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The Strother family* is an ancient one, and is supposed to be of Scandinavian origin. The name exists in Sweden and Denmark at the present time. Whatever its remote derivation, the name in its present form has existed several hundred years. David Hunter Strother says: "It was carried by the Danish rovers and planted in the county of Northumberland, England, sometime in the tenth century." In this county the name and family have been conspicuous for centuries. Its inter-marriages have been with some of the most influential and prominent families in Northern England. Alan del Strother, Lord of Lyham, was High Sheriff of Northumberland, from 1354 to 1357, and "warden of the border." His son Alan del Strother was also High Sheriff and warden of the castle and shire of Roxburgh, and he in turn was succeeded by his son Henry. In 1440 William del Strother, a grandson of Lord Lyham, married a daughter of Robert Wallington, and lived at Castle Strother in Glendale.

*In the preparation of this genealogy aid has been generously furnished by Col. John Bell Brownlow, of the P. O. Dept., Washington, D. C.; Mrs. J. L. Abbot, 1408 Main St., Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. John B. Clotworthy, Hillman, Ga., and Judge Philip Williams Strother, Pearisburg, Va. The completeness of the work has only been made possible through the exhaustive and intelligent researches made in the original records by Judge Strother. The printed sources consulted, in addition to those cited, are: Meade's *Old Churches*, etc., Gilmer's *Georgians*, p. 60, Slaughter's *St. Mark's Parish*, 120, 155, 169, and Paxton's *Marshall Family*, besides a number of notes published in the Genealogical and Historical department of the *Courier-Journal*, 1895-98. These accounts are all incomplete, and more or less erroneous.

The records are preserved of various branches, but the links of connection with the Virginia family are not known. There is a great similarity of given names, and it is not improbable that William Strother named below is a direct descendant of some branch of the Northumberland family. Coming to Virginia the early generations were loyal and active churchmen, as is attested by the old church records of King George, Stafford and Culpeper counties. They became large land holders, lived the life of the cultivated planter of the times, and their children and children's children inter-married with the leading families of the Colony.

I. William Strother,¹ first of the name and founder of the family, is supposed to have emigrated from Northumberland, England. Date and particulars of emigration are unknown. Reaching Virginia, he settled in Cittenborne parish on the Rappahannock river, near the present Port Conway, then in Rappahannock, later in Richmond, and now in King George Co. His name appears the first time, when on July 12, 1673, he came into a court of old Rappahannock* Co., to designate the mark of his cattle. Rappahannock was at this period a frontier county, and the settlers unprotected and scattered. Much suffering was experienced from attacks "by ye Barbarous Indiyans."† Among his neighbors were Capt. Anthony Savage, and the latter's son-in-law, Francis Thornton. His will, dated Dec. 30, 1700, was probated in Richmond Co., Nov. 4, 1702; names wife Dorothey; devised one half the land he lived on with the "mansion" to his eldest son William,² after death of his

*Formed in 1656 from Lancaster, but abolished in 1692, when Richmond was created north, and Essex south of the river. King George was formed in 1720 from Richmond. For list of Virginia counties see *Va. Mag. of Hist. and Biography*, July and Oct. 1894, ii, 91, 218.

†The "Cetternborn Parish Grievances," fully detailing the frontier difficulties and hardships in 1675 and 1676, are printed in full in the *Va. Magazine*, etc., July 1895, iii, 35-42.

wife; the other half to son James;² the rest of his lands to sons Robert² and Benjamin;² after providing for the education of his son Joseph,² and with a special bequest to grandson "Will" Strother,³ it is provided that "all the rest and residue of my personal estate goods and chattels, with all the crop of corn and tobacco and servants, I give and bequeath to my loving wife Dorothee Strother, during the time of her widowhood; but if my s'd wife, shall otherwise dispose of herself, as to marry again, my will is that my son James² do order an account to be taken of my s'd personal estate and that it may be equally divided between her and my sons James,² Jeremy,² Robert,² Benjamin² and Joseph;²" ex'ors—wife and son James;² wits.—James Phillips, Edward Langdree, William Smith. His wife was Dorothee ———. She was living in 1716, in which year she witnessed the will of their son James.²

Children:

II. (1) William Strother,² m. Margaret Thornton.

(2) James,² d. s. p. in 1716, in which year his will was prob. in Richmond Co.; devises property to bro. Joseph,³ his mother being one of the witnesses to the will.

III. (3) Jeremiah,² m. Eleanor ———.

(4) Robert,² m. Elizabeth Berry, daught. of a clergyman; lived in King George Co., where he d. in 1735, his will being prob. Nov. 7; wife Elizabeth ex'trx, with Joseph Berry security. Children:

i. *Elizabeth Strother*,³ m. twice, but d. childless.

ii. *Enoch*,³ m. Mary Key, and d. prior to June 4, 1772, when she administered his estate; after his death, in consequence of the annoyance of the British, she removed to Clarke, and thence to Fauquier Co., where descendants now reside.

iii. *John*,³; iv. *Robert*.³

(5) Benjamin,² m. Mary, daught. of Adam Woffendall; lived in King George, where he d. in 1752, his will being prob. May 5; was a justice in Richmond, and continued as such in King George, in which county he was vestryman, sheriff and large landed proprietor. In his will names children:

- i. *Richard Strother*,³ d. s. p. in 1761; will dated Nov. 22, and prob. Dec. 1761.
- ii. *George*,³ m. Mrs. Tabitha (*Payne*), widow of Wm. Woffendall; lived in King George; will dated Nov. 13, and prob. Dec. 13, 1761; names wife Tabitha and sons: 1. *John Strother*;⁴ and 2. *George*.⁴
- iii. *Benjamin*,³ m. Anne ——. In 1754 Mary Strother gave to her son Benjamin,³ of Hanover parish, the land given by her father. July 20, 1758, Benjamin Strother³ and Anne, his wife, of same parish, execute a deed. In 1759 he was fined for not keeping a road in order to Port Royal.
- iv. *John*;³ v. *Samuel*;³ vi. *Francis*.³
- (6) *Joseph*,² m. Margaret, daught. of Grace and ——— Berry; was a justice in Richmond, and continued as such in King George, where he was also a vestryman and sheriff; owned and lived on a part of his father's old home place near Port Conway. His will was prob. Aug. 7, 1766, in which he names his children:
 - i. *Mary*,³ m. Wm. Wren.
 - ii. *Margaret*,³ m. ——— Clannahan.
 - iii. *Dorothy*,³ m. ——— Walker.
 - iv. *Thomas*,³ m. ———; lived in Stafford Co.
 - v. *Nicholas*,³ m. ———; d. 1779.
 - vi. *Joseph*,³ m. ——— Berry; d. in King George, 1762. As "Capt. Joseph Strother" he was granted, May 28, 1748, lands lying partly in King George and partly in Westmoreland county. In will names wife and bro.-in-law, Benj. Berry, ex'ors; an only daught., *Elizabeth Nicholas*,⁴ d. unm., and left legacies to his nephews, *Nicholas Wren*,⁴ *Wm. Clannahan*,⁴ and *Joseph Walker*.⁴

II. William Strother² (*William*¹) was born probably 1665-75. He was a planter, and lived at the original seat of his father, now in King George Co. On Dec. 20, 1718, there was patented to Wm. Cocke, Chicheley Corbin Thacker, Francis Thornton, Jr., and Wm. Strother,² 6,000 acres of land in St. Mary's parish, Essex county (now Spottsylvania), beginning on a great swamp called Massaponnax, about three miles from the Falls of the Rappahannock. He was a vestryman of Hanover parish; and Sheriff of King George

Co. He married Margaret, b. April 2, 1678, daut. of Francis Thornton,* (son of the first William Thornton, of Gloucester Co.) and his wife Alice, daut. of Capt. Anthony Savage, of Gloucester county. In 1722 he gave to his son "Will" Strother,³ Jr., the land devised him by his father, except what had been sold to John Strother. On Aug. 1, 1727, Margaret Strother, widow, conveyed to her son William,³ 300 acres of land given by her grandfather Anthony Savage to her father Francis Thornton and wife Alice, on the Rappahannock river, except one half-acre for burying ground including the graves therein. On the same day she gave by deed to her son Francis,³ of Hanover Co., certain slaves with reversion to her grandson William Strother.⁴ On July 26, 1726, his will was admitted to probate, and his widow qualified as ex'trx, but the first Will Book (1720-1744) of King George Co., containing it was lost during the late war.

Children, order conjectural:

IV. (1) William Strother,³ m. Margaret Watts.

V. (2) Francis,³ of St. Mark's, m. Susannah Dabney.

VI. (3) Anthony,³ b. Aug. 1, 1710; m. (1) Behethland Stark, (2) Mary James. He bears the name of his ancestor, Capt. Anthony Savage.

(4) Benjamin,³ of Stafford, m. Mary (*Mason*), widow of George Fitzhugh.† On Jan. 8, 1723-4, "Margaret

*An admirable account of this family, prepared by W. G. Stanard, genealogist of Richmond, Va., has been published in the *William and Mary College Quarterly*, beginning Oct. 1895, vol. iv., and continuing through the several issues to the current number. See also Meade's *Old Churches and Families of Virginia*, Slaughter's *St. Mark's Parish*, p. 174, DeBow's *Review*, xxxi, 128, the *Richmond Standard*, ii, 29, 31, and iii, 5, 21, and Goode's *Virginia Cousins*.

†She was a sister of George Mason of "Gunston Hall," and daughter of Col. George Mason and wife, Mary Fowke. The latter family was of King George and Stafford counties. See Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies*, p. 156. This is an elaborate and most admirable book, and a veritable mine of genealogical information as to Virginia families.

Strother, wife of Wm. Strother,³ Jr.," gave a power of attorney to "loving brother" Benjamin Strother³ to convey dower. This was Margaret Watts, wife of William,³ and the power of attorney fixes definitely the fact that Benjamin³ was son of William Strother. On July 14, 1741, he received a grant of 419 acres of land in Stafford Co. In 1756 Thomas Hurt executes a conveyance to him; and in 1760 he makes a deed of certain slaves to his daughter Anne.⁴ He was a vestryman of old Acquia Church in 1756. In 1790 John James, his admr., asked for commissioners to settle his accounts. Children:

- i. *Mary Strother*,⁴ m. Col. Wm. Bronaugh, of London.
- ii. *Alice*,⁴ m. Dec. 16, 1756, Robert Washington,* b. June 25, 1729, son of Townsend and Elizabeth (*Lund*) Washington, of King George. A son, *Lund Washington*,⁵ b. Sept. 25, 1767, was the father of *Col. Peter G.*⁵ and *Col. L. Q. Washington*.⁶
- iii. ———,⁴ m. Henry Tyler, who was clerk of Stafford Co., 1764, whose son, *Thomas G. Strother Tyler*,⁵ succeeded him.
- iv. *Anne*,⁴ m. John James, and had a large family. The third son, Hon. *Benjamin James*,⁵ of Stafford, m. Jean Stobo, of Charleston, S. C., and had *Susan*,⁶ b. May 9, 1804, who married John Garlington,† of Laurens Co., S. C.

III. Jeremiah Strother² (*William*¹) was a freeholder in Westmoreland Co. as early as 1703, as appears by a purchase from J. W. Smith; and subsequently a planter in King George Co., where he resided until probably as late as 1736, when he moved to Orange county (now Culpeper). Here he died in 1741. His will dated June 7, 1740, was prob. March 26, 1741, and recorded in Orange Co. *Will Book* No. 1, p. 141; devised all property to wife Elener (*sic*) for life or widowhood, and after her marriage or death to son Christo-

*Hayden, p. 521.

†For Garlington genealogy see Phil. E. Chappell's *Genealogical History of the Chappell, Dickie and Kindred Families* (1895), pp. 177-183, a third edition of which is now in preparation. See also Hayden, p. 259.

pher;³ special legacies to sons James,³ William,³ Francis,³ Jeremiah,³ and Lawrence,³ and daughts. Catharine³ and Elizabeth³; ex'ors—sons James³ and William³; wits—John Catlett, Francis Slaughter, Wm. Lightfoot. His wife was Eleanor ———, who survived him.

Children:

VII. (1) James Strother,³ m. Margaret French.

(2) William,² m. Mildred, dau. of Charles Taliaferro* in Spottsylvania county in 1729, and d. in Westmoreland in 1749, date of will. He is probably the grantee in a patent, June 20, 1749, for 190 acres of land in Westmoreland county. Names son *William*,⁴ who m. Winifred ———. *Charles Strother*,⁴ who died at Charleston, S. C., in 1773, and was buried in St. Michael's Churchyard, leaving sons *George*⁵ and *William*⁵, is thought to be a son of William.³ *George Strother*⁵ was a Lieut. in Marion's Brigade, 1781.** Both he and *William*⁵ settled in the old Cheraw District, Chesterfield county, S. C.†

(3) Francis.³

(4) Catharine.³

(5) Elizabeth.³

(6) Lawrence,³ m. Elizabeth ———. In 1742 lived in Orange county.

(7) Jeremiah,³ m. Catharine Kennerly; lived in Culpeper Co.; removed to S. C. and settled on Saluda river. One son, *John F. Strother*,⁴ returned to Va., and m. Anne,⁵ dau. of Capt. John Strother,⁴ and had a son *George Strother*,⁵ who removed to Trimble Co., Ky., and was long a minister.

(8) Christopher,³ m. Ann ———. In 1746 as of Caroline Co. he executed a conveyance of 350 acres in Culpeper; and

*Taliaferro vs. Taliaferro, 4 *Call's Reports* (Va.).

**Gregg's *History of Old Cheraws*; also *Charleston Year Book*, 1893, p. 236. The latter contains a compiled list of South Carolina troops in the Revolutionary War.

†Two William Strothers and a Richard Strother were members, 1777, of the Mount Zion Society, formed "for the Purpose of founding, endowing and supporting a Public School in the District of Camden," S. C. They have not been identified. See *Charleston Year Book*, 1887, p. 343.

Oct., 1749, as of Fairfax Co. he conveyed to Capt. Benjamin Strother "the lands in King George in Hanover Parish, the land given him by his father, Jeremiah Strother." About 1750 he removed to Edgecombe Co., N. C., but on the formation of Franklin was thrown in that Co. One dau., *Ann Strother*,⁴ m. Garrett Goodloe, son of Rev. Henry Goodloe, of Caroline Co., Va., and had a son, *James Kemp Goodloe*,⁵ who m. Mary Reaves Jones (daut. of Daniel Jones, son of the first Edward, early prominent in Granville Co., N. C.), and had Col. *Daniel R. Goodloe*,⁶ now of Washington, D. C.

IV. William Strother³ (*William*,² *William*¹) was b. about 1700. After the destruction of the old mansion house of his grandfather, the first William Strother,¹ he sold his estate near Port Conway, and purchased on the river opposite Fredericksburg in 1727. The latter place was sold by his widow and ex'trx Nov. 3, 1738, to Augustine Washington, father of General George Washington. On May 26, 1727, he received a grant for 266 acres in King George Co., and Sept. 12, 1731, as "Captain" William Strother, 372 acres in Prince William Co. He was sheriff and justice of King George Co., and vestryman of the parish. He married Margaret Watts, who, on his death, married (2) John Grant. In March, 1737, she asked for a reapportionment of the estate of her late husband, and Hancock Lee, Abram Kenyon, and John Grant were appointed to make it and to set aside to her *one seventh* of the estate. On Nov. 3, 1738, Anthony Strother³ qualified as "guardian of Elizabeth,⁴ Agatha,⁴ Margaret,⁴ Ann⁴ and Jane,⁴ five of the children of William Strother³ dec'd," and gave bond to pay five sevenths of the debts of said William. This indicates six children instead of thirteen, as he is generally reputed to have had. He died in 1732, and in his will directs sale of his lands in King George and Prince William Cos., and names his wife as ex'trx.

Children:

- (1) Elizabeth Strother,⁴ m. Nov. 9, 1738, John Frogg, of Prince William Co., who subsequently moved to the Valley of

Virginia, and lived near the families of his wife's sisters. A son, *John Frogg, Jr.*,⁵ m. Agatha Lewis,⁵ his first cousin, and was killed at the battle of Point Pleasant.*

(2) Agatha,⁴ m. John Madison ** (a near relative of President Madison), first clerk of Augusta Co., 1745; member of the vestry, and also of the Va. House of Burgesses, and the House of Delegates. He d. in Botetourt Co., March 1784. Children:

- i. *William Strother Madison*,⁵ of Botetourt, m. Elizabeth Preston.
- ii. *Geo. Thomas*,⁵ m. Susanna Henry, sister of Hon. Patrick Henry; was a lawyer in Botetourt.
- iii. *Roland*,⁵ m. Anne,[†] dau. of Gen. Andrew Lewis, "the Hero of the Point" (son of John Lewis, "the founder"); and removed to Ky.
- iv. *James*,⁵ b. Aug. 27, 1749, near Port Republic, then in Augusta, now in Rockingham Co.;[‡] was an ardent patriot in the Revolutionary war, and first Resident-Bishop (1785) of the Episcopal Church in Va.; m. 1779, Sarah Tate, of Williamsburg, and had children: 1. *James Catesby Madison*,⁶ and 2. *Susan*,⁶ m. R. G. Scott, of Richmond, Va.
- v. *George*, m. Jane, dau. of Major Francis Smith.[¶]
- vi. *Margaret*,⁶ m. Judge William, son of Judge Samuel McDowell, of Ky., and had among other children, *Agatha*,⁶ who m. Hon. James G. Birney, first Abolition candidate for President.||

(3) Margaret,⁴ b. in King George county, m. (1) April 26, 1744, George Morton, who d. in a short time; (2) Oct. 16, 1749, Gabriel Jones, "The Lawyer," b. near Williamsburg, May 17, 1724, son of John and Elizabeth Jones; prepared for the bar at London; in 1745 admitted as an attorney in Augusta Co., and April 14, 1746, elected dep-

*Peyton's *History of Augusta County, Virginia*, p. 288. This book contains much detail as to the families of the several daus. of William Strother, of Stafford, as will appear from frequent citations.

**Peyton, pp. 32, 36. [†]*Ibid.*, pp. 290, 335. [‡]*Ibid.* For full sketch, see pp. 345-46.

[¶]*Ibid.*, p. 304.

||See *Life of*, by his son, Gen. Wm. Birney, now of Washington, D. C.

uty attorney for the county. "as a fit person to transact his Majesty's affairs."* He and his brother-in-law, Thomas Lewis, represented Rockingham Co. in the Va. Convention of 1788. He d. near Port Republic, Oct. 1796, and his wife d. near same place in 1822, in her 97th year. Children:

- i. *Margaret Jones*,⁵ m. Col. John Harvie, lawyer of Albemarle, signer of the Articles of Confederation; seven children, of whom a daut., *Gabriella J.*,⁶ m. (1) Col. Thomas Mann Randolph, and (2) Dr. John Brokenborough, who erected the "Jefferson Davis House" at Richmond.†
 - ii. ———,⁵ was 3d wife of John Lewis (son of Fielding Lewis and Catharine Washington), who moved to Ky.
 - iii. ———,⁵ m. John Hawkins.
 - iv. *Strother*,⁵ b. March 21, 1756, was a captain in the Revolutionary War;‡ m. Fanny, daut. of Francis Thornton, of "Fall Hill," and his wife Anne, daut. of Rev. John Thompson, and had an only child, *William Strother Jones*,⁶ who m. Anna Maria, daut. of Charles and Lucy (Pickett) Marshall.
- (4) Anne,⁴ m. May 17, 1744, Francis Tyler, resided in Culpeper and later in Augusta Co.
- (5) Jane,⁴ m. Jan. 26, 1749, Thomas Lewis, b. in Donegal, Ireland, April 27, 1718, the eldest of the distinguished sons of Col. John Lewis, "the founder," and his wife Margaret Lynn. He was a man of cultivated mind, great spirit and enterprise, and rendered many important services to his country.§ He lived and died near Port Republic. Children:
- i. *Thomas Lewis*,⁵ d. 1788.
 - ii. *Margaret Ann*,⁵ m. (1) ——— McClenahan; (2) Wm. Bowyer.

*Peyton, p. 32.

†*Publications* Southern History Association, i. 326.

‡For record see *Va. Magazine*, ii. 247.

§For full genealogy of the family of John Lewis, immigrant from North Ireland, and "the first European settler of Augusta Co., Va.," see Peyton, pp. 285-301. See also for biographical sketch of his son, Thomas Lewis,² *It:d*, pp. 333-5.

- iii. *Agatha*,⁵ m. (1) Capt. John Frogg,⁵ her first cousin, (2) John Stuart.
- iv. *Jane*,⁶ m. Thomas Hughes.
- v. *Andrew*,⁵ d. unm.
- vi. *Thomas*,⁵ d. unm.
- vii. *Mary*,⁵ m. John McElhany.
- viii. *Elizabeth*,⁵ m. Thomas Meriwether Gilmer, of Rockingham county, Va., removed to Ga., parents of *George R. Gilmer*,⁶ M. C. and Gov. of Ga., and author of the *Georgians*.
- ix. *Anne*,⁵ m. (1) — Douthat; (2) — French, of Ky.
- x. *Francis*,⁵ m. Layton Yancey.
- xi. *Charles*,⁵ m. — Yancey.
- xii. *Sophia*,⁵ m. John Carthrae, removed to Mo.
- xiii. *Wm. Benjamin*,⁵ m. M. Hite.
- (6) ———.⁴

V. Francis Strother³ (*William*², *William*¹) was born probably in Richmond, now King George Co. On Aug. 1, 1727, Margaret Strother gave by deed to her son Francis Strother,³ of Hanover Co., certain slaves with reversion to her grandson William Strother.⁴ On Jan. 22, 1745, Wm. Coleman conveyed to Francis Strother, of St. Martin's parish, Hanover Co., 583 1-3 acres in St. Mark's parish, Orange Co., near the county seat of the present Rappahannock county. Here he removed and settled close by his son John,⁴ and probably here he died. He married Susannah Dabney,* of the Hanover family of that name, probably in

*DABNEY.—The names of her parents, and to what branch of the family Susannah (*Dabney*) Strother belongs, has not been ascertained. It has been popularly but erroneously supposed that she was the dau. of Cornelius Dabney and his wife, Sarah Jennings, and much has been written and said as to the claim of her descendants to a share in a great "Jennings estate." The absurdity of the claim will be apparent when it is understood that her son, John Dabney Strother, was b. in 1721, the same year Sarah Jennings was married. The latter fact is proven by the following entry in the first minute book of Hanover Co. (formed from New Kent in 1720): "Ordered that it be recorded that on — day of April, 1721, Cornelius Dabney, late of England, intermarried with Sarah Jennings." There

that Co., where it is known his son John⁴ was born. His will, dated April 17, 1751, is probated in Culpeper county and is recorded in *Will Book "A,"* p. 57. He died in 1752. Names wife Susannah, who is made ex'trx; sons John,⁴ George,⁴ Anthony,⁴ Robert⁴ and Francis⁴ (the three latter under sixteen years), and daughts. Mary,⁴ Behethland,⁴ Elizabeth⁴ and Susanna⁴; wits—J. Lewis, John Strother, Thomas Baker. He was a planter, and in his will refers to himself as "of St. Mark's Parish in the county of Culpeper."

Children, order conjectural:

VIII. (1) John Dabney Strother,⁴ b. 1721, in Hanover Co.; m. Mary Willis Wade.

IX. (2) William,⁴ m. Sarah (Bayly) Pannill.

X. (3) Elizabeth,⁴ m. James Gaines.

(4) Mary,⁴ m.

(5) Behethland,⁴ m. Oliver Walliss.

(6) Susannah,⁴ m. Thomas Gaines, son of Henry and Isabella (Pendleton) Gaines. Children:

i. Phillip Gaines,⁵ m. — McGavock.

ii. James Strother,⁵ m. Judith Easley, and had among other children, John Strother Gaines,⁶ who m. Letitia Dalton Moore, and had Amanda M. Gaines,⁷ who m. Charles A. Rice, and who are the parents

are various other Dabney traditions not necessary to recount. It seems clear, however, that Dabneys were in the Virginia colony as early as 1664, as will appear from land grants, the spelling of the name, however, being different. But these early generations have never been cleared up, and it were mere speculation in the absence of records to attempt to say who were the parents of Susannah. On the matter Dr. Charles W. Dabney, of Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 8, 1898, writes: "We have the same story about Sarah Jennings, and I suppose there is no doubt about that. But everything back of Cornelius, her husband, is very vague and uncertain. and I have very little faith in it. The bulk of my family believe that Cornelius was the first emigrant himself, because there are no reliable records back of him." For printed sources see Smedes' *Memorials of a Southern Planter* (Baltimore, 1887), pp. 7-16; Slaughter's *St. Mark's Parish*, 186; Gilmer's *Georgians*, p. 166; Page's *Page Family*, p. 163; *Richmond Standard*, ii, 34, iii, 24; *Sketches of Lynchburg*, p. 245, and Meade's *Old Churches*, etc.

- of *Susan L. Rice*,⁵ who m. John B. Clotworthy, and reside at Hillman, Ga. She is the historian of the Gaines family, and expects to publish a *Genealogy* of that family with its inter-marriages.
- iii. *Richard Thomas*⁵; iv. *Elizabeth Strother*⁵; v. *Susan*⁵; vi. *Henry Pendleton*⁵; vii. *Francis*,⁵ m. — Cardwell; viii. *George W.*,⁵ m. — Joyce, of N. C.; ix. *Francis Thornton*.⁵
- (7) *Anthony*,⁴ m. *Frances Eastham*; removed from Culpeper to Hardy Co. Children:
- i. *Robert Strother*⁵; ii. *John*⁵; iii. *Francis*⁵; iv. *Benjamin*⁵; v. *Phillip*,⁵ a Methodist minister. Descendants are in Carter Co., Ky.
- (8) *George*,⁴ m. *Mary Kennerly*; d. in 1767 in Culpeper Co. Children:
- i. *John Strother*,⁵ who was in the Creek War.
 ii. *George*,⁵ was in the army, 1794-99* lived in Tenn.
 iii. *Margaret*,⁵ m. Col. *George Hancock*, of Botetourt Co., Va., was M. C. from Va., 1793-1797.† One dau., *Caroline Hancock*,⁶ m. Major Wm. Preston, of Ky., and their dau., *Henrietta Preston*,⁷ m. Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, the parents of Col. *William Preston Johnston*,⁸ of New Orleans, La.
- (9) *Francis*,⁴ Jr., m. *Anne Graves*, lived in Culpeper Co. where he died. He was Lt. of Militia in that county in 1756. and was of much service to his country in the French and Indian War.‡ His will, dated Aug. 2, was admitted to probate Oct. 20, 1777, and is recorded in *Will. Book "B,"* p. 238. Names wife *Anne*, sons *John*,⁵ *Francis*,⁵ *Samuel*⁵ and *George*⁵; ex'ors, bro. *John Strother*,⁴ and friends *James* and *William Pendleton*; wits—*Bushrode Doggett*, *Henry* and *William Pendleton*. Children:
- i. *Francis Strother*,⁵ removed to Ga. with his uncle, Col. *John Graves*; his son, *Charles R. Strother*,⁶ was a lawyer, and in Ga. Secession Convention, 1861.

*Gardner's *Dictionary of the Army*, p. 432.

†Lanman's *Dictionary of Congress* (1859), p. 221. See also the *Johnstons of Salisbury* (Conn.), by Wm. Preston Johnston, in which the Hancock, Strother and Preston connections are given.

‡Hening's *Statutes at Large of Va.*, vii, 22, 23, 213.

ii. *John*,⁵ a seaman, d. in England.

iii. *Samuel*,⁵ and iv. *George*,⁵ both d. young.

(10) Robert,⁴ m. Elizabeth ———. In 1771 he executed a deed to Charles Browning to land in Culpeper.

VI. Anthony Strother³ (*William*,² *William*¹) was b. Aug. 1, 1710; and d. Dec. 10, 1765. He was a merchant in Fredericksburg. In 1751 Gov. Dinwiddie, who had appointed James Patton, Joshua Fry, and Lunsford Lomax, commissioners to treat with the Indians, wrote Col. Patton to proceed immediately to Fredericksburg "and there receive from Mr. Strother the goods sent as a present by his majesty to the Indians." He lived across the river from the town, and the Fredericksburg ferry was on his land.* On Jan. 27, 1734, he received a grant for 600 acres in Spottsylvania Co., on "Goard Vine Fork." In 1739 William Thornton conveyed to Anthony Strother and Behethland his wife, 250 A. below the Falls of the Rappahannock in King George Co. His will, prob. Oct. 1766, directs his property to be kept together as a whole for ten years, and then sold and the proceeds equally divided between his widow and children. He married (1) Aug. 25, 1733, Behethland† Starke, b. Dec. 27, 1716, who d. after Dec. 2, 1753; and (2) in 1754, Mary James, b. Dec. 28, 1736. His widow Mary, m. (2) Col. Henry Smith (bro. of Daniel Smith, U. S. Sen. from Tenn., and also of Enoch Smith, great-grandfather of James Milton Bourne, Louisville, Ky.), and removed to Russell Co., Va. The names of the children, with dates below, are from the family bible.

*Hening's *Statutes at Large of Va.*, vi, 18. He is also mentioned in an Act of Sept., 1758, "for the defence of the Frontiers of the colony," vii, 213.

†This is an unusual name, and was apparently the surname of an ancestor of *Bethethland Starke*. Among the sixty "Gentlemen" given in a list of the first one hundred colonists to Va. in 1607, is the name of Robert Behethland (p. 152); he is again named among the twenty "Gentlemen" of the first supply who visited Powatan at his town (p. 166); and again (p. 213-215) he is named among those who visited Opecanough. See Smith's *Travels* (1819), vol. 1.

Children, by his *first wife*:

- (1) William Strother,⁴ b. Aug. 29, 1734; d. March 18, 1743-4.
- (2) Anthony,⁴ b. May 10, 1736, m. ——— Kenyon, dau. of Abram Kenyon; was both sheriff and justice of King George; and lived at the old home of his father. Children:
 - i. *George Strother*,⁵ who inherited the family seat.
 - ii. *Anthony*,⁵ m. ——— Newton, and removed to the Valley.
 - iii. *John*,⁵ m. ——— Price.
- (3) Elizabeth,⁴ b. Sept. 22, 1738; d. Aug. 3, 1745.
- (4) Margaret,⁴ b. Sept. 23, 1740; d. Feb. 4, 1740-1.
- (5) John,⁴ b. Feb. 11, 1741-2.
- (6) Francis,⁴ b. Nov. 23, 1743; d. Aug. 15, 1745.
- (7) Alice,⁴ b. Jan. 18, 1744-5; d. March 18, 1744-5.
- (8) William (2),⁴ b. April 30, 1746.
- (9) Betty,⁴ b. Aug. 8, 1747; d. Sept. 10, 1748.
- (10) Benjamin,⁴ b. June 25, 1750; d. 1805; in 1776 entered the Virginia Navy, served three years; later he entered the land service and there remained until the end of the war; m. Kittie Price. He settled in Berkeley, now Jefferson Co., and built "Park Forest," near Charlestown. His daughters were *Mrs. Benjamin Pendleton*,⁵ *Mrs. J. M. Crane*,⁵ *Mrs. Cato Moore*,⁵ *Mrs. Richard Duffield*.⁵ His son, *John Strother*,⁵ b. Nov. 18, 1782, entered the U.S. Army* and served 1813-15; m. Sept. 7, 1815, Elizabeth Pendleton Hunter, sister of Hon. Andrew Hunter; was clerk of Berkeley; and d. Jan. 16, 1862. *David Hunter Strother*,⁶ "Porte Crayon," b. Sept. 26, 1816, was a son.
- (11) Starke,⁴ b. April 12, 1752.
- (12) Behethland,⁴ b. Dec. 2, 1753.

By his *second wife*:

- (13) James,⁴ b. Nov. 19, 1755; was in the Revolutionary War; m. Elizabeth B. Morton, lived in Fauquier, and about 1807 removed to Russell Co., Va., leaving descendants.
- (14) Mary,⁴ b. June 2, 1757; m. Benjamin Ficklin, of Fauquier.
- (15) George,⁴ b. Sept. 1, 1760; d. Dec. 6, 1769.
- (16) Betty (2),⁴ b. July 20, 1763.

VII. James Strother³ (*Jeremiah*,² *William*¹) lived in King George county; in 1733 was deputy under Benjamin Stro-

*Gardner, p. 432.

ther,² sheriff; in 1741 was sheriff and justice; in 1742 was appointed collector, and in 1747 inspector at Falmouth (then in King George). Later he removed to Culpeper, where he d. intestate in 1761, leaving a large personal estate, divided between his children by William Green and Nathaniel Pendleton; his real property passing to his eldest son, Francis Strother.⁴ He m. Margaret, daught. of Daniel French (d. 1736), of King George Co., and Margaret his wife, who was daught. of John Pratt and Margaret his wife, of King George. Daniel French belonged to the prominent family of that name of Roscommon Co., Ireland.

Children:

- XI. (1) French Strother,⁴ m. Lucy Coleman.
 (2) James,⁴ d. unm. in 1764; will prob. in Stafford Co.; property given to brother French,⁴ and sister Mary Gray⁴; ex'or, George Gray.
 (3) Mary,⁴ m. George Gray, and lived in Stafford Co.
 Children:
 i. *George Gray*,⁵ m. Mildred, daught. of Rev. John Thompson, and in 1800 removed to Louisville, Ky.; was in Revolutionary War. Children: 1. *George Gray, Jr.*⁶; 2. *James Strother*⁶; 3. *French Strother*⁶; 4. *Minor*⁶; 5. *Angerson*⁶; 6. *Henry Weedon*⁶. All lived in Ky. George, James and French were all Army officers.*
 ii. *Daniel*,⁵ m. Mary,⁵ daught. of Col. French Strother⁴; she was his first cousin.

VIII. John Dabney Strother⁴ of "Wadefield," (*Francis*,³ *William*,² *William*¹) was b. in Hanover Co., in 1721; m. Mary Wade, and shortly afterwards removed to Culpeper Co. He located near the present little Washington, where he d. April, 1795. A lineal descendant is now in possession of his seat. He was a captain in the French and Indian War, 1756-7.†

*Gardner, p. 199.

†See Hening, vii, 22, where he is so designated; and for other references, *Ibid*, 23, 213.

Children:

- (1) Joseph Strother,⁵ m. Nancy Stewart, and in 1800 removed to Jefferson Co., Ky. A son, *Benjamin*,⁶ d. s. p. at Warm Springs, Va.; was in U. S. Army, 1792-97.* A son, *William*,⁶ had a daught. *Harriet*,⁷ who m. Rev. Horace Stringfellow.
- (2) Susannah,⁵ m. John Lawler.
- (3) Mary,⁵ m. Charles Browning.
- (4) Sarah,⁵ m. William Hughes.
- (5) Lucy,⁵ m. Francis Covington.
- (6) Mildred,⁵ m. William Covington.
- (7) Anne,⁵ m. John F. Strother. For record see *Jeremiah*,³ son of III. *Jeremiah*.²
- (8) Elizabeth,⁵ m. Capt. John Browning. of the Continental Line, son of Frank Browning. *D. P. Browning*, of Lewisburg, Ky., is a descendant.
- (9) John,⁵ m. Helen Piper. He inherited "Wadefield," and d. in 1818. Among his children, a daught., *Nancy Strother*,⁶ b. Nov. 20, 1784, m. June 1799, William Pendleton, whose son, *Albert G. Pendleton*, m. Elvira Chapman, the parents of the wife of Judge *Philip Williams Strother*.⁷ William Pendleton was the son of Capt. James Pendleton and Margaret Bowie, son of James Pendleton and Susan Clayton, son of Henry Pendleton and Mary Taylor (daught. of the first James Taylor), son of Philip Pendleton and Isabella Hert.

IX. William Strother⁴ (*Francis*,³ *William*,² *William*¹) was b., probably in Hanover Co., about 1725. From the failure of Francis Strother,³ of St. Mark's, to mention him by name in his will, doubt has been expressed as to his being a son. But apart from this failure, the cause for which does not appear, there can hardly be a reasonable doubt on the point. On Aug. 1, 1727, Margaret (*Thornton*) Strother gave by deed to her son Francis Strother,³ of Hanover Co., certain slaves with reversion to her grandson William Strother.⁴ The connection here would clearly indicate that William was the son of Francis, rather than of any one else, a conclusion further strengthened by the fact that none of her other

*Gardner, p. 432.

sons, so far as can be discovered from record and other sources, had a son named William of his age. In 1749, there was a grant of 400 acres in Orange Co., forks of Rush river, adjoining Francis³ and John Strother,⁴ to *William Strother*,⁴ son of Francis,³ which grant was subsequently sold by William⁴ to John Strother.⁴ Rev. George Strother,⁵ of Trimble Co., Ky., b. in Culpeper Co., Va. (son of John F. Strother,⁴ and Anne,⁵ dau. of Capt. John Strother⁴) was consequently a great nephew of this William,⁴ and living in the same region must have known him. The former has left a record in which he places William⁴ as son of Francis,³ of St. Mark's, and brother of his grandfather John,⁴ who he says was b. in Hanover Co. As will be seen below, the names of the children all show evidence of descent from a Dabney inter-marriage—such as "Susannah" (name of the wife of Francis of St. Mark's, and also of his dau.), and William "Dabney" Strother. He was a large landed proprietor in Culpeper and Orange. He m., prior to Feb. 20, 1752, (1) Mrs. Sarah (Bayly) Pannill,* widow of William Pannill. She was originally of Urbana, in Middlesex Co., Va. On Oct. 25, 1759, he as "of the county of Orange, Planter, and Sarah his wife, late widow and relict of William Pannill, late of the county of Culpeper," convey to her sons William and David Pannill 400 acres in Orange. His wife d. 1774. and her will

*In the *William and Mary College Quarterly*, Oct. 1897, and Jan. 1898, vi, 113. 155, is an account of the Pannill ancestors of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart. The earliest of the name mentioned is William Pannill, who m. 1735 Sarah Bayly, above, and had six children: 1. Samuel; 2. William; 3. John; 4. Joseph; 5. Frances, m. — Banks (see her mother's will *supra*); and 6. David. The Va. Land Register shows grants to *Thomas Pannell*, of Richmond Co., of 135 acres, Oct. 19, 1705; *Wm. Pannell*, 45 acres in Richmond Co., July 30, 1706; and *Wm. Pannell* and John Burkett, 300 acres in same Co., Dec. 15, 1708. Branches of the family some time after 1750 were living in old Granville Co., N. C., comprising the present county of the name, and Warren, Franklin and Vance. See also *Richmond Standard*, ii, 32, iii, 13.

dated Aug. 23, 1774, was prob. Dec. 22, 1774, in *Will Book No. 2*, p. 489, Orange Co. records, legacies to grandson William, son of David Pannill, to granddaut. Sarah Bailie (*sic*) Morton Pannill, daut. of William Pannill, to grandson Gerard Banks, son of daut. Frances Banks, to granddaut. Sarah Bailie Hawkins, to Sarah Runnolds (relationship not stated), daut. of Tabitha Runnolds, to first child that may be born to son Joseph Pannill; and balance of estate to be divided equally between son William Dabney Strother, and dauts. Frances Banks, Susanna Hawkins and Sarah Strother. He m. (2) Anne Kavenah (*sic*), bond dated June 9, 1775 (Orange records). Late in life he removed to Woodford Co., Ky., where he d. 1808.

Children:

- (1) Susannah Strother,⁵ m. Capt. Moses Hawkins,* of the 14th Va. Regt., who was killed Oct. 4, 1777, in the Revolutionary War. His children received a land warrant for his services. They lived in Woodford Co., Ky., and are:
 - i. *Sarah Baily Hawkins*⁶; ii. *William Strother*⁶ m. Katherine Keith; iii. *Moses*⁶ m. Castleman; iv. ——— (daut.).
- (2) William Dabney,⁵ thought to have been killed at the battle of Guilford C. H. in the war of the Revolution.
- (3) Sarah,⁵ b. Dec. 11, 1760, m. Richard Taylor, son of Zachary Taylor and Elizabeth Lee, son of James Taylor (II.) and Martha Thompson, son of James Taylor, immigrant, and 1st wife, ———. He was a Lt. Col. in the 2d Va. Regt. in the Revolution. Children:
 - i. *Hancock Taylor*⁶ m. (1) Elizabeth Hord; (2) Annah Lewis.
 - ii. *Zachary*⁶ b. Nov. 24, 1784; m. Margaret Smith; was twelfth President of the U. S.
 - iii. *George*⁶
 - iv. *William Dabney*⁶
 - v. *Richard*⁶
 - vi. *Joseph Pannill*⁶ m. Evaline McLean.
 - vii. *Elizabeth Lee*⁶ m. John Gibson Taylor.
 - viii. *Sarah*⁶ m. French Strother Gray,⁶ son of Col. *George Gray*⁵ son of George Gray and *Mary*⁴ daut. of (VII.) *James Strother*³
 - ix. *Emily*⁶ m. John S. Allison.

**Courier Journal*, Jan. 12, 1896.

X. Elizabeth Strother⁴ (*Francis*,³ *William*,² *William*,¹) m. James Gaines, son of Henry Gaines* and his wife Isabella

*GAINES.—This family appears to have been seated in Va. in the first fifty years of the Colony. The Virginia Land Register shows the following grants: *Thomas Gaines* 1030 A. in old Rappahannock Co., in 1656; *Daniel Gaines* and Nicholas Williard (*sic*) 1376 A. in Freshes of Rappahannock, Jan. 24, 1665, for transportation of 28 persons; *Thomas Gaines*, 28 A. in Rappahannock, April 20, 1685; *Robert Gaines*, 186 A. in Rappahannock, in 1688; *William Gaines*, 240 A. in Lunenburg Co., both sides of Hound's creek, Sept. 10, 1755; *William Gaines*, 261 A. in Culpeper, Jan. 12, 1756 (Northern Neck Grants); *Francis Gaines*, 318 A. in Culpeper, Nov. 12, 1756 (Northern Neck Grants); and *Hieram Gaines*, 339 A. in Albemarle Co., Feb. 16, 1771. In Goode's *Virginia Cousins*, p. 470, it is stated that the Gaines immigrants settled probably in New Kent Co., but the foregoing would indicate that they settled higher up; and again, p. 290, that John Collier m. Miss Gaines, "of a family early seated in King and Queen County," and it is conjecturally stated that she was a sister, or cousin, of the "two men named Gaines" who m. the two Pendletons. There were also members of the family in Essex Co. No satisfactory deductions as to descent from any of the above named patentees have been shown by any of the families bearing the name. The several printed records start with Henry and James Gaines, said to have been brothers, who married respectively Isabella and Mary Pendleton, sisters of Judge Edmund Pendleton.

In Book "B," p. 169, Culpeper Co. records, is the will of *Francis Gaines*, dated Sept. 26, 1775, prob. July 15, 1776, in which is named wife Dorothy, son James and other legatees, and also *Isabella*, daughter of his nephew, *Henry Gaines*. This is undoubtedly the Henry Gaines, who m. Isabella Pendleton. Ex'trs—son James, friends Edward Watkins and Samuel Clayton. In Book "B," p. 339, is the will of *Humphrey Gaines*, dated July 3, 1778, and prob. Oct. 17, 1779, in which he names wife Sarah, son William, and dauts. Sarah and Frances Watts, besides others; wits—Ignatius Freeman and Charles Braking. It is not improbable that Francis and Humphrey were brothers.

Henry Gaines, names of parents not known, but probably of the third or fourth generation of the family in Va., m. Isabella Pendleton, when and where d. unknown. In the old *Vestry Book*, 1705-1785, p. 74, of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co., Va., is this order,—June 21, 1745: "Ordered that the new Gallery lately Built by Mr. Henry Gains be appropriated to the use of the Gentlemen Justices, and

Pendleton, in Culpeper county, probably about 1765-1775. James Gaines was b. in Culpeper county in 1742, and after marriage removed to N. C. "Capt. James Gaines was an offi-

Vestry men and their Familys." And in the same order Henry Gains was directed to make certain specified repairs, and to be paid 500 lbs of tobacco. No conjecture is hazarded as to the identity of the two Henrys. It does not appear, however, that Henry d. in Culpeper, and it may be that he never left the lower country. George Strother Gaines,⁵ son of James Gaines and Elizabeth Strother,⁴ left a record in which he says that his grandfather was Henry Gaines, and that he married Isabella Pendleton. This, together with the reference to Isabella, daut. of Henry, in the will of Francis Gaines, above, would seem to leave no doubt as to the identity of Henry as the husband of Isabella Pendleton. Children: i. *Benjamin Gaines*; ii. *Richard*; iii. *Henry*, will dated Oct. 19, 1810, prob. June 27, 1811, *Will Book "2,"* p. 302, Madison Co., Va.; iv. *James*, m. Elizabeth Strother,⁴ *supra*; v. *Robert*; vi. *Thomas*, m. Susannah Strother,⁴ *supra*; vii. *Phillip*; viii. *Nancy*; ix. *Isabella*, m. — Brown.

James Gaines, said to have been a brother of Henry, m. Mary Pendleton, sister of Isabella Pendleton, above. In Book "C," p. 239, Culpeper Co. records, is the will of James Gaines, dated May 24, 1781, prob. March 20, 1786, in which he names wife *Mary* and children as hereafter given. The will of *Mary Gaines*, dated March 7, 1803, prob. March 24, 1803, is recorded in Will Book "I," p. 392, of the Madison Co. records (formed in 1792 from Culpeper). She names "my surviving children, seven in number," corresponding exactly with those named in the will of James, some having died between the dates of the two wills. In 1801 Judge Edmund Pendleton prepared an account of his family, in which he mentioned his sister Mary Gaines as then alive, aged 84. From these facts it appears clear that James Gaines was the husband of Mary Pendleton, etc. Children: i. *Isabella Gaines*; ii. *Henry*; iii. *Jane*; iv. *Richard Edmund*; v. *Joseph*; vi. *Francis Thomas*; vii. *Mary*, m. — Herndon; viii. *Sarah*, m. — Broadus; ix. *Catharine*, m. — Broadus; x. *James*; xi. *William*.

TAYLOR AND PENDLETON. Isabella and Mary Pendleton were dauts. of Henry Pendleton, b. 1683, d. May 1721, and his wife Mary Taylor (m. 1701), son of Philip (son of Henry Pendleton, of Norwich, Eng.), b. 1650, emigrated to Va. 1674, and d. in New Kent Co. 1721, m. Isabella Hert. Mary (*Taylor*) Pendleton, b. June 2, 1688,

cer of the Revolutionary War, during a part of which he served with distinction, at the head of a company of volunteers. He was the nephew of Edmund Pendleton, who was for many years presiding judge of the Court of Appeals in Virginia. * * * James Gaines was a man of great intelligence, considerable talent, and high character.”* He was in the battle of Eutaw Springs and other engagements.† He was a member of the N. C. Convention which ratified the Constitution of the U. S. Some time after this he removed to Tennessee, and d. at Kingsport in 1830.

Children, order conjectural:

- (1) Edmund Pendleton Gaines. b. in Culpeper Co., Va., March 20, 1777; d. in New Orleans, La., June 6, 1849; m. (1) Frances Toulmin, dau. of Judge Harry Toulmin, first Territorial Judge in the Alabama portion of the Mississippi Territory; (2) Barbara Blount, dau. of Gov. Wm. Blount, of Tenn., 2 son, *E. P. Gaines*,⁶ Jr., now resides in Washington, D. C.; and (3) Mrs. Myra (*Clark*) Whitney, dau. of Daniel Clark. He entered the U. S. Army as an ensign Jan. 10, 1799, became successively brigadier and

d. 1770, was a dau. of the first James Taylor (who settled in New Kent, now Caroline Co., where he d. April 30, 1698), and his 2nd wife Mary Gregory, to whom he was m. Aug. 12, 1682. For Gaines records, see Meade's *Old Churches*, etc.; Slaughter's *St. Mark's Parish*, 149, 164; *Richmond Standard*, iii, 14; Goode's *Virginia Cousins*, *passim*; for Taylor, see Meade, ii, 98; Page's *Page Family*, 241; Paxton's *Marshall Family*, 183; *Richmond Standard*, ii, 7, iii, 16, 17, 23, and iv, 12, 25; *Carter Tree*, and Gilmer's *Georgians*, 217; Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies*, and the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, Aug. 2, 1896; and for Pendleton, see Slaughter, 148, 173; Meade, ii, 298, and *Courier-Journal*, Feb. 7, 14 and 21, 1897, and Page.

*In a sketch of his son, Gen. E. P. Gaines, in *U. S. Magazine and Democratic Review*, June 1848, p. 550. See also for facts as to James Gaines, Lossing's *Field Book of the Revolution*, ii. pp. 494, 5, and 497, and Elliot's *Debates*.

†*Journals of Congress*, vii, 167.

major general, remaining continuously in the army until his death.*

- (2) George Strother,⁵ born in Stokes Co., N. C., 1784; d. in Ala. 1873, m. Ann Gaines; was an early and influential settler in Alabama† (then Miss. Territory).
- (3) Frances,⁵ m. Charles Lynn.
- (4) James,⁵ m. Fannie Rodgers.
- (5) Agnes,⁵ m. Joseph Everett. A dau., *Susan Dabney*,⁶ m. James O'Brien, and had a dau., *Eliza Ann O'Brien*,⁷ b. Sept. 25, 1819, m. Sept. 11, 1835, Gov. Wm. G. Brownlow, and now resides at Knoxville, Tenn. They had seven children, one of whom, *Col. John Bell Brownlow*,⁸ m. Mary Fouche, and now resides in Washington, D. C.
- (6) Patsy,⁵ m. — Everett.
- (7) Nancy,⁵ m. — Asher.
- (8) Lucy,⁵ m. David Childress.
- (9) Elizabeth,⁵ m. Samuel Moore.
- (10) Susanna,⁵ d. unm.
- (11) Sarah,⁵ d. unm.
- (12) Behethland,⁵ m. James Lyon, of Stokes Co., N. C. Children:
 - i. *James Gaines Lyon*,⁶ m. Rosanna Fisher‡ (daut. of Col. George Fisher, of South Ala., son of Frederick Fisher and Ann McBride, of Rowan Co., N. C.); removed to Ala.; one dau., *Sarah B. Lyon*,⁷ m. Charles K. Foote, of Mobile, and had among other children *Nellie G.*,⁸ wife of ex-Representative R. H. Clarke, a distinguished lawyer of Mobile.
 - ii. *Francis Strother*,⁸ b. 1800 in Stokes Co., N. C., removed to Ala., resided at Demopolis, was a highly honored and valued citizen and lawyer of prominence, m. Sarah Serena Glover, dau. of Allen Glover¶ (the Glovers are from Goose Creek Parish, S. C.), and had among other

*For extended sketches see *Democratic Review*, *supra*; Appleton's *Cyclopedia of American Biography*, ii, 571-3; *National Portrait Gallery of Distinguished Americans*, iv; Robinson's *Organization of the Army of the U. S.*, i, 283-330; Jenkins' *Lives of Distinguished Generals in Last War with Great Britain*, p. 62 *et seq.*; and Gardner, p. 183.

†Brewer's *Alabama*, p. 393.

‡Ball's *Clarke County, Alabama*, pp. 442, 482.

¶Brewer, p. 375.

children, *Mary A. Lyon*,⁷ who m. William Henry Ross, a prominent citizen of Mobile, Ala., son of Jack Ferrill Ross* (first Treasurer of Ala.) and Anne Amelia Fisher, daut. of Col. George Fisher above. He was the son of John Ross and wife Temperance Ferrill, of Franklin county, N. C. A daut., *Amelia L. Ross*,⁸ m. James L. Abbot, and now resides at Little Rock, Ark.

iii. *William*⁶; iv. *Kittie*⁶; v. *Elizabeth*,⁶ m. — Martin; vi. *Sallie*,⁶ m. Flippin; vii. *Nancy*.⁶

XI. French Strother⁴ (*James*,³ *Jeremiah*,² *William*¹) was b. 173— in King George Co. He lived on a handsome estate of 1,500 acres, lying on Mountain Run, on the Fredericksburg road between Culpeper and Stevensburg. He was a vestryman and warden of St. Mark's parish. He represented Culpeper Co. for more than a quarter of a century in the General Assembly, before, during and after the Revolution, was a member of the Va. Conventions of 1776 and 1788, opposing in the latter, with Patrick Henry, George Mason and others, the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. He was county lieutenant, and also presiding justice of the County Court of Culpeper. For his boldness and aggressiveness during the Revolutionary struggle, he has been denominated by Grigsby as "the Fearless." He was in every way a useful and public spirited citizen. The General Assembly at various times imposed upon him public duties, as that of trustee of the town of Stevensburg, trustee of an academy to be established in the old gun-factory at Fredericksburg, commissioner to settle certain trustees' accounts, commissioner of a road from Chester's gap in Culpeper to Richmond, etc.† He d. intestate in Aug. 1800, and is buried at Fredericksburg. His wife was Lucy, daut. of Robert Coleman (d. 1793) formerly of Caroline Co. She was connected with the Claytons, Fosters and Stevens.

*Brewer, p. 392. For sketch of W. H. Ross, see *Memorial Record of Alabama*, ii, 582-3.

†Hening, xi, 36, 204; xii, 219, 375.

Children:

- (1) Margaret French Strother,⁵ m. Capt. Phil. Slaughter of the Revolution; b. 1758, d. 1849, and had many distinguished descendants.
- (2) Gilley,⁵ m. Col. John Evans. Commander *French Chadwick*,⁷ of the U. S. Navy, is a grandson.
- (3) Lucy,⁵ d. unm.
- (4) Elizabeth,⁵ m. Nimrod Evans, d. s. p.
- (5) Mary,⁵ m. Daniel Gray,⁵ her first cousin.
- (6) Daniel French,⁵ m. Fannie, daut. of Judge John Thompson, of Louisville, Ky., son of Rev. John Thompson, and wife, the widow of Gov. Spotswood; lived and d. at Louisville.
- (7) George French,⁵ m. (1) Sarah Green Williams, daut. of Gen. James Williams, of "Soldier's Rest," Orange Co., and wife Eleanor, daut. of Moses Green, youngest son of Robert Green, the immigrant. Gen. James Williams was the son of the second William Williams and Lucy, the daut. of Philip Clayton, of Catalpa, who was himself the grandson of the first Philip Pendleton. He was a lawyer, member of the Va. Assembly, and in Congress, 1817-20, when he resigned to become Receiver of Public Moneys at St. Louis, where he died in 1840.* He m. (2) Theodosia, daut. of John Hunt, of Lexington, Ky., by whom he had two children, ii. *Sallie*,⁶ and iii. *John*.⁶ By his first wife he had only one child:
 - i. *James French Strother*,⁶ b. at Culpeper C. H. Sept. 4, 1811, d. Sept. 20, 1860; m. Nov. 2, 1832, Elizabeth Roberts, daut. of John Roberts, of Culpeper, who was commissioned major in Revolutionary War March 5, 1779. He was a member of the Va. Assembly, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1850, and in Congress 1851-53.† He was a lawyer; a citizen of character, and universally esteemed. His widow is still alive, over eighty years of age. Children: 1. *George F. Strother*,⁷ d. s. p.; 2. *John Roberts*,⁷ m. — Payne; 3. *James French*,⁷ m. — Botts; 4. *William*,⁷ d. s. p.; 5. Judge *Philip Williams*,⁷ distinguished lawyer of Pearisburg, Va., m. Nannie Strother, daut. of Col. A. G. Pendleton; 6. *Sallie Williams*⁷; 7. *John Hunt*⁷; 8. *W. Johnson*,⁷ m. — Shackelford; 9. *Lewis Harvie*⁷; and 10. *Charles*,⁷ d. s. p.

*Lanman, p. 458.

†Lanman, p. 458.

