

A
GENEALOGICAL SKETCH
OF
THE WORTHINGTON
AND
PLASKITT FAMILIES
WITH OTHERS.

BALTIMORE:

1886.

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ON the farm of Tilghman Brice, situated on the Severn River, opposite the City of Annapolis, lies interred the dust of Capt. John Worthington, the progenitor of many sturdy sons of Maryland, men who moulded and controlled affairs and materially helped to build up the State. He married Sarah Howard, daughter of Matthew Howard, one of the most extensive landholders in Anne Arundel County, and died April 9th, 1701. His grave bears the following inscription:

HERE LIETH INTERRED
THE BODY OF CAPT. JOHN WORTHINGTON,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
THE 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 1701,
AGED 51 YEARS.

Issue, surname Worthington:

John, born January 12th, 1689,

Thomas, born January 8th, 1691,

William, born April 16th, 1694,
 Sarah, born January 10th, 1696,
 Charles, born October 20th, 1701.

John Worthington, born 1689, son of Capt. John and Sarah Worthington, married January 8th, 1713, by Rev. William Tibbs, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore County, Helen Hammond. John Worthington died December 12th, 1763.

Issue, surname Worthington:

William, Charles, Vachael,
 Ann, Elizabeth, John,
 Samuel, born 1733,
 Thomas, born May 2d, 1739.

Thomas Worthington, born 1691, son of Capt. John and Sarah Worthington, married July 23d, 1711, Elizabeth Ridgeley.

Issue, surname Worthington:

Anne, born October 2d, 1713,
 Sarah, born February 2d, 1715-16,
 Elizabeth, born October 6th, 1717,
 Catharine, born July 10th, 1720,
 Rachel, born August 28th, 1722,
 Thomasue, born June 9th, 1724,
 Brice Thomas Beale, born Nov. 2d, 1727,
 Ariana, born December 25th, 1729,
 Thomas, born June 6th, 1731,
 Nicholas, born March 20th, 1734.

Elizabeth Worthington, wife of Thomas, died between 8th and 9th September, 1734. Her husband died March, 1753, and the following obituary notice appeared in Greene's *Annapolis Gazette*, under date March 15th, 1753.

"Last Monday morning, died at his plantation, about five miles from town, in the 63d or grand climacteric year of his age, Mr. Thomas Worthington, who, for many years past and to the time of his death, was one of the representatives for this county in the lower house of Assembly. He served his country with a steady and disinterested fidelity, was strictly honest in principle and practice, and therefore had the esteem of all who knew him. He was a good father and sincere friend, was frugal and industrious, and was possessed of many good qualities which constituted the character of a good and sincere Christian."

William Worthington, born 1694, son of Capt. John and Sarah Worthington, married Sarah Homewood, November 5th, 1717.

Issue, surname Worthington:

Wornell, born July 27th, 1710,

Mary Ann, born August 10th, 1722,

Sarah, born February 14th, 1725, died December 15th, 1744,

Rachel, born March 30th, 1728,

Artema, born January 6th, 1730, died April
7th, 1745,

William, born September 18th, 1734, died
April 25th, 1746,

Ariana, born October 20th, 1737,

Ruth, born July 5th, 1742.

Sarah Worthington, born 1696, daughter of
Capt. John and Sarah Worthington, married
26th December, 1711, Nicholas Ridgeley, who
was born 12th February, 1693-4, and died Feb-
ruary 16th, 1755. His wife died March 16th,
1721-2. For sketch of Nicholas Ridgeley, see
Pennsylvania Magazine, vol. 4, p. 110-111.

Issue, surname Ridgeley:

Sarah,	Rebecca,	Ruth,
Anne,	Rachel.	

Rachel married John Vining on the 28th of
April, 1749, by Rev. Arthur Usher, in the pres-
ence of Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll, Benjamin
Chew and Mary, his wife.

Issue, surname Vining:

Benjamin and Nicholas, both of whom died
young.

Rachel Vining departed this life on the 6th No-
vember, 1753, at two of the clock, and was buried
in Christ's Church, Dover, Delaware, by Rev. Hugh
Niel, near or under her father's (Nicholas Ridge-
ley) pew. John Vining owned a large tract of

land in Salem County, N. J., and removed from thence to the State of Delaware, having settled at or near Dover, in that State, and such was the exalted character he sustained that he was elected to the highest offices there. On one of his visits to Salem, he was taken sick and died and was buried in the aisle of the Episcopal Church (St. John's). Upon the stone covering his sepulchre is the epitaph:

IN MEMORY OF
HON. JOHN VINING, ESQ.,
SPEAKER OF THE THREE LOWER COUNTIES
OF DELAWARE,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE NOV. 13, 1770,
AGED 46 YEARS.

See *Booger's Repository*, March, 1883, and life and correspondence of George Read, page 502.

William Worthington, son of John and Hellen (Hammond) Worthington, married June 30th, 1734, Hannah Cromwell.

Issue, surname Worthington:

William, John.

Vachael Worthington, son of John and Hellen (Hammond) Worthington, married Priscilla Bond 17th November, 1757.

Issue, surname Worthington:

Elizabeth, born November 25, 1759.

Ann Worthington, daughter of John and Helen (Hammond) Worthington, married Thomas Beale Dorsey.

Issue, surname Dorsey :

Caleb, born March 13th, 1749, died April 14th, 1757,

John Worthington, Thomas Beale, Sarah.

Elizabeth Worthington, daughter of John and Helen (Hammond) Worthington, married Nicholas Dorsey.

Issue, surname Dorsey :

Amos,	Mary,	Anna,
Susan,	Henrietta,	Lydia.

John Worthington, son of John and Helen (Hammond) Worthington, married ———— Hood.

Issue, surname Worthington :

Thomas,	Nicholas,	William,
Elizabeth, born April 27th, 1758, died May 9th, 1830,		
Ann,	Sarah.	

Samuel Worthington, born 1733, died April 7th, 1815, son of John and Hellen (Hammond) Worthington, was twice married; first, January 17th, 1759, to Mary Tolly, daughter of Walter Tolly, of Joppa. She was born March 21st, 1740, and died October 4th, 1777. His second wife was Martha Garrettson, born August 18th, 1753, died December 21st, 1831.

Issue by first wife, surname Worthington :

John Tolly, born 1761, died September 8th,
1834,

Comfort,

Vachael, born 1766, died October 22d, 1832,

Walter Tolly,

Charles, born September 22d, 1770, died
July 15th, 1847,

Ann, Martha, Edward,

Thomas, James Tolly, Samuel.

Issue by second wife, surname Worthington :

Garrettson, born February 19th, 1797,

Nicholas, Charlotte, Sarah,

Elizabeth, Martha, Catharine,

Susan, George W., Eleanor.

Thomas Worthington, born 1739, died March 16th, 1821, son of John and Helen (Hammond) Worthington, was twice married; first, August 21st, 1761, to Elizabeth Hammond, who was born August 17th, 1725, and died October 4th, 1784, He married secondly April 9th, 1786, Marcella, daughter of Joshua and Mary Owings, who was born July 5th, 1748, died April 27th, 1842.

Issue by first wife, surname Worthington :

John, born 1763, died March 18th, 1829.

Issue by second wife, surname Worthington :

Mary,

Noah, born 1789, died January 9th, 1872,

Thomas Dye, born 1791, died July 8th, 1825.

Resin Hammond, born June 28th, 1794, died
June, 1884.

Joshua, born 1800, died November 9th, 1814.

Nicholas Worthington, born 1734, son of Thomas
and Elizabeth (Ridgeley) Worthington, married
October 1st, 1751, Catharine Griffith.

Issue, surname Worthington :

Elizabeth, born July 12th, 1752, died young,

Thomas, born June 7th, 1754, died young,

Catharine Griffith, born February 23d, 1756,
died young,

Charles Griffith, born November 2d, 1756,
died young,

Nicholas, born October 24th, 1757,

Charles, born October 9th, 1759.

Catharine, born October 27th, 1761, married
December 9th, 1784, Col. Baker John-
son (for descendants, see Hanson's Old
Kent, page 54),

Brice John, born February 1st, 1764, }
John Griffith, " " " } Twins.

Elizabeth, born June 27th, 1766,

Achsah, born July 9th, 1768, married Dr.
Richard Goldsborough of Robert (for
descendants, see Hanson's *Old Kent*,
page 282),

Sarah, born August 13th, 1770, married November 8th, 1792, William Goldsborough of Robert (for descendants, see Hanson's *Old Kent*, page 281).

Wornell Worthington, born 1719, son of William and Sarah (Homewood) Worthington, married December 10th, 1745, Anna Hammond.

Issue, surname Worthington:

William, born November 30th, 1747.

Ariana Worthington, born 1737, died May 15th, 1767, daughter of William and Sarah (Homewood) Worthington, married 1758, John Davis, son of Richard.

Issue, surname Davis:

Sarah, born April 13th, 1759,

Ruth, born October 26th, 1761,

Mary Ann, born January 20th, 1764,

William Worthington, born April 15th, 1767.

William Worthington, son of William and Hannah (Cromwell) Worthington, married Sarah Ristean, who was born February 18th, 1749, and died February 15th, 1805. He died December 15th, 1802; both buried on their farm, "Venture Not," at Lime-kiln Bottom, Baltimore County, where many of the family repose.

Issue, surname Worthington:

Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Wilson,
 John, who married widow Goodwin *née*
 Livy,
 Abraham, who married May 30th, 1799,
 Isabella Ferguson,
 Helen, died single,
 William, died single,
 Ann, who married Lyde Goodwin,
 Sarah, died single,
 George, died single,
 Catharine, married Isaac Amoss,
 Margaret Lamar, died single,
 Rebecca Risteau, married James Brundige.

John Worthington, son of William and Hannah
 (Cromwell) Worthington, married Mary Todd.

Issue, surname Worthington:

Ann, born 1764, died February 22d, 1809,
 Margaret, born 1767, died March 19th, 1821,
 Hannah, Elizabeth, Eleanor.

Catharine Worthington, daughter of William
 Worthington and Sarah Risteau, married Isaac
 Amoss, son of James Amoss, Esq., of Harford
 County, Md.

Issue, surname Amoss:

William,	Catharine Ann,	James W.,
Sarah,	John,	Eleanor,
Margaret.		

John Plaskitt, born March 22d, 1797, married April 8th, 1830, Catharine Ann Amoss, born in Baltimore county, Md., August 11th, 1809. She was the daughter of Isaac Amoss and Catharine Worthington of same county. John Plaskitt, who was formerly a prominent merchant in Baltimore, died on his farm in Lime-kiln Bottom, Baltimore County, July 3d, 1867. Catharine Ann Plaskitt, his wife, died also in same county April 22d, 1885.

Issue, surname Plaskitt:

Joshua Plaskitt, born February 14th, 1831, in Baltimore, was married to Sophia C. Hall, daughter of Aquila Hall and Catharine Amoss of Harford County, Md., by the Rev. Dr. M. Mahan, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, October 8th, 1867. Joshua Plaskitt was elected a member of the Baltimore City School Board, February 28th, 1876, and on the 5th of December in the same year offered a resolution to introduce the reading of the History of Maryland in the schools, which, after a long and animated discussion, was finally passed. On the 8th of September, 1877, he offered a resolution which was passed abolishing the book tax, and on the 24th of April, 1883, he offered another to establish

the Manual Training School now in successful operation. He was a member of the Maryland Legislature of 1884, and served as acting chairman of the committee on education in that body. He is (1886) still a member of the School Board, manifesting a deep interest in the proper education of youth.

James B. Plaskitt, born September 6th, 1832.

Thomas, born January 5th, 1834.

Eliza Jane, born January 11th, 1836.

Catharine Ann, born May 5th, 1837, died July 11th, 1838.

Ann Brooks, born November 5th, 1838, died February 5th, 1854.

John Plaskitt, born February 2d, 1841, died July 19th, 1842.

William Brooks, born June 21st, 1842, died August 5th, 1848.

Margaret Worthington, born July 19th, 1844.

Elizabeth Raven Cromwell, born July 16th, 1847.

Sarah Bell, born September 7th, 1849, died January 18th, 1875.

A writer in the *Baltimore Times* says: Ann Worthington, daughter of John Worthington and Mary Todd, married Dr. John Cradock, second son of "Parson Cradock," first Rector of St. Thomas' Church, built in 1743, and still standing in that beautiful region of country known as Green Spring Valley, about twelve miles from Baltimore. Dr. Cradock was born January 25th, 1740. He was a member of the medical profession. In 1775, he became a member of St. Thomas' Church Vestry, and was annually re-elected for some fifteen years. He was a delegate from the parish to the first general convention of the church in Maryland, and frequently afterwards to the diocesan convention. He was active in the revolutionary cause, and a member of the committee of observation in 1774-5, previous to the organization of the State government. He served one year in the flying corps of General Washington, in which he held a major's commission. He died October 4th, 1794.

Margaret Worthington, sister of Mrs. Cradock, married Col. William Lamar, a revolutionary officer, who lies buried on a farm near Frostburg, Md. On his tombstone his deeds are perpetuated in a lengthy inscription, of which the following is a copy:

"In memory of Col. William Lamar, a soldier of the Revolution. At the tap of the drum in his

native State, Maryland, to the standard of his country he flew, nor left until she was acknowledged free and independent among the nations of the earth. At the battles of Harlem Heights, White Plains, Germantown, Monmouth, Staten Island, in the north; at Guilford Court House, Eutaw, Camden, the capture of Fort Mott, Granby, Wateree, and the siege of Ninety Six, in the south, he was present and actively engaged, and by his coolness, bravery and skill, rendered most signal and important services to the army. At Guilford the desperate charge of the American troops which turned the scale of victory in their favor was ordered at his suggestion, which was communicated to General Greene through Major Anderson, and the plan of firing Fort Mott, which was successfully adopted, and which occasioned the immediate surrender of that fort by the British, originated exclusively with him. In the disastrous battle of Camden he was present in the fight, and was by the side of De Kalb when that brave officer fell. In the siege of Ninety Six the immortal Kosciusko was his fellow soldier, and served under him for a while. The noble conduct of the brave Pole was the fond theme of his admiration and praise through life. Entering the army at the commencement of the Revolution, he continued in it, engaged in active service until the close of the war. During the contest he made but one visit home.

He married early, had sons and daughters, the most of whom he lived to see begirt with glowing infancy. Possessing a heart full of kindness and a temper almost proof against anger, he was respected in all the relations of life. He was born in Frederick County, but for thirty years previous to his death he resided in Alleghany, where he died January 9th, 1838, aged 83 years. Also sacred to the memory of Margaret Lamar, his wife. She was beloved and esteemed by all who knew her for the many virtues that adorned her character. She died universally lamented, March 17th, 1821, aged 54 years."

[From the Cumberland Civilian, January 12th, 1838.]

Died on the 8th inst. Col. William Lamar, in the 83rd year of his age. Colonel Lamar was a native of Frederick County, and had been a resident among us for more than thirty years. He entered the revolutionary army shortly after the Declaration of Independence, in the 21st year of his age. He was appointed an ensign at the age of 21, and not long afterwards was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, then made quarter-master and finally promoted to the rank of Captain of the Seventh Maryland regiment. The captain was engaged in active service from the beginning to the close of the war, and never returned to his

home but once during the whole time, and then enjoyed but a short respite from duty. He was engaged in every important battle, fought in the east until 1780; at Harlem Heights, White Plains, Germantown, Monmouth, Staten Island and other places. In 1780 he marched to the South, and at the battle of Camden was fighting by the side of De Kalb, under whose immediate command he was when that lamented officer was killed. With the Southern army Col. Lamar remained an active officer and soldier until the close of the war; was at the battle of Guilford Court House, at Eutaw, and assisted at the capture of Forts Mott, Granby and Watson. The desperate charge of the American troops, which turned the scale of battle in their favor, was ordered by Gen. Greene, at the instance of Col. Lamar, whose suggestion was communicated to the General through Major Anderson. At Fort Mott the Colonel also distinguished himself by suggesting setting fire to the fort, which was successful, and in a few moments compelled the garrison to surrender. The Colonel was also engaged at the siege of Ninety-six under Gen. Greene. He had command of the mining party, a brother officer of Virginia was associated with him, but was compelled to withdraw on account of sickness. It was here the Colonel met Kosciusko, the immortal Polander, of whom he used to take great pleasure in relating the following anecdote.

The Colonel being left in sole command of the mining party was anxious to procure some subaltern officer to assist him. Kosciusko hearing this, immediately came forward and magnanimously offered to serve the Colonel in the capacity of subaltern, and agreed to remain with him constantly. The Colonel used to say he preferred Kosciusko to any other officer in the army. The Colonel received several wounds in the battles of the Revolution, was shot in the thigh at Guilford and in the breast at Eutaw. Notwithstanding the many sufferings and privations he had to endure in the army, I have heard him say that his "term of service was the most happy and joyous period of his life; that he became fond of the changing success of military life and was never disturbed by the least sense of its dangers." The Colonel married early and had several children whom he had the pleasure of seeing raised to the head of prosperous families. As a husband and father he was exemplary. By his industry and enterprise he acquired a valuable estate which he divided among his children as they respectively arrived at age and married. He retained for himself no more than was sufficient together with his pension to support him. As a citizen, above all as a companion, the loss of the Colonel will long be regretted. Always cheerful he was a most welcome visitor whenever he came. There was no countenance that would

not brighten with a smile at the approach of the Colonel. In him old age had put on the greenness and vivacity of youth. He delighted to the last in all the pleasantries of boyhood and retained most of his susceptibilities. In the several last years of his life he almost lived on horseback, and no boy, however much accustomed to such exercise, was a better jockey than the Colonel. He has been known within the past year to ride upwards of sixty miles in one day. He has proposed to ride any distance not exceeding one hundred miles in one day, provided he could be furnished with suitable horses, and would bet that he could ride as far as any other man, either in a single day, or for any number of days, continuously. Col. Lamar died as the exhausted taper dieth. He fell as the fruit falleth in autumn at the full period of ripeness. Death with him was but the falling off to sleep; the system had gradually worn out, and the breath of life seems to have left him unconsciously. Death for once turned counterfeitor and put on the likeness of tranquil sleep, for as if he had fallen away into a sweet repose so did my lamented and venerable friend appear hushed in death. May his cheerful and happy spirit be in the enjoyment of more perfect bliss, and may death to him have been only the medium for an exchange of feeble old age into a life of perpetual health, beauty and happiness.