

J O H N H A M I L L P O S T O N

(1786 - 1848)

His Ancestors and Descendants

A POSTON FAMILY GENEALOGY

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PREFACE

The descendants of American families of early colonial origin have now multiplied to such an extent, and printing costs have soared so high, that it has become prohibitive to publish a complete family genealogy. More and more there are appearing partial genealogies, tracing to date all descendants of an ancestor of the fourth, fifth, or even the sixth American generation. Through such a partial genealogy there is preserved for subsequent generations data which would otherwise be lost to posterity. This volume is just that, and traces the ancestry of John Hamill⁴ Poston (1786-1848), of the fourth generation of his surname in this country, and the migration of this family from St. Mary's County, Maryland to Washington County, Virginia, thence to Clarksville, Tennessee. It also includes all known descendants of this common forbear, now (1959) scattered from Cambridge, Massachusetts (34-iii) to San Francisco, California (70).

The misgivings usually attendant upon a family genealogy as to accuracy of information on early generations in America are present in this record. This is due to the necessity of indulging in some circumstantial evidence, some tradition, and a few unsupported statements made to the compiler.

Each family is independently numbered. The families in each line of descent are consecutively numbered. The individual reference number of each numbered descendant is found in two places, first when the name appears as a child, and second where the name is repeated later as the head of a family. Small Roman numbers (i, ii, iii, etc.) appear opposite the name of each child indicating his position in his own immediate family. When a child has only this Roman prefix it indicates that he died without issue. Superior numerals indicate the generation of that person in America, with the immigrant ancestor considered as the first generation..

Descendants of Elias B.⁴ Poston (Elijah³, Francis², John¹) are referred to Elias B. Poston and His Ancestors, published (1942) by Elias O. James (Oakland, California) and Mrs. Glenna J. Mosgrove (Mansfield, Illinois), from which some of the material herein on the first Poston generations in this country has been obtained.

For one who desires to do original work there is a fertile field, as yet highly untouched, in the families - allied to Postons by marriage - of Noe (Cheshire), Hamill, Nelson, and Lowthing.

A genealogical work of this nature is never complete, as further research brings out new material. The compiler welcomes additions to and corrections of any data herein presented.

This family record could well and designedly be dedicated to the three sons of Frank H. Poston, Jr. (71). To them, as the only younger members of this once-large family who bear the Poston surname, falls the privilege, yea even duty, of perpetuating the name of a typically American family. Without their adherence to the mandate of Genesis 9:1 this family line will terminate upon their deaths without male descendants.

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ABBREVIATIONS

- abt. - about
- d.s.p. - died without issue (decessit sine prole)
- d.y. - died young
- g.s. - gravestone
- nr. - near
- prob. - probated, probably
- rem. - removed

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WILLIAM³ POSTON

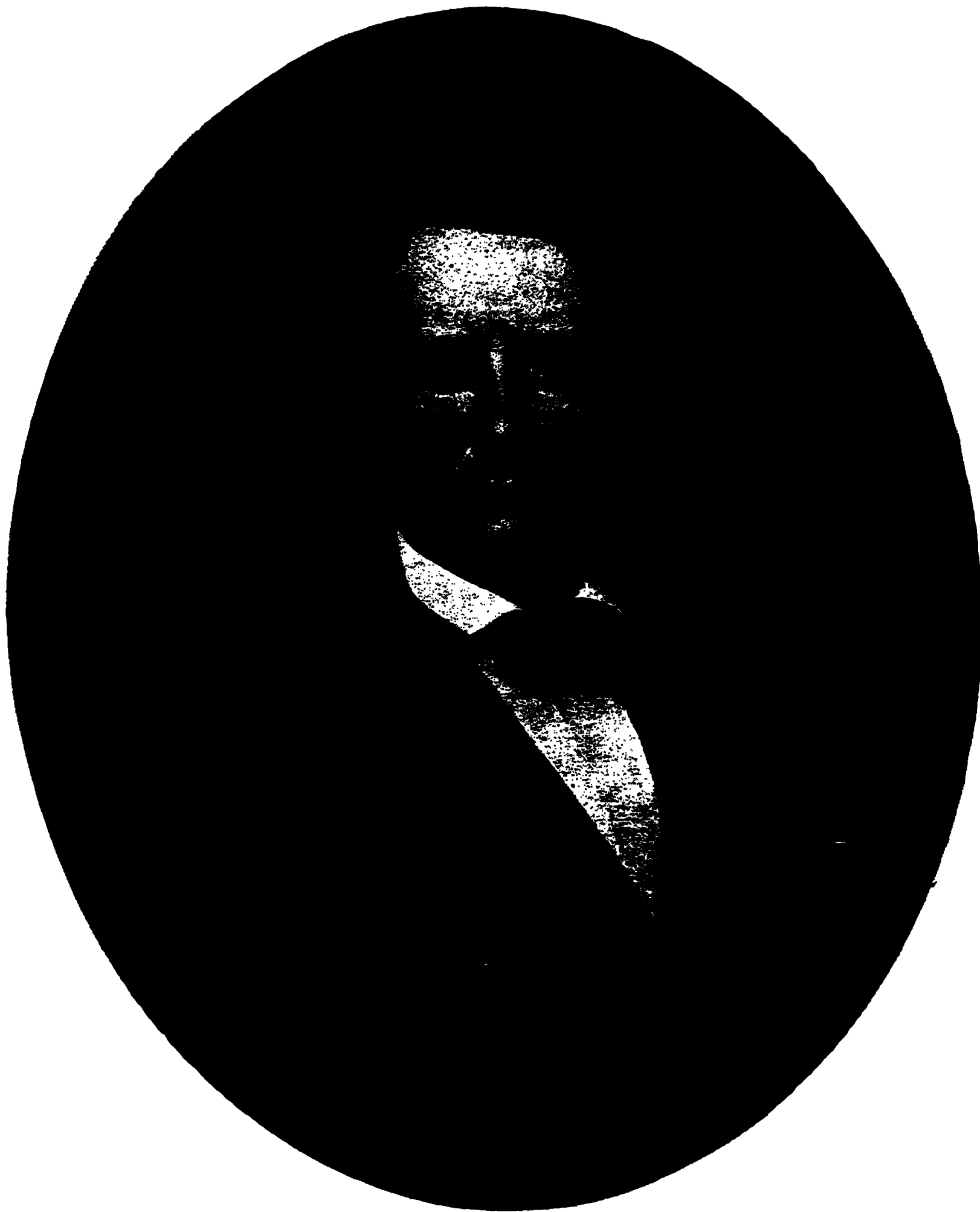
(1760 -- 1823)



JOHN HAMILL⁴ POSTON
(1786 -- 1848)



NANCY LOWTHING (NELSON) POSTON
(1782 -- 1867)



WILLIAM KING⁵ POSTON

(1819 -- 1866)



THE SIX SONS OF WILLIAM KING⁵ POSTON (1819--1866)
(About 1889)

L to R: W(illiam) King Poston, Jr., John Hamill Poston, Mary
Letitia (Park) Poston (1823--1900), G(eorge) Shall Poston, David
Hamill Poston, Frank Park Poston, and James Barron Poston.



THE SIX DAUGHTERS OF WILLIAM KING⁵ POSTON (1819--1866)
(About 1887)

L to R: Mary Park Poston (Littlejohn), Margaret Lula Poston (Black), Mary Letitia (Park) Poston (1823--1900), Annie Nelson Poston (Thomas), Jennie Barron Poston (Maury), Josephine Hamilton Poston, and Kate Eldridge Poston (McGehee).



THE JOHN HAMILL⁴ POSTON
PLANTATION HOME

Near Clarksville, Tennessee



THE WILLIAM KING⁵ POSTON HOME

Memphis, Tennessee

(1686 - 1744)
England to Maryland, 1703
m. Susanna

JOHN THOMAS FRANCIS 2 WILLIAM² (p.11) EDWARD MARY SUSANNA REBECCA CHARITY JEREMIAH
(c.1721-1777)
m. Priscilla Noe/Cheshire

JEREMIAH COLONEL ELIAS ALEXANDER RICHARD CATHERINE (Dent) JUDITH (Dent) ANN (twins) 3 WILLIAM³ (p.19)
(1760-1823)
m. Sarah Hamill

RACHEL 4 JOHN HAMILL⁴ (p.22) JUDITH RICHARD SARAH ASENATH CATHERINE LOUISA MATILDA NARCISSA
(Scott) (1786-1848) (McHenry) (Cecil) (Scott?) (Bowen) (Nelson) (Pearson) d.y.
m. Nancy Lowthing
Nelson

(13 children, Chaps. 5-17)

4 JOHN HAMIL⁴ POSTON
(1786 - 1848)
m. Nancy Lowthing Nelson (1792-1867)

WM. 5 ROBERT JOHN d.y. NELSON HAMIL ¹ unn.	6 ALEXANDER HAMILTON	14 RICHARD NELSON (Taylor) d.s.p.	15 WM. 64 KING NELSON (Couts) d.y.	GEO. ADELINE CATE. NELSON LOUISA NELSON HAMIL ² FRANKLIN d.y. d.y.
3 ch.	CHART 8 ch.	4 ch.	CHART 13 ch.	4 ch. 2 ch.

67 ALLEN JOHNSON	BRUCE FRANK d.y.	EDDIE ALVA (dau.) unn.	JULIA HULING d.y.	JOHN WILLIAM d.y.	69 FRANK HULING	PERLANDE DAKE d.s.p.
ALLEN JOHNSON d. y.	SUE NELSON unn.	J(ohn) SALE	70 ELLEN BRINGTURST (Dana)	71 FRANK HULING	72 ELIZABETH HORSLEY (Goodwin)	ROBERT NELSON

D A N A			G O O D W I N					
JOHN LAWRENCE	ELIZABETH JANE	MARGARET NORFLETT	VIRGINIA HORSLEY	FRANK HULING III	ALFRED EASON	EDGAR NORFLETT	ELLIS COLMAN	RICHARD CABELL

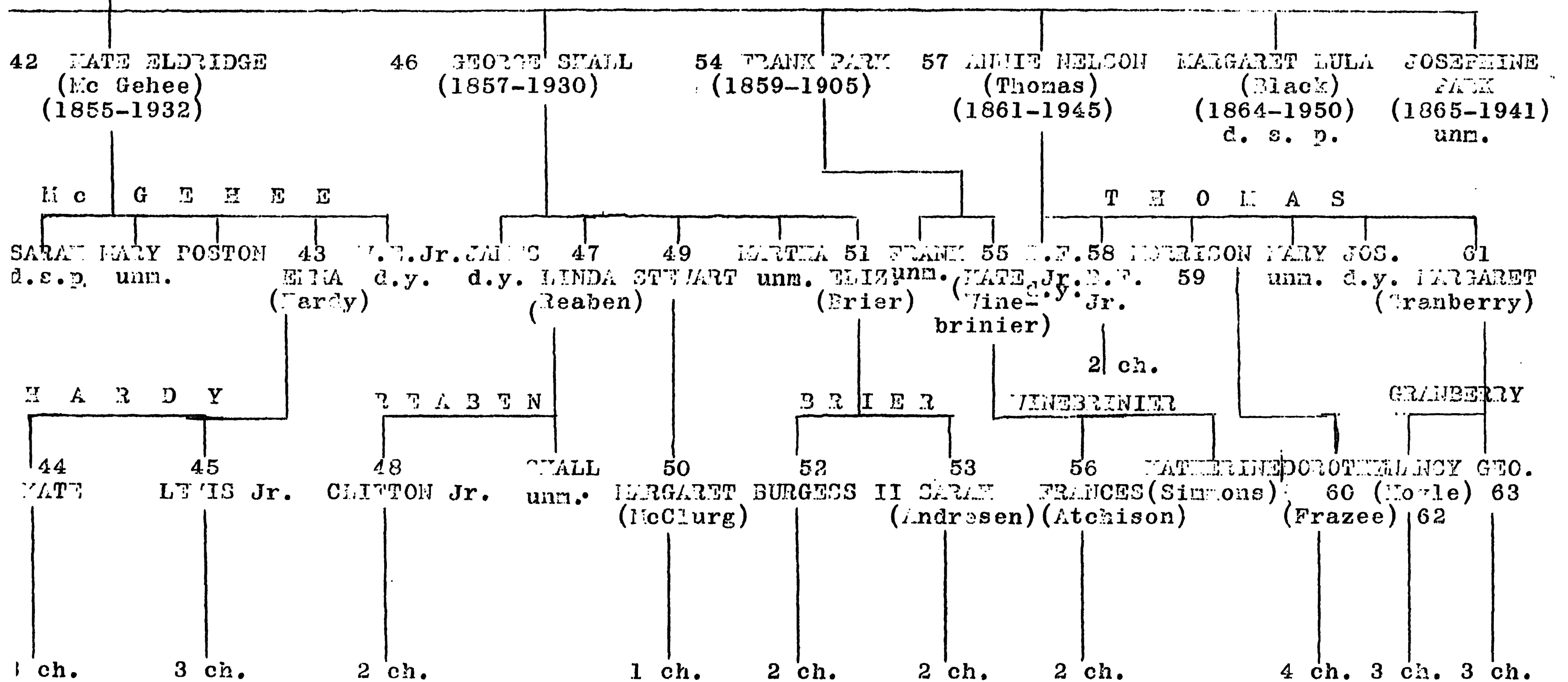
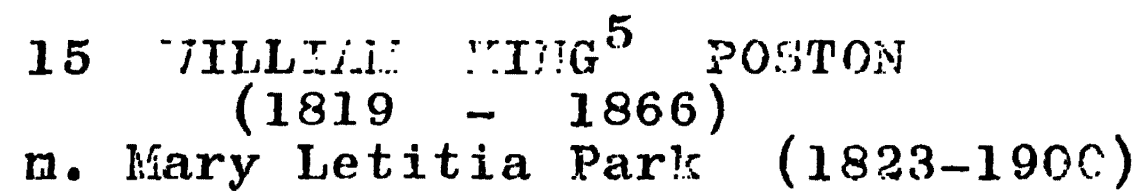
6 ALEXANDER HAMILTON⁵ POSTON (p.28)
(1814 - 1864)
m. (1) Adeline Tennessee Bosley (1817-1846)
(2) Mary Dinwiddie Carson (1821-1864)

By (1):				By (2):			
JAMES BOSLEY d.y.	JOHN HAMIL ¹ unn.	ALEXANDER HAMILTON d.y.	ALEXANDER BOSLEY (d.Civil War)	MARY ADELINE (Carter) d.s.p.	MARY ANN CARSON d.y.	7 BETTIE ANN (Johnson)	11 FATE BUCKNER (Wilborn)

J O H N S O N				W I L B O R N			
MARGARET LEE unn.	PERFECT CULING unn.	8 MARY ALLETTA (Mark)	GRACE unn.	MARY LOU (Patton)	12 ARLIE POSTON (Alloway)	CHARLES EDWIN d.y.	HERTEA (Montgomery)

M A R K			H I N C E R		
9 WILLIAM JOHNSON	10 ELIZABETH NISSET (Pincer)		13 FRANK WILBORN ALLOWAY		
BARBARA ANN	PEGGY DIANE JOHNSON Jr.	WILLIAM	LAWRENCE MARK	STEVEN WILLIAM	DEVLLIS ANN DOUGLAS

15 WILLIAM KING⁵ POSTON
(1819 - 1866)
m. Mary Letitia Park (1823-1900)



CHAPTER 1

JOHN POSTON - THE IMMIGRANT

The immigrant John¹ Poston (b. 1686) embarked at Liverpool, England on April 26, 1703 for his emigration to America. He was then 17 years of age, and was bound over to one Henry Brown (until 1708). (New England Historical & Genealogical Register 65:50). He was from in or near Shrewsbury ("off Shrewesberry"), Shropshire. Family tradition is that he landed at Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Maryland, a port of entry at that time. Although the name of the ship on which he came to this country is not known, Henry Brown is known to have been the master of the ship "Loyalty" on May 26, 1697, on which date it lay in the Potomac River (Maryland Archives 23:138).

It is probable that he lived in St. Mary's County for several years. In the northeastern corner of that county lay King and Queen Parish, whose principal church - Trinity Church (Episcopal) - stood on the north side of Patuxent Creek, a few miles northwest of Charlotte Hall, and a few miles northeast of Dentsville. It is known that John Poston, as well as some members of his family after him, was friendly to this church. When he had saved enough money to buy land, 24 years after his emigration to this country and at 41 years of age, he bought two plantations, not many miles from Trinity Church, which bore the picturesque names of "Poverty" (1727) and "Goodwill" (1729). Poverty and Goodwill - from these this branch of the Poston family in America got its beginning.

Did he come to America alone? One family tradition says that two brothers came with John. There were Postons in Chester and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania (just north of the northeastern corner of Maryland). Their records indicate that they emigrated to America at approximately the same time as John, and so it may be that two of John Poston's

brothers came not with him, for his sailing record from Liverpool indicates that he was the only one of his surname on the April 1703 voyage out of Liverpool; but contemporaneously with his arrival. That there has been passed down to his descendants the family tradition that he "was the first of his family (surname) in this country" would tend to discredit any relationship with any Postons north of Maryland.

The wife of John Poston is known (from his 1739 will) only to be Susanna. Her fabled Sir James Holmes ancestry is treated elsewhere (p. 14).

THE PASTON FAMILY OF NORFOLK, ENGLAND

Beginning with William Paston (1378-1444) and until the death of the last titled member of this family, the Earl of Yarmouth (d.s.p. 1732), the family of Paston, which takes its name from a Norfolk village 20 miles north of Norwich, was well known and rendered valuable service to its country, both in Parliament and in England's military endeavors. Their family record, preserved in the much disputed Paston Letters (covering the family's affairs for the period 1422 to 1509), reveals no possible connection between that family and the ancestors of John Poston of Shropshire, the American emigrant.

CHAPTER 2

THE POSTON FAMILY IN MARYLAND

It appears clear that when John came to Maryland he had to make his own way. In the 1720's one Thomas Overton died, intestate, leaving two plantations in the southeastern part of Charles County. For lack of Overton heirs, these plantations reverted to the colony. On February 2, 1727 [letter of February 25, 1942 from Land Commissioner of Maryland] John Poston had a survey made and took the initial step to secure a patent to Poverty plantation (247 acres). In August, 1727 John Poston and Edward Davies (Davis) took similar steps toward acquiring the other plantation - Goodwill (100 acres) - that had belonged to Thomas Overton. Davies secured title to the entire hundred acres, and on October 4, 1729 sold half the plantation to John Poston for "three pound sterling money of England." [Charles County records, Lib. 2, Fol. 182] This small sum appears to be merely the expression of a nominal consideration, sufficient to import legality, rather than the actual value of the land.

A part of this deed from Davies to John Poston is of interest because of the quaint metes and bounds land description:

"Beginning at a bounded red oak, the first bound tree of the said tract of Land, running thence South forty-four degrees East one hundred and eighty-five perches to a bounded red oak thence west by north one hundred and fifty perches, thence to the beginning, containing fifty acres, together with all and Singular the ways waters Easements rights members Jurisdictions privileges profitts Comodoties benefitts and appurtenances whatsoever belonging or in any wise pertaining to the Land and all and every part and parcel thereof,
. . . "

One gets the impression that John Poston wanted nothing left out! The exact location of Goodwill is unknown, but one half of it - the portion retained by Davies - lay along the north side of Hoghouse Creek.

What was John Poston's main crop? Tobacco. That was Maryland's main export crop at that time. The next parish north of King and Queen was named Portobacco. Under Maryland law at that time, the minister of any established parish could claim an annual salary of 16,000 pounds of tobacco. What corruption of the clergy!

At some time after 1729 John Poston entered into a rather large transaction in tobacco. He had as his partner his oldest son, John, Jr. The father mortgaged Goodwill plantation, to cover a debt which he and John, Jr. owed to one Phillip Key, in this manner:

"Witnesseth that the said John Poston, for and in consideration of Three Thousand pounds of good Tobo. [tobacco] to him in hand paid which is part of Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen Pounds of Tobo. which the said John Poston Senr. & his son John Poston Junr. Stands justly indebted to the said Phillip & which is secured by their joint and several Judt: Bond to him for the better securing thereof this Deed is made:

"All that Plantation and Tract of land whereon the said John Poston Senr. now lives, being that half of a tract called the Goodwill, containing fifty acres of land more or less."

[Charles County records, Lib. 2, Fol. 377]

It is not known if this debt was fully paid before John Poston's death; in the 1744 inventory of John's estate Phillip Key and James Waters are listed as creditors.

Some may question the literacy of John Poston, as he

executed his will in 1739 merely by making his mark on it. Are we to suppose he could not sign his name? We prefer to think he was too "Sick and weak in Body" to do more when the will was drawn in 1739, although he lived on until 1744, as his will was probated May 24, 1744, in Charles County:

"In the Name of God Amen

I John Postan Senr. of Charles County in the province of Maryland planter Being Sick and weak in Body but of Sound and perfect memory and calling to minde the uncertainty of this mortal Life and that it is appointed for all men Once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme Following that is to say First and principally I commend my Soul to Gode hoping to obtain remission of my sins through the merits and Mediation of Jesus Christ my Blessed Saviour and Redemmer, and to Inheritt Eternall Life and my Body to the Earth, to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter named nothing doubting to receive the same again at the General Resurrection and as to such Mortally Goods as God in mercy hath blessed me, with I Give and Despose of in manner and forme following

Imprimes. I Will that my Just Debts be well and Truly paid and Satisfied

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my beloved Son John Postan Eighty Two and One Third part, of Acres, of Land Being part of a tract of Land Called Poverty whereon his now dwelling plantation is to be laid Out Convenient to the said plantation the Said Land I Give to him and his heirs For Ever.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my beloved Son, Thomas Postan, Eighty Two and One Third part of

Acres of Land being part of a Tract of Land called poverty whereon his now Dwelling Plantation is to be laid out conveniently to the Said Plantation the Said Land I Give to him and his heirs For Ever.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my beloved Son, Frances Postan, Eighty Two and One Third part of Acres of land being part of a Tract Called poverty, whereon his now Dwelling plantation is to be laid Out, Convenient to the said Plantation, the Said Land I give to him and his heirs For Ever.

The Land above mentioned I Give to my beloved Sons John, Thomas, and Frances, Postan in full of their parts and portion of my Real and personal Estate and no more.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Dearest Wife Susanna Postan, Fifty acres of Land Whereon, I now Dwell Called Goodwill during her natural Life and after her decease I Give and Bequeath, the Said Land to my Beloved Son William Postan, to him and his heirs Forever.

Item. I Give and Bequeath, unto my Dear Wife Susanna Postan, all and Singular my Personal Estate during her natural Life and after her Decease, my will is that the Same, be divided Equally among my children after named, to wit William Postan, Edward Postan, Mary Postan, Susanna Postan, Rebecca Postan, Charity Postan, Jeremiah Postan. My will is also that my Son Edward, be of full age at Eighteen Years to Act and Doe for himself.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my Dear Wife Susanna Postan, and my beloved Son William Postan my Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking all and Every Former and other Will or Wills by me, made, and acknowledging this

Only to be my Last Will and Testament. In Witness
Whereof, I have here unto set my hande and affixed
my seal this Twelfth day of December, Anno Dominini
1739.

Signed Sealed published and John Postan
Declared to be the last Will
and Testament of John Postan Senr his mark
in the presence of
Wm Dement

John Dison Senr

Thomas X Davis

his mark

A codicil to the Will
of Mr. John Postan,
Senr. is as Follows.

I will that the Timber

of all Kinds Whatever being in the main Branch, of
piles fresh so far as my Land Extends therein be
Equally for the use of the several persons, and
their plantations to Whom I have devised Land in
my Will

Witness my hand And Seal, this Twelfth day of
December Anno Dom 1739

Signed Sealed and Declared John Postan Senr
in the presence of (Seal)

Wm Dement

John Dison Senr.

His mark"

Thomas X Davis

his mark

[Wills of Maryland (1743-44), Lib. D.D., No. 2,
Fol. 508-511]

Although scriveners spelled Poston in colonial
records variantly with an a, an e, or even with an i, the
regular spelling of Poston was usually used.

The codicil to this will, an afterthought executed on
the same day as the will to which it is appended, mentions

"in the main Branch, of piles fresh," a puzzling phrase until it is learned that Piles Fresh was the name of a small creek that ran along or through Goodwill plantation.

The preamble of this will leaves no doubt but that John Poston was devoutly religious. It is believed, but without proof, that he was an Episcopalian. His fourth son, William, became a noted Episcopalian. The colony of Maryland, often thought of as Catholic because it was more tolerant of Catholics than other colonies, was open, however, to those of all faiths. Trinity Church, in King and Queen Parish, was definitely Episcopalian.

The estate inventory of John Poston's chattels [Charles County records, Lib. 29, Fol. 179-180] shows him to be a practical farmer who valued homely tools and practiced farm economies. These items range all the way from "4 cows and yearlings" (£ 9/-/-) to "two razors." The total chattel inventory valuation was £ 70/1/4, or approximately \$350.00. He owned no slaves. Should his descendants assume a righteous superiority on that account? Wait until you read of the record of John Hamill Poston (4) and of the beliefs of William King Poston (15).

The data on this immigrant Poston ancestor may then be summarized:

John¹ Poston

b. 1686, in or near Shrewsbury, Shropshire; England
Arrived Charles County, Maryland, 1703

d. 1744, Charles County, Md. (will probated
May 24, 1744)

Susanna _____

Residence: Charles County, Md.

Occupation: "Planter" (will)

Children (born Charles County, Md.; order
uncertain, and from will):

- 2
- i John, about 1712
 - ii Thomas
 - iii Francis
 - iv WILLIAM (page 11)
 - v Edward
 - vi Jeremiah
 - vii Mary
 - viii Susanna
 - ix Rebecca
 - x Charity

~~xi Jeremiah~~

The sons of John¹ began to leave Maryland after their father's death.

John² Poston married Priscilla _____. In 1745 a year after John¹ died, John² and Priscilla sold their one-third share of Poverty plantation to one Priscilla Briscoe, spinster. They had already moved north into Prince George County, where there are countless references to their family for another hundred years.

In 1750 John² moved into Fairfax County, Va., and bought 328 acres from Catesby Cocke "on South Branch of the Broad Run of the Potomac . . . for lives of John Poston and Priscilla his wife and John their eldest son." Although John² and his son John³ had moved to North Carolina by 1768 (when John² was one of a hundred citizens who petitioned Governor Tryon for relief from excessive taxation, and where in 1769 both father and son signed a similar petition), one or the other of them continued to pay taxes on the Fairfax County, Va. property until as late as 1802.

Of the children of John² there were four sons: John, James (no info.), Jeremiah (m. Hannah Strump, 1795), and Samuel:

John³ fought in the Revolution in 1779-80, serving from Rowan Co., N.C. He m. Rebecca Baldridge, 1782, Lincoln Co., N.C.; d. 1819, with Rebecca dying 1851. They had 11 ch., b. 1782-1809, only 3 of which were sons: Robert, John, and William.

Samuel³ moved with his father and brother John to North Carolina; m. Rachel King, 1780, Lincoln Co., N.C.; of 4 or more ch. had 2 sons - William and John; d. after 1819, with Rachel dying in 1847 (will names many grandchildren).

At least the two foregoing sons of John² planted a large stock of Postons in the Carolinas. In addition, other branches of the family came down from the north. In South Carolina there is a village named Poston: the country around it is said to be swarming with Postons. There is also a Poston village in tidewater Virginia, and another near Athens, Ohio.

Of Thomas² Poston nothing is known but that he made his mark on the inventory of his father's estate in 1744.

Francis² Poston moved prior 1748 into Prince George County, served from there as a private in the Revolution, m. probably twice, (1) unknown (by whom he had 3 ch.) and (2) Sarah _____, 1750, in Charles County, Md., moved into Fairfax County, Va., in 1750 or 1751, later owned other land in Loudon County, Va., where he d. 1777. Francis² is the grandfather of the Elias B. Poston (1786-1867) whose descendants are covered in a genealogy published (1942) by Elias Olan James and Glenna James Mosgrove.

Edward² Poston was not yet 18 at the time of his father's will in 1739, lived all of his life in Charles County, m. Mary _____, and named 6 ch. in his will (1790): Tabitha, Mary Anne, Susann, Solomon, Benjamin, and Bartholomew. Two of his sons continued to live in

Charles County: Solomon is listed in the 1790 census as having 3 sons and 2 daus.; Bartholomew witnessed the will of Rev. Hatch Dent in 1799.

Jeremiah² Poston. A Captain Jeremiah Poston saw service in the Revolution from North Carolina, and may be either this Jeremiah or the son of John² by the same name. A Jeremiah Poston is listed in the 1790 census from Caswell County, N.C.

WILLIAM² POSTON

2 WILLIAM² POSTON, the 4th son of John¹ the immigrant, was born in Charles County, Maryland about 1721, and must have had some particular ability as well as favor in his family, for his father, in naming executors of his will (dated 1774) skipped over William's three older brothers and designated William, along with William's mother, as co-executors of his estate. John the immigrant expected this favored son, William², to take care of his mother, Susanna, for Susanna received under the will a life estate in Goodwill Plantation, with the property to pass to William upon his mother's death. William then continued to reside on and farm (with 14 slaves, according to the census of 1790) Goodwill plantation, with his mother living on there until her death. William married, prior to 1745, Priscilla, whose last name was probably Noe, but there exists some substantiation that she was a Cheshire.

William², with his 4 sons, saw service in the American Revolution, but William only for a short time as he died in 1777, whereas the revolution continued on for four more years, to 1781.

After William's death on March 9, 1777, Priscilla had a re-survey made of Goodwill Plantation and of an adjoining tract called "William Enlarged," containing 253 1/2 acres, and she secured a patent (a clearer title) to this land.

By all indications William not only prospered but was an able man. He was an active Episcopalian, a vestryman in the nearby Trinity Church, where his name appears often between 1756 (when he is listed as a tither of Trinity [Durham] Parish and 1791 [when he subscribed toward the rebuilding of Durham Parish]) [Charles County, Maryland Records, compiled by District of Columbia Genealogical Records Committee of D.A.R., in D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.], and a trustee of Charlotte Hall School (see below), near the Chapel of which he and Priscilla are buried.

The 8 children of William² and Priscilla Poston were

<u>Children</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Date</u>
Jeremiah 1745-1797		
Elias 1747-1800/1	Rebecca Cheshire	1777
Alexander 1750-		
Richard 1752-	Ann Campbell	
Catherine 1755-1773	Capt. Hezekiah Dent	1769
Judith 1758-1814	Rev. Hatch Dent	1778
Ann) 1760-	Thomas Matthews	1780
) twins		
3 WILLIAM) 1760-1848	Sarah Hamill	1783

Priscilla's will, entered for probate in Charles County on February 14, 1797, mentions Elias, Richard, William, the children of Jeremiah (who had died very shortly before his mother), and Judith Dent and Ann Matthews. It is inferred that Catherine died without issue. The omission of Alexander is a problem. Elias and William were the co-executors of their mother's will.

Jeremiah³ Poston (1745-1797) settled in Caswell County, N.C., and was for several years surveyor of that county. "His death was hastened by a fall."

Elias³ Poston (1747-1800/1), known as "Elias of Romney," was quite the most famous Poston of the third generation. Born in Charles County, Maryland, he married

Rebecca Cheshire, 1777, and had a very distinguished record in the Revolution, reaching the rank of Colonel; established himself in Romney, Hampshire County, Virginia (which went with West Virginia at the separation in the Civil War), and became a notable leader in Virginia affairs in the period beginning with the Articles of Confederation. He had 12 children (Samuel, Alexander, William, Richard, Elias, John, Ashford, Delilah, Nancy, Rebecca, Catherine, and Mary) who established large families in Ohio and Indiana.

Alexander³ Poston (b. 1750) also lived in Romney, Va. He is said to have married three times. By having 20 children he established himself as a regular Poston, in honorable standing.

Richard³ Poston (b. 1752) "received a good education which he improved by contact with men of education and talents." He was employed by some landholders in Alexandria, Virginia to settle and improve lands on the Kanawha River, but was driven off by Indians during the Revolutionary War. As he was returning through Washington County, he met and married Ann Campbell, a sister of Gen. William Campbell, the Commander of the American Militia at King's Mountain. He settled in Washington County, where he was highly respected.

Judith³ Poston married the Rev. Hatch Dent, from an old and honored family in King and Queen Parish, the home neighborhood of the Postons. The town of Dentsville, nearby, is named for the family. The Rev. Hatch Dent established at Charlotte Hall in 1774 a private school for boys, Charlotte Hall School (Military Academy). Judith and Hatch Dent, along with William² and Priscilla Poston, are buried near the Chapel of the school. In his will Dent names six daughters and a son. Their descendants are legion in Maryland to this day. This family set a high mark for education among the Postons of this period.

CHAPTER 3

THE SIR JAMES HOLMES - BALDRIDGE - POSTON FANTASY

The Holmes-Poston tradition ever recurs to plague anyone who seeks out the earliest Poston generations in this country. It is nurtured and repeated by successive generations because it carries entwined in it the aura of a vast unclaimed English fortune, elopement, and South Sea Island investment. Every branch of the Poston family reports the traditional story. The details in each version conflict. Through it all, however, it remains solely a family tradition, unsupported by the confirmation requisite before any tradition may be considered fact.

This much is known. A Sir James Holmes was a well known merchant and trader of Belfast, Ireland about 1700. His fleet of ships traded extensively with Maryland and the other colonies. His will (and reams have been written questioning its validity), probated in 1727 in Belfast, mentions four children: Thomas, Charles, William, and Jeanette.

The eye-opener in the Holmes will (1727) is:

"Impremis: To my daughter Jeanette Two Hundred Thousand pounds [\$560,000.00] from the funds in trust for herself, and bodily heirs; also all interest in the dividend of the South Sea Island Company, capital Two Hundred Million pounds; also her beloved Mother's legacy in full and without deduction."

Family tradition was that the immigrant John Poston married Jeanette Holmes. But John Poston named Susanna as his wife in his will (1739). The tradition was then passed down that Susanna was the daughter of Jeanette Holmes. Sir James' bequest to Jeanette "and bodily heirs" accordingly assumed highly interesting possibilities. Had her American descendants been deprived of their

rightful inheritance? Temperatures rose. But entitlement to the fortune was dependent upon proof of lineage.

A portion of the lineage appeared to be:

William Baldrige

- b. 1689, Ulster, Ireland (son of Richard Baldrige of County Tyrone)
- d. November 22, 1772, Little Britain Twp. Lancaster County, Pa. (will dated January 9, 1767, probated January 4, 1773)
- m. Janette (Janet) Holmes, June 16, 1714, County Tyrone, Ireland (dau. of James Holmes (d.1727) who m. Margaret Jennings "and through her the Baldrigues and Postons in America claim a portion of the celebrated Jennings Estate."
 - b. bapt. July 2, 1694, County Down, Ireland
 - d. July 28, 1768, Lancaster, Pa.

Occupation: ". . . a daughter of Sir James Holmes, Governor of Belfast, Ireland married William Baldrige, a Welsh merchant tailor, against the wishes of her parents. Finding them obdurate, the young couple came to America and settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania." Beers, History of Armstrong County, Pa., 513.

Emigration: "William Baldrige and Janette and family came to America in the ship 'Queen Margaret' in or about the year 1745 (1726 in Henry Earle Riggs, Our Pioneer Ancestors [1942], pp.73-76) and landed at Philadelphia. Their family consisted of 3 sons and 3 daughters, some of whom were married and had families." (Wm. Henry Egle, Notes and Queries, Fourth Series, Vol. II, 1895, pp. 49-52)

Children: (From Egle and Riggs)

- i John Baldridge
 - b. 1715
 - m. Rebecca Clark, Coleraine, Londonderry, Ireland who m. (2) Aaron Boggs and moved to Rutherford Co., N.C.
 - d. July 31, 1766, Martic Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.
Children: Margaret, John, Alexander, Thomas, Ar Joseph, Rebecca (perhaps more).
- ii Alexander Baldridge
 - b. 1717, Lancaster Co., Pa.
 - d. March 12, 1805, Lincoln Co., N.C.
 - m. Nov. 12, 1745 Jane Ramsay
- iii Margaret Baldridge
 - b. 1719
 - d. prior 1767 (date of father's will)
 - m. John Poston "and left issue"
- iv Janet Baldridge
 - b. 1721
 - d. before 1767
 - m. Mathew Achison, whose son John Achison is bequeathed a college education in a codicil to will of William Baldridge
- v Elizabeth Baldridge
 - b. 1723
 - m. John Brownlee, and lived in Westmoreland Co., Pa. (Egle gives John Brownlee as second husband of Margaret Baldridge Poston)
- vi Michael Baldridge
 - b. 1725
 - m. Mabel Wilson, in Tennessee

Another version of the family tradition is that William Baldrige and Jeanette Holmes Baldrige had only three children: John, Margaret, and a middle child (unnamed) between the two.

Could John¹ Poston have had two wives, the first being Margaret Baldrige and the second being the Susanna named in his 1739 will? If William Baldrige married in 1714, Margaret Baldrige was born about 1720. John's fourth son, William² Poston, must have been of age (18 years in those days) when his father named him as co-executor of his will in 1739. But William² had three older brothers, so the eldest son of John¹ was born about 1716 - too early to have Margaret Baldrige as his mother.

Could the wife of John¹ Poston have been Susanna Baldrige, the unnamed second Baldrige child? She was too young to have been the mother of all of John¹ Poston's four sons, so she would have to be the second wife of John. But the Baldrige-Holmes tradition has been handed down most often by descendants of the older sons of John, so Miss Baldrige by deduction must have been the mother of the older sons. This was impossible because of her age.

Any tradition, if it is to assume genealogical verity, must have some truth in it, when tested. None of the variant versions of the Holmes-Baldrige legend has been found to have any truth in it, when tested. But the Baldriges definitely fit into the Poston family. Besides the above reputed marriage of John Poston (of Lancaster, Pa.) to Margaret Baldrige, there is the marriage of a John Poston to Rebecca Baldrige in 1782, in North Carolina (p. 10). A John Henry Poston (of Civil War vintage) married a Matilda Baldrige. Three Baldrige women marrying three Poston men; too many for mere coincidence.

The lure of the Holmes fortune, awaiting only proof of lineage from "the bodily heirs" of Jeanette Holmes, was great. The Baldrige Investigating Co. was organized about

1890; counsel was employed; several trips to England were made. But the tradition remained just a tradition. The lineage was too tenuous to support any claim to the Holmes fortune. The hunting expedition failed. One result was the injection of a new tradition, by Judge John Poston of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, that the immigrant's ancestors, "the London Postons, came from a Venetian count who dropped the 'i' from his name 'Postoni' in order to anglicize it," and that "John Poston emigrated to St. Mary's County, Maryland early in the 18th century from London, of which City or the vicinity he was a native. His wife was Annette, daughter of Sir David Holmes."

The final disappointment is that Sir James Holmes failed to mention in his will, due probably to embarrassment over his lack of investment acumen, that the South Sea Company, that fabulous bubble formed to exploit the natural resources of the English possessions in the South Pacific and South America, failed in 1721, six years before his 1727 will. His investment in that fiasco was worthless at the time he drew his will!

CHAPTER 4

WESTWARD MIGRATION

3 WILLIAM³ POSTON¹ (born October 6, 1760, Charles County, Maryland [Charles County, Maryland Records, p. 63, compiled by District of Columbia Genealogical Records Committee of D.A.R., and in D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.]) was with Ann, his twin, the youngest of eight children, and was raised on the original Goodwill Plantation (Charles County, Maryland) of his grandfather, the immigrant.

When he was 18 years old William³ Poston fought in the American Revolution. He is listed as "No. 381 - William Poston" in an enumeration of Capt. Clarkson's Company, of Charles County Militia for the year 1778 (as William² Poston died March 9, 1777 there is no possibility of this record being that of William²) found in Hodges, Unpublished Revolutionary War Records 2:244-245 (D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.)

William³ married Sarah Hamill (daughter of Stephen [Steven] Hamill, who had emigrated from Scotland to St. Mary's County, Maryland, see Chapter 20) on August 27, 1783 ("Charles County Marriages by Inference" in Charles Co., Records, op.cit., giving "Sarah Hammel m. William Poslyn") They settled on a farm in Charles County, which had descended to her, near the "Hill Top." Sarah "for almost every quality calculated to adorn the female character, had few equals. It has always been her endeavor to impress upon the minds of her children sentiments of virtue and honor, and an abhorrence of anything mean." (Manuscript notes - first entry in 1822 - of John Hamill⁴ Poston in family bible; destroyed 1921)

Tales of the easy land, providence, and wealth which came from these western lands were by this time drifting back to the tidewater area. William heard these tales. He listened intently to them. In 1769 Daniel Boone had found

and passed through the Cumberland Gap and blazed out the Wilderness Road. No less than 70,000 emigrants moved through this gap and over this road during the 15 years between 1774 and 1790, the first of them in violation of the 1763 Parliamentary prohibition against colonization west of the Allegheny Mountains. It was these people who became the settlers, owners, and directors of the life and policies of the Mississippi Valley. He weighed the comparative security of the tidewater area against the greater rewards but more difficult life in the rough, mountainous, dangerous lands to the west. After mature consideration of all factors involved, he determined to join the trek westward, and moved in 1794 into Washington County, Virginia, in the southwestern corner of the state.

William³ Poston acquired land, after 1794, in Washington County, Virginia, near the North Fork of the Holston River, in that portion of Washington County which, in ~~1823~~¹⁸³¹ became Smyth County, and died there in April, ~~1832~~¹⁸³³. His son said of him that "he had a good education, possessed considerable talent, and extensive information. He has always been an affectionate parent and has educated his children much better than was usual with persons of his property." Sarah Hamill Poston continued to live at the family residence for 18 more years, until her death in April, 1841. William³ Poston, his wife, and "their youngest child, Narcissa, who died in infancy, are buried at the old family residence in Smyth County, Virginia now [1842] owned by Theodore F. Pearson [who m. Matilda, dau. of William³]." (Manuscript notes, above, of John Hamill⁴ Poston)

The will (dated November 17, 1821) of William³ Poston was admitted to probate in Washington County, Virginia after his death in April 1823 and named the following children.

CHAPTER 5

JOHN HAMILL POSTON

4 JOHN HAMILL⁴POSTON (William³, William², John¹), born in Charles County, Maryland, on April 15, 1786, grew up in Washington County, Virginia.

One of the purest salt deposits known in this country (175 feet thick) is in the extreme southwestern corner of Virginia, underlying hundreds of acres of a peaceful valley. Long before the Wilderness Road was blazed by Daniel Boone the Indians knew of the salt and the valley became a salt lick for buffalo, elk, and deer from far and near. In 1753 a patent was first granted to 330 acres in the valley, at an area that later became known as Saltville. At that time a third of the land in this area was covered by water (until 1847, when a channel was made to the North Fork of the Holston River and the entire valley drained). Wells were bored at intervals from 1773 to 1854, the most important of which were known as King's and Preston's Wells. In those days salt was even more vital to life and health than it is today. Facilities for modern canning and refrigeration did not exist. Salt was the only means available for preserving most foods. So extensive and important were the salt wells at Saltville that they were the chief supply of salt to the Confederate States during the Civil War. The area was highly fortified during that conflict, and the subject of a bitter encounter during the latter part of the war.

William King, an Irish immigrant, had located in the Saltville area (then entirely in Washington County but now [after the creation of Smyth County in 1832, from Washington County] straddling the counties of Washington and Smyth) and controlled many of the salt wells (since 1895 an important part of the holdings of the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation). John Hamill⁴ Poston never received any monetary aid from his father, so was entirely dependent upon his own industry and exertions (Manuscript notes, above). He had

been working for William King at the Salt Works, and had merited his employer's confidence in his business ability. With the encouragement of King, in 1805, at 19 years of age, he left the Salt Works, taking with him a stock of mercantile goods furnished by William King, to Clarksville, where he started in business under a copartnership arrangement with King. Shortly after John Hamill Poston's marriage three years later (to Nancy Lowthing Nelson, see Chapter 21), the partnership was dissolved, and William King died a short time afterwards. The kindness and friendship always exhibited by King had, however, so won the gratitude and appreciation of John Hamill Poston that he named one of his sons - William King Poston - after him.

Here was a true pioneer - born in Maryland, raised in Virginia, and settled for the balance of his life, in Tennessee. Ever a westward eye until the promised land, where life was not so rugged and strenuous, was eventually found; then contentment for life.

The area in which Clarksville lay was attempting to absorb the influx of settlers which was flowing so rapidly to it. It was a period of rapid growth, and John Hamill Poston took full advantage of the opportunity. His industry was such that he soon acquired a plantation of 2,000 acres, worked by over 200 negroes, off the Cumberland River and alongside the Red River and the West Fork, much of it in rich river-bottom land. He built a large, three story colonial brick house on an eminence overlooking the whole plantation, just above a beautiful hillside covered with large oaks and beeches. From the lower part of this hillside flowed a great spring, one of the largest in that part of Tennessee, known as Poston's Spring. During the winters the large Poston family would leave the plantation and move into their stately colonial stone house in the heart of Charleston.

John Hamill⁴ Poston obviously believed that Genesis 9.1 was a personal mandate. The birth of his 13 children covered a span of 23 years, between 1809 and 1832. These children gradually left Clarksville to reside in other parts of Tennessee and in Kentucky, California, and the

District of Columbia. Of these 13 children only one - William King Poston (15) - followed the biblical mandate. Two sons, Alexander Poston (6) with 8 children, and Franklin Poston (68) with 6 children, must have been disappointments to any parental pride in progeny. The present generations of the family would pass unnoticed, so disappointing has their progeny record been. The only living (1959) descendants of John Hamill Poston who can carry on the family surname are the three sons of Frank Huling Poston, Jr. (71).

The economic conditions which prevailed in Tennessee during the Reconstruction Days following the Civil War resulted in the loss of the Poston Plantation, and the members of the Poston family then in Clarksville accordingly removed to various other areas. The stately plantation home fell into disrepair (see 1939 picture), and was being used as a cooperative housing unit by nine negro families in 1938, when the plantation property was purchased by the B. F. Goodrich Company for the erection of a large rubber products plant on the site. Poston's Spring, by then just a sink hole, was concreted over for part of the plant site. The plantation home was razed for an employee parking lot, after being used as a construction office during the building (1939) of the present factory. Only Poston Street, which leads to the plant, remains to commemorate the location of the family plantation.

4 JOHN HAMILL⁴ POSTON

b. April 15, 1786, Charles County, Md.

d. Oct. 2, 1848, Clarksville, Tenn. (Will prob. 1848 at Clarksville)

m. Nancy Lowthing Nelson, Mar. 13, 1808, Clarksville, Tenn.

b. May 27, 1792, Montgomery Co., Tenn.

d. Apr. 1, 1867, Clarksville, Tenn.

Residence: Clarksville, Tenn.

Occupation: Planter, pioneer merchant of Clarksville,
President of Bank of Tennessee

Children (born at Clarksville, Tenn.):

- i William Poston
 - b. Jan. 10, 1809
 - d. Apr. 30, 1818, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 5 ii Robert Nelson Poston, Mar. 2, 1811
- iii J(ohn) Hamill Poston, Jr.
 - b. Sept. 30, 1812
 - d. Aug. 20, 1840, Bon Air Springs, nr. Sparta, Tenn.
- 6 iv Alexander Hamilton Poston, Sept. 26, 1814 (p. 33)
- 14 v Richard Poston, Jan. 15, 1816
- vi Elizabeth ("Eliza") Nelson Poston
 - b. Oct. 4, 1817
 - d.s.p. 1880/1
 - m. Dr. Zachariah M. Taylor, June 20, 1844
 - b. 1816 (per 1850 census)
 - Residence: Clarksville, Tenn.
 - Husband's occupation: Methodist minister
- 15 vii William King Poston, Sept. 19, 1819 (p. 33)
- 64 viii George Nelson Poston, Sept. 8, 1821
- 65 ix Adeline Nelson Poston, Nov. 14, 1823
- x Catherine Louisa Poston
 - b. Jan. 11, 1826
 - d. Sept. 3, 1843, reportedly on a burning boat in the Mississippi River
- xi Hugh Nelson Poston
 - b. Feb. 16, 1828
 - d. Feb. 24, 1830, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 66 xii Hugh Hamill Poston, Mar. 5, 1830 (p. 59)
- 68 xiii Benjamin Franklin Poston, Apr. 20, 1832 (p. 60)

- 5 ROBERT NELSON⁵ POSTON
 - b. Mar. 2, 1811, Clarksville, Tenn.
 - d. Jan. 3, 1861
 - m. Manon (Marian) E. Sullivan, Aug. 19, 1834, Todd Co., Ky.
 - d. prior 1850 census
 - Residence: Clarksville, Tenn.
 - Occupation: Farmer

Children (born at Clarksville, Tenn.):

- i John Hamill Poston, June 30, 1837; d.s.p.
- ii McC. B. Poston, 1839 (Is this the Kate Poston who, as "one of the Clarksville Postons" was unm., and in a Mass. nursing home in 1921?)
- iii N. L. (perhaps Nancy Lowthing) Poston, 1841 (per 1850 census); d.s.p.

14 RICHARD⁵ POSTON

b. Jan. 15, 1816, Clarksville, Tenn.

d. Calif. prob. prior Jan. 1856 (when wife established girls' Seminary)

m. Eugenia Carnelia Murrell (Murrill), May 7, 1844

b. June 27, 1827 Charleston, S.C.

d. Dec. 25, 1907, San Francisco, Calif.

Removed to Oakland or San Francisco, Calif., with George Nelson Poston (64), after 1850 (when shown in Clarksville, Tenn. census) and prior to Jan., 1856 when Eugenia started near Sutter Buttes (now Sutter City), Calif. the girls' Seminary (removed in 1873 to Oakland, bet. Tenth and Eleventh on Oak St.) where "The pupils form no acquaintance except by the consent of the principal, and they mingle in society only under her supervision" (W.W.Ferrier, Ninety Years of Education in California (1937) p. 132-3) and for which she is so revered as a pioneer California educator. Beg. 1882 Eugenia spent 7 yrs. traveling in Scotland, France, Spain, and Italy.

Occupation: Lawyer

Children (born at Clarksville, Tenn.):

- i Boyce M. Poston, 1846
- ii George A. Poston, 1848
- iii Richard Poston, Jr.
 - b. abt. 1851
 - d. May, 1869, Oakland, Calif.
 - Unm.
- iv John Murrell Poston
 - b. abt. 1852
 - d. May 11, 1909, Oakland, Calif.
 - Residence: Oakland, Calif.
 - Occupation: Lawyer
 - Believed to be unmarried

64 GEORGE NELSON⁵ POSTON

- b. Sept. 8, 1821, Clarksville, Tenn.
- d. 1872, Calif.
- m. Elizabeth ("Eliza") E. Murrell, Feb. 15, 1848
Shelby Co., Tenn.
- Residence: Rem. Tenn. to Calif. (with Richard
Poston (14)), shortly after marriage

Children (thought to have been 4):

- i Amanda M. Poston
 - b. Nov. 30, 1848

65 ADELINE NELSON⁵ POSTON

- b. Nov. 14, 1823, Clarksville, Tenn.
- d. Jan. 23, 1847
- m. John F. Coutts, Nov. 17, 1842
 - b. 1819 (per 1850 census)

Children (born at Clarksville, Tenn.)

- i. Poston Coutts, 1844 (per 1850 census) [nothing further known]
 - "Among leading businessmen present at the [civic] meeting [on February 7, 1870, at Clarksville] were Poston Coutts and Hugh F. Bell." (History of Clarksville)
- ii Catherine Adeline (Adeline C. in 1850 census) Coutts
 - b. 1847 (per 1850 census)
 - d. May 27, 1865

CHAPTER

THE ALEXANDER HAMILTON POSTON LINE

6 ALEXANDER HAMILTON⁵ POSTON (John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born on September 26, 1814 at Clarksville, Tennessee and died March 2, 1864 at Cadiz, Kentucky. He married (1) Adeline Tennessee Bosley, on August 15, 1837 in Davidson County, Tennessee, by whom he had four children. She was born on December 24, 1817 in Davidson County and died November 20, 1846 at Cadiz, Kentucky. Two years later (October 24, 1848) he married (2) Mary Dinwiddie Carson in Trigg County, Kentucky, by whom he had four more children. She was born on July 17, 1821 in Butler County, Kentucky, and died on March 19, 1864 at Cadiz, Kentucky.

He was a dry goods merchant in Cadiz, Kentucky, and the progenitor of descendants still living in that area.

Children:

By (1):

- i James Bosley Poston
 - b. Sept. 14, 1838, Davidson Co., Tenn.
 - d. Dec. 11, 1847, Cadiz, Ky.
- ii J(ohn) Hamill Poston
 - b. Dec. 21, 1840, Cadiz, Ky.
 - d. abt. 1866, La., of yellow fever (Engaged to Alletta Johnson, sis. of William Schenck Johnson [see 7] at time of death)
- iii Alexander Hamilton Poston, Jr.
 - b. Sept. 27, 1842, Cadiz, Ky.
 - d. Apr. 13, 1844, Cadiz, Ky.
- iv Alexander Bosley Poston
 - b. Sept. 25, 1844, Cadiz, Ky.
 - d. Feb. 14, 1862, Battle of Ft. Donelson (Tenn.)
A Cadiz, Ky. chapter of United Daughters of Confederacy was named after him.

By (2):

- v M(ary) Adeline Poston
 - b. Nov. 15, 1849, Cadiz, Ky.
 - d.s.p. Oct. 22, 1890, Marion, Ky.
 - m. Thomas C. Carter
 - b. Crittenden Co., Ky.
 - d. Marion, Ky.
 - Residence: Marion, Ky.
 - Husband's occupation: Baptist minister
- vi William Carson Poston
 - b. Mar. 22, 1851, Cadiz, Ky.
 - d. Aug. 23, 1852, Cadiz, Ky.
- 7 vii Bettie Ann Poston, Feb. 6, 1854
- 11 viii Kate Buckner Poston, May 2, 1862

7 BETTIE ANN⁷POSTON

- b. Feb. 6, 1854, Cadiz, Ky.
- d. Feb. 8, 1923, Boulder, Colo.
- m. William Schenck Johnson, 1873, Cadiz, Ky.
 - b. Aug. 27, about 1842, Franklin, Ohio
 - d. abt. 1882, Memphis, Tenn.
- Residence: Texas, then Memphis, Tenn.
- Husband's occupation: Presbyterian minister

Children:

- i Margaret ("Daisy") Lee Johnson
 - b. Nov. 13, 1874, Waxahachie, Tex.
 - d. Nov. 9, 1958, Boulder, Colo.
 - Residence: Boulder, Colo.
 - Occupation: Doctor
 - Unmarried
- ii Ernest Cumming Johnson
 - b. Apr. 2, 1876, Waxahachie, Tex.
 - d. Aug. 1904, Grand Junction, Colo.
 - (bur. Aug. 20, 1904, Memphis, Tenn.)
 - Unmarried
- 3 iii Mary Alletta Johnson, Dec. 24, 1878
- iv Grace Johnson
 - b. Oct. 18, 1880, Gainesville, Tex.
 - Residence: 1837 22nd St., Boulder, Colo.
 - Occupation: Teacher
 - Unmarried

8 MARY ALLETTA⁷ JOHNSON

b. Dec. 24, 1873, Waxahachie, Tex.
m. Hugh Brown Mark, May 1, 1916, Denver, Colo.
b. Sept. 25, 1887, Coulterville, Ill.
d. July 3, 1934, Boulder, Colo.
Residence: Boulder, Colo.
Husband's occupation: Hotel manager

Children (born at Boulder, Colo.):

- 9 i William Johnson Mark, Mar. 16, 1917
- 10 ii Elizabeth Nisbet Mark, July 12, 1919

9 WILLIAM JOHNSON⁸ MARK

b. Mar. 16, 1917, Boulder, Colo.
m. Lucile Larson, June 27, 1941, Minneapolis, Minn.
b. Dec. 28, 1920, Minneapolis, Minn.
Residence: 1382 South Edison Way, Denver, Colo.
Occupation: Salesman

Children:

- i Barbara Ann Mark, Jan. 27, 1943, Little Rock, Ark.
- ii Peggy Dianne Mark, Jan. 19, 1944, Minneapolis, Minn.
- iii William Johnson Mark, Jr., May 21, 1950, Denver, Colo.

10 ELIZABETH NISBET⁸ MARK

b. July 12, 1919, Boulder, Colo.
m. Neil Stillwell Mincer, Aug. 28, 1941, Boulder, Colo.
b. Feb. 5, 1916, Russell, Kans.
Residence: Glenwood Springs, Colo.
Husband's occupation: Lawyer

Children:

- i Lawrence Mark Mincer, Jan. 29, 1944, San Antonio, Tex.
- ii Steven William Mincer, Feb. 11, 1946, Denver, Colo.
- iii Phyllis Ann Mincer, Nov. 3, 1948, Glenwood Springs, Colo.
- iv Kent Douglas Mincer, Jan. 5, 1954, Glenwood Springs, Colo.

11 KATE BUCKNER⁶POSTON

b. May 2, 1862, Cadiz, Ky.

d. July 23, 1913, Marion, Ky.

m. Belus Linley Wilborn, Apr. 28, 1887, Crittenden Co., Ky.

b. Dec. 9, 1856, Crittenden Co., Ky.

d. Apr. 1, 1939, Sturgis, Ky.

Residence: Marion, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Tobacco buyer

Children:

i Mary Lou Wilborn

b. Jan. 21, 1889, Crittenden Co., Ky.

m. Henry Lee Patton, July 15, 1920, Louisville, Ky.

b. May 14, 1878, Elizabethtown, Ky.

d. Feb. 6, 1938, Horse Cave, Ky.

Residence: Horse Cave, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Farmer

No children

12 ii Allie Poston Wilborn, Aug. 20, 1890

iii Charles Edwin Wilborn

b. May 17, 1894, Marion, Ky.

d. May 13, 1894, Marion, Ky.

iv Martha Wilborn

b. Aug. 2, 1895, Marion, Ky.

d. Sept. 11, 1954, Sturgis, Ky.

m. Thomas Carter Montgomery, Nov. 7, 1922,
Evansville, Ind.

b. Aug. 29, 1889, Webster Co., Ky.

Residence: 911 Washington St., Sturgis, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Carpenter

No children

12 ALLIE POSTON⁷WILBORN

b. Aug. 20, 1890, Crittenden Co., Ky.

m. H(oratio) Frank Alloway, Apr. 25, 1918, Louisville, Ky.

b. Feb. 5, 1859, Union Co., Ky.

d. July 31, 1943, Sturgis, Ky.

Occupation: Schoolteacher

Husband's occupation: Lumberman

Residence: 902 Washington St., Sturgis, Ky.

Children:

13 i Frank Wilborn Alloway, Sept. 17, 1926, Knox Co., Ky.
(adopted)

13 FRANK WILBORN⁸ ALLOWAY

b. Sept. 17, 1926, Knox Co., Ky. (adopted)

m. Lucrecia Ann McClellan, Dec. 15, 1956, Sour Lake, Tex

b. June 16, 1932, Leesburg, Fla.

Residence: Lancaster, Ohio

Occupation: Salesman

CHAPTER 7

THE WILLIAM KING POSTON LINE

15 WILLIAM KING⁵ POSTON (John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born in Montgomery County, Tennessee, near Clarksville, on September 19, 1819. He was named by his father for William King, the "native of Ireland and merchant by profession, [who] took the oath of fidelity in August 1794 and afterwards became one of the wealthiest and most influential men who ever lived in this [Smyth] county." (History of Southwest Virginia, 1746-1786, Summers, 443-444). It was for William King that John Hamill⁴ Poston had worked at the Salt Works, in Smyth County, Virginia, and who had encouraged him to undertake the westward trek into Tennessee and settle at Clarksville. It was in gratitude for this advice that John H. Poston named his fifth son after the man for whom he held so much admiration.

William King Poston received the best education possible in a growing community such as Clarksville. He was a good student and a born extrovert. His power of persuasion and love of oratory gave him a leaning toward the practice of law. At twenty years of age, in 1839, he resolved to go to Memphis, then in a period of rapid growth, to read for the bar. It was shortly after his admission to the practice of law that he met and fell in love with Mary Letitia Park who was born at Hopkinsville, Kentucky on March 17, 1823, and had moved to Memphis with her parents on December 31, 1840 (obituary). They were married on April 13, 1843 at Memphis and had the thirteen children whose descendants now (1959) comprise the majority of those mentioned in this volume.

William K. Poston was one of "the earliest at the Memphis bar, he grew up with it and with the city, and contributed much to the best of both." (Bench and Bar of Shelby County, Capt. L. B. McFarland) "The noblest record Mr. Poston has left is to be found in his career in this city [Memphis] during its occupation by military authority [during the Civil War] . . . He used his great influence, but without avail, to stop the spread of secession. In June, 1861, when Tennessee was voting for the second time for separation, the city of

Memphis was in the hands of a Vigilance Committee. With despotic power they had passed a resolution that every voter should vote a red ticket [for secession]. With sublime courage and at he knew not what risk" he openly and vigorously opposed this attempt to limit the right of free suffrage. "He loved the Union and prayed it might continue, but when the war broke out and he saw that the North was intent on crushing the South, he gave his two oldest sons to her cause, and later on sent his third son to battle for her defense." (William K. Poston, A Tribute to One of the Earliest Attorneys in Memphis, John H. Lenow in Memphis Commercial Appeal, January 5, 1901)

Although at the time of his death his firm enjoyed the largest practice of any firm in the state (obituary), he had but little taste or love for criminal practice. In the early 1850s he was appointed by the court to defend a 19 year old youth - one Peterson - indicted for the murder of Merriweather. With no hope of reward he undertook, as was his professional duty, the defense of the poor and friendless boy, and made a magnificent defense. The murder trial became very celebrated not only in the South, but throughout the United States. No more pathetic story was ever told than that of the murder of Merriweather. He was a Mississippian who had come to Memphis on business, riding a fine mare he had raised from a colt. Leaving Memphis on his return homeward he had stopped at an inn a few miles south of the city, where he spent the night. Young Peterson had also stopped there, but left at an early hour, going south. The departure of Merriweather from the inn after breakfast was the last time he was seen alive. His remains were later found by some hunters near the Mississippi border and buried there. Suspicion pointed to Peterson, who was found in Memphis with Merriweather's mare.

Peterson was indicted and placed on trial for murder. Mr. Poston contended that if a crime had been committed it had occurred in Mississippi, and that the defendant could not be tried for murder in the Tennessee courts. The prosecution contended that the crime had occurred in Tennessee, and to prove their contention introduced witnesses to testify that Merriweather's faithful horse, on nearing the spot where her master had been murdered, showed manifestations of grief almost human, and could hardly be controlled and

led away, and that such emotions were exhibited at a point on the Tennessee side of the state border. The defendant was found to be guilty, and on appeal the Supreme Court sustained the right to introduce the maneuvers of an animal, founded on instinct, to prove the location of the commission of a murder.

Peterson was sentenced to be hanged. Still believing him to be innocent, Mr. Poston prevailed upon the Governor of Tennessee to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Several years later while in Nashville W. K. Poston visited young Peterson in the State Penitentiary there. At that time Peterson confessed his guilt. William K. Poston was so disgusted at this confession that there and then he vowed he would never accept another criminal case, and to his dying day he refused any further employment on criminal matters.

After the Civil War William K. Poston succumbed to the pleas of civic leaders of Memphis to run for the state legislature, in an attempt to prevent a wholesale dissipation of the state's resources by the carpetbag rule which threatened the reconstruction of every southern state. He was elected in 1865 without opposition but resigned, with some other legislators, in an effort to break a quorum and prevent the enfranchisement of the negroes, believing it was too soon to grant suffrage, without prior preparation, to the colored race. He was requested to again run for the office, which he did, and was returned by a large majority. When he appeared at the bar of House to be sworn in, he was refused his seat by "the horde of miserable creatures who had possession" [of the House]. This, as evidence of the failure of reconstruction after such a devastating human conflict between brother Americans, served to hasten his death a few months later, on July 7, 1866, at Memphis, when but 46 years old. His widow, "Mollie," survived him to raise their large family, and died, 34 years later, on August 14, 1900 at Memphis, with all of her eleven surviving children at her bedside, and is buried with her husband at Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, where four generations of Postons lie interred. For the ancestry and collateral lineage of Mary ("Mollie") Letitia Park Poston, see A Park Family Genealogy (Colin James, 1960).

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.) (Some data from Family Bible, "Into this volume I have transcribed with my own hand my family record, Wm. K. Poston, January 1st, 1856," now (1959) owned by Margaret Poston Thomas (Granberry) [61], Grenada, Miss.):

- 16 i David Hamill Poston, Feb. 9, 1844 (p.38)
- 18 ii W(illiam) King Poston, Jr., Oct. 2, 1845 (p.40)
- 22 iii James Barron Poston, Feb. 15, 1847
- iv Annie Nelson Poston
 b. Sept. 23, 1848
 d. Nov. 2, 1860, Memphis, Tenn.
- 23 v Jennie Barron Poston, Mar. 1, 1850 (p.42)
- 30 vi John Hamill Poston, Sept. 25, 1851 (p.45)
- 41 vii Mary Park (Louise) Poston, Nov. 15, 1853
- 42 viii Kate Eldridge Poston, Sept. 24, 1855 (p.49)
- 46 ix G(eorge) Shall Poston, June 13, 1857 (p.51)
- 54 x Frank Park Poston, Apr. 2, 1859 (p.54)
- 57 xi Annie Nelson Poston, Apr. 5, 1861 (p.56)
- xii Margaret ("Mag") Lula Poston
 b. Oct. 2, 1862
 d.s.p. Jan. 2, 1950, Bolivar, Tenn.
 m. John Edwin Black, June 1, 1893, Memphis, Tenn.
 d. Mar. 9, 1898
 Residence: Memphis, Tenn.
 Husband's occupation: Doctor
- xiii Josephine ("Jo") Hamilton Poston
 b. Apr. 6, 1865
 d. Oct. 15, 1941, Memphis, Tenn.
 Residence: Memphis, Tenn.
 Unmarried

Each of the numbered descendants, above, are covered in separate subsequent chapters except the following:

- 22 JAMES BARRON⁶ POSTON
 b. Feb. 15, 1847, Memphis, Tenn.
 d. Aug. 31, 1908, Denison, Tex.
 m. (1) Catherine ("Kate") Douglas Williams, Dec. 31, 1871
 Memphis, Tenn.
 d. Sept. 2, 1896, Denison, Tex.
 (2) Anna J. Paulin, Feb. 14, 1899, Wytheville, Va.
 d. Mar. 10, 1940, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Residence: Memphis, Tenn. until 1880, then to Denison, Tex.
 Occupation: Manager, Waples-Platter Grocery Co. (Tex.)

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

By (1):

- i Douglas Williams Poston
 - b. Oct. 15, 1874
 - d. May 18, 1878, Memphis, Tenn.
- ii James Barron Poston, Jr.
 - d. Mar. 1882
- iii Kate Williams Poston
 - b. Sept. 14, 1881
 - d. Sept. 19, 1881, Memphis, Tenn.

- 1 MARY PARK⁶ POSTON (Family Bible: Mary Louise Poston)
 - b. Nov. 15, 1853, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. Aug. 26, 1930, Memphis, Tenn.
 - m. Wiley James Littlejohn, Jr., Jan. 22, 1873, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. Feb. 11, 1927, Pasadena, Calif.
 - Residence: Rem. 1876 to St. Joseph, Mo., then to
Pasadena, Calif.
 - Occupation: Insurance

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- i Wiley James Littlejohn III, b. and d. Oct. 1873
- ii Mary Littlejohn, b. and d. Apr. 1875

CHAPTER 8

THE DAVID HAMILL POSTON FAMILY

16 DAVID HAMILL⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) the oldest of thirteen children, was born in Memphis, Tennessee on February 9, 1844. He married (1) Mary Leroy Rives on December 23, 1869, at Memphis. She was born on August 6, 1847 in Marshall County, Mississippi, and died at Greeneville, Tennessee on October 8, 1879. David H. Poston married (2) Flavia L. Phillips on November 10, 1880 at Dyersburg, Tennessee who after her husband's tragic death married (2) Dr. J. W. Hough, on June 8, 1898 at Memphis and moved to Jackson, Mississippi.

Upon his return to Memphis after the Civil War, David H. Poston entered upon the study of law, was admitted to the Tennessee bar in 1866, and entered his father's firm - Humes & Poston - where he was later joined by his brother, Frank P. Poston (54). He successfully prosecuted an action on behalf of the widow of General Gideon J. Pillow, against a Colonel H. Clay King of Kentucky, regarding some real estate transactions in Arkansas. Colonel King, then a highly eccentric attorney in Memphis, had for years borne a grudge over the outcome of this litigation. As David H. Poston was walking to the Memphis courthouse on the morning of March 10, 1891, Colonel King approached him on Main Street, in Memphis, and without forewarning shot him at point blank range, with the victim dying the following day. The ensuing 32-day murder trial was noteworthy in Tennessee legal annals for the legal talent used in both the prosecution and defense of the murderer, and the character of the oratory - which consumed several days - in the final summation of the case. The King family and the Colonel's friends were quite influential. His death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by the governor of Tennessee.

For many years after each succeeding gubernatorial election the Tennessee newspapers devoted pages to conjecture as to the attitude of the incoming governor on the pardoning of Colonel King. Despite such pressure, however, no such pardon was ever granted, and he died in the state penitentiary twelve years after his crime.

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

Ey (1):

- i W(illiam) King Poston
 - b. Sept. 23, 1871, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d.s.p. Feb. 14, 1936, Bolivar, Tenn.
 - m. Muriel Harrell, Sept. 24, 1896, Little Rock, Ark.
 - bur. Mar. 9, 1899, Memphis, Tenn.
 - Residence: Memphis, Tenn. until 1917, then Bolivar, Tenn.
 - Occupation: Lawyer
- ii M(ary) Louise Poston
 - b. July 5, 1873
 - d. Apr. 12, 1896, Memphis, Tenn.
 - Unmarried
- 17 iii A(nna) Rives Poston, June 20, 1876
 - iv D(avid) Hamill Poston, Jr.
 - b. Dec. 20, 1878
 - d. Feb. 8, 1900 (tuberculosis), Thomasville, Ga.

- 17 A(NNA) RIVES⁷POSTON
 - b. June 20, 1876, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. July 6, 1950, Waco, Tex.
 - m. Fred D. Halsey, Nov. 2 [3], 1897, Memphis, Tenn.
 - b. abt. 1863, Tyler, Tex.
 - d. Mar. 12, 1901, Corsicana, Tex.
 - Residence: Waco, Tex.
 - Husband's occupation: Insurance

Children:

- i Fred D. Halsey, Jr.
 - d.y. Tyler, Tex.

CHAPTER 9

THE WILLIAM KING POSTON JR. FAMILY

18 W(ILLIAM) KING⁶ POSTON JR. (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born in Memphis, Tennessee on October 2, 1845 and married Martha ("Mattie") Taliaferro McGehee on January 7, 1874 in Panola County, Mississippi. She was born on June 1, 1843 in Alabama and died in Memphis on January 24, 1894.

After his Civil War service he practiced law in Memphis, Tennessee with his brothers, David H. Poston (16) and Frank P. Poston (54), and was the only one of the three brothers who did not meet a tragic death. He retired from his law firm in 1888 because of poor health and died in Memphis on April 19, 1910.

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- i Hugh Elsberry Poston
 - b. Jan. 26, 1875
 - d. Feb. 4, 1952, Shelby, Miss.
 - m. (1) Signe Foster, Jan. 11, 1922, Seattle, Wash.
 - b. Ostersund, Sweden
 - d. May, 1925, San Francisco, Calif.
 - (2) Mrs. Mary Dodd Ebling Mercer, Sept. 6, 1947, Shelby, Miss.
 - b. June 11, 1891, Germantown, Tenn.
 - Residence: Shelby, Miss.
 - Occupation: Shelby Hotel & Cafe
- ii David McGehee Poston
 - b. Sept. 7, 1876
 - d. Apr. 10, 1890, Memphis, Tenn.
- 19 . iii Emma McGehee Poston, Nov. 24, 1877
- iv Mary Park Poston
 - b. Jan. 2, 1881
 - Residence: 1176 East Moreland, Memphis, Tenn.
 - Occupation: American Red Cross
- v W(illiam) King Poston III
 - b. Jan. 3, 1884
 - d. Jan. 26, 1884, Memphis, Tenn.

19 EMMA McGEHEE⁷ POSTON

b. Nov. 24, 1877, Memphis, Tenn.

m. Thomas Lane Turpin, Apr.30,1902,Memphis, Tenn.

b. Aug. 20, 1871, Crockett Co., Tenn.

d. Feb. 3, 1957, Memphis, Tenn.

Residence: 1150 Eastmoreland St., Memphis, Tenn.

Husband's occupation: Real estate broker

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

20 i Sarah McGehee Turpin, Dec. 22, 1903

ii Emma Poston Turpin

b. Aug. 25, 1908

Residence: 1336 Eastmoreland Ave.,Memphis,Tenn.

Occupation: Librarian, Southern College of
Optometry

20 SARAH McGEHEE⁸ TURPIN

b. Dec. 22, 1903, Memphis, Tenn.

m. Tracy Henry VanBuren, June 29,1929,Kankakee,Ill.(div)

b. Mar. 27, 1902, Sturgis, Mich.

Residence: 1336 Eastmoreland Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Husband's occupation: Chair manufacturer

Children:

i William Poston Van Buren

b. May 18, 1935, Chicago, Ill.

m. Barbara Joan Kresker, Apr.6,1958,Ramsey,N.J.

b. Apr. 3, 1938, Paterson, N.J.

Residence: Springfield, Ohio

Occupation: Student, Wittenberg College

CHAPTER 10

THE JENNIE BARRON POSTON (MAURY) FAMILY

23 JENNIE BARRON⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born on March 1, 1850 at Memphis, Tennessee and died there on October 31, 1929. She married Dr. Richard Brooke Maury, a Memphis physician, on October 10, 1876 at Memphis. He was born February 5, 1834 at Fredericksburg, Virginia and died March 17, 1919 at Memphis. By his first marriage to Jennie Ellett (March 7, 1851 at Port Gibson, Mississippi), who died 1874 at Memphis, he had four children who were also raised by Jennie Maury.

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.)

- 24 i W(illiam) Poston Maury, July 21, 1877
ii Robert Mitchell Maury
b. Dec. 15, 1878
d.s.p. Mar. 3, 1927, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Harriet Marley James, Nov. 6, 1915,
Memphis, Tenn.
Residence: Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation: General insurance
iii Jennie June Maury
b. Jan. 24, 1881
d. Mar. 22, 1890, Memphis, Tenn.

- 24 W(ILLIAM) POSTON⁷ MAURY
b. July 21, 1877, Memphis, Tenn.
m. M(elinda) Elisabeth Falls, Dec. 16, 1911,
Memphis, Tenn.
b. Sept. 11, 1883, Memphis, Tenn.
Residence: 2927 Tishomingo Lane, Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation: Life insurance

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- 25 i William Poston Maury, Jr., Sept. 24, 1912
26 ii Napoleon Falls Maury, Dec. 16, 1914
27 iii E(lisabeth) Ann Maury, Feb. 25, 1916
28 iv Richard Brooke Maury IV, May 28, 1919
29 v Lawson Dunn Maury, Sept. 27, 1920

- 25 WILLIAM POSTON⁸ MAURY, JR.
b. Sept. 24, 1912, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Mary Starnes Taylor, Oct. 22, 1938, Memphis, Tenn.
b. Aug. 29, 1919, Memphis, Tenn.
Residence: 249 North White Sta. Rd., Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation: Doctor

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- i Mary Starnes Maury, Aug. 3, 1942
- ii William Poston Maury III, Apr. 28, 1952

- 26 NAPOLEON ("Po") FALLS⁸ MAURY
b. Dec. 16, 1914, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Beverly Williamson, Aug. 9, 1941, Memphis, Tenn.
b. Aug. 22, 1919, Memphis, Tenn.
Residence: 4407 Sequoia Road, Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation: Manufacturer's agent

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- i Beverly Williamson Maury, Oct. 5, 1942
- ii Napoleon Falls Maury, Jr., Aug. 26, 1948

- 27 E(LISABETH) ANN⁸ MAURY
b. Feb. 25, 1916, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Thomas Kay Young, Jr., Feb. 16, 1939, Memphis, Tenn.
b. July 11, 1913, Covington, Va.
Residence: Mt. Pleasant Pike, Columbia, Tenn.
Husband's occupation: Doctor

Children:

- i Thomas William Young, Oct. 3, 1943, Memphis, Tenn.
- ii Richard Maury Young, Jan. 20, 1947, Temple, Tex.
- iii Rebecca Cox Young, Oct. 11, 1950, Temple, Tex.
- iv Bernard ("Buck") Dodson Young, Dec. 29, 1956,
Columbia, Tenn.

28 RICHARD BROOKE⁸ MAURY IV

b. May 28, 1919, Memphis, Tenn.

m. Frances Vinsonhaler McCain, June 18, 1955, Memphis, Tenn.

b. Oct. 10, 1930, New York, N.Y.

Residence: 470 Colonial Road, Memphis, Tenn.

Occupation: Manufacturer's representative

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

i Marion McCain Maury, June 13, 1956

ii Anne Fontaine Maury, Dec. 27, 1957

iii Frances Louise Maury, July 29, 1959

29 LAWSON DUNN⁸ MAURY

b. Sept. 27, 1920, Memphis, Tenn.

m. R(uth) Marion Hollenberg, Oct. 21, 1950, Memphis, Tenn.

b. Aug. 27, 1925, Little Rock, Ark.

Residence: 1753 Autumn Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Occupation: Hardwood Dimension Co. (wholesale lumber)

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

i Tannen Hollenberg Maury, July 30, 1952

ii Elisabeth Falls Maury, Nov. 24, 1953

iii Lawson Dunn Maury, Jr., Jan. 26, 1956

CHAPTER 11

THE JOHN HAMILL POSTON FAMILY

30 JOHN HAMILL⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹), named for his grandfather, was born in Memphis, Tennessee on September 25, 1851. He married Ella Peyton Bolling (born June 3, 1853 at Nashville, Tennessee, for whose ancestry and collateral lineage see A Bolling Family Genealogy, by Colin James [37]) at Memphis on January 2, 1878, but she died at the William King Poston home pictured in this volume, on June 10, 1891, when their three children were quite young, leaving them to be raised by their maternal grandmother. He was first engaged in the wholesale grocery business (Porter-McCrea Co.), then founded the Poston Storage Warehouse Co. in Memphis. He died in El Paso, Texas on April 29, 1918 while attempting to regain his health from tuberculosis.

Children:

- 31 i Mary Bolling Poston, Sept. 8, 1879
- 33 ii Susie Sibley Poston, May 21, 1882
- 38 iii John Hamill Poston, Jr. Dec. 15, 1885

31 MARY BOLLING⁷ POSTON

- b. Sept. 8, 1879, Nashville, Tenn.
- d. June 29, 1959, New Orleans, La.
- m. Bryant Truelove Manard, Oct. 25, 1904, Memphis, Tenn.
 - b. Aug. 24, 1878, Rockford, Ill.
 - d. Apr. 30, 1938, New Orleans, La.

Residence. New Orleans, La.

Husband's occupation. Manard Molasses Co.

Children.

- i Bryant Truelove Manard, Jr.
 - b. Aug. 11, 1905, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. Feb. 10, 1923, Exeter, N.H.
- 32 ii John Poston Manard, Oct. 8, 1916

32 JOHN POSTON⁸ MANARD

b. Oct. 8, 1916, New Orleans, La.

m. Ethel Mary Dameron, May 2, 1942, Washington, D.C.

b. Feb. 7, 1920, Baton Rouge, La.

Residence: 1330 6th St., New Orleans, La.

Occupation: Manard Molasses Co.

Children (born in New Orleans, La.):

i Courtney Claiborne Manard, Apr. 1, 1943

ii Barbara Bolling Manard, Mar. 22, 1945

iii John Poston Manard, Jr., May 17, 1948

33 SUSIE SIBLEY⁷ POSTON

b. May 21, 1882, Memphis, Tenn.

m. J(oseph) Colin James, Dec. 8, 1903, Memphis, Tenn.

b. Feb. 6, 1877, Columbia, Tenn.

d. Apr. 11, 1942, Denver, Colo.

Residence: 3400 East 17th Ave., Denver, Colo.

Husband's occupation: Purchasing Agent,
Great Western Sugar Co.

Children:

34 i Ella Bolling James, May 19, 1905

37 ii J(oseph) Colin James, Jr., Jan. 27, 1917

34 ELLA BOLLING⁸ JAMES

b. May 19, 1905, Memphis, Tenn.

m. Kent Walker Barber, June 16, 1928, Denver, Colo.

b. Mar. 14, 1904, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Residence: Kentwood, R.R. 4, Quincy, Ill.

Husband's occupation: Doctor

Children:

35 i Kent Walker Barber, Jr., Feb. 16, 1930

36 ii Ann Bolling Barber, Feb. 28, 1932

iii Susanne James Barber

b. Nov. 21, 1936, Quincy, Ill.

m. Harold Irving Grousbeck, June 28, 1958,
Quincy, Ill.

b. July 20, 1934, Springfield, Mass.

Residence: 358 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass.

Husband's occupation: Student, Harvard University

iv T(homas) Alexander Barber, May 5, 1946, Quincy, Ill.

35 KENT WALKER⁹ BARBER, JR.
b. Feb. 16, 1930, Denver, Colo.
m. Heather Elizabeth Allan, Dec. 21, 1956, Montreal,
Quebec, Canada
b. Apr. 23, 1935, Montreal, Que., Canada
Residence: Rochester, Minn.
Occupation: Doctor

Children:

i Willa Moncrieff Barber, May 27, 1959, Rochester, Minn.

36 ANN BOLLING⁹ BARBER
b. Feb. 28, 1932, Rochester, Minn.
m. Theodore Grant House, June 26, 1953, Quincy, Ill.
b. Oct. 25, 1930, Quincy, Ill.
Residence: Payson, Ill.
Husband's occupation: Lawyer, Quincy, Ill.

Children (born at Quincy, Ill.):

i Sarah Bolling House, Sept. 29, 1954
ii Seymour Baker House, Sept. 3, 1955
iii Alexander James House, Nov. 26, 1957

37 J(OSEPH) COLIN⁸ JAMES, JR.
b. Jan. 27, 1917, Denver, Colo..
m. Helen McCreery, Oct. 10, 1947, Denver, Colo.
b. May 8, 1916, Greeley, Colo.
Residence: 636 Gaylord St., Denver, Colo.
Occupation: Lawyer

Children (born at Denver, Colo.):

i J(oseph) Colin James III, Jan. 19, 1950
ii M(ary) Tracy James, July 23, 1952

38 JOHN HAMILL⁷ POSTON, JR.
 b. Dec. 15, 1885, Memphis, Tenn.
 d. Jan. 19, 1938, Memphis, Tenn.
 m. (1) Minnie Eliza Buckingham, June 17, 1908,
 Memphis, Tenn. (div.)
 b. June 13, 1890, Memphis, Tenn.
 (2) Gladys Adele Burgie, Dec. 3, 1928, Birmingham, Ala.
 b. Jan. 1, 1900, Dyersburg, Tenn.
 d. Dec. 3, 1958, Memphis, Tenn.
 Residence: Memphis, Tenn.
 Occupation: Lawyer

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

By (1):

39 i Mary Ann Poston, July 10, 1915

By (2):

40 ii Joan Elizabeth Poston, Oct. 27, 1930

39 MARY ANN⁸ POSTON
 b. July 10, 1915, Memphis, Tenn.
 m. Hubert Fredrick Fisher, Jr., May 7, 1938
 Memphis, Tenn. (div.)
 b. May 15, 1911, Memphis, Tenn.
 Residence: Memphis, Tenn.
 Husband's occupation: Cotton shipper

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.)

i Hubert Fredrick Fisher III, Feb. 26, 1939.
 ii Mary Ann Fisher, Mar. 20, 1942

40 JOAN ELIZABETH⁸ POSTON
 b. Oct. 27, 1930, Memphis, Tenn.
 m. John Curry Barton, Apr. 10, 1953, Memphis, Tenn.
 b. Jan. 9, 1929, Memphis, Tenn.
 Residence: 5124 Princeton Road, Memphis, Tenn.
 Husband's occupation: Insurance broker

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

i John Poston Barton, Aug. 30, 1955
 ii Stephen Curry Barton, Dec. 24, 1957

CHAPTER 12

THE KATE ELDRIDGE POSTON FAMILY

42 KATE ELDRIDGE⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹), the eighth child of William King⁵ Poston, was born in Memphis, Tennessee on September 24, 1855 and died there on May 21, 1932. She was married on October 6, 1880 at Memphis, to William Edmond McGehee, who was likewise born in Memphis on August 6, 1858, and died in Louisville, Kentucky on February 13, 1940. He was a whole-sale grocer of Memphis, and also later engaged in cotton factoring.

Children:

- i Sarah Elizabeth McGehee
 - b. Sept. 6, 1881, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d.s.p. Mar. 10, 1915, Memphis, Tenn.
 - m. Presley Strange Smithwick, Jr., June 9, 1908
Memphis, Tenn.
 - b. Apr. 9, 1883, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. Sept. 9, 1935, Memphis, Tenn.
 - Residence: Memphis, Tenn.
 - Husband's occupation: Cotton broker and shipper
- ii Mary Park McGehee
 - b. Feb. 21, 1883, Como, Miss.
 - d. Dec. 24, 1909, Memphis, Tenn.
 - Unmarried
- iii J(ohn) Poston ("Po") McGehee
 - b. Sept. 27, 1884, Como, Miss.
 - m. Margaret White Ruffin, Jan. 8, 1919, Memphis, Tenn.
 - b. Nov. 25, 1893, Covington, Tenn.
 - d. Aug. 12, 1956, Orange, Calif.
 - Residence: 34455 Via Verde, Capistrano Beach, Calif.
 - Occupation: Government employee
 - No children
- 43 iv Emma McGehee, Dec. 12, 1886, Como, Miss.
- v William Edmond McGehee, Jr.
 - b. June 1, 1896, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. June 20, 1897, Memphis, Tenn.

43 EMMA⁷McGEHEE

b. Dec. 12, 1886, Como, Miss.

m. Lewis Rogers Hardy, Nov. 24, 1909, Memphis, Tenn.

b. Aug. 26, 1875, Louisville, Ky.

d. Oct. 17, 1955, Louisville, Ky.

Residence: 400 Country Lane, Louisville, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Life insurance

Children (born in Louisville, Ky.):

44 i Kate McGehee Hardy, Mar. 6, 1915

45 ii Lewis Rogers Hardy, Jr., July 10, 1917

44 KATE McGEHEE⁸ HARDY

b. Mar. 6, 1915, Louisville, Ky.

m. Julian Proctor Van Winkle, Jr., Nov. 2, 1940,
Louisville, Ky.

b. Feb. 3, 1914, Louisville, Ky.

Residence: 5 Woodhill Road, Louisville, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Vice-President,
Stitzel-Weller Distillery, Inc.

Children (born in Louisville, Ky.):

i Sarah Elizabeth Van Winkle, Oct. 3, 1943

ii Kate Claiborne Van Winkle, Jan. 22, 1947

iii Julian Proctor Van Winkle III, July 16, 1949

45 LEWIS ROGERS⁸ HARDY, JR..

b. July 10, 1917, Louisville, Ky.

m. Helen Louise Seelbach, June 27, 1942, Louisville, Ky.

b. Mar. 29, 1921, Louisville, Ky.

Residence: 1338 Sunset Drive, Key West, Fla.

Occupation: Captain, United States Navy

Children:

i L(ewis) Rog(ers) Hardy III, July 11, 1946,
Louisville, Ky.

ii Craig Seelbach Hardy, Feb. 21, 1949, Honolulu, Hawaii

iii William McGehee Hardy, Feb. 3, 1955, Palo Alto, Calif.

CHAPTER 13

THE GEORGE SHALL POSTON FAMILY

46 G(EORGE) SHALL⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born on June 13, 1857 at Memphis, Tennessee and died there on November 21, 1930. He married Sarah ("Sallie") McGehee Oliver on October 6, 1880 at Hollywood, Mississippi. She was born December 19, 1857 at Hernando, Mississippi, and died October 7, 1925 at Glendale, California. He resided in Memphis where he was a food broker (Donelson & Poston).

Children:

- i James Barron Poston, b. and d. Mar. 1882, Como, Miss.
- 47 ii Linda Oliver Poston, Nov. 15, 1883
- 49 iii Stewart McGehee Poston, Sept. 12, 1885
- iv Martha McGehee Poston
 - b. Oct. 22, 1890, Memphis, Tenn.
 - d. Jan. 29, 1920, Memphis, Tenn.
- 51 v Elizabeth Rembert Poston, Sept. 6, 1896

47 LINDA OLIVER⁷ POSTON

b. Nov. 15, 1883, Como, Miss.
m. Clifton Eugene Reaben, Oct. 6, 1903, Memphis, Tenn.
b. July 22, 1874, Crystal Springs, Miss.
d. Mar. 21, 1948, Pasadena, Calif.
Residence: Memphis, Tenn., then Pasadena, Calif.
Husband's occupations: Piano dealer (Memphis) and
automobile rentals (Pasadena)

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- 48 i Clifton Eugene Reaben, Jr., Nov. 2, 1904
- ii Shall Poston Reaben
 - b. Sept. 12, 1909
 - d. Jan. 2, 1932, Glendale, Calif.

48 CLIFTON EUGENE⁸ REABEN, JR.
b. Nov. 2, 1904, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Mary Edith Harrison, Mar. 14, 1929, Memphis, Tenn.
b. July 13, 1908, Memphis, Tenn.
Residence: Altadena, Calif.
Occupation: Real estate broker

Children:

- i Eugene Harrison Reaben, Aug. 29, 1931, Los Angeles, Calif.
- ii James Harrison Reaben, July 13, 1943, Pasadena, Calif.

49 STEWART McGEHEE⁷ POSTON
b. Sept. 12, 1885, Memphis, Tenn.
d. Oct. 11, 1954, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Margaret Lee Cooper, May 21, 1910, Memphis, Tenn.
b. Sept. 18, 1890, Lexington, Ky.
Residence: 1751 Central, Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation: Donelson & Poston (food brokers)

Children:

50 i Margaret Woodson Poston, Apr. 24, 1911

50 MARGARET WOODSON⁸ POSTON
b. Apr. 24, 1911, Memphis, Tenn.
m. James Alan McClurg, Sept. 8, 1930, Memphis, Tenn. (div.)
Residence: 1751 Central, Memphis, Tenn.

Children:

- i Jay Alan McClurg
b. Oct. 23, 1935, Memphis, Tenn.
d. Jan. 25, 1958 (automobile accident),
Memphis, Tenn.

51 ELIZABETH REMBERT⁷ POSTON
b. Sept. 6, 1896, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Burgess Buell Brier, Jan. 29, 1917, Memphis, Tenn.
b. Dec. 24, 1890, Rankin, Ill.
Residence: 1425 Kenesaw, Knoxville, Tenn.
Husband's occupation: Civil Engineer, Tennessee
Valley Authority

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- i) Twin girls, b. and d. 1920
- ii)
- 52 iii Burgess Buell Brier II, Mar. 4, 1922
- 53 iv Sarah Elizabeth Brier, May 25, 1925

52 BURGESS BUELL⁸ BRIER II
b. Mar. 4, 1922, Memphis, Tenn.
m. Elizabeth Ellen Taylor, Oct. 20, 1945, Lynchburg, Va.
b. July 12, 1922, Lynchburg, Va.
Residence: 968 Madison Ave., Birmingham, Mich.
Occupation: Mgr. Marketing Research,
General Electric Co., Detroit, Mich.

Children (born at Grand Rapids, Mich.):

- i Burgess Buell Brier III, July 27, 1950
- ii Stewart Taylor Brier, Feb. 2, 1953

53 SARAH ELIZABETH⁸ BRIER
b. May 25, 1925, Memphis, Tenn.
m. (1) Jack Farr Davis, Nov. 8, 1947, Knoxville, Tenn. (div.)
b. Sept. 13, 1925, Knoxville, Tenn.
(2) Dane Freeman Andresen, Aug. 29, 1953,
East Lansing, Mich.
b. June 1, 1922, Flint, Mich.
Residence: Flint, Michigan
Husband's occupation: Contractor

Children (born at Flint, Mich.):

By (2):

- i Elizabeth Dorre Andresen, Sept. 28, 1955
- ii Catherine Lyn Andresen, Nov. 29, 1957

CHAPTER 14

THE FRANK PARK POSTON FAMILY

54 FRANK PARK⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born in Memphis, Tennessee on April 2, 1859. He married M(ary) Houston Schwrar at Memphis on December 17, 1890. She was born on August 2, 1869 in Shelby County, Tennessee and died in Memphis on May 18, 1899. Frank P. Poston was the second son of William King⁵ Poston to meet with a tragic death, as he was killed by a stray bullet from two negroes who were fighting in an alley as he was walking on DeSoto Street after Christmas dinner in 1905.

He entered the practice of law as a law clerk at the age of 16 in the Memphis firm of Humes & Poston, in which his older brother, David H. Poston (16), was then a partner. He was admitted to the bar at the age of 22, and the firm became Poston & Poston when General Humes retired, continuing as such until David H. Poston was killed in 1891, after which date he practiced alone. "In politics he was a Democrat, . . . a delegate to the gubernatorial convention which nominated Governor Peter Turney, for his second term, and was a delegate to the state judicial convention in 1886. While doing a general practice, Mr. Poston devoted himself to corporation law, making a specialty of railroad and insurance law, and was counsel for the Southern Railway Company and several large local corporations. He belonged to the Central Methodist Church, and for a number of years was Chairman of the Board of Trustees. . . ." (Obituary)

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.):

- i Frank Park Poston (dau.)
 - b. Sept. 15, 1891
 - Residence: 1467 McLemore, Memphis, Tenn.
 - Unmarried
- 55 ii Kate McGehee Poston, Aug. 2, 1893

55 KATE McGEHEE⁷ POSTON

b. Aug. 2, 1893, Memphis, Tenn.

m. Jesse Lee Winebrinier, Sept. 25, 1926, Memphis, Tenn.

b. Dec. 10, 1896, Louisville, Ky.

d. May 17, 1952, Washington, D.C.

Residence: 2640 Landor Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Chief, Valuation Section, Federal
Housing Administration, Washington, D.C.

Children (born at Memphis, Tenn.)

56 i Frances Julia Winebrinier, July 2, 1927

ii Katherine Poston Winebrinier

b. Jan. 6, 1929

m. Robert Byron Simmons, June 10, 1949, Takoma Park, Md.

b. Jan. 25, 1924, Jacksonville, Ill.

Residence: 3302 Cawein Way, Louisville, Ky.

Husband's occupation: Insurance

56 FRANCES JULIA⁸ WINEBRINIER

b. July 2, 1927, Memphis, Tenn.

m. Joseph Edward Atchison, July 10, 1951, Ft. McNair, Va.

b. July 10, 1914, Elk Garden, W. Va.

Residence: 84 Edgewood Ave., Larchmont, N.Y.

Husband's occupation: Vice Pres., Parsons & Whittemore
(paper making & printing machinery), New York City

Children:

i Leah Katherine Atchison, July 31, 1953, Washington, D.C.

ii Scott Joseph Atchison, Mar. 5, 1957, New Rochelle, N.Y.

CHAPTER 15

THE ANNIE NELSON POSTON (THOMAS) FAMILY

57 ANNIE NELSON⁶ POSTON (William King⁵, John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born on April 5, 1861 at Memphis, Tennessee. She married B(enjamin) Frank(lin) Thomas on January 18, 1887 at Memphis, and died on November 18, 1945 at Grenada, Mississippi, where her husband was a hotel and restaurant owner. He was born on March 23, 1846 in Sumter County, Alabama and died on April 19, 1918 at Grenada, Mississippi.

Children (born at Grenada, Miss.):

- i Benjamin Franklin Thomas, Jr., b. & d. Nov. 21, 1887
- 58 ii B(enjamin) Frank(lin) Thomas, Jr., Nov. 20, 1888
- 59 iii Morrison Thomas, Oct. 7, 1890
- iv Mary Park Thomas
 - b. Feb. 14, 1893
 - Residence: 579 Third St., Grenada, Miss.
 - Occupation: Buyer, Grenada Grocery Co.
- v Joseph Poston Thomas
 - b. Aug. 6, 1894
 - d. Dec. 4, 1913 (typhoid fever) Grenada, Miss.
- 61 vi Margaret Poston Thomas, Aug 1, 1898

- 58 B(ENJAMIN) FRANK(LIN) THOMAS, JR.
 - b. Nov. 20, 1888
 - d. May 6, 1954, San Francisco, Calif.
 - m. Mary Hart Buchanan, 1915, Grenada, Miss.
 - Residence: San Francisco, Calif.
 - Occupation: Hotel employee

Children:

- i Robert B. Thomas (adopted)
- ii Benjamin Franklin Thomas, III. (adopted)

59 MORRISON ⁷ THOMAS

b. Oct. 7, 1890, Grenada, Miss.

m. Dorothy Brush, Oct. 9, 1923, Plainview, Tex.

b. Oct. 8, 1895, New Windsor, Colo.

Residence: 520 South 84th St., Birmingham, Ala.

Occupation: Owner, self-service laundry

Children:

60 i Dorothy Theresa Thomas, Feb. 29, 1928

60 DOROTHY THERESA⁸ THOMAS

b. Feb. 29, 1928, Atlanta, Ga.

m. Richard Allan Frazee, Aug. 18, 1948, Birmingham, Ala.

b. May 16, 1924, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Residence: 2164 Greenslope Drive, St. Louis, Mo.

Husband's occupation: Sales Engineer, Allis Chalmers
Mfg. Co.

Children:

i Dorothy Elizabeth Frazee, Sept. 3, 1949, Birmingham,
Ala.

ii Charlotte Ann Frazee, Aug. 21, 1951, St. Louis, Mo.

iii Thomas Allan Frazee, Mar. 12, 1956, St. Louis, Mo.

iv Richard Charles Frazee, Aug. 25, 1958, St. Louis, Mo.

61 MARGARET POSTON⁷ THOMAS

b. Aug. 1, 1898, Grenada, Miss.

m. George Stephen Granberry, Dec. 16, 1918, Grenada, Miss.

b. Aug. 27, 1896, nr. Jackson, Miss.

d. Sept. 24, 1951, Grenada, Miss.

Residence: 579 Third St., Grenada, Miss.

Husband's occupation: Salesman

Children (born at Grenada, Miss.):

62 i Nancy Nelson Granberry, Oct. 13, 1919

63 ii George Stephen Granberry, Jr., Aug. 27, 1927

62 NANCY NELSON⁸ GRANBERRY

b. Oct. 13, 1919, Grenada, Miss.

m. William Vinton Hoyle, Nov. 16, 1943, Grenada, Miss.

b. Dec. 30, 1918, Newport News, Va.

Residence: 306 Central Parkway, Newport News, Va.

Husband's occupation: Lawyer

Children:

i Nancy Nelson Hoyle, Oct. 20, 1944, Grenada, Miss.

ii William Vinton Hoyle, Jr., Apr. 8, 1949, Newport News, Va.

iii Stephen Granberry Hoyle, Sept. 22, 1955, Newport News, Va.

63 GEORGE STEPHEN⁸ GRANBERRY, JR.

b. Aug. 27, 1927, Grenada, Miss.

m. Patricia Ann Watts, June 22, 1950, West Point, Miss

b. Apr. 27, 1929, Greenville, Miss.

Residence: 8516 West 92nd St., Overland Park, Kans.

Occupation: Salesman, Quaker Oats Co.

Children:

i Patricia Ann Granberry, May 28, 1952, West Point, Miss.

ii Margaret Lora Granberry, Sept. 16, 1954, Grenada, Miss.

iii George Stephen Granberry III, Aug. 27, 1955, Grenada, Miss.

CHAPTER 16

THE HUGH HAMILL POSTON LINE

66 HUGH HAMILL⁵ POSTON (John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) was born on March 5, 1830 at Clarksville, Tennessee. He married Louisa Hunter Johnson on October 23, 1855. She was born in 1830 (gravestone) or 1833 (1870 census of Clarksville, Tennessee) and died January 23, 1910 at Herndon, Virginia.

Although listed as a "medical student" in the 1850 census of Clarksville, Tennessee he was in the wholesale tobacco business in Nashville, Tennessee, during his later life.

Children:

67 i Allen Johnson Poston, July 29, 1856, Clarksville, Tenn.

67 ALLEN JOHNSON⁶ POSTON

b. July 29, 1856, Clarksville, Tenn.

d. Mar. 31, 1934, Washington, D.C.

m. Suellen Sale, July 2, 1878, Nashville, Tenn.

b. Dec. 11, 1849, Memphis, Tenn.

d. Apr. 29, 1939, Washington, D.C.

Residence: New York, N.Y. and Washington, D.C.

Occupation: Passenger Agent, Southern Pacific Lines

Children (born at Knoxville, Tenn.):

i Allen Johnson Poston, Jr.

b. 1880

d. 1881, Knoxville, Tenn.

ii Sue Nelson Poston

b. Jan. 29, 1883

Residence: Washington, D.C.

Occupation: Teacher

iii J(ohn) Sale Poston

b. Nov. 14, 1886

m. Mary Lucia Harris, Dec. 23, 1913, Alexander City, Ala.

b. May 17, 1882, Alexander City, Ala.

Residence: 1734 Abingdon Drive, Alexandria, Va.

Occupation: U.S. Public Health Service

No children

CHAPTER 17

THE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN POSTON LINE

68 BENJAMIN FRANKLIN⁵POSTON (John Hamill⁴, William³, William², John¹) the youngest of the thirteen children, was born on April 20, 1832 at Clarksville, Tennessee, where he married Ellen M. Bringham on May 18, 1858. She was born on September 23, 1838 at Clarksville, and died on June 18, 1912 at Falls Church, Virginia. The family resided in Clarksville until 1897, when they moved to near the District of Columbia, in which area all of their children then lived. After the vicissitudes of the Civil War he was a semi-invalid for the balance of his life, but was successively a freight agent and coal dealer.

Children (born in Clarksville, Tenn.):

- i Bruce Frank Poston
 - b. Mar. 24, 1959
 - d. May 20, 1860, Clarksville, Tenn.
- ii Eddie Alva Poston (dau.)
 - b. July 14, 1862
 - d. Mar. 13, 1927, Washington, D.C.
 - Residence: Washington, D.C.
 - Unmarried
- iii Julia Huling Poston
 - b. Mar. 14, 1864
 - d. Aug. 27, 1865, Clarksville, Tenn.
- iv J(ohn) William Poston
 - b. Sept. 10, 1867
 - d. Aug. 27, 1878, Clarksville, Tenn.
- 69 v Frank Huling Poston, May 8, 1874
- vi Philander Dake Poston
 - b. Feb. 7, 1880
 - d. Oct. 5, 1950, Ormond Beach, Fla.
 - m. Aurora Miller Edwards, Sept. 2, 1922, Washington, D.C.
 - b. Mar. 13, 1888, Portland, Ore.
 - Residence: Silver Springs, Md., then Ormond Beach, Fla.
 - Occupation. Real estate broker

69 FRANK HULING⁶ POSTON

b. May 8, 1874, Clarksville, Tenn.

d. Dec. 13, 1948, Richmond, Va.

m. Mabel Atwood Horsley, July 5, 1911, Washington, D.C.

b. Sept. 23, 1882, Mons (Bedford Co.), Va.

d. Feb. 5, 1944, Richmond, Va.

Residence: Richmond, Va.

Occupation: Passenger Agent, Southern Railway

Children (born in Washington, D.C.)

70 i Ellen Bringhurst Poston, Aug. 5, 1912

71 ii Frank Huling Poston, Jr., Nov. 23, 1913

72 iii Elizabeth Horsley Poston, Apr. 28, 1915

iv Robert Nelson Poston

b. Mar. 13, 1920, Washington, D.C.

m. Lelia May Lewis, Oct. 19, 1946, Richmond, Va.

b. Apr. 27, 1923, Waverly, Va.

Residence: 305 North Thompson St., Richmond, Va.

Occupation: Mail Carrier

70 ELLEN BRINGHURST⁷ POSTON

b. Aug. 5, 1912, Washington, D.C.

m. John Lawrence Dana, Dec. 31, 1938, Washington, D.C.

b. Apr. 4, 1908, Broadford, Pa.

Residence: 70 Cambon Drive, San Francisco, Calif.

Husband's occupation: U.S. Department of Commerce

Children (born in Washington, D.C.):

i John Lawrence Dana, Jr., Mar. 29, 1941

ii Elizabeth Jane Dana, Oct. 22, 1942

71 FRANK HULING⁷ POSTON, JR.

b. Nov. 23, 1913, Washington, D.C.

m. Margaret Norfleet Andrews, Aug. 5, 1944, Roxobel, N.C.

b. Jan. 3, 1924, Roxobel, N.C.

Residence: 1720 Sterling Road, Charlotte, N.C.

Occupation: Insurance adjuster, General Adjustment
Bureau

Children:

- i Margaret Norfleet Poston, Apr. 3, 1946, Norfolk, Va.
- ii Virginia Horsley Poston, Aug. 31, 1947, Norfolk, Va.
- iii Frank Huling Poston III, May 19, 1949, Columbus, Miss
- iv Alfred Eason Poston, Nov. 30, 1950, Charlotte, S.C.
- v Edgar Norfleet Poston, Feb. 20, 1955, Charlotte, S.C.

72 ELIZABETH HORSLEY⁷POSTON

b. Apr. 28, 1915, Washington, D.C.

m. Ellis Coleman Goodwin, Aug. 31, 1940, Richmond, Va.

b. June 28, 1907, Spotsylvania Co., Va.

Residence: Orange, Va.

Husband's occupation: Goodwin Brothers, Inc.
(pallet mfrs.)

Children (born in Richmond, Va.):

- i Ellis Coleman Goodwin, Jr. Sept., 23, 1942
- ii Richard Cabell Goodwin, May 22, 1948

CHAPTER 18

POSTONS IN THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

ALEXANDER BOSLEY POSTON (son of Alexander Hamilton Poston [6]) enlisted in the Confederate Army from Cadiz, Kentucky, served in the 8th Kentucky Volunteers of Infantry, and was killed in the Battle of Ft. Donelson (Tennessee) when 18 years of age. The Cadiz, Kentucky chapter (inactive by 1935) of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was named after him.

WILLIAM KING POSTON [15] (1819-1866) was quite opposed to slavery and he and several other prominent Memphis lawyers felt quite strongly against the Confederate position with regard to it.

The Postons were Methodists, but during the latter part of the War many Southerners of all faiths turned to spiritualism for comfort. One Rev. Samuel Watson, a Memphis spiritualist, had the city in quite a grip at this time. In "Troubles Never Come Singly" (Chapter 6 of Memphis - Down in Dixie, by Shields McIlwaine (1948)), it is said (pp. 160-161):

"From spiritland his old friend, W. K. Poston, helped him no end: 'Spiritualism is true and so is the Bible . . . Brother Watson, let me abjure you to let your light shine while you tarry in the body. Cry aloud and spare not! '"

W. K. Poston had, during the later years of his life, what apparently was chronic appendicitis, for he was constantly ill - too sick to be accepted by the Confederate Army - and died in 1866 from peritonitis.

DAVID HAMILL POSTON [16] (1844-1891) was a 17-year-old student at Rafter's Military School in Germantown, Tennessee, when the War broke out. He left school in

May, 1861 and enlisted in the Bluff City Grays, afterwards transferring to the Shelby Grays, in which unit his brother, King Poston [18], was also serving.

He served continuously through the Mississippi River campaign under Generals Polk and Johnston, in the Fourth Tennessee Infantry regiment, commanded by Colonel Luke W. Finlay. He was in the Battle of Shiloh and the siege at and retreat from Corinth. He was then transferred with Bragg's Army to Chattanooga, and thence into and through the Kentucky campaign.

At the Battle of Perryville a Federal soldier whom the Confederate line had passed was lying on his back mortally wounded, with blood streaming from an abdominal wound. As he passed the dying man Dave Poston heard the click of a gun hammer and, guessing the truth, he wheeled around just in time to receive the fire of the dying soldier. The ball entered his leg. He was taken from the field to a hospital tent at Perryville. There, unable to move, he was captured by the Federals after Bragg's retreat. His father went to him and obtained parole from General Boyle, commanding the Union forces in Kentucky. He was brought back to Memphis, where he remained from October, 1862 to January, 1863. Learning that there was a prospect of an exchange of prisoners at Vicksburg he slipped through the lines, surrendered his parole, was exchanged, and hastened to rejoin his command which he found at Shelbyville immediately after the Battle of Murfreesboro. After a few months of duty erysipelas developed in his leg and he was ordered to retire from active service. He remained on detached service, however, in various parts of the Confederacy until the close of the war, when he returned to Memphis in 1865 and entered his father's law office as a clerk and student.

WILLIAM KING POSTON JR. [18] (1845-1910) was, with his older brother, Dave Poston, in the Shelby Grays, a member of the Fourth Tennessee Infantry, and was also in

Forrest's Cavalry. He was in the Battle of Shiloh and was captured at the Battle of Missionary Ridge, being imprisoned at Rock Island, Illinois, under very primitive conditions. He was later released in a prisoner exchange and was enroute back to Memphis when he learned of General Robert E. Lee's surrender.

JAMES BARRON POSTON [22] (1847-1908) entered the Confederate forces as a Private in the Bluff City Grays (McDonald's Battalion) in May, 1861, served throughout the war, and was paroled in May, 1865 (from Old Guard in Gray). He was wounded shortly after he left Memphis with his unit. It was thought that he had been killed. One night after dinner, when the balance of his large family was at home, there was a knock at the door. John H. Poston, the oldest son not in the service, answered the knock, opening the door to find his brother thought to be dead, who had threaded his way back to Memphis for medical attention. He was so vermin covered that he had to be deloused in the barn before coming inside his own home.

JOHN HAMILLPOSTON [30] (1851-1918), tall for his age, attempted to enlist in the Confederate Army in 1865 when he was 13 years old, by falsifying his age as 16. He was about to be accepted for service when one of his older brothers, who was then in Memphis on leave, learned of his attempts and advised the recruiting officers that his brother was under age and should be rejected.

CHAPTER 19

THE WILLIAM KING POSTON HOME IN MEMPHIS

The story of the old Poston home, four miles from the heart of Memphis, on a five acre site on the northwest corner of what, a hundred years later, is now the intersection of Kerr Avenue and Mississippi Boulevard (but with South Parkway having subsequently cut through the spacious grounds), is itself a drama of human destinies. [See picture]

The two-story white house, old even when purchased and remodeled in 1858 by William King Poston (15) had the usual large, square, rooms customary in plantation style frame homes of that period. It had entrances on the east and south sides, shaded by pillared porches two stories in height. A large lawn surrounded the house, giving its occupants the benefit of country ease combined with proximity to Memphis itself.

It was here that the last four of the thirteen children of William King Poston and Mary Letitia Park Poston were born and their large family was raised.

Each spring Jane Rhodes Barron Park, mother of Mary Letitia Park Poston, would visit her daughter's family at this home. A strict disciplinarian, on Saturday mornings she would not permit any of her six Poston grandsons to go fishing down at the Mississippi River until each had done his share of the spring gardening, under her watchful supervision, hoeing and weeding in the garden at the rear of the house. How those boys did hate vegetables!

At the start of the War between the States the house looked on, as gray and blue skirmished on its lawns. Memphis was taken in 1862 and remained under Union occupation for the balance of the war. The house was on the direct road to the Confederate lines. A Federal picket was posted at the south gate of the house. Even then gray

uniforms drove startled Yankees across the spacious lawns. Too, the Federals swept by the house in well organized raids. Some straggled back; others were carried. Into the big house blue and gray alike were borne. The young Confederate who died in the arms of W.K. Poston had a smile on his face, for his last words had been recorded, to be passed on to his mother. Even the Federals who here too breathed their last were laid out, in decency and kindness, in one of the summer houses, until their comrades could take them away. In this business of war there was bitter competition; but the business of death was drearily alike.

Other events befell this house during the long war years, some rich in humor. One time some Confederates stopped close by the house, under a flag of truce. The girls of the house, thrilled by the nearness of their own gallant troops, cooked a magnificent meal. The girls could have no direct contact with the Confederates; they perforce had to ask the Federal soldiers stationed on the place to pass the food on to the Confederates. What did the Northerners do, midway between the eagerly watching girls and the expectant southern soldiers, but stop and with much gusto consume the entire meal, and all of its delicacies, with deliberate leisure.

Not always did the blue coats come off with flying colors. Once a green Federal soldier had arrested a civilian nearby, on suspicion. The soldier brought the civilian under arrest to the Poston home for confinement until help arrived. With a significant look at Mrs. Poston, the civilian said, "You remember me, ma'am, I am Will Hawkins." She took the hint, and nodded. After much polite talk he begged to be excused for a moment, to get a drink of water on the gallery at the back of the house. When the Yankee soldier, becoming alarmed, went to look for him no trace could be found. He had slipped out, to hide overnight at a neighbor's up the road, and to be smuggled away from the area under a load of hay

The Yankee soldier upbraided Mrs. Poston for the escape of his prisoner. Her only reply was a smile, a shrug of her shoulders, and the reply, "He was your prisoner, not mine."

It was in one of the large second floor fireplaces in this home that the Poston family silver was hidden during the War, lest it fall to pillagers.

Many times the Poston home was a meeting ground for the belligerents. Flags of truce often rested there. The house was frequently used as headquarters for preliminary negotiations. W.K. Poston learned much, but he never violated these confidences. Soon the Federals realized that he was, despite his intense loyalty to the South, a gentleman of the strictest integrity. So much did they trust his word that he was allowed to pass through the lines frequently, carrying food and clothing to his three boys in the Confederate army. It was due to this high regard in which he was held that he was allowed to have two of his sons who were wounded - David Hamill Poston (No. 16) and James Barron Poston (No. 22) - at this house on parole for their convalescence.

When the Yankees learned of the possible presence of rebel soldiers in the Poston home there were sundry threats made against the house and its occupants. Late one afternoon a tough Yankee sergeant marched a squad of 5 of his men up to the front door of the Poston home. W.K. Poston answered their command to "Open up!" by opening the front door. "They tell me," the sergeant barked, "that some of your boys are back from the front and are hiding in this house. We're going to search it." W.K. Poston calmly advised the six men "No, you cannot search. Only my wife and 6 daughters are here. You cannot come in." The sergeant, not to be daunted, advised Mr. Poston in no uncertain terms that he and his five men were going to enter that house. Without giving an inch, W. K. Poston reached into the hall corner beside the door, picked up

a double barreled shotgun, cocked it, leveled it toward the six men, and said "Well come on in, then, if you insist, but two of you will not get in!" The Yankees departed without a search. Upon hearing of this the commanding officer of the Federal troops in Memphis sent a special guard of 25 men to surround the house and protect it during the stay of the wounded rebels.

Mary Park Poston presided over this house during these war years. Known throughout her large family for her kindness, she would often send Sunday dinner out to the Union pickets adjoining her home, saying, "I know they are Yankees, but I only hope someone is feeding my boys the same way."

During the War, Jennie Poston (Maury) (23) and Mary Poston (Littlejohn) (41) were young girls, and both very pretty. They had three brothers in the Confederate Army. One of them was stationed near Hernando, Mississippi. The Confederate Army needed food desperately. These two girls conceived the idea of telling the Union soldiers on the picket line adjoining the Poston home that the girls would let the soldiers come into their home, where they would serve them refreshments and sing Union songs to them, if the pickets would let the Postons send a negro servant through their line with food destined for Hernando. The temporary comfort of a home, the eatables, and the songs of the attractive girls combined perfectly many times to get food to their brother..

After the death of W. K. Poston in 1866 the remainder of his large family continued to reside in this large, old comfortable home until 1882. The family of King Poston, Jr. lived in the house from 1882 to 1893, when the house was rented for five years, then sold in 1898, after having witnessed the births, loves, successes and deaths of this large family for over forty years.

CHAPTER 20

THE HAMILLS OF MARYLAND

William³ Poston married Sarah Hamill in 1783. Her exact ancestry is unknown other than that she was the "daughter of Steven Hamill, who emigrated to St. Mary's County, Maryland, from Scotland" (1822 manuscript notes of John Hamill⁴ Poston [4]). William³ and Sarah Hamill Poston "settled on a farm [prob. abt. 1784] which had descended to her, in Charles County [Maryland], near the 'Hill Top'" (1822 notes) where they resided until they moved to Washington County, Virginia in 1794.

Nothing further is known about the ancestry of Sarah Hamill (Poston). In 1760 John Hamill, Jr. of Charles County died (will dated January 2, 1760 and probated May 19, 1760, Charles County Wills [at La Plata, Maryland], 5:158), apparently unmarried, as he devised his land and bequeathed his property to his following brothers and sisters:

- Nail Hamill
- William Hamill
- Sarah Hamill ("one negro boy called Will")
- Catherine Hamill
- Hugh Hamill
- Stephen Hamill

The father of this Sarah Hamill was John Hamill, Sr., and not the Steven Hamill mentioned by John Hamill Poston (4). As this decedent named as co-executors of his will "my two uncles Stephen Chandler and John Chandler," it is possible that John Hamill Sr.'s wife was named Chandler.

Another John Hamill died in Charles County, in 1765. His will, probated on April 15, 1765 (Charles County Wills, D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C., 33:209) names his wife Sarah Hamill and his sons, Hugh, Stephen, William Chandler,

and his daughter Catherine Hamill Shaw. Here is a Stephen Hamill who could have had a daughter Sarah Hamill (named after her grandmother), but it does not appear that he "emigrated to St. Mary's County, Maryland, from Scotland" (1822 notes), unless perhaps he came over with his father, John Hamill.

CHAPTER 21

THE NELSON FAMILY OF VIRGINIA AND TENNESSEE

Nancy Lowthing Nelson, born on May 27, 1792, in Montgomery County, Tennessee, married John Hamill Poston on March 13, 1808 at Clarksville, Tennessee. Her father, Robert Nelson, born in Virginia in 1760/1, died in Clarksville, Tennessee on November 5, 1808, and is buried in Riverview Cemetery, Clarksville, where his grave marker proclaims that he was "a soldier of the Revolution, a pioneer of middle Tennessee, and for many years represented this County in the Legislature." His ancestry is unknown, but it has been confirmed that he is not a direct descendant of Governor (General) Thomas Nelson, Jr. (1738-1789), a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Robert Nelson was a pioneer surveyor in Clarksville, Colonel John Montgomery (after whom the county is named) and Colonel Martin Armstrong became partners in 1775 in fulfilling their dream of establishing a town in the fork of the Cumberland and Red Rivers. In 1784 they had entered 640 acres of land at the fork of the rivers, 200 acres of which they dedicated for the purpose of building a town and named it Clarksville (after General Rogers Clark). The following year the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina (as Tennessee was then a part of North Carolina) enacted legislation officially recognizing the town. The fact that the settlement was between two unbridged rivers made access to it difficult and expensive, even after two ferries were constructed on the Red River and two more established on the Cumberland River. Not until after 1829 (Clarksville then had only 215 white residents), when a crude bridge was constructed across the Red River, did Clarksville begin to reach any true growth. This initial disadvantage later became a distinct advantage, however, as steamboat traffic played an important part in aiding the growth of Clarksville. It is because of his surveying work that Robert Nelson's name appears with such frequency on the early town and real estate records in Clarksville. It is known, however,

that for a personal residence he "settled the home known as the old Warfield Place near Dunbar's Cave."

Robert Nelson married, at an unknown date in Clarksville, Elizabeth Bell, the daughter of George Bell, who came to Clarksville from Virginia with his family in 1784 and built the first house ever erected in the junction of the Cumberland and Red Rivers (Picturesque Clarksville - Past and Present, W. P. Titus, Clarksville, 1887) and represented Montgomery County in the state legislature. Hugh Bell, the son of George Bell, was a noted citizen of the county. Another son, George Bell, located near Nashville and represented Davidson County in the Legislature for many years.

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