

parents, parents, aunts, uncles, etc. Quite often, nicknames were used, as well as middle names. Watch particularly for Sally in lieu of Sarah; Molly, Polly, in lieu of Mary; Helen, Ellen, Nelly, in lieu of Eleanor; Patsey, Patti, in lieu of Martha; Betsy, Betty, Bess, in lieu of Elizabeth.

There were many Johns, Williams, Thomas, Clements, Reubens and James in certain areas at the same time. If not careful, you may claim the wrong ancestor.

#### KEY TO FAMILY IDENTIFICATION

The system of family identification used by the compiler may at first seem complicated, but if one reads the following examples, he should find this whole system quite simple, and should be able to trace his lineage with very little effort.

Each family will have an identification number which precedes the heads of the household. This will consist of the American generation number and the initials of the Nance principal and spouse. At the end of the family, another number will appear, which is the reference number to parents of the Nance principal.

Example:

J,S.\_ II- John Nance (died 1716) and Sarah (believed Sookings **OR** Gookings)  
 Children: 1) John md. Jane (see Gen, III)  
           2). Richard md, Mary (III)  
           3) etc. Geno. Ref. - R.M. I (?)

J.J. III- John Nance (died 176162) md. Jane (7)  
 Children: 1) John S. Martha (IV)  
           2) Richard (see IV)  
           3) Frederick md. Sussanah "Stokes" Christopher (IV)  
           etc. Geno. Ref. - J.S. II

J.M. IV- John Nance md. Martha (?)  
 Children: 1) Giles md. Mary  
           etc. Geno, Ref. - J.J. III

When a Nance daughter marries her name will appear first. Also the Nance descendant always appears as first member of an household throughout this entire genealogy - and three identification initials will be used in place of two.

Example:

R.A. V- Reuben Nance (b. 1744/45 - d. 1812) md. 1st Amy Williamson - 2nd Nancy Broyn.  
 Children: 1) William (see VI)  
           2) Bird (see VI)  
           3) Mary and Jesse Crouch (see VI)  
           etc. Geno. Ref. W.A. IV

J.M.C. VI- Mary Nance md. Jesse Crouch