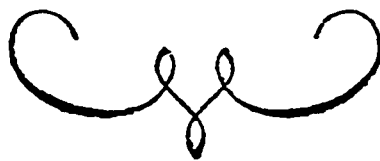


PORTIONS OF THE BOOK
THORNHILL GENEALOGY

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FOREWORD

Down on the farm we had no "fine" stock, just "long-horn" cattle and "razor-back" hogs; neither did we have a genealogy, although we had ancestors whose names were prominent in early American history, but that was just passed down to us by word of mouth and seemed like fairy bed-time stories.

When my children grew up and began to ask what "kin" they were to one or another near relative, the thought first came to me that I, too, was ignorant of the relationship to relatives of comparatively recent generations.

However, this didn't weigh heavily on my mind until I was well along in years, then I decided to something about it for my children's sake.

I didn't want them to remain as "long-horns" and "razor-backs" when they were pedigreed and were entitled to registration, figuratively speaking.

So I took it upon myself to make up a sketchy family history of near relatives. I didn't think there were many Thornhills and thought I could quickly get data on them! (After ten years digging, I haven't found them all yet.)

I have succeeded in finding relatives of my own that none of my family knew anything of, and have received many letters of thanks from members of other families for information given them that has enabled them to find lost relatives. This has been done mostly by exchange of information. We have done considerable research work in America; none in foreign countries. In Virginia many old Court Houses have been destroyed by fire and all records lost; in states further south and west, vital statistics were not recorded until years later. Many, many instances have been found where the old family bible has been lost or destroyed and with it all records.

It isn't an exaggeration to say that one feels better, and, that it makes of one a better citizen when he can point to a long and honorable ancestry. This being true, it follows as a natural corollary that it is the duty of a parent to supply each child with the history of his ancestry as far back as it can be traced. If you bought a fine blooded animal as a pet or for profit, you would want its pedigree! Your child should have his from you, else he might feel as though he rated as a "long-horn."

And it isn't entirely sentimental. True, genealogical data is necessary for membership in patriotic societies, but in many other and more commonplace matters it is necessary in some form. The Government grows more insistent, and rightly, for means of identification. Foreigners are coming to America under false names for subversive activities. If you want a passport to go abroad, you must have identification. Colleges, schools, banks and many business institutions are making very strict rulings against nepotism among officials and employees.

It should hardly be necessary to state the most obvious and important reason of all for a clean, clear family history, and that is marriage.

I deem this paramount.

It will be noticed that in compiling this book that the term "junior" is not used, but the namesake is designated with the Roman numerals I, II, III, etc. The reason for this may best be explained by using some illustrations. Let's take an imaginary character called John Henry Smith. His first several children were girls. He had a brother George who married about the same time and whose first several children were boys; the first one, of course, was named George, Jr., but, to honor his brother who had a family of girls, he named his second son John Henry Smith, Jr.

In later years, John Henry was blessed with a son of his own and he named him John Henry Smith, Jr. Here we have two John Henry Smith Jrs.

If the brother George had named his son John Henry Smith, II, and John Henry Smith (Sr.) had named his son John Henry Smith, III, there would be no confusion. A male child should be given a name that will never in life need to have a suffix added for identification. (This has no reference to honorary titles that may be conferred.)

A word or two about girls might not be irrelevant here.

A girl child's given name should be made clear else there may easily be some confusion. For example the name Catherine, or Katherine, may be spelled 24 different ways; 12 with initial letter C and 12 with K; and that doesn't include "Kate" or "Katie." It is very plain that if the child is christened by the name of "Catherine" her initial will be "C" and not "K."

When a child is named, a bit of history is written.

In presenting these brief sketches of family history, we do not claim to be infallible. We have merely served as the vehicle to convey what has been given us. We have no doubt that the members of the different families have endeavored to be correct, but, being without previous authentic data in many instances, errors are bound to have crept in and we will greatly appreciate having any errors that may be found pointed out, and we will gladly pass the corrections on to whom they may concern or interest.

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INTRODUCTORY

This is a book of genealogical information relating to all Thornhill families in America whom we have been able to contact and who have cooperated with us by contributing their respective data, and this has been done most cordially by those families listed below:

Section or Division of Book	Oldest Known Ancestor	Pages in this Section	Names in this Section	Earliest dates of record by descendants
A	Thomas Thornhill	24	964	1740
B	Joseph Thornhill	5	175	1735
C	William Thornhill	3	73	1830*
C-A	William Thornhill	2	40	1852
C-B	Peter Thornhill	1	21	1800
D	Thomas Thornhill	4	91	1742
D-A	Thomas Thornhill	1	12	1821
D-B	William Thornhill	1	9	1789
D-C	Wm. John Thornhill	1	5	1850
D-D	James Thornhill	2	21	1800
D-E	John Thornhill	1	11	1815
D-F	Saml. John Thornhill	1	10	1860
D-G	John Thornhill	2	18	1741
D-H	Gresham L. Thornhill	5	50	1794
D-I	William Thornhill	2	23	1850
D-J	Elisha Thornhill	1	7	1850
D-K	Morgan Thornhill	1	54	1811
D-L	Benj. Reuben Thornhill	1	23	1867
D-M	Thomas Thornhill	1	9	1868
E	Bryant Thornhill	28	288	1770
F	Hans Heinrich Felder	6	145	1735†
G	Wm. Alexander Minnock	4	74	1819
H	Michel Angelo Raysor	1	8	1829†
I-A	Spofford Genealogy	1	10	1066‡
I-B	William Sydnor	1	46	1750†
I-C	William Parker	3	58	1730
I-D	John Parker	3	54	1740
J	Richard Owens	3	62	1794
28 families		109	2361	

*Prior records lost. †Synopsis only. ‡Brief notes only.

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BRYANT THORNHILL (I Gen.); The first information we have of Bryant Thornhill is his marriage license dated Feb. 26, 1770, to Leannah Nash. Marriage License Book No. 1 in Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va. Next is his will dated Oct. 13, 1785, and recorded in Will Book 2, P. 75, same county.

In this will two daughters are named, Elizabeth and Perthenia, and three sons, James, William and Elijah. His property to be divided among them when the youngest son comes of age.

If the heirs are named in the will in the order of their ages, Elijah would be the youngest of 5 children born within a period of about 15 years, and it seems reasonable on this assumption to place the year of his birth between the years 1782 and 1785.

There is also on record in same county, in Will Book 9, P. 174, a report of the administrators of the estate of William Thornhill; the administrators being William Hunton and Elijah Thornhill. This report is dated Dec. 17, 1816. Elijah would be past 30 years of age at that time.

One of the daughters of Bryant Thornhill married _____ Withers, and a son of this marriage was Robert Enoch Withers, Lt. Governor of Virginia in 1873; U. S. Senator from Va., 1875 to 1881; U. S. Consul to Hong Kong, China, 1885 to 1889. Died Sept. 21, 1907. Buried in Wytheville, Va.

A daughter of this marriage (Sister of Senator Withers), married John Thornhill, son of Elijah Thornhill, and lived in New Orleans. She was first cousin of her husband. Her name was Bettie Withers.

Another daughter, sister of Senator Withers and Bettie Withers Thornhill, whose name was Mary Josephine Withers, married James Owen of Galveston. Their children were Horace Withers Owen, Harry Owen, John Thornhill Owen and Bettie Thornhill Owen. (Letter 3/11/27—S G E T).

Of the sons of Bryant Thornhill; we have found nothing regarding James; William evidently died without heirs, judging from the report of the administrators of his estate. (See above.) Of Elijah, see his lineage.

Note: Bryant Thornhill should not be confused with Bryan Thornhill of Rappahannock Co. Va., who died there June 28, 1839.

(Footnotes on Divisions "C", "C-A", "D" and "E". It is worth noting that the families in "C" and "D" both believe that they are the descendants of Sir James Thornhill of England. How well founded this belief may be is not shown in the history of either family.

It is also noteworthy that the families of "C" and "C-A" both are the descendants of a William Thornhill; that neither family has any specific data on this ancestor; that William in "C" had a son named Eli on whom there is no information as to dates; that William of "C-A" had a son named Elisha; that both Eli and Elisha lived in same community, but whether concurrently or not isn't shown, as there is nothing on Eli.

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Another note of mystery attaching to the name William is that Elijah Thornhill, Division "E" had a son named William—my Father's brother—who disappeared from Virginia and "went South" and was never heard from after leaving. We have no dates on him. My Father has said that his recollection of his brother William was that he had a passion for writing and wrote a beautiful hand.

It seems just possible that William of "C", William of "C-A" and William of "E" may have been one and the same.—T. J. T.)

ELIJAH THORNHILL (II Gen.); Using the marriage license of his Father, Bryant Thornhill, dated Feb. 26, 1770, and the will of Bryant Thornhill, probated Oct. 13, 1785, in which Elijah's name came last in the naming of five heirs, we are assuming him to be the youngest and are arbitrarily placing his date of birth between the years 1782 and 1785.

Date and place of his death is not known.

His wife was Ann Fisher, dau. of Dr. Samuel Fisher also of Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va. Date of her birth not known. She died July 18, 1862, presumably at the home of her son, Thomas, living in Natchez, Miss. In connection with the will of John Thornhill, her son, dated Nov. 19, 1870, Richard, another son, makes affidavit dated Nov. 25, 1870, that his Mother had died about 8 years previously. (Letter 3/11/27 from S. G. E. Thornhill.)

Their Children (III Gen.)

(This data following is given from memory by Mrs. A. M. Clay, a grand-daughter. Later references to her will be by the sign (#).)

1. William Thornhill, II. Nothing known definitely. (#) remembers hearing my Father say that his brother, William, had a passion for writing; that he wrote constantly and wrote a beautiful hand.

2. James Thornhill, II. Nothing known of him.

3. Samuel Fisher Thornhill (My Father). See his lineage—B-1810.

4. John Thornhill. Md. Bettie Withers and they had no children. (See Biographical Notes.)

5. Thomas Harrison Thornhill. Lived Natchez, Miss. 2 daughters. B-1814.

6. Henry Thornhill. Md. Had 4 children. Lived in New Orleans.

7. George Harrison Thornhill. Father of (#)—See lineage—B-1822.

8. Richard Thornhill. Lived in New Orleans, never married.

9. Andrew Thornhill. Nothing known.

10 and 11. Two infants, died young.

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ELIJAH THORNHILL (II Gen.) ; Biographical. No one living now, of course, has any knowledge of Elijah Thornhill and the little data given on preceding page is all that is available.

Mrs. A. M. Clay of Brenham, Texas, his grand-daughter gives us from memory what she remembers of his sons and those of their families with whom she came in contact when a child and I quote her notes herewith. In any further reference to her in this data, will use this symbol—(#).

"I was only 11 years old when my parents died, which was in 1866. The years prior to that time were not years of quiet and peace, where family matters are discussed; they were the years of the Civil War, when for us the bottom had dropped out of the World leaving much confusion and we children were victims of that great catastrophe; in the language of today, war orphans.

"You ask that I tell you what I have heard of each of these uncles; Uncle Sam said his brother William had a passion for writing—that he wrote constantly, and that he wrote a very beautiful hand. I knew nothing of James or Andrew.

Uncle John was an unusually handsome man, charming and wealthy, but a sufferer from asthma, so he did not marry early; in fact the gossip of the family was to the effect that he had said he would never marry, but his cousin, the very charming Bettie Withers came and laid seige, and he did marry her. Now I think Bettie Withers was a first cousin of Uncle John's, in which case she must have been the daughter of one of Elijah's sisters. Bettie was the sister of Robert E. Withers, prominent politically in Va. for many years. I am enclosing a biographical sketch."

(Data in the sketch—*Robert Enoch Withers*, born near Lynchburg, Va., Sept. 18, 1821. Graduated from U. of Va. Medical School 1841; Practiced medicine first in Campbell Co. Moved to Danville, 1858. Entered Confederate Army as a Major of Infantry, April, 1861, and was made Col. of 18th Va. Infantry. Was in command of Post at Danville at close of war. Moved to Lynchburg in June, 1866, and established the Lynchburg News. Elected Lt. Gov. 1873; U. S. Senator 1875-1881; Apptd. by Prest. Cleveland U. S. Consul to Hong Kong, China, 1885; resigned 1889. Died in Wytheville Sept. 21, 1907. Biographical Dictionary of American Congress, P. 1721.)

Before passing from John Thornhill and his wife (nee Bettie Withers) I quote from a letter dated Mar. 11, 1927, from S. G. Evetts Thornhill. The will of John Thornhill of record in New Orleans left all of his property to his wife Bettie Withers with the proviso that in case she died before he, that the property go to her sister Mary Josephine Owen, wife of James Owen of Galveston, subject, however to the payment of certain legacies; first special legacy was that there be paid to William Thornhill and Alice Tallulah Thornhill, the orphan children of Dr. Geo. H. Thornhill, a yearly sum for their education and for certain amounts to be paid them upon their majority.

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The second legacy provided that there should be paid to the children of Samuel Fisher Thornhill of Washington County, Texas, or to their guardian for their benefit, the sum of \$10,000.

The third legacy provides that \$10,000 be paid to Mary Esther Wood, described as a friend.

The will was contested in court by his widow and judgment was rendered recognizing her as the universal legatee.

ELIJAH THORNHILL (II Gen.); Returning to notes of Mrs. A. M. Clay:

"Uncle Tom lived at Natchez; he had two daughters, the younger of whom was named Henry and was called 'Hens.' The name of the other was Camille, I think; she was a very beautiful girl, but she committed the unforgivable sin of marrying a Yankee Colonel. She had been a great favorite of her wealthy bachelor uncle, John. After her marriage he would never have anything more to do with her. I hope her Yankee Colonel was decent follow and made up for the loss of favor of her crochety old uncle.

"George Harrison Thornhill was born in Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., Oct. 15, 1822. (My Father was 44 years old when he died in 1866.) He received his M.D. degree from Jefferson College, Philadelphia. He was a medical officer in the U. S. Army in the war with Mexico (1846). Your notes say that Elijah Thornhill died in Rankin Co. in 1844. That Co. is in the central part of the State of Mississippi and in that county is the town of Brandon where my Mother's girlhood was spent. She may have been born there. As they both lived in the same county, that is how my Father knew my Mother. I think they were married in 1851, (judging by Sis's age) and as all the children were born at Friar's Point, Coahoma Co. in the N. W. part of the State, I suppose my Father went there to establish himself in the practice of medicine. This being a favorable location because the town of Helena, Ark., is just across the river, and I know my Father practiced in both places. By the time my Father married, his own Father had been dead for several years, and I suppose my Grand-Mother went to New Orleans where she had three sons living, making her home with Uncle Dick, the unmarried one.

After the death of my parents, we children were taken to New Orleans and *parceled* out among the uncles living there. I lived with Uncle Henry and Aunt Kate. They had four children of their own.

Uncle John took Alice and Will and the twin babies; one of the twins died almost immediately, the other lived for several months. Uncle John and Aunt Bettie had no children of their own.

Uncle Dick, a bachelor, took the responsibility for Sis's (Annie) well being, placing her in Mrs. Charles Select School for Young Ladies. Uncle Dick was a well-to-do man. While I do not know what his business was, I somehow know that he was a

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stock holder in the French Opera. Uncle Henry was a commission merchant. The family lived well. Uncle Henry took great pride in his table. I remember quantities of silver. Aunt Kate had to stand to serve soup from the tureen that she could hardly see over. There were family portraits, debut jewelry ordered from Paris. Uncle Henry and Aunt Kate went to Europe on their honey-moon and in Paris they bought the layett for their first child. Lovely handsome things. Aunt Kate was the daughter of a sugar planter.

After Uncle Henry's death there was naturally great confusion in that family; Aunt Kate deciding to take her family to some plantation. So, Uncle Dick picked up Sis and me and brought us to Texas, taking us to your Father's house. After one month, Uncle Dick left and we have never heard another word from him.

After Uncle John's death, which occurred at the Gault House, Louisville, Ky., when he was returning from his summer home at St. Catherine's Wells, Canada, Aunt Bettie thought Uncle Dick's idea had been a pretty good one, so she sent Alice and Will to join us here in Texas. Here we all were at Uncle Sam's, a kindly, good man, and a dear Uncle to these children who were so unceremoniously thrust upon him. Soon Sis married, and a little later I married and Alice came to live with me. Will was old enough to get out for himself. So these four children of George Harrison and Diana Maria (Nash) Thornhill began their separate new branches on their family tree! (There is your immortality! Even he that runs may read.)"

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SAMUEL FISHER THORNHILL (III Gen.) Son of Elijah Thornhill and his wife, Ann Fisher, the daughter of Samuel Fisher of Fauquier Co., Va. She died in 1862.

Samuel Fisher Thornhill was born in Fauquier Co., Va., in the town of Warrenton, Nov. 16, 1810. D. Nov. 15, 1887.

Alice Dye was first wife who bore one child and both died. He was married the second time Oct. 12, 1848, to Eliza Lydia Felder, daughter of Dr. Edmund Junius Felder of Orangeburg, S. C.

(Date of her birth, March 4th, 1828. Date of her death, April 2nd, 1870, near Chapel Hill, Texas, and is buried in the Felder Cemetery nearby.)

Their marriage took place at the home of her Sister, Mrs. Dr. Wm. A. Minnock somewhere in Mississippi.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Edmund Felder Thornhill. Born Sept. 17, 1849, in Mississippi. Died Oct. 22, 1855.

2. Alice Sally Thornhill. Born Jan. 22, 1851, in Beech Hill, Ark. D. Sept. 20, 1855.

3. Henry Thornhill. B. in Beech Hill, Ark., Sept. 16, 1852.

4. Vastine ("Vande") Jamison Thornhill. B. July 15, 1855.

5. Samuel Fisher Thornhill, II. B. April 23, 1857.

6. Gabriel Felder Thornhill. B. March 23, 1859.

7. Ann Fisher Thornhill. B. Sept. 30, 1860. D. May 17, 1864.

8. William George Thornhill. B. Feb. 22, 1862.

9. Eugenia M. Thornhill. B. Nov. 4, 1863. D. Jan. 21, 1865.

10. Infant Daughter, not named. B. Oct. 23, 1865. D. Oct. 28, 1865.

11. Eliza (Lila) Lydia Thornhill. B. Feb. 24, 1867.

12. Thomas James Thornhill. B. March 12, 1870.

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SAMUEL FISHER THORNHILL (III Gen.) ; Biographical. I have very little recollection of my Father. My Mother having died when I was only three weeks old and I was reared by my Aunt in Montgomery County, I did not see him very often. Travel in those days was at best by horse and buggy; autos and paved roads were unknown. When I grew up and could ride horse-back alone I made a few visits to see him in that way.

He was quite a genius with tools, working in both wood and iron. To me an outstanding accomplishment was a cotton gin-house and press that he built for my Aunt. Gins were rather rare and had no automatic attachments such as being self-feeding and the lint was blown loose into a large tight room, then gathered up in baskets and carried out to a press standing some fifty feet or more from the gin house.

The gin was powered by animals, oxen or mules or horses; the press by horse power.

The gin house was a two-story affair; the power plant being on the ground floor, (which was the ground in reality) the power being transmitted through a large spindle standing vertically through which passed a heavy beam, to each end of which a team was hitched. This spindle had a cog wheel built on it, (laying horizontally of course) the cogs meshed into those on another wheel axle, (this one at right angles) on which was a pulley some ten feet in diameter extending through the floor to second story and the power carried to the gin by belt.

The gin had to be fed by hand, a man standing in front had to pull the seed cotton forward in the hopper on top the gin, spread it evenly to the saws, keep them from choking, etc., incidentally getting some fingers sawed occasionally.

Cotton seed was a worthless by-product. It was thrown out of the second story window until it sometimes piled high above the window. There it lay until what the cattle and hogs didn't eat rotted. It was too oily for good feed, and sometimes caused distress in live stock that ate too much.

The press was a giant affair, standing high above gin house roof when it was "up" ready to receive the loose cotton. It, (the screw stem) was made from a straight pine tree about 30 feet long by 24" in diam., threads about 4" wide and $\frac{3}{4}$ " deep were cut around it the full length. These threads meshed into others cut in other section that served as the "nut"; another big section on the lower end, was the "block" to press down on the cotton and fitted inside the "box" made the standard size of a bale of cotton. All a very ponderous affair, but worked admirably, with ample strength and power.

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HENRY THORNHILL, II (IV Gen.); Son of Samuel Fisher Thornhill, (III Gen.) and Eliza Lydia Felder. Born in Beech Hill, Ark., Sept. 16, 1852. Md. in Brenham, Texas, Nov. 28, 1876, to Lelia Hoxie Power. He died in Meridian, Texas, Mar. 13, 1883. Lelia Hoxie Power was dau. of Charles Power and Thetis Clay. She b. in Independence Mar. 22, 1857, d. Dec. 6, 1935. At time of his death from pneumonia, Henry Thornhill was railway station agent for G. C. & S. F. Ry. in Meridian. Practically his entire business career was in railway service.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Lula Elizabeth Thornhill, b. in Chapel Hill, Dec. 2, 1877. md. James Shepard Harrison in Brenham, Nov. 12, 1902.

2. Henry Samuel Thornhill; b. in Chapel Hill, Nov. 4, 1879. Never married and lives in Brenham. Has spent his entire business life in U. S. Postal Service. Is Director in the Washington County State Bank. No war service.

3. Thetis Clay Thornhill; b. in Meridian, Feb. 16, 1883. md. in Brenham Jan. 3, 1906, to Lawrence C. King.

Fifth Generation

Lula Elizabeth Thornhill, dau. of Henry Thornhill, (IV Gen.) and Lelia Hoxie Power. b. in Chapel Hill, Dec. 2, 1877. Md. Nov. 12, 1902, in Brenham to James Shepard Harrison, son of He died in Navasota, Jan. 12, 1937. She res. in Navasota.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Thetis Thornhill Harrison, b. in Brenham, June 15, 1906, md. in Houston Aug. 24, 1926, to John Alexander McKay. Living in Houston.

2. Daisy Love Harrison, b. in Navasota May 12, 1913.

3. James Shepard Harrison, II, b. in Brenham, Aug. 2, 1915.

Thetis Clay Thornhill; dau. of Henry Thornhill (IV Gen.), and Lelia Hoxie Power. b. in Meridian Feb. 16, 1883. Md. in Brenham Jan. 3, 1906, to Lawrence Collins King, son of Horatio King of Atlanta, Ga. Lawrence C. King b. in Mineola, Tex. June 17, 1880. D. in Dallas Aug. 18, 1925. Buried in Dallas in Grove Hill Cemetery. Had no war service. He was traveling salesman and first saw her in a R.R. waiting room; love at first sight; made inquiry to find who she was, etc., etc.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Lelia Louise King, b. in Brenham Dec. 24, 1909, md. in Brenham April 17, 1938, from St. Peter's Episcopal Ch. to Robt. Lee Koerth of Yoakum. They met in Dallas where both were in Federal Service.

2. Thetis King, b. in Dallas, Mar. 19, 1920. md. April 9, 1939, in Brenham from St. Peter's Episcopal Ch. 4 p.m. to James Gifford McDaniel, son of J. W. McDaniel of Beaumont. They both were students in U. of T. where they met and married when he graduated. Live in Ho.

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VASTINE JAMISON THORNHILL (IV Gen.); Was known to family and friends as "Van De." This was because he was named for a friend of the family whose name was "Vande Vastine.") Born in Dean Swamp, S. C., July 13, 1855. Md. Jan. 1, 1879, to Mary Beaufort Flewellen at Barrington (the Flewellen home), in Washington Co. Resided and died at Barrington May 6, 1882. is buried at Barrington. Unlike most of his brothers, "Van De" was never in the R. R. service, but spent his life in farming and stockraising. (Historical note: When Texas was a Republic, BARRINGTON was the "White House" of Texas, it being the home of Anson Jones who was the last President of the Republic. The property later became the home of Major Flewellen.) *Mary Beufort Flewellen was the daughter of Major James Flewellen of Barrington where she was born June 4, 1858. After death of V. J. Thornhill, she md. Ed Hughes, brother of Henry Waters Hughes. She died in Ho. June 28, 1925, and is buried in Houston.

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1. Infant son, not named, b. Sept. 27, 1879. Died same day and was buried at Barrington.

2. Bessie Van De Thornhill; B. at Barrington Sept. 11, 1880. Md. at Barrington Nov. 24, 1897, to Henry W. Hughes, son of O. B. Hughes of Washington Co. He b. near Chapel Hill Dec. 18, 1865. Died Mar. 29, 1935. She lives in Brenham.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Henry Van De Hughes, b. in Chapel Hill, Feb. 6, 1899, d. in Brenham July 26, 1900. Buried in Brenham.

2. Bessie Beaufort Hughes; b. in Chapel Hill, Feb. 16, 1901. Md. in Brenham June 7, 1923, to George Frederick Habbekotte** of Cincinnati, Ohio, and now residing in Chappaqua, N. Y. Their children: 1. Dorothy Elizabeth Habbekotte, B. April 25, 1927 in New York City; 2. Bessie Hughes Habbekotte. B. Aug. 28, 1929 in Brooklyn.

3. Dorothy De Walt Hughes, b. in Chapel Hill, June 10, 1905, md. in Brenham May 21, 1927, to Wm. John Roberts, Jr., son of Dr. Wm. J. Roberts of Chapel Hill. B. in Galveston Apr. 19, 1903. Their dau. Ruth Marian Roberts, b. Sept. 6, 1928.

4. Henry Waters Hughes, II, b. in Chapel Hill July 12, 1908. Md. Maude Bess McMeans of Richards, Texas, May 22, 1937. Their son, Henry Walter Hughes, b. Oct. 1, 1939.

*Mrs. Henry W. Hughes has a statement by her Mother's Father that he, Major J. P. Flewellen, was commissioned a Major in the Confederate Army under General Magruder. Also the original of a certificate signed by George Washington and dated April 17, 1786, that Henry Hughes, an officer in the 2nd Virginia Continental Regiment was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

**George F. Habbekotte served in the Navy (U. S.) overseas in the World War I.

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SAMUEL FISHER THORNHILL, II (IV Gen.); Born near Montgomery, Texas, Apr. 23, 1857. Md. in Chapel Hill Oct. 15, 1891, to Emily Raysor. Died in Chapel Hill July 14, 1909. Buried in C. Hill. No war service. He also was never in railroad service for any length of time. Was in mercantile business practically all of his business career after leaving the farm.

Emily Felder Raysor was the daughter of Peter Andrew Raysor and Adella Felder of Chapel Hill. B. in Chapel Hill Feb. 9, 1865, d. in C. H. Aug. 1, 1929. They were third cousins on the Felder side.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Gladys Adele Thornhill, b. in C. H. Aug. 19, 1892. D. in C. H. Oct. 20, 1896. Buried in C. H.

2. Vande Jackson Thornhill; B. in C. H. Nov. 22, 1895. Md. 1st to Ethel Lou McClanahan in San Antonio July 4, 1918. During World War he was in Army Med. Corps. H. Q. office at Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio. They had one child, Gladys Adele Thornhill. B. in Base Hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, July 28, 1920. (VI Gen.) Md. (2nd.) Dec. 23, 1929 in San Diego, Texas, to Patricia Ruth Jones, dau. of C. H. Jones of Italy, Texas. She b. near Italy July 21, 1905. After being discharged from the Army Vande Thornhill held several responsible clerical positions, one of them with an oil company in Tampico, Mexico. Is now Secy. of the Duval-Texas Sulphur Co., and lives in Houston.

3. Bessie Thornhill; b. in C. H. April 30, 1900. Md. in Brenham at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hughes, Dec. 27, 1919, 3 p.m. to Weston S. Emley. He b. in Laredo March 11, 1894. Served 11½ years overseas in the World War I. Now living in Galveston at 2215 36th St.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Weston William Emley, b. in Jacksonville, Fla. Sept. 4, 1920.

2. Edward Thornhill Emley; b. in Galv. Nov. 1, 1923. D. in Galv. Nov. 2, 1923. Buried in Lakewood Cemetary, Galveston.

3. Billie Louise Emley, b. in Galveston July 22, 1922.

GABRIEL FELDER THORNHILL (IV Gen.); Born near Chapel Hill, Texas, Mar. 23, 1859. Md. Sept. 1, 1886, in Chapel Hill, to Mary Buckingham, dau. of Rev. Thomas B. Buckingham and Clara B. Gayle, of Chapel Hill. She b. in Chapel Hill, Mar. 18, 1866. Now lives in Paris. He died in Paris, Dec. 5, 1915. Buried in Paris.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Clara Gayle Thornhill; Born in Navasota Dec. 18, 1887. Married in Paris June 28, 1911, to John Hammond of Clarksville, who died July 19, 1918. They had two children (VI Gen.).

(a.) John Hammond, II, b. April 29, 1912. Md. Sept. 23, 1934, to Esther Taylor, dau. of Louis V. Taylor and Esther Armington of Prov., R. I. She b. Aug. 21, 1908. Their children (VII Gen.).

1. John Hammond, III, b. Sept. 23, 1936.

2. Clara Gayle Hammond, b. Dec. 4, 1939.

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(b.) Clara Louise Hammon, b. in Paris, Mar. 30, 1916. d. Nov. 11, 1918.

2. Gabriel Felder Thornhill, II. B. Mar. 31, 1890, in Navasota. Md. June 10, 1926, in New York to Weta Ingram of Austin. They have one child (VI Gen.) Gabriel Felder Thornhill, III. B. in New York, Mar. 16, 1928.

3. Mary Buckingham Thornhill. B. in Navasota Jan. 11, 1892. Md. Oct. 14, 1914, in Paris to George Robert Coleman. He b. Oct. 23, 1890. Now res. in Amarillo. They have two children (VI Gen.) George Robert Coleman, II, B. in Paris, Feb. 21, 1916. Gabriel Thomas Coleman, b. Mar. 1, 1918. Now a student U. of Texas Med. College in Galveston.

GABRIEL FELDER THORNHILL (Gabe.) (IV Gen.) ; After reaching age of maturity and until he began practicing medicine, Gabe's business career was in the railroad service, beginning as a telegrapher but soon becoming station agent.

He had a desire to become a physician and read Alopathic text books but they were not satisfying. After many years he had occasion to resort to a homeopathic physician for treatment of a skin trouble that was simple but annoying yet he hadn't been able to get relief from it through Alopathic treatment. The result was so quick and satisfactory that the old desire to be a practitioner was quickly aroused, so he immediately took up the study of Homeopathy under the guidance of this Homeopath who had so successfully treated him. He was at the time station agent at Navasota for the H. & T. C. Ry. The Division Supt. of the road, Mr. J. M. Lee, was a most obliging, and I may say sympathetic man, so he granted leaves of absence each winter for six months periods to permit Gabe to attend medical college and resume his railroad duties during the summer.

On completion of his medical training and having his diploma issued, Mr. Lee refused to allow him to resume his railroad position for the ensuing summer as usual, fearing he might not have the will power to voluntarily give it up, and would thereby sacrifice his professional career.

It was tough going for Gabe for a while; to see the pay car pass him up was almost unbearable, but at the time of his death he had a splendid practice, and no doctor was ever held in higher confidence and admiration by his patients.

He was eminently successful except as to himself. He had allowed himself to grow too fleshy; the result of his death being too violent exercise in cranking a balky car. He was seen cranking the car and when it finally started, he got in, drove only a short distance, turned out beside the road, put the gears in neutral and died sitting under the wheel leaving the engine still running.

His passing was untimely; his mission in life was far from finished, but it is a glorious way to go, without pain or suffering and no lingering illness. Wise was the poet who wrote: "Let me go quickly like a candle light, snuffed out just at the hey-

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dey of its glow; give me high noon, and let it then be night—thus would I go.”

He was a devout member of the Methodist Church and stood high in Masonry.

GABRIEL FELDER THORNHILL, II (V Gen.); Gabe Jr. was born in Navasota and went through the city schools, then through the University of Virginia. On completion of his medical training he entered practice in New York City, first being associated with Dr. Copeland, who later became U. S. Senator from New York. Gabe, Jr., did not enter into the general practice of medicine but specialized in eye, ear and nose treatment.

After severing his relations with Dr. Copeland, he established his own practice and was very successful. He moved to Austin in 1936 and is enjoying a very lucrative specialty practice in ear, nose and throat diseases; omitting the treatment of eyes.

WILLIAM GEORGE THORNHILL (IV Gen.); B. near chapel Hill, Feb. 22, 1862. Md. Dec. 2, 1891, at Independence to Tassie Elizabeth Clay, dau. of Capt. Tacitus Thomas Clay and Elizabeth (Bettie) Seward of Independence. She b. Mar. 8, 1868, in Independence. He d. in Newgulf Mar. 4, 1939.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Tacitus Clay Thornhill. B. Dec. 16, 1895, in Independence. Md. July 14, 1920, in Chapel Hill to Bessie Burton Routt, dau. of Joe Routt of Chapel Hill. She B. Aug. 3, 1895, in Chapel Hill. Res. in Chapel Hill.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

Tacitus Clay Thornhill, II, B. Jan. 9, 1923, in Gulf.

William Routt Thornhill, B. April 28, 1929, in Chapel Hill.

2. Pauline Mary Thornhill. B. Aug. 10, 1899, in Independence. Md. June 16, 1925, in Matagorda to John Edgar Brown, son of John Walter Brown of El Campo. He B. Aug. 26, 1902, in El Campo. (John Edgar Brown is nick-named “Pat”.)

Their Children (VI Gen.)

Pat Brown; B. Sept. 27, 1927, in Matagorda. Betty Seward Brown, b. Oct. 1, 1929, in Newgulf.

3. William George Thornhill, II, b. Dec. 7, 1901, Md. Dec. 28, 1939, to Marie Josephine Bruce, dau. of Frank Bruce and Addie Zipprian of Matagorda, Texas. She B. April 27, 1914. Res. in Rosenberg.

4. Lila Elizabeth Thornhill; B. Sept. 4, 1904, in Matagorda, Md. June 20, 1933, in Matagorda to Walter Keirn Long, son of John Jones Long and Octavia Metcalf of Itta Bena, Miss. He B. April 17, 1904. They reside at Itta Bena, Miss.

WILLIAM GEORGE THORNHILL (IV Gen.); Biographical. Willie's first business experiences were in the railroad service; starting as a telegrapher, then in the General Auditing Offices of the G. C. & S. F. Ry. in Galveston and from there into station agent service in various parts of the State. In one such station

he was the victim of armed bandits, the wounds given him came near to costing his life. This occurred at Yarborough, a small place about ten miles from Navasota and about 15 miles from where I was reared by my Aunt. I got my first experience nursing a wounded man with him, and once while holding the lamp for the Doctor to dress the wounds I became so sick I had to give up the lamp quickly, as I couldn't even see the light. Some years later, I went to see a "Clairvoyant" in Waco. A very motherly old lady. She went into a trance and described the circumstances of this robbery, where Willie was wounded, and told me who the robbers were; that one was dead and the other was then working in a saw mill in East Texas. Some may say this was the power of mind reading, because she had told me things I already knew, but I had not mentioned any of it to her. (I was interested to get something from her regarding a love affair. She gave it to me, and it wasn't what I wanted to hear but it panned out just like she said it would.)

His railroad career ended in Matagorda. While he was station agent there he became interested in the wholesale fish and oyster business, which in those days was flourishing. He left the railroad service and went into shipping of fish and oysters and had quite a fleet of fishing boats supplying his trade. I worked with him one winter.

Storms from sea destroyed most of his fishing fleet; silt from soil erosion inland came down the Colorado River which emptied into the Bay at Matagorda and filled the bay, covering the oyster beds. The Bay was about four miles wide in front of the town and fishing boats sailed freely about it. Now it is filled in and grown up in bushes. He lost a small fortune and his health declined so much that he was unable to go elsewhere to start over.

His two sons, Tacitus and Will, had a mercantile business in the sulphur town of Gulf, about four miles east of Matagorda. The sulphur field was exhausted; the company moved everything, town and all, to Newgulf, in Wharton Co.

Tacitus became a merchant, ginner and cotton warehouseman in Chapel Hill. Will went with the Federal Farm Authority for several years, then with the Duval-Texas Sulphur Co. at Rosenberg, where he now lives.

Pauline married "Pat" Brown who was with the Sulphur Co. at Gulf, and they followed it to Newgulf, and Pat is still with the company, having some 15 years or more service with them.

Lila educated herself for a teacher at San Marcos; was teaching in the schools at Donna when she met Walter Keirn Long who was managing a citrus orchard there for his Father. They recently went to Mississippi where he has a plantation and mercantile business near Itta Bena.

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EUGENIA M. THORNHILL (IV Gen.); B. in Washington Co., Texas, Nov. 4, 1863. D. Jan. 21, 1865. Buried in Felder Cemetery near C. H.

Infant daughter, not named. B. Oct. 23, 1865, D. Oct. 28, 1865. Buried in Felder Cemetery near Chapel Hill.

ELIZA (Lila) LYDIA THORNHILL; B. in Washington Co., Feb. 24, 1867. Md. in Chapel Hill May 12, 1892, to D. O. Freeman. D. in Ft. Worth April 13, 1896, and buried in Navasota.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Eleanor Freeman, B. June 2, 1893. D. April 8, 1896.
2. Oscar R. T. Freeman, B. Jan. 31, 1895. D. Mar. 1, 1895.
3. Lila Eleanor Freeman, B. April 13, 1896. Md. May 16, 1915, in Binghampton, N. Y., to Glenn O. Cornelius.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

- a. Lisle Clark Cornelius, B. Feb. 28, 1916.
- b. Thelma Dorme Cornelius, B. April 9, 1918.

(The above information relative to the marriage of Lila Eleanor Freeman and data as to her children is from S. G. Evetts Thornhill, his letter dated Dec. 10, 1932. He quotes from Hulbert's Genealogy.)

THOMAS JAMES THORNHILL (IV Gen.); B. near Chapell Hill, Mar. 12, 1870. Md. (1st) July 15, 1894, in Navasota to Wilmoth Catherine Parker, dau. of Col. Chas. W. Parker of St. Louis. She b. near St. Louis June 6, 1864, and d. Mar. 23, 1897, in Navasota. Md. (2nd) Dec. 7, 1898, to Carrie Franklin Clay, dau. of Capt. Tacitus Thomas Clay of Independence. Married in Brenham in St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Children of First Marriage (V Gen.)

1. Charles Parker Thornhill; B. in Navasota July 2, 1895. Md. in Houston Dec. 24, 1932 to (Mrs.) Lois Anderson.
2. Wilmoth Thornhill, B. in Navasota, Mar. 23, 1897. Md. in Dallas May 24, 1920, to Richard Leander Owens, II. He B. Dec. 22, 1896. (J-1).

Their Children (VI Gen.)

- a. Carolyn Clay Owens, b. Feb. 25, 1921, in Dallas at Floride St. and Swiss Ave.
- b. Mary Ellen Owens; b. Oct. 23, 1924, in Dallas at 6355 Belmont Ave. D. Dec. 17, 1929 in Dallas at 1111 Clermont. Buried in Dallas, in Calvary Hill Cemetery.

Children of Second Marriage (V Gen.)

3. Laura Seward Thornhill; B. May 24, 1900, at residence of Decius McCreery, near Corsicana. Md. to A. W. Davis, Feb. 14, 1932. Son of Dr. Wm. H. Davis of San Antonio.

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4. Thomas James Thornhill, II. B. in Dallas at Good St. and Jefferson Ave., Oak Cliff, April 26, 1905. Graduate of U. S. Naval Academy, 1930. Lt. on U.S.S. Perkins, 1940. Md. Sept. 7, 1929, in Washington, D. C., to Henrietta Marie Forrest, dau. of Hon. Thomas Keith Randolph Forrest, of Washington, D. C. She b. in Washington D. C., Feb. 9, 1911.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

a. Thomas James Thornhill, III. B. in Dallas, June 13, 1930, at St. Paul's Sanitarium while his parents were visiting Mrs. R. L. Owens, at 1111 Clermont.

b. Randolph Clay Thornhill; B. Aug. 7, 1931, at 1328 E. 2nd. Long Beach, Cal.

c. Irene Keith Thornhill, B. May 31, 1933, Long Beach, Cal.

d. Caro Garland Thornhill, b. Oct. 7, 1935, San Diego. D. Oct. 24, 1935.

e. Parker Garland Thornhill, b. Dec. 19, 1936, in Annapolis, Maryland.

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THOMAS JAMES THORNHILL (IV Gen.); Autobiographical Notes. My Mother lived less than three weeks after my birth and My Aunt, Mrs. Sophia Ann Minnock, my Mother's only sister, became my foster Mother and I always felt as though she was my Mother; in fact I am sure she made no discrimination between me and her own children. The Minnock children were all that brothers and sisters could have been to me and always have seemed as such.

I was reared on the farm in Montgomery Co. seven miles west of the town of Montgomery and six miles east of the town of Plantersville in Grimes Co.

My first school days were in Plantersville; my Aunt had moved the family there to give her children the benefit of a splendid private school that would probably rank as a "prep" school in these days. Her eldest daughter, Eliza, who later married J. T. Fitzpatrick and lived in Waco also taught a kindergarten school and it was to her that I went to school. (She was the only one of the Minnock children that I did not call brother or sister; I called her "Cousin," and it was never explained to me why this distinction.)

I was then about six years old, and very soon they moved back to the farm, and after a few years I rode horseback from the farm to Plantersville to school. I had a little black mustang pony that was bought from one of the many droves of wild horses that passed through the country for sale. This little pony was about the smallest runt of a horse I ever saw not to have been a Shetland. I named him "Dixie" and he was a pal to me. Would always answer me when I called him and come to be saddled. But I've seen him jump a high staked and ridered fence when anyone else would try to put a bridle on him. He never pitched with me but if anyone else got on him he had to be good to stay there.

Right here I want to pay tribute to another horse that I rode before "Dixie" came into the family; "Old Bill." He was a stockily built horse more of a work horse than a saddle horse. Had no fancy gaits, just a hard old common trot. He was old, gray from age, and in his younger days had participated in neighborhood races. I rode him to Plantersville for the mail when I was about eight years of age. I used a man's saddle with the stirrups hanging loose; I couldn't even draw them up enough to reach them.

One day coming home, about half way home, someone rode by me in a gallop going same way I was going. It was unthinkable of Old Bill for another horse to pass him, and he wouldn't stand for it so he went into high and stepped on it. The stirrups swinging loose would strike him in the flanks and he thought it meant more speed and he gave me all he had. In the meantime I had dropped the reins on his neck and was using my hands to hold on to the pommel of the saddle. He got home in nothing flat and came to a stop at the front gate;

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I with blisters on my hands. The family all got a laugh out of it, for Old Bill was kindness itself and thought he was giving me a little sport.

Then there was my old black dog "Rover." It was a sad day for me when he died of old age. He really "died all over."

And, my cat; never had any name but "Kitten." Was a yellow "alley cat" but there were no alleys for him. He, too, would always answer when I spoke to him. Would get enough of my teasing and get me by each cheek; look me straight in the eye and make me understand it was time to cut it out. Slept on my pillow every night (if he was at home).

There were other pets, but these were my pals and practically my only playmates, as there was only one neighbor, a mile away. One boy there, but we were not together very frequently as children are in these days.

Coming back to the subject of school days; there weren't so very many of them, therefore it is a short story. A neighborhood school about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away for a while, then another two miles away at Bobbin (now known as "Bobville"; sounds like a European idea, changing names of cities!), and in Waco to one of the city schools on N. 5th St.; this was after "Cousin" (Mrs. Fitzpatrick) married and was living there. I stayed with her then and some years later I took a course at Hill's Business College in Waco. McGuffey's Fifth Reader was my most advanced text book; balance of my education was by experience and "absorption."

My first business job was with Harry Rankin in Hempstead when I was 18. Harry was P. M. in Hempstead and had a grocery store besides, and it was in the grocery that I made my debut from the tall timber.

After a few months with Harry, my Brother Gabe gave me a job in the R. R. (H. & T. C.) in Navasota where he was station agent. The next ten years was spent in railroad service; some of it with my Brother Willie in Yoakum and with my Cousin, W. N. Thornhill, in Waco. Both jobs were with the S. A. & A. P. Ry. in early and halcyon days of railroading. I was in Yoakum at the time of the historic strike over the whole system. The trainmen hadn't been paid for about six months. Train service stood still for eight days and the rails on main line tracks got rusty. This railroad service was from 1888 to 1898 inclusive. In 1899, I bought a half interest in a saw mill from E. J. Minnock. The mill had a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day and had a commissary. I moved my family into back room of the commissary until I could build a house, which I built just across the railroad track in the dense woods. Got a P. O. established, named it "WILMOTH," yours truly was the P. M. My education did not include anything about saw mills previous to my experience, which lasted only a year. Even the 20,000 ft. mill cut all the timber in that time, and the timber all around us had already been cut, ergo, we were through,

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finished and completed, and, one year from the time I went there, I sacked up all the P. O. equipment, threw it in a passing R. P. O., addressed to Supt. of Ry. Mail Service, told the railway postal clerks not to throw any more mail off there, put my family on the train and went south. My exit from the saw mill business!

In 1900 I landed in Corsicana. The Cotton Factory was under construction; I bought stock in it and got a job as Assistant Secretary; the bearer of the title Secretary was a farmer who took no active part in the office; was only a director. The Cotton Factory stock was underscribed by \$50,000 and a local bank was carrying a debt against the mill for that amount, compounding the interest at 8% every 30 days. (The debt was being carried as an over-draft.)

The debt increased until early in 1903 the G. M., a Canadian, took French leave; leaving a strike on and no one but me to hold the hot end of the poker. I was given limited authority to act as manager by the Directors.

I had no trouble settling the strike, and, continued in charge through the summer without further increase in the debt, but it was decided to foreclose and dispose of the annoying small stockholders, so, I moved to Dallas 1st of January, 1904. Tried to do a little promoting in connection with a party who rated himself as a real promoter. We got a successful cotton mill man in S. C. interested, had the foundation in place for one cotton mill and location for another when the S. C. man died and his executors withdrew. That bubble collapsed.

Then followed 15 years residence in Dallas, in several lines of business, among which was wholesale and retail fish and oyster business, sub-contracting in building specialties and finally branched out in building material business, which in 1940 I'm still in.

Included in the 15 year period above mentioned is a short period of service in the Army Y. M. C. A. I entered the training school in Camp Travis at San Antonio Aug. 13, 1918; after one month's training I was assigned to duty in "Y" Hut 73 in Camp Travis and served there without transfer until Feb. 28, 1919, when I was discharged from the service.

I enlisted for over-seas and my transfer papers were completed, physical examination passed and was just ready to go when demobilization orders stopped me. It was during this period that the epidemic of "Flu" swept through the camp. All Army hospital facilities were fully taxed, the Army commandeered the "Y" huts and filled them with beds and the "Y" men were drafted into service in the hospitals. I was serving a portion of the time in clerical work at a desk beside the night P.B.X. operator.

Never more than an hour passed without a death in the hospital and it was my duty to draw from the files the enlistment records of the soldier and start funeral preparations.

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Finally, I went down with it; then my wife got panicky and came down from Dallas. Fearing she would also be stricken, I appealed to the Army doctor who was treating me to permit me to leave and get to Dallas to my family physician. I think he broke all records by granting my request, but it was with the remark "it will be your funeral." I left the hospital Christmas week in a cold rain and with fever on me, leaving on a cot beside me another "Y" man who wanted to go home (to Kerrville) for Christmas (this was Dec. 22nd.). He was recovering and was free of fever and said he knew I was much sicker than he. He was sent home that night, but in his coffin. Possibly the poor fellow got himself too much wrought up, for he was swearing a blue streak as I left at the injustice of allowing me to leave with a fever on while he was free of fever and only 70 miles to go; I had 300 miles ahead of me. It is truly remarkable, but the cold wet air seemed to help me at once.

My first residence location in Dallas was at 230 Jefferson, (Corner Good) in Oak Cliff. It was here that T. J. T., Jr., was born. Our last residence in Dallas was at 331 So. Rosemont. We built this house and it was the second house on that street south of the St. Ry. on Jefferson. We were pioneering. We were living here during the World War I, and many happy evenings were spent here by our girls entertaining the young Lt. Aviators from Camp Dick. (The State Fair Grounds.) Wilmoth was married here on May 24th, 1920, and we moved away May 30, 1920, to San Antonio, having sold the Rosemont home.

In San Antonio our first home was at 112 E. Waco St., 3rd door west of Fredricksburg Rd. Our last was at 426 Goodrich St. We left this place Dec. 20, 1931. All these eleven years in San Antonio I was in the Building Specialties business, both wholesale and retail. I was a member of the San Antonio Builders Exchange at the time they erected their eight story office building and I had offices in it; previously in Bedell Bldg.

Was interested in construction work for a while; built about a dozen cottages, residences and apartments; 426 Goodrich being the last one.

The famous "Depression" of 1929 wiped the slate clean for me again and when we left 426 Goodrich St. it was to make our home with the children.

We lived with Parker in Houston during 1932, then to Dallas with Wilmoth most of the time and with Laura a portion. (March, 1940).

And now, just a few words about my children; Charles Parker, the eldest, is "Parker" to us. He was named for his grandfather, Col. Charles Wheeler Parker of St. Louis. The name "Charles" was as common in the Parker family as "Thomas" is in the Thornhill families, so, Col. Parker requested that he be not inflicted with it, but that he be called by his middle name "Parker." Parker was less than three years old when his

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mother passed away, and, no little fellow was ever more devoted to his Mother.

My judgment is no doubt biased, but I still think he was the most beautiful little baby I have ever seen. He needn't take any of the credit for it, nor need any of the others be jealous; these physical attributes are God-given. All of my children were pretty babies to me.

He got what education the public schools of Dallas had to give, and continued his studies by correspondence and experience in the offices of Architects and Engineers and has fitted himself to be a licensed Building Engineer and for ten years or more has been maintenance engineer of the huge properties of Jesse Jones and associates in Texas. These properties comprise more than fifty of the largest buildings in Texas.*

His residence is the Texas State Hotel in Houston.

*Is a high ranking mason and official member of 1st M. E. Church in Houston. Wilmoth, my second child, was named for her Mother, and, like myself, was left motherless from infancy. (Incidentally, my Mother and her Mother suffered a similar misfortune.) Wilmoth, also, got only what education the Dallas Public Schools could give, but she married wisely and well and has fulfilled the highest duty of womanhood; that of being a good wife and mother and making a happy home. Her daughter, Carolyn, is active in church and patriotic organizations. Recently, at request of a Federal District Judge, she posed in his Court during a session of naturalization, as "Miss America," representing the D. A. R., while the Army and Navy also had representatives present.

Laura, likewise, got no college education, getting hers from the Dallas Public Schools; but she made the best of it by fitting herself for a business career, and has always held responsible secretarial positions, mostly in Banking and Federal Government division offices.

What advantages Parker had over her in baby beauty (and it wasn't much) has been more than compensated for in girlhood and womanhood.

Thomas, whose genealogical rank in this particular Thornhill family is II, is known in the family as "The Kid."

I will have to hand it to him as having gotten for himself the best education in the family; barring none, for in my estimation the Naval Academy gives a young man an education second to none to be had any where in the world. In so doing he has set for himself a high mark to shoot at, and, so far he has done some pretty good shooting.

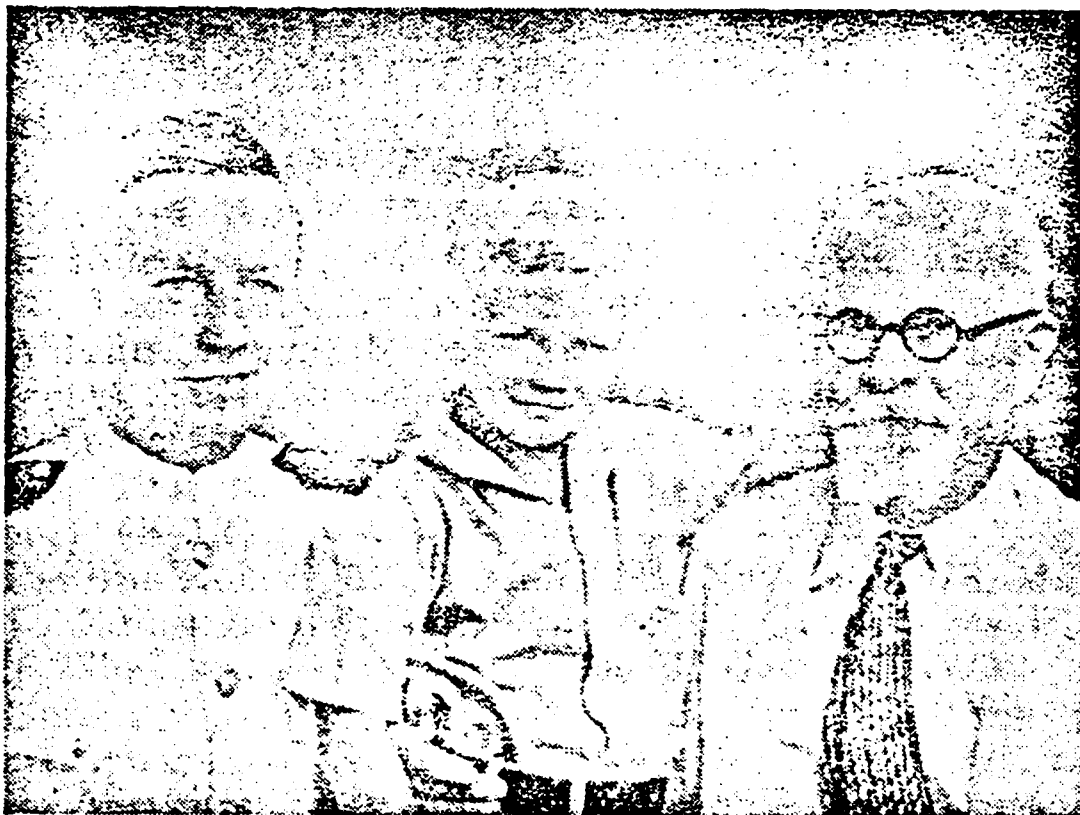
He kicked himself out of the San Antonio High School just a few weeks before he would have graduated, thinking it was time wasted to stay it out; came to Dallas, enlisted as a seaman in the Navy, was sent to San Diego to the Navy's training school for seamen. There he was given a course of study in

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preparation for entering the Academy, and, on making the grades, was recommended for the Academy without any political appointment. He graduated from the Academy in 1930 and has taken a two-year post graduate course.

In a class of more than 400 graduates at Annapolis, 20 were awarded "Honor" diplomas and his was one of the 20. I have been his guest at the Academy, as many other proud fathers have been of their sons, but, in addition I have had the thrill that comes to very few land-lubber civilians; that of being a guest on a battle ship at sea for gun practice.

This was while he was a junior officer on the Saratoga in 1933. He requested and got permission from his Admiral for me to go with him as a guest on the ship on a cruise for gun practice which lasted nearly a week. To relate my observations and experiences in these few days would fill this book, so I'll just sign off with "30."



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GEORGE HARRISON THORNHILL (III Gen.); Son of Elijah Thornhill and his second wife, Ann Fisher. B. Oct. 15, 1822 in Warrenton, Fuqua Co., Va. D. Oct. 1866. Md. Diana Maria Nash in 1851. She D. Dec. 1866.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Annie Maria Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Mar. 21, 1853, at Friar's Point, Miss. Md. Oct. 29, 1874 to James Robertson. He was B. Feb. 11, 1846. Res. Jackson Co., Texas, near Ganado. They have 8 children. (See V. Gen.)

2. Katherine Pauline Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Sept. 16, 1855, at Friar's Pt. Md. Aug. 4, 1875 to A. M. Clay of Independence, Texas. He D. July 15, 1923. She res. Brenham, Texas. They had 7 children. (See V. Gen.)

3. Minnie Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Jan. 26, 1857 at Friar's Pt. D. young.

4. William Nash Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Aug. 28, 1858 at Friar's Pt. D. May 22, 1930, in Nacogdoches, Texas. Md. Oct. 17, 1883 to Sarah Elizabeth (Bettie) Evetts. She D. Aug. 31, 1927. Both Bd. in Hubbard, Texas. They had 7 children. (See V. Gen.)

5. Alice Tallulah Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Sept. 20, 1860, at Friar's Pt. Md. May 10, 1881, at Independence, Texas, to John Andrews Shepard, Res. Houston. They had 6 children. (See V. Gen.)

6. Lillie Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Feb. 19, 1864, at Friar's Pt. D. at age of about two years.

7. Mary Jane Thornhill (IV Gen.). B. Dec. 1866. D. infant. Twin of George (8).

8. George Thornhill (IV GEN.). B. Dec. 1866. D. infant. Twin of Mary Jane (7).

Fifth Generation

Children of Annie Maria Thornhill (IV Gen.), and James Randal Robertson (1847-1922). Md. Oct. 29, 1874, at res. of Saml. F. Thornhill near Independence, Texas.

1. William Thornhill Robertson (V Gen.). B. Dec. 20, 1875. Unmarried. Furn. dealer in Wharton, Texas.

2. Rebecca Tallulah Robertson (V Gen.). B. Mar. 24, 1877. Md. ——— 1905 to Wm. L. Blair. They have four children. (See VI Gen.) (E-12).

3. Pauline Robertson (V Gen.). B. Nov. 29, 1878. Md. Dec. 12, 1899 to James Renfro Trcusdale of La Grange. He B. Aug. 13, 1876. They have 8 children. (See VI Gen.) (E-12).

4. Emma Robertson (V. Gen.). B. July 24, 1880. Md. ——— Robt. H. Abernathy. He B. Oct. 27, 1880. He D. Sept. ———, 1929. She res. Yoakum. They had 2 children. (See VI Gen.) (E-12).

5. Dee Robertson (V Gen.). B. Mar. 13, 1882. Un-md. res. near Ganado.

6. Atreus Clay Robertson (V Gen.). B. Nov. 27, 1883. Md. Irene Robertson (his cousin).

7. George Seward Robertson (V Gen.). B. Aug. 24, 1891. Md. Connie Moore and has 2 children. Geo. S. Jr. and Billie.

8. Thomas Clay Robertson (V Gen.). B. May 10, 1892.

Sixth Generation

Children of Rebecca Robertson, (V Gen.) and William L. Blair. Married 1905.

1. James Robertson Blair (VI Gen.); B. Sept. 2, 1906. Md. Dec. 24, 1938 to Margaret Gibson.
2. Annie Pauline Blair (VI Gen.); B. Oct. 9, 1908. Md. Jan., 1928, to Gus Cobb, res. Kingsville. He B. Nov. 14, 1904.
3. George Thornhill Blair (VI Gen.); B. June 23, 1911. Md. Esther Jones Sept. 17, 1939.
4. Alice Blair (VI Gen.); B. Nov. 13, 1913.

Sixth Generation

Children of Pauline Robertson, (V Gen.) and James Renfro Trousdale of La Grange, Texas. (See E-12.) Md. Dec. 12, 1899. He B. Aug. 13, 1876.

1. Irene Irving Trousdale (VI Gen.); B. July 13, 1902. Md. May 23, 1934, to Thomas Green Sayers, II. Son of Thomas Green Sayers. He B. May 13, 1891. (nephew of Ex-Gov. Sayers.) They have one dau. Pauline Ann, B. Feb. 17, 1935. Res. Austin.
2. Infant son, Twin of Irene, died infant.
3. Infant daughter. B. July 17, 1903. Died infant.
4. James Renfro Trousdale, II (VI Gen.). B. Oct. 20, 1904; D. Jan. 22, 1912.
5. Reba Robertson Trousdale (VI Gen.); B. Jan. 6, 1906; Md. Jas. C. Williams. He B. Nov. 3, 1900. They have three children.
 - (a.) Billie Renfro Williams (VII Gen.); B. April 18, 1930.
 - (b.) Thomas Calloway Williams (VII Gen.); B. Sept. 4, 1931.
 - (c.) Robert Trousdale Williams (VII Gen.); B. June 1, 1934.
 - (d.) Reba Ann Williams (VII Gen.); B. April 5, 1939
 - e.) Ralph Irving Williams (VII Gen.); B. Sept. 15, 1940.
6. Annie May Trousdale (VI Gen.); B. Aug. 4, 1909; Md. Jan. 21, 1933, to Ross Dean. Res. Bay City, one child, Freddie Duane Dean, (VII Gen.) B. Aug. 6, 1933.
7. Pauline Aalice Trousdale (VI Gen.); B. Nov. 28, 1911; D. July 6, 1914.
8. Margaret Amanda Trousdale (VI Gen.); B. Nov. 27, 1921.

Sixth Generation

Children of Emma Robertson (V Gen.) and Robert Abernathy, B. Oct. 27, 1880. D. Sept. 1929. Md. ———.

1. Agnes Abernathy (VI Gen.); B. Aug. 7, 1908.
2. Joe Abernathy (VI Gen.); B. Nov. 24, 1910. Md. July 17, 1940 to Gladys ———.

Children of Katherine Pauline Thornhill, (IV Gen.—E-11) and Atreus M. Clay of Independence, Texas. She B. Sept. 16, 1855, at Friar's Point, Miss. He B. Mar. 17, 1844; D. July 15, 1923. Md. Aug. 4, 1875. Res. Brenham, Texas.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Leila Love Clay (V Gen.); B. June 14, 1876. (See E-15 for children.) Md. June 1, 1898 to John Watson of Brenham.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

a. Alice Clay Watson (VI Gen.); B. Aug. 24, 1899. Md. April, 1926 to Paul de Maulpied. Res. Atlanta, Ga. One son, Paul Alfred de Maulpied. B. Dec. 22, 1929.

b. Mary Caroline Watson (VI Gen.); B. Dec. 21, 1904. Md. Aug., 1939, to Dr. Eaton of New York City.

2. Alice Clay (V Gen.); B. May 8, 1878 at Independence. Md. April 25, 1900, to Stanley H. Watson of Brenham. He died Feb. 12, 1917.

Their Daughter (VI Gen.)

Margaret Elizabeth Watson (VI Gen.); B. Feb. 12, 1901. Md. Nov. 24, 1927, to Clinton Giddings, III, of Brenham. He died 1933. She resides in Brenham.

3. Thomas Thornhill Clay (V Gen.); B. Aug. 1, 1880. Md. Aug. 1925, to Dora Goerke of Independence.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

a. Atreus M. Clay, II (VI Gen.); B. Oct. 26, 1926.

b. Thomas Tacitus Clay (VI Gen.); B. May 11, 1929.

c. Nestor Atreus Clay, II (VI Gen.); B. Aug. 3, 1936.

4. Katherine (Kate) Clay (V Gen.); B. April 17, 1883. Md. June 24, 1903, to Dr. Jesse M. Burford of Independence. He died

Their Daughter (VI Gen.)

Katherine (Kate) Burford (VI Gen.); B.
Md. April 23, 1927, to C. O. Welch. Res. Monroe, La.

Their Children (VII Gen.)

a. Burford Keith Welch. B. Sept. 18, 1927.

b. Carlos O. Welch, II. B. Mar. 5, 1930.

c. Katherine Welch. B. 1933.

d. Mary Patricia Welch. B. July 12, 1938.

5. Nestor Atreus Clay (V Gen.); B. Sept. 11, 1885. Md. Nov. 6, 1912, to Malcolm Brown of Navasota.

6. Annie Belle Clay (V Gen.); B. Aug. 15, 1888. Md. June 5, 1912, to Eugene Otis ("Chip") Routt of Chapel Hill. He B. Feb. 14, 1889.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

a. Alice Clay Routt (VI Gen.); B. May 17, 1913. Md. to Geo. Hoeffort and has one child, Diana Clay Hoeffort. B. March 23, 1938.

b. Joseph Eugene Routt (VI Gen.); B. Oct. 18, 1914.

c. Atreus William Routt (VI Gen.); B. Oct. 14, 1917.

d. Milton Lee Routt (VI Gen.); B. Sept. 15, 1924.

Fifth Generation

Children of William Nash Thornhill, (IV Gen.) and Sarah Elizabeth (Bettie) Evetts of Benchley, Texas. He born Aug. 28, 1858; Died May 22, 1930. She born Nov. 11, 1860; Died Aug. 31, 1927. Married Oct. 17, 1883.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Alice Tallulah Thornhill (V Gen.); Born July 16, 1884. Md.

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William Scott Bludworth of Flatonia June 26, 1907. He B. Aug. 3, 1883; D. June 19, 1909. She Resides Kingsville, Texas.

Their Daughter

Siddie Grace Bludworth (VI Gen.); B. March 31, 1908. Md. Nov. 6, 1937, to Geo. Tyng Shields of Victoria and resides there. He B. June 28, 1907. Their dau. Judith Alice Shields B. Feb. 9, 1939.

2. Samuel Givens Evetts Thornhill (V Gen.); B. Feb. 8, 1888. Md. Feb. 22, 1915, to Mabel Knadler of Laramie, Wyoming. Res. Green River, Wyo. One dau., Thelma Elizabeth, B. June 22, 1924.

3. William Nash Thornhill, II (V Gen.); B. Aug. 30, 1889. Md. Sept. 1920, to Bertha Peterson of Salt Lake City, Utah. She B. April, 1899. Res. Nacogdoches, Texas.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

a. William Nash Thornhill, III (VI Gen.); B. Nov. 19, 1924.

b. Samuel Givens Evetts Thornhill, II (VI Gen.); B. Sept. 1926.

c. Murrell Faye Thornhill (VI Gen.); B. Aug. 16, 1938.

4. Martha Virginia Thornhill (V Gen.); B. July 25, 1891. Md. March 29, 1923 to Edward Lucius Dillon of St. Louis, Mo. He B. June 22, 1869. Res. 2203 Carleton, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

a. Sarah Jane Dillon; B. May 25, 1925.

b. Edward Lucius Dillon, II; B. July 4, 1928.

5. Bettie Leigh Thornhill (V Gen.); B. Aug. 12, 1895. Md. Jan. 5, 1920, to William Walter Deen, II, of Austin, Texas. He B. 1886. Res. Brownsville.

Their Son

William Walter Deen, III (VI Gen.); B. Dec. 25, 1920.

6. Charles Weigle Thornhill (V Gen.); B. April 27, 1900. Md. Feb., 1928, to Marvel Sandel of Houston. Res. Houston. She B. Dec., 1907.

7. Homer Eugene Thornhill (V Gen.); B. Jan. 7, 1904. Md. April 2, 1929, to Myrtle Flora Smith of Corsicana, Texas. Res. Houston. She dau. of Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith. B. Dec. 31, 1908.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Homer Eugene Thornhill, II (VI Gen.); B. Dec. 14, 1932.

2. Betty Jane Thornhill (VI Gen.); B. June 24, 1936.

Fifth Generation

Children of Alice Tallulah Thornhill, (IV Gen.) and John Andrews Shepard, son of Chancey Berkley Shepard and Mary Hester Andrews. Md. May 10, 1881. B. Sept. 29, 1853; D. May 23, 1932.

1. Martha Jane (Mattie) Shepard (V Gen.); B. Feb. 23, 1882. Md. Marcus Amsler, Res. Dallas.

2. Annie Shepard (V Gen.); B. June 11, 1883. Md. April 27, 1909, to E. G. Winston. She Res. Smithville, Texas. He dead.

3. Susan Shepard (V Gen.); B. Jan. 20, 1885. Md. 1st, Wm. A. Wood, Sept. 20, 1905. Md. 2nd, Edward S. Becker. Res. Houston.

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4. Frank Andrews Shepard (V Gen.) ; B. Dec. 15, 1886. Dead.
5. Lila Shepard (V Gen.) ; B. Mar. 1, 1889. Md. Nov. 24, 1911,
to James Raspberry. She Res. Houston. He dead.
6. Seth Shepard (V Gen.) ; B. Sept. 2, 1896. D. Aug. 1940.

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THOMAS HARRISON THORNHILL (III Gen.); Son of Elijah Thornhill and Ann Fisher (E-2). Born, 1814; Died "soon after Civil War." Buried at Traveler's Rest, Natchez, Miss. Md. to Mary G. Winston, dau. of Genl. Saml. L. Winston, at "The Elms" in Natchez. She B. 1826; D., 1905. Buried at Traveler's Rest, Natchez, Miss.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Anna Winston Thornhill; B. 1850; D. 1926. Md. to Maj. William Pierce Callon.
2. Philip H. Thornhill; B. about 1852; D. about 1856.
3. John Thornhill; B. about 1854; D. about 1860.
4. Mary Hensie Thornhill; B. 1856; D. 1924.

ANNA WINSTON THORNHILL (IV Gen.); Dau. of Thomas Harrison Thornhill and Mary G. Winston. B. 1850; D. 1926. Md. to Maj. Wm. Pierce Callon, U. S. A. He B. 1836, D.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Philip Hoggon Callon; B., D., 1870.
2. William Winston Callon; B., 1870; D., 1870.
3. Fred Lamb Callon; B., 1872; Md. 1904 to Anna Green Chase. Res. Washington, Miss.
4. Henry Thornhill Callon; B., 1875. Md., 1895, to Anna Lee Seymour. Res. Decatur, Ill.
5. Kate Winston Callon; B., 1878. Md., 1900, to Malcolm C. Montgomery. He D., 1920; She Res. Natchez, Miss.
6. Mary Carline Callon; B., 1880; D., 1935. Md., to Joseph Mason Stone.
7. Thomas Thornhill Callon; B., 1884; Md., to Christine Norquist; Res. Lexington, Miss.
8. Dennis Cane Callon; B., 1886; Md. to Olive Loyds; Res. Meridian, Miss.
9. Robert Henry Callon; B., 1889; Md. to Virginia Boltright; Res. Shelby, Miss.

KATE WINSTON CALLON (V Gen.); Dau. of Anna Winston Thornhill and Maj. William Pierce Callon, U. S. Army. She B., 1878. He B., 1865; D., 1920. Md. 1900 to Malcolm Cameron Montgomery. She Res. Natchez, Miss., Traveler's Rest.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Kate Cameron Montgomery; B., 1902; Md., 1925 to Frank Turner Miller, Jackson.
2. Mary Dorothy Montgomery; B., 1904; Md., 1926 to Frederic Wells Hale. Res. Natchez.
3. Maxine Callon Montgomery; B., 1906; Md., 1926 to Robert Young Wood. Res. Natchez.

THOMAS HARRISON THORNHILL (III Gen.); Biographical. Mrs. Malcolm Montgomery (nee Kate Winston Callon) who is a grand-daughter of Thomas Harrison Thornhill gives us the data on preceding page (E-16). She is now living in the home in which her Mother and her Mother's Mother were born; "*Traveler's Rest*". The Grand-Mother was the daughter of Capt. James Hoggett, and the property was conveyed to him by an original Spanish land grant in the early 1700s.

The wedding of Thomas Thornhill took place at "The Elms," which was the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. David Stanton, and is just across the road from "Traveler's Rest." (Note: "The Elms" is listed in recent printed matter as one of the show places of Natchez, open to tourist visitors under certain restrictions, T. J. T.)

Thomas Thornhill's home was called "Clover Hill" and was also just across the road from "Traveler's Rest." It burned several years ago and many family treasures, including the family Bible and other records were lost. Thomas Thornhill's Mother (nee Ann Fisher) died and was buried there. Thomas Thornhill and his wife were buried at "Traveler's Rest" which was his wife's ancestral home.

Of her Grand-Mother's sister, Mary Hensie Thornhill Thornhill, Mrs. Montgomery says: "My Aunt Hensie had a very sad life. The man to whom she was engaged to marry died a few weeks before the date set for their wedding. She was a very beautiful woman; even in the last years of her life she retained her lovely disposition.

"I do not know what year Grand-Father Thornhill died but think it was soon after the Civil War.

"Relative to Uncle Henry and Uncle Dick; we did have a portrait of Uncle Henry but it was lost in the fire. He was a very handsome man, as were all of the Thornhill men.

"I knew very little of Uncle Dick. He came to Illinois to visit us, but disappeared as suddenly as he came. Years after, we saw in a paper from Springfield, Ill., where a man by name of Richard Thornhill had died and had left a very wonderful library to the City. Some very valuable copies of first manuscripts of very famous men. As we were all living South at that time, we did not investigate to see if it was our Richard Thornhill, but presume it was, as my Mother said he was a great student.

"There is no record of his marriage, or Uncle Henry's as I know.

"I have often heard my Grand-Mother Thornhill say that Papa Tom's Father, or Grand-Father, was born in England, and that he was a preacher; and the 'Vicar of Wakefield' was written about his family. You will remember the Thornhill family was very prominent in the story.

"I do not know anything concerning Uncle Andrew or Uncle James.

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"I often think how *very much interested* my Mother would have been in tracing the records of the family. She wrote to several Thornhills in New Orleans trying to find some of kin but was never able to do so.

"The John Thornhill home in New Orleans is now owned by the Owens. My sister, Mrs. Stone, went to see them while in N. O. and met John Thornhill Owen, a very gracious gentleman, but very old. This was after my Mother's death. I wish you could have known my Mother, your first cousin. She was the dearest, sweetest woman who ever lived, but, 'The moving finger writes, and, having writ, moves on.'

"I do hope some day you will meet her children, and I do hope you will like us."

(NOTE: Following the information given by Mrs. Callon that she had seen a newspaper report that a Richard Thornhill had died and left a gift of books and manuscripts to the Springfield, Ill., Library, I had a search made of the records of this Library and of Springfield City Directories from 1860 to 1900, as well as Sangamon County but could find no records of a Richard Thornhill, or of such a gift.

The Illinois State Historical Library was founded in 1889, and the Illinois State Historical Society ten years later, in 1899. —T. J. T.)

HANS HEINRICH FELDER (I Gen.) ; Believed to have come from Zurich, Switzerland. Settled in Orangeburgh Township, S. C., in 1735. As Zurich, Switzerland, is a German Canton, he is believed to have been of German descent. His wife's given name was Ursula, and they had only one son, John Henry Felder.

When Hans Heinrich Felder settled in Orangeburgh Township he obtained permission of the Surveyor General to have a tract of 200 acres of land laid out for him. Title to this is of record in Plat Book 15, Sec'y of State's Office, Columbia, S. C. It was fully granted to him by Lt. Gov. Broughton, Sept. 17, 1736.

Subsequently he obtained another 100 acres.

He died a year or two later. His widow died in 1739 leaving her son and his lands and other property to the guardianship of Henry Wurtzer of Orangeburgh.

JOHN HENRY FELDER (II Gen.) ; Son, and only child of Hans Heinrich Felder and his wife, Ursula. Born about 1725. On growing up, he dropped the "John" from his name and in all of his subsequent career was known as *Henry Felder*. Beginning in 1775 and continuing until his death, he was very active in local politics and government. His home was plundered by the Tories in 1778. He was Captain of a company of militia during the Revolution and was killed in action about the close of the War.

He was married Dec. 15, 1747, to Mary Elizabeth Shaumloffel, daughter of John Shaumloffel of Orangeburgh Township. She dies in 1761. *Their Children* (III Gen.)

1. Henry Felder, II; B. Sept. 8, 1748.
2. Jacob Felder; B. July 22, 1750.
3. John Felder; B. Dec. 12, 1751.
4. Frederick Felder; B. Sept. 1, 1753.
5. Samuel Felder; B. June 5, 1755.
6. Abraham Felder; B. March 28, 1757.
7. Peter Felder; B. April 2, 1759.
8. Mary Elizabeth Felder; B. Feb., 1761.

He was married a second time about 1763, to Miss Snell.

Their Children (III Gen.)

1. Anna Margaret Felder; married John Hartzog.
2. Rachael Felder; Md. Summers.
3. Catherine Felder; Md. John Walker.
4. A daughter who Md. George Hartzog.
5. David Felder.

HENRY FELDER, II (III Gen.) ; Eldest son of (John) Henry Felder and Mary Elizabeth Shaumloffel. B. Sept. 8, 1748. He succeeded his Father as Captain of the militia company that served in the Revolution, and, after the Revolution formed a part of the Orangeburgh Militia. Was Justice of the Peace in 1784 when also acting as a County Judge.

He married Margaret Stoudenmire and lived on the Santee River in Orangeburgh District.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Henry Felder, III.
2. Harriet Felder, who Md. 1st Avinger, and Md. 2nd her 1st cousin, Adam Felder and went to Alabama.
3. Samuel Felder.
4. Ann L. Felder, who Md. David Houser.
5. Rebecca Felder, who Md. Butler.
6. Lewis Felder, who Md. Miss Wolfe.

JACOB FELDER (III Gen.); Second son of (John) Henry Felder and Mary Elizabeth Shaumlöffel. B. July 22, 1750. Left descendants who lived in Sumter District (now Clarendon County). One of his sons was John Felder, II, who had three sons, John L. Felder, William Felder and J. Rufus Felder. John L. and William were both physicians. J. Rufus was the father of Hon. Thos. B. Felder, Jr., of Atlanta, some time member of Ga. Leg. Md. dau. of Ex-Gov. Johnson of Ind.

JOHN FELDER (III Gen.); Third son of (John) Henry Felder. B. Dec. 12, 1751. Said to have been killed in the Revolutionary War.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Josiah Felder.
 2. Edwin Felder.
 3. Maria Felder, who Md. David R. Ragin.
- FREDERICK FELDER (III Gen.)! Fourth son of (John) Henry Felder. B. Sept. 1, 1753. Md. Catherine Horger, dau. of Henry Horger.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Frederick J. D. Felder.
 2. Frederick George Felder.
 3. Jacob Felder, II, who died in infancy.
 4. Jacob Felder, III.
 5. Henry Felder, IV.
 6. Margaret Felder.
 7. Catherine Felder.
- SAMUEL FELDER (III Gen.); Fifth son of (John) Henry Felder. B. June 5, 1755. He served with his Father in the Revolution and after the Revolution was Justice of the Peace and acted as one of the County Judges in 1784. First wife was Mary Myers.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. John Myers Felder; B. July 7, 1782.
2. Samuel Felder, IV, B. Feb. 29, 1788; D. Mar. 16, 1842. Married second, Ann Horger.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Dr. EDMUND JUNIUS FELDER; B. July 6, 1801; D. Jan. 24, 1865.
2. Gabriel Felder.
3. Franklin J. Felder.
4. Nathaniel F. Felder.
5. Eliza Felder; B. Sept. 13, 1806; Md. Jos. Pou.

ABRAHAM FELDER (III Gen.); Sixth son of (John Henry Felder. B. Mar. 28, 1757. Settled in the present Elloree Section; left numerous descendants among whom was the late Capt. J. Hamilton Felder, who represented Orangeburg Co. in State Legislature, 1892-94.

PETER FELDER (III Gen.); Seventh son of (John) Henry Felder. B. April 2, 1759. Among his descendants were the late Judge Adam C. Felder, of Montgomery, Ala., and Rufus Felder, Lewis Felder and Mrs. Rugely.

There seems to be no data concerning the five children (III Gen.) of (John) Henry Felder and his second wife, Miss ----- Snell.

HENRY FELDER, III (IV Gen.); Son of Henry Felder, II, and Margaret Stoudenmire. "The eldest of the children left by Capt. Henry Felder was raised by Col. Wm. Heatley of St. Matthews Parish. He married Ann C. Hesse, dau. of Danl. Hesse of Orangeburgh Dist. and lived just above Orangeburgh on the old Columbia road. He died April 28, 1826, and was buried in the old Rickenbacker burying ground, which was then owned by the Hesses. He was at the time of his death a militia captain, and his horse and accoutrements were, in the style of the day, led after the hearse, and the military salute was fired over his grave." Issue: Sarah, who Md. Henry Moorer; Olivia, who Md. Daniel Keitt and Henrietta who Md. Wesley Keitt.

HARRIETT FELDER (IV Gen.); Dau. of Henry Felder, II, and Margaret Stoudenmire. She first Md. ----- Avinger, and by him had a dau. who Md. ----- Baldrick. She Md. second, her first cousin, Adam Felder.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Chancellor Adam C. Felder, of Montgomery, Ala.
2. Lewis Felder.
3. Dau. who Md. ----- Rugely.

SAMUEL FELDER, II (IV Gen.)! Son of Henry Felder, II, and Margaret Stoudenmire.

Had 6 Children (V Gen.)

1. Capt. Calvin W. Felder of Americus, Ga.
2. Elizabeth Felder.
3. Edward Felder.
4. Barsh Felder.
5. Sarah Jane Felder of Henderson, Ga.
6. Samuel Felder, III.

ANN L. FELDER (IV Gen.); Dau. of Henry Felder and Margaret Stoudenmire. She married David Houser and they moved to Georgia, where she died leaving 11 children; the names of only of whom are known: Capt. J. A. Houser, a Citadel graduate of '50, and Mr. D. N. Houser of Ft. Valley, Ga.

REBECCA FELDER (IV Gen.); Dau. of Henry Felder, II, and Margaret Stoudenmire. Md. first, Butler; second, Joseph Cooper. No children.

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HANS HEINRICH FELDER

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LEWIS FELDER (IV Gen.) ; Son of Henry Felder, II, and Margaret Stoudenmire. Md. Miss Wolfe; lived and died in Orangeburgh Dist. They had six children; Frank, Emanuel and four daughters.

JOHN FELDER, II (IV Gen.) ; Son of Jacob Felder and lived in Sumter Dist. (now Clarendon Co.) and had three sons:

John L. Felder, M. D., William Felder, M. D., and Thomas B. Felder, Jr., of Atlanta, some time member of Ga. Legislature and who Md. dau. of Ex-Gov. Johnson of Indiana.

FREDERICK J. D. FELDER (IV Gen.) ; Son of Frederick Felder and Catherine Horger. Wife was Margaret P. Bowman; they had 18 children, eleven of whom were in the Confederate Army. He was a militia captain before the Civil War but his war service otherwise isn't shown, if any.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. George B. Felder, Md. Martha Murray.
2. John M. Felder, Md. Mary McMichael.
3. Jacob Felder, died in infancy.
4. Frederick W. Felder. Never married.
5. Daniel E. Felder. Killed in the Civil War.
6. President Y. A. Felder. Killed in Civil War. ("President" seems to have been a given name.)
7. Sebastian F. Felder. Md. Mrs. Mary Weeks, their son was F. J. D. Felder of Lone Star, a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Orangeburg Co. 1892-94, and County Supervisor 1894-96; Dem. Nominee for same office 1900.
8. David W. Felder, never married.
9. Samuel Felder, IV. Md. Miss Goodwyn.
10. Lovick E. D. Felder. Md. Miss Collier.
11. Reddick A. H. Felder. Never married.
12. Jacob O. H. Felder. Md. Mrs. Murray.
13. Rufus F. Felder. Md. Miss Bowman.
14. Catherine V. S. Felder. Md. Wm. Summers.
15. Margaret M. Felder. Md. Lewis Glenn of Alabama.
16. Civility R. M. Felder. Md. George Crum.
17. Elizabeth E. Felder. Md. J. B. Hunter.
18. Mary Ann S. Felder. Md. Howard of Alabama.

JOHN MYERS FELDER (IV Gen.) ; Son of Samuel Felder and Mary Myers. B. July 7, 1782. The Biographical Directory of the American Congress, P. 960, carries the following sketch:

"Felder, John Myers. A representative from South Carolina; born in Orangeburg District July 7, 1782; graduated from Yale 1804; studied law in Litchfield (Conn.) Law School and admitted to bar 1808 and began practice in Orangeburg; major of drafted militia in war of 1812; elected a trustee of South Carolina College 1812; member of State House of Representatives 1812 to 1816 and 1822-1824; served in State Senate 1816-1820; elected as a democrat to the 22nd and 23rd Congresses, (March 4, 1831-March 3- 1835); declined to run in 1834 for

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re-election; engaged extensively in agricultural and lumber interests; member of State Senate 1840 until his death Sept. 1, 1851, in Union Point, Ga. Unmarried. Buried in family burial ground on his former plantation "Midway" near Orangeburg."

SAMUEL FELDER, IV (IV Gen.); Son of Samuel Felder and Mary Myers. B. Feb. 29, 1788. D. Mar. 16, 1842. Md. Mary Elizabeth Stroman, dau. of Paul Stroman and his second cousin.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Emily Elizabeth Felder; B. Feb. 22, 1812. Md. Rev. Talhemacus Farlow Moutgomery, a Presyterian Minister and had 3 children, Mary, James and Longene.

2. Ann Felder, died young.

3. Alfred Felder, died young.

4. Louisa Caroline Felder; B. Feb. 22, 1817. Md. Andrew D. Frederick, M.D., Col. Artilleray, C.S.A. No children.

5. Paul Stroman Felder; B. Sept. 11, 1819. Md. 1st his first cousin Ann Margaret Stroman, dau. of Capt. Jacob Stroman. Md. 2nd, Mrs. Caroline Stroman, (nee Pape) widow of Jno. D. S.

6. John Henry Felder, was 1st Lt. Edisto Rifles of Orangeburgh and died of camp fever in the service in 1881.

7. Eugene Mary Felder; Md. John H. Buchanan, Esq., and moved to Washington County, Texas.

8. Eliza Felder; Md. Jas. Frederick, lived in Marshallville, Ga.

9. Saml. J. Felder, Md. Kate Maher. Had 2 sons, Clinton M. Felder and Edmund A. Felder. (VI Gen.)

10. Alfred F. Felder; B. June 26, 1827. Md. his first cousin, Anna, dau. of Franklin J. Felder. Lived in Brenham, Texas.

11. Adella Felder; Md. Nov. 28, 1861, to Peter Raysor of Orangeburgh Dist and moved to Washington Co., Texas.

12. Edmund J. Felder, was Capt. Artillery, C.S.A. Died un-md.

DR. EDMUND JUNIUS FELDER (IV Gen.); Son of Samuel Felder and Ann Horger (2nd wife). B. July 6, 1801; D. Jan. 24, 1865. Md., 1825, to Eliza Lydia Glover in Orangeburg, S. C. She the dau. of Saunders Glover and his wife Sophia Margaret de Lesterjette of France.

Saunders Glover was born in Orangeburg in 1788, Sophia Margaret de Lesterjette was born in France in 1787,

ELIZA LYDIA GLOVER was born in Orangeburg in 1806. D. March, 1828. Two children were the issue of this marriage, they were:

1. Sophia Ann Felder (V Gen.); B. Oct. 6, 1826 in Orangeburgh. D. Jan. 8, 1924, in Montg. Co., Texas.

2. Eliza Lydia Felder (V Gen.); B. Mar. 4, 1828, in Orangeburg. D. April 2, 1870, near Chapel Hill, Texas. (1.) Md. Dr. William A. Minnock; (2.) Md. Samuel Fisher Thornhill.

Dr. Felder's Father, Samuel Felder, was one of seven brothers, all of whom were in the Revolutionary War. Their Father remained at home and molded bullets for them, which they would come home nights for.

As a result, he was watched very closely by the Tories, and

once when some of his sons were at home, the Tories attacked his dwelling.

He jumped out of a window, the Tories in pursuit, thinking he was one of the Continental soldiers. They chased him around his garden, shooting him as he reached a spring, where he fell and died.

Thus perished the Swiss ancestor of the Felders and Revolutionary patriot who settled at Orangeburg, S. C.

Dr. Felder died in Montgomery County, Texas, at the home of his dau., Mrs. Sophia Ann Minnock, of pneumonia. He was a practicing physician of the Allopathic School until late in life, when he became a convert to Homeopathy, which he was practicing up until his death.

GABRIEL FELDER (IV Gen.) ! Son of Samuel Felder and Ann Horger, (2nd wife). "Was Justice of the Peace in young manhood, and was thereafter called 'Judge.' He moved to Mississippi where he married, and later moved to Texas, where he died. His one son, Rufus Felder, (V Gen.) married Miss Swearengen in Texas and died, leaving one son, Gabriel S. Felder, M. D., of Austin."

FRANKLIN J. FELDER (IV Gen.) ; Son of Samuel Felder and Ann Horger, (2nd wife). "Was twice married. His first wife was Miss Potter, and second wife was Katherine Barillon, sister of the late John Barillon, Surveyor of Orange Parish. His family moved to Washington Co., Texas, where most of his descendants now live."

His Children (V Gen.)

1. Emma Felder, Md. Thomas Elliott, son of the late Dr. T. A. Elliott, of Orangeburg.
2. Anna Felder, Md. her first cousin, Alfred F. Felder.
3. Kate Felder, Md. Myers Felder of Washington Co., Texas.
4. Rufus Felder, Md. 1st, Margaret Matthews, 2nd, Miss Nelson.
5. Eliza Felder, Md. Col. J. M. Nicholson of Chapel Hill, Texas.
6. John Barillon Felder, Md. Marinda Burkhead.
7. Franklin Felder, died un-married.

ADELLA FELDER (V Gen.) ; Dau. of Samuel Felder, IV., (Page F-4). B.; D.; Md. Nov. 28, 1861, to Peter Raysor of Orangeburgh Dist., S. C., and moved to Chapel Hill, Texas.

Their Children (VI Gen.)

1. Paul M. Raysor, M. D., B. 1863; D. 1928; Md. to Mary Matthews. Was practicing physician in Bryan, Texas, at time of his death.
2. Emily Raysor, B. Feb. 9, 1865, in Chapel Hill. Md. Oct. 15, 1891, to Samuel Fisher Thornhill, II. D. July 14, 1909, in Chapel Hill.
3. Adella Raysor, B.; D. Dec. 19, 1894. Md. to Cornelius A. Raysor of Asheville, N. C.
4. William Raysor, B.; D. Un-married.

HAUS HEINRICH FELDER

JAMES PAUL BUCHANAN (VI Gen.) ; Son of John H. Buchanan and Eugene Mary Felder. She the daughter of Samuel Felder, IV, and Mary Elizabeth Stroman. (P. F/4). The Biographical Directory of the American Congress, P. 574, has the following sketch:

"Buchanan, James Paul, (cousin of Edward William Pou), a representative from Texas; born in Midway, Orangeburg Co., S. C., April 30, 1867; moved to Texas with his parents, who settled near Chapel Hill, Washington County, 1867; graduate from University of Texas, Law Dept. 1889; Justice of the Peace in Washington Co., 1889-1892; prosecuting attorney 1892-1899; District Attorney for 21st Judicial District of Texas 1899-1906; member of State House of Representatives 1906-1913; elected as a Democrat to 63rd Congress to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Albert Sidney Burleson; re-elected to 64th congress and to the 5 succeeding congresses and served from April 7, 1913, to March 3, 1927. Re-elected to 70th Congress."

The Buchanan Dam in the Lower Colorado River Authority District of Texas was named for him and a life size bronze plaque of his bust is on the superstructure. This dam is located in Burnett Co., 10 miles from the town of Burnett. It ranks 12th largest in the U. S. Length of dam 11,000 ft., height 150 ft. and the lake covers 36 square miles surface. Completed in 1937.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MINNOCK

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MINNOCK (I Gen.); "Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and was educated in Medicine in that City. In 1819 he came to America, located at Richmond, Va., where he at once took up the practice of medicine, and also became prominent socially.

"Soon after going to Richmond he married Miss Eliza Yarrington, member of a prominent Virginia family. One of the guests at the wedding of Dr. Minnock and Miss Yarrington was Edgar Allan Poe, who had already attained fame as a poet and writer of 'American Short Stories', and who was an intimate friend of the Yarrington family. Dr. Minnock died in Richmond."

(The above is quoted from a paper found in the Pioneer's Room of the Los Angeles, Cal., Library. This paper seems to have been anonymously written, but seemingly correctly so. The quotation in reference to Dr. R. F. Minnock, is also taken from this paper. T. J. T.)

We have no record of but one descendant of this marriage.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MINNOCK, II (II Gen.); Son of above. (Following quotation is also from the paper in Los Angeles Library.)

"Was born in Richmond, Va., in the year 1822, in a house that is still standing. When little more than a boy, having read and heard of the gallant struggles of the Texas people in winning their independence during the campaigns of 1835-1836, he came out to the new Republic, arriving about 1838. Joined the army as a private, and from that time forward his career was identified with the Republic and later with the State of Texas.

"Some time later he went to Philadelphia where he studied medicine. On graduating, he returned to Texas and combined the duties of a professional career with those of an extensive planter and slave owner. His home and plantation were in the western part of Montgomery County, near the Grimes County line, and there his children were reared.

"He died when still in the prime of his years and usefulness, Nov. 14, 1861, the second year of the Civil War. He had enlisted and volunteered for service in Hood's Brigade, Confederate Army, and his untimely death from typhus occurred before rendezvous of his Regiment."

Married (date unknown) to Sophia Ann Felder, dau. of Dr. Edmund Junius Felder of Orangeburg, S. C. She B. Oct. 6, 1826. She D. Jan. 8, 1924.

After this marriage, before coming to Texas, they lived for short periods in both Alabama and Mississippi; we do not know at what places. Their first child was born and died before they came to Texas.

Their Children (III Gen.)

1. William Alexander Minnock, III. Died aged about 18 months. No dates known.

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2. Eliza Lee Minnock. Born in Mississippi, June 9, 1848; Md. Nov. 20, 1877, to Joseph T. Fitzpatrick. She died April 21, 1924. He died June 14, 1924.

3. Edmund Junius Minnock; Born in Houston Nov. 5, 1849. Md. 1st, Georgia Ayres; Md. 2nd, Mrs. Butler. Died

4. Frank Gabriel Minnock; Born Oct. 7, 1852; D. Feb. 3, 1926. Un-married.

5. Arianna Yarrington Minnock; B. Aug. 29, 1854; D. Feb. 23, 1933. Md. to Patrick Henry Roberts.

6. Rufus Felder Minnock; B. July 13, 1856; D. Aug. 8, 1931. Md. 1st, Tiny Thomas of San Antonio; Md. 2nd, Mrs. Ada May; Md. 3rd, Mrs. Laura Sterne.

7. William Alexander Minnock, IV. B. Oct. 8, 1859; D. Nov. 24, 1882. Had been superintending a cotton plantation in the Brazos River bottoms and contracted black jaundice from bad drinking water. Came home very sick and died at home; un-married.

8. Louisa Adella Minnock; B. Feb. 25, 1861; Md. to H. W. (Harry) Rankin.

Fourth Generation

ELIZA LEE MINNOCK (III Gen.); B. June 9, 1848 in Mississippi. Md. Nov. 20, 1877, to Joseph T. Fitzpatrick. She was his second wife. His first wife had one child that died from *falling out of a low bed and on a rug*.

At the time of their marriage Mr. Fitzpatrick was manager of a flour mill in Waco, owned by the McGowens of Houston. Later the flour mill was closed; the property sold and he then traveled for the McCormick Harvester Co. The mill stood near the west end of the suspension bridge across the river, south of the bridge. It has long since been razed. Mr. Fitzpatrick died June 14, 1924, aged 83 years. She died April 21, 1924.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Sophie Fitzpatrick; B. Sept. 15, 1879. Md. Frank Guyton, res. Waco. They have 1 child, Willie Lila Guyton. B. April 29, 1914. (V Gen.)

2. Jos. T. Fitzpatrick, II. B. Jan. 30, 1880; D. Sept. 8, 1882.

3. Minnock Fitzpatrick; B. July 26, 1883; D. Mar. 2, 1884.

4. Alexander McGowan Fitzpatrick; B. Nov. 15, 1887. (Twin). Md. June 20, 1921, to Ira Earl Hudgins; Res. Austin. They have no children. He is refrigeration Engr.

5. Lila Lee Fitzpatrick; B. Nov. 15, 1887. (Twin). Md. Oct. 22, 1913, to Grover C. Thomson. Res. Waco.

Their Children (V Gen.)

(a.) Lila Lucille Thomson. B. Dec. 12, 1914; Md. Marshall Saunders.

(b.) Alec Cleveland Thomson; B. Nov. 6, 1917.

(c.) Kathryn F. Thomson; B. July 25, 1922 (Twin).

(d.) Wm. F. Thomson; B. July 25, 1922 (Twin).

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(e.) Robt. Louis Thomson; B. Mar. 26, 1926.

6. Frank Minnock Fitzpatrick; B. Jan. 9, 1891. Md. Aug. 15, 1920, to Winnie W. Warren.

Their Children (V Gen.)

(a.) Frank Minnock Fitzpatrick, II. B. July 8, 1921.

(b.) Joseph W. Fitzpatrick. B. March 18, 1925.

F. M. Fitzpatrick was educated in the Waco public schools and Junior Colleges and admitted to the bar in 1914; elected to State Legislature in 1916; served a portion of the 35th Legislature and resigned to enter the Army in 1917; served as Lt. of Infantry in A.E.F., discharged 1919. Served as Asst. Dist. Atty. four years and in private law practice since 1923. Res. Waco.

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EDMUND JUNIUS MINNOCK (III Gen.); B. Nov. 5, 1849 in Houston. Married, first, Georgia Ayres, 18.... Miss Ayres was the adopted daughter of Horatio H. Hearne, a wealthy cotton planter living in the town of Hearne, Texas, with cotton plantations in the Brazos River bottoms, one of which was being superintended by Mr. Minnock. His children were all by this marriage. Second marriage to Mrs. Butler, He died First wife died

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Bessie Minnock; B. Dec. 21, 1881; Md. to J. T. Sterling.

2. Edmund Junius Minnock, II. B.; D.

3. William Alexander Minnock, V. B.; Md. Effie Putname.

4. Thomas Thornhill Minnock. B.; Md. Bessie Williams,

5. Marguerite (Madge)) Snow Minnock. B. Md. E. H. Handley,

FRANK GABRIEL MINNOCK (III Gen.); B. Oct. 7, 1852, D. Feb. 3, 1926. Un-married.

ARIANNA YARRINGTON MINNOCK (III Gen.) B. Aug. 29, 1854; D. Feb. 13, 1933. Md. to Patrick Henry Roberts, son of Felix G. Roberts, a cotton planter living in Washington Co. Texas.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Leslie Roberts; B. Jan. 20, 1877; D. Aug. 20, 1880.

2. Corinne Roberts; B. Jan. 20, 1879; Md. to W. H. Dunn.

3. Mabel Roberts; B. Aug. 27, 1881; Md. T. V. Hayes.

4. Natalie Roberts; B. Dec. 22, 1883; Md. to Tom Coleman.

5. Willie Roberts; B. Aug. 2, 1886; Md. to G. L. Songer.

6. Patrick Henry Roberts, II; B. March 24, 1889.

7. Aline Roberts; B. Aug. 21, 1892. Md. to H. C. McDaniel.

8. Elizabeth Layton Roberts; B. April 1, 1894; Md. 1st, Alvin Ladd; Md. 2nd, Geo. R. Lingenfelter.

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(IV Gen. Continued)

RUFUS FELDER MINNOCK (III Gen.); B. July 13, 1856; D. Aug. 8, 1931, in Waco; Md. 1st, to Tiny Thomas of San Antonio; Md. 2nd, to Mrs. Ada May; Md. 3rd, to Mrs. Laura Sterne.

Children of First Wife (IV Gen.)

1. Margery Minnock; B. Md. to James Nixon.
2. Lillie Adelle Minnock; B. Md. to Dan Fannin.

The same paper found in the Los Angeles Library and from which is quoted data concerning Dr. Wm. A. Minnock, has the following:

"Dr. R. F. Minnock gained his early education in an excellent private school at Plantersville, and his medical training at Tulane in New Orleans, where he graduated in medicine in 1884.

"He also took post graduate studies in New York Polytechnic.

"For only a short time he practiced in Bobville, and in the latter part of 1884 he moved to McLennan Co., engaging in practice in Bosqueville five years, but after 1890 was a resident of Waco. Here, for fully a quarter of a century he rendered a service which was an expression of his thorough talent for medicine, a broad technical equipment and experience and a kindly and sympathetic nature.

"While his own attainments in the medical profession have given Dr. Minnock substantial distinction in his home City of Waco, and other parts of the State, further interest attaches to his name from the fact that he is a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Texas."

LOUISA ADELLA MINNOCK (III Gen.); B. Feb. 25, 1861; Md. Sept. 9, 1880, to Harry William Rankin, son of Henry L. Rankin of Hempstead, Texas. He B. May 29, 1856, in Austin Co. near Hempstead; D. May 23, 1931, in Houston; buried in Hempstead. Widow and unmarried children live in Houston at 604 Hawthorne St.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Harrie Delle Rankin; B. Mar. 8, 1882; Md. Feb. 12, 1907, to Charles Erwin; Res. Houston. They have one dau., Charlotte Erwin (V Gen.) B. Sept. 24, 1909.

2. William Henry Rankin; B. July 5, 1883. Lives with Mother. Un-married. Heads a firm of Auditors and C.P.A.s.

3. Anna Charlotte Rankin; B. Mar. 17, 1887. Lives with Mother. Un-married. Teacher in Houston Public Schools. Is an accomplished Harpist, having studied under John Philip Sousa in New York. She was a member of the Harp Ensemble that played for the Inaugural Ball of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, January, 1933.

4. Ruth ("Trixie") Rankin; B. May 3, 1893; Md. Sept. 20, 1919, to Alfred Elmo Rice. They have one son, Billie (V Gen.). She operates an Antique Store in Houston. Has fine voice and sings in public frequently.

THORNHILL GENEALOGY

WILLIAM ALEXANDER MINNOCK

Biographical

To those who may wonder why the genealogy of the Minnock family is included in the Thornhill Genealogy when there appears no direct connection between the two, I will explain that Mrs. Wm. A. Minnock (nee Sophia Ann Felder) was my Mother's sister, and on the death of my Mother, leaving me an infant only three weeks old, this dear Aunt took me to her heart and home and she was the only Mother I knew, and her children were brothers and sisters to me.

In my childhood days it was hard for me to realize that my Father, Brothers and Sister were nearer kin than she and her children. And they were not any dearer, ever.

Being younger than any of her own children, I was accorded all the love and devotion that would have been bestowed on a baby brother; never treated as a foundling or orphan adopted in charity.

It is in the most affectionate spirit of love and gratitude that I dedicate to "*Ma*" (this beloved Aunt) these few pages as a monument to her memory and an effort to keep her name fresh in our memories.

She must have had divine guidance to have so successfully brought her family to maturity and to have lived to be almost a centenarian

That she had something beyond human understanding, the following incident proves; When Leslie (sister Anna's first child, P. G-3) was sick unto death, she was walking the floor on the long front porch of the farm house in Montgomery County, almost frantic, saying she knew he was desperately ill, altho 40 miles away in Washington County with no wire connections, good roads or autos to bring any news. Suddenly she stopped and said "*He has died.*"

And his death at that moment was real. *Long shall she live!*

The data in this section is gathered by interviews with the members of the family. There seems to be no historical data extant in America with the one exception of a very brief paper found in the Los Angeles, Calif., Public Library, which is quoted in this division of the book.

The paper was found by Miss Anna Charlotte Rankin, (page G-4) and copied by her. The paper seems to be anonymously written, but seemingly correct.

It mentions the friendship that existed between the family of Dr. Minnock and Edgar Allen Poe in Richmond, Va. In later years there lived a Dr. Dudgeon in Waco, who it seems was also a friend of Dr. Minnock and who told Mr. F. M. Fitzpatrick (page G-2) that Edgar Allan Poe had given Dr. Minnock a chair or table and that his Grand-Mother, Mrs. Minnock, probably still had it. On inquiry, I find that she did have a rose-

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wood table of Duncan-Phyfe design which was a present of Poe. This was destroyed in the burning of the old home in Montgomery Co. a few years before her death.

She also had some very beautiful miniature hand painted-on-ivory portraits of her Father and Mother that were lost in the fire. I remember seeing the portraits but had no recollection of the table.

Her husband, Dr. Wm. A. Minnock, II., was a guest at the wedding of Sam Houston.

Outside of this family I have never seen nor heard the name of Minnock. (T. J. T.)

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MICHAEL ANGELO RAYSOR

MICHAEL ANGELO RAYSOR (I Gen.); Came from Wales and settled in Bartholomew, S. C. Married a Miss Risher. Died in 1829. Was a Farmer.

Their Children (II Gen.)

James M.; Thomas; George; Alfred; John M.; Rebecca and Anne.

JAMES M. RAYSOR (II Gen.); Son of Michael Angelo Raysor. Was a lawyer. Married a Miss Chalmers of Charleston, S. C. Died 1846 in Georgia. They had four daughters and six sons.

THOMAS RAYSOR (II Gen.); Son of Michael Angelo Raysor. Was a Farmer. Died in 1856 in Barnwell, S. C. Was State Senator two years. Married a Miss Stokes.

ALFRED RAYSOR (II Gen.); Son of Michael Angelo Rayso. Was a Farmer. Married a Miss Murray. Lived in Colleton, S. C., then in Florida, and died there in 1857. Had two sons.

ALFRED RAYSOR (II Gen.); Son of Michael Angelo Raysor. Married as Miss Walker. Moved to Florida. Had six sons; five daughters.

THOMAS RAYSOR (II Gen.); (Evidently the same as above Thomas, son of Michael A. Raysor.) Born in Barnwell, S. C., 1791; D. Jan. 11, 1858. Md. Hannah Stokes; She D. Feb. 22, 1841.

Their Children (III Gen.)

Eliza Eleanor; Thomas; Rebecca Caroline; Peter Andrew; Laura Ann; James William (James W. died aged 14 years).

THOMAS RAYSOR (III Gen.); (Supposed to be son of above Thomas Raysor.) Md. 1st, Cornelia Ayres; 2nd, Sue Leard. Had five sons, seven daughters. Died in Orangeburg, S. C.

PETER ANDREW RAYSOR (III Gen.); (Assumed to be son of Thomas Raysor, above.) Farmer. Born Mar. 11, 1831. Died Sept. 11, 1903, in Chapel Hill, Texas. Md. 1st, Anna Millhouse; 2nd, Adela Felder; 3rd, Fannie Browning. Had five sons, three daughters, viz. Thomas M.; Paul M.; Emily Felder; Adela F.; William S.; Jeff Stokes; Elizabeth S.; John L.

Came to Texas from South Carolina in 1867.

The above data is taken from a typewritten memorandum in possession of Mrs. Weston S. Emley of Galveston. (Nee Bessie Thornhill, E-6.)

The generation designations were added by me. Also the comments in parentheses. T. J. T.

In the original Thornhill Genealogy written up to 1933, but never printed, the Spofford Genealogy was included. This data comprises ten pages of closely typewritten matter quoted from a Genealogy by Dr. Jeremiah Spofford of Groveland, Mass., and some of the data dates back to the year 1066 in Normandy and the name appears in the DOOMSDAY BOOK, which is a record of the lands of England as parcelled after the conquest by William, Duke of Normandy.

The Spoffords were the ancestors of one side of the Parker ancestry and my wife, nee Miss Willie Parker, is descended from this family.

In-as-much as no one in the Thornhill tribe are linked with this Parker family I deem it not worth while to publish it in this book. (I mean no one except myself, of course.)

However, to summarize and make the connecting links, I will go back to JOHN SPAFORD, who married Sarah Wheeler 1675, had son Capt. John SPAFFORD who married Dorcas Hopkinson 1700, had son Capt. John SPAFFORD who married Hannah Tyler (B. 1704) and had son Tyler SPAFFORD, B. 1752. Soldier during entire Revolutionary War. Married Experience Crosby. He D. 1844; She D. 1812. Their dau., Relief SPAFFORD Md. Henry Parker. She B. 1778; He B. 1775. He D. 1814; She D. 1855. They had son.

FRANCIS PARKER; B. April 27, 1797; Md. July 5, 1918 to Catherine Clapp. They had son.

CHARLES WHEELER PARKER; B. M. 21, 1831; D. Aug. 4, 1901 in St. Louis. Md. Apr. 5, 1853 to Elizabeth W. Sydnor. They had daughter.

WILMOTH CATHERINE PARKER; B. June 6, 1864; D. Mar. 23, 1897; Md. July 15, 1894 to Yours Truly,

THOMAS JAMES THORNHILL, the writer of this book.

WILLIAM SYDNOR (I Gen.); Ancestors were from Wales. He born about 1750 but we are not informed if he was born in Wales or America. First known residence was in Westmoreland Co., Va., going from there to Halifax Co., Va. Md. about 1775 to Elizabeth Williams.

Their Children (II Gen.)

1. John, died young; 2. Eppa, died young; 3. Anthony, died young.

4. Thomas Sydnor; B. Oct. 21, 1783; D. Sept. 16, 1860. Md. about 1807 to Mary Wormack. She B. 1786; D. 1845.

5. Abram; 6. Nancy; 7. Elizabeth (Betty); 8. Elsie;

9. Judith.

THOMAS SYDNOR (II Gen.); B. Oct. 21, 1783; Md. about 1807 to Mary Wormack.

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Their Children (III Gen.)

1. John W. Sydnor; B. Feb. 6, 1809, in Halifax Co., Va. D. Dec. 25, 1891. Md. 1st, Wilmoth Terry in Virginia, 1831. She B. 1816; D. Jan. 14, 1839. Md. 2nd, Mrs. Harriet Miller Wadsworth July 21, 1839. She B. 1807; D. 1897.
2. William Sydnor, II; Md. Elizabeth Crews; had two children.
3. Eppa Sydnor; Md. Elvira Weston Crews.
4. Elizabeth Williams Sydnor; Md. Thomas G. Hutt (his 2nd wife), two children.
5. Judith Armistead Sydnor; Md. Thos. G. Hutt (his 1st wife), two children.
6. Anthony Sydnor; died young.

JOHN W. SYDNOR (III Gen.); Son of Thomas Sydnor and Mary Wormack. Born in Halifax Co., Va., Feb. 6, 1809; D. Dec. 25, 1891. Md. 1st, Wilmoth Terry in Virginia in 1831. She B. 1816; She D. Jan. 14, 1839. Md. 2nd, Mrs. Harriett Miller Wadsworth July 21, 1839. She B. Jan. 14, 1807. D. Jan. 31, 1840.

Children of Wilmoth Terry (IV Gen.)

1. Anthony Wayne Sydnor, M. D., B. 1832. Md. Dulcinia C. Martin.
2. Elizabeth Williams Sydnor; B. 1834; D. June 6, 1864. Md. April 5, 1853 to CHARLES WHEELER PARKER.
3. Abiah Franklin Sydnor; B. about 1836.

ANTHONY WAYNE SYDNOR, M. D. (IV Gen.); Son of John W. Sydnor and Wilmoth Terry. Md. Dulcinia Martin.

Their Children (V Gen.)

William Terry Sydnor; Charles Parker Sydnor; Alice Sydnor. All are married and live in St. Louis. (1933)

ELIZABETH WILLIAMS SYDNOR (IV Gen.); Dau. of John W. Sydnor and Wilmoth Terry. Md. Charles Wheeler Parker. (See Sec. 1-c.)

ABIAH FRANKLIN SYDNOR (IV Gen.); Dau. of John W. Sydnor and Wilmoth Terry. Md. Hunter M. Merriwether. Their son, John Fontaine Merriwether (V Gen.)

John F. Merriwether's daughter Md. Thos. W. Withrow and reared a family in Troy, Mo.

WILLIAM PARKER (I Gen.); The original immigrant to America of this family. His ancestors Emmigrated from Argyle County in Scotland to Londenderry County, Province of Ulster in Ireland.

The Parker genealogy dates back for several centuries and includes some distinguished men.

William Parker came to America about 1750, when about 20 years of age and settled in Londenderry, N. H. Here he lived and served as a private in the Revolutionary War under command of Capt. Geo. Reid. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill June 17, 1775.

In certain school districts in Londenderry, N. H., appear the names David Parker, Robert Parker and Matthew Parker, and in other parts of N. H. there are still other Parkers. They are

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all believed to have been relatives of William Parker. One of them, Mr. Edward Parker, wrote the history of Londonderry, which we understand dates further back in Parker history than does the Spofford Genealogy by Dr. Jeremiah Spofford.

William Parker and his wife, Elizabeth, had four children: Ann, B. May 18, 1771; Alexander, B. Oct. 29, 1772; Libella, B. Dec. 23, 1773; Henry, B. Feb. 18, 1775, D. Sept. 28, 1814. Henry being only one to have children.

HENRY PARKER (II Gen.); Son of William Parker. B. Feb. 18, 1775 (presumably at Londonderry, N. H.), D. Sept. 28, 1814, at Windsor, Vt. Married Feb. 17, 1795 to Relief Spofford, dau. of Tyler Spofford (or Spafford). She B. May 11, 1778, D. Feb. 8, 1855.

Their Children (III Gen.)

1. Francis Parker, B. April 27, 1797.
2. Tyler Parker, B. Feb. 2, 1799; D. April 4, 1841.
3. William Parker, B. Feb. 15, 1801.
4. Nancy Parker, B. Nov. 28, 1803; D. Oct. 30, 1806.
5. Sidney Parker, B. Jan. 13, 1805.
6. Alexander Parker, B. Oct. 13, 1808; D. Jan. 13, 1856.
7. Mary Ann Parker, B. Nov. 29, 1813; D. Feb. 2, 1818.

FRANCIS PARKER (III Gen.); Son of Henry Parker. B. April 27, 1797, at Windsor, Vt. Died Sept. 4, 1868, at Troy, Mo., at res. of his son. Married 1st, July 5, 1818, to Catherine Clapp. She D. March 12, 1833.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Sidney Darwin Parker, B. Oct. 19, 1819; D. Oct. 1, 1855.
2. William Farewell Parker, B. Dec. 24, 1821.
3. Lucretia Maria Parker, B. July 12, 1823; D. Nov. 24, 1854; Md. May 9, 1839, to Eleazar Block.
4. Francis Parker, II, B. Dec. 8, 1824; Md. Oct. 4, 1853, to Harriet V. Ewing.
5. Henry Parker, II, B. Dec. 27, 1825; Md. Oct. 14, 1852, to Caroline T. Noel.
6. Spofford Parker, B. April 27, 1827; D. July 10, 1845, at Jacksonville, Ill., College.
7. Charles Wheeler Parker, B. Mar. 21, 1831; D. Aug. 4, 1901, in St. Louis.
8. Abel Kring Parker, B. Dec. 30, 1832; D. Jan. 19, 1833.

Francis Parker married 2nd, Sarah Cochran. They had no children. Francis Parker left Vermont in 1817, coming west, and settled first in Union County, Ill. (then a territory). There he held County offices.

In 1821 he came to Lincoln Co., Mo., and settled at Troy. Was Clerk of the County Court for 32 years; Clerk of the Circuit Court for 26 years. He retired from public life in 1854.

WILLIAM PARKER

CHARLES WHEELER PARKER (IV Gen.) ; Son of Francis Parker and Catherine Clapp. Born March 21, 1831, in Lincoln County, Ill. Died Aug. 4, 1901, 3 p.m., in St. Louis. Married first, April 5, 1853, to Elizabeth Williams Sydnor (I-b1), dau. of John W. Sydnor and Wilmoth Terry. She B., 1834; D. June 6, 1864.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Charles Sydnor Parker; B. Oct. 8, 1855; D. April 22, 1939. Body cremated. Md. July 15, 1893 to Lois Leslie.

Their son, John Christian Parker B. Aug. 25, 1896, has son, Kenneth Ayraud Parker, B. Sept. 27, 1921.

2. Harry Clinton Parker; B. April 8, 1858; D. Md. to Rebecca Shadburn. Had dau. Helen. Md. Dwight.

3. Francis Hutt Parker; B. Aug. 20, 1860, at Troy, Mo. D. Sept. 1, 1939, in Mexico, Mo. Md. Jan. 1, 1889, to Anna Sloss. She B. Aug. 10, 1865; She D. July 10, 1940. Both are buried in Auburn, Ky.

4. Bates Block Parker; B. Nov. 9, 1862; D. April 9, 1863.

5. Wilmoth Catherine Parker; B. June 6, 1864, near St. Louis. D. Mar. 23, 1897, in Navasota, Texas. Md. July 15, 1894, to Thomas James Thornhill in Navasota, Texas, at res. of Mrs. M. E. Cole, Rev. C. M. Keith officiating.

Charles Wheeler Parker married second Oct. 24, 1865, to Valeria B. Hutt.

Their Children (V Gen.)

1. Thomas Griffin Parker; B. Oct. 30, 1867; D. in St. Louis.

2. Elizabeth Armistead Parker; B. April 15, 1870. Md. Matthews.

3. William Starman Parker; B. July 11, 1872.

4. Charles Wheeler Parker, II, B. April 11, 1874; D., 1933, in Palestine, Texas.

5. Edwin White Parker; B. Mar. 31, 1877; D. Feb., 1941, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

6. Lucretia Alberta Parker; B. July 30, 1879; D. Aug. 22, 1901.

7. Mary Wormack Parker; B. Feb. 18, 1833.

WILLIAM PARKER

Children of Francis Hutt Parker and Anna Sloss: (VI Gen.)

1. Elizabeth Sydnor Parker; B. Mar. 24, 1892, in Auburn, Ky.
Res. 57 Clifton Ave., Marblehead, Mass.

2. Nancy Virginia Parker; B. June 5, 1897, in Auburn, Ky.
Md. June 23, 1819, to Lewis John Weber. He B. Aug. 6, 1888.
Res. 515 Warder Ave., University City, Mo.

Their Children (VII Gen.)

(a.) Nancy Eyrie Weber; B. Jan. 3, 1920, in St. Louis.

(b.) John Thomson Weber; B. Oct. 24, 1921, in St. Louis.

3. Frances Hutt Parker; B. July 10, 1901, in Auburn, Ky.
Md. Chester Leland Stoddard, April 11, 1925. He B. Aug. 9,
1905. Res. 57 Clifton Ave., Marblehead, Mass.

Their Children (VII Gen.)

(a.) Norman Campbell Stoddard; B. June 14, 1928.

(b.) Virginia Lou Stoddard; B. Nov. 18, 1930. Twin.

(c.) Betty Sue Stoddard; B. Nov. 18, 1930. Twin.

4. Richard Porter Parker; B. Sept. 27, 1906, in Mexico, Mo.
D. Jan. 7, 1938. Md. Sept. 3, 1925 to Nellie Bramblett of Hanni-
bal, Mo.

Their Daughter (VII Gen.)

Anna Margaret Parker; B. July 18, 1926.

RICHARD OWENS

RICHARD OWENS (I Gen.); Came to America in 1794 from Marionetshire, North Wales, after death of his wife, leaving him with five small children.

His Children (II Gen.)

1. Evan (1785); 2. Richard, II (1787) who died Mar. 21, 1822; 3. Thomas (1787); 4. A boy, name not known; 5. Nancy.

EVAN OWENS (II Gen.); Son of Richard Owens. B. 1785. Md. Abigail, dau. of Cornelius Petersen and Mary Elizabeth Steimetz.

Their Children (III Gen.)

1. Hannah; 2. Evan; 3. Mary; 4. Richard; 5. Owen; 6. Thomas.

RICHARD OWENS, II (II Gen.); Son of Richard Owens of North Wales; B. 1787; D. March 21, 1822. Md. Elizabeth, dau. of Cornelius Petersen and Mary Elizabeth Steimetz.

Their Children (III Gen.)

1. Adeline, Md. Thomas; 2. Augustus; 3. Augustus; 4. Evan; 5. Richard, III, Md. Elizabeth McAnulty; 6. Susannah, Md. John Sykes.

THOMAS OWENS (II Gen.); Son of Richard Owens of North Wales. B. 1787; Md. Rebecca, dau. of Cornelius Petersen and Mary Elizabeth Steimetz.

Their Children (III Gen.)

1. John; 2. Rebecca; 3. Owen; 4. Sarah; 5. Evan; 6. Richard.

RICHARD OWENS, III (III Gen.); Son of Richard Owens, II, and Elizabeth Petersen. B. Sept. 6, 1813; D. Aug. 3, 1890; Md.to Elizabeth McAnulty of ictoria, Texas.

Their Children (IV Gen.)

1. Richard, IV; 2. Jimmie "35 years"; 3. Richard V. 4. Katie, Md. James F. Welder and has six children: (V Gen.)

(1.) Infant; (2.) Dolores; (.3) Elizaber; Md. Jim Wood; (4.) Madeline, Md. William Smith; (.5) Leo; (6.) James.

5. Lizzie, "17 years".

6. Mattie; Md. Louis R. Randall and had 3 children: (V Gen)

(1.) Martha, Md. Walter Quigley; (2.) Richard Owen; (3.) Katherine, Md. Martin Staley.

7. Elizabeth; 8. Richard Leander; Md. Mary Ellen Salmon;

9. Susan "16 years"; 10. Jesse "18 years"; 11. Margaret "17 years"; 12. Minnie, Md. Frank R. Pridham; had one son, Owen. "20 years."

RICHARD LEANDER OWENS (IV Gen.); Son of Richard Owens, III, and Elizabeth McAnulty. B. Feb. 27, 1859; D. Feb. 23, 1918; Md. June 6, 1895 to Mary Ellen Salmon.

1. Richard Leander Owens, II; B. Dec. 22, 1896; Md. May 24, 1920, to Wilmoth Thornhill, (E-10).

2. James Allen Owens, B. Nov. 19, 1898; Md. 1st, Feb. 15, 1920 to Ursula Rick. Md. 2nd, to

RICHARD OWENS

The following biographical notes were contributed by Mrs. Minnie Owens Pridham, daughter of Richard Owens, III, now living in Victoria, Texas.

RICHARD OWENS, I., from Marionetshire, N. Wales, came to the United States in 1794, after the death of his wife (in Wales). Bringing with him three sons, Evan (1785), Richard II (1787) (died March 21, 1822), and Thomas (1787). Being broken-hearted over his wife's death, he started with his entire family of five small children, but relatives kept the two smaller ones with them, a boy (name not known) and Nancy, a little girl.

When Richard I arrived in New York he took his three little boys to a hotel, where they found him the next morning dead in his bed. One of the boys found a home in Philadelphia, another in Cincinnati, while Richard remained in New York.

Later he married Elizabeth Peterson, and his two brothers who had come to New York, married two of Elizabeth's sisters, Rebecca and Abigail Peterson.

Richard Owens II was an artist. He died in New York City in 1822, following exposure at a New York City fire, as a "Volunteer Fireman." His certificate of membership, in original gilt and frame, a treasured heirloom, is now owned by his Great Grandson Richard Leander Owens, of Dallas, Texas.

The only boy of Richard Owens II was originally called Cornelius (a family name), but his father's untimely death decided the family to change the name to Richard after his father and grandfather.

This Richard III was born on Pearl Street, New York City, where the family lived. When Richard III was 22 years old he went to Mobile, Alabama, expecting to go into business; instead he caught the infectious fever of patriotism sweeping the South over the Texans' struggle for independence from Mexico, joined the Mobile Rifles to join Sam Houston's little army. He served for two years, when independence having been accomplished, the army was disbanded. He went into business in Houston, Texas, but soon after moved to Victoria, Texas, where he married Elizabeth McAnulty and raised his family there, building his home town, beloved and revered as "Honest Dick Owens." He died in 1890.

OTHER NOTES

Elizabeth Peterson Owens (died 1838) daughter of Mary (Elizabeth) Peterson, born 1758, died 1853. Daughter of Mrs. Steimitz Allen, who was Ethan Allen's first cousin. Mary (Elizabeth) Steimitz Peterson was first cousin to John Pauling, who was one of the three men who captured Major Andre in 1780. She was also second cousin to Peter Stuyvesant, first Governor of New York, of New Netherlands.

RICHARD OWENS

Grandmother, Mary E. S. Peterson, is buried in old Stuyvesant Place (St. Mark's Churchyard); in same place as H. T. Stewart's body was buried and stolen later.

Grandmother (Owens) (died Thomas) is buried in the churchyard of the village of Fishkill, N. Y.

Cornelius Peterson (owner of the family property on Long Island) a Tory, went to Nova Scotia with British, leaving all business papers with Aunt Rebecca Owens, wife of Thomas Owens, who is said to have destroyed them, because the occupants, Aunt Sallie Muskolis, would be homeless (a tradition). The Wood family, living on the property, were relatives of Aunt Sallie.

Mary (Elizabeth) Peterson had never lost a tooth until she was 91 years old, then one ached which was extracted. Family recites many brave encounters of hers with the British soldiers in the protection of herself and children.

Before living in New York, Susan Owens was Governess in the home of Stephen Gerard and Mr.

After Richard Owens' II death in 1822 his wife married Thomas. Her son, Edward Thomas, married Adeline Stephens Gerard (Aunt Sue).

Richard and Susan Owens were always teasing the more dignified Elizabeth, who was especially fond of the luscious Louisiana sugarcane syrup made on the Southern plantations in the Ante-bellum days before the war between the states. The teasing paid told her many tales of how it was made and that some day she would find some of a darky's anatomy in her favorite sweet—that it was made in open underground vats over which loose boards were laid with the crushed sugarcane across this—the darkies were expected to extract the juice there—from tramping over it in their bare feet, occasionally losing a toe, etc. Elizabeth paid no heed, so one day when the two conspirators could stand it no longer, Richard, who was an adept at penknife carving, whittled out a toe and placing it in the syrup pitcher with only enough syrup for Elizabeth—she helped herself with the mischevious pair as expectant waiters for the fun—she turned it over several times with a fork and convinced that it was the real thing, keeled over in a dead faint—the youngsters now felt that the tables had been turned and were truly penitent.

Another time this pair believing that every thing with life had to grow out of the ground—they were raised on Pearl Street, New York—wishing to own a cow, planted some beefsteak, hoping a cow would grow therefrom.

The fourth brother of the Owens boys—who was left in Wales—is said to have come "out" to New York only to be disowned by the three New Yorkers because he dropped the "s" from the name. (I have wondered if it might not have been Robt. L. Owen of New Harmony, Ind.)

—Minnie Owens Pridham.

CONCLUSION

This little volume concludes its mission as of December 31st, 1940.

We hope each copy will serve as the beginning of a long history of the member family holding it.

There are blank pages left for the purpose of making conveniently historical notes as events occur.

If the writer is still carrying on ten years from now, he will be glad to have a copy of the data that has been added in the hope of issuing a more complete and comprehensive Genealogy including the re-issue of the data herein with the added history that will have accumulated up to December 31, 1950.

Many who have contributed to this book have passed on without seeing their contributions in type. Their contributions have helped to make the book better. The writer only regrets very keenly that this effort was not begun sooner in order that much information lying dormant in the minds of aged members of the family might have been made use of.

I am the only one of my Father's children living, and Miss Emeline Thornhill, who ably assisted me in this work, is the only one of her Father's children living.

Miss Emeline joins with me in extending our sincere thanks to those who have so cordially co-operated with us in this effort.

