully by his body forever, agreeable to the above proviso.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals this the seventh day of February 1782.

	Anthony Degge, Junr.	(L.S.)
	Elizabeth Wren	(L.S.)
	Averilla Smith	(L.S.)
Signed, Sealed & Ack-	Sarah Degge	(ISS)
nowledged in the presence	Ann Degge	(L.S.)
of James Davis	Molly Degge	(L.S.)
Tomer Presson		
John Wren		

At a Court held for Surry County, October 22, 1782.

The aforewritten Deed of Gift from Anthony Degge Junr., Elizabeth Wren, Averilla Smith, Sarah Degge, Ann Degge, and Molly Degge to Anthony Degge, the younger was proved to be the act and Deed of the said Anthony, Elizabeth, Averilla, Sarah, Ann and Molly by the oaths of Tomer Presson and John Wren, two of the witnesses thereto, and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste:

J. Faulcon, Ct. Cur.

Exam. & d'd Anthry. Degge, Sen.

A Copy, Teste:

A. S. Edwards, Clerk.

NOTE--The document below was evidently made by #568, p 95, Anthony Degge

1800. THIS INDENTURE Made this twenty fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred, between ANTHONY DEGGE, of the COUNTY OF MATTHEWS of the one part and PETER JAMES of the COUNTY OF SURRY, of the other part, WITNESSETH: That the said Anthony Degge, for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds current money of Virginia, to him in hand paid or otherwise secured before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge, hath granted, bargained, sold, and by these presents doth grant, bargain and sell, enfeof and confirm unto the said Peter James, and to his heirs and assigns forever, one certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the said County of Surry, containing two hundred and thirty acres, be the same more or less and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning and adjoining the lands of John Lane, Mary Long, the land commonly called Hart's, John Cock's, and the land commonly called Oliver's, it being all the lands now in possession of the said Anthony Degge, in the said County of Surry. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land and all its appurtenances to him, the said Peter James, and to his heirs and assigns to their proper use and behoof forever, and the said Anthony Degge, doth further covenant and agree to and with the said Peter James that this present deed of bargain and sale shall be to him, the said Peter James and to his heirs and assigns forever a good and sufficient Warrantee against him, the said Anthony Degge, and all claiming by, through or under him, as well as against the right, title, claim and demand of all and every other person or persons whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Anthony Degge hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year as above written, and in the twenty-third year of the Commonwealth.

Signed, sealed and delivered
in the presence of
John Lane, Senior,
John Mooring
William Slade, Jr.

Anthony Degge (SEAL)

January the twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred.

Then the within land was delivered and full satisfaction received for the same.

Anthony Degge

Test,
John Lane, Senior.
John Morring
William Slade, Jr.

At a Court held for the County of Surry February 25th, 1800

The within written Indenture of Bargain and Sale from Anthony Degge to Peter James with a receipt endorsed was proved to be the act and deed of the said Anthony Degge by the witnesses thereto, and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Test:

Examed.

Jacob Faulcon (C.S.C.)

A Copy

Teste: A. S. Edwards, Clerk

61. Christopher Degge (see pg 35) BORN: 25 Feb 1769 Gloucester Co., Va. (Kingstone Parish Reg) in that part now Matthews Co. DIED: MARRIED:

In Wm S. Diggs manuscript, quoted in notes of Wm H. Degges we find the following:

"Christopher Y. Diggs of Norfolk (a hardware merchant) died 1860 aged 52 years, formerly of MATTHEWS COUNTY, Va. married Frances Rudd and had:

Benjamin Diggs
Emma J. Diggs
William Walter Diggs
Amanda Diggs
Christopher Diggs
Fannie O. Diggs
Charles Hathaway Diggs
Linda Diggs

"Christopher C. Diggs m Carrie Brownell and had:
Lola B. Diggs and resided at Portsmouth, Va.

"Charles Hathaway Diggs of Norfolk, Va. m of Baltimore, Md and 2 children who d in infancy. Mr. Diggs aged 57 is a retired merchant of large means and lives in elegance with his wife at Stockley Gardens, Norfolk. He greatly favors the old stock of Digges in Randolph County (Indiana). He had an uncle Cole Diggs and heard his mother say some years ago that one of three Diggs brothers went to Missouri near St. Louis and one to North Carolina, the third remaining in Virginia. (Note--Since this is family tradition, it cannot be relied upon as fact. There seems to be some confusion between the Diggs and Degge family, Wm H. Degges notes reveal that he found proof of the two different families with similar names.)

- - - - -

Also in Matthews County (formerly part of Gloucester) Va. was a William Degges shortnamed "Fever Billy" m in 1768 in Matthews County and had:

- i John Degge m Sarah Hathaway d by 1882, family still living in Matthews Co. in 1882 (Hathaway was the second name of Charles Hathaway Diggs (see last paragraph, p 100) see p 63a
- ii Polly Degge m John Degge (Wm, Augustine, Simon) their son, Thomas Diggs was living at Mayfield Farms, near Richmond, Va. 1 July 1878
- iii Bolen Degge, d unkm
- iv Barber Degge; settled in Mo. or Ky.
- v Cole Degge
- vi Elizabeth Degge; m John Brownely, Methodist minister
- vii William Degge; m Miss King

Note--It would seem from the fact that there is a Cole Degge in this family, that the Christopher Y. Diggs (see past paragraph, p 100 and top of 101) belonged to the Diggs family and that the name above should be spelled "Diggs" instead of "Degge".

Jan 5, 1815 JOHN DEGGES and Rowland S. Degges, Executors of Wm Degges deceased, sold to John Thrall their land and improvements formerly the land whereon Isaac Degges dwelt, the property of Wm Degges, deceased.

Nov 25, 1815 Agreement between John T. Degges of Northumberland Co. and Wm T. Newby and Spencer Geroge of Lancaster Co. in which Degges deeded his land on the Currotowman.

pg 195, no. 26--Indenture March 1, entered into June 11, 1817 between Lawson Hathaway attorney for John Degges surviving, Exor. of Wm Degges deceased as will appear by a power of attorney made by said John Degges Exor. as aforeaid and duly recorded in the County Court of Mathews of the one part and Mark Towell of the other Part, both of the County of Lancaster---situated on Nantypoison neck on the East-----

William Diggs, an oysterman of Matthews County, had John Diggs of Matthews County, Va. and he had:

- i Thomas Diggs, a Methodist minister and he had:

- 1 Thomas William Diggs of Felden, Va.,
a Confederate soldier
- 2 J. Singleton Diggs of Lynchburg, Va.,
a lawyer
- 3 Charles D. Diggs of Cumberland, Va.
m 1st, m 2d.....

Children: (1st marriage)

- i Hon. Edward E. Diggs, Attorney,
Childress, Texas

Children: (2d marriage)

- ii Thomas C. Diggs, Richmond, Va.
- iii Albert Cronin Diggs " "
- iv Helen Diggs " "
- v Frances E. Diggs " "

(see pg 102)

vi Timothy Lloyd Diggs, Richmond, Va.
 vii Augustus Percy Diggs, " "
 viii Mabel F. Diggs " "

 Samuel E. Diggs, Matthews Co., Va. wrote to Miss Maria V. Degge, St. Louis, Mo. on May 15th, 1882 as follows:

"I understand that the family first settled in Warwick Co, Va. I will try to trace them out as soon as I can possibly do so." (This compiler does not find any more communications from him in W. H. Degges notes) Then follows two pages of data on Augustine and William Degge's families.

From the statement that the family first came to Warwick County, Va. it would seem that they belong to the Diggs family (see this family at back of this ms.) The family of John Degge comes from Gloucester County. (see pg 28) Mr. Samuel E. Diggs says that Augustine Degge was the son of Simon Degge. I have not yet found among Wm H. Degge's notes a Simon Degge born about 1708/10 who would have been his father. It is probably that the Diggs family had an early Simon Diggs who was father of Augustine. More research is necessary on this. Mr. Wm H. Degges tried to trace them, but the following will show why he could not get documentary evidence.

From P. T. Woodward, Saluda, Middlesex Co., Va. Feb 1, 1889. "Yours received. Our record runs back to 1673. But many of the books and papers are in bad condition, some books and papers were destroyed during the late war."

From W. C. Burnham, C. C. Denbigh, Warwick Co., Va. "All of the records of this County were destroyed during the Civil War, and I have nothing from which I can furnish you the information you desire"

 Augustine Degge (Simon Degge or Diggs) m Mary.....
 ("Kingston Parish Reg., Gloucester (Matthews Co.) Va.")

Children:

- 1 William Diggs m and had a son John who m Polly Degge (see pg 101, 2d paragraph)
 - 2 John Diggs
 - 3 James Diggs (grfather of Samuel E. Diggs 1st par. above)
 - 4 Jesse Diggs b 21 May 1769; m Miss Christian
 - 5 Josiah Diggs b 14 Feb 1765
 - 6 Augustine Diggs b 29 Apr 1760
 - 7 Joshua Diggs b 5 July 1756, d 31 Oct 1759
 - 8 Isaac Degge b 25 Apr 1758, d 1759
 - 9 Mary Diggs
 - 10 Elizabeth Diggs
 - 11 Basha Diggs b 17 Mar 1767
 - 12 Bailey Diggs b 25 Dec 1772
-

- 4 Jesse Diggs b 21 May 1769; m Miss Christian who d
 5 Jan 1780; m 2d.....who d 5 Nov 1840;
 Jesse d 3 Jan 1851 CHILDREN: (1st marriage)
 13 Mary Diggs b 25 Oct 1793, d unm
 14 James Diggsb 9 Nov 1795, d unm
 Children: (2d marriage)
 15 Alexander Diggs b 25 June 1801 m Frances
 Blake b 20 Dec 1827, Children:
 16 James W. Diggs b 11 Dec 1828
 17 Lucy Jane Diggs b 27 Apr 1831; m
 John Tillaston and had:
 18 Elizabeth F. Tillaston 26 Nov 1856
 19 Alexander Tillaston 15 Nov 1861
 20 John W. Tillaston 26 Aug 1865
 21 Lucy C. Tillaston 9 Feb 1869
 22 Frank D. Tillaston 1 Oct 1871
 23 Lodwick Diggsb 9 Nov 1804; m Ann E. Minor
 8 Nov 1832; he d 21 Mar 1838, his wf d
 1 Mar 1836, Child:
 24 Catherine F. Degge 15 Aug 1833, d 1839
 25 Sarah M. Diggs b 16 Mar 1807; d Montgomery Co.,
 Mo.; m Robert Badger of Gloucester Co., Va.
 who d in Montgomery Co., Mo. had several
 children, among them:
 26 Rosey Badger
 27 John F. Diggs b 22 June 1809; d Montgomery
 Co., Mo. m in St. Louis, Mo and had 1 son:
 28 William Diggs; d in Montgomery Co., Mo.
 29 Francis W. Diggs b 20 June 1812; m Miss Hill
 in St. Louis, Mo; living (1882) Montgomery
 Co., Mo. with a family of children
 30 Elizabeth Diggs b 17 May 1815; m Thomas Hogg
 in Gloucester Co., Va. had 2 children:
 d in St. Louis, Mo.
 31 Simon Diggs b 14 Sept 1817; m in Mo; living
 in Arrowrock, Mo in 1882
 32 Jesse C. Diggs b 26 Oct 1820; m prob in Mont-
 gomery Co., Mo. living in Galena, Ills.
 with a family in 1882
 33 Catherine Jane Diggsb 20 Dec 1823; m Thomas
 Hogg (see #30) living in St. Louis, Mo. 1882
 34 William B. Diggs b 29 June 1827; m in Mo;
 living in Galena, Ills with family 1882.

- - - - -

NOTE---This compiler thinks that the Athnomy Degge (#54, p 27) born 1714 has been confused with his son Anthony Degge who married Averilla. The reader will note on p 89, #54, that Anthony Diggs appears to have married when he around forty-one years old (if he was the one born 1714). The first child on the record (see bottom, p 89) was Mary who died in 1759 in the 4th year of her age which would have made her birth date 1755. Her parents were probably married in 1754, or thereabouts, which would have made her father between 40 and 41 at the time of his marriage. From the Gloucester (Matthews Co) Va. Kingstone Parish Register we find that there were several Degge men living there who had children born in that Parish who do not fit into any other of the Degge families as outlined by Wm H. Degges in his notes. From letters we have found in his notes, we think the record should be as follows:

(see pg 89)

54 Anthony Degge born 11-4-1714 DIED:

MARRIED:

- x556 i Anthony Degge b abt 1733; m
Averilla(see p 89)
- x557 ii Joseph Degge b abt 1736; m Sarah
Degge
- x558 iii Joshua Degge b abt 1738; m Caty
(Catherine)
- 559 iv Christopher Degge b abt 1736; m
Sarah Child:
- 559a i Ann Degge b 30 Sept 1756
- 560 v Johanna Degge (prob his dau) m
Wm Hudgin 30 Nov 1756

557 Joseph Degge BORN: about 1736 Gloucester (Matthews Co), Va. DIED: MARRIED: Sarah Degge
CHILDREN: (Kingston Parish Reg)

- 574 i Rebecca Degge b 19 Jan 1757
- 575 ii Joseph Degge b 21 Sept 1759
- 576 iii Elizabeth Degge b 13 Jan 1762
- 577 iv Charles Degge b 18 Nov 1764
- 578 v Henry Degge) twins
- 579 vi John Degge) b 17 June 1767
- 580 vii James Degge b 8 Feb 1771

558 Joshua Degge b abt 1738; DIED: MARRIED: Caty
or Catherine; m 2d, Betty Degge 13 Oct
1762: CHILDREN: (1st marriage)

- 581 i Averilla Degge b 2 Dec 1758; m Francis
Miller 6 Oct 1776
- 582 ii William Degge b 18 Dec 1760; served in
Revolutionary War
- (2d mar) 583iii Louisa Degge b 25 Feb 1863
- 584 iv Anthony Degge b 20 May 1765; he was
probably father of John Lawson Degge
and Polina Degge. John Lawson Degge
was father of Geo. Anthony Degge of
Norfolk, Va. 1881 (see letter p 89)

- 585 v Mary Degge b 9 Jan 1767 (was she the
"Aunt Polly" who died in Isle of
Wight Co., Va. mentioned in letter
of Geo Anthony Degge, p 89?) see
pp 39-39a
- 586 vi David Degge b 17 Oct 1768
- 587 vii Isaac Degge b 5 May 1770
- 588 viii John Degge b 11 Aug 1772
- 589 ix Augustine Degge b 15 July 1774
- 590 x Joel Degge b 18 June 1776

NOTE---See pp 41-42 for military service of some of these men.

Other Degge records from Kingston Parish Reg.,
Gloucester (Matthews) Co., Va.

-- Marriages --

Elizabeth Degge m George Feliyoung 5 Oct 1754

Elizabeth Degge m KILBE WREN 21 June 1764 (#562, p 95)

Mary Degge m James Steward 1 Apr 1766

Mary Degge m Joel Foster 17 Mar 1767

John Degge m Joyce Davis 23 Mar 1775 and had:
Lawson Degge b 3 Feb 1776

John Degge m Ann Miller 7 Apr 1775 and had:
Isaac Degge b 27 Aug 1776

-
- 48 Marshall Degge (see pg 27) BORN: about 1693 DIED:
MARRIED: Sarah BORN: DIED:
CHILDREN: (only partial list, if this compiler
finds Caroline Co., Va. records for this family,
perhaps more names can be added)
- x591 i Marshall Degge b 1732; d 1831; m Anne.....
- x592 ii William Degge (spelled his name Diggs
on records) b 1734; d 1785/87; m
Judith Haley; see p 117

Marshall Diggs is remembered in his Aunt Mary Degge's
will (see third line, p 23) in which she calls him nephew,
son of my brother John. Later on in her will (pg 24) she
mentions her nieces, daughters of her brother John, in Va.

Marshall Degge b 1693 may have died in Caroline Co.,
Va, where we find both Marshall and William, his sons, in
the Quaker meeting there. These two sons appear in Anson
County, N. C. where Marshall Degge bought land of John
Hornbeck.

Letter from W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior
Court, Wadesboro, Anson County, N. C. May 24, 1912:
"Enclosed you will find certified copies of five
wills and several extracts of deeds.

"In a great fire which nearly destroyed Wadesboro
in 1868, the court house was burned, and many valuable
records destroyed, among them the original wills, indeed
nothing was saved from the Clerk of Superior Court's
office except the will books, and a few other old record
books.

The following will show that Marshall Degge lived in Middlesex Co., Va. before he went to Caroline Co, Va.

Middlesex Court House, Va. Apr 7, 1713.
Order Book No. 5, p 120-----

In an action upon the case between MARSHALL DEGGE, pltf. and Sarah Bennett, deft., the deft. not appearing at the pltfs. Motion, judgement is granted him against the Sheriff for what and sum sued for in the declaration shall appear due unless the said defendant appear at next court and consider the said action.

pg 130, July 8, 1713---Judgement in favor of Plaintiff for 50 pounds of tobacco.

- - - - -

"The original wills being destroyed, it cannot be determined whether or not the earliest Marshall Degge in this County used a seal. If a seal was used it was not copied on the record.

"The extracts of deeds I copied myself from the original records. Through years of use, the original record books had been badly worn and copied into new books, and on investigating I found that those who did the copying from the old records, and making new indexes, had changed the spelling from Degge or Deggs to Diggs, and seeming to forget they should follow the original in every respect. I spent a great deal of time searching the original records, and believe the extracts which I copied myself from the original records, are absolutely correct. You can see that I followed the original spelling, punctuation, etc.

"I was glad to have found, in the old Court record, in the minutes of the Court, where Marshall Degge, Sheriff of Anson County, came into Court and settled his account for the year 1767. In the old days all deeds and wills were passed upon by this Court, and I thought it probable this record would throw some light on the spelling of the names, and as you see I was well rewarded for the search. It is very interesting to note that in those days a Sheriff was allowed some years in which to collect and settle his taxes, as it appears from this record that all the Sheriffs were allowed several years in which to settle.

"I am quite anxious to read the copy of the will you sent Mr. Eli M. Diggs, and hope to soon be able to see it.

"I trust that the copies of the records I am sending you will be of material assistance to you, and I will be glad to do anything further I possibly can for you."

591 Marshall Degge BORN: 1732 DIED: 1831 Anson Co., N. C.

MARRIED: Ann BORN:

DIED: CHILDREN:

- 593 i William Diggs; 1st par. p 121
- x594 ii Marshall Diggs; m Lydia Hinson
- 595 iii John Diggs
- 596 iv Martha Diggs; m Cock
- 597 v Mary Diggs

Marshall Diggs made his will in 1816 but it was proved till 1831.

WILL OF MARSHALL DIGGS

In the name of God, Amen. I, Marshall Diggs, Sen. of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being in perfect mind and memory and call to mind the uncertainty of the transitory life and that all must yield unto death when it please God to call and for the better disposing of my worldly estate and such goods and chattles as it hath pleased Almighty God through his great mercy to bestow on me in this life do make, sign, seal, publish and declare this

my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say--Imprimis I recommend my soul to Almighty God the giver and desposer of all things with as sure and certain hope that through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I shall inherit everlasting life; my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Item:- I give my beloved wife Ann Diggs, two negroes, viz., York and Mourning and her increase hereafter, also I lend her the use of my land and plantation whereon I now live; also I lend her the use of all working tools and the use of all my stock of every kind whatsoever as long as she surviveth.

Item:- I give my son, William Diggs, one negro girl named Pheby to him and his heirs forever.

Item:- I give my son, Marshall Diggs, the upper end of my land joining W. Watkins and Crews' land, beginning at a Spanish Oak marked on the dividing branch a pine and sower wood pointers to him and his heirs forever but not to be by him possessed till after the death of my wife, also I give to my son, Marshall Diggs, one feather bed and furniture and one chest but not to be by him possessed till after the death of my wife.

Item:- I give my son, John Diggs, one negro boy, Thomas to him and his heirs forever.

Item:- I give to my daughter, Martha Cock, five dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item:- I give to my daughter, Mary Diggs, one feather bed, and furniture, one cow, one cotton wheel, and one flax wheel to her and her heirs forever, but not to be possessed till after the death of my wife.

And lastly I appoint my two sons, (viz) John Diggs, Marshall Diggs, my Executors and my friend, Benjamin Moorman, my Trustee, to see my last Will and Testament executed. In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 7th day of September 1816.

Marshall Diggs (SEAL)

Signed, sealed in the presence of
his
Benjamin Moorman, Edward X Hinson
mark
Mitchell Moorman, John Gathings

Anson April Session 1831

Then this will was duly proved in open Court by Benjamin and Mitchell Moorman and ordered to be recorded.

W. Dismukes, Clk

N. B.

Mr. Diggs was 99 yrs and 3 mos. old when he died. W. D.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ANSON COUNTY

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true

and perfect copy of the last Will and Testament of Marshall Diggs, Sen., as the said instrument is recorded in my office in will Book B at pages 10 & 11.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at office, in Wadesboro, N. C. this 24th day of May 1912.

W.K. Boggan
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT, ANSON CO.

The following deed shows that Marshall Degge was of Va. The deed is dated 6 January 1756 and must have been the time Marshall Degge came to North Carolina.

JOHN HORNBACK TO MARSHALL DEGGE

This Indenture made this 6th day of January in the year of our Lord 1756 between John Hornback of the County of Anson and Province of North Carolina, Planter of the one part nad Marshall Degge, Planter of the other part Witnesseth that the sd John Hornback for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Pounds Current money of Virginia rec'd of the sd Marshall Degge--and freely fully----the said Marshall Degge--hath given granted Bargained---unto the sd Marshall Degge--Land lying and being in the County of Anson on the south side of Great Pee Dee river Beginning at a red oak nigh to a Spring----Containing one hundred Acres---five hundred Acres was granted and Confirmed to him the sd. John Hornback--by his Majestys Letter Patent bearing date of 7th day of October in the 21st year of our Reign Anno Domini 1747, whereof the above--one hundred Acres of Land is a part. To have & to hold--unto the said Marshall Degge--the Gold and Silver mines Excepted---In Witness whereof the sd. John Hornback hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above Written.

John Hornback (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ::
ANSON COUNTY ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book 1, at page 137. Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan.
Clerk of the Superior
Court, Anson County.

Marshall Degge was sheriff of Anson Co., N. C. 1767 as shown below:

North Carolina, Anson County.

At an inferior Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Anson aforesd. on the Second Tuesday to wit the 9th day of the same Month in the Eleventh year of his Majesties Reign and in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one.

Present and Worshipfull

Matthew Baeford	}	Esquires
Samuel Parsons		
Samuel Sneed		
James Picket		

Marshall Degge Esqr Sheriff of Anson County for the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty seven Came into Court and produced his accompt in order to Settle the Same for the Year 1767 which was admitted by the said Justices as follows to wit ##### which is Allowed by the above mentioned Justs of the Said Inferior Court as a true Settlement of the said Sheriff for the said year 1767.

State of North Carolina ::
Anson County ::

I. W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract from the record of the Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Anson County, said record being now in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 23rd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan
Clerk of the Superior Court
of Anson County.

(S EAL)

-
- 591 Marshall Degge (see pg 105) BORN: DIED: 1853
 MARRIED: Lydia Hinson BORN:
 DIED: He buried in family burying ground
 Pee Dee, Anson County, N. C. CHILDREN: (see will)
 593 i Thomas Diggs
 x594 ii Riley Diggs; m Mary
 595 iii Elisha Diggs, see deed, p 116
 x596 iv Biddy Diggs; m Matthew Strickland
 (see below)
 597 v Sarah Diggs; m John McAlister
 598 vi Edmy Diggs; m Josiah Hailey, had
 599 William Hailey
 560 vii Quincy Ann Diggs; m Sanford Liles
 561 viii Cyantia Diggs; m William Evans;
 they raised 16 children who were
 all married before the death of
 their parents
 596 Biddy Strickland had a son Henry Leroy Strickland
 mentioned in his grandfather Degge's will

WILL OF MARSHALL DIGGS

- - - - -
 In the name of God, Amen. I, Marshall Diggs of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, being of sound disposing mind and memory do this the 19th day of April, A. D. 1843, make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz:

In the first place, I give, demise and bequeath to my wife, Lydia Diggs, the tract of land I purchased of Samuel Curtis known as the jome place during her natural life,

except fifty or sixty acres hereinafter demised in trust to my daughter, Biddy Strickland, also the following negro slaves during her natural life, viz: Peter, Jim, Ann, Patience and Bill, and at her death the said negro slaves to be claimed as my sons Thomas and Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson shall see proper, but if any of my negroes hereinafter given and bequeathed to my children should die in the lifetime of my wife then the place of the negro or negroes so dying is to be supplied out of the negroes left to my wife for her lifetime.

2nd. I give, demise and bequeath to my son Thomas Diggs and his heirs all the lands I purchased of John Taylor known as the Clark lands also the balance of the Holton lands, beginning at the ferry and running down the river to a gut, a corner of the lands I purchased of Walter L. Leak, running thence nearly a west course to the lands I bought of Samuel Curtis thence North or nearly North up to the Camden road thence with the road to the beginning also the following negro slaves viz., Dick, now in his possession, little Joe, Harriet, Jenny and Richmond, also a wagon and gear purchased of James Beatie, to him and his heirs forever.

3rd. I give demise and bequeath unto my son Riley Diggs and his heirs, all the lands I purchased of Hattie T. Leak beginning at the lower end of the Holton lands and runs down the river to a walnut tree about midway the fishery, then due West or nearly so, to a big Branch then with said branch to the Holton line, thence to the beginning, also the following negro slaves viz., Alford, now in his possession, Zack, Julius and a negro girl named Emelin, to him and his heirs forever.

4th. I give, demise and bequeath to my son Elisha Diggs a negro woman Nancy and her increase which negro he has now in his possession also a negro fellow named Harry and a negro boy named Alford and two hundred dollars in money to him and his heirs forever.

5th. I give demise and bequeath unto Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Biddy Strickland for and during her natural life so as not to be subject to any of the debts contracts, control or liabilities of her husband, Mathew Strickland the following real and personal property viz., fifty or sixty acres of land to be laid off out of my home place or the Curtis lands as follows, viz., beginning at a corner of Mary Liles, the widow of Louis Liles, near or by a little field cultivated by a negro fellow called Jo. and running due south to John or Samuel Pratts line, thence with his line to the stamping branch then up the stamping branch to the Rocky Spring branch then up the Rocky Spring branch to the Beginning, and at her death to be disposed of as hereinafter directed.

6th. I give, demise and bequeath the lands left to my wife Lydia during her life and the land left in trust for the use of my daughter Biddy for her life, that part left to my wife at her death to Thomas and that part left in trust to my daughter at her death to Thomas Diggs, but my said son Thomas is to pay to my son Riley one half the value of said lands at the time or times when he shall be entitled to the same the said lands to pass to my son Thomas at the aforesaid time to him and his heirs forever.

7th. I give and bequeath unto Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughters Biddy Strickland and Sarah McAlister so as not to be subject to the debts, contracts, incumbrances, liabilities or control of their husbands Mathew Strickland or John McAlister, Esqs., three negroes each of proportionate value with the rest of my negroes to be allotted to them respectively by said trustees and executors viz: Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson and at their death or the death of either of my said daughters the part allotted to her to pass free of this trust to her children, but should William Hailey, son of my daughter, Sarah McAlister or Henry Leroy Strickland or either of them ever return to this country again, and be desirous of removing their part or share of said negroes after the death of their Mother beyond the limit of this State, it is then my will and desire and I hereby bequeath accordingly that they shall have four hundred dollars each in place of their part or share of said negroes, and if my sons Thomas and Riley should pay the said sum of four hundred dollars or if either of my said sons Thomas or Riley should pay the said sum of Four hundred dollars to my said grandchildren William Hailey and Henry and Leroy Strickland (note--one place he is called Henry Leroy and the preceding line calls the name "Henry and Leroy") then my said sons Thomas and Riley or whichever one of them shall pay the money as aforesaid shall have the said negro or negroes so paid for by them or whichever of them shall pay the same.

8th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Quincy Ann Liles so as not to be subject to the debts contracts incumbrances liabilities or control of her husband Sandford Liles, a negro woman named Terry, now in her possession, also a boy named Isaac, a negro woman named Tamer and her youngest child named Alex, and at her death to pass free of this trust to her heirs forever.

9th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Cynthia Evans, so as not to be subject to the debts contracts incumbrances liabilities or control of her husband, William Evans a negro boy named Abram, a boy named Austin and Jim after the death of my wife and at her death said negroes to pass free of this trust to her heirs forever.

10th. I give and bequeath to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson for sole and separate use and benefit of my daughter Edmy Hailey during her life so as not to be subject to the debts contracts incumbrances liabilities or contracts of her husband Josiah Hailey big Joe and Susan, and at her death to pass free of this trust to her children if she should have any living at the time of her death, but in case she should die without leaving any children living at the time of her death then the negroes hereby left for her use and benefit are to be equally divided among all my children. I also give her two hundred dollars in money clear of any trust.

11th. The Blacksmith tools, are to remain with Peter and the said Peter is to do the Blacksmith business for all my family as heretofore he has been in the habit of doing.

12th. The balance of my negroes and all the residue of my estate I leave to be equally divided either in kind or by sale as my executors hereinafter named shall see proper among all my children but the part which shall fall to my daughters I leave in trust to Thomas Diggs, Riley Diggs and Brooks Hinson in the same way that the other property hereby bequeathed to them is left and to pass in every respect in the same way.

Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my sons Thomas Diggs and Riley Diggs and my worthy friend Brooks Hinson Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me and declaring this and this only to be and contain my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed, published and declared MARSHLLL DIGGS to be and contain the last will and (SEAL) testament of the testator in the presence of us who in his presence have witnessed the same.
19th April 1843.

Witnesses:-
Washington McRae
A. Little

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA }
ANSON COUNTY } January Term, 1854

Then the last will and testament of Marshall Diggs, decd. was exhibited in open court and duly proven by the oath of A. Little one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Riley Diggs one of the Executors named appeared in open court and was duly qualified and took upon himself the execution of said will and Thomas Diggs and Brooks Hinson came into open court and renounced.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
ANSON COUNTY

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Last Will and Testament of Marshall Diggs, as the said instrument is recorded in my office in will book C at page 72.

Witness my hand and seal of office, at office, in Wadesboro, N. C. the 24th day of May 1912.

W. K. BOGGAN
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
ANSON COUNTY.

- - - - -

594 Riley Diggs (see pg 109) BORN: Anson Co., N. C.
 DIED: MARRIED: MaryCHILDREN:
 (there were probably more, but not known to this
 compiler)
 562 i Thomas E. Diggs b 1837 living in Liles-
 Ville, N.C. in 1915
 563 ii daughter b 1840; m M. H. Liles, living
 in Pee Dee, N. C. 1912
 564 iii Eli M. Diggs (see deed below)

Thomas E. Diggs lived at Lilesville, N.C.; m and
 had children, among them:

565 Inez Diggs mWall, her dau:
 566 Mary Wall m Herbert J. Dockery; lives
 at Walesboro, N. C. (1950) where she
 teaches school; no children; she and
 her husband live with her mother; she
 has helped the compiler with many
 valuable copies of records

Letter to Mrs. Jesse Matthews, Box 127, Glen Flora,
 Texas from W. K. Boggan, Wadesboro, N. C. dated Oct 16, 1915
 "The first of this family to settle in Anson County
 was Marshall Degge, Sr. who settled in Anson County about
 1760; he was sheriff of the county in 1767. He was the
 father of your great-grandfather, Marshall Diggs. The
 original wills of both of them are in my office now, signed
 by their own hands. Marshall Degge, Sr. died in 1831, at the
 age of 99 years and 3 months. Your great-grandfather, Marshall
 Diggs, died in 1853. They are buried at the family burying
 ground near Pee Dee River in Anson County. Cynthia Diggs,
 daughter of Marshall Diggs, and who was your grandmother,
 married William Evans. They reared 16 children, all of whom
 married before either died

"Mr. Thomas E. Diggs age 78, resides at Lilesville,
 (died 14 Aug 1927, aged 80, Mary (Wall) Dockery's grandfather)
 Anson County. Mrs. M. H. Liles resides at Pee Dee, this County
 and is 75 years old. They are brother and sister and are
 grandchildren of your great-grandfather, Marshall Diggs.
 Their father was Riley Diggs. I went to see them a few weeks
 ago. They remember that your father and mother visited their
 relations in Anson County before the war....."

NOTE---W. K. Boggan was a cousin of Mary (Wall)
 Dockery and she has many of his papers in her possession.
 She says that she has a copy of the deed transferring Hailey's
 Ferry to her great-grandfather, Riley Diggs, when the name
 was changed to Diggs Ferry. William Diggs m Judith Hailey
 and Edmy Diggs, sister of Riley, married Josiah Hailey.

RILEY DIGGS & WIFE TO ELI M DIGGS

This Indenture made this the 23rd day of February in the
 year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Seventy
 between Riley Diggs and Mary Diggs his wife of the County of
 Anson and State of North Carolina of the one part and Eli
 M. Diggs of the County and State aforesaid of the other part
 Witnesseth, that the afsd. Riley Diggs and Mary Diggs his wife
 for and in Consideration of the Natural love and affection

which we have and bear to our son Eli M. Diggs and for the further consideration of Five dollars good and lawful money to us in hand paid by the sd. Eli M. Diggs at or before the Sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged they the said Riley Diggs and Mary Diggs his wife hath this day given granted bargained sold and by these presents do give--to Eli M. Diggs--- a certain piece or parcel of land situate in the County of Anson and State afd. lying on the west side of Pee Dee River it being a part of the lands which Marshall Diggs bought of Walter F. Leak beginning at the mouth of a gut about 17 chains below Diggs Ferry -----(Note--formerly Hailey Ferry, see pg 113, 2nd paragraph from bottom of page) Containing 178 1/4 acres be the same more or less of which one half of the fishing place is excepted with the privileges attached to the same (also I Riley Diggs except and reserve to myself a lifetime right in all the above described land and premises)-----

In witness whereof we the said Riley Diggs & Mary Diggs his wife have hereunto set our hands and Seals day and date first above written.

Riley Diggs (SEAL)

her

Mary X Diggs (SEAL)

mark

Sept. 5th. 1877 Then the foregoing Deed came into my hands and duly registered. P.J. Coppedge

Register of Deeds

State of North Carolina ::

Anson County ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book 20, at page 212.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan

Clerk of Superior Court of
Anson County

NOTE---Riley Diggs is said to have had a "brother, Pleasant Diggs who went west and the family lost touch with him." He is not mentioned in his father's will. "Pleasant Diggs married Fanny Liles, daughter of John Liles." Mrs. Mary (Wall) Dockery of Wadesboro, N.C. and granddaughter of Thomas E. Diggs wrote the present compiler 18 June 1949 that her grandfather told her a great deal about the families and she found the above quotations in her notes.

On October 14, 1949 Mrs. Dockery writes: "The Wall family lived across the Pee Dee River and near the Diggs family. They were in Richmond County, then Anson. Both families came from Virginia.

"Anson County celebrated her bicentennial in a pageant spectacle Oct 2-7. I was drafted as the colonial hostess and a minor part in a following scene. Our celebration was a

wonderful success and I enjoyed it to the fullest. One window had a dress worn by Marshall Degge's granddaughter and another worn by her daughter, shown together. In my Walltown window I used a sugar bowl that belonged to Marshall himself. We once used it in the kitchen as a spoon holder.....

"I value everything done by my cousin, W. K. Boggan. He really was a careful historian and is highly regarded as such here. (Practically everyone in Anson County is kin) I wrote to W. H. Degges of Washington and never heard from him. It would be interesting to know what he did.

"Marshall Degge or Diggs and his wife Ann lived near Haley (we spell it Hailey) Ferry which was later called Diggs Ferry. I happen to have a copy of the deed transferring it to Riley Diggs (my great-grandfather).

"Marshall Diggs married Lydia Hinson. I found Lydia Hinson in court house records and descendants are certain of it. One family owns china and old glass that belonged to her."

- - - - -
The following is a letter from J. Macalister of Rockingham, Richmond Co., N. C. to Littleberry Digges, Randolph County, Indiana (Winchester Post Office. (Original was in possession of Wm. S. Digges, Cincinnati, Ohio 1907 whose manuscript on the family deals with the Diggs family of Va. whose ancestor was Gov. Edward Diggs. His notes on the Diggs family of Randolph County, Ind. was incomplete and without dates as shown in later pages of this manuscript). It will be noted that #597, p 109, Sarah Diggs, dau of Marshall m John McAlister.

March 18, 1836

Mr. Digges,

Your letter directed to your Uncle and myself, I received this day at Rockingham and opened it because my name was on said letter. The business of Edward Digges claim I have undertaken for your Uncle and the rest of them. I wrote to Mr. A. M. McLean that was in the city of Washington last spring. Mr McLean is a large contractor for many years and well acquainted in the city, requesting him to search the records in the war office and know what was due to said Digges. He, McLean, knew a Mr. Walker of the state of Tennessee who was there in the city on the business of collecting soldiers' claims. McLean handed him my letter, he, Walker, wrote to me that he found there Austin Edward Diggs of Virginia was entitled to 4,000 acres of land and perhaps one half pay as a captain until he died, and that he would collect the whole for one fourth part of the amount. I have written to him that the heirs would give him the one fourth, and for him to write to me the proof that would be required to enable him to collect the amount due. I wrote to the representative from this District, the Honorable Edward Deberry to take a part in forwarding all the forms that would be necessary, to me, which he has mentioned in a letter to me he would do. But they have not come to hand yet. I shall write this day to Deberry to know why Mr. Walker has not written to me before this.

The evidence we have is that 3 or 4 brothers named: William (your grandfather); Marshall, Edward and Dudley Digges lived in Hanover County, Virginia; that your grandfather William and Marshall came to Carolina. Edward and Dudley were left in Virginia. (NOTE---In the light of evidence found since this letter was written, it is shown that while Edward and Dudley had a brother William, they did not belong to the Degge Family but were Diggs. This William and Marshall Diggs (somewhere they had changed the spelling of their name) did come to Carolina but they were not descendants of Edward. There was a Captain Dudley Diggs that was in the revolutionary army, he I expect had heirs that claimed his pay, and I am astonished that they did not claim Edward's part also. Be this as it may Edward Digges is entitled to four thousand acres under 1/2 pay supposed to be as much as his land. The State of Virginia, has a record in the City of Richmond of all the men that served in the Revolutionary War as regular militia. I have a son James D. Macalister that goes this spring to King William County and will go through Richmond. I intend for him to search and see where Edward Digges was from and papers through.....of Hanover County and to make some inquiry there about the Diggeses that lived in that county. When I hear from Walker what proof is necessary to be made I shall endeavor to proceed accordingly. I intend to have a power of Attorney from your father---John Digges here, (Littleberry's uncle) and the heirs of Uncle Marshall made to my father in law Marshall Digges, and he to Walker and the money to be divided among the heirs. But I fear we cannot prove the relation between this Edward and your father and the rest if anything can be done. I intend to do my best, as well as if for myself, if we get on the right track. I will let you and your father know and will want a power from you to collect yours. Your Uncle (was this Marshall or John?) was in health and all his family and connection getting rich. He owns all the lands about Haley's Ferry (Judith Haley married William Diggs b 1734) on the west side of the town for a mile and 1/2 up and down, has large cribs of corn full at this time, and thirty odd Bales of cotton not sold of this crop. He had a letter from Elisha Diggs lately (#595), he is well only one of his knees is ailing. All your connections are well. The small pox is in Marlboro 10 or 12 miles below Rockingham. We are all alarmed. Yesterday I was at your Uncles. I shall go over in a few days and read him your letter.

I am your sincere friend,
J. Macalister.

The sheet of paper was simply folded in envelope shape and on the back of the fold was the address. It cost 25¢ postage to send the letter.

Address on back of fold:

Mr. Littleberry Digges,
Randolph County,
Winchester Post Office, Indiana

see pg 151a

JOHN DEGGS TO ELISHA DEGGS
(see #595, p 109)

This Indenture made this first day of January in the year of our Lord 1822, between John Deggs of the County of Anson & State of N. Carolina of the one part & Elisha Deggs of the aforstd. County and State of the other part Witnesseth that the sd. John Deggs for & in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred Dollars to him in hand pd. at or before the Sealing & Delivery of these presents the receipt is hereby acknowledged hath bargained sold...containing 200 acres more or less-----& the said John Deggs his heirs Exrs. and Admrs. ---unto the sd. Elisha Deggs In witness whereof the sd. John Deggs hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal.

John H. Deggs (SEAL)

Anson County July Term 1822.

Then this Deed was proved in open Court by the oath of C. Clark & ordered to be registered.

W. Dismukes C. C. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA ::
ANSON COUNTY ::

I. W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book U, at page 92.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd, day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan
Clerk of the Superior Court of
Anson County

-
- 592 William Degge (Diggs) (see pg 105) BORN: 1734 Va.
(probably Middlesex or Caroline County)
DIED: betw 1785/87 Anson County, N. C. MARRIED:
about 1755 Judith Hailey or Haley BORN:
DIED: after 1790 Anson Co., N.C. (see 1790 census
in text below) CHILDREN:
- x562 i William Diggs, eldest son, b abt
1756, d May 15, 1854 about 100
yrs old, Randolph Co., Indiana
m Fanny Crews (see p 119)
 - 563 ii Pleasant Diggs; m first, Elizabeth
Hinson; m 2d, Jernigan,
dau of William. They had a son:
 - 564 Harris Diggs b 1800, d 1842 m Mary
Campbell who d 1848; their dau:
 - 565 Mary C. Diggs b 1836; d 1916 m 2d,
1852, Leonidas Bailey b 1827;
d 1896, their daughters:
 - 566 Mary Bailey b Holmes Co., Miss.
m Algernon J. Aven and had:
 - 567 Anna W. A. Aven m Wm M.
Whittington, W. S. Senator
from Greenwood, Miss. live

1790 Census, North Carolina
Anson County Fayette District

- - - - -

pg 35---MARSHALL DIGGS--5 males 16 up including heads
4 males under 16
3 females including heads
1 slave
(son of Wm, b 1734)

- - - - -

pg 35---PLEASANT DIGGS -- 1 male 16 up including heads
1 male under 16
1 female including heads
(son of Wm, b 1734)

- - - - -

1810 Census North Carolina, Anson Co.

page number on photostat shows as 56:

WILLIAM DIGGS
2 males under 10
1 male 45 up

2 females under 10
1 female 26-45

(son or grandson of Marshall Diggs?)

- - - - -

at 401 East Market St. Greenwood, Miss.
568 Anna Bailey (sister of Mary Bailey) m
Walter Trotter of Winona, Miss; she d
1946

Pleasant Diggs was 1757 and died 1849. This data
on him was obtained from DAR Lineage Books, Vol 134:
60 from 1933 which gives memberships in the NSDAR
569 iii Marshall Diggs; m Lydia Jernigan (see deed below) p 121
570 iv John W. Diggs; m Agnes Crews (see deed below) p 122
571 v Solomon Diggs (see deed) p 118a
572 vi Dudley Diggs
573 vii Margery Diggs
574 viii Agnes Diggs m Samuel Everette
575 ix Sarah Diggs; m Thomas Ratliffe
576 x Rebecca Diggs; m John Moorman

DAR Lineage Books, Vol 134:60 (1933) give service
in the Revolutionary War:

WILLIAM DIGGS (1734-1785) was a patriot and also
served as a private in the North Carolina Continental Line;
born in York Co., Va. died Anson County, N.C. m Judy Diggs
(note--further investigation shows he m Judith Haley)

"Wm & Mary Qrly" Vol 22 for 1914: p 141--"Digges--
William Digges and his wife Judith Haley, Quakers went with
their family from Virginia (some say Hanover County) to
Carolina. They had Marshall, Pleasant, John, William, Sarah
(wf of Thomas Ratliffe), Agnes (wf of Samuel Everette) and
Rebecca Moorman.

William Digges, son of William Digges married in
Carolina, Sarah Crew (error, see laterproof) p 121, and re-
moved to Indiana about 1820. Their children were: Littleberry,
John, Mark, Amsbee, Benjamin, William, Fanny (Way), Ann (Moor-
man); and Margaret (Wright). Descendants of these are in Ind-
iana and Illinois, and a record of them may be found in Ms. by
W. S. Digges of Cincinnati. The father of William Digges first
mentioned is said to have been one Marshall Digges.

Contributed by Mrs. L. S. Digges,
4510 Michigan Ave., Los Angeles, Calif."

The following is from the DAR membership application
papers of #566, p 117, Mrs. Mary Bailey Aven:

"WILLIAM DIGGS is the ancestor who assisted in estab-
lishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of
Patriot and Soldier. He was born in York Co. (?) NOTE--see later
evidence in these pages) Va. in 1734 and died 1785/87 Anson Co.,
N. C. He married in York County (?) Va. Judith Haley who was
born and died after 1790.

William Diggs came to Anson County, North Carolina from
Virginia and received a patent of land 16th December 1769. On
9 October 1769 he was one of a body of men to sign a letter

SOLOMON DEGGE TO MARSHALL DEGGE

- - - - -

This Indenture made this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord 1814, between Solomon Degge of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina of the one part & Marshall Degge of the said County and State of the other Witnesseth that the said Solomon Degge for and in Consideration of the sum of Seventy five dollars--hath bargained & sold----unto the Said Marshall Degge---land---in the County and State aforesaid on the Crooked branch of Smith Creek----- two hundred acres of Land be the same more or less being a tract of Land Granted to said Solomon Degge pattent bearing date August 11th, 1803---and the said Solomon Degge--doth covenant---the said Marshall Degge---In testamoney whereof the sd. Solomon Degge hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

his
Solomon X Degge (SEAL)
mark
July Term 1814.

North Carolina }
Anson County }

Then this Deed was duly Acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be Registered.

Tod Robinson

State of North Carolina ::
Anson County ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County, in Book P and 4, page 68.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd, day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan
Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson Co.

- - - - -

to the N. C. Assembly petitioning against unjust taxation and other laws. 16th Petition: That every denomination of people may marry according to their respective mode, ceremony, and custom, after due publication or license. 17th Petition: That Benjamin Franklin or some other known patriot be appointed agent to represent the unhappy state of this province to His Majesty and to solicit the several Boards of England. He later served 84 months in the Continental Line of the Revolution, and the 7th January 1786, his heirs were paid for this service. This pay was no doubt 400 acres of land in Anson County, N. C. as a deed was made to this land after his death to his eldest son, this being the patent of land dated Oct 9, 1769.

Diggs "Old Field" in Anson County, N.C. was the place of rendezvous for the Brigades from Salisbury and Hillsboro in 1780.

Copy of certificate from "Colonial Records of North Carolina" Vol 8, p 80, by J. B. Grimes, Secretary of State, stating that the name William Diggs appears on the list of warrants for land granted officers and soldiers of the Continental Line, Warrant No. 3310, was issued heirs of William Diggs for 84 months service, being dated 7 January 1786, and deeded to Col. M. Armstrong. Further states that the name appears three times and is spelled variously Diggs, Diggs, Digges.

The above was copied from the membership papers of Anna Bailey Trotter of Winona, Miss. deceased 1946. #136343 NSDAR (copied by Mrs. Newman Smith, 1026 Sixteenth St., N. W. Washington, D. C. 1950 Genealogist) This proof was used in the application papers of Bernice (Meyers) McCleary, 17 West Del Norte, Colorado Springs, Colorado. NSDAR#391,783 accepted April 15, 1950.

1790 U. S. Census (first census of the U. S.) of North Carolina, Anson Co., Fayette District, p 36:

JUDY DIGGS--2 males 16 up, including heads
2 females " " "

William Diggs and family lived in Caroline County, Va. before moving to N. C. as shown by the following record from Hinshaw's "Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy" Vol I:385:

1770, 6, 2. WILLIAM DIGGS and family received on certificate in Caroline Co., Va. dated 1768, 11, 12.

1770, 6, 2. Sarah, Rebekah, Agnes, Pleasant, children of WILLIAM AND JUDITH DIGGS recd on certificate in Caroline Co., Va. dated 1768, 11, 12.

Judith Haley was the daughter of Silas and Nancy Haley, who owned Haley's Ferry on Big Pee Dee River near Rockingham, N. C. later known as Diggs Ferry after it was bought by Riley Diggs. (see pg 113)

- 562 William Diggs (see pg 117) BORN: about 1756 DIED: May 15, 1854 about 100 years old, Winchester, Randolph Co., Indiana (see gravestone ins. in text below) MARRIED: about 1792 Isee Quaker records in text) Fanny Crew or Crews BORN: 1772 DIED: 7 Apr 1838 aged 66 yrs Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind. (Tombstone Ins. & Bible rec) CHILDREN: (names in father's will; dates from "Hist of Randolph Co. Ind." by E. Tucker 1882 in Ind. State Lib., Indianapolis, Indiana)
- x577 i Littleberry Diggs b 1793, m Lydia Way; m 2d, Hannah Mendenhall
 - x578 ii William Diggs b 17 Dec 1793 (twin with Littleberry) m Charlotte Way, p 131
 - x579 iii Armsbee Diggs b 1795; m Mary Way, p 133
 - x580 iv Margery Diggs; m Solomon Wright; p 134
 - x581 v John Diggs; m 1st, Olive Puckett; m 2d, Catherine Puckett; p 135
 - 582 vi Mark Diggs b 1799, m Susannah Way 1826; no chn mentioned in Wm S. Diggs Ms. nor "Hist of Randolph Co., Ind."
 - x583 vii Benjamin Clark Diggs b 16 Dec 1804 (Bible record); m Abigail ... p 136
 - x584 viii Fanny Diggs m Jesse Way; p 136
 - 585 ix Ann Diggs m Henry Moorman and had:
 - 586 i Rebecca Moorman m Joseph Brown of Fojtain City, Ind.
 - 587 ii Caroline Moorman

"Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy" by W. W. Hinshaw, Vol. I:383 (in DAR Lib. Washington, D.C.)

RECORDS OF THE CANE CREEK MEETING, ORANGE (now Alamance) County, N.C.

- 1789, 3, 7. Armsby Crew and son Francis, recd on certificate Cedar Creek Meeting (Hanover Co) Va. dated 1787, 12, 8 (this was Fanny Crew's father and brother)
- 1792, 8, 7. Fannie Diggs (formerly Crew) disowned marriage out of unity
- 1799, 2, 2. Fanny Diggs condemned, marriage out of unity
- 1799, 2, 2. William Diggs " " "
- 1799, 6, 1. Fanny Diggs and daughter Margery of Pee Dee granted certificate to Depp River Meeting, N. C. (Guilford County)

The Crews appear in the 1790 census of Charles City County, Va. where J. Crew, Gent. and several others were land owners in 1787. The name of Anthony Crew was on the list of May 23, 1609 of the Second Charter of the Treasurer and Company of Adventurers and Planters of the City of London for the first Colony in Virginia" (page 83, Statutes at Law of Virginia, Vol. I--in DAR Library, Washington, D. C.)

"In "Our Quaker Friends" Virginia Quarter Records of the Cedar Creek Meeting, Hanover County, Va. p 4: Joseph and Agnes Crew had children: Armisby Crew and 6 others; Armisby born 1745. James and Judith Crew had, among other children: Littleberry Crew b 1762; Sarah Crew b 1769; Benjamin Crew b 5 May 1779.

Sarah Crew was disowned by the Quaker Meeting for marrying outside her faith 9 May 1789. Name of groom not given. (see p 118, 2d paragraph, quotation from "Wm & Mary Quarterly") This Sarah Crew may have married William Diggs, son of Marshall Diggs #593, p 106)

The following deed is of interest because it shows William and Marshall Diggs as sons of William Diggs who served in the Rev. War. This deed is the instrument which transferred the 400 acres granted William Diggs in 1769 and which is referred to in his service record on pg 118.

FROM WILLIAM DIGGS TO MARSHALL DIGGS 1788.

This Indenture made this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight between William Diggs of Anson County and State of North Carolina of the one part and Marshall Diggs (his brother) of the same place of the other part Witnesseth that him the said William Diggs for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred Pounds to him in hand paid by the said Marshall Diggs before the Ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof him the said William Diggs doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and hath granted bargained sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth freely and absolutely grant bargain sell, aline, convey, and confirm unto him the said Marshall Diggs and to his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of land in the County of Anson aforesaid on the waters of Jones Creek of Pee Dee River beginning at a Sausafra standing by small Dreen within one hundred and fifty yards of Jones'es Creek by the great falls of said creek and runs thence North thirty five West one hundred and twenty seven poles, etc.

Being part of a tract of 400 acres Granted to William Diggs by patent bearing date of 16th day of December Anno Dome 1769 and deeded after his discease to his eldest son Wm Diggs the conveyor of this deed together with all and singular the ways, waters mines mineral woods the said William Diggs doth covenant that the said Marshall Diggs shall have hold use occupy.

In witness him the said William Diggs hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal.

WILLIAM DIGGS (SEAL)

Anson October Cot. 1788

proved in open court by the oath of Charles Hinson a Subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be registered.

Nich Auld C.C.C.

State of North Carolina ::

Anson County ::

Hazel Tice, Deputy Register of Deeds of Wadesboro Anson County, North Carolina do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book B32, at page 94.

Marshall Diggs to William Diggs

(NOTE---This land seems to be part of that deeded to Marshall by William Diggs on page 121. This William may be the one on pg 106, son of Marshall or even a younger Marshall and William belonging to one of these families)

The State of North Carolina Know all men by these presents that I Marshall Deggs of Anson County and State of North Carolina aforesaid in Consideration of the Sum of 375 Dollars current money of the State to me paid by William Diggs of said County have granted bargained Sold and released and by these presents do grant--to the said William Diggs all that plantation or Tract of Land--in the County aforesaid on Jones's Creek the waters of Pedee River containing 170 acres-----
Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of January in the year of our Lord 1811, and in the 35th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

Marshall Diggs (SEAL)

North Carolina }
Anson Court } January Sessions 1812

Then the within deed was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be Registered.

Tod Robinson Clk.

State of North Carolina ::
Anson County ::

I, W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect extract of a deed which is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Anson County in Book N & O, at page 203.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 22nd day of May 1912.

W. K. Boggan
Clk of the Superior Court of Anson Co

Marshall Deggs to Saml. Pratt

This Indenture made this 25th of Decr. 1821 between Marshall Deggs of the one part and Saml. Pratt of the other part Witnesseth that the Said Marshall Deggs for & in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the sd. Saml. Pratt the recpt & payt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby bargain sell & convey unto the said Saml. Pratt--which was conveyed by sd Marshall Deggs unto James Johnson--the sd. Marshall Degge his heirs Exrs shall & will warrant & forever defend-- In witness whereof the Sd Marshall Deggs has hereunto set his hand & seal the day and date above written.

Marshall Deggs (SEAL)

(Acknowledged in Court Jany Term 1822. Certified by W.K. Boggan, 22 May 1912, from Bk U, pg 16.)

Witness my hand and official seal this the 25 day
of October 1949.

(SEAL)

HAZEL TICE, DEPUTY REGISTER OF
DEEDS, ANSON COUNTY, N. C.

(original certified copy with application papers, NSDAR
#391783 Bernice (Meyers) McCleary)

The following deed proves that William Diggs married
Fanny Crews, daughter of Armsby Crews and his brother John
Diggs married her sister Agnes Crews.

WILLIAM DIGGS & OTHERS TO JOSEPH CLARK, 1822.

This Indenture made this 15th day of March in the year
1822. Between Wm Diggs and Fanny his wife & John Diggs &
Agnes his wife of the County of Anson & State of N. Carolina
of the one part and Joseph Clark of the same County & State
of the other part. Witnesseth that the sd. Wm and John
Diggs & Fanny & Agnes their wives, daughters of Armsby Crews
dec'd late of the County & State above mentioned for & in
consideration of the sum of Five Hundred & Eighty five
dollars to them in hand pd. by the sd. Joseph Clark at & be-
fore the signing & sealing of these presents the receipt &
pay't whereof is hereby acknowledged do for themselves &
their heirs hereby bargain, sell convey & confirm unto the
sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs. & assigns 2 certain pieces
or parcels of land situate on the waters of Jones Creek
in the aforesd County of Anson one of the sd. tracts of land
was granted to the sd. Armsby Crews dec'd on the 21st day
of July 1774 begins at a red oak in the Et. side of the
watery branch at the end of Hopkin Howells 1st line & runs
So. 15 degrees Et. 98 poles to a stake in Christopher Clarks
1st line then No. 75 degrees 240 poles with the sd. line to
a red oak then No. 15 degrees Wt. 232 poles to a stake among
3 white oaks ptrs. then So. 75 degrees Wt. 226 poles to a
blk. oak then So. 15 degrees Et. 134 poles to a stake among
2 red oaks & 1 white oak prt. then No. 75 degrees Et. 186
poles to the beginning containing 200 acres be the same more
or less & the other tract was granted to sd. Armsby Crew for
200 acres & begins at a sweet gum by 2 populars on the Et.
bank of the little branch in the line of the above mentioned
tract & runs thence along sd. line No. 75 degrees Et. 35
chas. to a white oak in the Wt. bank of the watery branch at
the lower end of a small Island then up the various courses of
sd. branch 47 chs. to a stake by a pine & blk. jack then No.
20 chs. to a stake by 2 blk. jacks & a pine then So. 39 degrees
Wt. 53 chs. to Christopher Watkins new Survey then along his
other line No. 88 degrees 12 chs. his blk. oak corner on the
bank of the little branch & down the several courses of sd.
branch to the beginning except 11 acres of the first mentioned
tract which was conveyed sd. Armsby Crew to Marshall Diggs
and sd. much of the last mentioned tract as may be within the
lines of a tract of land granted to Christopher Watkins &
the sd. Wm & Jno. Diggs & Fanny & Agnes their wives for

themselves their heirs have hereby bargained sold set over & conveyed & confirmed unto the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs. & assigns forever all the above described land & premises together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging Except as before Excepted and the sd. Wm & Jno Diggs Fanny & Agnes their wives for themselves & their heirs do hereby covenant and promise to & with the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs. & assigns that they the sd. Wm & Jno Diggs Fanny & Agnes their wives their heirs Exrs & assigns shall & will warrant & forever defend the above sd. land & premises Except as above excepted against all persons whatsoever unto the sd. Joseph Clark his heirs Exrs & assigns. In witness whereof the sd. Wm & Jno. Diggs & Fanny & Agnes Diggs their wives have hereunto set their hands & seals the day & year above written.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of Witness

A. Jones

Kenneth M. _____

(illegible)

WM DIGGS (SEAL)

FANNY DIGGS (SEAL)

JOHN DIGGS (SEAL)

AGNES DIGGS (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ANSON COUNTY

This day before me George E. Badger one of the Judges of the Courts of Law & Courts of Equity of sd. State at the Town of Wadesboro in the County of Anson personally appeared Wm Diggs & Fanny Diggs his wife Jno Diggs & Agnes Diggs his wife grantees in the within Deed of conveyance to Joseph Clark & acknowledged the one & legal execution thereof as their acc. & deed for the purpose therein mentioned & at the same time & place the sd. Fanny Diggs & Agnes Diggs being by me George Badger Judge as aforesd severally and respectively & privately examined separate & apart from their sd. husband touching their free consent in executing the sd. Deed of conveyance each of them the sd. Fanny & Agnes did on each their several examinations so had before me acknowledge & declare that the sd. Deed was by them severally executed freely & voluntarily without any force or compulsion of their respective husbands or any other person & each of them the sd. Agnes & Fanny did also declare that she did & doth freely thereto wherefore let the sd. Deed be registered & this certificate certified under my hand this 15th day of March A.D. 1822.

Geo. E. Badger, J.S.C.L.E.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
ANSON COUNTY

I, Francis E. Liles, Register of Deeds for Anson County, North Carolina, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Deed recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Anson County, North

Carolina in Deed Book No. U, at Page No. 114.

To which I subscribe my name and affix seal of
office, this the 25th day of October 1949.

FRANCIS E. LILES
Register of Deeds,
Anson County

(SEAL)

- - - - -

1830 Census, Randolph County, Indiana
White River Township
Winchester

pg 24. WILLIAM DIGGS, SR.

1 male under 5 years
1 male from 60 to 70 years
(highest age category on census report)

1 female from 20 to 30 years
1 female from 50 to 60 years

I, Rosalind S. Smith, residing at 1026 16th St.
N. W., Washington 6, D. C. do hereby declare the above to
be a true copy of the census record indicated, made by
me from the record on file at the Department of Archives,
this city.

Signed: ROSALIND S. SMITH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of
May 1949.

Katherine C. Carrick
Notary Public, D. C.
12/14/53

(SEAL)

(Note--Original certified copies of the two
preceding documents with the DAR application papers of
Bernice (Meyers) McCleary #391783, April 15, 1950)

- - - - -

"In an old cemetery on the farm of LEANDER MOOREMAN,
Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana called "Old Dunkirk
Cemetery" near which there was once a Quaker Meeting House,
I found the tombstones and inscriptions as follows:

"WILLIAM DIGGS
Died May 15, 1854
About 100 yrs. old"

Near him I found:

"Fanny Diggs
Died April 7, 1838"

I, Dr. John H. Beals, of Winchester, Indiana have
personally seen these stones and swear to the correctness
of the inscriptions, copied on 9th July 1949.

- - - - -

WILL OF WILLIAM DIGGS
Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind.
June 1, 1837

STATE OF INDIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY
In the name of God, Amen:

I, William Diggs of said County, being old and weakly, but of perfect, sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

1st, I give and bequeath to son Littleberry Diggs one dollar
2nd, I give and bequeath to son William Diggs one dollar
3rd, I give and bequeath to son Armsbee Diggs one dollar
4th, I give to my daughter Margery Wright one dollar
5th, I give ~~to~~ my son John Diggs one dollar
6th, I give to my son Mark Diggs one dollar
7th, I give to my son Benjamin C. Diggs one dollar
8th, I give to my daughter Ann Moorman, one dollar
9th, I give to my granddaughter, Susannah Way, infant heir of daughter Fanny Way, late of this county, deceased, Sixty acres of land it laying in the South side of the Northwest quarter of Section Twanty five, Township Twenty N Range Thirteen E, And lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, namely Fanny Diggs all the balance of my estate to be by her disposed of as she in widow may see proper.

And I do hereby nominate ordain and appoint my two sons namely Littleberry Diggs and Benjamin C. Diggs my Executors to see that this my last will and testament be faithfully executed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, seal this 1st day of June 1837.

WM DIGGS (SEAL)

Attest:

Paul W. Way
Jesse Moorman

STATE OF INDIANA, RANDOLPH COUNTY, SET:

I, Samuel M. Hinshaw, Clerk of the Randolph Circuit Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full and complete copy of the last Will and Testament of William Diggs, which will is on file in this office in Will Record 1, page 164.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 5th day of May 1949.

SAMUEL M. HINSHAW
Clerk, Randolph Circuit Court
ELNA INGLE
Deputy Clerk

(SEAL)

see next page.

STATE OF INDIANA
RANDOLPH COUNTY SS:

Be it remembered that on this 26th day of June, A. D. 1854 personally appeared Paul Way one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will, before me Henry N. Neff, Clerk of the Randolph Circuit Court, and ex officio Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said county who after being duly affirmed says that the within is the will of William Diggs, deceased, that he was present when the same was examined, that he wrote said will for said William Diggs at his request that he saw said William Diggs sign his name thereto that he saw Jesse Moorman subscribe his name to said will as a witness which he done in presence of said William Diggs, said Testator, when he executed said will, was twenty-one years and over of age, he was also of sound mind and memory and not under coercion or restraint of any kind at time of executing the same, that said Paul W. Way subscribed his name to said will as a witness in presence of said William Diggs and the said Jesse Moorman the other subscribing witness thereto, said will was executed in said County of Randolph and on the day of the date named therein and further says not.

PAUL W. WAY

Affirmed and subscribed to before me this 26th day of June A. D. 1854. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court of Common Pleas this 26th day of June A. D. 1854. Henry N. Neff

(SEAL)

STATE OF INDIANA
RANDOLPH COUNTY, SS:

I, Henry N. Neff, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County do hereby certify that the within will of William Diggs deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate before me, that a complete record of said will and the testimony of Paul W. Way, the witness by whom the same was proved has been duly recorded on Will Record 1, on page 164.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 26th day of June A.D. 1854. Henry N. Neff, Clerk

(SEAL)

STATE OF INDIANA, Randolph County, SS:

I, Samuel M. Hinshaw, Clerk of the Randolph Circuit Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, complete and correct copy of the Probate of Will in the William Diggs Estate, which record is on file in this office in Will Record 1, p 164.

Witness my hand and official seal this 9th day of September, 1949.

SAMUEL M. HINSHAW

(SEAL)

577 Littleberry Diggs (see pg 120) BORN: 1793 DIED:
MARRIED: first, 1811 Lydia Way; m 2d, Hannah Mendenhall
CHILDREN: (first marriage)
588 i Caroline Diggs m Nathan Thomas; had:
589 i Almira Thomas
590 ii William Thomas

THE WAY FAMILY

(From Wm S. Diggs Manuscript)

- 1 WILLIAM WAY m Penelope Verrin and had:
 - William Way b Boston, Mass
 - 2 John Way b " "
 - Mary Way " " "
- 2 JOHN WAY m Mary Long and had: (b Nantuckett, Mass)
 - 3 William Way
 - Sarah Way
 - Elizabeth Way
 - John Way
 - Paul Way
 - Seth Way
 - Annie Way
 - m 2d, Abigail Starbuck Howes, and had: (b Nantuckett, Mass)
 - no children given
- 3 WILLIAM WAY m Abigail Osborne in Guilford Co., N. C. in 1776 and had:
 - John Way, died an infant
 - 4 John Way
 - Mary Way
 - Matthew Way, m a Diggs
 - Paul Way
 - Hannah Way
 - Lydia Way, m Littleberry Diggs
 - Henry H. Way
 - This family lived in "Beauty Spot" N.C.
 - on the Pee Dee River
- 4 JOHN WAY m Patience Greene and had:
 - Jesse Way m Fanny Diggs
 - Mary Way m Armsbee Diggs
 - 5 Robert Way
 - Matthew Way
 - Rachael Way
- 5 ROBERT WAY m Judith Wilson and had:
 - Wilson Thompson Way
 - John Milton Way
 - Starling Johnson Way
 - Mosselene Way m Andrew Diltz and had:
 - Annie Laurie Diltz of Washington, D. C.
 - Adelucia (Miss Lou) Way of Wichester, Indiana

NOTE--The lack of dates in Wm S. Diggs manuscript makes it difficult to follow and makes it more difficult to use it as proof without some other evidence.

- 591 iii Lydia Thomas
- 592 iv Maria Thomas
- 593 v Barclay Thomas
- 594 ii Lucy Diggs m William Macy and had:
 - 595 i Lydia Jane Macy
 - 596 ii Mary Ellen Macy
 - 597 iii Abigail Macy
 - 598 iv Caroline Macy
 - 599 v Phoebe Macy
 - 600 vi Joseph Macy
 - 601 vii William Wilberforce Macy
 - 602 viii Thomas Jefferson Macy
 - 603 ix Patrick Henry Macy
 - 604 x Cyrus Macy
 - 605 xi Littleberry Macy
- 606 iii Evaline Diggs m Henry Overman and had:
 - 607 i Silas Overman
 - 608 ii Isaiah Overman
 - 609 iii Michjah Overman
 - 610 iv Robert Barclay Overman
 - 611 v Caroline Melissa Overman
 - 612 vi Leander Overman
 - 613 vii Columbus Overman
- 614 iv John Diggs
- 615 v Lydia Diggs
- 616 vi Littleberry C. Diggs m Mercy Addington and had:
 - 617 i Calvin Wasson Diggs b 13 Sept 1843
in Stony Creek Two., Randolph Co.,
Indiana ("His of Randolph Co., Ind"
E. Tucker 1882)
Littleberry C. Diggs m 2d, Harriet Edgar
and had:
 - 618 ii Nellie Edgar Diggs m Dr. John H. Beals
(dentist) and had:
 - 619 i John Calvin Beals, deceased
 - 620 ii Robert Beals; living Winchester,
Ind. in 1949
 - 621 iii Harriet Beals
Dr. John H. Beals has been very
generous with his time and attention in
helping this compiler get data on the
Winchester, Ind. Diggs family by loaning
the W. S. Diggs Ms and by personally copy-
ing tombstone records in the old cemeteries
 - 622 iii Mary Jane Diggs; unm; living in Win-
chester, Ind. 1949
- 623 vii Rev. Marshall Way Diggs b 1824; m Elizabeth Addington
and had:
 - 624 i Ellen Diggs, deceased
 - 625 ii Calvin Diggs "
 - 626 iii Albert Barnes Diggs m Zona House, had:
 - 627 i Vernal A. Diggs
 - 628 ii Dudley Diggs
 - 629 iii John Marshall Diggs
 - 630 iv Elizabeth E. Diggs m Rev. EM. Counsellor,
had: 631 Wm M. Counsellor
 - 632 v William Seward Diggs, Attorney at Law

Mayor of Winchester, Ind. b 1862
 Cincinnati, Ohio, son of Rev. Marshall
 W. Diggs b 1824; grandson of ex-District
 Judge Littleberry Diggs; m Emma C. Hensel
 and had:

633 i Ethel Elizabeth Diggs

634 ii Mary Ione Diggs

Wm S. Diggs collected data on the Diggs and
 Degge family and mimeographed a manuscript on
 his findings; however, he thought the Diggs
 family of Winchester were descendant of Edw.
 Diggs, Gov. of Va. not realizing that the Ind-
 iana families had changed the spelling of their
 original name, Degge, to Diggs.

635 vi Mary Elvira Diggs m Chas Edw Durr and had:

636 i Lloyd Durr

637 ii Bertie Durr

638 vii Marshall Way Diggs, Jr. m Gertrude C. Strong, chn:

639 i Harold Diggs, deceased

640 ii Maurine L. Diggs

641 viii Mercy Irana Diggs; m Chas C. Irving; chn:

642 i William Irving

643 ii Edna Irving

644 ix Cordelia E. Diggs m Arthur C. H. Gutheil; chn:

645 i Charles Gutheil

646 ii Marshall Gutheil

647 iii William Gutheil

648 viii Benjamin Franklin Diggs (son of Littleberry & Lydia)
 m Melissa Hiatt and had:

649 i Liebe E. Diggs m Harry Schaum and had:

650 i Madge Schaum; m Dr. John Sebastian
 Wever; living in K. C., Kans 1949

(bro of Liebe #649) 651 ii Alvin Shelly Diggs m Anna L.....
 and had:

652 i Frederick Diggs

653 ii Ethel Diggs

654 iii Otis Ellery Diggs

655 iv Lowell Clyde Diggs m

Littleberry Diggs (#577) and his 2d wife, had:

656 ix Ann Eliza Diggs m Isaiah P. Watts and had:

657 i Inez Watts m W. F. Tibbott and had:

658 i Frederick Tibbott

659 ii David Tibbott

660 ii Grace Watts m Emmerson Addington and had:

661 i Constance Addington

662 iii Thomas Watts m Blanche Harris and had:

663 i Raymond Watts

664 iv Shelly Diggs Watts m Carrie Butler

665 v Francis Clarke Watts m Emma Mendenhall and had:

666 i Orpheus Watts

667 ii Adonis Watts

668 iii Sylvia Watts

669 iv Olive Watts

670 v Thomas E. Watts

671 vi William Nelson Watts

672 vii Harold Watts

Isaiah P. Watts was an Attorney in Winchester, Ind. and
 Circuit Clerk of Randolph Co. from 1881 to 1886.

- 673 x Elizabeth Diggs
 674 xi Rasma Diggs
 675 xii Francis Clarke Diggs, farmer in Kansas

1830 Census of Randolph County, Indiana

p 16, White River Township: (Winchester is in this two)
 WILLIAM DIGGS, JR.

p 20, Armsby Diggs
 Littleberry Diggs
 Benjamin C. Diggs
 William Diggs, Sr. (note--This Wm Diggs, Sr. was the
 one who m Fanny Crew; Wm Diggs, Jr. was their son)

STONY CREEK TOWNSHIP:

p 34, John Diggs
 Mark Diggs

In the 1840 census, Armsby, Littleberry, Benjamin
 and William Diggs, Sr. reappear in White River Township
 In this year at Winchester was Henry Diggs, whose house-
 hold consisted of 1 male 20-30; 1 male under 5; 1 female
 20-30 (Henry was son of Armsbee)

MENDENHALL ON WHOSE SERVICE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY
 WAR, DESCENDANTS HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN D A R
 (Undoubtedly other Mendenhalls served, but these
 are the lineages which have been proved.)

DAR Lineage Bk, Vol 94:49(1927)

THOMAS MENDENHALL (1759-1843) served as a sailor 1775
 on the frigate "Nancy" to procure arms and ammunition in
 neutral islands for his destitute country; born Delaware Co;
 d Philadelphia, Pa. m 1786, MARY ZANE (b 1769)

2 Edward Skull Mendenhall (1789-1853) m 1822
 Rhoda Hayes (1799-1852)

3 John Hayes Mendenhall (1825-1905) m 1846
 Margaret Reynolds (1826-1903)

4 Hamlin C. Mead (b 1848) m Mary Mendenhall b 1850

5 Margaret Mead b Detroit, Mich; mMorton,
 NSDAR #93151.

DAR Lineage Bk, Vol 7:254-255 (1894)

ROBERT MENDENHALL, 1774 was a member of the committee
 of Correspondence of Chester Co. and of the Provincial
 Congress at Philadelphia 23 Jan 1775; m Elizabeth Hatton

2 John Mendenhall m Tabitha Newlin

3 Esther Mendenhall m John Hill

4

5 #6751, Miss Abbie Bull Rees

HANNAH (MENDENHALL) DIGGS

From "History of Randolph County, Indiana" by E. Tucker 1882.

This Hannah Mendenhall married as his 2d wife, Littleberry Diggs, son of William and Fanny Diggs.

Hannah (Mendenhall) Diggs, Winchester, Her great-grandfather's name was Mordecai Mendenhall living in North Carolina (see Mordecai in 1830 Indiana census after this quotation) The whole connection were millers and millwrights and he among the rest.

Her grandfather, Stephen Mendenhall, was born about 1750 and raised thirteen children to be grown and married.

He came to Richmond about 1814; moved to Clinton County Ohio soon afterward, and died there about 1822.

Her father was Nathan Mendenhall. He was born in N. Carolina (Randolph or Guilford County) in 1773; came to Highland County, Ohio in 1806; moved to Clinton County, Ohio and remained in that county till 1837; came in that year to Randolph County, Indiana, and settled near Unionport. He was married in North Carolina to Ann Harlan who was born in 1772.

They had 8 children: Edith (Cowgill) 1799, lived in North Manchester, Ind. and is the mother of 15 children: Hiram Mendenhall b 1801, had 10 children and d in 1852, Juen 30, the same day that Henry Clay died; Maria (Hartman) 1805, 4 children, d in 1872; Elizabeth (Ruble) 1806, one child, d in 1874; Nathan 1809, 10 chn, d in 1861; Hannah (Diggs) 1811, 3 chn, is now living (1881); Rebecca (Lewis) 1813, one child, resides in Oregon, she moved to California in 1854 and to Oregon in 1855, her home ever since.

Nathan Mendenhall, father of Hannah M. died in 1847, and his wife in 1857.

Hannah (Mendenhall) Diggs was born in 1811, married Littleberry Diggs in 1841 and has had 3 children (4 given by Wm S Diggs Es as follows: Anna Eliza Diggs; m Isaiah P. Watts; Elizabeth Diggs; Francis Diggs, farmer in Kansas; Rasma Diggs. Tucker says Isaiah P. Watts was an attorney in Winchester and Circuit Clerk of Randolph Co. 1881-86.

Hannah's husband, Littleberry Diggs died in the winter of 1846 and she has lived a widow ever since.

Her mother's name was Harlan, who was the daughter of Enoch and Edith Harlin, North Carolinians.

Enoch Harlan lay a corpse when his daughter (mother of Hannah Mendenhall) was twenty-one years old.

His father was William Harlan, son of Eszekiel Harlan, son of George Harlan, son of James Harlan.

Enoch Harlan had 10 children born between 1770-1792.

Rebecca (Harlan) Hampton, dau of Enoch Harlan and aunt of Hannah Mendenhall, is now living in Lee County, Iowa in her 89th year.

Hannah Mendenhall's great-grandfather (on her mother's side) was Nathaniel Carterr who was a ribbon weaver in Dublin, son of a rich man in that city by the name of Nicholas Carter. Nathaniel came to America, away back in

1600 and odd, to see the country and liked it so well that he stayed. He taught school all the rest of his days, living to be a very old man.

Her great-grandparents on her father's side were Mordecai Mendenhall and Charity (Beason) Mendenhall. Her grandfather's name was Stephen Mendenhall, and his wife's name was Elizabeth Rich, and her father and mother were John Rich and Sarah (Frasheur) Rich. Her great-grandparents on her mother's side were William Harlan and Margaret (Farlow) Harlan. Her grandparents were Enoch Harlan and Edith Carter and Edith Carter's parents were Nathaniel and Ann (McPherson) Carter.

Hannah's parents were Nathan Mendenhall and Ann Harlan.

Report of Mrs. Newman Smith, 1026 Sixteenth St. N. W., Washington, D. C. (1950) genealogist.

"The History of N. C." Vol 6:34 gives a sketch of Edward W. Mendenhall, and says he is a descendant of John who came to America in 1685 with his brother Benjamin and sister Mary and settled at Concord, Pa. John married Miss Morris, dau of George Morris, and had a son Mordecai who had a son Thomas. "According to the best available information" Thomas established this branch of the family in Guilford Co, N. C. in colonial times.

In 1830 Census, Randolph County, Indiana
 pg 8. John Mendenhall
 Mordecai Mendenhall
 Stephen Mendenhall

578 William Diggs, Jr. (see pg 120) BORN: 17 Dec 1793
 (twin with Littleberry) N. C. DIED:
 MARRIED: Oct 6, 1816 N. C., Charlotte Way
 BORN: DIED: CHILDREN:
 676 i Fanny Diggs b 1816/17 m Matthew Hill
 677 i Annie Jane Hill
 678 ii Jessie Hill
 679 iii Mark Hill
 680 iv Benoni Hill
 681 v William Hill
 682 vi Ruth Ann Hill
 683 vii Charlotte Hill
 living Jericho, Randolph Co., Ind. 1914
 684 ii Anna Diggs m Jesse Reynard
 685 i Charlotte Reynard
 686 ii Unice Reynard
 687 iii Thomas Reynard
 688 iv Angelina Reynard
 689 v Eliza Reynard
 690 vi Elisha Reynard
 691 vii William Reynard
 692 iii Unice Diggs m Thomas Moorman
 693 i Tarelton Moorman
 694 ii Agnes Moorman
 695 iii William Moorman
 696 iv Hannah Moorman
 697 v Thomas F. Moorman

- The Morrman family were N. C. Quakers;
 lived at Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind.
 698 vi Hiram Diggs Moorman
 699 vii William Alonzo Morrman
 700 iv Pleasant Diggs m Anna Peacock
 701 i Abigail Jane Diggs
 702 ii Amos Diggs
 lived at Earlham, Madison Co., Iowa
 703 v Agnes Diggs; died
 704 vi Joseph C. Diggs; m Abigail Peacock
 705 i Elwood Diggs
 706 ii Elisha Diggs
 707 iii William Diggs
 708 iv Wilson Diggs
 709 v Hannah Diggs
 710 vii Henry H. Diggs m Sarah Wright; m 2d, Ann
 Carpenter; children (1st marriage)
 711 i Lester Diggs
 712 ii Gulid Diggs
 713 iii Effie Diggs
 714 iv Ivan Diggs
 (2d marriage)
 715 v Charlotte Diggs
 716 viii Anthony Diggs; m Elvira Thomas
 717 i Anna Jane Diggs
 718 ix Ruth M. Diggs m Mathew W. Diggs, no chn

From "Past and Present of Randolph County, Ind" by John
 L. Smith and Lee L. Driver, Indianapolis, Ind: A. W.
 Bowen & Co. 1914 (In Indiana State Library 1949)
 pp 265-266

WILLIAM DIGGS, JR. LATE OF WHITE RIVER

"I was born in Anson County, N. C. December 17, 1793.
 In the year of 1816, I came to Indiana to seek a home for
 myself. Paul, Henry H., William and Robert Way and I came
 across the country from North Carolina in a road wagon,
 crossed the Ohio river at Louisville, Ky; came to Blue
 River, but not being pleased with the country, we came
 to Wayne County, made our temporary abode at Charlotte
 Way's (afterward my mother-in-law).....I was married to
 Charlotte Way October 6, 1816, and returned to my claim
 in February 1817. At that time there was only one white
 settler nearer than twelve miles.

"We brought up nine children; all but one are living yet,
 and they were all born in Randolph County, and on White
 River. The eldest, Fannie, now Mrs. Matthew Hill, lives
 at Jericho, Randolph County; Anna, now Mrs. Jesse Reynard,
 lives east of Buena Vista, Randolph Co.; Eunice, now Mrs.
 Thomas Moorman of Winchester, Indiana; Pleasant W. married
 Anna Peacock and now resides at Earlham, Madison County,
 Iowa; Agnes not living; Joseph C. Diggs; Henry H. married
 Sarah Wright (now deceased) and afterward Lois Ann Carpenter
 Their home is at Nora, Jo Daviess county, Ill.; Anthony
 Diggs married Elvira C. Thomas, daughter of George and
 Asenath Thomas, and they reside at Earlham, Madison Co, Iowa
 Ruth married Matthew E. Diggs and they live at Farmland,
 Randolph Co., Indiana" -----See p 129 for census rec of Wm
 Diggs, Jr.

- 579 Armsbee Diggs (see pg 120) BORN: 1795 N. C. DIED:
 married; (1816 Anson Co., N. C. Mary Way
 BORN: DIED: CHILDREN:
- 719 i Henry Diggs b 1817 m Nancy Edwards
 (see p 129 for 1840 census record)
 Henry Diggs of White River Twp. Randolph
 Co., Ind. is given with 1 male 20-30; 1
 male under 5; 1 female 20-30.
 - 720 ii Patience Diggs m John L. Leake
 - 721 i Mary E. Leake m Chas. Rogers
 - 722 ii Nancy Leake m Alonzo Dynes; had:
 - 723 i Walton L. Dynes
 - 724iii Priscilla Leake m Jesse Hill
 - 725 iv Hannah Leake m Wm Farrah
 - 726 iii Priscilla Diggs m Stephen Moorman; had:
 - 727 i Alfred Moorman m Mary Flood
 - 728 ii Lucy Moorman mHaines
 - 729iii Henry H. Moorman m Julia Bowman
 - 730 i Cadleton Morrman
 - 731 iv Jesse W. Diggs, living Winchester, Ind.
 1894; m Julia Hobbick and had:
 - 732 i Frank Diggs m Elizabeth Morrison
 - 733 i John Diggs
 - 734 ii Florence Diggs
 - 735 iii Alice Diggs
 - 736 iv Ettie Diggs
 - 737 v Elma Diggs
 - 738 vi Eva Diggs
 - 739 vii Daniel E. Diggs m a Smith
 - 740 v John W. Diggs m Elizabeth Helms and had:
 - 741 i George Sanford Diggs m and had:
 - 742 i Earl Diggs m and had chn
 - 743 ii Chas C. Diggs m Louie Holderman
 - 744 John Diggs
 - 745 iii Edward F. Diggs m Vora E. Harter
 - 746 i Max Diggs
 - 746aii Madge Diggs
 - 747 vi Rachel Diggs m Edward Hinshaw and had:
 - 748 i William Hinshaw m Evaline
 Hiatt
 - 749 vii William Diggs, living Vermillion Co., Ind
 in 1894
 - 750viii Matthew Way Diggs m Ruth Diggs, living
 in Farmland, Ind. in 1894
 - 751 ix Fanny Diggs
 - 752 x Washington Diggs, d young
 - 753 xi Hannah Diggs, d young
 - 754 xii Littleberry Diggs, d young

From "History of Randolph County, Ind" by E. Tucker, 1882
 page 311. ARMSBEE DIGGS was among the earliest settlers
 of Randolph County and for many years one of its most active
 and reliable citizens. He was born in 1795 in Anson Co.,
 N. C. About the year 1816, he married Mary Way, and in the
 winter of 1816-17 started with his young wife for the wilds
 of Indiana, reaching Randolph County in February 1817, and
 locating on the banks of White River.....In December 1817,
 his eldest son, Henry, was born. The latter was one of

the first white children born on White River in this county, his only seniors being Fanny, daughter of William Diggs, and Lydia Wright, now the wife of Endsley Jones of this county. In the years that ensued, eleven other children were added to the family of Mr. Diggs, six of whom are now living: John W.; Jesse; Rachel; William; Matthew; and Fanny. Littleberry, Washington and Hannah died young. Henry, the eldest grew to manhood in this county and married, but is now deceased. Patience, wife of J. H. Leake, and Priscilla, wife of Stephen Moorman, are also deceased.

John W. Diggs, son of Armsbee and Mary Diggs, was born on the 20th of January 1826.

See p 129 for 1830 census of White River Twp. Randolph County, Ind. for Armsby Diggs.

580 Margery Diggs (see pg 120) BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: Solomon Wright BORN:
 DIED: CHILDREN:

755 i Washington Wright m Hannah Jane Thornburg
 756 i Harvey Wright
 757 ii Clifford Wright
 758iii John Wesley Wright
 759 iv Elma Wright
 760 v McClelan Wright
 761 vi Phoebe Wright
 762vii Cora Wright
 763 viii Pearl Wright
 764 ii Hannah Wright m Elisha Garrett
 765 i Emma Garrett
 766 ii Lillie Garrett
 Hannah Wright m 2d, Henry C. Thornburg
 767 iii Henry C. Thornburg
 768 iv Jennie Thornburg
 769 iii Mary Wright m John W. Clayton and had:
 770 i Lulu Clayton (adopted) m Edwin S. Jaqua
 771 iv William Wright m Rebecca Ann Thornburg
 772 i Rosetta Wright
 773 ii Solomon Wright
 774 iii Raleigh Wright
 775 iv Lizzie Wright
 776 v Otto Wright
 777 vi Edward Wright
 778 vii Noah Wright
 779viii Bertha Wright
 780 v Lydia Wright; m Philip K. Dick
 781 vi Rachael Wright
 782 vii John M. Wright m Lydia A. Jackson and had:
 783 i Eva Wright
 784 ii Ernest Wright
 785 iii Maude Wright
 786 iv Nancy Wright
 787 v Gail Wright
 788 vi Raymond Wright
 789 viii Fanny Wright m Robert S. Taylor and had:
 790 i Frank B. Taylor m Minnetta Amelia Kitchum

- 581 John Diggs (see pg 120) BORN: 1802 DIED:
 MARRIED: (1st) Olive Puckett BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: (2d) Catherine Puckett BORN: DIED:
 CHILDREN: (1st marriage)
 791 i Harriet Diggs m John L. Thornburg
 792 i Asaneth Thornburg
 793 ii Olive Thornburg
 794 iii John D. Thornburg
 795 iv Lyida Thornburg
 796 v Matilda Thornburg
 797 vi Rachel Thornburg
 798 vii Elvin Thornburg
 799 viii Catherine Thornburg
 (2d marriage)
 800 ii Emily Diggs m Josiah Parker
 801 i Susanna Parker m Eli Reese
 802 i Ethel Reese
 803 ii Emma Reese
 804 iii Roy Reese
 805 iv Clyde Reese
 806 v Harlan Reese
 807 ii William Diggs Parker m Elizabeth
 Bond and had:
 808 i Laura Parker
 809 ii Goldie Parker
 810 iii Edgar Parker
 811 iv Ralph Parker
 812 iii Lavinia Parker m John French
 813 i Della French
 814 iv Rachel Parker m William Owens
 815 i Clona Owens
 816 ii Robert Owens
 817 iii Anna Owens
 818 v Sarah Parker m Chas Hawkins
 819 i Marie Hawkins
 820 vi Albert Parker m Ella Thornburg
 no children given
 821 vii Lindley Parker m M. Thornburg
 822 i Herman Parker
 823 ii Helda Parker
 824 iii Orville Parker
 825 iv Savilla Parker
 826 iii Lydia Diggs m Townsend
 827 i Lavinia Townsend
 828 iv Daniel Diggs, died
 829 v Lavinia Diggs, died
 830 vi William C. Diggs was County Comm'r of
 Randolph Co. Ind; Quaker; son of
 John Diggs "a descendant of an old
 N.C. Family that early settled in
 Randolph" (see "Hist of Delaware &
 Randolph Counties, Ind " pub 1894, copy
 in DAR Library, Washington, D.C.) m Mary
 Stanton and had:
 831 i Ella Diggs m W. Marshall Branson
 832 i Hazel Branson
 833 ii Mildred Branson
 834 iii Burch Branson

- 835 ii John Way Diggs m Julia A. Moore
 836 i Clarence Diggs
 837 ii Glen Diggs
 838 iii Robert Diggs
 839 iii Harvey H. Diggs m Mahatta B
 840 i Mahatta Diggs
 841 iv Emma Diggs, died
 842 v Charles Diggs, "
 843 vi Clarence Diggs, died
 844 vii Pearl Diggs
 845viii Grace Diggs
 846 ix Clyde Diggs m Opal Frazee
 847 i Everett Diggs
 848 ii Catherine Diggs

- 584 Fanny Diggs (see pg 120) BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: Jesse Way BORN:
 DIED: CHILDREN:
 849 i Susanna Way m Thomas W. Kizer; chn:
 850 i William Diggs Kizer m Louisa Dana
 851 ii Fanny Kizer
 852 iii Abe Lincoln Kizer
 853 iv Emma Kizer m John E. O'Harra; child:
 854 Florence O'Harra
 855 v Alice Kizer m Wm Marion Ross; child:
 856 Agnes Ross
 857 vi Frank M. Kizer m Canada; child:
 858 Carleton Thos Kizer
 859 vii Thomas J. Kizer m Margaret Monks
 860viii Edward Kizer m
 861 Homer Thos Kizer
 862 Beatrice Kizer

- 583 Benjamin Clark Diggs (see pg 120) BORN: 16 Dec 1804
 Anson County, N. C. (Bible Rec & census Rec)
 DIED: 15 Aug 1853 Winchester, Randolph Co., Ind.
 (Will & Bible record) MARRIED: (first) Abigail
BORN: 15 Sept 1801 DIED: 3 Feb 1849
 (Benj's will & Bible record) MARRIED: (2d)
 Phoebe(Benj's will) CHILDREN: (1st mar)
 863 i Clarkson Diggs; died in 1833
 x864 ii Hiram Diggs b 14 Apr 1833; m 1st,
 Hannah Mendenhall; m 2d, Elizabeth
 (Carpenter) Wylie
 865 iii Allen Diggs b 4 Apr 1835
 866 iv Phoebe Diggs b 12 Nov 1848

Benjamin Diggs is given as Benjamin Clark Diggs on the Bible record (see below); he is listed in the 1850 census for Randolph County, Ind. White River Twp, Winchester, as age 46 with 3 children listed as Hiram, age 17; Allen age 15 and Phoebe A. age 1. He is not given in Wm S. Diggs Ms but his father's will (see pg 125) names him as youngest son.

Benjamin Clark Diggs born 16 December 1804
died 15 August 1853
Abigail Diggs born 15 September 1801
died 3 February 1849
Phoebe Diggs born 12 Nov 1848
Clarkson Diggs d 1833
Allen Diggs born 4 April 1835
Hiram Diggs born 14 April 1833
Fanny Diggs died 7 April 1838 age 66

I, Alvin Diggs, residing at Thompson, Nebraska do hereby declare the above to be a true copy of the records found in HIRAM DIGGS Bible in my possession. Signed: ALVIN DIGGS

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November
1949.

(SEAL) Lorraine Schutte
Com. Exp. Apr 1, 1954 Notary Public

1850 census, Randolph County, Indiana
White River Township, Winchester

page 80 BENJAMIN DIGGS, age 46, farmer, Real Estate \$1200.
(155) Born in North Carolina
Family 563 Hiram, age 17, born in Indiana
Allen, age 15, " " "
Phoebe A. age 1, " " "

I, Rosalind S. Smith, residing at 1026 16th St., N.W. Washington 6, D. C., do hereby declare the above to be a true copy of the census record indicated, made by me from the record on file at the Department of Archives, this city.

Signed: ROSALIND S. SMITH
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May
1949. KATHERINE C. CARRICK
Notary Public, D.C. 12/14/53
(SEAL)

MEND ENHALL NOTES

Family tradition says that Benjamin Clark Diggs married first, Abigail Mendenhall, but we have not been able to prove this statement. The following is from the report of Mrs. Rosalind S. Smith, Washington, D. C.

"In the "Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy" by W. W. Hinshaw, (in DAR Library, Washington, D. C) there are fifty or more Mendenhall references and on page 827 it shows Nathan, son of George and Judith, in the Deep River Meeting, Guilford Co., N. C. He married 1801, 9, 7., Phebe Haworth. So there must have been two Nathans if the one in Randolph County, Ind. was a son of Stephen (see p 130-131) The daughter of Benjamin C. Diggs and Abigail was named Phebe, which rather suggests that this may have been Abigail's mother's name, and therefore

that Abigail may have been a daughter of Nathan of Guilford Co., and Phebe Haworth. Benjamin C. Diggs was born in 1804, and ordinarily his wife would have been some years younger, or born perhaps between 1804 and 1810. Nathan and Phebe were married in 1801, and chronologically Abigail would fit in as their daughter. This is all in the realm of speculation, however. Nathan's sister Abigail according to the Hinshaw record, married Hezekiah Clark in 1819. (Would this account for Benjamin's second name of Clark?)

"The History of N. C." Vol 6, p 34 gives a sketch of Edward W. Mendenhall, and says he is a descendant of John who came to America in 1685 with his brother Benjamin and sister Mary and settled at Concord, Pa. John married Miss Morris, dau of George Morris, and had a son Mordecai who had a son Thomas. "According to the best available information" Thomas established this branch in Guilford Co., N.C. in colonial times."

- - - - -
1830 Census, Randolph County, Indiana
pg 8. John Mendenhall.
Mordecai Mendenhall.
Stephen Mendenhall.
- - - - -

WILL OF BENJAMIN C. DIGGS

IN THE NAME OF THE BENEVOLENT FATHER OF ALL:

I, Benjamin C. Diggs, of the County of Randolph, and State of Indiana, do make and publish my last will and testament.

Item 1st. I give and devise to my beloved wife Phebe, in lieu of power all the property that she had and brought with her to me when I married her and all the household property that she has made since our marriage all the household property now in the process of making and I further give and bequeath to my said wife my new wagon and harness for two horses and I further give and devise to my said wife all of my hogs (except the old sow) and I further give and devise to my said wife my red cow and one three year old red heifer and one, one year old red heifer and one half of my sheep, and one spotted three year old steer for a Beef for the family, and I further give and devise to my said wife my bay horse all the corn and oats now growing on and upon the place and the three stacks of hay here at the house and the hay that is in the barn, and I further give and devise to my said wife all of my unthreshed wheat for the use of the family and I further give and devise to my said wife my cupboard and cooking stove and trimmings, also my foal ding leaf table and my kitchen table and mangle clock, and I further give and devise to my said wife such articles of household and kitchen furniture not otherwise herein disposed of to an amount not exceeding twenty five dollars (this is intended to articles of small value) that are necessary

for housekeeping and to tedious to enumerate as she may desire.

Item 2d. It is my will and I hereby order and direct my executor hereinafter appointed to purchase a farm for the future residence of my said wife at such place as she and said executor shall select, not exceeding in value the sum of one thousand dollars and I hereby order my said executor (to be appointed) to pay for the same any sum not exceeding the said sum of one thousand dollars out of any of the proceeds of my estate not otherwise herein disposed of, and when such farm shall be so purchased, it is my will and I hereby order and direct that my said wife take possession thereof and hold use and occupy the same for her use and benefit during her life providing she shall so long remain my widow and at her death or marriage (providing she shall again marry) it is my will that said land to be purchased as aforesaid shall descend and go to my three children Hiram C. Diggs, Allen C. Diggs and Phebe Ann Diggs to be equally divided among them and it is my will that my said wife shall use and occupy the farm on which we now reside free of charge until my executor shall purchase and provide for her the said farm to be purchased and provided for her as above stated and I also bequeath one stand of Bees and also the family Bible to my said wife and also the roan sucking calf.

Item 3rd. I give, devise and bequeath to my son Hiram C. Diggs my black horse with a scar in the forehead and also the saddle and bridle and martingales known in the family as his, and also one fourth part of my flock of sheep and I further devise and bequeath to my said son Hiram one bedstead and bedding and one stand of Bees.

Item 4th. I devise and bequeath to my son Allen C. Diggs my black horse and the bridle halter and martingales known in the family as his, and I further devise and bequeath to said Allen my saddle (which I have formerly used) and thirteen dollars to buy a new saddle with and I further give and devise to my son Allen one fourth part of my flock of sheep and also one bed, bedding and bedstead and also one stand of Bees.

Item 5th. I devise and bequeath to my daughter Phebe Ann Diggs one bed, bedding and bedstead, also my bureau and book case and also my work stand and my chest little wheel and reel and also a side saddle (which formerly belonged to Abigail Diggs her mother deceased) And I devise and bequeath to my said daughter my gray horse direct my executor to sell said horse and apply the proceeds thereof to the benefit of my said daughter, as soon as convenient after my departure, it is my will said horse be sold.

Item 6th. It is my will that my books be divided equally among my wife and two sons Hiram and Allen and I hereby direct my executor so to divide them giving to each his or her preference so near as he can to make an equal division among them.

Item 7th. It is my will that my cupboard ~~ware~~ except that part thereof brought me by my wife Phebe or acquired by her be equally divided among my three children, Hiram, Allen and Phebe Ann.

Item 8th. It is my will that my wife Phebe have the care and education of my daughter Phebe Ann until she arrives at the age of 18 years.

Item 9th. It is my will and I hereby nominate and appoint Henry Moorman, Guardian of my said daughter Phebe Ann and charge him with the care of her estate both personal and real.

Item 10th. I do hereby nominate and appoint Henry Moorman, Executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing and empowering him to compromise, adjust, release and discharge in such manner as he may deem proper the debts and claims due me.

Item 11th. It is my will that all my real estate be divided equally among my three children Hiram, Allen and Phebe Ann and I hereby devise and bequeath the same to them and their heirs forever.

Item 12th. It is my will my said Executor should as soon as he can after my departure settle my just debts and burial expenses.

Item 13th. It is my will that my said Executor shall sell all my personal estate not herein otherwise disposed of as soon as he conveniently can after my decease, excepting the necessary provision for the family and after converting my property as aforesaid into money and collecting my outstanding debts and the purchases and payments of the farm as aforesaid for my said wife and the payments of my just debts and the sums herein bequeathed and the expenses of settling my estate.

It is my will that the residue of my personal estate shall be divided equally among my three children: Hiram, Allen and Phebe Ann.

I hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of the eighth month in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Three.

(Signed) Benjamin C. Diggs

The interlineations "on and" on the first page and (order) 2nd line of second page and (I bequeath in the 13th line of second page was made before the signing of the will by the testator.

Signed and acknowledged by said Benj. C. Diggs as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence and at his request.

Tarlton Moorman (Signed)

Mark Diggs (Signed)

Moorman Way (Signed)

State of Indiana

Randolph County

Be it remembered that on this 29th day of August A. D. 1853 personally appeared before me Henry H. Neff Clerk, Tarlton Moorman and Mark Diggs two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who after being duly affirmed says that the above is the will of Benj. C. Diggs, deceased that they were present when he executed said will that they saw him sign it and heard him acknowledge the same to be

his last will and testament in their presence. And that they signed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request. Said Benj. C. Diggs when he executed said will was about 49 years of age and he was of sound mind, memory and understanding and not under coercion or restraint of any kind at the time of executing same.

Tarlton Moorman

Mark Diggs

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 29th day of August A. D. 1853.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said court of common pleas this 29th day of August 1853. Henry H. Neff-Clerk

State of Indiana
Randolph County

I, Henry H. Neff, Clerk of the Common Pleas of said County, certify that the within last will of Benj. C. Diggs late of Randolph County deceased, has been duly admitted to Probate that its due execution was this day proven by Tarlton Moorman and Mark Diggs, whose proofs together with such will have been duly recorded on pages 143, 144 & 145 of the record of wills in our office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court this 29th day of August, A. D. 1853. Henry H. Neff--Clerk

The foregoing will was filed and recorded the 29th day of August A. D. 1853.

Henry H. Neff--Clerk

-
- 864 Hiram C. Diggs (see pg 136) BORN: 14 April 1833
Randolph County, Ind. DIED: 13 May 1915 Beatrice,
Nebraska MARRIED: (first) 21 Dec 1854 Randolph
Co., Ind. Hannah Mendenhall who d 4 Apr 1877
Audobon, Iowa; MARRIED: (2d) 3 June 1883 Granfield,
Kansas, Elizabeth (Carpenter) Wylie BORN: 27 Sept
1848 DIED: 23 Apr 1926 Pickerell, Neb. wid of Madison
A. Wylie (see pension papers quoted in text below)
CHILDREN: (by first marriage)
867 i Lewis A. Diggs b 29 Jan 1855; died
869 ii Allen F. Diggs b 14 Oct 1857
870 iii Hiram E. Diggs b 4 Apr 1862
871 iv Ida A. Diggs b 3 June 1865
872 v Edwin A. Diggs b 22 Jan 1867
873 vi Hattie A. Diggs b 11 Mar 1869
874 vii Amanda R. Diggs b 9 Apr 1870, died
875 viii Eliza V. Diggs b 29 Oct 1872
x 876 ix John D. Diggs b 10 Dec 1874; m Essie
Derrick
877 x Lizzie Diggs b 29 Mar 1877
(by 2d marriage)
878 xi Alvin E. Diggs b 1 Feb 1854; lives
(1950) Thompson, Neb; owner of Bible
from which records were copied] see
p 137, top of page)
879 xii Charles C. Diggs b 29 Mar 1886
880 xiii Homer H. Diggs b 15 July 1889

U. S. PENSION CERTIFICATE NO. 426,787, Issued in 1882

HIRAM C. DIGGS

Served as a Private, Company B, 3rd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. On original pension roll at Topeka, Kansas. Dropped as "Dead" May 28, 1915. Stated to have died at Beatrice, Nebraska, on May 13, 1915. Left a widow, Elizabeth F. Diggs, who died April 23, 1926 at Pickerell, Nebraska.

Date of birth of pensioner alleged to be April 14, 1833, at Randolph County, Indiana. Enlisted August 23, 1861. Discharged Sept 14, 1864. Enrolled at Farmington, Iowa. Discharged at Davenport, Iowa. Pensioned under Act of July 14, 1862, in October 1882 as disabled. Living in 1888 in Smith County, Kansas, Hardile, P. O. In 1890 at Pineville, Mo. In 1892 at Sulphur Springs, Benton Co., Ark. In 1900 at Southwest City, McDonald Co., Mo. in 1904 was at Ellis, Gage Co., Neb. Increase in pension, due to advanced age, claimed in 1907 from Woodston, Rooks Co., Kansas. Died May 13, 1915 at Beatrice, Nebraska.

Declaration of widow, made Nov 15, 1916 at Winside, Wayne Co., Neb. states she is 68 years of age, was born Sept 27, 1848, was the widow of Madison A. Wylie whom she married March 18, 1869, as Elizabeth Carpenter, at Terre Haute. He died Oct 20, 1880 and she married on June 3, 1883 Hiram C. Diggs at Granfield, Kansas.

Statement made by pensioner on Jan 15, 1898, says he was born April 14, 1833 Randolph Co., Indiana and that his wife's name was Hannah M. Mendenhall. They were married in Randolph County by Squire Rhinard (does not remember name). States that his wife died April 14, 1877 at Audubon, Indiana (should be Iowa) and that he married Elizabeth Wylie on June 4, 1883. Children named as follows:

Lewis A.	born 1/29/1855, died
Allen F.	" 10/14/1857
Hiram E.	" 4/4/1862
Ida A.	" 6/3/1865
Edwin A.	" 1/22/1867
Hattie A.	" 3/11/1869
Amanda R.	" 4/9/1870, dead
Eliza V.	" 10/28/1872
John D.	" 12/10/1874
Lizzie	" 3/29/1877
Alvin E.	" 2/1/1884
Charles C.	" 3/29/1886
Homer R.	" 7/15/1889

I, Rosalind S. Smith, residing at 1026 16th St. NW, Washington 6, D.C. do hereby declare the above to have been copied by me from the original pension record of Hiram C. Diggs on file at the Department of Archives, this city.

Signed: ROSALIND S. SMITH

(SEAL) Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May 1949. Katherine C. Carrick D. C. Notary Public. Com's expires 12/14/53/

Acertified copy of his marriage license and marriage certificate was obtained from the Clerk of Randolph Circuit Court, Winchester, Indiana (Samuel H. Hinshaw) 17 Feb 1949. It states that Hiram C. Diggs and Hannah Mendenhall were married by Nathan Reynard, Justice of the Peace, 21 Dec 1854. (Original certified copy attached to application papers of Bernice (Meyers) McCleary, NSDAR #391,783, 15 Apr 1950)

A photostat copy of the death certif. of Hiram C. Diggs states that he died May 13, 1915 Beatrice, Gage Co., Neb. age 32 yrs and 29 days, date of birth 14 Apr 1833 Indiana, Father: Benjamin C. Diggs. Cause of death: cerebral Hemorrhage. Geo. H. Burns, M.D. (photostate copy with DAR membership #391783.)

876 John D. Diggs (see p 141) BORN: 10 Dec 1874 Audubon, Ia.
DIED: living in Colorado Springs, Colo 1950
MARRIED: 13 Dec 1898 Winfield, Cowley Co., Kans.
Essie Derrick BORN: 1 July 1882 DIED: living Bell Gardens, California 1950. CHILDREN:

- x 881 i Vida LaVera Diggs b 5 Feb 1900
Blandsville, near Joplin, Mo; m
Frank E. Meyers 29 March 1916 at
Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 882 ii Velma Diggs
- 883 iii Edna Diggs
- 884 iv Harold Diggs
- 885 v Eldon Diggs

Essie (Derrick) Diggs and John D. Diggs were divorced and she married, 2d, Frank Woods; one child:
vi Frances Woods

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE RECORD---PROBATE COURT

STATE OF KANSAS)
COWLEY COUNTY) SS.

I, Sallie O. Athearn, sole Judge and ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court within and for the county aforesaid, do hereby certify that on the 13th day of December 1898, a MARRIAGE LICENSE was issued out of said office to

J. D. DIGGS of Fairplay, Missouri age 23
and

ESSIE DERRICK of Winfield, Kansas age 16

and that pursuant thereto they were married at Winfield, Kansas on the 13th day of December 1898 by William H. Parker, Minister as the same appears from the records of said Court in Marriage License record "E" at page 95.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas this 7th day of April A. D. 1949.

(SEAL)

Sallie O. Athearn
Probate Judge and ex-officio
Clerk.

831. Vita LaVera Diggs (see pg 143) BORN: 5 Feb 1900
Blandsville, near Joplin, Mo. DIED: 22 July
1947 Colorado Springs, Colorado MARRIED:
29 March 1916 Colorado Springs, Colorado,
Frank E. Meyers BORN: 21 Jan 1889 Marysville,
Kansas DIED: living in Colorado Springs, Colo.
1950 CHILDREN:
- 836 i Bernice Meyers b 27 Jan 1917
Colorado Springs; m 4 June 1938
Thomas Eugene McCleary b 27 Dec
1912
- 887 ii Ramona Irene Meyers b 2 Nov 1918
Colorado Springs, m 27 Nov 1941
E. H. Thornton, Jr.

Birth certificate and marriage certificate for Vita LaVera Diggs attached to application paper for DAR membership #391,783, Bernice (Meyers) McCleary.

- 886 Bernice Meyers BORN: 27 Jan 1917 Colorado Springs,
Colorado DIED: living at 17 West Del Norte, Colo.
Springs (1950-51) MARRIED: 4 June 1938 Colorado
Springs, Colo(by Dr. Walter G.Schaefer, assisted
by Dr. Mathieson) Thomas Eugene McCleary BORN: 27
Dec 1912 RESIDES: 17 West Del Norte St., Colorado
Springs, Colo. CHILDREN: (b Colorado Springs, Colo)
888 i Judith Ann McCleary b 27 Nov 1939
889 ii Marsha Jean McCleary b 22 Nov 1942
890 iii Patricia Lynn McCleary b 2 Apr 1947

- 887 Ramona Irene Meyers BORN: 2 Nov 1918 Colorado Springs,
Colorado
RESIDES: Galveston, Texas (1950)
MARRIED: 27 Nov 1941 E. H. Thornton, Jr. BORN:
RESIDES: Galveston, Texas CHILD:
- 891 i Andrea Leslie Thornton b 3 June 1945

THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF NANCY DIGGS 1855
- - - - -

(NOTE--This compiler does not find any thing to indicate who this Nancy Diggs was, but this document was found in the notes of Wm H. Degges and is included here for anyone who may wish to study this family further.)

In the Name of God Amen. I, NANCY DIGGS, of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing understanding calling to mind the mortality of all things knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die and after this the Judgment, do on this the 14th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following, and first of all I wish my friends to bury me in a decent and christian like manner and as it regards my worldly estate I wish it disposed of in the following manner)to-wit) My wish and desire is that my Negro girl Mary (a slave) to be sold and that my executor have choice to sell her privately or publicly as he may think proper for cash or on credit as he may think proper and for him to make a division of the moneys arising from said sale in the following manner and first my wish and desire is that my son Dixon D. Diggs should have one hundred dollars of the money arising from the sale of said Girl as a remuneration for his trouble with me in my declining years all the balance of the money arising from the sale of said Girl I wish it to be equally divided amongst all my children eight in number with the following exception that is to say that part that would fall to my Daughter Lydia Preslar, wife of Levi Preslar, I give to my son Dixon D. Diggs in trust and confidence for the sole use and benefit of my daughter, Lydia Preslar, and her children, so that it shall not be subject to the control, liabilities nor debts of her husband Levi Preslar in no way or manner whatever.

And lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved son Dixon D. Diggs sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking any and all former wills and testaments by me at any time made declaring this and only this to be my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of the Witnesses who were all present at the signing and sealing thereof, day and date first above written.

her
Nancy X Diggs
mark

Test. W. H. Cox,
John Ratliff

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	COURT OF PLEAS & QUARTER
ANSON COUNTY)	SESSIONS---Oct Term 1855

Then the foregoing will of Nancy Diggs was duly proven in open court by the oaths of William H. Cox and John J. Ratliff two subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon Dixon D. Diggs was duly qualified as executor to execute said will. J. White, Clk.

(Note--Certified by W. K. Boggan, Clerk of the Superior Court of Anson County, 24 May 1912, from Will Book C, p 110)

WILL OF DIXON D. DIGGS 1856 (abstract)

In the name of God Amen. I, Dixon D. Diggs of the County of Anson and State of North Carolina, etc. 2 February 1856 wife, Sarah Diggs, tract of land whereon I now live for life; after her death to be divided betw two sons: Benjamin C. Diggs and William D. Diggs

To said son Benjamin C. Diggs, one bed and furniture originally belonging to his mother, Rachel Diggs, Dec'd.

Wm H. Cox, sole executor

Witnesses: Levi Presler

D. D. Diggs (seal)

John J. Ratliff

Proved April Term of Court 1856. J. White, Clk.

Certified by W. K. Boggan, 24 May 1912 from book c, p 111.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF HENRY DIGGS 1860

Will Book C, page 168, Anson County, North Carolina.

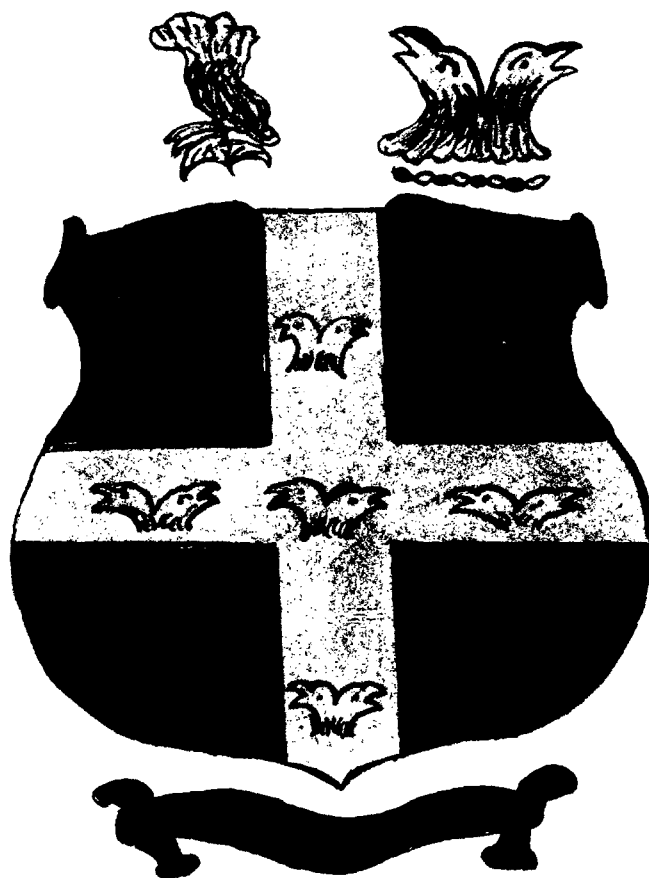
To sell so much of my negro property as my executor may think proper to pay just debts.
Remainder of property both real and personal to be kept together on the premeses for the purpose of raising and supporting the family, etc.... and after my children are all raised and educated the youngest child arriving at the age of twenty one years then I wish there should be an equal division of all the property that may be on hand at that time, among my wife and all my children each to share and share alike. (wife and children not named)

William Clark, sole executor

Witness: W. H. Cox

Proved and recorded October Term of Court 1860.

Certified by W. K. Boggan, Clerk, 24 May 1912.



1997

Excerpts from "Cincinnati Enquirer" Jan 10, 1932.
 from article written by Frances M. Smith (Eleanor Lexington)
 "About Our Ancestors". - - - - -

"EDWARD DIGGES came to Virginia in 1650 and purchased 1,200 acres in York County. He is the common ancestor of all the name and of the lineage..... Edward was the second Colonial Governor of Va. and member of the Royal Council. His son Dudley was Concilor and Auditor of Va. Colony. His son, Cole, was President of the Va. Council. His son William, was active in affairs in 1776 and his brother Dudley was one of the well-trained leaders who guided Va. during the stormy days of '76. He was on the committee to draft the Bill of Rights and a constitution for the Old Dominion. He has the title Captain Dudley Diggs and Major Edward Digges is another who served in the Rev. War. For his services in the army he had a grant of 4,000 acres in Va. (see pp 115-116 for letter pertaining to this land)

"The salary of Gov. Edward Diggs, as Chief Executive of the state was 25,000 pounds of tobacco worth L250 sterling.

"To go back to England to the family seat, in Kent, when the Digges, called "ancient and oncsiderable" had one of the show places of the county, Chilham Castle, built by Sir Dudley Digges, whose wife was Mary Kempe. They were the parents of Edward, Va. Colonist.....Over the entrance of Chilham Castle is the legend---"The Lord Is My house of Defense and My Castle" followed by his name and that of his wife...

"It was Dudley Digges, mentioned above, who made the connection with the Cole family. He married Susanna Cole, and their son Cole, as said above, was Pres. of the Council.

"It was a daughter of Cole Digges, Susannah who married into the Harrison family. Her husband was Benjamin Harrison and her brother, Edward Digges, married Anne, daughter of Nathaniel Harrison. Other related families of this line include Fitzhughs, Powells, Gaskins, Ruckers and McClanahans. The patriotic family, Robinson, of Virginia, is also closely connected.

"A word about the Cole family. Their arrival in Va. antedates that of the Digges. It was in 1629 that William Cole was a member of the House of Burgesses. Possibly he was the colonist. His son, William, was Secretary of State in 1690. Sixteen years previously he was a member of the Colonial Council. William, the Secretary, married first, Anne, dau of Gov. Edward Digges, second, Martha Lear. His son William was a Burgess in 1718, and also Deputy Receiver General in 1718 and Colonel of Militia.

"Warwick County was the Cole home, and tombs in an old cemetery are engraved with family armorials. A cross lozeny with the crest of a dexter hand, is one emblazonment. When it comes to records, one Cole genealogy has the year 200 A. D. for a starting point.

"One of Washington's most intimate friends was his neighbor William Digges, whose home was on the Potomac. On Aug 15, 1799 Washington notes in his diary, "Mr. Thomas Digges dined here". Upon another occasion, "Miss Digges and her niece Miss Carroll, dined here."

- - - - -

"The armorial bearing in use for centuries in the Digges family of Kent, is blazoned:

Gules, on a cross argent; five double headed eagles' heads, erased sable.

Two crests: (1) an eagle's leg, couped at the thigh sable, issuing therefrom three ostrich feathers, argent; (2) a double-headed eagle's head, erased sable.

Motto: "Che sara sara" "what will be will be"

NOTE---all the above is taken from a clipping attached to the manuscript by Wm S. Diggs of Winchester and loaned the present compiler by Dr. John Beals of Winchester, Ind. in 1949.

From Wm S. Diggs Ms. pp 29---"Beaties of England and Wales" Vol 8, on Kent.

CHILHAM CASTLE

"Immediately adjoining to Godmersham Park, on the north, is CHILHAM PARK, the seat of James Wildman, Esq. a West Indian by whom it was purchased of the late Thomas Heron, Esq. brother to Sir Richard Heron, Bart. This gentleman, under the authority of an Act of Parliament, had himself purchased the Honour, Manor and Castle of Chilham, with their appurtenances, from the Colebrooks, who in 1724, had bought them of Col. Thomas Digges, a descendant from the celebrated Sir Dudley Digges..... Sir Dudley erected the present mansion which was completed for his residence about 1616; it is a venerable brick edifice, but singular in its form, which is an irregular polygon. The upper windows command some fineviews over the vale of the Stour, and adjacent country.

"At a short distance from the house towards the north-west, stands the remains of CHILHAM CASTLE, concerning the origin of which a great deal of hypothetical arguement has been advanced-----That it was built upon a site which had previously been occupied by the Romans, and perhaps antecedently, by the Birtons, is extremely probably, but that the present Keep was ever the residence of King Lucius, or Hengist, or Widred, is an assertion which the construction of the edifice itself completely refutes. That the Romans had some building upon this spot is evinced by the following passage from Philipott, "When Sir Dudley Digges digged down the ruins of the old Castle, to make space for the foundation of that exact and elegant house which he there erected, there was the basis of a more ancient building discovered; and many economical vessles of the Roman antique mode traced out in that place".....

Dabney W. Digges while in England in 1875, visited Chilham Castle and the Manor of Sir Dudley Digges. The Castle is still stnading and in good repair, the lead roof being the same as originally put on, bearing the names of initials of visitors as far back as the early part of the 17ty century. The name "DUDLEY DIGGES" is carved in the stone lintel of the main entrance to the Manor House, with a verse

from the Psalms. The Manor is very extensive, the land visible from the roof of the Castle to three points of the compass belonging to it. The employees of the Manor with their families---composing the entire village at the entrance of the Manor---numbering about 1300 persons. A Chapel on the Manor near the Manor House contains a memorial statue."

- - - - -

The following is a letter from Miss Annie Laurie Diltz, Washington, D. C. to Calvin W. Digges, Winchester, Indiana and quoted in the Wm S. Diggs Ms. p 12. (at that time the Diggs of Indiana thought they were descendants of this family, but in reality they are descendants of the Degge family of Gloucester Co., Va.)

Washington, D. C. Oct 15, 1892.

Cousin Calvin,

"One week ago yesterday Aunt Lou, Cousin Harriet Moorman and I went to the Diggs farm, the first American home of the Diggeses. We hired a carriage and drove out through the Soldiers Home Park and took the Rock Creek Road which winds about through what was once the baronial estate of our common ancestor, Dudley Digges, Esq. of Chilham Castle Manor.....

"The 4,444 acres included in the "Chilham Castle Manor" estate are the most arable, we have seen for miles about the District and it is an "beautiful for situation" as the famous Arlington Cemetery.....

"Six hundred of "Chilham Castle Manor's" loveliest acres belong to "Uncle Sam" and he has generously built thereon a "Home " for his loyal sons.

"The old Manor built of English brick was torn down many years ago, and in its place arose the modern stone mansion of the present owner, Mr. Riggs. The house-keeper conducted us about the place and pointed out the objects of special interest to Diggeses: the graveyard north of the house where the family was buried, and also Major L' Wafont, the Engineer who planned the cities of Washington and Indianapolis; and the large business of box which were set out more than one hundred years ago by a member of the Digges family. An aged colored man a former slave of the Digges told the housekeeper when she went there, that he had witnessed the planting.

"Nov 22--I waited to finish after calling on Mrs. Dr. Morgan, nee Digges, who is the fortunate possessor of several family portraits which I wished to describe to you, and the call was not made until Columbus Day, when Pa (Andrew Diltz) with a letter of introduction from Mr. Dudley Carroll Digges (the direct heir to the title) presented ourselves at Mrs. Morgan's residence.....entertained by her account of the portraits and a few "bits" of family history which she related to us. The portrait of Sir Dudley Digges was painted in 1678 and represents a middle-sized man of dark complexion, brown hair, beard and eyes, dressed in brown velvet, and wearing one of those immense embroidered collars tied with a cord and tassels such as are often seen on portraits of Shakespeare, in fact the whole portrait reminded me very much

of Shakespeare's portrait. William Digges, Mrs. Morgan's grandfather, in a scarlet coat and lace ruffles, and his bachelor brother Thomas in a blue gray coat were painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds, in 1778 were brought to America by Thomas Digges, William and Thomas were rather small, thin men of fair complexion, blue eyes and light brown hair. Mrs. Carroll, whose mother was a Digges and her two daughters were painted by the artist Copley, and are dressed in the square necks, elbow sleeves, long-pointed waists of a century ago. They are tall, thin and dark, and have dark almond shaped eyes. The last and most beautiful of the collection is a young girl (a Miss Kamp) whose blonde hair and blue eyes reminded me of Nellie's hair and eyes, and was painted by West. An engraving of Chilham Castle made in 1777 shows it to have been a grand place. On the margin of the picture are the family crest (an eagle's claw) and coat of arms, viz: a shield with three storks or herons; it was so dim we couldn't tell which, and Mrs. Morgan didn't know it was there until we discovered it.

Mrs. Morgan has a photograph of Chilham Castle restored which her son brought from England two years ago.

....."

- - - - -

DIGGES HOUSE BUILT IN COLONIAL DAYS AT YORKTOWN, VA.
BOUGHT BY D. A. R. 1925.

- - - - -

(Clipping from "Indianapolis Sunday Star" 10 June 1932.
attached to Copy No. 41 of Wm S. Diggs Ms. owned by Dr.
John Beals, Winchester, Indiana.)

.....At Yorktown, Va. preserved in all the glory of
prerevolutionary days....stands today the home from which
a long line of this illustrious Digges family came. The
Digges house at Yorktown is of interest to Hoosiers be-
cause descendants of Gov. Digges migrated to Indiana in
1816. John C. Diggs of this city, connected with the
Indiana State government, represents the 19th generation
of a line that traces title to Edward III of England, etc.

The Digges house is excellently preserved and is
now owned by Mrs. Carroll Paul of Marquette, Mich. It is
occupied by Mrs. George Durbin Chenoweth, regent of the
Comte de Grasse Chapter, National Soc of DAR. Mrs. Cheno-
weth is an aunt of the owner.....The Chapter restored
the house to its original appearance at a cost of \$35,000
in addition to the purchase price of \$10,000 of the first
custom house in America, across the street. The Digges
house was built in 1705 and restored in 1925.

- - - - -

D I G G S F A M I L Y

This is a different family from the Degge family traced in the foregoing pages. The Degge family, in different branches, has changed the original spelling of the name to Degges, Deggs and some branches, especially those in North Carolina, and Indiana, spell it Diggs. For years the descendants of some of these branches thought the name was originally Digg or Diggs, thus leading to confusing of the descendants of the two different families of Diggs and Degge. See the Introduction to this manuscript.

From Hasted's "History of Kent County, England"-----

Roger de Mildenhall dictus Digge who lived in the reign of King John whose son John Digge lived in the regins of King Henry III and Edward I, and having founded the house of the Friars Minors in Canterbury lies buried there. His grandson, Roger Digge was of Barham in Kent and his seat called Digge's Court at which his descendants resided for many generations. At length James Digge marrying two wives had issue by his first, Midlred, daughter of Sir John Pineux, Chief Justice of England had two sons:

John Digge, succeeded to Barham
Leonard Digge

John Digge succeeded to Barham which was held until the time of Queen Elizabeth when the male line failing in Christopher Diggs he devised his estates to Sir Dudley the heir male of the above James and his second wife who was Phillipa, daughter of John Enghem of Chart.

Roger Digge lived at Diggs Court and served in Parliament for Canterbury Anno 29, 31 and 34 (Edw. III) whose wife Albin and brother John Digge, Cl. both lie buried in the Chancel of Barham Church as do several of their descendants and one of them, John Digg of Diggs Court was Sheriff part of the 2nd year of King Henry IV. His grandson John Diggs of this place was sheriff Anno 4 Edw IV as was his son of the same name Anno 11 Henry VII whose son James Diggs of Diggs Court was so likewise Anno 2 Henry VIII. He died in 1535 having been twice married, first to Mildred daughter of Sir John Pineux, C. J. by whom he had John of Diggs Court; secondly to Philippa, daughter of John Enghem, Esq. by whom he had Leonard whose descendants were of Chilham Castle. Thomas Posthumous Diggs, Esq. about the middle of Queen Elizabeth's reign alienated this Manor with Diggs Place to Capt. Halfrey of London.

Battely's Somner P. 53. One John Digg, whether the John Digg (son of Roger de Mildenhall dictus Digge) or not was a citizen and alderman of Canterbury and Bailiff of that city in the 43 of Henry III and 2 of Edw I and a great benefactor to the Franciscans or Grey Friars by purchasing in the former of those years an estate for their first settlement at that place. Hist. P.55. And mention is made in Pryne's records P.115 of Hamo Diggs of Canterbury Anno 44 Henry III.

Diggs Pedigree

- 1- Edward III, King of England; m Philippa and had:
- 2- Prince John of Gaunt, K. G. (Knight of the Garter)
the highest order of Chivalry in Great Britain.
The order of Garter was instituted by King
Edward III and is the most famous of the
chivalrous orders of Europe. It is limited to
25 members, the socereign himself making 26;
Duke of Lancaster who had:
- 3- Lady Joan of Beufort, who married Sir Ralph Nevill,
K. G. and had:
- 4- Sir Edward Nevill, K. G. Lord Bergevenny, who had:
- 5- Sir George Nevill, Knight, Lord Bergavenny, who had:
- 6- Sir George Nevill, K. B. (Kings Bench, Ancient and
most important English Court of Common Law)
third Lord Bergavenny, who had:
- 7- Lady Ursula Nevill, who married Sir Warhal St.
Ledger and had:
- 8- Lady Anne St. Ledger, died 1636, aged 81, who married
Thomas Digges of Digges Court in Kent, Muster-
master General of the English Army in the low
countries, son of LEONARD DIGGES of Wooton Court,
Kent (see p 147 for lineage of Leonard) a famous
mathematician who married Bridget, dau of Thomas
Wilford, Esq. and died 1574. Thomas Digges died
24 Aug 1595; his tomb in the north side of the
Chancel No. 1506 bears the inscription: trans-
lated from the Latin "Here lieth in an assured
hope should rise in Christ, Thomas Diggs, Esquire
some time Muster-Master of the English army in the low
countries; a man zealously affected to true re-
ligion, was discreet, courteous, faithful to his
friends and of rare knowledge in geometry, astrol-
ogy, and other mathematical sciences, who finished
his transitory life with a happy end in Anno 1595.
'That the dead might live Christ died'. To Agnes,
(Called Anne) wife of Thomas Digges, Esq. daughter
of Sir William Sent Leger, Knight, and Ursual his
wife, daughter of George Nevil, Lord of Aburgaveny,
by whom the said Thomas had:
 9. Sir Dudley Digges
 10. Leonard Digges, 2nd son
 11. Margaret Digges
 12. Ursual Digges
 13. William Digges, died young
 14. Mary Digges, died young

9- Sir Dudley Digges, Knight, Master of Rolls in 1619; born 1583, died 1639; erected Chilham Castle in Kent; he was a member of the London Company for colonizing Virginia, and married Lady Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Kempe, Knight of Olanthigh, Kent and had 8 sonnes and 3 daughters.
 Letter from Evelyn M. Brakspear, 95 St. Peter's St, St. Albans, Herts, Eng. Dec 30, 1913. "I have discovered from the Inquisition taken after the death of Sir Dudley Digges (May 16, Chas I) that his fourth son was named Edward. These inquisitions are, of course, original documents, so can be taken as accurate. His sons are given as:

- i Thomas Digges aged 30
- ii John Digges
- iii Dudley Digges
- 10- iv Edward Digges
- v Leonard Digges
- vi Herbert Digges

"I think we may take it as certain that this Edward is he who became governor of Virginia as his father, Sir Dudley, had so much to do with the State.

"I have found several references to this Edward in the State Papers (Colonial) at the Record Office, amongst which under date of 18 Dec 1657, I find "Order of the Council of State". Proposal to nominate Edward Diggs as Governor of Virginia"-----and under date 13 June 1670, Governor Sir W. Berkeley to Sec. Lord Arlington. In favour of Edward Digges who 15 years since, showed them the way of winding silk, that he may have a patent or commission for the place of Auditor."

"I afterwards find mention of a Captain William Digges, son-in-law to Lord Baltimore and perhaps son of this Edward?"

Letter written to Wm H. Degges of Washington, D.C. whose notes this compiler has used in this manuscript.

NOTE---This Capt. William Digges was son of Gov. Edward Digges; his wife was a step-dau of Lord Baltimore. see following pages for his biography.

From "Pedigree of a Representative Virginia Planter" pp 8-87 quoted by Wm S. Diggs Ms.:

Sir Dudley Digges b 1583; ed. at University College, Oxford, ambassador to Russia, M.P., and Master of Rolls. In the struggle between privilege and prerogative, he took the part of the people. Constantly interested in Virginia. He married Mary, dau of Sir Thomas Kempt of Chilham. Thomas, his oldest son, succeeded to Chilham manor and castle, acquired by his marriage. His fourth son was Edward who settled in Virginia.

- 10- Col. Edward Digges BORN: 1620 youngest son DIED: 15
 March 1675/6 aged 55 years MARRIED:
 Elizabeth Page (some give it as Braye)
 BORN: DIED: CHILDREN:
- x11. i Col William Digges, oldest son; m
 Elizabeth Seawell
 - x12. ii Col. Dudley Digges b abt 1665; m
 Susanna Cole; see p 163
 - x13. iii Edward Digges
 - x14. iv Mary Digges b abt 1655; m Capt.
 Francis Page, son of Col. John Page;
 d 10 May 1690; see p 162
 - 15. v Ann Digges; m Col Wm Cole, Esq. of
 Bolthorpe, Warwick Co.; d 21 Nov 1688

Elizabeth, wife of Col. Edward Digges, who d about 1691, was supposed to be a sister of Col. John Page. (Page called Edward Digges' wife, Elizabeth "sister" in his will, among the head-rights in Page's patent, 1665, are his wife, Alice, and Elizabeth and Mary Page. Elizabeth, the immigrant, may have been the sister of Page and the wife subsequently of Digges. Mary Page, the other immigrant, was probably Page's daughter and married Col. Chiles, speaker of the House of Burgesses. W. S. Diggs Ms. says there isn't any real proof that Elizabeth's maiden name was Page, he thinks it was Braye, but does not give his reason for thinking so.

GRANT OF 1200 ACRES OF LAND TO EDWARD DIGGS IN
 HAMPTON PARISH, YORK CO., VA. May 6, 1651.

- - - - -

To all et., Whereas Et., Know ye that I the said Sr. William Berkeley Esq. Knight Governor Et, Give grant unto Edward Diggs Esq. twelve hundred acres of land, situated in Hampton Parish, within the County of York and upon the south side of Yorke River butting and bounding as followeth, Vizt. Beginning at certayne marked tree stnading on a poynt and at the mouth and eastward side of a creek, called West Creek and even or nigh York River, course East and by South 400 poles to a poynt on the westward side of Millers Creek, and from the said Creek South East 240 poles till it meetheth with a creek Called Morgans Creek dividing this land, and the land of Fra. Morgan Gent. and into the maine woods South West 340 poles, and soe North West upon the land of William Sawyer over a swamp leading a long to the Indian Bridge, Northerly along West Creeke to the first station where it did begin.

The said land being due unto the said Edward Diggs by purchase from Capt. John West Esquire, as appeareth by deed of conveyance, under the hands and seales of the said Captain John West and Ann, his wife dated the 11th of December 1650 may appeare and alsoe by and for the transportation to twenty four persons into the Colony et., to have and to hold et., to be held etc, Ueilding et. which payment is to be made seven years after the first grant or seating thereof, dated ye 6th of May, 1651.

Owen Maker	HumPayle	John Clake	Ben. Rogers
David Owen	Thos. Avery	John Seales	Isaac Jones
Wm Humer	Ro. Bulliford	John Touncey	Herbert Judd
Fra. Millet	Henry Barnes	Geo. Sweetaple	Henry Adkins
Dosebell Peach	Chr. Allen	Wm Thomas	Els. Iye
Crist Grever	Nuo. Conaway	Wm White	Jeane Hutton

Book 2, p 316 York Co., Va. Recs.

- - - - -
 GRANT OF 2350 ACRES TO EDWARD DIGGS IN GLOUCESTER CO.,
 VIRGINIA July 1, 1653
 - - - - -

To all et., Whereas Et., Now know yee that ye said Richard Bennet Esq. etc., give and grant unto Mr. Edward Diggs two thousand three hundred and fifty acres of land called Matapony River situated in Gloucester County, on ye north side of Matapony River. Beginning at a small run called Rockatamanie South East downe ye River to an oake tree by sunken ground, North East into ye maine woods and North West by West and south to ye River where it began. Ye said land being due unto ye said Edward Diggs by and for ye transportation of forty seaven persons into this Colony etc., To have and to hold et., Yeilding and paying et., wch payment is to be made seaven years after ye first grant or seating thereof, and not before, provided and etc., Dated ye first of July 1653 ut in liis.

Book 3, p 16.

- - - - -

Col. Edward Digges, born 1620, had an interest in the Virginia London Company and served as Governor of the Virginia Colony from 30th March 1655 to 13th March 1658, when he went to England as one of the agents of the colony, and as a member of the Governor's Council from 22 Nov 1654, till his death 15th March 1675. He is said to have been a man of great wealth, owning nearly one-half of Mulberry Island on the James River, where he lived at Denbigh. The island is said to have been so named for the number of mulberry trees there, planted by Col. Digges to feed the silk worms, he being the first to introduce and promote the culture of silk in the colony, samples of which are said to be still held by some of his many descendants. (see pg 149, midway of the page, for reference to him in Eng. quoted in letter received by Wm H. Degges) He married Elizabeth Braye, by whom he had six sons and seven daughters, when Elizabeth, wife of Gov. Edward Digges died there were only three children out of the thirteen mentioned on his tombstone, surviving in 1691. Mary, the only one of the dead children had a living desceendant. Bishop Meade in his "Old Churches and Families of VA" Vol I:238 says, "The family of Digges is most ancient and honorable. Virginians and Episcopalians, need not wish to go farther back than to Hon. Dudley Digges, one of the most active members of that noble and Christian association, The London Company---far more of missionary institution than any of that day. The minutes of the London Company show him to have ever been at his post in the meetings of the Committee with such men as the Earl of Southampton, the Ferrars and others--Besides visiting the old Court House and clerk's

About 1851, it was learned in Virginia that the English heirs of Sir Dudley Digges were extinct, and the effort was made by the descendants of Gov. Edward Digges residing in Virginia to obtain possession of Chilham Castle and its estates. The Maryland Digges, descendants of Col. William Digges, Gov. Edward Digges' eldest son, have, however, the prior title under the law of entail.

- - - - -

See letter dated 18 March 1835, p 115-116 for another effort to collect money by Diggs descendants.

- - - - -

office and the jail (the latter without an inmate) of Warwick County, I went to the ancient seat of Coles and Digges, at Denbigh on the James River just opposite Nutmeg Quarter on Mulberry Island----the ancient house at Denbigh is no more, except one wing of it, which forms a part of the habitation of the present owner, Mr. Young a descendant of one of the old Episcopal families of Denbigh-----Although they intermarried with the family of Cole and some of them were Warwick Co. men, yet for the most part, they lived in York county, their two seats, Chilham near Yorktown and Bellfield, some miles higher up the river and about eight miles from Williamsburg, were both on the rivers. Being informed that Bellfield was the burial place of the Digges, I found the tombs in much better order than most of the old family graveyards. They are very massive.....The inscription of Edward Digges:

"To the memory of Edward Digges, Esquire, sonne of Sir Dudley Digges of Chilham in Kent, Knight and Baronet, Master of the Rolls in the reign of King Charles the 1st, He departed this life the 15th of March 1675 in the 55th year of his age, one of his Majesty's council for this his colony in Virginia. A gentleman of most commendable parts and ingenuity and the only introducer and promoter of the silk manufacture in this colonie, and in everything else a pattern worthy of all pious imitation. He had six sonnes and seven daughters by the body of his wife Elizabeth, who of her conjugal affection hath dediceted to him this memorial."

-
- 14 Mary Digges (see pg 150) BORN: 1655 DIED: 1691.
 MARRIED: Capt. Francis Page and had one child:
 16 Elizabeth Page; on 24 Nov 1691, Capt. Francis Page, in be-half of his dau Elizabeth Page "as legally representing her deceased mother, Mary, ye daughter of the said Mrs. Elizabeth Digges, petitioned the court for a division of Mrs. Digges estate" which was ordered. Accordingly on 10 Dec 1691, Joseph Ring, Thomas Barber and Martin Gardiner reported the division and the inventory was entered in York records, 24 Aug 1692. It amounted to L 1102.18/10.
-

- 11 Col. William Digges (see pg 150) BORN:
 DIED: 1698 Charles Co., Maryland, will proved in York County, Va. 24 May 1698 MARRIED: Elizabeth Seawell, dau of Henry Seawell of Patuxent, Maryland step-dau of the 3rd Lord Baltimore CHILDREN:
 x17 i Edward Digges; see p 155
 x18 ii William Digges; m Elinot
 x19 iii Charles Digges d 1744; m and had children (see p 159)
 20 iv Dudley Digges; see pg 155 in will
 x21 v John Digges; see p 160
 22 vi Nicholas Digges

- 23 vii Jane Digges; m Henry Sewell and had:
 24 i Nicholas Sewell
 25 ii Elizabeth Sewell
 26 iii Mary Sewell (see #23 below)
 27 iv Ann Sewell
 v(?)
 Jane Digges m 2d, Notley Rozer
 28 viii Elizabeth Digges; m Neale and had:
 29 i Henry Neale
 30 ii Edward Neale
 31 ix Anne Digges; mDarnall
 32 x Mary Digges

Col. William Digges, eldest son and heir; J. P. in 1671; captain of horse in 1674; cut off one of Thomas Ransford's fingers in a hand-to-hand fight, during Bacon's Rebellion, 1676; sheriff of York Co., Va. in 1679; removed to Charles Co., Maryland; died in 1698; member of the Maryland Council with title of Colonel.

#23 WILL OF HENRY SEWELL (Charles Co., Md) Apr 24, 1664
 of Patuxant River about to make a voyage in the
 "Maryland Merchant" to England
 To my brother Samuel Sewell 200 Acres where my
 good wife shall think fitt.
 To my cousin Richard Dudley, 1000 Acres
 To my well beloved wife Jane and to afterward be
 divided between my children: Nicholas, Elizabeth,
 Mary and Ann Sewell always, provided that the child
 or children that my dear wife now is Bigg with is to
 have an equal proportion.

Jane evidently married 2d, Notley Rozer as shown
 in her mother's will which follows:

WILL OF ELIZABETH DIGGS OF CHARLES CO., MD.

Sept 13, 1708

I give unto my loving son Henry Whorton (the negroes
 in his plantation at Lewis' Neck)

I give to my son Edward Diggs----(negroes)

I give to my son Charles Diggs (negroes)

I give to my son Wm Diggs (negroes)

I give my son Dudley Diggs (negroes)

I give my son John Diggs (negroes)

I give my daughter Mary xxxxxxx

I give my daughter Jane Rozer xxxxxxx

I give my daughter Elizabeth Neale xxxxxxx

I give my daughter Anne Darnall xxxxxxx

I also give 20 shillings apiece to all the Jesuite
 priests in Maryland

proved June 17, 1710.

WILL OF WILLIAM DIGGS OF CHARLES CO., MARYLAND

dated Sept 13, 1695, proved July 24, 1697

Gives his plantation on York River in Colony of Va. to
 Edward forever, all, when daughters are married or 21 years
 old.

Bequeaths to his dear wife Elizabeth "my negro man
 called Magy and the twelve negroes that I brought with me

from "Virginia" and gives named.

Wm Diggs of Chas Co., Md. and wife Elizabeth had:-

Wm Digges--Tract called "Baltimore Gift"

Chas Digges--"Digges" purchase "Digges addition"

Dudley Digges and John Digges--Tract called "Pierces
Encouragement" on Patapsco River in Baltimore Co.

Nicholas Digges--called "Elizabeths Delight" in
Charles Co., Md.

Edward Digges--Plantation on York river in Va.

Elizabeth Digges-----

Ann Digges

Mary Digges see pg 161

- - - - -

#17 Edward Digges, died unmarried 1714.

St. Mary's and Charles Co., Md. Rent Roll

No. 2 (Record Office, Annapolis, Md.)

1000 Acres, Yearly rent L-2

Barbadoes surveyed in 1673 for Elizabeth Wharton
in his Lordship's Manor of Panguya on ye side of the
main run of Port Tobacco Creek--possessed by Edward Diggs

Elizabeth Wharton--Liver 15---Folio 157

Wife of Dr. Jesse Wharton--Pat. for Barbadoes,
1000 Acres in Chas. Co., Md. 1673, Sept 24.

NOTE--From the above and from Elizabeth Digges
will, p 163, it seems Elizabeth was married before she
married Digges and had a son Henry Wharton.

WILL OF EDWARD DIGGES, April 10, 1714.

I, Edward Digges of P. G. Co. give unto my brother John Digges,
his heirs forever, all my tract of land and plantation called
"Barbadoes" given unto me by my late dear mother Mrs. Elizabeth
Digges.

To my sister Mary Digges (negroes)

To my sister Darnall -----

To my brother Notley Rozer, tract of land lying on
Eastern Branch called Elizabeths Delight, 100 acres.

Whereas I have sometime since sold my rights to two tracts
of land at ye Eastern Shore unto Col. Whittington, the one
called Cedar Neck, the other Digges Point, and which I
think are not sufficiently made over, I hereby bequeath the
said two tracts unto ye said Wm Whittington.

Some of land to John Simot in St. Marys Co. called
Denby.

Whereas I have promised and agreed with Alexander
Hamilton for a tract of land lying in Bangiah Manor upon ye
head of Port Tobacco Branch, etc..

To Nephews Henry Neale and Ed. Neale Water Mill Port
Tobacco.

I give to every one of the Jesuite Priests that shall
be in this province at ye time of my death three pounds in
money and to M. Jas. Haddock, Priest, if in Maryland 20 shillings
in money.

I desire my Executors to pay off all ye money that is due at the College of St. Amers for my brother Dudley's schooling and accomodations to Feb 1711, provided my said brother Dudley Diggs and assignes make no demands for any money, Tobacco, goods, Cattle &c. as due to him for his part or share---from my mothers estate or make no demands from me as Executor of my fathers estate or my said mothers estate---

I do hereby give unto my said brother if he returns into this province in three (3) years and is not in Holy Orders-----

Mentions brother Benjamin Hall and cousin Francis Hall.

If there now remains any right, title, claim, etc. unto the lands, negroes, etc. bought by me of my cousin Charles Pye, I do hereby transfer and give the same unto my brother Wm Digges etc. for whose use I bought them, he discharging those engagements I made with Capt. Hyde, Merchant in London upon that account.

All the remainder of my estate to be divied amongst my brothers Charles Digges, Wm Digges, John Digges (and Dudley Digges upon the condition before mentioned) only sister Mary Digges, and my sister Neals children. one part to my brother Rbbt Brook, Priest.

Book 13, Will Book 5, page 673.

-
- 18 William Digges (see pg 152) BORN: DIED: 1740
 Price Georges Co., Md. MARRIED: Elinor.....
 BORN: DIED: will dated Sept 11, 1740,
 proved Nov 26, 1740 CHILDREN:
 x33 i Ignatius Digges; see p 158
 x34 ii Nicholas Digges d 1750; m and had
 35 Elinor Digges
 x35 iii Edward Digges d 1769; see p 157; 163
 x36 iv Thomas Digges; see p 163
 37 v Francis Digges
 38 vi Mary Digges; m Raphael Neele (?)
 vii Henry Digges (not named in father's will,
 viii William Digges but Edw mentions them in his

GRANT OF 1074 acres to WILLIAM DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGES
 COUNTY, MD. situated in PRINCE WM CO., VA. dated
 August 30, 1731 (see p 162-163 land patent on "Smyrna"

THE RIGHT HONBLE. THOMAS LORD FAIRFAX of Leeds Castle
 in the County of Kent, and Baron of Cameron In Scotland, and
 William Cate of Milgate in the Parish of Berestead in the
 said county of Kent, Esquire Devises in trust and sole
 executor of the last will and testament of the Right Honble.
 Katherine, Lady Fairfax Deceased, Proprietors of the Northern
 Neck of Virginia. To all to whom this present writing shall
 come send Greeting. Know ye that for divers good causes and
 considerations but more especially for and in consideration
 of the composition for our use paid unto our Agent and
 Attorney, and for the annuel rent hereafter reserved.

We have given granted and confirmed and by these presents for us our heirs and assigns do give grant and confirm unto William Diggs of Prince George County in the Province of Maryland Gent. one certain tract or parcel of land containing 1074 acres, lying and being in the County of Prince William joining upon the land of Middleton Shaw, upon Tuskerora Branch among the Broken hills the said land being bounded as followeth viz -----etc. Given at our Office in Lancaster County within our said Proprietary under our seal. Witness our Agent and Attorney fully authorized thereto dated the 30th day of August in ye 5th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE THE SECOND by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland Kind defender of the faith &c., Anno Domini 1731.

William Diggs, his deed for 1074 acres of land in Prince William County, Va. -----Examined. (This should be Prince William Co., Md?) Book "D" page 20.

Each of the foregoing are certified to as follows:-- Land Office, Richmond, Va.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 1st day of October 1912.

Jno. W. Richardson,
Register of the Land Office.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF WILLIAM DIGGS of Prince George County, Maryland dated Aug 31, 1739 proved Aug 28, 1740.

To will Elinor Diggs, dwelling Plantation, etc. during life and 1/4 personal estate during life, then to be divided equally between sons, Ignatius, Nicholas and daughter Mary Diggs.

To son Edward Diggs tract "Essex" on Piscataway Run, negroes, and all the cattle, hogs, etc. on his plantation at Pipes Creek and on Collington called Pianas Grove

To son Ignatius Diggs, after death of his mother, tract where I now dwell "Mellwood Park", tract called Free School Farm, tract called "Cole Brigade", tract called "Craycrofts Purchase, tract called "Hatchett"; tract called "Little Addition"; tract called "Aquascott alias part of Brooke Court" and one-third personal estate.

To son Nicholas Diggs tract bought of Mr. Chas. Pye called "Pianas Grove" on Collington Branch and one-third ~~money~~ personal estate.

To daughter Mary Diggs, 1/3 pers. est. one-third money for lands in Virginia and Maryland where there are prospects of valuable ore, etc.....

To son Thomas 6 negroes

To son Francis 6 negroes, etc.

Daughter Mary to have piece of land if she is not married before mother's death.

Mentions Daniel Dulancy Esq. and Mr. Daniel Carroll of Marlborough, partners in some land dealings.

Will Bk 22, D. D. No 1, page 232.

WILL OF ELINOR DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Sept 11, 1740

To my granddaughter Elinor Diggs, daughter of my son
Edward Diggs -----

To my daughter Mary Diggs -----

To my sons--Ignatius Diggs and Nicholas Diggs -----
Elinor Diggs (SEAL)

Proved Nov 26, 1740 Book 22, D. D. 1, pg 301
- - - - -

#35, Edward Digges (see pg 155) BORN: DIED: 1769
MARRIED: CHILDREN:

- 39 i John Digges
- 40 ii Edward Digges
- 41 iii Elizabeth Digges m Jesse Wharton
- 42 iv Elinor Digges
- 43 v Mary Digges
- 44 vi Ann Digges

Edward Digges mentions his sons-in-law
Charles Wharton, Jesse Wharton but doesn't indicate
the names of their wives

WILL OF ED. DIGG June 4, 1769
of ST. MARY'S CO., MD.

As I am an heir at law to my father, being conscious that
it was his will and intention that my two brothers William
Digges and Henry Digges should have an equal part with me
of all the lands in Maryland and elsewhere, they paying each
of them their proportion of all the expenses that has been
concerning the said land. I give and bequeath unto each of
them one third part of the said lands and my one third or part
of said land shall be put up for sale to discharge my just
debts---likewise all the lands in Frederick Co. which belong
to me---shall be sold for the equal benefit of my three daughters
Elizabeth Digges, Elinor Digges, Mary Digges; also that my
share of the Hampton Ironworks and the lands and everything
thereunto shall be sold (and divided between his 3 daus)

To my son John Digges 1/5 personal est after my just
debts are paid, but in case he returns in the province and
not a Religious, otherwise it shall be equally divided between
my three daughters, Elizabeth, Elinor and Mary.

To my son Edw. Digges and my daughter Ann Digges L35 each
yearly for life, etc.

My daughter Elizabeth Digges should have the care of my
daughter Ann Digges and my daughter Elinor Digges shall have
the care of my son Edward Digges.

Mentions his sons-in-law Charles Wharton and Jesse Wharton
and his brother Wm Digges.

Brother-in-law Raphael Neale (either his sister's husband
or his wife's brother).

Book 37, W. D. 2, pg 461.

Proved Dec 18, 1769

see p 163 land patents.

33 Ignatius Diggs (see pg 155) BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: (see pg 56 for will of his father
 and will of his mother in which is left tracts of land)
 Nothing more is found in Wm H. Degges notes on this man.

The following is from Land Commissioner's Office,
 State of Maryland, Annapolis Oct 8, 1912.

"CHILHUM CASTLE" 530 1/2 acres--resurvey on
 "MARGERY" and "COLONEL'S BRYGADE" Resurveyed
 for Ignatius Diggs of Prince Georges County,
 and patented to him 28th January 1757--lying
 in Prince Georges Cojnty on West side of Western
 Branch of Potuxent River--Liver B. C. & G. S. No. 6
 folio 515. Manor of Calverton

"MELLWOOD PARK" 660 1/2 acres--resurvey on "MELLWOOD
 PARK"--Resurveyed for Ignatius Diggs of Prince Georges
 County 28 Feb 1758, and patented to him 29 Sept 1760--
 lying in Prince Georges County adjoins Free School Farm.
 Liber B. C. & C. G. No. 10, folio 518. Manor of
 Calverton.

"DIGGS' LODGE" 665 acres--Resurvey on part of
 "GRAY CROFTS PURCHASE" part of "KACKET", "LITTLE
 ADDITION" part of "REQUASEATT" als. "BROOK COURT"
 Resurveyed for Ignatius Digges of Prince Georges
 County 17 March 1761 and patented to him 22 June
 1763--lying in Prince Georges County atanding on
 a point by a marsh side near the mouth of a branch
 commonly called Kenedys Branch the said stone stand-
 ing in the place where was proved the beginning tree
 of "BROOK COURT MANOR". Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 20,
 folio 225, Manor of Calverton.

"BURGANDY" 632 acres--resurvey on "EASY COME BY"
 Resurveyed for Ignatius Diggs of Prince Georges
 County 26th April 1769, and pattented to him 30 July 1770--
 lying in Frederick County on Rock Creek and near
 Hock Creek Chapel. B. C. & G. S. No. 38, folio 420.
 Manor of Conegochigue.

"SECOND ADDITION TO EASY COME BY" 163 acres--surveyed
 for Ignatius Digges of Prince Goerge County 27 Oct
 1773, and pattented to him 6 Dec 1775---Beginning at
 end of 12th line of a tract of land called "THE RE-
 SURVEY ON LUCUST THICKET". Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 52,
 folio 85. Manor of Monococy.

34 Nicholas Digges (see pg 155) BORN: DIED: 1750
 MARRIED: BORN: DIED:
 CHILD:

45 Elinor Digges

WILL OF NICHOLAS DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGE CO., MD.

Dated March 9, 1749 Proved June 27, 1750.

To my dear loving daughter Elenor Digges all my
 real and personal estate, except legacies hereafter mentioned

To my God daughter Elenor Digges, daughter of my brother
Edw. Diggs
To my God daughter Mary Rozer, daughter of Henry Rozer
To Ignatius Digges and Henry Rozer or either twenty pounds
in trust for that Clergyman who shall perform my funeral rites.
Book No. 27, D. D. No. 6. (Signed) Nicholas Digges

"CHILTON CASTLE" 218 acres--lying in Prince Georges
County South side of a large spring that descends into
Lingsamore Creek a draft of Monocacy--Patented to Nicholas
and Ignatius Diggs of Prince Georges County 19 Dec 1741--
Liber L.G.No. C, folio 183.

19 Charles Digges (see p 152) BORN: DIED: 1744
Prince George Co., Md. MARRIED:
BORN: DIED: bef her husband; she is
not mentioned in his will: CHILDREN:
46 i William Digges; see below
47 ii Anne Digges
48 iii Mary Digges; m Hill
#46, William Digges m and had:
49 i Charles Digges; d unm; his will
bequeaths to his honoured father, Wm
Digges his estate all and singular.
On the back of said will was this
written, on 19th day of Apr 1769 came
Thomas Carson and made oath that he
did see Charles Digges late of said Co.,
merchant, sign and seal the written
instrument, will dated Aug 18, 1761.
(Prince George Co., Md. Ek 37, W.D.2,
pg 194)
50 ii Thomas Digges
51 iii George Digges

WILL OF CHARLES DIGGS OF PRINCE GEORGES CO., MD.
Jan 28, 1742.

To my daughter Anne Digges ----
To my daughter Mary Hill ----
To my loving sister Anne Darnall
To my loving son William Diggs the land etc. where I
now dwell called "Warburton Manor" and "Franklnd" adjoining
to hold during his natural life and after his decease
to my dear grandson Charles Diggs eldest son of said Wm
Diggs and after the decease of my said grandson Charles
then to revert to the first son of my said grandson and the
heirs of the body of the said first son, etc-----and for de-
fault of such issue then to my grandson Thomas, second son
of said Wm Diggs--and if no issue to my grandson Charles
and his issue--no issue--to my grandson George, third son
of Wm Diggs. Charles Diggs (SEAL)

Witnesses: Anne Darnall

Geo. Attwood
H. Darnall
Len Rozer

proved May 28, 1744
Book 23, D. D. 2, folio 504

Land Commissioner's Office, State of Maryland
Annapolis, Oct 9, 1912

"WAREBURTON MANOR" 1562 acres--lying in Prince Georges County beginning at the mouth of Pascataway Creek--patented to Charles Digges and Alexander Contee 26 Oct 1733--Liber A. M.No. 1, folio 160. see pg 162.

21 John Digges (see pg 152) BORN: DIED:
MARRIED:

(Note--Land grants for John are all that this compiler finds in Wm H. Degges notes for him; he probably married and had children, but we do not have the record) see p 154 for tract of land left John and Dudley Diggs by their father's will. It was called "Pierces Encouragement"

John Digges to Robert Cwings assignment of 500 acres 4th May 1732 land surveyed for Robert Owings called "BARE GARDING" and patented to Owings 8th October 1733--Liber A. M.No. 1, folio 337.

THE BACK LAND" 2578 acres--Lying in Prince Georges County on a small fork of Little Captings Creek which descends into Monococy--Patented to Arnold Livers 10th June 1734--this tract was surveyed for John Digges and assigned to Livers--Liber E. I., No. 3, folio 348

"DIGGS' S CHOICE" 6822 acres--Lying in the back woods Baltimore County--Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County 11th October 1735--Liber E. L, No. 3 folio 433

"CLARKS' DISCOVERY" 100 acres--Surveyed for Nathaniel Wickham of Prince Georges County 14 June 1734, assigned to John Diggs of Prince Georges County 14 Aug 1736--and patented to John Diggs 10 Nov 1737--Liber E. I., No. 2, folio 607

"JUSTICE DELIGHT" 250 acres--Lying in the back woods of Prince Georges County near a branch that descends into a Creek called Sams Creek--Patented to John Diggs 7th August 1742. Liber E. I., No. 6, folio 473

"HAZLE VALLEY" 118 acres--Lying in back woods Prince Georges County beginning at two black oaks of William Fraquers land--Patented to John Diggs 6th Aug 1742--Liber E. I. No. 6, folio 474.

"THE DISAPPOINTMENT" 182 acres--Lying in Prince Georges County in the back woods beginning at a tract of land called Arnolds Delight--Patented to John Diggs 8th July 1743--Liber L. G., No. h, folio 639.

"THE MEADOWS" 172 acres--Lying in Prince Georges County in the back woods near a rich meadow by the side of a branch called Toms Creek--Patented to John Diggs

27 July 1743---Liber L. G. No. B, folio 641.

"CEDAR CLIFFS" 290 acres--Lying in Prince Georges County in back woods on the South side of a small run that descends into the West side of Beverdam Branch--Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County 18 April 1744--Liber P. T., No 1, folio 177.

"BROTHERS AGREEMENT" 60 acres--Lying in Prince Georges County in back woods beginning at two bounded white oak trees standing in a small valley that descends into the East side of a run falling into the North side of Great Pipe Creek--Patented to John Diggs of Prince Georges County, 14 April 1744---Liber P. T., No. 1, folio 175

"BROTHERS TRYAL" 30 acres--surveyed for John Diggs of Prince Georges County 14 April 1744, and patented to him 14 April 1744---Lying and being in the back woods on fork of a small branch which descends into the South East side of Piney Creek Liber P.T. No. 2, folio 140. Held of Manor of Calverton.

All of the above from Land Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, Md.

See p 153-154.

From Land Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, Md. Oct 9, 1912.

William Diggs who died in Charles Co., Md. 1698 had the following land:

"BRANDFORD" 1050 acres--Talbot Co. patented to Wm Diggs of St, Marys County 15 May 1682--Liber C. B. No. 2, folio 486

"DIGGES ADDITI N" 295 acres--in Charles Co. w. side of Wicocomoco River, etc., patented to Col Wm Digges 16 Aug 1682--Liber No. 22, folio 90.

"CEDAR NECK" 366 a. Somerset Co. on a seaboard side, etc. to Col.Wm Digges of St, Marys Co. 28 June 1688, book N. S. No. B, folio 608

"ELIZABETH DELIGHT" 1000 a. in Charles Co., Potomac River. patented to Col Wm Digges of St.Marys Co. 9 March 1688 Liber E.S, No B, folio 658

"DIGGES POINT" 475 acres--Somerset Co. on seaboard side, etc. patented to Col.Wm Digges of St.Marys Co. 28 Jan 1688 Liber N. S, No.B, folio 599

"COASTERS REFRESHMENT" 1600 acres--In Cecil Co., etc. patented to Charles Diggs but surveyed for Col. Wm Diggs 14 July 1683. Liber E.I., No.2, folio 483.

"FAIR MEADOW" 438 ac. In Somerset County on s. side Baltimore River. Surveyed for Col. Wm Diggs of St. Marys Co. 1 May 1688, Liber No. 22, folio 384.

"SPRINGFIELD" 486 acres--in Somerset Co. on s. side of Baltimore River--surveyed for Col Wm Diggs of St. Marys Co. 9 May 1687, Liber No. 22, folio 385

see pg 160 for Charles Diggs.

"DIGGS ADDITION" 658 acres--in Charles County on s. side of a creek facing out of Wiccocomico River, etc., patented to Charles Diggs of Chas. Co. 30 Mar 1714, Liber P.L. No. 3 folio 473

"COASTERS REFRESHMENT" 1600 acres--in Cecil Co. on main branch of St. Georges Cr. etc., patented to Chas. Diggs but surveyed for Col. Wm Diggs 14 July 1683, Liber E.I. No. 2, folio 483.

"ADDITION TO PARTNERSHIP" 200 acres--lying in Prince Georges County beginning, etc....patented to Chas. Diggs 16 Oct 1733---Liber E. I. No 1, folio 2

"PEER" 291 acres--resurveyed for Chas. Digges 7 March 1743, patented to him 7 Mar 1743--etc.Held of Manor of Zachiah. Liber P. T. No. 2, folio 223.

18 William Diggs, see pg 156, land patents.

"CLEAR SPRING" 50 acres in Prince Georges Co. patented to Wm Diggs Esq. 7 Aug 1733, Liber P. L. No. 8, p 759

"WICKHAM RANGE" 50 acres--surveyed for Nathaniel Wickham of Prince Georges County 22 Oct 1731, patented to Wm Diggs of Prince Georges Co. 1734, Liber E. I. No. 2, folio 104

"FELLOWSHIP" 172 acres--resurveyed for Wm Diggs of Prince Georges Co. 25 Sept 1746, patented to him 28 Oct 1747 in Prince George Co. Liber P. T. & B. Y.No. 3 folio 318.

"KENDALLS MEADOWS" 550 acres--resurveyed for Wm Digges of P. G. Co., patented to him 28 Oct 1747---Liber T.I.No. 1 folio 89. held of Manor of Calverton

"SMYRNA" 625 acres--resurveyed for Wm Browne 18 Dec 1752 patented to Wm Digges 6 Oct 1753 (must be son of Wm who d 1740, see p 38a, p 155) Resurvey on "Smyrna" lying in Prince George Co. adjcins "THE WIDOWS PURCHASE" and "HENRIETTA MARIA" Liber Y & S, No 8, folio 133. Held of Manor of Calverton.

"CHITTUM CASTLE MANOR" 4443 acres--resurvey on "Smyrna" "KENDALLS MEADOW", "THE WIDOWS PURCHASE", "YARPOW HEAD" "HENRIETTA MARIA", "YARROW", "CHEAS CHANCE"---resurveyed for Wm Digges of P. G. Co. 25 Jan 1762, patented to him 15 June 1763. In Prince Georges Co.on w. side of Eastern Branch of Potomack River nr mouth of Branch commonly called Canoa Br. Liber P.C. & G. S. No. 18, folio 304. Manor of Calverton.

38a, p 155 William Diggs, The following are probably his patents, for his father and grandfather, both named William, were dead by 1740.

"THE ADDITION OF DARKETH" 27 1/2 acres--surveyed for Wm Digges of Prince Georges Co. 22 Apr 1765, and patented to him 27 Apr 1765--lying in Prince Georges Co. beginning at end of five hundred perches on a line drawn East North East from the point that makes the north side of a creek commonly called Swan Creek adjoins a tract called "Batchelors Harbour"--Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 29, folio 117, Manor of Calverton.

"THE VENTURE" 50 acres--surveyed for Benedict Calvert 3 Feb 1767, and patented to him of Prince Georges County, Edward Digges of St. Mary County, William Digges, Jr. of P. G. Co. Normand Bruce and James Kenedy of Frederick Co. 25 Jan 1768--lying in Frederick County near the foot of the Killoctain about 1/2 mile sfrom Adam Pinkleys and about 5 or 6 perches from a small draft leading from said Mountain into Great Hunting Creek. Liber B.C. & G. S., No. 33, folio 21, Manor of Conegochieague.

35 p 157, Edward Digges (see "THE VENTURE" above)

"BEDFORD" 5301 acres---resurvey on NEW BEDFORD" Resurveyed for Daniel Machinzie of Anne Arundel County and John Logsdon of Frederick County 21 Apr 1762, and patented to Edward Digges and Normand Bruce 12 Nov 1763--lying in Frederick Co--Liber B. C. & G. S. No. 15, folio 789. Manor of Conegocheigo.

#36, p 155. Thomas Digges had the following patent:

"MOUNTAIN PROSPECT" 600 acres--In Prince Georges Co. at head of line stone spring that leads down a valley descending into small branch of Little Pye Creek--patented to Thomas Diggs of Anne Arundel Co. 1 Aug 1745. Liber P. T. No. 2, folio 139. Land Comm'r Office, Annapolis, Md.

12 Col. Dudley Diggs (see pg 150) BORN: about 1665 DIED: 18 Jan 1710 aged 45 MARRIED: Susanna Cole BORN: 1674 DIED: 1708, dau of Wm Cole, member of the Council, Secretary of the Colony CHILDREN:

x52 i Cole Digges, eldest son and heir; m Elizabeth Power

53 ii Edward Digges; among the tombs in the churchyard at Woodford, Eng. is a tomb of Edward Digges, Esq. son of Hon. Dudley Digges of Va.; d 1711

54 iii Dudley Digges; m Mary Hubbard, dau of James Hubbard and Elizabeth his wife; Children:

55 Edward Digges, Capt. in the Rev. War, d without issue. See p 115-116 for letter in which claim for money due heirs is set forth. Military warrants were issued in 1838, 1849, 1853, 1856, 1857 to heirs of Capt. Edward

Digges of the Rev. War, son of Dudley Digges, brother of Cole Digges, Esq. Among the heirs were the children of Geo. Purdie Digges, Margaret F. Hogue and Martha J. Goddin. This compiler has not been able, with the data in her collection to identify these last two. Were they daughters of Cole Digges or his granddaughters?

- 56 ii Dudley Digges, eldest son, d 4 Feb 1768
- 57 iii Elizabeth Digges
- 58 iv Maria Digges; stewardess of Wm & Mary College 1775
- 59 v Susanna Digges

These children all died without issue. Dudley Digges (#54) and his wife Mary were living in Henrico County in 1729; in 1738 and previously he lived in York Co. In 1768 he was living in Williamsburg, Va. (location of Wm & Mary College)

- 60 vi Elizabeth Diggs (sister of Dudley Diggs, #54)

The first mention of the Diggs family in York County, Va. Records is in 1685, Book 7, p 144 which gives an abstract of his mother's will:

Mrs. Elizabeth Diggs, dec'd Estate with Col Wm Diggs and Mr. Dudley Diggs, adm'rs.

EXTRACT OF DUDLEY DIGGS WILL

Book No. 22, p 69.

Dated Jan 13, 1710

Sons: Edward, Dudley and Cole

Daughter: Elizabeth Son Cole, Ex'r.

To Mrs. Whitley, to buy her mourning the sum of ten pounds sterling. To Mrs. Young the sum of ten pounds sterling. To Mrs. Tillyard the sum of ten pounds sterling.

Witnesses: Arthur Tillyard

Charles Barrett

John Marshall

Col. Dudley Digges was appointed a member of the Council and Auditor of the Colony. On 21 Sept 1699, Edward Digges, "eldest son of Capt. William Digges of Maryland" conveyed to him the land between Felgate's and Morgan's Creeks, which he described as "Edward Digges Esqrs. plantation" and was generally called the E.D. plantation until the time of William Digges, Jr. (In "Enquirer" of 1811, Rev. Servant Jones advertised for sale "Bellfield 1,000 acres in York Co., the only estate where the famous E. D. tobacco was raised, which never failed to bring in England one shilling when other tobacco would not bring three pence". Gov. Tazewell used to speak of the fame of the E. D. tobacco) when it is demoninated in the deeds "Bellfield". According to this epitaph which is in Latin, he was renowned "both for virtue and wisdom". His will approved in York Co. Court 20 Feb 1710, gives L2,000 apiece to his sons, Edward and Dudley and his daughter Elizabeth, and the rest of his estate to his son and heir Cole Digges.

- 52 Col. Cole Digges (see pg 163) BORN: 1692 DIED: 1744 in 52d year MARRIED: Elizabeth Power, dau of Dr. Henry Power of York Co., Va. CHILDREN:
- x61 i Col. Edward Digges; m Anne Harrison
 - x62 ii Col. William Digges; m Frances Robinson
 - x63 iii Dudley Digges, m first, Marthe Armistead; m 2d, Elizabeth Wormeley
 - 64 iv Mary Digges; m Nathaniel Harrison 25 Aug 1739
 - 65 v Susannah Digges; m Maj. Benj. Harrison

Cole Diggs, Peter Beverly and Wm Robertson in St. Georges Parish, Spottsylvania Co., Va. had a grant of 1200 acres June 25, 1722. located in the fork of the Rapidan River and bounded as follows: south side of the Robinson River at a poplar two red oaks and a white oak standing by the Robinson River side against a point of rocks, on the other side of the said River thence S 35 degrees E 104 poles to three pines and a red oak, etc....Signed A. Spottswood. Book 11, p 147

16 Sept 1728 Col. Cole Diggs took the oath as Lieutenant and Commander in Chief of the County of Elizabeth City, Warwick County and York County, member of the Council in 1719, and sometime President thereof. see p 165a

-
61. Col. Edward Digges BORN: DIED: 22 Mar 1769
 MARRIED: 9 Aug 1739 "VA GAZETTE", Anne Harrison
 BORN: 1719 DIED: 16 Dec 1775 in 56th yr. dau of late Nathaniel Harrison of the Council. CHILDREN:
- 66 i Edward Digges b 26 May 1740, d 26 Jan 1741
 - 67 ii Edward Digges b 1 Dec 1741; d 1743
 - x68 iii William Digges; m Elizabeth Digges, dau of Col. Wm Digges of Denbigh, his uncle
 - 69 iv Cole Digges b 11 Oct 1744; d 20 May 1777 while a member of the House of Delagates "Va Gazette"
 - x70 v Edward Digges b 22 Jan 1746; d 29 Oct 1818 m Elizabeth Gaskins; of Fauquier Co., Va.
 - 71 vi Mary Digges b 25 Dec 1743; d 7 Feb 1814; m George Fitzhugh of Fauquier Co., Va. left 4 children:
 - 72 i George Fitzhugh
 - 73 ii Henry Fitzhugh
 - 74 iii Ann Fitzhugh; mBaylor
 - 75 iv Mary Fitzhugh; m Henshaw
- From "Va Land Office, Richmond, Council Chamber Dec 31, 1782. No. 3517----

COLE DIGGES

"At a Council held at the Capitol June ye 12th 1729, Cole Digges Esqr. on his Petition hath liberty Granted him to Survey and have a Patent for Eighty foot Square of the Beach below the bank at York Town, adjoining to the place where his Warehouse now Stands for his convenience in Building a commodious Warehouse thereon with leave to extend a Warf of the same Breath into the River for the more Convenience Landing Merchandize. Provided the same do not obstruct or encroach on the publick Landings or Streets leading to the River.

Wil. Robertson, Cls. Con"

On 7th April 1838 a warrant No. 3517 for 250 acres issued to Susan Royston, Geo. F. Thornton, John Thornton, Mary Ann Royston, Edw. D. Thornton, Wm F. Thornton, Addison F. Thornton, Elvira Thornton, Ann D. Baylor, Henry Fitzhugh, Ellen Fitzhugh, Ann Maria, Geo. T. Susan, Henry, Laura, Rosalie Heirs of Mary Fitzhugh who was one of the heirs of Edw Diggs.

72 vii Thomas Digges b 17 Aug 1750; d 15 Aug 1818; m and had:

73 i Whiting Digges; m Sarah Dudley Digges
(see #93, p 168) dau of his uncle Edward

74 ii Dudley Digges

75 iii Lucy B. Digges; m Dudley Fitzhugh

No. 3516 on 7th April 1838 a warrant No. 3516 for 250 acres issued to Thos. Diggs heirs, viz: Whiting Diggs, Dudley Diggs, and Lucy B. Fitzhugh, Thomas Diggs being one of the heirs of Ed. Diggs.

76 viii Elizabeth Digges; b 14 Nov 1752

77 ix Hannah Digges b 1 Dec 1754; d 1756

78 x Anne Digges b 5 Sept 1756; d 30 Sept 1756

79 xi Sarah Digges m William Fitzhugh of Fauquier Co. 8 chn
No. 3518--7 April 1838 warrant No. 3518 for 250 acres issued to Ann H. Thornton, Thomas G. Gordon, Selley, Dudley, Wm F. Gordon, Lucy Ann Gordon, Maria Gordon, Elizabeth C. Gordon, Sarah B. Edmunds, Edw. D. Fitzhugh, Cole Fitzhugh, Dudley Fitzhugh, H.L. Fitzhugh & Maria Catlett, the heirs of Sarah Fitzhugh who was one of the heirs of Edward Diggs.

30 xii Dudley Diggs b 15 Jan 1760; moved to Louisa County; m Mary Digges dau of Hon. Dudley Digges of the Committee of Safety. His deed to Mr. Waller for 179 acres on Pelgate's creek in York Co. acknowledged 21 Jan 1788.

Va. Land Office, Richmond Council Chamber Dec 31, 1788, No. 130---I hereby certify that Lt. Dudley Digges is intitled to such proportion of land as is allowed a Lieutenant of Cavalry in the State Line for Military service from 1779 to the present day.

Benjamin Harrison Thos. Herewether.
Warrant for 2666-2/3 acres issued to Dudley Diggs Feb 13, 1783.

Vol. 39:177(1926) DAR Lineage Bks,
DUDLEY DIGGS b 1760, d 1842 m Mary Digges, his cousin, served several enlistments 1777-1783 in the Va. troops; in 1832 applied for a pension and claim was allowed. Born in York Co., Va. died Chariton Co., Mo.

The pension papers of Dudley Diggs, S 8323 revealed that the pension application was made from Louisa Co., Va. where he had resided since 1791, he was aged 73 in 1832. A grandson, Edward Turner, was given power of attorney to collect the payments, and an affidavit signed by Col. Dudley Diggs, Jr. "a relative" said that the applicant had served as a Lit.

of Cavalry. In 1844, Edward Turner was appointed attorney also to collect the balance of some half-pay still due to the applicant on this service. A letter from Weston T. Buick(?) dated Apr 23, 1850 from Fayette, Mo. sets forth that Captain (sic) Diggs died in the county of Chariton, Mo. and that Seneca T. P. Diggs, his son, is his legal administrator and that Edward Turner who qualified as such in the county of Goodland, Va. is not recognized by the heirs.

Dudley Diggs had a daughter, Lucy Stratton Diggs who married George S. Pulliam. Through this lineage Alice Joseph Rankin had membership #88536 in NSDAR.

This compiler thinks that he had a son John who had a son John Marshall Diggs of Louisa Co., Va.; moved from Va. to Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Ky. 1835. His son Dabney W. Diggs b 10 Feb 1837 Shelbyville, Ky. had 2 brothers: Geo. Washington Diggs, killed at the battle of Belmont, Mo. member of the 7th Iowa Volunteers, in Nov 1861 and Edward Andrew Diggs, resided in Terrytown, New York.

31. xiii Charles Digges, brother of #80, preceding page.

Col. Edward Digges of Bellfield, as appears from a deed between Hon. William Nelson of Yorktown, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife, ack. in Gen. Court 26 April 1749, was "eldest son and heir" of Cole Digges, Esq. He m Anne Harrison (9 Aug 1739 dau of the late Nathaniel Harrison of the Council" Va. Gazette") She died 16 Dec 1775 in her 56th yr. The will dated 25 May 1772 and proved 19 Feb 1776 mentions her sons: Cole, Edward and Thomas Digges and daughters: Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah.

York Co., Va. Records, Book 18, p 149: EDWARD DIGGS, Gent. came into Court and took the oaths to the Government, the oath of a Justice of the Peace for this County and also the oath of a Justice of the Peace in Chancery and subscribed the Teste, and took his place accordingly".

Book 18, p 157, 18 Nov 1734. EDWARD DIGGES, ESQ. presented in Court a commission under the hand of the Hon. Wm Gooch, Esq. Lieutenant Governor, appointing him the said Digge Lieutenant Colonel of his Majesty's Militia of Horse and foot in York County and accordingly he took the oaths to the Government and subscribed the Test."

Col. Edward Digges was a Member of the House of Burgesses and died 22 Mar 1769.

-
- 68 William Digges (see pg 165) BORN: 20 Dec 1742 DIED:
 MARRIED: Elizabeth Digges, dau of Col. Wm Digges
 of Denbigh, Warwick Co., Va. CHILDREN:
- 32 i Francis Digges; m William Sumner;
 left 3 children; one of whom m a
 Porter; dau Elizabeth m Rev. Ben
 Riddick of Suffolk
 - 33 ii Elizabeth Digges; m Faulkner
 - 34 iii Edward Digges

William Digges, by the death of the two first Edwards shortly beired Bellefield. He became Justice of the Peace; in 1773 the sheriff of York County; was a member of the Conventions of 1775 and 1776 from York County; he became involved by the Revolution and in 1787, sold Bellefield to William Waller and moved to Newport, News where he was the sheriff of Warwick, 1799 and 1804-7, member of the House of Delegates from Warwick 1790-91; 1802 and 1805.

- 70 Edward Digges (see pg 165) BORN: 22 Jan 1746 DIED: will dated 27 Oct 1818, proved 23 Nov 1818 Fauquier Co., Va. MARRIED: 11 June 1775, Elizabeth Gaskins BORN: 2 May 1756 DIED: dau of Col. Thos Baskins
- CHILDREN:
- 85 i Thomas G. Digges b 9 Apr 1779
 - 86 ii Edward (9) Digges m Ann Eustace Gaskins 30 Mar 1798, Children:
 - 87 (10) Chas. Wm Digges; m Elizabeth S. McClenachan 18 Apr 1833; had:
 - 88 (11) James McClenachan Digges m Emily Scrymer 18 Nov 1863
 - 89 (12) Charles Wm Digges m Ida Rucker
 - 90 (13) Thomas Henry Digges m Eliz. LaForge
 - 91 iii William Henry Digges b 24 June 1791; d 29 March 1832
 - 92 iv Ludwell Digges b 14 Apr 1796; d 4 Mar 1836
 - 93 v Sarah Dudley Digges b 24 May 1793 Stafford Co., m her cousin, Whiting Digges #73, p 166
 - 94 vi Portia Digges b 11 Sept 1795

Commonwealth of Va. Land Office, Richmond, Council Chamber, Dec 31, 1782.

No. 8515--On 7 April 1833 a warrant No. 8515 for 250 acres issued to Edward (cousin of Cap'n) Digges heirs to-wit: Thomas G. Diggs, Edward Diggs Sarah D. Diggs, Porte Diggs, John B. Diggs, Elizabeth G. Diggs, Allen M. Diggs, Elias W. Diggs, William H. Diggs, Catherine L. Diggs, Sally P. Diggs, Anna C. Diggs & Ludwell Diggs, Thomas Diggs being one of the heirs of Ed. Diggs.

- 62 Col. William Digges (see pg 165) BORN: 4th child of Col. Cole Diggs DIED: MARRIED: Frances Robinson, dau of Maj. Anthony Robinson and Diana, his wife, of York Co., Va. The will of Maj. Robinson was proved 7 Feb 1756 and of his wife Diana, 15 Feb 1762. They mention a son Starkey, daus: Ann, Martha, Mary, a son-in-law Thos Everard, clk of York Co., and granddaus: Frances Everard; Susannah Digges and Mary Cole.
- CHILDREN:
- x 95 i Major Cole Digges b 1754; m Mary Purdie
 - ii son, name unknown (see next page)

- 96 iii Mary Digges; m Wm Hill and had:
 - 97 i Harriet Hill, d unm
 - 98 ii Ariane; m Miles Cary of Pear Tree Hall, Warwick Co and had:
 - 99 Ariana Cary; m J. F. Kuper
 - 100 Catherine Cary; m James Powers of Richmond, Va.
 - 101 iii Henry Hill; m Francisco
 - 102 iv Frances Hill; m Bassett Calvert
- 103 iv Elizabeth Digges; m Wm Digges (see #68, p 167) of Newport News, son of Edward and has descendants
- 104 v Susannah Digges
- 105 vi Lucy Digges

Col. William Digges was Burgess, Justice of the Peace, etc. from Warwick County, Va.; later of Fauquier County, Va.

- 95 Major Cole Digges DIED: 1754 Warwick Co., Va. DIED: will proved 27 Aug 1817 of Hanover Co., Va. at time of the Revolution MARRIED: Mary Purdie who died 22 Feb 1826 aged 59, dau of George Purdie and Mary (Robinson) Purdie CHILDREN:
 - 106 i William Digges; d in service during War of 1812 at Black Rocks, Michigan
 - x107 ii George Purdie Digges; m Malinda Richards
 - 108 iii Mary Digges; m John Johnson, grocer of Richmond, Va.
 - 109 iv Frances Digges; m Lyne
 - 110 v Martha Digges
 - 111 vi Elizabeth Margaret Digges

Cole Digges studied at Wm & Mary College; was major of Cavalry during the Rev. War; member of the House of Delegates and Virginia convention of 1788. Military warrants were issued in 1838, 1846, 1849, 1853, 1856 and 1857 to heirs of Capt. Edward Digges of the Rev. son of Dudley Digges, brother of Cole Digges, Esq. Among the heirs were the children of George Purdie Digges, Margaret F. Hogue and Martha J. Goddin. Were these last two the daughters of Cole Digges above mentioned?

Warrant No. 5351--Va. Land Office, Richmond, Va.

Cole Digges is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Lieutenant of the Continental Line for three years service. Samuel Coleman

Council Chamber December 13, 1807.

W.W.Cabell

Warrant No. 5351 for 2666 -2/3 acres issued to Cole Digges, and delivered to Henry Lee the 19 Dec 1807.

DAR Lineage Bks, Vol. 6:143
(1894)

MAJOR COLE DIGGS (1754-1817) was a member from Hanover County to the Virginia Convention and in 1781 served in the cavalry; m Mary Purdie.

Col 19:78 (1897)

COLE DIGGS (1754-1817) served as Cornet of first Continental Dragoons 1777 and resigned 1778. born Warwick County, Va.; died Hanover Co., Va.

- 107 George Purdie Diggs BORN: DIED:
 MARRIED: 1818, Malinda Richards, dau of Maj. Benj. Richards of Fredericksburg, and the adopted dau of her uncle, David Michie of Albermarle Co., Va.
 CHILDREN:
- 112 i William Cole Digges; d an old bachelor in the South
 - 113 ii David D. M. Digges; d 1878; m Martha Price of Green Co and had:
 - 114 (1) Edward Digges, now in Tex 1807
 - 115 (2) Dudley Digges " " " "
 - 116 (3) R. D. Digges of Va.
 - 117 (4) Lucy Digges; m Dr. Hurt, son of Judge Hurt of Galveston, Texas
 - 118 (5) Ida Digges; m T. W. Miller of Roanoke City (#5413 member of NSDAR) dau of David Dudley Michie Diggs #113
 - 119 (6) Corinne Digges; m John O. Pendleton of Albermarle Co., Va.
 - 120 (7) Martha Price Digges; m Richard West Moore of Washington, D. C.
 - 121 iii Lucy Digges; m Dr. R.B. Dice
 - 122 iv Sarah Digges; m Geo. Crawford Miller
 - 123 v Mary Wyatt; m John C. Wood and had:
 - 124 i Malinda Wood; m N.W. Berkeley of Danville, W. Va.
 - 125 ii Georgella Wood; unm, of Charleston

George Purdie Diggs served in the War of 1812; in the Texas War with Mexico and was with Gen. Houston at San Jacinto. He was the patentee of making oil from cotton seed.

George Purdie Diggs wrote this letter to his son:
 near Washington, Texas June 15th, 1836.

My dear Son,

I have been engaged in fight with the Mexicans almost ever since I wrote you last.

I am now about marching against the Hostiles, and, after we whip them, I shall take possession of my 5,000 acres of land which I am now entitled to; and the quantity I shall be entitled to for my services I will give you provided you like Texas, when you see the perfect Paradise of a country.

I will write you immediately upon going home to business. I wish you could come here with Mr. A. B. Breedlove, who I have written to also by bearer of this letter. I am without anything but land and stock, but I do not fear making what I want. Please remember me respectfully to Capt.

E. Allen and tell him I am going ahead here in the most beautiful field of operation ever before beheld.

I am my dear son,
Your Friend and affectionate father,
George F. Digges.

Ref: Wm S. Diggs Ms. loaned to compiler by Dr. John Beals, Winchester, Ind. (1950)

- 63 Dudley Diggs (see pg 165) BORN: 1729 DIED: 3 June 1790
age 61, Yorktown, Va. MARRIED: (1st) Martha Armistead
MARRIED: (2d) Elizabeth Wormley, dau of Ralph
Wormeley of Rosegill. CHILDREN: (1st marriage)
xl26 i Cole Digges; m Martha Walker
127 ii Patsy Digges b 10 Aug 1757; m 1780
Capt. Nathaniel Burwell of the Artillery
("Va Gazette" d at her residence "Rustic
Lodge" in Botetourt Co., Va. 2 Nov 1848)
they had:
128 i Nathaniel Burwell
129 ii Thomas Burwell
130 iii Patsey Burwell
131 ivBurwell; m Col. Harvey
of Botetourt Co., Va.
No. 8814--- On the 3rd day of June 1840
Warrant No. 8814 for 250 acres issued to
Patsy Burwell, one of the heirs of Edward
Digges, late a Captain in the State Line,
#85, p 163.
CHILDREN: (2nd marriage)
128 iii Elizabeth Digges b 17 May 1761; m Dr.
Robert Nicholson of Yorktown
129 iv Mary Digges b 3 March; m Dudley Digges
of Louisa Co., Va. son of Col. Edward
Digges of Pellfield
130 v Dudley Digges b 6 Apr 1765; m Alice (Page)
Smith, dau of Gov. John Page and widow
of Dr. Augustine Smith, only child:
131 Elizabeth Digges; m Hugh H. Pendleton
132 vi Lucy Digges b 13 Oct 1771; m John Stratton
of the Eastern Shore and had:
133 i daughter; m a Parker
134 ii daughter; m Parker, she was Mrs.
Ann G. Parker
135 vii Judith Wormeley Digges b 5 Sept 1777; m
Andrew Nicholson and buried in Richmond
1849; daughter
136 daughter; m Rev. Geo. Woodbridge of
Richmond; left children

Dudley Digges, 3rd son of Cole Digges, was appointed Colonel of horse and foot 19 Sept 1748. In 1749 he was receiver of military fines for York, subsequently member of the Council, lawyer by profession and died aged 61, June 3, 1790 (Calendar of State Papers)

"I do hereby certify that a Telescope belonging to Dudley Digges, Esq. which was left in my care, was delivered to Major Washington, aid to the Marquis de la Fayette, sometime in June 1781, and that the said Telescope has not since been returned."

Js. Madison".

(The above item was found in the Wm S. Diggs Ms.)

DAR Lineage Books, Vol. 29:265
(1899)

DUDLEY DIGGES (1750-1790) was a member of the Virginia Convention 1776; buried at Bluefield (should be Bellefield) near Williamsburg where there is a memorial pew in the parish church.; m Martha Armistead.,#28727 NSDAR

126 Cole Digges (see pg 171) BORN: DIED:
MARRIED: Martha Walker, sister of Col. Wm Walker who commanded a regt. at battle of Hampton in June 1813. CHILDREN:
137 i Martha Digges; m John Goodall and had:
138 Cincinnatus Goodall.
Warrant No. 9219 for 166 2/5 acres issued 28 July 1849 to Cincinnatus Goodall heir of Martha Goodall, formerly Martha Digges, heir at law of Capt. Edward Digges of the Va. State Line & No. 9220 for 83 1/2 acres iss'd to Robert B. Bagly assignee of the aforesaid Cincinnatus Goodall. (Va. Land Office, Richmond Va. Council Chamber.)
138 ii Betsy Digges, m Joscoe Cole
139 iii Lucy Armistead Digges; m Major William Lightfoot of James City Co., Va.

References: Wm S. Diggs Ms. in possession of Sarah (Donnell) Minor, Richmond, Va. (1950) also one loaned by Dr. John Beale, Winchester, Ind. whose wife was a Diggs; Wm H. Digges Ms., uncle of Sarah (Donnell) Minor.
See Introduction, to this genealogy.