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FOREWORD

Lyle, Murrell, Nance, Morton Genealogy by Madys C.O. Bracy

More than is ordinarily realized or suspected we are creatures of heredity. Our physique in its smallest traits, our passions and their strength, the color of our temperament, even the quality of our thinking - each is genetically bequeathed to us by our forefathers. And it is out of this heritage, our truest birthright, that we fashion our personalities.

We are the ones that are up and about. We are looking out of their eyes in a sense, and listening with their ears and talking in their tones and walking with the very gate that once was theirs. For somehow they go on living within us, leading a submerged existence in our beings long after they are dead. Were they well known today, the traces of their presence in our make-up would be unmistakable and marked enough to be startling.

Above history's great ones and the living lords and ladies, the most interesting people in the world to us, or ought to be, the persons from whom we are descended, whose blood flows in our veins, and whose smiles (or frowns) day by day meet and move across our faces. Those humble men and women who have none left but us to honor them and none but us to treasure some stray souvenirs of their yesterday. And as it cannot now be given us to rub elbows with them in the flesh, it would only be natural if we pined to have their story told at least, and hearing it told, cherish their names with a filial devotion.

These pages are meant to serve as a memorandum to posterity, with the sincere hope that someone in the future will carry through the future generations. The families of Lyle, Murrell, Nance and Morton and still further, Venable and Woodson, should be interesting to you if you are of this stock, as their lives not only belong to you, but are a part of you in a way. These are the men and women who molded you into their likeness in the germ and under God, gave you your being, with the chance to become whatever you have become and to do whatever it is that you have done. Did you realize it, they and you are locked together now in a creative and deathless embrace within the persons of your children. Meeting together there, the two of you have shaped the course of our families bloodstream for as long as it happens to remain a tributary to the mighty current of our race.

I present this work to my family, my brother and my sisters; my children and my grandchildren, who never knew our mother's people, as they passed away so far in the past, to render them totally unfamiliar with their maternal forefathers.

I regret that all families are not traced as some, but because most of the material contained herein is highly documentary, time and geography had to be dealt with, but I cherish the thought that these records will be as pleasurable to the reader as they were to me in searching for them. However I trust that the reader will please bear in mind that this work was done in the first place for my family and will they forgive the more or less personal touch accordingly.

L Y L E

The name Lyle, Lisle, Lyell are identical; those who bear them spring remotely from the same stock. Their common origin is in the name of deL'Isle - "of the island" which indicates that in the ages wrapped in clouds, the common ancestor was one of the lars of the Western Islands. In Scotland, still the names are found among the higher gentry. In the valley, the name has been one of highest repute for a century and a half borne, as it has been, by soldiers, ministers, teachers and worthy men in other professions.

The Lyles emigrated from Scotland to Ireland about 1606. The families in Ireland were in the most cases, farmers. About the time of their movement into America, there were many crop failures in Ireland, thus causing them to seek new territory; and too, their religion, Scotch Irish Presbyterian, was tolerated in Ireland and not encouraged.

We find the Lyles in Rockbridge County, Virginia, as early as 1730, and from there they spread to the adjoining counties, our particular branch settling in Kentucky from Loudon County, Virginia. The earliest ancestor for our family of Lyles was Thomas, who settled in Allen County, Kentucky. He was born about 1740 in Virginia.

The Lyles in Tennessee and Kentucky were plain, ordinary good people, ready to assist in any way, but not aspiring to social life, and more interested in the upbuilding of the community and Church affairs. However it was not uncommon for the merchants to close up stock, the farmers to lay down their hoes for a day of frolic and fun, which in those days meant whole families getting together for the day with plenty of good food and conversation.

I - 1. THOMAS LYLE, b. c1740 in Virginia; had four children that are known:

II - 1. SARAH LYLE, (Thomas), m. Luke Mayhew

II - 2. NANCY LYLE, (Thomas), m. Moses Mayhew

II - 3. JAMES LYLE, (Thomas), m. and left issue

II - 4. MENASSEH LYLE, (Thomas), b. 5-3-1770 in Loudon County, Va., m. in 1792 Sarah Cherry (or Chaney). She was b. 1-18-1772 and d. 1829. This family were found in Allen County, Ky., where they raised their family and where Menasseh died. They had eleven children:

III - 1. NANCY LYLE, (Menasseh, Thomas), b. 11-3-1792; m. William Blackwell of Madison County, Ala.

III - 2. ELIZABETH LYLE, (Menasseh, Thomas), b. 10-25-1794; m. Christopher Welch and were the parents of six.

III - 3. REBECCA LYLE, (Menasseh, Thomas), b. 8-18-1796; m. Hezekiah Garrison.

III - 4. THOMAS H. LYLE, (Menasseh, Thomas), b. 8-9-1798 in Virginia; m. Margaret L., who was b. 4-9-1799 in Virginia and they were the parents of ten children:

IV - 1. INS. MENASSEH LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 10-10-1817.

IV - 2. WILLIAM WESLEY LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 12-14-1819 in Allen County, Kentucky, where he grew up and went to school. December 23, 1843, he m. Eliza Jane Hagan, who was b. 10-19-1822. After their marriage, they came to Davidson County, Tennessee, and established their home two miles out on the Murfreesboro Road, just off of Foster Avenue, on a lane that was eventually called "Lyle" lane. They lived on this farm until they both passed away. After their surmise, the farm had different owners until in about 1930, Mr. G. Q. Milwee of Nashville, Tennessee and an attorney, bought the place and kept it until the government purchased it as a right of way for the Enter-state Highway. The property is located just behind Randle Cole School and the lane is still called "Lyl Lane.

William Wesley Lyle was a very religious man, professing religion when he was 14 years old in Allen County, Kentucky and when he came to Davidson County, Tennessee, was affiliated with the Thompson Chapel Methodist Church. When the Woodbine Church was established, he joined it and so remained until his death. He was a member of the Davidson County Court; a Constable of his district and a member of the old Cumberland Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity. He died on the morning of December 20, 1893, having been paralyzed 15 years before his death. Eliza Jane d. at their home, which she maintained after his death, 7-4-1897 and they are both buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee. They were the parents of 5 children:

V - 1. WILLIAM HAMILTON LYLE, (William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 6-26-1844 in Allen Co., Ky. Came to Davidson County, Tennessee with his parents 1845 where he grew to manhood, married and raised his family. As he was my maternal grandfather, I wish to record what I know of him and I will try not to be anything but truthful and unbiased in my opinion:

WILLIAM HAMILTON LYLE

Came to Davidson County, Tennessee as a child and resided with his father's family, attending the Davidson County elementary schools of the day. He was very precocious and eager to amount to something. The Civil War came at a time (1861-65) when he would have been in college and therefore to some degree interrupted his education, but he was not to be discouraged in his desire to become an Engineer. He gathered all the books he could find on the subject and studied until he was fairly well sure he could hold

a job as a surveyors aid. He was first associated with the old firm of Nance and Woodard, Mr. B. F. Woodard being then the County Surveyor in Davidson County. Upon the dissolution of that firm, he opened his own office and from then on, operated a successful and prosperous business. In 1896, he was appointed to the position of Civil Engineer for the County and remained as such until 1914. The records of Davidson County will attest his faithful service and performance of his duties as County Surveyor.

In 1890 he compiled a map of Davidson County which was considered authoritative; the maps of Mount Olivet and Mount Ararat Cemeteries were made by him; he also compiled a map of the City of Nashville which was used in the City Directory in 1908. In 1908 he laid off West Nashville in conjunction with the Nashville Land and Improvement Company, composed of Mark Cockrill, Lemuel H. Davis, George T. Finegan and others, and the streets which honor the states in the Union were named by him.

The first annual camp site of the Nashville Boys Club was donated by him in order that boys whose parents could ill afford to send them to a summer camp, could enjoy the sunshine and the joys of a better life.

This property was located on the bluff at the mouth of Jackson's branch on Stone's River near Donelson, where his farm was located.

On January the 5, 1869, four years after the Civil War, William Hamilton Lyle m. Mrs. Susan Emma (Murrell) Peal, widow of Lee Peal, who had died in 1865. Susan Emma at the time, was 23 years old and William Hamilton was 25. They became the parents of five children, all of them except two, living only a short time.

This couple were my grandparents and although they both died when I was quite young, I remember them well. I remember grandfather Lyle was a tall and sparse man, with redish brown hair and a mustashe. He was kindly disposed and seemed to be always looking for someway to assist my mother, who at the time was pretty well tied down with children. I always looked forward to his coming as I knew that if he did not bring me something, he would take me out and buy me something. The shiney patent leather shoes he bought me on one occasion stand out in my memory because he paid so much for them that my mother scolded him for spending his money unnecessarily. As young as I was, I remember that I loved this grandfather dearly and felt awfully close to him, because I know he loved me. I knew that he loved my mother as he was always doing things for her. She had grown up as his only living daughter, and had been the "apple of his eye."

Grandfather Lyle was a successful man in business and financially was more or less independent, owning much property in and around Nashville and Davidson County, but although he never deserved it, his personal life was sad. He and my grandmother, Susan Emma, lived together until my mother and her brother were grown, but were never happy together. Finally my grandmother left and went to live with her sister, America Murrell, and this was the last of their marriage. Although they never lived together again, my grandfather took good care of her and saw that she had all that needed or wanted.

William Hamilton Lyle was a member of the Methodist Church, joining the old Carroll Street Church early in his youth; He was a Mason, being affiliated with the old Cumberland Lodge #48 for 45 years. He made his home first, in the old 9th district of Davidson County and later on a farm near the Hermitage. After his family had gone, he purchased a farm on the Charlotte Pike and it was there that he became ill which was the forerunner of his death. He died in St. Thomas hospital, February 6, 1917 and is

buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee. He had bought a large lot in the cemetery and now he and Susan Emma, my grandmother, and all of their children have been laid to rest there and also my father. The children of William Hamilton and Susan Emma Lyle were:

- VI - 1. JULIAN COOLEY LYLE, (William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas, Menassah, Thomas), b. 8-27-1870; never married until about one year before he died January 24, 1910. His wife's name was "Mary", last name unknown. He was a well known farmer of the 8th district of Davidson County, Tennessee. No children.
- VI - 2. JAMES MURRELL LYLE, (William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 4-29-1873 in Davidson County, Tennessee and lived only until 12-20-1874.
- VI - 3. WILLIAM HAMILTON LYLE, JR., (William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 1878; d. 8-15-1887.
- VI - 4. MARY LYLE, (William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 1875 in Davidson County and died when she was 12 years old, 1-27-1887 with pneumonia.
- VI - 5. CICILEY MURRELL LYLE, (William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 5-15-1880 in Davidson County, Tennessee where she lived all of her. She was reared and brought up, first in south Nashville on Carroll Street, then later on the farm near the Hermitage. She attended the public schools of the day and later Peabody College. She was enrolled in Peabody college and attended about two years, when she became interested in art and as she had been taking music lessons for sometime, it was decided that she leave Peabody and take up the study of her choice at the Nashville Conservatory of Music and Art. She studied art under Mrs. Ida (Chandler) Noble, wife of Judge William S. Noble, a Nashville attorney and dau. of M. M. Chandler and Mary (Lawrence) Chandler, who was an artist of note, having been responsible for the establishment of the art department at David Lipscomb College later.
- Ciciley Murrell Lyle, who was my mother, did well with her art and kept it up through the years from time to time until she was 80 years old. She was listed in the Nashville City Directory, before her marriage, as "Ciciley Lyle, Artist."
- On December 20, 1906, she married my father, Guy Alexander Odil, in the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, then located on Church Street and Fifth Avenue and since has been a Presbyterian, although before her marriage a Methodist. My mother was always a good church member, rising early on Sunday morning, dressing us all in our Sunday best and taking us to Sunday School and insisting that we stay for Church. She always taught in the Primary Department of Sunday School, most of the children were hers anyway.
- Before her marriage, she was a member of the Nashville Artist Guild, the Sam Davis Historical Association and many other organizations of civic value, being a girl of usual beauty and charm, was accepted everywhere, but after she was married and the babies began to arrive, she took up her responsibility and gave up her social life. I cannot ever remember my mother having left us for any social activity.

There are seven of us, six girls and one boy, all still living and with families of our own. We had few advantages that we did not make ourselves, due to the fact that our father became ill early in life, but my mother never lost her spirit. It is well known that our lives were not easy, but our early training kept us on the track and we have all done well for ourselves. My mother lived to a ripe old age, being in her 85th year when she passed away September 19, 1964 in Nashville, Tennessee and we buried her between my father and her parents on the Lyle family plot in Mt. Olivet cemetery. She possessed a strong faith that carried her through her tedious and trying times and although she had been spoiled by her father as a girl, she maintained a strict adherence to the christian rules, which enhanced her character and gave her an elegant bearing that was respected by everyone. Her life was spent in service to her family, who now rise up to call her name "Blessed" Children of Ciciley (Lyle) Odil and Guy Alexander Odil were:

VII - 1. GLADYS ELIZABETH ODIL, (Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas H., Menessah, Thomas), b. 10-13-1907 in Davidson County, Tenn. Married Benjamin Hume Bracy 11-18-1931, where they reside; 2 children:

VIII - 1. ANNE CAROLE BRACY, (Gladys, Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 12-2-1932 in Davidson County, Tenn. Married 1st Dr. Robert Bruce Whittle, by whom she had one child:

IX - 1. THERESA LOUISE WHITTLE, (Anne C., Gladys, Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas, Menassah, Thomas), b. 9-4-1955 in Memphis Shelby County, Tenn.

Anne Carole Bracy m. 2nd Homer Erskin Bonds of Mississippi, 2-14-1959 in Davidson County in the little chapel of First Presbyterian Church. Two children:

IX - 2. CHRISTOPHER ERSKIN BONDS, (Anne C., Gladys, Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 12-1-1959 in Davidson County, Tenn.

IX - 3. MERIL ANNE BONDS, (Anne C., Gladys, Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas H., Menessah, Thomas), b. 1-9-1963 in Davidson County, Tenn.

VIII - 2. BENJAMIN HUME BRACY, JR., (Gladys, Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas) b. 9-15-1939 in Davidson County, Tenn. Married Joyce Curry, dau. of Pembroke Rowland and Norma (Kershaw Curry of Atlanta, Ga. two children:

IX - 1. BENJAMIN HUME BRACY, III, (Benjamin H., Gladys, Ciciley, William H., William W., Thomas H., Menassah, Thomas) b. 6-22-1957 Davidson Co., Tenn.

IX - 2. DEBORAH LYNN BRACY, (Benjamin Hume, Gladys Elizabeth, Ciciley, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 12-4-1959 in Davidson County, Tenn.

IX - 3. NORMA LEE BRACY, (Benjamin Hume, Jr., Gladys Elizabeth, Ciciley, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 1-19-1964 in Davidson County, Tenn.

VII - GUY ALEXANDER ODIL, JR., (Ciciley, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 8-27-1909 in Davidson County, Tenn., m. Fausta Mattox, 7-13-1940 in Charleston, S. C. They have no children of their own by adopted a little girl in 1951.

1. BARBARA KAREN ODIL, b. 6-11-1951 in Charleston, S. C.

VII - 3. CICILEY LYLE ODIL, (Ciciley, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 11-20-1911 in Nashville, Tenn., m. Doris Raymond Selley 7-31-1934 in Davidson County, Tenn. They have one son:

VIII - 1. DON RAYMOND SELLY, (Ciciley Lyle, Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas, Menasseh, Thomas), b. 11-2-1938 in Louisville, Kentucky. Married 3-20-65 to Margy Cole of Los Angeles California.

VII - 4. SARAH LOUISE ODIL, (Ciciley, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 3-17-1915 in Davidson County, Tenn., m. Stafford Freeman McNamee, 7-9-1938; they have 2 children:

VIII - 1. STAFFORD FREEMAN McNAMEE, JR., (Sarah L., Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 5-1-1942 in Davidson County, Tenn. m. 6-19-65 Peggy Ivey of Nashville, Tenn.

VIII - 2. SARAH LOUISE McNAMEE, (Sarah L., Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas, Menassah, Thomas), b. 1-2-1947 in Davidson County, Tenn.

VII - 5. MARJORIE ALBERTA ODIL, (Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 4-11-1917 in Davidson County, Tenn., m. Bernard Franklin Garrett 10-20-1945 in Davidson County, Tenn. Bernard Franklin Garrett, d. 11-7-1953; they had no children.

VII - 6. ROSALIE ODIL, (Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 4-29-1919 in Davidson County, Tenn. Married Aubrey McCord Puckett 5-12-1950 in Nashville, Tennessee; they have no children.

VII - 7. INA JEAN ODIL, (Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 6-10-1921 in Davidson County, Tenn., m. Ira Leroy Hoffman 7-11-1942. They have 3 children:

VIII - 1. IRA LEROY HOFFMAN, JR., (Ina Jean, Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 3-6-1947 in Davidson County, Tenn.

VIII - 2. CICILEY EVERETT HOFFMAN, (Ina Jean, Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 9-22-1948 in Davidson County, Tenn.

VIII - 3. JOHN RANDOLPH HOFFMAN, (Ina Jean, Ciciley Murrell, William Hamilton, William Wesley, Thomas, Menasseh, Thomas), b. 2-7-1950 in Davidson County., Tenn.

Note: For a fuller description of the family of Ciciley (Lyle) Odil, see "Odil, Kerr and Cowser Families" in Tennessee State Library. The above completes the family of William H. and Susan Emma Lyle.

V - 2. ELIZABETH LYLE, (William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 2-29-1848 in Davidson County, Tennessee, her father having moved to Tennessee in 1846. "Aunt Bettie" was a favorite of my mother's being her only aunt on her father's side. She m. John Gatewood Cockrill, a lawyer of Franklin, Kentucky. He was b. 10-25-1847 in Kentucky and d. 12-30-1891 in Birmingham, Ala. They were members of the Woodbine Methodist Church and were constant in their Methodist beliefs. Aunt Bettie d. 2-10-1930 in Davidson County, Tennessee, and they are both buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville. They had four children:

VI - 1. ALVA COCKRILL, (Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 9-16-1877 in Davidson County, Tennessee. He was m. but his wife's name is unknown to the writer. He removed to Woodley, Georgia, where he d. 10-9-1922. He had two girls that are known:

VII - 1. LOIS COCKRILL, (Alva, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas, Menasseh, Thomas), b. _____

VII - 2. ELOISE COCKRILL, (Alva, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. _____; these girls were twins.

VI - 2. ROY COCKRILL, (Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menassah, Thomas), b. 8-16-1879; m. Myrtle Hinson in Davidson County, Tenn. They were the parents of five children:

VII - 1. EVELYN LOUISE COCKRILL, (Roy, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. _____

VII - 2. ROY COCKRILL JR., (Roy, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), B _____

VII - 3. MINNIE LEE COCKRILL, (Roy, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H. Menasseh, Thomas), b. _____.

VII - 4. MARIE COCKRILL, (Roy, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. _____.

VII - 5. MARGARET COCKRILL, (Roy, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. _____.

VI - 3. BESSIE LYLE COCKRILL, (Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 4-16-1882; m. Don Armstrong Corum, son of Ida Bell and William Dixon Corum and became the parents of five children:

VII - 1. DON LYLE CORUM, (Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), m. Patrice Powell, dau. of Matthew Powell. Three children:

VIII - 1. DON POWELL CORUM, (Don Lyle, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas),

VIII - 2. THOMAS ALVA CORUM, (Don Lyle, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas),

VIII - 3. PATTY LYLE CORUM, (Don Lyle, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas)

VII - 2. LEILA MILDRED CORUM, (Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menassah, Thomas), m. Joseph Peyton Nixon, son of John and Cornelia Nixon. They reside in Dyersburg, Tennessee and have one dau:

VIII- 1. CAROLE PEYTON NIXON, (Leila Mildred, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VII - 3. BIRDIE LOUISE CORUM, (Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), m. Claude Melvin Pace, a son of Thadeous and Marietta (Scamahorn) Pace. After his death, Birdie m. Neal White, son of William and Ora (Rion) White. She has one child by her 1st husband.

VIII - 1. BETTY JANE PACE, (Birdie, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VII - 4. IDA ELIZABETH CORUM, (Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas, Menasseh, Thomas), m. Bydie Tipton Tucker, son of Coleman and Bertha Ramsey Tucker. They have three children:

VIII - 1. TOMMIE FRANCES TUCKER, (Ida, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VIII - 2. ANN ELIZABETH TUCKER, (Ida, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VIII - 3. DON CORUM TUCKER, (Ida, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VII - 5. MARY GATEWOOD CORUM, (Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), m. Alfred Benton Bledsoe, son of Alfred Benton and Mary (Shrahn) Bledsoe. They have two children:

VIII - 1. ALFRED BENTON BLEDSOE, III, (Mary, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VIII - 2. KAY MILDRED BLEDSOE, (Mary, Bessie, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).

VI - 4. LEILA COCKRILL, (Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 1-4-1886 in Davidson County, Tennessee; m. John Hamilton. She d. 6-25-1955 in Nashville, Tennessee, and he d. 1963. They had one dau:

VII - 1. MAE HAMILTON, (Leila, Elizabeth, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas). b. _____; m. Clifford Inman. No children.

Note: this concludes the descendants of Elizabeth (Lyle) Cockrill, dau. of William Wesley Lyle.

V - 3. EDWARD CAMPBELL LYLE, (William Wesley, Thomas H., Menaseh, Thomas), b. 1-23-1851 in Davidson County, Tennessee; m. Kate _____, and they removed to Gilman, Texas where he lived out his life. They had two daughters, name unknown.

V - 4. JAMES ROBERT LYLE, (William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 3-15-1855; m. 1st Janie Robertson; 2nd Nannie _____. "Uncle Bob" as he was known to his family, was a resident of Davidson County, a Justice of the Peace and member of the County Court for many years; a member of the Baptist Church. He had four children. He d. in Nashville, Tennessee 1-11-1921, and is buried in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

VI - 1. ALICE LOUISE LYLE, (James Robert, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 12-5-1885.

- VI - 2. ANNIE JEAN LYLE, (James Robert, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 1-22-1888; never married.
- VI - 3. ROBERT LEE LYLE, (James Robert, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 4-29-1889
- VI - 4. RICHARD HOUSTON LYLE, (James Robert, William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas).
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- V - 5. THOMAS BENNETT LYLE, (William Wesley, Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 3-17-1860; m. Sallie _____; they resided in Davidson County, and I well remember their hospitable home; he d. 4-7-1914 in Nashville, Tennessee and she d. some years later. They had no children.

Note: here ends the fifth generation of the Lyles or the descendents of William Wesley Lyle.

- IV - 3. CAROLINE LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 6-15-1823 in Kentucky, d. 10-23-1855.
- IV - 4. JOBE LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 7-27-1825.
- IV - 5. ALFRED TAYLOR LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 2-11-1828.
- IV - 6. THOMAS BENNETT LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 1-19-1830
- IV - 7. FOUNTAIN LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 8-10-1832
- IV - 8. WIOT (WYATT) LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 8-7-1835.
- IV - 9. QUINT LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 6-4-1837.
- IV -10. MARY C. LYLE, (Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), b. 4-8-1840; m. William Minge and they were the parents of two children:

V - 1. WILLIAM MINGE, (Mary C., Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), m. Ina _____. I remember this couple well having visited in their home many times when they lived in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

V - 2. MARY MINGE, (Mary C., Thomas H., Menasseh, Thomas), m. Robert Burton of Scottsville, Kentucky where they resided. They had one dau:

VI - 1. LUCILLE BURTON, (Mary, Mary C., Thomas H., Menassah, Thomas), m. Joseph Celsor of Fountain Head, Ky.

(Here continues the children of
Menasseh and Sarah (Cherry) Lyle)

- II - 5. WILLIAM H. "BILLIE" LYLE, (Thomas), b. 11-7-1800
- II - 6. SARAH LYLE, (Thomas), b. 10-11-1802
- II - 7. MARAH (MARIAH) LYLE, (Thomas), b. 12-6-1804
- II - 8. JOHN W. L. LYLE, (Thomas), b. 9-4-1807
- II - 9. MATILDA LYLE, (Thomas), b. 1-23-1810
- II -10. URIAH WILSON LYLE, (Thomas), b. 9-8-1814
- II -11. MENASSEH LYLE, JR., (Thomas),

Note: All of the foregoing, birth dates, death dates, etc.,
are taken from the old Lyle Family Bible now in possession
of Mrs. Clifford Inman, Donelson, Tennessee.

MURRELL

The name "Murrell" does not appear until the 12th century, when it was spelled "Myriel" a French name, meaning a sea wall or bank, to keep off the water.

The first ancestor found in the Murrell family was Stephen S. Murrell, who married Elizabeth Haden in Goochland County, Virginia on December 27, 1793. She was the dau. of Zachariah and Elizabeth (Poor) Haden. She had two brothers and one sister, namely: 1. Robert Haden, b. 8-10-1765; 2. Thomas Poor Haden, b. 6-16-1767; 3. Susannah Haden, b. 9-29-1768. These Hadens were found in Goochland County, Virginia also. Stephen S. Murrell married the youngest daughter of Zachariah Haden and his wife, Elizabeth Poor, who had married 1-27-1763 in Goochland County, Virginia.

I - 1. STEPHEN S. MURRELL, m. Elizabeth Haden in Goochland County, Virginia, 12-27-1793; their sons were James M. Murrell, Samuel Murrell and Zachariah Murrell. They were all born in Virginia.

II - JAMES M. MURRELL, (Stephen S.), b. 2-13-1807 in Virginia; m. Ciciley M. M. Nance, dau. of William Howe and Elizabeth (Morton) Nance. He was a brick contractor and owned a brick kiln on the Murfreesboro Pike, near Nashville, Tenn. He furnish the brick that went into the old Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, that burned in 1962. He built many houses in the Claiborne District of South Nashville, served as Alderman of the City of South Nashville (then incorporated as a city), and was known for his honesty and high purpose in business. He was a member of the old Cumberland Lodge F. & A. M. The following is a letter written by one of his children and kept by mother through the years:

"James M. Murrell was born Feb., 13th, 1807. He was a native of Virginia but principally raised in the State of Alabama. When a young man full of health and vigor, he emigrated from thence to Nashville, Tennessee. He was a young man of great physical strength and possessed an energy hardly to be equaled by any. He was poor but honest, truthful and industrious. He sought and obtained labor and soon became one of our most useful and respectable citizens. In the 26th year of his age he was married to Miss Sicily M. Nance, an estimable young lady and one that made him an exemplary wife. She was born Jan., 12th, 1815, being 8 years younger than her husband. They were among the early settlers of South Nashville and shortly after their union, they became consistent members of the Methodist Church, the first ever organized in this City, and since that time, they have ever been ready to contribute to the cause of God whenever an occasion presented. They obeyed God in seeking first the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness and here is a clear demonstration of the truth of God's word, for in whatsoever they did, they seemed to prosper. All the necessities and comforts of life were added unto them, and not withstanding, they had all the trials and bereavements of life to contend with - they seemed to have checked them all by relying upon the promises of God. My Grace is sufficient.

And though they were not without sin, they obeyed God in his most minute laws. They forgot not to entertain the stranger and penniless traveler was made welcome to all the hospitality of their house. Mr. and Mrs. Murrell lived together 49 years - two loving and faithful companions, useful citizens and worthy members of the Methodist Church. Their lives had been so well spent that when they were called to cross the chilling tide of death that no gloomy fears invaded their minds and so closely had their destinies been conjoined (sic) that her death only took place about six days before his and he with that calmness and fortitude that none but a Christian possesses, talked to her of their.....

Note: Here the letter ends or the remaining portion was lost. My mother thought that it was written by one of his children, but I believe it must have been written by someone outside of their family, probably their Minister.

James M. Murrell m. Ciciley M. M. (Nance) 5-28-1833 in Davidson County, Tennessee, and they made their home in South Nashville for many years, then later toward the last of their lives they bought a farm at Una, Tennessee. Ciciley M. M. Nance was the dau. of William Howe Nance and his wife, Elizabeth Morton Nance. She was known for her piety and charity. She was born 1-12-1815 in Davidson County, Tennessee and died 12-17-1872, age 56. They are both buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee. They were the parents of 8 children:

III - 1. MARY ANN MURRELL, (JAMES M., STEPHEN S), b. 6-8-1834.) twins
 III - 2. ELIZABETH HADEN MURRELL, (JAMES M., STEPHEN S), b. 6-8-1834)
 lived only a few months.

III - 3. ISAAC P. MURRELL, (James M., Stephen S.), b. 8-8-1836; d. 4-2-1842.

III - 4. JAMES M. MURRELL, JR., (James M., Stephen S), b. 12-1-1838;

III - 5. NARCISSA C. MURRELL, (James M., Stephen S.) b. 10-10-1841; m. Amos Houston Hurley, who was b. in Lincoln County, Tennessee, 10-24-1832. "Aunt Narse" as my mother called her, was a lady through and through, considered herself high born and high bred, the one in her family that was a shining light to the other members of the family. She maintained a christian home and reaised her children to be good substantial citizens. She only had two children of her own, but five grandchildren came to live with her after the death of their mother. "Aunt Narse" died 12-9-1908 in Davidson County, Tennessee, and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

AMOS HOUSTON HURLEY

was of Scotch Irish descent, but both parents and grandparents were born in North Carolina. His father, Amos Hurley, married there in 1814 to Mary Rhodes and on the day following his marriage started for Lincoln County, Tennessee. He engaged in farming there until his death in 1876. Amos Hurley, Sr., was the father of eight:

1. W. R. Hurley, became a Physician
2. D. P. Hurley, Lawyer, later owned a Female Academy in Troy, Ala.
3. E. R. Hurley, farmer
4. Z. G. Hurley
5. F. M. Hurley
6. A. H. Hurley
7. W. P. Hurley, rproduce merchant in Nashville, b. 3-8-1842; d. 5-30-1881; buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville.
8. B. F. Hurley

Amos Houston Hurley, Jr., received a common school education in Lincoln County, Tennessee and when 17 years of age attended Hiwassee College in East Tennessee; studied law under his brother, D. P. Hurley, then a practicing attorney in East Tennessee. He practiced there four years and then came to Nashville and married his wife, Norcissa C. Murrell on 10-14-1856; she being the dau. of James M., and Ciciley (Nance) Murrell. He continued the practice of law in Nashville until 1860, when he abandoned his profession and turned his attention to merchandising, first in the grocery business for 10 years, and then the grain produce business. He gave prompt attention to business and in many ways was an exceptional man. He never made use of profane language and never used ardent spirits or alcohol. He was of a devltional and religious family, being a member of the Baptist Church, his father a Baptist and his mother a member of the Old School Presbyterian Church. Although he was reared a Baptist, after his marriage he became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and he and his family were ardent members of the South Nashville Church. Their home was located at 101 University Street in South Nashville. Mr. Hurley never coveted political or official distinction, yet was, from principal, been a life long Democrat. He was a member of the Board of Alderman of Nashville five years, being President of the Board one year. He died in Nashville, Tennessee 1-1-1891 and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee. He and his wife had two children, the first a little girl, who only lived a few months and then a son:

IV - 1. ADDIE HURLEY, (Narcissa, James M., Stephen S.), b. 12-11-1861; d. 2-28-1862.

IV - 2. AMOS HOUSTON HURLEY, III, (Narcissa, James M., Stephen S.), b. _____; m. Nettie Bridges, who d. leaving him with four daughters and one son:

V - 1. JAMES HURLEY, (Amos Houston, Narcissa, James M., Stephen S),

V - 2. LOUISE HURLEY, (Amos Houston, Narcissa, James M., Stephen S), b. _____; m. Robert F. Sprouell

V - 3. FLORENCE NURLEY, (Amos Houston, Narcissa, James M., Stephen S), b. _____; m. Sam Funk. Miss Florence worked for many years in the china department of Phillips and Burtoff in Nashville, Tennessee.

V - 4. CAMILLE HURLEY, (Amos Houston, Narcissa, James M., Stephen S.), b. _____; m. _____ Gardner.

V - 5. NETTIE HURLEY, (Amos Houston, Narcissa, James M., Stephen S), m. Carey Ormes; resides in Nashville, Tennessee.

III - 6. SUSAN EMMA MURRELL, (James M., Stephen S.), b. 7-22-1846 in Davidson County, Tennessee. She was educated in the Davidson County public Schools and the South Nashville Institute where she was a student in the years 1854-56. She possibly attended further but we have report cards for this period, which my mother had saved through the years, because they were excellent reports. Susan Emma was my maternal grandmother, and as she died when I was 12 years old, my memories of her are all those gathered during my childhood. I remember she was kindly at times, but was endowed with an abominable temper which she let fly on regular occasions. She lived with us during her last years and seemed to be very unhappy most of the time. We gave her one of our best bedrooms and my father taught us to always be respectful of her, which we tried to do, but we had a large family and I am sure we did not always do as we should. She was good at heart however, as I remember she was very fond of my youngest sister, Jean, and was always good and kind to her. When she came to live with us, she was past the age of being much help and we would have been happy to have her had she been happy with us, but my father was always good to her and saw that she had what she needed. Susan Emma was married twice. She first married Lee Peal 3-14-1864 in Davidson County, by whom she had one child. Lee Peal d. 3-15-1865 only a year after their marriage, leaving Susan Emma with the one son:

IV - 1. LEE PEAL, JR., (Susan Emma, James M., Stephen S.), b. 12-8-1864; m. Georgia Perryman. They had one dau. and one son. (See p. 20 for additional data).

V - 1. MURRELL PEAL, (Lee, Susan Emma, James M., Stephens), b. c1886; never married.

After Susan Emma's first husband, Lee Peal Sr., died, she was left with a young baby and she went home to her father and mother, where she lived until she met and married William Hamilton Lyle on January 5, 1869 and they became the parents of five children. My grandfather was always good to his step-son and never made any difference in any way between him and his own.

IV - 1. JULIAN COOLEY LYLE, (Susan Emma, James M., Stephen S.), b. 8-23-1871 in Davidson County, Tennessee; educated in the public schools of the day and became a farmer of the 8th District of Davidson County (old 12th district). He never married until about a year before he d. 1-24-1910. His wife's name was Mary, her last name not recalled. They had no children. He was a young man, just 38 years of age when he died, possessing a high sense of integrity, of industrious nature and bright future.

IV - 2. JAMES MURRELL LYLE, (Susan Emma, James M., Stephen S.), b. 4-29-1873 and lived a little over a year. Died 12-30-1874.

IV - 3. MARY LYLE, (Susan Emma, James M., Stephen S.), b. 1876; d. of pneumonia 1-27-1887.

IV - 5. WILLIAM HAMILTON LYLE, JR. (Susan Emma, James M., Stephen S),
d. 8-15-1887.

IV - 6. CICILEY MURRELL LYLE, (Susan Emma, James M., Stephen S), b. 5-15-1880;
the youngest child of Susan Emma and William Hamilton Lyle, and the
only one that lived to maturity except her brother who died at age 38.
Susan Emma, alfter all, had good reason to be unhappy. She had left
and divorced her husband and all of her children were gone except her
one daughter who had a large family to care for with little time
left for her parents. All in all, she presented a pathetic picture.
She passed away October 14, 1919 and my mother buried her on the
Lyle lot beside our grandfather, William Hamilton Lyle, who had
been her benefactor and cared for through the years and even in
death. All of her family are buried there with her in Mt. Olivet
cemetery, Nashville. (For more complete information on Ciciley
Murrell Lyle, see the Lyle line).

III - 7. AMERICA S. MURRELL, (James M., Stephen S), b. 7-5-1852 in Davidson
County, Tennessee, where she lived all of her life. She was never
married. "Aunt Merick" as she was known in our family was a char-
acter all her own. She was known to have been left well healed
in the financial department, but to look at her, one would think
she never had a dime. She lived alone and in her old age became
very secretive and miserly in her actions. I remember she would
come to spend the night with us occasionally and she always carried
a shoe box with her, tied up tightly and when she would retire she
carefully placed the shoe box under the bed. My mother used to
tell us that she was sure that the shoe box contained "Aunt Merick's"
diamonds as when she was a young lady, she wore them on every dress
up occasion, being very proud and stiff necked because they had been
handed down to her by her mother. We as children, tried every way
we could think of to get a peek into that show box, but Aunt Merick
never let it out of her sight long enough for us to do so.
In her last years she became a recluse, lived alone and left the
house very seldom, until one night we were called in the night
and told that her house had burned and she along with it. It was
decided that she had some sort of seizure or stroke and had fallen
into the fire in someway, the true facts will never be known, as
she was there alone. The diamonds were never found; none of the
family ever knew what became of them. The fire occurred 1-16-1924
and she was buried two days later in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville
Tennessee.

III - 8. WILLIAM H. MURRELL, (James M., Stephen S), b. 7-3-1853 in Davidson
County, Tennessee; d. when a young man 1-17-1876

II - 2. SAMUEL MURRELL, (Stephen S), came to Tennessee with his brothers
and settled in Davidson County.

II - 3. ZACHARIAH HADEN MURRELL, (Stephen S.), came to Tennessee and settled in Franklin County, near Winchester. He first married a Miss White of Franklin County and they had a family of three sons and three daughters. In early life he was a whig, but after the Civil War, became a Democrat, though during the War he sympathized with the Union. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. He first followed the trade of a mechanic, but soon branched out into farming and at the time of his death in 1871, was an extensive land owner operating his place with a large staff of slaves. The only son that is known was:

III - THOMAS CICERO MURRELL, (Zachariah H., Stephen S.), b. 1831 in Winchester, Tennessee, was an honored physician of Winchester for many years. He m. Louise Simonds, who was b. in Winchester 1836. He d. 1898 and she d. 1903. They were m. in 1854 and were the parents of three children:

IV - 1. MOLLIE MURRELL, (Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S.), m. _____ Biddle, removed to Missouri, where she died.

IV - 2. WILLIAM ESTIS MURRELL, (Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S.), b. 7-27-1859 in Franklin County, Tenn. Obtained his early education at Winchester Normal and in 1894 took his medical degree at Vanderbilt University. He began practice with his father, and engaged in an extensive practice, answering the demands of the people in Franklin and surrounding counties. Probably no physician in Franklin County was a more familiar figure on the roads leading in and out of Winchester than Dr. Murrell. He was esteemed for his kind and genial qualities as well as for his skill as a physician. In 1882, he m. Sally Carter of Decherd, Tennessee, dau. of Joseph Carter, the railroad agent at Decherd and they became the parents of eight children:

V - 1. FLORA MAE MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S.), m. W. O. Loving of Fayetteville, Tennessee.

V - 2. THOMAS CICERO MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S.), went to Oklahoma.

V - 3. BELLE MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S.), m. Dr. William Wallace Pinson, who for many years, was Missionary Secretary for the Methodist Episcopal Church:

WILLIAM WALLACE PINSON

Born 4-4-1854, the son of William Carroll and Katherine (Nicholson) Pinson of Cheatham County, Tennessee; educated at Charlotte and Webb School for boys, then at Culleoka, Tennessee. Received his DD degree at University of Georgia in 1899 and LLD at Southern Methodist University 1925. He became

an ordained Minister of the Methodist Church South in 1878, serving pastorates at Bell Buckle, Winchester, McMinnville, Tracey City, and Franklin, Tennessee. November 30, 1882, he m. Belle Murrell and he continued his service at Austin Texas, San Antonio, Texas and Gonzales and at Macon, Georgia, Columbus Georgia, and Louisville, Kentucky. Served as Assistant Secretary of Missions of the M. E. Church 1906-10; general secretary 1910-22. From that time on, engaged in writing. He visited the mission fields of the Orient 1912-13; he launched the Centenary movement in 1916 and was Chairman of same. He was the author of IN WHITE AND BLACK, (1900); THE BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP W. R. LAMBURTH: BIOGRAPHY OF REVERENT GEORGE R. STUART, DD; MISSIONS IN A CHANGING WORLD; and CHINA IN ACTION (1929). Dr. Pinson died October 7, 1930
(Who Was Who, 1897-1942, p. 975)

He was also author of HISTORY OF MISSIONS IN CHINA and THE CHURCH AND THE BOYS. He d. in Nashville, Tennessee and is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, Belle Pinson and the following children:

- VI - 1. WALLACE PINSON, (Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S), wife, Marguerite B., who was Librarian at Ward Belmont College at the time of death of her father-in-law and later was employed in the UPPER ROOM. She d. 1937-8. They had three children:
 - VII - 1. WILLIAM WALLACE PINSON III, (William W., Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen),
 - VII - 2. MARGUERITE M. PINSON, (William W., Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S).
 - VII - 3. PATRICIA PINSON, (William W., Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S).
- VI - 2. THEO PINSON, (Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S). Removed to Dallas, Texas.
- VI - 3. PAUL PINSON, (Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S), an attorney of Tulsa, Oklahoma
- VI - 4. MURRELL PINSON, (Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S) b. in Davidson County, Tennessee; studied to be a Doctor of Medicine, began his practice in Elizabethton, Carter, Tennessee. He m. Pauline Wrenne, dau. of David P. Wrenne of Nashville, Tennessee and sister of David P. Wrenne, Jr., Mrs. Pinson was editor of the Citizen Observer in Elizabethton for some years. They have two children:
 - VII - ROBERTA PINSON, (Murrell, Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah, Stephen S.)
 - VII - 2. PAULINE "POLLY" PINSON, (Belle, William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S).
- V - 4. JOSEPHINE MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S),
- V - 5. WILLIAM MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S.,).

- V - 6. CHRISTINE MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S).
V - 7. ALFRED MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S).
V - 8. JULIA MURRELL, (William E., Thomas C., Zachariah H., Stephen S).

Note: Dr. James Murrell of Winchester married Mrs. Mary B. Searcy on October 29, 1819. She was of Nashville, formerly of Clarksville, Tennessee (Clarksville Gazette, 11-21-1819, Roll #1, mis. papers). This must have been one of Zachariah's sons.

Note: This information sent in too late to be included in the body.

Lee Peale m. Georgia Victoria Perryman, dau. of John and Nancy Virginia (Murphy) Perryman of Texas. Georgia received her certificate to teach in the Davidson County Public Schools, but married before taking up her teaching career. The children of Lee Peale and Georgia Perryman were:

1. Roy Milton Peale, buried in St. Louis, Missouri, Valhalla Cemetery.
2. America Murrell Peale, living in Davidson County, Tennessee, at this time (1965).

N A N C E

DAVID NANCE, whose parents were probably John and Martha Nance, was a soldier in the Revolution; he received a land grant for 36 months service as a Lieutenant, of 1,097 acres of land. His health became so impaired that he became unfit for service and he went home. After he became well, he was murdered and on January 22, 1780, Robert Bullington was found guilty at a court hearing, of murdering by stabbing, David Nance. Nance Records, p. 8, 12.

David Nance had married Mary Crenshaw, the dau. of William Crenshaw in 1869 and they were the parents of five children: David Nance, Jr., Elizabeth, Mary, Susanna, and William Howe Nance, of whom these records are concerned.

After David's death, his widow, Mary (Crenshaw) Nance m. David Scales in the latter part of 1780.

II - 5. WILLIAM HOWE NANCE, (David), b. 5-5-1779 in Norway County, Virginia. It may be wondered by the son of a Revolutionary soldier could be named after the British General (Howe) and this is how it came about. When William Howe Nance was about to be born, the British were encamped about his home, and David his father, having returned home on account of ill health, conceived that Mary, his wife, needed a doctor very badly. The only doctor near by was General Howe, who was a physician by profession and a General in the British Army. David reluctantly sent a messenger over to the British camp and asked if he would not come and attend his wife, who was about to give birth to a child. The General came and delivered the baby and they named the baby in his honor.

After David Nance was murdered in 1780, Mary married again very soon, to David Scales and when her children were a little older, they were bound out. We do not know why, but it may have been that their step-father, David Scales wanted it that way. They were sent to different places and William Howe Nance was not lucky enough to find a good home. Being only 15 at the time, and being very dissatisfied and unhappy, he did not stay with this family very long. Each night he would plot and try to think of a way to get away, or some means of escape and soon he devised the plan. Very soon, things became so bad that he swam the Roanoke River in mid-winter and arrived in Pittsylvania County, Virginia with nothing but his wet clothes to call his own. He found odd jobs in the day time and studied and read at night until he was 18 years old, when he m. the lovely dau. of a well to-do civil engineer, Joseph Morton, Elizabeth Venable Morton. This young girl, less than 18 years old was said to be a very beautiful child, raised in the lap of plenty. But love had its way, and she cast her lot with the poor boy who had been bound out to the cruel man and who had no education but that that he had given himself.

They married April 22, 1801 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia and in 1802, they became the parents of a little girl, whom they named Mary Ann; February 19, 1804 another child was born, a boy and they named him James Crenshaw Nance. In 1806, they left Pittsylvania County, for the new west and came out to Tennessee across the blue ridge, as so many were doing at the time. They came out to the fertile basin of Tennessee, this young man and his young wife and their two children. They came full of hope and enterprise to this wonderful fertile land

expecting to meet with privations and hardships, yet with a spirit and hope bent upon sharing the perils and glories of the then new west.

They came to the head waters of Indian Creek in Davidson County, Tennessee, and lodged for a time in a settlers cabin, luckily found vacant in the vicinity, until possession of their land could be obtained. When they finally came into possession of their land, they built a rude log cabin of a single room, and they romantically named it "Rural Vale." Soon this house became too small for their enlarging family and it was moved to the east side of the yard and used for a cooking kitchen. A neat log house of a story and a half was then erected in its place. From best information, this house was built about 1809 or 1810 and is located to the left of Nolensville Road just out of what we know today as Woodbine and near Antioch, about two miles or more, near the Burkitt Road-Whittemore Lane area. This formed the nucleus of the residence of William Howe Nance and his young wife, Elizabeth Venable Morton, where their children were born. This family soon took first rank in all the country side, the father becoming by act of the Legislature, a Justice of the Peace, which he remained for 20 years. They were staunch members of the Baptist Church, being affiliated with the old Concord Church, and brought their children up in such a way, that their eldest son became a Baptist Minister. When these sterling Virginia-bred people came from their home beyond the blue ridge, they brought with them the faith of their fathers and in 1812, they aided in the forming of the Primitive Baptist Church of Concord, three miles away on the waters of Mill Creek.

A volume could be written of the biographies of those who made up the prosperous household of "Rural Vale." William Howe Nance and his wife maintained a hospital and welcome home. He was called "Uncle Billie Howe" and was known all over the country side for his kindly disposition.

But now the fine flowers and the plants of the garden are things only of memory. The beautiful white valled aspens, underneath which the genial squire held his rural court, are hacked and broken, ragged and few remain. The orchard is decayed and dead, the shrubbery that witnessed the love scenes of the bonny maidens, is no more and the sugar trees in the meadow have been gone for years. Their graves on the hill lie in peace as the seasons come and go. The turf is rarely broken now, the stones stand silent witnesses to the lapse of time and the tender memories of the living. The slab above the parents laying side by side, bears the following, cut deep in the stone, yet filled with grey moss:

"William Howe Nance, who was born in Norway County, Virginia, 5-5-1779; m. to Elizabeth V. Morton in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, in 1801, came thence to Davidson County, Tennessee in 1806. United with the old Baptist Church at Concord in 1812 and remained firm in its doctrine of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ until death. He filled many respectable offices in Church and State. Died 10-5-1837.

'Depart my friends and dry up your tears,
for we must lie here until Christ appears."

"Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth V. Nance, consort of William Howe Nance, b. Prince Edward County, Virginia 1-1-1780; came to Davidson County 1806; united with the

old Baptist Church at Concord 1812 and remained firm in its doctrine of salvation by grace through Jesus Christ until death. Died 4-2-1844."

William Howe Nance and his wife, Elizabeth V. (Morton) Nance became the parents of 13 children, who grew up in Davidson County, Tennessee and made their homes and had families of their own.

III - 1. MARY ANN NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 8-4-1802 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; d. 8-2-1861 and is buried in the Nance graveyard year Antioch. She m. Archibald Filbert Bush, b. 2-7-1802 in Cave City, Kentucky; he d. 3-28-1883 in Davidson County, Tenn. He also is buried in the Nance graveyard. He was the son of George and Delilah (Filbert) Bush. They m. 12-10-1827 at the Nance home in Davidson County, Tenn. Their children were:

IV - 1. ELIZABETH VENABLE BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David), b. 2-17-1828; m. William Osborne.

IV - 2. WILLIAM GEORGE BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David), b. 5-10-1829; m. Agatha Ann Sneed

IV - 3. JOSIAH WALTON BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David), b. 7-26-1831; m. _____ Coleman.

IV - 4. CLEMENT NANCE BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David), b. 2-14-1833; d. 8-5-1855

IV - 5. MARY ANN BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David), b. 1-27-1835; m. 1st a Mr. Fain.

IV - 6. ISAAC FRANKLIN BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David), m. Susannah Perkins Sneed, 12-10-1859, dau. of Constantine Perkins and Susannah (Hardeman) Sneed. She was b. 8-17-1839 and d. 1902. Isaac Franklin Bush was a retail coal dealer of Nashville, Tenn., and they lived in Nashville. They were the parents of children:

V - 1. ARCHIBALD E. BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David), b. 9-29-1860; d. 12-28-1860

V - 2. CONSTANTINE BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David),

V - 3. WILLIAM BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David).

V - 4. LAFAYETTE BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David).

V - 5. JOHN BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David).

V - 6. PHILLIP BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David).

V - 7. LEILA BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David),

- V - 8. GEORGE BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David),
V - 9. HARDEN BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David), m. Ida May
Sloan 1-17-1906.
V -10. WALTER BUSH, (Isaac F., Mary Ann, William Howe, David), m. Celia
McCue.
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- IV - 7. MARTHA JANE BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David).
IV - 8. SUSANNAH BERTHENIA BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David).
IV - 9. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David).
b. 5-7-1841; d. 12-10-1859.
IV -10. LAFAYETTE WASHINGTON BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David).
IV -11. CICILEY AMERICA BUSH, (Mary Ann, William Howe, David).
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III - 2. JOSIAH CRENSHAW NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 2-19-1804 in
Prince Edward County, Virginia; came to Tennessee with his parents
in 1806; attended private schools until 20 years of age and later
a college under Professor Peebles in Franklin, Tennessee. During
his college years in Franklin, he met his wife, Bethenia Hardin Sneed,
whom he m. 12-1-1829 in Williamson County, Tenn. She being the dau.
of James Pleasant Sneed and his wife, Bethenia Harden Perkins. She
was b. 9-10-1807 in Williamson County. JosiahChrenshaw Nance was
a Magistrate and he became a Primitive Baptist Minister. He was
a Captain in the State Militia and very active in Church and State
affairs. He owned 150 acres of land near his father's place and
nine slaves. These people lived in the time when all necessary
comodities were manufactured on the homeplace and they only kept
slaves to help with the milling of corn and flour and the weaving
of flax and cotton. His ministry caused him to live in different
sections being called to different pastorates. He d. in Humphreys
County, Tennessee 11-1-1865. Bethenia, his wife, died within the
week, 11-7-1865. They were the parents of 12 children:

- IV - 1. JAMES NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), m. Celia
Rebecca Allen.
IV - 2. ELIZABETH MORTON NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David),
m. William B. Owen.
IV - 3. WILLIAM NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), was a
soldier in the Confederate Army and died or was killed at
Harrodsburg, Kentucky 10-24-1862.
IV - 4. CONSTANTINE PERKINS NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David),
b. 10-2-1836 in Davidson County, Tennessee; was a Major in the
Confederate Army. He enlisted in Co. "G", 5th Texas Infantry,

Hoods Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. At the time of enlistment was living in Texas, having removed there in 1860. During the War was once wounded, but regained his health and fought throughout; surrendered at Appomattox Court House in 1865.

In November 1865, after the death of his parents, he returned to the home of his father at Antioch in Davidson County, to care for his six younger sisters, who were now orphaned by the death of their mother and father. Constantine had never married and he remained there in his father's place until his death, which occurred 4-23-1924. He was very active in old soldiers reunions in Nashville, being for a long time, the sole survivor in this area, of the soldiers that surrendered with Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. He was 87 years old at the time of death and is buried in the family cemetery on his grandfather's home place.

- IV - 5. JOSIAH MORTON NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), was a soldier in the Confederacy; d. 6-10-1864 in Humphreys County, Tennessee.
- IV - 6. MARY ANN NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), d. 11-2-1882 in Humphreys County, Tenn.
- IV - 7. NICHOLAS CHARLES NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), d. 8-16-1865 in Humphreys County, Tennessee from wounds received in the Civil War.
- IV - 8. BETHENIA HARDEN NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), b. 12-26-1844, in Davidson County, Tennessee. She never married and lived in Rutherford County between Walter Hill and Lascassas, alone where she had scores of friends and where she d. 7-22-1933. Her body was brought to rest in the family cemetery in Davidson County. Miss Bathenia was the author of Nance Memorial, a book she published concerning the Nance family and which was a wonderful source for these records, until it disappeared from the Library. There were very few of these books in print, causing it to be very rare.
- IV - 9. MARTHA HARRIETT NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), m. James Benjamin Sneed of Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He was b. 1-11-1853 and d. 10-24-1921. Martha Harriett and her husband lived at "Claremont" their home in Murfreesboro, where she d. 1-1-1935.
- IV -10. SUSANNAH NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), never married; d. after 1924.
- IV -11. SALLIE PERKINS NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), b. 6-22-1851; never married; d. 4-23-1924 and is buried in the Family Cemetery.
- IV -12. VIRGINIA TENNESSEE NANCE, (Josiah C., William Howe, David), b. 1853; m. William James Covington and lived at College Grove in Williamson County, Tennessee, where she d. 1945 and is buried in the Sneed graveyard near the Wilson Pike, Brentwood, Tennessee.

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- III - 3. SAMUEL VANABLE NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 6-14-1805, the 2nd son of William Howe Nance; d. 2-2-1926, 20 years of age. He also is buried in the family cemetery.

III - 4. CLEMENT WOODSON NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 3-26-1811 in Davidson County, Tennessee, the 3rd son of William Howe Nance, lived in Davidson County all of his life. His boyhood was spent on the farm of his father, attending common schools in winter, until his 19th year, he went to live with Dr. William McGee to study mathematics and at the Doctor's suggestion, taught in a rather select school. The next two years, taught at Arrington Academy and served as Principal. The following two years he attended the University of Nashville, devoting himself to higher mathematics and the classics. He conducted Arrington Academy a few years after his graduation from University of Nashville and then accepted a position as surveyor of public lands in the Chicasaw Nation. At the end of one year and a half, he returned to Tennessee and took charge of a school in the 8th District of Davidson County, near Sulphur Springs, and the next year a position at Robertson Academy was tendered him and he accepted. In 1836, he m. Ann D. Avent of Rutherford County, Tennessee, the dau. of Henry Avent of Huntsville, Alabama. After his marriage, he bought a home of 130 acres in Rutherford County and built an academy thereon, calling it the Amoenian Grove Academy. He conducted it for four years, it becoming under his management, one of the most prosperous schools in Tennessee. During the first year of his management of the school, he was appointed by the Legislature to survey and make a report for a great central turnpike or railroad from the Mississippi River to the Virginia line, at a point where the City of Bristol now stands. In 1841, he sold his academy to Dr. John W. Richardson of Murfreesboro and commenced a life on his farm in his native county of Davidson, on Mill Creek. Here he was selected as a Justice of the Peace and soon after, appointed by the County Court as a Justice to hold Quorum Court. In 1849 he was elected to the Legislature to represent Davidson County and served one term. About this time, he engaged in the grocery business with his brother-in-law, James Matlock, on Market Street (now 2nd Avenue), as a more or less silent partner, which he continued two years. Between 1840 and 1860 he was employed by many turnpike companies, as surveyor, made estimates on the cost and constructed them. These were: the White's Creek Pike; the Dickinson Road; the Brick Church Pike, Middle Franklin or Granny White Pike; Richland or Harding Road, Hillsboro and others. In 1852, he built in partnership with his son-in-law, B. F. Woodruff, and James Bergan, the 1st two miles of the Alabama Railroad from Nashville. In 1855 he helped survey Mount Olivet Cemetery. In 1860, he bought the Buena Vista Turnpike Company and Ferry and was operating same when the Civil War broke out. He was a southerner at heart, but bitterly opposed to secession, believing it would ruin the country. After the war, he turned his attention to the repairs of his turnpike. In 1877, a very unfortunate occurrence took place. Clement Nance owner of the Buena Vista and White's Creek turnpikes, was operating same as a livelihood, collecting toles on both pikes. Mr. A. V. Lindsley owned property on one side of the White's Creek Pike which he decided to subdivide and sell off the lots. Realizing that if the people had to pay toles, he stood less than no chance to sell, he built what is known as a "shun" pike, or a little road that went around the told gate. This was against the law, at this time and

caused much hard feeling. Early one morning Clement and his son, Montgomery Bell Nance, went out to build a fence across the "Shun" pike and one of Dr. Lindsley's cohorts, Lawrence B. Hooper, came by and saw what he was doing. He became very angry and took an ax and hit Clement in the head, causing him to fall to the ground. At that moment, Montgomery Bell drew a gun and shot Hooper, killing him.

Much attention was brought to bear on this case in the newspapers, as at this time there was much public sentiment regarding the paying of toles on a turnpike and many people wanted to do away with them or let them be taken over by the Government.

Clement Nance recovered from his injury, but it was said that he would have been killed had he not been wearing a hat and had he not been carrying important papers in his hat. Montgomery Bell was acquitted after a long and lengthy trial, with much hard felling and heart ache. Clement Nance was a shrewd business man and during his life time accumulated a vast amount of money and worldly goods.

He died 5-8-1893 at his residence two and one half miles from the City on the White's Creek Pike. He was a staunch member of the Baptist Church, holding many responsible offices and contributing much of his time and effort. Anne, his wife, d. 7-19-1891 and they are both buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville. Tenn. Their children were:

- IV - 1. LUCILLA NANCE, (Clement, William Howe, David),
- IV - 2. NARCISSA NANCE, (Clement, William Howe, David).
- IV - 3. ANN ADELIA NANCE (Clement, William Howe, David).
- IV - 4. MONTGOMERY BELL NANCE, (Clement, William Howe, David)
- IV - 5. MARY NANCE, (Clement, William Howe, David).
- IV - 6. WILLIAM HOWE NANCE, JR., (Clement, William Howe, David). Lived in Nashville.

III - WILLIAM L. NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 1817 in Davidson County, the 4th son of William Howe Nance, was reared and brought up on the old home place and attended the common schools. He was married 3 times: 1st to Martha Wilson; 2nd to Martha "Patsy" Castleman, dau. of Andrew and Margaret (Ewing) Castleman and brother of Robert Bell Castleman, Mayor of Nashville 1853-4. She was b. 12-17-1810 and they were m. 1-25-1844. William L. Nance, was in 1853, Mayor of South Nashville, (then incorporated as a town of 3000 population, with James Murrell as one of the Alderman). He was employed at the brick kiln of James Murrell, who had married his sister, Ciciley Morton Nance. He was also engaged in the furniture business on Broad Street in partnership with R. H. Groomes. They resided on Maple Street in South Nashville. After the death of his 2nd wife, he married Martha Pickard, of whom little is known. He had three children according to the 1850 census records, but it is not known by which wife.

- IV - 1. SUSAN E. NANCE, (William L., William Howe, David), b. 1844, and was probably a child of his 1st wife.

IV - 2. WILLIAM A. NANCE, (William L., William Howe, David),
b. 1846

IV - 3. JAMES NANCE, (William L., William Howe, David), b. 1849;

III - 6. JAMES T. NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 1819; d. 12-26-1824.

III - 7. FREDERICK W. NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 1820 in Tennessee;
m. 1st Margaret Shacklett; 2nd Elizabeth Whitsett of the family
of Reverend James Whitsett, who for many years was pastor of the
old Concord Church where the Nance family attended. Frederick
W. Nance was listed in the 1850 census of Davidson County as a
Cumberland Presbyterian Minister. The reason for his change
from a Baptist has not been found. He had four children, but
it is not known by which wife.

IV - 1. M. W. NANCE, (Frederick W., William Howe, David), (this
was possibly Martha Whitsett Nance).

IV - 2. FREDERICK W. NANCE, JR., (Frederick W., William Howe,
David).

IV - 3. FRANCES E. NANCE, (Frederick W., William Howe, David).

IV - 4. MARY A. NANCE, (Frederick W., William Howe, David).

Note: Frederick W. Nance may have had nore
children but this is all that are known.

III - 8. MARTHA NANCE, (William Howe, David), m. Phillip Malory 12-9-1830
in Davidson County, Tennessee.

III - 9. SUSAN MASSEY NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 1809 in Davidson
County, Tennessee; m. Isaac Paul, who was b. 3-10-1805 and died
10-21-1876 in Davidson County, Tenn. Isaac Paul was a brick mason
by trade and was affiliated with his brother-in-law James Murrell
at his brick kiln on the Murfreesboro Road. The Paul family
lived at 374 College Street (3rd Avenue) above Hills alley, and
their home was called "Elysian Grove" He was a Justice of the
Peace some years before he died. He is buried in the City
Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn. They had 8 children:

IV - 1. MARTHA E. PAUL, (Susan Massey, William Howe, David),
b. 1830; m. Ira P. Jones, a lawyer of Nashville, Tenn;
editor of the Nashville Dailey Patriot until 1862; later

editor of the Union and American and still later, business manager of the American. He was in partnership with Colonel H. M. Doak, and took charge of the Banner. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1861 and was on the staff of Governor Isham G. Harris, during the Civil War as a Quartermaster General. Ira P. Jones was b. 2-2-1829 and d. 6-4-1897. He is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn. They had 8 children:

- V - 1. A daughter (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David), m. G. B. Gillespie and lived in Covington, Tennessee.
- V - 2. PAUL JONES, (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).
- V - 3. IRA P. JONES, JR., (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).
- V - 4. LASSIE JONES, (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).
- V - 5. PATTI PAUL JONES, (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).
- V - 6. WILLIAM S. JONES, (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).
- V - 7. PHILLIP F. JONES, (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).
- V - 8. ABRAHAM TILLMAN JONES, (Martha E., Susan Massey, William Howe, David).

The above is as far as the family of Susan Massey Nance is traced; however it was found that Susan Massey (Nance) Paul d. 2-11-1861 and Isaac, her husband married again to Annie C., who was b. 1843 and d. 10-20-1897. Isaac Paul was a well known figure in Nashville, due to his benevolent spirit; they were members of the Elm Street Methodist Church and contributed largely to it. He was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, one of ten children, who lost their father at an early age. He engaged in brick making in Nashville, for forty years and amassed a large estate, which he contributed generously to benevolent enterprises. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow and a member of the Davidson County Board of Education for many years. Buried on his lot in the City Cemetery, are Malinda Paul, d. 10-12-1871; and Lucy Paul, who d. 5-8-1857 at age 26; these were probably his daughters.

III -10. ELIZABETH VENABLE NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 12-23-1813 in Davidson County; m. two times, 1st to John McClain 12-21-1826 in Davidson County and 2nd to Samuel Kimbro 2-11-1832 in Davidson County, Tennessee. Samuel Kimbro was b. 5-28-1811; d. 6-6-1870 and Elizabeth Kimbro d. 1872. Their daughter:

IV - 1. CICILEY KIMBRO, (Elizabeth V., William Howe, David), b. 7-3-1836; m. Charles Ferdinand Kent; their dau:

V - 1. LIZZIE LEE KENT, (Ciciley, Elizabeth V., William Howe, David), b. 7-28-1864; m. George Lewis Sehan.

III -11. CICILEY MORTON MASSEY NANCE, (William Howe, David), b. 1-12-1816 in Davidson County, Tennessee; d. 12-17-1872 in Davidson County, and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee. She grew up in the hospitable home of her father, and was reared in the baptist faith, the rules of which she followed throughout her life. She m. James M. Murrell 5-28-1833 in her father's home and they lived and reared their family in South Nashville. She joined the Methodist Church in 1848 and remained until death. She was the mother of 8 children:

IV - 1. MARY ANN MURRELL, (Ciciley M. M. William Howe, David), ELIZABETH HADEN MURRELL, these two (twins) b. 6-8-1834 died in infancy.

IV - 2. ISAAC PAUL MURRELL, (Ciciley M. M., William Howe, David), b. 8-8-1836; d. 4-2-1842.

IV - 3. JAMES M. MURRELL, JR., (Ciciley M. M., William Howe, David), b. 12-1-1838

IV - 4. NARCISSA C. MURRELL, (Ciciley M. M., William Howe, David), b. 10-10-1841; m. Amos Houston Hurley.

IV - 5. SUSAN EMMA MURRELL, (Ciciley M. M., William Howe, David), b. 7-22-1846; m. 1st Lee Peal; 2nd William Hamilton Lyle. (see Murrell and Lyle line for more complete information)

IV - 6. AMERICA S. MURRELL, (Ciciley M. M., William Howe, David), b. 7-5-1852; burned to death in her home at 2149 Carlton Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 1-16-1924; never married.

IV - 7. WILLIAM H. MURRELL, (Ciciley M. M., William Howe, David), b. 7-3-1853; d. 1-17-1876 in Nashville, Tennessee.

III -12. LUCINDA AMERICA NANCE, (William Howe, David), m. James J. S. Billings, 11-4-1845 in Davidson County, Tennessee.

III -13. ANTOINETTE M. NANCE, (William Howe, David), born in Davidson County Tennessee; m. General James Matlock 12-21-1844 in Davidson County, where they lived.

The family of William Howe Nance and his wife, Elizabeth Venable (Morton) Nance, were all very active in the building of the City of South Nashville, which was incorporated in 1850.

On January 7, 1850 a general incorporation act was passed under which an election was held in South Nashville, March 29, 1850, to ascertain whether the inhabitants of said town would avail themselves of the privileges of the act. The petition was signed by Isaac Paul, Hugh Carroll, Elisha Hall, West H. Humphreys, Samuel Kingston, and John S. Petway. An election for alderman to serve until January 1851 and the successful candidates being James Morgan, James M. Murrell, C. K. Winston, Cyrus Macy, W. W. Parks, Joseph W. McEwen and Isaac Paul. The persons being duly notified of their election, met at "Elysian Grove" the home of Isaac Paul April 16, 1850. The board was organized and Isaac Paul was elected the first Mayor of South Nashville. In 1853 William L. Nance was elected Mayor and James Murrell and Isaac Paul were still alderman. In 1854 the populace voted to unite with the City of Nashville which they did. (see Crews, History of Nashville, p. 154.)

On March 8, 1851, West H. Humphreys, Dr. John B. Lindsley, Dr. C. A. Brodie, B. Winston, Charles Conger, G. W. Lincoln, and William L. Nance were elected trustees of the Public School System of South Nashville. On April 12, Dr. Winston reported the selection of a lot on the corner of Franklin and Market Streets upon which to build the shool house; and a contract was made with Isaac Paul, William L. Nance, and Charles Conger for the building of the house. This was the old Trimble School, named in honor of John Trimble, who donated the lot on which the school was built. (see Crews, History of Nashville, pp. 443-4.

M O R T O N

JOHN MORTON, m. Joane Hughes, a widow of Henrico County, Virginia, in 1682 and they had three children that are known:

II - 1. JOHN MORTON, (John), b. 1684, m. Elizabeth _____, prior to 1721 and they had four children that are known:

III - 1. JOHN MORTON, III (John, John).

III - 2. JOSEPH MORTON, (John, John), b. 12-27-1709, the first found in Prince Edward County, Virginia, which lies just above Charlotte County. He m. about 1730, Agnes Woodson, dau. of Richard Woodson and Anne Smith. He was a surveyor by profession, and came very early from the upper part of Amelia County as a marksman for the Randolphs. As marksman, he sought out desirable lands in the wilderness for his employers and recommended these lands to them for patenting. There was very much interest in that day in acquiring extensive acreages in the settlements being opened for settlement. He also selected lands for himself and acquired extensive holdings. During 1745 and 1747, he patented 5,553 acres in four grants on Briery, Sandy and Buffalo Rivers for himself.

He had been a member of the Nottaway Parish of the Episcopal Church and took the oath of vestryman 5-19-1749, but after the Scotch-Irish settlement brought with them their Presbyterian faith, he became so impressed with their views and procedures, that he became the founder of the Briery Presbyterian Church and became its first Elder in 1755. At different times, in the absence of the Pastor, he would read a sermon to the assembled congregation and question the children from the shorter Catechism.

He was a Trustee of the first institution of learning in Prince Edward County, which later became Hampden-Sidney College. He was made a Justice of the Peace at the January term of Court in 1754 in Prince Edward County. He and his family lived at "Slate Hill" in Prince Edward County until 1755, when he removed to Charlotte County (then Lunenburg). He settled at Little Roanoak Bridge in Charlotte County about 1755 and became a Justice in that County and a member of the Committee of Safety in 1775.

"Slate Hill" was a plantation of extensive estate, twenty or thirty thousand acres, served by something like a hundred slaves. The house was a simple story and a half affair, the unostentatious dwelling of a pioneer in a new country, though the spacious rooms, lofty ceilings and massive fireplaces, profuse bookcases, gave it an unmistakeable charm. Joseph Morton had m. 1st, a Miss Goode, by whom he had one dau., Mary who m. a Mr. Price. He m. in 1730 Agnes Woodson, b. 2-27-1711, the dau. of Richard and Anne (Smith) Woodson. He d. 6-28-1782. Their children were:

IV - 1. JOSIAH MORTON, (Joseph, JohnJohn), b. 11-14-1737 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; m. Elizabeth Venable, in 1757, she the dau. of Abraham and Martha (Davis) Venable. Josiah was an elder in the Briery Presbyterian Church established by his father; Captain in the Charlottee County Militia, later promoted to Major and was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Revolutionary War. He d. 11-28-1785. He and Elizabeth had children:

V - 1. MARTHA MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 8-28-1758; m. _____ Moon.

V - 2. JOSEPH MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 12-10-1760; m. 1st in 1781 to Mary Ann Morton, dau. of Thomas and Ciciley Catherin Moore; m. 2nd to Nancy Baker in 1796. Mary Ann d. 1791 and was b. 1762. He had four children by 1st wife and four by 2nd wife. He d. 1820 in Virginia. Their children:

VI - 1. WILLIAM MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1783.

VI - 2. ELIZABETH VENABLE MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1-1-1786 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; m. William Howe Nance. (See Nance line).

VI - 3. MARTHA MASSEY MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1788 and m. _____ Fulton.

VI - 4. CICILEY CATHERINE MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1790; m. Joseph Morton, (a cousin).

VI - 5. SAMUEL DOUGLASS MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1797; m. Mary Anderson Morton, dau. of his Uncle, William Lewis Morton.

VI - 6. JACOB WOODSON MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1801; m. Mary Jane Venable

VI - 7. NATHANIEL MORTON, (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), died in infancy.

VI - 8. JOSIAH MORTON, II., (Joseph, Josiah, Joseph, John, John), a physician.

V - 3. NATHANIEL MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 4-27-1763.

V - 4. JOSIAH MORTON, JR., (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 7-12-1765.

V - 5. NATHANIEL VENABLE MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 7-31-1768.

V - 6. JACOB MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 8-26-1771.

- V - 7. WILLIAM LEWIS MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1774; m. Elizabeth Morton, dau. of Quin Morton.
- V - 8. AGNES MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1777; m. Archer Roberts.
- V - 9. BETTY ANN MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1778.
- V - 10. MARY MORTON, (Josiah, Joseph, John, John), b. 1780.

IV - 2 JUDITH MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 12-27-1739; m. c1757, James Venable, son of Abraham Venable. He was b. 1734 in Hanover County, Virginia and d. 1814 in Shelby County, Kentucky. James Venable's sister, m. Josiah Morton, thus a brother and sister of the Venable family m. a brother and sister of the Morton family. After their marriage they settled in Charlotte County, Virginia, where he became a Justice of the Peace; an elder in the Briery Presbyterian Church and Trustee of Hampden-Sidney College. They removed to Shelby County, Kentucky 1796 and had numerous and distinguished issue.

IV - 3. COLONEL WILLIAM MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 11-27-1743; d. 11-29-1820; m. Susannah Watkins, 9-29-1764, dau. of Thomas Watkins of Chickahominy. He was a soldier in the Revolution and exhibited much gallantry at the Battle of Guilford Court House. Few men were ever held in higher veneration than Colonel Morton, mostly for his peity and benevolence. As an evidence of his exceeding kindness, no amount of coersion or love of profit could induce him to sell corn to the poor beyond the lowest market price. He built his home on Staunton River in Charlotte County, Virginia. His, wife, Susannah was distinsuished for her meek and quiet spirit, which so beautifully adorned her life. Colonel Morton was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church and a Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Morton died some years before her husband and their children and grand children are among the most honorable and respected in the sommonwealth. They were the parents of 12 children:

- V - 1. FANNIE MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Robert Watkins.
- V - 2. AGNES MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Benjamin Morton.
- V - 3. NANCY MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Rev. W. Hill, DD.
- V - 4. HENRY MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), d. 1796.
- V - 5. BETSEY W. MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. John Morton.
- V - 6. MARY MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Richard N. Venable
- V - 7. LUCY MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Capt. George Hannah.
- V - 8. JOSEPH MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Betsey W. Watkins.

- V - 9. MARTHA W. MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Capt. Henry Edmunds.
- V-10. MILDRED MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. _____ Edmunds.
- V -11. SUSAN MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. Thomas Thorkmorton.
- V -12. JANE MORTON, (William, Joseph, John, John), m. James H. Marshall.

Note: A more complete history of this family may be found in A Catalogue of the Descendents of Thomas Watkins.

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- IV - 4. JANE MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 2-14-1745; m. Mr. Daniels.
- IV - 5. AGNES MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 2-26-1747; d. 1814; m. Col. Joel Watkins, son of Thomas Watkins, and brother of Col. William Morton's wife, Susannah Watkins. He moved from the residence of his father-in-law, at the persuasion of his brother-in-law Col. William Morton, and made his home at "Woodford" a few miles north of Charlotte Court House. It was said of him that he was "the best man that ever lived in this world." He was plain and benevolent and full of integrity and kindness. They were the parents of five children. (see A Catalogue of Descendents of Thomas Watkins)
- IV - 6. LITTLE JOE MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 11-15-1749; m. _____ Watkins.
- IV - 7. JACOB MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 1-29-1751; m. Jane D. Booker, 9-3-1774.
- IV -8 ELIZABETH MORTON, (Joseph, John, John), b. 5-14-1754; m. John Minor Daniel, son of Capt. James Daniel and his wife, Elizabeth Woodson. Elizabeth Morton Daniel d. 1828. They were the parents of ten Children.

Note: This concludes the sons and daus. of Joseph Morton (1709-1782). All of his sons held commissions as Captains, Lieutenants, Colonels In the Revolutionary War. His son Col. William, was said to have slain Colonel Webster of the British Army at the Battle of Guilford Court House.

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- II - 2. THOMAS MORTON, (John), b. c1690; d. 1731 in Henrico County, Virginia; m. Elizabeth Woodson, b. c1699 and spent her life in Henrico County. She was the dau. of Richard and Anne (Smith) Woodson. Issue:
- III - 1. RICHARD MORTON, (Thomas, John).
- III - 2. ANN MORTON, (Thomas, John).
- III - 3. JUDY MORTON, (Thomas, John).

III - 4. THOMAS MORTON, JR. (Thomas, John), b. c1726; m. Ciciley Catherine Moore. Thomas Morton served as a private in Capt. John Morton's Company in the Revolution, while living in Prince Edward County, Virginia. He died in this County 1802. They were the parents of six children, most of whom removed to Williamson County, Tennessee, built their home, and raised their families as the records of Williamson County will testify.

IV - 1. SAMUEL MORTON, (Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1755 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; m. Levisy Watson, who was born 1758. They moved first to Caswell County, North Carolina, where Samuel was a member of the N. C. State Senate in 1804. They then removed to Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, and thence to Williamson County in 1806, where he bought land on Carters Creek Pike. He d. there 10-15-1825. They were the parents of 16 children:

V - 1. JOHN MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, John), d. after 1815, as Samuel Morton, his father, deeded 53 1/3 acres of land to him in Davidson County, in 1815 on Indian Creek, now Mill Creek.

V - 2. SAMUEL MORTON, JR., (Samuel, Thomas, John), m. Jane Kidd 1-8-1817 in Williamson County, Tenn. He was b. 1779 and d. 1850 in Williamson County, after many years of medical practice there and surrounding counties. His Will may be found in Book 9, 1847-51, p. 665. They were the parents of seven children:

VI - 1. THOMAS KIDD MORTON, (Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Nannie Hailey, 12-12-1860 in Williamson County, Tenn.

VI - 2. WILLIAM E. MORTON, (Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 7-14-1821; m. Margaret Ann Hagan 10-1-1846, the dau. of William H. and Jerusha (Endsley) Hagan. This couple had 2 children, the 1st dying in infancy. Their next child, a boy, was left an orphan after their deaths within months of each other. Margaret Ann (Hagan) Morton d. 8-5-1849, six months after her little boy was born and William E. Morton, her husband died in 1850. This couple lived on a farm out off the Nolensville Road in Williamson County. Margaret Ann Hagan was the dau. of William H., a resident of Davidson County, owning property and maintaining his home on Thompson Lane, between the Railroad and 4th Avenue. After the death of his dau., William H. Hagan took his little grandson, William Samuel Margaret Morton, and reared him and they were the only parents he ever knew.

He was known as "Willie" Morton to his relatives and friends.

VII - 1. MARTHA JANE MORTON, (William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 10-6-1847 and died in infancy before her parents died.

VII - 2. WILLIAM SAMUEL MARGARET MORTON, (William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 3-3-1849 in Davidson County; left an orphan when two years old and was reared by his grandparents, the William H. Hagans. He was known as "Willie" Morton to his friends and relatives. Willie Morton m. Lizzie Oslin 7-7-1876 at Caney Springs, Marshall County, Tennessee. She was b. 6-23-1857 in Marshall County and d. in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. Willie Morton d. 3-16-1924 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee and is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville. They were the parents of 7 children:

VIII - 1. WILLIAM SAMUEL MORTON, (William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 9-4-1878 at Caney Springs, Marshall County, Tennessee. "Uncle Bill" as he is called by his neices and nephews, never married, but today (1965) is a hale and hearty old gentleman in complete controll of his faculties and who supplied me with the history of his immediate family. He resides in Spring Hill, Maury County, Tenn.

VIII - 2. JESSE OSLIN MORTON, (William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 2-16-1880 Caney Springs Marshall County, Tennessee; m. Susie Thompson in 1913. Now resides on a farm in Spring Hill, where he has lived for many years: children:

IX - 1. ALTON WILLIAM MORTON, (Jesse O., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Evelyn Davis Roberts and resides in Spring Hill, Tennessee.

THOMPSON
X - 1. SARAH/MORTON, (Alton William, Jesse O., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1942; m. 1964
Helm of Williamson County, Tenn.

X - 2. ALTON WILLIAM MORTON, JR., (Alton William, Jesse O., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1947.

IX - 2. JESSE OSLIN MORTON, JR., (Jesse O., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. in 1937 Mary Louise Alexander, dau. of George Alexander, who was b. 1919. They reside in Spring Hill and have two children:

X - 1. GEORGE ANNE MORTON, (Jesse O., Jesse O., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1938; m. in 1957 to William David Heithcock, who was b. 1937.

XI - 1. WILLIAM DAVID HEITHCOCK, III, b. 1959.

X - 2. NANCY SUE MORTON, (Jesse O., Jr., Jesse O., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1944; m. Richard Cleveland 1963. They have one child:

XI - 1. TIMOTHY ALEXANDER CLEVELAND, b. 1965.

VIII - 3. MARGARET ANN MORTON, (William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 4-11-1881; m. Robert Norwood Williams in 1901. He was b. 1880 and died 1938. They were the parents of two children:

IX - 1. ROBERT NORWOOD WILLIAMS, (Margaret Ann, William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1904; never married. Resides in Nashville.

IX - 2. ELIZABETH MORTON WILLIAMS, (Margaret Ann, William S. M., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1914; m. Thos. Carter Stringfellow. One dau:

X - 1. SARAH POLK STRINGFELLOW, b. 1949

VIII - 4. OSLIN MILLER MORTON, b. 1883; d. 1883

VIII - 5. MARTHA ELIZABETH MORTON, (William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1884; m. Baxter Wilson Napier; d. 1959. They were the parents of two children:

IX - 1. WILLIAM MORTON NAPIER, (Martha E., William W. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. in 1946 to Nancy Elizabeth Morris; two children:

X - 1. WILLIAM MORTON NAPIER, JR., (William M., Martha E., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1948.

X - 2. ROBERT MORRIS NAPIER, (William M., Martha E., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1951.

IX - 2. BAXTER WILSON NAPIER, JR., (Martha E., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. 1948 to Elizabeth Moultrie Betts. Three children:

X - 1. ELIZABETH MOULTRIE NAPIER, (Baxter W., Martha E., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1951.

X - 2. BAXTER WILSON NAPIER, III, (Baxter W., Martha E., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1954.

- X - 3. WILMER MORTON NAPIER, (Baxter W., Martha E., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1959.
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- VIII - 6. RICE DENNY MORTON, (William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1890; d. 1935. Married Mary Ann Crockett in 1918. She was b. 1898. Two children:

- IX - 1. MARY CROCKETT MORTON, (Rice D., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1919; m. 1956 to Buford W. Greenwalt; m. 2nd to Elam Whitehead. no issue.
- IX - 2. ANNE CHILDRESS MORTON, (Rice D., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. 1943 to Harold John Wilkening. Three children:

- X - 1. JOHN DENNY WILKENING, (Anne C., Rice D., ^{Wm. S. M.,} William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1946.
- X - 2. MARY ANNE WILKENING, (Anne C., Rice D., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1952.
- X - 3. JEAN WILKENING, (Anne C., Rice D., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1959.
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- VIII - 7. ANDREW HAMILTON MORTON, (William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1894; d. 1957. Married in 1920 to Ava Pickard; two children:

- IX - 1. SARAH ELIZABETH MORTON, (Andrew H., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1923; m. William Andrew Beasley, III in 1948. Two children:

- X - 1. SARAH ELIZABETH BEASLEY, (Sarah E., Andrew H., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1953.
- X - 2. WILLIAM ANDREW BEASLEY, IV, (Sarah E., Andrew H., William S. M., William E., Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1956.
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Note: Jesse Oslin Morton married 2nd to Hazel Giddens; no issue.

Here ends the descendents of William Samuel Margaret Morton, known as "Willie" Morton, who m. Nannie Elizabeth Oslin in Marshall County Tennessee in 1876; came to Nashville and lived on Thompson Lane near the railroad.

- VI - 3. JOHN S. MORTON, (Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John),
VI - 4. NANCY JANE MORTON, (Samuel, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1839;
m. Reverend William Anthony Whitsett, son of Reverend James Whitsett
who, for many years was pastor of the old Concord Baptist Church.
Their dau:

VII - 1. SALLIE ELIZA WHITSETT, (Nancy Jane, Samuel, Samuel, Thomas,
Thomas, John), m. Thomas Buford of Williamson County, Tenn.

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- V - 3. JESSE B. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1781 in Virginia.
V - 4. AMARILLO MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Byrd Link.
V - 5. BETSY ANNE MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. _____ Kimbro.
V - 6. ABRAHAM B. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Letitia Cannon,
3-23-1812 in Williamson County, Tennessee, the dau. of Governor Newton
Cannon.
V - 7. WILLIAM MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Susannah Walton,
4-24-1784 in Prince Edward County, Virginia. She was the dau. of
Colonel George Walton of Virginia. William Morton d. in Williamson
County, Tennessee 1822 and left children: (foregoing documentary but
not proven).

VI - 1. LAVINIA ELIZABETH MORTON, (William, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas,
John).

VI - 2. JACOB JOSIAH MORTON, (William, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John),

VI - 3. JOSEPH MORTON, (William, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John),

VI - 4. WILLIAM JAMES ALEXANDER MORTON, (William, Samuel, Thomas,
Thomas, John).

VI - 5. ABRAHAM WASHINGTON MORTON, (William, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas,
John).

V - 8. ELISHA MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Tabitha Mays,
2-8-1816 as his second wife, in Davidson County, Tennessee. He
d. in Williamson County, Tennessee in 1821.

V - 9. SOLOMON G. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Sarah H. Green
8-30-1825 in Williamson County, Tennessee.

V - 10. ABNER W. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Penzier Lanier,
4-1-1813 in Williamson County, Tennessee.

V - 11. POLLY MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. William McMurray
6-10-1810 in Williamson County, Tennessee.

- V -12. DICEY MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Samuel McMurray 10-14-1814 in Williamson County, Tennessee.
- V -13. SILAS M. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Polly Wright in Davidson County, Tennessee, 10-23-1815.
- V -14. ALEXANDER B. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- V -15. GEORGE W. MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- V -16. JACOB MORTON, (Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 9-14-1794 in Virginia; m. Elizabeth Dunn, who was b. 11-12-1799 and d. 1-20-1864. Jacob d. 10-27-1854 in Williamson County, Tennessee, near Franklin, and is buried in the Morton Cemetery on top of a high hill just off of Carters Creek Pike. In Jacob's Will, he names the following Heirs. (Williamson County, Tennessee Will Book 11, Sept. 1853-Sept. 1855, p. 368).

VI - 1. JAMES C. C. MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1839 in Williamson County, Tennessee; m. Henrietta Buford 1-1-1854 in Williamson County and they lived at Thompson Station, Tenn. She was the dau. of Robert J. and Mary Buford of Williamson County, Tenn. Their children:

- VII - 1. FLORENCE MORTON, (James C. C., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1856.
- VII - 2. CORA L. MORTON, (James C., C., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1858
- VII - 3. CLARA A. MORTON, (James C. C., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1859.
- VII - 4. LILLIAN A. MORTON, (James C. C., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1862.
- VII - 5. ULA MARY MORTON, (James C. C., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1868
- VII - 6. KIRBY ANDREW MORTON, (James C. C., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1857

VI - 2. ELIZA B. MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Allston.

VII - 1. SARAH ELIZABETH ALLSTON, (Eliza B., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 2. MARY JANE MORTON, (Eliza B., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. _____ Carroll.

VI - 3. TABITHA MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. _____ Dabney.

VI - 4. SAMUEL S. MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 11-11-1814; m. 1st Annie Dabney 5-26-1841 in Williamson County, Tennessee, by whom he had four children; m. 2nd Margaret Jane Swanson, b. 5-22-1828, the dau. of Richard and Deborah (Tarkington) Swanson. She d. 1911. They had one daughter. Samuel S. Morton d. 11-24-1880 in Williamson County and is buried in the Morton Cemetery, five miles south of Franklin, Tennessee.

VII - 1. ELIZABETH MORTON, (Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1842 in Williamson County, m. 1st a Mr. Cook; 2nd a Smith; 3rd a Mr. Abernathy.

VIII - 1. a dau. died in infancy.

VIII - 2. SAM A COOK, (Elizabeth, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 2. JACOB MORTON, (Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1850; m. and had one dau.

VII - 3. JOHN D. MORTON, (Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. c1855; m. Julia Coleman, dau. of a Coleman and his wife, Josephine Swanson, dau. of Richard and Deborah (Tarkington) Swanson. Their children:

VIII - 1. ANNIE MORTON, (John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Joe Owen. One child:

IX - 1. JOHN WILL OWEN, (Annie, John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), married and had one child.

VIII - 2. MAGGIE MORTON, (John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. _____ Hughes.

VIII - 3. WALTER "BUD" MORTON, (John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Robbie Reams.

VIII - 4. LULA MORTON, (John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. James Thomas Rivers, four children:

IX - 1. WILLIAM MORTON RIVERS, (Lula, John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John),

IX - 2. CHARLES BENJAMIN RIVERS, (Lula, John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Eunice Settle.

IX - 3. JULIA BELL RIVERS, (Lula, John D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Hunt Tidwell; three children:

X - 1. HUGH TIDWELL, (Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas Thomas, John), m. Marie Lassiter and had one child: Randle Anthony Tidwell.

X - 2. SYLVIA MAE TIDWELL, (Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. William Fred Pirtle.

XI - 1. WANDA JUNE PIRTLE, (Sylvia Mae, Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

XI - 2. JUDY DIANE PIRTLE, (Sylvia Mae, Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

XI - 3. FRANK MORTON PIRTLE, (Sylvia Mae, Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

XI - 4. RODNEY DEAN PIRTLE, (Sylvia Mae, Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

X - 3. GARY TIDWELL, (Julia Bell, Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

IX - 4. THOMAS E. RIVERS, (Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. _____ Capps. Their children:

X - 1. MARYLYN ROSE RIVERS, (Thomas E., Lula, John, Samuel, S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

X - 2. LARRY EUGENE RIVERS, (Thomas E., Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

IX - 5. MARY LOUISE RIVERS, (Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Henry L. Titwood

IX - 6. LENA MAE RIVERS, (Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

IX - 7. EVELYN CHRISTINE RIVERS, (Lula, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VIII - 5. SALLIE MORTON, (John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. _____ McDaniel; Their children:

IX - BETTY MCDANIEL, (Sallie, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

IX - 2. LEONORA MCDANIEL, (Sallie, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

- IX - 3. MURRAY MCDANIEL, (Sallie, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

Note: This Sallie Morton and her husband, Mr. McDaniel, also had another son, name unknown.

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- VIII - 6. LELA MORTON, (John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Joe Carr. Their children:

- IX - 1. KATIE MAE CARR, (Lela, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- IX - 2. ROBBIE CARR, (Lela, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- IX - 3. JULIA MAE CARR, (Lela, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- IX - 4. SARAH CARR, (Lela, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- IX - 5. JOAN CARR, (Lela, John, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

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- VII - 4. SALLY MORTON, (Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Tom Carl. Their children:

- VIII - 1. LARRY MOORE CARL, (Sally, Samuel, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- VIII - 2. THOMAS CARL, JR., (Sally, Samuel, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- VIII - 3. CLYDE CARL, (Sally, Samuel, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- VIII - 4. MORTON CARL, (Sally, Samuel, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- VIII - 5. LULIE CARL, (Sally, Samuel, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).
- VIII - 6. MAGGIE CARL, (Sally, Samuel, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

Note: Samuel S. Morton of the 6th generation, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Dunn) Morton, and his second wife, Margaret Jane (Swanson), had one dau:

- VII - 5. ELLA DEBORAH MORTON, (Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John),
b. 1858 in Williamson County, Tennessee; d. 4-11-1934 at Franklin,
Tennessee and is buried in Franklin City Cemetery at Mt. Hope. She
m. Joel Terrell, 3-5-1879, son of Dr. Hezekiah and Margaret (Dabney)
Terrell of Maury County, Tennessee. Their children:
- VIII- 1. MAGGIE MAE TERRELL, (Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas,
Thomas, John), m. George P. Frierson and died in Childbirth.
- VIII- 2. WILLIAM JAMES TERRELL, (Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel,
Thomas, Thomas, John).
- VIII- 3. (a son died in infancy)
- VIII- 4. ANNIE MORTON TERRELL, (Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel,
Thomas, Thomas, John), m. 1st Samuel Bennett Nichols of
Maury County, Tennessee and their children were:

- IX - 1. SARAH BENNET NICHOLS, (Annie M., Ella D., Samuel S.,
Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. W. Leo
Darnell of Nashville, Tenn. Their Children:
- X - 1. WILLIAM ALLEN DARNELL, (d. in infancy)
- X - 2. WILLIAM L. "BILL" DARNELL, (Sarah, Annie M.,
Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas,
Thomas, John), m. Roxanna Rise of Springfield
Mo.
- X - 3. WILLARD WIRT DARNELL, (Sarah, Annie M.,
Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas,
Thomas, John).

Annie Morton Terrell m. 2nd William Henry McRaven, son of
John Wilson and Lorena "Lula" (Stubblefield) McRaven, of
Mississippi. They m. at Dallas, Texas 3-1-1923 and had
one child:

- IX - 2. WILLIAM HENRY MCRAVEN, JR., (Annie M., Ella D.,
Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John),
b. 11-14-1925; m. Wilma Hamm of Lexington, Ky.,
at Franklin, Ky., and they had one child:
- X - 1. WILLIAM LARRY MCRAVEN, b. 10-15-1948;
d. 10-16-1948.

Note: William Henry McRaven is responsible for the main
part of this compilation of the Mortons of William-
son County, Tennessee.

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- VIII- 5. VIRGINIA MORTON TERRELL, (Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel,
Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Joseph Lee Ridley, son of John

Boyd Ridley and his wife, Irene Creath of Thompson Station, Tennessee.
They have one child:

IX - 1. JOHN BOYD RIDLEY, (Virginia M., Ella D., Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 6-25-1921 in Franklin, Tennessee; m. Elizabeth Osborne and they have twin daughters:

X - 1. NANCY ELIZABETH RIDLEY, (John Boyd, Virginia M., Ella D.,
X - 2. VIRGINIA ADELL RIDLEY, Samuel S., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John). b. 12-16-1946.

VI - 7. JOHN WATSON MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1-15-1819 in Williamson County, Tennessee; m. Sarah Buchanan Goodwin. John Watson Morton was a medical doctor, practicing in Williamson and Davidson County. He d. 12-26-1877. They had one son: (may have been others)

VII - 1. CAPT. JOHN WATSON MORTON, JR., (John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 9-9-1842 at Hillsboro, Williamson, County, Tennessee. He m. Anne Humphreys, dau. of Hon. West Hughes Humphreys and his wife, Anne (Pillow) Humphreys, who was a Lawyer, jurist and statesman. He was a member of the Tennessee Legislature 1835, representing Fayette County.
John Watson Morton, Jr., gained distinction in the Confederate army and was Secretary of the State of Tennessee 1901-9. He and Anne Humphreys had three sons:

VIII - 1. ^{Humphreys}WEST WATSON MORTON, (John, W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), Captain in the Spanish-American War and served as Registrar of Davidson County, Tennessee for many years; m. Mary Perry. They had four Children:

IX - 1. FORREST PERRY MORTON, West W., John W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

IX - 2. MARY FRANCES MORTON, (West W., John W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Joseph W. Good; 2 children.

IX - 3. WEST HUMPHREYS MORTON, (West W., John W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), resides in Nashville, Tennessee; engaged in the Insurance Brokerage business. He has never married.

IX - 4. JOHN WATSON MORTON, III, (West W., John W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John) m. Nancy Hardy and they reside in Florida,

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data

Note: Additional data send in too late to be included in sketch.

West Humphreys Morton, b. 10-17-1905 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mary Frances Morton, b. 12-22-1903, Nashville, Tennessee; resides in Jacksonville, Florida.

Anne Humphreys Morton, b. 9-28-1907 in Nashville, Tennessee; resides in Nashville. Her daughter m. Fred Lowe, Jr.

John Watson Morton called "Jack" b. 10-17-1909, resides in Miami, Florida. His dau., Nancy Ellen Morton is a teacher in Miami. His son, John W. Morton IV, is a student at Stanford University (1965)

- X - 1. NANCY ELLEN MORTON, teacher
- X - 2. MARY BETH MORTON
- X - 3. JOHN W. MORTON, IV, student Stanford Univ.

VIII - 2. QUEENIE MORTON, (John W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, Thomas, John), m. Samuel H. Stout, General Manager of the L. & N. Railroad for West Tennessee; lived at Memphis, Tenn; Two dau:

IX - 1. ANNIE STOUT, (Queenie, John W., John W., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

Capt. John W. Morton's wife d. 7-14-1899 and on 8-6-1901, he m. Ellen Tyne of Nashville, Tennessee. Capt. Morton d. 11-20-1914 in Memphis, Tennessee at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stout. His body arrived in Nashville on Sunday morning accompanied by a military guard and was placed in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.

VI - 8. JACOB H. MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1833; a physician living in Williamson County, Tennessee.

VI - 9. ELIZABETH FRANCES MORTON, (Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John), b. 1830; m. Thomas Banks, farmer of Thompson Station, Tennessee. Six children:

VII - 1. JOSEPH BANKS, (Elizabeth F., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 2. EDGAR BANKS, (Elizabeth, Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 3. WILLIE BANKS, (Elizabeth F., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 4. FANNIE BANKS, (Elizabeth F., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 5. ELLA BANKS, (Elizabeth F., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

VII - 6. CHARLES BANKS, (Elizabeth F., Jacob, Samuel, Thomas, Thomas, John).

III - 5. JOHN MORTON, (Thomas, John), youngest of the family of Thomas and Elizabeth(Woodson) Morton was Capt. John Morton of Revolutionary fame. His Company of Prince Edward County Militia became a part of the 4th Virginia Regiment and before the war was over in 1783, Capt. Morton had had eight sons and many nephews under his command. His home was known as "Morton Hall" in Prince Edward County. Two of his sons, Capt. Hezekiah and Major James Morton earned commissions in the Revolutionary Army. His son, Joseph was the ancestor of Oliver P. Morton, Governor of Indiana; and his dau. Betsy, who married a Woodson, was the ancestress of Governor Silas Woodson of Missouri. Capt. John Morton was b. 2-9-1730 and d. at Clinch Mountain, Virginia 12-1-1796. He m. Mary Anderson 9-15-1750, who was b. 11-17-1736 and d. 11-20-1822. They were the parents of 15 children:

IV - 1. CHARLES MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), 6-19-1752.

IV - 2. ELIZABETH MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 11-28-1754.

IV - 3. JAMES MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), was Major James b. 9-8-1756, "Old Solid Column" so called by Lafayette. Served in the Continental line as a Lieutenant and received 3,370 acres of land for military services. He m. Catherine "Kitty" Wells and went to Tennessee in 1800, settling in Rutherford County where he died 1808. Will of Record in Rutherford County, Tenn., where he names wife and children.

V - 1. JOSEPH MORTON, (James, Capt. John, Thomas, John) b. 7-6-1778; d. 1805; m. Ciciley Massey Morton, who was b. 5-5-1790; d. 12-14-1861.

V - 2. JAMES WILSON MORTON, (James, Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 11-25-1785; served in the War of 1812. m. Nancy Newsom in Davidson County, Tennessee on 11-26-1806. She was b. 1789; d. 1-25-1869.

V - 3. JUDITH MORTON, (James, Capt. John, Thomas, John), m. Owen Hunt Edwards in Henry Co., Va.

V - 4. LUCINDA MORTON, (James, Capt. John, Thomas, John), m. a Newsom.

V - 5. SALLY MORTON, (James, Capt., John, Thomas, John), b. 3-30-1783 and d. 1832. Married Col. William Searcy, who d. 1846.

V - 6. TABITHA MORTON, (James, Capt., John, Thomas, John), b. 2-17-1791; m. John Lytle in 1811. Two children.

IV - 4. HEZEKIAH MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 11-28-1757, received 4,500 acres of land from the State of Virginia for military services.

- IV - 5. BENJAMIN MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 2-24-1760.
- IV - 6. JACOB MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 11-3-1761.
- IV - 7. JOSIAH MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 4-26-1763.
- IV - 8. NATHANIEL MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 4-9-1765;
m. Miss Copeland of Baltimore, Maryland.
- IV - 9. MARY MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 9-28-1766.
- IV -10. NANCY MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 5-16-1768.
- IV -11. SALLY MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 6-4-1770.
- IV -12. CAPT. JOHN ARCHER MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 11-18-1772,
m. Cora Lee Henry, dau. of Governor Henry of the Island of Hayti.
They lived in Bordeaux, France.
- IV -13. RICHARD MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), never married; was
b. 1-25-1776.
- IV -14. OBADIAH MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 12-22-1778;
m. Eliza Ligon of Prince Edward County, Virginia.
- IV -15. PATTY MORTON, (Capt. John, Thomas, John), b. 12-15-1780; never
married.

MORTON CEMETERY

near

Franklin, Tennessee

The old Morton Family cemetery is located about five miles west of Franklin, Tennessee off of the Carter's Creek Pike on land now owned by a Mr. McCampbell.

Several of the graves never had a monument over them, and those that are there are in poor condition. The inscriptions on some are so badly worn that it would be speculation to determine names or dates. The ones that could be read without any question are as follows:

"In memory of

Elizabeth Dunn

wife of

Jacob Morton, Sr.

Died Jan. 20th, A. D. 1864

Age 67 years 20 mos & 8 days"

"In memory of

Jacob Morton, Sr.

Born September 14, 1794

Died October 27, 1854"

Elizabeth p. Morton

Daughter of

Jacob Morton

wife of

A. Alliston

Born March 12, 1817

Died October 25, 1868

"In memory of Samuel S. Morton

born

November 11, 1814

Died November 24, 1880

There is another Morton Cemetery on adjoining land, all of which was originally owned by Samuel Morton Sr., who moved to Tennessee in 1806 from North Carolina. The entire burial ground was destroyed by a subsequent owner who removed the monuments to make steps for the house and then plowed over the graves. The monuments used for steps are still there but were turned face down, so that they would have to be moved to be able to read the inscriptions.

V E N A B L E

According to existing records in this country, three Venables came to Virginia during the Colonial times, namely: Richard Venable, Sarah Venable, and Abraham Venable of New Kent County, Virginia, 1687.

Abraham Venable's wife was Sarah and she died 2-13-1687. They had come from Devonshire, England.

Abraham Venable II, only son of Abraham I, was born 3-22-1700, baptised 4-27-1701 in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia. He lived first on the Pamunky River in what was then New Kent County, afterwards King and Queen County, which was cut off from Kent in 1691 and later King William County, cut off from King and Queen in 1701.

Abraham Venable II, moved from the Pamunky region and settled in what was then Goochland County, in the fork between the Rivanna and the James Rivers. This region was cut off into Albemarle County in 1744 and in 1777 that end of Albemarle was formed into the present Fluvanna. The land upon which Columbia is situated is a portion of the original home tract of Abraham Venable II.

Abraham II was prominent in the affairs of the country and church; he was a Justice in Hanover County before 1742 and one of the first Justices in Louisa County; after 1742, he was a County Lieutenant of Louisa County; and a Captain of the Colonial Militia in Louisa County. He was a member of the House of Burgesses from Louisa County, twenty years, 1742, 1751, 1753, 1755, 1762. He was a vestryman of St. Paul's Parish in Hanover County, prior to 1742; of Trinity Parish 1762-68 and of Fredericksville Parish 1742-61. He was a friend, political supporter and client of Patrick Henry.

His Will is recorded in Louisa County, Virginia, Jan. 9, 1769, a copy of which can be found in Elizabeth Marshall Venable's Venables of Virginia, p. 16. He was the owner of upwards from 22,201 acres of land in Hanover County, Goochland County, Amelia County, and Louisa County, Virginia.

He was born 3-22-1700; d. 12-16-1768 in Louisa County, Virginia; married in Hanover County, to Martha Davis, an earnest Quakeress, b. 7-14-1702, d. 2-18-1765. She was the dau. of Robert and Abadiah (Lewis) Davis. Her mother was the dau. of Capt. Hugh ap Lewis of the Barbadoes, Virginia and Elizabeth, his wife.

The children of Abraham Venable II and his wife, Martha Davis, were:

- III - 1. ABRAHAM B. VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), b. 1-9-1725; d. 3-20-1778; m. Elizabeth Michaux in 1731.
- III - 2. HUGH LEWIS VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), m. Mary Martin, dau. of William Martin of Albemarle County, Virginia.
- III - 3. CHARLES VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), b. 1730; m. Elizabeth Smith, of numerous and distinguished issue.

III -4. WILLIAM VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), m. Anne Clark of Louisa County, Virginia, dau. of Isaac Clark.

III-5. JAMES VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), b. 1734 in Hanover County, Va., d. 1814 in Shelby County, Kentucky. Married Judith Morton, Dau. of Joseph Morton (1709-1782) and Agnes Woodson (1711-1802). This Joseph Morton was also the father of Josiah Morton, who married Elizabeth Venable.

III - 6. NATHANIEL VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), b. 11-1-1733 in Hanover County, Virginia; d. 12-27-1804 in Prince Edward County. His plantation or country estate called "Slate Hill" was the home of Joseph and Agnes Woodson Morton when they lived in Prince Edward County. Nathaniel Venable m. Elizabeth Woodson at "Popular Hill" the home of her father, "Baron" Richard Woodson, 3-29-1755. Elizabeth Woodson, wife of Nathaniel Venable was a niece of Agnes Woodson who m. Joseph Morton (1709-1782). This Joseph Morton was a nephew of Thomas Morton, who m. Elizabeth Woodson, sister of "Baron" Richard Woodson. Richard Woodson was called "Baron" because of his vast land holdings.

III - 7. CAPTAIN JOHN VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), b. 1740, moved to Georgia in 1781 and in Jackson County, m. Agnes Moorman.

III - 8. ANNE VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), m. Philip King of Cumberland County, Virginia, a Revolutionary soldier of numerous and distinguished issue.

III - 9. ELIZABETH VENABLE (Abraham, Abraham), b. 5-22-1739; d. 1778; m. Josiah Morton (b. 3-25-1738 and d. 11-28-1785), son of Joseph Morton and his wife, Agnes Woodson. (see Morton Line).

III -10. MARY VENABLE, (Abraham, Abraham), b. 1740; m. Charles Moorman in Breckenridge, Kentucky.

WOODSON

I - DR. JOHN WOODSON, - Immigrant ancestor, was b. in Devonshire, England, in 1586 and d. at his home "Fleur de Hundred" some 30 miles above Jamestown on the south side of the James River in what is now Prince George County, Virginia, 4-19-1644. He graduated from St. John's College Oxford University in 1604. He came to Virginia in 1620 on the ship "George" as a surgeon for a company of soldiers, sent over for the better protection of the colonist. The ship carried about twenty negroes whom the Dutch Skipper had captured along the African coast. Dr. Woodson soon thereafter bought six of them and they were registered in 1623 as part of his household at "Fleur de Hundred". They were unnamed, but designated as Negro No. I, etc. On April the 18th, 1644, the Indians, incited by Chief Opechankano, made a sudden attack upon the settlement and killed some three hundred colonist before they were repulsed. It is family tradition that on the second day of the massacre, Dr. Woodson, returning from a visit to a sick patient was killed by the Indians in sight of his own home. The Indians then attacked the house which was barred against them, and defended by Dr. Woodson's wife, Sarah and a man named Ligon, a shoemaker, who happened to be there at the time. The only weapon they had was an old time gun which Ligon handled with deadly effect. At first fire he killed two Indians and the second fire he killed two as they came down the chimney. The brave Sarah scalded the next to arrive down the chimney, and as they still came she seized the roasting iron spit in both hands and killed them instantly. The howling mob outside took flight and fled. At first alarm, Mrs. Woodson had hidden her two boys, one under a large tub and the other in a hole used for storing potatoes, hoping this way to save them, should the Indians gain entrance. Dr. Woodson m. Sarah Winston in England. Their children were:

II - 1. JOHN WOODSON, (John), b. Fleur de Hundred in Virginia c1632.

II - 2. ROBERT WOODSON, (John), b. 1634 in American at Fleur de Hundred. He m. Elizabeth Ferris, dau. of Richard Ferris. Their children;

III - 1. JOHN WOODSON, (Robert, John).

III - 2. ROBERT WOODSON, (Robert, John).

III - 3. RICHARD WOODSON, (Robert, John), b. c1662; m. Anne Smith, dau. of Obidiah Smith. This was "Baron" Richard Woodson, father of Agnes Woodson who m. Joseph Morton (1709-1782). He is spoken of as "Baron" Richard Woodson because of his vast land holdings. He d. after 1729. (see Morton line).

APPENDICES

The following is a copy of a letter written to our mother, Ciciley Lyle Odil, just after she had married, by the Taylor-Trotwood Magazine, which was published monthly by Senator Robert L. Taylor and John Trotwood Moore.

Nashville, Tennessee,
Nov. 20, 08

Mrs. Guy Odil,
521 Fatherland Street., City

Dear Madam:

We are desirous of obtaining a photograph of you to be published in our magazine in the section entitled "Beautiful Women of the South." If you are a reader of this magazine you have doubtless observed that the portraits forming this very attractive department have invariably been likenesses of womne [sic] of exceptional beauty and prominent social position. In short, they are portraits which would reflect credit upon the highest type of journalism.

The expense connected with the publication of portraits is, as you know, quite heavy, and it is our custom to request \$10 for each picture printed - the remainder of the expense we bear ourselves. Hoping the favor of an early reply, and thanking you in advance for your courtesyy, we are,

Yours very truly,

TAYLOR-TROTWOOD PUB. CO.

She did not follow the request of the Magazine as at this time, I was only a small baby and my brother was on the way. She gave up many things after her marriage, devoting herself entirely to her family. She had been a member of the Sam Davis Memorial Association, the Nashville Artist Guild; and many other things that would take away time and effort from her husband and children.

My mother's family record would not be complete if I failed to include a copy of the letter she left for us which we found among her papers in a sealed envelope addressed:

"At Last - for you, my children."

My Dear Children:

Knowing there is a going away time for me, I want to leave this message for you. Just feel and know I am at rest. Don't be sad over my passing - God takes care of his own. You can come to me and meet me again, knowing Jesus our Savior will make this possible. So try my dear ones - seems Heaven would not be complete without you all there.

I have always tried my best to do for you in every way I could for I loved you. There are so few material things that I could give you - You have given me so much to live for - my blessings in life, it would have been so empty without you - leaving you as God wills, my deep dying love to cherish - be faithful to our Savior in all your ways and we will meet again - never to say goodbye.

Just a simple service for me at last - my last request lay me by my father - may God bless you,

Love

Mama

She included in the letter a poem that she found somewhere that appealed to her train of thought:

"Sometime

Sometime at eve when the tide is low
I shall slip my moorings and sail away in the hush of the twilight pale when the night stoops down to embrace the day.

A few who have watched me sail away will miss my craft from the busy bay.

Some loving souls that my heart held dear
In silent sorrow will shed a tear,
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail in moorings
Sheltered from storms and gales and greeted the ones I loved
who have sailed before over to the unknown shore,
And saved by grace."

The letter nor the poem were dated, but we assume that she wrote them sometime after my father died in April 1961 and before she became so ill in August 1964.

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS

- DAVID NANCE, -1780, received a land grant for services rendered.
- JOSEPH MORTON, 1709-1782
Member of Committee of Safety, Charlotte County, Virginia.
- JOSEPH MORTON, 1760-1820,
Sargeant in the Virginia Line
- JAMES MORTON, 1756-1808,
Lieutenant in Charlotte County, Virginia, Militia and in
Revolutionary War
- JOSIAH MORTON, 1738-1785,
Lieutenant Colonel in Revolutionary War
- THOMAS MORTON, 1726-1802,
Private in Capt. John Morton's Company
- WILLIAM MORTON, 1743-1820,
Colonel in the Virginia Line
- JOHN MORTON, 1730-1796
Captain in the 4th Regiment, Virginia Line

COLONIAL ANCESTORS

- ABRAHAM VENABLE, 1700-1768
Member of the House of Burgesses 1742-1755 in Louisa
County, Virginia.
- JOHN WOODSON, 1586-1644
Dr. John Woodson - Historic founder, coming to Virginia in
1620 on the ship "George" sent over for the "better protection
of the soldiers."

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