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## GENEALOGY.

### GENEALOGY OF THE COCKE FAMILY OF VIRGINIA.

#### THE COCKE FAMILY OF HENRICO—(THIRD GENERATION).

##### I. THE CHILDREN OF THOMAS COCKE.<sup>2</sup>

1. THOMAS COCKE<sup>3</sup> (Captain), born c. 1662; died 1707; married, first, about 1687, Mary Brazier\* (Brazure, Brashear, Brasier, Brassieux, Brashure) of Nansemond; married, second, Frances ———. I think at least four of his six children (including his two daughters) were by his first wife.

His life was a short one, but he, with James, were the most prominent members of the family at this time. James Cocke and Wm. Randolph were in the House of Burgesses from Henrico in 1696. In 1698 Thomas and James were the representatives from this county. Thomas was made sheriff in 1699. The law did not permit the sheriff to be a member of the House of Burgesses (See *Hening*), but in 1702 we find him again a member of this body, and in 1707, when he died, he was again sheriff. We have no record for the intervening years.

On his death Colonel William Randolph was appointed sheriff, competing with Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Epes and Major William Farrar.

At this time (say 1702) his brother James Cocke<sup>3</sup> was the county clerk; his brother or cousin William<sup>3</sup> was coroner; Richard,<sup>3</sup> of Bremond, was (like the others) a member of the county court. One of the justices of the county at this time was Thomas Jefferson, great-grandfather of President Jefferson.

Thomas Cocke's will was admitted to probate 1707. He appointed

\*In the *Richmond Enquirer* of 1824 there is mention of Gen. Brazure W. Pryor, of Elizabeth City, who was a candidate for Congress. (A sister of President Tyler married one of the Pryors.)

In Vol. I. of the "Dinwiddie Papers," p. xxiii, it is stated that Col. Gerard Fowke, of Gunston Hall, Eng., of the Benchamber to Charles I, and his cousin, Col. Geo. Mason, both of the Royalist Army, came to Virginia about 1650. Chandler Fowke, son of the above, had issue: Chandler, Gerard, and Elizabeth, the last of whom married Z. Brazier, son of Robert Brazier, of Isle of Thanet, Eng. Gov. Dinwiddie married into the family.

In 1680 John Brassier was one of the Justices of Nansemond Co.; also in 1699. In 1702-9 (See Meade) John Brasseur and Maj. Thos. Jordan were vestrymen of Chuckatuck Parish, Nansemond.

In 1696 John Brassieux and Thomas Jordan (sheriff) were in the House of Burgesses from Nansemond. There is a deed from John Brashear (as it is spelled in the deed) on 17th May, 1692, which is signed by Thomas and Mary Cocke.

his son Thomas<sup>4</sup> his executor, and his "beloved friends Thomas Farrar, Littlebury Epes, and Sam'l Harwood [his brother-in-law], Gent., overseers of his last will and testament." He left six children: Thomas,<sup>4</sup> James Powell,<sup>4</sup> Henry,<sup>4</sup> Brassuir,<sup>4</sup> Mary,<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth.<sup>4</sup>

His wife (Frances) had a separate estate settled on her by her father, which she retains intact.

The testator first devises 650 acres of land to his son Thomas; then to James Powell Cocke the tract on which testator lives (Malvern Hills); also another tract of 200 acres to same; and also to said James Powell Cocke a third tract lying in Charles City County, containing 920 acres; to son Henry he gives a tract of land in Henrico, and another tract containing 943 acres; to Brassuir two tracts, containing 1650 acres. He devises in all about 6,000 acres of land. He gives land, negroes, tobacco and money to his two daughters, and certain negroes to his sons, and divides, excepting certain special legacies, all his personal property equally among the four sons with certain provisions for the support of his daughters.

As Thomas receives much less land than the other sons, it is probable (he was older) that he had been advanced in the testator's life-time.

Among the special legacies are: 100 acres of land to his servant, Edward Richardson; to his son, Thomas, his horse "Desperate," his "longest cane and great silver-hilted sword with my best trooper's saddle and furniture with brass plate Crooper, Holsters, Pistolls, and Carbine;" to son, James Powell Cocke, "a Bay horse called 'Prince' with my silver-headed cane and Baginet;" unto son, Henry, "a spayed mare called 'Bonny,' & his old silver-hilted sword;" to Mary "my old silver Tankard and the one half of her deceased mother's wearing apparell [he was married twice], best chest of Drawers, Rusha Leather Trunk, £10 sterling, one of my silver wine cups, largest Gold Ring, marked J. P. and M. C., with a silver Tumbler, ear Bobbs, and one silver wine cup marked to M., &c.;" to Elizabeth "Walnut chest of Drawers, 1 Seile Skin Trunk, newest Silver Tankard, £10 sterling, one of my silver wine cups, gold ring and ear-rings and bobbs of Gold and five silver spoons." He gives to wife and children and son, Thomas, the wearing apparel he had "sent for to England."

In the account of the Huguenot Emigration to Virginia in the year 1700 published in the *Virginia Historical Collections*, Vol. V, pages 17-21, there is a statement of moneys paid out "for the Transport and Suplies of ye French Refugees," and among the items are the following:

"To Capt. Cocke and his brother for 10 Cowes and a Calfe, £23 11 0  
 "To Capt. Cocke for 3 tin pans, one Cullinder, &c., &c., 9 1 6"

In 1687 Thomas Cocke, Jr., patented 671 acres of land in Henrico county for transportation of 14 persons: Sarah Carter, Peter Dangerfield, &c.

In 1688 he patented in Henrico 1650 acres. Showing the capriciousness in the spelling, there is in the Land-Books about 1690 an entry for 79 acres of land to Thomas Cox. His estate at his death we judge amounted in present figures to about \$75,000—very large, considering that he was only about 45 years of age.

2. STEPHEN COCKE,<sup>2</sup> born c. 1664; died 1717; married, 1, Mrs. Sarah Marston,\* 1688; 2. Martha Banister,† 1694.

We have no will of Stephen Cocke, but it is ascertained from the few remaining records of Prince George that he died in that county in the year 1717. He had crossed over among the Banisters and Bollings, and Jones'. He had a son Abraham Cocke,<sup>4</sup> who settled in Amelia Co. (then part of Charles City Co.), and became the progenitor of the distinguished line of Tennessee Cockes: General Wm. Cocke (in U. S. Senate, 1795), General John Cocke, his son, in House of Representatives 1819-27, and Hon. Wm. M. Cocke, in Congress, 1849-53.

Stephen Cocke left also a daughter Agnes.<sup>4</sup> He patented, as appears, 1,040 acres of land in 1695 in Henrico and Charles City. In 1687, his father, Thomas Cocke<sup>2</sup> conveyed to him 200 acres of land "one part of which was part of ye tract or dividend of land at Malvern Hills," which included the Mill property; and in 1701 Stephen Cocke<sup>3</sup> conveyed 56 acres, on which the mill stood, to John Pleasants, who married Dorothea Cary,<sup>2</sup> daughter of Henry Cary<sup>2</sup> of Warwick. Her brother Miles Cary<sup>3</sup> married Elizabeth Cocke,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Richard.<sup>2</sup> This piece of property is described as adjoining lands of Thomas Cocke,<sup>3</sup> William Cocke,<sup>3</sup> and Stephen.<sup>3</sup> Sealed by Stephen Cocke with a red wafer. Sealed by Martha Cocke with "seal of yellow wax." Witnessed by James Cocke, Theodorick Carter, Benj. Hatcher.

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\* There was at this time a Marston Parish in James City county. In 1702 William Marston was sheriff of James City county.

Frances Benskin, daughter of Henry Benskin, of England (died 1692), married William Marston, of James City, and her son, Benskin, was sheriff of Charles City 1747. Benskin was a name in the Lightfoot family.

† In 1638 Francis Epes, John Banister, and others import thirty negroes into Virginia. There was a Lieutenant John Banister (no doubt the same person) who died in Charles City county prior to 1661.

On the 5th January, 1689, the Rev. John Banister baptized Henry Randolph at Appamatock.

This last-mentioned John Banister<sup>2</sup> was no doubt the father of Martha Banister<sup>3</sup> and of John Banister,<sup>3</sup> the celebrated botanist, who was killed by an accident near the Falls of Roanoke. (See *Campbell*, page 724.)

John Banister<sup>3</sup> was the father or grandfather of Colonel John Banister,<sup>5</sup> of the Revolutionary period, who was in the Convention of 1776 and in the Continental Congress, and who was a man of very large wealth. He lived at "Battersea," and married about 1760 Elizabeth Bland, daughter of Colonel Theodorick Bland, and sister of Frances Bland, mother of John Randolph, of Roanoke, and Judge Henry St. George Tucker.

Martha Banister<sup>3</sup> was a sister of Colonel John Banister,<sup>3</sup> born (see *Slaughter's Bristol Parish*) February 9, 1732, and married, 1751, Robert Bolling,<sup>4</sup> son of Robert Bolling<sup>3</sup> and Anne Cocke.<sup>3</sup>

In 1700 there is a deed from Stephen Cocke<sup>3</sup> to Robert Bolling<sup>2</sup> (who married Anne Cocke<sup>3</sup>). In 1698 Stephen<sup>3</sup> deeds to brother Thomas<sup>3</sup> land left him by his father's will. In 1704 Stephen<sup>3</sup> deeds to Thomas<sup>3</sup> the land, taken from Malvern Hills, deeded to Stephen by his father in 1687. In 1701 Stephen Cocke<sup>3</sup> gives a negro girl to Martha Jones [his half-niece]. These Jones' intermarried with the descendants of Colonel Abram Wood [of the Governors Council in 1657], and they all moved (along with Abraham Cocke<sup>4</sup>) to the vicinity of Petersburg, and thence into Amelia. There is a Richard Jones from Amelia in House of Burgesses in 1736, and a Wood Jones from Amelia in 1752, and Colonel Joseph Jones, Binns Jones (son of Peter), and John Jones are in the Convention of 1788 from Dinwiddie and Brunswick.

3. JAMES COCKE,<sup>3</sup> son of Thomas,<sup>1</sup> born c. 1666; died 1721; married Elizabeth Pleasants, January, 1691, daughter of John and Jane Pleasants.\* Through this marriage he acquired the estate of "Curles," on James River, he being known as "James Cocke of Curles." He was clerk of Henrico from 1692 to 1707, in which office he was succeeded a few years after by William Randolph.

His cousin, Martha Cocke,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Richard Cocke,<sup>2</sup> of Bremo, married Joseph Pleasants, brother of his wife. Here was a double alliance with the Pleasants'. But it did not stop here. At the same date the Carys intermarried with both the Cockes and the Pleasants', of Henrico. So that there was a dual connection with the Carys and a triple connection with the Pleasants' family.

James Cocke<sup>3</sup> was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1696 and in 1698-9, and probably in other years. He was clerk of Henrico for the period 1692-1707. We lose sight of him after this date, except some conveyances to his son, James Cocke<sup>4</sup> (1713), and others. Unfortunately we have not got his will, but we have the will of his widow, Elizabeth Cocke, who survived him many years and died about 75 years of

\* John Pleasants, ancestor of this Virginia family, was a Quaker; came to Virginia in 1665, from Norwich, England, and settled in Henrico. He received grants for some 5,000 acres of land, and married Jane Tucker, widow of Samuel Tucker. He died at "Curles," on James river, 1698. He had three children: 1. John, married Dorethea Cary, and was a patentee of some 10,000 acres of land; 2. Elizabeth, married James Cocke, and their children intermarried with the Harrisons and Poythress'; 3. Joseph, married Martha Cocke,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Richard Cocke.<sup>2</sup>

John Pleasants, of "Pickanockie," son of Joseph Pleasants and Martha Cocke,<sup>3</sup> married Susanna Woodson, daughter of Colonel Tarleton Woodson (grandson of Stephen Tarleton, of the family of Colonel Banaster Tarleton, the famous British partisan) and Ursula Fleming said to be descended from Sir Tarleton Fleming, second son of the Earl of Wigton [Judge William Fleming and Tarleton Fleming, who married Mary Randolph, were of this family].

James Pleasants, third son of John and Susanna Pleasants, married Anne, widow of Isham Randolph, of "Dungeness," Goochland county, son of William Randolph, of "Turkey Island." They were the parents of Governor James Pleasants. See Brock 1, 139.

age in 1751. They had two sons, James (executor of Elizabeth Cocke's will) and Pleasant [from Pleasants], who died 1744, and left a son, William Fleming (he married a Fleming) Cocke, and a son named Pleasant, who was a captain in the Revolutionary War. They also left a daughter who married a Poythress, and we are told that there were intermarriages with the Harrisons.

4. WILLIAM COCKE,<sup>3\*</sup> son of Thomas,<sup>2</sup> born c. 1670; died 1717; married, 1691, Sarah Dennis.† These had issue: William,<sup>4</sup> Temperance,<sup>4</sup> Catharine,<sup>4</sup> Mary,<sup>4</sup> and Sarah.<sup>4</sup>

5. TEMPERANCE COCKE,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Thomas Cocke,<sup>2</sup> born c. 1670; died —; married Captain Samuel Harwood, who was the delegate from Charles City county in the House of Burgesses in 1710, '14, '23, and '26. His son, Samuel Harwood, Jr., of Weyanoke, was sheriff of the county in 1730, '31, '37. Temperance Cocke was certainly a daughter of Thos. Cocke's first wife.

6. AGNES COCKE,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Thos. Cocke,<sup>2</sup> born c. 1672; died —; married Captain Joseph Harwood, of Charles City, Justice of the county and Member House of Burgesses 1710.‡

\* On p. 407 of the January number we enumerate John Cocke among the children of Thomas Cocke,<sup>2</sup> instead of William. In this we followed the genealogy published in the Fifth Volume of the Virginia Historical Collections; but we find from an examination of the will of Thomas Cocke<sup>2</sup> that his fourth son was named William and not John.

† Richard Dennis was a member of the House of Burgesses from Charles City in 1714, very probably the father of Sarah Dennis.

Sir Thomas Dennis paid £105 as member of the Virginia Company of Bicton and Holcombe, Devon. He married Anne, daughter of Wm. Powlett, Marquis of Winchester; died 1613.

Captain Robt. Dennis was sent over in 1652 by Cromwell to establish his authority in the Colony.

‡ Few Colonial families can show such a record as the Harwoods. The first of the name is Sir Edward Harwood, Governor of North Carolina in 1625. We next meet with Captain Thomas Harwood, who represented Mulbury Island (Warwick Co.) in the House of Burgesses continuously from 1629 to 1642. In 1642 and 1652 he was a member of the Council.

In 1685 Major Humphrey Harwood was a Burgess from Warwick, and he was sheriff in 1692.

In 1693 Anne Harwood, daughter of Thomas Harwood, married Thomas Wythe, ancestor of Chancellor Wythe.

Colonel William Harwood (Warwick) was a member of House of Burgesses 1744, 1748, 1752, 1753, 1755, 1758, 1764, 1765, 1769, 1772, 1774, and of the Convention of 1776.

The first of the name who appeared in Charles City county were *Capt. Joseph* and *Capt. Samuel Harwood* (who married the daughters of Thomas Cocke<sup>2</sup> of Henrico). They were both (as mentioned) in the House of Burgesses in 1710 from Charles City, and Samuel Harwood was a member of this body also in 1714, 1723, and 1726 (as above stated).

In 1730, '31, and '37 Samuel Harwood, probably son of foregoing, was (as stated above) sheriff of Charles City, and Samuel Harwood, Jr., of Weyanoke, is appointed justice in 1739.

In 1775 Samuel Harwood, probably grandson of the first Samuel, is appointed a major

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II. THE CHILDREN OF RICHARD COCKE.<sup>2</sup>

RICHARD COCKE,<sup>2</sup> of Brems, left three children: Richard<sup>3</sup> (m. Anne Bowler); Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> (m. Miles Cary<sup>3</sup>), and Martha<sup>3</sup> (m. Joseph Pleasants).

1. RICHARD COCKE,<sup>3</sup> of Brems, born 1672; died 1720; married, first, Anne Bowler; we do not know the name of his second wife.

Anne Bowler was the daughter of Thomas Bowler,<sup>\*</sup> of the county of Rappahannock (now Essex and Richmond); member of the Governor's Council in 1670. She was born in 1695, and died 1705. There appear to have been three children by this marriage, one of them Bowler Cocke,<sup>4</sup> of Brems. Among the children of the second marriage was Richard,<sup>4</sup> the ancestor of Col. Richard Cocke,<sup>4</sup> of Bacon's Castle, of Hartwell Cocke,<sup>5</sup> General John Hartwell Cocke,<sup>7</sup> &c.

In the *William and Mary College Quarterly* for January, 1895, p. 204, is the following interesting notice of the grave-yard at Brems:

"At Brems, in Henrico county, I observed two badly shattered stones with the following inscriptions:

"Here lyes Interr'd the Body of  
Richard Cocke [2]  
Son of Richard [1] of B \* \*  
He was born the 10th day  
\* \* \* ecember 1639, and departed  
\* \* \* ife on the 20th November \* "

of the Virginia Forces; and in 1776 (along with his kinsman Colonel Wm. Harwood, of Warwick) he is a member of the State Convention.

William H. Harwood, of Charles City, c. 1770, married Margaret Waldrop, who had issue: Agnes, married Fielding Lewis, of Gloucester, 1788, and 2. Nancy, married Thomas Lewis, of Gloucester.

Christopher Harwood, of King and Queen, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Roane, and had issue: Col. Archibald Roane Harwood, of "Newington," member House of Delegates from King and Queen 1816, '22, '23, '24, '32, '34. He married Martha, daughter of Samuel G. Fauntleroy, and their children married with Brockenbroughs, Garnetts, Pollards, Winders.

All these Charles City and King and Queen Harwoods were descended from Temperance and Agnes Cocke.<sup>8</sup>

There was a Harwood of Warwick in Legislature in 1823, 1824, and 1829.

In 1819 John R. Harwood was a Director in Exchange Bank in Norfolk; and Wm. B. Harwood was a Director in Farmer's Bank, Petersburg.

\* In the Revolutionary period there was a Bowler's Wharf on the Rappahannock. The name now is spelled also Boulware.

"Here<sup>a</sup>lyeth Interr'd the Body  
of Anne, the wife of Richard Cocke [3]  
the younger, of Bremor in this county,  
and daughter of Thomas Bowler, late  
of the County of Rappahannock.  
She was born the 23d day of Jan:  
1675 and departed this life the 24th  
day of April, 1705 Aged  
30 \* \* 3 months 1 day."

In the year 1710 (see Vol. V, Virginia Historical Collections, Huguenot Emigration to Virginia, p. 73) Mr. Robert Bolling is ordered by the Honorable the Lieut.-Governor and the Council to survey and lay off the second 5,000 acres of land assigned to the French Refugees at Manakin Town, and Colo. Wm. Randolph and Mr. Richard Cocke are appointed to hear and determine all disputes in regard to the distribution of the shares, &c.

In 1714 (Dr. William Cocke was at this time secretary of the colony) Richard Cocke<sup>3</sup> bought of Lt.-Governor Spotswood, as appears by a deed recorded at Williamsburg, for the sum £12 10s. (about \$350 at present), 2,447 acres of land on the north side of James river, in what is now Goochland county, adjoining the lands of Nicholas Meriwether and Joseph Lewis. A part of this tract, 1,100 acres, was bought in 1770 by the Rev. Wm. Douglas, the teacher of Mr. Jefferson, and given to his grandson, Thomas Meriwether. [In the county of Goochland in 1751 Patty Wood, daughter of Henry Wood and Martha Cox, married Wm. Meriwether.]

About 1700 Richard Cocke<sup>3</sup> or Richard Cocke<sup>2</sup> patented 975 acres land.

We have not the will of Richard Cocke,<sup>3</sup> but there is a memorandum in the Order-Book of Henrico county that it was proven October, 1720, with Ebenezer Adams, Nathaniel Harrison, and Henry Harrison as executors. Nathaniel Harrison was son of Benjamin Harrison, of Surry county. He was the grandfather of Benjamin Harrison, of Brandon, "the signer."

Ebenezer Adams was the father of Thomas Adams (afterwards of New Kent), who married Martha Cocke,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Richard,<sup>3</sup> member of the Continental Congress 1778, 1780, and progenitor of the Adams family who lived in Richmond in beginning of present century.

It is not unlikely that there was some connection by marriage with Nathaniel and Henry Harrison.

2. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup> was the second child of Richard Cocke.<sup>2</sup> She married in 1695 (and was probably born about 1675) Miles Cary,<sup>3</sup> clerk of Warwick county.

The Carys are an ancient Devonshire family, of which collateral



branches were Barons of Hunsdon, Earls of Monmouth and Dover, and Viscounts Falkland. (See *Burke* for the descent.)

Miles Cary<sup>1</sup> came to Virginia in 1640-46, and died 1667. Settled in Warwick, and the name continued potent in that county down to 1800, and very prominent elsewhere. Miles Cary was a member of the Governor's Council in 1665. His children were: 1. Thomas; 2. Ann; 3. Henry; 4. Bridget; 5. Elizabeth; 6. Miles; 7. William.

Thomas Cary<sup>2</sup> died 1708. Issue: Thomas, James, Milnor, Elizabeth.

Henry Cary<sup>2</sup> was the father of the Miles Cary<sup>3</sup> who married Elizabeth Cocke.<sup>5</sup> He lived at a place called "The Forest," and was appointed to erect and superintend the building of William and Mary College and the capitol at Williamsburg. He had issue: Henry,<sup>3</sup> Miles,<sup>3</sup> Ann,<sup>3</sup> Elizabeth,<sup>3</sup> Judith<sup>3</sup> (married — Barber).

Henry Cary<sup>3</sup> was the father of Colonel Archibald Cary,<sup>4</sup> of Amptill, died 1787; prominent in the Revolutionary period; married Mary Randolph, daughter of Richard Randolph.<sup>3</sup> One of his daughters married Thomas Mann Randolph; another Carter Page.

MILES CARY,<sup>3</sup> son of Henry<sup>3</sup>, died 1724; married, as we have said, Elizabeth Cocke,<sup>3</sup> and they had issue: 1. Anne;<sup>4</sup> 2. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> (who married Benjamin Watkins, of Chesterfield, and had descendants: BENJAMIN WATKINS LEIGH [grandson] (who was thus descended from the Cocke family), Conway Robinson, Finney, Royall, Worsham, Barksdale, &c.); 3. Bridget;<sup>4</sup> 4. Dorothy;<sup>4</sup> 5. Martha; 6. Miles;<sup>4</sup> 7. Thomas;<sup>4</sup> 8. Nathaniel.<sup>4</sup>

Colonel Miles Cary,<sup>3</sup> died 1708; surveyor-general, naval officer, &c.; married daughter of Colonel William Wilson (Naval Officer for Lower James). They had issue: 1. Colonel Wilson Cary, of "Cesley's," and "Richneck," born 1702. Educated at William and Mary and Cambridge, England. One of his daughters married Robert Carter Nicholas; another Bryan Fairfax, Baron Fairfax; 2. Miles,<sup>3</sup> *d. s. p.*; 3. Mary, married Joseph Selden.

William Cary<sup>3</sup> had issue: 1. Harwood;<sup>4</sup> 2. Miles,<sup>3</sup> died 1766; father of Judge Richard Cary, of the Court of Appeals; 3. Martha, who married Edward Jaquelin, whose daughter married Richard Ambler.

MILES CARY,<sup>3</sup> who married Elizabeth Cocke, was clerk of Warwick county 1699-1714, and perhaps after 1714. He seems also to have been in the year 1714 clerk of the Committee of Claims in the General Assembly.

About this time (1690) Dorothea Cary<sup>3</sup> married John Pleasants, establishing a very close connection between the Carys, the Cockes, and the Pleasants'. She must have been a cousin of Miles Cary,<sup>3</sup> not the daughter of Miles Cary,<sup>3</sup> son of Miles.<sup>2</sup>

3. MARTHA COCKE,<sup>3</sup> daughter of Richard,<sup>3</sup> died —; married Joseph Pleasants. (See under head of James Cocke<sup>3</sup>).

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III. THE CHILDREN OF JOHN COCKE.<sup>2</sup>I. WILLIAM COCKE<sup>3</sup> m. Sarah Perrin,\* 1695; died 1711.

In the course of the investigation of a subject like this, accompanied by published articles as the investigation progresses, new information is, of course, constantly obtained from old records, and more especially from the correspondence which is naturally developed with the scattered members of the connection who become interested in the family memoir.

We have just received from Lieutenant Champe Carter McCulloch, of the United States Army, a descendant of Col. Valentine Wood, and grandson of Edward Carter, of Blenheim, a very interesting letter, which gives us the children and descendants of John Cocke,<sup>2</sup> and solves several very important collateral questions.

From this we learn that John Cox<sup>2</sup> (this line seems to have adopted this spelling) left a will on record in Henrico, dated February 19, 169½, and probated February 1, 1696. He had six sons: John, Bartholomew, Richard, *William*, Henry, and George, and wife, *Mary Cox*.

There is also on record the will of *William Cox*,<sup>3</sup> dated February 10, 1711, probated June, 1712, which mentions son *Stephen*, daughters *Martha*, *Mary Prudence*, *Judith*, *Elizabeth*, and wife *Sarah*.

There is recorded in Goochland county the will of *Sarah Cox*, dated March 26, 1726, probated January 20, 1747. She mentions son *Stephen*, daughters *Edith*, *Martha*, *Elizabeth*, *Mary Prudence*, and *Judith*. She appoints *Henry Wood* her executor, and the will is in the handwriting of *Henry Wood* (the clerk of Goochland county at that date, and father of Col. Valentine Wood), who married *Lucy Henry*, and was the grandfather of General *Joseph E. Johnston*, *Beverly Johnston*, of Abingdon,

\* In Gloucester county, at the mouth of York river, opposite Yorktown, the old Perrin mansion is still standing in good condition. It is of the style of architecture so usual in Virginia during the reigns of the Georges—a large, brick building, two stories high, and four rooms on each floor, wainscoted and panelled. The house is in full view of Yorktown, at the mouth of Sarah's Creek, on the east side of Gloucester Point.

There are several graves of the Perrin family here, among them that of John Perrin, the epitaph stating that he died November 2, 1752, aged 63 years. See *William and Mary Col. Quar.*, April, 1895, p. 254.

In a list of slave owners in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester, 1786, the largest slave-holders were: John Page, 160; Warren Lewis, 143; John Perrin, 116; John Seawell, Sr., 39; Sam'l Cary, 39; Joseph Cluverius, 32, &c.

Major Wm. Farrar, of Henrico, d. 1713; Burgess 1700, 1701, 1702; son of Lt.-Col. John Farrar; had a brother, Thomas, who married Katherine, daughter of Richard Perrin. These had issue: Perrin Farrar (a child, in 1691).

Sarah Perrin was, no doubt, the daughter of Richard Perrin.

The Farrars (Ferrars) were of very distinguished English descent.

Valentine Wood Southall, and Dr. Philip Southall, of Amelia, and whose daughters married Edward Carter, of Blenheim, Albemarle county; William Meriwether, grandson of Col. Nich. Meriwether, of Hanover; and Wm. Pryor.

In the genealogy of the Wood family, it is stated that *Henry Wood* (for forty-odd years an attorney-at-law and county clerk of Goochland) married *Martha Cox*, 13 Oct., 1723, at Brems, in Henrico county. Martha Cox, says the genealogy, was the daughter of *William and Sarah Cox*, of Henrico.

The genealogy proceeds: Valentine Wood (son of Henry) was baptized Oct. 23, 1724; William Finney, Stephen Cox, and Ann Hopper sureties; and married [Valentine Wood] to Lucy Henry, daughter of Colonel John Henry, January 3, 1764. At the baptism of other children of Henry Wood, one of the sureties is *Judith Cox*.

William Finney, referred to above, was the Rev. Wm. Finney, M. A., of the University of Glasgow, who married Mary Cocke,<sup>4</sup> daughter of Thomas Cocke.<sup>5</sup> He was minister of Henrico Parish 1714-27.

The foregoing facts negative of course the statement on p. 411 of our January article, that William Cocke,<sup>3</sup> son of William Cocke,<sup>2</sup> was the father of Martha Cox who married Captain Henry Wood.

It appears that William Cox,<sup>3</sup> son of John,<sup>4</sup> died in 1711. This explains the marriage of his daughter in 1723 at Brems. He left a widow and a family of young children, who found shelter at Brems with their relative Richard Cocke.<sup>3</sup>

2. JOHN COCKE,<sup>3</sup> married Mary —; born c. 1670; died 1710. Issue: William,<sup>4</sup> James,<sup>4</sup> died 1713; Martha,<sup>4</sup> married — Wilkinson; Robert.<sup>4</sup>

We know nothing farther of any of these individuals, nor have we information about the other children of John Cocke.<sup>2</sup> The family is said to have lived at Dutch Gap, and to have been the ancestors of the Coxes of Chesterfield.

The Coxes became also a very prominent family in Goochland (See Meade's "Old Churches"). This may be connected, however, with the large tract of land bought in this county in 1714 by Richard Cocke.<sup>3</sup>

### THIRD GENERATION—Continued.

#### IV. THE CHILDREN OF WILLIAM COCKE.<sup>2</sup>

1. WILLIAM.<sup>3</sup> He may have been a son of William Cocke<sup>2</sup> by his first marriage with Jane Clarke. If so, he was born about 1679. If his mother was Sarah Flower, he was not born before 1690. His two sisters were certainly by the second wife.

There was a "Captain William Cocke," of this period, who died in 1736. This may have been the person.

2. MARY COCKE,<sup>3</sup> born c. 1690; married Obadiah Smith; died 1754. Her husband died 1746. Their wills are on record in Henrico county. They left a son named Obadiah Smith (died 1765) and a son named

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Luke, who was the father of Obadiah\* Smith<sup>1</sup> (lieutenant in the Revolution, and a man of considerable property), whose daughter, Lucy Smith, married James Powell Cocke<sup>2</sup> in 1777.

3. ELIZABETH COCKE,<sup>3</sup> born c. 1692; married Lawrence Woodward. Their maternal uncle, John Flower, lived in James City county. In 1629 Christopher Woodward was a Burgess for Westover, and there was a Captain Henry Woodward in the French and Indian Wars, 1755-57.

The Rev. James Bacon, Eng., first cousin of the great Lord Bacon, married *Martha Woodward*, and had issue: Nathaniel Bacon, born 1620; died 1692; member Council in Virginia 1657; Burgess for York 1659; Acting Governor 1689. This was not the "Rebel."

### THIRD GENERATION—Continued.

V. CHILDREN OF RICHARD COCKE,<sup>2</sup> THE YOUNGER, of Old Man's Creek, Charles City county. This was just across the line from Henrico county, but, as already stated, the destruction of the Charles City Records has left us in the dark as to his descendants. We think he must have been the father of Anne Cocke,<sup>3</sup> who married Robert Bolling,<sup>2</sup> of Charles City, as no other member of the family, so far as is ascertained, had a daughter named Anne. Possibly James Cocke<sup>3</sup> may have had a daughter Anne.

We have referred to Bolling Cocke, Acrill Cocke, Littlebury Cocke, &c., who lived in Charles City in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

### VI. CHILDREN OF ELIZABETH COCKE.<sup>2</sup>

We know nothing of them.

Contemporary with this Third Generation were Captains Thomas and Christopher Cocke, of Princess Anne, William and Walter Cocke, of Surry, Secretary William Cocke, of Williamsburg, Pressley and Fleet Cox, of Westmoreland and Lancaster, and Maurice Cocke, of Middlesex.

CORRECTIONS.—On page 405, April No., it was not the widow of Colonel Richard Cocke, but the widow of Colonel Walter Aston [mother of Mary Aston, Richard Cocke's second wife], who married Colonel Edward Hill.

On page 407, for 1776 read 1676.

On page 410, Elizabeth and Martha Cocke<sup>3</sup> married, respectively, Miles Cary and Joseph Pleasants.

LAND PATENTED.—About 1705 William Cocke and others patent 6,000 acres of land. (See Land-Book 10, page 407.)

\* On page 411 (January number) we state that he was the son of Obadiah Smith.<sup>1</sup> We confounded him with his uncle, Obadiah Smith,<sup>2</sup> who died in 1765. There is a case reported in 3 *Randolph's Reports* involving some contest about the will of this Obadiah Smith.<sup>2</sup>

## THE FLOURNOY FAMILY.

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SOME OTHER DATA.—By the kindness of Prof. Henry M. Baird, of New York, the Huguenot author, full citations as to Lawrent Flournoy, the emigrant of 1562, and of his descendants for several generations, have been furnished from "La France Protestante," Volume II, columns 576-578. The edition quoted is the second, Paris, 1888.

"This great, this monumental, biographical work, as Prof. Baird terms it, entirely corroborates all heretofore published herein concerning this family, both as to names, dates, details, etc."

## "BLUE GRASS" (KY.) FLOURNOYS.

MATHEWS FLOURNOY'S DESCENDANTS.—Of these, the line of the first and ninth children, Robert, of Georgia, the oldest, and Elizabeth Julia (Henry), the youngest, have been traced in the July Magazine, 1895. The compiler possesses full tables of the descendants of all the others, but space is lacking. The third child, John James, left no descendants. The history of the litigation over his will appears on page 69, the July number. Of the remaining children:

Samuel Flournoy, second child of Mathews, married Nancy Ann Martin, daughter of John Martin, Scott county, Ky., and left Nancy, who married Keel. She left a large family. James married Martha Halloway and left children in Missouri and Kentucky. Mathews married Milly Graves; died in Louisiana, 1833; left no descendants in Kentucky and Missouri. Jack and Samuel M. (twins), of whom Jack died young, and Samuel M. removed to Mississippi, married Minerva Waddington; removed to Texas; died in Wood county, Texas, about 1877. He lived in Nacogdoches county, Texas, for a time, where he raised a company of volunteers for the Mexican war. Left many descendants. Rachel F., daughter of Samuel F., Sr., married Carter Keel in Illinois;