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*for many years the oldest living descendant  
of Edward Washington.*



# EDWARD WASHINGTON

## AND

# HIS KIN

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*"O! cursed spite  
That ever I was born  
To set it right."*

*Hamlet*

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The name of Washington will always have a real interest for every American and, although every member of that large family is at something of a disadvantage because of the inevitable comparison with the Father of His Country, it is always a satisfaction to the patriotic citizen to know that each Washington was an upright, solid citizen and lived a life of commendable average virtue.

Miss Jackson's careful researches have brought to light a Washington who deserves to be remembered and whose kinsmen show us anew how widely the Washington strain was spread through the blood of the Old Dominion.

To the average American the name of George Washington stands at the center of all the Virginia Washingtons and he somehow feels that only in the relationship to the Master of Mount Vernon is he interested in any Washington. This is but natural, for in the record of a man's forebears and relationships lie much of explanation of the man himself and for this reason the Washington kinship, close or distant, has an important bearing upon our understanding of George Washington. The unraveling of this kinship is a long and difficult task and much yet remains to be done, indeed it is probable that it can never be completely cleared up, so that such records as this of Edward Washington are decidedly helpful. The sum total of dependable Washington genealogies is not large and Miss Jackson has made everyone her debtor by publishing the results of her careful labor.

John C. Fitzpatrick.



I dedicate this book with high appreciation and grateful remembrance  
of a well spent life to

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON

for many years the efficient chief of the House of Representatives  
Reading Room, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., whose  
helpful suggestions and profound knowledge of the Washington  
Family made this work possible.





## EDWARD WASHINGTON

On July 16, 1659, Nicholas Lansdowne and wife, Alice, assigned their rights in a patent to three-hundred acres of land at the head of Hallowes Creek in the County of Westmoreland to Mr. John Washington, who, four days later, assigned the same land to Nicholas Saxton. (*Westmoreland Deeds, Wills, Patents, etc. 1653-1659, page 134.*)

On June 1, 1664, John<sup>1</sup> Washington secured a patent for the same land from Governor William Berkeley. (*Virginia Land Office, Patents, Old Book No. 5, page 161.*)

The will of the said Nicholas Lansdowne, of the parish of Nomony, Westmoreland, dated 11 Dec., 1664, was proved on 29 June, 1665. (*Westmoreland Deeds & Wills No. 1, page 260.*) It bequeathed to his wife Alice and to their daughter Mary (then a young minor.) Col. Valentine Peyton and John Whetstone were appointed overseers of the estate.

My understanding is that about fifteen, or more years later, this child, Mary Lansdowne, married Edward Washington, who came to Westmoreland about 1675 as a very young man. The marriage records are lost for Westmoreland prior to 1800. The marriage occurred between 1680 and 1690. The time of the death of the widow Alice ( ) Lansdowne is unknown; it is also unknown whether she married a second husband. I believe that Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington lived in her house with her and her daughter, Mary Lansdowne, who became his wife. The lands of Thomas<sup>1</sup> and Richard Sanford at Nomini River, joined the lands of the Sturmans; both of these properties were near together and the deeds of John Sturman, in 1724, of this land to Augustine, the father of George Washington, were witnessed, by Lansdowne<sup>2</sup> Washington, son of the said Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington. The Lansdownes were a family of Protestants, originating in Somersetshire, England, a branch of which entered Ireland, where two offshoots of the English Washingtons flourished—one

branch direct from Lancashire, the other from the Sulgrave Washingtons of Lancashire ancestry. One of the latter went from England early in the early seventeenth century to become a landowner and office-holder in Ireland. Among his direct descendants in Ireland the Christian name of Edward occurs repeatedly. We cannot delve into the Washingtons in Ireland far enough to disclose the detail of the records without receiving further incentive.

Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington's career in Westmoreland became curtailed by an accident. Will Norcott was accidentally killed in that County. Edward Washington voluntarily delivered himself into the custody of the sheriff of Westmoreland as having contributed to the cause of Norcott's death. The County court did not have jurisdiction in such a case. Therefore the matter was referred to the General Court (the Legislature of the Colony of Virginia), then sitting at the Colonial Capitol, Williamsburg, which adjudicated the case. The final record of the General Court in this misfortune which befell Edward Washington reads—

“At a court held 12 Oct. 1675.....Edward Washington indicted for murthering Wm. Norcott was found by the petty jury to be guilty of manslaughter, for which he was burnt in the hand.”

This result was then communicated to the Honorable Council of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia, and the further record appears:

*(Minutes of the Council and General Court of Virginia, 1670-1676.)*

“The 12th Day of October 1675.

Present: Governor Coll Tho. Swann. Coll Nath. Bacon, Hen: Corbyn Esq., Tho: Ballard Esq., Coll Ja: Bridger, Lt. Coll Wm. Cole Esq., Rowland Place Esq....., *Washington* Burnt in ye hand. *Edwd* Washington Indicted for murthering Willm Norcott was found by the Petty Jury to be Manslaughter, for which fact he was Burnt in the hand.”

These verdicts are given in full because the case should be understood accurately. William Norcott was accidentally killed. The

verdict was practically an acquittal. The punishment was largely a matter of convention, for it must be observed that at that time in Virginia *fourteen offenses were punishable by death*. Edward Washington himself suffered, in his own mind, more than all else put together, for the accidental killing of another. He never quite rose up out of his depression, and he abstained, as a matter of self-denial, from all participation in public affairs while he lived except serving one term as Constable of Westmoreland. In time he married; but he would not even make a will (unless he made one where his son Lansdown removed to in Prince George County where the earliest wills are lost.) We do not know the date of the death of Edward Washington or of the death of his wife, whom we have no doubt was Mary Lansdowne.

Edward Washington figured further but little in the court of Westmoreland as either plaintiff or defendant. His next two appearances therein related to the settling of the account with his lawyer and for other expenses necessary to his successful defense in the Norcott case.

*(Westmoreland Order Book 1675-6 to 1688-9, pages unnumbered)*

"12 Jana 1675/6. Mr. Pa Spence v (ersus) Ed: Washington. Judgmt: confessed by ye Deft. 495 lb. Tob (acco) & costs else Exn (execution).

*(Ibid Page 79)* "At a Court held for ye County of Westmerld ye 25th July 1677. Hon:ble coll. Nicholas Spencer Esqr. Coll. Jno. Washington, Mr. Robt. Vaulx, Majr Wm. Peirce, Justices:

Anth: Bridges v (ersus) Ed. Washington. Ed: Washington confessed Judgmt. to Mr. Anth: Bridges for 450 Tob (acco) with costs else exn."

William Fitzhugh, burgess and councillor of the Colony of Virginia, was the richest man in Westmoreland. Born in England, he settled in Westmoreland about 1670 and died there in 1701. His letters now in the library of Harvard University contain a reference to Edward Washington:

"To Mr. Secretary\* Spencer. March 6th 1681-2..... Those two hhds (hogsheads) of Tobo (tobacco) you were pleas'd to nominate to me for to pay at Edward Washingtons I have already disposed of and indeed the remainder of my Tobo in Westmoreland, except some at Nomany for which I have already taken freight.....Your Wfl (worshipfull) (William Fitzhugh)"

Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington did not take out a patent in Westmoreland on any land in his own name yet he had a claim to land though its records do not show how he acquired it.

*(Westmoreland Court Order Book 167 5/6 to 168 8/9 page 323)*

"Whereas Wm. Moseley & Edward Washington complain that beinge equally interested with Darcus Spence the relect of Patrick Spence decd in a parcell of land of one thousand and fifty acres granted by Pattent to Chr Whitston Thomas Dias and ye sd Patrick Spence, and they ye sd Petetionrs desiringe to Survey Lay out and devide the sd land are Obstructed by ye sd Dorcas Spence who hath the Custody of ye Originall Pattent, and prayinge that by Order of this Cort the sd Dorcas Spence may be compelled to produce the sd Pattent that so a Survey & devision may be made of ye sd Land. The Cort Ordre "that ye sd Dorcas Spence doe upon sight of this Ordre produce the sd Pattent to ye complainants that soe a just survey and devision may be made of ye sd land. (*Ibid page 411*)

"Att a Cort held for the County Westm'd 27th May 1685....."Edward Washington Constable. The Cort ord "that Edward Washington be Constable for ye year ensuing in the place of Richd Reyman."

*(Ibid page 510)* Court of 30 June 1686. Edward Washington vs. Alexandr George Referd to next court.

It may well be doubted that Edward Washington would have been chosen Constable if there had been any prejudice against him because of the Norcott case, and he was successful in other litigation.

\* Secretary of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia.

“Att a Court held for the County of Westmoreland the four and twentieth day of November 1686.....

Edward Washington vs Alexander Gorges pr Webster attorney.

Whereas Edward Washington complains that Robert Vaulx in his life time became indebted to him by Bill one thousand forty two pds of tobacco & caske and whereas the deft. Alexander Gorges hath taken to wife Mary the Relict & Ext of the said Vaulx who denyes paymt and praying the Order of this Court against the estate of the said Vaulx for the same. The Court Order that the said Alexander Gorges in his quallity aforesaid pay unto the said Edward Washington or his order the said sume of one thousand & forty two pds of tobacco & caske als Execution.”

Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington continued to reside in Westmoreland for years after 1700, though there is almost nothing recorded of him therein between 1690 and the appearance of his son, Lansdown Washington, in the records of that County in 1724. There is no indication of any kind that Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington or any member of his family died in Westmoreland. It is highly probable that he was dead by 1734, for by that year his two sons had left Westmoreland. The son, Lansdown<sup>2</sup> Washington, removing to Prince George County and the son Edward Washington removing to Prince William County. As there is not the slightest indication that Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington removed to or died in Prince William County, the investigation is forced to the conclusion that he died in Prince George County where the records are largely missing for the period in which he lived. The rise of the Washington family to landed prosperity and official prominence did not occur until after the son, Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington, settled in Prince William County a few years before 1737. Though by no possibility could Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington have been a son of Col. John Washington of Westmoreland, Virginia, the occasional association in the Westmoreland records of these two Washington families evidences that the members of the one were well acquainted with the members of the other; and it is con-

ceivable that each knew of their forebears in the British Isles and of the probable degree of the relationship there of those forebears. The associations between the descendants of Col. John Washington of Washington parish and of Constable Edward<sup>1</sup> Washington of Cople parish Westmoreland are recorded in Prince William and Fairfax counties and the tradition, current for the last three generations, that the earlier members of these two Washington families were cousins in some degree, though what that degree was could not be stated by any of these two Washington families in 1780 when both were residing in Truro parish, Fairfax County. Anything more definitive as to the degree of relationship waits upon inquiry in the British Isles.

Lansdown<sup>2</sup> Washington appears recorded on page 25 of *Old Book No. 8* of deeds and wills of Westmoreland County, as a witness, on June 1, 1724, to the indenture of lease by John Sturman of Cople parish, Westmoreland, to Augustine Washington of Washington parish, Westmoreland, (father of George Washington), of 200 acres of land on Nominy river, bounded westerly with the lands of Thomas and Richard Sanford; the witnesses were Sarah Sturman, "Lansdn Washington's mark", and W. Sturman.

On the following day, June 2, 1724, the same "Lansdn Washington" witnessed the indenture of release between the same persons for the same land.

Lansdown<sup>2</sup> Washington (Edward<sup>1</sup>) removed from Westmoreland to Prince George County on the southern side of the James river, where we find, in the records of the parish of Bristol, the record:—

"Edward S. of Langsdown & Elizabeth Washington, born the 18th Octobr 1734".

We have not followed the descendants of Lansdown<sup>2</sup> Washington. This family in Prince George County is easily confounded with the descendants, in that part of Prince George County set off as Brunswick County, of John Washington who settled in Surry County, Virginia, about 1657 and who came from Barbadoes, West Indies, to Virginia.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington (Jr.) so far as yet noted, first, appears in Prince William County in 1737, in that part thereof then called Truro parish, which parish in 1742, was set off from Prince William County to form the then new county of Fairfax. At the Truro parish vestry meeting of 3 October 1737 Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington figured in a secular matter, the civil functions of a vestryman in Virginia having been similar to those of a selectman in a New England town:—"To Edward Washington, *sub sheriff*, per account, 300 lbs. tobacco." This means that he was Under Sheriff of Prince William County, serving in and for the northern (Truro) part of that county, and that he, as such, collected the taxes, served warrants, writs, etc. The parish levy was 42 1/2 pounds of tobacco per poll or 38,383 pounds in all levied for the whole parish, he being taxed 300 lbs. (This is the Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington whose will was proved in Fairfax county in 1792. A genealogist, the late Albert Welles, states in his book entitled, "The Pedigree and History of the Washington Family", that this Edward Washington was "born about 1745". Thus he confounds him with his son, Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington, who died in 1813, whereas it is obvious that Edward<sup>2</sup> was born Circa 1700.)

On May 19, 1739, Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington received a grant of 1066 acres of land upon the head draughts of Kittoktan upon the broken hills, adjoining Benjamin Grayson's land; and on 19 January, 1739, (following) he as "Edward Washington" sold the land for £50, to William Fairfax. (*Prince William Deed Book D, page 322*). This land was near the Blue Ridge. The deed of sale was witnessed by Edward Barry, Richard Sturman, and Thomas Washington.

On 26 November, 1739, Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington received a grant of 528 acres of land "between little Rockey Run and Johnnymore Run, being branches falling into Bull Run (west of where was fought in 1861 the battle of Bull Run) on the north side thereof, the land being bounded by the lands of William Linton and Nathaniel Russell. (*Prince William Deed Book D, page 317*.) On 10 January (following) 1739, he sold this land for £25 to said William Fairfax.

On December 12, 1739, "Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington Planter" received a grant of 614 acres on Pig Nut Ridge, bounded by the lands of James Wareing, Jeffry Johnson, John Edwards and Thomas Jackman. On 9 January (following) 1739, he conveyed this land, for £40, as

"Edward Washington of Truro parish, Prince William County, Planter", to William Fairfax. (*Prince William Deed Book D page 312.*)

On January 9, 1739, "Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington of Truro parish in Prince William County, Yeoman", sold to William Fairfax of Hanover parish in King George County, Esquire, for £60, 1010 acres of land in Prince William County, at the Mountain commonly known or called by the name of Rappahannock Mountain, in the thoroughfare of Cedar Run, joining to the lands of John Hudnal, Jeffry Johnson, John Edward and the Rev. William Alexander Scott, with all edifices, etc. thereon.

At a court held for Prince William County on February 25th, 1739, Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington, Yeoman, acknowledged this release to be his act and deed. And on the same January 9, 1739, he, as "Edward Washington of Truro Parish in Prince William County, Planter", sold for £30, to the same William Fairfax, 400 acres on the branches of Pohick and joining the lands of Colonel Carter and Mr. John Mercer. This land was close to the Potomac river. (*Prince William Deed Book D. p. 301.*)

All of these deeds of sale by Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington bear the names of the same witnesses, namely, Edward Barry, Richard Sturman and Thomas Washington.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington was a candidate against George Washington for vestryman of Truro parish. Edward<sup>2</sup> was thirty years older than George in 1765. Prior to that Edward<sup>2</sup> had served as a vestryman, viz: when Colchester was established, by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia in 1753-4, as a town in Fairfax county, on 25 acres of land that had belonged to Peter Wagener, there were chosen for the first trustees and Directors of the new town, Peter Wagener, Daniel McCarty, John Barry, William Ellzey and Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington. These men were then also, among the vestrymen of Truro parish. (*History of Truro Parish, P. Slaughter, page 31*). How many years Edward<sup>2</sup> so served as vestryman is not indicated in the records of the parish.

George Washington was first elected a vestryman of Truro parish



on October 25, 1762. The vestry meetings were held at Pohick Church. A MS. in the Library of Congress, in the handwriting of George Washington, reads: "Vestry chosen for Truro Parish 25th March 1765 with the number of votes to each" (Twelve vestrymen were then elected) "Candidates then rejected—" (fifteen names including) —"Mr. Edward Washington."

Then occurs the entry—"Vestry chosen for Fairfax Parish 28th March 1765 with the Number of Votes to each..... C (olonel) Geo. Washington 274. Mr. Richard Sanford 247" (and 10 others elected).

"Vestry chosen for Truro Parish 22 July 1765 with the number of votes for each... Colo. Geo. Washington 259" (and eleven others elected). Then below is the list of seven other candidates, whose votes falling below 169, were not elected—"Mr. Edward Washington 154" and six others.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington does not seem to have again become a candidate. But in 1779 his son Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington was elected. Pohick church still exists. "Upper Church" became called Falls Church after 1757.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington's tenure of the office of Under, otherwise deputy, Sheriff of Prince William County seems to have been terminated by the cutting off in 1742 of the northern part of Prince William County to make the new county of Fairfax. In the vestry book of Truro parish, when that parish was in the county of Fairfax and when Augustine Washington, father of George Washington, are some items referring to him as a deputy sheriff, viz:

(Page 21) "Vestry meeting 2 October 1738. (paid) To Edward Washington Sub sheriff pr account 93." (pounds of tobacco.)

(Page 31 "To Edward Washington for his Sheriff's account, 92" (pounds of tobacco.)

Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington supplied to or delivered to the order of the vestrymen of Truro parish some commodity through the years 1771 to 1777 inclusive. George Washington was vestryman of this church and parish during this period. The record of it reads:

"At a Vestry held for Truro Parish at Pohic Church, November the 29th, 1771. Truro Parish Dr. to Edward Washington pr Accot. £8-7-6."

"Vestry of 20 November, 1772. Dr. to Edward Washington pr acct. proved £9."

"Vestry of 22 November 1773, Dr. to Edward Washington pr acct. proved £10."

"Vestry of 27 November 1774, Truro Parish Dr. to Edward Washington pr Acct. proved £10."

"Vestry of November 3, 1775, Truro Parish Dr. to Edward Washington pr Acct. proved £10."

"Vestry of November 22d 1776, Truro Parish Dr. to Edward Washington pr acct. proved £7.0.0."

"Vestry of November 27, 1777 Truro Parish Dr. to Edward Washington pr acct. proved £4-5-0."

On page 94 of *Fairfax County Will Book A* is entered the inventory of the estate of Simon Cornell, dated 15 November, 1744, as prepared and signed by "Ed: Washington" and "Tho: Washington"; and on page 88 is recorded the will of the said deceased, to which these two Washingtons signed their names in the above style as witnesses.

Lund Washington, superintendent of the estate of Mount Vernon, for General George Washington during the War of the American Revolution, prepared a written statement of the Washingtons whom he personally knew to be related to him. Lund was a descendant of Lawrence Washington, brother of George Washington's great-grandfather, Colonel John Washington. Referring to Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington who died in 1813 (whom Lund could not place definitely as one of his relatives), Lund's account specifies "Edward Washington lived a few miles from Colchester when I went there to live in 1786. My uncle, Lawrence Washington (John<sup>2</sup>, Lawrence<sup>1</sup>) and I believed him to be a relative from his strong resemblance to the family.

His father was living in 1788, a very old man!" This very old man was Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington. It is clear that there was no relationship whatever, arising in America, between the American Washington ancestors of George and Lund Washington, on the one hand, and the American ancestors of their contemporary Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington, on the other; genealogists have been guessing about the origin of Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington of Fairfax County, who died in 1792. For thirty-five years no one of them has ever solved the problem because all have imagined that Edward<sup>2</sup> was a descendant of John<sup>1</sup> or Lawrence<sup>1</sup> Washington, the immigrant brothers who died in 1676-7.

Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington was a petitioner in 1777 viz:—

*(Virginia State Library Archives Legislative Petitions F.)*

Petition dated May 29, 1777, directed to the "Honble the Speaker and Gentleman of the House of Burgesses of Virginia" now met at the Capitol in the City of Williamsburg, for a new election of burgesses because the election was held during an epidemic of the small pox and only sixty out of three hundred voters voted. (Signed by)  
"Edw Washington" (Sr.)

and 131 others.

Referred to the Committee of Privileges and  
Rejected.

In *Fairfax County Will Book D*, page 317, occurs a record of both Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington and his son Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington:

Public Vendue of the estate of John Heaton dec'd, 17  
and 18 of June, 1784.

"1 dozen knives and forks (to) Edwd Washington.  
Sen 0-4-2".

"1 dozen knives and forks 0-4-7".

"13 pen knives Edward Washington 0-3-2".

"6 earthen Panns Edward Washington 0-3-0".

"1 Nest. Wooden ware Edward Washington 0-6-6".

"1 Nest. Wooden ware Edward Washington Junr 0-6-0".

“Edwd Washington Senr 1 pr. W. Shoes 0-5-6.” This item appears in a “List of debits due to John Mills dec’d as appears by his books”; recorded on February 22, 1785, on page 61 of *Will Book E* of Fairfax County, Virginia.

In the Virginia state census of heads of families 1782, for Fairfax county occurs two items on Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington and his family.

“List of John Gibson (census taker): Edward Washington  
3 white, 15 black.”

Census of 1785. List of Ric’d Chichester (census taker):  
“Edward Washington, 4 white, 1 dwelling, 9 other buildings.”

In the Personal Property Books in the Archives Department of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we find the following:

“A list of the Taxable Property in the County of Fairfax taken by William Ramsey, Henry Darne, Thomas Lewis, George Gilpin, in April 1782.

Name	Number Whites	Blacks	Horses	Cattle
Washington, Edward	1	9	4	33
Washington, Lund	1	13	20	39
Washington, General	0	183	97	334
Washington, Edward	3	22	11	35”

*Richard Chichester's List 1783*

	Free white males over 21	Free white males over 16-- under 21	Slaves over 16	Slaves under 16	Exempt from revenue black	Stud Horses	Other Horses	Cattle
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Edward Washington	3	0	21	11	2	1	7	49
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*1784 John  
Gibson's List:*

Edward Washington	4	0	10	15 White	1	1	11	44
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*1785 Martin  
Cockburn's  
List:*

Edward Washington	4	0	13	15 Black	1	1	11	39
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*1785 Wm.  
Payne's List:*

Edward Washington	4	0	13	16		1	10	17
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*1787 April 20  
Martin  
Cockburn's List:*

Edward ) Washington Sr.) Edward ) Washington Jr.)	4		17	16	0	13	0	36
Joseph Reed ) John Young )								

Amount of property tax £20-50. Land tax at 1 1/2% and annual rents of Lots in Colchester at 5% — £1-18-0. Amount of Revenue tax 22-3-7

Property tax payable in certificates	12-5-0
Land tax at 1 per cent	1-5-9
Amount of certificate tax	13-10-9
Amount of the Revenue and Certificate taxes	35-14-4"

*1788 May 9 James Wren's list:*

"Edw. Washington, 4 whites tithable; blacks above 16—9; blacks above 12 under 16—2; horses, 9. Tax £6-8-0."

*1789, May 19.* "Ed. Washington. Whites—4; blacks over 16—10; blacks 12 to 16—1; horses 9. Tax £6-8-0."

*1790, June 10. James Wren's district:* "Edward Washington 4 whites tithable; blacks over 16—10; blacks 12 to 16—2; horses 8; stud horses—1. Tax £7-8-0."

Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington Jr. resided with his father until the latter's death in 1792; after that the son inherited and occupied the entire estate in Fairfax County, himself dying thereon in 1813.

The Will of Edward Washington, Senior, as recorded in Fairfax County Will Book, reads, viz:

"In the name of God Amen! I, Edward Washington, of Truro Parish, and County of Fairfax, being of weak body but of sound sense and memory, thanks to God, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. Imps I give and bequeath to my son Edward Washington all my estate, real and personal, forever, and after his decease to be disposed of as he shall think proper.

"Lastly I nominate, constitute and appoint my son Edward Washington to be my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, ratifying and confirming this and disannulling all former and other wills and testaments.

"In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal the 30th day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

(Signed) EDWARD WASHINGTON (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Joshua Coffey, James Hereford, Joseph Reed.

"P. S. It is my desire that there be no appraisement of my Estate.

"At a Court continued and held for the County of Fairfax, 18th of September 1792.

"This will was presented in Court, and proved by the oaths of James Hereford and Joseph Reed, and was ordered to be recorded. Test. P. Wagoner, Clerk."

That Edward<sup>2</sup> Washington left a sister or a sister-in-law "Sarah Washington" and two daughters besides the son Edward<sup>3</sup>, namely Margaret Ann, and a daughter, who married Mr. Manly, is indicated by the will of his said son, Edward Washington. The latter's sister, Margaret Ann Washington, married Edward Sanford (will proved 6 June, 1814).

"In the name of God, Amen! I, Edward Washington, of the County of Fairfax and State of Virginia, being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind, and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

"*Item:* It is my will and desire that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and that all my just debts, due either by bond, note or open account be by them paid without any regard to the act of limitation.

"*Item:* I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Margaret Sanford Washington, the following slaves with their future increase. To wit: Belinda, Tom Nokes, Joshua, Jemima (wife of Dennis Seales), Harriet, daughter of said Jemima,

and Henson (son of Fanny), also a bay filly rising two years old.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my son, John Washington, the following slaves with their future increase to wit: Old Lee, Dennis, Corner, Doctor, Susanna, Winny. and Ann, as also one half of the tract of land whereon I now live (including the mansion house, barn, stables, etc.) to be equally divided agreeable to quantity and quality.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Mary Ann Washington, the following slaves, with their future increase, to wit: Jane, John (son of Winny), Charles Seales, Fanny, Flora, Caroline, Solomon and Jemima daughter of Fanny.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth Catherine Washington, the following slaves, with their future increase, to wit: Daniel, Frank, Ned, Sarah, Harriet, daughter of Fanny, Cato Seales, and John, son of Sarah.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my son, Edward Sanford Washington, the following slaves, with their future increase, to wit: James Straight, Old Harry, Sandy, Kitty Seales, Linny, Dennis Seals, and Nathaniel, also one half of the tract of land whereon I now live to be divided as before directed.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my son, George William Washington, the following slaves, with their future increase, to wit: Jesse, Duke, Reuben, Ella, Letty Seals, Jemima Seals, and Alfred; also two lotts of land in the County of Prince William, and State of Virginia, designated in the general Plotts by Lotts No. 1 and 2, containing 400 acres, be the same more or less, which said lotts was purchased by me of Wm. H. Dorsey.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my son, Joseph Hough Washington, the following slaves with their future increase,



to wit: Malbourne, Isaac, David, Sinah, and her child, Rosetta, Rose, Thomas Person, Julius and Milly, also two lotts of land purchased by me of Wm. H. Dorsey, in the County of Prince William, and State of Virginia, lying near Baconrace meeting-house, and adjoining the lands of Hezekiah Fairfax, designated in the General Plott by lotts No. 15 and 16, containing 271 acres, be the same more or less.

*“Item:* It is my further will and desire that if any of my children herein named should die before they arrive at full age or without lawful issue, that in such case, whatever they may die seized of, shall be equally divided between my surviving children or their heirs.

*“Item:* I give and bequeath unto my nephew, John H. Manley, all my wearing apparel of every description.

*“Item:* It is further my will and desire, that the land whereon my aunt, Sarah Washington, now lives, lying on the east side of Pohick run, in the County of Fairfax and State of Virginia, and adjoining the lands of Doddridge Pitt Chichester and the land generally known by the name of the Ravensworth tract, for which there is a suit now pending in the Superior Court of the County of Fairfax, be sold when recovered, also my household and kitchen furniture, my stock of horses, a bay filly excepted, cattle, hogs, and sheep, Plantation and Farming utensils, and the crop, and it is also my will and desire that my Exrs do as soon as convenient, collect all monies that is now due, and that will become due on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, which monies with the amount of the sales, is to be applied to the discharge of my just debts. Reserving in the hands of my executors after such debts are discharged, a sufficiency for the support of my children and other necessary Purposes during the present year; and then the balance, (if any), to be equally divided and laid out in the Bank Stock, or otherwise as may be deemed most advisable for the benefit of my three daughters, namely: Margaret Sanford Washington, Mary Ann

Washington, and Elizabeth Catherine Washington, and it is further my will and desire that each and every one of my children may have their smith's work done gratis by the Black Smiths belonging to my estate, herein devised, as long as they may be convenient, or wish it.

"And lastly, it is my will and sincere desire that my much esteemed friends, Edward Sanford, Doddridge Pitt Chichester, and Reasin Offitt, do act and I do hereby appoint them my whole and Sole Executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 8th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

*EDWARD WASHINGTON (SEAL)*

"Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Sinah Ellen Lee, Ann Talbott, Reazin Haislip, Mary Offitt.

"NB. I do hereby authorize my Executors to proceed at their discretion to getting Timber, Tan bark, etc. off of my lands herein devised for the express purpose of discharging my just debts, and that it shall be a joint expense between all of my children.

*EDWARD WASHINGTON*

"Witness; Ann Talbott, Sinah Ellen Lee."

"At a court held for Fairfax County, the 21st day of June, 1813. This will and testament of Edward Washington, dea, was presented in court by Edward Sanford, one of the executors therein named, who made oath thereto, and the same being proved by the oaths of Ann Talbott and Sinah Ellen Lee, is admitted to record, and the said exor., having performed what the law requires, a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

"Teste: Wm Moss, Clerk."

In Fairfax, Will Book L., page 406, is entered the bond dated 17 Jan. 1820, for \$8,000. of John Wright, as guardian of Elizabeth C.

Washington and George William Washington, orphans and minors, children of Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington, deceased. The co-bonders were Eli Offit, James Sangster and William Lindsay.

The History of Truro Parish (P. Slaughter) states on page 96: "Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington was chosen Vestryman in 1779"; also in "1784, 23rd February. - The Vestry met at Colchester. Present at this meeting: Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington." (He served until 1785). The vestry records show that at this meeting the vestrymen accepted the resignation of George Washington as a vestryman, and John Gibson was elected in his stead. Lund Washington was also elected vestryman.

Edward Washington<sup>3</sup> (died 1813) married Elizabeth Hough Sanford (1753-1814) of Westmoreland County, Va. Issue Margaret Sanford<sup>4</sup> married Eli Offutt of Fairfax Co., Va. Issue Margaret Washington Offutt (died 1867) married Wm. Howard Chase (died 1873). Issue Edwin Elisha Chase (1850-1900) married Virginia Atkinson (1854-1900) daughter of John from Ireland to Richmond, Va. later to Mo.) and Virginia Davidson, daughter of Wm. Davidson of England. Issue Virginia Chase born Edina, Mo., December 20, 1874 married March 8, 1900, James Harrison Steedman (1867-1921) son of Isaac George Washington Steedman of St. Louis and Dora Harrison. Married, secondly, at New York, (Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Alexander Wilbourne Weddell, American Foreign Service officer, Ambassador to the Argentine, (see Who's Who, 1928-9) on May 31, 1932—No issue of either marriage.

#### ATKINSON LINE OF VIRGINIA CHASE WEDDELL

- 1 - John ATKINSON, of Kilkeel, County Down, Ireland, married SARAH CUNNINGHAM, daughter of Richard Cunningham, (1727-1797) and Elizabeth HOOPE, (1732-1821).
- 2 - John ATKINSON, junior, from Ireland to Richmond, Va., and later to Missouri. Married Virginia DAVIDSON, of London, England, and Petersburg, Va., daughter of William DAVIDSON.
- 3 - Virginia ATKINSON, of St. Charles, Missouri, (1854-1900) married Edwin Elisha CHASE of St. Louis, Missouri, (1850-1900).

4 — Virginia CHASE, (1874— ) only child of above union May 31, 1923 married Alexander Wilbourne WEDDELL, (2d husband) (1876— ).

The said William Chase was born in England and resided in the Colony (or Province) of Massachusetts from 1630 to 1659. He died May 1659 at Yarmouth, Mass. Freeman of Mass. Bay Colony, 1634—Original Settler of Yarmouth, Mass., 1637.

The said Philip Sherman was born in England, baptized there February 15, 1611 and resided in the Colony (or Province) of Mass. and Rhode Island from 1633 to 1686/7. He died February-March, 1686/7 at Portsmouth, R. I. One of original proprietors Aquidneck, Secretary and General Recorder of Rhode Island—Member of General Assembly R. I.

The said John Tripp was born in England, 1610/11 and resided in the Colony (or Province) of Rhode Island from 1638 to 1678. He died October 1678 at Portsmouth, R. I. Member General Assembly of Rhode Island, Commissioner to the Court of Commissioners, Member of Governor's Council.

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Virginia Chase Weddell was born in Edina, Missouri, December 20, 1874, and is a resident of Richmond, Virginia. She is a daughter of Edwin E. Chase and Virginia Atkinson, his wife. The said Edwin E. Chase was the son of William H. Chase and Margaret Washington Offutt, his wife. The said William H. Chase was the son of Elisha Chase and Theresa Howard, his wife. The said Elisha Chase was the son of Royal Chase and Patience Luther, his wife. The said Royal Chase was the son of Elisha Chase and Sarah Sisson, his wife. The said Elisha Chase was the son of Elisha Chase and Elizabeth Wheaton, his wife. The said Elisha Chase was the son of Samuel Chase and Sarah Sherman, his wife. The said Samuel Chase was the son of William Chase and ..... his wife. That the said William Chase was the son of William Chase and Mary....., his wife.

For descent from the said Samuel Chase and Sarah Sherman, his

wife, see above. The said Sarah Sherman was the daughter of Samuel Sherman and Martha Tripp, his wife. The said Samuel Sherman was the son of Philip Sherman and Sarah Odding, his wife.

For descent from the said Samuel Chase and Sarah Sherman, his, wife, see above. The said Sarah Sherman was the daughter of Samuel Sherman and Martha Tripp, his wife. The said Martha Tripp was the daughter of John Tripp and Mary Paine, his wife.

Wm. Chase (Chace) 1622-84/85 from England with his father. 1630; large land owner of Yarmouth, Mass.

Samuel ca.1670-1758, Swansea, Mass. married 1699 Sarah daughter of Samuel and Martha (Tripp) Sherman born 1682.

Elisha (1706-64) inherited extensive lands at Swansea, married (1) 1726 Elizabeth Wheaton (1706-44).

Elisha (1731-32-84) married 1760 Sarah Sisson born 1738 Royal (1760-post 1826) deputy sheriff, Bristol, Conn. Married (2) 1784 Patience Luther born 1766.

Elisha born 1790 married Theresa Howard.

Wm. Howard died 1873; married Margaret Washington Offutt.

Virker's Abridged Compendium of American Genealogy, vol. III, p. 472.

Issue of Edward<sup>3</sup> Washington and Elizabeth Hough Sanford: Margaret Sanford<sup>4</sup>, born about 1795, married Eli Offutt.

John Augustine Washington<sup>4</sup> oldest son of Edward Washington and Elizabeth Hough Sanford, (mentioned in his father's will), was born in Fairfax Co., Va. 1792. Died January 1862. Removed to Loudoun Co., Va. Married Ann G. Saunders of Leesburg, December 3, 1818. (Alexandria Gazette) Married (2) Elizabeth Ann George, daughter of Elizabeth Smith and John George, son of John who came from Germany.

Mary Ann<sup>4</sup> born about 1800; married Mortimer McElhaney.

Elizabeth Catharine<sup>4</sup> born about 1802; married .....Offut, brother of Eli.

Edward Sanford<sup>4</sup> born about 1805; married .....Heaton.

George William<sup>4</sup> born about 1807; married Margaret Wright.  
Joseph Hough<sup>4</sup> born about 1810.

Issue of John Augustine Washington<sup>4</sup> and Amelia Saunders<sup>4</sup>.

Margaret<sup>5</sup> (at the age of sixty nine) married John McElhaney.  
Samuel Edward<sup>5</sup> married Sarah J. Everhart; died at Leeds, Mo., February 7, 1905.

Mary<sup>5</sup> married Alpheus Edwards.

Elizabeth<sup>5</sup> Catharine married Ephraim Harriot of Kentucky.

Issue of Samuel Edward Washington<sup>5</sup> and Sarah J. Everhart.

1. Lilla<sup>6</sup> born in Loudon Co., Va. February 8, 1856; married (1) Judge George W. Wilson April 25, 1875. Married (2) John F. Myers, April 3, 1913. Issue by (1) marriage, Irma Vista born in Olathe, Kansas, November 8, 1878. Married (1) Lyman Brundage. Issue Ruth. Married (2) Robert Stuart. Issue Robert. Blanche, born in Worthington, Minn. July 25, 1880; married (1) Frank Armstrong, 1898. Married (2) Hugh Mackenzie, July 17, 1912. Issue by first marriage. Mildred born Minneapolis, Minn. July 17, 1912.

2. Sallie<sup>6</sup> Washington, born near Lovettsville, Loudoun Co., Va. May 8, 1849. Married at Olathe, Kansas September 29, 1870, John Thomas Shuck, born near Harper's Ferry, West Va. February 26, 1844. Died near Perryville, Kansas of gun shot wound, accidental, February 28, 1902. Sallie, his wife, died at Wichita, Kansas, January 18, 1901.

3. Rose<sup>6</sup> married Thomas C. Chenowith, of Leon, Kansas.

4. Ida<sup>6</sup>, died young.

Issue of Mary Washington and Alpheus Edwards.

Henry. Married ..... Died leaving issue.

Washington. Married ..... Died leaving issue.

Issue of Elizabeth Catharine Washington<sup>5</sup> and Ephraim Harriot of Kentucky.

John<sup>6</sup>, Mollie<sup>6</sup>, James<sup>6</sup>, Ella<sup>6</sup>.

Issue of John Augustine Washington<sup>4</sup> and Elizabeth Ann George.  
Louisa<sup>5</sup> married James Long.  
Robert<sup>5</sup> married Leah Virts.  
George<sup>5</sup> Washington died single 1897.  
Rosetta<sup>5</sup> married Silas Wenner.  
Amelia<sup>5</sup> Catharine married Wm. Alder.  
Agnes<sup>5</sup> married James Harriett.  
Lydia<sup>5</sup> Burnetta married Wm. Proctor.  
Wm.<sup>5</sup> Bushrod living in Lovettsville.  
John Edward<sup>5</sup> married Florence Crim. Living in Lovettsville.

Issue of Louisa<sup>5</sup> Washington (born 1835) and James Long.  
Susan<sup>6</sup> married Fenton Farrell of Frederick Co., Md.

Issue:

Leila<sup>7</sup>

Virginia<sup>7</sup> married Clayton Dixon.

Ella<sup>6</sup> married Bernard Monday of Rockville, Md.

Issue:

Wilbur<sup>7</sup>

Louisa<sup>7</sup>

Rose<sup>6</sup> married Edward Garrett of Rockville, Md.

Issue:

Lucy<sup>7</sup>

Wilbur<sup>6</sup> married Hester Russell of Baltimore.

Issue:

Margaret French<sup>7</sup> born 1882. Died March 31, 1921.

Married (1) George Jay Ellis.

Issue:

Anna Jane<sup>8</sup>

George Robert<sup>8</sup>

Betty Jeanette<sup>8</sup>

John Russell<sup>8</sup>

Married (2) Richard Lloyd Irwin.

Chauncey<sup>6</sup> married ..... Buckingham.

Issue:

Marion<sup>7</sup>

Florence<sup>7</sup>

James<sup>7</sup>

Willard<sup>6</sup> married ..... Snoffer.

Issue:

Benjamin.<sup>7</sup>

Marie.<sup>7</sup>

Issue of Robert<sup>5</sup> Washington and Leah Virts, his wife.

George Washington<sup>6</sup>. Living on home place, Lovettsville, Va.

Married ..... Smith.

Issue:

Bessie.<sup>7</sup> Living in the west.

Clarence<sup>7</sup>

Robert<sup>7</sup> married Maud Kalb.

Issue of Amelia Catharine<sup>5</sup> born November 1, 1843. Died February 2, 1929, married January 25, 1865. William Alder born 1840, died January 16, 1930.

Jessie Washington<sup>6</sup>

Albert<sup>6</sup> married Katharine Jones of Rockville.

Nellie Catharine<sup>6</sup>

William Leon<sup>6</sup>

Issue of Albert Alder<sup>6</sup> and Catharine Jones.

Albert Leon.<sup>7</sup> Born December 8, 1899.

Robert Washington<sup>7</sup> born September 18, 1901.

Howard Parker<sup>7</sup> born June 19, 1904.

Catharine Amelia<sup>7</sup> born September 26, 1905.

Jessie Virginia<sup>7</sup> born March 21, 1907.

Lawrence Gordon<sup>7</sup> born May 21, 1910.

Raymond Francis<sup>7</sup> born June 6, 1914.

Agnes Washington<sup>5</sup> married James Harriett.

Issue:

Rose<sup>6</sup> married ..... Harriett. Issue daughter.

William<sup>6</sup> married Rose Ballinger.

Issue Leila<sup>7</sup> married ..... Lewis.

Nova<sup>7</sup> single.

Jay<sup>6</sup> married Edna Fisher. Issue Dorothy<sup>7</sup> and Virginia.<sup>7</sup>

George<sup>6</sup> married Jessie ..... Issue a son.

Albert<sup>6</sup> married Dolly Fisher. Issue four children.

Mathew<sup>6</sup> married Mary. Issue four children.

Nettie<sup>6</sup> married Forrest Tanner. Issue son and daughter.

Minnie<sup>6</sup> married Charlie Henness. Issue two sons.

Issue of John Edward<sup>5</sup> Washington and Florence Crim.

Mary Gay<sup>6</sup> born 1884. Died 1926.



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