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*"He only deserves to be remembered by posterity who treasures up and preserves the history of his ancestors."—Edmund Burke.*

# THE O'CONNER-CONNER-SIMMONS FAMILIES

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## FOREWORD

It has for some time been my wish to know more about my own ancestry, and I began several years ago to trace as best I could both my paternal and my maternal lines. I have been unable to trace the line of my grandmother (Rebecca Powell) on my father's side; but because I believe her to be related to the Poindexter family through the Powell line, and because of my connection by marriage with that family through the Simmons line, I have briefly sketched the Poindexter Family in Section E of this genealogy.

Thinking that the members of these families, future as well as present generations, would be glad to know something of their ancestry and how they themselves are related to each other, I have compiled and put in printed form the information I have gained.

The book is in two parts. Part One is dedicated to the memory of the two O'Conner brothers—my father, James O'Conner, and my uncle, Thomas O'Conner. Part Two is dedicated to my maternal uncle, John S. Price. I hope this book will be of interest and value to many in the days to come.

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NOTE: In the Genealogy, names preceded by a number having a letter before it [A1] represent heads of principal family groups. The letter shows to what family they belong and in what section of the Genealogy they are listed. When a letter and number in parentheses immediately follow a name they indicate that the name they follow is later listed as head of a family group bearing the same letter and number as those in parentheses. The children of these group heads are numbered 1, 2, etc.; the grandchildren

(1), (2), etc., the great-grandchildren a, b, etc.; and great-great-grandchildren (a), (b), etc; and all are indented. The arrangement is simple and I hope easily understood.

The following abbreviations are used throughout:

*b.*, born; *d.*, died; *d.y.*, died young; *dau.*, daughter of; *s.*, son of; *m.*, married; *unm.*, unmarried.



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## THE O'CONOR LINEAGE

The Genealogy of the House of O'Conor, in which was vested the sovereignty of the province of Connaught, can be traced from Feredach the Just, about 75 A.D., through Turlough Mor O'Conor, Monarch of all Ireland, to the present time. Roderic O'Conor, made King in 1156, was the last native king of *all* Ireland.

The early people of the Irish colonies came from Scythia. Driven from their homes there, they wandered from one country to another, and legendary history tells us that four colonies attempted to make a settlement in Ireland but failed. The fifth colony, after much wandering, finally settled in Spain. After a long sojourn there they migrated to what is now Ireland, led by the eight sons of their hero Milesius of Spain. From these Milesian people descend all the modern Irish who have, or have had, an "O" or "Mac" prefixed to their surnames.

After reaching Ireland they made Eremon their first king, and thenceforward Ireland was ruled by a succession of Milesian kings. Duagh Galach was the first Christian king of Connaught, who died A.D. 438. Conchobhar, alias Conor, who died King of Connaught in 936, was the eighteenth generation from Duagh, and his descendants took the name of O'Conor. They have continually been distinguished by that name from the year 1012.

The name Conchobhar is written "Ui Conchobair" in Irish. The "ch" and "bh" are silent, thus it in time became O'Conor. It has been Anglicized into O'Connor, and Americanized into O'Conner.

Sometime later the Anglo-Normans began to make trouble in Ireland, and in 1171 the army of King Henry II landed with a large force and most of the Irish princes and chiefs made their submission to him. Peace was not for long, however, and we soon find the O'Conors firmly established in Connaught.

In the year 1200, while Sir John De Courcy was viceroy of Ireland, he tried to wrest the throne from the O'Conor princes, but failed. Connaught, however, was itself in a state of strife for many years as the struggles of the several claimants of the O'Conor family for the throne went on unceasingly. Finally Felim O'Conor, nephew of the old King Roderic, established himself on the throne of Connaught in 1249 by sheer force of energy and bravery, and without interruption reigned as King of Connaught until his death in 1265.

In 1249 England and Scotland united under the name of Great Britain, and the Protestant Parliament continued to subject the people of Ireland to very severe penal laws. They suppressed their commerce and confiscated their land. It was during this century that the Irish people left their country in great numbers, many of them going to the continent and many others coming to America.

It is difficult to trace definite family connections back of the coming of John Conner to this country yet ancient records, the similarity of Christian names, and some of the family letters, tell much. Extracts from a few of these letters may be interesting:

One letter says, "Have heard an aunt trace the family back and seat them on the throne."

Another says, "The family were always proud of their royal ancestry."

A third says, "One daughter who knew well the family history was always very proud of it; being as she said she was, of royal blood."

### O'CONNER and CONNER

Various reasons have been given for the dropping of the "O" by the Irish people. An Act of Parliament during the reign of Henry VIII required them to—and many of them did—give up their Irish names. Some of the sons, leaving home, wanted to lose themselves in the new

country. Of those who came to this country many dropped the "O" because of the intense feeling of the Quakers against the Irish people. At the beginning of the last century many branches of the family put the "O" back in their names.



**PART ONE**

**In three Sections  
A to C inclusive**

**DEDICATED  
To the Memory of**

**JAMES O'CONNER AND THOMAS O'CONNER  
devoted brothers whose joy in life was to share  
their blessings with their relatives and friends**







JAMES O'CONNER



THOMAS O'CONNER



## SECTION A

### THE O'CONNER OR CONNER FAMILY

Our first record of John Conner is found in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, as early as 1726. A William Conner was there at the same time, and we believe that the two were brothers.

William Conner married Sarah Rogers January 9, 1734.

John Conner married Elizabeth Kavanaugh June 5, 1734.

In 1735 John Conner was in Spottsylvania County with Richard Tutt as a witness on James Williams' will. James Williams was the uncle of Elizabeth Kavanaugh, and Richard Tutt was her uncle by marriage. In 1734 Orange County was cut from Spottsylvania, and in 1737 John Conner was appointed Surveyor for the County.

In the Colonial Militia listed in Spottsylvania County (Crozier's Record, p. 521) we find John Conner listed with others as proving their services in the Militia of the Colony (1755-1760) for the immediate defense thereof.

(See appendix Q.)

A1. JOHN CONNER, *b.* about 1715, *m.* Elizabeth Kavanaugh (*dau.* of Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh, B1, 2; see Appendix A and D), June 5, 1734. He died in 1787. Ten children:

1. JOHN CONNER, JR. (A2), *m.* Mary Ann . . . . .

Five children:

- (1) ELEANOR, (2) Jane, (3) John, (4) Tom, (5) James.

2. JAMES CONNER, *d.* in infancy (see Appendix H).

3. PHILEMON CONNER (A3), *m.* Rachel . . . . .

Five children:

- (1) MARY, (2) John, (3) Elizabeth, (4) Philemon, (5) Charles.

4. CHARLES CONNER, *d.* in Spottsylvania Co. Sept. 1768 (see Appendix I).
5. MILDRED CONNER, *m.* a Mr. Taylor and went to W. Virginia.
6. LEWIS CONNER (A4), *m.* 1st Susan Mallory Davis of Orange Co., Va.; *m.* 2nd Margaret Farrow. Four children by first wife:  
(1) JOHN, (2) Uriel, (3) Mildred, (4) Sallie.
7. THOMAS CONNER.
8. SARAH CONNER, *m.* a Mr. Newport and went to Tennessee.
9. WILLIAM CONNER, *m.* and later moved to Knox Co., Tenn.
10. TIMOTHY CONNER, lived in early life in Spottsylvania Co., Va. Was one of the last commissioned officers in the Revolutionary Army, being a lieutenant. Owned land in Orange Co. as late as 1781. Census of 1782 showed him living in Orange Co. with quite a large family, but we have no information about his children. He is said to have died in Fredericksburg.

Tradition says that John Conner and all of his sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

A2. JOHN CONNER, JR. (*s.* Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), *b.* about 1736, *m.* Mary Ann . . . . ., May 17, 1770 (see Appendix E and F). He was a soldier in Col. Stephen's Regiment in the Revolutionary War from 1774 to 1782, and some of the fighting was done on his own farm. We find Court Records of him in Culpeper Co., Va., until 1880 (see Appendix E through M). He was in Orange as bondsman at the marriage of Mary, the daughter of his brother Philemon, to Lewis Hiatt in 1784. The family moved to Halifax Co., Va., and we find him there in the Census record of 1783. He died in Halifax Co., in 1807. Five children:

1. JANE (or Jennie) CONNER, *b.* July 1776, *m.* James Watson in Halifax Co., Dec. 30, 1797. Three children:
  - (1) SUSANNAH WATSON, *m.* Randolph Anderson, May 1821.
  - (2) MARGARET (Peggy) WATSON, *m.* John Buntin, Dec. 28, 1837. Two children:
    - a. PATTIE BUNTIN, *m.* a Mr. Roark.
    - b. MARGARET BUNTIN, *d. unm.*
  - (3) WILLIAM J. WATSON, *m.* Mary C. Warren, Feb. 11, 1871.
2. ELINOR (Nellie) CONNER, *b.* Nov. 23, 1778, *m.* Caleb Compton (see Appendix O), Jan. 13, 1810. Three children:
  - (1) MARY COMPTON.
  - (2) MARTHA COMPTON.
  - (3) MEREDITH COMPTON, no doubt named for an aunt (see Appendix P).
3. JOHN CONNER (*A5*), *m.* Rebecca Powell, Mar. 19, 1823, in Halifax Co., Va. Nine children:
  - (1) MARY ELINOR, (2) Susan Ann Jane, (3) Elizabeth Williams, (4) Martha Frances, (5) Sarah Lewis, (6) James, (7) Thomas, (8) Rebecca Roberts, (9) John Roberts.
4. TOM CONNER (*A6*), *m.* 1st Lucy Carlton of Halifax Co., Feb. 24, 1819; she *d.* in 1820. *M.* 2nd Susannah Palmer Cardwell of Halifax Co., May 1, 1822. Seven children:
  - (1) JOHN, (2) Mary, (3) James, (4) Ann Jane, (5) Charles, (6) William, (7) Bettie Glen.
5. JAMES CONNER (*A7*) *m.* Martha Tennessee Scales of Courtland, Ala., July 11, 1825. Eight children:
  - (1) JOSEPH WILLIAM, (2) Mary Ann, (3) James T., (4) John Thos., (5) George Washington, (6) Ella J., (7) Ursula Dudley, (8) Joseph Price.

**A3. PHILEMON CONNER** (s. Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), *m.* Rachel . . . . ., *d.* 1774 in Culpeper, Va. (See Appendix J and K.) Five children:

1. MARY CONNER, *m.* Lewis Hiatt, May 27, 1784.
2. JOHN CONNER, *m.* Mary Lancaster, Feb. 7, 1785.
3. ELIZABETH CONNER, *m.* Reuben Lancaster, June 2, 1792.
4. PHILEMON CONNER.
5. CHARLES CONNER, born after death of his father.

**A4. LEWIS CONNER**, *b.* Nov. 1745, *m.* 1st Mrs. Susan Mallory Davis (*dau.* Capt. Uriel Mallory); *m.* 2nd Mrs. Margaret Farrow in 1816. Very early he became active in religious work, and later was one of the foremost preachers of his day. Shortly after moving from Culpeper County to Madison County he was called on for Militia duty. His zeal for the cause of American Independence impelled him on to North Carolina where he served a long time under General Greene. After he returned home he was again called into military service and was in the siege of Yorktown. He took a prominent part in all civic affairs; but his one purpose in life was to preach the Gospel, which he seems to have done effectively. He died Feb. 9, 1832, at the age of 86, having lived a very useful life. Four children by first wife:

1. JOHN CONNER, *b.* 1770, *m.* Nancy Wiggington (*dau.* Elizabeth Botts Wiggington), Dec. 16, 1796. He was an officer in the War of 1812. At the close of that war he came home with a broken down constitution, and died Apr. 25, 1815, at the age of 45, leaving five small children. He was buried on the old Connor farm in Rappahannock County. Nancy Wiggington Connor, widow of John Conner, married Presley N. Smith shortly after 1815, and in 1834 he bought "Elim" from Oliver Welch who was the grantee of Henry Fry, son of the original grantee from the Crown of England. Nancy Conner Smith inherited



ELIM, THE RESIDENCE OF NANCY CONNER SMITH FROM 1834 UNTIL HER DEATH IN 1860





this property from her husband in 1850. At her death in 1860 it descended to her children, all of whom were by her first husband. In 1878 Edward Lightfoot, the husband of her daughter Elizabeth, bought out the other heirs, and the Lightfoots lived there until they sold it in 1917.

A letter received from a relative of the family who visited the place when a child and again recently says: "Elim looks now as it did in the early days. It is situated on a beautiful high hill terraced down to the highway. The same gorgeous boxwoods are around each terrace and the stairway is just as it was, and different from any I ever saw." The original part of the home was built by Henry Fry in 1766; the second story was added in 1830 by Oliver Welch, and the extension built later by Presley N. Smith. Five children:

- (1) SETH, (2) William, (3) Charles, (4) Elizabeth, (5) Champ Carter.
2. URIEL MALLORY CONNER, *m.* Nancy Nalle, Dec. 13, 1796, *d.* May 16, 1859. Six children:
  - (1) FRANCIS LEWIS, (2) John, (3) Ann Gatewood, (4) Susan M., (5) Ellen M., (6) Zephaniah T.
3. MILDRED CONNER, *b.* Feb. 24, 1776, *m.* Richard Johnson Tutt, Dec. 1, 1795, *d.* May 15, 1837. Six children:
  - (1) SUSAN, (2) Henry, (3) Elizabeth, (4) Sallie, (5) Lewis, (6) a daughter.
4. SALLY M. CONNER, *b.* Mar. 24, 1783, *m.* Zephaniah Turner (*s.* Henrietta Chunn and Capt. Hezekiah Turner, a Revolutionary War soldier), Feb. 29, 1800; *d.* Oct. 1855. Eleven children (three *d. y.*):
  - (1) JOHN, (2) Lewis, (3) Zephaniah, (4) Susan May, (5) Uriel Mallory, (6) Mildred Ann, (7) Richard Henry, (8) Maria Elizabeth.

William Conner, above, a grandson of Lewis Conner, when eighty years old wrote a record of the family as he remembered it. In that record he stated that his great-grandmother's name was Sarah Kavanaugh. From all available data that we can find we feel sure that his great-grandmother was Elizabeth Kavanaugh and that it was his great-great-grandmother who was named Sarah (see Kavanaugh Family, B1). Because of this confusion of names we have only carried Lewis Conner's line down through one generation.

A5. JOHN CONNER (*s.* Mary Ann and John Conner, Jr., and *gr.s.* of Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), *b.* Sept. 22, 1780, near Brandy Station in Culpeper Co., Va. His parents moved to Halifax a few years later. There he enlisted in the War of 1812. He was Corporal in Capt. Charles T. Harris's Company of Infantry, 5th Regiment Virginia Militia, and later Corporal in Capt. Thomas Davenport's Company of Light Infantry, 5th Regiment of the Militia. On March 19, 1823, he married Rebecca Powell of Halifax Co., Va., the marriage record being signed by her mother, Mary Powell. He died Nov. 23, 1856. Rebecca Powell, his wife (*b.* June 15, 1799, *d.* Dec. 8, 1880), was a cousin of Ambrose Powell, who settled in East Tennessee, and she was related to the Poindexter Family sketched in the latter part of this book (Section E). Nine children. (NOTE: All the children of this union replaced the "O" in their surname.) 1. Mary Elinor, 2. Susan Ann Jane, 3. Elizabeth Williams, 4. Martha Frances, 5. Sarah Lewis, 6. James, 7. Thomas, 8. Rebecca Roberts, 9. John R.

1. MARY ELINOR O'CONNER (*dau.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner), *b.* July 24, 1826, *m.* Oliver J. Peed of Beaufort Co., N. C., Mar. 17, 1846; *d.* Apr. 30, 1863, in Knoxville, Tenn. Five children:

(1) ANNIE PEED, *b.* Jan. 8, 1848, *m.* Nathaniel Sullins Woodward of Knoxville, Tenn. (*s.* Mary

Sullins and Dr. Alexander Woodward). She died July 1937 in Washington, D. C., and was buried in Knoxville, Tenn. Three children:

a. O'CONNER WOODWARD, *b.* Aug. 27, 1873, *m.* Estelle Florence Barrett of Charleston, Tenn., June 6, 1900; *d.* Feb. 21, 1916. Two children:

(a) FLORENCE PATTERSON WOODWARD, *b.* May 10, 1901, *m.* Marion Harlan Bradford of Greeneville, Tenn., Dec. 28, 1927. Two children:

i. MARION WOODWARD BRADFORD, *b.* Dec. 4, 1929.

ii. CARL BONNER BRADFORD, *b.* Oct. 2, 1931.

(b) O'CONNER BARRETT WOODWARD, *b.* 1913, *m.* Grace Wilson Schultz of Charlottesville, Va., July 4, 1937.

b. MARY WOODWARD, *b.* 1874, *d.* 1897.

c. ETHEL WOODWARD, *b.* 1880, *m.* William Rankin King of Johnson City, Tenn., Mar. 31, 1909. Living in Washington, D. C. Three children:

(a) ANN W. KING, *b.* 1911, *m.* Arthur Behren of Seattle, Wash., Jan. 1, 1937.

(b) ELIZABETH R. KING.

(c) MARY ELEANOR KING.

(2) CORNELIA PEED, *b.* Mar. 25, 1850, *m.* David L. Ross of Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 14, 1875. Mr. Ross's family came from Pennsylvania and included descendants of Betsy Ross, he being the son of George W. Ross and Elizabeth Laird of Rockbridge Co., Va. Living in Knoxville, Tenn. Two children:

a. GEORGE ROSS, *b.* 1877, *m.* Ann Reid of Versailles, Ky., July 18, 1906. One child:

(a) CORNELIA LAIRD ROSS, *b.* Nov. 21, 1907, *m.* William J. Boyd, Apr. 1928.

One child:

i. ANN ROSS BOYD, *b.* Aug. 19, 1930.

b. LEE M. ROSS, *b.* June 25, 1883, *m.* Mamie Lucille George of Knoxville, Tenn., July 1908. One child:

(a) SARAH ELINOR ROSS, *b.* July 27, 1909, *m.* Earnest I. Miller of Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 1936. One child:

i. DAVID LEE MILLER, *b.* Aug. 15, 1938.

(3) JOHN O'CONNER PEED, *b.* 1852, *m.* Lizzie Harness of Danville, Ky., in 1887; *d.* Aug. 2, 1921, in Fresno, Calif. One child:

a. MARY O'CONNER PEED, *b.* 1888, *d.* Aug. 17, 1934.

(4) TOM PEED, *b.* May 1854, *m.* Birdie Clark of Knoxville, Tenn. (Dec. 8, 1885); she was the daughter of Wyman Clark and Julia Perkins, whose family descended from one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He died July 27, 1930, in Knoxville, Tenn. No children.

(5) FANNIE PEED (*b.* Apr. 1857, *d.* May 18, 1937), *m.* 1st William N. Dickens of Halifax, Va. (*s.* of Susan Ann O'Conner and Albert Francis Dickens), Dec. 5, 1877; *m.* 2nd Samuel Shriver of Penn. in 1918, at Fresno, Calif. One child by first husband:

a. CHARLES ALBERT DICKENS [see 2, (2), a.]

2. SUSAN ANN JANE O'CONNER (*dau.* John Conner and Rebecca Powell), *b.* Feb. 21, 1828, *m.* Albert Francis Dickens (*s.* Judith McCullohm of N. C. and Albert F. Dickens), Dec. 28, 1846. Eight children:

(1) CORNELIA JOSEPHINE DICKENS, *b.* Feb. 13, 1848, *m.* Eneas J. Hughes of Halifax, Va. (*s.*

Jesse Hughes and Mary Woodson Cheadle), Dec. 20, 1877; *d.* Dec. 13, 1915, in Richmond, Va. One child:

a. MARY HUGHES, *b.* June 7, 1879, *m.* Benjamin P. Fitcher of South Boston, Va., June 7, 1899. Living in Richmond. Two children:

(a) ENEAS FITCHER, *b.* Aug. 10, 1900, *m.* Janet Bundy of Richmond, Va., Apr. 17, 1923. One child:

i. MURIEL J. FITCHER, *b.* Apr. 26, 1927.

(b) HERBERT FITCHER, *b.* Sept. 15, 1903, *m.* Margaret Bass of Richmond, Va., Sept. 1, 1928.

(2) WILLIAM NOLAN DICKENS, *b.* Jan. 6, 1851, *m.* Fannie Peed of Knoxville, Tenn. [*dau.* Elinor O'Conner and Oliver Peed; see 1, (5).], Dec. 5, 1877; *d.* June 30, 1911. One child:

a. CHARLES ALBERT DICKENS, *b.* Apr. 14, 1879, *m.* Bessie Motley of South Boston, Va. Living in Hagerstown, Md. Five children:

(a) CARLILE G. DICKENS, *b.* Oct. 18, 1906.

(b) AMANDA PIERCE DICKENS, *b.* Sept. 20, 1912.

(c) THOMAS NOLAN DICKENS, *b.* July 23, 1915.

(d) FRANCIS WOOD DICKENS, *b.* Sept. 19, 1918.

(e) ELIZABETH L. DICKENS, *b.* Nov. 14, 1920.

(3) SARAH JANE DICKENS, *b.* Mar. 1854, *d.* Dec. 1911.

(4) JAMES O'CONNER DICKENS, *b.* Aug. 1855, *m.* 1st Rosa Staub of Knoxville, Tenn.; *m.* 2nd Carrie McGill of Mobile, Ala.; *d.* Nov. 30, 1906, in Mobile. No children.

- (5) JOHN NOLAN DICKENS, *b.* Mar. 29, 1857, *m.* Lottie Jane Hawkins of Clover, Va. (*dau.* Mary J. Nichols and Abner D. Hawkins), May 9, 1877; *d.* Nov. 5, 1909. Twelve children:
- a. MAMIE DICKENS, *b.* Feb. 15, 1878, *m.* John Thomas Lester of Sutherlin, Va., Oct. 26, 1898. Four children:
    - (a) MARY FRANCES LESTER, *b.* Mar. 17, 1901, *m.* Heber Shapard of Halifax, Va., Apr. 1, 1920. One child:
      - i. MARY LESTER SHAPARD, *b.* Dec. 31, 1920.
    - (b) JOHN THOMAS LESTER II, *b.* July 5, 1909, *m.* Helen Howard of Lexington, Ky., Mar. 29, 1934. One child:
      - i. HOWARD LESTER, *b.* Aug. 22, 1936.
    - (c) LOTTIE WINIFRED LESTER, *b.* Nov. 22, 1911, *m.* Horace H. Heath of Clover, Va., Jan. 6, 1937. One child:
      - i. FRANCIS HEATH, *b.* Aug. 28, 1937.
    - (d) JAMES EDWARD LESTER, *b.* Aug. 31, 1913.
  - b. JAMES ABNER DICKENS, *b.* Sept. 1880, *m.* Margarite Blackshear of Dublin, Ga. (*dau.* Margaret Belle Milton and Edward J. Blackshear), Apr. 17, 1913; *d.* Oct. 1924. Mrs. Dickens now lives in Marianna, Fla. Two children:
    - (a) BELLE MILTON DICKENS, *b.* May 21, 1916, *m.* Wm. S. Drew, July 19, 1934. One child:
      - i. WM. MILTON DREW, *b.* Apr. 29, 1935.
    - (b) JAMES ABNER DICKENS II, *b.* May 18, 1918.
  - c. WILLIAM ALBERT DICKENS, *b.* July 1882, *m.* Cora Luck of Salem, Va., June 8, 1907.

- d. ROSA STAUB DICKENS, *b.* Feb. 1885, *m.* William Pleasants Guill of Sutherlin, Va. Four children:
- (a) WILLIAM NOLAN GUILL, *b.* Nov. 25, 1911, *m.* Dorothy Mae Mills of Halifax, Va., Oct. 28, 1938.
  - (b) EARL GUILL, *b.* Sept. 11, 1913.
  - (c) JANIE GUILL, *b.* Jan. 15, 1916.
  - (d) ROSE GUILL, *b.* Mar. 28, 1918.
- e. CLEMENT LUCK DICKENS, *b.* Feb. 1887, *m.* 1st Vera Taylor of Lynchburg, Va.; *m.* 2nd Ruth Owen of Lynchburg, Va. Two children by first wife.
- (a) ELIZABETH JANE DICKENS, *b.* Oct. 23, 1915, *m.* Orson Benjamin Newton, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., Oct. 8, 1938.
  - (b) VERA DICKENS, *b.* Mar. 7, 1916.
- f. JOHN NOLAN DICKENS, *b.* Jan. 1889, *m.* Nannie Rogers of Halifax, Va., Nov. 14, 1914. Two children:
- (a) JOHN NOLAN DICKENS, JR., *b.* Sept. 30, 1921.
  - (b) ROGERS DICKENS, *b.* June 23, 1923.
- g. HARRY HAWKINS DICKENS, *b.* July 1891, *m.* Ann Reaves of Richmond, Va.
- h. ROY WITT DICKENS, *b.* Apr. 1893.
- i. LOTTIE EVELYN DICKENS, *b.* Apr. 14, 1894, *m.* William Luther Dodd of Meadsville, Va., July 8, 1914. Four children:
- (a) EVELYN DODD, *b.* May 7, 1916, *m.* Kenneth Owen of Halifax, Va., Aug. 8, 1936.
  - (b) LOUISE EDNA DODD, *b.* Nov. 28, 1918.
  - (c) LUTHER THOMAS DODD, *b.* Oct. 25, 1922.
  - (d) VIRGINIA NEAL DODD, *b.* July 1, 1924.

- j. EUGENE COLEMAN DICKENS, *b.* May 1897, *m.* Virginia Pollard of Meadsville, Va., July 22, 1924. Two children:
  - (a) GENE COLEMAN DICKENS, *b.* Jan. 20, 1926.
  - (b) CECIL HURT DICKENS, *b.* May 9, 1930.
- k. CARRIE MCGILL DICKENS, *b.* Oct. 11, 1899, *m.* William Penn Hicks II of Sutherlin, Va., Sept. 21, 1921. Four children:
  - (a) WILLIAM PENN HICKS III, *b.* Sept. 30, 1922.
  - (b) JOHN HICKS, *b.* Sept. 11, 1924.
  - (c) EDWIN HICKS, *b.* Apr. 16, 1927.
  - (d) REBECCA HICKS, *b.* June 2, 1933.
- l. FRANK LEONARD DICKENS, *b.* Jan. 29, 1902, *m.* Grace Owen of Richmond, Va., Feb. 13, 1927.
- (6) CHARLES CRADDOCK DICKENS, *b.* Feb. 21, 1859, *d.* Mar. 4, 1915, in Richmond, Va.
- (7) SUSAN REBECCA DICKENS, *b.* Oct. 26, 1862, *m.* Richard Clement Wood of Knoxville, Tenn., May 20, 1885, *d.* Jan. 12, 1940, in Danville, Va.
- (8) ANNIE HYACINTH DICKENS, *b.* Feb. 28, 1866, *m.* John Abner Hawkins of Halifax, Va., Dec. 21, 1887, *d.* May 15, 1920, in Danville, Va. Three children:
  - a. CARRIE DICKENS HAWKINS, *b.* June 18, 1889.
  - b. SUSIE WOOD HAWKINS, *b.* Jan. 4, 1893. Living in Halifax, Va.
  - c. JOHN ABNER HAWKINS III, *b.* Nov. 7, 1895, *m.* Carmen Leonore Miser of Knoxville, Tenn., June 6, 1930. He, a physician, *d.* June 7, 1940. Three children:
    - (a) JOHN LUTHER HAWKINS, *b.* Dec. 13, 1931.
    - (b) CLARA JANE HAWKINS, *b.* Oct. 5, 1933.



(c) GORDON ABNER HAWKINS, *b.* July 31, 1937.

3. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS O'CONNER (*dau.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner), *b.* Nov. 14, 1830, *m.* Henry Gratton Howard of Chesterfield Co., Va., in 1866; *d.* June 28, 1922, in South Boston, Va. Two children:

(1) MARY HOWARD, *b.* Oct. 14, 1867, *m.* James D. Tucker of Halifax Co., Va., Apr. 4, 1888; *d.* June 26, 1938. Three children:

a. GRATTON HOWARD TUCKER, *b.* Apr. 17, 1889, *m.* Carry Lyon Moseley of Faundsdales, Ala., July 7, 1919. Living in Chase City, Va. Two children:

(a) GRATTON HOWARD TUCKER, JR., *b.* Oct. 19, 1920.

(b) DANIEL MOSELEY TUCKER, *b.* Dec. 18, 1923.

b. JAMES D. TUCKER, *b.* May 17, 1894.

c. EDWIN TUCKER, *b.* Jan. 13, 1899, *m.* Rebecca Duncan of North Carolina. One child:

(a) MARY JO TUCKER, *b.* 1927.

(2) HENRY CLIFTON HOWARD, *b.* Jan. 6, 1869, *m.* Rebecca Peters of Meadsdale, Va. (*dau.* Betty White and Richard Thornton Peters); *d.* Sept. 25, 1904, in South Boston, Va. One child:

a. TOM O'CONNER HOWARD, *b.* Sept. 16, 1892, *m.* Josephine Johnson of Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 12, 1927. Living in Birmingham. Four children:

(a) TOM O'CONNER HOWARD, JR., *b.* Dec. 28, 1928.

(b) LISBETH BELL HOWARD, *b.* Jan. 29, 1932.

(c) PAUL JONES HOWARD, *b.* Dec. 14, 1933.

(d) JUDITH CARY HOWARD, *b.* Oct. 3, 1938.

4. MARTHA FRANCES O'CONNER (*dau.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner), *b.* Apr. 5, 1832, *m.* James E. Johnson of Halifax, Va. (*s.* Susan Edmondson and J. W. Johnson) in 1856; *d.* 1899. Five children:

(1) ANNIE JOHNSON, *b.* 1858, *d.* July 1932.

(2) JOSEPH W. JOHNSON, *b.* 1859, *m.* Mary Clay of Halifax, Va. (*dau.* of Mary C. Edmondson and J. D. Clay) in 1888; *d.* 1937. Five children:

a. JAMES E. JOHNSON, *b.* 1889, *m.* Elizabeth Epps of Meadsville, Va., Dec. 5, 1915. Two children:

(a) ANNIE JOHNSON, *b.* 1919.

(b) ELIZABETH JOHNSON, *b.* 1926.

b. JOSEPH W. JOHNSON, JR., *b.* 1891, *m.* Jean Roberts of Halifax, Va., in 1932.

c. WILLIAM JOHNSON, *b.* 1893.

d. PATTIE JOHNSON, *b.* Jan. 27, 1895. Living in Richmond, Virginia.

e. MARY JOHNSON, *b.* Aug. 1906, *m.* Russell Hughes of Halifax, Va., in 1928.

(3) JIM JOHNSON, *b.* 1860, *d.* 1881.

(4) MARY ELEANOR JOHNSON, *b.* 1862, *d.* 1883.

(5) MARTHA SUSAN JOHNSON, *b.* Jan. 25, 1869, *m.* Thomas Barksdale Johnson of Halifax, Va., Apr. 11, 1893, *d.* June 18, 1898. Three children:

a. MARY ELEANOR JOHNSON, *b.* Feb. 15, 1894, *m.* Gordon T. Martin of Richmond, Va., Aug. 22, 1938.

b. SUSAN HARLAND JOHNSON, *b.* Dec. 21, 1894, *m.* E. G. Dorsey of Halifax, Va., July 28, 1919. Living in Raleigh, N. C. One child:

(a) E. G. DORSEY III, *b.* Aug. 28, 1923.

- c. HARRIETT EMILY JOHNSON, *b.* Feb. 17, 1896, *m.* Charles W. Moss of Richmond, Va., May 26, 1920. Two children:  
    (a) MARY ELEANOR MOSS, *b.* Oct. 24, 1921.  
    (b) CHARLES W. MOSS, JR., *b.* Jan. 3, 1923.
5. SARAH LEWIS O'CONNER (*dau.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner), *b.* Mar. 10, 1834, *m.* Michael Nolan of Merthertydevil, Wales, Sept. 20, 1853; *d.* June 28, 1901, in Tracy City, Tenn., and was buried in Birmingham, Ala. Michael Nolan (*b.* 1832) died in Halifax, Va., in 1877. Five children:
- (1) MARY (Mollie) RUSSELL NOLAN, *b.* Mar. 24, 1857, *d.* Nov. 11, 1937, in St. Petersburg, Fla.; buried in Birmingham, Ala.
- (2) CHARLES ALBERT NOLAN, *b.* Dec. 22, 1858, *m.* Maybelle Carrie Wheeler of Elk Rapids, Mich., Apr. 15, 1886; *d.* Nov. 16, 1904, in Birmingham, Ala. Four children:
- a. MICHAEL McCORMACK NOLAN, *b.* Mar. 18, 1887, *m.* Isabelle Newhouse of West Orange, N. J., Dec. 18, 1915; *d.* Nov. 24, 1938. Four children:
- (a) ALICE NOLAN, *b.* Sept. 24, 1916.  
    (b) MICHAEL McCORMACK NOLAN II, *b.* Nov. 6, 1922.  
    (c) CHARLES OSCAR NOLAN, *b.* Feb. 2, 1925.  
    (d) ROBERT DUNCAN NOLAN, *b.* June 9, 1929.
- b. CHARLES ALBERT NOLAN, JR., *b.* Aug. 11, 1889, *m.* Mary Lee of Maine.
- c. DUNCAN NOLAN, *b.* May 1891.
- d. WHEELER NOLAN, *b.* July 16, 1894, *m.* Thelma Eugenia Cook of High Springs, Fla., Oct. 5, 1922.
- (3) FANNIE HYACINTH NOLAN, *b.* Jan. 29, 1867. Living in Tampa, Fla.

(4) BETTIE SUSAN NOLAN, *b.* Mar. 6, 1869, *m.* James Ples Gilliam of Winchester, Tenn., Nov. 20, 1895; *d.* May 18, 1898, in Tracy City, Tenn.

(5) ELINOR O'CONNER NOLAN, *b.* Mar. 31, 1871. Living in Tampa, Fla.

6. JAMES O'CONNER (*s.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner, and *gr. gr. s.* of Elizabeth<sup>1</sup>. Kavanaugh and John Conner), one of the brothers to whom Part One of this book is dedicated, was born in Halifax, Va., Jan. 27, 1835. At the age of 18 he went to Lynchburg, Va., and engaged in the manufacture of saddles and harness. He was purchasing agent for such supplies during the War Between the States. At the close of that war he settled in Knoxville, Tenn., and there started a saddle and harness factory which later became one of the largest establishments of its kind in the South. He was active in all public affairs during his early life and was for many years a member of the City Council. He married Mary Susan Price of Halifax, Va. (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John M. Price; see Simmons Family, D3, 2.) Dec. 6, 1871. He died Sept. 27, 1906, in Knoxville, Tenn. Three children:

(1) TOM O'CONNER, *b.* Nov. 22, 1872, *d.* Nov. 1910.

(2) LULA PRICE O'CONNER, *b.* July 25, 1874, *m.* Rev. Wm. Edward Cox, an Episcopal minister, of Greenville, N. C., Jan. 16, 1908. Living in Southern Pines, N. C. One child:

a. WM. EDWARD COX, JR., *b.* Sept. 12, 1915.

(3) SAM PRICE O'CONNER, *b.* Aug. 21, 1876, *m.* Kate Marshall of Wetumpka, Ala. (*dau.* Epsie Reece and Arthur Marshall), Aug. 12, 1898. Living in Knoxville, Tenn. No children.

7. THOMAS O'CONNER. (See page 23.)

8. REBECCA ROBERTS O'CONNER (*dau.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner), *b.* June 27, 1837, *m.* William Richard Hunt of Prince Edward Court House, Va.,

Oct. 29, 1874. Most of her life she spent in Knoxville and Tracy City, Tenn. She died at her birthplace, Halifax, Va., Mar. 8, 1915, and was buried in Knoxville, Tenn. One child:

(1) JAMES O'CONNER HUNT, *b.* Apr. 15, 1880, *m.* 1st Emma Albers of Knoxville, Tenn.; *m.* 2nd Willie Doris of Tracy City, Oct. 14, 1907. Living in Kansas City, Mo. One child by first wife:

a. REBECCA HUNT, *b.* Aug. 4, 1910, *m.* John Osborne of Memphis, Tenn. Living in Knoxville.

9. JOHN R. O'CONNER (*s.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner), *b.* Oct. 12, 1839; *d.* Jan. 22, 1872, in Halifax, Va.

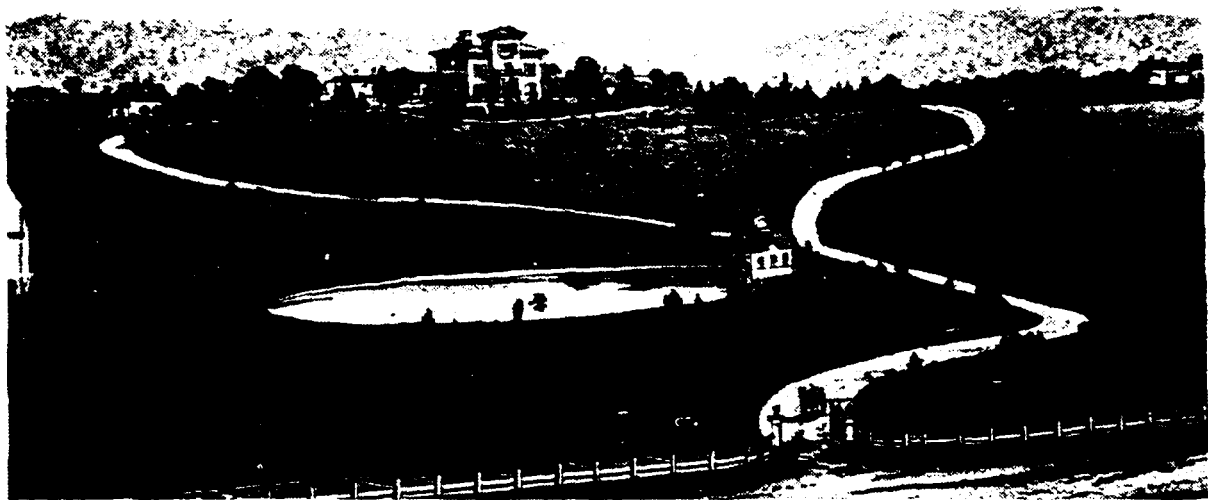
7. THOMAS O'CONNER (*s.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner, and *gr. gr. s.* of Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), the second of the two brothers to whom Part One of this book is dedicated, was born Feb. 29, 1836, in Halifax, Va. At the age of 16 he left home and went to Lynchburg, Va., where he secured work in a saddle and harness shop. At 18 he went to Knoxville, Tenn., then a small town of a few thousand inhabitants. There he opened a saddle and harness shop of his own and employed a good many hands. When the War Between the States broke out he was in Charleston, S. C., and helped to raise the first Confederate Flag over Fort Sumter. He went with Capt. Cain to Savannah, Ga., and there they raised an Artillery Company. After Tennessee seceded from the Union they went to Knoxville. From Knoxville O'Conner was sent to Cumberland Gap to fortify it, and was then given the rank of Major. He was captured there and sent to Johnson Island, Ohio, where he remained until the close of the war. He became very fond of the Yankee soldier who

guarded him while in prison, and in later years tried many times to find that guard and in some way show his appreciation of his kindness to him.

On one of his visits to Knoxville after he was made a Major he was given a new uniform by some friends, and a sweetheart at the same time gave him a very beautiful horse.

A niece, at whose home her uncle, Thomas O'Conner, lived when in Knoxville, wrote me the following: "About a week before Burnside's came into Knoxville, Uncle Tom came to see us and told us the Confederates were evacuating Knoxville. When he went away he did not take his new uniform but told us that if Burnside's came to burn it as we might have trouble if it was found. Just as soon as he left, Aunt Beck sewed the uniform up in a sheet. He had not been gone more than three or four days when Burnside's and his army came in on what was then known as Asylum Street, now Western Avenue. I was on the back porch and saw them coming with their swords drawn. When I saw the blue uniforms I knew they were the Yankees. I called Aunt Beck—my Mother being dead at that time—and she, my sister and myself sewed the uniform up in a bed mattress. In about three hours two Knoxville men, who were Union men and who knew that my uncle had been in town, came with two soldiers to search the house. I never will forget how frightened we were. They looked in every wardrobe and closet in the house but did not find anything worth-while, so went off. After the war it was several years before Uncle Tom could come home to live because he had taken such a prominent part when Tennessee seceded from the Union."

When he did return to Knoxville to make it his home he put that same energy and vigor into making



*Above:* MELROSE PARK, RESIDENCE OF THOMAS O'CONNER  
(FROM AN OLD LITHOGRAPH)  
*Below:* THE INTERIOR OF MELROSE





his town and his state a worthy and valued part of the Union, and the testimonials at his death showed that he succeeded even though he was granted but a few years to live.

In 1873 he married Fannie Renshaw House, of Knoxville (daughter of Fannie Budden Renshaw and Samuel House). From Judge O. P. Temple he bought "Melrose" for a home. This house, surrounded by several acres of sloping ground, was built by Col. John J. Craig about 1858 and was first named "Lucknow." Just after the War Between the States it had been purchased by Judge O. P. Temple who completed and re-decorated the house, landscaped the grounds, and re-named it "Melrose." After buying it from Judge Temple in 1875, he (Thomas O'Conner) made little changes in the already lovely home, but he beautified the spacious grounds and made it one of the show places of the growing city. The picture of the house and grounds on the preceding page was made a short while before his death in 1882 for a booklet of the views of Knoxville. Since that time the grounds have been divided into lots, on which many homes have now been built. The house itself was sold for an art center in 1928, and later sold again and made into an apartment house. In it there was, and still is, one of the finest circular stairways known to architects of this country. It is of the unsupported type and so constructed as to lend beauty to the large hall. In this picture of the hall stands a great nephew of Thomas O'Conner.

#### DEATH OF THOS. O'CONNER

On the morning of Oct. 19, 1882, at about ten o'clock, a most horrible tragedy was enacted, resulting in the death of three leading citizens of Knoxville—Thos. O'Conner, who is the subject of

this sketch and was at the time president of the Mechanics' National Bank; also Gen. Jos. A. Mabry and Jos. A. Mabry, Jr.

The difficulty which led to the death of the three men was a feud of long standing and came near reaching a culmination at the races at the Fair Grounds the day before. There Mabry met O'Conner and upbraided him, making threats against his life. O'Conner told him that was no place to settle their difficulty, and later the same evening Mabry sent word to O'Conner that he would shoot him on sight. The next morning O'Conner was standing in the door of the bank when he saw the elder Mabry approaching. He reached inside, got a double-barreled shotgun, fired, and Mabry fell. Mabry's son, Joe, in a nearby store, upon hearing the shot rushed out and fired on O'Conner. Almost on the instant O'Conner turned to the right, fired at young Joe and they both sank to the ground. (This account is given in order that the nephews and nieces and their children may know something of the tragic death of this man who did so much for them during his lifetime, and in whose possessions they shared at his death.)

The funeral services were held at his home, conducted by Dr. W. H. Morrell, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. All business was practically suspended in Knoxville and many business houses in Nashville, Tenn., and Gadsden, Ala., were closed at the hour of his funeral.

The following tribute from *The Nashville American* of Saturday, October 21, 1882, will show something of the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

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NOTE: Mark Twain, in his "Life on the Mississippi" (p. 418), includes an account of this shooting affray.

## MAJ. THOS. O'CONNER

The death of Maj. O'Conner as detailed in our dispatches this morning, will produce a shock and a sensation with no parallel in the history of the State from the death of a private citizen. No man in the State knew as many people, and no man in the State was as well known to all classes. His death is the most tragic event of its kind that ever occurred in the State, as well as the most intensely shocking in its details.

That three men should engage in a street fight and all three be killed so dead in two minutes that neither could speak, is without a parallel in personal encounters.

In many respects Maj. O'Conner was the most remarkable man the State has produced. Brought up in poverty, without education and without social position, and starting without friends, with no position, and no aspiration for office, he was, the morning of his death, beyond doubt the most enterprising and aggressive, as well as the boldest trader, and most advanced and active manipulator of industrial forces the south has had.

A mechanic, he worked at his trade up to middle life, then he embarked in manufacturing with convict labor; then extensively in mining coal and making coke; then in making iron on a large scale; then in banking, and, in the meantime, he was a heavy contractor in building railroads. By his great energy he pushed to completion the Cincinnati Southern. Then he took large contracts in Louisiana from the Erlanger Syndicate for building roads—his contracts it is said amount to two millions—these, he, with some partners, was working out when he lost his life. Besides this, he was mining and shipping ore from Gadsden, Ala., on a large scale, having fully \$125,000

invested in the business. At the same time he was engaged in building a railroad at Birmingham, Ala., and was preparing for building furnaces in the neighborhood of Birmingham in connection with other gentlemen of wealth.

The greatest loss is to the south at large. Maj. O'Conner was a man of immense brain and he was using it alone in building up southern industries. His whole mind was fixed and his heart set on the great resources of the south, and on developing them, and the south never produced a man who had all the elements, so wonderfully combined, for producing results in this great field. He accumulated large means—had unlimited credit—and in his powers of organizing he was a prodigy. In controlling men, in combining and utilizing forces he was without a parallel. In seeing and avoiding difficulties likely to obstruct his plans and in providing the means to meet the ends, his sagacity and foresight were always equal to the emergency.

But suddenly—in a single moment—the light of his brain is extinguished; and the forces put in operation by its immense activity stop, as if the central wheel of a great engine driving vast machinery had been suddenly broken.

While the greater loss will be to the south in its industrial interests, the shock to a large family and to numerous warm personal friends will be as if the warmth of life had been instantly chilled by a wintry blast. Maj. O'Conner left no children, but a wife whose heart and affections were entirely absorbed in his existence.

His aged mother, who died only a few months ago, and his mother-in-law, who still lives, shared alike the warm affections of his heart. Numerous other relations, sisters and their children, as well as remote kinspeople, were all embraced in the dis-

tribution of his substantial kindnesses. The writer of this article knew Maj. O'Conner well—knew much of his business life, as well as his social relations and his family inner life—and he wishes to record of him that a great virtue was possessed by him in a 'arger degree than any man he ever knew—that of never forgetting or never overlooking his numerous relations, no matter what their condition. The man has not lived in this country who had a stronger and more affectionate attachment for his family than he.

In other respects his strong nature was fully developed and brought out. His friendship did not stop with the success of him who shared it; but when in distress, or when other friends deserted, and when loss of money and loss of credit came, Maj. O'Conner was still a sure standby, and never was known to desert a friend in distress.

Brave and fearless of death when forced into a personal rencounter, no man was more careful or tried harder to avoid such conflicts. Though a man of very few advantages in early life, he was a man of good address, of agreeable manners, great personal magnetism, and more resources in all the relations of his life than any man the south has produced.

Maj. O'Conner was not faultless, but his death will leave a vacuum which will not be filled until some man of immense brain and great big heart, combined with extraordinary qualities, shall come to the front.

Devoted as the American is to the building up of the south, and needing help, we feel that our strongest support is gone. Tennessee will miss Maj. O'Conner.—*The Nashville American*, October 21, 1882. Reprinted in *The Knoxville Daily Tribune*, Sunday, October 22, 1882.

## THE THOMAS O'CONNER SCHOLARSHIP

"The income of a \$10,000 fund, established in 1924, bequeathed to the University of the South by Mrs. Fannie Renshaw House O'Conner in memory of her husband, Thomas O'Conner; to be awarded on the basis of scholastic attainment, the beneficiary to be nominated annually by the Faculty to the Vice-Chancellor."

—From Catalogue of The University of the South,  
Sewanee, Tennessee.

This Scholarship is awarded each year to a Senior who has been at Sewanee at least three years. The Scholarship goes to the student having the highest average during his term of residence there.

This scholarship money was not available until the year 1927-28. Since that time the awards have been as follows:

1927-28	Herbert Eustis	Greenville, Miss.
1928-29	John C. Bruton	Columbia, S. C.
1929-30	Thomas N. E. Greville	Washington, D. C.
	Thomas Parker	Greenville, S. C.
1930-31	David W. Yates	Raleigh, N. C.
1931-32	Wood B. Carper, Jr.	Charleston, W. Va.
1932-33	Henry F. Holland	Brownsville, Texas
1933-34	Charles H. Douglass	Springhill, Ala.
1934-35	I. Croom Beatty, III	Birmingham, Ala.
1935-36	Britton D. Tabor	Cheotah, Okla.
1936-37	Benjamin Phillips, Jr.	Galveston, Texas
1937-38	Daniel R. Gray, Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.
1938-39	Alex Guerry, Jr.	Sewanee, Tenn.
1939-40	Albert L. Dade	Henderson, Ky.
1940-41	Clendon H. Lee	Dallas, Texas

A6. TOM CONNER (s. Mary Ann and John Conner, Jr., and gr. s. of Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), was

born Feb. 8, 1790. In 1816 he bought what is now known as the Webb place on the outskirts of Halifax, Va., and became a carriage and wagon maker. He volunteered for service in the War of 1812, serving as Sergeant in Capt. Thomas Davenport's Company of the Virginia Militia. He married first Lucy Carlton of Halifax, Feb. 24, 1819. She died in 1820, and he married second Susannah Palmer Cardwell of Halifax, May 1, 1822. In 1836 they left Halifax for Tennessee, and he died soon after they started. His wife and children, after returning to Halifax for his burial, continued the journey, and in 1837 we find them living in Carroll Co., Tenn. Later they moved to Dyersburg, where she died in 1881. "She was a faithful and loyal member of the Baptist Church, a devoted Christian, a kind mother and neighbor," was the tribute of her pastor at her death. They had seven children. (NOTE: All the children of this union replaced the "O" in their surname.)

1. JOHN, 2. Mary, 3. James Thomas, 4. Ann, 5. Charles, 6. William, 7. Bettie.

1. JOHN O'CONNER (*s.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner, and *gr. gr. s.* of Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), *b.* 1823, *m.* 1st Mary Bryant Wilson; *m.* 2nd Alice Waynick of Huntington, Tenn.; *d.* 1889. Five children by first wife, and one by second:

(1) SUSAN PALMER O'CONNER, *b.* May 22, 1847, *m.* Henry Newton Murphy of Dyersburg, Tenn., Apr. 8, 1868; *d.* Nov. 8, 1898. Six children:

a. JOHN RANDOLPH MURPHY, *b.* Jan. 8, 1869, *m.* Mary Wilson of Henry Co., Tenn., Feb. 6, 1896. Died leaving no children.

b. MARY (Mollie) MURPHY, *b.* Aug. 29, 1871, *m.* Joe White of Dyersburg, Tenn., Jan. 1, 1899. Four children:

(a) BERTHA WHITE, *b.* July 2, 1899, *m.* Roscoe White of Dyersburg, Tenn. Eight children:

- i. BEATRICE WHITE, *b.* 1918.
- ii. GELDA WHITE, *b.* 1921.
- iii. LORELL WHITE, *b.* 1923.
- iv. ROY ROSCOE WHITE II, *b.* 1925.
- v. PEGGY WHITE, *b.* 1927.
- vi. JEAN WHITE, *b.* 1931.
- vii. JUNE WHITE, *b.* 1931.
- viii. MARY JO WHITE, *b.* 1935.
- (b) EDDIE WHITE, *b.* Feb. 27, 1903, *m.* Bryan Simpson of Dyersburg, Tenn. Two children:
  - i. VIRGINIA SIMPSON, *b.* 1924.
  - ii. BRYAN SIMPSON II, *b.* 1925.
- (c) BERA WHITE, *b.* June 5, 1905.
- (d) ROBERT T. WHITE, *b.* Aug. 29, 1907.
- c. SARAH ANN MURPHY, *b.* Sept. 17, 1873, *m.* James Adcock, Sept. 6, 1891; *d.* Apr. 28, 1931. One child:
  - (a) MAGGIE ADCOCK, *b.* Mar. 25, 1904, *m.* Albert Brown, Aug. 15, 1927. Living in Bellevue, Ky.
- d. DELLA VIRGINIA MURPHY, *b.* Aug. 24, 1877, *m.* Albert Simpson, Oct. 30, 1895. Living in Finley, Tenn. Six children:
  - (a) LILLIAN SIMPSON, *b.* Jan. 28, 1898, *m.* Claude Richard, Jan. 21, 1917. Two children:
    - i. MARVIN RICHARD, *b.* Oct. 10, 1917.
    - ii. EUGENE RICHARD, *b.* Oct. 4, 1920.
  - (b) HERSHELL SIMPSON, *b.* Nov. 24, 1901, *m.* Rebbie Hill, Nov. 9, 1925. Five children:
    - i. MARY SIMPSON, *b.* Oct. 11, 1928.
    - ii. MARTHA SIMPSON, *b.* May 2, 1931.
    - iii. CHARLES SIMPSON, *b.* Sept. 12, 1933.



- iv. **HERSHELL SIMPSON, JR.**, *b.* Mar. 20, 1938.
- v. **BILLIE CALVIN SIMPSON**, *b.* Sept. 29, 1940.
- (c) **WILLIE L. SIMPSON**, *b.* Jan. 26, 1902, *m.* Everette Minor, Dec. 24, 1927. Two children:
  - i. **HAZELLE MINOR**, *b.* Aug. 6, 1928.
  - ii. **DOROTHY MINOR**, *b.* May 30, 1937.
- (d) **WILLIAM FRANKLIN SIMPSON**, *b.* Aug. 6, 1909, *m.* Lucille Anderson, Jan. 26, 1931. Four children:
  - i. **HELEN SIMPSON**, *b.* July 26, 1932.
  - ii. **BETTY JEAN SIMPSON**, *b.* Dec. 25, 1934.
  - iii. **SHIRLEY SIMPSON**, *b.* May 23, 1937.
  - iv. **WILLIAM FRANKLIN SIMPSON, JR.**, *b.* Apr. 15, 1940.
- (e) **WINNIE VINIA SIMPSON**, *b.* Nov. 13, 1913, *m.* Harvey Richard, Oct. 22, 1932. One child:
  - i. **JAMES HENRY RICHARD**, *b.* Mar. 7, 1934.
- (f) **SULA REBECCA SIMPSON**, *b.* Oct. 17, 1920, *m.* Cleo Smith, Aug. 26, 1939. One child:
  - i. **MARTHA LOUISE SMITH**, *b.* Oct. 6, 1940.
- e. **SUSAN PALMER LEE GRANT MURPHY**, *b.* Feb. 4, 1880, *m.* Albert Bell Pomeroy, Jan. 1, 1899. Living in Jackson, Tenn. Six children:
  - (a) **CORA LEE POMEROY**, *b.* Nov. 23, 1899, *m.* Cecil Miles Slaughter, June 22, 1922. Living in Phillipi, W. Va. One child:
    - i. **BETTY JEAN SLAUGHTER**, *b.* Oct. 10, 1927.

- (b) ERNEST POMEROY, *b.* Nov. 26, 1901, *m.* Mrs. Josie Rollins, Mar. 22, 1932.
- (c) GRACE TRUMAN POMEROY, *b.* Sept. 1, 1903, *m.* William Paul Ferguson, Aug. 15, 1923. Living in Memphis, Tenn. Two children:
  - i. GLORIA LOUISE FERGUSON, *b.* June 29, 1926.
  - ii. DORIS RUTH FERGUSON, *b.* Feb. 5, 1931.
- (d) LILLIE MARGARET POMEROY, *b.* May 28, 1906, *m.* Charles Maitland Seward, Oct. 30, 1926; *d.* Mar. 13, 1929.
- (e) VIRGINIA LUCILLE POMEROY, *b.* Aug. 9, 1908, *m.* Edward Gates Weber July 3, 1926. Three children:
  - i. WILLIAM EDWARD WEBER, *b.* Oct. 17, 1927, *d.* June 10, 1939.
  - ii. ERNEST GATES WEBER, JR., *b.* Jan. 24, 1930.
  - iii. THOMAS JOSEPH WEBER, *b.* Jan. 24, 1933.
- (f) LOUENA MAI POMEROY, *b.* Oct. 31, 1912, *m.* William Raymond Holly, Dec. 31, 1932.
- f. WILLIE LEE VERNON MURPHY, *b.* Dec. 24, 1881. Now living in Bellevue, Ky.
- (2) MARY (Mollie) O'CONNER, *b.* 1849, *m.* 1st Charlie Gray; *m.* 2nd Noah Holden. No children.
- (3) TOM O'CONNER, *b.* 1851, *d.* *y.*
- (4) WILL O'CONNER, *b.* 1853, *m.* Susan Ann Green. Died leaving one child:
  - a. BETTY BELLE O'CONNER, *m.* Sam Birmingham. One child:
    - i. RUTH BIRMINGHAM. Living in Miston, Tenn.

- (5) OBEDIENCE T. O'CONNER, *b.* 1855, *m.* Robert T. Puryear. One child:
- a. ROBERT T. PURYEAR, JR., *b.* Jan. 29, 1890, *m.* Gussie Louise Parker of Dyersburg, Tenn., May 7, 1911. Three children:
    - (a) GUSSIE ETNA PURYEAR, *b.* Jan. 23, 1913.
    - (b) HOPE EMELINE PURYEAR, *b.* Jan. 18, 1914, *m.* Daniel Leslie Jones, Apr. 19, 1938.
    - (c) WILLIAM ALEXANDER PURYEAR, *b.* Oct. 15, 1917.
- (6) FANNIE O'CONNER, *b.* Mar. 19, 1886, *m.* 1st Charles Hatfield of Barlow, Ky., Feb. 15, 1911; *m.* 2nd Miles Burton of Missouri, Apr. 16, 1919. Living in Ferguson, Mo. One child by first husband, and two by second:
- a. JOE OSCAR HATFIELD, *b.* Sept. 22, 1913, *m.* Catherine Stoltice, Dec. 23, 1935. One child:
    - (a) BARBARA ANN HATFIELD, *b.* 1937.
  - b. MILES O'CONNER BURTON, *b.* July 16, 1921, *m.* Doris McKaim of Wentzville, Mo., Sept. 24, 1939.
  - c. ROY SAN BURTON, *b.* July 13, 1923.
2. MARY O'CONNER (*dau.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner), *b.* 1825, *m.* Albert McCall. Died in Paris, Tenn., leaving no children.
3. JAMES THOMAS BRYANT O'CONNER (*s.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner), *b.* 1826, *m.* Mary Elizabeth Perkins of Todd Co., Ky., May 4, 1858. Was a practicing physician in Tuscumbia, Ala., and Dyersburg, Tenn. Died in Dyersburg Nov. 1, 1881. Three children:
- (1) BENJAMIN DUDLEY O'CONNER, *b.* Oct. 4, 1861, *m.* Eleanor Randall, Sept. 6, 1887; *d.* Oct. 3, 1896. Two children:

a. BENJAMIN DUDLEY O'CONNER II, *b.* Nov. 18, 1888, *m.* Olga Miersch, July 28, 1912. Living in Thornton, Ill.

b. KENDRICK RANDALL O'CONNER, *b.* July 3, 1891, *m.* Ursula Strieff, Oct. 15, 1919. One child:

(a) ROBERT KENDRICK O'CONNER, *b.* Feb. 15, 1921. Living in Santa Ana, Calif.

(2) WILLIAM JAY O'CONNER, *b.* Sept. 8, 1865, *m.* Emma Hobson, May 2, 1898. Now living in Mayfield, Ky. One child:

a. WILLIAM JAY O'CONNER, JR., *b.* July 19, 1916, *m.* Kathren Neely, Mar. 2, 1939. One child:

(a) EMMA GAILE O'CONNER, *b.* Jan. 1940.

(3) FANNIE O'CONNER, *b.* Mar. 22, 1869, *m.* Will E. Blount of Mayfield, Ky.

4. ANN JANE O'CONNER (*dau.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner), *b.* 1827, *d.* July 4, 1917 in Dyersburg, Tenn.

5. CHARLES O'CONNER (*s.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner), *b.* 1831, *d.unm.*

6. WILLIAM O'CONNER (*s.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner), *b.* 1832; killed in War Between the States.

7. BETTIE GLEN O'CONNER (*dau.* Susannah Cardwell and Tom Conner), *b.* 1833, *d.* 1852.

A7. JAMES CONNER (*s.* Mary and John Conner, Jr.), was born in Halifax County, Va., Mar. 9, 1795. He volunteered for service in the War of 1812 and served as Sergeant in Capt. Matthew Sims' Company of the Virginia Militia. He married Martha Tennessee Scales (*dau.* Joseph and Martha Scales of near Nashville, Tenn.), in Courtland, Lawrence Co., Ala., July 11, 1825. In 1832 he moved to Tuscumbia, Ala., and died there Apr. 8, 1857. His wife died in Brownsville, Tenn., July 18, 1886. Eight children:

1. Joseph William, 2. Mary Ann, 3. James T., 4. John Thomas, 5. George W., 6. Ella J., 7. Ursula Dudley, 8. Joseph Price.

1. JOSEPH WILLIAM CONNER, *b.* Apr. 4, 1826, *d.* 1838.

2. MARY ANN CONNER, *b.* Sept. 28, 1828, *m.* William A. Moore in 1847; *d.* 1882. Nine children:

(1) LAVENIA, (2) Mattie, (3) Mark, (4) Henry, *d.y.*, (5) Kate Moore, *m.* a Mr. Stapleton. Living in Conway, Ark. Six children:

a. JOHN HARRY, b. Kate, c. Mattie, d. Effie, e. Robert, f. Edward.

(6) WILL MOORE, *m.* and had one child, Mary.

(7) JENNIE MOORE, *m.* a Mr. Pesky. No children.

(8) JAMES MOORE. Last heard of in Texas.

(9) DUDLEY WILLIAM MOORE, *b.* 1872, *m.* Susie Kavanaugh Green of Brownsville, Tenn., July 4, 1917 [see 7, (2)].

3. JAMES T. CONNER, *b.* Nov. 28, 1831, *m.* Angela Webb.

4. JOHN THOMAS CONNER (*gr.gr.s.* of Elizabeth Kavanaugh and John Conner), *b.* Aug 4, 1836, *m.* Annie Scales (*dau.* Jeremiah Scales and niece of Martha T. Scales), Mar. 3, 1859; *d.* Dec. 14, 1879. Three children:

(1) MARY ANN CONNER, *b.* Jan. 12, 1860, *m.* A. Lewis, *d.* Feb. 1884. One child:

a. MARGARET LEWIS, *b.* July 7, 1880, *m.* J. E. Gafford of Cayuga, Texas, in 1897. Six children:

(a) W. E. GAFFORD, *b.* July 18, 1899, *m.* Bula Chilcoat, Oct. 11, 1925. Six children:

i. TROY GAFFORD, *b.* Aug. 20, 1926.

ii. ERVIN GAFFORD, *b.* Mar. 9, 1930.

iii. LEROY GAFFORD, *b.* Dec. 26, 1931.

- iv. BONNIE JEAN GAFFORD, *b.* Jan. 6, 1933.
- v. DONALD GAFFORD, *b.* Apr. 4, 1935.
- vi. RUTH LANON GAFFORD, *b.* Aug. 6, 1937.
- (b) ETHEL GAFFORD, *b.* Nov. 3, 1903, *m.* Bud Turknett of Cayuga, Texas. Three children:
  - i. JOHN TURKNETT, *b.* Oct. 29, 1919.
  - ii. LENORA TURKNETT, *b.* Apr. 13, 1921.
  - iii. J. C. TURKNETT, *b.* Aug. 14, 1925.
- (c) IRENE GAFFORD, *b.* Sept. 14, 1906, *m.* Joda Bullard, Apr. 14, 1928. Living in Allen, Okla. Three children:
  - i. GUY BULLARD, *b.* Apr. 15, 1929.
  - ii. BETTY BULLARD, *b.* Dec. 6, 1935.
  - iii. BARBARA JEAN BULLARD, *b.* Mar. 13, 1939.
- (d) H. M. GAFFORD, *b.* Jan. 3, 1909.
- (e) R. A. GAFFORD, *b.* Jan. 24, 1911.
- (f) VIOLA GAFFORD, *b.* Dec. 5, 1921, *m.* R. L. Eggleston of Cayuga, Texas, Oct. 16, 1937. One child:
  - i. MARVIN RAY EGGLESTON, *b.* Apr. 29, 1939.
- (2) THOMAS JEFFERSON CONNER, *b.* Oct. 31, 1861, *m.* Rhoda Wilson of Kentucky, Oct. 1886, *d.* Feb. 17, 1940, in Lubbock, Texas. Seven children:
  - a. THOMAS B. CONNER, *b.* Jan. 17, 1888, *m.* Carrie Styles, Apr. 7, 1906. Living in Hamlin, Texas. Nine children:
    - (a) O. D. CONNER, *b.* July 23, 1910, *m.* Edna Lucile Logan, Sept. 2, 1936. Two children:

- i. ROSE MARIE CONNER, *b.* July 11, 1937.
- ii. THOMAS L. BURTON CONNER, *b.* July 26, 1940.
- (b) ADENE REX CONNER, *b.* Oct. 28, 1914.
- (c) THOMAS B. CONNER, JR., *b.* May 7, 1916, *m.* Florene Owens, Aug. 14, 1937.  
One child:
  - i. CLIFFORD WAYNE CONNER, *b.* July 21, 1939.
- (d) ALVIN FRANKLIN CONNER, *b.* July 13, 1919.
- (e) ROZELL CONNER, *b.* Mar. 13, 1922.
- (f) HAZEL ELLEN CONNER, *b.* July 4, 1924, *m.* Richard McMahon, Aug. 9, 1940.
- (g) JAMES HENRY CONNER, *b.* May 18, 1926.
- (h) OLA MAE CONNER, *b.* Oct. 8, 1928.
- (i) CECIL WAYNE CONNER, *b.* Mar. 25, 1933.
- b. JERRY IRVIN CONNER, *b.* Oct. 11, 1892, *m.* Mrs. Nora King in 1916. Living in Currie, Nev. One child:
  - (a) JERRY IRVIN CONNER, JR., *b.* Sept. 1918.
- c. GERTIE L. CONNER, *b.* Sept. 22, 1895, *m.* J. L. Sartor, Apr. 3, 1919. Living in Lubbock, Texas.
- d. ANNIE PEARL CONNER, *b.* Mar. 28, 1900, *m.* Pat Miller in 1920. Living in Hamlin, Texas. Two children:
  - (a) EUGENE DALTON MILLER, *b.* June 29, 1921.
  - (b) BETTY JANE MILLER, *b.* Dec. 28, 1929.
- e. GORDON BRYANT CONNER, *b.* Jan. 13, 1902, *m.* 1st Ruth Carter, *m.* 2nd Winnie Miller. Two children by first wife:
  - (a) JOYCE CONNER, *b.* Sept. 11, 1924.

- (b) MARCELINE CONNER, *b.* Aug. 31, 1926.
- f. VELVET MADGE CONNER, *b.* July 24, 1905, *m.* Fred Norman in 1926. Living in Austin, Texas.
- g. TRAVIS C. CONNER, *b.* Sept. 16, 1907, *m.* Mattie Barns in 1929. Living in Hamlin, Texas. One child:
  - (a) PEGGY JOLINE CONNER, *b.* Mar. 5, 1931.
- (3) JEREMIAH GEORGE CONNER, *b.* Jan. 14, 1868, *m.* Mary Pearl Fisher in 1900. Living at Wilmer, Texas. Four children:
  - a. WILLIAM POLK CONNER, *b.* June 23, 1901, *m.* Bertha L. Holland, Mar. 24, 1930. One child:
    - (a) NANCY KAY CONNER, *b.* Jan. 15, 1937.
  - b. ALMA KATE CONNER, *b.* Nov. 1, 1904, *m.* Edgar Cain, Aug. 1922. Two children:
    - (a) GLEN CAIN, *b.* July 11, 1923.
    - (b) LOIS MARIE CAIN, *b.* Oct. 2, 1929.
  - c. MARY ERMA CONNER, *b.* Jan. 21, 1908, *m.* Joe Bailey Cunningham, Jan. 31, 1928. Living in Dallas, Texas. One child:
    - (a) JOE BAILEY CUNNINGHAM, JR., *b.* Dec. 19, 1928.
  - d. DOROTHY FAY CONNER, *b.* July 7, 1919, *m.* A. W. Lutrick, Sept. 17, 1937. Living in Dallas, Texas.
- 5. GEORGE W. CONNER, *b.* Sept. 25, 1839, *m.* 1st Jullie Cullum, Mar. 20, 1859; *m.* 2nd Hattie Wheelock, Dec. 15, 1868. Died Oct. 18, 1875. One child by second wife:
  - (1) MARTHA LUCY CONNER, *b.* Oct. 28, 1874.
- 6. ELLA JANE CONNER, *b.* Dec. 24, 1842, *m.* William Milligan, June 9, 1873. Died in 1875, leaving no children.



7. **URSULA DUDLEY CONNER**, *b.* June 26, 1846, *m.* John R. Green of Tuscumbia, Ala., Dec. 8, 1868; *d.* May 20, 1927 in Brownsville, Tenn. Four children:
- (1) **MATTIE CONNER GREEN**, *b.* June 1870, in Iuka, Miss., *m.* Howell T. Harris of Allens, Tenn., Nov. 27, 1907, *d.* 1935. No children.
  - (2) **SUSIE KAVANAUGH GREEN**, *b.* June 9, 1874, *m.* Dudley William Moore, July 4, 1917 [see 2, (9)]. Living in Florida. No children.
  - (3) **JOHN DUDLEY GREEN**, *b.* Apr. 20, 1881, *m.* Lyde Eastland of Brownsville, Tenn., Feb. 15, 1906. Living in Nashville, Tenn. Two children:
    - a. **JOHN FINNELL GREEN**, *b.* Aug. 16, 1907, *m.* Bettie Brock of Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1937. Living in Winchester, Tenn.
    - b. **DUDLEY EASTLAND GREEN**, *b.* Aug. 1, 1912.
  - (4) **URSULA GREEN**, *b.* Aug. 21, 1886, *m.* Ewell T. Weakley of Dyersburg, Tenn., Sept. 6, 1910. Two children:
    - a. **URSULA WEAKLEY**, *b.* July 11, 1913, *m.* Gerald Green of Dyersburg, Tenn., Dec. 23, 1933.
    - b. **MELVIN T. WEAKLEY**, *b.* Aug. 16, 1916, *m.* Nellie Beth George of Ridgley, Tenn., Aug. 19, 1938.
8. **JOSEPH PRICE CONNER**, *b.* Nov. 28, 1850, *d.unm.* Jan. 9, 1879.

## SECTION B

### THE KAVANAUGH FAMILY

**B1. PHILEMON KAVANAUGH** came to this country from the Province of Leinster in Ireland. He was born in the latter part of the seventeenth century of good Irish stock. We do not know just when he emigrated from Ireland, but about 1711 he married Sarah Williams, daughter of Jael Harrison and William Williams and granddaughter of James Harrison (*C1*). We find Court records of him in Spottsylvania Record Books 1724-1731. He was granted a patent for a large tract of land on the Great Fork of the Rappahannock River in 1724. He died in 1743. His will is found in full in the Appendix (A). Nine children: 1. WINIFRED, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Charles, 4. Jael, 5. Elizabeth Ann, 6. Elinor, 7. Philemon, 8. Mary, 9. Sarah.

1. WINIFRED KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), *b.* about 1712, *m.* Lewis Davis Yancey on or before Aug. 3, 1731 (see Appendix B). Ten children:

(1) ELIZABETH YANCEY, *b.* 1732 (see Appendix C).

(2) LEWIS DAVIS YANCEY II, *m.* 1st Henrietta Faver (*dau.* John Faver, Sr.). (Land given them by her father on date of wedding. Culpeper W. Bk., p. 3.)

(3) CHARLES YANCEY.

(4) RICHARD YANCEY.

(5) JOHN YANCEY.

(6) PHILEMON YANCEY.

(7) ANNE YANCEY, *m.* a Mr. Nalle.

(8) WINIFRED YANCEY, *m.* a Mr. Nalle.

(9) JANE YANCEY.

(10) ROBERT YANCEY.

2. ELIZABETH KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), *b.* about 1714, *m.* John Conner (*A1*) of Orange Co., Va., on or before June 5, 1734 (see Appendix A and D). Ten children:  
(1) JOHN, JR. (*A2*), (2) James, (3) Philemon (*A3*),  
(4) Charles, (5) Mildred, (6) Lewis (*A4*),  
(7) Thomas, (8) Sarah, (9) William,  
(10) Timothy. (See Conner Family, A1-4.)
3. CHARLES KAVANAUGH (*s.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), *m.* Ann Coleman; *d.* 1796 in Madison, Ky. (Madison Co. Records W. Bk., p. 125.) Six children:  
(1) MARY, (2) William, (3) Charles, (4) Jael,  
(5) Philemon.  
(6) Ann Kavanaugh, *m.* James Mill Moore; *d.* before 1796. Two children:  
a. CHARLES K., b. Elizabeth.
4. Jael KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), was the first wife of Thomas Covington, *m.* 1735. Record known of one child:  
(1) ANN COVINGTON, *m.* John Faver, Jr. (Culpeper W. Bk. C, p. 3, shows that his father gave them land at marriage.)
5. ELIZABETH ANN KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), was second wife of Thomas Covington, *m.* about 1747. (Culpeper W. Bk. A, p. 87-88, 1749.) Record known of one child:  
(1) SARAH COVINGTON, *m.* a Mr. Tutt.
6. ELINOR KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), *m.* 1st Edward Stubblefield, who *d.* 1750 (Culpeper W. Bk. A, p. 31); *m.* 2nd Thomas Brown, who *d.* 1758 (Culpeper W. Bk.) One daughter by first husband, and one by second:

(1) ANNE STUBBLEFIELD.

(2) ELEANOR BROWN.

7. PHILEMON KAVANAUGH, JR. (*s.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh), *m.* Ann Cave (she *m.* 2nd Wm. Strother); *d.* 1764. Three children:

(1) PHILEMON KAVANAUGH.

(2) ELIZABETH KAVANAUGH.

(3) HANNAH KAVANAUGH.

8. MARY KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh).

9. SARAH KAVANAUGH (*dau.* Sarah Williams and Philemon Kavanaugh).

## SECTION C

### THE HARRISON FAMILY

**C1. JAMES HARRISON**, the subject of this sketch, was at one time the Justice of Rappahannock County, Va., and a witness to the will of George Mott in 1674. At a Court held for Rappahannock County Sept. 3, 1690, we find the following:

Att a Court held for Rappa. County the 3<sup>d</sup> day of Sept an<sup>o</sup> 1690

Col John Stone	Capt Sam'l Blomfield	} Gent Justices
Capt Geo: Taylor	Mr Jas. Harrison	

Ordered that Capt John Catlett Mr John Battail & Mr James Taylor do some time between this & the next North Side Court h'ld for this County meet at the house of Mr Antho. Savage and then & there examine & audit all Accts. that shall be exhibited by Mr James Harrison as marrying the Executrix of Mr Geo. Mott dec'd against the Estate of Solymon Martin also against the Estate of George Mott and that they make report of their proceedings herein fairly stated under their hands in writing to the next Court.

*Rappahannock County, Virginia, Order Book No. 2, 1686-1692, page 2.*

(The above-mentioned Solymon Martin had in 1671 willed his property to Geo. Mott's three daughters.)

George Mott, in his will, gave the name of his wife as Elizabeth, and appointed her as Executrix. Thus we see that James Harrison married Elizabeth Mott shortly after 1674. He died in 1712.

He had a daughter Jael, whom we assume to be the daughter of his wife Elizabeth because two of his step-daughters, Anne Mott Glendenning and Ellen Mott

Shippy, were fond enough of her to name their first daughters Jael. Jael, however, may have been only a step-daughter of Elizabeth by a possible former wife of James Harrison.

On Oct. 8, 1702, in the Book of Deeds and Wills, No. 10, of Essex Co., Va., p. 120, we find the following:

James Harrison, of Essex County, Virginia, deed of gift of a tract of land containing 400 acres of land in Essex County, "whereon I now live," to his daughter, Jael, wife of William Williams, of Stafford County, Virginia.

Thus we know that in 1702 Jael was the wife of William Williams.

1. **Jael Harrison**, *m.* 1st William Williams about 1692. He died in either Essex or Stafford Co. in 1712. She *m.* 2nd Richard Johnson of Spottsylvania Co., who died in 1726. She died in 1733. Three children by first husband, and one by second:

- (1) **Sarah Williams**, *b.* about 1693, *m.* 1st Philemon Kavanaugh about 1711; *m.* 2nd Richard Covington on or before May 17, 1750 (see Appendix N). Nine children by first husband:

- a. **Winifred**, *b.* Elizabeth, *c.* Charles, *d.* Jael, *e.* Elizabeth Ann, *f.* Elinor, *g.* Philemon, Jr., *h.* Sarah, *i.* Mary. (See Kavanaugh Family, B1.)

- (2) **James Williams** (*b.* 1695, *d.* 1735), *m.* Anne  
..... Two sons:

- a. **William Williams**, *b.* 1725, *m.* Lucy Clayton in 1750.
- b. **John Williams**, *m.* Alice Burwell.

- (3) **Betty (Elizabeth) Williams**, *m.* Richard Tutt.

- (4) **Elizabeth Johnson**, *m.* William Marshall.

**PART TWO**

**D and E**

**Dedicated**

**To the Memory of**

**JOHN SAMUEL PRICE**

**a devoted son, husband and father**







JOHN S. PRICE



## SECTION D

### THE SIMMONS FAMILY

The name Simmons is generally understood to be a derivation of the name Simon, a Christian name introduced into England by the Norman Conquest. Becoming itself a surname, it also became the parent of many others, such as Sim, Sims, Simes, Simson, Simpson; also Symonds, Symondson, Sym, Symm, Symes, Simond, Simonds, and Simmons. There are at least a dozen other variations attributed to this name Simon.

The Simmons family has produced men and women of outstanding achievement in America. The name has been prominent in the political, economical, educational, industrial and artistic realms of American life.

The earliest record that we have been able to find concerning our branch of this family is that in 1790 there lived in the city of Cork, Ireland, a man known as "Capt. Samuel Simmons" by reason of his having served as Captain on three of Capt. Cook's voyages around the world. On one of his voyages he met and married an English lady (the name we do not know). To this union were born two sons: Samuel in 1786 and William in 1788. In the course of time his wife became very much dissatisfied with Ireland and decided to go to the United States. By mutual agreement they divided their property and each took a child. Captain Simmons was to keep Samuel and all their real estate in Ireland; while his wife was to take with her William and the money, which was known to be a large sum. When the wife and son boarded the ship to sail for the States Captain Simmons and the other son went to see them off, and then decided to go across with them for protection. The children landed but the parents died—some say were murdered—and were buried at sea. (This

information was obtained by a grandson of Captain Simmons who went to Ireland for the purpose of finding out something about the family. He was there three months locating the real estate and collecting evidence regarding its ownership. The real estate he said was valuable. He was collecting money and planning to return for a second visit to Ireland, taking with him Judge Marr, a lawyer of Campbell Co., Va. The War Between the States broke out about that time, however, and the necessary funds for the trip were not forthcoming.)

On reaching New York the boys, Samuel and William (D1 and D2), were bound out until maturity under the then existing law.

**D1. SAMUEL SIMMONS II**, was born 1786, in Cork, Ireland, and upon coming to this country was reared in Alexandria, Va. He became a cooper by trade, and at maturity he married Cynthia Lawler, settling in Nelson Co., Va. There all of his children were born. In 1834 he abandoned his trade and bought a plantation in Campbell Co., Va., where he lived until his death in 1878. Five children:

1. ELIZA ANN SIMMONS (*D3*), *m.* 1st John Price; *m.* 2nd Thomas Butt.
2. JAMES L. SIMMONS (*D4*), *m.* Mary F. Kidd.
3. CHAPMAN SIMMONS (*D5*), *m.* and had two sons.
4. WILLIAM SIMMONS (*D6*), *m.* and had two sons.
5. VIRGINIA SIMMONS (*D7*), *m.* 1st B. S. Emmerson; *m.* 2nd O. E. Chumbley.

**D2. WILLIAM SIMMONS**, *b.* 1788 in Cork, Ireland, was reared with his brother Samuel at Alexandria, Va. He married (wife's name unknown), and in 1840 left with his family for Kentucky. In 1868 he was in Carrolton, Mo. Two children:

1. HENRY SIMMONS, *m.* a Miss Gilmore; *d.* 1893. They had two boys (one named Sam) and one girl.
2. MOLLIE SIMMONS, *m.* a Mr. Wilcoxon of Carrolton, Mo.

D3. ELIZA ANN SIMMONS (*dau.* Cynthia Lawler and Samuel Simmons), *b.* Sept. 29, 1811, *m.* 1st John Mundy Price in Danville, Va., Oct. 29, 1834. (Little is known of John Price [*d.* 1854], but it is believed that he left his home in Cork, Ireland, when about fifteen years old. A sister Marshall Price visited him in Halifax, Va., and died there.) Eliza *m.* 2nd Thomas Bracy Butt, Aug. 13, 1856; *d.* Aug. 29, 1882, in Halifax, Va. Seven children by first husband:

1. SARAH JANE PRICE (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), *b.* Feb. 28, 1838, *m.* 1st Charles H. Finch, Aug. 13, 1857. He was killed at Gettysburg, Pa., July 3, 1863. *M.* 2nd Langford C. Mabie, Jan. 1, 1884; *d.* July 19, 1906, and was buried in Clarksville, Va. One son by first husband:

(1) JOHN W. FINCH, *b.* Sept. 15, 1858, *m.* Alice Frances Smith of Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 15, 1884, *d.* Mar. 31, 1928, in Richmond, Va. Two children:

a. JAMES O'CONNER FINCH, *b.* Mar. 13, 1886, *m.* Laura Reppert, June 1933. Living in Elizabeth, N. J.

b. ELIZABETH LOUISE FINCH, *b.* Mar. 3, 1891, *m.* Charles Henry Saelzer of Richmond, Va., Oct. 17, 1916. One child:

(a) ALICE SAELZER, *b.* Sept. 18, 1917, *m.* Gilbert Miller Hudgins, Nov. 2, 1940. Living in Richmond.

2. MARY SUSAN PRICE (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), *b.* Sept. 16, 1842, *m.* James O'Conner of Knoxville, Tenn. (*s.* Rebecca Powell and John Conner; see Conner Family, A5, 6), Dec. 6, 1871; *d.* June 25, 1912, in Wilmington, N. C., and was buried in Knoxville, Tenn. Three children:

(1) TOM O'CONNER, *b.* Nov. 22, 1872, *d. unm.* Nov. 1910.

- (2) LULA PRICE O'CONNER, *b.* July 25, 1874, *m.* Rev. Wm. Edward Cox (*s.* Emily Evelyn Smith and Calvin Cox), Jan. 16, 1908. Living in Southern Pines, N. C. One child:  
*a.* WILLIAM EDWARD COX, JR., *b.* Sept. 12, 1915.
- (3) SAM PRICE O'CONNER, *b.* Aug. 21, 1876, *m.* Kate Marshall of Wetumpka, Ala., Aug. 1898. Living in Knoxville, Tenn.
3. MARTHA CYNTHIA PRICE (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), *b.* Sept. 16, 1842, *m.* Louis Bondaville Gilliland of Halifax, Va. [*s.* Lucinda Poindexter and Joseph W. Gilliland. See Poindexter Family, E4, 5, (4)], Mar. 17, 1869; *d.* Aug. 1915 in Clarksville, Va. Six children:
- (1) WILLIAM PRICE GILLILAND, *b.* Feb. 13, 1873, *d.* Jan. 2, 1880.
- (2) LOUIS BONDAVILLE GILLILAND II, *b.* Feb. 28, 1875, *m.* Annie Laurie Chandler of Clarksville, Va. (*dau.* Susan Leigh Wilkinson and Andrew Jackson Chandler), Oct. 24, 1907; *d.* Apr. 18, 1929. Two children:  
*a.* LOUIS BONDAVILLE GILLILAND III, *b.* Feb. 2, 1908. Living in Winston-Salem, N. C.  
*b.* JACK CHANDLER GILLILAND, *b.* Sept. 6, 1909.
- (3) ELIZABETH ANN GILLILAND, *b.* Mar. 26, 1877, *m.* Julius Starr Bergman (*s.* Nannie Malissa Kirkman and Henry Leo Bergman), Nov. 27, 1895. Living in Winston-Salem, N. C. Four children:  
*a.* JULIUS STARR BERGMAN, JR., *b.* Aug. 31, 1897, *m.* Ethel Stockton of Greensboro, N. C. (*dau.* Elizabeth Byrd and Frederick E. Stockton), Feb. 8, 1923. One child:  
 (a) FREDERICK STARR BERGMAN, *b.* Jan. 13, 1937.

- b. MARTHA LUCINDA BERGMAN, *b.* Aug. 30, 1903, *d.* May 19, 1909.
- c. LEO GILLILAND BERGMAN, *b.* Mar. 27, 1908, *m.* Lillian Cromer of Winston-Salem, N. C. (*dau.* Carrie Crutchfield and Charles DeWitt Cromer), Mar. 28, 1936.
- d. ELIZABETH BERGMAN, *b.* May 12, 1910, *m.* Frederick Smallman O'Brien of Winston-Salem, N. C., Oct. 3, 1930. Two children:
  - (a) FREDERICK SMALLMAN O'BRIEN, JR., *b.* Sept. 2, 1932.
  - (b) JACK BERGMAN O'BRIEN, *b.* Nov. 24, 1938.
- (4) THOMAS BUTT GILLILAND, *b.* Jan. 23, 1879, *m.* Mrs. Eva Crute Kimball of Mecklenburg Co., Va. (*dau.* Sarah Ann Edmondson and James Venerable Crute), Nov. 24, 1903. Living in Winston-Salem, N. C.
- (5) GEORGE W. GILLILAND, *b.* Sept. 29, 1880, *d.* Oct. 31, 1924.
- (6) LUCINDA MUNDY GILLILAND, *b.* Nov. 18, 1882, *m.* Draper Diehl Smith of Johnstown, Pa., *d.* Apr. 18, 1938, in Wheeling, W. Va. Two children:
  - a. DRAPER DIEHL SMITH II, *b.* May 27, 1911.
  - b. LUCINDA ELIZABETH SMITH, *b.* July 6, 1914.
- 4. JOHN SAMUEL PRICE (*s.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), to whom Part Two of this book is dedicated, was born Dec. 27, 1844. When a lad, too young to be called to the Colors, he volunteered for service in the War Between the States. One of the grounds for granting his first furlough was because "he had not missed a day's duty or been absent a day during the entire campaign and he had twice distinguished himself by conspicuous service on the field of battle." Later, when a Corporal in Company F, 34th Infantry

of the Virginia Regiment, on the battlefield around Petersburg in 1864, his Captain H. H. Hurt "had fallen at the head of his men and they were swept back by an hurricane of shot and shell. This Corporal, solitary and alone, marched into the hell of death and destruction and bore the wounded and disabled Captain to safety." He married Mollie Willingham of Halifax, Va. (*dau.* of Mary Dupree and Allen Willingham), Jan. 1, 1868, and died June 15, 1914, in Halifax, Va. Five children:

- (1) JOHN ANDREW PRICE, *b.* June 1872, *m.* 1st Carrie Holt of Brookneal, Va.; *m.* 2nd Florence Draper of Montvale, Va. One child by first wife:
  - a. JOHN SAMUEL PRICE, *b.* Feb. 15, 1903, *m.* Norfleet White of Brookneal, Va., Feb. 1927. Living in Louisville, Ky. One child:
    - (a) JOHN WILLINGHAM PRICE, *b.* Nov. 13, 1930.
- (2) MARY ELIZA PRICE, *b.* July 1875.
- (3) SUE PRICE, *b.* May 1877, *d.* May 25, 1899.
- (4) LOUISE ROGERS PRICE, *b.* July 1881, *m.* Dr. H. M. Acuff of Tenn., Dec. 6, 1935.
- (5) PEARL PRICE, *b.* May 8, 1885, *m.* 1st James A. Glenn of South Boston, Va., Nov. 7, 1902; *m.* 2nd Jack Victor Thompson of Altavista, Va., May 8, 1913. Living in High Point, N. C. Two children by first husband, one by second:
  - a. JAMES PRICE GLENN, *b.* Aug. 15, 1903, *m.* Ellen Parrish of Raleigh, N. C., in 1934. Living in Rocky Mount, N. C.
  - b. ALLEN WILLINGHAM GLENN, *b.* Jan. 31, 1907, *m.* Minnie Webb of Roanoke, Va., Jan. 1937.
  - c. MARY PEARL THOMPSON, *b.* Nov. 19, 1919.



5. BETTIE POWELL PRICE (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), *b.* Aug. 5, 1846, *m.* Nathaniel Johnson Poindexter of Halifax, Va. [*s.* Mary Peachy Johnson Edmundson and Nathaniel Henry Poindexter; see Poindexter Family, E4, 2, (1)], Jan. 4, 1865, *d.* in Halifax, Va., in 1910. Five children:
- (1) WALTER MUNDY POINDEXTER, *b.* 1865, *m.* Clelia F. McKeever of Clifton Forge, Va., in 1919; *d.* Feb. 11, 1926.
  - (2) WILLIAM HENRY POINDEXTER, *b.* 1867, *m.* Oneida Lee Worley of Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 12, 1913.
  - (3) ELIZA ANN POINDEXTER, *b.* Sept. 21, 1868, *d.* July 23, 1889.
  - (4) MARY JOHNSON POINDEXTER, *b.* 1871, *m.* Demetrius Dellrene Leslie of Troutville, Va. (*s.* Elizabeth Lemon and David Alexander Leslie) in 1902; *d.* Jan. 12, 1941. One child:
    - a. WALTER DELLRENE LESLIE, *b.* 1907, *m.* Minnie Blackstock of Clover, Va., in 1925. One child:
      - (a) MARY FRANCES LESLIE, *b.* Nov. 7, 1927.
  - (5) NATHANIEL POINDEXTER, *b.* 1874.
6. ELIZABETH V. PRICE (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), *b.* Mar. 3, 1848, *d.* Aug. 11, 1868.
7. LOUISA MUNDY PRICE (*dau.* Eliza Simmons and John Price), *b.* Nov. 13, 1850, *m.* 1st William L. Rogers of Sevierville, Tenn.; *m.* 2nd W. P. Mitchell of Sevierville; *d.* Jan. 12, 1912, in Knoxville, Tenn. No children.

D4. JAMES L. SIMMONS (*s.* Cynthia Lawler and Samuel Simmons), *b.* about 1813, *m.* Mary F. Kidd of Nelson Co., Va., Jan. 8, 1840. We only know that he lived in Christiansburg, Va., quite a long time and reared a family there.

D5. CHAPMAN SIMMONS (*s.* Cynthia Lawler and Samuel Simmons), *b.* about 1815, *m.* . . . . . Two children:

1. JAMES H. SIMMONS, *b.* Dec. 28, 1856, *d. unm.*
2. JULIAN S. SIMMONS, *b.* Aug. 11, 1858, *d. unm.* at Marktree, Ark.

D6. WILLIAM SIMMONS (*s.* of Cynthia Lawler and Samuel Simmons), *b.* about 1820, *m.* . . . . . Two children:

1. SIDNEY SIMMONS, *d. y.*
2. WILLIAM SIMMONS, *d. y.*

D7. VIRGINIA ANN SIMMONS (*dau.* Cynthia Lawler and Samuel Simmons), *b.* 1832, *m.* 1st Dr. B. S. Emmerson of Chatham, Va. (*s.* Henry S. Emmerson of Pittsylvania Co., Va.) about 1850; *m.* 2nd Capt. O. E. Chumley of England in 1865. In 1868 they moved to Marshall, Mo., and she *d.* at Kansas City, Mo., in 1904. One child by first husband, and two by second:

1. HENRY S. EMMERSON (*s.* Virginia Simmons and B. S. Emmerson), was born in Campbell Co., Va., in 1852, and moved with his parents to Missouri in 1868. He married 1st Mary Godman of Paris, Ky., in 1877. She died in 1880, and he married 2nd Minnie Ament of Paris, Ky., in 1882. In 1899 he moved to Brittain, Okla., where he engaged in the banking business. His second wife died in 1924, and he married 3rd Jennie Carroway Wallace of Bloomfield, Iowa. In 1932 he retired from business, and later moved to Fort Smith, Ark., where he is now living. One child by first wife:

(1) EDWARD H. EMMERSON, *b.* 1878, *m.* Lena Kirtley of Stroud, Okla., July 10, 1902. Living in Cushing, Okla. Four children:

- a. GERTRUDE EMMERSON, *b.* 1904, *m.* 1st Randall Johnson of Cushing, Okla., Sept. 1, 1925; *m.* 2nd R. L. Williams of Cushing,

Okla., Apr. 30, 1930. One child by first husband:

(a) LENA JEAN JOHNSTON, *b.* 1926.

*b.* HENRY S. EMMERSON, *b.* 1906.

*c.* FREDERICK EMMERSON, *b.* 1909, *m.* Harnett Hunter of Okla., Sept. 3, 1936. Living in Oklahoma City.

*d.* HAZEL JEAN EMMERSON, *b.* 1923.

2. ELENORA CHUMLEY (*dau.* Virginia Simmons and O. E. Chumley), *b.* near Richmond, Va., in 1866, *m.* Peter S. Fargarston in 1888. Now living in Kansas City, Mo. Four children:

(1) VIRGINIA FARGARSTON, *b.* Mar. 22, 1890, *m.* a Mr. Naylor. One child:

*a.* RUSSELL OLIVER NAYLOR, *b.* Mar. 8, 1916.

(2) WILLIAM ANDREW FARGARSTON, *b.* Jan. 29, 1893.

(3) ANNA MAY FARGARSTON, *b.* June 17, 1896, *m.* 1st a Mr. Arnold; *m.* 2nd a Mr. Palmer. Four children by first husband, and one by second:

*a.* ELEANOR MAY ARNOLD, *b.* Oct. 27, 1918, *m.* a Mr. Duncan. Two children:

(a) BUFFORD RAY DUNCAN, *b.* July 13, 1936.

(b) JACK ARNOLD DUNCAN, *b.* Feb. 28, 1938.

*b.* VIRGINIA LEE ARNOLD, *b.* July 23, 1922.

*c.* WALTER KEITH ARNOLD, *b.* June 6, 1924.

*d.* CHARLES HUBERT ARNOLD, *b.* Feb. 16, 1925.

*e.* WALLACE EARL PALMER, *b.* Aug. 24, 1931.

(4) JAMES MATALEE FARGARSTON, *b.* Aug. 14, 1900.

3. VIRGE CHUMLEY (*dau.* Virginia Simmons and O. E. Chumley), *b.* Nov. 29, 1871, *m.* Fred Jensen of Wisconsin, Oct. 22, 1895. Now living in Seattle, Wash. Three children:

- (1) EDWARD CHUMLEY JENSEN, *b.* Aug. 7, 1896, *m.* Mildred Burke of Kansas City, Mo., in 1917.  
One child:
  - a. ROBERT LEE JENSEN, *b.* Apr. 6, 1918.
- (2) LAURA MAE JENSEN, *b.* Mar. 21, 1899, *m.* George William Mitchell of Portland, Ore., June 25, 1921. One child:
  - a. GEORGE WILLIAM MITCHELL, JR., *b.* Aug. 29, 1922.
- (3) LEE ARTHUR JENSEN, *b.* Feb. 16, 1903, *m.* Gyneth Mildred Latham of Shelton, Wash., Aug. 1930. Two children:
  - a. JAMES LEE JENSEN, *b.* Sept. 12, 1934.
  - b. RICHARD LATHAM JENSEN, *b.* Aug. 8, 1937.

## SECTION E

### THE POINDEXTER FAMILY

This brief sketch of the Poindexter line is placed here because my paternal grandmother, Rebecca Powell, was related to this family, and because two of my maternal aunts, Bettie Powell Price and Martha Cynthia Price, married into it. I hope that this may later bring forth additional information about our Powell ancestors.

There were two Poindexter brothers, John and Thomas (E1 and E2), but records have been found of the descendants of only one of them.

**E1. JOHN POINDEXTER, *m.*** Christian Vesterman of Frederick Parish, Va., in 1732. Neither their issue nor his wife's parents are known.

**E2. THOMAS POINDEXTER, *b.*** 1705 in Louisa Co., Va., *m.* Sarah Veale (*dau. of* Elizabeth Gosling and Bond Veale), prior to 1747. They had one son, Bond (E3), to whom they deeded their land. Thomas died in 1779.

**E3. BOND VEALE POINDEXTER (*s.* Sarah Veale and Thomas Poindexter), *b.*** . . . . ., *m.* Susannah . . . . . They deeded the same land to their son, Bond Veale, Jr. In the will and deeds the name is found to be spelled "Bondaville." Susannah died in 1793. Seven children:

1. GABEREAL POINDEXTER, *m.* Micha White, Jan. 27, 1806.
2. POLLY POINDEXTER, *m.* John Berges in 1806.
3. BONDVILLE POINDEXTER (E4), *m.* Margaret McKannon in 1804.
4. BETSY POINDEXTER, *m.* John Crabtree in 1810.
5. CHAPMAN POINDEXTER, *m.* Elizabeth Black in 1816.
6. LOVEL POINDEXTER, *m.* Martha Hardwick in 1821.
7. WATSON POINDEXTER, *m.* Judith Dodson in 1823.

**E4. BONDVILLE POINDEXTER**, *b.* 1781 in Louisa Co., Va., *m.* Margaret McKannon (or McCammon) in 1804 at Halifax, Va., who died in 1845. Her mother, Amey Powell McKannon, gave her consent and Charlie Powell was one of the witnesses. (This Amey and Charlie Powell are believed to be related to Rebecca Powell who married John Conner. See Conner Family, A5.) Twelve children:

1. **SUSAN POINDEXTER**, *m.* John Clay in 1823. Lived near Danville, Va.

2. **NATHANIEL HENRY POINDEXTER** (*s.* of Margaret McKannon and Bondaville Poindexter), *b.* Jan. 12, 1808, *m.* Mrs. Mary Peachy Johnson Edmondson of Bedford, Va., in 1831; *d.* Jan. 1, 1859. Four children:

(1) **NATHANIEL JOHNSON POINDEXTER**, *b.* Aug. 24, 1838, *m.* Bettie Powell Price, Jan. 4, 1865 (see Simmons Family, D3, 5); *d.* Feb. 15, 1899. Five children:

a. **WALTER MUNDY**, *b.* William Henry, *c.* Eliza Ann, *d.* Mary Johnson, *e.* Nathaniel.

(2) **SALLIE ANN POINDEXTER**, *m.* Major Archer Edmondson. Nine children (two *d. y.*):

a. **MARY EDMONDSON**, *m.* E. G. Dorsey.

b. **LULA EDMONDSON**.

c. **LIZZIE EDMONDSON**, *m.* Frank Willingham.

d. **WILLIE EDMONDSON**, *m.* T. B. Johnson.

e. **FANNIE EDMONDSON**, *m.* Jack Faulkner.

f. **ANNA EDMONDSON**, *m.* Joe Ferrall.

g. **ROSA EDMONDSON**, *m.* Abe Craddock.

(3) **MANIE POINDEXTER**, *m.* Robert Edmondson. Nine children (four *d. unm.*):

a. **LETTIE EDMONDSON**, *m.* Charlie French.

b. **FLORENCE EDMONDSON**, *m.* E. G. Glenn.

c. **SALLIE EDMONDSON**, *m.* Jake Hankins.

(4) **HENRY POINDEXTER**, *m.* Amelia McCraw.

3. NANCY POINDEXTER, *m.* John Stevens in 1828.
4. GABEREA POINDEXTER, *d. y.*
5. LUCINDA POINDEXTER (*dau.* Margaret McKannon and Bondaville Poindexter), *b.* 1814, *m.* Joseph N. Gilliland in 1831; *d.* 1888. Five children:
  - (1) BILLY GILLILAND, *d. unm.*
  - (2) JOSEPH GILLILAND, *m.* Virginia Henry of Atlanta, Ga.
  - (3) GEORGE GILLILAND, *b.* 1838, *m.* Lonie Yancey of Clarksville, Va.; *d.* 1891.
  - (4) LOUIS BONDAVILLE GILLILAND, *b.* 1842, *m.* Martha Cynthia Price of Halifax, Va. (see Simmons Family, D3, 3); *d.* 1916. Six children:
    - a. WILLIE, *b.* Louis Bondaville, *c.* Elizabeth, *d.* Thomas Butt, *e.* George, *f.* Lucinda.
  - (5) MARY ELIZA GILLILAND, *b.* 1836, *m.* Francis Julius Lippfert, *d.* 1907. Seven children:
    - a. ROSA LIPFERT, *b.* 1857, *d.* 1936 in Clarksville, Va.
    - b. WILLIE LIPFERT, *m.* Betty Bailey of Winston-Salem, N. C.; *d.* in Winston-Salem. Three children:
      - (a) WILLIAM LIPFERT, *m.* Hope Graff. Living in Georgia. Three children:
        - i. WILLIAM JOSEPH LIPFERT.
        - ii. JIM LIPFERT.
        - iii. BETTY LIPFERT.
      - (b) GERTRUDE LIPFERT, *m.* Landon Hill. Living in Raleigh, N. C. One child:
        - i. BETTY HILL.
      - (c) BAILEY LIPFERT, *m.* Mary Thomas. Living in Winston-Salem, N. C. Two children:
        - i. BAILEY LIPFERT, JR.
        - ii. COWLES LIPFERT.
    - c. FRANK J. LIPFERT, *m.* Cora Hamlin, *d.* in Winston-Salem, N. C. Three children:

- (a) JULIUS LIIPFERT, *d. y.*
- (b) THEODOSIA LIIPFERT, *m.* 1st Dr. Miles C. Horton of Raleigh, N. C.; *m.* 2nd Jack B. Taliaferro. Living in Clarksville, Va. Two children by first husband:
  - i. MILES C. HORTON, JR., *m.* Julia Heitch of Clarksville, Va.
  - ii. FRANK HORTON.
- (c) FRANCIS LIIPFERT, *d. unm.*
- d. FANNIE LIIPFERT, *m.* Henry Daniel Sizemore. Six children:
  - (a) HENRY DANIEL SIZEMORE, JR., *b.* 1892, *m.* Dora Bears, *d.* 1935.
  - (b) MARY ELIZABETH SIZEMORE, *m.* 1st Walter Gosden; *m.* 2nd Al Williams.
  - (c) FRANK J. SIZEMORE, *m.* Lill Farrish. Two children:
    - i. FRANK J. SIZEMORE, JR.
    - ii. FARRISH BANKS SIZEMORE.
  - (d) ROSE ANN SIZEMORE, *m.* Dr. Marion Maus Fitzgerald. Three children:
    - i. MARGARET MARION FITZGERALD.
    - ii. THOMAS JONES FITZGERALD.
    - iii. WILLIAM HENRY FITZGERALD.
  - (e) LUCINDA MARY SIZEMORE, *m.* Dr. Zeno Hester Edwards. Two children:
    - i. ZENO HESTER EDWARDS, JR.
    - ii. LUCINDA EDWARDS.
  - (f) OTTO SIZEMORE.
- e. OTTO LIIPFERT, *m.* Carrie Transon of Winston-Salem, N. C. Two children:
  - (a) OTTO E. LIIPFERT, *m.* Anna Leak Scott.
  - (b) EUGENE T. LIIPFERT.
- f. GEORGIA LIIPFERT, *m.* Thomas Pepper of Winston-Salem, N. C. Five children:
  - (a) RAYBON PEPPER, *d. y.*



(b) LOUISE PEPPER, *m.* Dr. John A. McClung of Winston-Salem, N. C. Two children:

i. MARY LOUISE McCLUNG, *m.* Julian Lowe. Living in Serres, Greece; and Winston-Salem, N. C.

ii. NANCY McCLUNG.

(c) THOMAS PEPPER, JR., *m.* Mallie Davis. Two children:

i. ANNE PEPPER.

ii. JANE PEPPER.

(d) BLANCHE PEPPER, *m.* Louis Taylor. Living in Charlotte, N. C. Two children:

i. BETTY TAYLOR.

ii. HIERO TAYLOR.

(e) FRANCIS PEPPER, *m.* Fannie Byrd Smith. Two children:

i. FRANCIS PEPPER, JR.

ii. AUDREY PEPPER.

g. CHARLES H. LIPPERT. Living in Clarksville, Va.

6. MARY JEFFRESS POINDEXTER (*dau.* Margaret McKannon and Bondaville Poindexter), *m.* Jabish Griffing and lived in Hernando, Miss.
7. JOHN JENKINS POINDEXTER, *m.* Ruby . . . . .
8. MARTHA STREET POINDEXTER, *b.* 1820, *m.* John Gwynne and lived in Hernando, Miss.
9. SALLIE POINDEXTER, *m.* John Rogers in 1838.
10. JAMES WALLER POINDEXTER, *b.* 1826, *m.* 1st Myra Payne; *m.* 2nd Sarah Luan Mitchell. One child by second wife:
  - (1) MARGARET POINDEXTER, *b.* 1875, *m.* Dr. James Oliver Carson. Living in Bowling Green, Ky. Five children:

- a. LOUISE CARSON, *m.* Dr. Wm. Preston Drake of Bowling Green, Ky.
- b. ELIZABETH CARSON, *m.* Lt. Col. Wm. Olin Sibert. Two children:
  - (a) WM. L. SIBERT, *b.* 1925.
  - (b) MARGARET CUMMINGS SIBERT, *b.* 1929.
- c. MARGARET CARSON, *m.* R. N. Kolm, *d.* 1929.
- d. LORRAINE CARSON.
- e. WM. OLIN CARSON, *m.* Louise Edwards. One child:
  - (a) JAMES OLIVER CARSON II, *b.* Feb. 6, 1940.

11. ELIZABETH POINDEXTER (*dau.* Margaret McKannon and Bondaville Poindexter), *b.* 1830, *m.* Beverley Estes in 1853 and lived in Halifax, Va. Seven children (two *d. unm.*):

- (1) MAGRUDER ESTES, *m.* J. W. D. Estes.
- (2) JIM ESTES, *m.* Jennie Fowler.
- (3) MARY ESTES, *m.* Willie Meeks.
- (4) HATTIE ESTES, *m.* Jim Gray.
- (5) FANNIE ESTES, *m.* Jim Clay.

12. THOMAS POINDEXTER, *m.* May Stanley and lived in New Orleans, La. One child:

- (1) MAY STANLEY POINDEXTER, *m.* Thomas Loney of Baltimore, Md. Two children:
  - a. POINDEXTER LONEY.
  - b. MAY STANLEY LONEY, *m.* 1st Wm. Lay of Savannah, Ga.; *m.* 2nd Count Von Gutzen, attached to the German legation in Washington. One child by first husband:
    - (a) HARRY LAY, officer in U. S. Marine Corps.

## A FINAL WORD

As the Compiler of this book I have put into it my time, my energy and my means, to the extent of my ability. It has been to me a labor of love and I have found joy in the hope that it will be of satisfaction and real value, not only to those now living but also to future generations. As succeeding generations get further and further away from their early ancestors it becomes more and more difficult to find out with certainty who their ancestors were. This book puts in permanent form what I have been able to learn about our ancestors, so that all who come after us may have this information at their command. I have had blank pages put at the end, on which each one may keep the continuing record of his or her family, and also record items that I have not been able to procure, if and when they find them.

Every name in this book reaches back to the days of the pioneer, and no matter to which branch of the family we belong, we may rightly rejoice that we have good blood in our veins. Let us each and all so live that our children and our children's children may be as proud to number us among their forefathers as we feel that we have a right to be proud of our ancestors.

Now my work is finished. I am conscious that it contains errors, omissions and imperfections, but these will in time be discovered and corrected. My hope is that despite its faults, whatever they may be, our people will make use of the material I have here collected, and on the blank pages keep the record up to date.

LULA PRICE O'CONNER.  
(Mrs. Wm. Edward Cox)



## APPENDIX

In this genealogical record we must bear in mind the fact that the names of the counties in Virginia changed much during this early period. Those with which this book deals were established as follows:

In 1691 Essex County was formed from Old Rappahannock.

In 1720 Spottsylvania County was formed from Essex, King, and Queen.

In 1734 Orange County was formed from Spottsylvania.

In 1748 Culpeper County was formed from Orange.

### COURT RECORDS

#### A. Orange County Will Book 2, p. 9.

The will of Philemon Kavanaugh, recorded in St. Mark's Parish, Orange County, and dated April 9, 1743, is reproduced here in full for its general interest. (References to this will are to the starred sentence in its latter part.)

#### Verbatim copy of Will

To my loving wife Sarah Cavanaugh, her lifetime 400 ac. and a moiety of an 800 A. patent, bearing date of June 30th, MDCCXXVI, and houses and orchards etc. where I now live, within the bounds of the patent aforesaid

To the said loving wife, her choice of riding horses, saddle, bridle, bed, furniture etc.

To my son Charles Cavanaugh, 1200 Ac. viz: 800 ac. where I have bequeathed to my wife Sarah Cavanaugh her lifetime—400 Ac. moiety thereof—and 400 adjoining thereto, part of plantation where I now live. That said son shall have full power and authority by virtue hereof to grant unto his children if legally begotten etc. To son Charles Cavanaugh 2 negroes, George and Pollupas, also 4 cows and calves etc. and a pair of pistols, my sword and gun, a horse, feather bed, pewter dishes etc.

To daughter Winifred Yancey 20s. to be paid within 2 years.

To daughter ELIZABETH CONNER 20s. to be paid within 2 years.

To daughter Jael Covington—1 negro girl named Jenney—also 20s.

To daughter ELIZABETH negro boy named Simon.

To daughters Ellinor, Elizabeth Anne, and Sarah Cavanaugh—to be divided equally, 1577 A., a part of which tract I had of Henry Willis Esq., known by the name of Parker's Land, 1600 A. a part of which is now being held by my son-in-laws Lewis Davis Yancey, JOHN CONNER and Thomas Covington, as by deed of gift which will fully appear, but the 1577 A. aforesaid to the said Elliner, Elizabeth Anne and Sarah Cavanaugh, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, forever. My said daughters to choose their lots according to birthright.

To my daughters Elliner, Elizabeth Anne and Sarah & to my son Philemon, each a young mare, 3 sows and pigs, 3 cows and calves, 1 featherbed, & furniture, 3 pewter dishes, six pewter plates, 1 iron pot, to be paid the day of their marriage or at age of 18 years. To my loving son Philemon Cavanaugh & to his heirs of his body forever, 530 A., lying and being upon the branch of Muddy Run above Yancey's Mill. Also one half of another survey lying on sd. Muddy Run branch as above and 530 Ac. adjoining on the land aforesaid—also one tract of 400 ac. adjoining the land of John Latham, upon the river known as Yarbroughs—to him and his heirs forever, lawfully begotten—

To my daughter Mary 600 acres land under entry (survey not yet finished) situate and lying on the branches of Mountain Run, Beaverdam Run on the East side of a tract of land now held by Thomas Covington known by the name of Davis Cabbins—between the road and James Pendleton's land which I have agreed he shall have—also 3 cows, 3 sows and piggs, 1 featherbed and furniture, 3 dishes and 3 plates.

To my son Charles Cavanaugh all the land lying on the lower side of John Campbell's path on the N. side of the road known by the name of Thornton's—beginning at the said Path where it comes into the road—thence down the road to Alexander McQueen's line, then with his line to Tutts line—including plantation known by the name of Gorman's Cabbins—to him and his heirs forever.

Whereas I have several small children to maintain and to educate out of my estate and some legacies to be paid, I desire my said estate may remain together under the same management of my said wife Sarah Cavanaugh and advice of my executors, hereinafter named during her and the sd. Sarah's widowhood in order to raise the legacies & to maintain and educate the children aforesaid—and further

**\*MY WILL AND DESIRE** is that each and every one of my children hereafter mentioned viz. Elliner, Elizabeth Anne, Philemon, Sarah and Mary may receive their full and equal share of my estate in money as any of them shall arrive to lawful age *or the day of their marriage* & if it should happen that my wife should marry—my will and desire is that my said wife may have an equal share of my estate as shall be equivalent to those of my children mentioned—and further—My will and desire is after my children have received their legacies and due shares of my estate, as before directed and also my wife her part in case she marries—then all the residue of my estate I give and bequeath to my loving son Philemon Cavanaugh & his heirs forever.

But if my wife should live and remain a widow after my death and the children be paid as before—that then my Est. remaining shall continue in her care during her lifetime.

I nominate and appoint my wife Sarah Cavanaugh Extrx, and my son Charles Cavanaugh and my son-in-law Thomas Covington Extrs. of this my last will and testament, April 19th, 1743.

Page 13 of Will Book:

Amendment. I, Philemon Cavanaugh do think proper to amend the ninth clause of my Will—Whereas I have given my loving daughters Elliner, Elizabeth Anne and Sarah 1577 acres of land—now if either of my daughters have more than one son—my will is that the sd. land shall be divided between the 2 surviving sons of either of my daughters and their heirs.

Witnesses:

James Pendleton (Sig.)

Anne Clayton (Sig.)

Philip Clayton (Sig.)

Brought into court by Sarah

Cavanaugh, Charles Cavanaugh  
& Thomas Covington

Teste: Jonathan Gibson (Sig.)

**B. Spottsylvania County Deed Book B, 1727-1734.**

Philemon Cavanaugh of Spottsylvania Co., Va., to daughter Winifred and Lewis Davis Yancey 800 A. in great fork of Rappahannock River, etc. Dated August 3, 1731.

(From the above will [\*] we assume that this land was given to Winifred at the time of her marriage.)

Part of this land has never been out of the Yancey family, and is still owned by some member of it. The deed referred to above (B) and the two following (C and D) are for land taken from a Land Grant issued to Philemon Cavanaugh and

others from the Crown of England in 1732 and signed by Governor Gooch. The original of this patent is on record in the Land Office at Richmond, Va.

C. Spottsylvania County Deed Book 2.

Philemon Kavanaugh gives to Elizabeth Yancey, dau. of Winifred and Lewis Yancey, 100 A. of land adjoining that given to her parents, etc. Dated April 4, 1732.

(This must have been given to Elizabeth at her birth.)

D. Spottsylvania County Deed Book C., 1734-1742, p. 27.

The following is Philemon Kavanaugh's deed of land to his daughter Elizabeth and her husband John Conner, dated June 5, 1734, and quoted in full:

Know all men by these presents that I, Philemon Cavanaugh of the Parish of St. Marks, and county of Spottsylvania, for love and affection which I bear to my daughter Elizabeth and John Conner her lawful husband, and in consideration of the just sum of one pound sterling money of Great Britain, to me in hand paid by ye said John Conner, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, I do give and bequeath unto the said Elizabeth and John Conner, her husband, one piece or parcel of land containing four hundred (400) acres lying in the Parish and County aforesaid, on the branches of Muddy Run, and in the Forks of the Rappahannock River, and bounded as followeth, to wit:

Beginning at a red and white Oak and Hickory bounded to the land of Lewis Davis Yancy, upon a line of William Beverley's and running thence with a line of said Yancy's west  $323\frac{1}{2}$  poles to one red and white Oak by a branch, thence north 23 degrees, west 208 poles, to one red and four white oaks, by lines on a Ridge, thence  $323\frac{1}{2}$  poles to two Hickory and white oaks on a hillside on Beverley's line aforesaid, and thence with ye said line south twenty degrees, East 209 poles to the beginning and all houses, buildings, orchards, garden ways, water and water courses, trees and woods, profits and advantages, emoluments, heridaments and appurtenances whatsoever to ye said land and premises belonging and in any wise appertaining, to have and to hold the said piece or parcel of land and premises, with appurtenances and the rent thereof, to the sole proper use and behoof of them, the said Elizabeth and her husband John Conner to be equally divided between the two first sons that shall be born to the said Elizabeth and John, if any



such, by a line beginning at a white oak and poplar and hickory in a valley of a Branch of Muddy Run, thence south 20 degrees East 290 poles crossing said land, and if it shall so happen that the said Elizabeth and John shall have but one son, then the first daughter to have an equal part with the said son, and if it should so happen that they should not have a son, then to be divided among the two first daughters. I do hereby warrant and defend the said land to the said Elizabeth and John Conner from me, my heirs, Executors and Administrators to the said Elizabeth and John, her husband, and their lawful children aforesaid, shall by force and virtue of these presents from time to time and at all times hereafter lawfully, personally and quietly enter into the hold, use, apply and possess and enjoy the said pieces or parcel of land and premises to their sole proper use and behoof forever.

Witness my hand and seal this the 5th. day of June in the year of our Lord 1734 and the 7th. year of the reign of our Sovereign King George the Second.

Witnesses— Wm. Deathridge Robt Eastman Robert Bailey.

Recorded 6-5-1734 for John Conner and Elizabeth his wife.

(Judging by Philemon Kavanaugh's will [\*] we assume this was the date of Elizabeth's marriage.)

E. Culpeper County Deed Book F., p. 67.

John Conner of Orange Co. and wife Elizabeth to John Conner, Jr., of Culpeper and heirs for love and affection 400 A. on Muddy Run, corner to Lewis Yancey, etc. Dated May 17, 1770.

Signed:            John Conner            Elizabeth Conner

(Following the family custom this must have been John's wedding day.)

F. Culpeper County Deed Book F., p. 69.

John Conner (Jr.) of Culpeper and Mary his wife, for natural love for their brother Philemon grant him and heirs forever 200 A. in Culpeper on Muddy Run, corner to Wm. Beverley, etc. Dated May 17, 1770.

Signed:            John Conner            Mary Conner

G. Culpeper County Deed Book G.

John Conner and Mary Ann wife sell John Butler for 92 lbs. money, land in Great Fork of the Rappahannock River on

Muddy Run. . . . 92 A. which they will defend. Dated August 15, 1773.

Signed:            John Conner            Mary Conner

#### H. Culpeper County Deed Book G.

John Conner, Jun., and Mary Ann wife sell . . . land given by Philemon Kavanaugh to Elizabeth and John Conner, her husband, and then given over to their first two sons, James and the said John, Jun. *The said James dying an infant* the right reverted to the said John and by him sold in several lots, this being the last lot he has in his possession. 108 A. in a line with Lewis Davis Yancey, crossing branch of Muddy Run between dividing line of said John Conner, Jun. and the line which he gave his brother Philemon, etc.

Signed:    John Conner, Jun.    Mary Ann Conner

#### I. Spottsylvania Record, Will Book D.

John Conner appointed Administrator for Charles Conner. Dated September 5, 1768.

#### J. Culpeper County Deed Book G.

Philamon Conner, St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper, and wife Rachel sell Robert Shearwood of Spottsylvania for 170 lbs current money, a tract of land in St Marks Culpeper being one moiety of a tract of land given the said Elizabeth and John Conner her lawful husband by Philamon Kavanaugh, her father, by deed June 17, 1734 . . . which said tract of land was conveyed by the said John and Elizabeth to John Conner, Jr. their son and heir and he the sd John Conner and Mary, his wife, conveyed one said moiety to the said Philamon Conner by deed dated May 17, 1770, as a reference to the said deeds will make more fully appear. The said moiety lies on Branches of Muddy Runn beginning at a red oak, cor. to Lewis D. Yancey & Wm. Beverley, Esq. containing 200 Acres or more with all houses, gardens, water courses etc. Said Philamon and Rachel will forever defend this sale. Dated January 15, 1774.

Their seals, Philamon Conner    Rachel Conner

Witnesses: James Slaughtor

Isaac Wilson

John Arnold

J. Jameson, Clk.

K. Culpeper Record, Will Book, p. 113.

Philemon Conner's will dated January 24, 1774, probated February 21, 1774, named "bro. Jno. Conner" one of his executors.

L. Culpeper County Record.

John Conner was appointed Guardian for the children of his *brother* Philemon. He made final settlement to the Court December 28, 1780.

M. Halifax Record.

Inventory of the estate of John Conner, Jr. made November 11, 1807, in Halifax Co. with his wife Mary as Administratrix. Recorded in Court November 1810.

N. Culpeper Will Book A., p. 78.

Court orders recorded regarding dower of Sarah, wife of Richard Covington and widow of Philemon Kavanaugh deceased. Dated May 17, 1750.

O. The following is quoted from the periodical *Genealogy and History* (Washington, D. C.), issue of May 2, 1940, p. 50:

"(a) Caleb Compton (who md. Elinor Conner 1810 Halifax Co., Va., acc. to official re'ds) we find listed in Bedford Co. (Deed Bk. 7, dated 1785) as owning 100 acres on Goose Cr. which is btw. Roanoke & Bedford City. In 1st U. S. Census of 1793 we find Caleb lived in Halifax Co. We have no positive proof but it is the best geneal. reasoning to assume that Caleb jr. was s. of this Caleb of 1785.—C.V.C."

P. The tax list of Halifax Co., Va., 1783-85, lists Caleb Compton, Meridith Compton and Housin Compton.

Q. John Conner is referred to on page 7 as having served in the Militia of the Colony from 1755 to 1760, and on page 8 his son, John Conner, Jr., is said to have been in the Revolutionary War from 1774 to 1782. It is possible, however, that both of these war records referred to the second John Conner (A2), since they are not designated therein as John Sr. and John Jr.



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