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and Their Descendants*



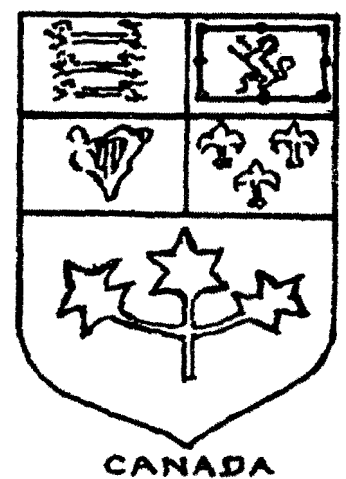
" People will not look forward to posterity
who never look backward to their ancestors."
—EDMUND BURKE

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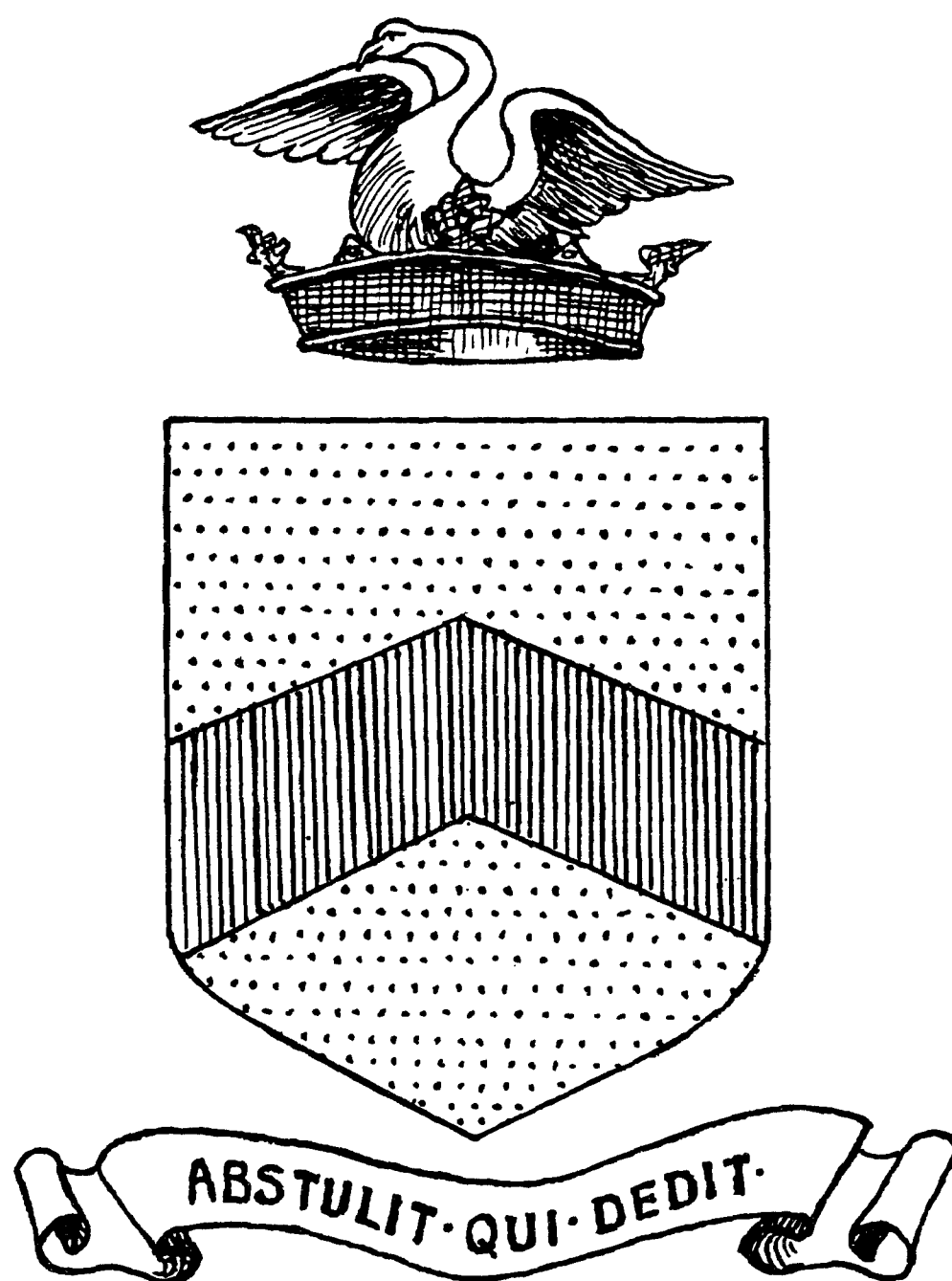
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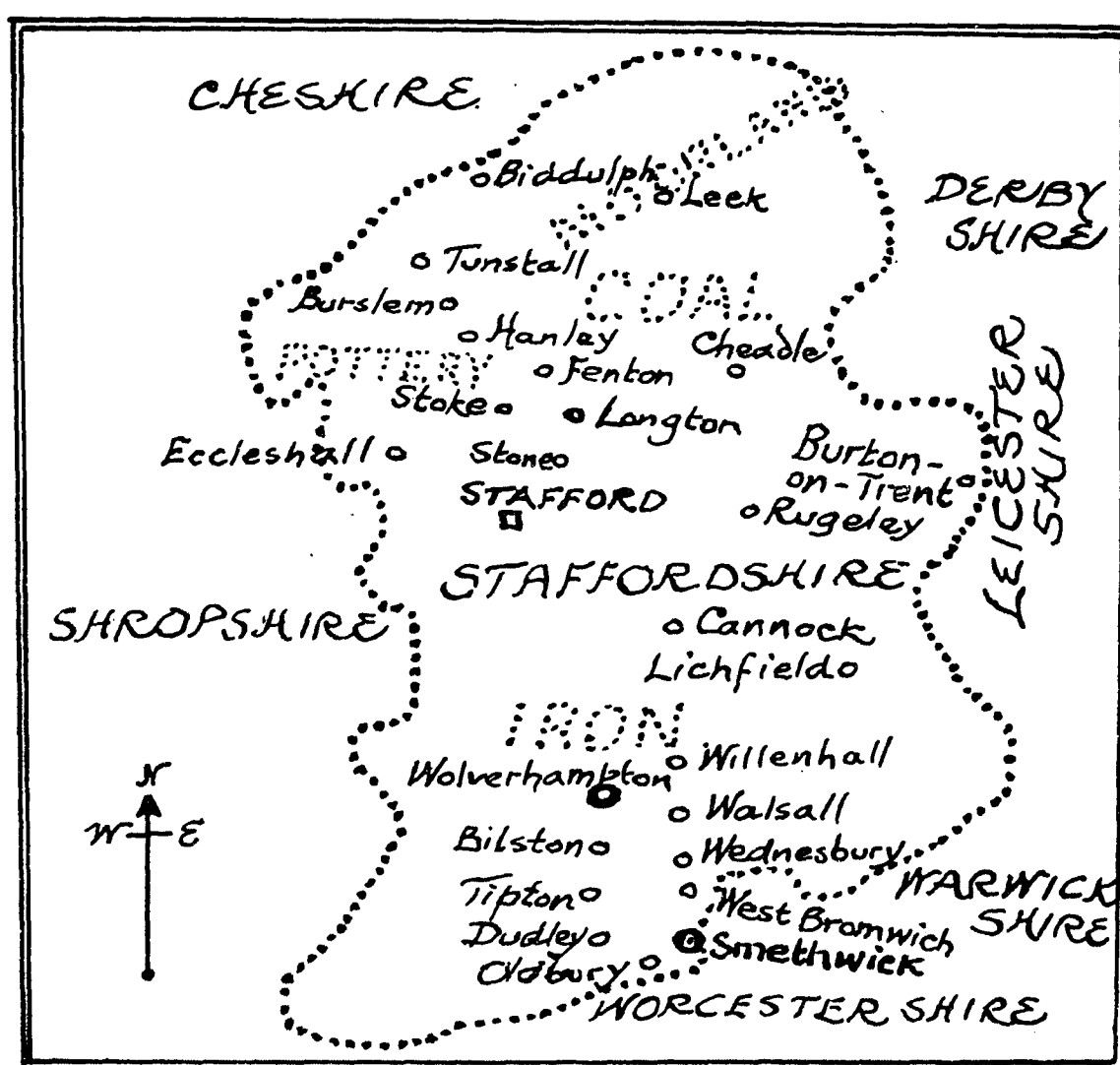
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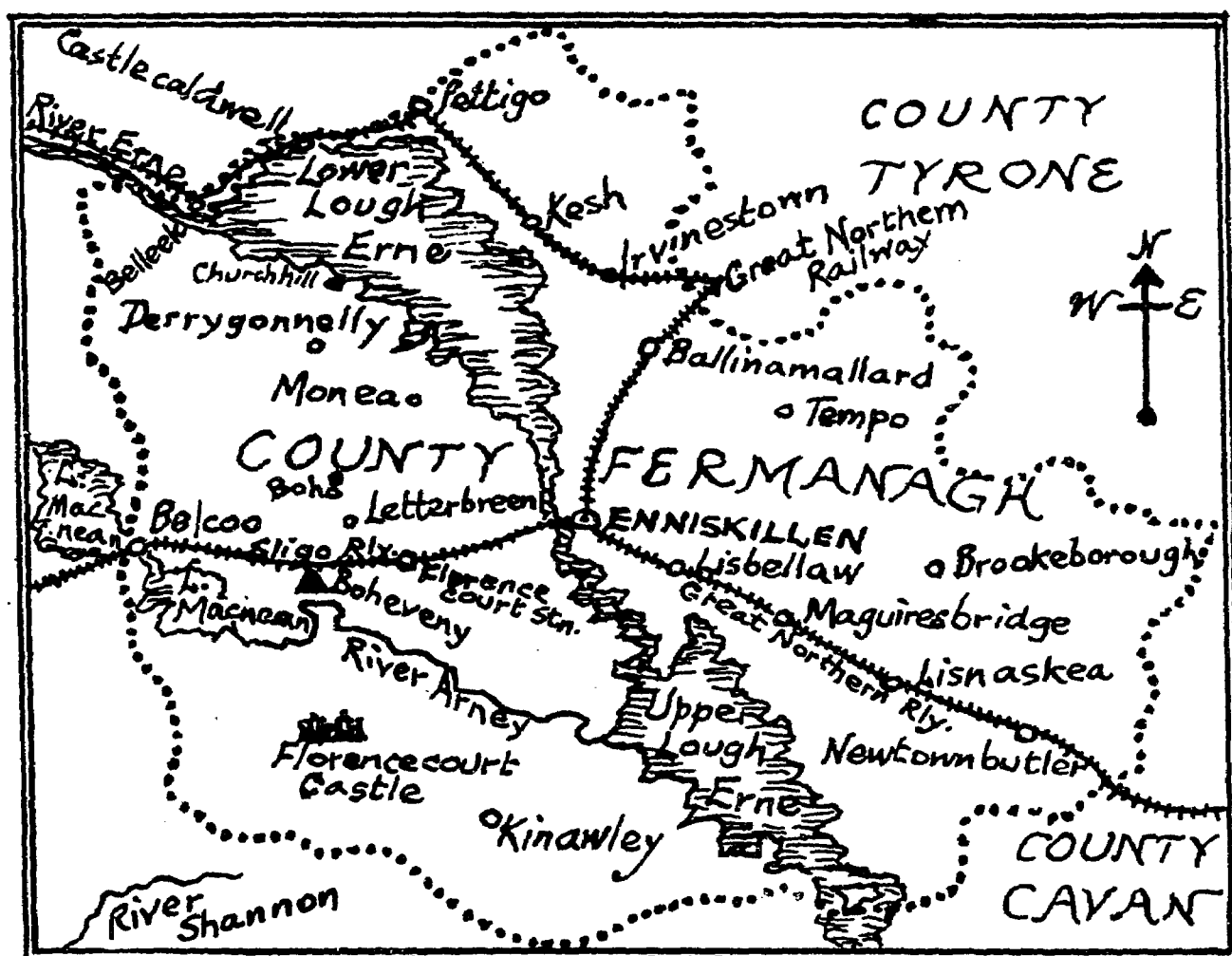
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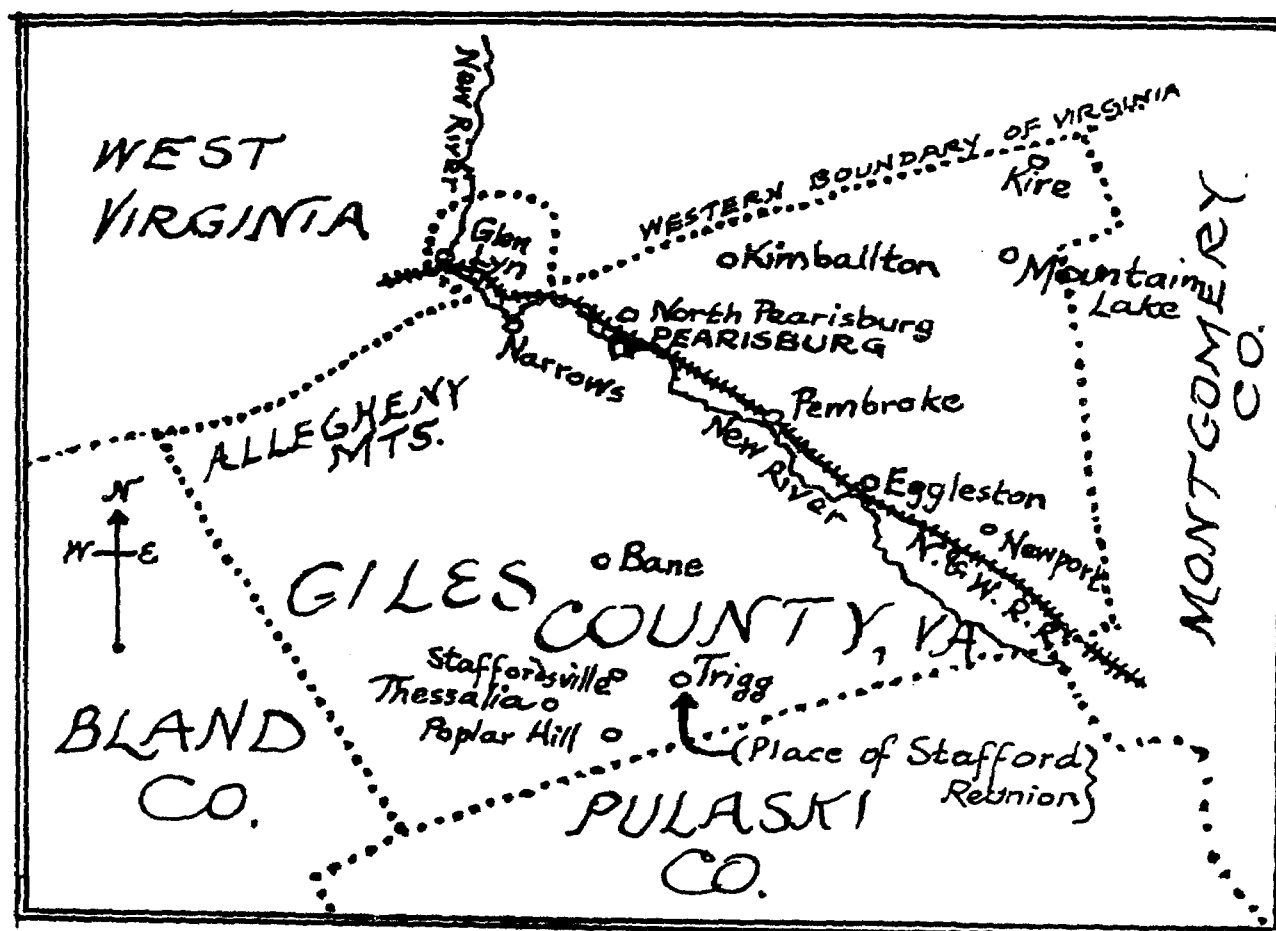
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MAP OF STAFFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND.



MAP OF COUNTY FERMANAGH, NORTHERN IRELAND



MAP OF GILES COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

FOREWORD

The West Ulster branch of the Stafford family, to which I belong, has many connections, in various parts of the world. So far as the writer knows, hitherto, no attempt has been made to write the story of this large Anglo-Scottish-Irish clan, covering both the British Empire and the United States of America.

In the recent past, very few of these west Ulster Staffords, either in Ireland, or on the North American continent, have paid much attention to old family records, and most of the younger generation of today, while earnestly wishing to know something about the family background in England and Ireland, apparently cannot take either the time or the pains to obtain the desired information.

I have prepared this brief general sketch in order to place on record, for the benefit of those who may be interested, an outline of such information as I have been able personally to obtain regarding the west Ulster Staffords, and their descendants in America and elsewhere. I am well aware of its incompleteness. To trace all the descendants would be a complicated and difficult task beyond my power.

In the main, I desire simply to give a general indication of the locations of the principal Stafford colonies originating in west Ulster (Ireland) from English parentage, and more or less details of the family descent of certain of these Stafford relatives about which I have information, or who are known to me personally. Moreover, I desire to furnish some interesting family background material not readily available to a good many of the relatives.

In 1927, my esteemed cousin, the late Horace W. Stafford, attorney-at-law, of Springfield, Ohio, prepared and published an extensive history of THE STAFFORD FAMILIES IN OHIO AND INDIANA. This valuable book, long since out of print, contains much detail and relatively few errors. I regard as a real treasure the copy which he sent me shortly after issue.

It is greatly to be regretted that nobody in Virginia has yet undertaken a similar laborious task for the benefit of the numerous related Staffords in the southwestern portion of that State.

In 1927, Mr. James Fulton Hoge, of Greensboro, N.C., published a book entitled, THE FAMILY OF HOGE. The manuscript of this book was prepared by the late James Hoge Tyler, a former Governor of the State of Virginia. Mr. Hoge, who is now a prominent lawyer in New York City, carefully edited the manuscript before publication.

Ann Stafford, one of the Giles County, Virginia, Staffords, married into this distinguished family and there are a good many of the name of Hoge who are her descendants. As will be seen in the genealogical sketch of the Hoge-Stafford connection in the Appendix, a Sarah Hoge married James Stafford, who was the son of my great-great-uncle, James Stafford, who came from County Fermanagh, Ireland to Virginia, in 1735.

Whatever may be the defects or merits of this little historical and genealogical sketch, I dedicate it affectionately to my esteemed kinfolk, as a slight contribution to a better knowledge of our family background.

All the illustrations (reproduced by planographic process), except the lettering by my grandfather William Daly, Chapter VI, are the work of my own hand. The maps are not drawn closely to scale but, nevertheless, are approximately correct.

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THOMAS ALBERT STAFFORD



("The Stafford knot,")
ancient family badge.

I

THE FAMILY NAME AND BACKGROUND

The family name STAFFORD is derived from Anglo-Saxon "stat," meaning a town, and "ford," meaning a ford; the combination of these two words being the name of the town of Stafford, England, which was originally built by Ethelfleda, daughter of King Alfred, in A.D. 913. It is situated on the River Sow, near its junction with the River Penk. The distance north of London is 133 miles. In early times, the name of the town was variously spelled: Stadford, Staffort, Stafforde.

When William the Conqueror defeated the Anglo-Saxons, at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, one of his leaders was Robert de Toeni. Robert de Toeni was a younger brother of Ralf de Tosny (Toesni), of a Norman noble house. At the Conquest, Robert received a great fief extending into seven English counties and commanding the service of sixty knights. He took up his residence at Stafford Castle, which was built for him on order of William the Conqueror. At that time, Robert assumed the surname of Stafford. Thus this historic English family name originated with the first Norman Governor of the town.

With the death of Robert de Toeni Stafford's son, the male line became extinct. However, his sister's husband, Hervey Bagot, succeeded to the fief in his wife's right (1194), and assumed her surname as Hervey Bagot Stafford. Their descendant, Edmund de Stafford, was made a Baron in 1299. Edmund's son, Ralph, was a brilliant military leader. He was made a Knight of the Garter when that Order was founded. He was created Earl of Stafford in 1351. His son, Hugh, became the second Earl of Stafford in 1372, and Hugh's son, Thomas, succeeded to the earldom in 1392.

Thomas' son, Humphrey Stafford, (1402-1460), became the first Stafford Duke of Buckingham, and "by his descent and great possessions was placed in the front rank of the English nobility." (Encyc. Britt.). One of his sons married the mother of Henry VII. Humphrey's grandson, Henry, (1454-1483), was the second Stafford Duke of Buckingham. Edward Stafford, (1478-1521), the third Stafford Duke of Buckingham, was executed on trumped-up charges of disloyalty to Henry VIII, as a result of intrigue by Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, who rose to great power during the reign of Henry VIII, affected extravagant pomp and arrogated to himself royal privileges. Wolsey later fell from power, was imprisoned, and died at the city of Leicester on his way to trial in London.

Shakespeare makes Wolsey bemoan the bitterness of his fate saying:

".....I have ventured
Like little wanton boys that swim on bladders,
This many summers on a sea of glory;
But far beyond my depth; my high-blown pride
At length broke under me: and now has left me,
Weary and old with service, to the mercy
Of a rude stream, that must forever hide me.
Vain pomp and glory of this world I hate ye."

King Henry VIII, Act 3, Scene 2.

High rank and great wealth frequently involved grave risks in olden times. The Stafford nobility seems to have had more than its share of trouble. Humphrey Stafford, the first Stafford Duke of Buckingham, was killed at the Battle of Northampton, in the War of the Roses. His grandson, Henry Stafford, second Duke of Buckingham, fought against Richard III, was captured and executed. The fate of Edward Stafford, third Duke of Buckingham, has been mentioned already. Humphrey Stafford, Earl of Devon, was executed after a quarrel with the Earl of Pembroke. Lord William Howard Stafford was imprisoned in the Tower of London, accused of treason, condemned on worthless evidence of the infamous renegade, Titus Oates, and died on the scaffold in 1680 (in the reign of Charles II). Sic transit gloria mundi. ("So passes away the glory of the world").

The story of such happenings reminds one of a verse in Thomas Gray's great Elegy:

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave
Awaits alike the inevitable hour.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

On the same theme, Shakespeare wrote:

"Glory is like a circle in the water,
Which never ceaseth to enlarge itself,
Till by broad spreading it disperse to naught."

Henry VI, Act 1, Scene 3.

For Shakespeare's references, in his historical plays, to the Stafford nobility, see King Henry IV and King Henry VI & VII.

Having heard mention of Stafford ancestry in William Shakespeare's descent on the maternal side, I asked the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C. for information regarding this point. I am told that Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, was related to one of the Cheshire Ardens, who married a daughter of Sir Richard Stafford (deceased in 1391). Reference is made to Mrs. C.C. Stopes' authoritative book, SHAKESPEARE FAMILY, published in London 1901, page 199.

The judicial murder of Edward Stafford terminated the Stafford Duchy of Buckingham and caused a great reversal of fortune to the main line of the family. Thus was added a melancholy footnote to the Latin motto on the family coat-of-arms, (see frontispiece), "Abstulit qui dedit," (He who gave has taken away). What it originally signified I know not. As like as not, it may have had something to do with some royal favor withdrawn.

The earldom was later restored to the main line of the family, but it failed in a few generations on account of poverty. In the course of time, it passed to a branch of the Stafford house.

The title Marquess of Stafford now inheres in the Duchy of Sutherland - a Scottish Stafford branch. The present holder of the title, Duke of Sutherland and Marquess of Stafford, was born August 29, 1888. He had the distinction of "bearing the Orb" at the coronation of the late King George VI.

The title of Baron is now in the Fitzherbert branch of the family. The present holder of the title is Basil Francis Nicholas Fitzherbert-Stafford, who was born April 7, 1926.

It is interesting to note that, at least, one Archbishop of Canterbury came; from the Stafford house - John Stafford, Archbishop of Canterbury from 1443 to 1452, in the reign of Henry VI. One of the Staffords of Clifton, south east Staffordshire, Edmund Stafford, became Bishop of Exeter in 1395, and was Lord Chancellor from 1396 to 1399. His patronage of learning is commemorated by Exeter College, Oxford.

Sir Edward William Stafford, (1809-1901), who was born in Scotland and educated at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, became prime minister and colonial secretary for New Zealand. He created three new provinces in New Zealand, reorganized the courts of law and jury system, and rendered notable service as a statesman.

Thus it will be seen that the Stafford family, in one branch or another, has had a long record in English affairs of state, and is mentioned, again and again, in the history of England down to recent times.

One member of the English family of Stafford went to the southeastern part of Ireland, in the year 1200, and for his services there was granted an estate in County Wexford. The descendants of this branch are still numerous in the south of Ireland, and as they were not affected by the Reformation in England, which occurred later, they naturally remained Roman Catholics, but those who came from Staffordshire, England to County Fermanagh, Ireland in the 18th century were Episcopalians at the time of their arrival.

A James Stafford, landed proprietor, was dispossessed of his estate near Dublin, during the Cromwellian settlement of Ireland. Undoubtedly, he was a relative of the southern Irish Staffords, referred to above.

There is a titled Stafford family resident near Boyle, County Roscommon, Ireland (Eire).

In passing, it is interesting to note that Staffordshire today is one of the most highly industrialized counties of England, containing world-famous potteries, breweries, iron-works, railway car and other factories. Although the industrial section of Staffordshire, lying between Birmingham, Warwickshire, and Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, for a distance of fifteen miles, is known as "the Black Country," on account of dense factory smoke, the shire as a whole has many lovely rural scenes. Much of the soil in "the Black Country" is clayey and poorly adapted to agriculture.

It is probable that our ancestors came to northwest Ireland from the southern industrial section of Staffordshire, as they were primarily ironworkers.

It is quite likely that they were descendants of the third Stafford Duke of Buckingham, because after his decapitation, the main line of the famous house suffered serious reverses and the titles finally passed to secondary lines of Stafford descent. Duke Edward Stafford's oldest son, Henry, (who became a Protestant) was restored to the hereditary estates, yet it is of record that his grandson, Roger Stafford, was denied the Barony on account of reduced circumstances. A sister of Roger married a furniture maker, and she had a son who was a shoemaker. Thus began the Stafford families of Staffordshire (sine nobilitatis), "without noble rank."

II

ANCESTRY OF THE WEST ULSTER STAFFORDS

The first direct lineal Stafford ancestor of whom we have a reliable record was John Stafford, of Staffordshire, England. He was the oldest of a family of four. His wife's maiden name was Margaret Brunt. He had two sisters: Margaret (Maggie), who married James Welch, and Lettie, who married John Gregg. There was a younger brother who died a bachelor. Old records in Ohio hint that the abovementioned family all lived and died in Staffordshire, England.

It is my own belief, albeit based on nothing better than hearsay, that the abovementioned John accompanied his entire family of eight children to Ireland, and built the first house they occupied in County Fermanagh, (pronounced Fermanna), which is situated in what was then known as the Province of Ulster. A trace of the foundations of the aforementioned house was still evident when I was a boy.

The eight children of our English ancestors, John Stafford and Margaret Brunt, were:

Jane	who married	Adam Johnston
Ralph	" "	Jane Kane
Nancy	" "	John Johnston
Thomas	" "	Barbara Irwin
James	" "	Nancy Eaton
Edward	" "	Margaret Eaton
Mary	" "	James Robinson
John	" "	Mrs. Elizabeth Fair
		(maiden name, Brown)

Apparently, all eight children married residents of County Fermanagh. Doubtless, most of the eight were born in Staffordshire, England.

Of the abovementioned children of John Stafford and his wife Margaret Brunt, Thomas was my great-great-grandfather.

By her first marriage, Mrs. Elizabeth Fair had a daughter named Catherine. This daughter married George Stafford, a son of the abovementioned James. See Chapter VIII.

The date of arrival in Ulster, of the family of our English ancestor, John Stafford, is unknown to me. It has been variously figured and, perhaps, the most likely approximation is 1760, or a few years earlier. Records of the births in County Fermanagh, Ireland, of some of the older grandchildren of John Stafford and his wife, Margaret, would seem to indicate that the date was somewhat earlier than 1760.

Apparently, John Stafford's entire family entered Ulster, Ireland, by way of Donegal Bay, in a coastal sailing vessel. The place of landing was near the village of Ballintra, which is situated a short distance inland from Donegal Bay, in County Donegal.

From Ballintra, County Donegal, the family moved to County Fermanagh, about six miles from the county town, Enniskillen, and most of them settled in a townland (township) named Bohevny (pronounced Bo-heaven-ee) accent on second syllable. The name is derived from two Gaelic words meaning, "the dwelling of the chiefs" - probably an ancient encampment site.

This townland is in a hilly section of west Fermanagh, partly surrounded by mountains, and watered by the River Arney, which flows out of Lower Lough MacNea, about a half mile west of Bohevny. The River Arney flows into beautiful Upper Lough Erne, a few miles south east of Bohevny.

The word lough in north Ireland is the equivalent of the Scottish loch, and is pronounced somewhat like "lock" but with a guttural ending.

Bohevny is a little more than four miles from the source of the famous River Shannon, which rises in the neighboring County of Cavan.

Bohevny is also situated near Florencecourt Castle, the magnificent seat of the Earl of Enniskillen. Until my father's time, the townland of Bohevny was part of Lord of Enniskillen's estate. At the time of my father's death, he had completed purchase of the home place from the Enniskillen family.

The Stafford men, in County Fermanagh, were farmers and skilled as well in several trades, such as smithing, weaving and carpentry. Down to and including my paternal grandfather, Thomas Stafford, there were gunsmiths in the family and, in the upper storey of the ancestral home there was a storage room containing some oldstyle military equipment. Doubtless, the family was primarily induced to come to Ulster in order to help keep in repair the muskets of the volunteer militia which was raised to protect the Scotch and English who were brought into Ireland during "the plantation of Ulster."

A casual study of Irish history of that period will reveal that Ireland was then in a very disturbed state. There was much fighting and order was extremely hard to maintain. There were no reliable markets for products of the farm, and it is little wonder that emigration to the American colonies was very heavy. The long sea voyage of two months or more could not daunt the spirits of people who had to face difficulties and dangers every day in Ireland of the 18th century.

Of John Stafford's family of eight children, five were boys and of these Ralph, James, Edward and John emigrated to America, leaving only my great-great-grandfather, Thomas, on the home place. Thomas raised a large family some of whom apparently settled in the neighboring County of Tyrone. From Fermanagh and Tyrone counties descendants went into County Cavan, also into County Londonderry. Within my own memory, there were also some closely-related Staffords near Tempo, in east Fermanagh. So our people are fairly widely scattered in the western part of what is now known as Northern Ireland.

IV EMIGRATION TO VIRGINIA

All accounts agree that members of our family first came from County Fermanagh, Ireland to Giles County, Virginia, in the year 1785, nine years after the Declaration of Independence. At that time, Giles County was larger than at present.

It is believed that Ralph, James, Edward and John came together, although one account says that James came a little later. There is evidence that, later on, some of their Stafford relatives came to Giles County, Virginia, from County Tyrone, Ireland.

The port of entry was Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and according to tradition in Ireland, several of the emigrating brothers remained in Philadelphia for a short time before proceeding west and south into Virginia.

Giles County, Virginia is quite mountainous. In my judgment, it contains some of the most beautiful scenery in the southwestern portion of the State of Virginia. Big Walker's Creek and the New River on which the county seat, Pearisburg, is situated, add considerably to its beauty.

Our people settled mostly along Big Walker's Creek, among rugged but beautiful hill country, with lovely valleys between tree-clad hills and mountains. There is at least one mountain, in the northern portion of Giles County, which attains a height of about 4000 feet above sea level. The climate is healthful and invigorating.

When attending the Stafford Reunion in Virginia, I have sometimes been asked why our people settled at first in such hilly country. My guess is that, perhaps, the countryside appealed to them as somewhat resembling what they had left behind in County Fermanagh, Ireland.

Two women of the County Fermanagh Stafford family married men by the name of Johnston, and two of the Stafford brothers married women by the name of Eaton. In my own day, in County Fermanagh, one of the nearest neighbor families was named Johnston. I believe that the Eatons were also County Fermanagh people. Several of the Johnstons and Eatons emigrated to Giles County, Virginia, where a good many of their descendants live today.

In the graveyard near Wesley's Chapel, at Trigg, Virginia, I have found the name of Hetherington and, in the days of my youth, this family had living representatives in County Fermanagh, quite near the old home place in Bohevny. Quite apparently, a group of neighboring families emigrated from west Fermanagh County to Giles County, Virginia, about the end of the eighteenth century.

The names of Stafford, Johnston and Eaton predominate today in and around "the Irish settlement" at Trigg, Virginia. The Staffords in that locality have intermarried frequently with Johnstons and Eatons.

Trigg is situated a short distance east of the village of Staffordsville, Giles County. It contains only a few houses a store and a post office, and a Methodist church, known as Wesley's Chapel. This church is a part of the Eggleston Circuit, on the Tazewell District of the Holston Methodist Conference. This is the church which, with its adjoining grounds, is used for the annual Stafford Reunion in Virginia.

Staffordsville is a small neighboring village, on a high bluff above Big Walker's Creek. It contains a Methodist church, also a Christian Church. A short distance to the east of Staffordsville, on steeply rising ground, above the creek, and adjacent to the Hoge Robertson farm, there is an old burying ground which contains the remains of some of the earliest Stafford emigrants.

The diary of the Rev. George W. Stafford, a pioneer minister of the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church, a copy of which I possess, tells of a visit he made, as a young man, to this burying ground, where he stood and reflected upon his ancestry and thought of his cousins across the sea in County Fermanagh, Ireland. He was a contemporary and second cousin of my great-grandfather James Stafford, who built the house in which I was born. Several times, I have stood in the abovementioned burying ground and thought also of my kinfolk on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

V VIRGINIA NOTES

The number of my relatives in southwestern Virginia is multitudinous. For the most part, they are descended from Ralph, Edward and John - brothers of my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Stafford.

I mention here only a few:

Chester Jefferson Stafford, Commonwealth's Attorney, Giles County, Virginia is well-known. His father, the late James R. Stafford, was Clerk of Education of Giles County and a leading citizen. He was active in organizing the first Stafford Reunion in Virginia, which is now an annual affair. He died shortly before my first attendance at the Reunion, and it is a matter of great regret to me that we were unable to have fellowship together and chat about family matters in which he was deeply interested. Following in his footsteps, his son, Chester, is now master of ceremonies at the annual Stafford Reunion.

Chester's uncle, Frank Stafford, lives on a farm at Sugar Run, near Staffordsville, Va. Frank's daughter, Elizabeth, (Mrs. Charles Cook Eaton), lives in Staffordsville, and his daughter, Malissa, (Mrs. Dan Eaton), lives in Pearisburg, Va. That brings the Stafford-Eaton affinity up to date.

When in Staffordsville, I stay with my cousins, Eula and Hoge Robertson. Hoge's wife, Eula, is a daughter of James Stafford, who married Elizabeth Johnston. She is therefore a descendant of my great-great-uncle Ralph Stafford, and is my third cousin. The Robertsons possess the Johnston family Bible, which gives the record of that closely Stafford-related family back to the time of emigration from Fermanagh County, Ireland.

I believe that Charles Cook Eaton, who lives beside the Methodist church at Staffordsville, Va., has extensive records concerning the Eaton family. His wife, Elizabeth, has extensive records of a good many of the Giles County Staffords.

Dr. John E. Manahan, professor of history at Radford, Va. college, is a Stafford relative. He has specialized in genealogical matters. He told me recently that he has records of the County Tyrone Staffords, which he obtained direct from Ireland. He has an uncle, the Rev. Henry A. Manahan, who is a minister in the Detroit Annual Conference of The Methodist Church.

John R. Stafford, a banker of Bland, Va., with whom I am personally acquainted, is a descendant of my great-great-uncle, John, who was the ancestor of one of the Indiana branches of the Stafford family.

The Harry B. Peters family is generally well represented at the Stafford Reunion at Trigg, Va. Harry married my fourth cousin, Annie Stafford of Giles County, and they have seven children. Most of them live in Virginia, but Kenneth is a teacher of mathematics in Winston-Salem, N.C. Their mother, Annie, is the daughter of John Rutter Stafford, who died in 1924. She is a sister of the late Rev. Monroe Edward Stafford, who was a Methodist minister. Her brother, James Michael, had two sons, Luther and Clifton, both of whom I have met.

Emory Stafford, of Trigg, Va., who has frequently led the singing at the Stafford Reunion, is well-known to me. I have also met his father.

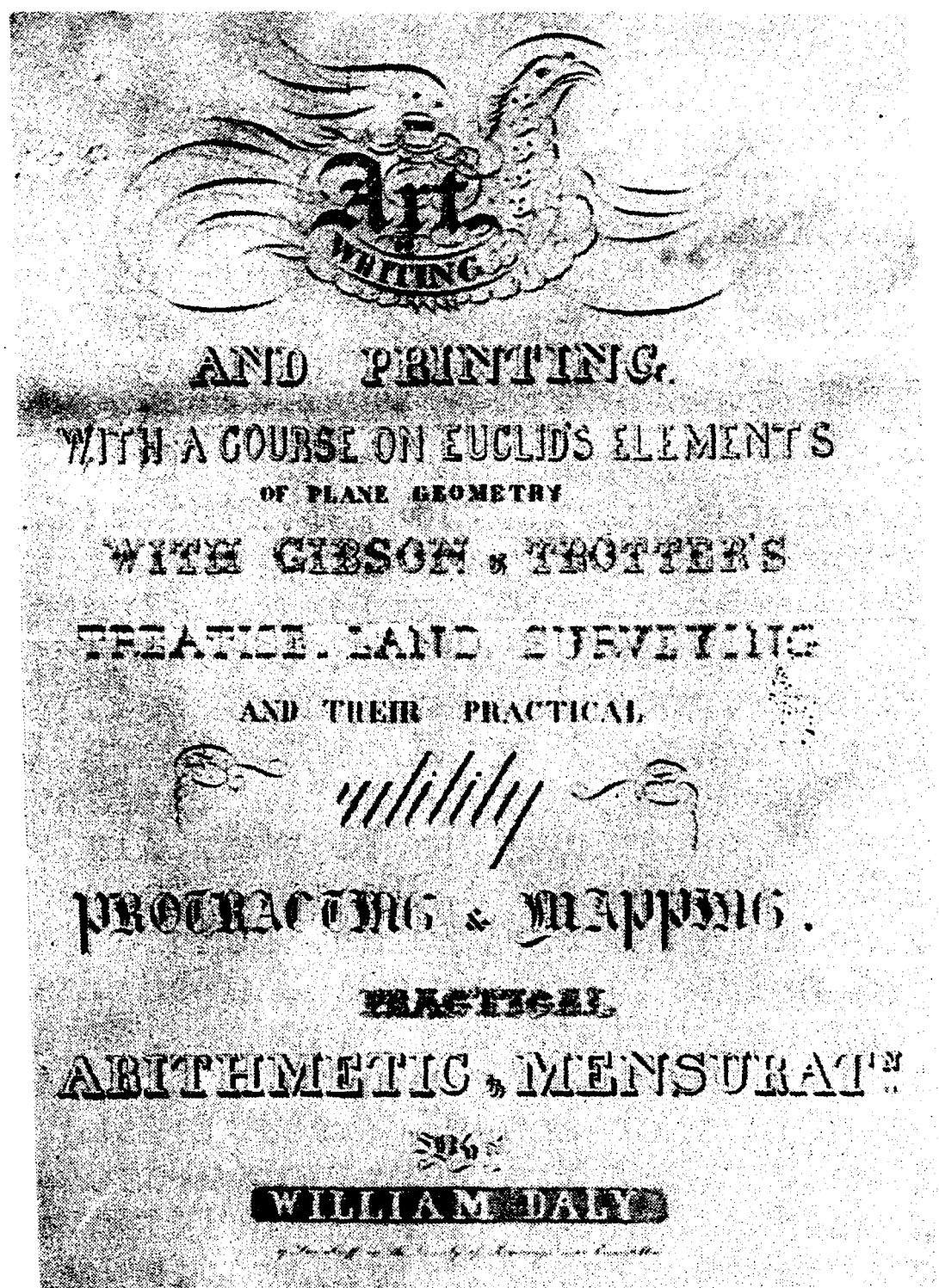
Mrs. Dailey Stafford, whose maiden name was Johnston, is regular in her attendance at the Reunion, in which her late husband took a prominent part, when living. Two of her sons are excellent singers and contribute to the musical program at the Reunion.

Mrs. Frank Stafford, of Berton, Va., widow of the late Frank Stafford, is a regular attendant at the annual Reunion. Her maiden name was Hetherington, she being a descendant of the County Fermanagh family of that name.

In 1951, at the Reunion in Trigg, I met a Chris Stafford, who was then 85 years of age. He says that he is a descendant of my great-great-uncle, Edward Stafford.

What I have written in this chapter gives only the merest hint of the multitude of "cousins" that gathers annually at Wesley's Chapel, Trigg, Virginia, - a rural spot which to me is sacred ground.

*Extra-curricular Teaching in a country Parish School
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VI THE REMNANT IN IRELAND

As mentioned in Chapter II, my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Stafford, was the son of John Stafford and his wife, Margaret Brunt, both of Staffordshire, England.

Thomas, who married Barbara Irwin, was the father of seven children, named as follows: John, James, Nancy, Edward, Irwin, Jarrett, Thomas. Of these, James was my great-grandfather.

To my great grandfather, James Stafford, and his wife, were born nine children, named as follows: John, James, Andrew, Thomas, Nancy, Elizabeth, Jarrett, Irwin, Edward. The similarity of these names to those in the families that went to Virginia, Ohio and Indiana is notable. Of the aforementioned family of my great grandfather, James Stafford, Thomas was my paternal grandfather, who married Catherine Waterson, the latter a cousin of my maternal grandmother, Mary Waterson (wife of William Daly, my maternal grandfather).

I remember all four of my grandparents very well and loved and respected them all. Grandfather Daly was the master of an Episcopal parish school, as well as an expert surveyor and draughtsman. He was awarded a citation by Lord Erne for distinction as a teacher. The picture on the preceding page shows a list he made, when a young man, indicating some of his teaching specialties. It was done with a home-made crow's quill pen and home-made lampblack ink. Grandfather, Thomas Stafford, was a skilled smith. He had a keen mind and was deeply interested in the political controversies of his day. On Sunday, he dressed like a Methodist preacher, and was quite capable of preaching or holding a revival on occasion.

My grandfather, Thomas Stafford, and his wife, Catherine Waterson, had eight children, who were named as follows:

Mary Anne	who married	Andrew Brownlee
John	" "	Elizabeth Jane Daly
Elizabeth	" "	James McCourt
James	" "	Sarah Jane Braden
Thomas (a bachelor)		
Jane	" "	James Rock
Margaret	" "	William Daly
Catherine	" "	Albert Mottershead

With the exception of John, (my father), all members of this last-named family of Staffords emigrated either to Canada, Australia or New Zealand. Detailed information concerning each will be found in Chapter X.

To my father, John Stafford, and his wife, Elizabeth Jane Daly, were born:

Thomas Albert	who married	Mary Anna Fullerton
Margaret Anna	" "	George H. Carson
William John (a bachelor)		
Evelyn Jane	(who died of an accident at age 6)	
Fred	(who died in infancy)	

For details concerning my sister, Margaret Anna, (Mrs. George H. Carson), and my late brother William John, see Chap. X.

My wife, Mary Anna Fullerton, was born at Rockmacreaney, Richhill, County Armagh, Ireland. On her mother's side, she is descended from the Ussher family, one of whom was the famous scholar, Archbishop James Ussher (1581-1656), Primate of the Church of Ireland (Episcopal), who devised a long-used chronology of the Bible. James Ussher's uncle, Henry Ussher, (1550-1630), was also Archbishop of Armagh, and while in that office, he obtained the charter for Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland (1592).

My wife's mother's name was Barrett, descended from a titled family of that name, authorized to bear a coat of arms, which is one of the most beautiful in Irish heraldry.

I came to Minnesota from Drogheda, Ireland, where I had known Miss Fullerton for several years. I was appointed pastor of a church in Sandstone, Minnesota, in the Fall of 1906. We were married in the City of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 30, 1907. Afterwards, we served in Methodist churches at Paynesville, Litchfield and Monticello - all in the State of Minnesota. In the Fall of 1952, I shall have completed forty six years in the ministry of The Methodist Church in the United States. With the exception of eleven years in the pastorate, the remainder of my service has been connected with pension administration as a denominational executive of The Methodist Church.

Shortly after I left Ireland, in the Fall of 1906, my sister, Margaret, and brother William John sold the home place in Bohevny, County Fermanagh, Ireland and went to Canada.

Lately, another adjoining farm has been purchased by a family named Sheridan who also purchased our old home place. Recently, the substantial dwellinghouse built by my great grandfather, James Stafford, has had a half storey added on top of the original two storeys; the roof has been slated and the interior modernized.

A short distance to the west, also in the Townland of Bohevny, there still remains my second cousin Andrew Stafford, who is descended from Andrew Stafford, a brother of my grandfather, Thomas Stafford. Cousin Andrew's line of descent is as follows: Andrew Stafford married Mary Correthers, and their son, Edward Stafford, who married Elizabeth Parker, was father of the following named family:

Andrew	who married	Margaret Boyer	(2 children)
Mary Ellen	" "	Robert Morrison	(4 ")
Robert	" "	Amy Cull	(3 ")
Elizabeth Jane	" "	William Black	(4 ")
Thomas	" "	Annie Marcus	(2 ")
Lena	" "	Thomas Duke	(3 ")

The aforementioned six Stafford cousins were all well known to me in youth. Andrew still lives in Bohevny with his family. The other five families are scattered in various places in Northern Ireland. I correspond regularly with cousin Andrew who, in 1951, was 77 years old. His mother, whom I remember well, lived to be about 85 years of age. His father, Edward, died about age forty.

I remember my grand-uncle, James Stafford, brother of my paternal grandfather, Thomas. He lived in a neighboring Townland named Cornahowla. He married Isabella Fallis and they had the following named children: John, William, Robert, Charles, Fallis, Margaret, Isabella, Alice. For some years, my grand uncle, James,

lived at a place called Ballyyard, in County Tyrone, (pronounced, Tire-own). So far as I know, most of this family has passed away.

In my youth, I was very much attached to a cousin named John Stafford, son of Thomas Stafford and his wife, Mary Elliott. They lived on a Bohevny farm adjacent to ours. John had a brother named William and a sister named Jane. John's mother remembered well the terrible Irish famine in 1846, and she used to tell weird tales about starving peasants coming to her father's place for food. She had a remarkable memory, which continued to be keen even in old age. Her son, John, came into possession of the books from a discontinued parish library. He was an unusually well-read man for a farmer, and a very interesting conversationist. His library and the collection of good books at my own home awakened early my taste for good literature. In fact, I had read a good many of the poems of the major English poets before attainment of age fourteen, and some history and general literature besides.

VII THE KENTUCKY BRANCH

Ralph Stafford, of Giles County, Virginia, brother of my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Stafford, of Fermanagh County, Ireland, had four children by his wife Jane ("Jean") Kane. They were named as follows:

John	who married	(1) Nancy Munsey
		(2) Mary Mollett
James	" "	Abigail Davis
Ralph	" "	(1) Elsie Duncan
		(2) Mary Terpin
Tamsey	" "	Nathan Mollett

Of the aforementioned four children, James moved from Giles County, Virginia to Johnson County, Kentucky, and settled at Paintsville, the county seat. James had a son named John who married Calista Nott. To them were born the following children: William, Ralph, Thomas, James, Jesse, Francis Marion, Malissa, Jane, Irene, Lydda, Lucina.

Francis Marion Stafford was named after the famous Revolutionary War patriot and hero of South Carolina. Francis Marion Stafford married Mariette Hager Lavender, and to them were born fourteen children in Paintsville, Kentucky. They were named as follows: Araminta ("Minta"), Calista, William, Mary Francis, Ella Beatrice, Hattie, Cora, Thomas Sandford, Carrie, Dora, Ethel, Edna, May, De Witt Talmage (named after the Famous preacher of Brooklyn, N.Y.).

Minta Stafford married a man named Lyon, and after his death, she married a man named Wheeler. There are four children by the first marriage.

Thomas Stafford married Sallie Ramey and they have one child.

Carrie Stafford married the Reverend Monroe Edward Stafford, a native of Giles County, Va., and a Methodist minister. As apparently Monroe was descended from my great-great-uncle Edward, and Carrie from my great-great-uncle Ralph, they were related as fourth cousins, and their children, the Rev. Garland Reid Stafford, Lewisville, N.C., Marian Rebekah Stafford, of Abingdon, Va., Virginia Kathleen Stafford, of Nashville, Tenn., are my fourth cousins "once removed," on both the father's and the mother's side. So far as I know, I have only one other set of "double cousins." They reside in Canada.

Dora Stafford married John L. Spears. There are three children who were born of this union.

Edna Stafford married Fred F. Smith. They have two sons and one daughter. Stafford Smith is a teacher. Frederick Smith is a Methodist minister in the Ohio Conference. Martha Mary Smith works in the Sixth U.S. Regional Office of the Civil Service Commission in Cincinnati, Ohio.

May F. Stafford has a responsible position in the United States Army Finance Center in Saint Louis, Mo.

Of the survivors of this large family, I know personally only three: Carrie, Edna, May F. Minta, Mary, , Hattie, Cora, Dora and Ethel are deceased.

Their father, Francis Marion Stafford was an influential farmer and owned a large acreage adjacent to Paintsville, Kentucky. Their mother was an excursive reader, with a keen mind. She lived to attain ninety years of age.

The family, as is typical of Stafford families, has made a good record for itself, through many contributions to the commonweal.

Generally, the name Stafford, wherever we find it, stands for good character, good citizenship, honest work, and a wholesome outlook on life.

VIII THE OHIO BRANCH

One of the four brothers of my great-great-grandfather, Thomas Stafford, was named James. He married Nancy Eaton of Fermanagh County, Ireland. Probably she was a sister of Margaret Eaton, who married my great-great-uncle, Edward Stafford.

James Stafford and his wife, Nancy Eaton were married in Ireland, and came to Giles County, Virginia. They had a family of eleven children named as follows:

Joseph	who married	Mary Saylor	7 children
Nancy	" "	Daniel Hoge	
Catherine	" "	William Mitchell	9 "
Edward	" "	Kissiah Mitchell	
Margaret	" "	(1) Michael Williams	
		(2) Isaiah Givens	
George	" "	Catherine Fair	12 "
Jane	" "	Frederick Williams	
Ralph	" "	Catherine Saylor	9 "
Susan	" "	Ralph Stafford	

Thomas	who married	Catherine Williams	14 children
James	" "	Sarah Hoge	7 "

Few birth dates are available, but as we know that James was born in 1787, and Thomas in 1780, and George in 1769, it is not improbable that most of the family was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland.

Note the remarkable interlocking of family ties: 2 Staffords married 2 Hoges (this name is pronounced Hoag); 3 Staffords married 3 Williams; 2 Staffords married 2 Saylor; 2 Staffords married 2 Mitchells; Susan Stafford married her cousin Ralph.

The father and mother of the abovementioned family, James and Nancy Eaton Stafford are buried in Giles County, Virginia.

The family settled along a river known as Big Walker's Creek, in Giles County, Va., in 1785, and remained there until the Fall of 1811, when nearly all of them, except the father and mother, went to Ohio.

Their westward trek followed the course of the New River, then the Great Kanawha River to the point where it empties into the Ohio River. They followed the Ohio River to Gallipolis, where they crossed it and continued in a northwesterly direction until they reached the western portion of what is now Clark County, Ohio. Some settled in the eastern portion of Miami County, Ohio. Ralph had preceded the rest of the family by about a year. Records seem to indicate that one of the brothers (Edward) remained in Giles County, Virginia.

To trace the very numerous descendants of the abovementioned family of my great-great-uncle James is quite beyond the scope of the present attempt. A wealth of details is on record in the book compiled twentyfive years ago by the late Horace W. Stafford, of Springfield, Ohio. Unfortunately, copies of it are not to be obtained easily today.

There are now only a few Stafford families left in and around New Carlisle, Ohio. Harley Stafford, Browning Stafford, Mrs. Ida Stafford (widow), of New Carlisle, Ohio, and Walter Stafford, Tippecanoe City, Ohio, constitute the remnant.

I find that there are only three Staffords listed at present, in the Springfield, Ohio, telephone directory; namely, Crate Stafford; Harry R. Stafford; John N. Stafford.

The record shows that many of the Ohio Staffords were capable businessmen, doctors, lawyers, etc. The Ohio Branch of the Stafford family produced such men as Major General Frederick Funston, of the United States Army, who was a descendant of James Stafford who married Sarah Hoge.

The Staffords, Mitchells and Blacks were nearly all Methodists, and were the joint founders of the McKendree Methodist church on the Christiansburg Circuit, in the Cincinnati (now the Ohio) Conference of the Methodist Church. I understand that the McKendree church is now a community church. Unfortunately, the building was gutted by fire in December 1951; it is in process of being rebuilt. I believe that the Christiansburg Circuit was the first served by the late Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle, of Evanston, Illinois. He was its pastor from 1908 to 1910. At the time of his death, Dr. Tittle was one of the most distinguished preachers in this country. He used to

speak with me sometimes about my Ohio kinfolk, whom he had known and served as a young Methodist minister.

Mary L. Hoge Bruce (Mrs Robert Bruce), of Cincinnati, Ohio, is a descendant of the Giles County, Va. Staffords. She has written some beautiful poetry, much of it included in a volume entitled, "This High Hour," published in 1950 by the Talaria Publishing Company of Cincinnati. I have read it with great pleasure. (See Stafford-Hoge Connection in the Appendix).

Roger B. Stafford, 856 Leader Building, Cleveland, is a direct descendant of my great-great-uncle, James Stafford, and is my fourth cousin. He is the editor of SUPER SERVICE STATION, a widely circulated trade paper, published by the Irving-Cloud Publishing Company of Chicago, Illinois. He was born near New Carlisle, Ohio, and knows a good many of the Ohio relatives. He has visited our home in Evanston, Illinois.

One can only rejoice and be justly proud of this great Ohio clan of Staffords, which has contributed so much in good citizenship to the welfare of the Republic, and in loyal churchmanship to the Methodist Church.

If our first known lineal ancestors, John Stafford and Margaret Brunt, of Staffordshire, England can now behold, from the abode of the blest, their progeny spread upon the face of the earth, they can hardly fail to experience a magnificent thrill for, like the great patriarch of the Hebrew people, through their children a great multitude has been blessed.

Part of the purpose in writing this booklet is that at least some of the living Staffords, and their blood relations with other surnames, may experience the thrill of such vast kinship.

IX

THE TWO INDIANA BRANCHES

There were two separate migrations of our people from Virginia into the State of Indiana. The first was the family of Thomas Stafford, who was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1779. He was the son of my great-great-uncle, John Stafford, and my great-great-grandfather, Thomas, who remained in Ireland, was his uncle.

Thomas, with his wife, Ruth Neel, moved from Giles County, Virginia to Fountain County, Indiana, in 1832. He lived near Attica, Indiana until his death in 1844.

The second migration was that of Ralph Stafford Jr., who was the grandson of my great-great-uncle James Stafford, of Giles County, Virginia. He was the son of George Stafford and Catherine Fair (mentioned in the previous chapter). Ralph's parents moved to Clark County, Ohio in 1811, when he was about five years old. He married Jane Black in 1815, and they moved to Delaware County, Indiana in 1835.

From the above account it will be obvious that these two families were closely related.

I have collected a considerable amount of data on the descendants of the abovenamed Thomas and his wife Ruth Neel who was born in Giles County, Virginia. They had ten children named as follows: Elizabeth; Lewis B.; John; William N.; Alexander; Minerva; Granville; Oscar F.; Mary A. (married Sharp); George W.

George W. (Washington) Stafford was licensed to preach in the first Methodist meeting house in Staffordsville, Va. The present Methodist church in Staffordsville stands on the same site as the one in which he was licensed. He became a minister of the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Rachel Stitt, the daughter of Judge Stitt. She was educated in Thorntown, Indiana Academy, the principal of which at that time was John H. Ridpath, the well-known historian of the United States.

The children born to Rev. George W. Stafford and his wife, Rachel, were named as follows: Charles W.; James T.; John M.; William A.; Sarah Alice; George W. Jr.; Robert Oscar; Charles O.; Edwin A.; Mary R.; Rachel E. Their father purchased a farm just outside the corporate limits of Crawfordsville, Indiana and lived there until his death.

George W. Jr. and his sister Mary lived on the old home place until their death. I visited them there many years ago, and we had a most enjoyable time talking over family matters.

Edwin was a physician and surgeon and, if I remember correctly, a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago. I visited him and his wife in Snohomish, Washington, a good many years ago. He was then the President of the Washington State Medical Society, and a fine outstanding citizen. He bore a striking resemblance to my father in appearance and voice - a fact which startled me, when we first met. Apparently Stafford family traits are very tenacious. Both he and his wife died without issue a good many years ago.

Rev. James T. Stafford and his brother Rev. John M. were both members of the Northwest Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. John M. died August 5, 1899 and James T. died October 24, 1908. Their brother, William A., who lived near Crawfordsville, Indiana was the father of two children, Charles O. and Odis A.

Odis, who married Lulu Dice, lives in Crawfordsville, at present, and they recently happily celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. They have four children (married names in brackets): Alta (Khuen); Loreen (Albershardt); Frances (Sleight); Robert E.

Rev. James T. Stafford and his wife had three children: Hattie; Anna; John W.

Rev. John M. Stafford and his wife Virginia Kramer had seven children named as follows:

Alma M.

George K.	who married	Alta Vess
Oscar W.	" "	Stella Brown
John Paul	" "	El Fleda Ferris
Mary Pearl	" "	Virgil Sorrells
Anna C.		
Horace B.	" "	Ethel Larson

Alma lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

George K., who resides in West Lafayette, Indiana, is the father of two children: Madge, wife of Col. G.F. Harding; Mildred, wife of A.H. Beck. The Hardings have three children.

Oscar William lives in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He is the father of two children: Robert Ives Stafford, who married Esther Fadely; Eleanor Kramer Stafford, who married Philip Ogden. Robert teaches in the high school at Warsaw, Indiana. Philip Ogden is a mortician in East St. Louis, Illinois. He is active in civic affairs in that city. NOTE: Oscar W. died in February, 1952.

Rev. John Paul Stafford, Sr. was a pastor in the Rock River Conference of The Methodist Church at the time of his death in 1943. Previously he had served for a number of years with Swift and Company in public relations work. He was well known and much beloved by me. His widow lives in San Diego, Calif. Their son, Rev. John Paul Stafford, Jr. has held important pastorates in the Rock River Methodist Conference, and is a worthy representative of this remarkable family succession in the Methodist ministry. His ministerial service added to that of his direct forebears makes a total of 190 years of ministerial service. He married Margaret Honnell of Chicago, and their happy parsonage home is blessed with four children named as follows: Ferris; Beth; Jeanne; John Wesley. John Paul Jr. had a sister Rosemary, who died in childhood. Fittingly, a "Rosemary Hour" service is held annually in John Paul's church (Joyce Memorial Methodist) in Chicago. At this service, gifts are dedicated in memory of departed relatives and friends, the collection to be used for the benefit of destitute orphans. "It is a fellowship of memorial love in benevolent action."

Horace B. Stafford, who married Ethel Larson, died recently in Allegan, Michigan. Their daughter, Mary Ruth (Dewey), has two children.

This account nearly exhausts my genealogical knowledge of the Crawfordsville, Indiana branch of our tribe. I have reported it in considerable detail because much of the above data is not in the book prepared by the late Horace W. Stafford of Springfield, Ohio, to which I have previously referred.

As has been mentioned before, the second migration of Staffords into Indiana was in 1835, when Ralph Stafford Jr. of Clark County, Ohio moved to Delaware County, Indiana. He was the grandson of my great-great-uncle, James Stafford, of Giles County, Virginia.

Ralph Stafford Jr. married Jane Black of Clark County, Ohio and they had the following named children: George A.; James E.; John H.; William H.; Susan.

George was born in 1835. He married Sarah Zainer. They had four children: David; Sarah; Roy; Emma.

James E. was born in 1840. He married Caroline Russell. They had one daughter, Laura Helen Stafford, who married Dr. U. Grant Powers, a well-known physician of Albany, Indiana. When Dr. Powers retired from medical practice in Albany, he and his wife moved to 2135 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois - a few houses north of my present residence. Dr. Powers died a few years ago and his widow, who is my fourth cousin, is still our neighbor. Her daughter Carolyn L., who is married to Howard Ackles, has two sons: Paul; Phillip. The Ackles family lives in Evanston, Illinois.

John H. Stafford was born in 1842 and married Rachel Walburn. They had no children.

William H. Stafford was born in 1848. He married Jennie Knox. They had two children: Leonard, (who died in infancy); Norah, who married Everett St. John, of Albany, Indiana.

Susan Stafford was born in 1855. She married Enoch Witt, but died in 1879, after giving birth to a boy named Roy.

This is a brief account of the second Stafford group of families raised in Delaware County, Indiana - all of this second group being descendants of my great-great-uncle, James Stafford, of Giles County, Virginia.

The Staffords and Blacks were nearly all Methodists.

John Black moved from Clark County, Ohio to Delaware County, Indiana in 1837. He married Margaret ("Peggy") Stafford, daughter of George Stafford Sr., who was born in Ireland. She was the granddaughter of James Stafford, who settled in Giles County, Va., in 1785.

John Black and his wife Peggy had four children: Andrew; Susan; George; Catherine.

Susan Black married David Justice and they had four children: George; Margaret; Caroline; Mary.

Mary Justice married Nelson Adams and their son, Wayman Adams is one of the most distinguished of living American portrait painters. I saw him give an excellent exhibition of his technique in the San Pedro Park Theater, in San Antonio, Texas, in the Winter of 1949.

Former United States Senator, C. Wayland Brooks, is a descendant of the Delaware County, Indiana Staffords.

Mrs. C Elmer (Lucy) Higgs, Rural Route #3, Brookville, Indiana is Stafford-related. She and her husband visited Staffordsville, Virginia in the Summer of 1951 and met a number of their Virginia cousins. Her father's mother was Lucinda Stafford Snyder, daughter of Thomas Stafford, who went to New Carlisle, Ohio from Giles County, Va. in 1811. Mr. Snyder was a native of Lebanon County, Pennsylvania and moved to Clinton County, Indiana, near Frankfort. Mrs. Higgs is my fourth cousin.

X

THE SECOND EXODUS

The first wave of emigration of the County Fermanagh, Ireland Staffords occurred in 1785, and had as its goal the highlands of southwestern Virginia.

The second wave began about a century later and was scattered widely over the far-flung British Empire. In consequence, it can now be truly said that "the sun never sets" on County Fermanagh Staffords and their relatives.

My paternal grandfather, Thomas Stafford, of Bohevny, County Fermanagh, Ulster, Ireland was the patriarch of the second big emigrating family.

The following account of his children and their descendants gives a few brief details about each member of this widely scattered family.

The eldest daughter, my aunt, Mary Anne Stafford, married Sergeant Major Andrew Brownlee of the 27th Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, April 27, 1882, after he returned from India, where he served with a Leicestershire regiment of infantry. He won the Queen's (Victoria) medal with clasp in the Afghan Campaign of 1879. They had two children. The eldest, Hamilton Plunkett Brownlee, born May 30, 1888, is now the Statistician and Publicity Officer of the Province of Alberta, Canada. He has received special commendation from Princess Elizabeth, (now Elizabeth II), for his volume on ALBERTA recently published. His father and mother moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1912. He died in 1935 and she died in 1920; they are buried at Clover Bar, Alberta. Hamilton married Annie Edna Richards of Edmonton, Alberta and they have two daughters:

Beryl Kathleen Alice who married Dr. Norman T. Bennett
(4 children)

Mary Elizabeth " " Leon Wilson (3 children)
Hamilton had a sister named Alice Elizabeth, who died in County Fermanagh, Ireland in 1904, aged fourteen years.

My uncle Andrew took a very keen interest in British Empire affairs, especially anything concerning India. His genial wife, my Aunt Mary Anne, was a great favorite with all who knew her.

John (my father), like all the other members of the family, was born in the old home place in Bohevny, County Fermanagh, Ireland. He was a farmer and, like the others, a devoted Methodist. He married Elizabeth Jane Daly, daughter of an Episcopal parish schoolmaster. My father died January 28, 1902, at the age of 48, from virulent epidemic influenza - remarkably enough, his first and last serious illness. My mother was never very strong physically. She had a keen mind and was in several respects a remarkable woman. She was exceedingly well versed in the Bible and could preach a bit, or exhort fluently, on occasion. Although raised an Episcopalian, after her marriage, she became an ardent Methodist. She died November 14, 1905, at the age of 50, from nephritis. Her four children were: Thomas Albert (myself); Margaret Anna; William John; Evelyn Jane.

I was born April 23, 1885, and was given the second name of Albert because the Prince of Wales (afterwards Edward VII) was visiting Ireland on that date. I went to Minnesota, September 1906, and was married to Mary Anna Fullerton, of Richhill, County Armagh, Ireland, at Montreal, Quebec, May 30, 1907. My sister, Margaret Anna, went to Canada a little later and married a former neighbor from County Fermanagh, Ireland - George H. Carson. They live on a farm at Marwayne, Alberta, Canada and have three daughters:

Emily Kathleen who married Thomas Stevenson
Anna Elizabeth " " Leon Durance
Florence Alice " " D.M. Addison

My brother, William John, lost his life in the Canadian Navy, in World War I, in a storm at sea. He had been previously connected with the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company.

My sister, Evelyn Jane, died of an accident in Ireland, at the age of six years.

Wife and I were blessed with two children: Victoria Evelyn, who died at 2½ years of age from an accident; Grace Evangeline, who was born in Litchfield, Minnesota, November 7, 1913. She is married to Chester H. Lunde, an architectural draughtsman. They live at 6718 North Olympia Ave., Chicago. They have a baby girl, Anne Stafford Lunde, born April 5, 1952.

My father's sister, Elizabeth, went to Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and married James McCourt (a former Irish neighbor), who became Inspector of the police force of the City of Sydney. They were devoted and highly respected Methodists. Both died a good many years ago. Their only daughter, Violet (Fry), corresponded with me regularly until her death a few years ago. Her widower husband, Leslie Fry, lives in a suburb of Sydney. There are three children in this family: Doreen; Ray; Gordon.

Myuncle, James Stafford, went to West Australia and was living in Swanbourne, near Perth, West Australia, at the time of his death about 1938. He used to correspond with me regularly. He married Sarah Jane Braden, of Lisbellaw, County Fermanagh, Ireland, and they are survived by the following named children: Sarah Jane (Mrs. George Kisey); Mary Annie; William (married Beatrice Allen) - they have two children. In recent years, I have had no correspondence with them.

Uncle Thomas Stafford went to Victoria, Australia, as a young man. After a few years in Australia, he died somewhere near Ballarat. I never heard much about him, but believe he was engaged in mining while in Australia.

Aunt Jane Stafford went to New Zealand. Late in life, she married a police officer named James Rock. If I recollect correctly, he came from Belfast, Ireland. Aunt Jane died a good many years ago in Devonport, North Island, New Zealand. At the time of her death she was a widow. Her pictures showed her to be a woman of unusually handsome appearance. She corresponded with me until her death. She was deeply religious. I still possess a watch which she sent from New Zealand to my father when he was a young man.

Aunt Margaret ("Maggie") Stafford left Ireland in the Spring of 1889. Although I was only four years old at the time, I distinctly remember her going away. She and her younger sister, Catherine ("Cassie"), left on the same day - destination Edmonton, Alberta.

Aunt Maggie married my mother's brother, her cousin, William Daly, June 6, 1889; he was a farmer and coal mine owner at Clover Bar, Alberta, a few miles east of Edmonton. They raised the following family, who are my "double cousins":

*George	who married	Marian Conn	5 children
*Fred	" "	Beulah Edmonds	2 "
Flossie	" "	Harry Webb	3 "
*Alice	" "	John Wesley Hosford	4 "
Margaret	" "	Thomas Moorhouse	3 "
(deceased)			
William (deceased)			
*Maude	" "	Clarence McElroy	2 "
*Arnold	" "	Phyllis Thompson	3 "

Those marked with an asterisk live in or near Edmonton, Alberta.

In 1951, John Wesley Hosford's family was rated one of the four "Master Families" of Alberta, and granted an award of \$1,000.00 by the Alberta Ministry of Agriculture. The Hosfords own a magnificent herd of one hundred registered Holstein cattle. A Dominion of Canada agricultural expert, whom I met one day on a Canadian train, paid a very high compliment to my cousin, Wesley Hosford.

Aunt "Cassie" married a man named Albert Mottershead, a retired soldier of the British Army. They lived in Edmonton, Alberta and both have been deceased for several years - she died Nov. 2, 1948. The names of their children are as follows:

Annie Elizabeth Jane	who married	John George Scott	6 children
Ernest Hamilton	" "	Dorothy E. Holthus	2 "
Alfred James Edward	" "	Carrie M. O'Morrow	2 "
Albert John Stafford			
Florence Alice	" "	John Arthur Loren	7 "
George Henry	" "	Eva G. Brooman	7 "
Violet Viola			
James Frederick	" "	Margaret E. Watt	5 "
Thomas Edward	" "	Helen T. Yopek	3 "

All members of my paternal grandfather's family are now deceased. Besides my father, I knew only Mary Anne, Margaret, and Catherine personally - these three I visited occasionally in Canada. However, I knew all the others through correspondence, with the exception of my uncle Thomas, who died before I was born. I am the fourth Thomas in my direct family line from John Stafford of Staffordshire, England. The names John, Thomas, James, and Edward recur again and again with amazing frequency in all branches of the family.

The first time I visited my southern cousins, at a family reunion in Virginia, I was asked by one of them, "Do you have the Stafford crooked little finger on each hand?" Yes, I have but not in marked degree. However, both the little fingers on my father's hands were markedly bent inward and my daughter Grace has this rather common family mark quite evidently. Her daughter Anne also has it. My people in Ireland often mentioned this peculiar mark. Heredity is tenacious.

Another thing I have closely observed: the Virginia Staffords strongly resemble the Irish part of the tribe, both in physical appearance and personal characteristics. This is all the more remarkable when one remembers that the two branches of the family have been completely separated for somewhat more than a century and a half.

XI

THE MINISTRY AND OTHER PROFESSIONS

When my great-grandfather, James Stafford, built a large dwellinghouse in County Fermanagh, Ireland, a bedroom was prepared for the use of itinerating Methodist circuit riders. Nominally, the Staffords in County Fermanagh were members of the Church of Ireland (Episcopal). However, they early became devoted followers of the Rev. John Wesley.

Mr. Wesley once preached not far from the old Stafford home in Fermanagh, and afterwards went to the County town of Enniskillen where, according to his journal, he was roughly treated by rowdies hired by the Episcopal rector.

Almost from the time of their settlement in Fermanagh, the Staffords were deeply interested in the Methodist movement. Several became Methodist class leaders. My paternal grandfather Thomas Stafford, and my father, John Stafford, were both class leaders. Preaching services were held at regular intervals in our home by Methodist ministers from the county seat, Enniskillen. The large farmhouse kitchen could hold about three dozen people.

Raised in this kind of religious atmosphere, it was not strange that I was early inclined to enter the Methodist ministry. My dear mother expressed to me, as one of her last wishes, the desire that I should become a Methodist minister. A year after her death, I emigrated to America in 1906, and fulfilled her wish by being "admitted on trial" in the Northern Minnesota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fortyfive years afterward, I can say with assurance that I do not regret that adventure. The work of the ministry, both pastoral and administrative, has brought me much joy, deeply shared by my dear wife, whose love and support have meant so much to me throughout our long experience together in the work of the Kingdom of God.

Naturally, I have been much interested in those of my kinfolk of the Stafford tribe, who have served in the ministry - so far as I know, nearly all have been Methodist ministers.

Rev. George W. Stafford, of the Northwest Indiana Conference (Methodist), was a descendant of my great-great-uncle John Stafford. He became a chaplain in the Union Army, in the War between the States. He left behind a very interesting diary, which is now in possession of Rev. John Paul Stafford, Jr. of Chicago. I have a copy of it. Two of George W's sons, James T. and John M. became ministers in the same Conference as their father.

Rev. John M. Stafford had a son John Paul who entered the ministry in the abovementioned Conference. At the time of his death in 1943, he was a member of the Rock River (Methodist) Conference. He had a very genial personality and I miss his companionship very much. His only son, the Rev. John Paul Stafford Jr. is also a member of the Rock River Conference, serving Joyce Memorial Church in Chicago. He has a charming family. I baptized the baby, John Wesley Stafford, on Sunday, December 24, 1950, and prayed in my heart that this dear boy might enter the ministry too and be the fifth in an unbroken line of devoted ministerial service.

When I was a young Methodist minister in Minnesota, I heard that the Rev. Dr. Charles Lewis Stafford, president of Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was a descendant of the Ohio Branch of the Stafford family. He was born in Clark County, Ohio in 1844, and died in 1930, aged 86. I did not know him personally. I understand that he was highly respected and was a capable administrator.

The Rev. Henry A. Manahan of the Detroit Methodist Conference is descended from the Giles County, Virginia Staffords. He is, at present, serving as pastor of the Methodist church at Romeo, Michigan.

The Rev. John H. Dills, Moss Lake, Washington, a retired member of the Pacific Northwest (Methodist) Conference, is descended from the Giles County, Virginia Staffords. One of his Stafford ancestors came from the County Tyrone, Ireland branch of the family. He is now 86 and has vivid recollections of a long and useful ministry. He has written a very interesting account of the old Wabash campmeeting ground in Giles County, Virginia. It was printed in the PEARISBURG VIRGINIAN, a few years ago. He formerly belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and his Conference merged with the Pacific Northwest Conference in the Unification of 1939.

The Rev. Dr. J. Stewart French of Bristol, Va. is descended from the Giles County Stafford line. He is a retired member of the Holston Methodist Conference and resides at Bristol, Va. He served for a good many years as pastor of State Street Methodist church in Bristol, Va. He was a member of the important Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, and rendered distinguished service in that capacity until retirement. Whenever he has dissented from the majority opinion in the Council, his views have been stated with clearness, evidence of sound reasoning, and a background of constitutional and "disciplinary" scholarship that reflect a keen mind.

Rev. Monroe Edward Stafford was a member of the Western Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at the time of his death in 1914. He was the son of John Rutter Stafford, and was raised in Trigg, Va.

Rev. Monroe Edward Stafford's son, Garland Reid Stafford, is a pastor in the Western North Carolina (Methodist) Conference at Lewisville, North Carolina. He has rendered distinguished service as a leader in rural church affairs in his State, and is nationally known as editor of the Methodist Rural Fellowship Bulletin. He serves a fine church in a prosperous farming section of North Carolina. He is an excellent and thoughtful preacher and has a winsome personality. His wife, Elizabeth, is an able helpmate in the exacting duties of parsonage and parish. They have two children: Sarah; Eddy. Both have musical talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Edna Stafford)^{Smith} of Paintsville, Kentucky, have a son, the Rev. Frederick Smith, who is the Methodist pastor at West Mansfield, Ohio. He is reported to be doing good work there. His mother is a descendant of the Kentucky branch of the Stafford family.

This sketch exhausts my knowledge of the preachers in our clan. I believe that there is a Church of God preacher in North Carolina, who is a Giles County Stafford. Doubtless, there are other ministerial Stafford relatives about which I shall be glad to receive information.

In looking through Ohio records, I have observed the names of a good many doctors, and not a few lawyers and teachers. All of these professions have also been represented in the other branches of the family, beginning in Virginia.

Some of our people, attained military distinction, notably Major General Frederick Funston. He personally captured Aguinaldo, and thus ended the war in the Phillipine Islands. Some of the Staffords served in the War of 1812. As happened in so many widely distributed families of that time, some of our people fought on the Southern side and some on the Northern side in the War of 1861-1865.

One of the most distinguished portrait painters in America is Wayman Adams of Austin, Texas. He is a descendant of the Delaware County, Indiana branch of the family.

I have not enough command of detailed information to write a separate chapter on the Staffords in these other professions; suffice to say that our people have made an outstanding contribution to the life of America, of which we can all be justly proud, and we ought to be keenly solicitous that our children will carry on under the ennobling influence of this great and honorable tradition.

XII THE ANNUAL REUNION IN VIRGINIA

Thirty five years ago, I first learned about a Stafford Reunion in Ohio through one of my Indiana cousins. This Reunion attracted a good many Stafford relatives every year for a good many years. I understand that it has been abandoned. While he was alive, a leading spirit in the Ohio Reunion was the late Horace W. Stafford, an attorney-at-law, in Springfield, Ohio. Once he invited me to attend and give a talk on County Fermanagh, Ireland - the site of the ancestral home of the Staffords in west Ulster. I now greatly regret that I was then unable to do so. In those days, my schedule was heavily crowded and the time of the Ohio Reunion usually coincided with a badly-needed vacation period.

It is remarkable that a Reunion of the Staffords in Virginia was not organized until 1938. I understand that the original planning committee consisted of: James R. Stafford; Frank Stafford; Dailey Stafford; Hoge Robertson - all of Giles County, Virginia.

The first Reunion meeting was held on the third Sunday in August, in the year 1938. If I recollect correctly, it was this same Sunday in August that was used for the Ohio Reunion. With the exception of World War II years, and the year 1950, when there was a plague of poliomyelitis, the Virginia Reunion has been held on the aforesaid Sunday.

My cousin, the late Rev. John Paul Stafford Sr. attended the Virginia Reunion in 1941 and gave me a vivid account of it. I had planned to make the trip with him that year but, at the last minute, had to attend an important appointment elsewhere. My first attendance was in 1947.

The Virginia Reunion of the Staffords is now set regularly for the third Sunday in August each year. It consists of a morning church service, a luncheon, and an afternoon service. It usually lasts from 11 am. to approximately 4:30 pm.

The services are held in a country church, known as Wesley's Chapel, at Trigg, Virginia. This neighborhood is a short distance east of the point where a bridge on State Highway 100 crosses Big Walker's Creek at the Village of Staffordsville. Coming from Pearisburg, one does not cross the bridge, but a turn is made to the left going on to the road which makes a junction with Highway 100 at the bridge.

The abovementioned church can hold close to 200 persons comfortably, and as many more can be readily accommodated in the yard outside, where a loud speaker is available. The chairman of the Reunion is Chester J. Stafford, Commonwealth's Attorney, who lives at Pearisburg, Va.

There is much singing and I am sure that if the spirit of my grandfather Stafford could visit the scene, on Reunion Sunday, he would be delighted. Following the afternoon service, at the 1951 Reunion, they sang, "When we all get to heaven..." and I couldn't help thinking among other things, "What a gathering of the Staffords it will be!"

The annual renewal of old acquaintance refreshes one's spirit. There is no gush or demonstrativeness - that is not characteristic of our people. Nevertheless, there is a deeply felt sense of kinship and a quiet joy that makes one look forward keenly to returning yet another year. Moreover, those who are not Stafford-related are made to feel at home and appear to enjoy the event thoroughly.

There is a fine group of young people arising in the community that will be able to maintain this fellowship when the older generation has joined the host of those already translated to the beyond.

In closing, I wish to note that there seem to be manifest some signs of a revival of interest in the Giles County, Va. Staffords on the part of their relatives in Ohio, Indiana and elsewhere. Now that automobiles are so plentiful and fine scenic highways available, a pilgrimage to this gathering place would be well repaid. The Narrows, Virginia has a good hotel known as the McArthur. The scene of the Reunion is about twelve miles distant from the Hotel McArthur. Good train service from Cincinnati, Ohio, or Norfolk, Virginia, is available on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Although the Reunion is held on the third Sunday in August, I have never found the heat oppressive, because this region has considerable altitude.

POSTSCRIPT

I have tried painstakingly to avoid errors in this booklet, but in dealing with such a complicated mass of details it is very difficult to avoid some slips. I shall be grateful for any authentic corrections that may be sent by interested persons.

Referring to "slips," calls to mind another kind of "slip." Finley Peter Dunne, the Irish-American humorist, and creator of "Mr. Dooley," once credited the famous character with the following remark: "In all books of akkerate information they put in a slip that says: 'Beginnin' on page wan, and to the end of the book, change is to is not, and is not to is.'"·

Books of genealogical information are very rarely 100% "akkerate."

I trust that nothing herein is written in the spirit of boasting. I have profound respect for the aristocracy of good character, whether it be found in high or low station.

The chief characteristic of our people is plain goodness. Generally, Staffords are friendly but candid people: they are not inclined to condone wrong for the sake of friendship.

Of true friendship, Woodrow Wilson, a great Virginian of North Irish descent, wrote the following memorable words:

"True friendship is of a royal lineage. It is of the same kith and breeding as loyalty and self-forgetting devotion and proceeds upon a higher principle even than they. For loyalty may be blind, and friendship must not be; devotion may sacrifice principles of right choice which friendship must guard with an excellent and watchful care. You must act in your friend's interest, whether it pleases him or not; the object of love is to serve, not to win."

Those lines of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, in the poem Lady Clara Vere de Vere, will ring forever true:

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good.
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

In closing, I am reminded of a saying well worthy to be repeated: "To be born a gentleman is an accident; to become a gentleman is an achievement."

APPENDIX

HYMN
To be said or sung at
THE STAFFORD REUNION
Trigg, Va..

Tune: BELMONT

C.M.



Once more, we gather in this place
To stand on hallowed ground.
Our hearts rejoice in fellowship;
Our lips with songs resound.

For all His care, since last we met,
We bless God's holy name !
His love and faithfulness remain,
From year to year the same.

We greet each other, and renew
The bonds of kinship dear;
Forgetting not those gone before,
Who once met with us here.

Good Lord, make this a happy day.
Speak to us through Thy Word;
May all our praise, and humble prayer,
Within Thy courts be heard.

Grant us Thy blessing, while we eat
The food that Thou hast given.
Accept our thanks; renew our souls,
With grace divine from heaven.

Then, send us on our homeward way,
Refreshed in mind and heart.
Watch over us, and guide our steps,
When we once more depart.

Be with us till we meet again.
The banner of Thy love
Be over us until, at last,
We dwell with Thee above.

HOGE-STAFFORD CONNECTION.

The following details are derived from the book entitled, "The Family of Hoge," to which I have referred in the Foreword on page 6. I am much indebted to my friend, James Fulton Hoge, of the law firm of Rogers, Hoge and Hills, 41 East 42nd St., New York City, for gracious permission to print them.

By way of preface, it should be noted that the Hoge family of Virginia is one of unusual distinction. Many of its members and descendants have attained places of prominence in public life.

It appears that Hoge is a variant of Haig, (a famous Scottish name), and goes back to Petrus de Haga, who came to England from Normandy A.D. 1150. The first of the family to arrive in America was William Hoge, son of Sir James Hoge of Musselboro, Scotland. William Hoge came to America in 1682.

Sarah Hoge, of Giles County, Virginia, was born Feb. 11, 1780. She married James Stafford, Jr., son of my great-great-uncle James Stafford, husband of Nancy Eaton. James Stafford, Jr. was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, March 1778. He came to Giles County, Va. with his father and mother in 1785.

James Stafford Jr. and his wife Sarah Hoge moved to New Carlisle, Ohio in 1811. He died in 1855 and she died in 1842. (He was a first cousin of my greatgrandfather James Stafford). They had seven children of whom we have the following record:

Julia, born 1804, married Frederick Funston, by whom she had 7 children. Her second husband's name was Giles

Thomas (no issue). She died at Logansport, Ind. 1880.

Joseph, (married Jane Black).

William Hoge, born 1816, died 1891, at Cameron, Mo.

Edward

Nancy, (married Jenkins); no issue.

Elizabeth, (married Warrick); two children.

Mary, (married Dodson); no issue.

As noted above, Julia Stafford married Frederick Funston. Frederick's father came from Ireland, probably from Fermanagh County. I believe that the name Funston is still represented in that County.

Frederick Funston and his wife, Julia Stafford had the following family:

Edward Hoge, who was a member of U.S. Congress from Kansas, and the father of Major-General Frederick Funston, hero of the Cuban and Phillipine Wars.

Paul,

James,

Sarah,

Eliza, who married Colonel Flory of the 46th Indiana Regiment (1861-1865).

William Hoge Stafford, referred to above, was the father of three children by his wife Mary Baugh:

O.B. Stafford, (a physician, New Boston, Illinois.)

Charles Lewis Stafford, (Methodist minister - one time President of Iowa Wesleyan University).

A.D. Stafford, Cameron, Missouri.

Getting back in our notation to Giles County, Va., we find that Daniel Hoge (1785-1857) married Ann Stafford (1783-1853). She was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland.

The children of Daniel Hoge and his wife Ann Stafford were:

James, born 1807, married Julia Kerr; 2nd wife, Juliet Howard.

Elizabeth Howe, born 1808, married John Eaton.

Sarah H., born 1811, married John Carr.

(Rev.) John H., born 1815 (minister and physician).

Ann, (died in infancy).

Susan, born 1820, married H. C. Bruce.

(Rev.) Daniel Stafford, born 1822, (Methodist minister);

first wife: Elizabeth Howard; second wife: Elizabeth Neel.

Margaret Anderson, born 1825, married J. H. Bruce.

The oldest son James and his second wife, Juliet Howard, had three children, as follows:

A. Howard Hoge.

John Milton Hoge, who married Margaret Virginia Corn, daughter of Rev. John B. Corn,

Rhoda A. Hoge, who married M. S. Roton.

John Milton Hoge was born in 1844 and his wife Margaret Virginia Corn was born in 1849. They had five children, named as follows:

Lula, (deceased).

Howard, (Attorney for Milwaukee R. R.), deceased.

James B. (deceased); his widow, Mrs. Verta B. Hoge, lives at 406 Fountain Court, Louisville, Ky.

Mary L., who married Robert Bruce, 3220 Lookout Drive, Cincinnati 8, Ohio.

Clyde, who married Esther Sally, 2046 Calvin Cliff, Cincinnati, O.

James B. Hoge and his wife Verta Browning were the parents of three children, named as follows:

John Stewart Hoge, (deceased).

Virginia Hoge, who married Thomas Mitchell. They live in New Orleans, La.

James Burnett Hoge, who married Ruth Kraft, 717 Brummel St., Evanston, Illinois. They have a son, James Clyde.

John Milton Hoge, referred to above, was one of the notable pioneers of southwest Virginia development. He represented Scott County in the Virginia Legislature, and afterwards served in the United States Treasury, Washington, D. C. His wife, Margaret Corn, was the daughter of Rev. John B. Corn, a Methodist minister, who spent most of his ministry in Scott and Wise Counties, Va. She was a great-granddaughter of Rev. Manasseh Cutler, a noted fighting parson of the Colony of Massachusetts, who was the chief chaplain in General George Washington's Army, throughout the War of the Revolution. He received from President Washington a reward for his services in the form of an extensive grant of land, in a section of the Northwest Territory now enclosed in the State of Ohio.

HERE AND THERE

When one travels about as much as I do, he is likely to discover some of his kinfolk occasionally, by chance.

A few years ago, I was standing on the Davis Street platform of the Elevated Railway in Evanston, Illinois, and saw a fine strapping sixfooter in the uniform of a midshipman of the U.S. Navy. His baggage was marked with the name, "Marvin Stafford." I greeted him and said, "I'm just one more Stafford." We shook hands warmly, and enjoyed a very pleasant visit together on the way to Chicago. He hails from Tampa, Florida where his people moved some years ago from Louisville, Kentucky. He told me that they are descended from Giles County, Virginia stock. He was born in Covington, Ky. and brought up in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

One day recently, I was having lunch with Vice-President Leland S. Ford of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, Chicago. I found that his initial S. stands for Stafford. He was born in northeastern Missouri, and he claims that his Stafford lineage, on his mother's side, stems back to southwestern Virginia.

My cousin Frank Stafford of Giles County, Virginia, told me about a candy manufacturer in Chicago, named Jesse K. Farley. One of Mr. Farley's ancestors in Giles County, Virginia, sold land in that county to my great-great-uncle Edward Stafford. Mr. Farley is a descendant of one of my Giles County, Va. relatives. He has published a fine, well-illustrated book of Farley family history. I have had the pleasure of visiting with him and his amiable wife. He has now retired from business, and they live at Ephraim, Wisconsin.

My cousin, Virginia Stafford, who is a representative of the Board of Education of The Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, also travels much. A few years ago, she discovered in St. Joseph, Missouri, several families of Staffords, who are descended directly from the Giles County, Va. Staffords.

Doubtless, there are many other kinfolk scattered here and there, of whom I have no knowledge at present.

OTHER STAFFORDS

I have chosen as the title of this booklet a designation which limits concern mostly to the Stafford families originating in the southwest of Ulster Province, Ireland, and chiefly in County Fermanagh of that Province. The reference here is to the Province of Ulster, in undivided Ireland. There are a good many other Staffords in this country and elsewhere. A few notes about these distantly-related kinfolk will suffice.

Several centuries ago, the name Stafford was widely distributed in England and Scotland, and more sparsely in the east coast of Ireland, all the way from County Antrim in the North to County Wexford, in the South. Many of these Stafford families belonged to the so-called "landed gentry."

In England, many members of the Stafford family belonged to the nobility from the time of the Norman Conquest and the family still holds important titles. However, the descendants of the main line of the famous house are now commoners, widely scattered in English-speaking countries as well as in England.

A William Stafford came to America in 1622 and settled in eastern Virginia. His name is of record in Elizabeth City, Va., in 1624. Two of his sons went to South Carolina, and their descendants are to be found in several southern states. My good personal friend, Prof. James Polk Stafford, of Cary, Miss., may be one of these descendants. His people came from South Carolina.

In 1626, a Thomas Stafford came from England to Plymouth, Massachusetts. He had a large family whose descendants are to be found in several New England States, and are scattered widely in other parts of the country.

Margarett Stafford, capable administrator of the Home for Deaconesses in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, hails from Plattsburg, New York, and is probably related to the New England Branch of the family. She spent some time as a missionary in China.

Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, has been called "the poet-laureate of Vermont." He has written several noteworthy books of verse. He served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, 1904-1931.

The Reverend Doctor Henry Russell Stafford, a middle-wester, born in Wisconsin, has rendered distinguished service as a Congregationalist minister in Boston, Mass., and elsewhere. He is a noted author of religious books.

I have met at least one of the Staffords, who came direct from England to Ohio - I refer to my good friend, the late Dr. Edward Russell Stafford, who was a Methodist minister.

Prof. Geoffrey Wardle Stafford of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J., is a distinguished Methodist minister, graduate of Wadham College, Oxford University, England. His late father, Dr. John Thomas Wardle Stafford, a noted English Methodist minister, was President of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and Ireland in 1920. He was well-known in the United States and Canada.

Jane Stafford of SCIENCE NEWS SERVICE is a well-known journalist in the scientific field.

Maribel ~~Virginia~~ Stafford is a noted graphologist and author.

It is safe to assume that all families bearing this name are descendants of the Norman ancestor mentioned in Chap. I.

STAFFORDS
IN
WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

Dale Bernard Stafford: Editor.

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Edward Emerson Stafford: University Dean.

Administration Building, Univ. of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois

Geoffrey Wardle Stafford: Methodist Clergyman, Author, Educator.

Drew Forest, Madison, N.J.

Jean Stafford: Novelist.

No address given.

Marie A. Peary Stafford, Author, Daughter of discoverer of the
1605 Allison St., Washington 11, D.C. North Pole.

Russell Henry Stafford: Congregationalist Clergyman, Author.

165 Elizabeth Street, Hartford, Conn.

Thomas Albert Stafford, Methodist Clergyman, Author, Denominational Executive.

731 Simpson Street, Evanston, Illinois.

William Bascom Stafford: Public Utilities Executive.

2 Rector Street, New York 6, N.Y.

William Henry Stafford: Lawyer, ex-Congressman.

Brunder Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

STAFFORDS IN LARGE CITIES IN U.S.A.

The following is a count of the name Stafford with a residential telephone number in cities of the United States having 200,000 or more population. The count was made in 1951. In the largest cities immediate suburbs are included.

<u>City</u>	<u>Count</u>
Akron, Ohio	22
Atlanta, Georgia	23
Baltimore, Maryland	30
Birmingham, Alabama	14
Boston, Massachusetts	38
Buffalo, New York	33
Chicago, Illinois	155
Cincinnati, Ohio	29
Cleveland, Ohio	44
Columbus, Ohio	19
Dallas, Texas	47
Dayton, Ohio	25
Denver, Colorado	19
Detroit, Michigan	99
Houston, Texas	53
Indianapolis, Indiana	44
Jersey City, New Jersey	3
Kansas City, Missouri	54
Los Angeles, California	176
Memphis, Tennessee	30
Miami, Florida	22
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	9
Minneapolis, Minnesota	34
Newark, New Jersey	8
New Orleans, Louisiana	23
New York, New York	199
Oakland, California	37
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	26
Omaha, Nebraska	4
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	77
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	16
Portland, Oregon	35
Providence, Rhode Island	25
Richmond, Virginia	12
Rochester, New York	13
Saint Louis, Missouri	41
Saint Paul, Minnesota	12
San Antonio, Texas	17
San Diego, California	32
San Francisco, California	39
Seattle, Washington	31
Syracuse, New York	11
Toledo, Ohio	14
Washington, District of Columbia	53
Worcester, Massachusetts	4
TOTAL	1751

