

GRESHAM FAMILY

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Mr. Alexander T. Strange, of Hillsboro, Ill., has compiled a little book which he terms *Sketches of the Greshams of America and Across the Seas*. I have obtained his permission to preface my family record with what he has said of the early Greshams, because this knowledge was not only troublesome to obtain, but Mr. Strange has said it much better than I could do; and, moreover, what I have gathered goes back only to my grandfather, or, perhaps I may venture to say, to my great-grandfather, Lawrence Gresham. Mr. Strange says his mother was a Gresham, but in his book I can find no positive evidence of a relationship between the Greshams of whom he writes and those of whom I shall write. Nevertheless, I am almost sure there is a relationship, since some of our relatives settled in Kentucky, Illinois, and other States, but the records of King and Queen County having been entirely destroyed by fire during the Civil War, what little I have been able to learn has had to be gathered from memory and personal interviews with the few who are left old enough to give me reliable information.

Many years ago—about 1888—I met with Mr. Peter H. Gresham in my brother's home in Washington, and he was so intensely interested in tracing the Greshams that he could scarcely talk of anything else, and he gathered much information which I think very reliable, as the old gentleman was so sincere and so painstaking; but after making one or two trips to London, and spending time and money in his search for knowledge of the early Greshams there and here, the books he had bought and what he had written were nearly all burned in a fire which destroyed the law office of Gresham & Gresham, at Lancaster County, and as at that time "Cousin Peter," as he wished to be called by all the

Greshams, was on his death-bed, the most of the knowledge so laboriously obtained was buried with him—much to the regret of his “many cousins.”

Mr. Strange, in his “Historical Introduction,” says:

“Normandy, formerly a province, in the north of France, so-called from the north rovers, or Northmen, otherwise called Normen, was founded by Charles the Simple, in A. D. 912.

“Normandy, as a part of the French nation, was overcome by William I., known as William the Conqueror, in 1066. William was the son of the Duke of Normandy, and, with inherited rights, he soon overpowered Duke Guide of Macon, and Count Arquies, by the aid of the disaffected French, then rallying the combined forces, he finally, in 1066, at the historic battle of Hastings, succeeded in making all those countries subjects of the British crown.

“During the twelfth century the country was wrested from the British by the French armies, and again subdued by the British at a later day.

“This turbulent age tended to create lawlessness and to develope a spirit to despoil and rob the surrounding countries.

“The Norsemen, or Normen, were a bold and venturous people, engaged, in the main, in farming, with the more intrepid in commerce, especially in sea commerce. Those engaged in sea commerce, in keeping with the spirit of the age, became known as sea rovers, and occasionally as pirates on the high seas.

“They were widely known as invincible fighters, and materially aided William in his designs for supremacy.

“Having assumed the dukedom in 1035, William steadily acquired power, till the victories above named were attained, and he became the greatest monarch of his age and assumed the British crown.

“Many of the people of Normandy, attracted by such able leadership and the lucrativeness of English agriculture and commerce, crossed over into the conquered country and acquired homes and aided materially in making the country

of England great and progressive, as she has ever since been.

“Among those to locate in England about this time was one Edward de Gresse and his son, Edward, the elder of whom was with William at the battle of Hastings and subsequent to that event.

“After the De Gresses became citizens of England, the French prafix ‘de’ was dropped, and to distinguish them as land-owners the word ‘ham’ was added, and under this modified name a ‘coat-of-arms’ which distinguished and dignified the family for many generations, was conferred upon them.

“Just when and by whom this coat-of-arms was conferred is not known, but the fact of its use by this family is clearly shown by early English history.

“The coat-of-arms consisted of a grasshopper on a greensward—‘Gres’ meaning green and the hopper indicating the activity of the Greshams in their devotion to the King. Its use, as shown by the records, is the evidence that the Greshams are the descendants of the De Gresses. In some of the early writings the Greshams were described as the family of the Green Home: which the grass hopper on the greensward indicated.

“This coat-of-arms, as students of history know, became the legally protected insignia of the Greshams, and was their pride for many succeeding generations. This, in brief, is the record of the family from 1035 to 1086 in Normandy, after the battle of Hastings. For the next two hundred years, history is silent, but occasional reference to the coat-of-arms is the conclusive proof of the relationship of the Greshams of the eleventh to those of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries.

“Passing down to the sixteenth century, Sir Thomas Gresham of London, whose high standing and eminent services were widely known, with his three brothers, John, Richard and William, and one sister, Mrs. John Thyme, are prominently mentioned in every English history. It was about 1560 that Sir Thomas was knighted and became an important personage in affairs of state and diplomacy of that day. Some eighty years after this—in 1641—John

Gresham 'Gent,' with his wife and son John, emigrated to America.

"From careful study of the records of the day, I have concluded, or assumed, that this John Gresham 'Gent' was a son of the John Gresham mentioned above as a brother of Sir Thomas Gresham. I, therefore, place 'Hl. John Gresham' as the progenitor of the American Greshams in the Chronological Index at the close of this volume."

"THE EARLY ENGLISH GRESHAMS.

"A full chronological account of the Greshams during the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries cannot be given, but it is known that during the twelfth century Edward Gresham, presumably a descendant of the De Gresses, founded the town of Gresham, in the County of Norfolk, England. In the 'Paston Letters,' published during the reign of Edward VI. and written by one of the early Greshams, who was the secretary to Judge Paston, this fact is clearly set forth.

"We find the names of John Gresham, a son James, and a grandson John, and one William Gresham during this little-known period, who, from the coat-of-arms, are known to have been residents of Gresham, England, and ancestors of the London family.

"Leaving the ancestral home of Gresham, we trace by the Arms, Crest and English history the family to London. John Gresham, a wealthy merchant, to whom Sir Thomas was apprenticed, was esteemed as a successful business man. His brother, Sir Richard Gresham, was also a merchant, and was elected Lord Mayor in 1537.

"Sir Richard, father of the illustrious founder of the Royal Exchange, became Gentleman Usher Extraordinary to Henry VIII., and at the tearing to pieces of the monasteries by that monarch, by his judicious courtliness, he obtained no less than five grants of church lands. His daughter married John Thyme, an ancestor of the Marquis of Bath. Sir Richard had three brothers—Thomas and John and William. The latter was Chancellor of Litchfield.

"Sir Thomas Gresham, son of Sir Richard, was born in

1519, was educated at Gonville Hall, Cambridge, and Cairns College; was apprenticed to his uncle as a merchant; was admitted to the Mercers Association in 1543; represented the King at Antwerp in 1551; was dismissed by Queen Mary, but quickly reinstated; served Queen Elizabeth as a diplomat, and with great distinction restored the debased currency of the nation; and negotiated many important loans and introduced many financial reforms; he was ambassador to the Netherlands, and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth. He owned much landed property, and established the first paper mills of England. He died in 1579, after a career of great usefulness and with honors worthily earned.

“His son, Richard, dying in 1564, to whom he was greatly attached, in memory of whom he established the Bourse, or Royal Exchange, and eight almshouses. He married a Suffolk widow. Queen Mary, in recognition of his eminent services, gave him at different times, a priory, a rectory, and several manors and advowsens.

“In his will he gave his beautiful home in London to trustees to be used as an institution of scientific advancement and to be known as Gresham College. There were to be seven professors, at an annual salary of fifty pounds each, payable out of the rents from the Royal Exchange.

“This college was burned down and rebuilt twice since its establishment by act of Parliament; the present beautiful structure being built in 1843 on the corner of Basinghall and Gresham Streets. Cousin Peter H. Gresham attended a course of lectures in this building a few years ago.

“A statue of Sir Thomas was erected on the plaza of the Royal Exchange, and when the structure was burned in 1666, this statue was the only thing that stood the fire. The Exchange was subsequently rebuilt, and the Arms of Gresham adorn the south and east sides of the magnificent structure.

“Haman, in a book published in 1628, in describing the ‘Loafer’ of that day, sententiously said:

“ ‘Though little coin thy purseless pockets line,
Yet with great company thou’rt taken up,
For oft with Duke Humfry thou dost dine
And oft with Sir Thomas Gresham sup.’

“ENGLAND TO AMERICA.

“In speaking of the establishment of Gresham College, Green, in his *History of the English People*, page 69 of Vol. VIII., says:

“ ‘The little company of Philosophers had hardly begun their meetings at Gresham College when they found themselves objects of great interest. Science suddenly became the fashion of the day. Charles the II. was himself a chemist of some ability, and took a keen interest in the problems of navigation. Buckingham took fits of devotion to his laboratory. Poets, like Dryden and Cowley; courtiers like Sir Robert Murray joined the scientific company, to which, in token of his sympathy, the King gave them the title of ‘The Royal Society.’

“The establishment of the society, and the lectures in Gresham College marks the opening of a great age in scientific discovery in England. The establishment of this great institution was a lofty ideal of Sir Thomas, which seems to have permeated others of the name, as was shown when his nephew, ‘John Gresham, Gent,’ and wife and son John, emigrated to the new world, settling in Arundel County, Md. They were wealthy and evidently contemplated a reproduction of the London institution of learning, the American College building, but was not attempted till the son, John ‘Gent,’ bought and laid out ‘The Gresham College Tract’ in Hartford County, Md.

“It is not known that Sir Thomas had any children who reached mature years, but he had three brothers, two of whom were merchants of London, and one of whom was Chancellor of Litchfield. A son of one of these, presumably John, had one son, John, who, so far as we know, was the first Gresham to land on American soil. The death of Sir Thomas occurred in 1579.

“The first public record we have of the Greshams in this country was in 1641, when John Gresham ‘Gent,’ nephew of Sir Thomas, was elected to the Maryland General Assembly. From that time on, the history of the Greshams is a part of American history in a local way, and one which

honors American citizenship with Christian lives worthy of their English ancestry.

“THE EARLY MARYLAND GRESHAMS.

“It has been stated that John Gresham, a brother of Sir Thomas, had a son, John Gresham ‘Gent,’ who emigrated to America, settling in Arundel County, Md. We find from the Maryland public records that this John Gresham ‘Gent’ became a member of the Maryland Legislature in 1641. He was evidently of mature years, as both he and his son John were known as ‘Gent’ in the public records. Had the younger been raised in America, the title would not have been used. John Gresham ‘Gent,’ the elder, so far as we know, became the founder and progenitor of all the Greshams of this country, with possibly few exceptions. In my extensive correspondence I have found only one family which claimed a different ancestry, and I am led to think that they were mistaken as to their origin.

“With five hundred years of illustrious ancestry behind him, and with a nobility of character and purpose excelled by few, as shown by his determination to build on American soil a great American educational institution, John Gresham, our progenitor, should be, and is, honored with holy veneration. We, who possess the blood of such lineage in our veins, would indeed be recreant to our heritage if we do not keep a record showing our relationship to this ancestor and the line of descent, to guide and inspire our children to lives that will reflect credit on our revered ancestry as well as to our people and country.

“The meetings of the Maryland Legislature in 1641 were held in St. Marys, Md., the country then being an English province. Lord Leonard Calvert, known as Lord Baltimore, was then Governor.

“John Gresham ‘Gent’ was a strenuous Protestant, as the Greshams have ever been, and we find that, while Thomas Greene was Governor that he was severely persecuted for his Protestant affiliations and activities, his property was confiscated, and he was forced to flee into Virginia for a while. Afterwards, however, the storm blew

over, a more tolerant spirit prevailed, and he was enabled to return to his home and family, and his property was restored into his possession.

“John Gresham ‘Gent,’ afterwards known as ‘Sr.,’ son of the above, is mentioned, and his official activities shown, in the official records from 1670 to 1712, when his death is recorded.

“John Gresham, Jr., son of the above, was high sheriff of Annapolis from 1705 to 1723, dying while in office. His wife was named Sarah, and they are credited with six children—John, Richard, Thomas, Sarah, Mary and Priscilla. Here, I will say, that for eight hundred years the first three sons of our direct line of Greshams were named John, Richard and Thomas, in keeping with English custom and to protect their entail rights.

“When John Gresham, Jr., died, a will was found, attested by Lord Baltimore, Dr. Charles Carroll and Benjamin Kasker. This will, as well as that of his wife, was examined by Cousin Peter Hoss Gresham, from whom I get my information. The wife, Sarah, died in 1756, and in her will, as well as that of her husband, certain valuable lands and properties were given their son Richard in England and in the Island of Kent.

“John Gresham, son of the above, was born in 1704. He was appointed high sheriff to succeed his father, being at the time only nineteen years of age. He married a Miss Huyeson, a daughter of Colonel North C. Huyeson. They had at least three children, sons, named John, Richard and Thomas. His son Thomas was the grandfather of my grandfather, Archibald Gresham, and was born after the death of his father. In the will of Thomas Gresham, which was also examined by P. H. Gresham, he mentions a ‘child yet to be born,’ and this posthumous son is next to be described.

“THE TENNESSEE GRESHAMS.

“In a preceding chapter it has been stated that, so far as we know, the first Gresham to locate west of Maryland was Thomas Gresham, posthumous son of John Gresham

and Miss Huyeson Gresham. A grandson of John Gresham, Sr., who was the last Gresham of our line of English birth. Thomas Gresham, before leaving Maryland, married Miss Dorcas Lane, a daughter of John Fuller Lane, and they had one son, born before leaving Maryland, named John. They first located in Virginia, but, living there only a short time, continued their search for better conditions, and located in Washington County, Tenn., near where Jonesboro now stands. The father-in-law of Thomas, John Fuller Lane, had already migrated to Tennessee, locating in Blunt County, where his descendants are yet to be found.

“That Thomas Gresham had other children is believed, but only the name of one has been given the writer. Richard Hoss is said to have married a Miss Anna Eagle and to have had nine children. Eva, Elizabeth and Rebecca, who married Peter Hoss Gresham, are the only names I have. Thomas Gresham continued to live where he settled, clearing off the land, and laying the foundation for a family home, which his descendants have so tenaciously continued to cluster around. As time went by and deaths were to be cared for, a cemetery was established at Buffalo Ridge, which for many years has been known as Gresham Cemetery, and here his body was finally laid to rest in 1806 at a ripe old age.

“Here I wish to say that about the time of the emigration from Maryland to Tennessee, the spelling of the name was changed from Gresham to Grisham.. It is a tradition, and I presume it is a fact, that the change was made intentionally, because the Tennessee Greshams became intense Whigs, and they wished to distinguish their descendants thus as a Whig branch of the family. I have, however, held to the ‘e’ throughout this volume, as the change was evidently illegal and confuses the genealogical connection with our English ancestry.

“CORROBORATIVE TESTIMONY.

“Peter Hoss Gresham, who for many years was in the employ of the government at Washington, spent much time and money in looking up the history of the Greshams, both

in Maryland and in London, wrote some years ago extensive accounts of his investigations, and from these letters, now in my possession, I give a few very brief quotations:

“ ‘While in London, in 1888, I visited the Royal Exchange, Gresham College, The Guildhall of Gresham and other places of interest to the Greshams, all founded by Sir Thomas Gresham.’

“ ‘From Granville L. Gower, Esq., who is a double descendant of Sir John Gresham, and from Rev. John W. Berger, Archbishop of Chichester, I procured two other large volumes entitled *The Life and Times of Sir Thomas Gresham*, having previously obtained two volumes of biography of Sir Thomas Gresham. Mr. Berger is a descendant of the Greshams. All these books are voluminous and exceedingly interesting and verify much of what I have said in these letters.’

“ ‘John Gresham, in 1641, was a member of the General Assembly of Maryland, which met at St. Marys, under Governor Leonard Calvert. In 1648 he, with others of the Protestant faith, were severely persecuted by Governor Thomas Greene, a Catholic. His home on Kent Island was seized and he was forced to remove to Virginia for a time. The land on Kent Island had been given to John Gresham and to Colonel Claiborne by King Charles for meritorious service. Their possession, however, was afterwards regained.’

“ ‘John Gresham, Gent., son of above, born in England, came to America with his father and mother, and afterwards known as John Gresham, Sr., in 1684, according to the records, resided in his home near Annapolis, known as ‘Fortuna.’ He took patent for five hundred acres of land on which he expected to found an institution of learning modeled after the “Gresham College” of London, but owing to his early death in 1713 his ambition was never realized. He was a vestryman in St. Anna’s Church, in Annapolis.’

“ ‘John Gresham, Jr., son of above, was “high sheriff” of Annapolis from 1705 to 1723, when he died in office. He left six children, the sons were John, Thomas and Richard. He left a will which I was permitted to examine. His wife, on her death, also left a will which I inspected. Both of these wills gave to their son, Richard, certain lands at

Gravesend, England, and in Kent, Md. The descendants of this Richard Gresham still live in Kent Island, and some of them on the very lands bequeathed in these wills.'

"Among the earlier settlers who intermarried with the Greshams of Maryland were the Ellises, the Stewards, the Grays, the Murrays and others. Jonathan Bacon, noted in history, was a direct descendant of the London Greshams. One of his forefathers being Nicholas Bacon, 'Keeper of the King's Seal.' He married his full cousin, who was a Gresham. This Bacon was a descendant of Lord Bacon of Shakespeare fame.'

"Following the above in the line of descent, there were Thomas Gresham, son of John Gresham, Jr., from 1752 to 1806. Then John Gresham, son of Thomas Gresham, from 1770 to 1863, mention of whom is made elsewhere.'

"My wife, Rebecca Gresham, who is my fourth or fifth cousin, was the daughter of Hoss R. Gresham and Anna Eagle Gresham, and was the youngest of nine children. The place of her birth was in a long brick house on Chesapeake Bay, being in the same house where her father and I think her grandfather were born.'

"The Gresham College tract was near Abington, in Hartford County, where Baltimore was first started, now known as "Old Baltimore."

"The wife of Ex-Governor Brown, now Senator of Georgia, was the daughter of Rev. Joseph Gresham, a descendant of the Maryland Greshams.'

"Many other quotations might be used with interest, but the limits of this book will not permit; enough is here given to corroborate what has been said in the preceding chapters."

From a letter written by Colonel Robert Gresham, of Indiana, my father's great-nephew, just after the close of the war, to my brother, R. S. Gresham, I learn that my great-grandfather was Lawrence Gresham, and his wife Mary Townsley, and the letter says: "Came from England and settled in King and Queen County." I presume, however, that, although the names were correct, they were most probably descendants of the Greshams of Maryland mentioned by Cousin Peter and Mr. Strange. I therefore give

this information just as I received it, and will hereafter write of my grandfather and his descendants, and think what I write can be relied on as a simple but a true statement of such facts as I have been able to get—for my own children and other young relatives—believing, as I do, that in the future what I write now will be a real pleasure to them, and knowing that I, with those who have helped me, will soon be numbered with those who have passed away. I deem it a labor of love, and will say with Mr. Strange: If this little record “creates in the Greshams an interest in their ancestral forefathers, who for many generations were distinguished in diplomacy, philanthropy and in high Christian manhood and womanhood, then shall I be more than satisfied.”

Lawrence Gresham and Mary Townsley Gresham, of England, lived at “Briar Hill,” near Newtown, King and Queen County, Va.

Samuel Gresham (1st), son of Lawrence and Mary Townsley Gresham, occupied the old homestead, “Briar Hill.” Name of first wife is not positively known, but from information secured from descendants of his oldest son, she was Mary Faulkner. The records of King and Queen having been destroyed during the Civil War, I can get no definite information as to dates, or of other descendants of Lawrence Gresham and Mary Townsley, except of my grandfather, Samuel Gresham.

By his first wife, Mary Faulkner, Samuel Gresham had children as follows: William, James, Frances and George.

William (1st), eldest son of Samuel and Mary Faulkner Gresham, moved to Kentucky and married Mary Dudley, and later moved to Indiana.

One of his sons, Dudley Gresham, visited his relatives in Virginia once or twice just prior to the Civil War. He was a widower then, about sixty-three years of age, and later married a Mrs. McCoy.

During the war, Colonel Robert Gresham, of the Union Army, passed through Lancaster with his regiment, and said he was a son of Dudley Gresham. Later, in 1872, he wrote to Mr. Robert S. Gresham, of Dinwiddie County, for information of his Virginia relatives, and said he was a son

of Dudley Gresham and a grandson of William and Mary Dudley Gresham.

We also heard during the war of Colonel W. A. Gresham and Charles Gresham, both belonging to the Union Army, and supposedly grandsons of William and Mary Dudley Gresham.

Frances, oldest daughter of Samuel (1st) and Mary Faulkner Gresham, married a Mr. Parker, of King and Queen, and after her death her children moved to Tennessee and later to Texas, and since the war we have heard from them as being in prosperous circumstances.

George Gresham, son of Samuel and Mary Faulkner Gresham, born at Briar Hill, moved to Lancaster and married Miss Waugh. They died, leaving two children.

James Waugh, eldest son of George and Mary Waugh Gresham, married Miss Armstrong, and died without children.

A daughter of George Gresham married a Mr. Harcum, and died leaving two daughters, who married brothers named Leland.

James, son of Samuel and Mary Faulkner Gresham, of Briar Hill, moved to Lancaster and married (presumably) Miss Sale. They died, leaving two small children, Andrew Jackson, who was adopted and reared by his half-uncle, Elijah Gresham, of Chesterfield County, and was loved and regarded by the entire family as one of the children, and they were all deeply grieved when in 1850 he married Miss Cousins, of Amelia, who, having a brother in Mississippi, influenced him to move there and later to Florida, where he died an old man. His widow survived him with two children, others having died in childhood.

Susan Sale, the daughter, was cared for by her two cousins, Samuel and James Waugh Gresham. She married Mr. Locke, a widower, and was held in loving regard by his two daughters. They both lived and died in Lancaster.

Samuel Gresham, the first, married the second time Hannah Farmer, of King and Queen, and by this marriage there were children as follows: John, Hannah, Andrew, Betsy, Thomas, Elijah and Samuel (twins), and Phoebe.

There seems to be a supposition in the family that there

was yet another child by this marriage who moved South, perhaps to Georgia, but about this I can get no reliable information.

Hannah, eldest daughter of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, of Briar Hill, married Mr. William Chowning, of Lancaster, a son of Captain William Chowning, of the Revolutionary War, who fought from Massachusetts through Virginia and the Carolinas. By this marriage there were two sons and three daughters.

Thomas William, son of William and Hannah Farmer Chowning, moved to Arkansas, married Miss Barnett, and died leaving several children.

John Sharp Chowning, son of the above, married Miss Mitchell, and died leaving two sons and one daughter.

The son, John Sharpe (the second), married Florence R. Gresham. There were two children by this marriage. The daughter, Flora, married Mr. Paul Palmer, and they have an infant daughter, Margaret Chowning Palmer. George Gresham Chowning, son of John Sharpe and Florence Gresham Chowning, died in early manhood unmarried.

Mary Hannah, daughter of William and Hannah Gresham Chowning, married Mr. Herbert Hall. She left three children, Frank, Herbert and a daughter who died in infancy. Frank, the eldest son, is unmarried. Herbert, the youngest son of Herbert and Mary Hannah Chowning Hall, married Miss Myrtis Spain, of Dinwiddie. They have several children.

Caroline Chowning, daughter of William and Hannah Gresham Chowning, married Robert Kidd and had two daughters. One died in infancy and the other married Robert Opie Norris.

Sallie Chowning, daughter of William and Hannah Gresham Chowning, married Thomas Norris and had seven children.

Ann Chowning, daughter of William and Hannah Gresham Chowning, married Mr. Pace and had three children.

John Gresham, son of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, was born at Briar Hill, near Newtown, King and Queen, Va. He moved to Lancaster, and married Margaret

Chowning, daughter of Captain William Chowning, of Revolutionary fame, and Miss Sharpe, of New York.

John and Margaret Chowning Gresham had children as follows: Samuel, William, John, Margaret, Thomsie, Sallie and Hannah.

Samuel, the eldest son of John and Margaret Chowning Gresham, was born April, 1810. He was Commonwealth's attorney from early manhood until his death in 1873, and was also in the Legislature previous to the war. By his first marriage with Miss Sarah Goodrich Mitchell there were seven children, four of whom died in infancy.

Ann Hazeltine, eldest daughter of the above, married Mr. Joseph Palmer, and they had nine children, six of whom died young. Lelia, their eldest daughter, married Mr. Rice. Hermine Constance, their youngest daughter, resides in Baltimore, unmarried.

H. L. Palmer, son of Ann Hazeltine and Joseph Palmer, married Mr. Dietrich, and they have four children.

Samuel Preston, the eldest son of Samuel and Sarah Mitchell Gresham, was born the 14th of February, 1836. He married Miss Mary Stuart, a charming woman of rare literary attainments. He makes his home at "Plain View," the old home of John Gresham, his grandfather, in Lancaster; is a lawyer by profession, and was a soldier during the Civil War. They have children as follows: Walter Preston, Samuel, Harvie Stuart, Ernest Wilbur, Carroll McGruder, Russell, Philip Mercer, Mary Norma, and Lolla Vera.

Walter Preston, eldest son of Samuel Preston and Mary Stuart Gresham, married Miss Jennie Collins, who survives him with one son, Vernon, and two daughters, Musa and Genevieve.

Harvie Stuart married Miss Emily Sneed. He is a lawyer by profession and lives in Lancaster County.

Ernest W. married Miss Nellie Chilton. He died a young man and his widow and one daughter survive him.

Samuel, son of Samuel and Mary Stuart Gresham, married Miss Lilian Head. They reside in Kentucky. They have no children.

Carroll McGruder married Miss Lillie Snead, and resides at Plain View. They have one child.

Philip Mercer, son of Samuel P. and Mary Stuart Gresham, lives in Lancaster, and is by profession a lawyer. He married Miss Pickard, and they have one child.

John Russell married Miss Lilly Brown. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Mary Norma, eighth child of Samuel P. and Mary Stuart Gresham, married first Mr. McCou, an Episcopal minister, and after his death married Mr. S. B. Carney. They make their home near Portsmouth, Va., and have one daughter, Norma.

Lolla Vera, youngest child of Samuel P. and Mary Stuart Gresham, died in infancy.

James Robert, son of Samuel and Sarah Mitchell Gresham, married Miss McClannahan. They had nine children. Three died in infancy.

James Waugh, son of James Robert and wife (nee McClannahan), married Miss Lena Riccard. They have one son and live in Baltimore.

George Sanford, son of James Robert Gresham and wife, married Miss Fannie Newbill. They have one child.

William Newbill, son of James Robert Gresham and wife, married Miss Thompson. They have one child.

Nannie, eldest daughter of James Robert Gresham and wife, married Mr. Clift. They have three daughters and live in Baltimore.

Loulie, youngest daughter of James Robert Gresham and wife, married Mr. George Dunton. They have no children.

Samuel Gresham (spoken of previously), the son of John and Margaret Chowning Gresham, married the second time in 1848 a widow, who was formerly Miss Katherine Dunaway, and by this marriage there were four children, as follows:

Walter Raleigh, who was a lawyer by profession, and Commonwealth's attorney from the time he was admitted to the bar until his death. He died unmarried.

John Chowning, second son of Samuel Gresham and Katherine Dunaway, was born in 1851. He graduated from West Point and has served twice in the Philippines. He has

taught military tactics in Virginia and North Carolina, and has been the recipient of several medals for bravery. He is now in command at "Ethan Allen," and has recently been promoted to colonel. He married Miss Belle Gilbert, daughter of Colonel Gilbert, of the United States Army. They had one son, who died in childhood, and three daughters. The eldest daughter, Katherine, resides with her sister in the Philippines, and is unmarried. Isabel is married to Captain Holladay, of the United States Army. Louise, the youngest daughter of Colonel John Chowning and Belle Gilbert Gresham, married Captain Harrell, of South Carolina. They reside in Panama.

George Sandford Gresham, youngest son of Samuel Gresham and Katherine Dunaway, his wife, died unmarried at twenty-six years of age—a lawyer of unusual promise.

Florence Rebecca, only daughter of Samuel and Katherine Dunaway Gresham, married John Sharpe Chowning and had two children, as follows:

Florence Mortimer, who married Mr. Paul Cullen Palmer. They have an infant daughter, Margaret Chowning Palmer.

George Gresham Chowning, only son of John Sharpe and Florence Gresham Chowning, died in early manhood.

William Gresham, second son of John and Margaret Chowning Gresham, died in early life, unmarried.

John Gresham, the youngest son of John and Margaret Chowning Gresham, married a widow Hughlet, and died without children.

Margaret Gresham, the eldest daughter of John and Margaret Chowning Gresham, married Mr. John Davenport. She was left a widow, and she and her two children died young.

Sallie Gresham, the second daughter of John and Margaret Chowning Gresham, married Mr. Beauchamp, and had seven children, as follows: Andrew, Joseph, Sharpe, Gresham, Margaret and Laura.

Hannah Farmer Gresham, the third daughter of Samuel and Sarah Goodrich Mitchell Gresham, married Thomas Callahan. They had eight children, six of whom died in infancy. Richard, the boy, joined the army just before the

surrender, at a very early age, and was killed in the first battle in which he was engaged.

Aloula Sharpe, the daughter of Hannah Gresham and Thomas Callahan, married the Rev. R. B. Sanford, a Baptist minister. They had four sons and four daughters.

Dr. Harry B. Sanford, her eldest son, is living in Richmond.

John and Thomas, her second and third sons, are living with their mother in Newport News.

Robert Hanne, the youngest, is in the navy.

The daughters are all married.

Thomsie, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Mitchell Gresham, married a Mr. Mitchell, and at her death left four children, two boys and two girls. The eldest daughter married John Beame. The second daughter died unmarried. Her eldest son, R. B. Mitchell, is married, but has no children. John, the youngest, has never married.

Thomas, son of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, was born at Briar Hill in 1774. He moved to Essex County and married Miss Mary Dew (called Polly). He was by profession a lawyer and Commonwealth's attorney for his county twenty-eight years. He lived an honored life and was held in high regard by neighbors and friends, and was loved most by those who knew him best. He had children as follows: William, Edward, Robert, Thomas, Charles and Henry.

William married Miss Harriet Campbell, and by this marriage had children as follows:

Ellen, who married William Dew, of King and Queen;

May, who married Dr. Phil Gresham, and

Herbert, who died unmarried.

By his second marriage, late in life, to Miss Mollie Garnett, he had one daughter, Marian, who married Dr. Brown Evans, son of Judge A. B. Evans, of Middlesex. His widow survives him.

Edward, son of Thomas and Polly Dew Gresham, married Miss Isabelle Mann, of King and Queen County, a woman of whom it was said: "She is one of the most brilliant conversationalists I have ever met, and a woman of

most charming manners." By this marriage there were children as follows:

Hon. Walter Gresham, who married Miss Josephine Mann, of King and Queen. He was in Congress for a number of years. He now resides in Galveston, Texas, where he has accumulated quite a fortune. His eldest daughter, Essie Gresham, married Judge William B. Lockhart, and she, with his other children, lives near their father, thus adding brightness to his declining years.

Dr. Phil Gresham, son of Edward and Isabel Mann Gresham, married May Gresham. Death cut short what promised for this young man a brilliant career. His wife survived him a short time. Children by this marriage were: William D., of Roanoke; Morton, and Hattie Belle, of Richmond.

Ella Gresham, daughter of Edward and Isabelle Mann Gresham, married W. J. Haile, and has survived him for several years. She lives in Tappahannock—a woman whose gracious presence renders her a blessing to her friends and relatives, and especially to those orphaned in early years. I think it can be truly said of her: "She hath done what she could."

Kate Gresham, daughter of Edward and Isabelle Mann Gresham, married L. A. Tyler, nephew of Ex-President Tyler. By this marriage there are children, as follows: William Thomas Tyler, who married Miss Alice Hall, and is cashier of a bank at Warsaw—they have one child; Walter, who married Miss Beale, and resides in Richmond; and Bunnie, who married Dr. Bristow, of Tappahannock, and by whose marriage there are two children.

Lalla, daughter of Edward and Isabella Mann Gresham, married Mr. Thomas Ball, and resides in California. Elsie, daughter of Thomas Ball and Lalla Gresham, married Mr. Wright, of Tappahannock, and makes her home there. They have one son.

Bunnie, youngest daughter of Edward and Isabelle Mann Gresham, died young and on the day set for her marriage.

Edward Mann, youngest child of Edward and Isabelle Mann Gresham, died in early manhood.

Robert Thomas, son of Thomas and Polly Dew Gresham,

married Miss Isabelle Dew. The war stripped him of a most handsome estate. They both died young and left one daughter, Mary Blanche, who married Mr. H. W. Crane. She is now a widow, and lives in Baltimore, with her children, one son and two daughters.

Dr. Charles Gresham, son of Thomas and Polly Dew Gresham, married Miss Campbell, and lived at Mantua Ferry, in King and Queen. His professional education was completed in Paris. His widow and several children survive him. Most of them live in Newport News. The eldest daughter, Clara, married a Mr. Gresham, and is now a widow. Hallie, a second daughter, married Mr. Seabury Smith. Thomas married Miss Ruby Fleet, whose parents reside in Richmond. Charles and Campbell are married. Franklin is not married.

Dr. Henry Gresham, youngest son of Thomas and Polly Dew Gresham, was born in Tappahannock, Va. In early life he attended school at Mr. W. H. Harrison's, in Amelia County, thence to the University of Virginia, where he graduated, then to Philadelphia to the medical college, from which he also graduated. He then spent four years in Paris, finishing his education there. At the breaking out of the Civil War he was appointed surgeon in the Confederate States Army in the 30th Virginia Regiment, was on General Pickett's staff and ranked as major.

He married Miss Laura Jones, of Essex, who survived him for several years, but died recently. She was a woman of lovely character and disposition, and her death, I know, brought sorrow to many relations and friends. She left one son and five daughters—Alice, who married Mr. John Newtown Temple, who lives in Texarkana. She is now a widow with two sons, Henry Gresham and Charles Newton Temple. Laura Howard married Mr. William Temple, and they also make their home in Texarkana. They also have two children—a son, William, and a daughter, Alice Gresham Temple.

Henry Paul Jones, only son of Dr. Henry and Laura Jones Gresham, married Miss Josephine Tyler, of Richmond, and they make their home in Tappahannock.

Nellie, the youngest daughter, married Mr. Willie Roberts, and they reside in Jacksonville.

Genevieve and Eva, daughters of Dr. Henry and Mrs. Gresham, reside at their old home in Tappahannock.

Dr. Andrew Gresham, son of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, born at Briar Hill, near Newtown, died young and unmarried.

Elizabeth, or Betsy, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, was born at Briar Hill, and married a Mr. Duling, of King and Queen. (I regret that I can give no other facts regarding this beloved sister of my father.)

Phoebe, youngest daughter of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, born at Briar Hill, died unmarried.

Samuel, twin son of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham, was born at Briar Hill, King and Queen County, near Newtown. He married Miss Susan Parker, and died at the old home in 1846, aged sixty-five years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.

By this marriage there were children as follows: Martha A., Andrew, who died in infancy; John N., Samuel S., Hannah, Benjamin F., Albert G., Mary Susan, who died young and unmarried; Virginia, Oscar, and Sarah Ann Gresham.

Martha A., daughter of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, married Peter D. Samuels. She preceded him to the grave by several years. She left five children—Mary Alice, who died a young girl; Ella D., who married, of Stevensville; Ida, advanced in life and unmarried; Martha Smith, who married Mr. Mottley, of Caroline County, and Charlie, who died in infancy.

John N., a son of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, was born at Briar Hill, near Newtown, King and Queen County, August 23, 1820. He moved to Stevensville when quite a young man—as clerk for Mr. John Bagby, a prominent merchant. Later he became a partner of Mr. Bagby, and after his death was associated with Major John Robert Bagby in the mercantile business and was said by one who knew him well to be “a prince of merchants.” For some years he represented his county in the Legislature, and was one of the most prominent citizens of the community, being prominent in church work, and for many years a deacon

and Sunday-school superintendent in Mattaponi Baptist Church. He married Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. John Bagby. By this marriage there were nine children, as follows:

Mary Elizabeth, who died in childhood.

Samuel Straughan, who died in boyhood.

Fred, who died young.

John N., Jr., who also died young.

Jessie, daughter of John N. and Hannah Elizabeth Bagby Gresham, married Henry Robinson Pollard, who represented his county as Commonwealth's attorney for many years. He was a member of the House of Delegates for many years, and is now city attorney for the city of Richmond. By this marriage there are children, as follows:

H. R. Pollard, Jr., senior partner of the firm of Pollard and Bagby, Richmond, Va.

Josephine, daughter of H. R. Pollard, Sr., and Jessie Gresham Pollard, married John Steger Harrison, of Reidsville, N. C.

Elizabeth, daughter of H. R. Pollard, Sr., and Jessie Gresham Pollard, married Ernest M. Long, of Richmond.

Martha Pollard, daughter of H. R. Pollard, Sr., and Jessie Gresham Pollard, married Mr. John Gibson, Jr., of Middletown, Ohio.

James Jeffries Pollard, son of H. R. and Jessie Gresham Pollard, married Miss Sherrard Wilcox. He lives in Richmond and is connected with Pollard & Bagby in the real estate business.

Robert Nelson, son of Henry R. Pollard and Jessie Gresham Pollard, married Miss Williams. He is by profession a lawyer.

Fred Gresham Pollard, son of Henry R. and Jessie Gresham Pollard, is an attorney at law, and lives in Richmond, Va.

Thomas Pollard, son of H. R. and Jessie Gresham Pollard, resides in Richmond. He married Miss Helen Watson, and is in the real estate business.

Jane, daughter of Henry R. and Jessie Gresham Pollard, married Mr. W. B. Bates. They reside in Richmond, Va.

Martha Gresham, daughter of John N. and Hannah Bag-

by Gresham, married Robert Nelson Pollard, an attorney at law, King and Queen County, Va.

Ora Gresham married Dr. Edward Butler, of Bowling Green, Va. They have children, as follows:

Elizabeth Bagby, who married Mr. Armund Edwards, of Toano.

Edward Everett Butler; and

Susie Gresham Butler.

Ada Gresham, daughter of John N. and Hannah Bagby Gresham, died unmarried.

Susie Gresham, daughter of John N. and Hannah Bagby Gresham, married Mr. P. O. Goodrich, a prominent citizen of Surry County, Va.

Samuel, son of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, lived in Newtown and was a very successful merchant there for many years, but the war deprived him of a large amount of property, and soon thereafter losing his handsome home by fire, he moved to Norfolk, where he died. When quite a young man he married Miss Etta Mottley, a stepdaughter of Mr. John Bagby, of Stevensville. She lived but a short time, and later he married Miss Lucy Childrey, of Henrico, who survived him but a short time. By this marriage there were children as follows: Evelyn, Lillie, Samuel, Willie, Alice, Mary and Laura.

Evelyn married Robert W. Goode, of Chesterfield (son of Colonel Robert and grandson of Major William Goode, of the Revolutionary War, who was promoted on the field for bravery—and I insert this for the benefit of children and grandchildren who may at some time wish to join the D. A. R.). She survives her husband, with three children—Addie, Gresham and Eva, all married.

Lillie Gresham, daughter of S. S. and Lucy Childrey Gresham, married Mr. Maigne, of Norfolk, who survives her husband.

S. S. Gresham, Jr., son of S. S. Gresham and Lucy Childrey Gresham, married Miss Emma Maigne, who survives him. They have several children.

Willie Gresham, second son of S. S. and Lucy Childrey Gresham, died unmarried.

Mary, daughter of S. S. and Lucy Childrey Gresham, married Mr. Adkinson, of Norfolk. They have one son.

Laura, youngest child of S. S. and Lucy Childrey Gresham, married a Mr. Fox, who survives her, with one daughter, Lilian, who resides with her aunt, Mrs. Lillie Mayne, in Norfolk.

Hannah, second daughter of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, married Thomas Motley, of Caroline County. She died at an advanced age, leaving children, as follows: Charlie, Susie, John N., Sallie, Thomas, Samuel, Virginia and Hannah.

In my father's family she was regarded as one of our best-loved cousins, and I regret very sincerely not to be able to write more of her family.

B. F. Gresham, son of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, was born at Briar Hill. He was a man of most lovable disposition, and was held in loving regard by those who knew him best. His first wife was Miss Ann C. Lumpkin, of Newtown. By this marriage there were three children—Gertrude, Baynham and Wickliffe.

Gertrude married Mr. Samuels, and died recently. Her husband and several children survive her. She was always known as a woman of lovely character and disposition.

Baynham and Wickliffe, sons of B. F. and Ann Lumpkin Gresham, died in boyhood.

By his second marriage to Miss Alice Saunders, of Caroline County, B. F. Gresham left children, as follows:

Alice Imogen, who married Mr. Ellis, of Middlesex County. They have several children.

Ashby, son of B. F. and Alice Saunders, is a citizen of Middlesex.

Fred, son of B. F. and Alice Saunders Gresham, is now living in Atlanta.

Junius, son of B. F. and Alice Saunders Gresham, resides in Middlesex.

Albert G. Gresham, son of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, married Miss Mary Ellen Bagby, daughter of Mr. John Bagby, of Stevensville. They died young, leaving three young children—Bessie, who died in childhood; Andrew, who died as a young man; and Albert, now a prom-

inent citizen of his community. He married Miss Jones, and is regarded as a worthy son of most estimable parents, who were held in the highest esteem by relatives and friends.

Virginia Gresham, daughter of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, married Mr. William Howerton, of King and Queen, and died a young woman. She had two children, who died in childhood.

Oscar Gresham, youngest son and now only surviving member of a large family, was a soldier of the Civil War, and was said to be "one of the finest." He volunteered early in the war, and served in the Ninth Calvary until the surrender. His wife, who was Miss Ellen Harris, of Fluvanna—I was told during the war—was one of the most indefatigable workers in her efforts to care for her children who, like many soldiers' children, were dependent upon a mother not only deprived of her husband, but forced by circumstances from home and a refugee among strangers.

By his marriage with Miss Harris there were children, as follows: Susie, who died in infancy; Oscar Harris, who is a resident of Richmond, and who married Miss Cupp (by this marriage there was one child, Virginia, who married Mr. Hulin, and they live in Highland Park).

William W., a second son of Oscar and Ellen Harris Gresham, married Miss Thomas, of one of the Northern States. They live at Highland Springs and have five children—Earl, Hewitt, Mary, Mildred and Willie.

Ellen married Mr. Henry Hudgins, of Columbia, where they make their home, with an interesting and intelligent family of five children.

Roberta, youngest daughter of Oscar and Ellen Harris Gresham, married Mr. Spindle, of Caroline, who leaving her a widow, she moved to Richmond, and now makes a home for her father and brother.

Fannie and George, twin children of Oscar and Ellen H. Gresham, died in infancy.

Sarah Ann, youngest child of Samuel and Susan Parker Gresham, was born at Briar Hill, now Newtown. She married Mr. Robert Howerton, and died leaving one child. Cora,

who married and moved West. One son, Robert, died in childhood.

Elijah, son of Samuel and Hannah Farmer Gresham (and twin brother of Samuel Gresham), was born at Briar Hill, the old Gresham homestead, near Newtown, in King and Queen County. In early manhood he left home and taught school in the counties of Nottoway, Dinwiddie and Chesterfield for fifteen years. He afterwards married Miss Sarah Cheatham, who lived less than a year. He then married Maria Goode, daughter of Mr. Robert and Nancy Cheatham Goode, of Chesterfield.

By this marriage there were twelve children. Six died in infancy. The six remaining were Robert, Samuel, John Thomas, Edwin James, Adelaide M., William Abner and Ann Augusta. He died at his home, Delta, in Upper Chesterfield, on the Appomattox River, in his seventy-ninth year. His wife survived him twenty-one years and died at the age of seventy-nine. Both are buried at Delta, the old Gresham home. I would like to pay here the tribute to my father which I feel that he deserves, for to me he was the embodiment of what stood for all that was good and true, and as this little record is written for his descendants, I will say that his high moral character, the stand he took for what was right and just, and his kind and charitable nature "made up a man" of whom we all may well be proud.

He served as a soldier in the War of 1812 in the company of Captain Benjamin Goode, of Chesterfield County.

Robert Samuel, eldest son of Elijah and Maria Goode Gresham, was born at Delta, in the upper end of Chesterfield County. He moved when quite a young man to Dinwiddie County, and married Miss Mary Vaughan Watkins. Three years before her death they celebrated their golden wedding. A few years later he married Miss Maria Johnson, of Chesterfield, by whom he was cared for most tenderly, and spent the remainder of his life in the home of his early manhood. He died in his eighty-fourth year, an honored and respected member of the community in which he had lived so long, and was held in grateful regard by friends and neighbors.

He was a prisoner of war at Port Lookout, and it was some time after his surrender before he was able to get home.

By his first marriage there were ten children. Four died in early childhood.

His first daughter, Marianna, married Captain Theophilus Leonard, of Sussex, a good soldier, now a veteran of the war. They had children, as follows: Gresham Leonard, who married Miss Etta Cain, of Sussex County (they have several children and reside in Roanoke); W. A. Leonard, who married Miss Nellie Robertson, of Chesterfield (they reside in Dinwiddie, and have no children); Robert Leonard, third son of Captain T. S. and Marianna Gresham Leonard, married Miss (they have two children and live in Roanoke); Mary, married Mr. Eddie Gill (they live in Dinwiddie County, and have several children); Lillie, married Mr. Willie Rawlins (they live near Church Roads, and have one son); Annie, married Mr. E. J. Bristow (they live in Dinwiddie, and have one child); Hugh Leonard, youngest son of T. S. and Marianna Leonard, married Miss Annie Sutherland, of Dinwiddie (they have **two children**).

William Elijah, eldest son of Robert S. and Mary V. Watkins Gresham, first married Miss Ella V. Watkins, and had five children, two of whom died in infancy.

Ada, daughter of W. E. and Ella Gresham, married Mr. Elwyn Spain, and died young, leaving four children.

Nellie, the second daughter, married Mr. William Howlett, of Chesterfield. They have two children.

Bernard, the only son, lives in Richmond, and is unmarried.

W. E. Gresham, son of R. S. and Mary Gresham, after the death of his first wife, married Miss Hattie Condrey. They have one daughter, Mary Aurelia. Her father's maternal grandfather, Major William Goode, of Chesterfield, was during the Revolutionary War promoted on the field for bravery, and I insert this that this little girl may in coming years be a member of the D. A. R. should she wish.

Alice V., daughter of Robert S. and Mary V. Watkins

Gresham, married Mr. William E. Sutherland, of Dinwiddie. They have children, as follows:

Kate, who married Fielding Clay. They have four children.

John T. Sutherland is living at Sutherlands, and is unmarried.

Sidney, married Miss Cooke, of Norfolk. They have one child and live at Wilson's, in Dinwiddie.

Florence, married Herbert Corkran, and they live in Wilmington, N. C.

Sadie, married James Clay, of Dinwiddie. They have one child.

Clifton and Clyde, youngest sons of W. E. and Alice V. Sutherland, are unmarried.

Florence E., daughter of R. S. and Mary Watkins Gresham, married Mr. John Winston Sutherland, of Dinwiddie, and they live in Petersburg, Va., and have children as follows:

Robert J., who married Miss Vivian Gunn. They have two children.

Charles W., married Miss King, of Sussex County. They reside in Washington and have one child.

Nellie, Carrie and Mary, young daughters of Mr. John W. and Florence E. Sutherland, reside with their parents in Petersburg.

Samuel R., son of Robert S. and Mary Watkins Gresham, of Dinwiddie, married Miss Kate Tucker, of Petersburg. They reside near Petersburg, in Chesterfield, and have eight children. Willie, the fifth child, died in 1912. Joseph S., the eldest son, is a Methodist minister of more than usual promise, and is now in Petersburg. He is unmarried.

Julian R., married Miss Janie Chappell, and they reside in Petersburg.

Florence, eldest daughter of Samuel and Kate Tucker Gresham, married Mr. Robert Taylor, of Petersburg, and they, with two children, reside in Baltimore.

Kathrine, Proctor, Dorothy. Lewis and Foster Bagwell Gresham, all young, reside with their parents.

Sallie A., youngest daughter of Robert S. and Mary Watkins Gresham, married Mr. W. S. Harman, of Dinwiddie,

in which county they now reside. They have the following children :

Carroll, the eldest son, is a resident of Richmond, and unmarried.

Chatton, second son, married Miss Maude Watkins, and lives in Dinwiddie.

Willie, the only daughter, is unmarried.

Richard, the youngest son, resides with his parents.

John Thomas Gresham, second son of Élijah and Maria Goode Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County, at Delta, in 1828, and died in 1862 of typhoid fever contracted on the peninsula while stationed there during the war. He married Lucy Adelaide Goode, daughter of Colonel Robert and Martha Childrey Goode (and granddaughter of Major William Goode, a soldier of the Revolutionary War). His widow survived him only a little over a year, and their little son, Harvie, soon followed them to the grave. Thus ended the family of one of the kindest and best of his name, a man popular and beloved and rich in friends from every walk in life.

Edwin James, son of Elijah and Maria Goode Gresham, was born in 1831, at Delta, in the upper end of Chesterfield, and died in Washington, D. C., in 1902. Thus ended a life which the fates seemed to have destined for many changes in home, circumstances, and all that makes up a life here. In early manhood he held a position in Newtown, King and Queen County, and while there married Miss Josephine Lumpkin, a daughter of Mr. Richardson Lumpkin and Priscilla Pendleton Lumpkin, of that place. She lived but a few years, and dying, left one son, Clarence, who, having sustained this loss and the war coming on in his childhood, his environments were such as to promise but little for his success in life; but in spite of many difficulties and hard lines of fortune, he has fought his way to a handsome estate, and in his declining years spends his time alternately at Mount Airy, Ga., and Charlotte, N. C., surrounded by those he loves. He married, when quite a young man, Miss Alice Canada, of Halifax County, Va. They have three children, having lost three in childhood and one young son, Berkley, who died just as he neared manhood. The eldest

son, Edwin Beverly, lives in South Carolina. He married Miss Nettie Dowd, of Charlotte, and they have one son. They lost their only daughter.

Fannie Augusta, daughter of Clarence and Alice Gresham, married J. Winston Ivey, of Chesterfield. They have one son and one daughter, and make their home in Florence, S. C.

Richard, youngest son of Clarence and Alice C. Gresham, is unmarried and resides with his parents.

In 1859 E. J. Gresham married Miss Mary Hill, daughter of John and Page Haskins Meador, of Prince Edward County, Va. By this marriage there were five children. One died in infancy, and Mary Page, the second daughter, died just as she reached early womanhood. She was a girl of more than usual promise, and was warmly cherished by her family and friends.

Nannie Josephine,, daughter of E. J. and Mary Hill Meador Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County and married Mr. Howell A. Robinson, of Lynchburg. They had four sons and one daughter, as follows: James, Charles, Goode and Joe, and Mary Virginia, all living with their parents and adding to their declining years such pleasures as can come from no other source.

Howard Gresham, youngest son of E. J. and Mary Meador Gresham, resides in Mount Airy, Ga., and is not married.

Sallie Breeden, youngest daughter of E. J. and Mary Meador Gresham, married Robert Tyler Jones, grandson of ex-President John Tyler. She survives him with one son, Louis Armistead, and makes her home in Washington.

After the death of his second wife, E. J. Gresham married Miss Fannie W., a daughter of Colonel Thomas Williams, of Texas. By this marriage there are six living children, one, Page, dying in boyhood. Fannie, who married Mr. Harry Lyman, and, being left a widow at an early age, married Mr. Mooney. They live at Herndon, Va. Bessie Greenhow, second daughter of E. J. and Fannie Williams Gresham, married Mr. Liston Schooley, a lawyer by profession. They live in Cleveland, Ohio, and have one son and one daughter.

Curtis, son of E. J. and Fannie Williams Gresham, lives in Washington. He married Miss Esther Garrett, and they have one son, E. J. Gresham.

Annie, daughter of E. J. and Fannie Gresham, married Mr. Foster Orrison. They have one son and live in Washington.

Maria, daughter of E. J. and Fannie Gresham, married Mr. Rider. They make their home in Washington.

Caroline Crook, youngest child of E. J. Gresham and Fannie W. Gresham, was bequeathed by her mother in her dying hours to her sister, Mrs. John James, of San Antonio, Texas, where she now resides, a beloved member of the home circle.

With the passing away of their father, this large number of children were deprived of a parent to whom their devotion was almost without parallel. His kindly, genial nature, his generous impulses endeared him greatly not only to his children but to a large circle of relatives and friends.

His wife survived him but a few years, when an accident, the result of a fire, ended the life of a woman who never failed to do what she could in every possible way for suffering humanity.

Adelaide M. Gresham, daughter of Elijah and Maria Goode Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County, and married Mr. James J. Ivey, of Chesterfield, a man of most estimable character, who died in 1896. She survives him and resides in her home in Chesterfield. By this marriage there were three children.

Walter Gresham Ivey, son of James J. and Adelaide Gresham Ivey, married Miss Kate Perdue, of Chester, Chesterfield County, and had children, as follows:

J. Winston, who married Frances Augusta, daughter of Clarence and Alice C. Gresham. They make their home in Florence, S. C., and have two children.

Irvin, son of W. G. and Kate Perdue Ivey, married Miss Bessie Burton. They reside in Richmond, and have three children.

Lilian, married Rev. L. C. Moore. They reside at present in South Richmond, and have two daughters.

Florence Ivey, second daughter of W. G. and Kate Ivey, died just as she reached womanhood, a beautiful girl, of lovely character.

Ernest Ivey, son of W. G. and Kate Ivey, was born at Chesterfield, and resides at Florence, S. C. He is not married.

Robert A. Ivey, youngest child of W. G. and Kate Perdue Ivey, is now a school boy and resides with his father in Chesterfield.

Walter G. Ivey married, the second time, Miss Lula Gregory, of Chesterfield.

Sarah Maria, daughter of James J. and Adelaide Gresham Ivey, married Mr. G. W. Robertson, of Chesterfield, and survives him with children as follows:

Adelaide M. Robertson, who married Rev. Robert Webb, a minister of the Methodist Church. They live in West Virginia. They now have twin boys. Their first child died in infancy.

Wilmer Gibson, son of G. W. and Sarah Ivey Robertson, married Miss Eva Eanes, of Chesterfield. Their home is in Petersburg, and they have three children.

Nellie Robertson, daughter of G. W. and Sarah Ivey Robertson, married Mr. William Leonard, of Dinwiddie, in which county they make their home.

John Royall, son of G. W. and Sarah Robertson, married Miss Katherine Bell, of North Carolina. They have two children, and live in Chesterfield.

George Walter, son of G. W. and Sarah Robertson, married Miss Estelle Ross, of West Virginia. They have one child, and live in Chesterfield.

Robert, youngest son of G. W. and Sarah Ivey Robertson, married Miss Lucille Clay, of Dinwiddie, and they now make their home in that county. They have one child.

Sallie Robertson, daughter of G. W. and Sarah Robertson, married Mr. Lewis Webb, of Mecklenburg County, where they now live. They have three daughters.

Bessie Leigh Robertson, youngest child of G. W. and Sarah Ivey Robertson, married Mr. Okey Johnson, of Charleston, W. Va., and they make their home there.

Robert J. Ivey, youngest son of James J. and Adelaide

M. Gresham Ivey, married Miss Lula Vanderslice, and died young, leaving one child, Ellis, who graduated from the Universities of Virginia and Pennsylvania as a physician. An accident, causing his death, soon thereafter ended what promised to be a brilliant career for this idolized son of his mother, who survives him and is now the wife of Mr. Lee Britt, of Suffolk, Va.

William A. Gresham, youngest son of Elijah and Maria Goode Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County in 1838. After attending the neighborhood schools, he was a student at Hampden-Sidney College, with the intention of taking a law course, but the Civil War breaking out, he volunteered among the first, and joined the Amelia troop under Captain, later Major Charles Irving, and for whom he named his eldest son. He was wounded during a battle at Harrison's Landing, but as soon as he recovered, he rejoined his company, and was taken prisoner by a regiment whose colonel was W. A. Gresham, presumably a son of one of our Indiana cousins. He was for several months a prisoner at Point Lookout, after which he was exchanged and surrendered at Appomattox, having faithfully discharged his duties as a good soldier from start to finish of the fearful struggle which cost the lives of so many young men, and to those surviving, bequeathed for several years lives of such privation, poverty and sorrow for which they were unfitted that to many "death seemed the better part."

He married Miss Nannie Haskins Meador, daughter of Mr. John and Page Haskins Meador, of Prince Edward, and after spending several years in Chesterfield, Petersburg and Dinwiddie, he moved to Charlotte, N. C., and died there in 1912, mourned by many relatives and friends who loved him, and to whose loyalty and faithfulness as a friend they bear loving testimony. His widow survives him with five children. Her love and faithfulness to her husband from the altar to the grave, I bear willing testimony, I never saw surpassed.

Charles Irving Gresham, eldest son of W. A. and Nannie Haskins Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County, and married Miss Ione Thompson, of Charlotte, N. C. He now makes his home in Georgia, and has four children, the eld-

est having died in infancy—Wilder, Bryan, Aubrey and Gordon, all young and living with their parents.

Thomas Gresham, second son of William A. and Nannie Meador Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County, Va., but when a youth moved to Charlotte, N. C. Later he married Miss Lelia Gluyas, a daughter of Captain Thomas Gluyas, who was born in England, but coming to America when a boy cast his lot amongst his neighbors and friends, and was a soldier of the Civil War and also represented his county in Legislature at the close of the war.

Clarence, eldest son of Thomas and Lelia Gluyas Gresham, was born in Chester, S. C. He was killed in a railroad accident at Norlina, N. C., at the age of fourteen years. He was a bright and lovely boy, and his death was a crushing blow to his parents.

Thomas Haskins, second and only remaining child of Thomas and Lelia Gluyas Gresham, now a school boy, resides with his parents at Ginter Park, at which place his father has erected a magnificent home and enjoys a fortune amassed by diligence in business and faithfully seizing the opportunities which the "fates" kindly seemed to throw in his way, being thus repaid for the hardships incident to the lives of boys born in the period in and after the "sixties" of 1800. These were indeed years that tried men's souls and brought out the best there was in them and their children.

Ella Clifton, only living daughter (Nannie Augusta and Ida dying in Petersburg in early childhood) of W. A. and Nannie Haskins Meador Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County, and married Mr. Eddie Reams, of Dinwiddie. They moved to North Carolina, where she now makes her home. They have eight children—Augustine, Thomas, Kathleen, Willie, Eddie, Virginia, Lucie and Coleman, all of whom reside in the home of their parents.

Willie, third son of W. A. and Nannie Meador Gresham, died in infancy.

Floyd Meador, son of W. A. and Nannie M. Gresham, was born in Dinwiddie County, Va. He moved with his parents to North Carolina, and married Miss Esther Mc-

Coy, near Charlotte, N. C. They make their home in Charlotte.

Marcus Craig, youngest son of W. A. and Nannie H. Meador Gresham, is unmarried, and resides with his mother in Charlotte, N. C. He was born in Dinwiddie, Va.

Ann Augusta, youngest child of Elijah and Maria Goode Gresham, was born in Chesterfield County, Va., in 1841. She married Mr. W. H. H. Bagwell, son of W. H. H. Bagwell, of Richmond, and Lavinia Goode Bagwell, of Chesterfield. He was a soldier of the Civil War, belonging to Dance's Artillery, and served from start to finish as a good soldier, faithfully discharging his duties.

By this marriage there were seven children, as follows:

Maria Lavinia (called Bena), who died in 1900, and whose memory as a lovely Christian woman is tenderly cherished by the many she loved in life and all of whom she tried to help by her loving sympathy and interest.

Mary Adelaide, second daughter of W. H. H. and Augusta Gresham Bagwell, was born in Petersburg, and married Mr. J. R. Simpson. They reside at Doswell, in Hanover County, and have one son, John Bagwell Simpson.

William H. H. Bagwell, son of W. H. H. and Augusta Bagwell, married Bernice, youngest daughter of A. A. and Indie E. Rudd, of Chesterfield. They make their home in Hamlet, N. C., and have two boys, W. H. H. Bagwell (4th) and John Alfred Bagwell, both born in Hamlet, N. C. Their eldest son, Hal, died in infancy.

John Goode, second son of W. H. H. and Augusta G. Bagwell, was born in Petersburg, and spent his childhood with his parents and sisters and brothers at Longwood, in Chesterfield. Later he was in business in North and South Carolina until 1900, when a serious illness caused his removal to the Petersburg Hospital, where after much suffering he passed away April 19, 1900. He was popular with neighbors and friends, dearly beloved in the home circle, and faithful beyond comparison in his duty as a son and brother.

Thomas Gresham, third son of W. H. H. and Augusta G. Bagwell, was born in Petersburg and spent his boyhood

days at Longwood, the home of his parents in Chesterfield. He is now a resident of Hamlet, N. C., and is unmarried.

Augusta Gresham, infant daughter of W. H. H. and Augusta G. Bagwell, was born in Petersburg and died in infancy.

Withers, youngest son of W. H. H. and Augusta G. Bagwell, was born at Longwood, Chesterfield County. He married Lena, daughter of Mr. O. L. Ivey, of Chesterfield, and they make their home in that county. They have one child, Withers Ivey Bagwell.

I close this record of the Gresham family with sincere regret that it is so incomplete, but with the hope that it may be "something" to which all who are interested can add, and thus keep what, in coming years, will be to them a source of pleasure as well as reference.

AUGUSTA GRESHAM BAGWELL.

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