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Author's Note

To keep an excessive amount of detail to a minimum, many court and genealogical family record sheets are not included. The writer has a vast amount of data which, while pertinent, would make this publication too bulky and tedious to follow.

Should anyone reading this material have questions about a particular family or line, I shall be happy to supply it. That is, to the extent I have it in my library of records.

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*Helen Godfrey Ward Wood and Thomas Jarvis Wood
--ca. 1916*

DEDICATION

To Helen Godfrey Ward, and Thomas Jarvis Wood, who
had the good judgment to marry each other.

Especially for those who never knew Helen and Tom Wood, there is a compelling desire to capture their personalities. It might be easier to climb the Matterhorn.

Picture Helen as tall (5' 9") and slim. She kept her figure in good condition, and she was pretty. Always immaculately groomed unless she was working with her flowers in the dirt. And did she love her flowers and shrubs! Helen Ward Wood always had an arrangement of something in her home – holly berries, magnolia leaves or blossoms, iris, roses, gardenias, or some evergreen to add a beautiful touch. That was part of her nature as was her joy in cooking. And cook she could, with love. Helen loved nothing better (except her family) than helping to cook and arrange dinners to raise money for her church, clubs, or some organization. During times of trouble, Helen was there with a platter of fried chicken, a bowl of chicken or potato salad, a caramel or chocolate cake, or something yummy. It was her pleasure. At Christmas time, she made dozens of fruit-cakes for friends and family.

The closest she ever came to swearing was once when she said, "Darn." She was not a saint, but pretty close unless she was watching a ball game between Duke and the University of Virginia – Virginia was always supposed to win.

Helen had a gentle touch, twinkling eyes, and a deep kindness – unless she saw Tom climbing too high to prune a tree (or a tree she didn't want pruned). Then she'd put her foot down and threaten to call the Rescue Squad. That irked Tom! Tom knew he could climb 20 feet or more and prune any tree or bush on their three acres of land. After sixty years of marriage, this was a minor problem – a touch of spice.

Active in the community of Edenton, N.C. (or any community in which she lived), Helen would often don a colonial costume and demonstrate how to cane a chair, or refinish a piece of furniture. Above all, she loved children – especially her two granddaughters and a great-grandson. A mutual and deep love existed between them.

Yes, climbing the Matterhorn would be easier than describing this gracious, hospitable, loving lady.

By the time he was in his early 30s, Thomas Jarvis Wood had thick white hair. He stood erect at 5'11" and was a handsome man. He garnered knowledge as a sponge soaks liquid. He must have been an inquisitive little boy and a worrier. All his life he innovated, he improvised, he believed firmly that "necessity was the mother of invention." Indeed, this young man (not yet 25), built a private telephone line before A T & T came into the hinterlands of rural Tidewater Virginia. He worked the problem through, and the phones worked. He rode horseback to "string line." But, before that and before he was 20, he'd learned Morse Code and how to type "hunt and peck."

Always, he had deep concern for his family. He carried many of their problems on his shoulders. He tended to worry about them all his life. Along the way, he took private lessons to learn touch-typing and Gregg Shorthand. He studied (without tutor) electronics – electricity back then – insurance, accounting, and anything else he felt he could use or need. He never wanted to be dependent on anyone. He never was!

During World War I, in the Navy at the Norfolk Naval Base, he almost was sent to Harvard to study. Fate deemed otherwise because of an early discharge to resume his work with the railroad. It was probably just as well.

In later years, Tom was active in many organizations both in Princess Anne County (now Virginia Beach) and Edenton, N.C. He could speak well in public "off the cuff." There was one time though at a Lions Club Dinner, he was asked to give the blessing for the meal. Without batting a blue eye, he promptly stood and recited the Lord's Prayer. That was a story told many times.

Tom was an avid ham radio operator and belonged to many networks. W4-GLG was his handle. The GLG stood for "Good Large Goobers." Goobers is another name for peanuts. Living in Edenton, N.C., Tom was promoting the town's peanut industry, once the second largest peanut market in this country.

When Tom and Helen commenced their marriage at Murden Point, Virginia, they met, knew, and had close contact with some of this country's prominent people. People who came (often in their private rail cars) to their estates or lodges to duck hunt on the Back Bay flyway. People who owned and published the *New York Herald Tribune*, who headed U.S. Steel, who "chairmaned" the Board of Collier-Crowell Publishing Company, who authored *Birth of a Nation*, who owned a Kentucky Derby winner, and many others. Helen and Tom had their own standards of integrity and were not unduly impressed by "Big Money" and "Big Names." They were not awed by the material things in life – they were steeped in the true purpose of being: "Unto thine own self be true."

From 1916 to 1981, Helen and Tom Wood lived, honored, and kept their marriage vows sacred. They were a special couple to know and remember.

Yes, the Matterhorn would be a cinch!



Ward Family Burying Ground

PREFACE

How does any genealogical research begin? It starts with a love of history, a love of family, and a "pestering" nature. It is necessary to contact unknown people who might help. It is fundamental to search all the records – Bibles, wills, deeds, and KEEP SEARCHING! It takes time – years and years. The fun part is locating distant and interested kinfolds. Glory be to the searcher.

Some of the problems encountered in writing this Ward history stem from their natures. They were not notorious for their violence. There is little about them in the civil action records. They recorded births, marriages, and deaths in their family Bibles; they seldom reported any of those dates for the county records. Often they made wills but failed to name all their children. Literally miles of microfilm have been read, scores of deeds, wills, and Bibles noted, and communication with family members.

The same has been true with the allied lines. The Williamsons left the "son" off their names about as often as they put it on. This was true within the same document. The spelling of names is unique, as it always is in the old records.

The Fentress people were great for recording in the court records. Their wills were not too helpful! Nicknames appeared in wills – "Tibby," "Pagey," "Frankey," and "Lovey" – and some never mentioned a wife! At least one Fentress (in his will) freed a woman slave but willed her to a male slave. Today, the ACLU would have fun with that!

Along about 1800, children were usually given middle names. It was not unusual for the adults to change or add a name to their liking. The evidence is there; to put it together is something else.

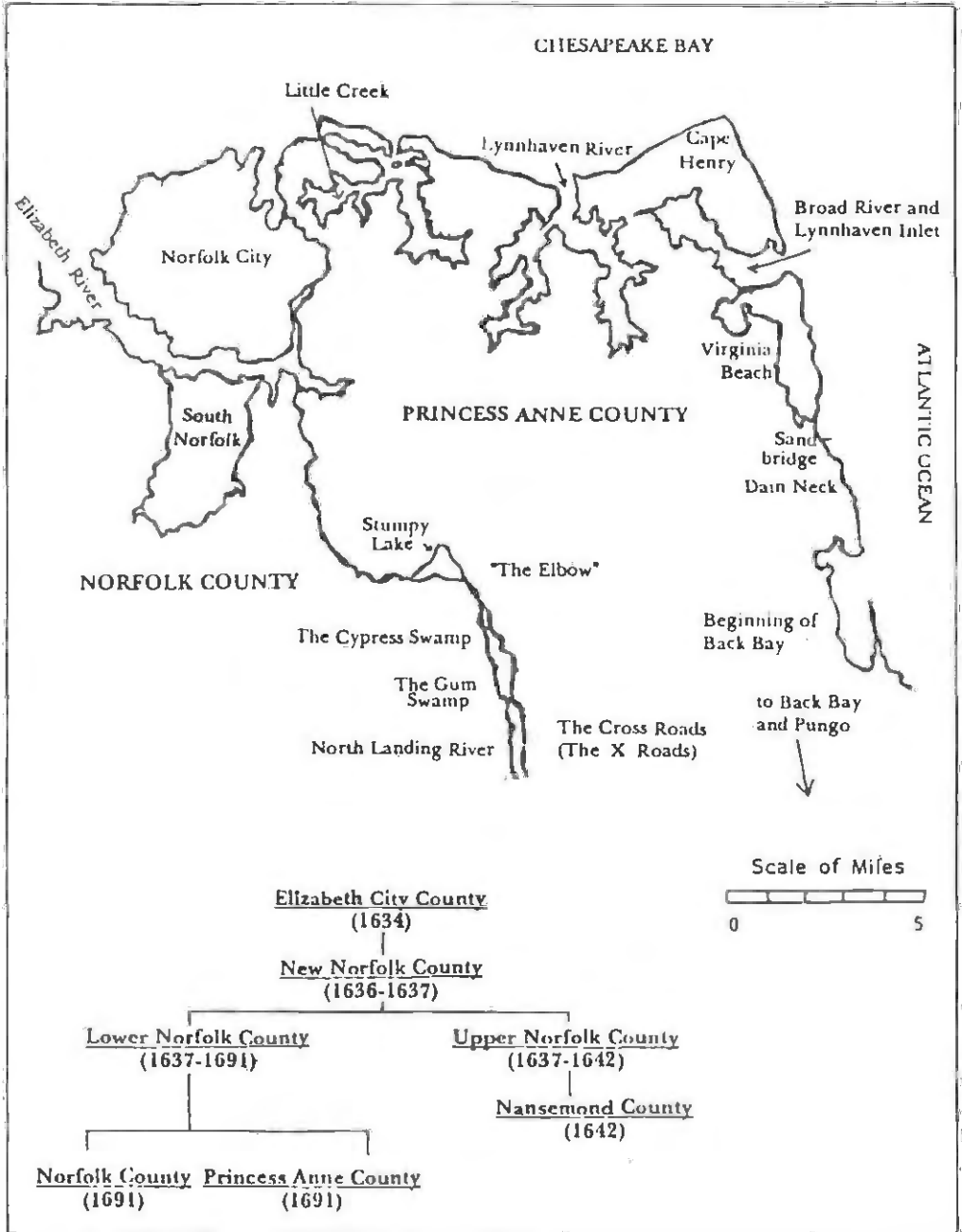
There are many allied lines with the same problems, headaches, and honest deductions. To the best of my knowledge, the facts have been presented as found.



*Paddock area of Hillcrest Farm on Indian River Road
showing location of Ward Family Cemetery.*

PART I

300 + YEARS WITH MY WARD FAMILY



-- Chapter 1 --

For a June 1976 Ward Reunion several years back, a short history was written about this family. The Ward family lived primarily in what was called Upper and Lower Norfolk County, Virginia. A sketch of an early map follows which gives the evolution of Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties from Elizabeth City County in 1634. Both Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties exist today only in memory as the City of Chesapeake and the City of Virginia Beach swallowed them, thanks to the greedy jaws of annexation.

The Ward Family Reunion, in 1976, was not of the entire Ward family. It included the two lines which seemed to have remained close through the years -- the descendants of two grandsons of Thomas Ward ("Grandpa Tommie") who lived across the turnpike from each other. That turnpike is now Indian River Road. There were five senior members honored at that reunion. Those five great-granddaughters' combined ages totaled more than 400 years, and today none remain alive.

As the self-appointed documentor of the Ward Family History, I now become your self-appointed guide through our Ward family's more complete history and land holdings. With many landmarks gone, in the name of construction or destruction, it is not easy. One thing does serve as a landmark and that is "The Ward Family Burying Ground," or Ward Cemetery.

This Ward Cemetery is located on property of Hillcrest Horse Farm and Training Stables. (In the summer of 1989, it was learned that the ownership of Hillcrest changed.) The old cemetery is no longer an acre in size but about a half acre surrounded by a pole fence. After much confrontation, and a threatened lawsuit, the owner of the horse farm installed that fence. This was after his horses (and riders) had used the plot and tombstones for jumping exercises. The "Ward Burying Ground" is toward the west end of the property.

How to get there? There are several ways, but follow me off I-64, east on Indian River Road. The road is fairly wide at that point but congested with the usual bumper-

to-bumper traffic. Follow on past Acredale, a maze of developments, and funny zigs and zags. Indian River Road tends to follow the right-hand turns. Finally, the road becomes a secondary-type highway. Still they build. By the time this is published, it is hard to tell what new zigs and zags will have been put in Indian River Road. Eventually, on the right-hand side of this road, there will be more water than land. Water with visible stumps – you're approaching Stumpy Lake in "The Elbow." They are landmarks – both "The Elbow" and Stumpy Lake. The City of Norfolk used that lake for drinking water at one time and may still use it for all I know.

Drive slowly through here and heed the traffic signs. It is not a road for speeding as its design is based on the old horse paths, cattle paths, or Indian trails. In summer it is shady because the leaves form a canopy overhead. Pretty soon there is a BIG STOP SIGN and a CURVE AHEAD SIGN.

STOP! Believe the sign! To your right you get as good a view of Stumpy Lake as you're apt to want – imagine splashing a little Bourbon with that branch water – yuk! There is a secondary road – Elbow Road – perpendicular to the Indian River Road you're on. The squiggles on the highway sign don't tell you that you have a 45 degree turn to the left. Before you've come out of that turn, you have another 45 degree turn to the right! To stay on Indian River Road, that turn to the right is necessary – otherwise you're headed elsewhere!

Just around the corner a few yards, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Cut your motor. Let the cars pass you. Look to the left end of Hillcrest Horse Farm. Across the paddock, standing tall with overgrowth, is "The Ward Family Burying Ground," or at least what is left of the once acre plot. It needs work, but it is there. Still it is a sure landmark for part of the Ward land holdings. Look on both sides of the road and as far ahead as you can see. Once this was Ward property. By now, you may want to move the car ahead the length of two or three big fields or paddocks and stop again. (You're traveling east.)

To the left once stood the manor house of Thomas Ward. Later, a smaller house for Randolph Ward was built down the road from him. Today there are clusters of horse

barns and small buildings. Both of the Ward houses have burned, but up to 50 years ago there was a long tree-lined entrance drive to the house site. Sketches of both houses, with floor plans, are included here. They were made, and then approved, by a senior member of the Ward family who could remember them.

Again, travel slowly through this land that was once Ward land. Continue to look on both sides of the road. Wards owned small farms inherited from their grandfather, Thomas Ward. All those houses have gone, now, although a few trees remain to kindle a memory. Truly hard to picture with today's hodge-podge of houses. They're not "squatters," but I'm afraid I think of them that way. Critters – I want to shout "Scat!"

As we drive along, I think of how wild cattle came out of the swamps, or the woods, and became part of a herd. Remember how those stupid baby turkeys would stand outside in a rain storm and drown, unless someone shooed them under cover? And, after they had a public school, remember the old school wagon pulled by a team of horses? And taking lunch to school in a tin bucket? Oh, so many things to remember as we drive along. Personally, I wasn't alive then – but I know those stories well through family. Emotionally, I'm there.

By now, we must be getting near "The Bridges." Those bridges were not long but over the swamp (The Gum Swamp). Now, there is only one bridge. This swamp water meanders slowly to the right toward North Landing River, which is a branch of the Elizabeth River.

We're still driving through Ward territory, on both sides of the road! From the bridge, we keep driving another mile. After the Civil War, some of the freed slaves built or lived on Ward land. They wouldn't accept their freedom and move on. They stayed close, took the name Ward, and continued to look after their family of Wards. In the 20th Century, one dear Soul, who was a descendant of a Ward slave, checked on a young Ward bride – "Jes' to be sho' yo' is doin' fine an de's treatin' yo' right." The young bride was staying with her in-laws while her husband was in service during World War I.

When Indian River Road intersects North Landing Road, stop! The old records refer to this intersection as "The Cross Roads." That, too, becomes a landmark! Ward

(occasionally spelled Warde), Fentress, Davis, Shipp, and Murden lived near each other. It is another landmark.

It is suspected that the North Landing River was once called "The Indian River" because of the name Indian River Road. It is further suspected that the section called "Wolves Neck" later became known as "Horse Pens and Wolfe Pitt" (in 1720), and in 1764 was called "The Gum Swamp." There are other swamps around the Wards – The Cypress Swamp is one.



Remains of an old slave cabin on the Ward Plantation.



"Aunt" Anne, born a slave on the Ward Plantation, remained with the family all her life. --ca. 1920.



"Aunt" Anne with three of her Ward "girls"; Lydia Ward Howe, Naomi Ward Channing and Harriet Ward. --ca. 1920

— Chapter 2 —

The "Ward Family Burying Ground" was established prior to, but defined in Will Book 5, page 72, Princess Anne County, will of Thomas Ward, dated December 1, 1880, probated shortly after February 24, 1881:

"... but, I except an acre of land for the family burying ground, a right-of-way to and from same"

There is no reference to the cemetery in "Ward Deed Gift to Children," but family records (Bible) indicate it was in use long before 1881.

According to the late Ada Frances Ward Murden, in 1976, the oldest living daughter of Thomas S. Ward and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward, all the Wards were buried in the right-hand side of the cemetery looking from the manor house.

Those known to be buried there are:

Thomas Ward, born January 5, 1802, son of Thomas Ward and Amy Lovett Ward. Died February 2, 1881.

Margaret Fentress Ward, born ca. 1802, daughter of Jeremiah Fentress, died April 24, 1837. First wife of Thomas Ward and mother of six children (two died very young).

Infants: Franklin Ward, born July 18, 1834, and Burdye Ward, born 17 June 1836, of Thomas and Margaret Fentress Ward.

Harriet Randolph Oakum Ward, born ca. 1805, daughter of Adam Randolph and Margaret (Peggy) Davis. Widow of William Oakum. Died September 25, 1852. The second wife of Thomas Ward and mother of his other son.

Elizabeth Corbell Ward (widow), born December 26, 1790. Died September 20, 1870. The third wife of Thomas Ward.

Frances Watters Land Ward (widow), born August 11, 1807, daughter of David Watters and Nancy Chancy Watters. Died March 18, 1877. Fourth wife of Thomas Ward.

Mary Williamson Ward (widow), widow of Caleb Williamson. Died September 29, 1880. Fifth wife of Thomas Ward.

Hannah Godfrey Ward, born November 30, 1838 in Camden County, N.C., daughter of Edmund S. Godfrey and Lydia Guilford Bell (widow). Died March 26, 1896.

Randolph Randall Ward, born June 6, 1838, died December 15, 1917. Son of Thomas and Harriet Randolph Oakham Ward. Husband of Hannah Godfrey Ward. (R. R. Ward's second wife was buried in the Curling's Cemetery.)

Edmund Randolph Ward, born December 29, 1860, son of Randolph Randall and Hannah Godfrey Ward. Died of a heart attack, January 14, 1904, the day he was elected Sheriff of Princess Anne County. Husband of Myrtilla Davis Ward.

Hannah Ward (baby), born December 3, 1898, died of Cholera Infantum, November 23, 1899. Daughter of Edmund R. Ward and Myrtilla Davis Ward. Her father was buried next to her.

Stillborn Ward baby, born 5 September 1886, son of Thomas S. and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward.

Infant Ward Twins, born August 23, 1899 and died October 24 and November 4, 1899. A son and daughter of Thomas S. and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward. No names appear in the available Bibles.

Matthias Ward, Jr., born 1859, died August 4, 1865 of drowning in North Landing River. The son of Matthias Ward and Fanny Watson Ward. Grandson of Thomas and Margaret Fentress Ward.

Thomas J. Murden, born 1858, died October 16, 1878, son of Durent (Durant, Dunn) Murden and Amy Ward Murden. Grandson of Thomas and Margaret Fentress Ward. Typhoid fever.

Seth Thomas Ward, born 1857, died July 20, 1882, son of John Ward and Martha Portlock Ward. Grandson of Thomas and Margaret Fentress Ward. He drowned in North Landing River.

It seems logical to assume that the three sons of Thomas and Margaret Fentress Ward were also buried in the cemetery with their spouses.

Lovett F. Ward, born March 4, 1826, died November 22, 1861, husband of Emma Portlock.

John Ward, born October 29, 1828, died March 15, 1880, husband of Martha Portlock.

Matthias Ward, Sr., born June 10, 1830, died before 1880, husband of Fanny Watson.

The great granddaughter of "Grandpa Tommie," Lena Ward (who married Rufus Sawyer) had a boy baby also buried there.

Hannah Godfrey Ward (wife of Randolph Randall Ward) had a sister, Sarah Ann Godfrey, who married a James T. Murphy of Princess Anne County. These Murphys had four children, and when James T. Murphy died before 1880, Sarah Ann and her children lived with Hannah and Randolph Ward. One, or more, may have been buried there.

Amy Frances Ward Murden had a daughter, Caroline Murden, who married a James Murphy. According to my mother, the late Helen Godfrey Ward Wood, great-granddaughter of Thomas Ward, a Murphy family lived in one of the Ward houses before they burned. They had Murphy babies buried in the "Ward Burying Ground."

The writer has never spent time researching the connection, if any, between the two Murphy families mentioned above. Let it be said that they were in the same area at the same time. The son of Sarah Ann Godfrey Murphy very likely married a daughter of Amy Frances Ward Murden.

— Chapter 3 —

Family Bibles have a way of disappearing or moving in mysterious directions. The writer has four photocopied pages from what is said to be "The Ward Family Bible." These were made and given by the late Dora Ward Sawyer (great-granddaughter of Thomas Ward) and will be included here (see pages 17 through 20).

From the late Grace Ward (another great-granddaughter of Thomas Ward), certain items were transcribed from "The Ward Family Bible." Recently, it was learned that Grace Ward's transcription came from the original Thomas Ward Bible. This Bible was given to his oldest son, Lovett F. Ward, and passed down to Lovett's daughter Minerva. From Minerva it passed to her daughter, Emma, who in turn passed it to her daughter, Lois Lee Davenport of Norfolk, Virginia. Lois Lee Davenport gave this old Bible to the late Linda Ward Munden; and Linda, in turn, gave it to one of her daughters in 1988. Its pages have turned black with age. When Thomas Ward married the second time, and had a son by Harriet Randolph Oakum, he commenced another Ward Bible for Randolph Randall Ward. Both Thomas and Randolph Ward wrote in this second Ward Bible. That is the one which came to the oldest living son of Randolph Ward, Thomas Sylvanius Ward. In turn it came to Mrs. Dora Ward Sawyer who gave the photocopied pages.



*Minerva Ward Fentress McClannon
(Lovett Ward's line)*



*Emma McClannon Lee
(daughter of Minerva)*

Family Record.

| DEATHS. | BIRTHS. |
|---|--|
| <p>Lowell J. Ward son of Thos. Ward & Margaret his wife was borned 4 of March 1826</p> | <p>Frances Land & Thos. Ward was married together the 17 day of May 1871 Frances Land was born the 16 day of June 1807</p> |
| <p>Geo. Ward son of Thos. Ward & Margaret Ward his wife was borned 29 day of October 1828</p> | <p>Frances Ward departed this life the 1st day of March 1877</p> |
| <p>Mathias Ward son of Thos. Ward & Margaret his wife was borned 10 of June 1830</p> | <p>Margaret Ward wife of Thos. Ward departed this life the 24 day of April 1837</p> |
| <p>Amy Ward daughter of Thos. Ward & Margaret his wife was 11 of January 1832</p> | <p>Elizabeth Ward wife of Thos. Ward departed this life the 20 of Septer 1870</p> |
| <p>Randolph Ward son of Thos. Ward & Harriet his wife was borned the June 1838</p> | <p>Harriet Ward wife of Thos. Ward departed this life the 25 of of Septer 1852</p> |
| | <p>Amy Ward departed this life the 29 day of Septer 1840 wife of Thos. Ward</p> |

Sarah A. Ward - Dad June 7th 1916

Family Record.

| DEATHS. | BIRTHS. |
|---|---|
| <p>son of Thos. Pratten son of James Pratten and Sarah Jane Pratten the wife of Thos. Pratten the 12 day of Oct 1853</p> | <p>Elizabeth Ward wife of Thos. Ward was born Dec 26 the 1790</p> |
| <p>Randolph Ward son of Thos. Ward & Harriet his wife was born June the 6 the 1838</p> | <p>Elizabeth Ward wife of Thos. Ward & parted this life the 20th of Sept 1870</p> |
| <p>Randolph Ward & Hannah his wife was married together the 27 of Octr 1859</p> | <p>Thos. Ward & Mary Willkinson was married to gether the 12 day of July 1877</p> |
| <p>David T. Menden & Virginia J. his wife was married to gether April 11 the 1869</p> | <p>Mary Ward departed this life the 29 day of Sept 1840</p> |
| | <p>Thomas Ward was born the 5th day of Janry 1802 Hannah Ward was born 30th Novr 1838</p> |

Family Record.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.

Thos Ward and
Margaret Fentress
was married together
the 20 of Decr 1823

James C. Oakley and
Virginia his wife was
married February 23 1843

James C. Oakley was born
Novr 10th 1820

Thos Ward and
Elizabeth Corbell
was married together
18 Day of Jan 1853 -
she died the 20 of Sept 1870

and departed this life the
17 Day of January 1858

the next to mark 13
Sept + 33. was a

Thos Ward & Harriet
Oakley was married
to geather 9 of July
1837 & departed this life 25 of
Sept 1862

John Ward & Marianne
Portlock was married
to geather the 11 Day of
Sept 1840

Elizabeth Ward & George
Watson was married in
geather the 11 Day of June
1856

Levitt H. Ward &
Emma Portlock was
married to geather
the 9 of Feb 1854 -
E. H. Ward & Myrtle Davis
was married together March
7th 1876

George B. Portlock & Elizabeth
Jane Guy was married
together the 10th of Feb 1859

Handalsh Hall
was married to
the 10th of Feb 1859

| Family Record. | |
|---|---|
| DEATHS. | DEATHS. |
| Harriet Ward wife of Thos Ward departed this life the 25 th day of Sept 1852 | Loyall J. Ward dep ^d this life the 2 nd day of Nov 1857 |
| James Ward departed this life 24 th July 1881 and was buried Jan'y 5 th 1882 | Abner J. Ward dep ^d this life the 1 st of August 1865 |
| Caroline Fentress Departed this life the 26 th day of August 1881 | John Ward dep ^d this life the 15 th of March |
| Caroline Fentress Departed this life the 24 th day of August 1881 | Hannah Ward Departed this 26 th day of March 1896 |
| Charles E. Channing and Naomi Ward was married Sept 27 th 1899 | Hannah Ward The Daughter of E. R. Ward and Myrtle his wife was Born 3 rd day of Decr 1898 |
| Randolph Ward & Sarah M. Wilber was married Oct 23 rd 1899 | Hannah Ward dep ^d this life Nov 23 rd 1899 |

Hannah Ward the Daughter of E. R. Ward and
Myrtle his wife was born Jan'y 19th 1900

From the *older* Ward Bible, the following was transcribed:

Sept. 29, 1840, I found peace unto my soul and joined the church the 2nd day October 1840 – Thomas Ward.

Randolph Ward, son of Thomas Ward and Harriet his wife, was born June 6, 1838.

Harriet Ward departed this life 28th day of Sept. 1852.

Sarah Eliz., the daughter of Lovett F. Ward and Emma his wife, was born the 19th day of March in the year of our Lord 1860.

Lovett Ward, son of Thos. Ward and Margaret his wife, was born March 4th, 1826.

John F. Ward, son of Thos. Ward and Margaret his wife, was born the 29th day of Oct. 1828.

Matthias Ward, son of Thos. Ward and Margaret his wife, was born 10th day of June 1830.

Amy Ward, daughter of Thomas Ward and Margaret his wife, Jan. 11th day 1832. (birth date)

Franklin Ward, son of Thomas Ward and Margaret his wife, was born July 18, 1834. (infant death)

Burdye Ward, son of Thos. Ward and Margaret his wife, was born June 17th 1836 (infant death)

Lovett F. Ward and Emma Portlock married together 9th of February 1854.

Virginia Frances, daughter of Lovett Ward and his wife, was born 9th day of Jan. 1855.

Minerva was born the 13th of Oct. 1856, the daughter of Lovett F. Ward and Emma his wife.

Captain Ward

Thomas Ward

Randolph Ward

This writing you see in this book you remember me. Let others say as they may of me, you speak of me as your friend – Thomas Ward.

Thomas Ward was elected as Captain 10th day of May 1834.

The Chapter that I want preached over me, St. Mark, 13th Chapter, 33rd Verse – Thomas Ward.

The last time I was appointed pensioner again 1843 – Thomas Ward.

Married by the Reverend Adams Halstead, William F. Wilbur and Sarah E. Ward. They was married Aug. 22nd in the year 1876.

Married by the Rev. Strawband, Oscar Flemming and Virginia F. Ward. They were married April 30th, in the year of our Lord 1890.

William F. Wilbur was born the year of our Lord Oct. 25, 1854.

Sarah E. Ward was born in the year of our Lord March 19th, 1860.

Virginia F. Ward was born in the year of our Lord, March 10th, 1873.

John F. Ward was born in the year of our Lord July 4th, 1879.

[*Note: This may have been the last child of John and Martha Ward. No records exist on him and he must have died very young.*]

Emma G. Ward departed this life Jan. 10th 1892 - age 61 years, 17 days.

Sarah E. Wilbur departed this life 9th day of June 1898. Age 38 - 2 mos - 20 days.

Back on the photocopied sheets there is a reference about the Battons. This is the 'why' of that. Harriet Randolph Oakham (widow), who married Thomas Ward, had a sister named Elizabeth Randolph, born ca. 1794. Elizabeth married Caleb Batton in 1808 and they had a son – James. James married a Sarah Jane and they had a son named James Thomas Batton, born in 1853. Someone, perhaps, decided they were not Wards and shouldn't be in the Ward Bible.

There is also a notation about Oakleys. Who they were, and why they appear in the Ward Bible is anybody's guess. The name is not commonplace in the county or in the county records.

— Chapter 4 —

Now to the nitty-gritty, or hair-pulling time. The time has come to give what seems to be reasonable background and establish as many as possible members of our Ward Family. Needless to say, Wards will get into other lines. There will be half relations, cases where close kin married, and some it might be better not to know about. To make my task easier, I shall usually refer to the Thomas Ward who owned the Ward land holdings between Elbow Road and North Landing Road as "Grandpa Tommie." Throughout the family, he was called that even though he was a multi-great-grandfather to most. Since he died in 1881, no one alive today (or in recent years) knew him. His memory lives on.

But begin in Princess Anne County where the county lines were more fluid than rigid. Generally, the area was Lynnhaven Parish. There was an upper precinct (the sea side area), the middle precinct, and the lower part of the county which was called either Pungo or Back Bay area. As the boundary lines were fluid, so were the movements of the early settlers. When speaking of the early days, before 1700 is meant. Until about 1670, the Virginia counties extended as far south as the Albemarle Sound in North Carolina. So, we find records both in Virginia and North Carolina. Naturally, as this progresses, the dates will move upward into the 18th Century.

Between 1639 and 1651, six Ward men emigrated to Norfolk or Princess Anne County, Virginia, from Europe or the British Isles. Since no women were with them, it must be assumed they were single. And it is further assumed that they left directly from England. There were family groups of religious dissenters who moved to Holland awaiting transport to the colonies. These six men do not seem to be of that nature. Among the six, there were no less than four named Robert! One Robert was designated as Upper Norfolk County and his name was eliminated. There were three of those Ward men who seemed to be likely candidates for our "Ward Family." James Ward came in

1648, Robert Ward in 1650, and Barth (Bartholomew) Ward in 1651 specifically to Lower Norfolk County. Those three emigrated within a close time span and settled in or near landmarks. However, they either died or moved on in a short time.

Because those early settlers moved around, the following excerpt from Nugent's *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents*, p. 27, is given:

Thomas Ward, 4 June 1635, to Hughes Creek

Silvester Ward, 1640, to Charles City County

Robert Ward, 1640, to Upper Norfolk County

Later, in 1783, there is another reference to a Sylvester Ward and a George Ward. George Ward is in our line.

Not one of those six Ward men left a will or inventory in Princess Anne County before 1700. Thomas and Edward Ward left wills in Norfolk County before 1700. After 1700, among the nine wills and inventories, only two seemed to fit without shadows of doubt – Thomas Ward IV in 1764 and George Ward in 1782. George Ward had an interesting inventory but he played havoc with his will. Take a look at this:

"I leave to my daughter, Rhoda, the land bought of Thomas Whitehurst – my son, Simon, to be executor – and the rest to all my lawful children" and he does not identify them. He doesn't mention his wife either, but through creditable references, we know his wife was a Mary, and Thomas was his son. The old goat!

The writer has used a minimum of six references, plus court records – hundreds of them. There may be an unexpected link some place, but so far it has not become much more than speculation. Not eeny, meeny, miney, mo speculation; deductions based to a degree on that "sixth sense," attention to details of property location; the names of adjoining property owners; the witnesses and sureties; and names of their children. There were few Wards in the civil action records – generally they behaved!

— Chapter 5 —

To add a little spice to this Ward background, a few references are given as found along the way. They show positively that our Wards were in the Princess Anne County area in the early days. Most of the references come from *The Virginia Genealogist*, *Colonial Abstracts*, Vestry Book Lynnhaven Parish, *Loose Papers of Princess Anne County* (Creecy), Hening's *Statutes at Large*, *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary* by James, wills, census reports, deeds, and some come from Bibles.

1648: Lower Norfolk County, end of inventory of Mr. Richard Wolf ... debts due and payment received ... includes Thomas Ward, William Shipp, John Holmes, Lemuel Mason, and James Thelaball.

1651-54: Beverly Fleet ordered to pay tithables to the Collector of Commissions by July 15, for the Little Creek District ... Thomas Ward.

1651, April 24: Cornelius Loyd living by Elizabeth River in County of Lower Norfolk ... leases to Thomas Ward of the Little Creek, planter, a tract of land by name of Wolves Neck lying near Little Creek. [Perhaps it should be noted that Little Creek is not but so many miles from "The Elbow."]

1652-53: In a difference between Thomas Ward and James Thelaball ... refers to land left Thos. Ward; Thelaball ordered to pay Ward.

1652-53: Whereas Thomas Ward, who married Alice Holmes, daughter of John Holmes, petitioned this court against Thomas Bridge, gent., who married the relic of Mathewe Phillipps, dec'd, for satisfaction of certain goats given Ward's wife by Henry Sewell, gent., dec'd. Thomas Bridge ordered to pay Thomas Ward 100 pounds tobacco.

1739: Thomas Ward, Jr., appointed for processioning lower part Eastern Shore with Peter Malbone and Thomas Morse. [Note: Eastern Shore refers to the Lynnhaven area, not the present day bounds of the Eastern Shore.]

- 1759-67: Thomas Ward, Sr., and William Ward paid for keeping William Turton, Mary McClary, and others.
- 1764: Deposition from John and Mary Fentress that what was called Horse Pen and Wolf Pitt about 44 years ago is now called the head of the Gum Swamp – that is a landmark!
- 1775: George Ward is the father of Thomas Ward and Thomas Ward is the father of Jonathan Ward (*Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, Vol. 3, page 6, by James).
- 1775: Land and Slave Owners ... Caleb and John Ward in upper precinct Eastern Shore. In the middle precinct, Robert, George, and Thomas Ward.
- 1776: Certificate as to Robert Ward's services with bravery at Kemp's Landing (Kempsville, American Revolution).
- 1776: Edward Ward at meeting with Indians at Fort Dunmore.
- 1783: ... the auditor of public accounts shall issue Sylvester Ward duplicate of two military certificates ... one in the name of George Ward for £55 18sh.
- 1785: First Census: Anne Ward, Eastern Branch; Benjamin Ward, Little Creek; in the middle precinct, Robert, Thomas, Jonathan, John, and Mary.
- 1789: Norfolk County Court has granted an order for a road through a place known by the name of the Elbow.

Let it be repeated that Ward land extended beyond that area between Elbow Road and North Landing Road. "Grandpa Tommie" Ward's Deed Gift to Children specifies the location in both Norfolk and Princess Anne – the counties flowed one into the other.

Now, enough about all that!

— Chapter 6 —

Next, I'm going to do something that is not really my nature, but I'm going to presume, assume, and play with a logical line of our Wards. I feel that it is a good deduction – but not Gospel – before Thos. Ward IV. Don't get lost and don't shut the book – I have a few stories to tell. How about the notorious bootlegger? Or the one who left \$5 in his will to buy a new boiler for the still? Come to think about it, they were not Wards – but had Ward connections which most of the Wards wanted to sweep under the rug.

Meanwhile, look at the Ward charts. If you're my Ward cousin, you'll take them. If you're not my Ward cousin, make one you like. But, in truth, I'll wager they are all family connected. Think about it. If one allows 33 years to a generation, over a period of 300 + years six or seven Ward men could propagate countless Ward progeny. Again, think about it! The court records may not give the full lineage, but kinship remains, albeit distant. Even today, in 1989, there remains a section called Ward's Corner in Virginia Beach, and Wards remain in the area. The Thomas Ward who left a will in Norfolk County in 1654, must have come into Virginia by way of Charles City or James City and must have moved down to the Norfolk area. He may have been the father of Edward Ward who left a will there about 1667. Neither of them are listed as having come directly into Norfolk or Princess Anne. Some references indicate a Caleb Ward as being the father of James Ward – Caleb may have been a brother of George Ward. Caleb did not live in "The Elbow" – no doubt he was an uncle or a cousin. Interesting and confusing.

— Chapter 7 —

One more time the sequence of migrations will be explored. It is my belief that Thomas Ward I emigrated to Virginia (from England) possibly around 1630. Further, I believe that he came into Norfolk County by way of Charles or James City. He probably brought a son, Edward Ward, with him and had more children in Norfolk County. In the early wills they did not always name all their children ~ much less a wife. It is fact that Thomas Ward I left a will in Norfolk County in 1654 as did Edward Ward in 1667. [Note: The Roman numerals are mine. They are not in the records.]

It is almost certain that Thomas Ward II was the son of Thomas Ward I. Thomas Ward II appeared in the Civil Action Records of Princess Anne County in 1652-53, in the matter of his wife and some goats. Before that, in 1648, he paid a debt to a Mr. Richard Wolf along with William Shipp, John Holmes, Lemuel Mason, and James Thelaball. In 1651, he leased a tract of land from Cornelius Loyd and is designated as a planter. This was land by name of Wolves Neck near Little Creek. Back to the wife's goats in 1652-53. About 1651, Thomas Ward II married Alice Holmes (daughter of John Holmes). Alice had been left goats by a Henry Sewell, deceased. Apparently Thomas Bridge was involved in some way, and Thomas Ward II filed for "satisfaction" for the goats. He was awarded 100 pounds of tobacco to be paid by Thomas Bridge. During 1651-54, Thomas Ward II ordered Beverly Fleet to pay tithables to the Collector of Commissions for the Little Creek District. Thomas Ward II's birthdate is placed about 1630, his marriage to Alice Holmes at 1651, and he died in Princess Anne County in 1700. They had children and the records indicate a Thomas Ward, Jr., in 1739.

Thomas Ward III, born about 1652, married about 1675, and died in Princess Anne County in 1744. In 1739, he was appointed for processioning the lower part of the eastern shore (Lynnhaven area) with Peter Malbone and Thomas Morse. From the court records, or parish records, there was at least one son named Thomas. It seems likely that

Thomas Ward III had a son, John Ward. In James's *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, it is stated that Lancaster Lovett's widow, Mary, married next John Ward who died April 16, 1751. Then she married Ephroditus Murden who lived in The Elbow.

Thomas Ward IV, born 1700 (possibly the youngest son of Thomas III), married ca. 1720, and died in May 1764. The name of his wife is not given in his will. He lived in the Middle Precinct of Princess Anne County and his will appears in Deed Book 10, p. 22. In 1739 he owned land near the Lewis family, and he was active in Lynnhaven Parish. In his will, only two of his children are named, but there were others. The two specifically named are Mary Ward and George Ward. Since George was not a typical Ward name, and George Ward was cited in James's *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, vol. 3, page 6, as being the father of Thomas Ward, positive proof is established from Thomas Ward IV. The writer, after searching will after will, concludes that the following are children of Thomas IV:

Thomas V, b. 1721 sired three children (all girls).

Jonathan, b. 1722, m. (1) Mary Sherwood, m. (2) Amy Malbone, d. 1804.

Robert, b. 1723, m. Mary Mc Clannon in 1740, d. 1805.

Caleb, b. 1725, m. Sarah Williamson, d. April 1785.

George, b. 1726, m. Mary, d. by 1782 (more will be given about him).

Mary, b. 1727, m. Edward Bonney, d. 1764.

It seems to be the time to remind you to follow the chart for the lineage of the children of Thomas Ward IV. It is also the time to have a little fun with George Ward's appraisal and will. It tells us something about George Ward's interests, nature, and possessions. From Deed Book 18, dated 12 February 1782:

31 head hogs, 15 head cattle, 8 head horses, 23 head sheep, 4 flocks bees, 2 ploughs, 1 harrow, carts and wheels, parcel pewter, 3 stone jugs, 2 men's

riding saddles, 1 woman's riding saddle, sheep shears, loom, parcel copper ware, taylor's shears, drawing knife, cyder casks, leather in tan, tan'd, and dressed leather, wool, nails, bottles, a bushel of salt, 1 hackle, spade, a sword, a bayonet, old iron, 2 hammers, 3 feather beds, furniture, 3 chests, wooden box, 5 sitting chairs, 3 iron pots, 2 spinning wheels, dried bacon, dried corn, tumbler glasses, footed glasses, punch bowl, 2 demijohns, 19 bottles, paper money, 361 silver dollars, Wm. Flanikan's bond for 15 silver money, hogs-head, fish hooks, lines, 2 yokes, parcel robes, 1 steer, a canoe, silver sleeve buttons, etc.

Attested by Edw. C. Bonney, John Griffin, Wm. Robinson, and James Henley

[Edw. C. Bonney was George Ward's brother-in-law; the husband of Mary Ward.]

George Ward's will, in Princess Anne Court House, Deed Book 17, page 42, dated May 20, 1781 and proved February 14, 1782, is simple and inadequate.

I leave to daughter, Rhoda, the land I bought of Thomas Whitehurst ... my son, Simon, to be executor, and the rest to all my lawful children.

Signed in presence of: Wm. Gornto, Wm. Bonney, and John Bonney (son of Edw. Bonney)

It is through the will of Thomas Ward IV, and other wills, that we know a Mary was the wife of George Ward, and John Ward was the son of George.

Next, we turn to the children of George and Mary Ward:

Simon, b. 1765, d. 1785, believed died a single person.

Rhoda, b. 1768, d. ca. 1785, received land by will in 1782.

Thomas VI, b. 1770, m. 24 December 1795 to Amy Lovett (Lovitt) (Peter Malbone was her guardian), in Princess Anne Co., died ca. 1830. [To make the lineage easier to absorb, Amy Lovett's "history" will follow the conclusion of the Ward history.] This Thomas was referred to as senior. His only known son, Thomas Ward VIII, will be detailed later. There is a court record that Thomas Ward VI (Sr.) sold land, called Shipp's Swamp (near the "Elbow"), to Thomas Ward VIII (Jr.), "Grandpa Tommie," in 1830. This land abounds Jacob Hunter and Edward Davis.

James Ward, born 1772, married in 1792 a Mary Ross (widow), died around 1860. James had a son, James R. Ward, b. 1800, m. Mary Gornto, went to North Carolina prior to 1856, d. 1860. This James R. Ward had three children: Caroline, b. 1840, m. Elias Fentress, d. 1881; Loyd m. Margaret Fentress; and Ellen, m. Stephen Fentress. It is important to note that Caroline Ward Fentress's name is in "The Ward Family Bible" (see pages 17 - 20). This shows that there was a close alliance between James Ward and Thomas VIII, "Grandpa Tommie."

Frankey Ward, born about 1774 and probably died young.

Gideon Ward, born 1776, m. Ann Cannon and had: Mary, b. 1791, m. Joshua Robinson; Amy, b. 1792, m. John Capps; John, b. 1793, m. Peggy Land, d. 1841; and Thomas VII, b. 1794.

John Ward, b. 1778, m. a Frankey (Frances) and d. 1830. They had two children: Gideon, b. ca. 1820; and Frankey, b. ca. 1822.

Before going into detail about "Grandpa Tommie" Ward's children, it is well to speculate on the relationship of Sylvester Ward and George Ward. If you recall, in 1783 Sylvester requested a duplicate military certificate in the name of George Ward for £55 18 shillings. This was for service in the American Revolution. There is on file in the Na-

18 shillings. This was for service in the American Revolution. There is on file in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., George Ward's American Revolution record. It shows that he enlisted 11 Jan. 1777 for a term of 3 years and was a private in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. James Wood. The records show that he was on the Company Muster Roll of Capt. William Vause for most of this time and served at Valley Forge and White Plains, and was sick at Winsor. His final records show him with Capt. Robert Gamble on 1 Oct. 1779. In later generations, the name Sylvaniaus appears many times as a middle name. Whether Sylvaniaus is a bad spelling of Sylvester is not known. Also in 1776, the Robert Ward who was cited for bravery at Kemp's Landing in the American Revolution could well have been George Ward's brother. The age and dates fit.

It might be of interest to some to note that in 1832 Anzilla Dennett (or Bennett – it appears both ways) wrote a will in Norfolk, Virginia, which was probated in Princess Anne County – Will Book 4, page 208. She left all her personal property to Thomas Ward, Jr. – "Grandpa Tommie Ward." Anzilla's marriage is of record: "20 April 1821, Ancel Lovett to Charles Dennett (Bennett)." She was probably the sister (or aunt) of the Amy Lovett who married "Grandpa Tommie's" father. He must have been a favorite relative.

To detail Thomas Ward VIII, "Grandpa Tommie" Ward's, children and multi-grandchildren, we go to another chapter.

— Chapter 8 —

THOMAS WARD VIII, "Grandpa Tommie," was born in Princess Anne County, Middle Precinct, 5 January 1802. He married five times but did not propagate after the first two marriages. Following the Ward history, the lineage of his first two wives will be given in separate accounts. Both his Ward Deed Gift to Children and his will are given in this paper. He died 24 February 1881, and wanted to be buried in the center of "The Ward Burying Ground" under a big walnut tree. He did not want a headstone — the walnut tree was to serve as his headstone. The tree has since returned to the soil and rests with the dust of this good and kindly man. He was loved by his family, his slaves, and his friends.

"Grandpa Tommie" Ward (Thomas Ward VIII) first married on 20 December 1823, **Margaret Fentress**, in Princess Anne Co., Virginia. (The Fentress history follows the Ward history.) Their first child was:

LOVETT F. WARD, born 4 March 1826, and died 22 November 1861. On 9 February 1854, he married **Emma Portlock** (daughter of Seth and Elizabeth Quick Portlock of Norfolk County, Va.) and had:

- I. **Virginia (Jenny) Ward**, born 28 January 1855, married **David T. Murden** in 1869 and died 8 July 1926. They had:
 - 1a. **Mary (Lizzie) Murden**, b. 17 August 1873, m. L.P. Whitehurst 14 March 1895, d. 3 March 1938.
 - 2a. **Roberta (Bertie) Murden**, b. 27 September 1876, d. 6 June 1962, married **Charles Edward (Charlie Edd) Davis** of the Pasquotank County, N.C., Davis family. They lived in "The Elbow." They had:
 - 1b. **Beulah Davis**, b. 1893, Norfolk Co., Va., married **Adam Morrisette** and had one child:
 - 1c. **Melton Morrisette**, unmarried.

- 2b. Maude Davis, b. 1895, Norfolk Co. in "The Elbow," and married Nolan Harris. They had:
 - 1c. Alma Harris who married a Sawyer.
 - 3b. Helon Davis, b. 1897, D.S.P. Her fiancé then married her sister. Helon died of typhoid fever.
 - 4b. Edna Davis, born 1899 in "The Elbow," married Walter Jennings and had:
 - 1c. W. Stanley Jennings, M.D., in the Norfolk area.
 - 2c. Helon Jennings, married a McPherson.
 - 5b. Roberta (Bertie) Davis, born 1902 and lives in "The Elbow." She married Cecil Brown and had no issue. She has the old Davis-Murden Bible which she shared and sent me pictures of it. I am related to her (and also her brothers and sisters) through both my maternal and paternal sides.
 - 6b. Vinnie Davis, b. 1904, married a Buff.
 - 7b. C. Loyd Davis, b. 1906, married Adele Fleming and had:
 - 1c. Garland Davis.
 - 2c. Linda Davis, married a Sawyer.
 - 3a. Florence Murden, born 7 February 1879, died 25 July 1960. D.S.P.
 - 4a. Frederick (Fred) Murden, born 28 February 1882, died 9 February 1960. Married Annie V. Griffin.
 - 5a. Thomas (Tom) Murden, born 6 November 1884 and died 2 January 1917. Twin of Grover.
 - 6a. Grover Cleveland Murden, born 6 November 1884 and died 29 August 1966. D.S.P. Twin of Thomas.
2. **Franklin Quick Ward**, born in Princess Anne County 6 May 1855, died a single person 19 October 1926. He is buried in "The Ward Family Burying Ground." When he died without issue, it concluded the Ward name in Lovett F. Ward's line.

3. **Minerva Wadsworth Ward**, born 13 October 1856, died 21 May 1934. She married twice. Her first marriage was to **Dennis Fentress** (of Lovett's mother's line – Minerva's grandmother, Margaret Fentress Ward). The complete lineage appears in Part III relating to the Fentress Family.
- 1a. Walter Frank Fentress, born 10 August 1878, died 23 June 1941, in Princess Anne County, and married Minnie Lee Perkins. They had six children (refer to Fentress, Part III). Walter F. Fentress married next the widow of his brother, Dennis. They had one daughter.
 - 2a. Dennis Fentress, Jr., born 1885 and died 15 February 1924. He married Hazel Mae Hargrove and had no issue.
 - 3a. Sarah Fentress, married John Ballance. She was born 4 November 1880 and died 6 June 1957. They had eight children (again, refer to Part III).
 - 4a. Anne Fentress, born in 1874 and died 12 October 1877.
 - 5a. Mamie Fentress, born ca. 1875, died 26 November 1905. She was buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Berkley, Va. She married George Weatherington of Keosequa, Iowa on 10 September 1891. They had seven children (see Part III), among whom were:
 - 3b. Bessie Weatherington married Elzy Thomas Ward (son of Thomas S. and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward) and they had:
 - 1c. Bessie Louise Ward who married a Lochamy and had one daughter, and a son who died. She remarried.
 - 7b. Ethel May Weatherington married Walter Earl Williamson. They had:
 - 1c. Margaret Virginia Williamson, born 30 May 1919 and married Loren E. Swift. They had two children.
 - 2c. Walter Earl Williamson, Jr., born 22 May 1923 and had three children. (More information in Part III.)

Minerva Ward next married **Moses McClannon** (also spelled McClanon, McClannan, etc.). They had:

- 5a. Hugh McClannon born 1 April 1894, and married Zelfa Wolf (also spelled Wolfe). They had:
- 1b. Forrest Hope McClannon, born 22 August 1919, died 22 May 1959, a U.S. Navy pilot in World War II.
 - 2b. Francis McClannon, identical twin to Forrest.
- The twins were active tap-dancers when young lads, and performed publicly in Norfolk, Va.
- 6a. Emma Lee McClannon, born 10 April 1898, died 6 December 1979, and married Leonard M. Lee. They had:
- 1b. Leonard M. Lee, Jr., born 15 August 1916, married Edith Lyle Kiff and had twins.
 - 2b. Lois Aliene Lee, born 25 September 1923 and married Benjamin T. Davenport on 23 July 1950. They had:
 - 1c. Doris Lee Davenport, born 12 September 1951, married Warren Perkins and divorced. No issue.
 - 2c. Benton Tully Davenport, born 28 September 1954.
 - 3c. James Hugh Davenport, born 1 September 1958, married Pamela Rhodes and had one son. They divorced.
- 7a. Lucille McClannon, married C. D. Whitehead and had:
- 1b. Ray Hope Whitehead, born 28 May 1935. He married (1) Ann Widmen and divorced. He married (2) Linda Ward and they had twins and divorced. He married next, Faye Coppage and had one daughter. (See Part III)
4. Lovett Ardelia (Pet) Ward, born ca. 1858, married George T. (Buck) Etheridge, in "The Elbow." They had:
- 1a. Thomas Etheridge who married Molly Fentress (the daughter of Henry and Diana Fentress).
 - 2a. Sidney Etheridge who married his cousin, Ida Whitehurst, granddaughter of Any Ward Murden.

- 3a. Maude Etheridge who married George Morris Wallace and they had:
 - 1b. Jean Wallace who married a Newhart.
 - 2b. George T. Wallace.
 - 3b. Frank M. Wallace.

- 5. Sarah E. (Sally) Ward, born 1860, married William Wilbur and they had no issue.

This concludes all the information available on Lovett Ward's progeny, except that which appears in Part III.

JOHN WARD, the second son of "Grandpa Tommie" and Margaret Ward, was born 29 October 1828, and died 15 March 1880. He married **Martha Portlock** 20 September 1855, of Norfolk County, possibly the sister of Lovett Ward's wife, Emma. They had:

- 1. **Seth Thomas Ward**, born 1 December 1857, in "The Elbow," D.S.P. 20 July 1882.
- 2. **F. Edgar Ward**, born ca. 1860, D.S.P.
- 3. **Mary Ann (Mame) Ward**, born ca. 1862, married **Alex Belote** of Norfolk County. They had issue but the names are not available. Alex Belote committed suicide.
- 4. **Emma Ward**, born ca. 1864, married a **Mercer** and they had two daughters, names unknown.
- 5. **Georgianna Ward**, born 11 September 1866. It is possible that she married a Murden as her birthdate is listed in the Murden Family Bible in the possession of Mrs. Cecil Brown, Chesapeake.
- 6. **Martha Almeda Ward**, born ca. 1869 in Princess Anne County, died in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1962. She married a **Portlock** and had two sons and also four grandchildren.
 - 1a. Cecil Farant Portlock, of Philadelphia, Pa.
 - 2a. R. Leo Portlock, of Princess Anne County.

7. **Anne Eliza Ward**, born about 1871 and probably died young. No marriage record.
8. **Virginia (Jennie) Ward**, born ca. 1873, married **Oscar Fleming** and they had no issue.
9. Possibly **John F. Ward**, born 1879, died young.

Since both Seth Thomas and F. Edgar Ward died without issue, this concludes the Ward name in John Ward's line of descent. There is a temptation to comment on the lack of male heirs among the sons of "Grandpa Tommie" and Margaret Ward. When "Grandpa Tommie" married the second time, the situation changed a bit.

MATTHIAS WARD, born 10 June 1830, died prior to 1880. He was the third son of "Grandpa Tommie" and Margaret Ward. On 11 June 1856, he married **Fanny (Frances) Watson** and they had two children:

1. **Magdalene Ward**, born in 1857 in Princess Anne County, "The Elbow." She married a **Stevens** and they had no issue.
2. **Matthias F. Ward**, born 1859 and died of drowning 4 August 1865. D.S.P.

The Matthias Ward line is concluded.

The only daughter "Grandpa Tommie" Ward ever had comes next. It is suspected that she was pampered and spoiled.

AMY FRANCES WARD, born 11 January 1832 in Princess Anne County in "The Elbow." She died after 1881. On 3 August 1849, she married **Durent** (sometimes spelled Dunn, Durant) **Murden**. He was the son of Daniel and Mary ("Lovey") Murden and had two brothers, Johnson and Zechariah, and a sister, Harriet. (That is to help distinguish the various Murdens spread throughout the Ward marriages.)

1. **Mary Elizabeth Murden**, born 1851, became the second wife of **John Andrew Fentress** 19 March 1873. [There remain questions on this marriage with John Andrew Fentress. Please refer to the Fentress booklet for a more

accurate account.] This marriage made Mary Elizabeth Fentress the stepmother of Anne Eliza Fentress who married Thomas S. Ward, Mary Elizabeth's half first cousin. John Andrew Fentress had four children by his first wife, Jacamine Williamson (that history will come later).

- 1a. Amy (twin) Fentress, born 4 March 1874, died 28 August 1877.
- 2a. Mary (twin) Fentress, born 4 March 1874 and died young.
- 3a. Keturah Fentress, born 7 March 1876, married James E. Curling and they had:
 - 1b. Mrs. A. K. Nuchols (Bessie), had a daughter,
 - 1c. Evelyn Nuchols, b. ca. 1920.
 - 2b. Mrs. R. F. Humphries (Mildred).
 - 3b. Mrs. D. L. Davis.
 - 4b. Mrs. C. F. Owens.
 - 5b. Mrs. L. H. Jones.
 - 6b. J. E. Curling, Jr.
 - 7b. C. L. Curling.
- 4a. John Fentress, born 10 August 1877 and died young.
- 5a. Lucy Mae Fentress, born 15 March 1882 and died before 1966.
- 6a. Joseph Fentress, born 15 March 1883.

More detail on this line appears in Part III – the Fentress lineage.

2. **Lovett (Love) Murden**, born 1853, married **Bettie Wilbur** and they had:
 - 1a. Lelia Murden, married Joseph (Joe) Walker.
 - 2a. Hattie Murden, married George Halstead.
 - 3a. Lovett (Lovey) Murden.
 - 4a. William (Willie) Murden.
 - 5a. Henry Murden.
 - 6a. Leroy Murden.

3. **Margaret (Mag) Murden**, born 1855, married **Samuel (Sam) Whitehurst** and had:
 - 1a. Ida Whitehurst who married her cousin, **Sidney Etheridge** (the son of Lovett Ward's daughter, **Lovett Ardelia (Pet) Etheridge**).
4. **Ethelburt (Thib) Murden**, born 1857, in "The Elbow," married **Martha A. (Mattie) Wilbur** and had:
 - 1a. Fanny (Frances) Murden.
 - 2a. George Murden.
5. **Thomas Murden**, born 1858, died of typhoid fever 16 October 1878. D.S.P. Buried in "The Ward Burying Ground."
6. **Caroline Murden**, born 1860, married **James (Jim) Murphy**. It is believed that they had a son or grandson who became Dr. W. Leonard Murphy, pastor of Chesterfield Heights Methodist Church, and the father of Lt. Col. Allen M. Murphy formerly with the Secret Service and active in World War II.
7. **Fanny (Frances) Murden**, born 1862, may have married a **Henderson**.

"Grandpa Tommie" and Margaret F. Ward had two more children who died in infancy:

Franklin Ward, born 18 July 1834.

Birdye Ward, born 17 June 1836.

Death came to Margaret Fentress 24 April 1837. It closed a chapter in "Grandpa Tommie's " life, but another was soon to open.

— Chapter 9 —

Now that the four children of "Grandpa Tommie" and Margaret Fentress Ward have been followed through several generations, we should turn our thoughts back to the date of Margaret's death, 24 April 1837. At that time, young Lovett (Lovitt) Ward was eleven, John Ward was nine, Matthias Ward was seven, and little Amy Ward was five. Those children needed a mother, and "Grandpa Tommie Ward" needed a wife! It seems logical and sensible.

Back in those days, and even today in 1988, sections of both Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties were in "The Elbow." It was all neighborhood. Now it just so happened that there was a widow living over in Norfolk County who caught "Grandpa Tommie's" fancy. There had to be a "whirlwind" courtship (I'd hate to think it was strictly business) because in a smidge over two months "Grandpa Tommie" Ward took unto himself his second wife, Harriet Randolph Oakham, widow. (The Randolph and Davis lines will be discussed following the Ward history.)

Harriet Randolph Oakham was the widow of a William Oakham (spelled Oacum, Oakam, etc.), and brought three children with her into the Ward home — Edward, Margaret, and Adam Oakham. It is suspected that there were other Oakham children, but the matter has not been researched.

The marriage took place on 9 July 1837, in Norfolk County, where Adam Randolph stood as surety for Harriet. Almost immediately, Harriet became pregnant. In due time she delivered their child — the last child they were to have, Randolph Randall (spelled Randell, Ranel, etc.), Ward, was born 6 June 1838, in Princess Anne County, Virginia.

Before going into Randolph Randall Ward's line of descent, it seems necessary to discuss this lady, Harriet. Through the years, a few stories have trickled down that came through two great-granddaughters of "Grandpa Tommie" and Harriet Ward. (One was born in 1887 and the other in 1896.) I shall not put dialogue in her mouth; I'll let you imagine the way it was.

First of all, Harriet R. Ward was stingy. There is no better way to say it! Sometimes she was "mean stingy." The Wards were not rich, but they lived well. It seems that Harriet wouldn't give the slaves enough to eat – they worked hard, too. As mistress of the plantation, she'd allot them the following: "a cup of sassafras tea, a baked sweet potato, and three walnuts." Imagine! When "Grandpa Tommie" discovered this, he was furious. He ordered one of the slaves (probably his faithful Negro man) to go to the smoke house and get one of his largest hams. Then to take as many of the center-cut slices as they wanted. As the story goes, this just about killed Harriet. But, it stopped her starving "Ant Ann, Ant Dee, Uncle, and the others." The slaves loved "Grandpa Tommie."

Harriet R. Ward had a penchant, or a passion, for gold money. She would collect every piece she could get her hands on. She would fill yellow or gold bowls with it and then bury them under the roots of the catalpa trees. In later years (say between 1900 and 1915) people would go on the land and dig for hidden money or treasure. Harriet was dead long before the Civil War, so she was not hiding them from the Yankees – she was putting it away for Harriet. I doubt she took it with her to her grave.

I didn't know those stories, or her nature, when I named a daughter, Harriet Randolph – sorry about that, gal! I could say I named you for her granddaughter, but that Harriet was a bit eccentric too. She accrued a sizeable estate for a spinster lady, but eccentric she was. Perhaps I should mention that the piano in my home

came through my mother's legacy from her Aunt Harriet – about a 1/32nd part. My mother believed every home had to have a piano and the children taught to play it!

Should there be a skeptic around who believes the stories are "wild yarns," I cite "Grandpa Tommie" Ward's Deed Gift to Children. This was made before the birth of his son by Harriet. He was a prudent man and wanted to be sure his four children, by his first marriage, were provided for to his liking. I think he knew what would happen to their inheritance if left to Harriet's decision. This follows:

In Deed Book 39, page 91, Princess Anne County, Va., "Ward Gift to Children," dated 21 April 1838.

... to the said Thomas Ward for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he has and presents to his said children of his said wife, and for their better advancement in the world, also for the full consideration of \$1 to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby admitted, he, the said Thomas Ward, has given and granted and by these presents does give and confer unto the said Matthias Ward, Lovett Ward, John Ward, and Amy Ward and Edward Oakham, Margaret Oakham, and Adam Oakham, their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns severally, the following property to wit:

To Matthias Ward all that certain tract of land and plantation whereon the said Thomas Ward now resides, situated in the stated County of Princess Anne, in the Elbow, and containing 84 acres of land, more or less, to keep together with its hereditaments, improvements and appurtenances.

To Lovett Ward and John Ward, jointly, a tract of land to be hereafter equally divided between them and their heirs, situated in Norfolk County near the Princess Anne line in the Elbow, containing 500 acres of land with its hereditaments, improvements, and appurtenances, being the same tract of land which said Thomas

Ward bought of one Daniel Murden as will more fully appear by reference to his deed for the same now of record in the County of Norfolk Court.

And to the said Lovett Ward and John Ward and Amy Ward the following articles of personal property. Forty head of cattle, 10 head of sheep, 12 head of hogs, 1 ox cart, 1 yoke of oxen, 1 horse cart, 1 horse, 1 gig and harness, 3 beds and furniture and all my farming utensils, and all the poultry and dunghill stock of every description, and to the said Edward Oakham 1 cow; to the said Margaret Oakham 1 cow; and to the said Adam Oakham 1 cow.

At this point, it is well to remember that the Ward children mentioned in this Deed Gift are twelve years of age or younger. Obviously, "Grandpa Tommie" Ward would continue to manage and run the plantation. This Deed Gift was his insurance, his protection, for the children. Since he had not written a will at this point, I wonder what would have happened had he died before Harriet R. Ward? It is my feeling that their marriage was not the happiest on record.

On 6 June 1838, Randolph Randall Ward came into this world, in The Elbow, in Princess Anne County, Virginia. Harriet Randolph Oakham Ward died 25 September 1852 and was put to rest in "The Ward Family Burying Ground." Randolph R. Ward was 14 at this time and later served in the Civil War.

— Chapter 10 —

RANDOLPH RANDALL WARD, born 6 June 1838, married first **Hannah Godfrey** of Camden, North Carolina. (The Godfrey, Guilford, Bell lineage follows the Ward history.) He died 15 December 1917, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Richard Howe, in Norfolk, Virginia. Randolph R. Ward married, after Hannah's death, 26 March 1896, **Sarah Wilbur**, the daughter of William and Abygale Ferrell. He was 61, and Sarah 55 at their marriage 23 October 1899. Next comes the progeny of Randolph and Hannah Godfrey Ward.

1. **Edmund Randolph (Biggy) Ward**, born 29 December 1860, died 14 January 1904 (of a heart attack the day he was elected Sheriff of Princess Anne County). He married on 17 March 1896, **Myrtilla (Mertie) Anne Davis**. (Information of the Davis-Chappel lines follow the Ward history.) They had:
 - 1a. Edmund Herman Ward, born 21 July 1897 and died ca. 1950s. He married Ann Mae Murphy and had:
 - 1b. Lucy Anne Ward, married a Richard and had:
 - 1c. Lloyd
 - 2c. Kelly
 - 3c. Shawn
 - 4c. Drane
 - 5c. Richard
 - 2b. Edward Herman Ward, Jr.,* born 18 Feb. 1940, married Helen Yvonne Tripp and had
 - 1c. Susan Lee Ward, born 3 June 1962.
 - 2c. Edward Randolph Ward,* born 31 December 1963.
- * Edward Herman Ward, Jr., and his son Edward Randolph Ward are the only two remaining males with the Ward surname descen-

ded from Thomas Ward VIII, "Grandpa Tommie" Ward. That was true in 1976 at the Ward Reunion. Today, in 1989, that may have changed.

- 2a. Hannah Ward, born 3 December 1898 and died 23 November 1899 of Cholera Infantum.
- 3a. Grace Lee Ward, born 19 January 1900 and died in Norfolk, Virginia, 3 September 1983. Grace was a retired school teacher and had taught in Norfolk, Virginia, for many years. She was the one who guided my mother's hand when I had to be taught at home for two years.
- 4a. Linda Davis Ward, born 1 November 1901, married Ferdinand Elias Munden, of Knotts Island, N.C., on 17 June 1922. Linda met him while teaching school. They moved to Norfolk, Virginia, after the birth of their first child. They had:
 - 1b. Gordon Ward Munden, born 23 May 1927, on Knotts Island, N.C. He first married Jean Marie Ford, of Norfolk, Va., 12 March 1949, in Norfolk, Va. They had:
 - 1c. Gordon Ward Munden, Jr., born 24 September 1955.
Gordon Ward Munden married a second time, a Margaret, and they have no issue.
 - 2b. Linda (Merle) Munden, born 4 April 1933, in Norfolk, Va., married William Rhea Shelton 17 October 1957. He is now a judge in Chester, Va. Linda Merle owns a Hallmark Cards shop there. They had:
 - 1c. William (Rhea) Shelton, Jr., born 10 January 1959, married Angela _____. In 1988, they had a child.
 - 1d. Margaret Taylor Shelton.
 - 2c. Peyton Ward Shelton, born 8 October 1962.
 - 3c. Martha Merle Shelton, born 23 March 1971.

- 3b. Betty (Jeanette) Munden, born in Norfolk, Va., 12 August 1937, married James Alton Tinkham on 24 August 1957. Jeanette is in real estate in the Norfolk area.
 - 1c. James Jeffrey Tinkham, born 25 October 1962.
 - 2c. Elizabeth Munden Tinkham, born 17 February 1965.

- 5a. Edmund Randolph Ward, Jr., born in "The Elbow," 3 June 1903 and died 9 February 1959 in Norfolk, Va. D.S.P.

- 2. **Thomas Sylvaniaus Ward IX**, born in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County, Virginia, 19 March 1862. He died of a heart attack in Norfolk, Virginia, 27 March 1927. He is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk. Thomas Ward was very active in the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church. On 18 April 1883, he married **Anne Eliza Fentress**, the daughter of John Andrew Fentress and his first wife, Jacamine Williamson. (The Williamson, Walker, Thorogood, Hargrove, Kemp, and Moseley lines will be given following the Ward history in Part VIII.) Thomas S. and Anne Eliza Ward had:
 - 1a. Lena Sylvaniaus Ward, born 13 June 1884 in Princess Anne County. She died in Norfolk, Va. (St. Vincent's Hospital) 22 November 1924. She is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk. On 27 December 1904, she married Rufus Sawyer (the son of Plume D. and Margaret J. Heath Sawyer). They had:
 - 1b. Loyd Rufus Sawyer, born 14 July 1905 and died in Virginia Beach, Va., November 1973. On 3 July 1930, he married Hazel Patty Foster of Norfolk, Va., formerly of the West Neck section of Princess Anne County. They had:
 - 1c. Jerry Sawyer, born 5 September 1938. On 21 October 1972, he married Nancy Hunsberger of Atlanta, Georgia (formerly of Pennsylvania). They own and operate Lamp Post Finials and Fan Pulls, a manufacturing company in Suwanee, Ga. (Atlanta area).

- 2c. Martha Sawyer, born 31 January 1944, died 4 September 1962. D.S.P.
- 2b. Cecil Thomas Sawyer, born 5 July 1909. He lives with his sister, Mrs. Marvin Flora, in the Princess Anne Courthouse area, now Virginia Beach. Unmarried.
- 3b. Virginia Margaret Sawyer, born 2 April 1911 in Princess Anne County. On 30 November 1935, married Marvin William Flora and they had:
- 1c. Wayne Sawyer Flora, born 17 August 1942 and married Mary Ann Newman 1 December 1962. They had:
- 1d. Cecil Wayne Hancock Flora, born 4 April 1965.
- 2d. Ginger Louise Flora, born 27 January 1971.
- 2c. William Ward Flora, born 25 December 1946, married Patsy Jean Dawley 22 April 1972. They had:
- 1d. William James Flora, born 6 October 1984.
- 2d. Joshua David Flora, born 25 August 1986.
- 3d. Victoria Elizabeth Flora, born 2 October 1988.
- 4b. Ruth Valentine Sawyer, born 14 February 1913, in Princess Anne County, married and divorced Demus Crutchlow of Norfolk, Virginia. Ruth lives in Norfolk, Va.
- 5b. Unnamed Infant Boy, born and died the same day, 5 September 1907. He was buried in The Ward Cemetery.

Let me remember a few things about Aunt Lena, Uncle Rufus, and their family. I really can't remember the big old house where they lived. In the parlor, there was a large picture of her, and I thought she was pretty. Uncle Rufus was good and jolly – he never remarried, but on Saturdays he always took his girls to Norfolk to shop or go to the movies. He gave a definite time for them to be ready to go home. By golly, he'd leave at the appointed time and no fooling around. He had a big truck farm near Princess Anne Court House, and each spring there were acres of

strawberries to be picked. Along with the truckloads of "picking hands" from Norfolk, some of us (kids) were allowed to pick berries for money! The pay? A half cent a quart. God only knows how many we ate before collecting a nickel or dime. He reared a good family of children.

Rufus and Lena Ward Sawyer always lived near Princess Anne Court House, Virginia.

- 2a. Unnamed infant boy, born and died 5 September 1886, buried in The Ward Cemetery.

- 3a. Ada Frances Ward, born 26 November 1887 in Princess Anne County, Virginia, in "The Elbow." She died in Glen Burnie, Maryland, 26 January 1984 and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk, Virginia. On 12 December 1905, she married Victor Scott Murden, the son of Joseph David and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Brown Murden of Princess Anne County. They had:
 - 1b. Marvin Scott Murden, born 4 December 1911 in Norfolk County (near Fentress, Va.). On 9 April 1933, he married Louise Gillman, widow, of Norfolk, Va. Louise had a daughter who was not adopted, but became part of the family.
 - (1c) Ellen Gillman, born 30 December 1932, and married a Styron in Norfolk, Va. and had:
 - (1d) Roy Styron, born 19 October 1948.
 - (2d) Ada Gwendolyn Styron, born 12 April 1951.
 - (3d) Debra Louise Styron, born 31 July 1954.
 - 1c. Frances Lee Murden, born 9 January 1937, married first William Webb II and had:
 - 1d. William Scott Webb, born 1 September 1952.
 - 2d. Cynthia Louise Webb, born 1954.
 - 3d. William H. Webb III, born 23 June 1956.(All of these children have married.)

Frances Lee M. Webb next married William Lowdermilk.

2b. Frank Thomas Murden, born 7 September 1918, in Norfolk, Va. Frank was in the Philippines at the outbreak of World War II, in the Death March and taken to Osaka, Japan as a prisoner of war. He suffered there until after the war. After the war, he married Sarah Margaret Caddy Dunbar, widow, of Norfolk, Va. (formerly of N.C. – near Hereford, N.C.), on 14 February 1943. Margaret had one daughter who was adopted by Frank.

(1c) Mary Janet Dunbar Murden, born 6 November 1941. Janet married David Branholm and had:

(1d) Mary Ann Branholm, born 8 July 1958.

(2d) Herman David Branholm, born 31 July 1959.

(3d) Kenneth Leslie Branholm, born 21 June 1960.

(4d) Carol Lina Branholm, born 14 September 1961.

David Branholm was killed in a plane crash.

2c. Vickie Faye Murden, born 23 May 1947, married first James Tremblay and had a son.

1d. _____ Tremblay.

Next, Vickie married James (Jim) Woodey and they had a daughter.

2d. _____ Woodey.

Aunt Ada had, when she died in 1984, four grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren – a few names have been omitted. Aunt Ada was a special lady. She was short, spunky, and took nothing off anybody – a shrewd business mind! Why, in her 70s she married an old school beau. In short order, she evicted him and took herself off to Florida to get a divorce. Then, when she was "getting along" in years, she got on a plane and flew to Alaska, by herself. She always tried to look after my mother and was Mama's attendant when she married. Her mind and memory didn't dim until near the end of her

life at 96. I can see her eyes twinkle now as she recalled stories of her younger days. She rode horseback and was called "Jack." Some uncle or cousin told her to cuss her father – she did, but had to run fast to crawl under the house. Grandpa got her!

- 4a. Dora Virginia Ward, born 31 August 1890, in Princess Anne County, and died in Norfolk, Va., in 1978. She is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery there. On 10 June 1912, she married Paul Heath Sawyer, the brother of Rufus Sawyer who married her sister Lena. They had:
 - 1b. Mabel Dora Sawyer, born 26 January 1914, in Norfolk, Va. On 3 August 1938, she married Randolph Wyncliffe (Slim) de Steuben, whose family had changed the name from von Steuben to de Steuben during World War I. Slim was with the geodetic surveying group aboard "The Oceanographer." They had:
 - 1c. Thomas Randolph de Steuben, born 6 September 1938, and married Hilda Anne Thomas on 14 February 1958. They had:
 - 1d. Donna Elizabeth de Steuben, born 27 April 1960.
 - 2d. Randolph Wyncliffe de Steuben, II, born 11 January 1962.
 - 3d. Arden Lynn de Steuben, born 12 December 1966.
 - 2c. Cheryl Virginia de Steuben, born 14 July 1944, and married Lyman Sidney Barnes II, 27 December 1963. They had:
 - 1d. Colette Virginia Barnes, born 20 April 1967.
 - 2d. Amy Melissa Barnes, born 22 September 1972.
 - 3d. Lyman Sidney Barnes III, born 10 October 1973.
 - 2b. Evelyn Ward Sawyer, born 23 March 1915, in Norfolk, Va., and died 17 March 1967. Her ashes are in the family plot in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, Va. Evelyn worked for years with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. On 30 June 1945, she married Harry Douglas (Doug) Keefe. For a time they lived in Chile, SA. Evelyn and Doug had:

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- 1c. Linda Evelyn Keefe (Lynne), born 26 September 1947 in the Washington, D.C. area.
- 2c. Alison Ward Keefe, born 29 October 1953 in the Washington, D.C. area.

It is believed that both girls are teachers.

- 3b. Paul Clarke Sawyer, born 26 June 1916 in Norfolk, Va., married Virginia Jones Weaver (of Norfolk but with N.C. connections) on 30 December 1939. Clarke has been, and still is, an active promoter of stock-car racing especially in the Richmond, Va., area. In early fall, 1988, Clarke, and his two sons, bought and opened the new Richmond International Raceway.

Virginia and Clarke had:

- 1c. Wayne Clarke Sawyer, born 14 August 1943, in Norfolk, Va., married Sandra Parker on 20 August 1963, and had:
 - 1d. John Clarke Sawyer, born 11 May 1964.
 - 2d. Wayne Clarke Sawyer, Jr. (twin), born 6 Sept. 1967.
 - 3d. Paul Sean Sawyer (twin), born 6 Sept. 1967.
- 2c. Billy Heath Sawyer, born 7 September 1949, married Susan Carol Stokes on 8 December 1976.
- 4b. Margaret Anne Sawyer, born 17 February 1923, in Norfolk, Va., married Winfield Scott Beaman, of Norfolk, Va., on 12 November 1943. Margaret Anne died on 6 July 1991. Winfield is in business in Norfolk. They had:
 - 1c. Winfield Scott Beaman, Jr., born 13 September 1955.
 - 2c. Paul Heath Beaman, born 13 March 1957.

They have three grandchildren.
- 5b. Lena Mae Sawyer (Teena), born 7 January 1925, in Norfolk, Va., married Richard Edward Hartung (plastics manufacturer of Rumford, New Jersey) on 27 March 1948. They had:

- 1c. Stephen Richard Hartung, born 21 Oct. 1949.
- 2c. Stephanie Hartung, born 16 July 1953 in New Jersey; married John Michael Robbins in New Jersey on 8 November 1975.
- 3c. Scott Sawyer Hartung, born 6 April 1956.
- 4c. Richard Edward Hartung, Jr., born 25 September 1961.
- 6b. Winston Heath Sawyer, born in Norfolk, Va., 21 August 1933. Unmarried. I think Winston is an engineer and lives in New York City.

I remember Aunt Dora as always being stately and properly attired – gloves and hat. She had brown eyes that could "almost talk" with expression. In later years, she, Aunt Ada, Linda Munden, and Grace Ward seemed to enjoy their visits with my mother in Edenton, North Carolina. They talked over old times and Mama always had at least two of their favorite foods – chicken 'n dumplings and persimmon pudding. "They" said that Aunt Dora always looked out for her brother, Elzy.

- 5a. Elzy Thomas Ward, born in "The Elbow" in Princess Anne County, Virginia, 21 June 1893. He died in a Virginia Beach hospital in 1961, and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia. On 13 December 1912, he married Bessie Weatherington of Norfolk County (the daughter of George and Mamie Fentress Weatherington, and his cousin through the Fentress line). They had:
 - 1b. Bessie Louise Ward, born 25 December about 1933, in a Norfolk, Va., hospital. She was premature. Louise married a Lockamy of Chesterfield County, Va. They had:
 - 1c. A daughter, _____ Lochamy.

Elzy Thomas Ward married a second time. His second wife was a Mrs. Mary Sawyer Gray. They had no issue.

Funny the things children remember! When we went to visit Aunt Bessie and Uncle Elzy in Norfolk, where they lived on Claiborne Avenue (not far from Aunt Dora's), they always had Swiss Cheese for me because I loved it!

Then, when they lived in the West Neck section of Princess Anne County (near my Wood people), they had the Ward Family Christmas Dinners. This was after Grandpa Ward had died. Aunt Bessie was a good cook and she had everything good to eat, plus about three decanters of homemade wine. Being one of the younger children, I usually ate on the third or fourth "sitting" – the men ate first, the women, then the older children, and on. No matter which "sitting" the food never gave out. I remember that and Uncle Elzy's scent of Bay Rum – that was an after shave lotion.

- 6a. Helen Godfrey Ward, born in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County, Virginia, on 12 December 1896. She died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina, 13 September 1981, and is buried in Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton, North Carolina (not far from the home she loved). On 24 December 1916, she married Thomas Jarvis Wood (son of Lulon Paul and Sophia Davis Wood – formerly of Pasquotank County, North Carolina but of the West Neck section of Princess Anne County). They had:
 - lb. Margery Kathryn Wood, born at Munden Point, Virginia, 28 September 1919. While working with the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, Tennessee, she met Albert William Furgiuele (an engineer with TVA) and they married 19 June 1943 in New Haven, Connecticut. They had:
 - lc. Martha Jane Furgiuele, born 6 July 1946, in Elizabeth City, N.C., and on 22 January 1972, she married Charles Gordon MacDonald, of Florida. They had:
 - ld. Thomas Charles MacDonald, born 27 Nov. 1979, in Charlottesville, Va.
 - 2c. Harriet Randolph Furgiuele, born prematurely 28 July 1951. She married Ronald Baldwin Carpenter, of Virginia, on 17 December 1977. They divorced in 1980.

There is no way to write about Mama in a short space. She loved children, she loved her family, she was proud to be a Ward, she enjoyed her friends (she had a bunch of them), and for the last twenty years of her life she loved her dream home on Pembroke Creek. If there was ever a homemaker, a peacemaker, and a wonderful cook, she was it! Mama had no peers – a special lady.

- 7a. Infant male (twin), born 23 August 1899, d. 24 October 1899.
- 8a. Infant female (twin), born 23 August 1899, d. 4 November 1899.
- 9a. Annie Naomi Ward, born 8 December 1900; died 6 August 1932 in Norfolk, Virginia, and buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia. On 2 April 1918, she married Herbert Hobson Brown (son of Steven D. and Lucy L. Brown) of Princess Anne County. They lived in Norfolk, Virginia, and had:
 - 1b. Dorothy Ward Brown, born 27 January 1919. First she married a Crosswhite and had:
 - 1c. James Shelton Crosswhite, born 3 November 1943; he married Ann Elizabeth Owens and they had:
 - 1d. Amy Lynn Crosswhite, born 27 July 1968.
 - 2d. Lori Beth Crosswhite, born 15 June 1970.
 - 3d. Kimberly Ann Crosswhite, born 26 September 1973.
 - Dorothy married next, a Ward and had:
 - 2c. Ray Alexander Ward, born 21 March 1942.
- Dorothy married next, Alvalh Pulley Marken and they had no issue.
- 2b. Malvine Helen Brown, born 9 January 1921, in Norfolk, Virginia, and married William Franklin (Junie) Hudgins, Jr., on 1 June 1938 in South Mills, North Carolina. Malvine and Junie had:
 - 1c. William Franklin Hudgins III, born 14 April 1939, and on 18 September 1960 married Barbara Sumner. They had:

- 1d. William Franklin Hudgins IV, born 1 June 1961.
- 2d. Robert Stanley Hudgins, born 23 May 1963.
- 2c. Jean Vashti Hudgins, born 14 August 1941. On 22 August 1959, she married George Cameron Bowen and had:
 - 1d. James Cameron Bowen, born 25 June 1960.
 - 2d. Robert Stanley Bowen, born 3 January 1962.
 - 3d. Thomas Tolen Bowen, born 10 October 1964.
 - 4d. John Hudgins Bowen, born 16 September 1968.
- 3c. Elizabeth Ann Hudgins, born 21 February 1944. On 14 August 1965, Ann married James Baker Whitfield, Jr. They had:
 - 1d. James Baker Whitfield III, born 31 Oct. 1973.
 - 2d. Mark Ashley Whitfield, born 28 Aug. 1975.All of them live in Norfolk or Princess Anne County (Virginia Beach).
- 3b. Elliott Herbert Brown, born 2 April 1923, in Norfolk, Virginia. On 5 March 1949, Elliott married Frances Kelly and they had:
 - 1c. Elliott Herbert Brown, Jr., born 8 December 1949. He married on 6 April 1973, Shirley Wilborn.
 - 2c. Charles Robert Brown, born 3 December 1956.
- 4b. Alton Leo Brown, born 16 April 1925 in Norfolk, Virginia, married Shirley Joyce Briggs on 16 July 1949. For a time, Alton played baseball with the Washington "Senators." Alton and Shirley had:
 - 1c. Thomas Steven Brown, born 12 October 1950.
 - 2c. Leslie Karen Brown, born 5 October 1952, and on 23 September 1974, married Edward C. Burgess. They had:
 - 1d. Austin Gregory Burgess, born 14 August 1975.
 - 3c. Teresa Kay Brown, born 26 October 1956.
 - 4c. Kelly Sue Brown, born 19 October 1964.
 - 5c. Alton Matthew Brown, born 28 September 1969.

- 5b. Thomas Leslie Brown, born 21 June 1927, in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1953, Tommie married Virginia Woodard (who died in 1972), and they had:
 - 1c. George Herbert Brown, born 1 May 1954.
Tommie Brown looks enough like his Uncle Elzy Ward (his mother's brother) to be his son.
- 6b. Ruby May Brown, born in Norfolk, Virginia, 4 October 1928, married first a Stiles and had:
 - 1c. Cheryl Ann Stiles, born 13 November 1954.
 - 1d. Tiffany La'ree Stiles, born 20 February 1975.
 - 2c. Terre Lynne Stiles, born 17 December 1955.
Ruby married next, on 24 November 1964, James Everette Flowers. They had:
 - 3c. James Everette Flowers, Jr., born 26 October 1966.

My memories of Aunt Nonnie are scant because I was quite young when she died. From memory I think she had dark hair and eyes and suspect that Dot Brown Marken looks like her mother. I do remember visiting her on Claiborne Avenue (near Park Avenue), and I think their back yard almost adjoined Aunt Ada Murden's back yard. Aunt Ada lived on Willoughby Avenue. At the house on Claiborne Avenue, I remember the Ward piano, that big square-shaped piano with the huge legs! At Grandma and Grandpa Ward's home that old piano used to scare me! Don't ask me why. I know it wasn't too long before Aunt Nonnie traded it for an upright!

After Aunt Nonnie died, Uncle Herbert moved from Norfolk and remarried. It was then that Dot Brown spent much time with Aunt Ada and Uncle Vick. And, it was my good fortune that Malvine stayed with us so she could finish Kempsville High School. I didn't have a sister, and she became a part of our family.

As stated earlier, more will be written about Anne Eliza Fentress who married Thomas Sylvanius Ward on 18 April 1883. Although she was born a Fentress, I'm placing her with the Ward family, for she was a Ward for 44 years or more.

I called her "Grandma" to her face. When she wasn't around, most everyone in the family called her "Miss Annie." I've never heard of anyone who dared to call her that to her face. Petite, she stood tall at 5' 1", and a size 3 shoe fit her feet. In later years, she became plump; and she wore her hair straight back from a round face. Even at the time of her death, at 94, her hair was far from white. If you've ever studied the faces painted by the early Dutch masters, you've seen "Miss Annie's" face. (She did have some Dutch blood.)

Small in size, "Miss Annie's" command was that of a giant. Born at the time of the Civil War, she knew and experienced many hardships in life. This lady met life's hardships, dispensed them, and remained undaunted. She had a zest for life that continued to twinkle until she died. When she was nearly ninety, I watched her bounce a great-granddaughter on her knee and say, "I'm not like Sis Lydie who is ready to die! When I go, it'll be because I have to."

As a child, I remember being fascinated by her stories of "all-night dances with midnight suppers" and other good times they had. She gave a glowing description; she wanted all her grandchildren to "dance and have a good time." Not so with her own children – no "all night dances" for them!

When we had occasion to visit Grandma and Grandpa Ward, in Norfolk, I remember mostly the house and furniture. The square-shaped piano, with the big legs, dwarfed me – I would lean against it, and timidly touch the treble keys. The furniture in that house seemed big, massive, polished, and

dark. The halls were long, the stairs long, and I wish I knew where that furniture is today! I'm sure each piece is a cherished antique in somebody's house. A home not belonging to a Ward. Such is the way of life.

"Miss Annie" liked to have her way. She showed partiality and wasn't too subtle about it. She was curious to the point of snooping – so I've heard. All in all, she worked hard and tried to help her family and neighbors. She reared a big family, lost three children when they were babies, and lost two more grown children. "Miss Annie" married a tall, thin, gentle man. Grandpa worked hard; he was very active in the church; he loved his children and family. It has been said that if someone read him a good-size paragraph, he could repeat it word for word, from memory! It has also been said that, in spite of being even tempered, he would fight if provoked sufficiently. He died when I was about eight. I don't have many memories of him – only two. When I was in the hospital to have tonsils removed, he visited me. The other memory is visiting them on Willoughby Avenue in Norfolk. We sat in the swing on the front porch. I remember him as being kindly and loving.

"Miss Annie" and Grandpa – what an interesting study in contrasts. Their children were also an interesting study in contrasts.

3. **Lydia Ward**, born in 1864 in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County, Virginia. On 15 February 1887, she married **Richard Howe**, son of A. W. and Sophrenia E. Howe of Norfolk, Virginia. She died 22 April 1953, and is buried in Norfolk, Virginia, in Elmwood Cemetery. If they had issue, none lived to be adults. Lydia Ward Howe had a house filled with antiques, and she owned considerable property. I suspect her sister, Naomi Channing, managed to get most of her personal property.

4. **Lemuel Godfrey (Shug) Ward** was born in Princess Anne County in "The Elbow" about 1866. He died in the 1950s, a single person. From what I've heard, "Uncle Shug" was close to the children of Thomas S. and Anne Eliza Ward. I have no record that he was buried in "The Ward Family Burying Ground"; he was probably buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, Virginia, or in Elmwood Cemetery.

5. **Lycurgus Berkerly Ward**, born 1868, on the plantation in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County, married **Hattie Boole**, of Norfolk, Virginia. They lived in Norfolk most of their lives. He died 26 August 1948, cause unknown, and place of burial unknown. I remember him as being tall, big, and with snow-white hair. They had:
 - 1a. Kathryn Ward, born in Norfolk, Virginia, about 1900. She married Paul Felts of Norfolk, Virginia, and they had no issue.
 - 2a. Edna Ward, born in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1902. She married first David Spencer and they had:
 - 1b. _____ Spencer, born ca. 1924.
 - 2b. _____ Spencer, born ca. 1926.
 One of the boys drowned in the Elizabeth River in Norfolk.
 Edna married next, William Peebles of the Norfolk, Virginia, area, and had no issue by that marriage.
 - 3a. Margaret Ward, born in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1904, married a Tolvath about 1924. They had no issue.

6. **Harriet Dorcas Ward**, born on the plantation in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County, Virginia, in 1874. She died 5 February 1952 in Norfolk, and is

buried there, in Elmwood Cemetery. She never married. Harriet was tall, thin, and gloomy of disposition. She died intestate, and even after her estate had been closed, some attorney found another piece of her property. Most of her land holdings were in a commercially-zoned area of Norfolk. They always said that if you were sick, Aunt Harriet would be the first to tell you how awful you looked! Both Lydia and Harriet Ward had their calling cards which they used when visiting; I have some of them.

7. **Naomi Ward**, born in 1876, on the plantation in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County, Virginia. She was tall, stately, and a bit of a snob! No, not a "bit" of a snob, she *was* a snob. She'd look down her nose at most anybody, including members of her family. In later years, she became deaf. I'm almost positive that a certain Godfrey Bible vanished into her hands; my proof is circumstantial. Naomi Ward married on 27 September 1899, a delightful man from Fentress, Virginia (Norfolk County), by name of **Charles Channing**. Whether he was delightful because he drank, or whether marriage drove him to drink, I do not know. But drink he did. They had:

1a. Stanley Channing, M.D., born in Fentress, Virginia, about 1900. He died in the 1960s at Virginia Beach, Virginia. He never married, and I remember much about him. Stanley started out as a pharmacist with Burrow-Martin Drug Store on Main Street in Norfolk. He fell in love with a girl who had been adopted by the owner of a well-known funeral home in Norfolk – the funeral home is still there. They were Catholic and because of this, Stanley dropped out of the picture. He never married. He went on to medical school and became a doctor. He went to Kahaka, Missouri, and practiced there many years. I communicated

with Stanley on several occasions. When he retired, he returned to Virginia Beach to be near his sister. I don't know where he is buried.

- 2a. Ethel Channing, born in Fentress, Virginia, in 1902. She married John M. Winn II and they live near the old Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ethel has been cordial to me, but I don't know her well. Ethel and John Winn II had one son who crashed his plane during World War II.
 - 1b. John M. Winn III, born about 1925, died about 1942 a single person.
- 3a. Conway Channing, born 1905 at Fentress, Virginia. Conway married and may have children, but I do not have information on them.



Randolph Randall Ward

— Chapter 11 —

Now that we have covered the progeny of Randolph Randall and Hannah Godfrey Ward, it is time to go back to June of 1852. Young Randolph was fourteen years old; and in three months his mother (Harriet) was dead. The young man needed some supervision, and "Grandpa Tommie" needed a wife. A wife who would provide love, companionship, and manage the domestic matters of the plantation.

Another short courtship for "Grandpa Tommie" Ward! On 18 January 1853, the widow Elizabeth Corbell, of Princess Anne County, Virginia, became the third wife of Thomas Ward VIII. They had no issue, but it would appear that Elizabeth C. Ward became a mother to his children, especially young Randolph. The young man grew up in an atmosphere of comfort, happy times, and comparative ease. He was probably tutored at home as public schools were not in existence as we know them today. It is evident that someone attended to his basic education because he could read and write. His father, "Grandpa Tommie," could also read and write. The records in Princess Anne County, as well as James' *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, indicate that in 1860 Thomas Ward (of the middle precinct) had land holdings of \$4,500 and personal property valued at \$2,660. By today's standards, these valuations are not large, but back in 1860 they were far above average. They lived well.

When Randolph Randall Ward married Hannah Godfrey of Camden County, North Carolina, in October of 1859, they may have lived in the plantation house of his father and stepmother. We know that shortly thereafter another house was built on the plantation grounds for Randolph and Hannah Ward. Their home was not far from "Grandpa Tommie's" and was the home where all their children were born.

It was not long before the country was torn apart by Civil War. Life would never be the same for the Ward family after that! Among Randolph R. Ward's effects when he died in 1917, was a paper of his recollections of the war. It follows as written:

In Memory of the Civil War

The War was declared April 20th, 1861. I was ordered to meet at Kempsville on the 21st of April 1861, belonging to a volunteer company known as the Princess Anne Cavalry. My Captain was John Fentress. After meeting at Kempsville, we was ordered to fall in line and answer to our names. The roll was called and we answered to our names. Then we took a line of march for Norfolk City. There we went into Barracks on Avon Street – don't remember the number, and there we remained ten or more days. Our company had increased so fast it was proper to divide it and make two companies – known as the Princess Anne Cavalry, and Chesapeake Light Cavalry. Then the Princess Anne Cavalry was ordered to Long Creek, in Princess Anne County, and the Chesapeake Light Cavalry was ordered to the Pleasure House Beach in Princess Anne County to do picket duty. There we remained until the fall. Then we went to work and built winter quarters near Moseley's Church in Little Creek, still doing picket at Pleasure House Beach all the winter until next spring, which was May 1862 when Norfolk was evacuated and we left for Petersburg, Virginia. Then we was ordered to the Peninsula to look at the mules – and there was some to look at you bet. Before I go any farther I will tell you who was my Captain; Edgar Burroughs, of Princess Anne County. After the seven days fight on the Peninsula we went back to Petersburg, Virginia. Don't exactly know how long we remained there. Then we was ordered to Richmond – there stayed a short while and was ordered to Fredericksburg, Virginia to form a regiment known as the 15th Virginia Cavalry. Our Colonel's name was Ball. There we stayed until the first battle was fought and over. Then I was sent to Richmond

Hospital for treatment. I remained there until the following spring. Then I went to my Command at Saluda, Middlesex County, Virginia. Then we went to Sandy Cross and remained a short while. Then we went to Tappahannock, on the Rappahannock River. Stayed quite a while there. Then we left there and went to Port Royal on the Rappahannock River and stopped a little while – not many days.

There is not many of my comrades left now. I will give you a few names of my comrades at present = A list of names below are city men:

Judge J. M. Keeling, attorney-at-law

H. C. Hoggard - Real Estate

W. R. Fontrep - " "

H. F. Bell " "

A. J. Herbert, Commission Merchant

J. E. Scott, Druggist

J. Holmes

D. F. Baxter, Real Estate

These names below are country men =

I. D. Caraway

R. Ward

John Wright

All these names belonged to Company I, 15th Virginia Cavalry, Fitzhugh Lee's Division, J. E. B. Stuart Corps.

Back to the old plantation in "The Elbow." While Randolph Randall Ward was in the war, he had left Hannah with two young sons – babies. It is certain that "Grandpa Tommie" and his wife, Elizabeth, provided Hannah and her two sons with help. By the time Randolph Ward came home, little Edmund R. and little Thomas S. Ward were about one and three. A multitude of changes were taking place. While the Wards did not suffer

from Yankee raids, there were scavengers and other threats to their provisions. The war was around them. Norfolk City was less than ten miles away. Their faithful slaves stayed on.

The years went by. Randolph and Hannah's family grew, and "Grandpa Tommie" saw his once flourishing plantation diminish in prosperity. His wife, Elizabeth, was drained of vitality, and she died 20 September 1870. She was put to rest in "The Ward Family Burying Ground." "Grandpa Tommie" had no young children, but he was not a man to live alone. Once again, he cast his eyes over the neighborhood and found a nice widow. She was Frances Land (the daughter of David and Nancy Chancy Watters), and they married on 17 January 1871.

For six years "Grandpa Tommie" was married to Frances. It is hoped that she brought happiness and comfort into his life and into the lives of Randolph's growing family. Living was becoming more and more of a struggle. Hunger was not a problem with the Wards, but money was a scarce commodity. It is suspected that Randolph Ward was overwhelmed by the economy of the reconstruction period. It was the opposite of his life as a child and young man.

When Frances Watters Land Ward died 18 March 1877, "Grandpa Tommie" buried his fourth wife in "The Ward Family Burying Ground." A man 75 years of age, never accustomed to living alone – never wanting to live alone – will usually find a companion. Thus, Mary Williamson (the widow of Caleb Williamson) became the fifth and last wife of "Grandpa Tommie" on 12 July 1877. This marriage lasted until 20 September 1880, when Mary died. She, too, was put to rest in "The Ward Burying Ground."

Now 78 years old, "Grandpa Tommie" walked alone through his house. When he stood by a west window, he could see the plot where he had buried five wives, children, grandchildren, and maybe a great-grandchild or two. He could remember the good times and the sad times. "Grandpa Tommie" read his Bible, visited his children and grandchildren, but he decided it was time to write his will. So, on 1 December 1880, he

wrote his will which is given in part here and can be found in Princess Anne Clerk's Office, Will Book 5, page 72. [Note: John Ward had been dead a few months and his estate had not been settled.]

Thomas Ward

... after paying my just debts, I give all my personally owned property to my son Randolph Ward and the farm I now live on. But I except an acre of land for the family burying ground, a right-of-way to and from same. I also give him a piece of woodland of 50 acres to support the farm on the right hand side of turnpike adjoining John Ward's land, running down near corner of the ... to him and his heirs forever.

I lend the farm where Emma Ward lives to her during her life and after her death to my grandson, F. Q. Ward to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my grandson, E. R. Ward, the farm where my son, Randolph Ward, did live; on the right-hand side of turnpike running to the middle of the Cypress Swamp; supposed to be 50 acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever. I want Eddy to have my broadaxe and watch. [Note: Eddy was his grandson, Edmund Randolph Ward.]

I give to Seth T. Ward 50 acres of land commencing on a line of E. R. Ward on the Run in a B-line west to middle of swamp in a line of marked trees to him and his heirs forever.

A lot of 50 acres I give to my grandson, Lycurgus Ward, son of Randolph Ward, commencing on a line of S. T. Ward's land, running in same direction to the middle of the swamp to a line of marked trees to him and his heirs forever.

I give to my daughter, Amy Murden, the wife of one Durent T. Murden, the farm where they now live and after her death I give the same to my grandson, Lovitt Murden, to him and his heirs forever.

Now come back on the left-hand side of turnpike in a line of John Ward's land running east to the middle of the swamp supposed to be 50 acres more or less to Thomas S. Ward, son of Randolph Ward, to him and his heirs forever.

This lot joins Thomas S. Ward's land and I give my grandson, Edgar Ward, son of John Ward, supposed to be 50 acres more or less running east of the middle of the swamp in a line of marked trees to him and his heirs forever.

I give to Ethelburt Murden and Lemuel G. Ward, both of them my grandsons, the balance of these two lots to be equally divided; supposed to be about 100 acres more or less to them and their heirs forever.

I leave Randolph Ward, my son, to qualify on my estate without giving any security.

(Probated shortly after 24 February 1881.)

After writing his will, "Grandpa Tommie" Ward seemed to feel he had accomplished at least one goal in his life. He loved his children and grandchildren and wanted them to have an opportunity to advance in the world. He knew of no other way than dividing what was once the plantation into small farms for his grandchildren. If you recall his "Deed Gift to Children," and reread his will, he gave what he had – love and land. He died 24 February 1881 and, in accordance with his wishes, was buried in the center of "The Ward Family Burying Ground," with the big walnut as his monument. The old walnut tree has gone, but "Grandpa Tommie" Ward's monument lives today in the hearts of those who carry his blood.

— Chapter 12 —

Randolph Randall Ward now became the head of the family. His children were grown, or almost grown, and some had married and had families of their own. By the time his wife, Hannah Godfrey Ward, died 26 March 1896, it became apparent that he was struggling to keep his inheritance. He married again 23 October 1899, a widow, Mrs. Sarah Ferrell Wilbur. When she died in 1915, Randolph Ward gave up the struggle and went to live in Norfolk City with his daughter, Lydia Howe. He died there, 15 December 1917. That was the beginning of Ward land going out of the Ward family.

It is believed that my mother, Helen Godfrey Ward Wood, was a favorite of his. I know she had a big picture of him in a gold-leaf frame. He wanted her named Hannah! Hannah Godfrey Ward hated the name Hannah, and she begged Helen's mother not to name her that — Randolph Randall Ward never called her Helen — she was always "Patty" or Granddaughter! Then, before my mother was to be married, he wanted to give her lots of his furniture (nice old pieces including Windsor chairs). I've heard Mama say more than once — almost with tears in her eyes — "At that time, I didn't want that old stuff." So, Randolph Randall gave much of it to the ex-slaves or their descendants. A few years later, Wards were scouring the neighborhood for the antiques, to no avail.

I suspect the reason Randolph Ward couldn't hold his property — or cope — was because of his background. He'd been reared in ease and perhaps over-indulged. It is hard for us to imagine the contrast he experienced.

Most of his children tried to develop their small farms, but it was not easy. When rearing their families, they worked, they visited, they attended the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, they went to Kempsville School, they courted — and most of the time they loved one another!

Gradually, the hardships on the farms gave way to the lure of Norfolk City. By the middle of the 1920s, all the Wards had conveyed ownership of their land to those unrelated. All that is left is "The Ward Family Burying Ground." May they rest in peace.

— *Epilogue* —

If you hold one gene from this particular Ward family, be proud of it. Pass it on to your children. At least take the time to tell your children, or your sister's or brother's children, about our Ward family who lived in "The Elbow" in Princess Anne County, Virginia. Show them the land they once owned; explain about the Wards' way of life. By so doing, we can keep their spirits alive; we can say the Ward family did not live in vain.

Coat of Arms: There are many Ward Coats of Arms — any heraldry specialist has them. Each family of Wards had a different one, and the mass-produced ones are not truly authentic. According to the records encountered, all the Wards in this family had the Ward Coat of Arms from Henry Ward. There is a bookplate of this line in possession of R. A. Brock of Princess Anne County, according to book references.

This leads to the assumption that Henry Ward was the father of Thomas Ward I and the Coat of Arms filtered down through Thomas Ward II, III, and IV. Thomas Ward IV had a son named Jonathan Ward (brother of George) who had a daughter Sally Ward, who married Eli Brock of Princess Anne County, Virginia. It seems reasonable to assume R. A. Brock is of that line. Personally, I have never seen this Coat of Arms but imagine a heraldry specialist could locate the Henry Ward Coat of Arms. Having never had a desire to decorate my walls with Coats of Arms, this has been left to those who do have that desire.

CHART I

[Roman numerals used for clarity]

[Wards I, II, III, IV probably had other brothers and sisters]

THOMAS WARD I

born ca 1590 in England, emigrated to Virginia, and left a will in 1654 in Norfolk County, Virginia

THOMAS WARD II

born ca 1630, m. Alice Holmes ca 1651, d. 1700 in Princess Anne County, Virginia

THOMAS WARD III

born ca 1652, m. ca. 1675, d. 1744, in Princess Anne County, Virginia

THOMAS WARD IV

born 1700, m. 1720, d. May 1764, Middle Precinct, Princess Anne County, Virginia. Will DB 10. Active in Lynnhaven Parish. (The only children named in Thomas' will are George Ward and Mary Ward Bonney.)

THOMAS WARD V
b. 1721
d. 1791

1. Jean Ward
b. 1773
m. James Moore
2. Anne Ward
b. 1775
m. James Morse
3. Diana Ward
b. 1777
m. 1791
Ivy Foreman of Norfolk Co.

JONATHAN
b. 1722
d. 1804
m. (1) Mary Sherwood
m. (2) Amy Malbone

1. William Ward
i. Mary Ellen Ward
2. Mary Ward
3. Frankey Ward
4. Betsy Ward
m. Anthony Simmons
5. Sally Ward
m. Eli Brock
i. Virginia Ellen Brock

ROBERT
b. 1723
d. 1805
m. 1740
Mary McClannon

1. Robert Ward, Jr.
b. 1742
(had 3 children)
2. Mary Ward
b. 1744
3. Amy Ward
b. 1746
4. William Ward
b. 1748
d. 1816

CALEB
b. 1725
d. 1785
m. Sarah Williamson
(See Ward Chart II)

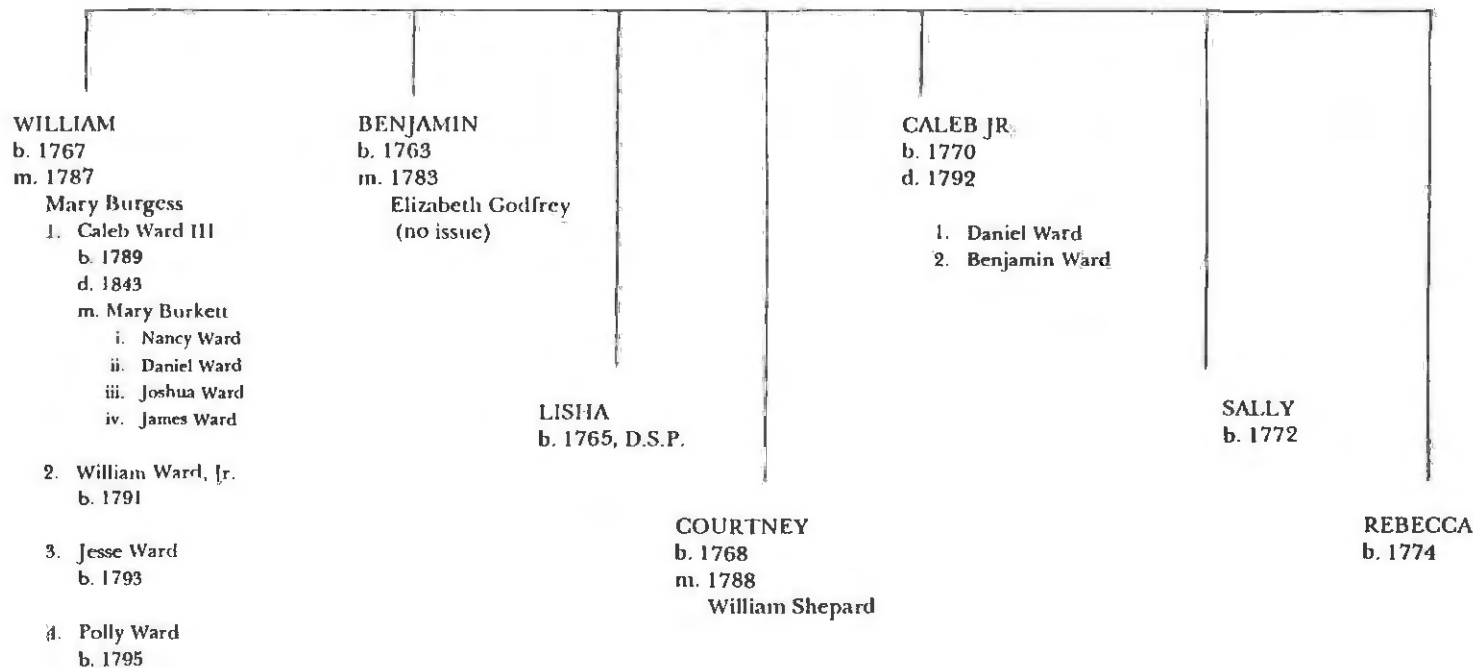
MARY
b. 1727
d. 1764
m. Edward Bonney
i. John Bonney

GEORGE
b. 1726
d. by 1782
m. 1746
Mary _____
(See Ward Chart III)

CHART II

CALEB WARD, SR.

b. 1725, d. April 1785
 m. 1746, Sarah Williamson



Bold type indicates person in line of descent

Bold Italic type indicates that additional information on this person will be found on another chart

[Simon and Rhoda only children
mentioned in will; says "all my other
lawful children"]

CHART III
GEORGE WARD

b. 1726, d. by 1782
m. in 1746, Mary _____

SIMON
b. 1765
d. 1785, D.S.P.

RHODA
b. 1768
d. 1785

THOMAS WARD VI
b. 1770
d. 1830
m. 24 Dec. 1795
Amy Lovett

- I. Thomas Ward VIII
b. 5 Jan. 1802
d. 2 Feb. 1881
m. (1) 20 Dec. 1823
Margaret Fentress
d. 24 April 1837
(see Ward Chart IV)
- m. (2) 9 July 1837
Harriet Randolph Oakham
(w. of William Oakham of Norfolk County)
d. 25 Sept. 1852
(see Ward Chart VI)
- m. (3) 18 Jan. 1853
Elizabeth Corbell (w.)
b. 26 Dec. 1790
d. 20 Sept. 1870
(no issue)
- m. (4) 17 Jan. 1871
Frances Watters Land
b. 11 Aug. 1807
d. 18 March 1877
(no issue)
- m. (5) 12 July 1877
Mary Williamson
(w. of Caleb Williamson)
d. 29 Sept. 1880
(no issue)

JAMES
b. 1772
d. 1860
m. 1792
Mrs. Mary Ross (w.)

- I. James R. Ward
b. 1800, d. 1860
m. Mary Gornto
(went to N.C., 1850s)
 - i. Caroline Ward
b. 1840
d. 1881
m. Elias Fentress
(she appears in
Thos. Ward VIII's
Family Bible)
 - ii. Loyd Ward
m. Margaret Fentress
 - iii. Ellen Ward
m. Stephen Fentress

FRANKEY
b. 1774

GIDEON
b. 1776
m. in 1793,
Ann Cannon

- I. Mary Ward
b. 1813
m. Joshua Robinson
2. Amy Ward
b. 1814
m. John Capps
3. John Ward
b. 1793
d. 1841
m. Peggy Land
4. Thomas Ward VII
b. 1794

JOHN
b. 1778
d. 1802
m. Frankey _____

1. Gideon Ward
2. Frankey Ward

CHART IV

THOMAS WARD VIII

b. 5 Jan. 1802, d. 2 Feb. 1881
 m. (1) *MARGARET FENTRESS* 20 Dec. 1823

LOVETT

b. 4 March 1826
 d. 22 Nov. 1861
 m. 9 Feb. 1854

Emma Portlock
 (See *Ward Chart V*)

JOHN F.

b. 29 Oct. 1828
 d. 15 March 1880
 m. 20 Sept. 1855

Martha Portlock

1. Seth Thomas Ward
 b. 1857
 d. 1882, D.S.P.
2. F. Edgar Ward
 b. 1860, D.S.P.
3. Mary Ann (Mame) Ward
 b. 1862
 m. Alex Belote
 (issue unknown)
4. Emma Ward
 b. 1864
 m. ___ Mercer
 (had two daughters)
5. Georgianna Ward
 b. 11 Sept. 1866
6. Martha Almeda Ward
 b. 1869
 d. 1962
 m. ___ Portlock
 - i. Cecil Farant Portlock
 - ii. R. Leo Portlock
7. Anne Eliza Ward
 b. 1871, D.S.P.
8. Virginia (Jennie) Ward
 b. 1873
 m. Oscar Flemming
 (no issue)
9. John F. Ward (possible)
 b. 1849
 d. young

MATTHIAS

b. 10 June 1830
 d. prior to 1880
 m. Fanny (Frances) Watson

1. Magdalene Ward
 b. 1857
 m. ___ Stevens
 (no issue)
2. Matthias Ward, Jr.
 b. 1859
 d. 4 Aug. 1865, D.S.P.

AMY FRANCES

b. 11 Jan. 1832
 d. after 1881
 m. Durent (Dunn, Durant) Murden
 (see *Ward Chart IV a*)

FRANKLIN

b. July 1834
 d. same day

BURDYE

b. 17 June 1836
 d. same day

AMY FRANCES WARD

(Daughter of Thomas Ward VIII and his first wife, *Margaret Fentress*)
 b. 11 Jan. 1832, d. after 1881
 m. Durent (Dunn, Durant) Murden
 (son of Daniel & Mary "Lovey" Murden)

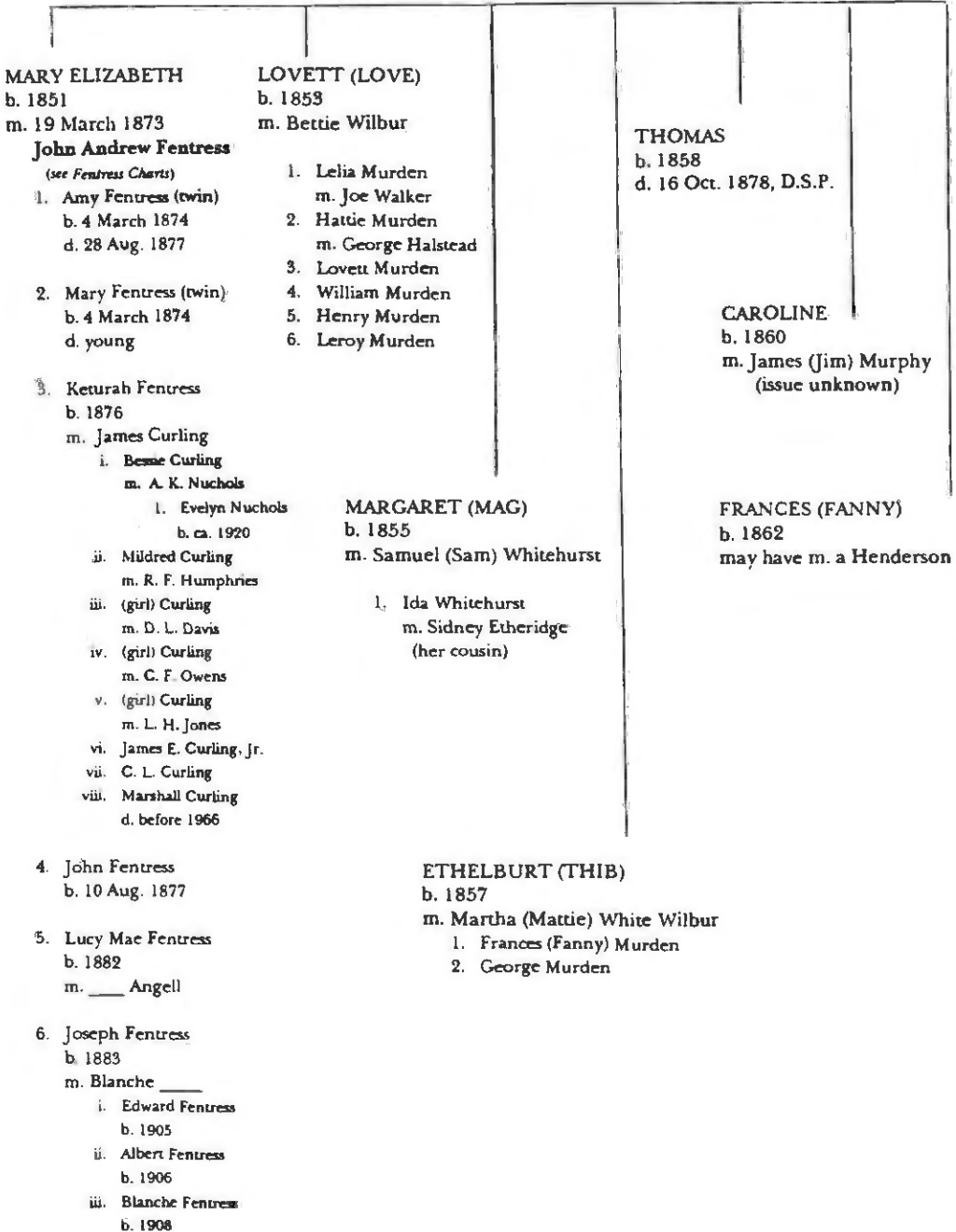


CHART V

LOVETT WARD

(oldest son of Thomas Ward VIII and Margaret Fentress)
 b. 4 March 1826, d. 22 Nov. 1861
 m. 9 Feb. 1854, Emma Potlock

VIRGINIA (JENNY) FRANCES
 b. 9 Jan. 1854
 d. 8 July 1926
 m. 1869

David T. Murden

1. Mary (Lizzie) Murden
 b. 12 Aug. 1878
 d. 3 May 1938
 m. 14 March 1895
 L. P. Whitehurst
2. Roberta (Bertie) Murden
 b. 21 Sept. 1876
 d. 6 June 1962
 m. Charles (Charlie Edd) Davis
 - i. Beulah Davis
 m. Adam Morrisette
 1. Melton Morrisette
 - ii. Maud Davis
 m. Nolan Harris
 1. Alma Harris
 m. ___ Sawyer
 - iii. Helon Davis
 b. 1897
 d. D.S.P.
 - iv. Edna Davis
 b. 1899
 m. Walter Jennings
 1. W. Stanley Jennings, M. D.
 2. Helon Jennings
 m. ___ McPherson

- v. Roberta (Bertie) Davis
 b. 1902
 m. Cecil Brown
- vi. Vinnie Davis
 m. ___ Butt
- vii. C. Loyd Davis
 b. 1906
 m. Adele Fleming
 1. Garland Davis
 2. Linda Davis
 m. ___ Sawyer

3. Florence Murden
 b. 7 Feb. 1879
 d. 23 July 1960, D.S.P.
4. Frederick (Fred) Murden
 b. 28 Feb. 1882
 d. 9 Feb. 1960
5. Thomas (Tom) Murden (twin)
 b. 6 Nov. 1884
 d. 2 Jan. 1917
6. Grover Cleveland Murden (twin)
 b. 6 Nov. 1884
 d. 29 Aug. 1966

FRANKLIN QUICK
 b. 6 May 1855
 d. 19 Oct. 1926, D.S.P.

MINERVA WADSWORTH
 b. 13 Oct. 1856
 d. 21 May 1934
 m. (1) Dennis Fentress
 (2) Moses Mc Clannon
 (see Ward Chart V a)

SARAH (SALLY) ELIZABETH
 b. 19 March 1860
 d. 9 June 1898
 m. 22 Aug. 1876
 William F. Wilbur
 (no issue)

LOVETT ARDELIA (PET)
 b. 1858
 m. George Etheridge

1. Thomas Etheridge
 m. Molly Fentress
2. Sidney Etheridge
 m. Ida Whitehurst
 (his cousin)
3. Maud Etheridge
 m. George M. Wallace
 - i. Jean Wallace
 m. ___ Newhart
 - ii. George T. Wallace
 - iii. Frank M. Wallace

MINERVA WADSWORTH WARD

(Daughter of Lovett Ward & Emma Portlock Ward)
b. 13 Oct. 1856, d. 21 May 1934

m. (1) Dennis Fentress

1. Walter Frank Fentress
b. 10 Aug. 1878
d. 23 June 1941
m. (1) Minnie Lee Perkins
(six children - see Fentress Charts)
m. (2) Hazel Mae Hargrove Fentress
(widow of Dennis Fentress, Jr.)
(had one daughter)
2. Dennis Fentress, Jr.
b. 1885
d. 15 Feb. 1924
m. Hazel Mae Hargrove
(no issue)
3. Sarah Fentress
b. 4 Nov. 1880
d. 6 June 1957
m. John Ballance
(eight children)
4. Mamie Fentress
b. 1886
d. 26 Nov. 1905
m. George Weatherington
seven children, among whom were:
 - i. Bessie Weatherington
m. Elzy T. Ward
 1. Bessie Louise Ward
b. 25 Dec. 1930
m. ___ Loachamy
i. (girl) Loachamy
 - ii. Ethel Weatherington
m. Walter Earl Williamson
 1. Margaret Virginia Williamson
b. 30 May 1919
m. Loren E. Swift
(two children)
 2. Walter Earl Williamson, Jr.
b. 22 May 1923
(three children)

m. (2) Moses McClannon*

1. Hugh McClannon
b. 1 April 1894
m. Zelfa Wolfe
 - i. Forrest McClannon (twin)
b. 22 Aug. 1919
d. 22 May 1959
 - ii. Francis McClannon (twin)
b. 22 Aug. 1919
2. Emma McClannon
b. 10 April 1898
d. 6 Dec. 1979
m. Leonard M. Lee
 - i. Leonard M. Lee, Jr.
b. 15 Aug. 1916
m. Edith Lyle Kiff
(had twins)
 - ii. Lois Aliene Lee
b. 25 Sept. 1923
m. 23 July 1950
Benjamin T. Davenport
 1. Doris Lee Davenport
b. 12 Sept. 1951
m. Warren Perkins
(divorced - no issue)
 2. Benton Tully Davenport
b. 28 Sept. 1954
 3. James Hugh Davenport
b. 1 Sept. 1958
m. Pamela Rhodes
(divorced - had one son)
3. Lueille McClannon
m. C. D. Whitehead
 - i. Ray Hope Whitehead
b. 28 May 1935
m. (1) Ann Widmen
(divorced - no issue)
m. (2) Linda Ward
(divorced - had twin daughters)
m. (3) Fave Coppage
(had one daughter)

* (by his 1st wife - Mary Murphy)

1. Walter McClannon
 - i. Mildred McClannon
 - ii. Horace McClannon
2. Ruth McClannon
m. ___ Gimbert
 - i. Helen Gimbert
 - ii. Leslie Gimbert
(one or two more)
3. Dora McClannon
m. Rufus Jordan
 - i. Waverley Jordan

CHART VI

RANDOLPH RANDALL (RANDEL) WARD

(son of Thomas Ward VIII and his second wife, Harriet Randolph Oakham)
b. 6 June 1838, d. 15 Dec. 1917
m. (1) Hannah Godfrey, 27 Oct. 1859

EDMUND RANDOLPH
b. 29 Dec. 1860
d. 14 Jan. 1904
m. 17 March 1896
Myrilla Anne Davis
(see Ward Chart VIa and Davis Chart III)

THOMAS SYLVANIUS WARD
b. 19 March 1862
d. 27 March 1927
m. 18 April 1883
Anne Eliza Fentress
(see Ward Chart VII, Fentress Chart VI, and Davis Chart III)

LYDIA
b. 1864
d. 1951
m. Richard Howe
(no issue)

LEMUEL (SHUG) GODFREY
b. 1866
d. 1930s, D.S.P.

LYCURGUS BERKLEY
b. 1870
d. 26 Aug. 1948
m. Hattie Boole

1. Kathryn Ward
b. 1900
m. Paul Felts
(no issue)
2. Edna Ward
b. 1902
m. (1) David Spencer
i. (son) Spencer
ii. (son) Spencer
(one drowned young)
m. (2) William Peebles
(no issue)
3. Margaret Ward
b. 1904
m. ___ Talmath
(no issue)

HARRIET DORCAS
b. 1874
d. 5 Feb. 1952, D.S.P.

NAOMI
b. 1876
d. 1940s

- m. Charles Channing
1. Dr. Stanley Channing
b. 1901
d. 1960s, D.S.P.
 2. Ethel Channing
b. 1903
m. John M. Winn II
i. John M. Winn III
b. 1925
d. 1943, D.S.P.
 3. Conway Channing
b. 1905
m. _____
(no issue)

EDMUND RANDOLPH WARD

(oldest son of Randolph Randall Ward and Hannah Godfrey)

b. 29 Dec. 1860, d. 14 Jan. 1904

m. 17 March 1896, *Myrilla Anne Davis*

EDWARD HERMAN

b. 21 July 1897

d. 1950s

m. Ann Mae Murphy

1. Lucy Anne Ward
 - m. Richard _____
 - i. Lloyd _____
 - ii. Kelly _____
 - iii. Shawn _____
 - iv. Drane _____
 - v. Richard _____
2. Edward Herman Ward, Jr.*
 - b. 18 Feb. 1940
 - m. Helen Yvonne Tripp
 - i. Susan Lee Ward
 - b. 3 June 1962
 - ii. Edmund Randolph Ward*
 - b. 31 Dec. 1963

HANNAH

b. 3 Dec. 1898

d. 23 Nov. 1899

GRACE LEE

b. 19 Jan. 1900

d. 3 Sept. 1987, D.S.P.

LINDA DAVIS

b. 1 Nov. 1901

d. 1989

m. 17 June 1922

Ferdinand Elias Munden

1. Gordon Ward Munden
 - b. 23 May 1927
 - m. (1) Jean Marie Ford
 - i. Gordon Ward Munden, Jr.
 - b. 24 Sept. 1955
 - m. (2) Margaret _____
 - (no issue)
2. Linda (Merle) Munden
 - b. 4 April 1933
 - m. 17 Oct. 1957
 - William Rhea Shelton
 - i. William Rhea Shelton, Jr.
 - b. 10 Jan. 1959
 - m. Angela _____
 1. Margaret Taylor Shelton
 - b. 1988
 - ii. Peyton Ward Shelton
 - b. 8 Oct. 1962
 - iii. Martha Merle Shelton
 - b. 23 March 1971
 3. Betty Jeanette Munden
 - b. 12 Aug. 1937
 - m. 24 Aug. 1957
 - James Alton Tinkham
 - i. James Jeffrey Tinkham
 - b. 25 Oct. 1962
 - ii. Elizabeth Munden Tinkham
 - b. 17 Feb. 1965

EDMUND RANDOLPH, JR.

b. 3 June 1903

d. 9 Feb. 1959, D.S.P.

* only two males with Ward name
from Thomas Ward VIII

CHART VII

THOMAS SYLVANIUS WARD

(The second son of Randolph Randall Ward and Hannah Godfrey Ward)
 b. 19 March 1862, d. 27 March 1927
 m. 18 April 1883, Anne Eliza Fentress

LENA SYLVANIUS

b. 13 June 1884
 d. March 1924
 m. 27 Dec. 1904

Rufus Sawyer

- i. Loyd Rufus Sawyer
 b. 14 July 1905
 d. 27 Nov. 1973
 m. 3 July 1930

Hazel Patty Foster

- i. Jerry Sawyer
 b. 5 Sept. 1938
 m. 21 Oct. 1972
 Nancy Hunsberger
 (no issue)
- ii. Martha Sawyer
 b. 31 Jan. 1944
 d. 4 Sept. 1962, D.S.P.

- 2. Unnamed infant boy
 b. 5 Sept. 1907
 d. same day

- 3. Cecil Thomas Sawyer
 b. 5 July 1909

INFANT

b. 5 Sept. 1886
 (stillborn)

ADA FRANCES

b. 26 Nov. 1887
 d. 26 Jan. 1984
 m. 12 Dec. 1905

Victor Scott Murlen
 (See Ward Chart VIII)

DORA VIRGINIA

b. 31 Aug. 1890
 d. 1978
 m. 10 June 1912

Paul Heath Sawyer
 (brother of Rufus)
 (See Ward Chart IX)

ELZY THOMAS

b. 21 June 1893
 d. 1961

m. (1) 13 Dec. 1912

Bessie Weatherington

- 1. Bessie Louise Ward
 b. 25 Dec. 1933
 m. ____ Lochamy
 i. (girl) Lochamy
- m. (2) Mrs. Mary Sawyer Gray
 (no issue)

HELEN GODFREY

b. 12 Dec. 1896
 d. 13 Sept. 1981
 m. 24 Dec. 1916

Thomas Jarvis Wood

- 1. Margery Kathryn Wood
 b. 28 Sept. 1919
 m. 19 June 1943

Albert William Furguele

- i. Martha Jane Furguele
 b. 6 July 1946
 m. Charles Gordon MacDonald
 i. Thomas Charles MacDonald
 b. 27 Nov. 1979

- ii. Harriet Randolph Furguele
 b. 28 July 1951
 m. Ronald Baldwin Carpenter
 (divorced -- no issue)

BOY & GIRL TWINS

b. 23 Aug. 1899
 d. 24 Oct. 1899 (male) &
 4 Nov. 1899 (female)

ANNIE NAOMI

b. 8 Dec. 1900
 d. 6 Aug. 1932
 m. 2 April 1918

Herbert Hobson Brown
 (See Ward Chart X)

- 4. Virginia Margaret Sawyer
 b. 2 April 1911
 m. 30 Nov. 1935

Marvin William Flora

- i. Wayne Sawyer Flora
 b. 17 Aug. 1942
 m. 1 Dec. 1962

Mary Ann Newman

- 1. Cecil Wayne Flora
 b. 4 April 1965
- 2. Ginger Louise Flora
 b. 27 Jan. 1971

- ii. William Ward Flora
 b. 25 Dec. 1946
 m. 22 April 1972

Patsy Jean Dawley

- 1. William James Flora
 b. 6 Oct. 1984
- 2. Joshua David Flora
 b. 25 Aug. 1986
- 3. Victoria Elizabeth Flora
 b. 2 Oct. 1988

- 5. Ruth Valentine Sawyer
 b. 14 Feb. 1913

m. Demus Crutchlow

(divorced - no issue)

CHART VIII

ADA FRANCES WARD

(the third child of Thomas Sylvania Ward and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward)

b. 26 Nov. 1887, d. 26 Jan. 1984

m. 12 Dec. 1905, Victor Scott Murden

MARVIN SCOTT

b. 4 Dec. 1911

m. 9 April 1933

Louise Gillman (widow)

(1.) Ellen Gillman (not adopted)

b. 30 Dec. 1930

m. ___ Styron

i. Ray Styron

b. 19 Oct. 1948

ii. Ada Gwendolyn Styron

b. 12 April 1951

iii. Debra Louise Styron

b. 31 July 1954

2. Frances Lee Murden

b. 9 Jan. 1937

m. (1) William H. Webb II

i. William Scott Webb

b. 1 Sept. 1952

ii. Cynthia Louise Webb

b. 1954

iii. William Webb III

b. 23 June 1956

m. (2) William Lowdermilk

FRANK THOMAS

b. 7 Sept. 1918

m. 14 Feb. 1943

Sarah Margaret Caddy Dunbar (widow)

(1.) Mary Janet Dunbar Murden (adopted)

b. 6 Nov. 1911

m. David Branholm

i. Mary Ann Branholm

b. 8 July 1958

ii. Herman David Branholm

b. 31 July 1959

iii. Kenneth Leslie Branholm

b. 21 June 1960

iv. Carol Lina Branholm

b. 14 Sept. 1961

2. Vickie Faye Murden

b. 23 May 1947

m. (1) James Trembley

i. (son) Trembley

m. (2) Jim Woody

i. (girl) Woody

At the time of her death, Ada Frances Murden had:
4 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 10
great-great grandchildren.

Not all names are on this sheet.

CHART IX

DORA VIRGINIA WARD

(Fourth child of Thomas Sylvania Ward and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward)

b. 31 Aug. 1890, d. 1978

m. 10 June 1912, Paul Heath Sawyer

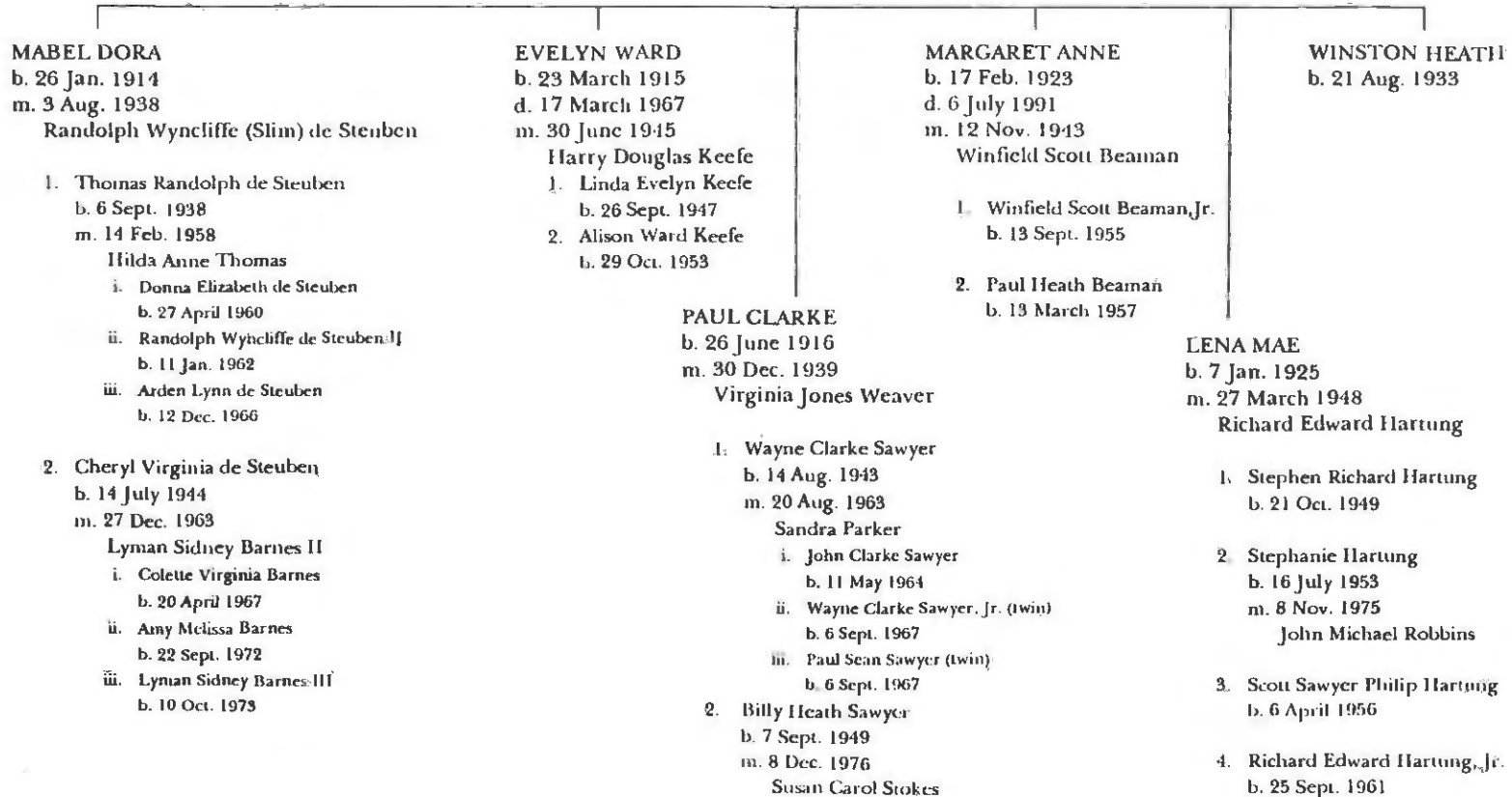


CHART X

ANNIE NAOMI WARD

(The ninth and last child of Thomas Sylvania Ward
and Anne Eliza Fentress Ward)
b. 8 Dec. 1900, d. 6 Aug. 1932
m. 2 April 1918, Herbert Hobson Brown

DOROTHY WARD
b. 27 Jan. 1919
m. (1) ___ Crosswhite

- I. James Shelton Crosswhite
b. 3 Nov. 1943
m. Ann Elizabeth Owens
 - i. Ann Lynn Crosswhite
b. 27 July 1968
 - ii. Lori Beth Crosswhite
b. 15 June 1970
 - iii. Kimberly Ann Crosswhite
b. 26 Sept. 1973

m. (2) ___ Ward

- I. Ray Alexander Ward
b. 21 March 1942

m. (3) Alvah Pulley Marken
(no issue)

MALVINE HELEN
b. 9 Jan. 1921
m. 1 June 1938
William Franklin Hudgins, Jr.

- I. William Franklin Hudgins III
b. 14 April 1939
m. 18 Sept. 1960
Barbara Sumner
 - i. Wm. Franklin Hudgins IV
b. 1 June 1961
 - ii. Robert Stanley Hudgins
b. 29 May 1963

2. Jean Vashii Hudgins
b. 14 Aug. 1941
m. 22 Aug. 1959
George Cameron Bowen
 - i. James Cameron Bowen
b. 25 June 1960
 - ii. Robert Stanley Bowen
b. 3 Jan. 1962
 - iii. Thomas Tolon Bowen
b. 10 Oct. 1964
 - iv. John Hudgins Bowen
b. 16 Sept. 1968

3. Elizabeth Ann Hudgins
b. 21 Feb. 1944
m. 14 Aug. 1965
James Baker Whitfield, Jr.
 - i. James Baker Whitfield III
b. 31 Oct. 1973
 - ii. Mark Ashley Whitfield
b. 22 Aug. 1975

ELLIOTT HERBERT
b. 2 April 1923
m. 5 March 1949
Frances Kelly

1. Elliott Herbert Brown, Jr.
b. 8 Dec. 1949
m. 6 April 1973
Shirley Wilborn
2. Charles Robert Brown
b. 3 Dec. 1956

ALTON LEO
b. 16 April 1925
m. 16 July 1949
Shirley Joyce Briggs

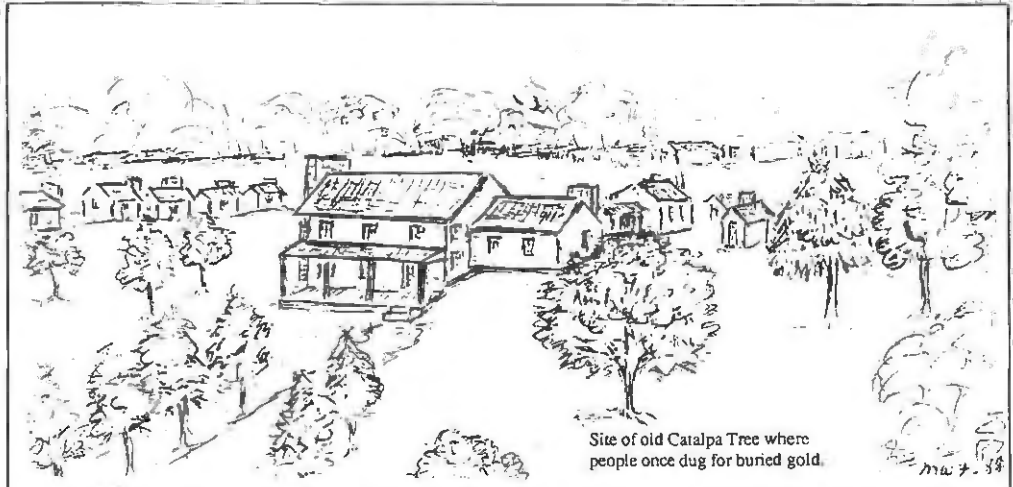
1. Thomas Steven Brown
b. 12 Oct. 1950
2. Leslie Karen Brown
b. 5 Oct. 1952
m. 23 Sept. 1974
Edward C. Burgess
i. Auson Gregory Burgess
b. 14 Aug. 1975
3. Teresa Kay Brown
b. 26 Oct. 1956
4. Kelly Sue Brown
b. 19 Oct. 1964
5. Alton Matthew Brown
b. 28 Sept. 1969

THOMAS LESLIE
b. 21 June 1927
m. 1953
Virginia Woodard
(died in 1972)

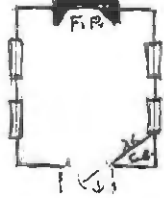
1. George Herbert Brown
b. 1 May 1954

RUBY MAY
b. 4 Oct. 1928
m. (1) ___ Stiles

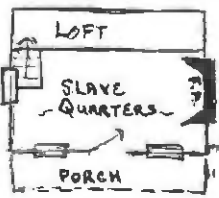
1. Cheryl Ann Stiles
b. 13 Nov. 1954
i. Tiffany La'ree Stiles
b. 20 Feb. 1975
 2. Terre Lynn Stiles
b. 17 Dec. 1955
- m. (2) 24 Nov. 1964
James Everett Flowers
i. James Everette Flowers, Jr.
b. 26 Oct. 1966



OUTSIDE KITCHEN



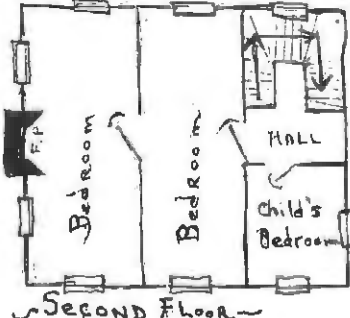
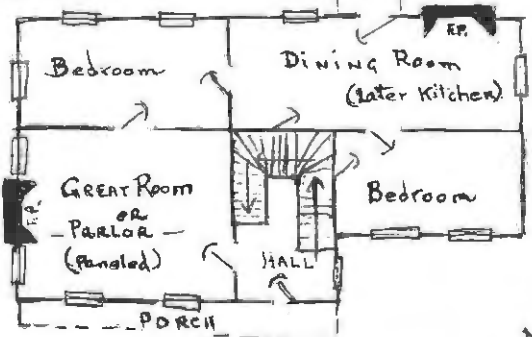
Covered porch to dining room.



NOTE: FP=fireplace
CC=corner cupboard

Wide plank flooring used.
Doors to Dining Room, and one bedroom are under the stairwell. (not to scale)

FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

SKETCH OF HOME OF
THOMAS WARD VIII
"Grandpa Tommie"
in The Elbow, Princess
Anne County, Virginia

CIRCA 1820
Burned about 1912

PART II.

**THE LOVETT (LOVITT, LOVET, LOVIT) FAMILY
OF
PRINCESS ANNE AND NORFOLK COUNTIES**



Thomas Sylvanius Ward

THE LOVETT (also spelled Lovitt, Lovet, etc.) FAMILY

Most of the Lovett Family history appears in *The Virginia Antiquary*, Volume 1, page 182; and in the *Norfolk County Abstract of Wills*, Volume 1, pages 38 and 140. Page 182, in the above reference, cites "Princess Anne County Loose Papers" (1720-1789), edited by John Harvie Creecy. The writer is of the opinion that Mr. Creecy may have slipped a generation along the way, but there is a valid marriage bond (Princess Anne County) that proves the Lovett Family connection to the Ward Family. The entire history of the Lovetts will not be repeated here. Those items that seem important will be included. Remember that we are concerned with the Amy Lovett who married Thomas Ward VI in 1795.

Amy Lovett's earliest ancestor in Virginia was the immigrant **Lancaster Lovett I**. The *William and Mary Quarterly* states that he was 52 in 1661. This places his birth at 1609. Very likely he was born in England, but he was in Norfolk County, Virginia, by 1638. By 1658 he had married, first, a **Bathsheba** of Norfolk County. We know Lancaster Lovett was a church warden in Norfolk County in 1650. Bathsheba and Lancaster had four children before Bathsheba died and he married, second, **Anne Kemp**. Those four children were: Bathsheba, who married John Ladd; Mary; Elizabeth and Lancaster Lovett II who married Mary Carraway. Lancaster I had three children by Anne Kemp before his will was probated in May 1673, in Norfolk County. His widow, Anne, married at least two more times.

From the above union with Bathsheba, we turn to **Lancaster Lovett II**, born ca. 1668 in Norfolk County. He married **Mary Carraway**, born ca. 1665. Mary was the daughter of John Carraway and his third wife Ann (____) Kemp. Ann was the widow of George Kemp; a Williamson; and then married John Carraway and had Mary and Elizabeth (who married a Nichols).

Lancaster Lovett II and Mary had eight children: Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, William, Adam, John, Thomas, and Lancaster Lovett III. Lancaster Lovett II died ca. 1703. His children married Kemps, Woodhouses, Malbones, and Keelings. The records are here should anyone be interested.

Thomas Lovett, born about 1700, died ca. 1765. He did not leave a will, but he left a Deed Gift to Children in 1762. No mention is made of his wife. He had three sons, and at least one was born in Princess Anne County. His children were: James, born 1722, died 1778, married a Susannah; Thomas, Jr., born 1724, died 1790, married a Rebecca; and **John Lovett**, born 1726, died 1784, married **Sarah Henly/Henley**.

Sarah, born about 1735 in Princess Anne County, and died 1790, was the daughter of John Henly/Henley II, born 1708 in Princess Anne County. His father, John Henly/Henley I, was born about 1685 and died 22 January 1750. John I was probably the immigrant. John Henly/Henley II's will of 1778 identifies Sarah and his other children. When Sarah and John Lovett married about 1750, they started a family of five children: Thomas, born ca. 1752, died a single person before 1787; John, Jr., born 1754; Simon, born 1756, died young; Mary, born ca. 1758, nothing more is known of her; and Amy Lovett, born 1775.

We are bound to note that there is a gap of 17 years between Amy Lovett's birth and that of her sister, Mary, born in 1758. It would appear that her mother, Sarah, married when about 16 and started her family early. After Mary's birth, Sarah possibly thought she was finished rearing a family. At age 40, many women have had "little" surprises. Anyway, little Amy Lovett came into the world. Her father died in 1784 or 1785, and Sarah died in 1790. Amy Lovett was not of legal age, and Peter Malbone was appointed her guardian. Peter Malbone was a prominent man in Princess Anne County, Lynnhaven Parish, and the community.

So, we find his name on the old marriage bond, in Princess Anne County records, when Amy Lovett and Thomas Ward VI posted to marry. The couple married 24 December 1795. Amy Lovett became a part of the Ward family and its history.

b. 1609, d. ca. 1673, emigrated to Norfolk County, VA. by 1638

iii. (1) BATHSHEBA (of Norfolk County, VA)

1. Bathsheba Lovett

m. John Ladd

2. Mary Lovett

3. Elizabeth Lovett

4. Lancaster Lovett II

b. ca. 1668

d. ca. 1703

m. Mary Carraway

(b. ca. 1665, the daughter of John Carraway and his third wife, Ann ____ Kemp, the widow of George Kemp)

i. Elizabeth Lovett

ii. Mary Lovett

iii. Sarah Lovett

iv. William Lovett

v. Adam Lovett

vi. John Lovett

vii. Thomas Lovett

b. ca. 1700

d. ca. 1765

m. _____

1. James Lovett

b. 1722

d. 1778

m. Susannah _____

2. Thomas Lovett, Jr.

b. 1724

d. 1790

m. Rebecca _____

3. John Lovett

b. 1726

d. 1784

m. ca. 1750

Sarah Henly (Henley)

(b. ca. 1735, d. 1790, the daughter of John Henly/Henley II, born 1708 in Princess Anne County, VA)

i. Thomas

m. (2) ANNE KEMP

(had three children)

[Note: This branch of the Lovett family has already been researched extensively. For further information, please see *The Virginia Antiquary*, Vol. 1, page 182 and the *Norfolk County Abstract of Wills*, Vol. 1, pages 38 and 140.]

i. Thomas

b. ca. 1752

d. by 1787, D.S.P.

ii. John Lovett, Jr.

b. 1754

iii. Simon Lovett

b. 1756

d. young

iv. Mary Lovett

b. ca. 1758

v. Amy Lovett

b. 1775

d.

m. 24 Dec. 1795

Thomas Ward VI

(See Ward Chart III)

viii. Lancaster Lovett III



*John Andrew Fentress, Thomas Sylvanius Ward -- seated;
Tom Murden Thib Murden -- standing.*

PART III

**SOME OF THE FENTRESS FAMILY
IN
PRINCESS ANNE AND NORFOLK COUNTIES**



John Andrew Fentress

SOME OF THE FENTRESS FAMILY

Whether they lived in Norfolk or Princess Anne Counties, it is believed there was a mutual Fentress ancestor that relates to the Ward family. We can trace our roots (Fentress roots) to the emigrant, Michael Fentress I. For anyone wishing to make a lineage chart different from the one included herein, I shall use an outline presentation. The Roman numerals are mine.

MICHAEL FENTRESS I, born ca. 1650, probably from England, married **ANN JAMES** around 1670 in Virginia. He was an Elder in Lynnhaven Parish which places him in Princess Anne County. He left a will in that county (DB 3, p. 6) which was proved 10 February 1715, with Ann James Fentress as executrix. They had nine known children. The numbers 1 through 9 indicate each of their nine children. The children, grandchildren, and multi-great-grandchildren of each child will follow with a number and letter of the alphabet.

1. **John Fentress, Sr. I**, born 1682, died 1740 (DB-3, pp. 52, 59), and in 1702 married a Hopkins. John was a yeoman, and they had at least three known children:
 - 1a. Jonathan Fentress, Jr. II, born 1705, died 1765, married Keziah Smith in 1725. He was heir of his brother, Moses (DB-3, p. 19). They had seven known children:
 - 1b. Jonathan Fentress, born ca. 1726, died 1812/15 (WB-3, p. 102), married, and owned land near Dozier's Bridges in Princess Anne County. He and his wife had at least five children, as well as grandchildren.
 - 1c. Martha Fentress, born ca. 1746, no issue.
 - 2c. Amey Fentress, born 1747, married and had one child:
 - 1d. Anne _____.
 - 3c. John Fentress, born 1748.
 - 4c. Aby Fentress, born 1750, married ____ James.

5c. Malachi Fentress, born 1751, died 1826, married Betsy ____ and had:

- 1d. Jonathan Fentress, b. 1770.
- 2d. Delaware Fentress, b. 1771, m. ____ Moore.
- 3d. Betsy Fentress, b. 1772.

Grandson of 1b – Jonathan Fentress (probably son of John):

- 1d. Lancaster Fentress, b. 1806, m. 22 March 1834, Diana Murden, and had:
 - 1e. Littleton W. Fentress, b. Dec. 1836, m. Fanny Murden in 1859.
 - 2e. George Fentress, b. ca. 1838.*
 - 3e. Mae Fentress, b. ca. 1840.
 - 4e. Virginia Fentress, b. ca. 1842, m. Capt. Colonna.
 - 5e. Girl Fentress, b. ca. 1844, m. Major Cornick.

* According to some sources, George Fentress is supposed to be the father of Lancaster. One reference cites George Fentress's home as being built in 1800, but since George's will was proved 20 Feb. 1783, this is questionable.

2d. Horatio James (probably son of Aby, 4c).

Granddaughter of 1b – Jonathan Fentress:

3d. Frankey ____.

Son-in-law: Peter Fentress.

2b. John Fentress, III, born 1727, died 1803, married twice; (1) a widow, Letitia (____) Roberts and (2) Keziah _____. He had ten children, but the number by each wife is not known.

1c. Major (whether that is rank or given name is not known) Fentress, born ca. 1749, died 1822, married Betsy Rainey (WB-3, pp. 339, 183, codicil p. 182).

2a. Peter Fentress, born 1751, d. 1832, married (1) Abiah ____, (2) Nanny ____ (WB 4, p. 125). Under his will, Frances (daughter

of Abiah) heired as well as a niece, Nancy (of Nathan), a nephew, Henry Barnes, and his only son.

1d. Johnson Fentress, b. 1775, d. 1821, m. Martha Land; no issue.

3c. Jeremiah Fentress, born 1752, died 1816 (WB 3, p. 132), married Jacamine Whitehurst and lived in the Bayside area of the county. This Jeremiah is a cousin of the Jeremiah Fentress more closely kin to the Ward family. They had:

1d. William Fentress, b. 1775.

2d. John Fentress, b. 1777.

3d. Moses Fentress, b. 1778.

4d. Joshua Fentress, b. 1780.

5d. Polly Fentress, b. 1782.

6d. Smith Fentress, b. 1784, d. 1824, m. Elizabeth Griffin or Gregory.

7d. Betsy Fentress, b. 1786.

8d. Sally (Sarah) Fentress, b. 1788.

4c. Isaiah Fentress, born 1753, married Fanny Green.

5c. Betty Fentress, born 1755.

6c. Emanuel Fentress, born 1756, D.S.P. in 1812 (WB 3, p. 62). He left a rather interesting will. In it, he gave four of his slaves their freedom. A considerate man. Two of the emancipated slaves immediately married. In the court records, they are referenced as "David Fentress, a light mulatto, and Chloe, a dark mulatto." They should not be confused with other Davids in the Fentress line.

7c. John Fentress, born ca. 1758.

8c. Jane Fentress, born 1760.

9c. Frankey Fentress, born 1761.

10c. Mary Fentress, born 1762.

Grandson of John Fentress, 2b:

1d. Lacey Fentress.

- 3b. Letitia Fentress, born 1729, died 1808, married John Cox in 1772.
- 4b. Frances Fentress, born 1731, died 1815, married Joab McClannon.
- 5b. Anne Fentress, born 1733, died 1816, married James Harrison.
- 6b. Naomi Fentress, born 1735, probably D.S.P.
- 7b. Moses Fentress, born 1736, married Molly Whitehurst and was the guardian of Anthony Murphy.

John Fentress I had two more children after John II:

- 2a. Moses Fentress, born 1707, died 1768, who married Mary _____ (no issue), and
- 3a. _____ Fentress, born 1710, died 1788, and who married _____ Frizzel.
The names of their children are not known.

That covers the first child of Michael I and Ann Fentress. Be of stout heart, there are eight more to go. Perhaps it should be noted that Michael I left 100 shillings to five sons, nothing much to his daughters, and to his son, James, land on the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River. That land was not far from "The Elbow" section of both counties.

- 2. **Michael Fentress II**, or Jr., was the second child of the immigrant. He was born in 1684, and he died intestate in 1742. He may have married and had a son, David, but the evidence is not in the court records.
- 3. **William Fentress**, the third child, was born in 1686, died in 1764 (DB 2, pp. 410, 450, 41, 302, 309, and 254). Some of those references relate to his wife, **Mary Murrow**. Mary was the daughter of Alexander Murrow and the granddaughter of David Murrow. They had four known children:
 - 1a. John Fentress, born 1704, married the daughter of John Hopkins, Sr.
 - 2a. Keziah Fentress, born 1706, married Joshua Hopkins in 1722.

- 3a. Precilla Fentress, born 1714, died 1760, married John Hopkins, Jr., in 1730. They had one daughter and two sons.
 - 1b. Frances Hopkins, born 1732, married (1) William Weblin in 1754. He died at sea, and she married (2) James Land and had no issue by him.
 - 1c. George Weblin, born 1755, d. 1810.
 - 2c. Elizabeth Weblin, born 1757, d. ca. 1812.
 - 2b. Jonathan Hopkins, born ca. 1733, died 1783, married Sarah Wiles (Willis) about 1758. Sarah was the daughter of Mary Fentress and Thomas Wiles (Willis), Mary being the sister of William Fentress (No. 3).
 - 3b. Jeremiah Hopkins, born 1735, died ca. 1800.
- 4a. Martha Fentress, born ca. 1716. Nothing more is known about her.
4. **Moses Fentress**, the fourth child of Michael I, was born in 1688 and died a single person in 1746. Apparently he died intestate because his brother, James, gave a sworn statement about the relatives he loved most.
5. **Rebecca Fentress**, the fifth child, and first girl born to Michael I and Ann, was born about 1692. Around 1708, she married **Henry Whitehurst** and died in 1725. If they had children, it is not known.
6. **Mary Fentress**, the sixth child, was born 1694 and died after 1772. About 1714, she married **Thomas Wiles (Willis)**. Thomas died in 1772, and Mary was appointed administratrix of his will. They had two sons:
 - 1a. William Wiles (Willis), born 1712, died ca. 1790. He moved from Virginia about 1780, to Chowan County, North Carolina.
 - 2a. Samuel Wiles (Willis), born 25 December 1714, died 1763. He married an Elizabeth (possibly Emperor). They had:
 - 1b. Sarah Wiles (Willis), born 1730, married Jonathan Hopkins (son of John and Precilla (Fentress) Hopkins, Precilla being the daughter of William Fentress, the brother of Sarah's grandmother).

- 2b. Thomas Wiles (Willis), born ca. 1732.
 - 3b. Abiah Wiles (Willis), born 1733, married Tully Moseley, and died 1885.
 - 4b. David Wiles (Willis), born ca. 1734.
 - 5b. Joshua Wiles (Willis), born 1735, served as co-administrator of his grandfather's will.
7. **Girl Fentress**, born in 1696, was the seventh child of Michael I and Ann. She was dead by 1712. She married a Shipp and very likely died giving birth to a son:
- 1a. Francis Shipp, born before 1712.
8. **James Fentress**, the eighth child of the immigrant. He was born about 1698, in "The Elbow" section of Princess Anne County, Virginia. We believe he died a single person around 1726. James testified that his brother, Moses, loved two of his sister Mary's children better than any other relative – Jonathan and Betsy Wiles/Willis. That doesn't fit precisely into the lineage of Mary (Fentress) Wiles/Willis, but close enough.
9. **Aaron Fentress**, born ca. 1700, died 1781 (DB 18 – 1782/3). He was the last child of Michael I and Ann. He married (1) Mary Iliffe (daughter of Thomas Iliffe) who died by 4 April 1722 (DB 2, p. 116). About 1725, he married (2) Dinah Iliffe (Mary's sister) and they had two sons and six daughters. The progeny of those two sons became important to the Ward family. Many lived in "The Elbow," on the Kempsville Road, the Salem Road, or near "The Cross Roads," and they married, among others, Wards.
- 1a. Frankey (Frances) Fentress, born ca. 1730; nothing more known.
 - 2a. Mary Fentress, born 1732, died ca. 1755, married Henry Dudley about 1752. They had one daughter, who was orphaned. She was under the guardianship of her uncle David Fentress.
 - 1b. Frances Dudley, born ca. 1754.
 - 3a. Fanny Fentress, born 1734, married Josiah Shipp.

- 4a. David Fentress, born ca. 1736, died 1808 (WB 3); in 1755, he married Aby/Abiah (Dudley) Frizzel, the widow of Arthur Frizzel. It is possible that he married, second, a Sophia – that is not certain. David lived in "The Elbow." He had eleven children:
 - 1b. William Fentress, born 1751, married and had
 - 1c. Mary Fentress, born 1770 and was orphaned.
 - 2b. James Fentress, born 1752, left money to two nephews (Henning's *Statutes*, vol. 13, p. 303).
 - 3b. David Fentress, Jr., born 1754, died ca. 1808, married his cousin Margaret (Peggy) Davis, the daughter of Rachel Fentress and her husband Samuel Davis [5a].
 - 1c. Jesse (James) Fentress, born ca. 1786.
 - 2c. Bennett Fentress, born ca. 1787.
 - 3c. Jennet (Jeanette) Fentress, born ca. 1789, married ____ Wray.
 - 4c. Caty (Catherine) Fentress, born ca. 1791.
 - 4b. Joshua Fentress, born 1757, died 1801, married (1) Elizabeth Holmes (WB 3, p. 281) and (2) Ann Hargrove (w.). They lived on "The Kempsville Road" in "The Elbow." Joshua became the guardian of Amy's daughter, who married William Murden. Joshua is known to have had at least eight children, although it is not clear which wife delivered which children.
 - 1c. Elizabeth Fentress, born 1775, married William Campbell.
 - 2c. Mary "Lovey" Fentress, born 1777.
 - 3c. Nancy Fentress, born 1778, married James Land.
 - 4c. Keziah Fentress, born 1780, married Edward Brown.
 - 5c. John Fentress, born 1782, died Feb. 1816, married ____ and had:
 - 1d. Moses Fentress, b. 1804, m. (1) Rebecca Wright, (2) Margaret _____. He owned land in "The Elbow."
 - 1e. Elias B. Fentress, b. 1831, m. Caroline Ward (she is in the Ward Bible).

- 2e. Margaret Fentress, b. 1833, m. Loyd Ward (brother of Caroline Ward).
- 6c. William Holmes Fentress, born 1784.
- 7c. Joshua Fentress, Jr., born 1786, married a Mary and among others had:
- 1d. John R. Fentress, b. 1838, m. Louisiana Hargrove. They lived on the "Salem Road." They had six children:
- 1e. Mary Frances Fentress, b. 1868, d. 23 Dec. 1962. She married Grandy Laselle Jackson and had:
- 1f. Ina Jackson, b. 1890, m. ___ Kiff.
- 2f. Glenna Jackson, b. 1892, m. Bernard "Snooks" Murden.
- 3f. Ida Jackson, b. 1894, m. ___ Whitehurst.
- 4f. Minna Jackson, b. 1896, m. ___ James.
- 5f. Ethel Jackson, b. 1898, m. ___ March.
- 6f. Bessie Jackson, b. 1900, m. ___ Foxwell.
- 7f. Anderson L. Jackson, b. ca. 1902.
- 8f. L. Paul Jackson, b. ca. 1904.
- 9f. Gaither B. Jackson, b. ca. 1906.
- 2e. Margaret Fentress, b. 1870, m. ___ Stewart.
- 3e. John Goode Fentress, b. 1872.
- 4e. Henry Fentress, b. 1874, m. Diana Murden and had:
- 1f. John "Jack" Fentress, b. 1893, m. Judy Davis, daughter of William "Bill" Davis of "The Elbow."
- 2f. Molly Fentress, b. 1895, m. Thomas Etheridge, son of "Pet" Ward. (*See Ward Chart V*)
- 3f. Asa Fentress, b. 1897, m. ___ Murphy.
- 4f. Jesse Fentress, b. 1899, D.S.P.
- 5f. Grace Fentress, b. 1901, m. ___ Foxwell.
- 6f. Alonzo, "Speed," Fentress, b. 1903, d. 1970s.

- 5e. Arthur Fentress, b. 1876, m. _____ Petty.
 - 6e. Joshua Fentress, b. 1878, lived at the home place on "Salem Road."
 - 8c. Lemuel Fentress, born 1788, married _____ and had:
 - 1d. Lemuel Fentress, Jr., b. ca. 1810.
 - 2d. Nathaniel Fentress, b. 1812, m. _____ and had:
 - 1e. Margaret Fentress, m. John Stone, Jr., of Richmond, Virginia.
- [Two possible additional children:
- 9c. Judith Fentress, b. 1794.
 - 10c. Lucy Fentress, b. 1798, and m. David Murden.]
- 5b. Hillery Fentress, born 1758, died by 1791.
 - 6b. Pagey Fentress, born 1760.
 - 7b. Tibby (Tabitha) Fentress, born 1762.
 - 8b. Sukey (Susanna) Fentress, born 1764, married 1789, Richard McClannon.
 - 9b. Elizabeth Fentress, born 1766, married William Williamson 12 Dec. 1798.
 - 10b. John Fentress, born 1768, married Grace Meiggs and had:
 - 1c. John Fentress, born ca. 1783.
 - 2c. Hillary Fentress, born ca. 1784.
 - 11b. Jacamine Fentress, born 1770, married William Luffman.
 - (12b). Frances Dudley, orphan of David's sister, Mary, who married Henry Dudley.
- (Sons-in-law [step-sons]): John and Arthur Frizzel
- 5a. Elizabeth Fentress, born ca. 1738, married an Edward Davis and their issue has not been proved. *Too many Elizabeths!*
 - 6a. Rachael Fentress, born 1740, died 1801 (WB), married ca. 1765 Samuel Davis of Princess Anne or Norfolk County.
 - 1b. Margaret "Peggy" Davis, born ca. 1762, married her cousin, David Fentress, Jr., in 1785. She died in 1808. For children, refer to David Fentress, Jr., above [3b under 3a].

- 7a. Keziah Fentress, born 1742, married ca. 1760, Thomas Bustin (Burton). It is believed they were trying to spell Burton – take it either way.
- 8a. **Michael Fentress III**, born 1744, died ca. 1785, married in 1764, Amy (Brock) Dudley. Amy was the widow of Henry Dudley (son of John Dudley). They had several children, but only one was researched, because James's *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary* states that "Michael is the father of Jeremiah." The other Jeremiah Fentress (Bayside section) was fathered by John Fentress III. Since Jeremiah Fentress was our direct line, the writer is appreciative of Mr. James's statement.
- 1b. **Jeremiah Fentress**, born ca. 1772, died 4 Aug. 1834 (WB 4, p. 170). He married Margaret Shipp, daughter of Willis Shipp, about 1795. Margaret was dead at the time of his death. They had ten children:
- 1c. Willis Fentress, born 1800, died 1869 (WB 4, p. 483), married Amy ____ and had:
- 1d. **John Andrew Fentress**, b. 1831, d. by 1900, m. (1) 3 Jan. 1855, **Jacamine Williamson**, daughter of Robertson and Betsey (Bruce) Williamson; m. (2) Mary Elizabeth Murden, daughter of Durant and Amy Frances (Ward) Murden. He had four children by his first wife, Jacamine Williamson, and six by his second wife, Mary Elizabeth Murden.
- 1e. Cary Fentress, b. 1 Nov. 1856, d. 25 March 1879 of consumption.
- 2e. **Anne Eliza Fentress**, b. 22 Oct. 1860, d. 24 March 1956, m. 18 April 1883, Thomas Sylvania Ward, the son of Randolph R. and Hannah (Godfrey) Ward.
- 1f. Lena S. Ward, m. Rufus Sawyer.
- 2f. Child Ward, stillborn.
- 3f. Ada Frances Ward, m. Victor S. Murden.
- 4f. Dora Virginia Ward, m. Paul H. Sawyer.
- 5f. Elzy Thomas Ward, m. Bessie Weatherington.
- 6f. Helen Godfrey Ward, m. Thomas J. Wood.

- 7f. Infant boy Ward (twin).
- 8f. Infant girl Ward (twin).
- 9f. Annie Naomi Ward, m. Herbert H. Brown.

For more details on this line, see Ward Chart VII.

- 3e. Virginia "Jennie" Fentress, b. 1862, m. James Tatem and had:

- 1f. James Tatem, Jr., b. 1883.
- 2f. Henry Tatem, b. 1885.
- 3f. Eva Tatem, b. 1887.
- 4f. Essie Tatem, b. 1889, m. M. Buchanan.

- 4e. Emily Jane "Emma" Fentress, b. 22 Sept. 1864, m. 17 May 1882, William Thomas Murden (b. 16 Oct. 1856), son of Zachariah and Fanny Murden. They had:

- 1f. Willie T. Murden, b. 1884, d. 1884.
- 2f. Ryland Murden, b. 15 Dec. 1886, d. 18 April 1960, m. Margaret Jane Smith and had:

- 1g. Clarence S. Murden, b. 27 March 1907, d. 24 Sept. 1978 in Mobile, Alabama, m. Pearl Habart of Louisiana. They had:

- 1h. Twin Murden, stillborn 1935.
- 2h. Twin Murden, stillborn 1935.
- 3h. Anne Charlene Murden, b. 27 Feb. 1937, m. (1) Cary Wm. Dunn of Richmond, Va.; m. (2) "Bill" Dunsmore. Children by first husband:

- 1i. Wm. Dunn, b. 10 May 1961.
- 2i. James Dunn, b. 12 Jan. 1963.
- 3i. Matthew Dunn, b. 22 Oct. 1964.

- 4h. Betty Marie Murden, b. 14 Feb. 1940, m. Leslie Blanchard of Mobile, Alabama.
- 1i. Julie Marie Blanchard, b. 27 March 1964.
 - 2i. Craig Dennis Blanchard, b. 21 April 1966.
 - 3i. Leslie Dennis, "Chip," Blanchard, b. 30 Sept. 1969.
 - 4i. Elizabeth Anne, "Beth," Blanchard, b. 23 Feb. 1973.
- 5h. Ryland Joseph Murden, b. 24 Dec. 1944, m. Lenora Kachinski of Mobile, Alabama. They adopted:
- (1i.) Paul Ryland Murden.
- 2g. Lloyd Alva Murden, b. 16 Dec. 1908, m. Lucy Woodhouse, daughter of ___ Woodhouse and Bernice Frances Bright (sister of Nettie Bright Spence). They had:
- 1h. Joyce Elizabeth Murden, b. 16 Oct. 1935, m. Ray Newman and had:
 - 1i. Mark Murden Newman, b. 21 May 1966.
 - 2i. Betsy Ray Newman, b. 14 July 1973.
 - 2h. Barbara Jean Murden, b. 1 Sept. 1942, m. Grandy Winston Henley and had:
 - 1i. Jeffrey Winston Henley.
 - 2i. Bruce Henley.
 - 3h. Lloyd Alva Murden, Jr., b. 11 July 1949, m. Barbara Anne Strawhand and had:

- 1i. Julia Murden, b. 13 Aug. 1984.
 - 2i. Steven Lloyd Murden, b. 27 May 1988.
- 3g. Emily Elizabeth Murden, b. 27 Jan. 1920, m. Myron Louie Capps. They had:
- 1h. Helen Louise Capps, b. 8 Nov. 1940, d. 6 Feb. 1985, m. Edward O. Schartnor, of Philadelphia, Pa.
 - 1i. Edward O. Schartnor, Jr., b. 5 April 1969. Now in USAF.
 - 2h. Nita Virginia Capps, b. 17 Dec. 1943, m. John Anthony Brothers.
 - 1i. Tracey Shawn Brothers, b. 4 April 1964.
 - 2i. John Mark Brothers, b. 18 Oct. 1972.
 - 3i. Jason Anthony Brothers, b. 15 Nov. 1977.
 - 4i. Rebekah Taylor Brothers, b. 17 Nov. 1978.
 - 3h. Robert Murden Capps, b. 2 April 1947, m. (1) Alison Johnson and had:
 - 1i. Stephanie Devon Capps, b. 10 Nov. 1977.m. (2) Elaine Conners and had:
 - 2i. Joshua Todd Capps, b. 24 Sept. 1988.
 - 4h. Carolyn Gail Capps, b. 1949, m. Donald J. Lee and had:
 - 1i. Margaret Elizabeth, "Maggie," Lee, b. 31 May 1974.

- 2i. Russell Bryan, "Rusty," Lee, b. 5 June 1978.
- 4g. Paul Ryland Murden, b. 7 April 1911, d. 1925 of lockjaw.
- 3f. Addie Murden, b. 1887, d. young.
- 4f. Luther DeVaney Murden, b. 9 July 1890, d. 11 May 1965, m. (1) Lucy Dawley, and m. (2) Mary Upton. He had by his first wife, Lucy Dawley:
 - 1g. Lucille Virginia Murden, b. 28 July 1912, m. Michael Cavish and had:
 - 1h. Donna Cavish.
 - 2h. Michael Cavish, Jr.
 - 2g. Benjamin Hope Murden, b. 11 Aug. 1915, m. Christine Fentress of Knotts Island, N.C. They had:
 - 1h. Steven Murden.
 - 2h. Brian Murden, m. _____ and had:
 - 1i. Girl Murden, b. 1988.
- 3g. Erwin Washington Murden, b. 30 March 1920, m. Virginia Smith and had:
 - 1h. Jeffrey Murden.
 - 2h. Susanna Murden.
- 4g. Kenneth Murden, b. 22 July 1922, d. 24 Oct. 1968, m. Ersel Blake and had:
 - 1h. Annette Murden, m. _____ and had four children (names unknown).
 - 2h. Allen Murden.
 - 3h. Luther D. Murden.
- 5g. Cecil, "Pete," Murden, b. 1 Jan. 1925, m. Virginia Doss.

- 5f. Kater Lewis Murden, b. 17 Nov. 1892, d. 21 April 1978, m. Ruby Miller Toxey. They had:
- 1g. Elva Elizabeth Murden, b. 14 July 1917, m. (1) Jackson Herring, (2) Jesse Beddingfield, and had:
 - 1h. William Jackson Herring, m. _____ and had:
 - 1i. Sheryl Herring.
 - 2i. Jason Herring.
 - 2h. Beth Anne Beddingfield, m. (1) Kenneth Taylor (no issue), m. (2) William Bagley and had:
 - 1i. Harley Bagley.
 - 3h. Mary Robin Beddingfield, m. Thomas Keith.
 - 2g. Alton Lewis Murden, b. 16 Aug. 1919, m. Sarah Q. McAlexander, and had:
 - 1h. Judi Murden, m. James Donaldson and had:
 - 1i. Sarah Donaldson.
 - 2i. Ella Donaldson.
 - 2h. Lynn Murden, m. James Horsely and had:
 - 1i. Emily Horsely.
 - 2i. Alex Horsely.
 - 3g. Winston Murden, b. 13 Nov. 1922, D.S.P. of heart trouble.
 - 4g. Doris Lorean Murden, b. 21 March 1926, m. (1) Walter Carroll, (2) Paul I. Powers, Jr. She had:

- 1h. Janet Dorean Carroll, b. 15 Feb. 1952, m. Carl Moushegian and had:
 - 1i. Sarah Katherine Moushegian, b. 2 May 1988.
 - 2h. Jeffrey Carroll, b. 11 Sept. 1954.
- 5g. Philip Wayne Murden, b. 14 April 1931, m. Geraldine Brock, daughter of Kenneth and Belle James Brock. They had:
 - 1h. Wayne Murden, m. Connie Dilday and had:
 - 1i. Son Murden, b. 1988.
 - 2h. Michael Murden.
- 6g. Forrest Eugene Murden, b. 10 April 1933.
- 7g. Joanne Murden, b. 26 Dec. 1935, m. Eddie Lee Toler. They had:
 - 1h. Eddie Scott Toler, m. Lisa Deane.
 - 2h. Mark Lee Toler.
 - 3h. Eric Thomas Toler.
- 6f. Hattie Virginia Murden, b. 14 Dec. 1895, d. 1 Jan. ____, m. (1) Wilton Whitehurst, (2) "Bill" Linthecum of Baltimore, Md., and (3) "Bill" Sackett of Norfolk, VA.
- 7f. Elmer Thomas Murden, b. 6 March 1898, d. 29 April 1962, m. Vernice Voight and had:
 - 1g. Elmer Thomas Murden, Jr., b. 24 Feb. 1923, married and had two children (names unknown).
 - 2g. Shirley Mae Murden, m. and had five children (names unknown).
- 8f. Georgie Elizabeth Murden, b. 14 July 1904, m. (1) Joseph Fisher from N.C., (2) Emmott C. Bullock.

We're still in the progeny of John Andrew Fentress. He had the following by his second wife, Mary Elizabeth Murden:

- 5e. Amy Fentress (twin), b. 4 March 1874, d. 28 Aug. 1877.
 - 6e. Mary Fentress (twin), b. 4 March 1874, d. young.
 - 7e. Keturah, "Kitty," Fentress, b. 7 March 1876, d. 20 Nov. 1966, m. James E. Curling. Their children may not be in the correct order, as their names come from an obituary listing:
 - 1f. Bessie Curling, m. A.K. Nuchols and had:
 - 1g. Evelyn Nuchols, b. ca. 1920.
 - 2f. Mildred Curling, m. R.F. Humphries.
 - 3f. Girl Curling, m. D.L. Davis.
 - 4f. Girl Curling, m. C.F. Owens.
 - 5f. Girl Curling, m. L.H. Jones.
 - 6f. James E. Curling, Jr.
 - 7f. C.L. Curling.
 - 8f. Marshall Curling, d. before 1966.
 - 8e. John Fentress, b. 10 Aug. 1877, d. young.
 - 9e. Lucy Mae Fentress, b. 15 March 1882, d. before 1966, m. ____ Angell.
 - 10e. Joseph, "Joe," Fentress, b. 15 March 1883, d. before 1966, m. Blanche ____ and had:
 - 1f. Edward Fentress, b. 1905.
 - 2f. Albert Fentress, b. 1906.
 - 3f. Blanche Fentress, b. 1908.
- 2d. Nancy Fentress, the second child of Willis and Amy Fentress, born 1835. By 1847, Nancy had married ____ Henderson. Nothing more is known about her.

- 3d. Susan A. Fentress, born in 1837, and was married by 1857 to ___ Whitehurst. Nothing more is known about her.
- 4d. Amy F. Fentress, born 1840, married on 8 October 1863, William H. Knight (33), son of Henry and Nancy Knight. They had:
- 1e. Girl Knight, b. ca. 1865.
- 5d. Dennis B. Fentress, b. 1846, d. by 1893, married Minerva Ward, the daughter of Lovett and Emma (Portlock) Ward. They had:
- 1e. Walter Fentress, b. 10 August 1878, m. (1) Minnie Lee Perkins, d. 23 June 1941; m. (2) Hazel Mae Hargrove Fentress.
- Walter and Minnie had:
- 1f. Walter Frank Fentress, Jr., b. 6 Dec. 1908; m. Ethel Evans; d. 3 Jan. 1948.
- 1g. Nancy Fentress.
- 2f. Minerva Sally Fentress, b. 24 July 1901, m. Daniel Benjamin Perry.
- 1g. D. P. Perry, Jr.
- 2g. Juanita Lee Perry, m. Parker George.
- 3g. Richard Earl (Buddy) Perry.
- 3f. Vivian Pearl Fentress, b. 8 Nov. 1906, m. Murry Lowell Rowe.
- 1g. Jean Marie Rowe, m. Robert Daniels.
- 2g. Mildred Lee Rowe, m. A. Crisp.
- 3g. Murry Lowell Rowe, Jr.
- 4g. Leslie Dwight Rowe.
- 4f. Mildred Lee Fentress, b. 1905, d. 1910 of pneumonia.
- 5f. Minnie Elizabeth Fentress, b. 15 Jan. 1916, m. Dewey Webster.

- 1g. Madeline Carol Webster, b. 8 June 1935, m. F.O. Swartz.
- 1h. Carl Eugene Swartz, b. 5 Dec. 1933, m. Susan Wilson.
- 1i. Shannon Swartz, b. 5 June 1981.
- 2i. Carl Eugene Swartz II, b. 18 Sept. 1984.
- * 6f. Forrest Lee Fentress, b. 15 Oct. 1920, m. Edna Mae Wilson.
- 1g. Marie Antoinette Fentress, m. Michael Wayne Pruitt.
- 2g. Robin Lee Fentress, m. Joseph Grgurich, Jr.
- 1h. Makesha Grgurich.
- 2h. Christopher Ryan Grgurich.

Walter and Hazel had:

- 7f. Ann Ray Fentress, m. (1) Vance Davis, (2) George Ripley.

Ann and Vance had:

- 1g. Sherrell Ann Davis.
- 2g. Kenneth Davis.

- 2e. Dennis Fentress, Jr., b. ca. 1885, m. Hazel Mae Hargrove, d. 15 Feb. 1924.
- 3e. Sarah Fentress, b. 4 Nov. 1880, m. John Ballance.
- 1f. John (Daniel) Ballance, b. 26 March 1901, m. Bradie E. Ewell, d. 1985.
- 1g. Walter Bradley Ballance, d. 20 Dec. 1955.
- 2f. Beulah Caroline Ballance, b. 4 July 1903, m. Stanley Wadsworth Buckner, d. 25 Sept. 1976.
- 1g. Shirley Ann Buckner, b. 12 July 1935.

- 3f. Blanche Minerva Ballance, b. 4 July 1903 (twin to Beulah), m. Tilton Lewis Munier, d. 13 Nov. 1987.
- 4f. John Jefferson Ballance, Jr., b. 10 March 1906, m. (1) Mary B. Grinstead, (2) Alice V. Newman, d. 23 Feb. 1986.
- 1g. Ronald J. Ballance.
- 2g. Gerald B. Ballance.
- 3g. Janie N. Ballance.
- 5f. Sarah Frances Ballance, b. 7 March 1908, m. (1) Lona P. Evans, (2) Haywood Baxter Roberts, (3) John Daniel Stancil.
- 6f. Mary Elizabeth Ballance, b. 10 Dec. 1918, m. Sterling Montgomery.
- 7f. Evelyn Grace Ballance, b. 16 Nov. 1920, m. (1) Earl Linwood Kiff, (2) Faison Lee Turner, (3) Ernest B. Russell.
- 1g. Faison Lee Russell.
- 2g. Stephen Bruce Russell.
- 8f. Dorothy Mae Ballance, b. 12 March 1923, m. (1) Richard M. Rosevear, (2) Richard C. Schuler.
- 1g. Paul Richard Rosevear.
- 4e. Anne Fentress, b. 1874, d. 12 Oct. 1877, of congestion of the brain, at the "Cross Roads."
- 5e. Mamie Fentress, b. 1875, m. 10 Sept. 1891, George Weatherington, 27, of Van Buren, Iowa. They had:
- 1f. Bessie Weatherington, b. 1892, m. Elzy Thomas Ward, son of Thomas Sylvania and Anne Eliza (Fentress) Ward. They had:
- 1g. Bessie Louise Ward, b. 25 Dec. 1933, m. _____ Lochamy and had:

- 1h. Girl Lochamy.
- 2f. Ethel Weatherington, b. 1894, m. Walter Williamson and had:
 - 1g. Margaret Williamson, b. 30 May 1919, m. Loren Eugene Swift.
 - 1h. Margene Swift, b. 12 Feb. 1948.
 - 2h. Donald Eugene Swift, b. 20 Oct. 1950, m. Cecilia Gayle Stone.
 - 1i. Loren Adam Swift.
 - 2i. Timothy Aaron Swift.
 - 2g. Walter Williamson, Jr., b. 22 May 1923, m. Mary Evelyn Moore.
 - 1h. Mary Yvonne Williamson, m. Douglas Ransome.
 - 1i. Meredith Page Ransome, b. 3 July 1979.
 - 2i. Mark Douglas Ransome, b. 19 Jan. 1986.
 - 2h. Walter Earl Williamson III, b. 27 Aug. 1955.
 - 3h. Linda Moore Williamson, b. 22 May 1962.
- 3f. Baby Weatherington, b. 3 Aug. 1900, d. 17 Dec. 1900.
- 4f. Jessie Weatherington, b. 15 Oct. 1895, m. Sarah Mozell Casper (age 16).
 - 1g. Dona Dorothy Weatherington.
 - 2g. Jessie Mozell Weatherington.
 - 3g. Elwood Avert Weatherington.
 - 4g. Earl Nathaniel Weatherington, d. 1979.

- 5g. Violet Idelle Weatherington, m. ____ Settle.
- 6g. Robert Albert Weatherington.
- 7g. Grace Louise Weatherington, m. Curtis Greer.
 - 1h. Curtis Greer, Jr.
- 8g. Thomas Nelson Weatherington.
- 9g. Mildred Faye Weatherington.
- 10g. Melvin Lee Weatherington.
- 5f. Irvin Weatherington, b. 22 Sept. 1898, d.s.p.
- 6f. Clyde Weatherington, m. Elizabeth Sanderlin.
- 7f. Clarence Weatherington, b. 2 June 1902, m. Estelle Sterling, d. April 1973.
 - 1g. George Weatherington, b. 17 July 1928, m. Dorothy Jean Thomas.
 - 1h. Paul Andrew Weatherington, b. 29 Sept. 1956.
 - 2h. James Michael Weatherington, b. 25 Nov. 1959.
 - 3h. James Patrick, b. 12 June 1966.
- 2g. Mamie Weatherington, b. 1 Feb. 1930, m. Leonard Racette, d. 31 Dec. 1986 (cancer).
 - 1h. Nancy Lee Racette, b. 4 Nov. 1948, m. Jack Gregory Fowler.
 - 2h. Amy Denise Racette, b. 4 Nov. 1951, m. (1) A. Altieri, (2) Charles Blakeley.
 - 1i. Jeanna Altieri.
 - 2i. Charles McCrea Blakeley.
 - 3h. Leonard J. (Chipper) Racette, b. 19 Feb. 1958, m. Diane Stiles.
 - 1i. Sarah Brook Racette, b. 14 Nov. 1984.

3g. Sarah Weatherington, b. 22 March 1936, m.
Horace Earl Cornelius.

1h. Horace Earl Cornelius, Jr., b. 30 April
1957, m. Nancy Hooper.

2c. Margaret Fentress, the second child of Jeremiah Fentress, was born in 1802, and died 24 April 1837. She married Thomas Ward VIII on 20 December 1823, and is buried in the Ward Cemetery just off Indian River Road. They had:

1d. Lovett Ward, m. Emma Portlock.

2d. John Ward, m. Martha Portlock.

3d. Matthias Ward, m. Fanny Watson.

4d. Amy Frances Ward, m. Durant Murden.

5d. Son Ward, d. as infant.

6d. Son Ward, d. as infant.

For more details on this line, see the Ward Chart.

3c. William Fentress, born 1805, died by 1832.

4c. James Fentress, born 1808, died 1881.

5c. Dennis Fentress, born 1810.

6c. David Fentress, born 1818.

7c. Arrity (Charity) Fentress, born 1820.

8c. Joshua Fentress, born 1822.

9c. Richard Fentress, born 1823, married Caroline Murden about 1853, and had at least one child:

1d. Stephen Fentress, b. 1854, m. Ellen Ward, daughter of James R. and Margaret Ward.

10c. Mary Frances Fentress, born 1824.

Note: In Jeremiah's will (WB 4, p. 170), he designates James and Dennis the use of his property for ten years to provide for the five youngest children. After that, the place was to be sold, and the proceeds divided except for Willis (who had already received property) and Margaret Ward. She is identified in his will.

If you have struggled through all the Fentress people in this collection (and this does not include *all* the Fentresses in Princess Anne County or Norfolk), how about a little quiz?

1. Which John Fentress was a private in Co. F, 41st Virginia Infantry Regiment, known as "Rifle Patriots"? *Hint*: He was in the Confederate Army, wounded at Seven Pines, Malvern Hill. Discharged 1 July 1862, on account of wounds.
2. Which Fentress, in 1821, gave unto Sally Fuller (a black he had emancipated), a Negro slave called Peter?
3. Which Moses Fentress was listed in James's *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary* as "dumb Moses"?
4. Which Fentress was a high-class bootlegger with a heart of gold?
5. Why were so many Fentresses faithful about recording vital statistics at the courthouse and failed to identify spouses and children?
6. Why did a great number of Fentress people die of consumption, congestive chills, colic, childbirth, typhoid fever, cholera infantum, and brain fever?
7. Where is an old Fentress Cemetery in either County?
8. Where is an old Fentress home built before 1750?
9. Why have people stopped naming their girl babies Keziah?
10. In recent years, when have you heard the nickname, "Lovey"?

That pretty much concludes the outline of the progeny of Michael I and Ann Fentress's nine children. Certainly some names have been omitted; and certainly not all names have been researched to the fullest. Make your own endeavors on the lines of your specific interest.

For sure, everyone descended from that first couple has a degree of kinship. Yes, every Fentress name which appears in this paper is related. In 1988, the relationship has faded; but it has been about 318 years since Michael I and Ann had their first child. What doesn't fade after that length of time? A geneticist knows that our bodies carry genes from "way back" – who is to say what Fentress genes lurk in our bodies.

This much I do know. The next time I drive through Fentress, Virginia, I shall bow my head and think about it – and those who were there once upon a time.



Anne Eliza Fentress Ward and her cousin Jennie Bassett

CHART I

MICHAEL FENTRESS I

b. ca. 1650, d. 10 Feb. 1715 (DB 3, pg 6)
m. ca. 1670, Ann James

JOHN FENTRESS II
b. 1682
d. 1733
m. _____ Hopkins

MICHAEL FENTRESS II
b. 1684
d. 1742, D.S.P.

MOSES
b. 1689
d. 1746, D.S.P.

(GIRL)
b. 1696
d. 1712
m. _____ Shipp

1. *John Fentress II*
b. 1705
d. 1765
m. Keziah Smith
 - i. *Jonathan Fentress*
b. 1726
d. 1812/15 (WBS, pg. 19)
m. _____
(See Fentress Chart II)
 - ii. *John Fentress III*
b. 1727
d. 1803
m. (1) Leuitia Roberts (w.)
m. (2) Keziah _____
(See Fentress Chart II)
 - iii. *Leuitia Fentress*
b. 1729
d. 1808
m. 1772
John Cox
 - iv. *Frances Fentress*
b. 1731
d. 1815
m. Joab McClannon
 - v. *Anne Fentress*
b. 1733
d. 1816
m. James Harrison
 - vi. *Naomi Fentress*
b. 1735, d. _____
 - vii. *Moses Fentress*
b. 1736
d. _____
m. Molly Whitehurst
(guardian of Anthony Murphy)

2. *Moses Fentress*
b. 1707
d. 1768
m. Mary _____
(no issue)
3. _____ Fentress
b. 1710
d. 1788
m. _____ Frizzel
(more children)

WILLIAM
b. 1686
d. 1764 (DB 2, pg. 410, 450, etc.)
m. Mary Murrow
(daughter of Alexander Murrow)

1. *John Fentress*
b. 1704
m. _____ Hopkins
2. *Keziah Fentress*
b. 1706
m. 1722
Joshua Hopkins
3. *Precilla Fentress*
b. 1714
d. 1760
m. 1730

John Hopkins, Jr.
i. *Frances Hopkins*
b. 1752
m. (1) 1754

- William Weblin
1. *George Weblin*
b. 1755
d. 1810
 2. *Elizabeth Weblin*
b. 1757
d. 1812

m. (2) James Lamb
(no issue)

4. *Martha Fentress*
b. ca. 1716

REBECCA
b. 1692
d. 1725
m. 1708
Henry Whitehurst
(issue unknown)

MARY
b. 1694
d. 1772
m. 1714

Thomas Wiles (Willis)
1. *William Wiles (Willis)*
b. 1712, moved to Chowan
County, NC, 1782
d. 1790

2. *Samuel Wiles (Willis)*
b. 25 Dec. 1714
d. 1763
m. Elizabeth _____
 - i. *Sarah Wiles (Willis)*
b. 1730
d. 1790
m. Jonathan Hopkins
 - ii. *Thomas Wiles (Willis)*
b. 1732
 - iii. *Abiah Wiles (Willis)*
b. 1733
d. 1785
m. Tully Mosley
 - iv. *David Wiles (Willis)*
b. 1734
 - v. *Joshua Wiles (Willis)*
b. 1735

1. *Francis Shipp*
b. 1712

JAMES
b. 1698
d. 1726, D.S.P.
(Testified that Moses Fentress
loved Jonathan and Bessy Wiles
(Willis) better than any other
relative)

AARON
b. 1700
d. 1781 (DB 18 - 1782/3)
m. (1) Mary Hiffe
m. (2) 1725
Dinah Hiffe
(See Fentress Chart III)

Bold type indicates person in line of descent.

Bold italic type indicates that additional information on this person will be found on another chart.

CHART II

Oldest sons of JOHN FENTRESS II*

b. 1705, d. 1765
m. Keziah Smith

JONATHAN

b. 1726
d. 1812/15 (WB 3, pg. 19)
m. _____

1. Martha Fentress
b. ca. 1746
(no issue)
2. Amey Fentress
b. 1747
m. _____
i. Anne Fentress
3. John Fentress
b. 1748:
4. Aby Fentress
b. 1750
m. _____ James
i. Horatio James
5. Malachi Fentress
b. 1751
d. 1826
m. Betsy _____
i. Jonathan Fentress
b. 1770
ii. Delaware Fentress
b. 1771
m. _____ Moore
iii. Betsy Fentress
b. 1772

[Grandchildren of Jonathan Fentress -
parents unidentified:]

1. Lancaster Fentress
b. 1806
m. 22 March 1854
Diana Murden
i. Littleton W. Fentress
b. 1836
m. 1859
Fanny Murden
ii. George Fentress**
b. ca. 1838
iii. Mat Fentress
b. ca. 1840
iv. Virginia Fentress
b. ca. 1842
m. Captain Colonna
v. _____ Fentress
b. ca. 1844
m. Major Cornick
2. Franky _____

JOHN FENTRESS III

b. 1727
d. 1803
m. (1) Letitia Roberts (w.)
m. (2) Keziah _____
(unknown which wife had which children)

1. Major Fentress
b. ca. 1744
d. 1822
m. Betsy Rainey (WB 3, pg. 339, 183)
2. Peter Fentress
b. 1751
d. 1832
m. (1) Abiah _____
m. (2) Nanny _____ (WB4, pg. 125)
i. Johnson Fentress
b. 1773
d. 1821
m. Martha Land
(no issue)
3. Jeremiah Fentress
b. 1752
d. 1816
m. Jacamine Whitehurst
i. William Fentress
b. 1775
ii. John Fentress
b. 1777
iii. Moses Fentress
b. 1776
iv. Joshua Fentress
b. 1780
v. Polly Fentress
b. 1782
vi. Smith Fentress
b. 1784
d. 1824
m. Elizabeth Griffin
(or Gregory)
vii. Betsy Fentress
b. 1786
viii. Sally (Sarah) Fentress
b. 1788
4. Isiah Fentress
b. 1753
m. Fanny Green
5. Betsy Fentress
b. 1755
6. Emanuel Fentress**
b. 1756
d. 1812, D.S.P.
7. John Fentress
b. ca. 1758
8. Jane Fentress
b. 1760
9. Franky Fentress
b. 1761
10. Mary Fentress
b. 1762

[grandchild of John Fentress III -
parent not identified:]
i. Lucy Fentress

* According to some sources, George Fentress is supposed to be father of Lancaster.

One reference cites George's home as being built in 1800 - but George's will was proved 20 Feb. 1783.

** Emancipated four slaves - two of them immediately married.

(1) David Fentress, a light mulatto, to Chice, a dark mulatto.

(2) To one of his freed slaves, he willed her a Negro man as her slave.

CHART III

AARON FENTRESS

b. 1700, d. 1781
 m. (1) Mary Iliffe (daughter of Thomas Iliffe)
 d. by 4 April 1722 (DB 2, pg 116)
 m. (2) 1725, Dinah Iliffe (Mary's sister)

FRANKEY (FRANCES)
 b. ca. 1730
 (no known issue)

MARY
 b. 1732
 d. ca. 1755
 m. Henry Dudley

i. Frances Dudley
 (orphaned / under guardianship
 of her uncle, David Fentress)

FANNY
 b. 1734
 m. Josiah Shipp
 (no known issue)

ELIZABETH
 b. 1738
 m. Edward Davis
 (no known issue)

RACHEL
 b. 1740
 d. 1801 (DB 2, pg. 162)
 m. ca. 1765

Samuel Davis
 (See Davis Chart I
 and Fentress Chart IIIa)

i. Margaret (Peggy) Davis
 b. ca. 1762
 d. 1808
 m. 1785 (1787)*
 David Fentress, Jr. (cousin)
 (See Fentress Chart IIIa)

- i. James (Jesse) Fentress
 b. ca. 1786
- ii. Bennett Fentress
 b. ca. 1787
- iii. Jennet (Jeanette) Fentress
 b. ca. 1789
 m. ____ Wray
- iv. Caty (Catherine) Fentress
 b. ca. 1791

KEZIAH
 b. 1742
 m. Thomas Bustin (Burton)

MICHAEL FENTRESS III
 b. 1744
 d. ca. 1785
 m. 1764

Amy Brock Dudley
 (daughter of Noah Brock and
 widow of Henry Dudley, the son
 of John Dudley)
 (See Fentress Chart IV)

DAVID
 b. 1736
 d. 1808 (WB 3)
 m. (1) 1755
 Aby/Abiah Dudley Frizzel
 (widow of Arthur Frizzel)
 m. (2) Sophia ____
 (possible marriage)
 (See Fentress Chart IIIa)

*sources give conflicting dates

DAVID FENTRESS

(son of Aaron Fentress & Dinah Bliffe Fentress)
b. 1736, d. 1808

m. (1) 1755, Aby (Abiah) Dudley Frizzel (w. of Arthur Frizzel)

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| WILLIAM b. 1751 | JOSHUA b. 1757 d. 1801 m. (1) Elizabeth Holmes (WB 3, pg. 281) m. (2) Amy Hargrove (w.) (unknown which wife had which children) | HILLERY b. 1758 d. by 1791 |
| 1. Mary Fentress b. ca. 1770 | 1. Elizabeth Fentress b. 1775 m. William Campbell | PAGEY b. 1760 |
| JAMES b. 1752 d. D.S.P. | 2. Mary "Lovey" Fentress b. 1777 | TIBBY (TABITHA) b. 1762 |
| | 3. Nancy Fentress b. 1778 m. James Land | SUKEY (SUSANNA) b. 1764 m. 1789 Richard McClannan |
| | 4. Keziah Fentress b. 1780 m. Edward Brown (had sons) | ELIZABETH b. 1766 m. 12 Dec. 1798 William Williamson |
| DAVID, JR. b. 1754 d. ca. 1808 m. 1785 (1787)* Margaret (Peggy) Davis (cousin) (See Davis Chart I) | 5. John Fentress b. 1782 d. Feb. 1816 m. _____ i. Moses Fentress b. 1804 m. (1) Rebecca Wright m. (2) Margaret _____ (unknown which wife had children) | JOHN b. 1768 m. Grace Meiggs |
| 1. James (Jesse) Fentress b. ca. 1786 | 1. Elias B. Fentress b. 1831 m. Caroline Ward (See Ward Chart III) | 1. John Fentress b. ca. 1783 |
| 2. Bennett Fentress b. ca. 1787 | 2. Margaret Fentress b. 1833 m. Loyd Ward (Caroline's brother) | 2. Hillary Fentress b. ca. 1784 |
| 3. Jenner (Jeanette) Fentress b. ca. 1789 | 6. William Holmes Fentress b. 1784 | |
| 4. Caty (Catherine) Fentress b. ca. 1791 | 7. Joshua Fentress, Jr. b. 1786 m. Mary _____ (See Fentress Chart IV) | |
| | 8. Lemuel Fentress b. 1788 m. _____ i. Lemuel Fentress, Jr. b. 1810 ii. Nathaniel Fentress b. 1812 m. _____ j. Margaret Fentress b. 1840 m. John Stone, Jr. | JACAMINE b. 1770 m. William Luffman |
| | (9.) Guardian of _____ Hargrove (Amy's daughter from 1st marriage) m. William Murden | FRANCES DUDLEY (niece) (orphan of Henry Dudley and Mary Fentress Dudley) |
| | (two possible later children:) | |
| | 10. Judith Fentress b. 1794 | |
| | 11. Lucy Fentress b. 1798 m. David Murden | |

* sources give conflicting dates

CHART IV

JOSHUA FENTRESS, JR.
(seventh child of *Joshua Fentress, Sr.*)

b. 1786

m. Mary _____

Among several children, they had:

JOHN R. FENTRESS

b. ca. 1838

m. Louisiana Hargrove

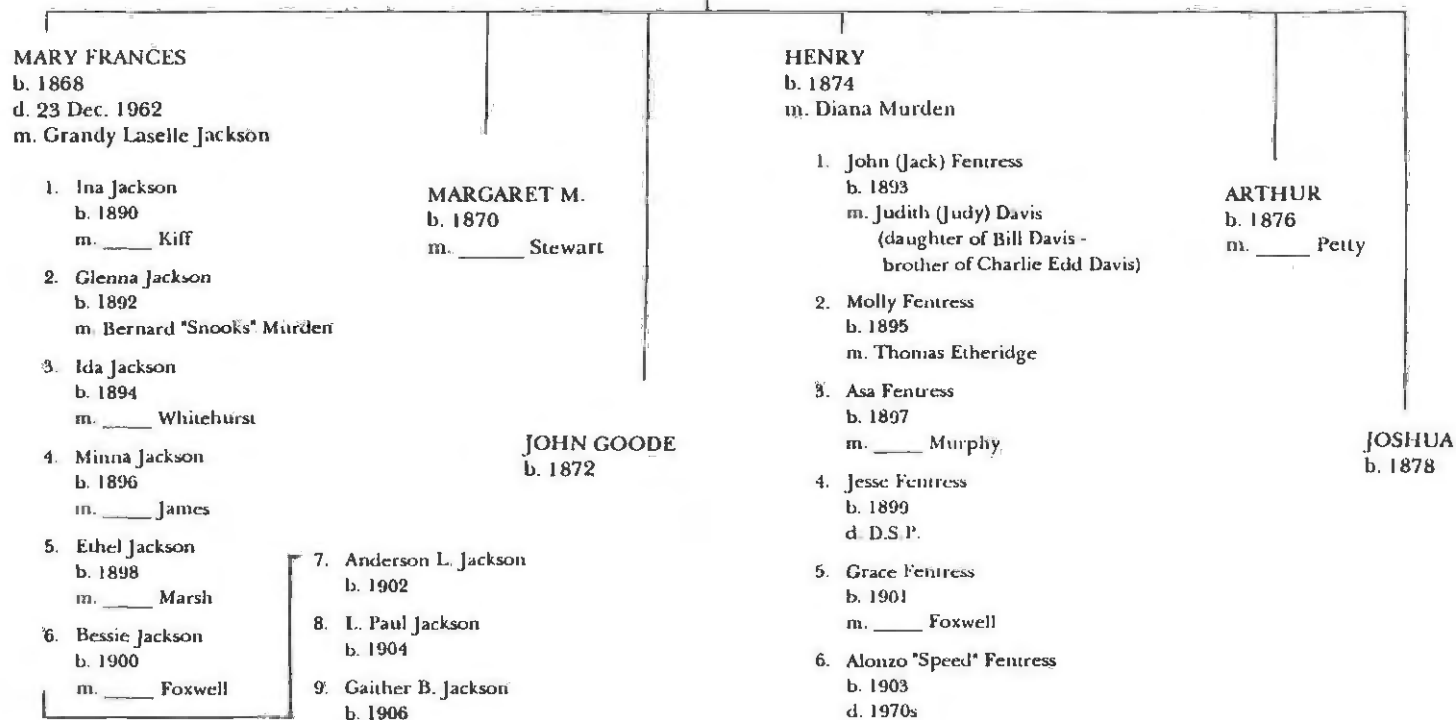


CHART V

MICHAEL FENTRESS III

b. 1744, d. ca. 1785

m. 1764. Amy Brock Dudley (w. of Henry Dudley,
daughter of Noah Brock)

Among other children, they had:

JEREMIAH FENTRESS

b. 1772, d. 4 Aug. 1834 (WB 4, pg 170)

m. ca. 1795. Margaret Shipp (daughter of Willis Shipp)

| | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>WILLIS b. 1800 d. 1869 (WB 4, pg. 483) m. Amy _____</p> <p>1. John Andrew Fentress b. 1831 d. by 1900 m. (1) 3 Jan. 1855 Jacqueline Williamson m. (2) 19 March 1873 Mary Elizabeth (Lizze) Murden (See Ward Chart IVa and Fentress Charts VI, VII and VIII)</p> <p>2. Nancy Fentress b. 1835 m. 1847 _____ Henderson</p> <p>3. Susan A. Fentress b. 1837 m. 1857 _____ Whitehurst</p> <p>4. Amy F. Fentress b. 1840 m. 8 Oct. 1863 William H. Knight (son of Henry and Nancy Knight) i. (girl) Knuth b. ca. 1865</p> <p>5. Dennis B. Fentress b. 1846 d. 1893 m. Mimerus Wadsworth Ward (See Ward Charts V and Va, and Fentress Chart Va)</p> | <p>MARGARET b. 1802 d. 24 April 1837 m. 20 Dec. 1823 Thomas Ward VIII</p> <p>1. <i>Lucretia F. Ward</i> b. 4 March 1826 d. 22 Nov. 1861 m. 9 Feb. 1854 Emma Portlock (See Ward Charts IV and V)</p> <p>2. John Ward b. 29 Oct. 1828 d. 15 March 1880 m. 20 Sept. 1855 Martha Portlock (See Ward Chart IV)</p> <p>3. Mathias Ward b. 10 June 1830 d. prior to 1880 m. 11 June 1856 Fanny (Frances) Watson (See Ward Chart IV)</p> <p>4. <i>Amy Frances Ward</i> b. 11 Jan. 1832 d. after 1881 m. 3 Aug. 1849 Durent (Dunn, Durant) Murden (See Ward Charts IV and IVa)</p> <p>5. Franklin Ward b. July 1834 d. in infancy</p> <p>6. Birdie Ward b. 17 June 1836 d. in infancy</p> | <p>WILLIAM b. 1805 d. by 1832</p> <p>JAMES b. 1808 d. 1881</p> <p>DENNIS b. 1810</p> <p>DAVID b. 1818</p> <p>ARRITY (CHARITY) b. 1820</p> | <p>JOSHUA b. 1822</p> <p>RICHARD b. 1823 m. 1853 Caroline Murden</p> <p>1. Stephen Fentress b. 1854 m. Ellen Ward (daughter of James R. & Margaret Ward)</p> <p>MARY FRANCES b. 1824</p> |
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CHART Va*

DENNIS B. FENTRESS

b. 1846, d. 1893
 m. *Minerva Wadsworth Ward*

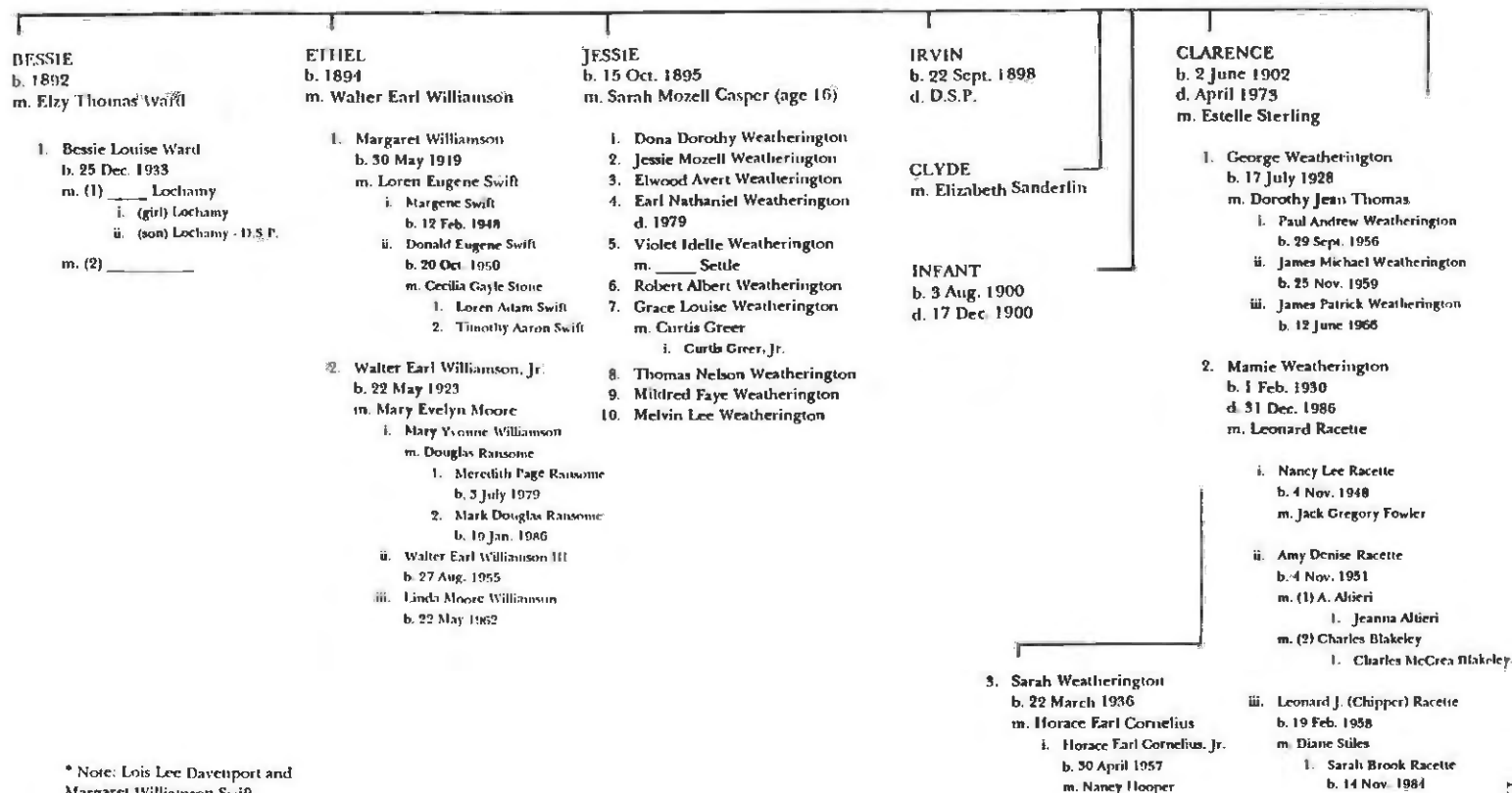
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| <p>ANNE b. 1874 d. 12 Oct. 1877</p> | <p>WALTER FRANK b. 10 Aug. 1878 d. 23 June 1941 m. (1) Minnie Lee Perkins</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walter Frank Fentress, Jr. b. 6 Dec. 1908 d. 3 Jan. 1948 m. Ethel Evans i. Nancy Fentress 2. Minerva Sally Fentress b. 24 July 1901 m. Daniel Perry i. Daniel P. Perry, Jr. ii. Juanita Lee Perry m. Parker George iii. Richard Earl (Buddy) Perry 3. Vivian Pearl Fentress b. 8 Nov. 1906 m. Murry Lowell Rowe i. Jean Marie Rowe m. Robert Daniels ii. Mildred Lee Rowe m. A. Crisp iii. Murry Lowell Rowe, Jr. iv. Leslie Dwight Rowe 4. Mildred Lee Fentress b. 1905 d. 1910 (pneumonia) 5. Minnie Elizabeth Fentress b. 15 Jan. 1916 m. Dewey Webster i. Madeline Carol Webster b. 8 June 1935 m. F. O. Swartz i. Carl Eugene Swartz b. 5 Dec. 1933 m. Susan Wilson i. Shannon Swartz b. 3 June 1981 ii. Carl Eugene Swartz II b. 18 Sept. 1984 6. Forrest Lee Fentress b. 15 Oct. 1920 m. Edna Mae Wilson i. Marie Antonette Fentress m. Michael Wayne Pruitt ii. Robin Lee Fentress m. Joseph Grigulich i. Makena Grigulich 2. Christopher Ryan Grigulich | <p>SARAH b. 4 Nov. 1880 d. 8 June 1957 m. John Jefferson Ballance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Daniel Ballance b. 26 March 1901 d. 1985 m. Bradie E. Ewell i. Walter Bradley Ballance b. 20 Dec. 1955 2. Beulah Caroline Ballance (twin) b. 4 July 1903 d. 25 Sept. 1976 m. Stanley Wadsworth Buckner i. Shirley Ann Buckner b. 12 July 1935 3. Blanche Minerva Ballance (twin) b. 4 July 1903 d. 13 Nov. 1987 m. Tilton Lewis Munier 4. John Jefferson Ballance, Jr. b. 10 March 1906 d. 25 Feb. 1986 m. (1) Mary B. Grinstead m. (2) Alice V. Newman (unknown which children had which mother) i. Ronald J. Ballance ii. Gerald B. Ballance iii. Jane N. Ballance 5. Sarah Frances Ballance b. 7 March 1908 m. (1) Lona P. Evans m. (2) Haywood Baxter Roberts m. (3) John Daniel Suncil 6. Mary Elizabeth Ballance b. 10 Dec. 1918 m. Sterling Montgomery 7. Evelyn Grace Ballance b. 16 Nov. 1920 m. (1) Earl Linwood Kiff m. (2) Faison Lee Tuner m. (3) Ernest B. Russell i. Faison Lee Russell ii. Stephen Bruce Russell 8. Dorothy Mae Ballance b. 12 March 1923 m. (1) Richard M. Rosevear i. Paul Richard Rosevear m. (2) Richard C. Schuler |
| <p>MAMIE b. ca. 1875 d. 26 Nov. 1905 m. 10 Sept. 1891 George Weatherington (See Fentress Chart Vb)</p> | <p>m. (2) Hazel Mae Hargrove Fentress (widow of his brother, Dennis, Jr.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ann Ray Fentress m. (1) Vance Davis i. Sherrell Ann Davis ii. Kenneth Davis m. (2) George Ripley | <p>DENNIS, JR. b. ca. 1885 d. 15 Feb. 1924 m. Hazel Mae Hargrove (no issue)</p> |

* Note: Lois Lee Davenport and Margaret Williamson Swift contributed information on this chart.

CHART Vb*

MAMIE FENTRESS

(Youngest daughter of *Dennis B. Fentress*
and *Minerva Wadsworth Ward Fentress*)
b. ca. 1875, d. 26 Nov. 1905
m. 10 Sept. 1891, George Weatherington



* Note: Lois Lee Daventryport and Margaret Williamson Swift contributed information on this chart.

CHART VI

JOHN ANDREW FENTRESS

(son of Willis and Amy Fentress)
b. 1831, d. by 1900

m. (1) 3 Jan. 1855, **Jacamine Williamson**
(b. 1831, d. 15 March 1868)

CARY

b. 1 Nov. 1856
d. 25 March 1879, D.S.P.

ANNE ELIZA

b. 22 Oct. 1860
d. 24 March 1956
m. 18 April 1883

Thomas Sylvanius Ward

1. **Lena Sylvanius Ward**
b. 13 June 1884
d. 22 Nov. 1924
m. 27 Dec. 1904
Rufus Sawyer
(See Ward Chart VII)

2. **Infant boy**
b. 5 Sept. 1886
d. same day

3. **Ada Frances Ward**
b. 26 Nov. 1887
d. 26 Jan. 1984
m. 12 Dec. 1905
Victor Scott Murden
(See Ward Chart VIII)

4. **Dora Virginia Ward**
b. 31 Aug. 1890
d. 1978
m. 10 June 1912
Paul Heath Sawyer
(See Ward Chart IX)

5. **Elzy Thomas Ward**
b. 21 June 1893
d. 1961
m. (1) 13 Dec. 1912
Bessie Weatherington
(See Ward Chart VII
and Fentress Chart Vb)
m. (2) **Mary Sawyer Gray** (widow)

6. **Helen Godfrey Ward**
b. 12 Dec. 1896
d. 13 Sept. 1981
m. 24 Dec. 1916
Thomas Jarvis Wood
(See Ward Chart VII)

VIRGINIA "JENNIE"

b. 1862
m. **James Tatem**

1. **James Tatem, Jr.**
b. 1883

2. **Henry Tatem**
b. 1885

3. **Eva Tatem**
b. 1887

4. **Essie Tatem**
b. 1889
m. **M. Buchanan**

EMILY JANE "EMMA"

b. 22 Sept. 1864
m. 17 May 1882

William Thomas Murden
(son of Zachariah and Fanny Murden)
b. 16 Oct. 1856
(See Fentress Charts VIa and VIb)

7. **Infant Boy (twin)**
b. 23 Aug. 1899
d. 24 Oct. 1899

8. **Infant Girl (twin)**
b. 23 Aug. 1899
d. 4 Nov. 1899

9. **Annie Naomi Ward**
b. 8 Dec. 1900
d. 6 Aug. 1932
m. 2 April 1918
Herbert Hobson Brown
(See Ward Chart X)

CHART VIa

EMILY JANE "EMMA" FENTRESS

(Youngest daughter of John Andrew Fentress and
 Jacqueline Williamson Fentress)
 b. 22 Sept. 1864, m. 17 May 1882, William Thomas Murden
 (b. 16 Oct. 1856 of Zachariah and Fanny Murden)

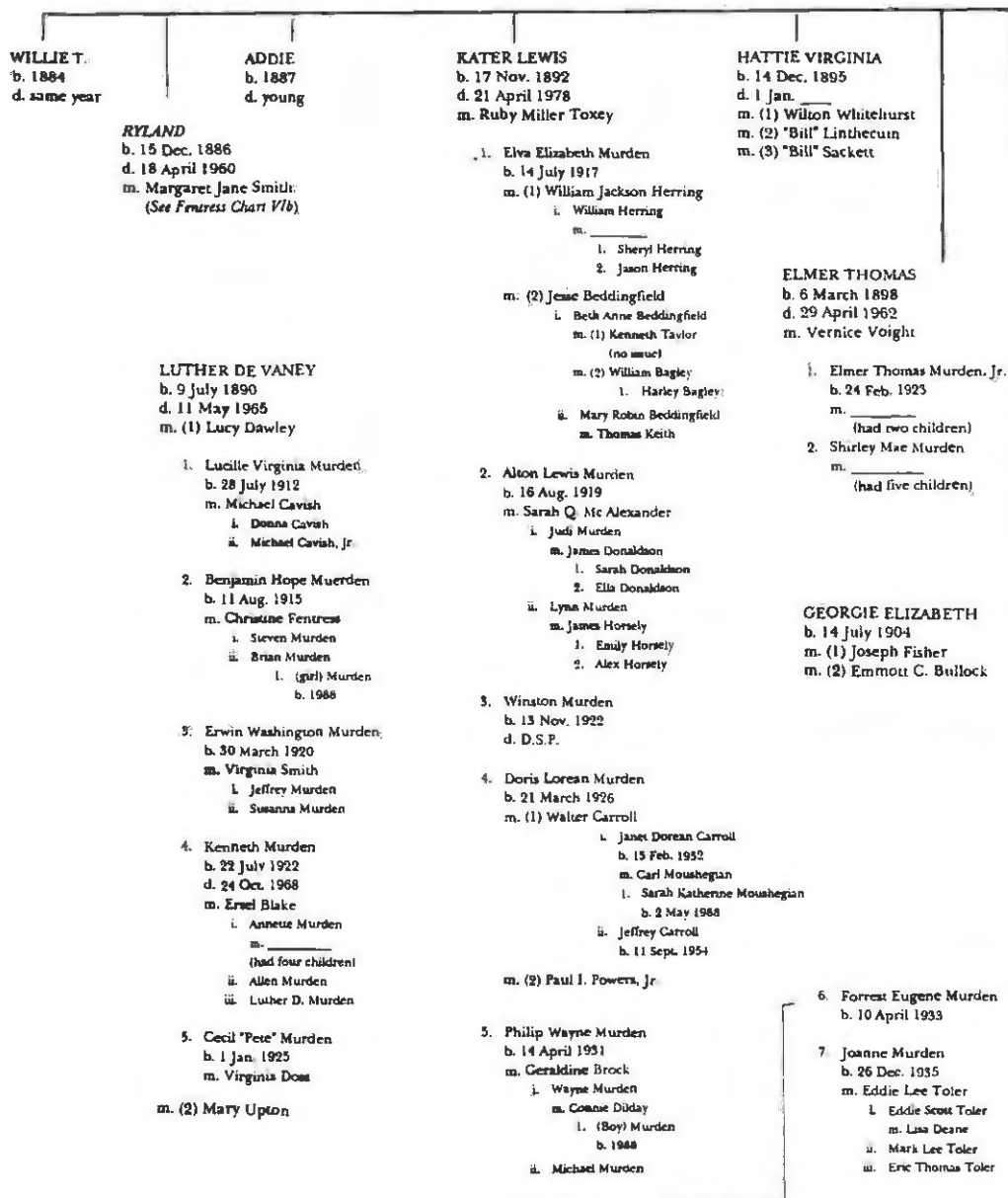


CHART VII

RYLAND MURDEN

(second son of *Emily Jane "Emma" Fenness Murden*
and *William Thomas Murden*)

b. 15 Dec. 1886, d. 18 April 1960
m. Margaret Jane Smith

CLARENCE S.

b. 27 March 1907
d. 24 Sept. 1978
m. Pearl Habart

1. Twin Murden (stillborn)
b. 1935
2. Twin Murden (stillborn)
b. 1935
3. Anne Charlene Murden
b. 27 Feb. 1937
m. (1) Cary William Dunn
 - i. William Dunn
b. 10 May 1961
 - ii. James Dunn
b. 12 Jan. 1963
 - iii. Matthew Dunn
b. 22 Oct. 1964
 m. (2) "Bill" Dunsmore
4. Betty Marie Murden
b. 14 Feb. 1940
m. Leslie Blanchard
 - i. Julie Marie Blanchard
b. 27 March 1964
 - ii. Craig Dennis Blanchard
b. 21 April 1966
 - iii. Leslie Dennis "Chip" Blanchard
b. 30 Sept. 1969
 - iv. Elizabeth Anne "Beth" Blanchard
b. 23 Feb. 1973
5. Ryland Joseph Murden
b. 24 Dec. 1944
m. Lenora Kachinski
(i.) Paul Ryland Murden
(adopted)

PAUL RYLAND

b. 7 April 1911
d. 1925, D.S.P.

EMILY ELIZABETH

b. 27 Jan. 1920
m. Myron Louie Capps

1. Helen Louise Capps
b. 8 Nov. 1940
d. 6 Feb. 1985
m. Edward O. Schartnor
 - i. Edward O. Schartnor, Jr.
b. 5 April 1969
2. Nita Virginia Capps
b. 17 Dec. 1943
m. John Anthony Brothers
 - i. Tracey Shawn Brothers
b. 4 April 1964
 - ii. John Mark Brothers
b. 18 Oct. 1972
 - iii. Jason Anthony Brothers
b. 15 Nov. 1977
 - iv. Rebekah Taylor Brothers
b. 17 Nov. 1978
3. Robert Murden Capps
b. 2 April 1947
m. (1) Alison Johnson
 - i. Stephanie Devon Capps
b. 10 Nov. 1977
 m. (2) Elaine Connors
 - i. Joshua Todd Capps
b. 24 Sept. 1988
4. Carolyn Gail Capps
b. 1949
m. Donald J. Lee
 - i. Margaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Lee
b. 31 May 1974
 - ii. Rumed Bryan "Rusty" Lee
b. 5 June 1978
3. Lloyd Alva Murden, Jr.
b. 11 July 1949
m. Barbara Anne Strawhand
 - i. Julia Murden
b. 13 Aug. 1984
 - ii. Steven Lloyd Murden
b. 27 May 1988

LLOYD ALVA

b. 16 Dec. 1908
m. Lucy Woodhouse

1. Joyce Elizabeth Murden
b. 16 Oct. 1935
m. Ray Newman
 - i. Mark Murden Newman
b. 21 May 1966
 - ii. Betsy Ray Newman
b. 14 July 1973
2. Barbara Jean Murden
b. 1 Sept. 1942
m. Grandy Winston Henley
 - i. Jeffrey Winston Henley
 - ii. Bruce Henley

CHART VII

JOHN ANDREW FENTRESS

(son of Willis and Amy Fentress)

b. 1831, d. by 1900

m. (2) 19 March 1873, *Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Murden*

(daughter of *Amy Frances Ward* and Durent Murden)

b. 1851

AMY (twin)
b. 4 March 1874
d. 28 Aug. 1877

MARY (twin)
b. 4 March 1874
d. young

KETURAH "KITTY"
b. 7 March 1876
d. 20 Nov. 1966
m. James E. Curling

1. Bessie Curling
b. A. K. Nuchols
i. Evelyn Nuchols
b. ca. 1920
2. Mildred Curling
m. R. F. Humphries
3. (girl) Curling
m. D. L. Davis
4. (girl) Curling
m. C. F. Owen
5. (girl) Curling
m. L. H. Jones
6. James E. Curling, Jr.
7. C. L. Curling
8. Marshall Curling
d. before 1966
(See *Ward Chart IIIa*)

JOHN
b. 10 Aug. 1877
d. young

LUCY MAE
b. 15 March 1882
d. before 1966
m. _____ Angell

JOSEPH "JOE"
b. 15 March 1883
d. before 1966

1. Edward Fentress
b. 1905
2. Albert Fentress
b. 1906
3. Blanche Fentress
b. 1908



Anne Eliza Fentress Ward
--ca. 1910-1912

PART IV

**THE GODFREY GROUP
FROM NORFOLK COUNTY TO CAROLINA AND BACK**

**PLUS THEIR ENCOUNTERS WITH
GUILFORDS, BELLS, HARRISONS, WARDS, AND
A FEW CARTWRIGHTS**



Family gathering at the home of Lycurgus Ward in the Campostella section of Norfolk --ca. 1925: Hattie Boole Ward, Lydia Ward Howe, (unidentified), Anne Eliza Fentress Ward, Kathryn Ward, Thomas Sylvanius Ward, Lycurgus Ward, Edna Ward, Harriet Ward, Naomi Ward Channing.

THE GODFREY GROUP (SOMETIMES SPELLED GODFRY, GODFREE)

Back in 1976, I did a brief history of the Godfrey family as it related to Hannah Godfrey who married Randolph Randall Ward on 27 October 1859. It was sketchy. For one reason, or another, I did not have time to dwell on my copious notes. Now, in the early days of fall, twelve years later, I have practically slept with them. Who says funny things about foresight and hindsight? Way back, my foresight said, "Keep these notes, you'll want them someday." Recently, my hindsight said rather bluntly, "You've got those records – do the job!" After a few sassy replies to both my fore- and hindsight, I've done the job. At least I've done it to the best of my ability. Sure, there are some sins of omission, a few misplaced cousins, and some writing I couldn't read (mine).

Because the Godfreys of this line married into several families of importance to the Wards, I shall try to put them in separate categories. This was especially true in the small County of Camden, North Carolina. If a few slipped across a little water into Pasquotank County that was understandable. The Godfrey properties seemed to be close to the Willis Wilson family – and the Bells – and the Harrisons – and those everloving Cartwrights. In later years, those Cartwrights weren't any better than they had to be. I quote the late Dr. Elizabeth McPherson, who was with the Library of Congress for years (as well as historian for the National Organization of XVIIth Century Colonial Dames) – "the Cartwrights were of ill repute." She was a delightful lady, and when she retired, she returned to her home in Camden. I shall probably quote her several times.

The Godfrey immigrant I cannot find. Among the Godfreys who came into the Peninsula of Virginia (Upper and Lower Norfolk Counties – including Isle of Wight) went to counties elsewhere in Virginia. I have one William Godfrey who came to Isle of Wight in 1640. He came alone. For our ancestor, who married in 1650, he couldn't have been the father. Our ancestor may be the immigrant, but he had to enter through another port. I have not checked all of them.

Our first ancestor was Matthew (the first name was torn in the record, and I had to do a little deduction) Godfrey. Matthew Godfrey was born about 1630, died 15 December 1671 (wills, pp. 57-58). In 1650, he married Sarah Porten, both of Norfolk County, Virginia. They had five children:

1. **Matthew Godfrey**, born in 1652, died about 1705. It is believed that he stayed in Norfolk or Princess Anne County. Matthew Godfrey's name appears frequently in the court records and parish records of Norfolk County.

2. **Jonathan (or John) Godfrey**, born in 1655. According to references, he went to Perquimans County, North Carolina. Nothing more is known about him. Mrs. Winslow's book on the early settlers of Perquimans may offer information on him.

3. **Warren Godfrey**, born in 1657, died April 1712, married about 1677 to a person not identified. They had ten children:
 - 1a. John Godfrey, born 1679, died August 1708 (WB:51, 200) married Mary Nichols (p. 83) and they had seven children:
 - 1b. William Godfrey, born 1699. He and his brother
 - 2b. Matthew Godfrey, born 1700, both inherited land on Northwest River.
 - 3b. Amey Godfrey, born 1701, married Capt. Hutchings.
 - 4b. Anne Godfrey, born 1704, married Capt. Nathaniel Tatem. (The marriage was witnessed by Capt. William Wood, William Godfrey, and James Cox.)
Nathaniel and Anne had four children:
 - 1c. Nathaniel Tatem, Jr., born ca. 1725.
 - 2c. John Tatem, born ca. 1727.
 - 3c. Trimmingham Tatem, born ca. 1729

- 4c. Love Tatem, born ca. 1731.
- 5b. Mary Godfrey, born ca. 1704, married James Whitehurst (witness, Daniel Godfrey).
- 6b. Arthur Godfrey, born ca. 1706. He left land near Willis Wilson, in Camden County, N.C.
- 7b. Dinah Godfrey, born ca. 1708.
- 2a. Warren Godfrey, Jr., born ca. 1679, married and had one child:
 - 1b. Jonathan Godfrey, born ca. 1702, died May 1744/5, married a Mary about 1722. They had six children:
 - 1c. Sarah Godfrey, born 1724.
 - 2c. Amy (Amey) Godfrey, born 1726, married a Eusfen or Eusten (p. 300).
 - 3c. Elizabeth Godfrey, born 1728.
 - 4c. John Godfrey, born 1730, married and had one child:
 - 1d. John Godfrey, Jr., d. Feb. 1753 leaving no issue (p. 200). He left legacies to *brother* Matthew Godfrey, *brother* William Godfrey (land in Pasquotank Co., N.C.), and *sister* Amey Eusten (or Eusfen).
 - 5c. William Godfrey, born 1732.
 - 6c. Matthew Godfrey, born 1735.
- 3a. Peter Godfrey, born ca. 1681.
- 4a. Matthew Godfrey, born ca. 1683, died May 1717 (p. 57), married Isabella. No issue. He left an interesting will which is given in part next, naming:
 - Cousin*: Matthew Godfrey, son of brother John.
 - Cousin*: Joseph Perry, land in Currituck, N.C.
 - Cousin*: Thomas Perry.
 - Sister* Jackson's children (doesn't identify them).
 - Cousins*: William Godfrey, Anne Tatem, Amy Hutchings.
 - Cousins*: Randle, Thomas, James Egerton.

Cousins: Arthur Godfrey (son of John, deceased), land near Willis Wilson's (son of Col. James Wilson), Camden County, N.C.

Cousin: Matthew Godfrey, son of brother Warren, Negro Toney (if he has no heirs, then to Malbones).

Son-in-law: James Wilson (the term "son-in-law" in the old records does not always mean the husband of a daughter; it often meant stepson).

Brothers: Warren Godfrey and John Godfrey, the plantation near the North River (Norfolk County).

Sister: Elizabeth Murphee (Murphy).

Cousin: Dinah Godfrey, daughter of Cousin John Godfrey, deceased.

5a. Daniel Godfrey, Sr., born ca. 1685, died October 1716 (p. 47), married Leale in 1705, and had three children:

1b. Abigail (Abigail) Godfrey, born ca. 1707.

2b. Daniel Godfrey, Jr., born ca. 1710. He came to Camden County about 1730. He had seven children:

1c. Malachi Godfrey, born ca. 1730, died 1821 (WB-C), m. (1) a Lydia; m. (2) Hester (____) Portlock, a widow. Malachi sold to James Godfrey land near Willis Wilson, part of his father's plantation. He had two girls:

1d. Welthy Godfrey, b. ca. 1760s.

2d. Mary Godfrey, b. ca. 1760s.

2c. James Godfrey, born ca. 1734.

3c. William Godfrey, born ca. 1736, married and had one girl:

1d. Elizabeth, "Betsy," Godfrey.

4c. Samuel Godfrey, born ca. 1738. (He had land next to Wilson's.)

5c. Thamer Godfrey, born 1742, died 1822. Her will is the earliest recorded in Camden County, N.C. (WB C). D.S.P. Her will names *brothers* Samuel, William, James, Malachi; Polly Snowden (Willis Wilson's sister), Betsy the daughter

of William and Welthy the daughter of Malachi Godfrey. Willis Wilson, neighbor, was executor with James Godfrey. *Note:* She did not mention brothers Abner and Lemuel – not unusual.

- 6c. Abner Godfrey, born ca. 1743, married and had at least three children:
 - 1d. Jacob Godfrey, b. ca. 1760s. He had land near Willis Wilson, and paid taxes in Pasquotank County, N.C., in 1769 and 1782.
 - 2d. John Godfrey, b. ca. 1760s; paid taxes in Pasquotank County, N.C., in 1782.
 - 3d. Abner Godfrey, Jr., b. ca. 1760s; he was in Camden, N.C. and was often involved with his uncle Lemuel.

- 7c. Lemuel Godfrey, born ca. 1745, died ca. 1805, married ca. 1765 Hannah Gardner (daughter of James Gardner, schoolmaster in Camden, and Deborah Taylor of Chowan who was daughter of John Taylor and Sarah Penrice of Chowan). Their first land transaction is recorded in DB 1, p. 41. They had seven children:
 - 1d. Abigail Godfrey, b. ca. 1770, married 10 April 1798; in Pasquotank County, N.C., William Cartwright.
 - 2d. George Godfrey, b. ca. 1772; involved in land transaction between Edmund and sister Nancy Godfrey.
 - 3d. Nancy (Ann) Godfrey, b. ca. 1774.
 - 4d. Enoch Godfrey, b. ca. 1775; sold land of his father to Edmund Godfrey.
 - 5d. Dempsey Godfrey, b. ca. 1777.
 - 6d. Deborah Godfrey, b. ca. 1780.
 - 7d. Edmund S. Godfrey, b. 1797 (differs from 1850 census and the deposition he gave in Norfolk County, and I really think it was 1787). Married by

1829 (DB T), Lydia (Guilford) Bell, widow of Seth Bell.

Let me break in here with another will of interest! Remember that Lemuel Godfrey married Hannah Gardner. Hannah had a sister, Deborah, who first married a Freshwater and had two sons. Next she married a Cartwright. Apparently she had settled with her sons and had no issue by Cartwright.

Will of Deborah Cartwright, died 1833 (WB C, p. 178)

Heirs: Sister Hannah Godfrey (all of plantation for her life then to her daughter).

Niece Deborah Godfrey

Abner Godfrey

Enoch Godfrey (son of Lemuel Godfrey)

Dempsey Godfrey (son of Lemuel Godfrey)

Executors: Trusty Friend Abner Godfrey and Hannah Godfrey.

Note: I did not enumerate – but she had considerable wealth.

Now, let's go back to Lydia (Guilford) Bell being the widow of Seth Bell. She was Seth Bell's second wife and she acquired from his first marriage, to Jane Cartwright, *seven* children. By Seth Bell, Lydia had two sons (one later married and had three little Bell children) – now she was married to Edmund S. Godfrey and would have six children. Let me see if I can count – seven Bells, plus two more Bells, plus six Godfreys add up to a bunch of children! Also note the frequent name of Deborah.

i.e. Ellen Godfrey, b. 1832, m. 28 January 1853, David C. McPherson of Camden County, N.C. They moved to "The Cross Roads" in Princess Anne County, Virginia, before 1857. David 1868. They had:

- 1f. Deborah Octavia McPherson, b. 19 Jan. 1857, d. 27 Dec. 1929 (buried Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk). On 22 Dec. 1881, she m. Peter H. Forbes (son of Peter and Martha Harrison Forbes).
 - 2f. Lydia Frances McPherson, b. 27 Sept. 1859, m. 27 Jan. 1897 _____, who died, and she m. (2) William Walter Saunders (son of John and Ruth Elmore Jones Saunders of Henrico Co., Va.).
 - 3f. David James McPherson, b. 19 Jan. 1864, d. 23 March 1936, m. on 22 Sept. 1898, Sarah, "Sally," Ann Fanshaw in Norfolk, the daughter of Whitehurst Fanshaw of Pennsylvania. David McPherson is buried in Elmwood Cemetery.
- 2e. Martha Godfrey, b. 1834; believe she d. young and unmarried.
- 3e. Sarah Ann Godfrey, b. 1836, m. 4 April 1867, James T. Murphy. He d. before 1880, and Sarah Ann Murphy with her four children lived with Hannah and Randolph Ward. The Murphys lived in Princess Anne County.
- 1f. Irene Lee Murphy, b. 10 May 1870.
 - 2f. Martha V. Murphy, b. 1872, married John F. Murden 14 Aug. 1890.
 - 3f. Ethelburt Murphy, b. 1874.
 - 4f. Joseph Murphy, b. 1875.
- 4e. Hannah Godfrey, b. 30 Nov. 1838, d. 26 March 1896, m. Randolph Randall Ward 27 Oct. 1859 (where has never been determined). They lived on the Ward plantation in "The Elbow" in Prin-

cess Anne County. Both are buried in the "Ward Burying Ground." They had seven children:

- 1f. Edmund Randolph ("Biggy") Ward, b. 29 Dec. 1860, d. 14 Jan. 1904, m. 17 March 1896, Myrtilla Ann Davis. (For their children, see Ward Chart and Book and also Davis Book.)
- 2f. Thomas Sylvania Ward, b. 19 March 1862, d. 27 March 1927, m. 18 April 1883 Anne Eliza Fentress. Both are buried in Forest Lawn. (For their children, see Ward, Fentress, and Williamson Books.)
- 3f. Lydia Ward, b. 9 Dec. 1864, d. 22 April 1953, buried in Elmwood Cemetery; m. Richard E. Howe 15 Feb. 1887.
- 4f. Lemuel Godfrey, "Shug," Ward, b. 1866, d. in 1930s; buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Norfolk. D.S.P.
- 5f. Lycurgus Berkley Ward, b. 8 Oct. 1868, d. 26 Aug. 1948; m. Hattie Boole of Norfolk. (For their children see Ward Book.)
- 6f. Harriet Dorcas Ward, b. 1 Nov. 1874, d. 5 Feb. 1950; buried Elmwood Cemetery. D.S.P.
- 7f. Naomi Ward, b. 1876, d. 1950s; m. 27 Sept. 1899, Charles Channing. (See Ward Book)
- 5e. Edmund S. Godfrey, Jr., b. ca. 1840.
- 6e. George Godfrey, b. ca. 1842.
- 3b. Warren Godfrey (of Daniel Godfrey Sr. and Leale - 3rd child).
- 6a. Frances Godfrey, born ca. 1687 (of Warren Godfrey, Sr.).
- 7a. Sarah Godfrey, born ca. 1691.

- 8a. Elizabeth Godfrey, born ca. 1693, m. 1714, a Murphee (Murphy).
- 9a. Katherine Godfrey, born ca. 1695.
- 10a. Jane Godfrey, born ca. 1697.

- 4. **Sarah Godfrey**, born ca. 1660, married ca. 1680, a Peter Malbone and had at least one son:
 - 1a. Matthew Malbone, born ca. 1682.

- 5. **Ann Godfrey**, born ca. 1661, married first **Arthur Topping** and had no issue. Married next, an **Egerton** and they had:
 - 1a. Randle (Randall) Egerton,
 - 2a. Thomas Egerton.
 - 3a. George Egerton.
 - 4a. James Egerton.



Linda Ward Munden, Edward Herman Ward, Grace Ward

In a nutshell, for those tracing the lineage of Hannah Godfrey, the following:

Matthew Godfrey and Sarah Porten
to
Warren Godfrey, Sr.
to
Daniel Godfrey, Sr., and Leale
to
Daniel Godfrey, Jr.
to
Lemuel Godfrey and Hannah Gardner
to
Edmund S. Godfrey and Lydia Guilford Bell
to
Hannah Godfrey and Randolph Randall Ward

There were several Godfreys, who operated in Camden County in the same time span as our family. From whence they came and where they went is not known. It is highly possible they descended from some of Warren Godfrey, Sr.'s sons. Several of his sons left no wills.

Or, they could have descended from the Francis Godfrey and wife, Joane, who came into old Albemarle District in November 1675, and had two sons, William and John Godfrey.

Note: Back in the XVIIth and early XVIIIth Century, the area north of the Albemarle Sound was referred to as "Ye Counties of Albemarle." The counties were divided into three precincts: Carteret Precinct included the present counties of Currituck, Camden, and Pasquotank. Berkley Precinct is now Perquimans County. Shaftesbury Precinct is now Chowan County. Later on, Carteret Precinct included the present-day counties of Beaufort and Carteret. It is important to know that –I

know of at least one published book on the Guilfords (given to the XVIIth Century Colonial Dames), where an error was made on the Carteret Precinct. Once more I quote the late Dr. Elizabeth McPherson, "Mrs. Cook did not know the history-geography of North Carolina."

In 1679, Francis Godfrey was in Pasquotank County. Nothing more appears about Francis Godfrey, but from 1693 to 1775 there are some transactions of a William, John, and Peter Godfrey. It seems likely the William and John Godfrey were the children (or grandchildren) of Francis and Joane Godfrey. In their land transactions, the property bounds were not the same (or close) to those in our Godfrey line. As late as the 1950s and 60s, there were not many Godfreys in Camden County.

There are two items in Hathaway's *Colonial Records of North Carolina*, vol. 1, that might be of interest.

- (1) "Before 1669, no person of mixed blood, under the fourth generation, can be a witness."
- (2) In 1669, "No man can be a free man of Carolina, or have an estate, who does not acknowledge God."

Knowing it is difficult to remove a law once it is in the Code, I wonder! North Carolina, do you still carry those laws in your musty Codes? Someday I'm going to check it out – just for fun.

The article I'm going to transcribe next, belongs in two places. That would be redundant. It is about the daughter of Littleton G. Davis and his wife, Martha (Chappel) Davis. The article was sent to me by a granddaughter of that couple (Linda Ward Munden of Norfolk, Virginia). Linda had received it from Mrs. Glendale Scott of Roanoke, Va. Glendale Scott's great-grandmother was the sister of Hannah (Godfrey) Ward. Therefore, I'm placing it with the Godfrey family.

A page from an autograph and miscellaneous book belonging to my grandmother – Lydia Frances McPherson Saunders (daughter of David and Ellen Godfrey McPherson).

"Died at his residence, in Brambleton, Va., June 9, 1887, Miss Linda F. Davis, daughter of Littleton G. Davis of Princess Anne, Va., aged about seventeen years. It is often said, "Death loves a shining mare," and it seems too sadly true in this case. The deceased was an intelligent young lady of quite modest manners, amiable disposition, and was much beloved by those who knew her. She was, for several years, a pupil of the Salem public schools in this county, and reflected much credit on the school. She was an ornament to her family and community. At the time of her death, she was a pupil of the "Hemmenway School" in Brambleton and stood high in the estimation of her teachers and fellow pupils. She was a member of the Salem Methodist Church and, we trust was fully prepared for death, and is now "Safe in the arms of Jesus, beyond the cares and trials of this life." An appropriate funeral discourse was delivered by her pastor, Rev. D.G.C. Butts, on Saturday, June 11th, at the old homestead in Princess Anne County and her remains tenderly laid away, there to wait the archangel's trumpet on the resurrection morn.

Princess Anne Co. Va. J.T.W. Whitehurst

Note: She died of measles.

What about those Godfreys who were our kin? It would appear they lived well, at least in the early days. Old Lemuel probably lived "beyond his means" as I've found many records of his notes to various Godfrey kin! One of these kinfolks gave a note of Lemuels, as a gift, to someone. At one point, he and Hannah sold a 15-year-old Negro girl for £150. So far, I've found none of our Godfreys in the Civil Action records. Of course, a good many of the early, early records in Camden were lost in a fire. From the places I've found some of their records, it is a wonder anything remains. Would you believe cardboard boxes placed at random in a big storage room? No, that room was occasionally used to hold court! By 1988, I hope they've "cleaned up their act." As far as I can determine, the spelling in the old Camden records is the poorest anywhere! Bar none! To decode their spelling, one has to think phonetically – in Anglo-Saxon, in Cockney, in an Irish brogue, or a Scottish burr. Fun! Especially on a cold rainy day with little heat in the courtroom.

Edmund S. Godfrey was involved in several suits over Lydia's two sons by Seth Bell. Edmund became their guardian when he married Lydia. There were a few disputes about money owed them – the Harrisons were family connected to Lydia and they were involved. Edmund S. Godfrey wrote well and many of the documents

were written by him. I have photocopies of them. Then, after Lydia's mother married Gideon Cartwright, he was to become executor of her will. It was after Lydia died that Edmund S. Godfrey went to Norfolk County and bought a farm. Most, if not all, of his living children were in Princess Anne County. His farm was, no doubt, in "The Elbow" section of Norfolk County, a mere "stone's throw" from "The Elbow" and "The Cross Roads" landmarks in Princess Anne County. We know for a fact that when his son-in-law, David McPherson (husband of Ellen Godfrey) died, Edmund S. Godfrey reported his death for the county records.

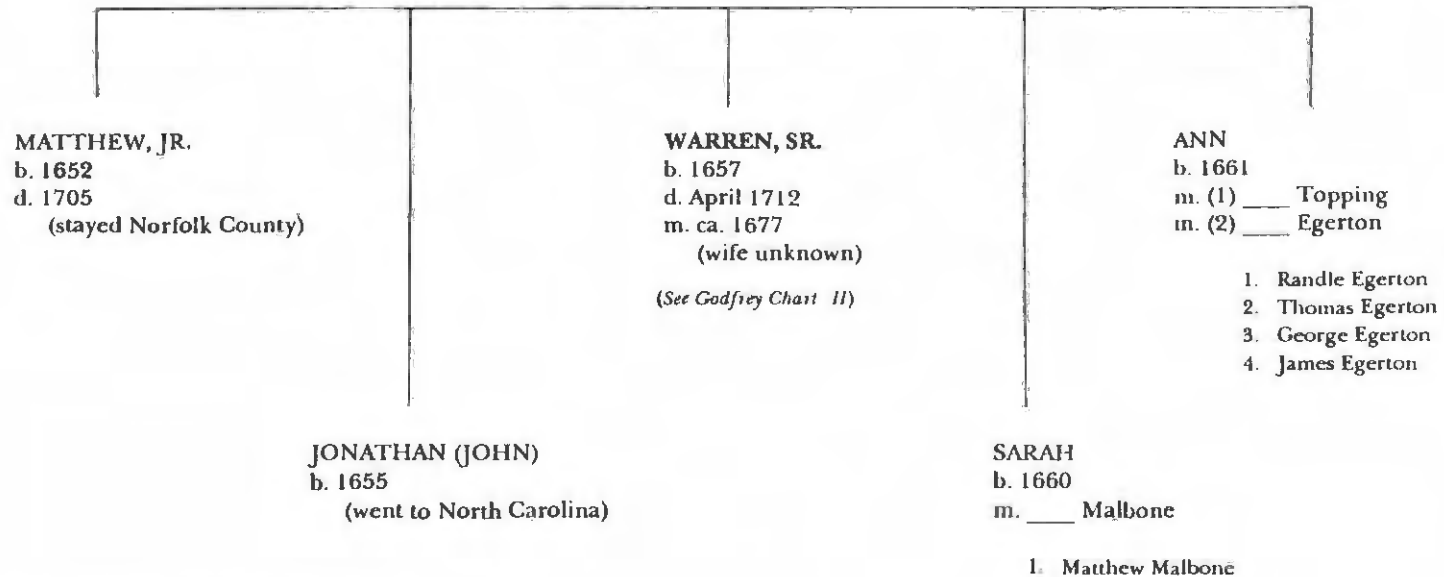
It is all too true that good people often beget progeny of lesser character, integrity, and goodness. In the case of Edmund S. Godfrey that seems to have been the reality. Family stories, as I heard them, stated he was a doctor who had lost his life during the Yellow Fever epidemic in Norfolk. Not true. No one in my lifetime, or my parents' lifetime, knew him. The facts show – by court records – that the man moved close to the family he loved. He gave land and, no doubt, money to children and grandchildren. All of it! Then, in his last years, he survived by living in a poor section of Norfolk running a butcher shop and store. When he died of cystitis, almost 80, not one of those children or grandchildren provided him with a proper funeral. The City of Norfolk buried him in Elmwood Cemetery. If there is doubt about this, one may get the photocopied record from the City of Norfolk. Yes, I feel a strong affinity for this great-great-grandfather I never knew. I've never seen a picture of him. His handwriting and words I have seen – I'm happy to be of him. And, I am ashamed that what he gave through love was so carelessly tossed away. Were he here, I suspect he'd smile and say, "Doesn't matter."

It seems the time has come to leave the Godfrey family for now. In the next section, the Guilford history will be given specifically as it relates to Hannah Godfrey through Lydia (Guilford) Bell. Not only Hannah, but also all the children of Edmund S. and Lydia Godfrey.

CHART I

Norfolk County
1650

MATTHEW GODFREY
b. ca. 1630, d. 15 Dec. 1671
m. 1650, **Sarah Porten**
b. 1635, d. 1678



Bold type indicates person in line of descent.

***Bold Italic* type indicates that additional information on this person will be found on another chart.**

CHART II

WARREN GODFREY, SR.
 b. 1657, d. April 1712
 m. ca. 1677 _____

JOHN
 b. 1679
 m. Aug. 1708 (WB 51, p. 200)
 Mary Nichols

1. William Godfrey
 b. 1699
2. Matthew Godfrey
 b. 1700
3. Amy Godfrey
 b. 1701
 m. Captain Hutchings
4. Anne Godfrey
 b. 1704
 m. Captain Nathaniel Tatem
 - i. Nathaniel Tatem, Jr.
 b. ca. 1725
 - ii. John Tatem
 b. ca. 1727
 - iii. Trimmingham Tatem
 b. ca. 1729
 - iv. Love Tatem
 b. ca. 1731
5. Mary Godfrey
 b. ca. 1704
 m. James Whitehurst
6. Arthur Godfrey
 b. ca. 1706
7. Dinah Godfrey
 b. 1708

WARREN, JR.
 b. 1679
 d. April 1712
 m. _____

- i. Jonathan Godfrey
 b. 1702
 d. 1744 or 1745
 m. ca. 1722
 Mary _____
 - i. Sarah Godfrey
 b. 1724
 - ii. Amy Godfrey
 b. 1726
 m. _____ Eusfen
 - iii. Elizabeth Godfrey
 b. 1728
 - iv. John Godfrey
 b. 1730
 m. _____
 1. John Godfrey, Jr.
 d. Feb. 1753
 (pre-deceased his father)
 - v. William Godfrey
 b. 1732
 - vi. Matthew Godfrey
 b. 1735

PETER
 b. ca. 1681

MATTHEW
 b. ca. 1683
 d. May 1717
 m. Isabella _____

- DANIEL, SR.
 b. ca. 1685
 d. Oct. 1716
 m. 1705
 Leale _____
1. Abigail (Abigail) Godfrey
 b. ca. 1707
 2. Daniel Godfrey, Jr.
 b. ca. 1710
 (See Godfrey Chart III)
 3. Warren Godfrey

FRANCES
 b. ca. 1687

SARAH
 b. ca. 1691

ELIZABETH
 b. ca. 1693
 m. 1714
 _____ Murphee (Murphy)

KATHERINE
 b. ca. 1695

JANE
 b. ca. 1697

CHART III

DANIEL GODFREY, JR.
 b. ca. 1710, m. (unknown)
 (arrived in Camden County ca. 1730)

MALACHI
 b. ca. 1730
 d. 1821 (WB-C)
 m. (1) Lydia _____
 m. (2) Hester Portlock (w.)

1. Welthy Godfrey
 b. ca. 1760s
2. Mary Godfrey
 b. ca. 1760s

JAMES
 b. ca. 1734

WILLIAM
 b. ca. 1736
 m. (unknown)

1. Elizabeth (Betsy) Godfrey

SAMUEL
 b. ca. 1738

THAMER
 b. 1742
 d. 1822, D.S.P. (WB-C)

ABNER
 b. ca. 1743
 m. (unknown)

1. Jacob Godfrey
 b. ca. 1760s
 m. Sarah _____
2. John Godfrey
 b. ca. 1760s
3. Abner Godfrey, Jr.
 b. ca. 1760s

7. Edmund S. Godfrey
 b. 1797
 d. 5 May 1878
 m. ca. 1829 (DB-T)
 Lydia Guilford Bell
 (widow of Seth Bell)
 (See Godfrey Chart IV
 and Guilford Chart III)

LEMUEL
 b. ca. 1745
 d. ca. 1805
 m. ca. 1765

Hannah Gardner
 (daughter of James Gardner
 & Deborah Taylor Gardner)

1. Abigail Godfrey
 b. 1770
 m. 10 April 1798
 William Cartwright
2. George Godfrey
 b. ca. 1772
3. Nancy (Ann) Godfrey
 b. 1774
4. Enoch Godfrey
 b. ca. 1775
5. Dempsey Godfrey
 b. ca. 1777
6. Deborah Godfrey
 b. ca. 1780

EDMUND S. GODFREY
 b. 1797, d. 5 May 1878
 m. ca. 1829, **Lydia Guilford Bell**
 (widow of Seth Bell)

ELLEN
 b. 1832
 m. 28 Jan. 1853
 David C. McPherson
 (d. 15 Nov. 1868)

MARTHA
 b. 1834
 d. D.S.P.

HANNAH
 b. 30 Nov. 1838
 d. 26 March 1896
 m. 27 Oct. 1859
 Randolph Randall Ward

EDMUND S., JR.
 b. 1840

1. Deborah Octavia McPherson
 b. 19 Jan. 1857
 d. 27 Dec. 1929
 m. 22 Dec. 1881
 Peter H. Forbes
 (son of Peter & Martha Harrison Forbes)
2. Lydia Frances McPherson
 b. 27 Sept. 1859
 m. (1) 27 Jan. 1897
 (unknown)
 m. (2) William Waller Saunders
 (son of John & Ruth Elmore Jones Saunders)
3. David James McPherson
 b. 19 Jan. 1864
 d. 23 March 1936
 m. 22 Sept. 1898
 Sarah (Sally) Ann Fanshaw
 (daughter of Whitehurst Fanshaw)

1. *Edmund Randolph Ward*
 b. 29 Dec. 1860
 d. 14 Jan. 1904
 m. 17 March 1896
Myrilla Anne Davis
 (see Ward Chart VI a)
2. Thomas Sylvania Ward
 b. 19 March 1862
 d. 27 March 1927
 m. 18 April 1883
 Anne Eliza Fentress
 (see Ward Chart VI)
3. Lydia Ward
 b. 1864
 d. 1951
 m. Richard E. Howe
 (no issue)
4. Lemuel (Shug) Godfrey Ward
 b. 1866
 d. 1930s, D.S.P.

GEORGE
 b. 1842

SARAH ANN
 b. 1836
 m. 4 April 1867
 James T. Murphy

1. Irene Lee Murphy
 b. 10 May 1870
2. Martha V. Murphy
 b. 1872
 m. 14 Aug. 1890
 John F. Murden
3. Ethelburt Murphy
 b. 1874
4. Joseph Murphy
 b. 1875

5. Lycurgus Berkley Ward
 b. 1870
 d. 26 Aug. 1948
 m. Hattie Boole
 (See Ward Chart VI)
6. Harriet Dorcas Ward
 b. 1874
 d. 5 Feb. 1952, D.S.P.
7. Naomi Ward
 b. 1876
 d. 1940s
 m. Charles Channing
 (See Ward Chart VI)



*Lena Ward Sawyer,
as a young woman*

PART V

MEET THE GUILFORDS

**(ALSO SPELLED GILFORD, GILFOD)
AS RELATED TO THE CHILDREN
OF EDMUND S. GODFREY**



*Ada Ward Murden,
as a young woman*

MEET THE GUILFORDS

Some people have difficulty following a road map, reading a timetable, and more trouble following a lineage chart. That is why a narrative form will be used in this chapter. Hopefully, it will present a readable history in digest form. When I wrote my first "little history" on the Guilfords, back around 1976, excellent resources were available. Other than the usual court records in Camden and Pasquotank Counties, North Carolina, there were living people to assist. Mrs. Joseph Morgan Harrison of Gun Bluff Plantation, Edisto Island, South Carolina, wrote me long before 1976. From that point, we shared information for years. She was tracing her husband's Harrison line, and, naturally, she had material on the Guilfords which she shared. Mrs. Harrison was the lady who told me about the "floating around" cardboard boxes in the Camden Courthouse. Both Mrs. Harrison and I had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Elizabeth McPherson. The late Dr. McPherson had been an historian with the Library of Congress and recognized national historian for the Colonial Dames of the XVIIth Century. When she retired to her old homeplace in Camden, I met her. We corresponded until just before she died. A charming and forthright person was she. Laughing, she said, "I've lost more friends because I've had to tell some people their ancestors were not celebrated or royalty." Dr. McPherson knew Edna Guilford Cook, who wrote a compilation on the Guilfords in the 1960s. Mrs. Cook had made errors which have been cited previously. This, then, becomes one more booklet about the Guilfords. The information (lineage) presented had the "stamp of approval" of Dr. McPherson. On one occasion, my older daughter had the privilege and pleasure of meeting Dr. McPherson in Camden, N.C.

Sir Edward Guilford married Catherine, the daughter of Thomas, Thomas being the son of Lord Petrie of Hempstead Place, Kent, England. They were

married around the 1640s, and had a son named Joseph Guilford I. Joseph I was born about 1650, in Hempstead Place, Kent, England, and he married and had a son Isaac Guilford I. Isaac I was born about 1670, also in Hempstead Place, Kent, England. Just why Joseph Guilford I, and his son Isaac I, came to the Colony of North Carolina is not known. One may speculate. I suspect that Joseph I was a younger son not likely to inherit his father's title or land. Perhaps Joseph I was a problem to his father, Sir Edward, and he was encouraged to leave England, encouraged with the promise of land being made available in the colony.

Joseph Guilford I was the first Guilford in Camden County, North Carolina. He did not bring a wife. His son, Isaac Guilford I, either came with his father or shortly thereafter. Both were in Camden County by 18 November 1681, when Isaac I received a Land Grant for 650 acres. The bounds of that grant reached from the Pasquotank River (back then it was called the Craven River) to up around the present day community of Camden, N.C.

Isaac Guilford I must have married a North Carolina girl. There is no record of her name. We do know he had three children born in Camden County. First he had a son, John Guilford, born about 1712, who died by 1750, and bequeathed to his nephew, Joseph III. Next came Joseph Guilford II (he comes in the next paragraph) and Abigail Guilford, born about 1721, who married a W. Bray. Both Joseph I and Isaac I died within a short time of each other. Joseph I died by 1740, and Isaac I by 1741.

Joseph Guilford II, born 10 August 1719, died by 1770. He married **Sarah Harrison**, daughter of Robert Harrison, in Camden County, North Carolina, on 20 May 1736. They had at least three children: Isaac Guilford II, born ca. 1736, died ca. 1775, D.S.P. Jacob Guilford, born ca. 1738, died by 1758, a single person. Finally came Joseph Guilford III (who heired land from his Uncle John Guilford).

Joseph Guilford III, born about 1740, died by 1775. He married three times, and had three children. By his first wife, **Elizabeth**, he had Dorothy Guilford, who was born about 1757 and married Malachi Grandy (identified in the will of his grandmother, Elizabeth Parr, as her grandson). If they had issue, it is not known. After, or during Dorothy's birth, Elizabeth Guilford died. Joseph Guilford III then married **Mary Williams**, and we presume she died shortly thereafter because he next married **Dinah Lindsay**. He had two more children and left Dinah his widow. Joseph III and Dinah had Isaac Guilford III (see next paragraph) and Keziah Guilford, born ca. 1763, who married a Williams. If Keziah had issue, it is not known.

Isaac Guilford III, born about 1760, was dead by 1806, married twice. First, he married Lydia Wright (daughter of Jean and John Wright). By her he had two daughters: Judah (Judith) Guilford, born 1780, who married first William Hughes* (also spelled Hews, Hewes, Hughs). By this union came Noah Hughes, Joseph Guilford Hughes, and William Hughes, Jr., who married an Elizabeth. After Judith Guilford Hughes was widowed, she married Isaac Harrison. Judith and Isaac Harrison had eight children:

1. Isaac Harrison, Jr.

2. Guilford Harrison (who left Camden and in 1845 went to Norfolk, Virginia. He married Deborah Forbes and had (1) Benjamin Harrison, b. 1839, d. 1865, stabbed to death on the way home from the Civil War; Edmund S. Godfrey gave a deposition about this in Norfolk County. (2) Joseph Morgan Harrison, b. 1841,

*. The Joseph Hewes from Edenton, NC, who helped draft the Declaration of Independence, might have a connection with this family. There has never been enough time to research it.

married twice; his second marriage to Elizabeth Drummond Taylor produced no issue. His first marriage to Betty Sarah Cromwell resulted in two sons: Benjamin Harrison II and Joseph Morgan Harrison, Jr., b. 1871. Joseph M. Harrison, Jr., married Alma Gentry of South Carolina and from that union came Col. James Guilford Harrison, Joseph Morgan Harrison III of Gun Bluff Plantation, Edisto Island, South Carolina, and Randolph C. Harrison.

3. Lydia Harrison.

4. Mary Harrison.

5. Sarah Harrison.

6. Martha Harrison.

7. Morgan Harrison.

8. Wilson Harrison, and

Grandchildren: (1) Benjamin Gregory, (2) Samuel Gregory, (3) Noah Gregory, (4) Thomas Gregory, (5) Peggy Harrison, (6) Isaac Harrison, (7) Keziah Barnard, (8) Benjamin Barnard, and (9) Nancy E. (or G.) Bray.

Isaac Guilford III and Lydia Wright's last child was Keziah Guilford, born 1782, died 1842. Keziah married Jonathan Brockett. They had a daughter, Nancy Brockett, and a son, Isaac Brockett. Nancy Brockett married a Perkins.

Now, we turn to Isaac Guilford III's second marriage to a Polly. Polly who? I wish I had a clue. Polly was a frequent nickname for Mary, just as Nancy was a nickname for Anne. After Isaac III died, this Polly married a Cartwright – I doubt she was born a Cartwright. Anyway, Polly and Isaac III had three children. First they had William Guilford, born ca. 1802, died 20 October 1829, and married an Elizabeth. William and Elizabeth had Hester Guilford who married a Bray. Hester G. Bray and her husband had a daughter, Nancy Bray. After William Guilford, Isaac III and Polly Guilford had another son, Stephen Guilford. Stephen was born about 1804, and died a single person in the 1830s. Just before Isaac Guilford III

died, they had a girl, Lydia Guilford, born about 1805 and died in the 1860s. After Lydia Guilford's father died in 1806, her mother, Polly, married Gideon Cartwright and had three children by him: Gideon Cartwright, Jr.; Nancy Cartwright who married a Barco; and Sarah Cartwright who married a Seymore. It was in this home that Lydia Guilford was reared, except for about eighteen months, and she was under the guardianship of Gideon Cartwright until about 1819.

Lydia Guilford married twice. She first married Seth Bell about 1819. Seth Bell had been married to Jane Cartwright and brought with him the seven children he had had by her: Dempsey, Gideon, Jesse, Joseph, Nancy (who married a Wilson), Elizabeth, and Polly Bell. Even if some of these Bells were almost grown, Lydia acquired a big family. In addition to those, Lydia Guilford and Seth Bell had two sons before he died. Born about 1819, died in 1850s, came Isaac Guilford Bell. In about 1821, came William Guilford Bell, who died a single person in the 1850s. Isaac G. Bell married and had three children: William, Taylor, and Jane Bell. For some reason, my heart goes out to our Lydia Guilford Bell. Think about her for a moment and her family. She had two half-sisters by her father's marriage to Lydia Wright. She had two brothers (full), and when her mother married Gideon Cartwright, she had a half-brother and two half-sisters (who married and begat). Not much more than a child, she married Seth Bell and his seven children. Then she had her first two children by Bell. But, it didn't stop there! Lydia Guilford Bell married next **Edmund S. Godfrey**.

Exactly when Lydia and Edmund S. Godfrey were married is not known. It was before 1829, and by now Lydia was at least a bit over 21 years of age. They had six children, and I hope Lydia had many people to help her. Their children have been listed in the Godfrey chapter, but, briefly, I shall list them again.

1. Ellen Godfrey, born 1832, Camden County, North Carolina, married David McPherson and moved to Princess Anne County, Virginia. They had children.

2. Martha Godfrey, born 1834, in Camden County, North Carolina, died young, D.S.P.

3. Sarah Ann Godfrey, born 1836 in Camden County, North Carolina, married James T. Murphy and went to Princess Anne County, Virginia. They had children.

4. **Hannah Godfrey**, born 30 November 1838, died March 1896, married 27 October 1859, **Randolph Randall Ward** of Princess Anne County, Virginia. They had children.

5. Edmund S. Godfrey, Jr., born 1840, D.S.P.

6. George Godfrey, born ca. 1842. David McPherson was his guardian, and it is presumed he went to Princess Anne County with them.

Now to go back to the Jane Cartwright who was the first wife of Seth Bell. It seems appropriate to quote Dr. Elizabeth S. McPherson's letter dated 9 September 1965.

"The Jesse Cartwright, Jesse Godfrey, and Enoch Dailey file relates to the same family as Isaac Guilford was appointed a guardian for Jane Cartwright. From the affidavit which your daughter copied, 1741, I have had a sneaking suspicion that the Guilfords and Cartwrights had intermarried in the early years."

Note: The daughter mentioned above is Martha Jane Furginele (now Mrs. Charles G. MacDonald of Pembroke Pines, Florida).

We also know, from Court Records of Camden County, North Carolina, that Isaac Guilford was a guardian of a Joseph Bell. Could Lydia's mother, Polly, have been married to a Bell (and the mother of Joseph Bell) before she became the second wife of Isaac Guilford III? Also, in 1811, one Seth Bell became guardian of a Joseph Bell who was the ward of Isaac Guilford III, deceased. Interesting!

Another point to think about. According to the "Loose Papers" of Gamaliel Wright (found in cardboard boxes in Camden), attested to by I.M. Mitchell and Wil-

liam Bartlett, Lydia Guilford was cared for by David Duncan for 18 months in 1809. Duncan was paid for clothing and board. She was listed as the orphan of Isaac Guilford. When Polly married Gideon Cartwright, he became guardian of her three Guilford children. Was Polly a Duncan?

It is also fact that Gideon Cartwright, in 1816, was commanded to appear in court to answer to Joseph Hughes. Rather, it was Joseph Hughes and Others – about his guardianship of William, Stephen, and Lydia Guilford. Remember that Joseph Hughes and Others were the sons of William, Stephen, and Lydia's older half-sister, Judah (Judith) Guilford. It does get involved and confusing to say the least.

In the late XVIIth Century, keeping track of family was no problem. Beginning in the XVIIIth Century, it became more difficult. By the end of the XVIIIth Century, it was becoming a problem. In the XIXth Century, almost impossible. Generally speaking, the longest span of a generation is 33 years. Consider the intermarriages, the multiple marriages, and the progeny. A web of relationships? That would be the understatement of the year. It was more like an ant colony, a bee hive, a snarled and tangled fish line! When you hear people say, "Oh we're not kin!" – beware! Especially in a small county. Maybe not so much now when people are not tied to a tight area. Back in the early days, the people had to travel by horse, boat, or foot, and they had to marry somebody. They didn't have to, but they did! It was the natural thing to do.

To help tell your kin, let me repeat. Your first cousin is the child of your parents' brothers and sisters. The child of your first cousin is your first cousin once removed. The child of your first cousin once removed is your first cousin twice removed ... and so on.

Your second cousin is the grandchild of your grandparents' brothers and sisters. The second cousin's child is your second cousin once removed ... and so on.

Your third cousin is the great-grandchild of your great-grandparents' brothers and sisters. The third cousin's child is your third cousin once removed ... and so it goes with once, twice, or three times removed.

Whether you want to call them "kissing cousins" or not depends on the mood you're in. There is, thanks be to God, no law that says you have to kiss a cousin.

Amen!

SIR EDWARD GUILFORD

m. ca. 1640s, *Catherine* (daughter of Thomas, the son of
Lord Petrie of Hempstead Place, Kent, England)

JOSEPH GUILFORD I

b. ca. 1650 (in Hempstead Place, Kent, England)
d. by 1740

Emigrated with his son to Camden County, NC by 18 Nov. 1681

ISAAC GUILFORD I

b. ca. 1670 (in Hempstead Place, Kent, England)
d. by 1741

Emigrated by 1681, and married and had three children:

JOHN

b. ca. 1712
d. by 1750
(bequeathed to
his nephew,
Joseph III)

JOSEPH GUILFORD II

b. 10 Aug. 1719
d. by 1770
m. 20 May 1736
Sarah Harrison

1. *Isaac Guilford II*
b. ca. 1736
d. ca. 1775, D.S.P.

2. *Jacob Guilford*
b. ca. 1738
d. by 1758, D.S.P.

3. *Joseph Guilford III*
b. ca. 1740
d. by 1775
m. (1) *Elizabeth _____*
i. *Dorothy Guilford*
b. ca. 1757
m. *Malachi Grandy*
(issue unknown)

m. (2) *Mary Williams*
(no issue)

m. (3) *Dinah Lindsay*
i. *Isaac Guilford III*
b. ca. 1760
d. by 1806
m. (1) *Lydia Wright*
m. (2) *Polly _____*
(See *Guilford Charts II and III*)

ii. *Keziah Guilford*
b. ca. 1763
m. _____ *Williams*
(issue unknown)

ABIGAIL

b. ca. 1721
m. *W. Bray*
(issue unknown)

Bold type indicates person in line of descent

Bold Italic type indicates that additional
information on this person will be found
on another chart

ISAAC GUILFORD III

b. ca. 1760, d. by 1806
 m. (1) *Lydia Wright* (daughter of Jean and John Wright)

JUDAH (JUDITH)

b. 1730

m. (1) William Hughes (spelled Hews, Hewes, Hughs)

1. Noah Hughes
2. Joseph Guilford Hughes
3. William Hughes, Jr.
 m. Elizabeth _____

m. (2) Isaac Harrison

1. Isaac Harrison
2. Guilford Harrison
 m. Deborah Forbes
 - i. Benjamin Harrison
 b. 1839
 d. 1865, D.S.P.
 - ii. Joseph Morgan Harrison
 b. 1841
 - iii. (1) Betty Sarah Cromwell
 1. Benjamin Harrison II
 2. Joseph Morgan Harrison II
 b. 1871
 - m. Alma Gentry
 - i. Col. James Guilford Harrison
 - ii. Joseph Morgan Harrison III
 - iii. Randolph C. Harrison
 - iii. (2) Elizabeth Drummond Taylor
 (no issue)

3. Lydia Harrison
4. Mary Harrison
5. Sarah Harrison
6. Martha Harrison
7. Morgan Harrison
8. Wilson Harrison

[Judah and Isaac Harrison's other grand-
 children - parents unspecified:

- i. Benjamin Gregory
- ii. Samuel Gregory
- iii. Noah Gregory
- iv. Thomas Gregory
- v. Peggy Harrison
- vi. Isaac Harrison
- vii. Keziah Barnard
- viii. Benjamin Barnard
- ix. Nancy G. (or E.) Bray]

KEZIAH

b. 1782

d. 1842

m. Jonathan Brockett

1. Nancy Brockett
 m. _____ Perkins
2. Isaac Brockett

ISAAC GUILFORD III¹

b. ca. 1760, d. by 1806
 m. (2) Polly _____*

WILLIAM

b.ca. 1802
 d. 20 Oct. 1829
 m. Elizabeth _____

- I. Hester Guilford
 m. _____ Bray
 i. Nancy Bray

STEPHEN

b. ca. 1804
 d. in 1830s, D.S.P.

LYDIA

b. ca. 1805
 d. in 1860s
 m. (1) 1819
 Seth Bell

1. Isaac Guilford Bell
 b. ca. 1819
 d. in 1850s
 m. _____
 i. William Bell
 ii. Taylor Bell
 iii. Jane Bell

2. William Guilford Bell
 b. ca. 1821
 d. in 1850s, D.S.P.

m. (2) before 1829

Edmund S. Godfrey

1. Ellen Godfrey
 b. 1832
 m. 28 Jan. 1853
 David C. McPherson
 (See *Godfrey Chart IV*)

2. Martha Godfrey
 b. 1834
 d. young.

3. Sarah Ann Godfrey
 b. 1836
 m. 4 April 1867
 James T. Murphy
 (See *Godfrey Chart IV*)

4. Hannah Godfrey
 b. 30 Nov. 1838
 d. 26 March 1896
 m. 27 Oct. 1859

5. Edmund S. Godfrey, Jr.,
 b. 1840

6. George Godfrey
 b. 1842

Randolph Randall Ward
 (See *Godfrey Chart IV*,
 and *Ward Charts VI and VIa*)

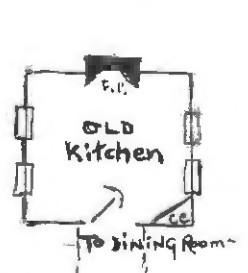
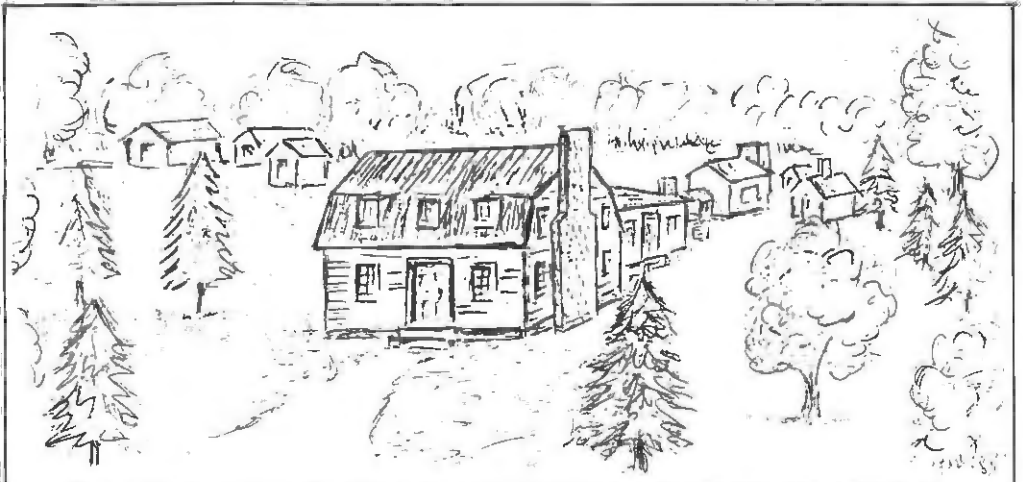
* Note: After Isaac Guilford III died in 1806, Polly Guilford married Gideon Cartwright. They had three children: Gideon Cartwright, Jr., Nancy Cartwright (who married a Barco), and Sarah Cartwright (who married a Seymour). For most of her childhood, Lydia Guilford was raised in this home.



*Dora Ward Sawyer, as
a very young woman*

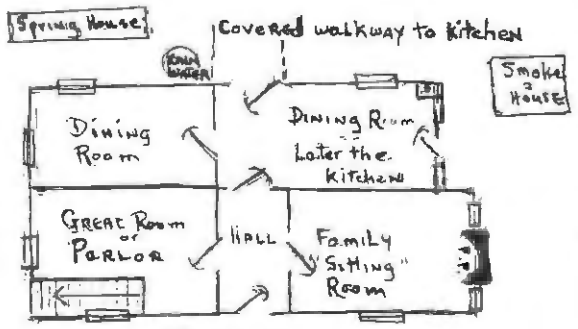
PART VI

**A GLIMPSE OF THE RANDOLPHS
IN
NORFOLK AND PRINCESS ANNE COUNTIES**

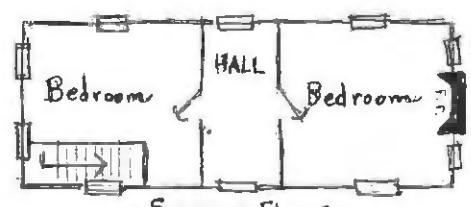


DINING ROOM FURNITURE

- Long trestle table with benches.
- Sideboard
- Chest
- Windsor chairs
- Corner cupboard in kitchen.
- (wide plank flooring)



~ FIRST FLOOR ~



~ SECOND FLOOR ~

SKETCH OF HOME OF
 Randolph Randall Ward
 in The Elbow, Princess
 Anne County, Virginia
 CIRCA 1860 to 1915



~ NOT TO SCALE ~

A GLIMPSE OF THE RANDOLPHS

The saying goes that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned." The writer must be guilty of the same folly. At least I think of it that way. During all the years of tracking records, in the search of more obscure lineages, I omitted the Randolphs! God forgive me, but I did. In the pursuit of other lines, I copied some Randolph information if it was right before my eyes. My reasoning was that the Randolphs were written about, in so many places, that they'd be a "snap" when I started to work on the line. In fact, I do have a fair amount of Randolph information. I do not have all the details I'd like at this point in time.

Thinking about my talent for letting Randolph records and things "get away" must be inherent. Why, I do not know. Back when I was fooling around in the antiques business, I bought two nice pieces of 18th Century furniture. Nothing exceptional about that, other than the fact the pieces were documented to a prominent Virginia plantation – with close Randolph connections. So, what did I do? I sold them – Randolph history and all! Must have a gene or two of my Randolph great-great-grandmother. That lady grabbed all the gold money she could get in her hands. Well, I didn't require gold money – just good, honest money. Then, I kissed the two pieces goodbye, and told them to enjoy their new home in the museum in Chicago.

Certain names keep repeating in the Randolph history – Peyton, Edmund, John, Edward; and in Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties, Giles, the above names, and many others. The ones connected with the Ward family are Norfolk County Randolphs. There is a large group in the lower part of Princess Anne County around Morse's Point (below the Back Bay area).

Before going into the specific Randolphs in the Ward family, a brief history of the Randolphs in the history of this country will be given to refresh our memories.

- 1676: Edward Randolph (born 1632 - died 1703), arrived in Boston, as an agent of the Crown, to see if the Massachusetts Colony was enforcing the Navigation Acts. He returned to England and reported the Bostonians were not in compliance.
- 1689: Edward Randolph was sent back to Boston as Collector and Surveyor of Customs. Once again he reported to the Crown in England, but was returned. Along about then, there was the Revolution in New England and Edward Randolph was jailed in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a prominent man in England.
- 1774: Peyton Randolph (born 1721, died 1775), of Williamsburg, Virginia, was a delegate to the First Continental Congress.
- 1775: Peyton Randolph was a Virginia delegate to the Second Continental Congress.
- 1787: Edmund Randolph (born 1753 - died 1813), of Virginia, proposed the "Virginia Plan" to form a new government. Again, in that year, he refused to sign a bill regarding the new government.
- 1789: Edmund Randolph (same as above) voted to establish the Office of Attorney General. Then he was appointed the first Attorney General of this country.
- 1794: The above Edmund Randolph became Secretary of State.
- 1795: Good old Edmund Randolph resigned as Secretary of State. There was a big question about corruption in office, but he was never tried. It is believed he returned to his home – probably behaved, and bred horses.
- 1807-1809: John Randolph (born 1773 - died 1833), of Roanoke, Virginia, led the dissident "Quids" regarding the repealing of Embargo Acts. He hated his second cousin also named John!
- 1810: John Randolph was removed as Speaker of the House over the Yazoo Land Frauds.

1811: The above John bestowed the epithet, "War Hawks" to a group who opposed his thinking.

1820: John, again, was vocal with name calling – he described the northern representatives as "doughfaces."

1826: During the Panama Debate, John Randolph made charges against Adams - Clay – Said it was a "corrupt bargain." Furthermore, he said the "Tariff Bill" was designed to manufacture a President of the United States.

Now about those Randolphs identified as living in the lower part of Princess Anne County – land around Morse's Point below Back Bay. They're probably cousins.

William Randolph's will (PA WB, p. 71, 4 Feb. 1824) lists the following:

Wife: Olive

Daughter: Nancy (already married to a Gornto)

Daughter: Jennet (Jeanette) Randolph m. Wm. Lawrence in 1828

Daughter: Reta (Rita) Randolph

Daughter: Catherine Randolph

Son: John Randolph

Son: Bennett Randolph

Son: William R. Randolph, married Ann Riggs

Son: Edmund Randolph, married Betsey Morris in 1826

Edmund Randolph's will (PA WB, p. 123, proved 3 March 1832) lists:

Wife: Elizabeth (Betsy), land purchased of Wm. Gornto.

Son: Jesse Randolph

Son: Davidton Randolph

Executor: John Gornto

The will of David Riggs (PA WB 4, p. 342, proved 1851) identifies his daughter, Ann, as being the wife of William Randolph.

The will of Matthew Halstead (PA WB, p. 360, dated 1853) refers to land he purchased of Adam Randolph.

In the 1785 Census, Mary Randolph lived in the Blackwater District, Blackwater District is, more or less, across the river from the Back Bay area.

The following collection of marriage records are primarily from Norfolk County and compiled by Wingo, James, or Creecy's *Loose Papers of Princess Anne County*. Following that will appear other tidbits of information for those interested.

- 1768: Mrs. Sarah Northcutt to Thomas Halstead, Giles Randolph, Surety.
- 1778: Elizabeth Burnett (of Mary Burnett) to Richard Barr, Charles Randolph, Surety.
- 1785: Fredore (Fedora) "Love" Randolph to William Cannon. They had two sons later, James and William (*The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. VI).
- 1785: Willis Randolph to Prudence White (b. 15 June 1760), daughter of Isaiah White, Norfolk County, David Fentress, Surety.
Mrs. Argent Randolph to Thomas Woodard, Norfolk County, David Fentress, Surety.
- 1791: Willoughby Randolph to Frankey Thornton (Frances) Cummings (widow), daughter of William and Precilla Thornton. In 1795, they moved to Surry, N.C., and later to Lee County, Virginia. They took their 3-year-old son, William with them. Frances Thornton had two sisters, Polly Thornton who married ---- Humphries, and Elizabeth Thornton who married ---- Sexton and went to Georgia.

- 1792: **Adam Randolph**, 6 August to **Margaret (Peggy) Davis**, daughter of Horatio Davis; married by Episcopal Rector Walke. Norfolk County.
Alexander Fleet to Mrs. Ann Davis, Norfolk County; John Randolph, Surety.
William Randolph, 16 June, to Charity Best, orphan of Henry Best, Norfolk County; Archibald Bruce, Surety.
- 1794: Jesse Hutchings to Anna McClanhan (McClannon), 16 June; William Randolph, Surety.
William Randolph, 21 March, to Fanny (Frances) Barnes, Princess Anne County.
- 1796: Amey Randolph to Edmund Hale; David Fentress, Surety.
- 1799: Sally Randolph to Robert Butt
- 1800: John Randolph, 6 March, to Lovey Cummings, Blackwater District.
- 1821: Thomas Mann Randolph to Mary Susan Brown, Norfolk County. (No doubt a connection of Thomas Mann Randolph of Tuckahoe.)
- 1825: Victor M. Randolph to Mrs. Augusta E. Granberry, Norfolk County.
- 1826: Edmund Randolph to Mrs. Betsy Morris.
- 1828: Jennet (Jeanette) Randolph to William Lawrence.
- 1833: Henrietta Randolph to James Bonney.
- 1834: Levinia H. Randolph to Fitz Allen Dean, Christ P.E. Church, Norfolk County.
- 1835: Robert Randolph to Mary Louise Cunningham, Princess Anne County.
- 1842: Joseph W. Randolph, 24 November, to Honoria M. Tucker; George Randolph, Surety, Catholic marriage.
- 1847: Fanny (Frances) Randolph to James Morse.
Survenzy (Lavinia ?) Randolph to Henry Whitehurst.

-- TIDBITS --

- 1761: Giles Randolph elected Vestryman for Portsmouth Parish.
- 1776: Peyton Randolph in Norfolk area.
Reported death of Letitia Randolph in Princess Anne County, "by a friend."
- 1779: A Giles Randolph was in Princess Anne County.
- 1782: Giles Randolph owned property in Princess Anne County.
Thomas Randolph owned property in Princess Anne County.
- 1859: William Randolph owned a carriage.
- 1860: William Randolph owned slaves, property, and was guardian for Elzy V. Morris.
Adam Randolph owned 6,000 acres in Norfolk County, valued at \$11,000.

For those truly interested in the *real* history of the Randolphs in Virginia (with a good many lineage charts – but not all of them), I suggest the book *The Randolphs of Virginia* by Jonathan Daniel, published in 1972 by Doubleday & Company, Inc. He gives attention to "the family's lapses and scandals" such as the elopement of John Marshall's grandmother with a plantation overseer, and the "trial of Jefferson's cousins Richard and Nancy Randolph on charges of adultery and infanticide." Of course, William Randolph (1651-1711) of Turkey Hill, married Mary Isham of Bermuda Hundred and started this line of Randolphs. He came from the Midland County of Warwickshire, England, where the family had been broken and dispersed during the Civil Wars. William's father moved part of his family to Dublin in Ireland. "Almost certainly, William came to Virginia at the behest ... of his Uncle Henry Randolph."

In this book of Jonathan Daniels', he cites a Harriet Randolph as being a young daughter of Thomas Mann Randolph, Sr. (of Tuckahoe) and his first wife, Anne

Cary of Amphill. "Jane's sister Harriet, as the wife of Robert E. Lee's friend Andrew Talcott, appears in a portrait by Thomas Sully as one of the most beautiful women of her time."

The Harriet Randolph who married Thomas Ward VIII is not the Harriet of Tuckahoe. It is strongly suspected, though, that our Norfolk County and Princess Anne County Randolphs were part of the "greater Randolph family" in Warwickshire, England. Becoming harassed through civil wars, they came to Virginia. They were less affluent cousins who moved down to Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties. Some of them were here as early as William of Turkey Island. Some of them amassed sizable land holdings. A good many followed the doctrines of the Church of England. The wills listed below are important for this family.

(1) **Giles Randolph I**, the immigrant, born about 1680 in England. He came to Norfolk County, Virginia, and in 1700, married **Mary Blanch** (or **Branch**) of Norfolk County. He died about January 1724. (Abstract of Norfolk County Wills, pages 104 and 70)

Daughter: Ann Randolph, b. ca. 1702

Son: Giles Randolph II, b. ca. 1704 (grown by 1724)

Son: William Randolph, b. ca. 1706

Son: John Randolph, b. ca. 1708

Daughter: Sarah Mercer, b. 1710

(In 1730, a Giles Randolph lived at Suggs Mill on the way to Deep Creek.)

(2) **Giles Randolph II**, born about 1704, lived in the Mount Pleasant area of Norfolk County in 1761, near Matthew Godfrey. He married about 1724, **Lydia Philpott**, who was dead by October 1750.

Son: Thomas Randolph, b. ca. 1730, died 1788, and in 1783 owned land near Murdens near the Gum Swamp. In the 1785 Census of Princess Anne County, he lived in Northwest River area.

- Son:* James Randolph, b. ca. 1725, lived in Princess Anne County.
- Son:* Willis Randolph, b. ca. 1724, lived in Princess Anne County.
- Son:* Giles Randolph III, b. ca. 1726. *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. II, states he was a Vestryman in the Portsmouth Parish, as well as Matthew Godfrey.
- Son:* Solomon Randolph, b. ca. 1728, d. June 1754, married 1748 to Elizabeth.
- Daughter:* Martha Randolph, b. ca. 1730, married Solomon Hodges and had two sons, Solomon and Jesse Hodges.

(3) **Solomon Randolph**, born about 1728, died in June 1754 (Wingo's *Collection of Unrecorded Norfolk County Wills 1711-1800*, p. 94).

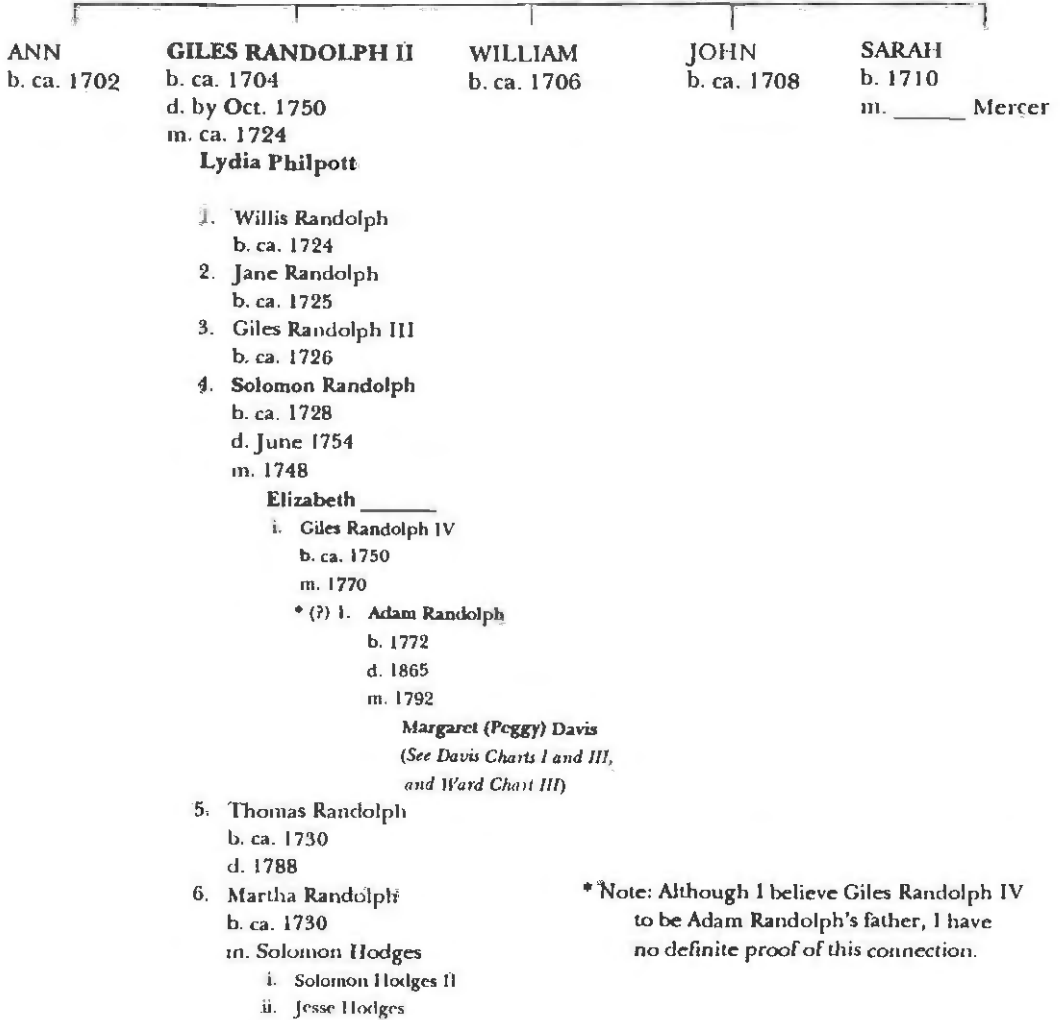
- Wife:* Elizabeth
- Son:* Giles Randolph IV, b. ca. 1750, m. 1770. Giles IV in Norfolk County Deed Book 26, dated 8 September 1774, sells to John Smith land in the Mount Pleasant area that his father, Solomon, gave him. Matthew Randolph witnessed.

To the best of my knowledge and resources, the outline below is the lineage of Harriet Randolph who married Thomas Ward VIII, "Grandpa Tommie," in "The Elbow," Princess Anne County. This Harriet was the widow of William Oakham of Norfolk County, and she had three children by him which she brought into the Ward Family. Those children were: Edward, Margaret, and Adam. By "Grandpa Tommie" Ward, she had her last child, Randolph Randall Ward. When they married, her father Adam Randolph was her surety. It is my belief that Adam Randolph was a son of Solomon Randolph. For more detailed information on the lineage of Harriet Randolph Oakham Ward, please see Davis section.

That's the story on our Randolphs, also of Virginia, and who kept a low profile.

GILES RANDOLPH I

b. 1680 (in England)
 m. 1700, Mary **Blanch (Branch)** of Norfolk County
 d. ca. Jan. 1724



* Note: Although I believe Giles Randolph IV to be Adam Randolph's father, I have no definite proof of this connection.

Bold type indicates person in line of descent.

Bold Italic type indicates that additional information on this person will be found on another chart



Elzy Ward

PART VII

A BUNCH OF DAVISES

IN

NORFOLK AND PRINCESS ANNE COUNTIES



Helen Godfrey Ward Wood

A BUNCH OF DAVISES

So many Davises left England for Virginia in the early days, I wonder how many remained there. If those who came were imprisoned debtors, or rogues, surely the prisons of England must have been emptied. For many years, the writer has researched a particular Davis line, and written about them. In Isle of Wight County, Virginia, there is an endless supply of Samuel, Thomas, John, and David Davis records. Some went north, west, into the Carolinas, and on.

In particular I know my ancestor, Samuel Davis I, came from Gravesend, England, to Isle of Wight County, Virginia, before 1638. His son, Samuel II, was born in Isle of Wight County, about 1638, and was the first of this Davis line in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. Elizabeth City is the county seat of Pasquotank County. Samuel Davis III (son of Samuel II) was the first of this line to be born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina. Samuel III and his wife had six children: John, David, Thomas, Abraham, William, and a girl Davis. John Davis (son of Samuel III) received a Land Grant from the Earl of Granville in 1727. John divided his grant among three of his brothers, David, Abraham, and Thomas Davis. In turn, Thomas and his wife had at least two sons, John and Arthur Davis. Arthur Davis was a Sea Captain as well as a planter. He had four children; one was killed accidentally while hunting deer. The three who lived to marry and propagate were Sanford, Rebecca, and Bathsheba Davis. The writer is directly descended from two of those children, and closely related to the third. Believe me, I know about that Davis clan! I have "proof papers" galore.

It had been my hope to find a connecting link between that clan and those who came to Norfolk and Princess Anne County. In the Nineteenth Century, yes! In the early days, NO! Once again, I'm confronting another Davis clan. Once again, I've dug in Isle of Wight records. Once again, I've uttered a few "unladylike" words over the multiplicity of names. Unladylike or not, I'll admit that when I see one more

Samuel Davis's name, I say, "Damn!" I'm as anxious as anyone to find -- Fo' real 'n Fo' sure -- the correct lines on the Davis people who married into the Ward family. I'm not, however, about to move in with the county records in Norfolk and Princess Anne for the rest of my life! I have already put in enough time in both places. It is my intention to give you what information I have, and the reader may take it from there.

In 1640, there was a William Davis in Princess Anne County, according to James's *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, vol. 1-2, p. 85. No other William Davis appears until much later. I do not consider him connected to our line, and expect he moved on. Perhaps he lost his scalp to an Indian or died of malaria.

In 1660, Edward and Rachael Davis bought 300 acres on the south branch of the Elizabeth River from "beloved cousins" William and Elizabeth Carver (James, *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, 1-2:48). They may have a connection with our line, but it is questionable. There is no record of their children or any link to the Edwards and Rachael's of our line. So be it.

In 1730, John, Edward Sr., Edward Jr., and Thomas Davis were in Princess Anne County. By 1770, John and Thomas had moved on to greener pastures.

In 1740, it begins to get "sticky" and intertwined with two daughters of Aaron and Dinah Iliffe Fentress (see the Fentress section).

First of all, Elizabeth Fentress (born about 1738) married an Edward Davis about 1760. I assume he was Edward Davis Jr., because of a will dated 1741, of an Edward Davis who names a wife Mary, and a son as Edward Davis, Jr. Elizabeth Fentress Davis may be the Elizabeth who appears in later records.

Then, after Elizabeth Fentress married Edward Davis, Jr., her sister, Rachael Fentress, married Samuel Davis about 1768. Rachael was born about 1743. It is fact that Rachael and Samuel Davis had a daughter, Margaret (Peggy) Davis, born

about 1772! This Margaret (Peggy) Davis married her cousin, David Fentress, Jr., her mother's brother's child. Peggy and David Fentress had children who will be identified in Rachael Davis's will.

Now, this is a point to ponder and ponder some more. In Wingo's, *The Loose Papers of Norfolk County Wills*, p. 81, in 1780, this will appears:

Will of Samuel Davis, dated 24 Feb. 1780, Rachael Davis, Executrix

Wife Elizabeth

Son Joshua Davis

Daughter Frankey

In connection with that, the puzzle is compounded. From the same reference as above, except on page 161, please note this: "Rachael Davis, Executrix of Samuel Davis to answer Frankey Davis -- case dismissed."

In 1784, the will of an Edward Davis, Jr., lists:

Son John Davis

Son Richard Davis

Daughter Mary Davis

I don't know if this is the Edward Davis, Jr., who married Elizabeth Fentress in 1760.

Also in 1784, in the *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary*, "Loose Papers" by James, page 129, 23 November 1784, it states:

Richard Davis is the father of:

Dinah Olive(r)

Rebecca Davis

In 1790, Horatio Davis was Surety for Edward Davis who married Elizabeth Land. Marriage by Reverend Walke, Episcopal Rector.

In 1792, Horatio Davis was Surety for **Margaret (Peggy) Davis** who married **Adam Randolph**. Marriage by Reverend Walke. See also the Randolph history as this marriage connects with the Ward family.

In 1792, Horatio Davis was Surety for Horatio Davis (Jr.) who married first Nancy (Ann) Nimmo.

In 1795, Horatio Davis was Surety for Horatio Davis's second marriage to Mary Land.

In 1797, the will of Horatio Davis (PA-DB2, p. 75):

Wife Mary

Son Horatio Davis, Jr.

Son Hillary Davis

attested by John Wilbur, Edward Davis, Reuben Davis

In 1801, we go back to Rachael Fentress Davis. Her will (PA-DB2, p. 162) appears:

Daughter Margaret (Peggy) Fentress (wife of David Fentress, Jr.)

Grandson Jesse Fentress

Grandson Bennett Fentress

Granddaughter Jennett (Jeanette) Fentress Wray

Granddaughter Caty Fentress

David Fentress, Jr., Wm. C. Veale, Executors

In 1804, the will of Edward Davis (PA-DB2, p. 24) mentions "house in Elbow,"¹⁸ a brother James Davis, and wife Pheinah (Fernelia?) Davis.

The writer made (years ago) "Plot" charts on these Davis people. Charts that stretch four feet across and almost two feet deep. I have tried to be thorough and accurate with known birth, death, marriage, and other pertinent dates. As was the

custom, the older wills did not always list all the lawful children. At one point, I've counted eight Horatios, umteen Edwards, a bunch of Johns, and several Samuel (Damn!) Davises in this line.

So, I ask you, the Rachael Fentress who married Samuel Davis, who had his child, Margaret (Peggy), was Executrix of Samuel's will -- why was she not listed as his wife in his will? Why did Rachael have to "answer" to Samuel Davis's daughter, Frankey?

No doubt you've come to the same conclusion as the writer. Rachael Fentress Davis must have been the second wife of Samuel Davis. Samuel, by his first wife, had a son named Samuel (Jr.). This Samuel Davis (Jr.) must have trusted his step-mother to be executrix of his estate more than his wife. His daughter, Frankey, wanted more than she received from her father's estate and challenged her step-mother. The court did not agree with Frankey, and case was dismissed.

After all these years, I begin to see the pattern (I'm a slow learner). For sure, the Fentress people married Davis people, and Ward people sufficiently to make a web of relationships. Going back to Samuel Davis's first marriage, we've said he had a son Samuel, Jr. It is almost proof positive that he had another son, Horatio Davis. There may have been other children, but the old boy didn't leave a will. To make life easier, I shall call this son Horatio I. He was half-brother to Margaret (Peggy) Davis Fentress and quite a few years older. To my knowledge, he is the only Horatio Davis who fits in the time span and location to become the father of three children who are of interest to our family. One of these children he named Margaret (Peggy) Davis. Horatio I's half-sister and daughter are the only two with the name presented that way. At least the only two I've ever found.

It is believed that Horatio Davis I served as Surety for three of his children who were married by the Reverend Walke, Episcopal Rector. If my "facts" don't agree with your "facts," feel free to adjust accordingly. I have cited several resource books. Over the years, I have found them to be about 99 percent accurate. Generally,

those authors, or compilers, were thorough. It is when one gets into the micro-filmed records that errors sometimes occur. The reason for that, I believe, is that during the depression of the 1930s some untrained people were hired to film (or recopy) court records. They meant well, but it was just a job for them. That was all. I have found one or two errors on microfilm which family Bibles refuted.

Sorry, I cannot give you the name of the immigrant who fathered this line of Davises. I suspect he may have come into Isle of Wight; I cannot tell which one. It doesn't seem likely that our immigrant came from New England, although a group of early religious dissenters came south about 1750. Our Norfolk and Princess Anne Davis people enjoyed life too much to fit in with that group. At least they came, and from them we come.

The lineage, as known, follows in outline form and charts. First come the charts (page 185 through 187).

SAMUEL DAVIS
b. ca. 1725, d. ca. 1775

m. (1) ca. 1745
wife unknown

1. Samuel Davis, Jr.
b. ca. 1748
d. 1780
m. ca. 1765
Elizabeth _____
i. Joshua Davis
ii. Frankey Davis

2. Horatio Davis I
b. ca. 1750
d. ca. 1775
m. ca. 1767

wife unknown

- i. *Horatio Davis II*
b. 1769
d. 1828
m. (1) 1792

Nancy (Ann) Nimmo

1. Isaac Littleton Davis
b. 1795
d. 5 Feb. 1861 (WB4, p. 414)
m. (1) 1835

Mary Land Davis (his stepmother)

- i. James Clifton Davis
b. 1837
m. Elizabeth _____
(no issue)

- m. (2) 27 Dec. 1855
Sarah Frances Dawley
(no issue)

[two nephews of Isaac L. Davis:

- i. Gideon V. Davis
m. Caroline Lambert (WB 4, p. 461)
- ii. Burwell Davis
m. Anne Williamson (PA Deaths, 1860)]

m. (2) 1795

Mary Land (daughter of Caleb and Nancy Land)

1. Ezechial Davis
2. Horatio Davis III
(See Davis Chart II)

- ii. Edward Davis

m. (2) 1768

Rachel Fentress
(daughter of Aaron & Dinah Fentress)
b. 1743
d. 1801
(See Fentress Charts III and IIIa)

1. *Margaret (Peggy) Davis*
b. 1772
d. 1808
m. 1785 (1787)*

David Fentress, Jr. (cousin)
(See Fentress Charts III and IIIa)

- i. James (Jesse) Fentress
b. ca. 1786
- ii. Bennett Fentress
b. ca. 1787
- iii. Jennett (Jeanette) Fentress
b. ca. 1789
- iv. Caty Fentress, b. ca. 1791

*sources give conflicting dates

- ii. Edward Davis
b. 1770
d. 1830
m. 1790
Elizabeth Land
(daughter of Francis Moseley Land)
(no issue)
- iii. *Margaret (Peggy) Davis*
b. 1772
d. 1830s
m. 6 Aug. 1792
Adam Randolph
(See Davis Chart III)

HORATIO DAVIS II

b. 1769, d. 1828

m. (2) 1795, *Mary Land* (daughter of Caleb and Nancy Land)***EZECHIAL**

b. 1800

d. 1865

m. 22 March 1820

Elizabeth Yeale

1. Littleton George Davis

b. 1833

d. 1919

m. 28 April 1864

Martha Chappel

i. Nora Davis

m. Arthur Hargrove

ii. Martha (Molly) Davis

D.S.P.

iii. Linda Davis

D.S.P.

iv. Horatio (Race) Davis V

m. Lillian _____

v. Charles (Charlie) Davis

m. Evelyn _____

vi. *Myrtilla Anne Davis*

m. 17 March 1896

*Edmund Randolph Ward**(See Ward Chart VIa)*

2. Horatio Davis IV

b. 1834

d. 1865 (WB4, p. 446)

(no issue - willed to his brother and two sisters)

3. Elizabeth Davis

b. 1842

m. 15 Dec. 1867

George M. Portlock

(son of Seth and Betsy Portlock)

4. Jane Davis

b. 1822

m. 1840

_____ Timberlake

5. Mary Ann Davis

b. 1824

m. 1840

_____ Etheridge

HORATIO DAVIS III

b. 1809

d. 3 Sept. 1875 (WB, p. 167)

m. (1) 1830

Margaret Brown

(daughter of Reuben Brown)

1. Albert Edward Davis

b. ca. 1832

2. Sarah E. Davis

b. 1834

m. 1855

William H. Parsons

i. Virginia G. Parsons

ii. Willey Parsons

iii. Edward Parsons

iv. Cora Parsons

m. (2) Margaret Harrison Harding (w.)
(no issue)

Bold type indicates person in line of descent

Bold Italic type indicates that additional
information on this person will be found
on another chart* after Horatio Davis II died, Mary Land Davis married
her stepson Isaac Littleton Davis (See Davis Chart I)

MARGARET (PEGGY) DAVIS

b. 1772, d. 1830s

m. 6 Aug. 1792

Adam Randolph

ELIZABETH

b. 1794

d. 1830s

m. 1808

Caleb Batton

1. James Batton

b. 1825

d. 1890

m. 1845

Sarah Jane _____

2. James Thomas Batton

b. 1853

(in Ward Bible)

HARRIET

b. 1805

d. 1852

m. (1) William Oakham

1. Edward Oakham

2. Margaret Oakham

3. Adam Oakham

m. (2) 9 July 1837

Thomas Ward VIII

1. Randolph Randall Ward

b. 6 June 1838

d. 15 Dec. 1917

m. (1) 27 Oct. 1859

Hannah Godfrey

i. Edmund Randolph Ward

b. 29 Dec. 1860

d. 14 Jan. 1904

m. 17 March 1896

Myrilla Anne Davis

(See Ward Chart VI a
and Godfrey Chart IV)

ii. Thomas Sylvanius Ward

b. 19 March 1862

d. 27 March 1927

m. 18 April 1883

Anne Eliza Fentress

(See Ward Chart VI a
and Godfrey Chart IV)

iii. Lydia Ward

b. 1864

d. 1951

m. Richard Howe

(no issue)

iv. Lemuel (Shug) Godfrey Ward

b. 1866

d. 1930s, D.S.P.

v. Lycurgus Berkley Ward

b. 1870

d. 26 Aug. 1948

m. Hatue Boole

(See Ward Chart VI)

vi. Harriet Dorcas Ward

b. 1874

d. 5 Feb. 1952, D.S.P.

vii. Naomi Ward

b. 1876

d. 1940s

m. Charles Channing

(See Ward Chart VI)

One of the interesting things about reading the old wills, is seeing what is important to the person. Most of the early wills were not written far ahead of death. Apparently, it was a task put off until it was obvious that he (or she) was not long for this world. In this Davis line, one will catches my fancy. I'm not a direct descendant -- more like a third cousin. When old Horatio Davis III left his son \$5 to buy a new boiler for the still, "if he had not already done so," I giggled! Why, old Cousin Horatio III, you're a man who knew what was important.

Now to outline the Davis family in Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties.

1. **Samuel Davis**, born 1725, died 1775, married first ca. 1745. By this wife, he had at least two sons, a Samuel Jr. and

2. **Horatio Davis I**, born 1750, died 1775, and married ca. 1767. They had three children:

1a. **Horatio Davis II**, born 1769, died 1828, married (1) Nancy Nimmo in 1792; m. (2) in 1795 Mary Land (daughter of Caleb and Nancy Land). By Nancy Nimmo he had:

1b. **Isaac Littleton Davis**, born 1795, died 5 Feb. 1861 (WB 4, p. 414), m. (1) 1835, Mary Land Davis (stepmother), and had one child:

1c. **James Clifton Davis**, b. 1837, m. an Elizabeth. They had no issue.

Isaac Littleton Davis m. (2) Sarah Frances Dawly and had no issue. He left to his nephews, Gideon V. Davis married to Caroline Lambert (WB 4, p. 461); Burwell Davis married to Anne Williamson (PA Deaths 1860); Horatio E. Davis IV; Littleton George Davis married to Martha Chappel.

2b. **Ezechial Davis**, born 1800, died 1865, married Elizabeth Veale 22 March 1820. They had five children:

- 1c. Littleton George Davis, b. 1833, d. 1919, m. 28 April 1864, Martha Chappel. They had:
 - 1d. Nora Davis m. Arthur Hargrove.
 - 2d. Martha (Molly) Davis, D.S.P.
 - 3d. Linda Davis, D.S.P.
 - 4d. Horatio (Race) Davis V, m. Lillian _____. He traded or dealt in horses.
 - 5d. Charles (Charlie) Davis, m. Evelyn _____, an actress from New York. He was a merchant in Norfolk, Virginia.
 - 6d. Myrtila Ann Davis, m. Edmund Randolph Ward, son of Randolph Randall Ward and Hannah Godfrey. (For their progeny, see the Ward History.)
- 2c. Horatio Davis IV, b. 1834, d. 1865 (WB 4, p. 446). He had no issue and willed to two of his sisters and his brother.
- 3c. Elizabeth Davis, b. 1842, m. 15 December 1867, George M. Portlock, the son of Seth and Betsy Portlock. George Portlock was the brother of Emma Portlock who married Lovett Ward, son of Thomas and Margaret (Fentress) Ward.
- 4c. Jane Davis, b. 1822, m. in 1840, a Timberlake.
- 5c. Mary Ann Davis, b. 1824, m. in 1840, an Etheridge.
- 3b. Horatio Davis III, born 1809, died 3 September 1875 (WB, p. 167), married (1) Margaret Brown, daughter of Reuben Brown; married (2) Margaret Harrison Harding and had no issue by her. By Margaret Brown he had two children:
 - 1c. Albert Edward Davis, b. ca. 1832.

2c. Sarah E. Davis, b. 1834, m. in 1855, William H. Parsons.

They had four children:

1d. Virginia G. Parsons.

2d. Willey Parsons.

3d. Edward Parsons.

4d. Cora Parsons.

Note: Horatio Davis III and his first wife, Margaret, are buried in the Davis Cemetery located on the Gimbert Property near Salem Church -- on "The Kempsville Road" -- or Elbow Road. Also in 1976, there were two sunken graves without markers. There are some Hudgins buried there who were related to "Lit" Hudgins -- a kinship, but no one seems to know how.

2a. Edward Davis, born 1770, died 1830, married in 1790, Elizabeth Land, daughter of Francis Mosely Land. They had no known issue.

3a. **Margaret (Peggy) Davis**, born 1772, died 1830s, married in 1792, Adam Randolph (see the Randolph History). They had two known children:

1b. Elizabeth Randolph, born 1794, died 1840s, married in 1808, Caleb Batton. They had at least one child:

1c. James Batton, b. 1825, d. 1890, m. in 1845, a Sarah Jane and had:

1d. James Thomas Batton, b. 1853.

Note: His birth is in the Ward Bible.

2b. **Harriet Randolph**, born 1805, died 25 September 1852. About 1825, she married first William Oakham (both he and she were of Norfolk County). They had three children:

- 1c. Edward Oakham
- 2c. Margaret Oakham
- 3c. Adam Oakham

Note: She named two of these after her parents. William Oakham died and she married next, on 9 July 1837, Thomas Ward VIII, "Grandpa Tommie." They had one child:

- 4c. **Randolph Randall Ward**, b. 6 June 1838, d. 15 December 1917; on 27 October 1859, he married Hannah Godfrey of Camden, North Carolina. By her, he had seven children. (See the Ward History for their children.)

Because it relates to the descendants of Littleton George Davis who married Martha Chappel, I shall include two wills of Martha Chappel's family.

Will of George Chappel, written 1 Dec. 1851, proved 7 Oct. 1851, witnessed by Merchant Miller and Jesse Ives (PA WB 4, p. 345).

Wife Sarah

Son Horatio P. Chappel

Daughter Anne E. Leatherberry

Granddaughter Sarah A. Leatherberry

Granddaughter Frances A. E. Leatherberry

Granddaughter Lydia Leatherberry

(They are to get the note he holds on William E. Leatherberry, presumably their father)

Daughter Sarah A. Chappel

Son George Josephus Chappel

Daughter Mary F. Chappel

Daughter Martha E. Chappel (\$29 and 1/5 of Negroes and chattel at age 21)

David Corprew, for being Executor, land near Gornto's.

Will of Horatio Chappel, written 25 December 1854, proved 1855 (WB 4, p. 369)

Leaves any interest in his father's estate to his mother, Sarah W. Chappel, and the rest
to his two children:

Daughter Emily Chappel

Daughter Sarah Elizabeth Chappel

Executor: James Bell

And so, the time has come to draw the curtain on the Davis family in Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties. There have been several Davis lines omitted because I could not find their connection to our line. Without doubt, names have been left out for lack of creditable information.

To the Davis family, and to all the other good people of that time and place, I salute you! You toiled hard and long for a purpose. Why, just think about it -- there continues to be a "Wards' Corner," a "Davis's Corner," and a Fentress, Virginia. Our people left their landmarks in what was once Princess Anne and Norfolk Counties. Now in the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, Virginia, they are still landmarks.

PART VIII

**WILLIAMSON, MOSELEY, THOROGOOD,
WALKE, AND BRUCE LINES – AS RELATED
TO THE WARD FAMILY**



Naomi Ward Brown

— Chapter 1 —

Who was Jacamine Williamson? What was she like? Was her short life a happy one? The only clues we have, in answer to those questions, are two. Namely, we need to study the bloodlines she carried within her. The second clue comes by noting the characteristics she passed on to her children and their progeny. Not a physical portrait, but the best we have. Certain family traits carry on that must stem from this lady Jacamine. They are traits that do not exist from other bloodlines.

Jacamine Williamson was born with an interesting assortment of ancestors. It is not my intention to get into that never ending debate over heredity versus environment. Both factors of heredity and environment exist, and that is the gospel truth. Observation of family groups shows the contrasts among the children that must come through the genes. And so, we begin to search for Jacamine Williamson through her known ancestors.

She married when she was 21, had four children, and died 16 years later. It is recorded that she died of dropsy at age 37. I had always thought that the accumulation of body fluids, called dropsy, came from a kidney problem. According to a medical informant, dropsy is heart failure. If that is so, I know of at least one of Jacamine's granddaughters who had a similar problem — inherited? When Jacamine died, her oldest child was eight years old. Her four children were reared by a stepmother along with half-sisters and a half-brother. Even though Jacamine passed to her reward early in life, it is my belief that her oldest daughter was truly her mother's child. My mental picture of Jacamine comes from her oldest daughter, Anne Eliza, ("Miss Annie"), who was my grandmother.

Jacamine was a Williamson, and I shall give a rather simple compilation of that lineage. There has been one assumption (which I don't like to make). That has to do with the emigrant. Court records show enough data to make my assumption logical.

After the assumption on the immigrant, the facts are valid – proofs are in "my black book" and will not be included here. We begin.

In 1650, **James Williamson I** came to Princess Anne County, Virginia, and transported at least one other person with him. He was born in Kent, England, about 1630. After coming to this Virginia Colony, he married Mary Kemp (the daughter of George and Ann Kemp) about 1660. They had seven children, the youngest being James Williamson II. The records do not give the first name of Mary's Williamson's husband.

This begins the "fact" lineage. **James Williamson II**, born about 1680, died about 1750, married about 1700. He married **Anne Moseley**, the oldest daughter of Capt. Anthony Moseley. In Chapter 2, the Moseley lineage will be given. Anne and James II had five children: Charles, Pembroke, Elizabeth, Willoughby, and Arthur Williamson. **Capt. Charles** married **Elizabeth Walke** (the Walke lineage follows the Moseleys); Pembroke, born 1704, died about 1785, married Joshua McCoy; Elizabeth, born 1706, died about 1800, married John Smith and had five children – Charles Smith, Ann Smith who married Charles Wray, John Smith Jr., Elizabeth Smith who married a Woodhouse, and Molly Smith who married John Lyon and had Elizabeth and William Lyon. It should be noted that Elizabeth and John Smith reared her brother Willoughby; Willoughby, born about 1708, died about 1790, married Sarah Keeling and had at least one son – Willoughby, Jr.; and Arthur Williamson, born about 1710, and died a single person by 1761.

Capt. Charles Williamson, born about 1702, died 1795, and married twice. First, he married **Elizabeth Walke** in the 1730s – they had four children – Margaret, born about 1734, married a Valentine and had a son, Jacob; Molly Williamson, born about 1736, married a Bousch; Anne, born about 1738, and James Williamson III. In his will, Capt. Charles Williamson did not leave any legacy to James III. Perhaps he had made a settlement on him previously. Or, perhaps Capt. Charles had already rescued James III from too many escapades. According to the records, this James III was a bit of a scamp at times. Capt. Williamson married next Frances Henley. They had no issue.

James Williamson III, born about 1740, was dead by 1794. In 1760 he married, first, a Mrs. Mary Poole, widow of Alexander Poole, and the mother of Elizabeth Poole Jack-

son. James III and Mary had three children. James Williamson IV, born 1762, died 1852, married "Lovey" and had Jesse Williamson, Nancy W. Veale, and grandchildren: Moses Murden, James Veale, and Mary Jane Veale; Frances Williamson, born 1764, died about 1830, married Reuben Mathias; and **Robertson** (sometimes appears as Robert within the same document) Williamson, born in 1766, died of consumption 1 October 1855. He was reared by his Uncle Willoughby Williamson. It is believed James Williamson III married again, but to whom is not known.

Robertson Williamson first married an unidentified lady and they had no issue. In 1819, he married Elizabeth "Betsy" Bruce (something about the Bruce family will come later). They had more daughters but only two were identified in his will. By luck, I found the name of one of them. Their three known children are: Robertson Williamson, Jr., born about 1820; Anne Williamson, born 1825, died 8 May 1860 of consumption, and she married Burrel Davis and had children (according to the records, the children died); and Jacamine Williamson. Robertson Williamson served with Willoughby Williamson (Sr. or Jr.) on several legal records.

Jacamine Williamson, born in 1831, died 15 March 1868 of dropsy. On 3 January 1855, she married John Andrew Fentress. They lived near "The Cross Roads" in Princess Anne County. To them came four children. The first was Cary Fentress, born 1 November 1856. He died 25 March 1879 of consumption. Next came **Anne Eliza Fentress**, born 22 October 1860 (see paragraph below). Then came Virginia (Jenny) Fentress, born 1862; and Emily Jane "Emma" Fentress, who was born on 22 September 1864 and died 17 May 1882. John Andrew Fentress married a second time, Mary Elizabeth Murden, who reared his four children by Jacamine. John Andrew and Mary Elizabeth had six children.

Anne Eliza Fentress ("Miss Annie") died 24 March 1954 in Norfolk, Virginia, and is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery there. On 18 April 1883, she married **Thomas Sylvanius Ward**, the son of Randolph Randall and Hannah (Godfrey) Ward. "Miss Annie" and Thomas S. Ward had nine children, three of whom died when babies. For their progeny, see the Ward and Fentress books. Anne Eliza's sister, Emily Jane (Emma),

married William Thomas Murden. The Murdens had five children. For their progeny see the Fentress book. The other sister of Anne Eliza was Virginia (Jenny) Fentress, who married James Tatem. They had four children. For their "begats" please refer to the Fentress book.

This concludes one facet of Jacamine Williamson Fentress's heritage. In Chapter 2, we pick up her connection to the Moseley family.

– Chapter 2 –

William Moseley, Sr., born 1600-1610, in Rotterdam, Holland, was the immigrant in this family. He was married to a Susanna (Sarah) _____ of Rotterdam. She came with him to Virginia. With them came two sons, William and Arthur Moseley. They immigrated in 1649, and in 1650, William Sr. was awarded 550 acres in Princess Anne County, Virginia. About that time, he exchanged the following jewelry for "9 head neat cattle, 2 draught oxen, 2 steers, and 5 cows":

1 hatband consisting of 19 [ounces] of gold, 1 buckle and tip of gould, all set with diamonds and in part enameled. 500 gilders.

1 juell of gould enameled and set with diamonds. 60 gilders.

1 gould Ringe enamelled and set with 1 diamond, 1 rubic, 1 shaper, and one Emrall – 2 gilders.

Wouldn't you love to know where that jewelry is today? Hopefully, it went into a museum long ago. That exchange of jewelry for animals indicated a practical man! To survive in the Colony of Virginia, he needed animals to toil and nourish his 550 acres. He had his priorities. William Sr. died in August 1655.

Those two sons who came with him were also practical and prospered. William Moseley, Jr., was born about 1625, died about 1680. He married Mary Gookin about the 1650s, and they had two sons: Edward and John. Edward became a Colonel and John a Captain. They died about 1725-1735 and lived in the Tabernacle Community of Princess Anne County. The other son of William Moseley, Sr., was Arthur Moseley.

Arthur Moseley, born about 1630 in Rotterdam, Holland, died about 1702. About 1660, he married Ann Hargrove. Ann was the youngest child of Richard Hargrove (also an emigrant from Rotterdam). Ann's sister was Margreatt, and brothers Benjamin and Richard Hargrove, Jr. Whether Ann was born in Holland or Virginia is not known. Arthur and Ann Moseley had eleven children: **Anthony**, born about 1660; Joseph, born

about 1662, who married Blandina ____ and had a daughter Frances Moseley (she died in the fall of 1713); Benjamin, born about 1664; William, born about 1666 (died in the winter of 1753), married Edith ____ and had John, William, and Elizabeth; Arthur Moseley, Jr., born 1668; George Moseley, born 1672; Mary, born 1674; Susan, born 1676; Amos, born 1678; and Luke Moseley, born about 1680. All of these Moseley children were born in the Tabernacle Community in Princess Anne County, Virginia.

Anthony Moseley (of Arthur and Ann) died about 1740, in Princess Anne County. About 1680, he married Frances _____. They had several children, but only one is known to us. Their oldest child was Anne Moseley, born about 1684. During this period, Anthony Moseley was Sheriff of Princess Anne County. In those days, sheriff carried more prestige than today – perhaps.

Anne Moseley, about 1700, married James Williamson II, and she died about 1761. When Anne Moseley married into the Williamson family, she became a direct-line ancestor of Jacamine Williamson Fentress – a great-great-grandmother. Say what you will, this bit of Dutch blood that Anne contributed showed in the face and stature of at least one great-great-great-granddaughter, yes, even to a fourth-great-granddaughter!

Another facet covered in the background of Jacamine Williamson Fentress. For yet another we turn to the Walkes.



Ada Frances Ward Murden on her eighty-sixth birthday.

— Chapter 3 —

Jacamine Williamson's great-grandmother (paternal side) was Elizabeth Walke. Elizabeth Walke was the daughter of a Thorogood (that lineage will follow). The Walkes and Thorogoods (spelled many ways) married "back and forth" so many times it becomes confusing.

Thomas Walke I, born about 1640 in England (possibly Kent or Hempstead), came to Princess Anne County, Virginia, in 1662 — he came by way of Barbados. He died about 1724. About 1689, he married first Mary Lawson. Mary was the daughter of Lt. Col. Anthony Lawson and his wife, Mary, of Norfolk County. Mary Lawson was born about 1670, either in Norfolk or Princess Anne County. Thomas Walke and Mary (Lawson) Walke had three children before Mary died about 1700. Those children were:

Anthony Walke, born 1692 in Princess Anne County. On 11 March 1712, he married Mary Sanford and had Margaret Walke who married Dr. Christopher Wright. Next he married Elizabeth Newton and had no issue. In 1725, he married Anna Armistead (daughter of Capt. William Armistead and Anna Lee, of Gloucester, Virginia). They had Anthony Walke II. Thomas and Mary Lawson Walke next had **Thomas Walke II** (in next paragraph); and finally Mary Walke, born in 1696. When Mary Lawson Walke died, Thomas Walke I married Katherine _____. They had no issue.

Thomas Walke II, born about 1694, in Princess Anne County, Virginia, died in February 1762. First, he married **Margaret Thorogood** about 1725. Margaret was the daughter of John and Pembroke Sayer Thorogood. Thomas Walke II became a Colonel, was Sheriff of Princess Anne County in 1743, and active in Lynnhaven Parish from 1743 until his death. He served as Church Warden for several years. It is suspected that he is buried in the old cemetery of the church (Old Donation). After Margaret's death, Thomas II married Margaret Thorogood's sister-in-law (the second wife of her brother John). Thomas and Margaret Walke had five children:

Elizabeth Walke, born about 1716 in Princess Anne County, died about the 1780s. About the 1730s, she married **Capt. Charles Williamson**; please refer to the Williamson Lineage. After Elizabeth, they had Molly (Mary) Walke, born about 1718. On 25 February 1765, she married James Murdaugh. Fanny (Frances) Walke, born about 1720, married Wright Westcot. Peggie (Peggy or Margaret) Walke, born about 1722, married John Calvert, a mariner of Norfolk, Virginia. Their last child was Nancy (Ann) Walke, born in 1724, and she married John Willoughby.

Now we have another facet in the genetic history of Jacamine Williamson. What do you see in the pattern so far? Before drawing conclusions, it would be well to reflect on the Thorogood line.

— Chapter 4 —

We find Thorogood spelled many ways (Thorowgood, Thorgood, Thorogod, etc.). For the purposes of this paper, I shall try to keep to Thorogood. Simply because I have the information, I shall start with my first record on the family in England.

John Thorogood, born about 1475, of Chelston Temple, Hereford, England, had a son, **Thomas Thorogood**, born about 1500, died 1550, also of Chelston Temple. Thomas had two sons: (1) Nicholas Thorogood married and had Roger Thorogood. (2) **John Thorogood** (younger brother of Nicholas), born about 1520, died about 1570. He married and had a son John (next paragraph).

John Thorogood, of Felsted, Essex, England, was born about 1540, died about 1590, and married a daughter of Luckin about 1560. They had two sons: (1) **William Thorogood**, of Grimstead, married three times: first, Mary, widow of a Dodge, next **Anne**, of Edwards of Norwich, by whom he had eight children, and his third wife was Alice, relict of Holbeach. The other son (2) was Laurence who married the daughter of Montjoy.

William and Anne Thorogood's eight children:

- (1) Sir Edward Thorogood who married a Frances.
- (2) Sir John Thorogood, Gentleman, pensioner to Charles I and knighted by him. He married Frances, daughter of Thomas Meautte of Essex.
- (3) Thomas Thorogood married the daughter of Thomas Windham.
- (4) Edmund Thorogood, married Frances Smith, the daughter of Edward of Chelston Temple.
- (5) **Adam Thorogood**, born about 1602, married Sarah Offley of London. They emigrated to Virginia in 1621, settling in the present area of Hampton, Virginia.
- (6) William Thorogood, married a Mary.
- (7) Mordant Thorogood died at the Siege of Breda.
- (8) Frances Thorogood married R. Griffith of Carnavon.

Capt. Adam Thorogood came to Elizabeth City County from Kinsington, Hereford, England, in 1621. By 1634, he and his wife, Sarah Offley, went to the Lynnhaven area of Princess Anne County. Sarah Offley had an uncle in London, Alexander Harris. After Adam Thorogood died, Sarah married twice more – Capt. John Gookin and then Colonel Francis Yeardeley/Yardley. Adam died in 1640 and is buried in the Lynnhaven Parish Churchyard (Old Donation) in Princess Anne County.* Adam and Sarah had four children: (1) **Adam, Jr.**, born about 1620, died in the 1670s, born in Elizabeth City County (Hampton). About 1640, he married **Frances Yardley**; (2) Ann, born about 1622, married first a Querzee, and then a Colelough; (3) Sarah, born 1624 and died 6 October 1658; and (4) Elizabeth Thorogood, born about 1626, married Jacob Chandler of Maryland.

Adam Thorogood, Jr., of course, came to Princess Anne County when his father brought his family from Hampton. He became a Lt. Colonel, and married Frances Yardley of Northampton County. Frances was the daughter of Colonel Argall Yardley, the oldest son of Sir George Yardley and Dame Temperance of Kent, England. Sir George was the son of Ralph and Rhoda Yardley of London, England. Colonel Argall Yardley married a second time Ann Custis (daughter of John and Joane Custis, innkeepers, of Rotterdam, Holland). It was from this union that Frances Yardley was born.

Adam and Frances Thorogood had six children:

(1) Argall Thorogood, born about 1640s in Princess Anne County, died about 1700, and married Ann Church. Argall and Ann had: Argall, William, Adam, Francis, Elizabeth.

(2) **John Thorogood** (Colonel), born about 1645, died about 1702. He married **Margaret Lawson**.

* The first Old Donation Church and cemetery was near what is now called Lynnhaven Inlet. Time and tides have washed them away.

(3) Adam Thorogood (Colonel), born about 1650s, died 1719 a single person.

(4) Robert Thorogood, born about 1660s, died about 1755, married Blandina _____ and had Robert Thorogood, Jr.

(5) William Thorogood (Captain), born about 1650s, died about 1723, married Patience _____ and had Argall, Mary, and Adam.

(6) Francis Thorogood, born about 1660s, died 14 February 1740; married Amy _____.

Colonel John Thorogood, as stated above, married **Margaret Lawson** about 1670. Margaret was the daughter of Lt. Colonel Anthony Lawson and his wife Mary of Princess Anne County. Margaret had at least one sister, named Mary (who married a Walke). John and Margaret (Lawson) Thorogood had two children: (1) Anthony Thorogood, born about 1670 and died a single person. (2) **John Thorogood, Jr.**, born about 1675, died 1719.

John Thorogood, Jr. married **Pembroke Sayer**, the daughter of Charles Sayer of Princess Anne County. John, Jr., and Pembroke had two children: (1) **Margaret Thorogood**, born about 1700, died about 1757. She married Major Thomas Walke II. (2) John Thorogood, Captain, born about 1710, died about 1757, married first Margaret Scarborough and had no issue. Next he married Mary Ann _____ and had: John, Thomas (D.S.P.), Mary (who married a Sanford), Margaret (who married Thomas Hunter, Jr.), and Pembroke.

Margaret Thorogood (of John, Jr., and Pembroke) married Major (later Colonel) Thomas Walke II and they had five children who were cited with the Walkes. For continuity, they will be listed again.

(1) **Elizabeth Walke**, (2) Molly Walke, (3) Fanny Walke, (4) Peggy Walke, and (5) Nancy Walke. After Margaret (Thorogood) Walke died, Thomas Walke II married the widow and second wife of Margaret's brother, Capt. John Thorogood.

Elizabeth Walke, of course, became the first wife of **Capt. Charles Williamson**. As stated earlier, Elizabeth (Walke) Williamson became the great-grandmother of Jacamine Williamson. There was 21 years difference between the death of Elizabeth and the birth of Jacamine. They never knew each other. Had Elizabeth lived as long as one of her great-great-granddaughters, they could have met.

We have almost completed our genealogical study of Jacamine Williamson. There is one more which must be included.

— Chapter 5 —

This may be likened to the man who had feet, a head, and nothing in between. If I wait until such time as I can wade through the courts again, this may never be finished. I failed to locate a sequential pattern. What I have on this line, I've confirmed with a lady who carries the same surname as this. So, here it is, my "gut-less" lineage.

Jacamine Williamson's mother was Elizabeth "Betsy" Bruce of Princess Anne County, Virginia. The immigrant was **Walter Bruce**. Walter was born about 1640, in Scotland. He may have moved down to England first, but most Bruce people were originally from Scotland – remember King Bruce? Walter and his two brothers came to the Colony of Virginia before 1660. We place **Walter Bruce's** birthdate as about 1640, and he was dead by 1690. Walter Bruce's brothers were William Bruce and George Bruce. They went to Isle of Wight County first. Shortly thereafter Walter moved into Nansemond County. His brothers moved on toward the Northern Neck area, and Old Rappahannock County. Back in those days, Old Rappahannock was not confined to the present-day bounds of that county.

Walter Bruce, in 1651, bought land in "Chucetuck" (Chuckatuck), Nansemond County, Virginia, from Eprohiditus Lawson. Between 1660 and 1666, Walter married Elizabeth Sayer who was the widow of William Sayer of either Norfolk or Princess Anne County. They had three sons: (1) Abraham Bruce, born about 1670; (2) Nicholas Bruce, born about 1672; and (3) John Bruce. It is not known what happened to the first two sons.

John Bruce, born about 1675, was given 600 acres on Bowman's Creek in Lower Norfolk County – Princess Anne County. I'm not sure exactly where Bowman's Creek was located. There were (and are) a multitude of creeks in that area, and today's names do not always concur with the old names. By the name of the girl he married, I would place it near her family. That would be in Lynnhaven Parish, in the vicinity of the

Tabernacle community. At any rate, on 16 July 1695, John Bruce married the daughter of William Keeling. They had children, I'm sure; I don't know who they were. They had to be the forebears of the others in the county and of Betsy.

In 1792, Archibald Bruce of Norfolk County was surety for William Randolph and Charity Best.

So, about four generations pass before we come to the marriage records of Elizabeth "Betsy" Bruce.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Bruce was born in 1796. She died about the 1850s; and on 6 March 1819, she married Robertson Williamson of Princess Anne County, Virginia. The Bruce link, in Virginia, links directly to the early conquerors of Great Britain.

Betsy Bruce and Robertson Williamson had three children: (1) Robertson Williamson, Jr.; (2) Ann Williamson; and (3) **Jacamine Williamson**. All of that appears with the Williamson lineage.

Jacamine Williamson – through her grandmother, Betsy Bruce, has a wee bit of Scottish blood. Through some of her other grandparents a bit of the Dutch. And, in the majority, a lot of English blood. In her body she carried the genes of all those direct-line ancestors. In turn, she passed those genes along. They came full force to her oldest girl child, Anne Eliza, or "Miss Annie."

I'm being redundant – forgive me. One could have put Anne Eliza (in the proper dress) in Holland, and she could have been a model for one of the Old Dutch Masters. Physically and emotionally, "Miss Annie" was more Dutch than English. It didn't stop with her – "Miss Annie" passed those qualities to one daughter, out of the five daughters she had. Through those two, I feel I know Jacamine Williamson.

Who was Jacamine Williamson? Who she was, and what she was, lives in her descendants today.

May she rest in peace:

JAMES WILLIAMSON I

b. 1630, Kent, England, emigrated to Princess Anne County, VA about 1650.
Believe he married **Mary Kemp** (daughter of George and Ann Kemp) about 1660
and they had seven children, the youngest of whom was:

JAMES WILLIAMSON II

b. ca. 1680, d. ca. 1750
m. ca. 1700, **Anne Moseley** (oldest daughter of Captain Anthony Moseley).
They had five children (see *Chart II in this section*),
the eldest of whom was:

CAPTAIN CHARLES WILLIAMSON

b. ca. 1702, d. 1795
m. (1) 1730s, **Elizabeth Walke**
m. (2) **Frances Henley** (no issue)

MARGARET

b. ca. 1734
m. _____ Valentine

Y. Jacob Valentine

MOLLY

b. ca. 1736
m. _____ Bousch

ANNE

b. ca. 1738

JAMES WILLIAMSON III

b. ca. 1740
d. by 1794
m. (1) 1760

Mrs. Mary Poole
(widow of Alexander Poole)

m. (2) _____
(no issue)

1. **James Williamson IV**
b. 1762
d. 1852

m. "LovCy" _____

i. **Jesse Williamson**

m. _____ Murden

1. **Moses Murden**

ii. **Nancy Williamson**

m. _____ Veale

1. **James Veale**

2. **Mary Jane Veale**

2. **Frances Williamson**

b. 1764

d. 1830

m. **Reuben Mathias**

3. **Robertson (Robert) Williamson**

b. ca. 1766

d. 1 Oct. 1855

m. (1) _____

(no issue)

m. (2) 1819

Elizabeth "Betsy" Bruce

i. **Robertson Williamson, Jr.**

b. ca. 1820

ii. **Anne Williamson**

b. 1825

d. 8 May 1860

m. **Burrel Davis**

(their children died)

iii. **Jacqueline Williamson**

b. 1831

d. 15 March 1868

m. 3 Jan. 1855

John Andrew Fentress

(See *Fentress Charts VI, VII,*
VIIb, and VII)

1. **Cary Fentress**

b. 1 Nov. 1856

d. 25 March 1879

(See *Fentress Chart VI*)

2. **Anne Eliza Fentress**

b. 22 Oct. 1860

d. 24 March 1956

m. 18 April 1883

Thomas Sylvanius Ward

(See *Ward Charts VI and VII*
and Fentress Chart VI)

3. **Virginia (Jennie) Fentress**

b. 1862

m. **James Tatem**

(See *Fentress Chart VI*)

4. **Emily Jane (Emma) Fentress**

b. 22 Sept. 1864

m. 17 May 1882

William Thomas Murden

(See *Fentress Charts VI,*
VIIa, and VIIb)

CHART II

WILLIAM MOSELEY, SR.

(Emigrated from Rotterdam, Holland in 1649)
 b. ca. 1600-1610, d. Aug. 1655
 m. Susanna (Sarah) _____, from Rotterdam

WILLIAM, JR.

b. ca. 1625 (in Rotterdam)
 d. ca. 1680 (in Virginia)
 m. ca. 1650

Mary Gookin

1. Edward Moseley (Colonel)
2. John Moseley (Captain)

5. Arthur Williamson
 b. ca. 1710
 d. by 1761. D.S.P.

2. Joseph Moseley
 b. ca. 1662
 d. Fall of 1713
 m. Blandina _____
 i. Frances Moseley

3. Benjamin Moseley
 b. ca. 1664

4. William Moseley
 b. ca. 1666
 d. Winter of 1753
 m. Edith _____
 i. John Moseley
 ii. William Moseley
 iii. Elizabeth Moseley

5. Arthur Moseley, Jr.
 b. 1668

6. George Moseley
 b. 1672

7. Mary Moseley
 b. 1674

8. Susan Moseley
 b. 1676

9. Amos Moseley
 b. 1678

10. Luke Moseley
 b. ca. 1680

ARTHUR

b. 1630 (in Rotterdam)
 d. ca. 1702 (in Virginia)
 m. ca. 1660

Ann Hargrove (daughter of Richard Hargrove, Sr.)

1. Anthony Moseley (Captain)
 b. ca. 1660
 d. ca. 1740
 m. ca. 1680

Frances _____

- i. Anne Moseley
 b. ca. 1684
 d. ca. 1761
 m. ca. 1700

James Williamson II

1. Charles Williamson (Captain)
 b. ca. 1702
 d. 1795
 m. (1) Elizabeth Walke
 (See Charts I and III in this section)

m. (2) Frances Henley
 (no issue)

2. Pembroke Williamson
 b. 1704
 d. ca. 1785
 m. Joshua McCoy

3. Elizabeth Williamson
 b. 1706
 d. 1800
 m. John Smith

i. Charles Smith

ii. Ann Smith
 m. Charles Wray

iii. John Smith, Jr.

iv. Elizabeth Smith

m. _____ Woodhouse

v. Molly Smith

m. John Lyon

1. Elizabeth Lyon

2. William Lyon

4. Willoughby Williamson
 b. 1708
 d. 1790
 m. Sarah Keeling

i. Willoughby Williamson, Jr.

THOMAS WALKE I

(Emigrated from England by way of Barbados in 1662)
 b. ca. 1640, d. ca. 1724
 m. (1) ca. 1689, **Mary Lawson** (b. ca. 1670, d. ca. 1700, the
 daughter of Lt. Col. Anthony Lawson and his wife, Mary, of Va.)
 m. (2) Katherine _____ (no issue)

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| ANTHONY b. 1692 (in Princess Anne Co.) m. (1) 11 March 1712 Mary Sanford | THOMAS WALKE II (Major) b. ca. 1694 d. Feb. 1762 m. (1) ca. 1725 | MARY b. 1696 |
| 1. Margaret Walke m. Dr. Christopher Wright m. (2) Elizabeth Newton (no issue) m. (3) 1725 Anna Armistead (daughter of Capt. William Armistead and Anna Lee Armistead) | Margaret Thorogood (daughter of John and Pembroke Sayer Thorogood) (See Chart IV in this section) 1. Elizabeth Walke b. ca. 1716 d. ca. 1780 m. ca. 1730 Captain Charles Williamson (See Charts I and II in this section) | |
| | 2. Molly (Mary) Walke b. ca. 1718 m. 25 Feb. 1765 James Murdaugh | |
| | 3. Fanny (Frances) Walke b. ca. 1720 m. Wright Westcot | |
| | 4. Peggie (Peggy or Margaret) Walke b. ca. 1722 m. John Calvert | |
| | 5. Nancy (Ann) Walke b. 1724 m. John Willoughby | |
| | m. (2) Mary Ann Thorogood (widow of Capt. John Thorogood) (no issue) | |

Bold type indicates person in line of descent.

Bold Italic type indicates that additional information on this person will be found on another chart.

CHART IV

JOHN THOROGOOD

b. ca. 1475, of Chelston Temple, Hereford, England

THOMAS THOROGOOD

b. ca. 1500, d. 1550, of Chelston Temple, England.

He had two sons, the older of whom was Nicholas,
who married and had a son, Roger.

The younger son was:

JOHN THOROGOOD

b. ca. 1520, d. ca. 1570 (of Chelston Temple, England)

m. _____

JOHN THOROGOOD

b. ca. 1540, d. ca. 1590 (of Felsted, Essex, England)

m. ca. 1560, _____ Luckin. They had two sons, one of whom
was Laurence, who married _____ Montjoy.

His other son was:

WILLIAM THOROGOOD

b. ca. 1560 (of Grimstead, England)

m. (1) Mary Dodge (a widow)

m. (2) Anne, of Edwards of Norwich, England

m. (3) Alice Holbeach (widow)

William and Anne had eight children:

(SIR EDWARD)

m. Frances _____

THOMAS

m. _____ Windhair

(CAPT.) ADAM

b. ca. 1602

d. ca. 1640

m. **Sarah Offley** (of London).

They emigrated to Hampton, VA

in 1621, and by 1631 had moved

to Princess Anne County.
(See Chart IV'a in this section
to continue the line)**WILLIAM**

m. Mary _____

FRANCES

m. R. Griffith

(SIR) JOHN

m. Frances Meutte.

EDMUND

m. Frances Smith

MORDANT

d. at Siege of Breda

CHART IVa

CAPTAIN ADAM THOROGOOD

b. ca. 1602, d. ca. 1640

m. SARAH OFFLEY of London

