

Chapter II

NANCE RECORDS

These records represent a large portion of all legal Nance transactions prior to the War Between the States and should hold many clues for those searching for a link between their family and the early Nance settlers in America.'

Dr. Robert B. Nance of Radford College, Virginia, has spent many years in Virginia and North Carolina seeking all available court records concerning the Nances, and is responsible for most of the material contained in Part I. Without Dr. Robert's help, this portion of our book would not have been possible,

Marriage records were not recorded prior to the Revolution; however, deeds, wills, and court minutes have been used to identify many of the spouses names, The date which appears on the marriage bond was the date of issue. Sometimes the ceremony was not performed until several days later; in some cases, several weeks.

Census records were not kept until 1790, and the 1790 Virginia census was lost and has been supplemented by the 1782 Taxpayers list. No doubt many more Nance families lived in Virginia at this time. Most of the later census records (1810-1860) were taken from microfilmed copies. These records were all written by hand, and due to this and to the poor quality of some of the film, it was sometimes hard to decipher the age and spelling of some of the names.

ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA RECORDS

Delia County (formed in 1734 from Brunswick and Prince George Counties)

1738 - September 12 land patent to Richard Nance, 400 acres in Amelia county, north side Horsepen creek in the Fork of Nottoway river adjoining Wiles Thweats, Samuel Jordan, and Als. No. 18, p. 104.

1754 - Apprenticeship agreement of January 24 John Nance of Nottoway Parish in Amelia County binds his son, James Nance, to John Anderson 5 years ,o serve as carpenter's apprentice, Bk. 5, p. 101.

1764 - January 3 affidavit of John Nance to Mary Holland. Refers to his son Giles and daughter Elizabeth, conversation with Mithell Holland a-eout 1756. Bk. 8, p. 314

1786 - March 7 will of William Crenshaw leaves gifts to his grandchildren David, William, Susannah, Mary, and Elizabeth Nance, children of David Dance, deceased.

1840 - October 10 will of William Nance, probated June 22, 1840, To wife Christiana entire estate Wit: George Robertson, John Robertson and has, A. Cousins. Bk.. 16, p. 309,

1850 - Census lists Christina Nance, age 77, bn. Va., no family,

1858 - January 12 will of Christiana Nance, probated August 26, 1858. To my friend James Boissean Hamlin, my whole estate and appoint him executor. Wit: Thomas Hamlin and Richard Williamson, Codcil: wish all my property sold except my negroes and request the money be given to them in small &mounts.

Marriages

:786 Mary to Leonard Young
1787 Lett to Cathy Phillips
1789 Elizabeth to Thomas Young