

SELDEN AND KINDRED OF VIRGINIA

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DEDICATED
to my son,
MURRELL GAIL SELDEN
and
to all of his succeeding generations.

*Praises on tombs are
Trifles vainly spent,
A man's good name
Is his own best monument.*

INTRODUCTION

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

The Seldens never sought prominence or celebrity, but their name has continued to live in Virginia some two hundred forty years, honored and respected. In each generation there have been descendants worthy of their ancestors' records—men and women who have continued to add luster and respect to that name with which they were entrusted.

It has been said that a worthy ancestor is half the battle in winning life's victory. All are not a credit to that example. So often in genealogical work we find two kinds of lineages, some deriving their pedigree from the highest, most noted people of the country, and yet time has gradually reduced until they have ended in a point like a pyramid. Others have had a low origin and have risen without capital by their brains and courage until they have become truly great characters of position and honor and often wealth. This proves that some have been what now they are not, and others are now what they were not before, from one extreme to the other.

If one chooses to investigate his ancestors, he must take them for better or for worse. However, one does not need a laborious search among the records of the Selden ancestors to discover one or more ancestors of distinction and may take pride in the thought that some of his qualities of greatness may have descended to them; or if generations have passed by, be inspired by a pardonable pride in mere kinship with the great man or men associated with deeds of valor or acts of good citizenship.

Readers may find within these pages material that will speak for itself. I have no intention of over estimating the families of this book, or, "to faults be a little blind." In this work I feel free to write the same of this family as I would any other family. Being a Selden by marriage I am proud of this privilege. It has taken much patience and many months of digging among every possible source to gather together the material for this book. The task has been greater and the scope has extended beyond what was first contemplated. It is my hope in some small way to interest others in their ancestral lines, their history, and genealogy of the past and the present generation that they may find inspiration to take a part in the knowledge of their family and allied families and may even remember that posterity should be given just cause to be proud of them as we have reason for revering those who have gone before. This accomplished, my work will not have proven in vain.

Daniel Webster, said, "Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world."

I have been especially anxious to record and to carry out the Selden branches who have in so few years multiplied into a great number. With all these in mind I find the number of direct descendants really comparatively few because so many died young, unmarried, or without issue.

The larger number of female descendants marrying and not using the name are proud of the Selden blood flowing in their veins and thought much of the Selden line, giving the name, "Selden" as a first or second given name to more than half of their descendants.

The many branches of this great family are widely distributed, having married into other first families whose names have been continuously identified and listed in the history of the Commonwealth. All these branches can trace their lineage to Samuel and Rebecca (Yoe) Selden. The larger number of the above group would naturally be expected to descend through Mary (Selden) Milner, the eldest maternal line. However, this is not the case, since Mary, the daughter of the immigrants, had but one son and he died without issue.

There were also many spinsters of great distinction in the earlier records equally as interesting as their married sisters. In some cases it may seem that the connected families go quite far from the Selden connections. In this I hoped to supply a useful purpose for those in pursuit of information of the family by marriage connection. There naturally are many who are unfamiliar with technical genealogical work and many who may not have the time or access to the original records and other sources of research. This arrangement also gives the Seldens more knowledge of their maternal and paternal lines and supplies the necessary and general outline from which they very easily can continue on the various lines until a thorough research is accomplished on all lineages.

Then, too, at times, when this work may seem to go quite far with other families, distinct and disconnected as they may seem to be at first, later on will be seen that the intermarriages between their posterity and the posterity of the other branches to a great extent will merge into each other time and time again. This brings to mind the old adage that birds of a feather flock together.

It is regrettable that this work was not undertaken by someone years ago. Many valuable facts of men, women, and places could have been preserved that have now passed into conjecture and mists of tradition which are not always trustworthy for records. Every man or woman, as far as his or her own family is concerned, should have it in their power to establish their rights and pretensions, whatever they may be, by reference to such records and proofs as may have at any time existed. Everything connected with those who have gone before us is, or should be, a matter of interest.

I regret that some requests for material have been met with no response whatever. This indifference on the part of some has, in some instances, forced me to fail in carrying out some branches. In a study of this nature where the sources of general material are so

widely scattered, any lightening of the burden is most welcome. A great part of my information came from the kindness of persons who generously took the time and trouble to give me their family records, for which I am most grateful. To these I extend my sincere thanks. The remainder of my information came from Bible records and other reliable sources. Much of the data was gathered from the Bibliography list on the last page.

Mistakes will be made in a work of this nature. I endeavored to be authentic and particularly careful with dates which have their peculiar as well as important value. I find records that conflict, and in these instances chose the data from the most dependable sources. There are no perfect histories.

With the hope that all will be pleased with my undertakings and by these pages be inspired with a deeper treasured regard for the name they bear, I submit these pages.

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CHAPTER I

SELDENS OF ENGLAND

The surname of "Selden," much to the surprise of most of us, was, for about one hundred fifty years, spelled "Selkeden." Then during the later part of the reign of Henry VIII, the name became shortened to "Selden" and from the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth (1558-1603) the name "Selden" only was used, and has continued to be used for centuries among the most honored and respected names on record.

It is thought that the name is borrowed from one of the many dens of County Kent or East Sussex. "Den" was a local termination which occurred frequently in the Kent and Sussex section and was synonymous with "dean," meaning valley. The prototheme is the Anglo-Saxon "sel," "Sele," a dwelling, mansion, hall, or place. This leads one to believe that the original home of the name "Selkeden" was presumably in one of the dens of southeastern England.

The earliest record available states that the Selden ancestry begins with John de Selkeden, an ancient yoeman of Ecclesden in Augmering, born about 1210. He possessed a small landed estate and died before 1308. John was the father of William Selkeden, born about 1235, who married a widow by name of Agatha. She died in 1329 at the age of 90. They had three sons, all of Ecclesden;

1. Richard, born about 1260.
2. William, born about 1265.
3. John (a priest), born 1270.

From Richard Selkeden descended William de Selkeden, born about 1290. His son was Robert Selkeden, born about 1320—on Rolls records, 1370. Robert had a son, John of Selkeden, born about 1350 (on court rolls, 1401-2). His son was Richard Selkeden, born about 1380, who also had a son, name not given. This son was born about 1405 and had three sons. Two of them were:

1. Thomas Selkeden (1430-1505) of Tarring, named on Tarring Court Rolls, 1490, 1504. Wife, Agnes.

2. Ralph Selkeden (1435-1504), married Margery —, (1435-1505), named on Ecclesden Court Rolls (1485-1504). They had a son, Maurice Selkeden, of Ecclesden, Little Hampton, and Patching, born about 1465. His name was on Ecclesden Court Rolls, 1499, 1504, heir to his father, Ralph, in 1504. His wife's name was not given. They had four children:

- A. Robert Selkeden, born about 1495.
- B. Margaret Selkeden.
- C. Elizabeth Selkeden.
- D. John Selden, born about 1500.

Thomas (above) born 1430, and his wife Agnes, had a son and heir, William, born 1455, who married Agnes. William and his wife

received from the parents their property in Salvington, a hamlet in the parish of West Tarring, on the coast of Sussex not far from Worthing. William and Agnes Selkeden had a son, William Selkeden, of Horton, in Upper Beeding, or Sele, born about 1485, died 1549. About 1510 he married Alice—last name not given. Her will dated 1549. Alice died in 1551. William and Alice Selkeden, of Horton, had a son, William (1512-1551), who married about 1540 and had among their issue:

1. Richard Selden, (1542-1583). He died at Ticehurst unmarried.

2. William Selden, Jr., (1548-1621). Married Mary Appes and lived at Ticehurst and Wadhurst. Issue:

A. Richard

B. Mary

C. Dorothy Selden, born 1582, married Stephen Hosmer.

D. John Selden, born 1585, died 1640, married Mary Baldock in 1612. She was born in 1586.

E. William Selden, born about 1590.

John and Mary Baldock had issue:

1. William Selden, born 1613.

2. Edward Selden, born 1615.

3. Thomas Selden, baptized 1617, (see New England Seldens).

4. John Selden, born 1619.

5. Richard, baptized 1621-22.

6. Robert Selden, baptized 1624-25.

7. Mary Selden, baptized 1627.

8. Joseph Selden, baptized 1629.

9. Francis Selden, baptized 1632.

10. A son, 1634-5.

11. Nicholas Selden, 1636-7.

Thomas Selden and his wife Agnes, of Salvington, had a son, Thomas, (brother of William, the heir of Salvington estate) who was born about 1460. He lived at Goring, Angmering, and Patching. Listed on Tarring Court Rolls 1507, 1525; on subs. at Goring 1525. Thomas Selden married Anne and had issue: William; Joane; John, born 1490; Agnes; and Thomas Selden, born 1495, of Marlepost in Tarring; and Edward Selden, born about 1500, listed on Tarring Court Rolls in 1533.

William, the eldest son was born in 1485. His wife's name was unknown. He had a son, Thomas Selden (1520-1572), who married Alice, last name not known. Her will dated 1572. Thomas and Alice Selden had issue:

1. John Selden, elder, born 1530. Will dated 1593.

2. William Selden, born 1548. Will pro. 1590.

3. Thomas Selden, born 1553, died after 1619.

4. Samuel Selden, born 1555. Will pro. 1619.

John Selden, the elder, lived in a cottage known as Lacies, attached to a farm of about 80 acres. He was, according to records, "a yeomanly man of about 40 l. per annum." It is to be regretted

that records do not give the name of John Selden, "the elder's" wife. They were known to have had one daughter who, according to records, married humbly—a professional musician at Chichester, and John Selden the younger, born 1550, died 1616. He married the heiress, Margaret Baker, daughter of Sir Thomas Baker, of Rushington.

Wood says, "It was John's musical talent that gained him his wife, who descended from a knightly family of Bakers in Kent."

John and Margaret (Baker) Selden had among their issue:

1. George Selden, born 1580.
2. Henry Selden, born about 1582. These two sons died young
3. John Selden, 1584-1654. (The Scholar)
4. Mary Selden, born 1586, married John Barnard in 1609.
5. Arthur Selden, of Meeth Co., Devon; a yeoman.
6. Richard Selden.
7. Raymond Selden.
8. Jasper Selden.

Arthur Selden married Elizabeth—. He was a yeoman mentioned in his brother, Richard's, will, dated 1668 1/8. Elizabeth Selden was the executrix of her husband's will. Arthur and Elizabeth had three children:

1. Joseph Selden of Hatherleigh, who married Mary—. She was the executrix of her husband's will in 1691.
2. Sarah Selden, baptized in 1661.
3. Samuel Selden, born 1662-4; married Rebecca Yeo and came to Virginia between 1690-9. He died in Virginia in 1720. (See Virginia Seldens.)

As it is an established fact, the celebrated and honored John Selden was the son of John and Margaret (Baker) Selden. He is, therefore, the uncle of Samuel Selden who came to Virginia.

John Selden is believed to be the most renowned of the name in English history. Milton considered him the "chief of learned men reputed in this land."

Another account says; "John Selden, historian, English antiquary and law writer, considered the great dictator of learning to the English nation."

John Selden was born Dec. 16, 1584 and died in 1654. He was baptized Dec. 30, 1584. Besides being a distinguished civilian he was a sedulous student at Chichester. He remained four years at Oxford, spent years of study at the Temple and Oxford. He adopted the profession of law, on which subject he was considered and recognized as an authority. His devotion to his profession did not prevent him from pursuing his literary occupations.

John Selden's sturdy independence kept him in hot water with church and state. He continued to protest the oppressive actions of King James and his emphatic advocacy of the rights of the people caused him to be sent to the Tower on a charge of sedition. A few years later he was honored by being appointed keeper of records in the Tower. He was liberated in May, 1631. At one time he was a prominent member of Parliament for the University of Oxford in

which capacity he used his influence to favor learning and promote peace and served as burgess in several parliaments, taking an active and useful part in its discussions and transactions. Study was always his main occupation.

John Selden was a tall man, about six feet. His face was thin and oval and the whole head not very large. His eyes were gray and full and prominent. His nose was long and inclined to one side. Records state that he kept a plentiful table which was never without the society of learned guests. He was a temperate in eating and drinking. He was accustomed to say jocularly, "I will keep myself warm and moist as long as I live, for I shall be cold and dry when I am dead."

John Selden was as hospitable and generous as any man. His great mind was as great as his learning. Dr. Wilkins tells us that he could occasionally assume an ungracious austerity of countenance and manner. "This," he said, "may be easily pardoned, for the persecutions he had undergone and the weighty concerns in which he was engaged joined to a naturally serious disposition would be likely to produce that effect."

His generosity was not confined to his convivial hours. When called upon by strangers he had a kind of cover or carpet to cast over the table where he read and his papers lay so that he need not misplace his work.

He wrote many things, among them "Selden's Table Talks," long been numbered in the list of scarce books. He dedicated his "Titles of Honour" to Edward Heywood. He had shared his chambers in the four story, old, original Heywood building erected by Heywood and others in 1609. The building burned in 1666.

John Selden was a member of Clifford Inn and resided there for a time before entering the Inner Temple. The Inner Temple was for the rich—the middle Temple for the poor. Among other members of the Inner Temple society were William Cowper; James Boswell; Charles Carroll, of Baltimore fame; John Winthrop, of Massachusetts history; Thomas Willing, the founder and president of the first bank in the United States. This shows that the Boswell, Ussher, Cowper, and other families were friends before they and the Seldens came to America.

At Oxford one will find, in a distinct body, 8,000 volumes kept under the title, "Mr. Selden's Library." When the books arrived and were opened, a number of spectacles were found which John Selden had put in and evidently forgot where he had placed them.

Some records state that John Selden never married and that he had no issue. There is, however, a well established record that he married Lady Kent, who seems to have been especially fond of literature and learning. She was one of three daughters and co-heiresses of Gilbert Talbot, Earl of Shrewsburg. Lady Kent was Elizabeth, Countess dowager of Kent. Her husband died in 1639.

One record states that Selden was employed as steward of the Earl of Kent and, from the liberality of the countess, invariably spent his vacations at their country seat at Wrest, in Bedfordshire. After

the Earl died, in 1639, Selden continued to manager the estate of the dowager countess. By a deed of July 6, 1648, she gave to Selden, in the event of her dying without issue, an interest for his life and twenty-one years after in her estates in the counties of Leicester and Warwick, and by her will in 1649 she gave him all her personal estate, including leaseholds.

Other records state that the Selden marriage was kept secret until after her death, upon some law account. Lady Kent died in 1651 and appointed John Selden her executor, bequeathing to him also the town house, a barge house with a garden, called the "Carmelite," or "White Friars," where he died on Nov. 30, 1654.

John Selden was happy in friendships of the best, most learned men of the world. Among his friends were Francis Bacon, John Eliot, Johnson, Drayton, Browne, and Shakespeare was his valuable friend. Selden assisted Francis Bacon with his work.

It is true, as far as can be gathered, that John Selden did not have any children. We consequently find that he bequeathed to each of his nieces and nephews one hundred pounds, and to various other persons small legacies as token of his regard, and the remainder of his fortune to his four executors, Lord Chief Justice Hale, Chief Justice Vaughan, Rowland Jukes, and Edward Heywood.

At John Selden's death in 1654, Richard Johnson, the master of the Temple, read his burial service according to the form of the new Directory and added at the close, "If learning could have kept a man alive, this, our brother, has not died."

Records state that Archbishop Ussher also preached his services. Selden was an earnest professor of the Christian faith. The last honors paid to his mortal remains were by all the members of parliament, all the benchers and great officers, all the Judges had mourning, as also an abundance of persons of quality.

His grave, beneath the altar of the Temple Church, was about ten feet deep, walled up a good way with bricks. The sides at the bottom for about two feet high were of black polished marble, wherein his coffin (covered with black bayes) "lyeth and upon that wall of marble was presently let downe a hugh black marble stone of great thickness with this inscription:

*'Hic jacet corpus Johannis Selden
Qui obit 30 du Novembris, 1654.'*

Over this was turned an arch of brick (for the house would not lose their ground) and upon that was throwne the earth."

Another grave stone of black marble read "*1. Seldenus 1 C. herc situs est.*" There was a coat of arms on the flat marble, that of his mother, Baker. He did not have one of his own, as much as he deserved it.

The following data would go far to throw some light on other Seldens of England, who, by close calculation of dates, prove without a doubt to be close kin to Samuel Selden of Virginia.

A London marriage license reads:

"Selden, Edward of Barnstaple, Co. Devon. Gent; bachelor, about 20, and Mary Bennett, spinster, about 26, daughter of Catherine

Chambers, of St. Margaret, Westminster, widow, who consents, at Barnstaple, or Pilton Co. Devon; or Bath Co. Somerset. 18 June, 1669. F. etc. Signed; Selden, Joseph Hadley, and Thomas Selden, Hoddam, son of Joseph Selden.

Another account given in Vol. VII pg. 228, William and Mary Quarterly:

"Sisely Selden, of Barnestable, in the county of Devon. Admx. of John Selden, late of Barnestable, aforesaid merchant, deceased, appointes Joseph Rudd of Barnestable to recover of William Burke of Chuckatuck, Va., merchant, etc. all goods—which goods were delivered by order of the sd. John Selden, my late husband, to Thomas Beaple of Barnestable, aforesaid merchant and Robert Charton of the same mariner and by them left to the sd. William Burke—for the use of my late husband—X the mark of Sisely Selden."

Another item gives:

"Siseley Selden and administrator of John Selden dec. late of Barnstaple in Devonshire, for the recovery of debts and goods from William Burke, of Chuckatuck in Virginia."

Another item: Mr. W. B. S. Grandy, of Norfolk, Va., writes as follows:

Jan. 9, 1904

"Just before I went abroad you suggested, through my brother, Wiley, that I should look up John Selden, of Barnstaple, Devon, and his wife, Cicely." etc.

His letter goes on to tell what he found in the records in Somerset House:

"John Selden died intestate, letters to his wife of (administration) dated Oct. 1668. Cicely Selden (name was spelled both with an 'S' and 'C'). Her will dated Sept. 20, 1684 prc. 1685. She mentions in her will three sons; Joseph, Stephen, and Thomas; one daughter, Mary Poser (?); two children of Mary, Margaret and Mary; another grandchild, Edward; and John, who may be the son of Thomas, above mentioned; her sister, Martha Smale; and her cousin, Richard Salisbury."

In Mary Selden Kennedy's "Seldens of Virginia" on page 9 she mentions several references to the Seldens of Virginia whose record has not been traced. The following will straighten some of those mentioned.

Mary Selden, daughter of John and Margaret (Baker) Selden married John Barnard. Among their children were:

1. Mary Barnard, who married Robert Douglas.
2. Sarah Barnard; married James Chapman.
3. John Barnard, married Miss Bode (?).
4. Another daughter whose name was not given. She is believed to have married Mr. Howard. If so, they are the parents of Agnes and Ann Howard.

Mary and Grace Selden may have been the daughters of John Selden, son of Arthur Selden. The latter part of this statement is mere conjecture for which there is no authority. These names, however, were mentioned in the will of George Yeo, of Elizabeth City, Virginia, dated March 15, 1742 and proved April 20, 1743.

SELDEN CHART A

John de Selkeden b. abt. 1210 d. before 1308, lived in Ecclesden, Augmering, England.

father of

William Selkeden b. abt. 1234

father of three sons, (1) Richard, (2) William, (3) John all of Ecclesden

Richard eldest

father of

William Selkeden b. abt. 1290

father of

Robert Selkeden b. abt. 1320

father of

John Selkeden b. abt. 1350

father of

Richard Selkeden b. abt. 1380

father of

a son name unknown

father of three sons

1. Thomas Selkeden b. 1430 d. 1505 m. Agnes__?

2. Ralph Selkeden b. 1435 d. 1504 m. Margery__? b. 1435 d. 1505

3. name unknown

Thomas Selkeden eldest son

father of

1. William Selden b. 1455 lived in Salvington m. Agnes__?

2. Thomas Selden b. 1460 living in Goring Augmering m. Anne__?

Ralph Selkeden father of

Maurice Selkeden b. 1465

father of

1. Robert Selden b. 1495

2. daughter

3. daughter

4. John Selden b. 1500

B

William Selden (eldest son above)

father of

William Selden of Horton b. abt. 1485 d. 1549 m. abt. 1510 Alice__? d. 1551

father of

William Selden b. 1512 d. 1551

father of two sons

1. Richard Selden d. um.

2. William Selden b. 1548 d. 1621 m. Mary Appes.

father of

John Selden b. abt. 1585 d. 1640 n. 1612 Mary Baldock.

father of among others

Thomas Selden baptised 1617 m. Hester Wakeman

Progenitors of New England Selden families (see Chapter I and III)



Thomas Selden (above) on Chart A

father of

1. William Selden b. 1485 m. wife's name unknown

2. Joane Selden

3. John Selden b. 1490

4. Anges Selden

5. Thomas Selden b. 1495

6. Edward Selden b. 1500

See Chart C

C

William Selden above was the father of
Thomas Selden b. 1520 d. 1572 m. Alice___?
father of among others

1. John Selden b. 1530 of Lacies

father of

John Selden b. 1550 d. 1616 m. Margaret Baker

father of among others (see Chapter I)

Arthur Selden of Meeth Co. m. Elizabeth___?

father among others

Samuel Selden b. abt. 1662 d. 1720 m. Rebecca Yeo (The founders of the Virginia families came to Va. 1690-9)

father of among others

1. John Selden b. in Eng. d. 1753 in America, see Chapter VII

Married (1) name unknown (2) Sarah Ball (3) Grace Boswell

2. Joseph Selden b. in Eng. d. 1727 in America, see Chapter VIII

Married Mary Cary b. 1704 d. 1775

NOTICE:—A great deal of this information was taken from the authentic records of Col. E. V. D. Selden research in England.



CHAPTER II

SELDEN COAT-OF-ARMS

This coat-of-arms comes to all the Virginia Seldens from the maternal side of the family. It is the Baker coat-of-arms. It was later registered by Burkes under the name of Seldon (coat-of-arms). The families of Seldon seemed to be confined to the western counties of England. They are believed to be quite distinct from the Selden families, but the Baker coat-of-arms proves them to be of the same family but another branch which sprung from the descendants of John and Margaret (Baker) Selden.

Apart from the decorative value of this coat-of-arms, we find its quaint emblems are a faithful chronicler in shorthand and very interesting, if we could but interpret all of its meaning. The colors and charges employed in blazoning heraldic achievements all have an ancient significance.

The colors of this coat-of-arms denote illustrious deeds, strength, courage, military fortitude, boldness, loyalty, and integrity. The fesse through the center is the military belt and represents the girdle of honor.

Swans represent persons of learning. The Swan is also the ensign of the poets; and the hieroglyphic of the musical person, because of its anciently supposed habit of singing sweetly in the hour of death. Therefore, its heraldic meaning would be, "a lover of poetry and harmony." When a swan head and neck gorged with a crown around the latter is used upon a coat-of-arms it is a bearing of high dignity and has the same signification as the swan itself. The three cinquefoils on the fesse represent an agriculturist. Cinquefoils were held by the ancient heralds to represent flowers and given to signify hope and joy.

The crest, with its hand holding the swans head, also ducally gorged with a crown, no doubt was given as a pledge of faith, sincerity and justice.

Motto: "Persevero," meaning perseverance.

Another motto used by the Seldens is,, "Liberty above all things."

Ref: Guillim and Wade.

CHAPTER III

NEW ENGLAND SELDENS

The surname Selden had spread to Warwickshire, Leicestershire, and other counties of England before the thirteenth century, until it gradually made its appearance all over the British Isle. The name was borne to America and put in appearance in both New England and Virginia colonies at a very early date.

The New England Selden family, however, came about fifty years earlier than the Virginia family. Thomas Selden (1617-1655) was born in Ticehurst Co., Sussex and came from "Broadlands," Kent in 1635. He was one of the original settlers of Hartford, Conn. in 1606, and town constable in 1650, having been admitted a free man in 1640.

Thomas Selden, as mentioned in "New England Seldens" was the son of John and Mary (Baldock) Selden. They had a large family. Thomas, and perhaps more of their children, came to America. Thomas' grandfather, William Selden, married, as previously stated, Mary Appes (or Aphen). They had a daughter, Dorothy, born about 1582, who married on Jan. 25, 1601-2 Stephen Hosmer, of Ticehurst, Sussex, born Dec. 26, 1570, died April 12, 1637. The children of this marriage came to America and settled at Hartford, Conn. One son, Thomas Hosmer, had a daughter, Hannah, who married Josiah Willard.

Thomas Selden married Hester baptized 1617, daughter of Francis Wakeman of Bewdley, England. They are the progenitors of a long line of Selden descendants. Thomas and Hester Selden had among their issue a son, Joseph (1651-1724) who married Rebecca Church. Their son, Samuel, (1695-1745), married Debarah Dudley. Their son, Ezra, married Elizabeth Rogers. Their son, Calvery Selden, married Phoebe Ely. Their son, Henry Rogers Selden, was a New York Judge. He married first Laura Anne Baldwin Selden. Their son, George Baldwin Selden, born Sept. 14, 1846, died in Clarkson, New York, Jan. 17, 1922. Dec. 14, 1871, he married Clara Drake Woodruff, of Rochester, who died in 1903. George was a patent attorney, inventor and one of the first in automobile inventions—the owner of Selden Motor Vehicle Co., of Rochester, N. Y.

Hon. Henry Rogers Selden married, secondly, Jean Shipley in April 1909. They had two sons and two daughters.

Capt. Samuel Selden had a son. Col. Samuel, born 1723 died 1776, and served as Lieutenant 5th Company of Lyme in 1752. He became a major in 1774, and was Colonel of 4th Battalion in Wadworth Brigade at Long Island. He was captured in the retreat of Long Island and died a prisoner in New York City. He is buried in the old Buch Church Yard.

Joseph was in Capt. William Turner's Company, Falls Fight in 1676. Samuel was Lieut. Conn. Colonel Troops, 1738 and captain

3rd Co. Footguards, Lyme, 1740. Ezra Selden was a Lieutenant, 3rd Company of Footguards, Lyme, Conn. 1755.

Lieut. Charles Selden, of Connecticut family, married Abigail Jones. Thomas Selden (1732-1821), who married Jane—, served with the Vermont troops at the Battle of Pennington.

These patriotic and prominent figures of New England are the ancestors of numerous families handing the name of Selden on from generation to generation.

One descendant of Thomas Selden was Calvin Selden, who married Harriett Santelle of Lyne. They later lived in Norridgewock, Maine. Their great grandson, James M. Selden lives in New York.

Connected by marriage with the Seldens are the Fuller, Pope, Candee, Frazer, Milner, Cooke, Wallace, Godwin, Eaton, Gale, Ely, Potter, Blacknew, Shattuck, Moran, Brainard, Walker, Strong, Steele, Huse, Mathers, Thompson, Wilson, Wright, Taylor, Clark, Thiving, and Wood families. Most particular of all, the names of many of these families are the same as those connected with the Virginia Selden families.

Mary Selden married in 1707, Isaac Spencer (1678-1751). From this family descended the family of Hon. Selden Palmer Spencer, of Erie, Pa.; and Horatio Nelson Spencer, M. D. L. L. D., Edward Selden, of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Colonel Edwin Van Deusen Selden were of the same family. They were connected with oil refining, oil producing and banking. Edward Van Deusen Selden of Oil City and Pittsburgh, published the "Selden Ancestry" which covers the Connecticut families and their descendants.

George Selden was one of the foremost lawyers of his day. He practiced law in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Meadville, Pa.

In answer to the question so often asked, "Are the Connecticut and Virginia families of any kin?" the answer is given in this book. They are originally of one parent stem. Thomas Selden and Samuel Selden of Virginia were distantly related. Thomas was a descendant of six generations from Thomas Selden, born 1430, through Thomas' son William and Samuel Selden was of the seventh generation from Thomas Selden through his son Thomas, the brother of William.

CHAPTER IV

SELDENS OF VIRGINIA

Everyone who has read thus far will agree that Samuel Selden, the English immigrant to Virginia, left his descendants a goodly heritage.

Samuel Selden and his wife, Rebecca (Yeo) Selden, four sons, and two daughters came to Virginia between 1690-9. These children were all born in England, according to available records and known facts, and were grown or nearly so when they came to Virginia with their parents.

Records state that of Samuel and Rebecca (Yeo) Selden's four sons, Samuel and Bartholomew died without issue. John and Joseph are the progenitors of the Virginia Selden families and in every Selden family "John" has always been a choice and honored name, down to the present generation.

Rebecca Selden received extensive landed estates (see Yeo family) which brought them across the sea to the "Buckroe" estate, and became closely identified with the other first families, church and history of Virginia.

Although not strictly genealogy, the following account of the early life and history of Virginia and its people deserves mentioning and will be of interest to the descendants of the Selden families.

We, of course, know that genealogy and biography are in a sense, two of the most ancient forms of literature. Although they differ from history, they are a valuable aid to the latter in many respects. It is through biography that the intimate knowledge of one's life may be obtained; and through genealogy the family pedigree to which one belongs. This knowledge in turn infuses a new and more personal interest into history. Students of history realize that nations are born as individuals, in pain and suffering.

Everyone is familiar with the early history of Virginia and the tragic time of starvation of the Jamestown colonists and when in June 1610, we are told, only sixty persons were alive out of the small five hundred population of the fall of 1609. Gates was very sorely disappointed after their trying experiences. Gathering his handful of starving people together on board a ship, he steered seaward, and Jamestown was abandoned. On their way they met Lord Delaware, who was just in time to turn them back and save the Jamestown settlement. He was coming from England with the much needed supplies and sixty more colonists. Lord Delaware ruled well and hope stirred in the hearts of the colony. At this time the whole country, with the exception of perhaps small patches cleared by fire or felled by the Indians, was a vast forest, with the river sides covered with marsh and swamps of stagnant water.

It was at Kecoughtan, or Kickotan (Hampton) that the original company of English settlers came ashore a second time. In 1610 the English were in possession of this Indian village, which contained

eighteen shanties situated on about three acres of land (now used for the Soldiers Home), located on a beautiful point jutting out beyond the main body of land into the Elizabeth river, which made a little inlet between another point now called Point Comfort. The English built two forts and named them Charles and Henry, to hold the mouth of the great stream. This stream was given four names; first, Gaundape by the Spanish; Powhatan; Kings; and last, changed to the present name of James River.

This was the beginning of the settlement of Elizabeth City, re-named in 1619 in honor of the daughter of King James. Kickotan being too heathen a name for a people so pious. Later Elizabeth City was re-named Hampton.

Lord Delaware established a health resort near Hampton, probably at Buckroe, in order to acclimate newcomers before forwarding them to Jamestown. This was the first quarantine and health resort established in America.

People were not used to the change of climate, food, and general conditions. The list of 1624 for Elizabeth City gives a total of three hundred and forty-nine. The toll of English lives that was paid in that period is appalling. Before 1631, more than three hundred persons had died. Fortunate for us, they were brave and courageous and they realized there were opportunities for a great future in America. Their hopes and achievements stimulated the imagination of others until Elizabeth City was a parish with more than one church, and by 1634, it became one of the original eight counties of Virginia.

From Elizabeth City was formed New Norfolk County in 1636. It, in turn, was divided into Upper and Lower Norfolk in 1637. From Upper Norfolk was taken Nansemond Co. in 1642, and Lower Norfolk was divided into Norfolk and Princess Anne Co. in 1691. By this time Virginia had made remarkable progress with between 70,000 and 80,000 population. There were wrangles and tangles over the vast territory—royal grants of unknown, unchartered regions. Most of the fine estates emerged from a maze of early speculation about the middle of the seventeenth century.

In early days, some of the plantations along the James River were called "Hundreds." The name originated from the promotor, or patentee agreeing to transport to the colony and establish upon the lands assigned to him one hundred settlers.

The puny little settlements were thriving and among the earliest colony records we find Buckroe, first owned by the Seldens. It has taken its rightful place among the famous old plantations of Virginia. The name was spelled "Buck Row" and "Buch Roe," just as people chose. Selden, too, was sometimes carelessly spelled with an "o." "Buchroe" seemed to be applied also to a district, possibly the whole of the lower portion of Elizabeth City Co., which must have been a very prosperous and healthy section of the country. Buckroe estate once stretched along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. It covered thousands of acres and supported a hundred slaves. The homestead was large and had well kept grounds. Two fisheries furnished additional income and employment.

The government school for Indians now stands on the old Buckroe estate in Hampton. It is believed the name, "Buckroe" was brought from England, but not by the Seldens, who came much later. A portion of the original estate is now a beach resort still bearing the name of Buckroe.

An old list of emigrants to America between 1600 and 1700 gives the following:

"Living in Buckroe, Feb. 16, 1623, 30 persons; 26 men and 4 women, 2 of them wives."

On most all of the old plantations, the choicest sites along the water were selected on which to build their stately homes. Most of these estates were like a little kingdom all its own. It is very interesting to know how the southern plantations were run. Each manor was its own unit, only when an estate was very large it was sometimes divided into several farms, then separate negro quarters were attached to the overseer on each farm.

The average plantation, as a rule, had so many out buildings that it gave the appearance of a settlement or village. The out buildings included the kitchens, cooper, carpenter, blacksmith, and even taylor shops. The slave quarters were usually some few hundred yards from the manor and on the plantations where slaves were generally well provided for, each slave quarters had its own small garden and poultry yard. Besides the food they raised, they were allowed liberal rations. Many of the plantation owners treated their slaves with mildness, and in addition to farming, trained their slaves in many trades, such as brick laying, weaving, tanning, and shoemaking. Of course, this does by no means say that slavery was all right throughout. Some were wretchedly cared for, as might be imagined. Some were taught in a very cruel way the lesson of obedience. Slavery presents itself in its worst form when unfortunate enough to fall into the hands mostly of the lower class of white folks or of heartless masters who were crueller than savages themselves.

In those days each plantation had to be self supporting. The proprietors had to be active men with an overseer on each farm, or have stewards and overseers manage everything. Those who were not active just amused themselves with seeing what was going on. It must be remembered that the proprietor of decided efficiency and energy had many irons in the fire, not only in his private business of conducting his estate on a large scale that embodied to a large extent the whole existence of the entire family and many negroes, but in many other enterprises such as putting up buildings and holding public offices which required time and thought. These sort of men were interested also in literary and scientific matters and public interests.

In those days activities of each day were in motion at sun up. On each plantation the cultivation of cotton and tobacco by negroes was a thriving business. Grain, tobacco, and other products were shipped to other colonies and foreign ports and either sold or exchanged for necessities and luxuries.

The flour and corn meal were made from wheat and corn of the fields. Fruits and vegetables were grown for food. All meats came from the cattle and poultry killed for their own consumption. They had their own milk, butter, eggs, honey, and wild game. The woods furnished fuel, timber, and plank for the coopers, carpenters, and cabinetmakers, and charcoal for the blacksmith. Skins were supplied by the cattle killed for food and used by the curriers, tanners, and shoemakers on the plantation, or made into leather in a neighboring tan-yard. Even the pegs used in the shoes were made by the shoe maker. Fine pieces of furniture were produced by the cabinet makers. Sheep supplied wool for clothing. Cotton and flax produced in the fields was finally made into clothing. Weavers and spinners worked at their spinning wheels and hand looms, and the work was quite a task before the colored women had the cloth ready to cut and make into garments.

Candles furnished the light. They were usually made once a week, of beef fat or tallow melted and run into moulds. Soap was also a home product. Soap grease, made from fat and lye boiled in an iron kettle might not have had the fragrance of present day soaps, but as a real cleaner it had no equal.

Some plantations had their own distillers, producing wines from the fruit of the orchards. The only articles of food not produced at home were sugar, coffee, pepper, tea, and salt.

Contrary to popular belief, very, very few colonial homes in Virginia were built with brick from England. Ships in those days were comparatively small and every foot of space was generally needed for bringing America things we did not produce. The soil of Virginia was excellent for making bricks, and so, practically all of the old homes were made with brick manufactured on or near the place.

Merchandising was most profitable those days. Many plantation owners accumulated great wealth by commerce. They did not live such limited lives as some may think. In the good old times large families were the rule rather than the exception. People lived in a princely fashion, with a boundless hospitality. The invited guests came by large numbers sometimes staying for weeks and months. All the while they were handsomely entertained. It was not unusual to entertain noted and famous guests with great celebrations, pomp, and show. Visions come to us of satin gowns which required from ten to twenty yards of material, high heeled slippers, and lovely jewels of those attending receptions and dinners given from time to time to their wide circle of friends.

The hospitality of that day often included an entertainment they called a barbecue. The people were extremely fond of these gatherings. Brisk and heavy correspondence continued with far away friends and kinsmen or distinguished foreigners who had visited in their homes.

There was a fine character of dignity in the manner of females of the higher classes in the olden days. We of the modern day perhaps think it over-done and carried too far. Yet, the women were renowned for their wit and beauty, which proves that they had a just

sense of personal and moral worth which inspired, rather than commanded respect.

There is an old verse that goes like this:

“Dem good ole times is dead an’ gone
When folks wuz quick on triggers;
When mammies rez white chillums up,
And Ole miss rez de niggers—
Them good ole times is dead and gone
When mammies wo’ bandannas;
When Ladies, dey wo’ petticoats,
And white chillums had some manners.”

The early families adopted names of their sites, mostly for purposes of distinction. Besides Buckroe, where nothing remains to mark the spot on which it stood, the Seldens owned many other estates and were intimate and frequent visitors among the other plantations on which the owners lavished their love and care. “Salvington,” named in honor of John Selden’s home in England, was built by Joseph Selden. This house was of the old colonial style, on the south side of the Potomac creek, opposite Marlboro. One record states that there was another “Salvington,” known as “Upper Salvington,” on Potomac Run.

“Exeter,” named in honor of the city of Exeter in England, was built between 1796 and 1800, near Leesburg, in Lowdown Co. just opposite the lovely Morven estate. It was owned by Wilson Cary Selden.

“Grove Hill” was built in 1795 by Judge Breckenridge, the husband of Anne Selden. This home burned on Oct. 24, 1909, while the family was at church.

“Eastover,” located five miles below Claremont on the James River, sits on a lovely site facing the mouth of Chickahominy River. This plantation was varied in acreage and boundary from time to time and has had many owners. In 1843 the property was willed to John A. Selden, Jr., who also owned Westover at one time.

“Snowden” in Goochland Co., “Strawberry Banks,” “Cave,” “Woodstock,” “Ceeley,” and “Coton” were names of several other places, many of which, like Buckroe, were allowed to deteriorate, and left utterly aside by the march of time. The war brought many changes. Few plantations were kept intact after those trying days. They were divided into smaller places and sold out of the families.

At Buckroe there was no graveyard like the average plantation owned. Although it has been said that grave stones have been found by the water’s edge, there seems to be no proof of it being true.

In 1830 Robert Colgate Selden purchased “Shabby Hall” from Mrs. John Sinclair, who was Ann Mumford, a posthumous child of Robert Mumford. Robert C. Selden renamed the place “Sherwood.” (This was a part of the original Robins grant). He remodelled the place to its present style, retaining the original six rooms, old wood-work, and carved mantels.

Robert Colgate Selden, Jr., was born at Sherwood. He was given "Point Lookout" by his father. This was also built by Dr. Thos. Robins in 1642. The garden of Sherwood is a reproduction of an old English kitchen garden and was planned by Mr. Selden's mother, Charlotte Colgate. Sherwood is now in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Williams, the latter being a granddaughter of the former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Selden. "Point Lookout" is now owned by Mrs. James (India) Sinclair.

One of the oldest and finest James River homes that still survives and perhaps one of the best known of all the historic estates of this country is "Westover." It is about twenty miles below Richmond. All the romance of traditional old plantation life in Virginia is exemplified in this beautiful and impressive Georgian structure of well-weathered red brick walls and wide wings at either end. The green lawn with its aged trees stretches to the river edge. Below this inviting estate with broad, rich low lands lies the estate of Berkeley, the birthplace of many illustrious men, and once the home of one branch of the Harrison family. A few miles to the west is "Shirley," still in the possession of the descendants of the original owners. "Shirley" was once the home of the Carters, and "Green Springs," the fine estate of the famous royalist governor, Sir William Berkeley, who was long the center of authority in colonial Virginia, lived near by.

"Westover" was granted in 1619 to Lord Delaware, whose family name was West. The title seems to have lapsed through failure to settle the place, and in 1638 it was re-granted to Captain Thomas Pawlett, a kinsman of Gov. Berkeley. A few years later it passed to Sir John Pawlett, a brother of the second patentee, who sold the larger part of it containing 1,200 acres, to Theoderick Bland for 170 pounds. In 1668 it was passed once more by purchase to Captain William Byrd, one of the leading men and, at that time, auditor of the colony. He removed to Westover, which was at that time nearer the center of the settlements and in the best developed part of the colony.

Capt. William Byrd built up a huge fortune in farming, Indian trade, and general development of what was then frontier, now the city of Richmond. Capt. Byrd lived at Westover until his death in 1704. Col. William Byrd, Jr., known as "Virginia's Black Swan," inherited his father's estate. He was the father of Evelyn Byrd, one of the reigning belles of Virginia.

Col. William Byrd, in 1730, built the handsome home that still survives. He died at Westover in 1744, and is buried in the garden east of the house. The estate then came to his son, William Byrd, III, who wasted all that his grandfather had achieved by his ambition, a great fortune and a great future for his posterity. William II had helped make it brilliant by his great talents, but his son wasted it by his gambling and weaknesses, resulting in his taking his own life on Jan. 1, 1777.

William Byrd, III married May Willing. After her death in 1814, the estate was thrown on the market and purchased by William Carter and then passed into the hands of a Mr. Douthall who had won a large sum of money in a lottery. George E. Harrison was the next

owner and he sold Westover to John A. Selden for \$18,000 in 1829, It was not sold again until 1862.

John Armistead Selden married Marie Pendleton, of Goochland Co., and had 15 sons and 3 daughters. Seven sons served in the Confederate armies, six of them settled in Alabama. Miles and John remained in Virginia and James settled in Georgia.

John Selden and his son, Edward, directed the plantation. John was a man of unusual ability and great energy. Besides running Westover, he was a partner in the merchantile firm of Selden and Miller, in Richmond. At one time he was also Justice of the peace of Charles City County. This family lived in comfort and from all records, like a small kingdom of its own. The Seldens were faithful members of the Episcopal Church in Westover parish.

Westover was menaced by both fire and war. It was twice ravaged by Benedict Arnold, and once by Cornwallis. During the Revolutionary period it was twice occupied by the British. While owned by the Seldens, its peace was broken once more when it was unfortunate in lying in the path of McClellan's army when he fell back from the Seven-Days fight around Richmond. McClellan's army camped at Westover while his new base was at Harrison's Landing. Mr. Selden was not at home at the time and everything was in a sad state. The family was kept at Westover for weeks without being allowed to leave the yard. The estate was ruined by the Federal army. One wing of the house was burned and the gardens and grounds made a stable yard.

On Sept. 17, 1862, John Selden sold Westover for \$50,000 cash, \$15,000 less than he had been offered for it before the war. He had lost his crops, the plantation was swept of everything except the houses, thirty-six negroes had gone away with the Yankees. All that remained was Jarrat, the overseer, his wife, and seven children, John, Jack, Moses, and Edwin and his wife. The loss was estimated at not less than \$75,000.

From Ellet and Drewry, of Richmond, the place has been owned by Major Augustus Drewry, Mrs. Clarice Sears Ramsey, and the present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crane. The damage has long since been repaired and Westover today is peaceful and most strickingly beautiful, with her historic treasures, romance, and legends, which fairly captivate her visitors.

In some instances all trace of the exact site on which some old homes, many of them historic, once stood is lost forever. In other cases only picturesque grass-grown ruins remains of the site that was once the home of people who formed the background of our families.

Our gardens were very much in the life of the people of early Virginia. From sunrise till the moon went down the garden had its daily visitors. It was the resort of the household of all ages, where the swish of silken garments could be heard along the walkways, and the fair maidens plighted their troth. Many loved their garden so much they chose to be buried in the spot where they spent so many precious happy years of their lifetime.

Plantations those days had their own private graveyards. They, too, have been left utterly aside by the march of time. Many of them that fell into neglect are thick with weeds and briars which cover the crumbling markings. Fallen stone walls built generations ago protect the spots where, in spite of neglect, sturdy, dignified old hemlets and yew trees towering high stand sentinel, spreading their wide, aged branches over the clustering ivy or tangled periwinkle covered graves of people whose lives, ideals, and inspirations, with their fine living of their day, with its social life of the ante-bellum days and all that their hugh plantations represented is a phase of life that is irrevocably past.

Believe what we will of heredity, their lives are being unconsciously portrayed in many ways through the lives of their descendants.

Streets, towns, and villages have been named for the Selden families. Selden, Va. was named in honor of Robert Colgate Selden, Jr., who was born at Sherwood. Selden, Kansas, was founded in 1888 by Selden G. Hopkins.

The early Selden families were large and steadily increasing and have contributed immensely to the constituent population and useful citizenry, not only of this state, but they are now scattered throughout the southern and western states. They have sent out from every branch of every generation, men with great ambition and loyalty to their country and public trusts; men and women of every plane of life, many of them filling the highest ranks of any profession connected with science, religion, statesmanship, and various other positions in which all Virginia take pride. As a matter of fact, the family has more than its share of learned men. As scholars, in the earlier days, the Seldens had few equals. One cannot help but be impressed with the outstanding family connections by marriage with the well-known families whose names are by no means common in this, or any other state. Some of them were Washington, Dandridge, Pendleton, Hunter, Beverley, Moore, Cooke, Lane, Brewer, Newton, Lindsay, Croshaw, Henry, Winston, Lee, Graves, Willoughby, Chapline, Tucker, Webb, Spottiswoode, Willis, Corbin, Brown, James, Taylor, Ross, Thompson, Clayton, Colgate, Ball, Armistead, Booker, Boswell, Wallace, Kennedy, Gamble, Forrest, Walker, Breckenridge, Wormeley, Macon, Riddle, Brooke, Cary, Page, Alexander, Carter, Addison, Tasker, West, Grymes, Baylor, Fontaine, Burwell, Preston, and many others.

In some families, after two centuries of the blending of blood through eight or ten generations, its transmissible characteristics have been necessarily affected, perhaps even to the point of extinction. Habits and traits of character handed down from generation to generation through force of tradition and even these become less pronounced with the lapse of time.

In the Selden families, the outstanding characteristics are more by inheritance than by the influence of tradition. They are studious, have an ambitious nature, literary tastes and genius, equally as patriotic as their New England kinsmen. They are faithful, conscientious, have dignity of character, retiring habits, unaffected simplicity, and administrative ability.

What has been said of one may also be said of many of the family:

“....., a friend to truth, of soul sincere,
In action faithful, and in honor clear.”

CHAPTER V

YOE (YEO) FAMILY

Rebecca Yeo Selden, wife of Samuel Selden, was believed to have been the daughter of a Welsh baronet, Sir James Yeo. Rebecca received from her father, by way of settlement, extensive landed estates, granted under patent from the crown, and lying principally in the "northern neck" of Virginia.

The Yeo family traces to one ancient beginning. The surname is believed to have derived from the estate of Tre-Yeo, a parish of Launcells near Stratton, Cornwall, where the family flourished before the time of Edward III. In this reign Nicholas Yeo married Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Sackville, of Heanton, Sackville, Devon., and made that seat his principal dwelling. His posterity continued there for ten generations. William Yeo, of Heanton, sixth in descent from Nicholas and his wife, Elizabeth, married Elizabeth Greenfield, of Cornwall, and had three sons, Robert, Nicholas, and Edward. Nicholas married Joananna Libb, of Wiltshire, and by him had two sons, John and Leonard, the latter settled at Huish, near Hatherleigh, in Devonshire. His heir was George, by his wife, Armirel Corbet. George married an heiress, Elizabeth Smith, of Great Totnes. They were the parents of Leonard Yeo, who signed the Visitations of Devon. in 1620. The family of Yeo was connected for some years with Totness. The tombs of George and William are in the church there.

Leonard had a son, George Yeo, of Huish, who became distinguished for his loyalty and services in the cause of King Charles I during the civil wars, and for which he suffered much, both in person and in estate. Leonard was the member of Parliament for Totness from 1555-57, and in 1558 and 1570 the mayor of Totness.

In the early Virginia records there were different persons by the name of Yeo, believed to have descended from the noted Devonshire family. Justinian Yeo, of England, was the father of Hugh Yeo, a merchant of Accomac Co., Va., in 1649 and Burgess in 1663. He died without issue. His brother, Robert inherited his estate and sold it to another brother named Justinian.

Rebecca Yeo Selden was, according to some records, a cousin and heir-at-law of Rebecca Yeo, wife of Leonard Yeo, who was a large land owner, member of the House of Burgesses, 1644-5, 1663-6, and by a grant, owned 850 acres in Elizabeth City Co., Va., where he settled in 1637. This was received for transporting sixteen persons into Virginia in 1637. One of these was a Leonard Yeo. He died in 1670. His will dated March 15, 1670, and mentions his cousins Joseph, George, and John Selden.

Col. Leonard left among his children by Rebecca, three sons, Leonard, Robert, and Rev. George Yeo, and at least one daughter. Rebecca Yeo married, secondly, Col. Richard Moryson, and third, Col. John Lear, of Nansemond Co., Va., where he was a member of the council. Col. Lear is recorded as having married four times.

Rebecca was his third wife, whom he married after 1688. Col. Lear married fourth, Anne Willis, of Ipswich, Mass., widow of Sith Sothel, Gov. of North Carolina. She died in 1695 and Col. Lear, who for many years was an active resident of Nansemond Co., Va., died in 1696.

In 1690 Leonard Yeo, of Back River, Elizabeth City Co., Va., probably a son of Col. Leonard Yeo, died and left his property to his wife, Mary. In 1719, George Yeo, Jr., of Elizabeth City Co., married Elinor, widow, first of Coleman Brough, and second of Captain William Boswell, and the mother of Grace Boswell, who married John Selden. He died about 1743, without issue, and with him the Elizabeth City Co. Yeos became extinct.

CHAPTER VI

SAMUEL SELDEN

Samuel Selden's will dated May 29, and proved July, 1720, gives the plantation called "Buckrow" to his wife, Rebecca, for her life, remainder to his right heirs. It is an established fact that the property changed hands often. For two generations it was in the Armistead family. The Cary's also owned it at one time. Samuel stated in his will that "Buckrow" was at the head of Mill Creek. He also gave his son, Joseph, his plantation on Potomac Creek and to his heirs forever, if he "pay unto his two sisters the sum of money hereafter given unto my two daughters. But if Joseph refuse to pay the same out of the said land, then I give the same plantation to my son, John Selden and his heirs forever, under the same terms and limitations."

He willed his son, John Selden, two plantations, called Back River Plantation, being the grant of land once occupied by Leonard Yeo, and Old Field, being the grant of land on the Hampton River. To Bartholomew, who evidently was displeasing in some way to his father, he willed the money he owed him and five pounds to put him in a mourning suit, and thirty pounds to buy him a negro, in case he gain more of his wife's, Achilly's negroes.

To Elizabeth Selden, Samuel willed sixty pounds sterling, and to his other daughter, Mary Milner, sixty pounds sterling, to be paid in two able working negroes and to be paid out of his plantation at Potomac Creek. John also received cattle and his father's fourth best bed, half of his books, and half of the sheep.

The will of Rebecca, the wife of Samuel Selden was dated April 23, 1736. She died in 1737. She mentions her daughter Elizabeth; her grandsons, Samuel Milner, Cary Selden, Samuel Selden, Miles; and Joseph, and a granddaughter, Eliza Selden. Cousins George Yeo and John Selden were executors. The daughter, Elizabeth Selden, is recorded as having sold her interest in Buckroe to her father in 1716. She is mentioned in both her father's and mother's will, but evidently died unmarried.

Mary Selden married Thomas Milner.

Little is recorded of Samuel, eldest son of Samuel and Rebecca Selden. He was given the plantation known as Strawberry Bank by deed from his father, Sept. 10, 1714, showing that he must have been about grown when he came to America. He deeded the said property to his brother, Bartholomew in 1715. The deed was recorded June 2, 1715. Samuel was a party in a law suit in 1714 and was not mentioned in his father's will of 1720. He may have died before that date.

Bartholomew died in 1727. His first wife was Achilly Achilly (1700-1722), daughter of Joseph Achilly. They left no issue. His second wife was Sarah Hilliard who survived Bartholomew and married secondly, William Edwards. She died in 1778, leaving by the second husband a number of children. William Edwards will in Surry Co. records dated March 20, 1744, names daughters Mary,

Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, and Rebecca. Bartholomew Selden left as his heir, Joseph, the son of his brother, John, who married Mary Armistead Curles, widow of David Wilson Curles, who died in 1769. He was a descendant of Col. William Curles, first owner of Curles Neck, below Richmond.

Col. Curles was a seafaring man and his first settlement in Virginia was around 1630. The Curles were a wealthy and large family. After selling Curles Neck to Bacon, Col. Curles and his family moved to Elizabeth City Co., then to Norfolk Co.

CHAPTER VII

John Selden, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Yeo) Selden was born in England. He was a lawyer and held many public offices. He was Justice of Elizabeth City Co., Va. in 1725; Sheriff of Lancaster Co. in 1732; Deputy Kings Attorney in 1754. He inherited two plantations at Hampton on the Back river.

John Selden died in Elizabeth City Co., 1754. His will was pro. in 1754. John Selden married three times:

A. First wife not known.

B. Second he married, on Oct. 13, 1725, Sarah, daughter of Captain Richard and Sarah (Young) Ball, of Lancaster Co., Va. The Balls of Virginia have been a power from the first. Sarah (Ball) Selden died Oct. 10, 17__, leaving one son, Richard Selden, 1721-1789. He married, on Nov. 21, 1741, Mary Ball, born April 6, 1721, daughter of James and his second wife, Mary Ann (Bertrand) Ball.

Col. Richard and Mary (Ball) Selden had issue: John, Richard, Jr., James, and Mary Selden. Capt. Richard Selden, Jr., born 1758, died Dec. 16, 1823, was the only one who had issue. He married Elizabeth, born Sept. 27, 1774, the daughter of John and Sarah (Yates) Chinn, of Lancaster, widow of Dr. Nutt. Capt. Richard and Elizabeth (Chinn) Selden had one son, Richard, III. He lived and died in Farmville, Lancaster Co., Va. No issue.

John Selden ventured once more into matrimony and in 1740 took for his third wife, Grace, daughter and co-heiress of Captain William and Eleanor (Corprew) Boswell.

The surname "Boswell" has been variously spelled "Bosell" and "Bossell." The Boswells settled in County Fife during the reign of David I., King of Scots, 1124-53. Sir John Boswell married Mariota Glen. He died in 1430. He had a son, David, whose grandson, Alexander, fell at Flodden, Sept. 3, 1513. Alexander's son, David (1498-1582) was the father of David of Glasmont, the father of Sir John Boswell, born 1547, knighted at the baptism of Henry, Prince of Wales (son of James I.) and died in 1610.

His great-great-grandson, Andrew Boswell sold his estate in 1722. David Boswell, of Auchenleck married Lady Janet Hamilton, daughter of James L., Earl of Arron, (ancestor of the Duke of Abercorn). David was survived by his son, John, who married, first, Christian, daughter of Sir Robert Dalzell, of Glenae. Next he married a daughter of Lord Stewart, of Ochiltree. Her eldest son was William, of Knockroon. William obtained a grant of the lands of Knockroon from his father in 1600. It was William's sister, Elizabeth, who married John Fergusson. Her daughter, Margaret, married John Boswell, second son of David Boswell, of Craigston, and had five daughters and one son,

John, who married a Miss Hamilton, of Everton. Their one son was Hamilton Douglas Boswell, who married Jane Douglas, the heiress of Garrallan, whereupon he assumed the name of Douglas-Boswell.

David Boswell, son of Capt. John, who was killed in England temp. Chas. 1., was the brother of James Boswell, who died in 1618. James had issue, the eldest son being David, of Auchinleck, who was fined 10,000 merks for refusing Covenant. He married Isabel, daughter of Sir John Wallace, and died in 1661 without issue. James may have been the father of the three Boswell brothers who came from Scotland to America in 1650. It is a well established fact that one of these brothers settled in James City Co., Va. From him descended Thomas, who owned a fine plantation of 400 acres, operated with slave labor. Thomas was a lifetime resident of James City Co. He married Frances E. Richardson. They had one son, William, born in 1739.

It is recorded that in the year 1656 a Francis Boswell took up 972 acres of land on the north side of Ware River. This land was later granted to Thomas Boswell in 1662. Then there seems to be a break in the early history until in the early eighteenth century, there appears in Gloucester Co. another Thomas Boswell who was probably a son of Joseph, who was baptized March 26, 1700, the son of John and Phoebe Boswell. They are recorded as having another son, Robert Boswell. Although this name has come down the ages as a baptismal name, it has seemed to have gone from the original locality.

The wife of Thomas Boswell, of the middle of the eighteenth century was probably Machen, familiarly pronounced "Mitchum." He had two children, Dr. Machem Boswell, and Jane, who married John Seawell.

Grace Boswell was the daughter of Captain William Boswell and his wife, Eleanor (Corprew) Brough Boswell, widow of Coleman Brough. She married the third time, George Yeo. His will was dated March 15, 1742 and proved on April 20, 1743.

Among marriage records, a Matilda Elizabeth Sayre, born in 1837, married William Skinner Boswell, born Sept., 1855, of Fauquier Co.

Mary Boswell married David Jones on Feb. 18, 1763. Mills Boswell married Polly Elliott in 1815. Harriett Boswell married Robert Ansel on May 14, 1833.

John Selden and his third wife, Grace (Boswell) Selden had five children:

- I. Joseph Selden, 1775.
- II. John Selden, —1834.
- III. Elizabeth Selden, unmarried.
- IV. Eleanor Selden, unmarried.
- V. Rev. William Selden, 1741-1783.

I. Capt. Joseph was the sheriff of Elizabeth City Co. His will dated Aug. 30, 1774, was proved in Elizabeth City Co., March 28,

1776, with executors, his brother John Selden, and his friend, William Armistead. Joseph Selden married Mary, daughter of Robert and Ann (Wallace) Armistead. Ann was the daughter of Rev. James Wallace and his wife, the widow of David Wilson Curle (died 1770), son of Wilson and Priscilla (Meade) Curles. Joseph and Mary (Armistead) Selden had eight children.

1. John died unmarried. He inherited the plantation from his father on Hampton River.
2. Ann married Mr. Allison.
3. Robert died unmarried. He inherited the lands in Hampton facing Col. Cary's and 1-7 of the negroes owned by his father.
4. William died unmarried.
5. Samuel died in 1851. He married Susanna Baker, of Elizabeth City Co. They had two children:
 - a. John, a carpenter.
 - b. Samuel, Jr., who was born near Hampton and later moved to Norfolk. He inherited lands from his father near Hampton Creek and was at one time the captain of the Hampton Steamboat. He married first Sallie Bailey, and second, Susanna—. Issue:

- I. John
- II. Samuel
- III. James
- IV. Joseph

II. Samuel was the son of his first wife, Sallie (Bailey) Selden. He was a physician of Norfolk, and married Elizabeth M. Lamb, of Camden Co., N. C. They had one daughter, Caroline, who married Jane F. Yates, of Greensboro, N. C. in 1882. Elizabeth died about 1895. She had one daughter whose name was Mary Selden Yates.

John Selden, son of John and Grace (Boswell) Selden, married, 1760, Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. James and Ann Wallace, of "Erroll" on Back River. The will of Ann Wallace dated March 14, 1839 was witnessed by John Selden, Lucy Ballard, and grandson, Mathew Ballard.

Rev. James Wallace was one of the first, if not the first, of the name who was living in Elizabeth City (Hampton) about 1695. He came from Perthshire, Scotland, and served for twenty-one years as minister of Elizabeth City. He also practiced physics. He died Nov. 3, 1712. He is buried in the old section of St. John's Church, Hampton.

The Wallace family descended from powerful chieftains, conspicuous for their physical prowess and undaunted courage and patriotism. Rev. James Wallace married in 1695, Ann, first the widow of Quintilian Gutherick, and second, of Thomas Wythe (son of Thomas Wythe, the emigrant) grandfather of George Wythe.

Rev. James and Ann Wallace had issue:

1. Euphan (1696-1717) married the widow of Capt. Wilson Roscow and first wife of Col. William Dandridge.

2. Ann Wallace married Col. Robert Armistead.
3. A daughter who married Mr. Ballard.
4. Mary Wallace married William Westwood.
5. John Wallace, died about 1724.
6. James Wallace, Jr., married three times; first, widow Baylor; second, Elizabeth Westwood, of Hampton. They had eleven children, six of whom grew up; name of third wife not known.

One record gives Elizabeth (Wallace) Selden as his daughter.

Elizabeth (Wallace) Westwood married, second, Thomson Mason, which removed her from Hampton to Prince William Co., Va. Mr. Mason also lived at "Chappawamsic," Stafford Co. He had nine sons and one daughter by his first wife. Elizabeth Westwood and he had several sons, three of them were: Thomson Mason, Jr.; Westwood Mason, who married Miss Noland and died without issue; and William Temple Mason, who married Anne Carroll, an heiress of Baltimore. Issue, sixteen children. This family lived at "Temple Hall" near Leesburg.

James and Elizabeth (Westwood) Wallace's living issue were:

1. Robert, the eldest, by laws of primogeniture, inherited the princely fortune of his father. He married Miss Mallory, from near Hampton. Their one son died single, leaving his property to his mother's relations.
2. James Wallace, III, was a distinguished physician. He married Miss Edmunds, of Fauquier Co., and left numerous descendants.
3. Mary Wallace died unmarried.
4. Eupham Wallace first married Bailey Washington, and next Daniel Carroll Brent, of Windsor Forest, Stafford Co.
5. Martha Wallace married Mr. James.
6. Eliza Wallace.

In 1758 John Selden sold the "Strawberry Banks" property inherited by his father to his cousin, Cary Selden.

John and Elizabeth (Wallace) Selden had four children:

1. Martha, born about 1762, married twice. First she married William Douglas. No issue by this marriage. Second, Col. Jones, of "Chatham," near Fredericksburg. No issue as far as is known.
2. Ann Selden married Mr. Fitzgerald, of Fredericksburg. Their one son, James H. married Elizabeth Thornton, born Dec. 22, 1793, the daughter of Francis and Sally (Innes) Thornton, of "Fall Hill," Spotsylvania Co. Sally (Innes) Thornton, born Jan. 11, 1799, married, second, Murray Forbes, of Falmouth, Va. Her sister, Catherine Innes, born 1804, married Thomas Marshall, of "Happy Creek," in Fauquier Co. Reuben Thornton, justice of the peace for Spotsylvania Co., married in 1805, Mildred, daughter of Benjamin and Priscilla (Rootes) Grymes.

Mrs. Mildred Thornton married second, Peter Dudley.

Catherine and Mrs. Sally (Innes) Thornton were the daughters of Judge Harry Innes, of Kentucky, and nieces of James Innes, Colonel in the Revolutionary War and Attorney General of Virginia. (See index).

3. Elizabeth Selden married Mr. Macmurdo. Their one daughter married Mr. Gibson, of Richmond, Va. Mr. Macmurdo, in all probability, was of the family of George Macmurdo, who married in Scotland, Rebecca Starke Ravencroft, a widow, daughter of Captain William E. Starke and his wife, Mary Bolling, who were married in 1727. Mary was the daughter of Robert and Anne (Cocke) Bolling, of "Bolling Hall," married Jan. 27, 1706.

George Macmurdo had a son, C. J. Macmurdo, born 1771, married Catherine Anne Cockrane. Their son, James B. Macmurdo, married Frances Moore. Their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, married Walter H. Harrison as his second wife.

4. John Wallace Selden married Anne Booker. (See later).

5. James Selden.

6. Elizabeth Selden. No record was given of these two children. They may have died young.

The material of this genealogy proves two things; that "birds of a feather do flock together," and that, in Virginia, almost all of the old families have more or less intermarried. One can establish a relationship near, or remote, between many of them. It is very interesting to observe how interwoven and also how wide-spreading the connections are. It so happens that the Seldens have always maintained a good and honorable position among them all. It is a remarkable fact that the Maury, Page, Lee, Byrd, Washington, and many other families mentioned in these pages have produced more men who have become famous in our country's history than perhaps any other one connected group of families of Colonial records.

The following notes will be of help to those who wish to gather up the scattered links of these broken records, and although not in regular order, the material will ascertain many connections. Although there are several separate and distinct families of Douglas' in America, they are all doubtless descended from the same parent family in Scotland, which, according to antiquaries, were a branch of the MacDonald family.

The very earliest records of the historic house of Douglas gives the earliest known chief as William, Of Douglas, so called from the pastoral dale in Lanarkshire, which he owned. He witnessed charters between 1175 and 1213. He was either a brother or brother-in-law of Friskin, of Moray. William Douglas had six sons; Bruce, a monk of Kelso who through Friskin's influence, became Bishop of Moray in 1203; Alexander, who became Sheriff of Elgin; and three churchmen, who respectively became Archdeacon, Dean, and a Canon of Moray. His son and heir was Sir Archibald of Douglas, who obtained knight-hood and married in the Kennedy family of Scotland and Virginia.

George Douglas, first Earl of Angus, wife's name was Mary, daughter of King Robert III. After his death she married into the Alexander family of Virginia.

Rev. William Douglas was born in the Mosses of Cree, near Wigton, in the shire of Gallaway, Scotland, on Aug. 4, 1708. He was a learned man—the teacher of Jefferson, Madison, Wirt, and other noted Southern men. He was ordained priest of the Established

Church of England, by Bishop Sherlock, of London, about 1750. He came to Virginia and is listed about this same year as minister of St. James Parish in Goochland Co., Va. His wife, Margaret Hunter, 1715-1781, was a niece of John Hunter, the celebrated doctor of Edinboro. The Douglasses had one daughter, Margaret (Peggy) who married Nicholas Meriwether, born 1737, died 1772.

Nicholas Meriwether was a wealthy planter. He owned nearly all the land between Charlottesville and Gordonsville, at the corner of Albemarle, Orange, and Louisa Counties besides another plantation called "Horse Shoe" in Rockingham Co. He sold this for "continental money, a broken-winded horse, and a walking cane."

Nicholas and Margaret (Douglas) Meriwether lived at the old home "Clover Fields" in Albemarle Co. They had a large family, eight daughters and four sons, which scattered west and south. After his death his widow married again to Chiles Terrell and had one son, James Hunter Terrell.

Reuben and Elizabeth (Gregory) Thornton were the parents of Mildred Thornton, born 1721, died, 1778. She married in 1738, Nicholas Meriwether, who lived at Castle Hill, which was a part of a large grant of land from George II. The estate was 11,000 acres when Mrs. Meriwether married the second time in 1741, Dr. Thomas Walker of King and Queen Co. He was a lineal descendant of Thomas Walker, first imigrant from England. Thomas came about 1650 from Staffordshire, and represented the county of Gloucester in the Colonial Assembly of 1662. His grandson, Dr. Thos. Walker, married Susanna Peachy, of the same family as Col. William Peachy.

Second, Dr. Walker married Elizabeth Thornton, first cousin of his first wife and sister of Mildred Thornton, who was the second of five wives of Col. Samuel Washington. It will thus be seen that the mothers of Dr. Walkers two wives were sisters, who were first cousins of General George Washington, and that Dr. Walker's two wives were themselves first cousins, who were second cousins (or first cousins once removed) of General George Washington.

Frances Thornton, the progenitor of the Thornton family of Virginia, settled in Caroline Co. The Thorntons, too, were people of large estate. Three brothers, Col. Frances, III., Col. John, and Colonel Reuben Thornton were of Spotsylvania Co. They married three sisters, Francis, Mildred, and Elizabeth, the three daughters of Roger and Mildred (Washington) Gregory. Mildred was the daughter of Laurence and Mildred (Warner) Washington. Mildred (1696-1747) was the aunt and godmother of General Washington and part owner of the property later called Mt. Vernon. Mildred married in 1720, Roger Gregory, of Petsworth Parish, King and Queen Co.

Frances Thornton, III., of the "Falls" on the Rappahannock River in Spotsylvania Co., Va., by his wife, Frances (married 1736) had a son, Frances IV., 1737-95, of the "Falls." He married Ann Thompson (1744-1815), daughter of Rev. John Thompson, from Belfast, Ireland and his wife, Butler (Brayne) Spotswoode. Major-general Alexander Spotswoode had a daughter, Dorothea, who married Patrick Henry, of "Red Hill," as his second wife. He was

the first Governor of Virginia. These branches of the families married with Fontaine, Watson, Payne, Booth, Scott, Moore, and many other families of note. See index.

John Walker, son of Thos. and Mildred (Thornton) Walker, married in 1764, Elizabeth, daughter of Bernard Moore, of Chelsea, Va., a granddaughter of Gov. Alexander Spotswood. They had one daughter, Mildred.

Francis Thornton, V., 1760-1838, of "Fall Hill," married in 1793, Sally Innes. Sally (Innes) Thornton, born 1799, married in 1815, Murray Forbes, of Falmouth Va. (See index).

It was about 1740 when Francis Thornton determined to build houses for three of his children who wished to escape the malaria-bearing mosquitoes around Fredericksburg by trekking to the mountains. Francis Thornton built "Montpelier" for his son, William, and "Thornton Hill" for his son, John, who married his cousin, Jane Washington, niece of George Washington.

Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Thornton, married Robert Bolling in 1749. The Bolling estate was increased by the addition of the manors of Thornton, Allerton, and Deyholine. The large family of Doctor Walker and Mildred Thornton married in the Moore, Gilmer, Minor, Tyler, Page, McGhee, Maury, Hornsby, Lindsay, Divers, Speed, Nelson, Fry, Taylor, Rives, Hoops, and numerous others. They cut off the estates of Belvoir, Turkey Island, Kinlock, and Peachylorum from their property for their children and grandchildren.

Mary Walker, born 1742 at "Castle Hill" married about 1760, Nicholas Lewis, grandfather of Captain Robert Lewis of Albemarle Co. who married Sally Craven. Their son, Thomas Lewis, married Jan. 13, 1875, Jane Walker Page, born at Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 22, 1851. They removed from "Castalia," Albemarle Co., to "Airsie" and had a large family.

Judith Page Walker married on March 24, 1819, William C. Rives, U. S. Senator from Virginia. Their son, Alfred Rives, born 1830, married Sadie, daughter of James B. Macmurdo, of Richmond.

Rev. William Douglas had a brother, James. He may or may not have been the Captain James Douglas who came from Scotland some years before the Revolutionary War and died in 1782 from injuries received in falling from the rigging of his own ship at Hampton Roads. He is known to have a son, Samuel Anderson Douglas, who married, in 1814, Mary Ann Baskervill (1793-1872), daughter of George Hunt Baskervill (1765-1811), and his wife, Elizabeth Tabb (married 1791), the daughter of John Tabb and sister of Edwin L. Tabb, descendants of Humphrey Tabb. This family of Douglas lived for a time in Mecklenburg Co., Va.

Will (William) Douglas and his wife, Martha Taylor Selden were married in Petersburg, Va., in 1786. According to the records, she was twenty-four years old at the time. They did not have any issue, but judging from the name of Douglas being so well represented in so many branches of the Selden and other families, it would suggest that William Douglas must have been a man of high character and loveable qualities.

Samuel James Douglas, born Oct. 19, 1812, son of James and Mary Douglas of Petersburg, Va., was an attorney at law. On Jan. 21, 1836, he married Louisa H. B. Kello, of Southhampton Co. His second wife was Lizzie, daughter of Thomas Brown of Florida. Mrs. George Lewis, of Tallahassee, Florida, and her half brother, William Cary Douglas, of St. Louis, Mo. were of this branch of the Douglas family. Elizabeth Douglas married Philip Hale. Their daughter, Elizabeth D. Hale, married Charles Fleming Keith, 1780-1865, also connected with Marshalls.

John Douglas, born Feb. 2, 1796, died Oct. 6, 1875, married on March 16, 1819, Eliza Contee Keith Vowell, born in Alexandria, Va.

Stephen A. Douglas was U. S. Senator from Illinois. He married in the Cole family, of which Mary Cole married John Payne, of North Carolina. Their daughter, Dolly, married first John Todd, second, James Madison, the fourth President of the United States. Mary Cole was a cousin of Patrick Henry.

Sarah Douglas married Kearsley Carter.

The Douglasses were connected by marriage with the Naylor, Bell, Carter, Littleton, Colburn, Blunt, Gill, Harris, Minge, Wilson, Rodes, Broadus, Hoke, Foree, Bullard, Brabson, and many other families who are equally as proud of their lineage, traditions, and coat armour as the Douglas family.

Dr. William, son of Philip and Lucy (Baytop) Taliaferro, married, first Mary, and second Harriett Throckmorton. One of these was the mother of Warner Throckmorton Taliaferro, who married first, Fanny Booth, and second, Leah Selden.

Martha Taylor Selden married second, Col. Jones, of "Chatham," near Fredericksburg. Of them no records are given. This Col. Jones, in all probability was Major Churchill Jones, of "Chatham." He is believed to have had two children and Martha Selden may have been their mother. It is more likely that he married her as his second wife, as he was her second husband.

The name of Col. Richard's, son of Richard Jones, wife was also unknown. It seemed to be a habit of the Joneses, as in so many of the genealogies, not to mention to whom they were married. Col. Richard Jones was a militia officer and Sheriff of Amelia Co. in 1767.

It so happens that James Jones, the emigrant, had an estate near Fredericksburg. He was believed to have been a brother of Admiral Paul Jones who visited him in 1750. James is known to have been of kin to Churchill, Batholomew, Bathurst, Gaberial, Joseph, John, William, Robert, and Thomas Jones.

The Masons lived at Chappawamis, near Dumfries. Martha Mason, daughter of Col. Gideon and Priscilla (Jones) Mason, married Orlando Jones, of Williamsburg. He was the second son of Rev. Rowland Jones, of Britton Church, Williamsburg. (Priscilla Jones Mason was the daughter of Edward and Abigail Jones, a family of James City Co.) Orlando and Martha (Macon) Jones had a daughter who married Mr. Dandridge. Their daughter, Mary Dandridge, married first John Curtis, and second, President George Washington.

The Masons also intermarried with the Martin, Macmurdo, Ragland, Eaton, Alston, Walton, Hamilton, Baskerville, Goode, and Gregory families.

Col. Thos. Jones, ancestor of the Kentucky Jones branch and of the military and naval family of Washington, D. C., born Dec. 25, 1726, married Sally Skelton, daughter of James Skelton, and his wife, Jane, the daughter of Francis and Mary Bathurst Meriwether. Col. Jones owned several large plantations which he kept constantly in cultivation. One daughter, Mary Bathurst Jones, married Launcelot Lee, born at Mt. Vernon, Jan. 19, 1756. He married second, Miss Cockrell. Launcelot was the son of Col. George Lee and his wife, Ann, daughter of Hon. William Fairfax and his wife, Sarah Walker, daughter of Maj. Thos. Walker.

Fredrick Jones was the founder of the Swann branch of North Carolina. There are Jones, and more Jones, but many of them would connect if thoroughly searched. It would be exhausting and futile work in many respects.

Col. Hilary Jones, born in Fluvanna Co., Va., 1833, married in 1861, Claudia Hamilton Marshall, born at "Leeds," Fauquier Co. in 1839. They lived and owned Hanover Academy in Taylorsville, Va. Mrs. Jones was the granddaughter of Chief Justice John Marshall. Col. Hilary Jones rose successively to the ranks of major, lieutenant colonel, and Colonel of Artillery, being appointed Brigadier Colonel by the close of the war before the delivery of his commission. Col. Jones was the brother of Willie (Jones) Marshall. Basil Jones and his wife, Lucy Timberlake, were their parents and their grandfather was Benjamin Jones of Maryland, who married a Miss Magruder.

Gabriel Jones, of Frederick Co., born May 17, 1724, died 1806, was the son of John and Elizabeth Jones of Wales. They came to Virginia in 1720. Gabriel married, Oct. 16, 1749, Margaret, daughter of William Strother, of King George Co. His wife was the widow of George Morton. Gabriel was a distinguished lawyer. Issue: Margaret, married John Harvie and had one daughter who married John Hawkins, of Ky.; William S. Jones, married Frances Thornton, widow of Dr. Horace Buckner, of Culpepper Co.

Elizabeth married John Lewis as his third wife. He is recorded as marrying five times:

1. Lucy Thornton.
2. Elizabeth Thornton.
3. Elizabeth Jones.
4. Mary Ann (Fontaine) Armistead.
5. Mildred Carter, daughter of Landon Carter and his wife, the widow of Robt. Mercer.

One daughter by his first wife was Mildred Lewis, who married Col. William Minor. They had three children, Warner, Lucy, and Elizabeth Minor.

Thomas Walker Lewis married Elizabeth Meriwether, daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Douglas) Meriwether. They had three children, as follows:

1. Nicholas Hunter Lewis, born 1789, married Ann Terrell Meriwether.
2. Margaret Douglas Lewis, born 1791, married Major James Clark.

3. Mary Walker Lewis, born 1793, married, first, James Leitch, second, Capt. David Anderson.

4. Lydia Laura Lewis, born 1795, married Samuel Overton Minor. They had eleven children.

5. Thomas Meriwether Lewis, born 1797, married Emeline Weiner.

6. Charles Thornton Lewis, born 1799, married Mary Quarles.

7. Elizabeth Lewis, born 1801, married John Wells.

8. Alice Thornton Lewis, born 1804, married, first George D. Meriwether, second, John W. Davis.

9. Jane Warner Lewis, born 1806, married first, Walker G. Meriwether, second, Dr. Richard Anderson. They moved, like many of the other families, to Mo.

10. Robert Walker Lewis, born 1808, married Sarah A. Craven.

Elizabeth Meriwether, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Thornton, born 1744, married Thomas Johnson of Louisa Co. He was known as "Sheriff Tom." They had a number of children:

1. Mary Johnson married Henry Winston.

2. Elizabeth Johnson married Rev. John Pointdexter.

3. Rebecca Johnson married Joseph Winston.

4. Lucy Johnson married William Quarles.

5. Sarah Johnson married Richard Overton.

6. Nancy Johnson married Charles Barrett.

The fourth child of John and Elizabeth (Wallace) Selden.

John Wallace Selden is believed to have died in 1834. He has a large line of descendants, many of them named John. John W. Selden married, on May 21, 1798, Anne W. Booker, of Amelia Co., Va., lineal descendant of Edward Booker, born in England circa 1590. He came from England to York Co. in 1648. He was an English refugee in the town of Brill, Holland in 1648, where he executed a legal document to be found in York Co., (Va. records 1638-1648). Edward was a large landowner by grants in the colony of Virginia.

Edward had a son, Captain Richard Booker, of Gloucester Co., Va. He lived in "ye parrish of Abingdon," a large landowner by grants and inheritance. Three grants recorded to him were dated in 1685, 1694, and 1704. Captain Richard Booker married twice, first wife being Rebecca, daughter of John; and his second wife, Hannah Hand. Hannah was the daughter of Richard and Frances (Purefoy) Hand and widow of Captain William Marshall.

The Purefy, or Purefoy, family was of Elizabeth City County. They descended from the family of that name in Leicestershire. Captain Richard had by Hannah, his wife, the following children:

1. Frances, who married a Mr. Stokes and died in Amelia Co., 1752, leaving considerable property.

2. George Booker, who was of Gloucester Co., Va. It was probably he who owned 2,000 acres in Prince George Co., bounding on Nibbs Creek, adjoining the lines of Will Kennon and Flatt Creek.

Captain Richard Booker also married Rebecca Leake, by whom he had Edmond, Judith, Edward, Ann, Richard, and John who married Martha Watkins.

Edward Booker was baptised June 2, 1680 and died Nov. 2, 1756, in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester Co. He married twice; first, Mary Goode; and second, Judith Archer, died 1750. Edward removed from Gloucester Co. to the part of Prince George Co. which is now Amelia Co. His home was called "Winterham." Edward was appointed Justice of the Peace of Prince George Co. in 1733 and was one of the first justices of Amelia at its formation in 1736, presiding until 1743. He was one of its first representatives in the House of Burgesses in the same year.

Col. Edward and Mary (Goode) Booker had five children, and his second wife, Judith (Archer) Booker, of Amelia Co., had one daughter. One son by the first wife was Edward, born Oct. 8, 1740, died June 22, 1812. He lived at "Winterham" and was captain of the Amelia Co. Militia in 1775. He enlisted in 1776 in Captain Everard Mead's company, 2nd Virginia Regt.; Commanded by Alexander Spottswood, Esq. Discharged Feb. 14, 1778, commissioned Lieut.-Colonel of Amelia Co. Militia.

Col. Edward Booker married, Sept. 30, 1761, Mary, daughter of Samuel Bentley (born 1719, son of Daniel and Ann Bentley of Raleigh Parish, Amelia Co. Samuel had other daughters, Rebecca Winston, Kitty Anderson, and Rachel Saunders).

Col. Edward and Mary Booker had eight children:

1. Daniel, married in 1799 Mary Winston.
2. Mary, married Moses Overstreet in 1797.
3. Nancy
4. Rebecca, married T. Townes in 1808.
5. Henry
6. Ann, married John Wallace Selden.
7. Statira, married Samuel Baskerville.
8. Peter, born April 21, 1783, died April 7, 1853, married Nancy Fowler of Lynchburg, Va.

Edmund Booker, son of Col. Edmund and grandson of Captain Richard Booker of Gloucester Co. married Edith Marot, daughter of Samuel Cobb of Amelia Co. Edmund's will dated Sept. 26, 1792, proved in Amelia Co., Sept. 24, 1793.

Other connections with the Selden and Booker families are the Louri, Munford, Overton, Tarry, Archer, Warburton, Clark, Bolling, Tabb, Pringle, Barrett, Jones, Inglis, Shield, Douthart, Robertson, Pride, Henderson, Eubank, Moseley, Eggleston, Woodson, Moseley, Rison, Childress, Hudson, Jeter, Pollard, Carrington, Morton, Sumpter, Garnett, Burwell, Richardson, Thorockmorton, Anderson, Blankenship, Ford, Hughes, Flournoy, Moffett, Naylor, Drew, Harvey, and Carpenter families.

Many of these families attended old Grubhill Church in Amelia Co. and helped to build it. The minister, Parson Brunskill, was from England. He caused quite a stir in his congregation one Sunday morning when he called Colonel Archer and other gentlemen rebels

because they were dressed in regimental, whereupon everyone got up and left the church, not before warning him, however, never to repeat such language. He never preached again and died at his "Glebe" near Amelia Court House about 1804 and left everything he had to Mr. Richard Booker.

In Amelia County Court notes, dated Nov. 1802, we find this entry:

"Received Dec. 23, 1802 is an agreement between John W. Selden and his wife, Anne Booker, widow of Edward Booker and Towner, Jr., for 1100 pounds.....land in Amelia County on Knubbs Creek, 150 acres being allotted to John W. Selden in right of his wife, Anne, who was one of the distributees of the said Edward Booker, dec'd. by decree of court, Nov. 26, 1799....."

John Wallace and Anne (Booker) Selden had born to them the following children:

1. A daughter, name not known, who married John S. Knox.
2. Churchill Selden, moved to West Virginia.
3. Robert Fitzgerald Selden.
4. Charles Douglas Selden, died in Hanover County.
5. Edward Booker Selden, born 1801.
6. William Douglas Selden, born 1803.

The connecting links are missing regarding the history of John and Anna (Booker) Selden's son, Churchill, and Charles Douglas. (If any reader knows of these men or their descendants, kindly write or get in touch with the compiler).

The following is influenced by traditions and the known relationship between the families mentioned.

R. J. Selden, believed to be Robert, son of John and Anna (Booker) Selden, married Sally Cunningham. This family moved to Kentucky. This is the best evidence that their son was Decatur Selden, who was born in Kentucky and his descendants claim to be cousins to the William Douglas and Edward B. Selden families.

Moses Winslow and Nancy (Russell) Cunningham were of this Cunningham family. Among their children were Susan, who married M. J. Roberson, of Alabama; Louise, who married Samuel Mason Cole, of Petersburg, Va.; Prof. James; and Dr. Russell Cunningham, first governor of Alabama.

Records state that one, Robert Selden married, Dec. 7, 1830, Sarah Agnes Day. Another Robert Selden married Jane Slaughter May 12, 1827. (Borough of Norfolk records.) This could be Robert Decatur Selden and only recorded Robert but called Decatur.

Nancy Fowler, daughter of John Fowler, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., married Peter Booker, April 14, 1804, as previously stated.

Captain David Efford Booker, born in Lynchburg, June 2, 1809, died 1876, married Willa Ann Harris in 1837.

The Cunninghams and Wheelers were related, as were the Webbs, Decaturs and Wheelers, Van Meters and others.

It is impossible to say who Decatur Selden married (unless he is Robert above) but the available reference seems to prove to be correct that he married twice. The connecting link is not lost altogether, as he is known to have had sons, William, Decatur, and Samuel, issue:

1. William Selden, believed to have married first, Nancy Fowler, born 1845. His second wife was Mrs. Carpenter, a widow. They lived in Washington and owned and operated the Metropolitan Hotel of that city and another hotel in Danville, Va. They also owned a summer home at Buzzards Bay, Md.

2. Decatur Howard Selden, Jr., born in Henry Co., Ky. His first marriage on Dec. 1, —, was to Minna Webb, born in Pewee Valley, Ky. His second wife was Burgie Booker, born 1854, widow of James Booker, a store keeper. Mrs. Burgie (Booker) Selden is still living at age 86 in 1940. Issue by first marriage:

A. Marshall Selden, died unmarried.
B. Orrin Selden, died unmarried.
C. James Booker Selden, died young.
D. William Selden went out west. He is believed to have married and operated a store in Wyoming.

E. Sarah Elizabeth Selden, born in Henry Co., Ky. Married first Charles Keeton, born in Lunenburg Co., Va. Second, J. W. Wingfield, born in Hanover Co., Va. Issue by first marriage: three children died young, two sons:

a. James Edward Keeten, married Miss Scott Sutton. Issue:

1. Elizabeth H. Keeten, born 1925.
2. James Edward Keeten, Jr., born 1926.

b. Thomas D. Keeten, married Miss Taylor, from Gladstone. Issue:

1. Shirley Keeten, born 1930.

F. Decatur Howard Selden, III, born Dec. 11, 1869, married Lula Gary (died about 1930) daughter of William and Lucy (Chumney) Gary. Issue:

a. William Howard Selden.

b. Birdie Guy Selden, married a Mr. Calhoun.

c. Lucille Selden, married E. H. Minter.

d. Jeanette F. Selden, married Mr. Jones of Crewe, Va. Issue, Jean Jones.

e. Robert William, twin to Jeanette, died five weeks old.

f. Charles Russell Selden, born Dec. 5, 1911, of Richmond, Va. Married Eva Cox, born Jan. 21, 1913, daughter of William B. and Eva May (Cox) Parson (married 1896), daughter of Junuis and Mary Elizabeth (Bishop) Cox. Issue:

1. Charles Russell Selden, Jr., born June 30, 1934.

g. Warren Decatur Selden, born Nov. 13, 1913, living in Richmond, Va. Married Jennie Mae, born July 10, 1916, daughter of John J. and Estelle Davis, of Richmond, Va., who married Nov. 12, 1902. Issue:

1. Warren D. Selden, Jr., born Dec. 18, 1938.

Decatur Howard and his second wife, Burgie Booker Selden had a number of children; two daughters now living are Nettie, married to Mr. Crozier; and Mrs. Freda Davis, the owner of a Dutch Garden at Crozet, Va.

3. Samuel M. Selden, married Miss Blair. They lived in Farmville and in Buckingham Co. Issue:

- A. Kirby Smith Selden, listed on Roll of Honor (World War).
- B. Samuel Selden, Jr.
- C. John Selden
- D. Churchill Selden.

There were also two half sisters.

4. Fanny Selden, married Mr. Groveman.

5. Elizabeth Selden, married James Boatland, Jr. Their daughter, Mary Boatland lived in Norfolk, Va.

NOTE:

Kirby Smith Selden was named for Gen. Kirby Smith, Commander of Nashville Military School at Nashville, who is believed to have married a Miss Selden.

Stewart's History of Norfolk states that Summon's directory of 1801 gives the names of eighty-three merchant captains and mates who resided in Norfolk and Portsmouth. Both towns have, from earliest times, been interested in ship and boat building. Norfolk was a busy and prosperous port at that period.

Francis Webb was a midshipman on the "Dragon" of the State Navy. During Arnold's invasion, the Virginia fleet, with the exception of the "Liberty," commanded by James Barron, was caught at Osbornes on the James River. The "Dragon" was destroyed.

Francis Webb married in 1786 Frances Walker (1764-1809), daughter of Freeman and Frances Bellfield Walker (daughter of Thomas Wright Bellfield and his wife, Mary Meriwether, sister of Lucy Meriwether who married Col. Francis Smith).

Francis and Frances (Walker) Webb had a son, John Webb, born March 20, 1794, in Essex Co. He married Anne Thomson. Among their children were:

1. Martha Ann Elizabeth Webb, born 1825, married James Hardwick Robinson in 1843. Their daughter, Carrie Julia Robinson, married Jan. 30, 1873, Joseph Alexander Stewart and had, among others, J. Adger Stewart of Louisville, Ky., who married Anna Briggs Carter on April 26, 1899.

2. Louisa Webb, born 1865, married Franklin A. Gay.

3. Caroline Webb, born 1832, married William Davis.

Of these families Francis Webb moved to Georgia in 1810 and settled in Hancock Co., where he died the following year. His brother, James Webb, rose to much distinction in public life as a lawyer. He returned from Georgia in 1810 and served in the clerks office of Essex Co., Va. for two years. Returning to Georgia he later removed to Florida. In 1813 he married Rachel E. Lamar. They had a large family, one son married Jane Montgomery of Texas.

Commodore Thomas Tarlton Webb, born June 23, 1796, died at Norfolk, Va., April 11, 1853. He had a brilliant record. Feb. 28,

1818, he married Harriett, daughter of Augustine Davis of Richmond, Va. This branch of the Webb family married into the Royall, Underwood, Throckmorton, Edmundson, Hopkins, Woolford, Cheatwood, Ware, Jones, Fleming, Minge, Watson, Rhodes, Smith, Egmon, Massie, and Tucker families. (See Vol. XXV. Va. Hist. Mag.)

Conrad Webb, a merchant of London and "Hampstead," New Kent Co., Va., married, first, Lucy Osborne, second, Georgiana Braxton, granddaughter of the signer of D. of I. Among his children was George Webb, who married first in 1728, Lucy Jones, widow of Josias Jones and daughter of Col. Joseph Foster. His second wife was Anne, daughter of John Bickerton, of Hanover Co. Issue by first marriage: George, Foster, Lewis, John, and two other children who died young.

Jane Walker married Edward Day in April, 1681 and was the widow of Thomas Walker. Of these families connections, Elizabeth Day married George Scott, son of William and Mary (Wilson) Scott, of Somerset Co., Md. (See Vol. XXIX. pg. 368, Va. Mag. of Hist.).

That there was a relationship between John S. Knox, mentioned as the husband of Miss Selden, with the following, must be excepted. The branch of the Knox family of Virginia have an ancient Scotch lineage. They descend from John Knox of Renfrew, Renfrewshire. John Knox, III, married Janet, the daughter of John Somerville. They had three sons, John, Robert, William, and two daughters, Ann, who married Mr. Campbell, and Agnes, who married Mr. Dunlap. The three sons came to Virginia where they owned large landed estates. John, the eldest, was a bachelor and lived at "Old Orchards." He met a very tragic death. He was murdered by one of his one hundred fifty slaves.

The youngest brother, William Knox, settled in Culpeper Co. In 1767, he married Susanna Fitzhugh. Their home was named "Windsor Lodge." William Knox, born 1799, married Eliza, daughter of Bolling Fitzhugh. They made their home in Fredericksburg and raised a large family. Simon B. Knox, of Fredericksburg, married Mary Frances, daughter of James and Mary (Ireland) Selden, of "Tree Hill." (See index).

Agnes Knox married Samuel Gordon. Their daughter, Marion, born 1811, married Dr. John Taylor of Caroline Co., in 1834 as his second wife. Their daughter, Lucy Penn Taylor, married Basil Gordon. (Samuel Knox was the first millionaire in America and made his fortune in Falmouth.)

Anna Campbell Knox, sister of Agnes mentioned above, also married a Gordon.

Mrs. Mary Custis, of Arlington, the wife of Washington Custis, grandson of Mrs. (General) Geo. Washington was a daughter of William Fitzhugh of "Chatham." "Chatham" was built by William Fitzhugh, III and completed about 1742. The land on which this historic house stands has a history of its own. It was built upon a 2,500 acre tract bought from Lord Culpeper, another part of his original 10,000 acre tract near by came to be the boyhood home of George Washington. "Chatham," opposite Fredericksburg, over-

looking the river and the town, has a border of boxwood trees stretching down the terraced hillside to the road. The estate has grown more lovely with care through the years.

Very little remains of the once famous Chatham Race Track where Virginians gathered and feasted. Col. John Danridge, Mrs. Geo. Washington's father, died at one of these events from excitement and heart disease.

George Washington and his bride, Martha Custis, stopped at "Chatham" on their honeymoon for a visit.

William Fitzhugh entertained very extensively and had so many visitors that he said they turned his place into a tavern and ate him out of house and home. He moved to "Ravenswood" and sold "Chatham" to Major Churchill Jones of the Revolutionary Army. (He is in all probability the husband of Martha Selden, the aunt of Mrs. John S. Knox).

When Major Churchill Jones owned "Chatham" it was excellently kept up. One of his frequent visitors and friends was Light Horse Harry Lee. During the Civil War, "Chatham" fell into evil days. The house was too sturdy to be seriously damaged, but the walls and floors were smeared with blood, and the mansion became a base hospital.

When Burnside came with the army of the Potomac to Stafford Heights, General Sumner took Chatham for his headquarters. When the battle was fought, December 13, 1862, General Lee watched from the Fredericksburg side on Lee's Hill. Major Horace Lacy had married the heir to the place, Betty Churchill Jones, daughter of Col. Churchill Jones. Thinking the gunners were sparing Chatham because he owned it, he asked General Lee to attack and demolish their home because of the Federal headquarters there, but General Lee replied that, "I could not do that. I courted my wife in the shade of Chatham's trees. I love Chatham better than any other place except Arlington."

Lucretia Fitzhugh married in 1854, John Marshall, born at Carrington in Fauquier Co., 1830. She married second, Willie T. Jones, at Taylorville, Va.

Norman Fitzhugh married Miss Vowell.

The Fitzhughs descend from an ancient and honorable family of England. The first who settled in this country was William (1650-1701), the son of a London lawyer. William settled in Westmoreland Co., Va. and married a Miss Tucker. He left five sons; William, Henry, Thomas, George, and John, between whom at his death, he divided 54, 054 acres of land in Stafford, King George, and perhaps Essex Co.

His son, William II, married Miss Lee. Henry married Miss Cooke of Gloucester. Thomas and George married daughters of Col. George Mason, of Stafford, and John Fitzhugh married Miss McCarty, of Westmoreland. From these have sprung all the families of Fitzhugh in Virginia, Maryland, and many other states.

The evidence available shows the families of Gordon of Fredericksburg and of Falmouth, Stafford Co., and the Campbell, Fitzhugh,

Wallace, and many other families with the larger number of venture-some Scottish families were closely connected. Many of these families engaged in mercantile business and were exporters of tobacco. Many amassed a considerable fortune. People were attracted by the tobacco trade, which was good, and thrown open to Scotland by her union with England in 1707. By the middle of the eighteenth century, Glasgow was the chief market for tobacco trade. The tobacco lords were the magnates of Glasgow. Trade increased rapidly about 1735, and the canny Scotch merchants sent factors to live in Virginia and buy tobacco to the best advantages. It was then that merchants poured into Dumfries, Falmouth, Fredericksburg, Petersburg, and many other towns convenient to rivers.

Fredericksburg, named for the Prince of Wales, with its streets all named after the royal family was an important port of the 1700's. In its harbor ships lined the wharfs and caravans of wagons came with their products to the large warehouses. Falmouth rivaled it in trade and industry. Great quantities of tobacco were shipped. The river was navigable in those days and a big canal was built along the Rappahannock to bring goods from up country and roads were built from Fredericksburg to Orange and Culpeper about 1754.

The County Courthouse was moved from Germanna to Fredericksburg in 1732 and that little town seems to have perished altogether. Little is known of its early twelve Protestant German families, once containing about fifty persons. Their descendants probably moved farther up the state, or into the town of Fredericksburg, which continued to grow until it stretched along the river. Falmouth was once the larger town than Fredericksburg, but it did not continue to grow, and Dumfries, too, with all its thriving days of yesteryear, went backward instead of forward.

Tobacco was used as currency in those days. It bought everything needed that could not be produced on the plantations. It paid taxes, even bought the tomb stones that came from England. Tobacco was grown to such an extent until in many sections the fruitful fertility of fields was extinct.

Fredericksburg became, before the Revolution, a hotbed of patriotism. It became, not only a great trading center, but the meeting place of men who were to bring about the Revolution. During the Civil War Fredericksburg changed hands seven times. It was destroyed by fire and bombardment. It was the scene of one battle and the central point as a supply line. At the end of the war it was devastated, yet it grew up again into an important town and today it is listed as one of the most historic towns of the state.

Edward Booker Selden, born Feb. 17, 1801, died Aug. 15, 1877, first married a woman whose name is not known. In 1833 he married again to Sarah Braxton (born Jan. 22, 1809, died June 21, 1879), daughter of Samuel and Mary Carter (Braxton) Garlick (married 1803). Mary C. Braxton, born Jan. 16, 1785, daughter of George Braxton, and his wife, Mary Carter of Shirley, who died Sept. 17, 1736.

George Braxton was the son of Carter Braxton, born Sept. 10, 1730, died Oct. 10, 1797, and his second wife, Eliza Corbin (died 1814). They were married in 1761. (See index for Braxton).

Edward B. and Sarah (Braxton) Selden had issue:

1. Georgia Knox Selden, married twice; first Dr. Curtis; second, Dr. Gaines. No issue.
2. Lelia Selden, died unmarried.
3. Mildred Selden, married Rev. Hugh Henry, of Keysville, Va.

Issue:

A. Dr. Hugh Henry, married Laura Van Meter. Issue:

1. Hugh Henry, III.
2. Van Meter Henry, married in June, 1926 Raymond Barker. Issue:
 - a. Shirley Ann Barker, born March 5, 1928.

4. Alfred Fitzgerald Selden, born Aug. 1, 1842, died Feb. 18, 1917, married Annie Marie (born Aug. 24, 1851, died Dec. 11, 1918) daughter of Charles Henry and Adelaide B. (Colgin) Binns, of New Kent Co., Va. Charles Henry and Adelaide B. (Colgin) Binns had a large family. Issue: Martha, Ellenor, Charles Henry (above) Amelia, Colgin, William E., Ann Maria, John Thomas, and Virginia Lee Binns. Some of these married into the Hollinberg and Turner families and two married into the Binns, probably cousins.

Alfred Fitzgerald and Annie Marie (Binns) Selden had issue:

A. Alfred Fitzgerald Selden, Jr., born Oct. 26, 1884, married Maude Helen Gilbert on Jan. 6, 1911. Issue:

1. Helen Gilbert Selden, born Oct. 15, 1912. Married Frank Spies.

B. Charles Binns Selden married first Anne Davis. Issue: Annabell Davis Selden. He married a second time and is living in Florida. Issue: two daughters.

C. Annie Selden, born May 14, 1888 in Hanover Co., Va. Married Charles Bernard Flow, born Feb. 12, 1886. Issue:

1. Amelia Lee Flow, born Dec. 12, 1913, married Aug. 15, 1939, James Monroe Wells, Jr., born Nov. 1919.

2. Evaline Bernard Flow, born Feb. 3, 1918.

D. Sarah Adelaide Selden, born July 7, 1890. Married May, 1914, James Robt. Wade. Issue:

1. Sarah Selden Wade, born July 27, 1927, died March, 1934.

E. Edward Booker Selden, born April 16, 1895, died June, 1932 in Richmond, Va. Married Nettie, born April 26, 1902, died Sept., 1932, daughter of Walter and Mabel (Buckanan) Lussey. Issue:

1. Edward Booker Selden, Jr., born Dec. 1, 1917. Married Frances Madison, daughter of H. L. Madison. Issue: Edward Booker Selden, III, born Nov. 15, 1939.

2. Georgia Lee Selden, born Dec. 3, 1920.

3. Melvin Fitzgerald Selden, born March 25, 1924.

F. Carter Braxton Selden, born Jan. 4, 1898. Married Virginia Diggs in 1920. Issue:

1. Virginia Lee Selden, born April, 1935.

The Braxton family, continuously identified with King William, Fauquier, and King and Queen Counties, are also closely connected with a number of branches of the Selden families. (See index). George Braxton was, according to King William County records, a merchant in 1703. Later he is styled Col. George Braxton, merchant of Virginia. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for the King and Queen in 1778 and for a number of years later. His daughter, as stated elsewhere, married Humphrey Brooke.

George Braxton, Jr. held many offices of trust. He married Mary, daughter of Robert Carter, of "Corotoman." George Braxton, Jr. was the father of George and of Carter Braxton (see index) who married Marie Muse. Carter Braxton, Jr. lived in King William Co.

Robert Page, Jr., son of Robert and Sarah (Walker) Page of "Broadneck," Hanover Co., married a Miss Braxton.

Col. Elliott Braxton was born in 1823 in Mathew County. He was a lawyer of Fredericksburg and on Nov. 23, 1854 married Anna Marie Marshall.

Eliza Braxton of "Prospect Hill," Fauquier Co., married John Lyne Brockenbrough.

Charles C. Braxton of "Chericoke," the eldest son of George Braxton, married Elizabeth P. Grymes. Issue:

1. Susan G. Braxton, married Col. Richard Carrington, of Richmond.
2. Dr. William Braxton lived at Old Church, Hanover Co.
3. Hannah, died unmarried.
4. Lucy B., died unmarried.
5. Sally Braxton, died unmarried.

This branch of the Braxton family married with the Robinsons, of which Peter Robinson was the progenitor.

Susan Spotswood Braxton was also a direct descendant of Carter Braxton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. She married Rev. George Boardman Taylor. Their son, Rev. George Braxton Taylor, born in Staunton, Va., April 25, 1860, married Dec. 19, 1888, Jesse Cabell of "Fork Field," Norwood Nelson Co., Va.

Dr. Corbin and Mary Williamson (Tomlin) Braxton had issue:

1. William Armistead Braxton, born Feb. 12, 1828, at "Chericoke," was killed in Nov., 1864. He married Jan. 2, 1855, Henrietta Garlick, daughter of Braxton and Mary C. (Webb) Garlick, of "Waterloo," New Kent Co. Henrietta Braxton died Dec. 14, 1912 in her 77th year.
2. Margaret Williamson Braxton, born Nov. 26, 1826, died 1828.
3. Fanny Churchill Braxton, born June 24, 1828, died Jan. 1894. Nov., 1858 married Col. John B. Young, of Richmond, Va.
4. Charles Carter Braxton, born April 5, 1830, died 1900 unmarried in Birmingham, Ala.
5. Dr. Tomlin Braxton, born June 6, 1832, died Jan. 3, 1894. Married Mary Caperton, daughter of Allen Caperton, of Monroe Co.
6. Bettie Pope Braxton, born May 17, 1835, died Oct. 3, 1927. Dec. 16, 1856 married Henry Clay Dallam, of Baltimore, Md., who was born Nov. 14, 1821 and died March 1, 1887.

7. Lucy Tomlin Braxton, born March 24, 1838, died Jan. 16, 1928. Oct. 12, 1871 married Lewis M. Hopkins, of Baltimore, who was born June 26, 1834 and died Aug. 19, 1904.

William Armistead (eldest son of Dr. Corbin and Mary W. Tomlin Braxton) and his wife, Henrietta (Garlick) Braxton had issue:

- I. Mary Armistead Braxton, born June 3, 1856, died unmarried.
- II. Fanny Churchill Braxton, born Oct. 3, 1857, died unmarried.
- III. Corbin Braxton, born May 7, 1859, died July 23, 1917. Married on April 16, 1902 to Louise Tuther and lived in Memphis, Tenn.
- IV. Catherine Power Braxton, born June 21, 1860, died young.
- V. Katherine Shore Braxton, born 1862, married Jan. 15, 1891 to Henry Lee Valentine, of Richmond, Va.
- VI. William Armistead Braxton, born Nov. 8, 1864. Died young.

William Douglas Selden, born Feb. 13, 1803, died March 2, 1874, son of John Wallace and Anne W. (Booker) Selden. On Oct. 30, 1834 he married Mildred Harris Day, born Feb. 6, 1804, died July 7, 1839, believed to be the daughter of William and Susannah (Chiles) Day and connected in some way with William and Ann E. (Harris) Day, of Hanover Co., Va. Mildred may have been a sister of Sarah Agnes Day, or of close kin. It was nothing unusual in early days for brothers to marry sisters of the same families.

The Day family traces their lineage to John Day, the first to come to the Virginia Colony. He was among the first settlers at College Land near Jamestown in 1633. His sons, James and Thomas, were of Southampton Co. and were vestrymen in the parish about 1737. Later, the Days were quite numerous in Fredericksburg from 1775 to 1798. Addison Day was one of them. He had a son, Lewis, who died about 1780. He had two children, Lewis and Ann Day. In Hanover Co. there was a Phillip, Samuel, and John Day, the latter is believed to be the father of William Day mentioned above.

According to the record of the Day coat-of-arms registered to this family, they come from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Shropshire, also Sussex, England, where they were all of one family originally.

John Day was a member of the House of Burgesses for Isle of Wight Co. in 1775. He was a descendant of James Day who married Mary, daughter of Thomas Bland and his wife, Mary Bennett, daughter of Edward Bennett, a London merchant who, in cooperation with his brother, Robert Bennett and others established the plantation called "Warrascoyack" in Isle of Wight Co.

Richard Bennett was the richest man in Maryland and uncle of Edward Bennett, the father of Mary Bennett (above), and Silvestra B., who married Major Nicholas Hill, who came to Virginia and was one of the leading men of the Isle of Wight.

William Douglas and Mildred Harris (Day) Selden had two sons, William Douglas Selden, Jr., and John Nelson Selden (1939-1939). Mrs. Selden died soon after this child's birth.

William Douglas Selden, Jr., born June 20, 1837, died Aug. 1, 1910. He married Cordelia Allen Word, born April 22, 1849, died Jan. 25, 1912, the daughter of Thomas E. and Virginia Collins Word.

The founder of the Word family in Virginia was John Word. Records are very incomplete regarding this family. Charles Word was baptized May 14, 1710 at St. Peter Parish, New Kent Co. Thomas Word married Frances Dickinson in 1772. They had a son, Robert Word, who married Joyce Allen Jones (1782-1866).

Another early member of this family was John Word, born Oct. 22, 1738, son of Charles and Sarah Word. He married Fanny Collins. They removed to Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tenn. about 1804. John died in 1821, leaving his wife, Fanny, and eleven children. This John had at least two brothers; Charles, born 1740; and Thomas, born 1756, died 1838. There were two others by name of Peter and Cuthbert. Peter married Frances Elam in 1782.

Charles Word, perhaps the one mentioned above, married in 1768 Elizabeth Adams (1779-1855). Their daughter was Sarah Joyce Word who married John Hooper.

Benj. Word married Elizabeth Godfrey on Dec. 11, 1783.

William Word married Mary Burgess on April 23, 1787, from Norfolk Co. records.

William E. Word married Mrs. Katherine Winston, of Richmond. They had a son, Lieut. William E. Word, Jr., named in the list of Virginians of distinguished service in the World War.

Charles Word (1740-80) was in the Revolutionary War. He was killed at Kings Mountain in S. C.

William Douglas and Cornelia (Word) Selden had one daughter, Claudine Virginia Selden, born Sept. 24, 1872, died in the summer of 1936, unmarried. They also had five sons, as follows:

1. Douglas Allen Selden, born June 16, 1875, died April 6, 1879.
2. Charles Wallace Selden, born Dec. 23, 1877, living in Richmond, Va. He married first on Nov. 7, 1900, Ethney Ellen Burton, born Oct. 23, 1878, died Sept. 21, 1933. Mrs. Ethney (Burton) Selden was the daughter of Reuben Burton, Jr. (born Nov. 13, 1851, died Feb. 8, 1922), the son of Reuben Burton, Sr., born 1823 in Dudley, England. He married about 1845 Mary Ann Edwards, born in 1824, of Staffordshire, England. They came to America in 1848 and lived in Texas and Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Charles Selden's mother was Emma Cornelia Grimes, born June 12, 1851, died July 10, 1905, resident of Richmond, Va. She married Reuben Burton, Jr., Jan. 20, 1875. The Grimes family came from Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, England.

One of the earliest settlers in America bearing the name of Grimes was the Rev. Charles. It is here again that we observe how wide spreading the connection of families is. The family Grimes also spelled "Grymes," were the same, as it should be understood that "i" and "y" were used indifferently.

In Virginia we find them first of Gloucester and York Counties. Rev. Charles Grimes patent land in Lancaster Co. in 1653-1654 and

in 1657 there are three patents recorded to Charles Grimes, Clerk. His son, John Grimes, of Lancaster Co., married Alice, daughter of Lawrence and Sarah Townley, the later being a daughter of Col. Augustine Warner, Sr., of "Warner Hall."

John Grymes died Aug. 28, 1709, aged 69. His eldest son, Hon. John Grymes, of "Brandon," Middlesex Co. (1693-1749) married Lucy, daughter of Philip Ludwell of "Green Spring." Lucy Ludwell is believed to have married twice.

John Grimes, Jr., will dated 1747, bears a wax seal with the Grimes coat-of-arms.

One William Grimes of Virginia was a descendant of Richard Grymes, of London. John Randolph Grimes, born in Virginia about 1746, was the son of Phillip Grimes. John joined the royal army under Lord Dunmore and headed a troop of horses which he himself raised in 1776.

William Grimes, of Orange Co., N. C. was the father of Green Grimes, born Feb. 12, 1809, died May 29, 1857, and lived in North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Missouri. He married Mary Lipscomb, born 1830, died Aug. 11, 1900. Mary was of King William Co., Va., and Richmond. They were the parents of Emma Grimes, the mother of Mrs. Ethney Selden.

On the maternal side, Mary Lipscomb was the daughter of Conway O. Lipscomb, born Dec. 6, 1791, died Aug. 29, 1845, in King William Co., Va. Conway married Sarah Parker Bailey March 6, 1813, of New Kent Co., and King William County. Sarah Parker Bailey was born Oct. 14, 1791, and died in 1854, in Richmond. Sarah was the daughter of Parker Bailey, born Jan. 8, 1773, died 1796, and granddaughter of Edward and Mary Bailey of New Kent Co. The Bailey families are of the early colonial history where, for generations they were extensive land owners, operated large plantations, and possessed numerous slaves.

The Lipscombs trace from Conway to his father, Madison Lipscomb, born 1765, died March 15, 1815. He lived in King William Co. and married Mary—, of the same county. Madison was the son of John Lipscomb who died in 1777, also of King William Co., Va., who married Ann Madison, daughter of Susannah (Henry?) and Thos. Madison.

Charles W. and Ethney (Burton) Selden had by their marriage two children:

A. Ethney Selden, born July 31, 1902. Nov. 25, 1925, she married Thos. Jefferson Headlee, born March 4, 1900, the son of Samuel Avery Headlee, who died Oct. 11, 1901. He married Anna Steward Boyd, who married secondly, Mr. Allen, of New Sheffield, Pa.

Thomas J. and Ethney (Selden) Headlee have two children: Anna Selden Headlee, born Aug. 26, 1927; and Thos. Jefferson Headlee, Jr., born Dec. 24, 1931.

B. Charles Wallace Selden, Jr., son of Charles W. and Ethney (Burton) Selden, was born Nov. 18, 1909. He married on June 22, 1935, Eileen Graham, born June 6, 1909, the daughter of W.

Patton and Rosa (Alderson) Graham. Issue: Charles Wallace Selden, III, born Sept. 11, 1937.

The second marriage of Charles Wallace Selden was in Florida June 21, 1940, to a widow, Mrs. Juanita (Hector) Boysen born in Warner, Iowa.

3. Weston Thomas Selden, born Dec. 27, 1879, died Dec. 8, 1926, the fourth child of William D. and Cordelia Allen (Word). April 6, 1904 he married Florence Augusta Holland, born Oct. 13, 1879, of Richmond. She was the daughter of Henry and Mary Anne (Gillock) Holland. No issue.

4. William Douglas Selden, III, born Dec. 10, 1882, son of William D. and Cordelia Allen (Word) Selden of Richmond. Feb. 17, 1909 he married Louise Marie Ruehrmund, born Nov. 24, 1885, daughter of Carl and Rosa (Heiss) Ruehrmund. William D., III and Louise (Ruehrmund) Selden had three children:

A. Louise Allyn, born July 27, 1915, married Sept. 1, 1938, to Leo Francis McGinley. Issue:

a. John McGinley, born Sept. 1, 1939. Leo Francis McGinley was of Washington, D. C.

B. Mildred Day Selden, born May 29, 1919.

C. William Douglas Selden, IV, born Dec. 26, 1923.

5. Eugene Harris Selden, born March 18, 1884, died Oct. 10, 1932, the son of William D. and Cordelia Allen (Word) Selden. Aug. 1, 1906 he married Blanche Augustus Parson, born Sept. 22, 1884, the daughter of William Augustus Parson, born June 6, 1840, at East Guiford, Chinango Co., New York. He married Anna Phoebe Wright, born Aug. 16, 1843, died May 15, 1891, of Fairfax Co., Va.

Eugene "Harry" and Blanche Parson Selden had one daughter, Dorothy Blanche, born Dec. 26, 1907. Married June 10, 1931, in Richmond, Frank Brittebank Simpson, Jr., of Smithfield, Va., born May 21, 1905. They have one son by this marriage, Frank Brittebank Simpson, III, born July 19, 1936.

William Douglas Selden, Sr., married three times. On May 26, 1846 he married his second wife, Catherine Peterson, born July 26, 1823, died May 14, 1850. Dec. 26, 1860 he married his third wife, Rosina Povall, born Aug. 16, 1818, died Sept. 14, 1862.

By the second marriage, William D. and Catherine (Peterson) Selden had one son, Charles Peterson Selden, born April 20, 1847, died April 15, 1924 in Richmond. Jan. 17, 1883 he married Rosa Florence Reifsnider, of Frederick, Md., born May 20, 1860, died May 3, 1939, the daughter of John Reifsnider, born June 24, 1816, died Feb. 12, 1897, of Frederick Co., Md. He married Jan. 5, 1840, Honoria Elizabeth Kitzmiller, born Dec. 15, 1816 in Pennsylvania. She died in her 77th year in Frederick, Md. on June 21, 1894.

Sarah Catherine Peterson was believed to be a daughter of a captain of a steamboat between Liverpool and Norfolk, a descendant of John Peterson who, in 1717, owned 225 acres of land in Prince

George County. The earliest Virginia families on record give John Peterson as baptized in 1720, regarded as third "John" in name and generation in Virginia. He died in 1773. He married Martha Thweath, sister of the well known brothers, John, James, Archie, Thomas, and Richard Thweath, of "Palestine" near Petersburg.

John and Martha (Thweath) Peterson had issue:

1. Peter Peterson, who married Lucy Osborne.
2. Nathaniel Peterson, born 1732.
3. Thomas Peterson, married Elizabeth Claiborne, of "Windsor" Sussex Co., Va.
4. Martha, born 1745, married Robert Batte, of Prince George Co.
5. Mary Peterson, married Frances Poythress, of Amelia Co.

Others bearing the name of Peterson connected with this family were Nathaniel Peterson, born Nov. 12, 1720; William Peterson, born Oct. 25, 1723; Israell and Elizabeth Peterson who had a daughter, Magdaline, born Nov. 21, 1740; Neale Peterson whose will dated Nov. 20, 1672, mentions wife and children, Mary, John, Anne—witnesses, William Johnson and Henry Jorden. Neale is listed as owning 220 acres of land in Rappahannock Co., Va. in 1663.

Isaac Peterson is listed as a Revolutionary soldier, a private Contl. line with three years service. The Petersons also intermarried with the Harrisons, Smith, Jones, Winston, Eppes, Robinson, Wiley, Gregory, Young, Prentis, Randolph, Minor, and Royal families. In some cases the lines cross back and forth, showing that they were all very intimate throughout the counties.

Charles Peterson Selden, son of William Douglas and Catherine (Peterson) Selden, was raised by his aunt, Tabitha (Royall) Peterson, believed to be of Goochland. She was the daughter of William and Sarah Royall.

Cornelia Peterson married, about 1862, Stark Armistead Plummer, (son of William and Eliza Armistead Plummer). They had a number of children. One son, James Fitts Plummer married Fanny Minor. They had five children: James Minor, Charles Cazenove, Edward Armistead, William Gardner, and Cameron McRae Plummer. These were connected by intermarriages with the Outlaw, McIlwaine, Warriner, Warwick, McRae, Cameron, Hudgins, Purnell, Smith, Green, Urquhard, Bond, Batchelor, Blanton, and others no less known.

Tabitha married Charles Peterson, the brother of Catherine (Peterson) Selden, children of either Peter or Thomas.

The Royall family was also connected with the Povall (Puvall) family from which William Douglas Selden chose his third wife Rosina. Rosina only lived two years after her marriage and died Sept. 14, 1862. John Povall was one of St. John Church wardens in 1737. He lived in Henrico Co. He may or may not have been of any relation to Robin Povall who married Elizabeth Hooker, believed to be of close kin to Rosina.

By family tradition, Robin, or Robert Povall (1650-1728) was from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London. He was stolen or indentured

very young into service. He was a servant to Robert (King) Carter, of Charles City Co. Elizabeth Hooker is also believed to have been stolen and sold into service. She was employed upon the adjoining plantation of Solomon Knibbs. Regardless of the truth of this, Elizabeth Hooker's identity was established as the daughter of Lord Hooker, of Malvern Hills, England. At his death she, being his rightful heiress, sailed for England to claim the estate. Before sailing Elizabeth married Robin Povall. They remarried again in England to satisfy legal requirements. The Hooker estate was occupied a while and then leased for 99 years at the end of which period it is said it became escheated to the Crown. After abandoning the English estate, the Povalls obtained possession of their home, "Malvern Hills," in Henrico Co., Va. Robin and Elizabeth H. Povall had a number of children:

1. John, died 1762.
2. Robert, 1680-1732.
3. Mary, married Mr. Carter.

4. Sarah, may have married twice. (Mr. Roach?) It is recorded Sarah Povall married William Royall, born 1818, of Powhatan Co., the son of William Royall (1728-1811) whose will in Charles City Co. dated Aug. 22, 1808, pro. June 20, 1811, gives wife, Sarah, son John, daughters, Elizabeth Prentis and Tabitha (Royall) Peterson. Sons William and Richard. William married Susannah Hobson. Richard's wife was Elizabeth Maynard (Royster) Royall of Halifax Co. Their daughter, Nancy Royall married John G. Watkins.

One Richard Povall married Tabitha Hudspath on Nov. 3, 1772. John Povall, born about 1760, married a Turpin, the widow of Dr. Edward Johnston. Issue:

- A. Richard Povall, who married Ann Bores, of New York.
- B. F. Preston Povall.

Robert and Judith Povall had a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Robert. In the third generation, Elizabeth Povall, born 1729, married Peter Winston, son of Isaac and Marianna Fontaine Winston. Issue:

1. Mary Ann Winston married Alexander Jones, who died in Amelia Co. in 1802. He was the son of Col. John and Elizabeth (Crawley) Jones, the daughter of William Crawley. No records are printed to prove whose son this Col. John Jones was. Older members of the family are all gone who might throw some light on his lineage. It has been thought that he was a son of Abraham and Sarah (Batte) Jones. They had a son, John. Alexander and Mary Ann (Winston) Jones lived in Henrico County and had issue:

A. John Winston Jones, born in Amelia Co., Nov. 22, 1791. Married Harriett Boisseau, of Chesterfield Co. Their home was at "Bellwood." John Jones will was probated in Chesterfield Co. soon after his death Jan. 28, 1848. Issue:

a. Mary W. Jones, who married George W. Townes, who was Governor of Georgia. Issue: Harriett, Winston, Margaret, John, Mary, Anne Lou Martin, George W. Townes, Jr.

David Crawley, son of John and Elizabeth Crawley Jones, of Amelia Co. (1778-1862) married first in 1800, Rebecca Ward, daughter of Robert and Ann (Ward) Jones. Issue:

A. Dr. Benj., Crawley Jones, 1801, 1869, who married Elizabeth Quarles.

B. Dr. Robert Edward Jones, born 1804, married in 1832, Ann Ward, daughter of his aunt, Mary Ann Jones and Richard M. Jones.

C. John Alexander, twin brother of Robert Edward Jones, died unmarried in 1853.

D. Elizabeth Ann (1808-1872), married Benj. W. Fitzgerald in 1849.

E. James B. Jones, married Ann Crawley Winston, daughter of Peter Winston, whose wife was her father's sister. Issue: John W., Peter E., William Gustavus, Louisa, Winston, and Augustus Drewry Jones.

Alexander was a member of the House of Delegates 1847-48.

2. Isaac Winston and Peter Winston, who married two sisters, Misses Jones. One of them had issue, Elizabeth, who married Hezelsiah Mosby. (See index)

B. Susanna, married Mr. Grubbs.

C. John, married Miss Austin.

D. William, married Martha Mosby.

E. Ann married Benj. Mosby.

One Robert Povall married Winfred Ann Miller about 1755. Issue: Sarah, John, Mary, Edith (born 1761), and Charles Povall, born 1763. Sarah Povall married Samuel Hobson, of Powhatan Co. Issue:

1. Samuel Hobson, married Elizabeth Johnson, of Powhatan Co. They had a son, Samuel Hobson, married Susan Goode.

2. Richard Hobson married Martha Moore.

3. Benj. Hobson, also married a Miss Moore of Powhatan.

4. John Hobson married Miss Littlepage of Henrico Co.

5. Mathew Hobson married Mary Stagg of Charles City Co. Issue:

A. William

B. Elizabeth, married David Crenshaw of Amelia Co.

C. Lucy, married John Worth of Bedford Co.

D. Susan married William Royall, Charles City Co. Issue:

I. Samuel H. Royall, married Adaline Smith of Goochland Co.

II. Benj. Royall, married Ann Emerick of Philadelphia.

III. Lucy E. Royall married William W. Winfree of Chesterfield Co. Their one son, William Winfree was born in 1824 and married Mary S. Cofer.

One Mary Povall married Charles Moseley on Nov. 3, 1772.

Elizabeth Smith married first, Mr. Johnson, second, a Mr. Povall.

Rebecca Jones married Edward Bland of Amelia Co. Their daughter, Judith Marie Bland, born 1809, married Dr. Henry C. Worsham, of Dinwiddie Co.

Capt. William Fitzgerald married Marie Hardaway, their daughter, Ann Marie married Travis Edwin Jones.

Eliza Royall Jones, twin sister of Marie Ward Jones, born in 1795, married Thomas Goode, of Amelia Co. They moved to Missouri.

Catherine, daughter of William Crawley, Senior, of Amelia Co. married three times. Her first husband was Benjamin Ward, second, Daniel Jones, and third, William Fitzgerald of "Leinster" in Nottoway Co., Va.

Samuel Booker married Rachel Jones, daughter of Richard Jones. Another daughter, Elizabeth, married Littleberry Royall. He married secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Jones, Sr. The Royall family claims Joseph Royall (1600-1658) as the first immigrant of the family in America. He came from England in the "Charitie" July, 1622. Living at "ye neak of land" Feb. 16, 1620, at Charles Cittie, Feb. 24, 1624. He married three times, first Thomassia____. Second, Ann____. Third, Katherine Banks about 1645. He is listed in 1637 as owning 300 acres in Henrico Co.

The town of Charles City was at that time what is now called City Point, at the mouth of the Appomattox River. In this neighborhood lived the Kennons, Eppes, Poythress, Isham, Royall, Jones, Bolling, and other families. Joseph brought his brother, Henry, with him, believed to have been about 17 years old. He is probably the "Henry" to whom 586 acres of land under Elizabeth City Co. records dated 1697 belong.

Joseph Royall married, third, Katherine Banks. Their son Joseph, Jr., married Mary Eppes. Their son, Joseph Royall (1681-2-1747), married in Dec. 1698, Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Kennon and Elizabeth (Worsham) Kennon. (Elizabeth's sister, Judith, married Thos. Eldridge. Their daughter, Mary, married first, Josiah Woodson, second, Joseph Farrar.

Daniel Worsham married Judith, daughter of John Archer, of Henrico Co. He died about 1728, leaving three daughters, Phoebe, who married John Booker; Elizabeth, who married John Royall; and Martha, who married Stith Hardaway.

Mrs. Judith (Archer) Worsham married secondly, Col. Edward Booker, of Winterham, Amelia Co.

Rev. John James Royall, D. D., born 1805, died 1856; son of William and Judith (Archer) Royall, married in 1830, Anne Keith Taylor, daughter of Geo. Keith Taylor. Anne was a niece of Chief Justice John Marshall and was born in Petersburg, Va., Oct. 31, 1808, died at Mt. Ephriam, Fauquier Co. Va., March 7, 1884. (See index).

Capt. John Royall, Jr. (1755-1785) son of John and Elizabeth (Worsham) Royall, was a conductor of Military Stores and wagons. He married Elizabeth Townes on May 20, 1784.

Francis and Eubank Royall, listed in Virginia Revolutionary Soldier list each served three years.

John Bacon Royall began to spell the name "Ryall." He married Oct. 15, 1795, Mary Smith, born April 26, 1774, daughter of Captain Obadiah Smith and his wife, Betsy Povall (Burton) Smith and granddaughter of Captain William Burton and his wife, Betsy (Povell)

Burton. Obadiah Smith married in 1678, Mary Cocke, daughter of William and Jane (Clarke) Cocke. Obadiah Smith lived at Westham in Chesterfield Co. His daughter, Lucy Smith married James Powell Clarke as his second wife. The Cocke lineage traces back to Richard Cocke, of "Bremo."

In Williamsburg will records: "Lewellin Eppes, of Westover Parish, Charles City Co. Date, 9 Nov., 1755; pro. 3 May, 1758, named grandson Joseph, son of Littlebury Royall, wife Angelica, son of Peter. Extr: wife. Witnesses: Richard and William Royall."

Mary J. daughter of John Royall, of Richmond, married about 1875, William J. Pendleton. The Pendleton family which enters the records from time to time traces its ancestry to Henry Pendleton of Norwick, England. Henry had a son, Philip (1650-1721) who came to New Kent Co., Va. about 1674 and settled on what now forms a part of Caroline Co. He became the progenitor of the Pendleton family of Virginia. Philip married Isabella Hart (Hert). They had three sons and four daughters. Henry (1683-1721) married Mary, daughter of James Taylor. She survived him and married second, Edward Watkins.

The Minor family may be found intermingled, not only with those already mentioned, but also with Dabney, Price, Morton, McFarland, Meade, Rose, DeWitt, and others so numerous that it is impossible in the space allowed to even mention them in a regular order.

The Minor ancestry goes back to William Minor, of Chew Magna, England, living in 1585, appears to be about the earliest on record. His son was the father of Thomas Minor who was living in Stonington Ct. in 1683.

Orodas Miner, born in Holland about 1660 was one of the first of the family in Virginia. Doodles Minor settled on the Rappahannock and its waters in the County of Middlesex. He had four sons, John, Peter, Minor, and Garrett.

This name had been variously spelled with an "e" and "o." Doodles Minor himself often wrote his name Minor Doodles.

John Minor, I. was born in 1707 and on Nov. 14, 1732 married Sarah Carr, daughter of Thos. and Mary Dabney Carr, of Caroline Co. Their home, known as "Topping Castle" was on the north bank of the Northanna River in Caroline Co. Eleven children were born, the eldest, Maj. John Minor, Jr. (1735-1800) married in 1755 Elizabeth Cosby. Among their issue was a daughter, Diana Minor, who married Richard Maury and was the mother of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury. Other children of Maj. and Elizabeth Cosby Minor were Lancelot Minor, father of Lucian and John B. Minor, professors of law at the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary respectively, and Dr. Charles Minor, of Charlottesville.

Prof. John Minor of the University of Virginia married on March 12, 1859, Annie Fisher Colston, born Jan. 3, 1827.

John Minor of "Hazel Hill," Fredericksburg, married Lucy Landon Carter. She was born in 1776 at her fathers beautiful home, "Cleve" in King George Co., Va.

Berkeley Minor married Susan Watson, daughter of James and Juliet (Morris) Fontaine, of "Rock Castle." They had three children; James Minor, Berkeley Minor, Jr., and Chas. Minor, who died young.

Kate Minor married Richard Morris Fontaine, son of Edmund and Louisa (Shackelford) Fontaine of Bever Dam, Va.

Churchill Minor, born Jan. 31, 1859, died April 14, 1927. He married Elise Augusta Richter. Mrs. Minor was born Sept. 30, 1859, died April 27, 1936.

Edward C. Minor, 1827-1901, and his wife, Martha A. Minor, 1832-1902, both lived and died in Cartersville, Va.

Another family of interest is that of Col. William Minor who married Mildred Lewis, daughter of John Lewis and Lucy Thornton. (Mildred was the granddaughter of John and great granddaughter of Fielding Lewis and his wife, Catherine Whiting Lewis, of "Kenmore.") Col. William and Mildred Minor had three children. They are the ancestors of many Minor families in Virginia and other states.

1. Warner Minor married Marie Timberlake and had issue:
 - A. Lewis
 - B. Virginia
 - C. Mary, who married Mr. Swan of Georgia.
2. Lucy Minor married James Byars and had four children.
3. Elizabeth Minor married Col. William Campbell and left children. (See index).

Peter Minor, of Albemarle Co., built his home, "Ridgeway," in the early part of the eighteenth century. He married Lucy Gilmer, born Oct. 13, 1782, daughter of Dr. George and Lucy Walker Gilmer, of Pen Park, Albemarle Co. Dr. George Gilmer, born Jan. 19, 1742, lived at Williamsburg when he married Lucy, the daughter of Thomas Walker, on Aug 27, 1767.

4. Sarah Ann Minor married Andrew J. Wray. Their son, Julian A. Wray, born May 3, 1873, died Feb. 16, 1916, married Constance Quarles, daughter of John S. and Mary E. Quarles, planter of Henrico Co. Issue, seven children.

Charles Peterson and Rosa (Reifsnider) Selden, of Richmond, had a large family of eight children:

1. John Reifsnider Selden, born Oct. 29, 1883, died 1897.
2. Louis Peterson Selden, born Jan. 5, 1886, married on Aug. 15, 1918, Edna Mae Harding, born March 24, 1891, in Bucks Co., Pa., the daughter of William Harper and his wife, Laura Ann (Lake) Harding. The Harding family traces back through Isaac Harding who settled in Susquehanna Co., Pa. about 1800. He descended from Abraham Harding who lived at Waterford, Conn., a lineal descendant of Richard Harding, born in 1587 in Northampton, Eng. He came to America in 1632 and settled near Braintree, Mass.

Laura Ann (Lake) Harding, born April 26, 1872, died July 13, 1930, was the daughter of Howard Trago and Lizzie M. (Davis) Lake, a lineal descendant of John Lake who came from Nottinghamshire,

England in 1635. He was one of the patentees in 1643 of Gravesend, Long Island, N. Y.

Louis P. and Edna (Harding) Selden had two children:

A. Murrell Gail Selden, born Jan. 14, 1920.

B. Lois Shirley Selden, born Sept. 22, 1924.

3. Nora Elosie Selden, born Jan. 10, 1888, died in Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 29, 1893.

4. Edgar George Selden, born Dec. 20, 1889, died May 16, 1902 with fever like his brother John.

5. Charles Peterson Selden, Jr., born June 17, 1892. He married twice, first in 1908 to Grace Collawn, of Caroline Co. born June 11, 1892, died Feb. 27, 1917. By this marriage there were five children, three of whom died young. Ethel and Louise, the oldest two are still living. Louise, born Dec. 25, 1911, married on Oct. 27, 1933, Linwood Knighton, born Oct. 27, 1906, son of Thomas Du Vont Knighton who married on April 28, 1897, Neta O. Harris. Both parents are of Georgia families.

Linwood and Louise (Selden) Knighton have one child, Anita Knighton, born April 27, 1935.

Ethel Selden, daughter of Charles and Grace (Collawn) Selden was born Oct. 20, 1912. She married on June 30, 1930, Thomas Henry McGee, born 1911. Issue: Thomas Henry, Jr., born Oct. 29, 1931; and June Marie, born in June, 1935.

Charles Peterson Selden, Jr., married second, on Aug. 26, 1919, Juanita Agnes Holderfield, born Oct. 18, 1896, in Raleigh, N. C., daughter of John Holderfield, born before 1866. He married in 1882, Agnes C. Daugharty of North Carolina, born Oct. 5, 1866, died in Richmond, March 30, 1924. John Holderfield was an engineer killed on the railroad.

Charles P. and Juanita (Holderfield) Selden had the following children:

A. Agnes Florence, born June 13, 1920, married on Oct. 28, 1939, Godfrey Rosser Strang, born Dec. 18, 1920, the second son of James Linwood and his wife Mary (Godfrey) Strang, of Richmond, Va.

James Linwood Strang was born June 3, 1897, son of James Rosser Strang, born Dec. 9, 1875 and married Nov. 19, 1895 or 6, Mamie Lee Ford, born Jan. 23, 1876, of Richmond. This family, originally of French descent, once spelled the name "L'Estrange." Another family of considerable antiquity by the name of "Strang," also spelled "Stronge," was seated at Balcaskie Co., Fife, in A. D. 1363. Although they are apparently separate and distinct families, doubtless they descended from the same parent family in France at a very early date. One of the earliest to come to America was Daniel Strang from Rye, France in 1688. He settled in New York.

James L. Strang married, on April 24, 1916, Mary Louise Godfrey, born May 29, 1899, eldest child of Benjamin Franklin Godfrey, born in Norfolk, Va. on Feb. 16, 1859, died Jan. 4, 1902, and his wife, Hattie May Godfrey. Franklin was the only son of Richard Hamilton and Sarah Elizabeth (Cray) Godfrey who was either born in Norfolk,

Va. or somewhere in France. Benjamin Godfrey married on April 5, 1898, as his second wife, Hattie May Buffin, born Nov. 19, 1873 in Henrico Co., the seventh child of Alfred Richardson and Virgil Nancy (Thockmorton) Buffin. Mrs. Buffin was sixteen and her husband forty-six when they were married just before the war between the states. They had a family of fourteen children.

- B. Charles P. Selden, III was born May 16, 1922.
- C. Nora Margaret, born Dec. 13, 1925.
- D. Juanita Mae, born March 18, 1927.
- E. Robert Edward, died in infancy.
- F. Richard Augus Selden, born March 22, 1932.
- G. John Selden, born March 12, 1935.
- H. Betty Lou, died in infancy.
- I. William Edgar, born Sept. 23, 1936.

6. Eloise Marie Selden, born May 17, 1895, the only living daughter of Charles P. and Rosa F. Selden. She married on June 2, 1924, Joseph G. Read, born Feb. 28, 1897, of Richmond and Norfolk, Va. Children:

- A. Joseph G. Read, Jr., born Dec. 10, 1926.
- B. Florence Belle Read, born Oct. 26, 1930.

Joseph Read is the son of Joseph Frederick Read, born Aug. 9, 1869, in Cambridge, Mass., died March 12, 1937 in Richmond, Va.; the son of Thomas Read, born in England, died in Covington, Ky, 1891, and his wife, Mary (Connor) Read, born in Ireland, died in Covington, Ky.

Joseph Read, Sr. married Belle Johnson, born March 13, 1871 in Edgecombe Co., N. C., the daughter of Jordon Walker Johnson, born May 30, 1833 in Edgecombe Co., N. C., died in March, 1917. Married Martha Indiana White, born Dec. 18, 1852 in Halifax Co., N. C.,; died March, 1920. The daughter of William Burton White, (the son of John White of Halifax Co., N. C.) and his wife, Isabella (Leggett) White. (Jordon Walker Johnson was the son of Aaron Johnson and Winnfred Walker (1800-1877) of Nash Co., N. C.

The Read family of Mass. is a very interesting one, descending from William Read. He came to America with Governor Winthrop in 1630 and settled in Boston. Colonel Read, son of Sir Thomas Read, and grandson of the Lord of Shropshire, came in the same year. The Reads served in the Colonial Wars; Bartholomew Read and his three sons were in the Revolutionary War. James Read commanded a regiment at the battle of Bunker Hill. He was also the first brigadier-general appointed by the Provincial Congress. George Read was one of the five signers of the Declaration of Independence who were also framers of the Constitution. Col. George Read, Secretary of Virginia in 1639, and Samuel R. Read, of Chattanooga, were of this same patriotic family who always ranged on the side of liberty. Some authorities give the Read family the honor of claiming Noah's great grandson as their first ancestor. To Aschanaz, who was the son of Noah's grandson.

7. Albert Reifsnider Selden, born Feb. 28, 1897, married on Nov. 6, 1931, Christine F. Hochart, born June 4, 1899.

8. Walter Royall Selden, born May 8, 1904, married Elizabeth (Carroll) Ridenour. No issue. Elizabeth Carroll's ancestors were the descendants of the Carrolls of Virginia and Maryland.

It seems rather unfortunate that many gaps can never be filled connecting some branches of the Seldens with the rest of the family and their allied families because so many of their connecting lines are so incomplete or have never been recorded. The following material is set down on the Robertson, Ewell, Trent, Heath, Cunningham, Van Meter, Webb, Minge, Robinson, and others with the belief that it may be found very useful in supplying knowledge of the origin of these families and in many instances supply data on missing links connecting the forgotten members of whom no published records are given or that appears only in a general way. The best proof of kinship between many of these families is in the naming of children. That there was a relationship is a well known fact and must be accepted.

Charles Ewell, according to tradition was born in England and came to Virginia under contract to build the State Capitol at Williamsburg in 1690. He married Mary Ann Bertrand, who married as her third husband, Major James Ball.

Capt. Charles Ewell, supposed to be the son of Charles Ewell, above, died in 1722. He married Sarah, daughter of Major James and Mary (Conway Dangerfield) Ball, of "Bewdley," Lancaster Co., in 1736. Their son, Major James Ewell, born in October, 1809, married first, Mary Ewell; second, Sarah Ewell. They lived at "Greenville" in Prince William Co. Mary Ewell was the daughter of Capt. Solomon and Eve (Ball) Ewell. Sarah Ewell was the daughter and one of nineteen children of Major Bertrand and Frances (Kenner) Ewell. (Ref. Haydens).

Charles Ewell, born Sept. 29, 176__, died in 1830. (Grandson of Charles first, and the eighteenth child of Bertrand and Frances (Kenner) Ewell. Married first 1784-5, Nancy (Ewell) Selden by whom he had four children. Married secondly, Oct., 1818, Marie D. (Tucker) Craik.

Nancy (Ewell) Selden was born Jan. 20, 1752, daughter of Solomon and Eve (Ball) Ewell and widow of John Selden.

Capt. Solomon Ewell was the son of Charles (1713-1760) and Eve (Ball) Taylor (1713-1778), daughter of Major James and Mary (Conway-Dangerfield) Ball; widow of Thomas Taylor.

Dr. James Ewell (great grandson of Charles Ewell, first and son of Jesse, born Feb. 16, 1773, married Margaret McIntosh Robertson, daughter of Dr. Andrew and Anna (Monroe) Robertson, of Lancaster Co. He was a surgeon and physician of great eminence, born in 'Iverness,' Scotland, 1716. (Friend of Col. Gordon, the Dr. Robertson mentioned so often in his journal).

Col. James Ewell married Sarah Ann, daughter of Col. Edwin and Sarah C. (McAdams) Conway. (Edwin Conway was the son of George Conway). Sarah (McAdams) Conway was the daughter of

Dr. Joseph McAdams who resided on Coan River in Northumberland Co. He married in July, 1744, Sarah Anne Gaskins, widow of John Pinkard. They had a large family and besides Sarah Ann there was a daughter, Charlotte, who married Mr. Taylor. They had a daughter, Sarah Ann Taylor. Other marriage connections were with the Broun, Keene, Hull, and Opie families.

Connected with these was Sarah Ewell, who married John Heath. Their son, James Ewell Heath, married Elizabeth Ann__, in 1820.

Col. Ewell's will names wife, sons; Charles, Solomon, Jesse, James Ball; a minor; daughter, Marianne Compton; granddaughter, Mary Ann Marie Heath; grandsons, James Ewell Heath, John Heath, Richard Selden Heath, etc.

Mary Ann Marie Heath married G. Cook.

The Heath family was one of considerable prominence in England. Most of its members were descendants of Sir Robert Heath. George Heath was one of the first by name in Virginia. He and his wife, Lucy, lived in New Kent Co. before 1738 and had issue: George, Jr.; Elizabeth, and Lucy Heath.

In the will of Thomas Heath, dated June 6, 1726, he mentions his children, William, John, Betty, and Mary Heath; wife, Winifred Heath; brother, Samuel; and brother-in-law, Maurice James. Mary Heath married Mr. Schrever.

The first representative of the Minge family was James Minge, clerk of the House of Burgesses, 1673-76. He lived at Martin Brandon Parish, Charles City Co. According to reliable records, he was a great friend of Bacon's and drew up the patriotic papers adopted at the command of Bacon by the meeting of the people at Middle Plantation in 1676.

James Minge, II was clerk of Charles City Co. in 1693. He married Amadea Harrison, daughter of Robert Harrison of York Co., Va. Their son, James, III, is believed to have removed to North Carolina before 1722 and his brothers, Robert and Valentine remained in Virginia and have a large number of descendants.

Robert Minge married first, Mary, daughter of William Hunt. After his death Mary Minge married William Allen.

Valentine Minge had a son, George, of Charles City Co., who married Mary, daughter of Freeman and Sarah Walker, who moved from Charles City Co. to Georgia.

David Minge was of the same county. He married Christiana__ last name not known. By their marriage there were daughters; Rebecca Jones; Judith Bray; and Anne Shield Minge. Sons: John and George Hunt Minge.

John Minge married Sarah Harrison, June 6, 1795. She was the youngest daughter of Benjamin Harrison and sister of President William Henry Harrison. Next he married the widow of W. H. Lightfoot of "Sandy Point," Charles City Co. Issue by first marriage:

1. Dr. John Minge, born Sept. 10, 1796, married Mary Griffin, May 9, 1820. Issue:

- A. Margaret Minge.

B. Sally Harrison Stewart Minge, married Capt. George E. Prickett, of U. S. Army.

C. Mary Griffin Minge, 1832-1853.

2. William Henry Minge, born Dec. 3, 1797.

3. Collier Harrison Minge, born Nov. 17, 1799, married Miss Ladd.

4. Benjamin Carter Minge, born Aug. 20, 1801.

5. Christiana Minge, born Feb. 1, 1803.

6. Elizabeth Harrison Minge, born April 7, 1804.

7. George William Hunt Minge, married Frances Dandridge.

8. Anna Mercer, twin to George, born Nov. 10, 1805. Anna died young.

9. James Minge, born May 7, 1807.

10. Anna Mercer Minge, born Jan. 19, 1819, married David Dunlap.

11. David Minge, born Dec. 16, 1811. His first wife was Sarah (Harrison) Minge, born 1770, died Feb. 2, 1812. By his second wife there was one daughter who married Robert Bolling.

The Robertson family descended from James I of Scotland and the Duncans of Scotland. Of this illustrious family descended William Robertson, born 1750, died 1829. He was a member of the Council of State, and married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth (Gay) Bolling. Issue:

1. Archibald Robertson (1772-1861) married Elizabeth M. Bolling. Eight children.

2. Thomas Bolling Robertson (1773-1828) Secretary of Territory and among other things, U. S. Judge of Louisiana. Married Lelia Skipwith. No issue.

3. William Robertson, married Christina Williams. Seven children.

4. John Robertson (1787-1873) attorney General, M. C., Chancellor (Virginia). Married Anne Trent and had five children.

5. Anne Robertson married Dr. Henry Skipwith in 1813. Three children.

6. Jane Gay Robertson married John H. Bernard. Five children.

7. Wyndham Robertson, born 1803. He was Governor of Virginia in 1836. He married Mary F. T. Smith, granddaughter of the Mr. Smith who owned the Salt Works near Abingdon. Gov. and Mrs. Robertson had a family of eight children. Mrs. Robertson was the grandmother of Bishop Arthur L. Lloyd who married Elizabeth Robertson Blackford.

Near relatives of the Robertson family are the Graves, Armistead, Johnston, Watkins, Tinsley, Armistead, Megginson, Southall, Tazwell, and among others, the Breckenridge.

William Gordon Robertson married at "Grave Hill," Oct. 25, 1860, Ann Anthony Breckenridge, born Oct. 25, 1860. Issue:

1. Julia Breckenridge Robertson, born June 3, 1884.

John Robertson married Mary Alexander, daughter of William Alexander who, with his brothers, Robert and Gerard Alexander,

emigrated from Scotland to America in 1730. Gerard Alexander took up large tracts of land on the Potomac where the city of Alexandria now stands and from whom it takes its name.

Another early member of the Robertson family was Rev. William Robertson who had a son, Dr. William Robertson, and a daughter who married Mr. Syme, believed to be a relative of Col. Syme, of Virginia. Their daughter, Eleanor Syme, was the mother of Henry Brougham.

Rev. William Robertson had a sister, Jean, who married Alexander Henry, of Aberdeen, Scotland. Their son, John Henry, emigrated to Virginia before 1730. He married about 1733, Sarah Winston, widow of Col. John Syme. They lived at "Studley" in Hanover Co. and had nine children, as follows: William; Patrick Henry, born 1736; Jane; Sarah; Susannah Henry married William Russell; Mary; Anne; Elizabeth; and Lucy Henry.

Susan Robertson married Patrick M. Henry, son of Nathaniel and Virginia (Woodson) Henry. Issue: Sallie, Emma, and Victoria Henry.

Rev. Moses Robertson of St. Stephens Parish, Westmoreland Co., Va., married Margaret, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Herbert) Willoughby.

The following are listed in the Amelia County marriage bonds:

John Robertson married Elizabeth Booker. J. T. and Edward Booker gave consent. June, 1801.

John Robertson married Mary Eppes Robertson, Nov., 1798.

Daniel Robertson and Page F. Coles, or Bowles, married Oct., 1808.

Frances Robertson married Lucretia Townes, March 20, 1769.

John Robertson married Elizabeth Royall, daughter of John Royall, June 3, 1776.

George Robertson married Nancy Anderson, daughter of John, June 10, 1779.

Archer Robertson married Sarah Marshall, April, 1809.

Archer Robertson married Nancy M. Booker, July 1805.

Lloyd Robertson married Polly Craddock Jackson, Aug. 9, 1812.

William Robertson married Martha M. Holcombe, Nov. 11, 1818.

Allen Robertson married Mary C. Webster, Nov., 1827.

Archer Robertson, Jr., married Frances Brooking, "ward of Vivion," Aug., 1795.

Jno. Robertson married Betty Armistead, April 8, 1786.

Robert Robertson, son of Nathaniel, married Molly May Porter, daughter of James May (widow?), June 5, 1785.

William Robertson married Betty Branch, daughter of William Worsham, Oct. 25, 1777.

George Robertson married Betsy Bayley, daughter of Ducey Bayley, Dec. 21, 1786.

Rev. Lewis Carter Harrison, of Brook Hill, Va., married Ellen Harrison Robertson.

Edwin Robertson married Ann B., daughter of Col. C. Mennis, formerly of Bedford Co., Va.

Mrs. Ann B. Robertson died Sept. 15, 1823, in Charlestown, Kanawha Co. leaving four children. (Whig)

There are numerous families of Ewing in America. Two brothers, Charles and Robert Ewing, came to America before 1735-40.

James Ewing, born in Ireland, married Margaret Sargent. They came to America in 1740. Their son, James Ewing, lived in Augusta Co., Va.

William Ewing married on July 5, 1790, Rachel Brewer, daughter of Joseph and Damaris Stockett (Welsh) Brewer.

It will be interesting to many to know of the origin of the apparently favorite given name of "Decatur."

Stephen Decatur, Sr. (1751-1808) was born in Newport, R. I. He was the grandson of a French Protestant. The Decatur family followed the sea. Stephen Decatur, Sr. was on the "Comet" in the merchant service. His son, Stephen, Jr. was born at Sinnepuxent, Md. in 1779 and entered the navy in 1798. He won many honors and rose in rank. In 1804 he led a small party which burned, in the harbor of Tripoli, the American frigate, "Philadelphia" after its capture by the Tripolitians. The Tripoli, Tunis, Algiers, and Morocco were at that time carrying on a systematic piracy and levied blackmail upon the powers that wished to trade in the Mediterranean. The United States paid several millions in tribute and for ransom of prisoners. These were stirring times. They had their share of adventures and thrilling escapades.

Tripoli declared war against the United States in 1801 while Thos. Jefferson was President. Capt. Decatur rose by his bravery to Commodore and to Admiral by his daring attacks. The great hero, with his fleet, forced the rulers of Tunis and Tripoli to give up all claims to payments from the United States and to release Christian prisoners of all nationalities.

Finally, in 1815, Decatur captured two Algerine vessels of war and compelled the dey of Algiers to sue for peace. Decatur was the most daring of the age. His acts are believed to have contributed more than any other officer to the final success of the American Cause.

After the great event of Tripoli, Commodore Decatur returned to his home in Norfolk where he was received with great honor. At this time the city council of Norfolk opened and named a street "Tripoli" in honor of the Decatur engagement.

Comm. Decatur married Susan, daughter of Luke Wheeler, of Norfolk, Va. (His will dated 1824).

Admiral Stephen Decatur was a close friend of Capt. Oliver H. Perry, the great American naval commander who fought in the war of 1812.

There is a story told that Admiral Decatur had to testify against Comm. James Barron, doubtless a brother of Richard Barron of Ship "Edward" who married Rebecca Selden. (See index). However, Comm. James Barron had a successful career, but in 1808 was tried for surrendering the "Chesapeake" and suspended from duty. Barron regarded Decatur's necessity of testifying against him with mistrust either real or assumed, which caused hard feelings and ripened into

hatred after ten long years of brooding. All this was in the days when people had a very rigid and exact idea of honor and justice. A duel was the only honorable way to settle a disagreement or insult. Civil duels were often slight affairs. Military duels were inflexibly contested and in no service with more punctilious ardor than the American navy. Rank made little difference.

Decatur, meanwhile, thinking the hard feelings over and that Barron had recovered from the pettiness of injured pride, was surprised to find Barron had not taken things so lightly and believed and accused Decatur of ruining his reputation, considered himself challenged and held the choice of weapons, place, and distance. The correspondence of thirteen letters grew always more deadly. Decatur was, according to records, surprised to receive word to this effect and having no desire to kill Barron, tried for a time to be patient and tried to quiet the raging officer without himself yielding a point of honor.

Blankenburg at that time was a duelling ground of history. It was convenient to Washington and gentlemen of that city accompanied Barron and Decatur there on March 22, 1820. The result was that Barron was shot through the right thigh and Decatur was killed.

Comm. James Barron was born in Virginia, 1769, and died in Norfolk, Va. April 21, 1851.

Christopher Robinson (1645-1690) was born at Yorkshire, England. He was the brother of John Robinson, Bishop of London. Christopher came to Virginia as the member of the Council and Secret army of State. His eldest son, Christopher, was a naval officer of the Rappahannock river and member of the Council. He married in 1703, Judith Wormeley, widow of William Beverley and also of Corbin Griffin.

John Robinson, son of Christopher, Sr. lived in Urbanna. He was president of the Council and his brother, Benjamin, lived in Essex, Co., Va. John married first, Anne Reade, and second, Frances Yates. Issue by both marriages.

The Robinson families have married with the Whitey, White, Brooke, Braxton, Tilly, Curtis, Dunlap, Walker, Wyatt, Churchill, Grymes, and many others previously named and of whom the family connections are stated elsewhere. (See index). (Ref. Vol. XV Va. Hist. Mag. Pg. 445. Vol. XVIII pg. 181, William and Mary Quarterly).

William and Elizabeth (Lilly) Robinson had a daughter, Lilly Robinson, who married Benjamin Temple. Her sister, Judith, born 1808, married John R. Taylor.

The Cunningham family descends from Lord John Cunningham of Ireland, who originally descended from an old Scotch family. William Cunningham, Sr. and his three sons came from Ireland and settled at the upper end of the valley of the south branch of the Potomac about 1750-5. The aged father died and was buried in the garden of the homestead. The sons were Robert, John, and William, Jr. The latter married Phoebe Scott and raised a large family. Among the children were:

1. William Cunningham, III who married Jemina Harness. Their son, William, IV, married Sallie Van Meter, daughter of Isaac Van Meter, of "Old Fields." Isaac was a brother of Jacob, the sons of Garret Van Meter of "Old Fort Pleasant."

2. John Cunningham married Rebecca Lanch of Winchester, Va.

3. Solomon Cunningham married Kittie Seymour.

4. George Cunningham married Rebecca Seymour.

5. Hannah Cunningham married David Van Meter (son of Isaac Van Meter, father of Sallie, above).

6. Sallie Cunningham married Garnett Van Meter, a son of Isaac and brother of David.

William Cunningham, IV and his wife, Sallie Van Meter, had issue:

1. Isaac Cunningham married Catherine Harness.

2. Jesse Cunningham married Betsy Ann Williams.

3. Lizzie Cunningham married Garrett Van Meter (son of Col. Jacob Van Meter who owned and lived at Fort Pleasant).

4. Jemina Cunningham married J. Harrison McNeill, the famous Commander of McNeills Rangers.

5. Rebecca Cunningham married Rev. Fish.

6. David Cunningham married Lizzie Vance.

7. Mary Cunningham married Rev. William Champion.

8. Hannah Cunningham married A. J. Fisher.

9. Sallie Cunningham married R. J. Selden.

Many of these families moved to Kentucky.

William Streit Cunningham married Sarah Inskeep Van Meter (1810-76), daughter of Jacob (1764-1829) and Tabitha (Inskeep) Van Meter (1767-1851). Jacob and Tabitha were married in 1791.

Robert Cunningham, son of the emigrant, William Sr., married Polly (Mary) Robinson. They moved to Kentucky about 1792 and had a large family. The sons were: John, Isaac, Abner, and Jesse; the daughters; Elizabeth, Marie, Belinda, Mary, Lucinda, and Jemina. Elizabeth married John Flourney.

Capt. Isaac Cunningham was born in Hardy Co., Va., Dec. 7, 1778; died Nov. 7, 1842 in Clark Co. He married on Jan. 5, 1800, Sarah Harness, born in Virginia, Dec. 2, 1783 (twin sister of Hannah, Henry Hull's wife). They had one daughter, Rebecca Cunningham, born in Hardy County, Va., Oct. 14, 1800, who married on June 17, 1817, Isaac Van Meter. Captain Cunningham left a large fortune to his daughter and grandchildren.

Abraham Van Meter married Martha Wheeler. Their son, Abraham, Jr., was born at Opequon, in Berkeley Co., Va. in 1751 and died in 1834. He married in 1773, Elizabeth Burns (1753-1831). They had a large family.

Garrett Van Meter (1732-88) served in the Virginia Militia as Colonel of a regiment. He was born in New York and died in Hardy Co., W. Va.

Elizabeth Stonestreet Van Meter, of Clark Co., Ky., daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Stonestreet) Van Meter, married a Mr.

Nicholas of the same family as Dr. George Nicholas who married Elizabeth (Carter) Burwell.

John Cunningham, son of the emigrant, William, Sr., married Elizabeth__, in Ireland. They had issue: John; Robert; Isaac; a daughter, Nancy, who married William Grimes and lived in Kentucky; Geminia married William Shobe; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Scott. They too lived in Kentucky.

John Van Meter was a native of Holland and settled in or near Asopus, now Kingston, N. Y. prior to 1700. It is related by Kercheval that he was an Indian trader and visited the valley of Virginia with a company of Delaware Indians who were on their way south to fight the Catawbae Indians. This was some years previous to the first settlement believed by some to have been about 1725. Van Meter barely escaped with his life. The beauty of the land so impressed him that he advised his sons to settle near Winchester. William Russell was with them. It seems they had a dispute over the land surveyed and Russell had to make a new entry.

From John Van Meter's sons, Isaac and John, descended the Van Meter family, who were among the earliest Pennsylvania settlers to migrate to Virginia. They received a grant from Gov. Gooch in 1730 for about 40,000 acres of land near Winchester, Va. Their grant was bought by Jost Hite, another man of Pennsylvania who came with his family to Virginia in 1732. They also settled near Winchester. In 1738 there were only two houses where Winchester now stands. Settlers poured in very rapidly, and in 1752 the town of Winchester was organized. Staunton was settled about 1740.

Isaac Van Meter (1750-98) born in Berkeley Co., died in Botetourt Co. He married Hester Beck, born 1760. He served as a private under George Rogers Clark in the Campaign of the Northwestern Territory, 1778.

Webb is another family closely associated with the Van Meter, Selden, and other families.

Giles Webb was a burgess for Nansemond Co. 1656-1660. He is believed to be in all probability, father of Giles Webb of Henrico Co., who died in 1713, and of Thomas Webb of the city of Gloucestershire, England, who was living in 1718.

George Webb was a son of Conrad Webb of London. George was a merchant of New Kent Co., Va. His wife was Lucy (last name not given). Their son, Lewis Webb, was born April 19, 1731 and was burgess for New Kent Co. in the Assembly of 1758-1761.

Another early settler in New Kent Co. was Captain John Webb, the father of James Webb, born June 25, 1690; John Webb, born April 20, 1694; Jane Webb, born June 11, 1697; William Webb, born Sept. 11, 1699; and Wentworth Webb, born May 5, 1702.

Lucy Webb, of New Kent Co., married Francis Dandridge of King William Co., April 16, 1779.

Minna Webb was the first wife of Decatur Howard Selden.

Col. Dr. William Lewis married Ann Montgomery. Their daughter, Elizabeth Montgomery Lewis married Col. John Trent, of Revolutionary fame.

Alex. Trent married Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Brand) Woodson.

Frances Trent married William Gay, son of Dr. William and Elizabeth (Bolling) Gay. They were also the parents of Elizabeth (Gay) Bolling.

Rev. William Selden, son of John and Grace (Boswell) Selden was born in 1741 and died June 25, 1783. He studied and qualified himself for the practice of law. After completing his education at William and Mary College, he practiced law for a few years. In 1770, disliking his profession, he abandoned it and went to London where he was ordained an Episcopal minister. After returning to Virginia he was the last colonial minister of Hampton Church, from 1771 to 1783. He was the pastor of the church and lived at the Glebe, which was the parish, land, or farm traditionally in the English Church devoted to the maintenance of the pastor. From his land he furnished one hundred-forty pine trees for the Battery at Hampton in the Revolution.

Rev. William Selden lived at the Glebe until he died in 1783, and was succeeded by the Rev. William Nixon. Besides cultivating his farm he was also master of an Academy. In those days schoolmasters came, like ministers, from England. Some families had private tutors or sent their children when they could afford it to the pay schools, such as Rev. Selden had, where language, mathematics, and philosophy were taught.

Judging from his diary he received no set amount for pupils. Some paid \$100 per annum, others paid 8 pounds and some appear to have paid 25 pounds with board per annum. Education was hard to get those days, but the Seldens, especially all the earliest families, did have the advantage, like many others of the better classes, for education. Many sons of wealthy parents were sent to England to be educated.

The stern tutors of those days did not do things by halves. Many of them were scholars of the Universities of England. Scattered all over the colony were schools of fair standing in which Greek and Latin were taught. Gradually the parish schools were public schools and as they increased in number, the advantages grew for better learning at less cost. (The Hampton Military Academy was founded in 1852 by John Baytop Cary of Hampton, eldest son of Col. Gill Armistead Cary and Sallie Baytop, his wife. Mr. Cary was head master).

Rev. William Selden is as great a character to St. John's Church at Hampton as Rev. Miles Selden is to St. John's Church in Richmond.

The first church in Hampton was erected in 1620. The present church, third in the parish, erected in 1728, is of bricks, burned by Henry Clay. Like so many old churches it was ruined by war and fire when the town and church was burned Aug. 7-8, 1861. The original walls stood and the church was restored from the ruins, 1868-1870. The three old pieces of Communion plate are still in use at St. Johns, bearing the date, 1618. They are believed to have been

brought to Virginia in 1619 and been in use longer than any other communion plate in the United States.

A stained glass window to the Colonial ministers of St. John's parish was unveiled by Mrs. David Dutrow, a descendant of the last colonial minister, listed, the Rev. William Selden.

Rev. Selden's will was probated Oct. 25, 1799. Rev. William Selden married, on May 29, 1767, Mary Ann Hancock, of an old established family of Princess Ann Co. They had a number of children, some of whom died young having fallen victims of the fever epidemic in Norfolk. Issue:

1. Sarah H. Hancock Selden, born March 21, 1769, died July 26, 1810, married Richard Bagnell, an Englishman, on Feb. 1, 1797. Issue:

A. Mary Grace Bagnell, born Nov. 25, 1800, died Sept. 5, 1882. Married first, James B. Vaughn; second, Thomas Cary; third, Matthew Kemp. No issue.

B. William Douglas Bagnell, born Oct. 26, 1803; died Jan. 25, 1867. Married on May 11, 1835, Elizabeth Daingerfield Stark, born April 6, 1816; died Jan. 1, 1852. Issue:

1. Rev. William Cadogan Bagnell, died unmarried in 1855.
2. Richard Bagnell, a physician.
3. Elizabeth Moseley Bagnell.
4. John Selden Bagnell
5. Henry Boswell Bagnell.

Some of these children attended Miss Holden's private school in Norfolk.

C. Henry Boswell Bagnell, born April 17, 1809; died March 17, 1846. Married Dec. 30, 1835, Susan Hoggard Vaughn, born May 23, 1810, died May 23, 1881. Issue:

- a. Susan Vaughn Bagnell.
- b. Sarah Selden Bagnell, died 1868.
- c. Margaret Whitehead Bagnell, died March 17, 1846.

The Bagnell family has always been noted for its intellectual standing and achievements.

Issue of Rev. William and Sarah (Hancock) Selden continued:

2. John Hancock Selden, born Jan. 15, 1771.

3. Dr. William Boswell Selden, born Aug. 31, 1772, died July 18, 1849. He was educated as a physician in Philadelphia and in Scotland. He settled in Norfolk about 1798 and practised his medical profession there for many years. Dr. Selden married on Nov. 22, 1802, Charlotte Colgate, who was born near Maidstone, Kent, England, on Jan. 4, 1781, and died at "Sherwood," Gloucester Co., Va. Nov. 16, 1870. Charlotte was the daughter of Robert Colgate, the son of John Colgate, born 1729, the son of Rev. Stephen Colgate, a Baptist minister, born about 1700, who lived at Horsham, Sussex, England. Robert was a university graduate and yeoman farmer of

Kent who married, on March 26, 1780, Sarah Bowles. After considerable difficulties, Robert having become involved in political troubles was informed by his friend, Mr. Pitt, that he was impeached by Parliament and that a writ had been issued against him. Realizing as much as possible on his property, he and his wife, Sarah, sailed from London on March 16, 1795. They reached Baltimore May 28, 1795, purchased a plantation in Harford Co., Md. They lost this property because of a defective title, moved to New York, where the Colgate family has become one of the finest families of New York state. Sarah (Bowles) Colgate long survived her husband who died in 1826. She lived in New York City at the family homestead until her death in 1845.

4. Ann Robinson Selden, born Dec. 6, 1771.

5. Mary Grace Selden, born Dec. 1777.

Dr. William Boswell Selden built his Norfolk home in 1807. It is now known as the Selden House and open to the public. During the Federal occupation of Norfolk (1862-1865) it was seized and occupied as the headquarters of the Federal Commanders. General Robert E. Lee, on his last visit to Norfolk in 1870 was the guest of his friend, Dr. Selden, Surgeon, C. S. A.

The children of Dr. Selden were third cousins of the Johnstones, whose great grandfather, William Bough, was the half brother of their great grandmother, Grace Boswell. Dr. William Selden was an educated man. Besides studying at the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 1830, he continued his study in medicine in both London and Paris before he began practicing in his native city, Norfolk. He was offered professorships at Universities and was considered one of the finest of men, having wide experience in matters of public health.

Dr. William and Charlotte (Colgate) Selden had issue:

1. Mary Ann Selden, born July 30, 1804, died June 23, 1849.

2. Henry Selden, born Aug. 24, 1806; died at sea Sept. 30, 1825.

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3. Dr. William Selden, born Aug. 15, 1808, died Nov. 7, 1887. (See later).

4. Susan Selden, born June 4, 1810; died Sept., 1855.

5. Robert Colgate Selden, of "Sherwood," born Jan. 19, 1813; died Nov. 1, 1890. Married in Fauquier Co., Nov. 12, 1836-8, Courtney Warner Brooke, born in 1815, daughter of Dr. Mathew Whiting Brooke and his wife, Elizabeth (Lewis) Brooke.

Courtney Warner Brooke was the last of the Lewis family to be born at Warner Hall before it was partially destroyed by fire. Robert Colgate Selden had purchased "Sherwood" in 1834 before his marriage and took his bride to reside there after their marriage.

Robert Colgate and his wife, Courtney Warner (Brooke) Selden, had issue:

A. John Selden.

B. Dr. Charles Selden, born at "Sherwood," Nov. 22 or Dec. 6, 1838; died in 1908. He received his medical education at the University of Virginia. During the Civil War he served four years as Major and surgeon of the first Virginia Regiment of the Confederate Army. He was first married to Ella St. Clair, daughter of John Quarles and Cornelia (Smith) James. Mrs. Selden died without issue Nov. 12, 1862. Dr. Selden married the second time Oct. 28, 1863-5, Isabella Howard James, born 1841, daughter of Fleming and Mary (Armstrong) James—cousin to the first wife. (See index for James and Armstrong.) Issue by second marriage:

- I. William Boswell Selden, born Sept. 19, 1868.
 - II. Courtney Brooke Selden, born Jan. 3, 1870.
 - III. Fleming James Selden, born July 5, 1872.
 - IV. Isabel Randolph Selden, born June 20, 1874.
 - V. Mary Byrd Selden, born June 20, 1874.
 - VI. Ella Duval Selden, born 1877; died 1877.
 - VII. Charles Selden, born April 2, 1880; died same year.
 - VIII. Mary Lewis Selden, born July, 1884.
 - IX. Elizabeth Dimmock Selden, born July 20, 1886.
 - X. Charlotte Colgate Selden, born Feb. 25, 1891.
- (See these families later).

3. The third child of Dr. William and Charlotte (Colgate) Selden was Dr. William Selden. He married, April 27, 1836, Lucinda Pope, daughter of Dr. Wilson of Mecklenburg Co., who moved from Virginia to Milledgeville, Georgia and later to Louisville, Ky. Dr. Wilson married Henrietta Johnson, believed to be of Chesterfield Co., the daughter of an Englishman who married Elizabeth Smith, who after her first husband's death married Mr. Povall. The Smith family owned the Salt Works near Abingdon. Lucinda was the niece of Gov. Thomas Wilson who lost his wife in the Richmond theatre fire. Mrs. Lucinda (Wilson) Selden died Dec. 26, 1901.

Dr. William and Lucinda (Wilson) Selden had a large family:

1. William Boswell Selden, born 1837, died Feb. 8, 1862. He was the first man from Norfolk to be killed in the Civil War.
2. Henrietta Wilson Selden, died unmarried.
3. Julia Smith Selden, died unmarried.
4. Charlotte Colgate Selden, died unmarried.
5. Mary Selden married Cyrus Wiley Grandy, a merchant and banker of Norfolk. He is a lineal descendant of Charles Grandy, ante 1640-1687, who patented land in lower Norfolk Co., 1671. He married first Elizabeth Sawyer. From them descended Thomas, Caleb, Cyrus, Wiley I, II, III.

Cyrus Wiley and Mary (Selden) Grandy had seven children:

- A. William Selden Grandy, died young.
- B. Charles Rollin Grandy, married first, Mabel Elkins Dickman, of Cleveland, Ohio. The daughter of Judge Franklin

Dickman, of the Supreme Court of Ohio. His wife was Miss O'Neill, of Columbus, Ohio. Issue by first or second marriage:

- a. Julia Selden Grandy.
 - b. William Selden Grandy.
 - C. Julia Selden Grandy, died young.
 - D. William Boswell Selden Grandy.
 - E. Cyrus Wiley Grandy.
 - F. Mary Selden Grandy.
 6. Louisa Selden, daughter of Dr. William and Lucinda (Wilson) Selden.
 7. Thomas Wilson Selden.
 8. Carline Selden, died unmarried.
 9. Lucy Selden, died unmarried.
- Some of these children moved away and are unknown to any of the family.

C. Robert Colgate Selden, Jr., son of Robert and Courtney (Brooke) Selden, born Sept. 23, 1840; died 1904, married Georgiana May (Wray) Sinclair, Aug. 9, 1866, of Gloucester, Issue:

1. Helen Stuart Selden, 1867-1873.
2. Henry Courtney Selden, 1868-1871.
3. Matthew Brooke Selden, 1870-1871.
4. Robert Colgate Selden, III, born 1872.

5. Anne Wray Selden, born April 18, 1873, married at "Sherwood," Sept. 3, 1895, Rev. Edward James Richardson, born Aug. 2, 1869, son of Webster Richardson of Winchester, Va., born July 25, 1844, and his wife, Mary Virginia Hardesty, of Clark Co., born April 23, 1847. Mr. Richardson is the Supt. of Virginia Anti-Saloon League.

Edward J. and his wife, Anne (Selden) Richardson, had issue:

- A. Webster Richardson, born Oct. 27, 1896. Died young.
- B. Virginia Richardson, born at Salada, Va., Oct. 16, 1898, now living in Tampa, Florida.
- C. Elizabeth Wray Richardson, born Aug. 22, 1900, married about 1928-9, Harold R. Mills, of Westerville, Ohio. Issue:
 - a. Roger Edward, born 1930.
 - b. Ruth Ann, born Nov., 1932.
- D. Edward James Richardson, Jr., born 1902, married Mabel Reynolds, of Ohio.
- E. Robert Richardson, born in Barton Heights, Richmond, May 14, 1906. Married Charlotte Reist, of Harrisburg, Pa. Issue: Rosemary, born Dec. 1936.
- F. Rose Richardson, born about 1908-9. Married in Georgia, July 27, 1938, Earle B. Welsh, Jr. Issue: Earle Agnew Welsh, born in Atlanta, Oct. 12, 1940.

6. Jefferson Sinclair Selden, born 1875, married Mary Roane. Issue: Robert, Mary, and Jefferson Sinclair Selden, Jr., of Hampton, Va.

7. Mary Courtney Selden, born 1877, married Ashton Sinclair. Issue: George, Jefferson, and Mary Sinclair.

The Sinclair families trace their beginning to Arthur Sinclair, a Scotsman born in the north of Scotland at his father's residence called, "Scalloway." Arthur came to Virginia about 1747 and for a number of years commanded a ship between Glasgow and Virginia. He settled and lived in Surry Co. in 1782. Arthur Sinclair, Jr., known as Commander Arthur Sinclair, U. S. N., died in 1831. He married first a daughter of John H. Cooke (?), of Surry; second, Sally Short Kennon. Arthur Sinclair's sons, Dr. William B. and Arthur, III. The latter married Miss Doyle of Norfolk. One of their issue, Sarah, married into the Montague family.

George Sinclair was the father of Tarry C. Sinclair. Gilberta Sinclair, daughter of Comm. Arthur Sinclair, II., married Dr. Conway D. Whittle. Elizabeth Sinclair, daughter of Comm. W. Sinclair, U. S. A. married William Conway Whittle, Commander U. S. N. They had ten children.

Fortescue and Mary Ann (Davies) Whittle were the parents of Dr. Conway and his brother, William Conway Whittle. Another son was Stephen Decatur Whittle, Secretary in Virginia State Convention, 1849-50. He married Nannie Taylor, the daughter of George Taylor, and granddaughter of John Taylor of "Hazelwood" in Caroline Co., Va.

8. Elizabeth Lewis Selden, born 1878, married in 1904, Walker Jones, born 1850, son of William Walker Jones and his wife, Sarah Martha Pollard. Walker and Elizabeth (Selden) Jones had four children:

- A. Sally Taliaferro Jones.
- B. William Jones, married Miss Meridith. Issue, one child.
- C. Mathew Brook Jones, married and lived in Norfolk, Va.
- D. Charles Jones, married Lucy Cals.

9. Dr. Stuart Wray Selden, of Kent Store, Va., born 1880, married Rosalie Bethel Barnes, of Richmond, Va. Issue: (unable to give them in correct rotation or with dates).

I. Stuart W. Selden, of Richmond, Va., married Julia Elam. No issue.

II. Jesse Winn Selden, of Richmond, Va., married Kathleen Brough. Issue: one daughter, Winn Selden, born in 1928.

III. Dudley Byrd Selden of Phoebus, Va.

IV. Mary Gwynn Selden married Charles E. A. Knight, of Westover Hill, Richmond, Va. Issue:

- a. Daniel Stuart Knight, born 1932.
- b. Mary Gwynn Knight, born 1935.
- c. Robert Ashland Knight, born 1938.

V. Rosalie Bethel Selden, married Kent Snead, of Kents Store, Va.

10. Charlotte Selden, born 1882, married Eugene Rhodes. Issue:

- A. Marion Lee Rhodes.
- B. Lee Rhodes.
- C. Selden Rhodes.
- D. Sinclair Rhodes.
- E. Charlotte Courtney Rhodes.
- F. Warner Lewis Rhodes.
- G. Eugene Rhodes, twin to Warner.

6. Dr. Henry Selden, son of Dr. William and Charlotte (Colgate) Selden, married Mary Elizabeth Ludlow. Her mother was Elizabeth (Selden) Brooke of the Courtney Warner Brooke branch. (See index).

Dr. Henry Selden died of yellow fever in 1855. His widow married Barron Henry Von Zollicoffer and died in Rome. No issue.

7. Charles Selden, born July 25, 1823, died Feb. 27, 1833 unmarried.

D. Elizabeth Lewis Selden, daughter of Robert C. and Courtney (Brooke) Selden, was born Aug. 30, 1842. She married Captain Charles H. Dimmock, C. S. A. Oct. 14, 1863. Issue:

I. Mary Lewis Dimmock, born 1864, married first Mr. Lewis; second in 1896, James Hector Harris, born June 28, 1861. Issue: Courtney Warner Harris married Miss Sydnor and live in Ashland, Va. They have one daughter, Byrd Sydnor Harris, born Feb. 22, 1920.

II. Robert Selden Dimmock, born 1866, married Camille Edwards in 1904. Issue:

- a. Charles Henry Dimmock, born 1905; married Alice Myers.
- b. Goodett Dimmock.
- c. Camille Selden Dimmock, born 1910; married Charles Ringwald.

III. Elizabeth Maxwell Dimmock, born 1868; married Henry Ames Williams in 1894. No issue.

IV. Minna Dimmock, born 1871; married Clinton Graham, born 1870. Issue:

a. Katherine Acosta Graham, born May 29, 1899; married at Amite, La., Lieut. Commander Mays Livingston Lewis, U. S. N.; born May 9, 1894. Issue:

- 1. Katherine D. Lewis, born Aug. 15, 1920.
- 2. Elizabeth Warner Lewis, born Dec. 3, 1929.

b. Robert Selden Graham, born July 1, 1901; married Elizabeth Yeaton. This family lives in New York.

V. Blanche Dimmock (twin of Minna), born 1871; married Burr Powell Noland in 1900. Issue:

a. Elizabeth Noland, born Sept. 5, 1901; married Pierre Peasall Leherne, or Lahens, of Gloucester, Va.

The name "Dimock" or "Dimmock" was originally spelled "Dymocke" and comes of a royal lineage, tracing back to Alfred the

Great. Jesse Dimmock was one of the owners of Greenspring plantation located in James City Co. not far from Jamestown. It was one of the most notable estates in Virginia. The old residence has long since disappeared. Greenspring House was for a time occupied by Lord Effingham, but as his wife and others died there he transferred his summer residence to Rosegill on the Rappahannock. This estate adjoined the Governors land laid out in 1618 for the use of the Governors of the colony.

Phillip Ludwell also owned Greenspring. He was the second husband of Gov. Berkeley's widow. The land passed from Berkeley's widow to her second husband and his two heirs were his two daughters, Hannah, who married William Lee of Virginia; and Lucy, who married John Paradise. They received "Rick Neck" with various lots and houses.

E. Warner Lewis Selden, 1844-1862, and his brother,

F. C. Henry Selden, sons of Robert C. and Courtney B. Selden, both died in the Civil War, each of them at the age of 18. They are both buried at Norfolk, Va.

G. Mary Byrd Selden, born Dec. 21, 1847; married William Courtney Dimmock, Dec. 3, 1874 (brother of Mary Bryd's sister's husband, Charles H. Dimmock). Among their issue were:

A. Mary Byrd Dimmock, born 1876; married first, Thomas Spotswood Wellford (1876-1906) on Jan. 6, 1904. Thomas was the son of Major Phillip Alexander Wellford, C. S. A. and Mary Belle (Street) Wellford. Issue:

1. Belle Street Wellford, born Oct. 29, 1904; married first William Draper Lewis, Jr., of Philadelphia, son of William Draper and Caroline Mary (Coke) Lewis, of Philadelphia, Pa. Her second husband was William Shumate. Issue: William Shumate, Jr., born Dec. 8, 1914-5.

B. Courtney Selden Dimmock, born 1878, died 1884.

C. Henrietta Johnson Dimmock, 1878-1884.

D. Charlotte Colgate Dimmock, 1881-1884.

These three children all died of diphtheria in the epidemic of 1884.

E. Elizabeth Lewis Dimmock, born Nov. 1883; married April 26, 1906, Samuel Rowland Buxton, of Newport News, Va. He was a prominent lawyer and served in the general Assembly of Virginia. Issue, six children:

1. Mary Byrd Buxton, born Feb. 1, 1907; married Samuel Hughes Butterworth, of Mississippi. Issue: Samuel Hughes Butterworth, Jr., born Oct. 3, 1931.

2. Nancy Peele Buxton, born July 18, 1909.

3. Samuel Roland Buxton, Jr., born Aug. 4, 1912.

4. Elizabeth Lewis Buxton, born March 26, 1916.

5. William Dimmock Buxton, born Oct. 4, 1921.

6. Charlotte Selden Buxton, born Feb. 20, 1929.

F. Elizabeth Lewis Dimmock, daughter of William Courtney and Mary B. (Selden) Dimmock, born 1886; married in 1911, Caleb Dwight West. Issue:

- a. Courtney Selden West, born June 16, 1912.
- b. Cabel Dwight West, Jr., born April 8, 1914.
- c. Elsie West, born March 10, 1918.
- d. Thomas Spotswood West, born Sept. 24, 1926.

G. Susan Dimmock, born 1889; married in 1913, Bryant Hawk Prentice, of New York City. Issue:

- a. Bryant Hawk Prentice, Jr., born April 17, 1914
- b. William Courtney Hamilton Prentice, born Aug. 4, 1915.
- c. Susan Selden Prentice, born July 16, 1919.
- d. Colgate Selden Prentice, born Jan. 6, 1925.

H. Charlotte Selden, born Dec. 22, 1849; died Nov. 8, 1884.

I. Susan Selden, youngest daughter of Robert C. and Courtney (Brooke) Selden, was born April 22, 1852; married on March 6, 1877, John Lloyd Tabb, of Gloucester, son of Dr. John Prosser and Rebecca (Lloyd) Tabb, of "Elmington" on the North River in Gloucester Co. Dr. John P. Tabb was a surgeon in the Confederate Army. After living for some time in Gloucester, this family later moved to High Point, N. C. Issue:

A. Warner Lewis Tabb, born Dec. 2, 1877, of High Point, N. C.; married Jan. 7, 1903, Minnie Griffith Weeden, born Oct. 5, 1883, daughter of James Catesby and Elizabeth (Griffith) Weeden. Issue:

- 1. Mildred Warner Tabb, born in Baltimore, Md., May 23, 1905; married Richard Johnson.
- 2. Warner Lewis Tabb, Jr., born in Richmond, Va., Oct. 17, 1913.
- 3. Robert Selden Tabb, born April 22, 1881; died Nov. 8, 1884.

B. Robert Selden Tabb, born in 1879; died June 12, 1880.

C. Susan Selden Tabb, 1881-1884.

D. Mauda Perrin Tabb, born March 17, 1884; married Robert Barry Fisher. Issue:

a. John Tabb Fisher; married Josephine Smith. Issue: Joan Fisher, John T. Fisher, Jr., and Helen Fisher.

E. Dr. J. Lloyd Tabb, born in 1892; married Miss Crockett, daughter of Dr. Crockett of "Max Meadows," Va. Issue:

- a. John Lloyd Tabb, III., born 1932.
- b. Warner Crockett Tabb.
- 1. William Boswell Selden, born Sept. 19, 1868; died___; eldest son of Dr. Charles and Isabella (James) Selden, married Blanche Haggerty. Issue:

A. Mary Virginia Selden, of New York City; born in 1910. Married May 28, 1932, as his second wife, Willard De Mille Price, born in Peterboro, Ont., July 28, 1887. He was the son of Albert Melancthon and Estella (Martin) Price. He came to the United States in 1901.

2. Courtney Brooke Selden, born Jan 3, 1870; daughter of Dr. Charles and Isabella (James) Selden, married in May, 1892, Rev. Edwin Taliaferro Wellford, son of Judge Beverley and Susan Seddon (Taliaferro) Wellford, Jr., of Richmond, Va. Rev. Edwin and his

wife were second cousins. Their daughter, Fanny Beverley Wellford, married Rev. Henry Alexander White, D. D., of Washington and Lee University. Rev. White was once pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Va.

3. Fleming James Selden, born July 5, 1872; died Oct., 1932; married Jane, last name unknown. Issue, one son who died in infancy.

4. Isabelle Randolph Selden, born June 20, 1874; died Feb. 11, 1934; daughter of Dr. Charles and Isabella (James) Selden, married in Oct. 1899, Harvey Reynolds Halsey, born in 1863. Issue:

A. Courtney Warner Halsey, born Oct. 16, 1900; married April, 1928, Theodore Maxmillian Wurts, of East Orange, N. J. Issue:

a. A daughter, Courtney Warner Wurts, born Sept. 4, 1930.

b. A son, Theodore Maxmillian Wurts, Jr., born Dec. 1932.

Now living in Germiston, Union of S. Africa

B. Harvey Randolph Halsey, born Nov. 28, 1901; married Constance Chatwick in 1932. Issue: a daughter, Cynthia Halsey.

C. Elizabeth Schillinger Halsey, born Jan. 25, 1904. Unmarried and living in Natol, Africa.

D. Robert Selden Halsey, born May 19, 1910. Unmarried.

5. Mary Byrd Selden, 1874-1874.

6. Ella James Selden, May 16, 1877-1895.

7. Charles Selden, 1880-1881.

8. Mary Lewis Selden, born July 1884; married Dec. 29, 1908, David Andrew Dutrow, born May 2, 1884; died Dec. 12, 1936; son of Jonathan Manro Dutrow and Clementine (Van Pelt) Dutrow. Issue:

a. Charlotte Selden Dutrow, born Aug. 19, 1911; married Jan. 11, 1932, Charles Milton Franck, born Aug. 26, 1907.

b. Clementine Van Pelt Dutrow, born Dec. 29, 1912; married Alfred Thomas Cilento Aug. 8, 1936. Issue: Alfred Thos. Cilento, Jr., born May 8, 1937.

c. David Andrew Dutrow, born Oct. 4, 1915.

9. Elizabeth Dimmock Selden, born July 20, 1886. Unmarried and lives in Maine.

10. Charlotte Colgate Selden, born Feb. 25, 1891; married first James Pollock Thomas, of N. Y. June 1, 1912. Issue, a son, Edwin Courtney Thomas, born June 1, 1913. Charlotte married the second time in Aug. 1918-9, Kenneth Camm Boush, son of Admiral J. Clifford Boush. Issue: Charlotte Geraldine Selden Boush, born May 26, 1923. She was married July 30, 1940, to William Herbert Reynolds, son of Capt. William Herbert Reynolds, deceased, of Jacksonville, Florida, officer in U. S. Navy.

The following, for the most part will be confined to the Lewis, Brooke, Selden families and their closest intermarriages. Many others of equal importance who have been continuously identified with the families mentioned are too numerous to mention in the space allowed. If one should attempt to bring down the list to the present day it would contain others almost without limit.

The Lewis family and its ancestry is one of the finest and most distinguished on record in America. Their records have caused

considerable dispute, for they are most conflicting at times. There are numerous Lewis families who have multiplied into a surprisingly large number. The branches are so wide spreading in number and too widely diffusing to attempt to connect them. The Virginia Lewises are believed by some to embrace five distinct branches, between whom there appears to be no traceable relation. The name doubtless had a common origin, but it requires a persistent search and a constant perseverance to connect many of the disputed ones of any one branch. The Lewis history in all the many ramifications is easily accessible to those who wish to see the Lewis records.

For nearly one hundred years the Lewis family has, in every essential sense of the term, been among the "Lords of Gloucester," having been possessed of large estates. They have had no difficulty in accumulating an equally large fortune. Most of them have had large families, many of whom have moved west and south.

The Lewises of Gloucester claim General Robert Lewis, a native of Brecon, Wales as their ancestor. Together with his wife, Elizabeth, he sailed from Gravesend, England, in 1635 and settled in Gloucester Co., Va. He is believed to have held a commission in the British army and to have brought with him a grant from the Crown of 33,333 1/3 of land which was located in that portion of York County which is now included in the County of Gloucester. General Robert Lewis and his wife, Elizabeth, had two sons; Major William, of Chemokins, New Kent Co.; and John Lewis, the eldest son died without issue. John, the sole heir, married Isabella Miller, daughter of James Miller (?), of Isabella, daughter of Col. Augustine Warner and his wife Mary.

General Robert Lewis died about 1645 and his widow married Major Langley, or Longely, about 1650.

The Warner, Reade, Lewis connections are most interesting. Col. Augustine Warner, (1611-1674) came to Virginia between 1628 and 1635. He was of the British army and Colonial Council in Virginia. He died in 1674 and was buried at Warner Hall. His wife was Mary__, (1614-1662). The Warners settled first in Elizabeth City Co. and then moved to Gloucester Co. in 1635 where Augustine had the first land grant of the county. Gloucester Co. was formed from Pumunkey, one of the original eight shires into which Virginia was divided. The Warner family is known to have lived at "Chesake" often spelled "Cheese Cake" and "Chiskiak", situated on the south-side of the Piankitank River, where Augustine Warner received a patent for land. This was the site of the "Chiskiak" Indians in Gloucester Co. The remnants of the tribe had settled there after being driven from their ancient site on the York River.

Col. Augustine Warner, II, was born July 3, 1642; died June 19, 1681. He married Mildred Reade, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Martian) Reade. Issue:

1. Augustine Warner, III, born Jan. 17, 1666, died March 17, 1686.
2. George Warner, born 1677.

3. Mildred Warner, married first, Lawrence Washington; second, George Gale; died in England, 1700.

4. Elizabeth Warner, born at "Chesake" Nov. 24, 1673; died Feb. 5, 1720. Married John Lewis (Counciler).

5. Mary Warner, born in 1680; married John Smith, of "Purton," Gloucester Co.

Some records state that the sons of Augustine Warner, II died without issue. His daughter, Elizabeth Warner, granddaughter of George Reade and great granddaughter of Nicholas Martian, married her first cousin, Counciler, John Lewis (1669-1725).

Col. Augustine Warner, Sr., the first in Virginia, Col. Augustine Warner, Jr., or John Lewis built the twenty-six room "Warner Hall" on the Severn River which enters into Mob Jack Bay near the mouth of the York River. Several facts seem to favor the builder as Augustine Warner, Sr., and that Elizabeth Warner inherited the home from her father. Others say John Lewis built the home and named it for his wife. He at least acquired it for his wife. Augustine Warner, Sr., is buried in the large cemetery of "Warner Hall." There are a number of tombs, many of their markings have become illegible from age, but doubtless Robert Lewis and his wife are among them. John Lewis and Isabella, his wife, are known to have been buried there.

John and Elizabeth (Warner) Lewis had fourteen children. Three of these were as follows: John, Col. Charles, and Col. Robert Lewis.

John, born 1692; died Jan. 17, 1752. He lived at "Warner Hall" and was a major in 1731, a Colonel in 1734, and a member of the Council in 1751. John married first, Frances, daughter of Henry Fielding, of King and Queen Co. Frances died Oct. 27, 1731 and John married next Priscilla, widow of Robert Carter, of "Nomini," the daughter of William Churchill.

John Lewis, the third of the name in regular succession, was the oldest son and inherited "Warner Hall" and the Belle farm. Belle farm in Gloucester was originally part of "Warner Hall" estate. It was apparently cut off from the latter during the lifetime of the first Warner Lewis, several of whose children lived at Belle Farm at one time or another.

Of this branch of the Lewis family there seems to be little recorded. There was no issue by the second marriage. John is known to have remained in Gloucester. His will was destroyed along with other valuable records of Gloucester Co.

Church records give the marriage of John and Frances Fielding, the daughter of Henry Fielding. They had five children:

1. Warner Lewis, born Oct. 10, 1720. He received his education in England. He married Eleanor, daughter of James and Rebecca (Addison) Bowles, of Maryland, the widow of William Gooch, Jr., son of Governor Gooch.

Rebecca Addison was the daughter of Col. Thomas Addison (son of John Addison, an Admiral in the British Navy) and Elizabeth Tasker. His wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Thomas Tasker residing in the Maryland colony. He died in 1700 at Calvert Co.,

Md. He was a member of the Council of Md. from 1698 to 1700; Justice of Provincial Court, 1694; and Treasurer of Western Shore, 1695.

Col. Thomas Addison was born in Prince George Co., Md., 1679 and resided in Maryland from 1679 to the time of his death in 1727. He was a member of the Council of Maryland from 1711 to 1727. His father, Col. John Addison resided in the colony to 1706. He died in Prince George Co., Md. and was an office member of the Council of Maryland from 1692 to 1706.

Rebecca Addison Bowles married third, Sir Robert Henly of the Grange, Lord Chancellor of England, who was afterwards Earl of Northington. Rebecca's father, James Bowles, was a brother of General Bowles, of the British army. They were the sons of Tobias Bowles, formerly of London, a merchant.

Warner and Eleanor (Bowles) Lewis had several children by their marriage:

A. Warner Lewis; married first in 1766, Mary Chiswell; second, Mary Fleming. Mary Chiswell was the daughter of Col. John and Elizabeth (Randolph) Chiswell. (Elizabeth was the daughter of Col. William Randolph, Jr.)

Col. John Chiswell (1677-1739), of Hanover Co., Clerk of the General Court in 1706. Among his children, Susanna married first John Robinson, and second, William Griffin; Mary, above; Elizabeth Chiswell, married Charles Carter, of "Ludlow," Stafford Co.; Lucy Chiswell, married Col. William Nelson, of "The Dorrill."

Col. John Chiswell was killed in 1766 during an affray in a tavern when a Scotsman, Mr. Routledge, displayed too much Scotch temper. He committed suicide before coming to trial.

Warner and Mary (Chiswell) Lewis had issue:

a. John Lewis, married Sarah Griffin. No issue.

b. Warner Lewis, Jr., married Courtney Norton, daughter of J. Hatley and Sally Ann (Nicholas) Norton. Their daughter, Mary C. Lewis, married John Peyton (1775-1780) son of Sir John Peyton. Their daughter, Rebecca Courtney Peyton, married on Feb. 12, 1829, Edward C. Marshall, born in Richmond, Va., Jan. 13, 1805. He was the youngest son of Chief Justice Marshall. To them were born eight children from whom there are many descendants. (Little is known of the origin of the Marshall family in Virginia, beyond the grandfather of the celebrated Chief Justice John Marshall).

B. Elizabeth Lewis married Dr. Mathew Brooke. Issue:

a. Elizabeth Brooke, born in Oct., 1813; married May 16, 1838, Henry Morris Marshall, born 1811. They lived at "Rockland," near Linden, Va.

b. Courtney W. Brooke, married Robert Selden. (See later).

c. Mary Elizabeth Brooke, married as his second wife, her cousin, Dr. Samuel Powell Byrd. Died without issue.

d. Dr. John Lewis Brooke, married Marie Louisa Ashby (1828-1888) daughter of Marshall and Lucinda (Cocke) Ashby of Fauquier Co. They had 12 children:

1. Elizabeth Lewis Brooke, born Aug. 16, 1845. Died young.
2. Mary Nelson Brooke, born Dec. 17, 1846; died young.
3. Lucy Marshall Brooke, born Feb. 14, 1848; died Feb. 12, 1928; married A. P. Davies. Issue: Helen Davies, died age 12.
4. Henry Marshall Brooke, born June 11, 1849. Died young.
5. Robert Selden Brooke, born Nov. 1, 1850; died June, 1912.
6. Bessie Peyton Brooke, born Oct. 17, 1852; died in Norfolk, Va., June 11, 1896. Married Nov. 12, 1873, Frederick Southgate Taylor, of Norfolk, Va. Issue, six children:
 - A. Tazewell Taylor, born Aug. 19, 1874; married April 7, 1897, Anne Moncure McCaw. Issue: two children; Tazewell Taylor, Jr., born April 10, 1898; William McCaw Taylor, born July 13, 1902.
 - B. Ashby Brooke Taylor, born Oct. 23, 1875; married Nov. 25, 1902, Mabel S. Pettit. Issue: three children:
 - a. Aileen Pettit Taylor, born May 30, 1904; married Nov. 24, 1925, Barron L. Black. They had three children:
 1. Anna Robinson Black, born Jan. 3, 1927.
 2. Aileen Taylor Black, born July 22, 1929.
 3. Jane Barron Black, born Nov. 27, 1933.
 - C. Frederick Southgate Taylor, Jr., born Feb. 14, 1877; married Dec. 9, 1903, Nancy C. Whitman. One child: Southgate Whitman Taylor, born Aug. 24, 1904.
 - D. Anna Robinson Taylor, born July 7, 1878; married Nov. 18, 1903, Robt. M. Wilkinson. No issue.
 - E. Mary Zollikofer Taylor, born March 19, 1880; died Jan. 30, 1881.
 - F. Lewis Selden Taylor, born June 2, 1890. Unmarried.
 2. John Lewis, child of John and Frances (Fielding) Lewis. Unknown—must have died young.
 3. Col. Fielding Lewis, of Kenmore (1725-1781); married first in 1747, Catherine, daughter of John Washington; second, he married in 1750, Bettie Washington, sister of George Washington. Betty and Catherine were first cousins. It so happens that Col. Lewis was second cousin to both his wives through the Warners. Col. Fielding and Catherine W. Lewis were the parents of John Lewis (1747-1825) who married five times. (See Thornton). His third wife, Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Gabriel Jones (the valley lawyer), had three children; Warner, Fielding, both of whom died young, and Gabriel J. Lewis (1775-1864) married Mary Bibb in 1807. John Lewis' fourth wife, Mary Ann Fontaine (Mrs. Armistead) had issue: one daughter, married Kneeling Terrill. John Lewis' fifth wife, Mrs. Mercer, was Mildred Carter. No issue. Col. Fielding and Betty (Washington) Lewis, daughter of Augustine Washington and his wife, Mary (Ball) Washington, had seven children:
 - A. Col. Fielding Lewis, Jr., born 1751; married —Alexander. Issue: Austin, George, and Mrs. Spotswood.

B. Major George Lewis, born 1757; married Katie Dangerfield. Issue: two sons, Dangerfield and Samuel Lewis. These branches of the family intermarried with the Casey, Putman, Willis, Murat families.

C. Charles Lewis, died unmarried.

D. Bettie Lewis, born 1765, married Charles Carter.

E. Lawrence Lewis, born 1767; married Eleanor Custis. Their daughter Judith Lewis married Rev. E. C. McGuire. Their daughter, Betty McGuire, married Rev. Charles E. Amber, born at "Morven" in Fauquier Co., Va.

F. Robert Lewis, born 1767, married Miss Brown.

G. Howell Lewis, born Dec. 12, 1771; married Miss Pollard. Their daughter, Fanny Lewis, married Brooke Gwathmey. (This Pollard family is presumably the same as that of Joseph Pollard, born in 1700. William Pollard was his uncle who had a brother, Robert, the father of Richard, who went to live in Culpeper Co., Va.; married in the Hackley, Lewis, and other families).

4. Mildred Lewis (1726-1729), daughter of John and Frances (Fielding) Lewis.

5. Col. Charles Lewis (1729-1770), of "Cedar Creek," Caroline Co., served as a Captain in Washington's regiment in 1755. Col. Charles Lewis married Lucy, daughter of John Talifiarro, of "Snow Creek."

6. Frances Lewis.

2. Col. Charles Lewis, born Oct. 13, 1696; died 1779; second son of John and Elizabeth (Warner) Lewis; married first on May 28, 1717, Mary, daughter of John Howell. His second wife was Lucy Talifiarro. Charles Lewis settled at the Byrd plantation in 1733. It was from the name of this estate that he has always been designated, "Charles of the Byrd," by way of distinction from others of the same name. "Byrd Plantation" was in Goochland Co.

Charles Lewis was an officer in the French and Indian Wars, and a member of the Council. This family of Lewis' was large. Charles and Mary Lewis had issue: John; Charles, Jr., of Buck Island; Elizabeth; James Lewis, of Lunenburg Co.; Mary; Howell; Ann (Taylor); Robert; and Frances. The eldest son, John, married Jane Lewis, and the youngest daughter, Frances, married Robert Lewis, Jr., of Belvoir.

By his second marriage, Charles and Lucy (Talifiarro) Lewis had issue:

a. John T. Lewis, married Miss Waring.

b. Charles Lewis (evidently the first Charles, Jr. had died).

c. Mary W. Lewis.

These Lewis' intermarried with the Woodson, Kennon, and Randolph families.

3. Col. Robert Lewis, born about 1700-4; died 1744, son of Col. John Lewis and Elizabeth Warner (1675-1720) Lewis, and grandson of Councilor John Lewis.

Robert Lewis married Jane Meriwether (1647-1744) daughter of Nicholas Meriwether and his wife, Elizabeth (Crawford) Meriwether.

Robert Lewis and his family lived at "Belvoir" in Albemarle Co. He was one of the counties first pioneers. In his will recorded in that county in 1756, he devises to his children 21,660 acres of land.

Records conflict regarding his issue of ten or eleven children. Most reliable records give issue:

1. John Lewis, born 1726; married Catherine Fauntleroy. They are believed to have settled in North Carolina. (See index).

2. Nicholas, born 1728; married Mary, daughter of Dr. Thomas and Mildred (Thornton) Walker, of "Castle Hill."

3. Charles Lewis, born 1730; married his cousin, Mary Lewis, daughter of Charles and Mary (Randolph) Lewis, of "Buckeye."

4. Capt. William Lewis, born about 1735; married his cousin, Lucy, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thornton) Meriwether. Issue: Meriwether; Dr. Reuben; and Jane Lewis.

5. Robert Lewis, born about 1738; married his cousin, Frances, daughter of Charles and Mary (Howell) Lewis of the Byrd.

6. Jane Lewis, married first Thomas Meriwether, and second, John Lewis, of the "Byrd."

7. Ann Lewis married John Lewis, of Fredericksburg, son of Zachary and Mary (Walker) Lewis.

8. Mildred Lewis married Major John Lewis, of Goochland, grandson of John Lewis, of Henrico Co.

9. Sarah Lewis married Dr. Walker Lewis, of Spotsylvania Co., son of Zachary and Mary (Walker) Lewis.

10. Elizabeth Lewis; died before 1757; married Rev. Robert Barrett (1722-1805) son of Charles and Mary (Leigh) Barrett, of Louisa Co., Va. Their son, Capt. William Barrett (1756-1815) died in Greensburg, Ky. He married Dorothy Winston (1765-1822). Their son was James Winston Barrett, born in Hanover Co., Va. in 1789; died in Sangamon Co., Ill., 1871. Married Maria Allen, born in Lexington, Ky. 1796.

Rev. Robert Barrett also lived in Richmond, Va. at one time.

11. Mary Lewis married first, Samuel Cobb, of Louisa; and second, Waddy Thompson. Some of this family moved to Georgia.

By the second marriage of Warner Lewis with Mary Fleming there were:

1. Philip Lewis married Charles Barnet.

2. Julia Lewis, married Thomas Throckmorton.

3. James Lewis married Miss Thornton. Issue:

A. Eleanor Lewis.

B. Sally Lewis married Dr. Griffin. Issue: James Griffin and Cyrus Griffin (died Dec. 25-8, 1810), and Louisa Griffin married Dr. Wright. Their daughter, Sallie Wright, married Capt. Ball. (In all probability, Cyrus Griffin, above, was Judge Cyrus Griffin and Dr. Griffin, his brother, William Griffin. They were of the same family).

Addison Lewis, brother of Rebecca and Thomas Lewis married Susan Fleming, sister of Mary Fleming, second wife of Warner Lewis. They were the daughters of John Fleming (son of Charles and grandson of Thomas Fleming) who married on Jan. 20, 1727, Mary Bolling, the daughter of Colonel John Bolling, of "Cobbs" whose ancestry goes

back to Pocahontas through the marriage of John's father, Robert and Jane Rolfe, the daughter of Thomas, who was the son of John Rolfe and Pocahontas.

Fielding Lewis, of "Weyanoke," second son of Warner and Eleanor (Bowles) Lewis, married Agnes Harwood, had four children:

1. Nancy Lewis.
2. Fanny F. Lewis married Archibald Taylor, of Gloucester Co., Va. They had five children:

A. Col. Fielding L. Taylor who married E. T. Farley, or Fauntleroy.

B. Dr. Archibald Taylor, married Martha Fauntleroy.
Issue:

a. Dr. Fielding Lewis Taylor, born May 24, 1868; married March 15, 1924, Mrs. Nellie (Fitzhugh) Helmer, daughter of Edward Jackson Fitzhugh and his wife, Mary Eugenia Armistead. No issue.

b. Walter F. Taylor, born Nov. 7, 1870 in Virginia; died June 11, 1926 in New York City, unmarried.

C. Robert Taylor.

D. Thomas Taylor.

E. Judge Lewis Taylor.

3. Margaret Lewis (1792-1829) married Oct. 19, 1809, Thomas Marshall (1784-1835) of "Oakhill," son of Chief Justice John Marshall.
Issue:

I. John Marshall (1811-1854) married 1837, Anne E. Blackwell.

II. Agnes H. Marshall married General Alexander Talaiferro.

III. Mary Marshall, married William B. Archer. Issue: William S. and Lizzie Archer.

IV. Fielding Marshall, married twice. First, Rebecca F. Coke; second, Mary V. Thomas.

V. Annie L. Marshall, married James F. Jones. Seven children: Cary, Thomas, Fannie, William, James, Fielding, and Agnes Jones.

VI. Margaret L. Marshall, married John Smith.

VII. Col. Thomas Marshall married Marie Barton.

4. Eleanor Lewis married Robert Douthat, of "Weyanoke" of a Charles City Co. family, issue:

A. Robert Douthat, Jr., born at Westover, Aug. 5, 1820; married first Mary Amber Marshall, born in Fauquier Co. (1820-1862); second, B. M. Wade, daughter of Rev. Anderson Wade, of Charles City Co.

B. Jane Douthat married Dr. William Selden. Issue: Robert; Eleanor; Bolling; Agnes; Montgomery; and Fielding Selden. (See that line).

C. Agnes Douthat married Dr. Robert Lewis McGuire (1822-1876). Their daughter, Jane Selden McGuire, born June 3, 1855, married James Fitzgerald Jones, born at "Woodside," Fauquier Co., July 27, 1855. Issue:

1. Robert Lewis Jones, born 1881.
2. William Selden Jones, born Oct. 13, 1883. Dr. Robert McGuire, of Fredericksburg, was the son of Rev. Edward Charles and Judith Carter Lewis McGuire, daughter of Capt. Robert Lewis, and granddaughter of Fielding and Betty "Washington" Lewis, of "Kenmore."

Dr. Robert Lewis and his family lived at "Glen Burnie," Fauquier Co. Besides his daughter, Jane Selden, he had issue: Fanny, Melville, and Robert Lewis. The latter died unmarried in Alaska in 1897 during the gold rush.

D. Fielding L. Douthat, born in Charles City Co. (1826-1881), married in 1852, Mary Willis Marshall, born at "Mt. Blanc," Fauquier Co., 1834.

Addison and Susan (Fleming) Lewis had a daughter, Susan Lewis (1782-1865), married William Byrd, son of Col. William Byrd, of Westover. Issue:

1. Addison Byrd married Sue Coke.
2. Mary W. Byrd married, 1843, Richard C. Coke. Issue Rebecca F. Coke (1824-1862), married April 10, 1843; Fielding Lewis Marshall of "Oakhill."
3. Jane O. Byrd married G. W. McCandlish.
4. Samuel P. Byrd married Catherine C. Corbin. Their son, Richard Byrd, married Ann G. Marshall. Samuel P. Byrd married second, Mary L. Brooke, as stated elsewhere.
5. John Lewis died unmarried.
6. Rebecca Lewis married Dr. Robert Innis. No issue.
7. Thomas Lewis married Nancy (Nannie) Harwood.

The Lewis-Warner coat-of-arms is very outstanding. It quarters the arms of the following seven families:

1. Lewis
2. Howell
- 3.
4. Courtney
5. Fielding
6. Warner
7. Bowles

NOTE: Many authors have two or three of these arms listed as not identified. The Warner-Lewis contains the authentic arms granted to the families named above. Number 4 is very similar to Beverley, which has a red Chevron between the three torteaux.

The Brooke ancestry is rich in tradition and one of the finest families recorded. The pages of their history are as colorful as they are interesting. The Brookes have as men been respected and honored and as women, loved and cherished.

Thomas Broke, of Leighton, by his wife, the heiress of John Parker, Esq., of Copenhall, had as their fourth son, Sir Richard Brooke Knt., Chief baron of the Exchequer (banker) temp. Henry VIII.

The ancient family of Brooke (Broke) sprang from Sir Richard Brooke of Norton in Chester Co. He was one of the Knights of Rhodes, or St. John of Jerusalem and sheriff of Cheshire in 1563.

Burkes tells us that the family of Brooke had been important for generations in Cheshire, from which in the time of Stephen, three eminent branches sprang. All three trace their remote descent to a common ancestor with the Brookes of Leighton or Lathan, the Brookes of Norton, and the Brookes of Mere. Richard Brooke, gent., born at White Church, England, married (1552) Elizabeth Tioyne, or Twyne, sister and heir of John Twyne, of the Manor of Fosburg. Richard Brooke died between 1593-9 and his wife on May 20, 1599. (Burkes Authentic Data).

The epitaph of Richard Brooke reads:

"This grave of grief hath swallowed up
With wide and open mouth,
The bodie of good Richard Brooke of
Whitchurch, Hampshire, south."

Some records state Thomas Brooke, Esq., sheriff of Cheshire (1578-1592) was the only son of Richard and Elizabeth (Twyne) Brooke. Other records state that Thomas was the third child of five children. Nevertheless, Thomas was born at White Church, 1561-67; died Sept. 11, 1612. His will was dated 1612. Thomas was a member of Parliament for White Church, 1604-1611. He married in 1590, Susan Foster, daughter of Thomas Foster, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and niece of Robert Foster, Chief Justice of the Kings Bench. The Fosters were a branch of the ancient family of Etherstone in the County of Durham. Thomas and Robert Foster were descended from Roger De Quincy, Earl of Winchester, a Magna Charta Baron, and also from David I, King of Scotland, son of Malcolm III, who married Margaret, daughter of Edward, the outlaw son of Edmund Ironsides, Saxon King of England. King David's grandfather, Duncan I, was murdered by Macbeth, and this royal line goes back without a break to Fergus II, King of Scotland, A. D. 404.

Thomas Brooke died May 18, 1612. His wife died and was buried next day after her husband. In the library at Baltimore, Md., is a photograph of the monument erected to the memory of Thomas Brooke, of Whitechurch, and his wife, Susan, daughter of Sir Thomas Foster.

Robert Brooke, third and youngest child of Thomas and Susan (Foster) Brooke was born in 1602. He was, according to some authorities, educated for the ministry.

Robert Brooke married first Mary, the only daughter of Sir Thomas Ingham, Knight of Goodelstone, in Kent. Mary died in 1634. (Some records give the wife of Robert Brooke as Mary Baker and that they married Feb. 25, 1627, Mary dying in 1634.) The latter record seems to me more correct as the four children by the first wife, Mary, were Baker, Mary, Thomas, and Barbara.

Robert Brooke married second on May 11, 1635, Mary Mainwaring, born at "St. Giles" in the Fields, London. She died Nov. 29,

1663 in Maryland. Mary was the second daughter of Roger Mainwaring, Doctor of Divinity, Dean of Worcester, and in 1636, Bishop of St. David's. The family of Mainwaring were of Cheshire, where the name was spelled in the earliest records, "de mesnil Warin." Ranulphus, one of the Companions in arms of the Conqueror, obtained fifteen lordships in Cheshire, and one in Norfolk, and was the founder of the family of Mainwaring in England.

Records conflict about the year Robert Brooke came to America, giving the date from 1635 to 1650 (?) Robert Brooke, styled "Brooke of de la Brooke," "Robert the Gentleman," and "our well-beloved Robert Brooke," came from Kent in the "Hercules." He arrived in Saint Marys County, Maryland June 30, 1635 with his wife, Mary, ten children, and twenty-eight servants, all transported at his own cost and charge. His home was established at Brooke Place Manor, or "De la Brooke Manor." They were the first family to settle on the Patuxent River. In 1652 the family removed to Brooke Place.

On July 22, 1650, with his sons, Baker and Thomas, Robert Brooke took the oath of Fidelity to the proprietary. A commission had to be issued to him in London, and on Sept. 20, 1649, as commander of a new county named Charles, was duly erected under Robert Brooke. One record states:

"Lord Baltimore was Robert Brooke's personal friend and bestowed upon him large grants of lands, created him Commander of Clark County and gave him a seat in the Privy Council."

Robert Brooke died July 20, 1663. The fifteen children of Robert Brooke and his two wives were: Baker; Mary, died young; Major Thomas; Barbara, died young; Charles; Roger; Robert; John; Mary; William; Anne; Francis; Basil; Eliza; and Henry Brooke.

Ref. Burkes "Landed Gentry;" "Colonial Families of America," by Smith, published by Frank Allaben Genealogical Co., N. Y. "Colonial Families of the United States," Vol. V; pg. 78.

Robert Brooke, gent; of "Brook Bank," third son of Robert and Mary (Mainwaring) Brooke was born between 1652 and 1657 and died after Dec. 16, 1712. He came to Virginia and was Justice of the Peace in Essex Co. in 1692. He married Catherine, daughter of Humphrey Booth of Old Rappahannock Co. Issue:

1. Robert Brooke, III, of "Farmers Hall," Essex Co.; a noted Surveyor; "Knight of the Golden Horseshoe;" died 1744. (See later).
2. William Brooke of Essex Co.; died 1735.
3. Humphrey Brooke of King William Co., Va.; died Oct. 14, 1738; married Elizabeth, daughter of George Braxton, Sr.
4. Mary Brooke, married Leonard Tarrent of Essex Co., Va.

Capt. afterward, Col. Thomas Brooke, a member of the House of Burgesses, son of Robert and Mary (Mainwaring) Brooke, styled as Col. Thos. Brooke, of "Brookfield," Prince Geo. Co., Md., born before 1659; died 1730-31; was one of the Commissioned for laying out towns and ports in the county. Served in many other offices. Married twice; first, Anne—; his second wife was a daughter of Thos. Dent, of

St. Mary's Co. They had a large family of ten children. One daughter, Rebecca, married John Howard.

Major Thos., son of Thos. and Ann Brooke, of Prince Geo. Co., Md. (1683-1744) held many high offices. He married May 9, 1705, Lucy Smith (1688-1770), eldest daughter of Col. Walter Smith. Their son, Thomas (1706-1749) married second Sarah Mason, of Stafford Co., Va., the daughter of Col. George Mason, of "Gunston."

Major Thomas Brooke was Governor of the Province in 1720.

The oldest branch of the Virginia family of Brooke descend from Robert and Phoebe Brooke. (The last name of Robert's wife, Phoebe, was not given). They had eight children:

1. Robert Brooke (died 1790) married Mary, daughter of William Fauntleroy, of Richmond Co. They had issue:

A. Humphrey Booth Brooke married Sally—.

B. Edmund Brooke of Stephney and Georgetown, D. C. Married Harriet Whiting.

C. Robert Brooke, of Essex Co.; died 1779; married Lydia Bushrod.

D. Mary Brooke married Daniel Duval of "Nailors Hole."

E. Catherine Brooke born Feb. 14, 1762; died Oct. 23, 1821; married Peter Francisco.

F. Susanna Brooke married James Vass of Fredericksburg, Va.

G. Sarah Brooke married Jesse Michaux, of Cumberland Co.

H. Elizabeth Brooke married Mr. Micon.

2. William Brooke died 1761; married —Fontain. Had issue:

A. William Brooke, of Locust Dale, Rappahannock Co. Married Mary Beale.

B. Phoebe.

3. Humphrey Brooke died unmarried (1758-1763).

4. Richard Brooke of Smithfield, Va., born 1732; died 1792; married first Anna Hay, daughter of Francis Taliaferro of Espon; second, Sarah, daughter of Wm. Taliaferro. Issue first:

A. Lawrence.

B. Robert Brooke married, 1786, Mary (Richie) Hopper, widow of Thos. Hopper and daughter of Archibald Richie.

C. Francis Brooke (twin) born Aug. 27, 1763; died 1851. Married first Mary Randolph, daughter of Gen. Alex. Spotswood. Married second, Mary Campe, daughter of Edward Carter. Francis Brooke was a judge. Their son, Francis E. Brooke married Gabriella B. Amber. Among their issue, Dr. Francis Taliaferro Brooke, born Aug. 16, 1842; died March 31, 1882; married Oct. 29, 1867, Hallie Lightfoot, of Port Royal, Caroline Co. Dr. Brooke was superintendent of an asylum in Petersburg, Va. He is buried in his grandfather's, Col. John Amber's, plot in Shockoe Cemetery. (Col. Amber married Mary Orrel Schooler).

D. John Taliaferro Brooke (twin) married Anne Mercer, daughter of Samuel Selden. Issue:

a. Louisa died unmarried, aged 70.

b. Samuel Brooke born 1800; married Jan. 5, 1825, Angelina Edrington.

c. Ann Mason Mercer Brooke (1804-1864); died unmarried.

d. Francis John Brooke, born 1808 (?); killed Dec. 25, 1837 at Okechobee, Fla. in battle with the Seminole Indians.

e. Henry Lawrens Brooke, of Richmond, Va., born July 16, 1808; died Feb. 28, 1874; married Sept. 21, 1836, Virginia, daughter of Judge Henry St. George Tucker. Issue:

1. Evelina, married Daniel Bedinger Lucas, of Jefferson Co. U. S. Senator and Judge of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. One daughter, Virginia Lucas.

2. Ann Selden Brooke, married James Fairfax McLaughlin.

3. Virginia, born 1842; died young.

4. St. George Brooke, born July 22, 1844; married Mary H., daughter of Thomas A. Brown.

5. John Taliaferro Brooke, died young.

6. Rev. Francis John Brooke, of Romney, W. Va., married Gay, daughter of Elford Bentley, of Richmond, Va.

7. Virginia Tucker Brooke, died unmarried in 1865.

8. David Tucker Brooke, of Norfolk, Va.; born April 28, 1852. Judge of Court in that city. Married Lucy Higgins and had six children, as follows: Lucy; Elouise; Lawrence; May; Lena; and Margurite Brooke.

9. Henry Lawrens Brooke, born Oct. 3, 1856. Moved west and was an editor in San Francisco, Calif.

10. Elizabeth Dallas; died unmarried.

11. Laura Beverly Brooke, married E. W. Bedinger and had born to her seven children.

The issue of Samuel (b.) and Angeline (Edrington) Brooke were:

1. John Mercer Brooke; died without issue.

2. Fenton Brooke married John Henry Moncure Daniel. Issue: John M.; Selden B.; and Thomas Daniel.

3. Marie Brooke died unmarried.

4. Anne Marie Brooke-married Christopher Arnot. Issue: Angie; Thomas; Christopher; Selden Brooke; and John Hunter Arnot.

5. Angeline Brooke married James Douglas Bruce. No issue.

6. Samuel Selden Brooke lived in Roanoke, Va. Clerk of the Courts of that city. Married Elizabeth Young. Issue:

A. Samuel Selden Brooke, married Anne Rucker.

B. Edgar Selden Brooke married Mary Rucker.

C. Vera Y. Brooke married Joseph Hunter.

D. Cary Minor Brooke.

7. Virginia Tucker Brooke.

8. Louisa Selden Brooke.

E. Elizabeth Brooke, daughter of Richard and his wife, Ann (Taliaferro) Brooke, married in 1785, Fontaine Maury and died Aug. 22, 1800.

By second marriage, Richard and Sarah (Taliaferro) Brooke had ssue:

1. William Brooke married June 1813; Eleanor, daughter of Col. Larkin Smith.

Col. John Mercer Brooke was one of Matthew Fontain Maury's most able assistants in compiling "Wind and Current Charts" and "Sailing directions."

Humphrey and Elizabeth (Braxton) Brooke had issue:

1. Pauline Brooke.

2. George Brooke (1728-1782) married Hannah, daughter of Richard Tunstall, of King and Queen Co. Lived at "Mantapike."

3. Robert Brooke married first, Ann Aylette; second, Lucy Dabney.

4. Humphrey Brooke, Jr., (1730-1802); married first, Ann Whiting; second, Mildred, widow of Francis Tomkies.

5. Molly Brooke married Robert Baylor.

Ref. Brooke data; Historical Mag. XX. by Prof. St. George Brooke, X; IX; XIV; XII; Burkes and Seldens of Virginia. Etc.

Lieut. Francis Brooke was an intimate friend of Gen. Washington. His brother, George Brooke, married about 1783, Judith Marshall, the sister of Chief Justice, John Marshall. The marriage of Judith was not to the liking of the Marshall family and they had very little intercourse with Judith and her family. George and Judith Marshall Brooke had a large family. Three of their sons did not marry and many of George and Judith Brooke's posterity are found to live in Kentucky as well as Virginia. The Brooke families, with their illustrious and numerous intermarriages could, at the present time, form a sizable army all their own.

One of their early marriage connections was with the Taliaferro family, who settled in Powhatan Co., on the James River. Walter Brooke, at the close of the Revolution, purchased a plantation near Mt. Vernon, to which he gave the name, "Retirement," and it was for his son, Taliaferro, that Washington ordered, through Lafayette, a monument made in Paris.

Martin Marshall, descendant of Rev. William Marshall married in 1803, Matilda Taliaferro. She was a descendant of John Taliaferro (1687-1744) believed to have come from Italy at an early date. (See Taliaferro later).

Everyone is perhaps acquainted with the story of the first organized efforts by the English to explore the valley of Virginia.

Governor Alexander Spotswood (1676-1740) was a descendant of an old Scottish family. He arrived in Virginia as Lieut. Governor in 1710 and headed the party of explorers in 1716, who were afterwards familiarly known as the "Knights of the Golden Horseshoe." Gov. Spotswood and his explorers left Williamsburg (at that time the site of the government) and blazed a trail through the lonesome but beautiful wilderness. It was a difficult task but they finally arrived at the top of the Blue Ridge, at what is now Swift Run Gap. The story tells us that this great adventure was very gratifying to the explorers. The country was peacefully sleeping in the warm September sunlight as they looked down on the valley. What they saw filled the party with wonder and admiration and a desire to spread the news

of this land of promise. Mountains and coasts had served to restrict settlements; rivers and plains to extend them, and the valley of the Shenandoah was at that time the extreme western frontier of the colony of Virginia. The party finally reached the Shenandoah River. Meanwhile, they camped and celebrated by feasting and the drinking of toasts and the firing of salutes to the King and Queen and of all the royalty they could remember of England.

Weeks later the party returned to Williamsburg still very enthusiastic and hopeful after making a round trip of about 440 miles. They had left a few rangers to make further surveys. Robert Brookes was one of them. Governor Spotswood held the men who accompanied him on the expedition in singular esteem and admiration. Most, or probably all, of them were of very close acquaintance—some related to him, and to each of these men he gave, as a commemorative, a gift of a golden horseshoe, which, according to Chandler and Thames, "Colonial Virginia," was set with diamonds and around the horseshoe was the motto:

"Sic juvat transcendere montes."

These horseshoes were prized very highly and continually mentioned throughout our history. All authorities have searched and agreed so far as is known, that not one of these prized and priceless tokens exists today. (I am indebted to the kindness of Mrs. David A. Dutrow, of Richmond, Va., for the help in the search of locating the only known definite description of these horseshoes given above).

According to tradition of long standing, the Taliaferro's trace their beginning back to the time of Julius Caesar's Campayian in Gaill, 58 B. C. A branch of this family was long established in Normandy and some of its members followed William the Conqueror into Britian in 1066. In 804 A. D., a Taliaferro was created Duke of Angonleine by Charles the Bold, of France. It was after the revocation of the edict of Nantes in France that they found their way to Virginia and intermarried with the Oliver, Power, King, Hunter, Campe, McCulloch, Baytop, Thornton, Marye, and numerous others not mentioned in this material.

Robert Taliaferro was an emigrant member of the family. He was born in 1626 and was in Virginia as early as 1647. He had a patent for land in Gloucester Co. in 1655. He married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Charles Grymes, of a parish in York Co., as early as 1651. Robert Taliaferro and Lawrence Smith had a grant for 63,000 acres of land on the Rappahannock River, where he and his family lived. One son, John (1656-1720) married Sarah, daughter of Lawrence Smith.

Lawrence and John Taliaferro were brothers. They patented large tracts of land in the neighborhood of Orange Court House. This property descended to the children of Francis Taliaferro, who married Elizabeth Hay. Francis Taliaferro was the son of Lawrence and Sarah (Thornton) Taliaferro, Sarah being the daughter of Francis and Alice (Savage) Thornton.

Elizabeth, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Hay) Taliaferro married a distant cousin, William Taliaferro.

The Taliaferro families owned many fine homes. "Epson" which lies four miles below Fredericksburg (also once owned by J. A. Jones) was one of the homes, and "Mt. Sharon" also belonged to the Taliaferro family.

Warner T. Taliaferro by his second wife Leah Selden of Fredericksburg had issue: Edwin; Warner T. Jr.; and Susan Taliaferro who married Judge B. R. Welford.

Moore Fauntleroy came to Virginia in 1641. John and Catherine Fauntleroy had two daughters, Sallie Lewis, who married Philip Taylor, and Apphia (Fauntleroy) Lewis married in 1771, Lieut. David Allen of the Confederate Army. The Allen home was on the Dan River near Danville, Va. Issue:

1. Lewis Buckner Allen, born 1773.
 2. Julius Allen.
 3. Fauntleroy Allen.
 4. Felix Allen married Margaret White.
 5. Christian Allen married Sallie Fortson.
 6. Sally Fauntleroy Allen married Joseph Woodson.
 7. David Bushrod Allen.
 8. Mary Meriwether Allen married John Ross.
- (See index Fauntleroy).

Robert Bruce Fauntleroy married Harriett Catlett, daughter of William Hill Brooke and his second wife, Lucy Beverley (Catlett) Brooke.

Henry Latane Fauntleroy married Ellen Bankhead, daughter of William and Lucy C. Brooke, above.

Other Fauntleroy marriage connections were with the White, Ball, Todd, Barnes, Tomlin, Young, and Waring families.

The Wray family intermarried with many representative families of Virginia.

Captain George Wray, born about 1670, was one of the earliest members of this old family long settled in Elizabeth City, (Hampton). He was a pilot of James River in 1697; gunner and storekeeper at Fort Point Comfort in 1723. Captain George died April 19, 1758 and is buried in St. John's graveyard, Hampton. Capt. George Wray married Helen, daughter of George and Ann (Keith) Walker. Helen (Walker) Wray was the sister of Jacob Walker who married Courtney Tucker, and sister to Margaret Walker who married Thomas Wythe, father of Judge George Wythe. Another sister married Captain Richard Taylor, of Petersburg, Va.

Capt. George and Helen (Walker) Wray had issue:

1. George Wray, of Hampton.
 2. Mary Ann Wray, married John Stith, of Stafford Co., Va.
- No issue.
3. James Wray, merchant of Dinwiddie Co.
 4. Jacob Keith Wray, a merchant of Hampton, whose will dated Feb. 2. 1797.
 5. Keith Wray, mariner.

All these were mentioned in a deed recorded at Hampton in 1767.

George Wray, the son of Jacob and Courtney (Tucker) Wray, died about 1800. His children were: Jacob Keith Wray, John Francis Wray, Mary Ann Wray, Helen Walker Wray, and Georgiana Wray.

Among others connected with the Wray family was Alice Wray who married Henry Caldwell Breckenridge, son of Cary and Virginia Caldwell (married June 2, 1866). Issue:

- a. Lucille Cary Breckenridge, born 1894.
- b. Virginia Wray Breckenridge, born Feb. 1896.

Claude Jackson Wray, born at Crockett, Tenn., Sept. 23, 1903 married Dec. 29, 1928, Catherine Wendall James, daughter of Daniel Alphens and Ida (Roach) James, and granddaughter of Barney and Jan Walker (Brooke) James, who married in 1876. This family lived in Vicksburg, Miss.

Jacob Wray Stuart was named for Jacob Wray. He lived in King George Co., Va. and married Mary, daughter of Burditt and Mary Ashton. (Charles Ashton was their emigrant ancestor).

Jacob Wray had a daughter married to Charles Stuart. They were in all probability the parents or grandparents of Jacob Wray Stuart.

The James ancestry is traceable to the Stuart Kings of England. James I was the first of the Stuarts. He was styled "King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland. Defender of the faith," etc. Born in Edinburgh Castle, July 19, 1566. Crowned King of England July 25, 1603.

The James were also descendants through the Plantagenets who had a very exciting and stormy reign. Possibly no worse than most of our Royal rulers down to the present day. Henry the second, born 1133, was the first of the Plantagenets. He married Eleanor, divorced wife of Louis VII, of France.

Edward, Earl of Warwick, the last male descendant of the Plantagenets, was beheaded Nov. 28, 1499, unmarried. His sister, Margaret, Countess of Salisbury, styled the last of the Plantagenets, was beheaded in the tower in 1541 when she was 72 years old. Her husband was Sir Richard Pole K. G.

It is a very noticeable fact that the James, from the earliest records have handed down their favorite names of William, Thomas, John, Edward, George, and Elizabeth. These names were well represented in Plantagenet families, and appear in generation after generation. John James was the founder of the Virginia James family, from whom the two wives of Dr. Charles Selden descended.

John James married Justina Thurston. They came to Virginia in 1713 to receive her estate at "Martins Hundred," James City Co.

In Norfolk County Records there is a power of attorney from "Edward Thurston, of Long Ashton, in the county of Somerset 'Chyrurgeon' to Walter Bayley, of Long Ashton, aforesaid shipwright, to dispose of interests by courtesy in the plantation at "Martins Hundred" on James River, which I hold by right of my former wife, Anne, the daughter of Thomas Loveing of Martins Hundred, merchant, now deceased." Etc.

Justina Thurston, born Aug. 26, 1691, was the daughter of John and Anne Loveing Thurston (also spelled "Thruston"), descendants of a distinguished Thurston family of England.

John James, born 1688, was the son of William James, born 1658, who married Anne Wyndham.

John and Justina (Thurston) James had among their issue:

1. Major Thurston James (1715-1780), of New Kent Co., Va.

2. Christopher James, died 1779. He married Lucy Thompson. They removed from James City Co. to Hanover County where they lived and raised a large family from whom there are numerous descendants. Issue:

A. Mary James, born 1747; married John Garland.

B. John James, born 1749, disinherited, moved west.

C. Foster James, born 1752 married Rebecca Clough.

D. Elizabeth James, born 1754; married John Pendleton.

E. Lucy James, born 1757; married Nathaniel Thompson.

F. Thurston James, born 1759.

G. Edmund James married first Susannah Sheppard; second, Lucy Mosby.

H. George, twin of Edmund. They were born Jan. 15, 1763.

I. Frances James, born July 9, 1766; married Mr. Child.

Edmund James, (G) by his two wives, had eight children. Two were:

1. Garland, born 1789; married Sarah Peatross.

2. Fleming James, born Feb. 1, 1792; removed to Richmond from Hanover Co., Va. in 1805; married first, Miss Quarles; second, Mary, daughter of Rev. Amzi and Mary (Dodd) Armstrong. Among the issue were: (See Armstrong).

A. Alfred Randolph James, born about 1834; died unmarried.

B. Fleming James, Jr., married Mary Duval, daughter of Henry Duval of Baltimore, Md., had four children.

C. John Quarles James; died 1850; married Oct. 18, 1842, Cornelia Patterson Smith, born Sept. 5, 1824; died Jan. 16, 1918. They lived at "Folly" near Staunton. Their daughter, Ella St. Clare James, born Oct. 29, 1841, married Dr. Charles Selden, of Gloucester, Va., as his first wife.

The family of Armstrong comes from one of the most renowned of the Scottish lowland clans which were very numerous on the border of England several centuries ago. A number of its branches located in the northern part of that country at an early date. Many of its members subsequently finding homes in Ireland.

One branch of the Armstrong family is descended from Francis Armstrong, born in Ulster Co., Ireland in 1695. He married Deborah Latimore, or Latimer, Feb. 1, 1721. Two years later they left Ireland and arrived in New York Dec. 10, 1723. Their eldest, child, William, was an infant. Francis Armstrong settled at Warwick, Orange Co., N. Y. where they reared a family. The mother died in 1760. Among the seven children were William, Robert, and Francis, Jr., born June 3,

1735. He married in 1764, Jane Borland, born Sept. 17, 1743. By this marriage there were: Rebecca; Isaac; Mary; Amzi (see later); Joel; John; and Anna Armstrong. Rev. Amzi Armstrong was born Dec. 1, 1771 at Florida, Orange Co., N. Y. He married Mary Dodd, born Oct. 11, 1774 at Wardfession (Watsessing) N. J. They had issue:

1. William Jessup Armstrong, born Oct. 29, 1796. He married first, Charlotte Pleasants; second, Sarah Stockton.

2. Jane Armstrong, born Jan. 17, 1799; married Rev. Albert Pierson.

3. Sarah Nutman Armstrong, born June 27, 1800; married Hugh Randolph.

4. Anna Armstrong, born Oct. 13, 1802; married J. Mead; second, Rev. J. Sulliman.

5. Mary Armstrong, born March 12, 1805; married Fleming James.

6. Amzi Armstrong, born March 19, 1807; married Eliza Jackson.

7. Frances Wills Armstrong, born Sept. 27, 1810; married Edwin James.

8. Rebecca Armstrong, born April 26, 1812.

9. George Dodd Armstrong, born Sept 15, 1813; married Lucretia Reed; second, M. Porter.

10. Joanna Armstrong, born Sept. 18, 1815.

The Dodd family traces its lineal descent from Daniel Dodd, who married Mary Wheeler in 1645. Mary Wheeler died in 1657, daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Seabrook) Wheeler. (Thomas was the son of Thomas and Joan Wheeler).

Daniel Dodd, Jr., married Martha _____. Their son, Samuel Dodd married Mary Pierson, born 1795; daughter of Samuel Pierson (1663-1730), and Mary (Harrison) Pierson, married 1662. Their son, Aaron Dodd, married Sarah Nutman (1745-1805), daughter of Dr. Isaac and Joanna (Baldwin) Nutman. Dr. Nutman was the son of James Nutman Esq. (1662-1739), who married Sarah Prudden.

Joanna (Baldwin) Nutman was the daughter of Jonathan and Phoebe (Roberts) Baldwin of Newark.

Aaron Dodd and Sarah (Nutman) Dodd were the parents of Mary Dodd who married Rev. Amzi Armstrong.

The Mercer family claims John Mercer, of Marlborough as their first ancestor. He was a native of Ireland and distinguished lawyer of Virginia. John Mercer was the son of Robert and Ann Smith, who left Scotland and moved to Noel, Chester, England. John married two or three times. One wife was Catherine Mason, daughter of George Mason. They were the parents of Sarah Ann (Mason) Mercer, second wife of Samuel Selden, and grandmother of Ann Mercer Selden, who married, as previously stated, John Taliaferro Brooke. According to some records, Ann Cary Selden married Judge Francis T. Brooke.

Marie Mercer married Richard Brooke, son of Col. George and Ann (Tunstall) Brooke, of King William Co., father of Gen. George M. Brooke. They had among others, Elizabeth Selden Brooke, who married Dr. Richard Ludlow.

The Harwoods can show records that few families can boast. Their name and family have figured prominently among the old families of Warwick.

Warwick, according to Bishop William Meade, was the least of all shires of Virginia. Yet, one of the most fruitful nurseries of the families of Virginia. Its contiguity to James River and Jamestown rendered it a safe place for early Colonists to settle in. It was probably at one time, according to its dimensions, the most populous of all the counties and believed to have had at one time, not less than eight parishes. It was here that the Ryland, Dade, Watkins, Laughorne, Fenton, West, Hurd, Digges, Harwood, Clayborne, Ballard, Purnell, Ashton, Fauntleroy families first settled.

The first of the name of Harwood in Charles City County were Captain Joseph Harwood, who married Temperance Cocke, and Capt. later Major Samuel Harwood, who married Agnes Cocke, Agnes and Temperance were the daughters of Thomas Cocke, of Henrico Co. Thomas Harwood is mentioned in the will of Margaret Cocke. He received 2,000 pounds of tobacco. (Henrico Co. records).

John Harwood is named on Henrico Parish vestry book as one of the appointed processioners for precinct No. 5, July 8, 1771.

Samuel Harwood witnessed Giles Webb's will in Henrico Co. 1709. George Harwood, of Henrico Co., married Rebecca Winston, bond dated Sept. 15, 1788.

One of the earliest ancestors was Captain Thomas Harwood, who in 1620 was Chief of "Martins Hundred." He had among his issue two sons, Capt. Thomas and Maj. Humphrey Harwood, given in York Co. records. These Harwoods were descendants of Sir Edward Harwood, who was a member of the Virginia Company.

Christopher Harwood, of King and Queen Co., married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Roane. Col. Archibald Roane Harwood of "Newington," of King and Queen Co. He married Martha, daughter of Samuel G. Fauntleroy. It was their children who married in Pollards, Winders, Garnetts, and Brockenbrough families.

James Harwood owned property in Nansemond Co. in the Upper Parish near Wickham, adjoining the Ballard property.

William Harwood married Margaret, daughter of John (Woddrop) Waldrop, a merchant of Nansemond Co., Va. They were the parents of Agnes and Nannie Harwood.

Samuel Harwood had three daughters. Ann married Thomas Lewis, of Gloucester, Agnes married Thomas' brother, Fielding Lewis, and Margaret W. Harwood married Robert Munford, of "Clifton." The latter's granddaughter was M. M. Taliaferro.

Margaret Ann Munford married John Sinclair.

The Munford family was of Westover in Charles City Co. Col. William Green Munford had among his children, Mary, who married Mr. Lightfoot, and four sons, Robert, mentioned above; John; Stanhope; and William Green, Jr. (Vol. 2 William and Mary Quarterly pg. 264).

Ann Bland, daughter of Richard Bland, married first, Robert Munford; issue: Robert, Elizabeth, and Theodorick Munford. Ann married second, George Currie, by whom she had two daughters.

Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Ann (Bland) Munford, married Rev. Archibald McRoberts, one of the Charter members of Hampton-Sidney College.

Elizabeth Beverley Munford, granddaughter of Robert and Ann Munford, married Robert Richard Kennon on Oct. 22, 1701.

One Allen family so closely identified with other families of this manuscript claim Arthur Allen (1602-1670) as their emigrant ancestor. He patented 1,200 acres of land in 1649 between Lawnes and Lower Chippoakes Creeks. Here he built the "Clarmont Manor" estate. Just how old this old mansion is, no one really knows. It was probably enlarged by his descendants.

Arthur Allen married Alice Tucker, sister of Daniel Tucker, of York Co., Va. They had one son and heir, Hon. Arthur Allen, Jr., who married in 1680, Katherine Baker, daughter of Captain Lawrence Baker, of Lawne's Creek, in Surry, who married Elizabeth Howell, the daughter of Sir John Howell, of London. Katherine (Baker) Allen received at the death of her father, in 1681, half of his large estate.

If records be true, Honorable Arthur Allen built "Bacon's Castle." His will was dated Feb. 16, 1709 and proved Sept. 5, 1710. Hon. Arthur Allen was Speaker of the House of Burgesses. By his wife, Katherine, he had issue: Elizabeth, John, Katherine, James, Arthur III, Ann, Mary, and Joseph Allen.

Joseph married and died before 1741, leaving at least one son, William, born Feb. 14, 1733, who was the nephew and heir of John Allen, who married Elizabeth (1697-1738), daughter of William Bassett. William Allen married Mary Lightfoot (1750-1799). They owned property in four counties; Surry, James City, Nansemond, and Southampton.

Arthur Allen, III died in 1728. His daughter married Mr. Cocke. They had born to them, two children, Allen Cocke, who inherited and later willed "Bacon's Castle" to his sister, Anne Hunt, who married James Allen Bradby.

General James Allen (1770-1836) was born in Virginia; died in Kentucky; married first in 1795, Elizabeth McElroy, born in Kentucky. As his second wife, General Allen married Ann, born Feb. 14, 1783 in Hanover Co., Va., the daughter of Capt. and Dorothy (Winston) Barret (first wife). Their son, James Winston Barret (1789-1871) married in 1813, Mary McElroy Allen. Gen. James Allen was the grandson of James Allen, of Jamestown, one of the first settlers from Scotland. He had a long line of descendants.

Eliza James Allen married William Darrocott (?), born 1797. His brother, married Marie Lewis Buckner, daughter of Richard Aylett Buckner.

Gov. Henry Watkins Allen, of La., was of this family. (Vol. 33, pg. 309 Virginia Hist. Mag.)

John Allen, of Claremont, married Clara (born Sept. 7, 1737) daughter of John and Catherine (Yates) Walker. Their daughter, Sarah Walker married Robert Page, of "Brodneck," Hanover Co. (See index).

At the time of the war between the states, the head of the Allen family owned 45,000 acres and 1,000 slaves and the first private railroad in the country. When Virginia seceded he ran his train off the wharf into the James River, tore up the rails, and sent them to be used for plating on the battleship, Merrimac. The present Claremont tract has only about 300 acres, including 12 acres in lawns and gardens. The property remained in possession of the Allen family for 226 years, until 1875, when most of the acreage was cut into small farms and sold.

The Allens also married with the Brewer family. John Brewer married Eleanor Maccubbin in 1727. Their daughter, Eleanor, married John Allen in 1763. They had six children; John, Jr.; Rachel; Joseph; Eleanor; Mary; Ellen; and Sarah Allen.

Barbara Allen also married into the same family. Her husband was Nicholas Brewer, son of John and Elizabeth (Gaston) Brewer.

Arthur Thomas Allen was the father of Elizabeth, who married Gills Armistead.

The Blands intermarried with the Allens. They, too, were of an old and highly respected English family. Theodoric Bland settled in Charles Co. at "Westover" in 1654. He left three sons, Theodoric, Richard, and John, and from these descended the Blands who intermarried into the Allen and other families connected with the Seldens. (See index for other Allen data).

Giles Bland was son of John Bland, an eminent London merchant, and his wife, Sarah, daughter of Giles Green, Esq., of Uffington (who was M. P. for Corfe Castle temp. Charles I), and a nephew of Theodoric Bland, of Westover, Va. John Bland had purchased large landed estates in Virginia which were managed by his brother, Theodorick, until the death of the latter in 1671. After his uncle's death, Giles Bland came to Virginia to take charge of his father's property and was at the same time appointed one of the collectors of the customs.

Richard Bland's will was proved by William and Richard Randolph April 12, 1720.

Mary, daughter of Theodoric Bland, of Westover, married Henry Lee, of Prince William Co. They had three sons, all of whom were members of the Colonial House of Burgesses.

Col. Theodorick Bland was the grandfather of John Randolph, of Roanoke.

Nicholas Martain (1591-1657), probably French, was the father of Elizabeth (Martain) Reade, the wife of George Reade, was as far as can be proven, the first owner of the land upon which Yorktown now stands. Nicholas was a French Protestant, believed to have gone to England for religious liberty. In 1623 he was a Burgess in Virginia and first owner of the land lying upon the York River, where later Cornwallis surrendered, Oct. 19, 1781. Nicholas Martain married three times. By his first wife, Elizabeth, he had three daughters:

1. Elizabeth married George Reade.

2. Mary married John Scarsbrook.
3. Sarah married Capt. William Fuller, Governor of Maryland.

George Reade, Secretary of the Colony, Burgess and Councillor, was of very noble descent. The son of Robert Reade and Mildred Windbank, the daughter of Sir Thomas and Frances (Dymoke) Windbank of Royal descent. Frances Dymoke was the daughter of Sir Edward Dymoke and Lady Anne Talbois, the daughter of Sir George Talbois and Lady Elizabeth Gascorgue, descendant of Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland and continued on back through Phillisa Plantagenet, the daughter of Lionel, Duke of Clarence, third son of Edward III, until the long line of descent reaches Edward the elder, who was the son of Alfred the Great.

Col. George Read and his wife inherited and lived on the land where Yorktown was later laid off. Their youngest son, Benjamin Read, owned fifty acres of land on which Yorktown is built.

Many years later, in 192—, the old tombstone of Colonel George Reade and another, believed to be that of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of the first patentee of the land on which the Reade family lived, was unearthed, the inscription on one bearing the name of Col. Reade and giving the date of his death in Oct., 1671. On the other stone all that can be seen is

“Here lieth interred—of Colonel George Reade.”

“Little York,” now Yorktown, with its fine harbor situated on the arm of Chesapeake bay, is famous as the scene of surrender of the British army by Lord Cornwallis to General Geo. Washington. After twenty days of battle, the Americans, with the help of the French, won the freedom of America.

Rev. Thos. Reade, a descendant through all the intervening generations to Alfred the Great, and descendant of George and Elizabeth (Martain) Reade, married on Oct. 14, 1779, Sarah Magruder, daughter of Col. Zadoc Magruder and his wife, Rachel Pottinger. The parents of Zadoc Magruder were John and Susannah (Smith) Magruder. Susannah was the daughter of Nathan Smith and granddaughter of Phillip Thomas.

Issue of Rev. Thomas and Sarah (Magruder) Reade were: John Reade who married Mary Ann Clarke; Elizabeth Reade; Robert Reade married first Jane Lackland, second Frances R. Davis, issue, Ignatius Davis Reade who married Martha Elizabeth Cooke. Susanna Reade (daughter of Rev. Thos.) married Alexander Suter, (a son of John Suter). Issue: Thomas Suter married Mary Scott and among others, Marie Fletcher Suter married Douglas St. James Howard. Their daughter, Edith Howard, married Robert Owen Allen. Issue:

1. Algernon Sidney Allen.
2. Henry Howard Allen.
3. Marie Douglas Allen.
4. Lewis Mines Allen, M. D.
5. Edith Morton Allen.

Elizabeth Thomas was a lineal descendant of Col. Geo. Reade through Margaret Lewis, who married Charles Lewis Thomas.

John Wellford married Elizabeth Thomas. They lived in Memphis, Tenn. This family connected with Betty Davis, who married Thos. Stiff.

The Virginia Thomas family claim two brothers, Robert and William, as their progenitors. They came from Wales. William married Susannah Bonlware, a daughter of John Bonlware. Some of this family lived at Thomas Neck.

The Beverley (Beverly) family of Virginia descended from a Yorkshire family of the name, whose ancestors go back to the time of King John.

Robert Beverley migrated to Virginia about the year 1660 and settled in Middlesex Co., naming his estate "Brandon." He became possessed of thousands of acres of land in several counties. Being a learned lawyer with plenty of ability, he was quite important to the colony. His history is a very interesting one.

Beverley was Clerk of the House of Burgesses in 1670 to 1682, and again in 1685; vestryman of Christ Church Parish; Major of the Virginia forces at the time of "Bacon's Rebellion" in 1676. He married first, Mary Keebe; second wife was Catherine, who married second, Christopher Robinson, who was in Virginia as early as 1666 and settled in Middlesex Co., calling his estate "Herwick." He was a member of the Council and House of Burgesses in 1691; Secretary of State in 1692; died in 1693; married first, Agatha (Robinson), daughter of Bertram Obert.

Robert Beverley, the historian and "Knight of the Golden Horse-shoe," was his second son by his first wife, Mary (Keeble) Beverley (?). He married Ursula Byrd and their son was Col. William Beverley, a member of the House of Burgesses and of the Governors Council. He was clerk of Essex Co., 1720-1740, and died in 1756. His possessions were most amazing in size and number.

Col. William Beverley lived at "Blandfield." His wife was Elizabeth Bland, born 1706. They had one son, Robert, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Ann, and Ursula Beverley. Col. William Beverley was a native of Eastern shores, but he was closely associated and interested in the valley of Virginia, encouraging many of the pioneers going westward. Being one of the largest land owners, he spent considerable time in that section of Virginia although he did not make a permanent home there. One of his estates was known as "Mill Place," on which he built a crude courthouse. The courthouse of Staunton stands today on this same property. Beverley drew up plans and on July 15, 1747, Thomas Lewis laid off for Col. Beverley several streets and thirteen town lots of the present town of Staunton.

Robert and Elizabeth (Bland) Beverley had a son, Robert Beverley, who died in 1800. He married Marie Carter, the daughter of a Landon Carter, of "Sabine Hall." They had a large family. The sons were Robert; Carter; Byrd; Munford; P. R.; and McKenzie. The daughters were Jane Bradshaw; Harriett Beverley; Everlyne Byrd who married first George Lee and second, Dr. Douglas, of Kentucky; Lucy married Brett Randolph; Ann married Francis Corbin of "Buckingham House," Middlesex, and "The Reeds," in Caroline Co.

The will of Robert Beverley dated March 9, 1793, and was proved in Essex Co. April 20, 1800. It is a huge document in which he gives to his wife, for her life, all his lands, houses, and mills in Essex Co., called Blandfield, Grays Forest, or Camberwell, plantations, etc. His wife was to choose out of his slaves in Essex Co. twenty-two men and twenty-two women for agricultural purposes, and as many under fifteen years old as will make the whole number ninety-four. To his son, William, 6,000 pounds sterling. Robert, Jr. received 1,050 acres out of his Elkwood plantation and sixty negroes, etc. Carter, when twenty-one, part of the Elkwood plantation. Son, Byrd, also received 2,438 acres, part of Elkwood land, etc. To sons Munford, Peter, Randolph, McKenzie, all under age, the last 7,000 acres in the upper part of his Chase tract in Caroline Co., etc. The daughters Marie, who married twice, first Richard Randolph of "Curles;" second Gawin Corbin; and Everlyne Byrd who married George Lee, had been paid their marriage portions.

Executors were authorized to sell 3,000 acres in King and Queen Co.; 4,000 acres in Culpeper Co.; and 3,000 acres more called Stockwell, etc. and lots of Staunton and various other large holdings in discharging his debts and legacies.

In a deed of about 1649, Robert Beverley, Sr. describes himself as a yeoman. It was customary in the best of families where funds were not sufficient to establish the sons in a profession to apprentice them in trade. Those who had been brought up in mechanical trades were proud of their special pursuit and were generally careful to refer to them in their legal documents. Such reference indicated that the individual had been well reared. A yeoman in this case of Robert Beverley, designated an agriculturist or farmer on a large scale. Robert Beverley's eldest son, Peter Beverley (died 1728) married Elizabeth Peyton. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married William Randolph. Their daughter, Elizabeth Randolph, married Col. John Chiswell, of Williamsburg. They were the parents of Mary Chiswell who died Nov. 1, 1726, the wife of Warner Lewis, who connects with the Brooke, Norton families. (See index).

Anne, daughter of Col. Peter and Elizabeth (Peyton) Beverley, married Major Henry Whiting, Jr. (died 1728). He was a tobacco agent in 1702; sheriff of Gloucester in 1723; the son of Henry and Elizabeth Whiting.

Elizabeth Beverley married Col. Thomas Whiting (1712-1781). He was an influential merchant at Gloucester Town, now Gloucester Point in 1751. He was burgess in 1758 and Colonel of the Gloucester Militia in 1775. Thomas married first Elizabeth (1740-1766), daughter of John Thurston and his wife, Sarah Mynn. Elizabeth Beverley was his second wife, born in 1749. After her death Col. Thomas Whiting married Elizabeth, daughter of John Seawell, of Gloucester. (Elizabeth 'Seawell' Whiting married as her second husband, Samuel Cary). By the three marriages there were twelve children who married into the Posser, Fremont, Grymes, Chiverious, Kennon, and Lowry families.

Catherine Beverley married first, Lieut. Stevenson; second, William Lowry, and had a son, Thomas Whiting Lowry, who married Martha Bush Mallory. They had ten children. Among them was Frances, who married Jefferson Sinclair. Their son, Jefferson, Jr. married first Lucy Sinclair; second, Moltie Jones. Among the other children of Thomas and Martha (Mallory) Lowry was Indiana Lowry, who married James Baytop Sinclair (brother of Lucy, above) and Ann Wythe Lowry married Lockey Sinclair.

Harry Beverley (cousin of William Beverley of "Blandfield") married Jane Wiley. Issue:

1. Judith Beverley married first, Rev. Rodham Kenner; second, Thomas Roy.

2. Agatha Beverley, born Sept. 22, 1716; married in 1737, William Robinson.

3. Margaret Beverley married March 27, 1704, John Chew, of Middlesex Co., Va.

There were two more girls whose names were not given.

The ancestor of the Peyton family in Virginia was Robert Peyton, Major of the Gloucester troops. He named his estate, "Isleham," from the Peyton estate in Cambridge, England. Robert had 2,000 acres of land in New Kent Co., Va.

Dr. Valentine Peyton was of this family. His daughter, Elizabeth Washington Peyton, married Edward Hugh Henry as his second wife. They lived at "Fleet Bay" in Northumberland Co.

Mary Howe Peyton, daughter of John Peyton of Winchester, Va., married Addison Bowles, son of John and Lucy (Baylor) Armistead.

The Whiting family, closely connected with the Fairfax, Washington, Cary, Armistead, Brooke, and others, already mentioned, had its beginning with James Whiting, who in 1642, had a patent of land in Gloucester Co., Va. His land in 1652 joined the Croshaw and Ussery property. James had a son, Dr. Henry Whiting, living in 1674 in Ware parish; Major of Horse in 1680; burgess in 1688 with John Buckner Councillor in 1690; treasurer of Virginia in 1692.

Dr. Henry Whiting married first before 1670, Apphia, the widow of Richard Bushrod. Apphia Bushrod married William Fauntleroy (1684-1759) of "Naylor's Hole," Richmond, Va.; the son of Wm. and Katherine (Guffon or Griffin), William being the son of Moore Fauntleroy.

Major Henry Whiting (died 1728), son of Dr. Henry Whiting, married Anna Beverly, as previously stated. Their daughter, Catherine, married Major John Washington, of "Highgate," Gloucester. Catherine died Feb. 7, 1743. Major Peter Whiting, son of Henry Whiting, was sheriff of Gloucester in 1727. He married Ann, sister of Wilson Miles Cary.

Beverley and Mary (Scaife) Whiting had among their issue:

1. John Whiting who married Mary, daughter of John and Mary (Booth) Perrin.

2. Peter Beverly Whiting, of "Elmington" (sold in 1803), Gloucester Co.; married Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Burwell, of

"Carter Creek," Gloucester. Peter Beverly Whiting, Jr. lived in Berryville, Clark Co., Va.

John Whiting, son of Col. Francis Whiting, also married into the Perrin family. Issue: Harriet; Susannah, 1775-1803, married John L. Thurston.

Nathaniel Whiting, of Prince William Co., married George Brooke's sister.

Ann Whiting married Humphrey Brooke. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Digges, a descendant of Hon. Edward Digges, who is believed to have owned and lived at Mulberry Island, which is really no more of an island than Jamestown, but they have always been so called.

The Digges property was in Denbigh Parish, Warwick. Rev. Camm was the last minister who officiated there.

Marshall Digges had a son, William, whose son, William Digges, married Sarah Crew and removed to Indiana about 1820. They had a daughter, Fanny, who married Mr. Wray.

The lives of our first ancestors are exceedingly interesting. The following brief account of the Burwell, Corbin, Courtney, Prince, Howard, and Brockenbrough families may very properly be added to the list of connecting families with those of Braxton, Aylett, Brooke, Shackelford, and other allied with the Selden families.

Hon. Lewis Burwell emigrated from England and settled on Carters Creek in Gloucester Co. He married first, Abigail Smith. His second wife was Martha Lear (1703-1738). The Burwells are one of the widely connected families of Virginia.

Nathaniel Burwell, baptized Oct. 14, 1680; member of the Council and the House of Burgesses in 1710; son of Hon. Lewis and Abigail (Smith) Burwell, married Elizabeth, daughter of (King) Robert Carter of "Corotoman," Lancaster Co., who died in 1732.

It is a very remarkable fact that King Carter left an immense estate said to consist of about 300,000 acres of land, about 1,000 negroes, and 10,000 pounds in money.

Col. Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Carter) Burwell had issue:

1. Lewis Burwell married Mary Willis.
2. Carter Burwell married Lucy Grymes.
3. Robert Burwell married first, Sarah Nelson; second, Miss Braxton.
4. Elizabeth Burwell married William Nelson.

Elizabeth (Carter) Burwell married second, after her husband's, Col. Burwell's, death about 1722, a surgeon in the British Navy, by the name of Dr. George Nicholas, of Lancashire, England. He was one of the first by the name of Nicholas to settle in the colony.

Martha, daughter of Maj. Lewis and second wife Martha (Lear) Burwell, married Col. John Martin, of Caroline and King William Counties.

Burwell had another daughter Martha, by his first wife, Abigail Smith, Col. Nicholson's flame, who married Henry Armistead, of "Hesse."

The Brockenbrough family intermarried in the Fauntleroy, Roane, Barnes, and many other families connected with families named in this material.

Col. Moore Fauntleroy Brockenbrough married first, Sarah Smith. One of their seven children, Etta, married Nov. 10, 1868, Lieut. Robt. Knox, of Fredericksburg. They had six children.

Col. Moore F. Brockenbrough married second, Lucy Roane, widow of Richard Barnes (by whom there was a son, Richard Barnes, Jr., who married his cousin, Rebecca Roane).

Dr. John Brockenbrough, brother of Col. Moore, lived in Tappahannock. He married Sarah Roane.

William and Sarah (Upshaw) Roane were the parents of Sarah and Lucy Roane; also of two sons, William, who married Judith (?) Ball, and John Roane, who married first Susan Jones; second, Betsy Taylor.

Judge William Brockenbrough of the Supreme Court of Virginia, married Judith, daughter of John and Judith (Braxton) White, of King William Co. Among their issue was Judge John Brockenbrough, of Lexington.

Newman Brockenbrough married Katherine, daughter of David and Katherine Gwynn (Griffin). Katherine Griffin was the daughter of Samuel Griffin and married second, William Fauntleroy.

The Corbin family, originally from Warwickshire, England, connected by marriage with the Lees and others of this manuscript, claim Henry Corbin (1629-1675) as their first ancestor. He settled in the parish of Stratton Major, King and Queen Co., about the year 1650-4. Henry had three children; Thomas, Ann, and Gawin Corbin. Of Thomas, nothing is given. Ann married William Tayloe. Their son, John Corbin, married Elizabeth Lyde. Their children were: Betty, who married Col. Richard Corbin; Anne Corbin married Mann Page, of Mansfield, near Fredericksburg. John Corbin was the founder of Mount Airy. William Corbin was another brother.

Gawin, son of Henry, married a daughter of William Bassett and left seven children. They married into the Busrod, Tucker, Needler, and Gawin Corbin, grandson of Henry Corbin, married Hannah Lee, sister of Richard Henry Lee. Their only daughter, Martha, married George Turberville. Their one son, Gawin Corbin Turberville married a daughter of Col. John Dangerfield and left an only daughter, Mary, who married William F. Taliaferro.

Among others, Catherine C. Corbin married Samuel P. Byrd, son of Richard C. and Ann Gordon (Marshall) Byrd, of "White Hall."

(John Dangerfield was a descendant of William Dangerfield, the emigrant who patented land on the Rappahannock in 1667).

Joanna Corbin, daughter of Gawin and Martha Corbin, married Col. Robert Tucker, son of Robert and Frances (Courtney) Tucker. Robert, Sr. will was proved in Norfolk Co., 1722. (See W. M. V. 10-(1) pg. 207).

Kate Corbin married John Mercer Brooke.

The Courtney family, according to some authorities, have traced their name back to the year 420, the time of the founding of the French

Monarchy, and apply it to William, the Duke of Toulouse, calling him Guillaume "au courtnez" duc de Tolouse, "William of the short nose," to us. In 1020 the family of Courtney was living at Courtney, France, near the city of Paris. In America many descendants of this family are now living in various states.

Robert G. Courtney married Anna Christian Howard. Her brother, William B. Howard, married Marie Strother. They were the children of John and Anne (Bullit) Howard. This branch of the family connected with Henry, Fry, Martin, Pope, Christian families.

John Howard was a member of the House of Burgesses. He died in Virginia in 1661.

Col. Henry Howard married Frances Calthorpe, a descendant of the ancient family of Calthorpe of Norfolk, Eng. Their son, Edward Calthorpe Howard married Sarah Russell. Issue:

1. Edward Calthorpe Howard married Mart Hunt. He was her third husband. Their daughter, Mary Howard, married George W. Smith, of York Co.

Hinde Russell Howard married Sarah Reade, widow of John Reade and was in 1774, one of the Committee of Safety for Warwick Co., Va.

2. Martha T. Howard.

One of the first by the name of Price to come to American shores was Samuel, who married Elizabeth Pryor. Their son, John White Price, married Annie Kennon and their son, John Price, Jr., married Mary White, of Hanover Co. They had born to them seven sons.

Louis Price married Lucy, daughter of Major William Duvall, of Buckingham Co. They had four sons and one daughter, Ann Pope Price, who married Dr. Alfred Leyburn, of Lexington. As a widower, Dr. Leyburn married second, Susannah Price.

Samuel Price was the father of Jane, who married Major Douthat, and left one son, Capt. Robert Douthat, who married Eleanor Lewis, daughter of Col. Fielding Lewis.

James, third son of John and Mary (White) Price, left two sons, John, Jr. who married Marie Winston, of Hanover Co. They had one son, James Price, who moved to Alabama.

The Ragland family of Hanover and Louisa Counties, that has grown so large and scattered into adjoining states, traces its descent from a Welshman, Evan Thomas Herbert. He was a father of two sons: one son was Sir William Thomas Herbert, who was knighted on the eve of the Battle of Agincourt. Robert Ragland, the second son of Evan Thomas Herbert, was the ancestor of the Virginia family. He married Elinor Vaughn, whose father, Sir Roger Vaughn was also knighted on the eve of Agincourt and was killed in that battle. Their son, John Ragland, was the emigrant ancestor of the Virginia family.

John Ragland married in Wales, Anne Beaufort, of the famous family by that name in the old English nobility. They emigrated to Virginia in 1720 and settled on Mechump Creek in Hanover Co., where they became prominent in later years. There can be no doubt of their wealth and position. Their estate, "Hipping Hall" contained 10,000 acres of land on Mechump Creek near the mouth of the Chickahominy swamp in Hanover County.

John and Anne (Beaufort) Ragland had eight children: John, William, Samuel, James, Evam, Pettus, Martha, and Frances Ragland. They married twice into the Lewis family and also into the Pate, Tinsley, Selden, Chick (Anna Selden Chick), Lipscomb, Dudley, Davis, Kennon, Cobb, Wingfield, and numerous other families.

Donald Robertson, grandson of Charles, and son of Charles Robertson, was born in 1681 and married Isabella McDonald. Their son, Donald Robertson was born Sept. 27, 1717, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. He sailed for Virginia, arriving March 29, 1753. He left his wife, Henrietta Maxwell, of Springkill, in Scotland until he could make a home for her in the colony. She died before that day arrived and he married second in 1764, Rachel Rogers, daughter of John Rogers, of King and Queen Co.

Donald Robertson had a school in Drysdale Parish which was four miles above Dunkirk, on the eastern side of the Mattaponi. Among the names which appear on his records we find, Garlick, Ballard, Edmund, Pendleton, George James, and Frances Taylor, Robinson, Harry Winston, Bobby Chick, Clements, and many others.

The early colonial records in Virginia have registered a number of settlers bearing the name of Taylor. Many were of royal blood. One record states that five brothers came to Virginia and became separated, knowing very little of each other thereafter. This may be true, but of most all of the Taylor families it had been clearly ascertained that there is no kinship whatever. In each branch of Taylors, the descendants have scattered all over the United States. Among them all are to be found influential citizens, of both church and state. There are men of every walk in life—occupying every profession, from less important to the most honored office of the presidency of the United States. From the earliest settlers until the present day, the Taylor's love of military life has been upheld.

The emigrant, Robert Taylor, is the founder of the Gloucester Taylor families. He came from Kent, England, by Antiqua, where he left a brother and two sisters. Robert settled first at Smithfield in Isle of Wight County. Later he removed to Norfolk, Va. His first wife's name is unknown, but in all probability was Baraud, as their eldest son was Robert Baraud Taylor, a brilliant lawyer and general of the Virginia forces in 1812, who helped to drive the British from Norfolk. He fought a duel with John Randolph, of Roanoke. A portrait of General Taylor in oil was owned by Judge Fielding Taylor Lewis, of Gloucester, Va.

Robert Taylor had a brother, William Eyre Taylor, who had sons, William, Jr., and Doctor Robert Taylor, who married Lella Baker, of Norfolk.

Gen. Robert Taylor married first Sally Curles Ballard on June 23, 1801; second, either a Miss Fox or, as some records state, Ann Roy, a direct descendant of Rob Roy, whose full name was Robert Roy McGregor Campbell, of Argyle, Scotland. By the first marriage there was a daughter, Ann who married General James Patton Preston, Governor of Virginia 1816-1819. They had sons: Ballard Preston; Col. Robert, and Col. James Preston. The last two were of the C. S. A.

One son, Robert Taylor, married Mary Hart, and Archibald Taylor, believed to be the youngest son of Robert and his wife, Miss Fox, married Frances Fielding Lewis, second of three daughters of Fielding and Agnes (Harwood) Lewis.

Archibald Taylor inherited "Belle Farm" through his wife, Frances. They had four sons. The eldest was Lieut.-Col. Fielding Lewis Taylor of C. S. A. He married Elizabeth Farley Fauntleroy, daughter of Dr. William and Catherine Carter (Corbin) Fauntleroy, of Laneville, in King and Queen Co. Of the same family as the naval officer, Gawin Corbin, who married Jane Wilson (widow), the daughter and heiress of John Lane, of Laneville.

The second son of Archibald and Frances (Lewis) Taylor was Dr. Archibald Taylor, Jr., born Aug. 10, 1827, in Norfolk and died in Alexander on March 3, 1893. He married Feb. 26, 1862, Martha Lorimer Fauntleroy (1837-1914), daughter of Thomas Fauntleroy and a first cousin of his brother Fielding's wife. Issue: two sons, Fielding and Walter Taylor, of New York.

Thomas, the third son of Archibald and Frances (Lewis) Taylor, was also in the Confederate States Army connected with Brown's Cavalry of Texas. He married Dora, daughter of Dr. Cocke, of Texas. They had one son, Fielding Lewis Taylor, who married Minnie Perreneau, of Victoria, Tex. They had one son, Thomas Roy Taylor.

Capt. Thomas Taylor's brother, Robert Taylor, fought and died at Shiloh in Terry's Texas Rangers.

James Taylor, who was born about 1616 and died about 1698, was another first immigrant. He came from Carlisle, Eng. to Virginia about 1635. He and Robert Taylor are believed to have come from the same English family, although not from the same county. Carlisle is in Cumberland Co. on the Scotch border, while Kent is on the straits of Dover, far from Carlisle.

James Taylor married first, Frances; second wife's name not known. She died Sept. 22, 1680. Issue: Jane, James, and Sarah Taylor. The latter married Mr. Powell.

James Taylor married second on Aug. 10, 1682, Mary Gregory. They had five daughters and three sons. Among them were John and Ann, twins; Mary; Edmund; Elizabeth, and another son, John, the first John having died as an infant.

James Taylor, Sr. took out patents of land on the Mattaponi River before 1650. King and Queen Co. included at that time a part of Caroline and Spotsylvania Counties.

James, second eldest son of James Taylor and his first wife, was one of the first settlers and landowners in Orange Co. He married in 1699, Martha, daughter of Col. William Thompson, of Royal Army, who was a prominent figure in Virginia at the time of Bacon's Rebellion in 1676.

James and Martha (Thompson) Taylor had a large family. They are the progenitors of the Taylors of Orange Co. and of those who come originally from the valley of Virginia.

The eldest son, Zachary Taylor, was born in 1705. He married Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Hancock and Elizabeth (Allerton) Lee of

"Ditchley." (Elizabeth Allerton's mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Newton) Willoughby, of Elizabeth City), and Hancock Lee was a brother of Richard Lee, the sons of Richard Lee, the emigrant. Richard Lee, Jr., had a son, Henry, the father of Light Horse Harry, father of Robert E. Lee. Thus, Elizabeth (Lee) Taylor was first cousin to Henry Lee and President Zachary Taylor and Robert E. Lee were second cousins once removed.

Zachary and Elizabeth (Lee) Taylor had two sons, Hancock, a surveyor, and Richard, born March 22, 1744; died in Jefferson Co., Ky. in 1726. He too had a brilliant civil and military record. He married Sarah Strother, of Stafford Co. They were the parents of the twelfth president of the United States, Zachary Taylor.

John Taylor, born 1696, of "Hare Forest," son of James and Mary (Gregory) Taylor married Catherine Pendleton, daughter of Phillip and Isabella (Hart) Pendleton. Among their issue was one son, Edmund, who married Anna Lewis, and about 1750 this family, like many of the other Taylors, moved from Virginia to North Carolina and south. Edmund Taylor, Jr. removed from Granville Co. to Tennessee.

James Taylor, the second, had among others, a son, George, born 1711. He married first, Rachel Gibson; second, Sarah Taliaferro Conway, daughter of Col. John and Sarah (Smith) Taliaferro, and widow of Capt. Francis Conway. Col. George Taylor was a Burgess of Orange Co. in 1748-58 and member of Virginia Convention in 1775. He is said to have had fourteen sons, of whom seven served in the Revolutionary War, and thirteen held office under government at the same time.

Frances, born about 1702, daughter of James and Martha (Gregory) Taylor, married Aug. 24, 1721, Ambrose Madison, son of John Madison, who settled in the colony on the York River in 1653. Ambrose and Frances (Taylor) Madison had a son, James, who married Nelly Conway. Their son, James Madison was the fourth president of the United States.

Frances (Taylor) Madison's brother, George, holds the unique and distinguished honor of being the uncle of two presidents of the United States.

Edmund Taylor and his brother, William, are in all probability the sons of George and grandsons of James and Martha (Thompson) Taylor. Edmund was born Aug. 16, 1731; married Ann Day on May 16, 1771. They lived in Taylorsville, Hanover Co., and raised eleven children.

President Zachary Taylor was born in Orange Co., Sept. 24, 1784, reared in Kentucky and lived ten years in Louisiana as a cotton grower. He married Margaret Smith, born 1788, daughter of Walter Smith, a planter of Cavert Co., Md. Among their five children was a daughter, Sarah Knox (1814-1835) who married Jefferson Davis, who later was President of the Confederate States. Mrs. Davis died the year she was married, of fever. Her husband married ten years later, Varina Howell.

The Taylors also married into the Croshaw, Byrd, Cary, Wood, Bliss, Hoard, Dandridge, Chew, Sandidge, Gholson, and no end of other families besides those mentioned elsewhere.

The Strother family appears here and there, connected with many of the families mentioned throughout this material.

William Strother lived in Stafford County. He married Margaret Watts and unto them were born thirteen daughters.

Jane Strother married Thomas Lewis.

Margaret Strother married Mr. Harvey. Their son, John Harvey of the Continental Congress 1778-1779, was the father of General Jacquelin Burwell Harvey, who married in 1788, Chief Justice Marshall's only daughter, Mary. Margaret (Strother) Harvey outlived her husband and married second in 1750, Gaberial Jones, of Rockingham Co., formerly from Frederick Co., Va. By this marriage there was only one son, Col. Strother Jones, who married Mary Frances Thornton.

William Strother Jones married Anna Marie Marshall. (See index).

Agatha Strother married John Madison, cousin of President Madison. Issue:

1. Bishop James Madison, born 1749; married Miss James.
2. Richard Madison married Miss Preston.
3. Thomas Madison married Susanna Henry, sister of Patrick Henry.
4. Gabriel Madison married Merion Lewis.
5. Roland Madison married Miss Lewis, daughter of Gen. Andrew Lewis.
6. George Madison was governor of Kentucky. He married Jane Smith. Their daughter, Myra, married Mr. Alexander. They had a daughter who married Gen. F. P. Blair.
7. & 8. Eliza and Lucy Madison both married into the Lewis family.
9. Margaret Madison, ninth child of Agatha (Strother) Madison, married Gen. William McDowell, of Bowling Green, son of Samuel and Mary (McClung) McDowell.

Sarah Strother married Col. Richard Taylor and was mother of U. S. President, Zachary Taylor, who married Margaret Smith of Maryland. (See index).

Anna G. Strother married John Hawkins. Another daughter married Capt. John Frog.

William Strother, of the Old Exchange Bank of Richmond, Va., had a daughter, Margaret Strother, who married S. B. Smith, father of Richard H. Smith, who married Mary Barton.

General David Hunter Strother was born Sept. 26, 1816 at Martinsburg, Va., now West Virginia. He married Ann Doyne Wolfe. After her death, General Strother married his cousin, Mary Elliott Hunter. Their son, John, married Jane E. Porter and had five children; David, Louise Lane, Emily R., Walter P., and Charles.

The Moseley family has its connections through the Winston and other family connections with the Seldens.

Dr. Bennett Williamson Moseley, of Lynchburg, Va., married Elizabeth Winston. They also lived for a time in Fincastle. Issue:

1. Henry Winston married Jane Leyburn of Lexington, daughter Virginia Winston Moseley.

2. Mary married Wheeler Campbell of Kentucky. Issue: Bettie and Queen Campbell.

3. George Cabell married Mary Daniel Whitlock. Issue: Elizabeth; Margaret; Mattie (Nannie); Robert; Edward Bennet; Willie; and Nathaniel Moseley.

4. Elizabeth married Rev. George W. Leyburn.

5. Alice died young.

6. Elizabeth married Rev. Thos. Converse, D. D.

Rev. Bennett M. Moseley married Louisa Jane Carrington, born in 1841 at "Wheatland" in Mecklenburg Co.; daughter of Dr. Paul Carrington Venable and his wife, Emily Waton (Carrington) Venable. Issue:

1. Emily Carrington Moseley born March 6, 1868, married Hon. William Nicholas Brown, of Danville. They had a number of children.

2. Jan Leyburn Moseley, born Nov. 18, 1859, married Geo. V. Venable, son of Dr. George and Margaret Venable.

These families intermarried with the Ficklen, Kelso, Prichett, Skinner, Bennett, and Lewis families.

CHAPTER VIII

To return to the Seldens, we have Joseph, born in England, son of Samuel, the immigrant, whose descendants are the second branch of the family in Virginia. Joseph Selden, in 1723, was Justice of Elizabeth City Co. and in 1725 he was commissioned Sheriff of the county, which in early days was an office of honor.

Joseph Selden married first in 1722, Mary Cary (1704-1775) and second, Mary (Wilson) Roscow. Mary Cary was the daughter of Col. Miles and Mary (Wilson) Cary of "Ceeley" and "Richneck." Miles was the son of Miles and Ann (Taylor) Cary who came from Bristol, England, to Virginia in 1640.

The name of Cary was originally spelled "Karry." Col. Miles Cary was a member of the King's Council under Berkeley. His lineage claims an ancestor, Sir William Cary, who fell at Tewksbury in 1471, who was a descendant of Adam de Karry, living in 1198; Lord of Castle Karry in County Somerset.

The Carys formerly held two earldoms—Monmouth and Dover—and the Barony of Hunsdon. Henry Cary, born 1622, was the first Viscount Falkland.

William Cary was lord Mayor of Bristol in 1611.

From the earliest records in Virginia the Carys were large land owners, marked figures in society and well known for their intellectual qualities and patriotic fervor.

Joseph and Mary (Cary) Selden built "Salvington" in Stafford Co. They had the following children:

1. Col. Wilson Cary, the eldest son of Joseph and Mary (Cary) Selden, was born in 1727 and died about 1792. He held the rank of Captain in 1751; Lieutenant-Colonel in 1763, and was commissioned Colonel of Elizabeth City Co. in March, 1767. Having been magistrate of the county court before 1760. Among other things, he was one of a committee from Elizabeth City County to represent the county in the general committee of the District, whose duty it was to list men for a company of regulars in 1775. He was clerk of Elizabeth City Court in 1782. A member of the Episcopal Church, and vestryman of the same county parish from 1771 to 1784. Joseph inherited Buckroe at Hampton and was the proprietor of the old estate inherited for three generations. His son, Wilson Cary Selden, was the last owner of the large estate in the Selden family.

Col. Selden also inherited other lands in Elizabeth City Co. He married about 1750 Elizabeth Jennings, of the West Indies. She is believed to have been a descendant of the family of Sarah Jennings, the Duchess of Marlborough, and the daughter of Charles Jennings and his wife, Mary, who died in 1762.

Col. Cary Selden and his wife, Elizabeth, had a large family as follows: Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Wilson Cary, Ann, Miles, Rebecca, and Sarah Selden.

I. Joseph died young. He was a soldier in the Revolution, 1778-81.

II. Mary married Hugh Young in 1775. They lived in Baltimore. Issue: (a) Eliza (b) Cary; (c) James; (d) Francis Young.

Hugh Young was born in Ireland and came with his sister, Frances from Clenarle, County Donegal, Ireland in 1771.

Mary and Hugh Young's eldest daughter, (a) Eliza, married James Purviance, son of a Huguenot, Jacques de Purviance, of Royan, Sanitonge, France. They had children:

1. Hugh Young Purviance, U. S. N. Wilson Cary Purviance also of U. S. Navy. He died about 22 years old.

2. Cary Purviance died unmarried.

3. Rev. James Purviance settled in New Orleans.

4. Frances married Robert Purviance. No issue.

5. Eliza first married Mr. Atkinson. By this marriage there were two sons; James Purviance and William Mayo Atkinson.

Secondly, Eliza Young married W. S. Mersereau. No issue.

III. Elizabeth, twin to

IV. Wilson Cary, born 1761, the children of Cary and Elizabeth (Jennings) Selden.

Elizabeth Selden married May 22, 1779, Dr. James McClurg, who was born in Hampton 1747; died in Richmond, July 9, 1825. He is buried in St. Johns Cemetery. His father, Dr. Walter McClurg was a surgeon in the British Navy and was sent to Hampton, where he lived for many years. He married Miss Westwood. (See index).

Dr. James McClurg lived in Williamsburg, Va. He and Elizabeth (Selden) McClurg had two children:

1. Walter died at age seventeen.

2. Elizabeth married John Wickham, Jr. as his second wife.

They are believed to have had five children:

a. John McClurg Wickham (1802-1850).

b. McClurg Wickham, 1814-1900.

c. Elizabeth Wickham, 1815-1853.

d. Littleton Wickham married Miss Ashby of South Carolina.

e. Judge Ashby Wickham.

John Wickham, Jr. is described as an eloquent, witty, graceful man, a noted and famous lawyer of Richmond. He was a native of Southhold, L. I., where he married first Mary Fanning, the daughter of an Englishman, and of kin to his mother, Hannah (Fanning) Wickham. They moved to Virginia and lived at Williamsburg and Richmond. Their home in Hanover was called, "Hickory Hill."

The Wickham family of Virginia traces its long line of descent to Thomas Wickham (1624-1688/89) from England. He is recorded as settling in Wetherfield, Conn. in 1648. He was a freeman in 1658, married Sarah Churchill (1630-1700). They had a son, Joseph, who married Sarah Satterly, of Long Island.

Joseph, Jr. married Abigail Parker. They had a son, John, who married Hannah Fanning, of Long Island.

There were two sons by the first marriage of John and Mary (Fanning) Wickham, his wife:

1. Edmund Fanning Wickham, who married Lucy Carter, daughter of Robert Carter of "Shirley." By this marriage there were two sons and two daughters.

2. William Fanning Wickham married Anne Carter. Their one son, Gen. William Carter Wickham, C. S. A., born Sept. 21, 1820; died July 23, 1888; married Lucy Penn Taylor on Jan. 11, 1848, at Hatfield, Caroline Co. Lucy was the daughter of Julia Dunlap (Leips) and Henry Taylor, of "Hazelwood" on the Rappahannock, and the granddaughter of Col. John Taylor, who married Lucy Penn, the daughter of John Penn.

Gen. William and Lucy (Taylor) Wickham had issue:

I. Henry T. Wickham, born at "Hickory Hill" Dec. 17, 1849, a leading member of the Virginia bar. (He was general counsel for C. and O. Railroad). Married on Dec. 17, 1885, Elsie W., daughter of George A. Barksdale, of Richmond. By this marriage there were: William C.; George; Barksdale Wickham; C. W.; and one daughter, Anne Carter Wickham, who married Robert H. Renshaw. Issue: William C. W. Renshaw; Frank R. Renshaw; Robert H. Renshaw; and Julia R. Renshaw.

II. Ann Carter Wickham.

III. Julia Wickham died young.

IV. William F. Wickham. William Fanning Wickham married Anne Ould. Issue, two sons and a daughter.

Anne and Lucy Carter were sisters, the daughters of Dr. Robert Carter of "Shirley," who married Mary Nelson, of York, the daughter of Gov. Thos. Nelson and Lucy Grymes. Charles Carter married first his cousin, Mary Walker. Dr. Robert Carter was the son of Charles Carter and his second wife, Anne Butler Moore, of Chelsea. His sister, Anne-Hill Carter married General Henry Lee, (Light Horse Harry) and had among others, General Robert Edward Lee.

William Lee Carter, of Hanover, married Charlotte Fouchee. Their daughter, Charlotte Wickham, was the first wife of W. H. F. Lee, son of Gen. Robt. E. Lee. Charlotte Fouchee was one of the noted daughters of Dr. Fouchee.

IV. Dr. Wilson Cary Selden (twin of Elizabeth) born 1761, died March 14, 1835. He married his first cousin, Mary Mason Selden (1754-1787) the daughter of Samuel (son of Joseph) of "Fairfield," Clarke Co., Va. eldest son of Hon. John Page and his wife, Jane (Byrd) Page, of North End (Gloucester), now Mathews Co., Va. Jane Byrd was the daughter of Col. William Byrd, II, of Westover.

Mary Mason Selden and Mann Page married about 1767. There were three children by this marriage:

1. William Byrd Page, born about 1768.

2. John Byrd Page married Elizabeth (?) No issue.

3. Jane Byrd Page, born about 1770; died 1812.

William, the eldest, of "Fairfield," married about 1793, Anne, daughter of Richard Henry Lee and his wife, Lucy (Grymes) Lee. Anne Lee was a sister of Gen. Henry Lee (Light Horse Harry), born Jan. 29, 1756, the owner of "Stafford" estate and the father of Robt. E.

Lee, the Great Confederate commander, who married Mary Randolph Custis.

Henry Lee was born about 1733; married Lucy Grymes about 1755. He was the third son and fourth child of Richard Henry Lee, of "Lee Hall," who married about 1728, Mary Bland (born 1712), daughter of Richard Bland of Jordons Point, and his second wife, Elizabeth Randolph, born about 1695, the youngest and ninth child of Col. William and Mary (Isham) Randolph, of Turkey Island. William Byrd and Anne (Lee) Page had nine children: one daughter being Mary Ann Page (died 1873) who married General Rogers Jones. They also had nine children. The fourth son, Rev. Henry Page, married in 1827, Gabriella Crawford, of Amherst Co., Va.

Jane Byrd Page, daughter of Mann and Mary (Selden) Page, married about 1790, Major Thomas Swann, of Baltimore, Md., from whom the wealthy and large family of that city descended.

Dr. Wilson Cary Selden was the guardian of his first wife's children by her first marriage. She died in Winchester without issue by her second marriage.

Wilson Cary Selden married first about 1794, Eleanor Love (born 1772), the daughter of Samuel Love of Salisbury, Fairfax Co., Va., who received his estate from Queen Anne in 1736. (His wife was Ann Jones of "Cleandrinking," Montgomery Co., Md.)

Eleanor (Love) Selden died at "Coton" in Loudoun Co. on April 16, 1816. She had one child, Wilson Cary Selden, Jr. (1795-1845) who lived near Leesburg in Loudoun Co., Va. He married first Louisa Elizabeth Alexander, born 1805; died Oct. 28, 1826; second Elizabeth Armistead Lee (1804-1887), who died without issue.

Most all of these families were large and intermarried with the Pendleton, Willia, Burwell, Brown, Dame, Fisher, Hobson, Walker, Cheisman, Temple, Wilson, Fitzhugh, Moran, Blow, Graham, Nelson, Perin, Shaler, and Waller families.

Dr. Wilson Cary Selden married third, Mary Bowles Armistead, born in Culpeper Co. (1772-1846), daughter of Charles Bowles and Mary (Fontaine) Armistead and widow of Charles Alexander, the son of Charles and Frances (Brown) Alexander of "Preston," near Alexandria, Va. (See index for Alexander). Dr. Selden was also guardian of the Alexander children. He gave bond on Oct. 28, 1817. Their names were William Fontaine Alexander who married Marie Washington; Charles Armistead Alexander; Louisa Elizabeth Alexander, mentioned above, who married Wilson Cary Selden, Jr.; Ann Frances Alexander, who married Rev. Edward Russell Lippit and had five children. Laura and Alfred Alexander died young.

Mrs. Mary Bowles (Armistead) Selden removed from "Exeter" to "Mt. Ida" near Alexandria, where she died on March 2, 1846.

Wilson Cary and Louisa (Alexander) Selden had children:

I. Molly Selden (1826-1831).

II. Eleanor Love Selden, who married in Feb., 1843, John Augustine Washington, son of Col. Augustine Washington and his wife, Jane Charlotte Blackburn. Colonel Washington inherited Mt.

Vernon by the will of his uncle, Hon. Bushrod Washington, who in turn had interited the estate from George Washington.

John and Eleanor (Selden) Washington lived at Mt. Vernon until 1860 when they removed to "Waveland," Fauquier Co. John Augustine Washington was born May 3, 1820. He was killed at Cheat Mountain, W. Va. Sept. 13, 1861. His wife, Eleanor Washington was the mother of:

1. Louisa, who married Col. Chew.
2. Jean married Mr. Willis.
3. Eliza married Robert Hunter.
4. Lawrence.
5. Nelly married Julian Howard.
6. Marie married Rev. Beverley D. Tucker.
7. George Washington married Miss Porterfield.

These families intermarried with Chew, Ryland, Tucker, Lackland, Howard, and many other families.

Col. Samuel Selden, of "Salvington" was the son of Joseph and Mary (Cary) Selden and was born in 1725. He was one of the patriots of the Northern Neck who, on the passage of the Stamp Act, inscribed their addresses and resolutions on the 27th of February, 1766. Col. Selden also used the "o" in place of the "e" in his name. His patriotic career is a very interesting one. He served as a Lieut. in Captains William Lynn's and Joseph Scott's company, 1st. Virginia Regiment, Cavalry, commanded successively by Colonel Isaac Read, Lieut. Col. Green, Col. James Hendricks, and Col. Richard Parker in the Revolutionary War. His name appears on a return dated January 10, 1786, which shows that he was paid the balance due him for his services to Jan., 1783.

Col. Samuel married twice. His first wife was Mary Thomson Mason, born in 1731; died 1759; the daughter of Col. George and his second wife, Ann (Thomson) Mason. The marriage took place on April 11, 1751, at the home of George Mason, the owner of "Gunston Hall" overlooking the Potomac River. The original estate consisted of 7,000 acres of land and 500 negroes.

Mary Thomson (Mason) Selden died in Jan., 1758. Samuel Selden married secondly on Nov. 24, 1759, a cousin to his first wife, Sarah Ann Mason Mercer, born June 25, 1738; died—; the daughter of John and Catherine (Mason) Mercer. John was a native of Ireland, the son of Robert Mercer, and married two or three times.

Samuel and his first wife, Mary, had a son, Samuel, Jr. who died young, and a daughter, Mary; born at Salvington, Stafford Co. in 1754; died in Winchester, Va., Sept. 17, 1787. She married twice. First about 1767 to Mann Page (1747—) son of Honorable John Page, of North End in Gloucester Co. (now Matthew), whose wife was Jane Byrd of Westover. Mary and her husband, Mann Page, removed to Mannsfield, Clark Co. (North End was destroyed by fire during the Revolutionary War).

After her husband's death, Mary Selden married secondly her cousin, Dr. Wilson Cary Selden in 1782, by whom she had no issue. She had three children by her first husband, as follows:

1. William Byrd Page married in 1793 Ann Lee, daughter of Richard Henry Lee, and sister of General Henry Lee, the famous "Light Horse Harry." They had nine children: William Byrd; Mary Anne, who married in 1816, Gen. Roger Jones, Adjutant-General U. S. Army (see index); Rev. Charles Henry Page, married Gabriella Crawford; Mann Page married Mrs. Beall; Jane Byrd; Cary Selden Byrd; Richard S. Page married Alexanina Taylor; Dr. Thos. S. Page married Miss Joliff; and Edmonia Page, born 1815, married Hall Nelson.

2. John Byrd Page, born about 1774; married and had no issue.

3. Jane Byrd Page, born about 1774; married Thomas Swann. Col. Samuel and Sarah Ann (Mercer) Selden had two children:

1. Ann Mason Mercer Selden, born Feb. 17, 1770; died 1812. Married Sept. 5, 1793, John Taliaferro Brooke. He was the son of Richard and Ann (Taliaferro) Brooke, of Smithfield, Va. By this marriage there were five children: Louisa, Samuel, Anne Mason Mercer, Francis John, and Henry Laurens Brooke. These married with the Edrington, Tucker, Daniels, Rucker, Todd, Waggerman, Armat, Young, Hunter, Stephen, Lucas, Bentley, Higgins, Bedenger, Brown, McLaughlin, and many other families. (See index).

2. Wilson Cary Selden (1772-1823), son of Samuel and his second wife, Sarah Ann (Mason) Mercer married in 1821, Sarah Mason Cooke, born 1791. They had one girl, Anne Cary Selden, who died in her fifteenth year. Mrs. Wilson Cary Selden married secondly, Dr. Robert O. Grayson, son of Benjamin and Ann (Bronaugh) Grayson. By Dr. Grayson there were two sons, Robert and J. Cooke Grayson.

Sarah M. Cooke was one of the eight children of Col. John and Mary (Mason) Cooke, of "West Farms." Mrs. Cooke was a daughter of George Mason, of "Gunston Hall." Col. John Cooke, born 1755, was a vestryman of Aqua Church, 1815-23.

Dr. Selden, by his third wife, Mrs. Alexander, had two sons and one daughter:

1. Lucian Cary Selden, 1818-1850.

2. Eliza Armistead, probably born at Exeter March 24, 1820. On Oct. 16, 1845, she married John Lloyd, son of John and Rebecca (Janney) Lloyd, lawyer. He died at Mt. Ida May 22, 1871, and Eliza died there June 7, 1870. They were the parents of six children:

- I. Mary Bowles Lloyd died young.

- II. Rebecca Lloyd married July 24, 1873, Rev. Henry Melville Jackson and had one child that died young.

- III. Rev. John Janney Lloyd, D. D. married Sept. 25, 1873, Ella Hubbard, daughter of William James and Marie Mason Tabb. Rev. Lloyd and his wife, Ella, had children: Ella and Marie both died young; John Janney; James Hubbard; and Lillian Selden Lloyd.

- IV. Nellie Selden Lloyd married George Uhler on Aug. 8, 1876, and had five children: Katie Griffith Uhler; John Lloyd Uhler; Eliza,

who married Thos. Anderson Sommers, of Baltimore; Rebecca Uhler married on Dec. 13, 1908, Charles Calvert Smoot, III., of Alexandria, Va.; and Nellie Selden Uhler.

V. Eliza Fontaine Lloyd, daughter of John Lloyd and his wife, Eliza Armistead Selden; married first Rowland D. Bucks on Feb. 8, 1881. Her second husband was Clarence Woolfolk. She had one child by each marriage; Eliza Fontaine Bucks, and Clarence Alexander Woolfolk.

VI. Right Reverend Arthur Selden Lloyd, son of John Lloyd; married June 30, 1880, Elizabeth Robertson Blackford. Their children were: Mary Robertson, who married Sept., 1909, Rev. Edmund Pendleton Dandridge (of a family, like many others mentioned in these pages, of Royal descent). Edmund was the son of Samuel and Isabelle (Lawrence) Dandridge of the "Bower," Jefferson Co., W. Va. Other children of Arthur and Elizabeth Lloyd were Elizabeth B., Guy B., John, and Rebecca.

3. John Selden, son of Dr. Wilson Cary Selden and his third wife, Mrs. Alexander, of "Abingdon" (the old Alexander seat in Alexander Co.) was born at "Exeter Lodge" in Loudoun Co., Va., on Feb. 24, 1822. He died Jan. 8, 1896. John married on June 19, 1845, Anne Rebecca Kennedy, born Sept. 29, 1825; died July 14, 1854; the daughter of Andrew and Mary Anne Riddle (Lane) Kennedy, of "Cassilis," Jefferson Co., Va., now West Virginia.

John Selden and his wife lived at first with his mother at Mount Ida, until her death in 1846, when they moved to Jefferson Co. and lived at the "Cave," so named because of a large cave on the place. Mrs. John Selden died here of fever on July 14, 1854, leaving an infant son.

On January 8, 1857, John Selden married Sarah Pendleton Dandridge Kennedy, born Sept. 23, 1834, the sister of his first wife. Issue by first marriage: Wilson Cary Selden, of Washington, D. C.; born March 22, 1846, at the home of his maternal grandparents near Charleston, Jefferson Co., Va. Married first in 1882, Elizabeth Katherine Diener, of Weislock, Germany. She died Jan. 3, 1898 and he married secondly, Anna Bell Strang, of Lynchburg, Va. By the two marriages there were: Wilson Cary, Jr.; Mary Blanche; Bertha Sylvesta; Elizabeth Katherine; Susannah Deimer; Elsie; Roberta; and Ann (?) Selden.

Wilson Cary entered the Southern Army as a private in Company B, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry, Rossers Brigade the day he was sixteen. His father, John Selden, had joined the Southern Army in 1861 under the command of Captain Lawson Botts of "Botts Grays" in General Stonewall Jackson's division.

II. Mary Selden, daughter of John and his first wife, Anne Rebecca, was born at Cassilis, Jefferson Co., Va. Oct. 3, 1847. She married her cousin, Dr. Stephen Dandridge Kennedy on June 22, 1869. (See issue later on).

III. Elizabeth Gray Selden was born at the "Cave" home on Sept. 10, 1851. She married Oct. 18, 1876, Capt. Robert Thompson Jasper, of U. S. Navy, born 1846, the son of John and Catherine Jasper, of Londonberry, Ireland. There was one child born to Eliza-

beth Selden Jasper who bore her name. She married in Sept., 1899, William G. Duboise, Naval Constructor, U. S. Navy. They had one son, William Jasper Duboise, born in April, 1901.

IV. Andrew Kennedy Selden, fourth child of John and his first wife, Anne Rebecca (Kennedy) Selden, was born at the "Cave" home on July 5, 1854. He married Margaret B. Kearsley, seventh child of Major Geo. W. T. and his wife, Sarah Rebecca (Brown) Kearsley, of Charlestown.

Andrew Selden, above, had besides a half sister, Anne Rebecca; a half brother, John Selden, also born at the "Cave" home on Oct. 3, 1859. He married March 18, 1897, Sue Johns Worthington, daughter of Edward Worthington and his wife, Caroline, of Worthington Valley, Baltimore County, Md. There was a family of six children:

1. Margaret M. Selden, born Jan. 11, 1898; died June 27, 1904.
2. John Selden, Jr., born April 21, 1900.
3. Eleanor W. Selden, born Sept. 3, 1901.
4. Edward W. Selden, born March 17, 1905.
5. Armistead Fontaine Selden, born Nov. 13, 1906.
6. Frederica Virginia Selden, born April 13, 1908.

Mrs. Anthony Kennedy, of Warrenton, Va. connected with this branch of the Selden family, has a daughter, Mary Selden Kennedy, who married on Nov. 8, 1940, Allen Royal Moulton, son of Mrs. V. S. Little, of Washington, D. C. The bride's uncle, Dr. William Beverley Mason, of Washington, gave her in marriage. The wedding veil, worn by Miss Kennedy, was a family heirloom which had been sent from Worth, in Paris, many years ago to be worn by the bride's great great grandmother, Lucy Gaylord Pendleton, of Cincinnati.

Dr. Mann Page married in 1815, Jane Frances, eldest child of Hon. Francis Walker and his wife, Jane Byrd Nelson, of Yorktown. Their sixth child, Frederick Winslow Page, born at Turkey Hill, married Anne Kinlock, daughter of Dr. Thomas W. Meriwether and Anne Carter Nelson, his wife, who was a grandmother of Gov. Thomas Nelson, of Yorktown. Mrs. Page died in 1867 and her husband, Frederick Winslow Page, librarian of University of Virginia, married second, in 1883, Lucy Cook Beale, the widow of Brent. No issue. By the first marriage there were children:

- I. Jane Walker Page, who married Thomas Walker Lewis.
- II. Eliza M. Page died unmarried.
- III. Annie Nelson Page married in 1875, Nathaniel Coleman.
- IV. Frederick K. Page, of Millwood; married 1878, Flora Temple Lewis. Their children were: William Lewis Page; Evelyn Page; Frederick Byrd Page; Fannie Campbell Page; and Robert Shackleford Page.
- V. William Douglas Page, born 1859; died 1878 unmarried.
- VI. Evelyn Byrd Page married John M. Coleman of Halifax.
- VII. Mildred Nelson Page.

Mann Page, Jr. born at "Turkey Hill" (1831-1864) married in 1855, Mary Anna Hobson, of Powhatan Co., Va. Their one child, Charlotte Nelson Page, born 1859, married 1883, William Edward Smith, of North Carolina.

George Keith, second rector of St. John's Church, Hampton, Va., married Anne Walker. Two of their daughters, Courtney Keith married Henry Norton and Annie Keith married Jacob Walker, son of George Walker.

There is a tradition that the Armisteads derive their name and origin from Darmstadt, and the seat of the elder line in Virginia was called "Hesse." It is also a known fact that for several generations they were Englishmen before William came to America. Anthony Armistead was of Kirk Deigton, Yorkshire, England. He married Frances Thompson in 1608. Their son, William, baptised in All Saints Church on Aug. 3, 1610, (died 1660), appears to be the first emigrant by name in Virginia. He came about 1635.

One record states William Armistead succeeded his father at "Hesse" on the Pianketank River in Gloucester Co. William married Mary Bowles, second daughter of James Bowles and granddaughter of Tobias Bowles, formerly an eminent merchant of London in the Virginia trade. The will of James states he was of St. Marys Co., Md., and a merchant. It was his daughter, Eleanor, who married first William, son of Gov. Gooch, of Virginia. Second, Warner Lewis, of Warner Hall, Gloucester Co. Mrs. Armistead married second, Rev. Thomas Price.

It is interesting to know that all through the families we find just such records as that of the Armistead. They, perhaps have the larger number of direct marriage connections with the Selden families. They are also closely identified with other families who have intermarried with the Seldens. A few instances are as follows:

William Armistead, brother of Mary (Armistead) Selden, second wife, Mary Latham Curle, was a sister to Judge William Roscoe Wilson Curle, of Sawyers Swamp. They had a son, William Armistead, Jr. who married first (Patsy) Booker, second he married Elizabeth Armistead, of North Carolina.

Moss Armistead, (brother of William, above) married first Mary Booker; second, Mildred Slater.

Rebecca Armistead married first John Sheppard. Second, Elijah Phillips. Their daughter, Rebecca, married William Moss Armistead, son of William and his second wife, Elizabeth (Armistead) Armistead.

Anthony Armistead, son of the emigrant had three sons: William whose descendants inherited "The Brick House Tract;" Anthony, "Willocks" and "The Mill;" and Robert inherited the Armistead patent near Buckroe on Back River.

Anthony Armistead was County Lieut. under Lord Effingham (Lord Howard) Governor of Virginia. He married Hannah Ellyson (or Ellison) daughter of Dr. Ellyson of James City Co., Va.

Anthony and Hannah Armistead had among their children two daughters, Hannah and Judith. The latter married John West, of West Point, the son of Captain John West, brother of Lord Delaware. Charles West, son of John and Judith West, inherited 4,000 acres in Pamunkey Neck adjoining Delaware, commonly called West Point.

"The Councillor," John Armistead, second son of the emigrant, believed to have married Judith Robinson by this marriage, there were the following children:

1. Judith Armistead married (King Carter) Robert Carter, of Corotoman, Lancaster Co. In the eleven years of her marriage she had five children: Sarah, Judith, Elizabeth, and Robert Carter. King Carter was the son of John Carter and his third wife, Sarah Ludlow, daughter of Gabriel and Phillis Ludlow. The Carter estate "Corotoman" lay upon the Rappahannock. It was considered the pick of Tidewater Virginia. The estate was bounded on three sides by salt water. To read Robert Carter's will is to read a great document and a remarkably big history. His wealth and influence was so very powerful that he was known as "King." (See index).

This great estate, built by John Carter, passed to his oldest son, John, who died early and without issue. The estate passed from him to John's second son, Robert. From Robert it went to Robert's son, John, who married Elizabeth Hill, of "Shirley." John willed "Corotoman" to his son, Charles, who lived there with his mother, who married secondly, Bowler Cocke. At her death Charles Carter removed to "Shirley." He willed this estate to his son, George, who married Lelia Skipwith, who as a widow married Judge St. George Tucker.

Robert Carter married second, Elizabeth Landon; third a widow Willis. By these two marriages he had twelve children. Those that lived made brilliant marriages. Elizabeth Carter married Nathaniel Burwell. They lived in Gloucester Co. at "Carter's Creek." She was the grandmother of Thomas Nelson. Elizabeth married second, Dr. George Nicholas and she was the mother of Robert Carter Nicholas. Judith married Mann Page and became mistress of "Rosewell" on the York River.

Charles Carter received the estate "Cleve" from his father, Robert Carter. Charles also married three times. First wife, Mary Walker; fourteen years later he married Anne Byrd; and his third wife, Lucy Taliaferro, in 1763. Among their children were: Charles Carter, Jr. of Ludlow, who married Elizabeth Chiswell; Mary who married her first cousin, Charles Carter of "Shirley;" Elizabeth, who married William Churchill; and Judith, who married William Burnett Browne. Anne Carter married twice; first John Campe; second, Lewis Willis. Landon Carter married first Mildred Willis, and second, Mrs. Eliza C. Thornton.

By the third marriage of Chas. and Lucy Taliaferro there was one daughter, Anne Walker Carter, who married John Catlett, of "Timber Neck."

Landon and Mildred Carter had a daughter, Ann, who married twice; first, Robert Mercer; and second, John Lewis. Lucy married John Minor. Robert Charles married Miss Beale. St. Leger married Elizabeth Lee. Eliza married William McFarlane.

Elizabeth Armistead, daughter of John and Judith Armistead married first in 1687, Ralph Wormley, of "Rosegill," Middlesex Co. He was Secretary of State and one of the wealthiest and most influential men of Virginia. After his death his widow married second, William Churchill as his second wife. The Churchill family was a branch of the same families as those of Devonshire, Somerset, Oxfordshire, and Dorset, England. William, first of the Churchill family in Virginia,

was born in 1649, in North Aston, England. He was deputy sheriff of Middlesex Co. in 1674, and member of the council in 1705. His will was dated Nov. 18, 1710, pro. March, 1711.

That Col. Churchill was a pious man there can be no doubt. In his last will, 1711, there is sufficient proof, as he left a sum of money with instructions to be used for the encouragement of the minister to preach against the four reigning vices, which were in his opinion, swearing and cursing, fornication, adultery, and drunkenness.

William Churchill married first, Mary—. By her, according to a deed dated Dec. 20, 1683, he had two daughters. One daughter, Mary, married Captain Roger Jones and had six children.

By second marriage on Oct. 5, 1703, of William and Elizabeth (Armistead) Churchill, there was a son and heir:

I. Armistead Churchill, born at "Rosegill" (1704-1757), married Hannah Harrison, daughter of Nathaniel Harrison. Issue:

1. William Churchill, born 1726, of "Bushy Park," married Betty, daughter of Charles Carter. They also lived at "Wilton," Middlesex Co.

2. John Churchill born 1728.

3. Nathaniel Churchill, born 1730.

4. Henry Churchill, born 1733; married Elizabeth Blackwell (1741-1831), daughter of Samuel B. and his wife, Elizabeth (Step-toe), of Northumberland Co. This family moved to Kentucky.

5. Betty Churchill. (?)

6. Pricilla Churchill married Williamson Ball. Their daughter, Mary, married Gen. Corbin Braxton. Their son, William Braxton, married Henrietta Garlick. Issue: Mary, Fanny; Churchill Braxton; Corbin Braxton; Kate Braxton who married Henry Lee Valentine, of Richmond. Issue:

a. Corbin Braxton Valentine.

b. Catherine B. Valentine.

c. Elizabeth Gray Valentine.

The coat of arms of Edward Garlick, the emigrant, were engraved on an old silver bowl, later the property of Mrs. John B. Minor.

II. Mary, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Armistead) Churchill, married John Armistead, of "Hesse" in 1749.

III. Judith Churchill married first Churchill Jones (see index); second, John Blackburn.

IV. Pricilla Churchill (1705-1759); married first Robert Carter of "Noming," second, John Lewis, (see index).

V. Elizabeth Churchill (1709-1779) married first Col. William Bassett, of the Council and second, Rev. William Dawson, President of William and Mary College. He died July 20, 1752.

VI. Betty Churchill married Mayor William Jones.

Pricilla (Churchill) Ball is confused with her aunt Pricilla, sister of Armistead Churchill, in some records, causing the records to conflict in many places.

One Pricilla Churchill married Richard Span in 1759.

Lucy Churchill, daughter of Colonel Armistead Churchill, of "Bushy Park" in Middlesex Co., married John Gordon in 1756. They

had twelve children: among them James Gordon married his cousin, Elizabeth Gordon; William Fitzhugh Gordon married second, Elizabeth Lindsay. Among their issue was Armistead Churchill Gordon, a lawyer who married Marie Breckenridge Catlett, of Staunton in 1883.

John Gordon and his brother, James, of Lancaster Co., Va. came to Virginia from near Newry County, Down, Ireland. They both became wealthy and influential merchants as well as planted and traded in tobacco. Col. James Gordon, the elder of the two, was born in 1714, and died Jan. 2, 1768. He married first, Millicent, daughter of Col. Edwin Conway. His second wife was Mary, youngest daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Cary) Harrison, of Surry Co. By second marriage there was a daughter, Mary Gordon, born July 17, 1752, who married Rev. James Waddell, D. D., a blind preacher.

Hannah Harrison, an older sister of Mary Harrison, also married a Churchill, and Thomas E. Churchill, of Middlesex Co. married Lucy Burwell Lilly.

Col. James Gordon had a habit of keeping a journal in which he made daily entries of all his many concerns, interests, and events in which he mentioned over and over Dr. Robertson, Col. Selden, Mr. Hunt, the Churchills, and Rev. James Criswell, who married Col. Edwin Conway's granddaughter, Elizabeth Garlington.

Anne Carter, King Carter's daughter by his second wife, married Benjamin Harrison, of "Berkeley." She was the mother of Benj. Harrison, the signer. Her daughter, Anne, married William Randolph and lived at "Wilton." Another daughter married Isham Randolph and lived at "Deugenness."

Mary Carter married on Jan. 16, 1732, George Braxton. Her half sister, the youngest child of King Carter, married Henry Fitzhugh and became mistress of "Eagles Nest."

(See index Braxton).

Mary Braxton Randolph, daughter of Col. Robert and Elizabeth (Carter) Randolph married Hill Carter, of "Shirley," Charles City Co., the son of Dr. Robert and Lucy (Nelson) Carter.

Nora Criena Braxton, daughter of Carter and Mart. G. Braxton, married William H., son of Miles Macon, and grandson of William Hartwell Macon and his second wife, Hannah Selden. (See index). William H. and Nora C. (Braxton) Macon had issue:

a. Mary Sayre, born May 7, 1870, married Dec. 27, 1881, Nathaniel B. Johnston, grandson of Nathaniel Burwell.

b. William Hartwell Macon, born Jan. 25, 1852, married in Williamsburg, Va. Dec. 9, 1885, Mrs. Mary Galt Webb, nee Harrison. Their daughter, Elizabeth Hill Carter, married John Wickham.

Robert Armistead (died 1742), son of Captain Anthony and Hannah (Ellyson) Armistead, like his brother, was the agent for the Rows storehouses on Pocosin River, York Co. He was also Sheriff and Justice of the same county. Robert married first, Mary Booth, daughter of Robert and Ann (Bray) Booth, Ann being the daughter of Councillor James and Angelica Bray. Secondly he married Katherine Peace Nutting, daughter of Capt. Thos. Nutting, Justice of the Peace.

His wife was Elizabeth Booth, believed to be a daughter of William Booth, brother of Robert, above.

The Booth family, headed by Thomas Booth, of England, settled in Gloucester Co., Va. on Ware River in 1736 and became interested in the merchandising enterprise which laid the foundation of a large fortune. This was in the period of commercial ambition and it is interesting to observe the many families who gained so much from the merchandise business of that period.

Katherine Nutting Armistead's will was proved in Elizabeth City Co. May 3, 1748. Children by first marriage:

1. Ellyson Armistead was the fifth generation from Anthony Armistead. He married in 1740, Jane, daughter of Rev. Charles and Frances Anderson, of Westover Parish. Rev. Charles Anderson was rector of the parish from 1694 to 1718.

2. Booth died in 1727. He married Mary Thompson, sister of Stephen Thompson. Mary married second, Graves Packle, of York Co.

Children by second marriage:

- a. Robert Armistead.
- b. Booth Armistead.
- c. Angelica Armistead.

William Armistead, son of Major William and Hannah Hinde, of Elizabeth City Co. (married 1696), married Judith Bray Ingles, granddaughter of Rev. Mongo Ingles, of Scotland, one of the first masters of a grammar school in Virginia. He married in Virginia, Anne Bray, daughter of Col. James Bray and his wife, Angelica, widow of Capt. Peter Temple (who died in 1695) son of Rev. Peter Temple, and she was the widow of Robert Booth, by whom she had the daughter who married Robert Armistead.

Benjamin Temple married, as his second wife, Mollie Brooke. This family of Temples were from King and Queen Co. They also connect with Elliott, Hill, and Tunstall families. (See index).

There were five children by Mongo and Anne Bray Ingles marriage. One son, James, married Anne Marot and had a daughter, Judith Bray Ingles, who became the wife of William Armistead, as mentioned above.

Anne's father, Jean Marot was a French Huguenot who came to Virginia in 1700. He was secretary in 1704, of William Byrd, of Westover. His daughter, Anne, married secondly, James Shields, son of James Shields, an innkeeper of York County. They had among their children, Ann Shields, who married first Robert Booth Armistead, of York Co., by whom she had one daughter, Mary Marot Armistead, who married John Tyler, Governor of Virginia. They were the parents of Pres. John Tyler.

Second, Ann (Shields) Armistead married Frederick Bryan, by whom she had one daughter, Anne Shield Bryan.

Ellison Armistead, son of Captain Ellison A., married Susanna Christian, daughter of Michael Christian, who was grandson of Michael C. and Rose Powell, married in 1722.

Catherine Armistead married James Maury, Consul at Liverpool. (Polly) Elizabeth Armistead, daughter of Robt. and Louisa

(Westwood) Armistead, who lived on the Elk Creek plantation in Hanover Co. (later called Louisa Co.) married secondly, Stevens Thompson Mason, of "Rasberry Plains" in Loudoun Co. He was a brother of Geo. Mason, of "Gunston."

Elizabeth Westwood, sister to Louisa above, married first, James Wallace; second, Hon. William Thomson Mason, father of Steven Mason who married Polly Armistead. Louisa and Elizabeth were nieces of Elizabeth Westwood who married Anthony Armistead. Elizabeth's mother, or grandmother was a first cousin of Anne Boleyn.

It was one of Elizabeth Westwood's sisters who married first Mr. King of Norfolk, and second she married Dr. McClurg, father of Dr. McClurg who married Elizabeth Selden.

William Harrison Armistead (1820-1895) married Sarah Henry, daughter of Edward Winston Henry, of Charlotte Co., youngest son of Patrick Henry. Of their large family, three survived. Two married into the Clarke and Yuille families.

Marcus Armistead married Mary Ann C. Harrison, daughter of the Rev. William Harrison, rector of Blandford Church, Petersburg. Dr. Marcus Armistead died at Vera Cruz. His brother, Latinus, also a physician, died in Florida about 1900, leaving three children, Ann Elizabeth H., married first Peter Batte Jones; second, Dr. Austin Walker, of Nottoway Co. This family intermarried with Robertson, Bland, Bradley, Tucker, Keen, Banister, Watkins, Oliver, and Dyerle families.

It is interesting that the Councillor, John Armistead was also an ancestor of President Harrison.

Elizabeth (Wallace) Selden, wife of John Selden, of Buckroe, had a sister, Martha, who married Thomas Tabb, a direct descendant of the emigrant, Humphrey Tabb (1608-58) who came from England and settled in Elizabeth City in 1637. He married twice; first, Joanna; second Anne, (last names not given).

One son, Thomas Tabb, known as "Thomas of Old Poquoson," married Martha and had sons; Thomas, William, John, Edward, and one daughter, Elizabeth, who married George Burtenhead.

John, second son, survived Thomas and lived in Old Poquoson, located between Back River and the Poquoson River. He married Martha, daughter of Richard Hand. Her mother was Frances Purefoy. John and Martha Tabb had children: Thomas Tabb of Amelia Co.; Edward Tabb of Gloucester Co.; William and John of Gloucester Co. lived in Kingston Parish. Humphrey Tovey, son of John Tabb, took up land in Kingston Parish in 1746. He married Mary Peyton, daughter of Thomas and granddaughter of Major Robert Peyton, the emigrant.

Thomas Tabb, eldest son of John Tabb, went to Amelia Co. and founded "Clay Hill." His son, John, reached the highest mark politically of any member of the family. Edward Tabb married Lucy Todd, born 1724, daughter of Christopher Todd, of Toddsville. Among their issue was Lucy, who married a Mr. Cary and went to Georgia. Martha married Rev. Armistead Smith. Elizabeth married John Patterson of "Popular Grove" in Matthew Co. and Pauline Tabb married George Wythe Boothe. Phillip Tabb married his first cousin,

Mary Mason Wythe Booth, daughter of Elizabeth Todd. He left "Toddsbury," the celebrated home maintained with much luxurious comfort to two direct descendants of the first Thomas Todd, who founded the old home in Gloucester Co. The old home had remained directly in the Todd family for four generations before passing from Christopher Todd to his nephew, Phillip Tabb, son of Lucy and Phillip Tabb.

Thomas Todd Tabb also inherited "Toddsbury." He married twice; first Lucy Armistead Smith; second, Elizabeth Foreman, of Maryland. By the second marriage Thomas had among his issue: Lucy who married Mr. Brewer; Emory, who married James K. Dabney, of "Exchange." Thomas Tabb moved to Texas after marrying Ada Billups.

John Henry Tabb represented the oldest branch of the Gloucester Tabbs, being the eldest son of the eldest son. He married Margaret Adams, of Danville and had seven children. Edward, their second son, married Mary Randolph and founded Woodstock in Matthew Co., Va. Ellen Tabb married Rev. John Lloyd. John Tabb married first Judith Coleman; second, Mary James and lived at Summerville in Gloucester Co.

Mauda Tabb married Captain Perrin.

Lloyd Tabb married Susan Selden, daughter of Robert Colgate and Courtney Warner Brooke Selden.

Prosser Tabb married Nellie McKenzie.

Rebecca Tabb married Samuel G. Brent, of Alexandria, Va.

Ann Mason Mercer Selden married John Taliaferro Brooke. Ann was the granddaughter of Samuel and his second wife, Sarah Ann Mason Mercer, of Salvington.

John Mercer, of Marlborough, married third, Ann, daughter of Mingo Roy. Besides his daughter, Sarah Ann (Mercer) Selden mentioned above, he had a daughter, Marie, by his third wife, who married Richard Brooke, son of Col. George and Anna (Tunstall) Brooke.

These are only a few of the many close and distant family connections.

Wm. Armistead, the emigrant, had a son, John, of "Hesse," who married Judith—. They had two sons, William and Henry. Henry married Martha Burwell (see index) and had William, who married Mary Bowles. They had Bowles Armistead, who married Mary Fontaine, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Winston Fontaine. They had Peter Fontaine Armistead, who married Mary Henry Winston and had a large family of twelve children.

Martha Henry Winston was the daughter of Isaac Winston and Lucy Cole, the great-grandson of Isaac Winston, the emigrant.

Peter F. and Martha Winston Armistead had twelve children.

1. Mary, died young.
2. William Bowles.
3. Isaac Winston. These were never married.
4. Kate Winston Armistead married Capt. Robert McFarland, C. S. A., Florence, Ala.
5. Peter Fontaine Winston Armistead.

6. Henry Cole Armistead.
7. George Washington Armistead married Mattie Reynolds, 1871.
8. John Anthony Armistead died unmarried.
9. Martha Henry Armistead married Dr. E. C. Reid.
10. Dora Virginia married R. T. Bugg.
11. Walker Armistead died unmarried.
12. Robert Lee Armistead married Mary Bacon Steele.

Ann Selden, daughter of Col. Wilson Cary and Elizabeth (Jennings) Selden (and granddaughter of Joseph Selden, son of the immigrant ancestor), was born about 1781 at Buckroe, Hampton, Va.; died March 17, 1843. Jan. 1, 1791, she was married by Rev. John Buchanan in St. John's Church, Richmond, to Honorable James Breckenridge, son of Robert and Letitia Breckenridge, of Fincastle, Botetourt Co., Va. The name, "Breckenridge" is another name spelt in many ways. The founders of this family were Alexander and his wife, Jane Breckenridge, who came to America in 1728 and lived some years in Pennsylvania, later moving to Orange Co., Va. (now Augusta Co.)

Honorable James Breckenridge was born in Botetourt Co. March 7, 1763. In 1795 he built the colonial home known as "Grove Hill," which was destroyed by fire while the family was at church Oct. 24, 1909. The plantation covered a large tract of land.

Mr. Breckenridge served in 1781 in Colonel Preston's Rifle Regiment under Green. He was a lawyer of Fincastle and among many other worthy positions of honor and trust, he represented the Botetourt District in Congress. He was a candidate for governor opposing James Monroe. He died at "Grove Hill" May 13, 1833. His wife's death occurred March 17, 1843.

The Breckenridge family consisted of nine children. Three of them, John, Nannie, and Cabell died unmarried.

I. Letitia Breckenridge, born Oct. 26, 1791, in Fincastle; died March 10, 1866. Married Robert Gamble, of Richmond, Va. Later of Tallahassee, Fla. Their children were:

1. Catherine Gamble, who married John S. Shephard, of Florida, and had Robert, who married Martha Overton. Letitia Shephard married William Beard, of Tallahassee and had three children: John, Kate, and William Beard.

2. James Gamble married first, Miss Watts; second, Rosetta Morris, of New York. By the second marriage he had Lewis Gamble, who married Miss Milton, of Florida, and Cora Gamble, unmarried.

3. Dr. Cary Gamble was a surgeon in the Confederate Army. He married Edwarda Shaw, of Florida. They lived in Cambridge, Md. Issue: Nannie and Cary Gamble.

4. Letitia Gamble married first Lewis P. Holladay, of Kentucky and had one child, Louis, of Baltimore. Second, she married Chas. H. Latrobe, of Baltimore. Issue: Elsie, Nora, and Gamble Latrobe.

5. Edward W. Gamble was an officer in the Confederate Army. He married Elizabeth Whittaker. Children: Mary, Letitia, Richard, and Robert Gamble.

6. Robt. Howard Gamble married first Miss Chavis, of Florida and second, Angelica Robinson. By the first marriage he had Robert, Howard, Jennie, and Letitia Gamble.

II. Elizabeth Breckenridge, born March 31, 1794; died 1862; daughter of Hon. and Ann (Selden) Breckenridge. Married General Edward Watts, a lawyer and speaker of the Virginia Legislature. Issue: James B., Mary S., who married her cousin, James B. Gamble. No issue. William Watts, who married Miss Allen, daughter of Judge J. J. Allen, of Virginia. One son, John A. Watts. (See index).

Ann S. Watts married Hon. G. P. Holcombe, of Bedford Co., Va., a lawyer and one of the diplomatic department of the Confederacy. Issue: William, Elizabeth, Letitia, Edward, Alice, and Cary Holcombe.

Elizabeth B. Watts first married Thos. L. Preston, of Charlottesville. No issue.

Edward Watts died young.

Letitia G. Watts married Dr. Landon Rives, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and second, Dr. Francis Sorrel, of Georgia. They lived in Roanoke, Va. No issue.

Alice M. Watts married first Dr. George W. Morris. One son, George W. Morris. Second, Alice Watts married Judge William J. Robinson, of the Appellate Court, Charlottesville, Va. Their five children were Emma C.; Alice H. who married Judge Hanckle, of Norfolk; Edward W.; J. Breckenridge; and Letty Sorrel Robinson.

Emma G. Watts married Colonel George W. Carr, formerly of the United States Army, but later of the Confederate Army. Issue: Marie; Elizabeth; Alice; and William Carr.

Henrietta Watts died young.

III. Capt. George W. Breckenridge, born 1847; died 1911 at "Grove Hill." He fought under Lee. Capt. George was a lawyer, planter, and Judge of Botetourt Co. He married first in 1872, Annie Hamner, and second, Mrs. Lillian Maurin Saint Martin. Among the children by the first marriage was Rose Fleming and Emma Walker Breckenridge. The latter married Meylert Melville Armstrong, who died in 1910. They had three children: Meylert, Jr.; Peyton; and Walker Armstrong. Another daughter, Anne Fitzhugh Breckenridge, married LeRoy Armstrong in 1909. They had one daughter, Virginia Ornam Armstrong. The two sisters married two brothers. (See index).

Rebecca, daughter of Col. Wilson and Elizabeth (Jennings) Selden, married Captain Richard Barron, of the ship, "Edward." Richard and Rebecca Barron had at least one son, Thomas, and no doubt sons, Miles Selden Barron and his brother, Richard, and a daughter Elizabeth, who married Mr. Jones. (See index for Barron).

VII. Miles Selden was killed at the age of 12 while aboard ship with his brother-in-law, Capt. R. Barron. They were attacked by pirates who took off Miles' head by a chain ball.

VIII. Sarah, youngest child of Col. Wilson Cary Selden and his wife, Elizabeth, married first, Andrew Hamilton, of Fincastle, Va. Her next husband was Mr. Whittaker.

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Rev. Miles Selden, son of Joseph and Mary (Cary) Selden, was born in 1726, and died March 20, 1785.

Rev. Selden was ordained in London and elected Rector of Henrico Parish where he served from 1752 to 1785. On the walls of St. John's there is a bronze tablet erected in honor of his notable career.

The history of St. John's Church goes back to 1611, when Sir Thomas Dale made his settlement at Henricopolis. The Church was built in 1741, on the hill named "Indian Town," now called "Church Hill." This hill was above "Shaco," a settlement down along the river in what is now Fulton section of Richmond. The church was not called St. John's until along in the nineteenth century. The church was first a wooden building sixty feet long by twenty-five feet wide. In 1772 it was enlarged forty feet each way. Since that time the church has been rebuilt inside, but still remains one of the most historic churches of the United States.

Rev. Miles Selden played a very important part in the church history. In his parish were many notable men of that period. Rebellion—or patriotism, as we prefer to call it—was in the air in the opening days of 1775. In that year the Virginia Convention assembled and Mr. Selden was chosen as Chaplain and was known as the Patriot Parson, the last colonial Rector of St. John's.

St. John's, more fortunate than many of the other old churches now in ruins, witnessed gay assemblages of personages. Some came from miles around to the services. The vestries were the ruling men of the parishes, the men of power in Virginia. The Councillors, too, were vestrymen. In the history of vestries we find they not only governed the churches, but levied taxes and made laws in the House of Burgesses.

The churchyards were used as a place of social gathering before the services. The people had much of interest in common. They talked of their ills, the aged and ailing, prices of tobacco, breeding of stock, conditions of crops, and their runaway slaves, besides fashions and a meeting place for the courting young folks.

The Seldens today are of all religious faiths, with the larger number still members of the Episcopal Church. In this branch of the family, as in many other branches, we find men of prominence connected with religion and the Episcopal Church from its earliest days to the present.

Rev. Miles Selden's grand nephew was the Right Reverend Arthur Selden Lloyd and Bishop Gibson was another one of his descendants in the clergy.

Rev. Miles and Rebecca (Cary) Selden lived at "Tree Hill" in Henrico Co., Va. They had seven children:

I. Joseph was a Lieut. of the state line, 1776-83. He was Justice of Henry Co. in 1799, delegate in 1804-6. He died without issue Jan. 1, 1807. His heirs were: Robert H. Rose, son of his deceased sister, Mary; Miles Selden; Hannah (Selden) Macon; Rebecca (Selden) Watkins; Nathaniel and Elizabeth Selden.

II. Mary Selden married Mr. Rose. Issue: Robert H. Rose.

III. Col. Miles Cary Selden, Jr. (1752-1811), married on March 27, 1774, Elizabeth (Betty) Armistead, born March 9, 1752; died 1833; daughter of Col. Gill and Betty (Allen) Armistead who were married May 23, 1751, of James City. The wedding took place at the home of her step-father, John Lewis, in Williamsburg. Col. Gill Armistead died in 1762 and his widow married secondly, John Lewis.

Miles Cary, Jr. was a member of the Council in 1783. Justice in 1789, delegate in 1789-90, sheriff in 1801, and for a number of years a president magistrate and defendant in the case of Selden vs. Coulter.

Col. Miles and Betty (Armistead) Selden had a large family:

1. Betty, born March 10, 1775.
2. Miles Selden, born Jan. 5, 1777.
3. Mary, born March 10, 1779.
4. Giles Armistead Selden, born Nov. 16, 1781.
5. Cary Selden, born Feb. 16, 1783, twin Loyal (?).
6. John Selden, born Sept. 15, 1784.
7. Patsey Selden, born Jan. 15, 1786, married William H.

Roane.

8. Joseph Selden, born May 7, 1787.
9. Samuel Selden, born Feb. 14, 1789.
10. William Selden, born Jan. 31, 1791.
11. James Selden, born April 16, 1793.
12. Adeline Elison, born Feb. 1802.

(See later).

IV. Hannah, daughter of Rev. Miles and Rebecca (Cary) Selden, born Feb. 7, 1762; died Sept. 18, 1813. She married Col. William Hartwell Macon (1759-1843), of Mount Prospects, New Kent Co. He first married Sarah Amber, of Jamestown; second, Hannah Selden; and third, he married in 1814, Sarah, widow of Benj. Dabney, the daughter of Rev. Thos. Smith, of Westmoreland Co., Va.

Col. William and Hannah (Selden) Macon had nine children: William H.; Miles; Lucy (Mason) Temple; Selden C.; Thos.; Richard; Rebecca M. (Leigh); Hannah (Barksdale). Grandchildren, Thomas Leigh and Watkins Leigh.

V. Rebecca Selden, daughter of Rev. Miles and Rebecca (Cary) Selden, married Thomas Watkins (died 1762), son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Cary) Watkins. Issue:

1. Mary Selden Watkins, married Benj. W. Leigh.
2. Rebecca Watkins married William Leigh.
3. Thomas Watkins married Frances Holcombe and lived

in Tennessee. Issue:

- a. Benjamin Watkins married Miss Booth.
- b. Thomas Watkins.
- c. Miles Watkins.
- d. William Watkins.

4. Miles Selden Watkins, of Alabama, married Miss Shelby.

Had issue.

5. Eliza Watkins.
6. Richard Watkins, of Tennessee, married Lucy Snead.

7. Hannah Cary Watkins married Dr. John Barksdale, of Halifax. Issue: Thos. W.; Alice S.; B. W. Leigh; and Rebecca Barksdale.

The Watkins family intermarried with many of the other families mentioned in this material. The Watkins are believed to be of Welsh descent. Of the first by name to be in Virginia, little is definitely known. James Watkins may have been the first ancestor. He appears among the early emigrants to Virginia in 1607-8. Traditions have it he accompanied Smith in his perilous voyage of discovery in Virginia. Of this, nothing is certain.

The will of Thomas Watkins, of Swift Creek, Cumberland Co., now Powhatan, bears the early date of 1760. He had eight children. His eldest son was Thomas, of Chickahominy, who also reared a large family of children; seven daughters and four sons, from whom have descended numerous descendants who married into the Harris, Clark, Lopez, Woodson, Clay, Lockett, Finnie, and other families.

Thomas Watkins, son of Edward, also settled in Henrico Co. in the Chickahominy section, as did their cousin, Thomas Watkins.

Two Revolutionary War soldiers were Rev. Benj. Watkins (1755-1831), of Powhatan Co. and Col. Joel Watkins (1758-1824), of Buckingham Co. Benjamin Watkins was the clerk of Chesterfield.

Francis Watkins was deputy clerk and clerk of Prince Edward County Court from 1767 to 1825, and treasurer of the Virginia Yazoo Company of Prince Edward Co. This company appears to have been very much of a Prince Edward County enterprise. Before and after the Revolution, emigration from Prince Edward County seems to have been more active to Georgia than to the Kentucky Country.

Samuel Selden, in his will recorded in Powhatan Co., Deed Book 2, pg. 609, mentions Nephew, Gill Armistead; nephew, Miles; niece, Martha Selden; nephew, James Selden; brothers, Miles, Joseph, and Nathaniel; nieces, Martha Selden, Lucy Macon, Polly Watkins, and Rebecca Watkins. Dated June 3, 1799: pro. Nov. 20: Wit. Geo. Williamson, Jacob Scudder, and T. Watkins.

VI. Nathaniel Selden (died 1833), son of Rev. Miles and Rebecca (Cary) Selden, married April 22, 1801, Mary, daughter of Charles and Ann (Trotter) Woodson. (The Trotters lived in Nansemond Co). Nathaniel and Mary (Woodson) Selden had three children:

1. Charles Selden.
2. Joseph Selden. As far as can be ascertained he was major of U. S. A. and C. S. A. Distinguished at Chapultepec. His widow, Sarah, married on Sept. 7, 1796, Thomas Robertson (?). (See note).
3. Mary Selden, born March 10, 1779, married in 1824, Richard Adams (1800-1851), son of Griffin and Catherine (Innes) Adams, of Kentucky. Mary Selden was the first wife of Richard Adams. Among their issue was a daughter, Mary Adams, who married Gen. Geo. W. Randolph, son of Gov. Thomas Mann Randolph, and grandson of Thomas Jefferson. (See index).

Mary Selden was the sole heir of her mother, Mary Elizabeth Adams. (See Burgess, Vol. 1, pg. 267-9).

NOTE: In Powhatan Co. Records, a deed mentions Amanda Robertson (nee Selden, a widow) and Amanda Robertson, one child of Peyton Selden. Peyton Selden received property in a deed dated May 16, 1872. I regret I am unable to untangle this and give their relationship with the family.

The Woodson family appears to not only intermarried with the Seldens, but also with many other families which the Seldens were also intermarried.

John Woodson was the founder of the large and well represented Woodson family in Virginia. He was from Dorsetshire, and his wife from Devonshire, England. They came with Sir John Harvey to Virginia in the ship "George," which left England Jan. 29, 1619, with about one hundred passengers, including the new governor, Sir George Yardley.

John Woodson was a surgeon to a company of soldiers in the year 1625. His wife's name is not given, but his sons, born in Virginia, were Robert and John. Robert Woodson married Elizabeth Ferris, daughter of Richard Ferris, of Curles, in Henrico Co. They raised a large family. The sons were; John, Richard, Robert, Jr., Joseph, and Benjamin. The daughters were: Elizabeth, who married William Lewis; Sarah, who married Edward Mosby; Mary married George Payne; and Judith Woodson married William Cannon.

John, son of Robert Woodson, married Judith Tarleton, daughter of Stephen Tarleton. Issue:

I. Tarleton Woodson married Ursula Fleming, daughter of Charles Fleming, of New Kent Co., Va. Their son, Charles, born 1740, married first Mary Pleasants, daughter of John Pleasants, by whom he had one son, Charles, who married Ann Trotter. Their children were: Ann, who married Capt. William Pope, of Powhatan Co.; Sarah; Elizabeth; and Mary Woodson, who married Nathaniel Selden.

Charles Woodson married second, Agnes (Parsons) Richardson, widow of Samuel Richardson. By this marriage there were sons: George, Tarleton, and Frederick; daughters: Agnes, who married John Ellyson; Sarah, who married James Clark; Caroline Matilda, who married Thomas Fleming Bates; and Ursula Woodson, died unmarried.

Richard Woodson (son of first Robert), married Ann Smith and had sons: Richard, who married Ann Micheaux; Obadiah; and John married Miss Anderson. Daughters: Elizabeth married first Thomas Morton and second, Edward Goode; Judith Woodson married Jacob Micheaux; Mary Woodson married Richard Truemand; and Agnes Woodson married Joseph Morton.

Other marriages were with the Hugh, Miller, Daniel, Porter, Allen, Tucker, Cocke, Napier, Thompson, Deane, and numerous other families. (See William and Mary Quarterly, Vols. X, XI).

VII. Elizabeth Selden, youngest child of Rev. Miles and Rebecca Selden, of Henrico County, died Dec. 9, 1825. She married a Mr.

Hunter. They evidently had no issue as the records state that Elizabeth Hunter divided her estate between her nephews, Charles and Joseph, and niece, Mary Adams. Wit: James E. Heath and George Cooke. Richard Adams her Extr.

Col. Miles and Betty (Armistead) Selden are the founders of a long line and many branches of descendants. They lived at "Pear Tree Hall," Henrico Co. Issue:

I. Betty, born March 10, 1775.

II. Miles Selden, III, born Jan. 5, 1777; died May 10, 1814. He lived at "Flower-de-Hundred" on the James River. He married Feb. 23, 1801, Martha Bland Allen, born June 30, 1780; died April 21, 1814. By this marriage there were seven children:

a. John Armistead Selden, born Jan. 3, 1802, lived for thirty years at "Westover." He married Marie Pendleton, daughter of Captain Pendleton and sister-in-law of Mary E. Selden. John and Mary (Pendleton) Selden had twenty-one children between 1824-1849. Eighteen lived, as follows:

1. Miles, born July 4, 1824, married on May 11, 1853, Elizabeth Roberta Earl Taylor. They lived for two years at Westover with the parents. Their children were as follows: Miles Selden; Marie Pendleton Selden; Elizabeth Taylor Selden, who married Wiley McP. Baxter, of Kempsville. By this marriage in 1882 there were six children: Arthur Taylor Baxter; George Randolph Baxter; Rosalie Harrison Baxter; John Baxter; and Martha Bland Baxter. The latter married Mr. Cone, son of Daniel Newman and Annette (Ingham) Cone. They had one daughter, Elizabeth Selden Cone.

2. Thomas Selden, born Feb. 20, 1826, son of John Armistead and Marie (Pendleton) Selden.

3. John Selden, born April 18, 1827, married Miss P. L. Benbury. They had five children. The sons, Thomas and Randolph, died young. Elizabeth married Joseph Herbert. Lavina married Walter Watson and Marie married Scott Watson.

4. William Selden, born Aug. 18, 1828.

5. Martha Bland Selden, born March 10, 1830; married John D. Hobson, of Howards Neck, in Goochland Co. They had a family of eight children who intermarried with the Wright, Camp, Tutwiler families.

6. Joseph Selden, born June 4, 1831, married twice. First, Elizabeth Minge. Second, he married Julia Lucas Bennett, a widow. There were seven children (seventh child by second marriage). The girls married in the Wilkins, Brown, and Baily families. The sons were Mercer, Minge, and John Selden.

7. Marie E. Selden, born Nov. 25, 1832.

8. Carter Armistead Selden, born Oct. 4, 1834; married Dec. 3, 1873, Sarah Virginia, born Aug. 13, 1853; died Nov. 12, 1874; daughter of William Bullock Inge and Elizabeth Brock Herndon, born in Erie, Ala. They married about 1839. William Inge was the son of Richard and Elizabeth (Bullock) Inge, of N. C. The Inge family was from King and Queen Co., Va. They located in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Carter A. and Sarah V. Selden had a son, Armistead Inge Selden, assistant cashier of City National Bank of Mobile, Ala. He married Edith Manson, daughter of Richard Hooker and Frances Ann (Avery) Cobbs. Hooker was the son of Nicholas Hamner Cobbs and his wife (a first cousin), Lucy Henry (Landia) Cobb, daughter of Edmund Cobbs, of Bedford Co., Va.

Armistead Inge and Edith (Cobbs) Selden had three children: Frances; Nancy and Armistead Selden.

9. Mary Ann Selden, born Jan. 8, 1836.

10. Edward C. Selden, born March 8, 1837. Helped his father manage "Westover."

11. Beverly Selden, born Oct. 19, 1838; married July 28, 1864, Sally Virginia, daughter of William W. and Virginia Michaux Michaux. No issue.

12. Charles Selden, born Jan. 25, 1840.

13. William M. Selden born Feb. 20, 1841, married in 1863 Elizabeth Croom, they had five children:

a. Elizabeth (Bessie) Croom Selden married G. H. Peacock.

b. Marie Bland Selden married W. E. Barton.

c. Laura Carmille Selden married Samuel Rice Bethea,

issue:

1. Henry Croom Bethea, born 1896 lives in Alabama. Married in 1917 Mary Vaiden of Uniontown Ala., issue:

a. Samuel Rice Bethea born Sept. 14, 1918.

b. Reba Bethea born Sept. 17, 1923.

d. Willie Langhorne Selden married S. W. Cunningham.

e. Dr. Joseph L. Selden of Louisville, Ky. married Annie Watkins, issue: Joseph, Jr., Elizabeth Carolyn, George, and William M. Selden.

14. R. Channing M. Selden, born Feb. 12, 1843.

15. James M. Selden, born May 13, 1844; married Mary Cashier. No issue.

16. Marie Octavia Selden, born Sept. 2, 1845; married Hugh Nelson, of Petersburg. They moved to Alabama. They had one daughter, Mary Bland Nelson, who married Doctor Tomlinson.

17. Saunders Selden, born April 12, 1847, named for Capt. John L. Saunders, who married Martha Selden (sister to John Armistead, Saunders father).

18. Armistead Carter Selden, born Oct. 31, 1849.

III. Mary Selden was born March 10, 1779.

IV. Giles Armistead Selden, born Nov. 16, 1781, killed in a duel by Skelton Jones on Chimborazo (Heights) Park, Richmond, April 10, 1801. He was the son of Col. Miles Cary and Elizabeth A. Selden. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur Thomas Allen. They had two children: Elizabeth, who married Miles Selden; and Susanna Selden, who married John Cary.

V. Cary Selden, son of Col. Miles and Elizabeth A. Selden, born Feb. 16, 1783; died 1842. Married Frances Loyall and had a large family of ten children, as follows:

1. Sarah, married Mr. Graham.

2. Frances Selden, married Capt. William H. Gardiner, U. S. Navy.

3. Sally Selden married Lucius McKnight.

4. Pink Selden married Dr. McPhetus.

5. James Gardiner Selden married Margaret, daughter of Major Geo. W. Walker of Washington, D. C. Issue:

a. Augustus Selden married Feb. 20, 1879, Mary Louisa Duckett of Baltimore, Md. Issue:

1. Josephine born Dec. 5, 1880, died July 3, 1882.

2. Louisa Blanche born July 6, 1883.

3. Richard Duckett born Feb. 3, 1884, died Dec. 31, 1929.

4. Albert Augustus born Jan. 4, 1888.

b. Cary Selden.

c. Blanche Selden married Theodore Lay and had six children: Augustus Selden; Richard; Julia; Blanche; and Allen Lay.

6. Robert Rose Selden a Navy Officer. He married Augusta Walker, sister of Margaret Walker, above. Robert and Augusta had one daughter, Mary Selden.

7. George Selden, U. S. Navy. No issue.

8. Willoughby Selden. No issue.

9. Sally Selden, died young.

10. Virginia Selden married William Gardiner as his second wife. No issue.

VI. John Selden, born 1784.

VII. Patsey Selden, born Jan. 15, 1786; died May 6, 1809. Married William Roane (1788-1845) son of Judge Roane and his first wife who was a daughter of Patrick Henry. (His second wife was Miss Hoskins).

William Roane bought "Tree Hill" in 1838 and died there on March 11, 1845. (For Roane genealogy, see Vol. 18, William and Mary Quarterly).

VIII. Joseph Selden, son of Col. Miles Cary and Elizabeth A. Selden, of "Tree Hill," was born May 7, 1787. He married Harriett Gray, who married an Englishman, Prof. Long in 1827, after Major Joseph Selden was killed in a duel in 1824, as had also been his brother, Gill Armistead Selden.

Major Joseph Selden was an officer in the Army, holding the rank from Captain to Major in 1814. He resigned from the service in 1820, removed to Arkansas, where he became a judge. Prof. Long was of the University of Virginia. Joseph and Harriett Selden had two daughters, Josephine and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth was born at Little Rock, Ark. on Jan. 29, 1823; married Ralph Nicholson, keeper and Secretary of the National Gallery of London. She had a daughter, Catherine Agnes, who married Frederick Piercy, an artist.

Josephine, daughter of Joseph and Harriett Selden, was born in Virginia. She married Hon. Graham Willmore. Both she and her sister, Elizabeth, left America in 1828 when their mother married second, Prof. Geo. Long, of Charlottesville and went with her husband to England. Mrs. Long died in England and was buried at Highgate,

near London. The story goes that Joseph, a faithful negro servant brought from Virginia with his mistress, soon after the funeral was found dead on Mrs. Long's grave, so the grave was opened and he was buried with his mistress.

IX. Samuel Selden, born 1789.

Some records give Loyal Selden, son of Col. Miles Cary and his wife, Elizabeth (Armistead) Selden was born Feb. 16, 1783; died Dec. 19, 1825. He must have been a twin of Cary Selden if born on the above date.

X. Col. William Selden, born Jan. 31, 1791; died April 17, 1874. He was a member of the House of Delegates and Treasurer of the United States for many years. Col. William married twice. First, Miss Eliza Swann, who died in 1835, by whom he had one son, William Henry Selden, of Washington, D. C. who appointed Charles Selden attorney in 1856 (Powhatan Co. Records, B. 19; pg. 520).

Second, Col. William Selden married June 4, 1840, Emily Hunter, the youngest child of Nathaniel Chapman Hunter, (son of Dr. John Hunter and his wife, Elizabeth (Chapman) Hunter) and Sarah Ann (Tyler) Hunter (1811-1876), daughter of Charles and Ann Moore Tyler (married about 1786).

Col. William and Emily (Hunter) Selden had the following children:

1. Virginia (Jennie) Armistead Selden.
2. John Selden.
3. Alexander Hunter Selden.
4. William Cary Selden, died young.
5. James Buckanan Selden, died young.
6. Eugene Selden, died young.
7. Sarah Elizabeth Selden.
8. Florence Rosalie Selden.

XI. James McClurg Selden, son of Col. Miles Cary and Elizabeth (Armistead) Selden, was born April 16, 1793; died 1842, and married Dec. 19, 1825, Mary Elizabeth Ireland, daughter of Thomas Ireland, whose wife was a Miss Allen. Mary was an orphan and President Tyler, of "Greenway" was her guardian. James McClurg Selden owned "Engleside," near Catonsville, where he had a celebrated race course. This was in the palmy days of horse racing and James M. Selden was Treasurer of a Jockey Club organized in 1824. That same year General Lafayette attended a stake race at "Tree Hill." James M. Selden inherited "Tree Hill" on the James River. There were eight children in this family, as follows:

I. Elizabeth Betty Selden, born Sept. 19, 1827; married Dr. Logan Brandt. Had issue: Randolph and Mary Brandt.

II. Mary Frances Selden married Simon B. Knox, of Fredericksburg. Had one daughter, Sarah Carson Knox, who married J. A. Wright. Had issue: Walter, Frances, and Jessie Wright.

III. James Miles Selden married Louisa Sears, of Seattle, Washington. Had two children, Mrs. Louisa (Selden) Thompson, and Mrs. Charlotte (Selden) Fox.

IV. William Cary Selden married Eliza Fry. They had two children to live to maturity:

1. William Cary Selden married and living in Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. Elizabeth Selden married April 27, 1904, Charles H. Shipman, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Issue:
 - a. Elizabeth Selden Shipman, born March 22, 1906.

V. Armistead Selden married and lived and died in Brooklyn, N. Y.

VI. Franklin.

VII. Eliza.

VIII. Marie Selden. The last three were the youngest children.

b. Elizabeth Ann Selden, daughter of Col. Miles and Martha Bland (Allen) Selden, was born Nov. 11, 1803. She married Boyer Miller.

c. Miles Cary Selden, born Dec. 4, 1805, at "Snowden," Goochland Co., son of Col. Miles and Martha Bland (Allen) Selden. Died in 1880 at "Norwood," Powhatan Co. Miles married first in 1832, Harriett Christiana Heth (1810-1848); second on April 19, 1851, Ann Randolph, daughter of Robert and Lavina (Heth) Randolph and the widow of William Kennon. Issue:

1. Capt. Henry Selden, died 1816.
2. Charles Selden (1847-1919), of Richmond; married in 1884, Bessie Temple (1860-1929), descendant of Col. Benj. Temple (1734-1802). Chas. Selden was a private Powhatan Troop C. S. A. Street railway executive. Charles and Bessie (Temple) Selden had issue:

I. Elizabeth Rodman Selden, born 1885; married Dr. Emlyn Harrison Marsteller. Issue:

1. Emlyn H. Marsteller, Jr.
2. Nancy R. Selden Marsteller.
3. Mary Elizabeth Marsteller.

II. Nancy Randolph Selden, born Sept. 6, 1887; married first on March 30, 1910, William Merritt Habliston. He died March 9, 1922. Issue: Charles B. Habliston. Second, Nancy (Selden) Habliston married on June 22, 1926, Dr. Douglas VanderHoof, of "Winde-mere," Richmond, Va.

III. Capt. John Taylor Selden, born 1893; married Gladys G. Glover. Issue: Clayborne Selden.

3. Harriett Selden, married April 7, 1857, General Henry Heth, who was first cousin to Mrs. Harriett (Heth) Selden as well as a son-in-law. Harriett died Dec. 31, 1908. She was the mother of three children:

- a. Cary Heth, who married and had one daughter, Lilly Heth.
- b. Henry Heth, died unmarried.
- c. Nannie Randolph Heth.

4. Richard Cunningham Selden; married Mary Mabel Hobson, daughter of Major Mahlon Hobson, owner of the Hobson ancestral home, "Clover Forest." Richard Selden was a real country gentleman and sportsman, a lover of all fine stock and especially horses. Richard and his wife had issue: (unable to give them

in order they were born) two daughters who died; John E. Selden, Newport News; R. C. Selden, of Richmond, Va.; unmarried; and Miles Cary Selden, born Sept. 15, 1874, in Goochland Co. on the "Snowden" plantation, the ancestral home of the Goochland Co. family of Seldens. Miles Cary Selden married on Nov. 29, 1900, Judith A., daughter of L. H. and Elizabeth W. Kemp, of Henrico Co. Mr. Kemp was a public official of Henrico Co. for thirty-four years. Miles Cary Selden was general superintendent for the C. & O. Railroad at Newport News. He was considered one of the most experienced railroad men of that corporation. After his death his widow married Lionel Crisp-Wynne Roberts. One daughter by the first marriage, Elizabeth Kemp, married July 13, 1940, Edward Stainbrooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stainbrooke, of Durham, N. C., formerly of Meadville, Pa.

5. John Selden.

6. Nannie Selden married Nov. 11, 1856, Rev. Erskine Mason Rodman.

7. Beverly Selden married Rosilie Stuart (Bankhead) Winston, born Oct. 28, 1836, daughter of Dr. William and Dorothea Bayne (Minor) Bankhead, of Spring Grove (married Oct. 15, 1829), and widow of Richard Morris Winston, son of Phillip and Jane (Price) Winston.

Dorothea Minor was the daughter of Garrett Minor, of Fredericksburg, Va.

This family of Bankhead descended from Dr. James Bankhead, of the British Navy. He came to Virginia before 1738, and married Elinor Monroe, of Westmoreland Co., daughter of Andrew Monroe.

Rosalie Bankhead Selden had a sister, Nora, who married John Lee, brother of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. They were the sons of Col. Sidney Smith and Mamie or Ann (?) (Mason) Lee, and the nephews of General Robt. E. Lee.

Charles Lewis Bankhead, born May 3, 1788, died Sept. 17, 1808; married Ann Cary Randolph, daughter of Col. Thomas Mann Randolph and had three children.

A William Edwin Moncure (1824-1888) married Oct. 18, 1853, Georgianna Cary Bankhead, and among their large family, Robt. Minor Moncure married Eliza Stewart Hunt, and Dorothea Bankhead Moncure married Edw. Reese. (Taken from family papers).

8. Lizzie M. Selden married July 15, 1868, Thos. W. Rodman, lawyer of Brooklyn, son of Rev. Washington and Mary Rodman.

9. Miles Selden died unmarried.

10. Charles Selden married April 21, 1830, Sarah C. Skelton, of Powhatan Co. (daughter of Ennion W. Skelton). Issue:

a. Sarah Ann Selden (Lilly?) married Dec. 4, 1851, Dr. Richard Herbert Tatum, of Dayton, Va. He was born at Seven Oaks in 1821, the son of Henry Walker Tatum, of "Longwood" Chesterfield Co. (son of Zachariah and Mary Walker) Henry married Polly Goode born at Seven Oaks, 1780-90.

Dr. Richard and Sarah Ann (Selden) Tatum had a large family, as follows:

1. Dr. Reves Tatum, of Harrisonburg, born 1853

2. Pebbles Tatum, born 1857, married James Hay, of Madison C. H., Va. They had two sons, James and William Hay.

3. Mary Goode Tatum, born 1860; married 1882, Lucien B. Tatum of Richmond.

4. Herbert Tatum, born 1864.

5. Charles Henry Tatum, born 1869.

The following was taken from Powhatan County records.

d. Dr. William Allen Selden, born Jan. 26, 1808, died 1865; son of Col. Miles and Martha Bland (Allen) Selden, of "Flower-de-Hundred," married first on May 16, 1832, Sarah Riddle, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Morrow (Kearsley) Riddle, of Gettysburg, Pa.

Second, Dr. Selden married Jane, daughter of Robert and Eleanor (Lewis) Douthat. (See index). Dr. Selden's will, made July 11, 1865, in Powhatan Co. Records Book 16, pg. 246 and Book 11, pg. 189. Wit: P. H. Strother.

Seven children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Selden, as follows—probably not listed in the order of their birth:

I. Ann Josephine Selden married J. H. Lounds.

II. William Allen Selden, Jr., died young.

III. Eleanor Selden unmarried.

IV. Bolling Selden.

V. Sarah Elizabeth Selden married Richard H. Strother, a Baltimore, Md. banker. Issue:

1. Thomas Nelson Strother married Euli K. Viele, daughter of General Viele, of New York.

2. Elizabeth Strother married John Wright, son of William Wright, of California.

VI. Montgomery Osborne Selden, born in Charles City Co. May 1, 1857; married on Dec. 14, 1881, Anne Jackson, born in Baltimore July 19, 1860, daughter of William Robinson and Anne Marie (Patrick) Jackson, of Baltimore. This family of Seldens live in Niagra Falls, N. Y. Issue:

1. Elizabeth Selden, born Oct. 30, 1882; married Oct. 28, 1904, Charles Rives Skinker. Issue: Nancy Selden; Charlotte Keith; and Charles Rives Skinker, Jr.

2. William Allen Selden, born Oct. 17, 1884, in Baltimore.

VII. Agnes Selden.

Issue of Miles Cary and Martha Bland (Allen) Selden continued.

e. Joseph Allen Selden died without issue

f. Carter H. Selden died without issue

g. Martha Bland Selden married Captain John L. Saunders, of U. S. Navy. Three children as follows:

1. Elizabeth (Bettie) Selden Saunders married April 3, 1865, Walter Herron Taylor, Jr., born June 13, 1838, son of Walter Herron and Cornelia (Wickham) Taylor, and grandson of Richard and Elizabeth Taylor. (Col. Taylor derives descent from Jabez Cowdery on his maternal side). Walter Herron Taylor, Jr. was a railroad clerk and later President of Marine Bank in Norfolk and author of "Four years with General Lee." Taylors had eight children.

2. John Selden Saunders married Ellen Burne Turner, born in March, 1846, daughter of Ellen (Burne) Turner, of Jefferson Co., W. Va.
3. Mary Saunders married George McIntosh.

CHAPTER IX

Mary, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Yeo) Selden, born in England, is registered as having married Thomas Milner, in the marriage licenses 1719-20 of the Elizabeth City County records. Thomas and Elizabeth (Selden) Milner had a son, Samuel Milner, who died without issue in 1788.

The Milners were of Yorkshire, England. Col. Thomas Milner came from England, an elegant gentleman noted for his piety. He was rich and prominent. He was a prominent citizen of Nansemond Co., living there as early as 1675. Colonel was clerk of the House of Burgesses 1681-4 and Speaker in 1691-3. He always claimed close kin to William Pitts, first Earl of Chatham. Some records state they were half brothers and there are many Pitts in the Milner family.

Costly plate, rich blooded stock, etc. were sent Col. Milner from England, bespeaking rich and aristocratic kin beyond the seas.

Col. Thomas Milner died 1694. He married Mary (last name not known) and their daughter, Mary Milner, born Aug. 6, 1667, died Oct. 27, 1700. She married Col. Miles Cary, of "Richneck," Warwick Co.

Thomas Milner, Jr. patented lands in Nansemond Co. in 1705. In 1755, a public warehouse was ordered to be erected on the land of Thomas Milner, the younger, and on the western branch of Nansemond River. John Milner was a surveyor. In 1744, he laid out the town of Suffolk. John Milner married Elizabeth Daddine.

The Milner family is quite large in Virginia. They married into the Pleasant, Sutton, Putman and Drewry families, but no one traces their lineage to Mary Selden.

Mary Selden's brother, Joseph, married first Mary Carey, daughter of Col. Miles and Mary (Wilson) Carey. Therefore, the Milners were connected in intermarriages to the Seldens. Joseph Selden died in 1727 and gave his three sons into the care of their mother's brothers, Wilson and Miles Cary, of Ceeleys.

The Wilson family connect with Colonel William Wilson (1646-1713) of Hampton, Va. He was a naval officer of the lower district of the James River.

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UNCLASSIFIED NOTES

Julia Selden, daughter of Mary Selden, married David Goode, Oct. 11, 1867.

David, son of Angelina Goode (Powhatan County records).

William Selden, 23, son of Henry and D. Selden, married Elizabeth, 22, daughter of S. and G. Harris of Nottoway Co., Dec. 23, 1874.

Harriett Selden (1800-1840) married in 1820 George Washington Gale, L. L. D. (1789-1861), their son, William Selden Gale (1822-1900) married Caroline Ferris.

Fenton Brooke, eldest daughter of Selden Brooke of "Millvale" Stafford Co., son of John T. Brooke and Anna Mercer Cary, daughter of Samuel Selden of "Salvington" Stafford Co., married John Henry Moncure, M. D., born 1813, issue:

John H. Brooke and Thomas Cushing Moncure.

On Nov. 12, 1940, the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia at their tenth annual meeting unveiled a grave marker to C. Selden Scott, in recognition of Mr Scott's donation of land on which the Society's Monument is built.

NOTICE

The compiler would like to carry out many more of the Selden lines down to the present day. Those who would like to help in this really important undertaking, kindly send your Bible records, family data or whatever authentic records you have to Mrs. Louis P. Selden, 1500 Laburnum Ave., Richmond, Va.

Your help will be most gratefully received, and data will be appreciated by all the Selden kin. This addition would be added to the second printing.

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