A Family Called Fort

The Descendants of Elias Fort of Virginia

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INTRODUCTION

This book is actually two volumes within the same cover. The authors, working independently and apart, agreed on a general division of the work. Mrs. Jones concentrated on the descent from Elias Fort of Tennessee and so prepared a section dealing with that line. The remainder was done by Homer T. Fort, Jr. They traded information and speculated on its meaning, but each took responsibility for his or her own portion. They followed different organizational styles and included different kinds of material.

There are four main genealogical sections in this book. Sections I, II, and III cover the known descent from the three sons of the first of the family: Elias Fort of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. These three sections, describing descendants of Elias Fort (II), John Fort, and George Fort, are followed by a fourth which tells of the descent from Elias Fort of Tennessee, a grandson of George. Thus, Section IV is actually a continuation of Section III.

The organization schemes refer the reader to later charts if later generations are known.

The order in which children are given in early generations is arbitrary and in many charts does not necessarily reflect the order of birth.

In the first three sections genealogical charts are sometimes followed by discussions headed "About the Family". These contain notes or anecdotes of possible interest; if none were available, the discussion was omitted. Each chart is followed by a genealogical postscript headed "Authors' Notes" which tells the source of the information or describes unsolved problems.

In researching the first three genealogical sections, Mr. Fort did not request or gather biographical information but did print such in summary form when it was available. Readers should assume there were far more college degrees, church memberships, and achievements than are cited.

For brevity's sake, married women are often given under their maiden names. If you read that Joseph Fort and Margaret Jameson had children, you can assume they were husband and wife. Also, "Civil War" is usually employed instead of "War Between the States" (preferred by some southerners) and "War of the Rebellion" (preferred by some northerners).

A total of about nine years' research by the two authors went into this volume, but even so it is not wholly complete. In the authors' files are Forts waiting to be summoned from the wings but who are never introduced because of inability to trace their parentage. More research might have placed

these and also reduced the possibility of error elsewhere. But the authors found three earlier book projects on the family which never reached print due to reluctance to cut off research. This mistake, at least, was not made.

A glance through the book and at the chapter in the Appendix dealing with sources will show, nonetheless, that a very large amount of effort went into the attempt for accuracy. Original sources—deeds, wills, state archival material, old maps—were used for the pre-1800 era. Published works and private research done by other family searchers were used after 1800, but supplemented in many cases by study of original documents.

The authors did, however, play fair with the reader. If they felt unsure about a given connection they qualified their language—and, in many cases, were surer about the descent given than their language indicates. If doubt clouded the descent to any real degree, they gave the reasons for it.

In case a reader can add to or correct statements in the book, he's cordially invited to write one of the authors. A second edition or addendum may sometime be attempted.

Scattered through this volume are the names of many people who helped with it; all have the authors' deep thanks. Certain of them made especially valuable contributions in time, material and interest:

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The authors guess that today there are between 60,000 and 100,000 descendants of Elias Fort of Virginia, the progenitor of the family. If you are one of these, meet your ancestors! Behind the often dull facts in this book are men and women who laughed, grieved, revelled, prayed, and contributed to the building of the nation. If these words cannot put flesh on their long-dead bones, let your imagination do it.

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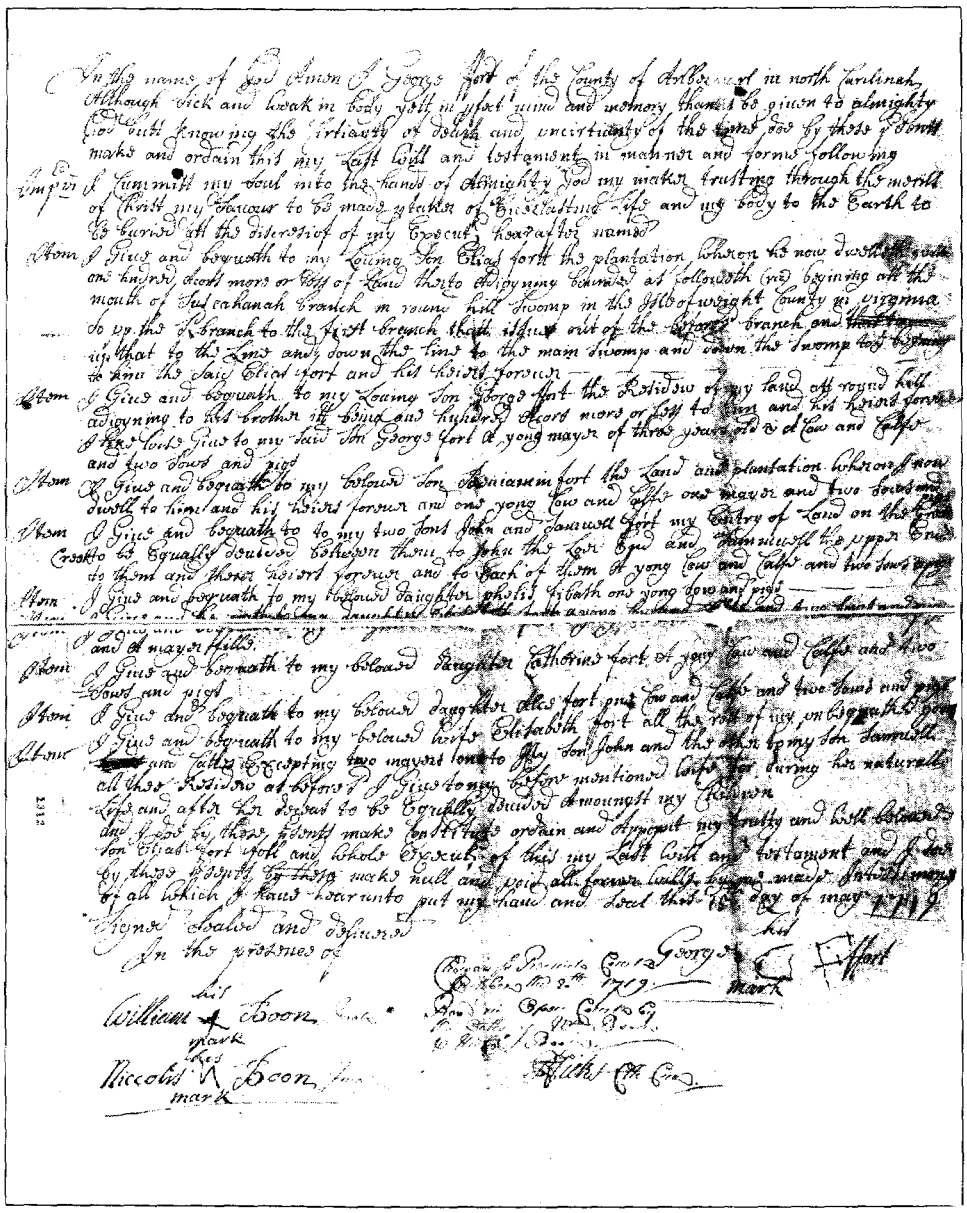

Earliest Fort will is that of George Fort, son of the first Elias, whose last testament was written May 15, 1719 in the County of Albemarle, North Carolina. This copy was made by a county clerk, who, however, evidently traced exactly the "GF" with which George made his mark. The will is on file in the state archives at Raleigh. This reproduction is much reduced.

Elias Fort

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American Beginnings

The Fort family, or the southern edition of it, has been in America more than 300 years. Insofar as the records show, it began with a fellow named Elias Fort. Time's fog has covered most traces of the man, including the still speculative question of whether he or his unknown parents were actually the first in this country.

Pitifully few records of Elias survive. The first is dated October 9, 1667 when he scrawled his mark on the findings of a coroner's jury investigating the death of William Persons in Isle of Wight County. We have another record of jury service later that year when he and other men looked into the death of Edward Burgess.

In the years 1669, 1670, 1675 and 1677, respectively, he was called on to administer the estates of Joseph Poole, Thomas Dixon, Robert Roe, and William Groves.

A court record in Isle of Wight for September 7, 1675 shows him in debt and overdue in his payments to Tom Denson.

Elias died in late 1677 or early 1678, probably the latter, leaving his widow and "orphans". No one knows where his bones rest in old Isle of Wight.

Not much more is available from the scanty records dealing with the man. But we can surmise a good deal by looking behind the records and knowing something of colonial Virginia.

There is fairly good evidence that Elias was born before 1646 and probably after 1630. His service on juries required him to be at least 21 years old. While the estate administration papers filed after his death tell us little about his family, they describe his children as being "orphans" and hence under legal age. Elias and John Fort show up on the "titheable" list for Surry County June 10, 1694; George appears in listings for Surry—in Southwark and Lawnes Creek parishes—in 1698. These lists of titheables cover white males 16 years and older with independent livings.

We can guess, then, that Elias left comparatively young children. All the indications are that he died in his vigorous years, perhaps in his 40's.

The administration papers on Elias' estate show his wife's first name was Phillis; the will of Joseph Poole, made January 8, 1668 in Isle of Wight County, indicates rather strongly that she was Phillis Champion, and that her widowed mother had married Joseph Poole after bearing a son Edward Champion. Phillis also had sisters: Elizabeth, Sarah, and Priscilla Champion. Elizabeth married Samuel Eldridge, then Thomas Moore. Moore appraised Elias' estate. Sarah married Hugh Bressie. Priscilla was unmarried in 1694.

Much later Phillis the widow marked a document with the initials "PC" adding further substance to the Champion identification.

Elias shows up on no surviving land records in Virginia. Granted that he was comparatively poor—as evidenced by his debt and illiteracy—it appears somewhat unlikely that a man who administered four estates and who owned 18 pigs and 10 horses at the time of his death had no land of his own. Unfortunately the records of Jamestown were three times destroyed by fire, and in all likelihood the papers on his land holdings as well as harder evidence of his origins disappeared with them.

Speculation has it that Elias might have been an indentured servant earlier or even at the time of his death. Were this so no shame would attach to it.

Many of the colonies' first settlers were made up of people who chose to work for someone else on arrival in the New World and so pay off the cost of their passage in preference to saving money in England. But Elias' service as an executor of estates argues against his having that status in the later years of his life.

The world Elias Fort knew started at the water's edge and ended about a hundred miles to the west, where the head of navigation blocked water-borne traffic. Beyond this frontier lay the enormous American forest, wholly unseen by white men, spreading in a largely unbroken sweep all the way to the Mississippi River. The Indians, friendly at first, had been swept back after vicious raids on isolated settlements. In the 1660's there were perhaps 30,000 colonists in Virginia, all in the narrow coastal region. Their farms ribboned along the James and other rivers. The southern shore of the James had taken less of the growing population than the northern bank; it was natural for Elias to look at the slightly rolling country of Isle of Wight with its dark-watered creeks and swamps as a good place to make his home. He probably ferried the James occasionally to get supplies at Jamestown and learn what the latest arrivals had to say about the broiling religious and political controversies in Stuart England.

The small appointments of colonial living are shown in Elias' inventory, filed by his widow. They included a dozen "spoones", a long table, "three old pots", two flock beds and one featherbed, and furniture "very old". Perhaps the last items were relics of long-ago days in England and brought to the wilderness by Elias or his parents.

Elias apparently was English even though "Fort" is obviously derived from the French "forte", meaning strong, and even though there is a tradition that the family was originally Huguenot. The names of his children—Elias, John and that most English of names, George—as well as those of his grandchildren suggest no French background. Further, his service on juries and as an estate executor suggests a general familiarity with English legal procedures.

A counter-argument involves the fact that one segment of the family in the 18th century frequently carries the spelling "Foort" which might be a derivative of "Voort" or "Feurt". But "Ffort" was more common. Insofar as is known all of the early members of the family were illiterate; those who wrote on their behalf had to translate the pronunciation into the written language—and the scribes themselves were frequently unsure spellers.

Huguenot or no, it seems reasonably certain that Elias was a Protestant. In all likelihood he was a member of the Church of England which, as the state church, dominated the Virginians' religious habits until the mid-1700's. One of Elias' sons—Elias (II)—was summoned to court in 1694 for non-attendance at church, which might indicate a dissenter. But this one-time charge more likely indicates he was a church member with a light conscience or a dislike for the pastor. The first Elias almost certainly was no Quaker since his name does not appear on the still surviving early Quaker records.

Various records in both Virginia and North Carolina indicate that Elias' grandchildren were Anglicans though in the following generation numbers

of Methodists and Baptists appeared. The Protestant tradition apparently was strong.

There is no inkling of what took the life of the first known Fort. He lived in a world of axed clearings, heat, labor, and medical superstitions. A sudden sweep of contagion may have brushed him, or a scratch may have carried an infection into his blood.

This is all that is known or can reasonably be inferred from the documents. Yet both family traditions and scraps of fact hint at more. In examining them we are entering an unsure and uncertain area where guesses rather than probabilities surround us.

Kate Haynes Fort's "Memoirs of the Fort-Fannin Family"—one of the few published works on the family—recounts a tradition that three brothers named Moses, Arthur and Elias Fort came to America with a British expedition sent to quell the Bacon Rebellion in Virginia. One was a wagonmaster. An elaboration of this tradition says they arrived under the command of a Colonel Morrison and a Colonel Hubert Jeffries; the three brothers decided to stay after Nathaniel Bacon's uprising aborted.

This is the tradition. Kate Fort's story came from her mother who was trying to recall something Kate's grandfather had said years earlier. There is obviously room for a poor memory here, but there is better evidence in the fact that the Bacon Rebellion did not take place until 1676, nine years after Elias first appears on the Virginia jury list. Further, the brothers Moses and Arthur, along with a brother named Drury Fort, do appear together in a migration to South Carolina—though some 75 years after the first Elias died—and these same men were in the line from which Kate Fort and her immediate ancestors came.

But tradition can sometimes hide kernels of truth.

There is another story, independent of this one and picked up from two separate sources, which says two brothers did come to America together, that they landed in the north somewhere, and that one of the brothers came south to Virginia, perhaps by land or perhaps in a coastal voyage.

Interestingly, there is a lone record in Boston of an Abraham Fort marrying a Hannah Hutchinson on November 18, 1650. Nothing further is known of Abraham nor is there a single document linking him with Elias of Virginia.

Was there some sort of tie with Bacon's Rebellion?

John Forth, boyishly young at 16, sailed to Virginia from England in 1622 on the "Bona Nova", showing up two years later in a colony census made to determine how many had survived a terrible Indian massacre. He was living on the south bank of the James at "Bass's Choice".

Many years later, at the time Bacon inflamed the south side of the James River in rebellion against Governor Berkeley, a John Forth supposedly fled when the uprising collapsed. He disappeared into the surrounding forest. It seems unlikely that the two John Forths could be the same man, but perhaps the latter was a son—and also a brother to Elias.

A "Jennett Forth" arrived in James City County, Virginia in 1651 and was indentured to Edward Greenwood; Surry County was originally part of James City.

Another quirk in the "Forth" speculation lies with George Forth, who in 1635 announced his intention of going to Virginia on the ship "Globe". He duly showed up at Gravesend, joining other emigrants who were "examined by the Minister of Gravesend for their Conformitie . . . have taken oaths of Alleg. and Supremecie . . ." He was then 27.

Considering the fragmentary early records, George Forth should disappear at that point. But rather, a "George Fort"—definitely minus the "h"—shows up in, of all places, Accomack County, Virginia, in 1636. He is a gunsmith, and he has done some repair work for "Lady Dales" who died leaving an unpaid bill, and George seeks his money from the executor. Nothing more of the gunsmith.

So a John Forth and a George Forth—and an Elias Fort naming his sons Elias, John and George. But still highly speculative.

Mentioned earlier was the fact that some of Elias' descendants evidently pronounced and even wrote the name as "Foort" until about the end of the 18th century. Now we hark back to English passenger lists showing a "Robert Foorte" coming to Virginia sometime between 1663 and 1667. What happened to him or his link, if any, with Elias isn't known.

Another tradition: Elias Fort and his wife Phillis came to Virginia on the ship "George" in 1630. English records show that the ship "George" did indeed make voyages to Virginia in 1617, 1621, 1635 and perhaps in other years. But all these dates seem early for Elias.

There is a frustrating record in the Washington D.C. chapter of the Huguenot Socitey of America. A membership application states that Elias Fort was born about 1631 and that he married Phillis in England in 1660. These statements, which tell more about Elias than any other known source, were based on a "letter from Mrs. Mattie Higgs 417 North Blount Street, Raleigh, N. C." The letter could not be located, and Mrs. Higgs was found to have died. What her sources were could not be determined.

It would be nice, of course, to know if Elias were indeed the emigrant from England since this would provide at least one hard fact in terms of locating his origin there. And while a good many searchers have tried to determine this already, it might be well to look at the possibilities.

In terms of the American records, chances seem remote though not completely impossible. The Accomack records and those of surrounding counties should be looked at. A stronger attempt should be made to find out more about Abraham Fort of Massachusetts, perhaps through a check of Hutchinson records.

Virginia records should be re-scrutinized on the possibility that leads will show up under variant spellings such as Ford, Foort, or even more-distant spellings. The Champion and Poole records should be examined for clues.

Considering how much delving has already taken place among the early American records, though, the odds for success are not good. Of course, someone may turn up in an attic a piece of yellowing paper written by a grandson of Elias, or a scrawled and ancient Bible telling everything about him. The genealogical jackpot will have been hit.

Certain Forts who inhabited Barbados don't appear to be promising

sources for Elias records, but this island did form a way-station for English migrants and the possibility exists.

A better and as yet largely untapped source of information is in the English records. Locations where Forts were known to have been living in the early part of the 17th century would have to be found. Parish records in those places might show a christening or marriage for Elias. Wills might show a father or grandfather in England remembering Elias with a bequest. Contact would need to be made with those who have delved into British records of the family. Even with all this, though, we may have to content ourselves with the notion that the first known Fort was Elias and let it go at that.

Moving to Elias' widow and children, our way is clearer.

Colonial living was such that the widow and widower were impelled to find new marriage partners. Virtually all income came from the land, and planting is not the best of occupations for a single person. The widow needed a worker and manager for her inherited property so she could care for her children. The widower, perhaps left with children, needed both the affection and manual labor of a wife. Three marriages in one person's lifetime were not unusual, and the string occasionally ran to four or even five.

The pressure to marry and re-marry, thrown against the constant shortage of marriageable people in any given vicinity, produced customs aimed at ordering the pairing-off process. For one, Virginia custom took a dim view of a widow past the age of 27 marrying anyone who wasn't himself a widower. For another, marriages to first cousins caused no eyebrow-lifting at all. It's doubtful that the colonials understood the rather small biological hazards in such matings, but if they did the exigencies of existing made them ignore the possibilities.

Phillis Champion Fort therefore looked around for a man after her husband's death and found one—not a cousin, as far as we know—in John Ducie of neighboring Surry County. (While the records seem to give the name as Ducie or Duce, the name more likely was "Dew", a fairly numerous Surry County family.) The marriage took place by 1686. Phillis moved her sons—Elias, John and George—to Surry with her. Whether she had any other children isn't known.

Attempting to fix the birthdates of the three sons must be done by inference rather than fact. Elias was certainly born prior to January 8, 1668, when Joseph Poole left this step-grandson a calf in his will. The boy shows up on Surry's titheables list in 1686 though this tells us only that he was 16 years old or older.

He was certainly 21 or older in March, 1686, when he bought and leased land on Cypress Swamp in Isle of Wight from William Baldwin, partner of his step-father. John Ducie himself made a gift of 100 acres at the same time.

On these facts and the perhaps arguable premise that Joseph would not have left a calf to an infant we might guess Elias' birth to have been 1663-65.

John Fort, another son, appears on the titheable list in Surry in 1694. Had he been the oldest son it seems reasonable to assume that Joseph Poole would have named him rather than Elias; the Virginians held strongly to the rules of English primogeniture until about the beginning of the 19th century.

George Fort, the other son, joined the Surry titheables list much later, in 1698. A court record shows he had married by March 3, 1695, and we know that teen-age marriages were quite rare in colonial times.

Admitting chances for error, we can be fairly sure that Elias was the oldest, John the middle son, and George the youngest. With less certainty we can fix John's birth at about 1665 and George's between 1668 and 1675.

These approximate times square well with the information given in the three sons' respective wills. Elias left at least one grown grandson in 1739. John named no grandsons in 1725, but assuredly most of his children were of age and probably married. George left grown children in 1719 of which at least one was married.

So it was with a family of youthful sons that Phillis moved into John Ducie's home in Surry. But not for long. John made her a widow a second time, dying in Surry in 1691, and Phillis again was made executor of a husband's estate.

Phillis evidently came into property as a result of her second husband's death, for on April 28, 1694 she sold 200 acres of land in Surry to Lawrence Fleming. In return Fleming agreed "to maintain Phillis Ducie with meat, drink, wearing apparel . . . during her natural life, she to do such woman's work as reasonable and that she is able to perform." It is barely possible that Fleming was a brother-in-law or son-in-law of Phillis since the agreement has an undertone of charitable affection in it, a suggestion reinforced by Fleming's 1710 will in which he left a riding horse named "Sparkey" to either Phillis herself or, more likely, to her granddaughter Phillis. Whether Phillis married again after Ducie's death, and where and when she died are unanswered questions.

Elias, the oldest boy, acquired land along Cypress Swamp in Surry County, a creek still in existence and probably not far from Ducie's lands in Surry. Later he apparently picked up larger holdings in the Three Creeks area of Surry, a section that now lies in the northern portion of Southampton County, Virginia, and spreads over into Sussex County. Some of his descendants held these family lands well into the 1800's, while getting other acreages in what is now Brunswick County. Elias appears to have held land in Isle of Wight County, also.

Later generations in this branch moved into North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, and Illinois, to name only those states most closely associated with the group.

As was probably the case with his brothers, Elias was a planter. He presumably raised tobacco and carried on farming operations of other kinds while growing foodstuffs for his family. Neither he nor his kin ever acquired the huge plantations which on proprietary or royal grant were given to a handful of patrician families such as the Fairfaxes. But he moved up several notches in the prosperity scale.

Judging from the ages of his family as inferred from his will and other documents, Elias married about 1685-90. The girl's name was Sarah. We do not know her maiden name.

Because Elias named a son Holliday, and because the Holliday family was

prominent in Isle of Wight, some researchers have speculated that Sarah came from this family. Zella Armstrong's book "Notable Southern Families", Vol. 2, has a chapter on the Holliday family; she notes that Anthony Holliday, son of Thomas Holliday, had a daughter Sarah; her age might be right for a marriage to Elias. However, Isle of Wight records show that Sarah, daughter of Anthony, married William Murphrey in 1718, which apparently makes that idea untenable.

Another speculation has it that Elias married a Sarah Battle, of a family closely associated with the Forts in later times. The two families seem to have lived close together in Surry. But no proof exists.

Whatever her name she bore Elias a large family of children and managed to survive him when he died, after making his will in Surry in early 1739.

Howard Askew, a family searcher, took delight in noting that Elias was not the most generous of men when it came to remembering his wife in his will. The will reads in part:

"I give unto my wife Sarah ffort all the goods and chattles she was possessed of before I marreyed Except the best bed that was hers. It is my meaning that she shall have all the goods she was possessed of before her Marriage all I say that are now in being except the abovesaid bed." The bed was given to a son.

Askew pointed out that the old fellow, having had Sarah as his wife for 40 years or so, left her only the things she had brought with her on marriage and even excluded the best bed!

There is a slight possibility that Sarah married again, for on April 29, 1739, Thomas Johnson "and Sarah his wife of Isle of Wight" conveyed to Holliday Fort, a son of Elias, "all that plantation whereon said Holliday Fort now lives . . . on the north side of Hornet Swamp." No will for Sarah Fort has been found.

John Fort, the second of the brothers, married Elizabeth Jordan, daughter of Richard Jordan of Surry County, about 1685-90. She was named in Richard's will dated September 24, 1695, receiving "one breeding sow."

John acquired land along Johnchecohunk Swamp and along Wildcat Branch, streams in what was then Surry County. He may also have held lands elsewhere.

John made his will in Surry County on October 21, 1724 and died sometime in late 1724 or early 1725, probably the latter. He left a number of mature children but also had two sons who were under-age at the time he made his will. Elizabeth died about 1743.

All or virtually all of John's children migrated to North Carolina, settling in what is now the Johnston-Wilson-Lenoir counties and in the nearer Halifax County. Their descendants in turn moved into South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and Texas, to name the states receiving the bulk of them.

George Fort, the youngest son, was hauled before a court in Surry in 1694 on a charge of "killing a wild hogg contrary to law". A disproportionate number of the early records seem to connect our ancestors with pigs! At this distance in time it's hard to understand how a fine could result from killing

a wild hog; we might guess that it was not so much the slaying as doing the killing on a Sabbath.

Only a year later, in 1695, George was back in court again. This time the action involved his wife, whose name we get from the decision in the case. The final order of the court reads:

"George Fort as marrying Eliza Accabe Duckwood having caused William Foreman to be arrested to this Court sett forth yt she as aforesaid did agree to dwell with the sd Foreman from ye first of March to ye last of obr (October) last year for four hundred pounds of tobo for which he prayed judgment with costs, to which the Defendt pleaded there was no agreement made, a Jury was therefore sworn to try the same Vizt Ellis John Procter, Wm Killingsworth, Philip Burrough Jno ffrenly Edwd Cooksy Austin Hunnicut Roger Nichols James Jordan Jno Greene Thos Baggs & William Alsoe returned for vrdt we find for the plaintiff four hundred pounds of tobo upon plaintiffs motion the Jurys vrdt is confirmed and ye said Foreman ordered to pay the said four hundred pounds of tobo . . ."

Now on modern reading it would appear that Elizabeth—Eliza was a short form—agreed to take up illicit housekeeping with William Foreman in return for 400 pounds of tobacco. But we can be sure no jury in those church-bound days would have found for her had that been the case. More likely they would have branded her and driven her out of town.

Rather, Elizabeth seems to have signed on to do housekeeping for Foreman but found Foreman welching on payment. George Fort apparently married her during or after this period—placing the marriage at about 1694—and brought suit on her behalf.

George acquired land in present-day Southampton County (then Surry) in an area bounded by Round Hill Swamp and Blackwater Swamp. But in 1715 or 1716 he put his Round Hill property in the care of his son Elias (and possibly his son George) and moved to Albemarle Parish of North Carolina in what was then called "Chowan Precinct", apparently taking the rest of his family with him. The move covered not more than 50 miles, its end point being probably in what is now Gates, Hertford or Northampton counties. He seems to have settled along the north bank of the Meherrin River, but also to have made a land entry on Great Creek, a waterway later called "Deep Creek" that flows into the Roanoke River from the northern part of present-day Halifax County.

George made his will in Chowan Precinct, Albemarle Parish, on May 15, 1719 and died not much later in that same year. His wife and a number of grown children, including a married daughter, survived him. When and where Elizabeth, his widow, died is not known.

George's will is the earliest surviving testament by a member of the family. Its quaint opening, while not uncommon in its form, tells us something of the man and his times:

"I George ffort of the County of Albemarl in north Carolinah although sick and weak in body yett in perfect mind and memory thanks be given to Almighty God but knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of time I make and ordain this last will and testament . . . I committ my Soul into

the hands of Almighty God my maker trusting through the merits of Christ my savior to be made partaker of Everlasting Life and my body to the Earth to be buried . . ."

George Fort's children—those who are identified—lived chiefly in Edgecombe County, North Carolina; their descendants spread into Wayne and Robeson counties in North Carolina, also into Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas among other states.

Elias the father, Phillis the mother, and the sons Elias, John and George started this American family. They were poor at first, but the sons began to acquire land. They grew tobacco and cattle, fed pigs. They were illiterate. They needed and wanted strong sons and they got them yet their wills and deeds use the phrase "my loving son" or "my beloved son". They were obscure people among obscure people. Yet, in ways they may have dreamed of but did not hand down in written form, they helped make the young America.

Authors' Notes

Elias Fort References. The first record, dealing with his jury service, is in Isle of Wight County, Book 1, Page 548, dated October 1667. Joseph Poole's will, which throws light on the Champion connection, is in the same county, Book 2, Page 65, dated January 8, 1668; it mentions Elias Fort (II). The mention of Elias' "orphans" is in Isle of Wight, Book 2, Page 46.

Elizabeth Jordan Fort. See the will of Richard Jordan, dated September 24, 1695, recorded November, 1699 in Surry County Will Book 5, Page 183.

Lands of George Fort. Because of difficulties in correctly identifying George Fort's children strong attempts were made to locate the plantation he willed to his son Benjamin; this plantation was the one whereon George himself was living in 1719 when he made his will. Bertie County, North Carolina deeds in 1721 show Benjamin buying land on the Meherrin River; these may have been adjacent to his inherited property or perhaps across from it. The best guess is that the land was in the vicinity of what is now Severn, North Carolina. Checks of many counties turned up no records on Benjamin after 1721. The only county in the Meherrin area whose records have been destroyed is Hertford, and this fact may explain the absence of further Benjamin Fort references.

Elizabeth Accabe Duckwood. Some have speculated that the girl was an Indian, presumably because of the middle name. But spelling was much too loose for such an assumption. A better guess is that her maiden name was "Ackaby" or some such and that she had an earlier marriage to a man named Duckwood. The mention of her name and the suit is in Surry County Court Orders, 1691-1713, Page 152.

Immigration Traditions. The Elias-Arthur-Moses story is in Kate Haynes Fort's "Memoirs of the Fort-Fannin Family", published in Chattanooga about 1890. It is comparatively rare but can be found in some of the better genealogical collections, including the New York Public Library's. The book mentions the connection between the Forts and the Fannin family which produced Colonel James Fannin of Texas Revolution fame. The story of the

arrival on the "George" is from John Boddie's "Southside Virginia Families", Volume 1, now available from the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore in reprint form. Boddie's chapter on the early Forts came largely from Lewis Fort of Whitehaven, Tennessee, a portion of whose papers was made available to the authors of this book. Voyages of the "George" are listed in Boddie's "Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County". Robert Foorte's migration is in "Bristol and America", which lists emigrants leaving from that English port.

Early Tax Information. Taken from Virginia Historical Magazine, Volume 29, Page 18.

John Fort's Will. Located in Surry County, Will Book 7, Page 632.

George Fort's Will. Copies can be obtained from the North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, Volume 10 of North Carolina Wills.

Elias Fort's Will. The will of the younger Elias was made September 20, 1732 in Surry County. His executor paid burial expenses for his widow in 1743 (Will Book 3, Page 469).

English and European Forts

While the specific origins of Elias Fort are not as yet identified, people named Fort have shown up in records and traditions for hundreds of years. Among the hard-bitten Norman knights who followed William the Conqueror to England, is supposed to have been Sir Richard le Fort. (The Battle Abbey Roll, an early list of the invading families, contains a reference to this man.)

One of those too-good-to-be-true stories has it that Sir Richard threw his shield over William to protect him against a threatening sword and so was given the longer name "Fortescue" or "Strongshield."

There are definite records of a William le Fort in Lincolnshire in 1273, of Sampson le Fort in Bedfordshire about the same time, and of Richard and John le Fort in Somersetshire about 1327.

The Genealogical Society of London has on its shelves a book dealing with the history of Clayton-le-Moors, a village in Lancastershire. It shows a number of court minutes dealing with Forts in the period 1500-1515. They were being arrested for grazing cattle on the King's land, or over-grazing the common, or—in one case—for having a fight on a bridge.

Burke's "Landed Gentry" in the editions after 1900 mentions what presumably is this same Lancastershire family. It says the family was originally of Flemish origin and that its members migrated to the Netherlands during the persecutions of the Duke of Alva under Philip II of Spain. At that time Queen Elizabeth opened all English ports to these Protestant refugees, and many went to England and Ireland. In England the family settled in Lancastershire. The name was originally "Fordt" in Flanders and Holland. After settlement in Lancastershire, the family acquired the estates of Hard, Sedgley Park, and Read Hall in that county. So says Burke.

In 1966 Richard T. Fort of Twyford, Berkshire, wrote in a letter: "My grandfather did some research on the origins of the Fort family, and the oldest Fort he could discover was Lawrence Fort of Hard, Lancastershire, who was born about 1685. He was clearly some sort of yeoman farmer . . . I believe there are also other Forts in Wiltshire . . . My grandfather's researches were rather thorough . . ."

The Lancastershire family developed improvements in the making and decoration of textiles, according to the Clayton-le-Moors book. This same family was granted arms in 1623; they feature a castle with two towers, a bee, two birds, and a lion holding a cross.

One of the European authorities on heraldry—Rietstap's "Armorial General", in French—lists and describes arms granted to a Fort family in Provence, two families in Normandy, one in Brittany, and others.

It seems reasonably clear that one or more Fort families were in England before the Protestant persecutions by the Duke of Alva, who was made Governor of the Netherlands in 1567 and who began the persecutions at about that time. Their presence may go back to William the Conqueror or may not. However, other families of the same name evidently came from France or the Low Countries to England when the persecutions reached their height in the latter part of the 16th century.

Lt. Col. James Fort Rast in 1962 spent twelve days in London attempting to find a clue to the origins of Elias Fort. He visited the Public Record Office,

the Royal Society of Genealogists Library, and the Library of the Huguenot Society of London. He found the original log and passenger lists of the "Bristol", a ship associated with one of the Elias traditions, but found no Fort mentioned in it.

Lt. Col. Rast also found arms for a Fort family in Somersetshire and in Barbados, as well as for the Lancastershire group. His research showed that the Lancastershire family had been in that county long before the Protestant persecutions to which Burke referred; he found, too, that the "castle-bee-lion" arms combine the features of a Flemish set, registered in Spain, and a Norman set.

He was given a family tradition by a retired "Colonel Fort" who said the family were Flemish Protestants who fled to London in the 1500's and produced calico in an area near Eastgate, where there is still a Fort Street; it was a center of the weavers' trade.

Lt. Col. Rast also found a number of isolated references:

"The Names of Straungers in the Tower Warde of London at Easter, 1567 . . . John Forte (Duchman, no denizen) . . ." This from the Cecil manuscripts.

"The names of Straungers in the Cordewaynerstrete Ward, St. Antolius Paryshe, 1568 . . . John Forte and Nicholas Larse, Frenchmen . . . thei goes to the Frenche Churche . . ." From the Cecil manuscripts.

"Mr. Arthur Forthe of London a student at Cambridge, successfully sued by his landlord for back rent and destruction of property." This is a 1580 reference, and it was noted that the name was spelled "Forthe" in five places, "Fort" in six places, and "Forte" in three places. From the Court of Requests (22d Eliz.).

The Cecil manuscripts also showed a "Wedowe" (widow) Forte in "Candleweeke Street, 1583" (London).

Dolan Forte of Charleston obtained from the South Carolina Huguenot Society library more information on the London group. The information covers various entries running from 1568, when Nicholas de Le Fortrye and wife of Stile, Flanders registered in Tower Ward, London. Nicholas apparently had come to England at least three years earlier, bringing with him his wife and five children: John, Nicholas, Samuel, Daniell, Margaret. Among the names in successive years, and with the original spelling: Nicholas de Forte and wife Anne, Margaret de Fortree, John Fortree, James Le Fort, Anna Fortrie. The last entry in the series is dated 1625.

In addition to the Tower Ward entries, there are records on Bernard Le Forte of Duke's Place, London (1599), on John Fortrie and Samuel Fortrie of Bridge Ward, London (1611), and of Essaye Seguelen and of Mary Fort Seguelen in the French Church on Threadneedle Street, dated January 30, 1647. Interestingly, the Seguelen name shows up in American Fort records.

Lt. Col. Rast also spent time in La Rochelle, the city so closely associated with the Protestant movement in France. He visited the library and the Archive du Department de Charente Maritime. The Archive contains most of the ship lists for 1600-1710 for the ports of La Rochelle and Bruges through which large numbers of the Huguenot refugees moved. He found only one Fort emigrant—Jacques du Fort, who went to South Carolina in 1692.

He noted in his research the "patrician Forts" of Geneva who produced

many notables, including a general/admiral for Peter the Great. But nothing told him of Elias Fort—though he did find a modern-day "Elias Fort" living in La Rochelle.

There is a major collection of Dutch Protestant records in the Bibliotheque Wallone at Leyden in the Netherlands. Pasteur Charensol, writing on January 23, 1967, said: "No information can be found in our files about an Elias Fort. The name Fort or Foort is connected with a Huguenot family, but (I found) no sign of Bruges, Flanders, or England and Virginia (in connection with the family) . . ."

Another Fort searcher who tried unsuccessfully to tie down the European origins was Jerome H. Fort of Oneida, New York, descendant from an entirely different Fort family (see Appendix—Other Fort Families in America).

Now dead, Jerome Fort found a number of Fort references in "Repertoire des Sources Historiques du Moyen Age" by Ulysee Chevalier. It listed, among others:

1. St. Fort, the first bishop of Bordeaux and a martyr.
2. Jean Fort de Valence, a Carthusian friar, who died May 14, 1464.
3. Pierre Fort of Barcelona, a copyist, 1455.

He noted elsewhere a Daniel Guion LeFort who received communion in the church at Southampton, England on October 3, 1574—"among those who had escaped from France for the cause of religion."

Mr. Fort then wrote: "Three separate families of Fort are in England today (1922), all of whom are descendants of French refugees. Probably the most ancient is that around South Petherton and Curry Rivell in Somersetshire; their records go back to 1570 with certainty." He then described the Lancastershire group, previously mentioned, then went on: "The third family in England was represented, the last I knew, by George Monkhouse Fort, Alderbury House, Salisbury, Wiltshire, but I have been unable to secure further information about his branch."

All of these tidbits of information still leave us asking about Elias and his immediate ancestors.

Beginning at the time of Henry VIII, the church parishes in England became the official collectors and registrars of vital information: christenings, marriages, deaths and so on. They continued as such until the 19th century. Only a portion of the parish records have been published, and only a portion have been indexed. And they do not include "dissenters" such as Quakers and others who did not belong to the Church of England.

Even so, the published parish records of England for the year 1601, which begins to approach Elias in time, show Forts living in these parishes:

1. Cropthorne Parish, Worcestershire.
2. Bolton by Bolland Parish, Yorkshire.
3. Lezant Parish, Cornwall.
4. Northover Parish, Somersetshire.

This listing prompted a check of the parish records available in the New York Public Library.

The Cropthorne records covered marriages, christenings, and burials. A "John ffort" burial record appears in 1557. Anna, wife of another "John ffort", was buried December 22, 1643. "Anne ffoort"—note the spelling as

against the same in North Carolina records—was born November 1, 1641. The entries run to about 1720 with the most common names being George, John, Israel, Nicholas, Thomas, Anna, Agnes, and Edward.

The Bolton parish records also covered marriages, christenings and burials. The first entry is for a James Fort in 1562-64. A check through 1645 yielded a number of Fort entries with the most common names being Henry, William, John, and Helen. The spellings used were Fort, Fortt and Forte.

Lezant Parish records covered only marriages with Forte being the spelling used in all entries. Among the given names the most common were Richard, Alice, and John. Two marriages were of the Elias or pre-Elias period: John Forte and Elizabeth Veale on November 10, 1594, and Henry Forte and Anne Cundre on October 31, 1625.

The Lezant records also covered people named Spear, Jordan, Drew, and Whitaker—names associated with the Fort family in Virginia and North Carolina. This may well be pure coincidence.

Only marriage records were available from Northover Parish. Only one of the appropriate period appeared: Henry Young and Alice Forte on October 11, 1601.

None of these—which admittedly were incomplete for two parishes—showed an Elias Fort, Abraham Fort, John Forth, George Forth, or other American Fort name.

Summing up, there were people named Fort in England as early as the 13th and 14th centuries and possibly earlier. They were joined later by Huguenot refugees of the same name. By 1600 they were dispersed in a number of English counties including Lancastershire, Somersetshire, and Wiltshire; there were a number in London itself. Other counties where Forts are known or believed to have lived: Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Cornwall, Devonshire, and Gloucestershire.

The problem is to find among all the Forts "over there" the Elias Fort or his parents who were over here.

SECTION I

Descendants of

Elias Fort

A Son of Elias Fort of Virginia

Chart 1-1

Elias Fort (II) and Sarah

ELIAS FORT (II), son of Elias and Phillis Fort, lived in Surry County, Va., where he married a woman named Sarah. The couple had these children:

1) ELIAS FORT (III) married Elizabeth Sugars, daughter of John Sugars of Surry. Elias died intestate in 1724, probably in young manhood, leaving his wife and one known child: a son named John. His widow, named as administrator of his estate, married a Mr. Bynum by July 21, 1725, when she rendered an accounting. Elizabeth died in Southampton County, Va., in 1773, after the death of her son John. Her will shows five children by her second husband: William, Benjamin, and Michael Bynum, and Abigail Williamson and Colia (Celia?) Bryant. Elizabeth also had another daughter, dead by 1771, by either her first or second husband. This daughter married a Mr. Whitehead and had Colin, Temperance, and Priscilla Whitehead. Abigail had a son: Robert Mickelberry Williamson, born by 1778. Elizabeth's will also shows these other grandchildren: Cardall Norfleet Bynum, Ben Bynum, Milley Bynum. (See Chart 1-2)
2) JOHN FORT was born in Surry County sometime before 1706 and married Rebecca (Page?). A planter of substance, he lived in the Three Creeks-Hornet Swamp area of present-day Southampton County (then Isle of Wight). He also acquired lands from the Nottaway Indians on Buckhorn Swamp in the southern part of Southampton. John died testate in this same county January-March 1753. His wife Rebecca died testate in Southampton County in 1767. (See Chart 1-3)
3) HOLLIDAY FORT was born in Surry County 1708 or earlier. His first marriage was to Mary Ann Flake about 1737-39. After her death he married Lucretia Mason; this was about 1761. Holliday lived most of his life in a part of Surry County which was cut off to form Sussex County, Va., and died in Sussex in 1773. He had six children by his first wife and nine by his second. After Holliday's death Lucretia married George Marsh; she died sometime prior to December 7, 1774. (See Chart 1-4)
4) PHILLIS FORT, who was born no later than 1712 in Surry County, married John Pennington in 1730 or earlier. John Pennington is thought to have been the son of Thomas Pennington who died in Surry in 1727. John himself died May-June, 1766 in Sussex County with Phillis surviving him. (See Chart 1-5)
5) FAITH FORT was born no later than 1712 in Surry County and married John King. The latter died in Surry in 1737, leaving his wife and three orphans whose names are not known. One of the latter may have been Andrew King who died in 1766 in Surry; he and his wife—also named Faith—are known to have had twin sons named James and John, born Feb. 23, 1752.

6) MARY FORT was born no later than 1712 in Surry. She married John Foster, a son of Christopher Foster and Elizabeth Barker. John died 1736 in Isle of Wight County. The children of John and Mary Foster, as given in his will, were: Christopher, John, Arthur, Elizabeth, Faith, Mary, Lucy, and Sarah Foster. By December, 1760 Mary married a second time, to a Mr. Pennington.

7) ALICE FORT, born no later than 1712 in Surry, married Christopher Foster, another son of Christopher Foster and Elizabeth Barker. Christopher (II) was born about 1705 in Surry, but in 1749 acquired substantial lands in Isle of Wight. He married Alice sometime before 1728. Christopher died testate in Southampton County prior to March 12, 1767. His widow died in the same county 1772-73. They had these children:
   a) JOHN FOSTER.
   b) ELIAS FOSTER, who died sometime before Feb. 12, 1761 leaving a son named Richard who was still under-age in 1766.
   c) MOSES FOSTER, born no later than 1745.
   d) NEWIT FOSTER, a son, born no later than 1745, who died in 1767. He married and left one daughter: Dolly Foster.
   e) AMY FOSTER.
   f) A daughter (name unknown) who married John Westbrook, son of John Westbrook (probably of Henrico County, Va.) The marriage took place by 1747, probably in Isle of Wight County. To this marriage were born William Westbrook, about 1748; John Westbrook, about 1750; Moses Westbrook, about 1752; James Westbrook, about 1754; and Elias Westbrook, about 1756. After John's first wife died about 1756, he married Honour Gray and had Gray Westbrook, born about 1758, and Burwell Westbrook, born about 1760. Descendants of the Westbrook-Fort marriage went to Sampson and Warren counties, N.C., and later into Alabama, Georgia, and other states.

About The Family

The various sons of Elias Fort (II), having shared in their father's fairly substantial holdings, moved quite aggressively to acquire additional properties. They held lands not only in Surry but also in Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Sussex — and, in the case of John Fort — acquired a tract across the North Carolina border in Edgecombe County.

Judging from deed records, John was especially enterprising in building his land possessions. He acquired at different times a total of 450 acres in the Three Creeks area of Southampton. And in 1745 he picked up 445 acres "at the edge of the Low Grounds of the West Prong of Buckhorn Swamp". This land was physically separated from his other property by a number of miles, but it was not uncommon for planters to make the circuit of separated properties on horseback, checking on the efficiency of overseers who carried on operations at each place.

The 445-acre acquisition was from the Nottaway Indians, and the deed hints at the colonials' encroachment on their preserves:

"Whereas by an Act of the Geneal Assembly made at a Session lately held at Williamsburg in the 18th year of the reign of our Lord George the Second of Great Britain instituted an act to enable the Nottoway and Nansemond Indians to sell certain lands, it is . . . enacted that the Chief Men are empowered to sell 5,000 acres with the consent (of the trustees) . . . said Chief Men . . . and said Trustees hereby convey to John Fort 445 acres. . ." The deed gives the names of the chiefs: Waynoak Robin, Frank, Roger, Sam, Cherino, Tom, Doctor Tom Watt, Cockrous Tom, Sciper, Jack Will, John Turner.

John apparently owned other lands in addition to these.

Holliday Fort seems to hold the all-time family record for begetting children. Furthermore, when he was at least 60 and possibly 65 or so he was still begetting. On August 25, 1770 he deeded a negro boy named Nathan to his "little child just born but not yet baptized called Mason".

His children by his two wives are distinguished clearly in two sequences of deeds. On April 19, 1764 he made gifts of slaves to the children of his first wife. And a few years later, on the same day he remembered little Mason, he gave more slaves to his children by Lucy Mason. A total of 20 slaves were involved in the various gifts, which at that early time showed a fair amount of wealth.

For some reason neither deed sequence mentions his son Robert Fort, who was underage in 1762. Robert is mentioned, however, in Holliday's will. The will names his wife "Lucrecy" and his son Elias (put in the keeping of Jones Cornett and given 150 acres). The rest of the estate was ordered sold, the money to be split among Robert, Flake, Florina, Faithy, Franky, Phillis, Lena, and Mason — all probably minor or unmarried at the time.

John Fort, the son of Elias Fort (III) and Elizabeth Sugars, migrated quite early to what is now Northampton County, N.C., then to Halifax County. While in the latter county he gave thought to his mother, Elizabeth Sugars Fort Bynum, and so on Nov. 28, 1761 made a deed:

"I John Fort of Hallefax County of the Province of N.C. . . for and in consideration of the good will and affection I have and do bear to my mother Elizabeth Bynum of Southampton County in Virginia . . . grant . . . unto the said Elizabeth Bynum 11 negroes . . ." It was a handsome gift, amounting in value to several thousands of non-inflated dollars.

Ironically, though, John of Halifax got into financial difficulties not long thereafter and when he died in 1770 left his children virtually landless. That story is told later.

Authors' Notes

Elizabeth Sugars. She is identified as Elizabeth Bynum in the will of her father, John Sugars, in Isle of Wight Great Book, Page 45. She is shown as the widow and administrator of the estate of Elias (III) in Surry. Further proof is in the appearance of a "Sugars Fort" among descendants from her son John.

Sons-in-Law of Elias (II). Phillis Pennington was named in her father's 1732 will. Also named: Alice, wife of Christopher Foster; Mary Foster; and Faith King. John Pennington's 1765 will named his wife Phillis. Identity of Faith's husband is established in Surry County's Orphans Accounts, 1744-62, Pgs. 76-78.

John Fort's Gift of Slaves. The deed is in Southampton County, Deed Book 3, Pg. 129. It is vital in sorting out the numerous John Forts in Edgecombe and Halifax counties, N.C. In Elias' 1732 will he left to his grandson John land on "Johnchehawken Swamp where William Fitchett now lives". This land was in mid-Isle of Wight County and had been acquired July 3, 1705 from Elias' brother John. The grandson sold the inherited property June 13, 1742 (Surry County Deeds, 1741-46, Pg. 29); the deed reads in part: "John Fort of the County of Northampton . . . North Carolina . . . to Joseph King of Surry. . . 150 acres. . . north side of Chansehanken Swamp. . . Bounded by . . . William Fitchett". By 1752 John was living in Halifax County (then Edgecombe) and buying land on Johnson's Mill Swamp. The descent of this land, which is mentioned in a later discussion, definitely identifies him as the John Fort who died 1770 in Edgecombe County.

Identity of John's Wives. John Fort, grandson of Elias (II), borrowed money from James Smith in August, 1762 and put up several tracts of land as security. This land is identified in the Halifax law suit of Nov. 5, 1804, in which John's heirs sued for permission to redeem the land some 41 years after John borrowed the 150 pounds he needed from Smith. Tracing the acquisition of the land tracts involved, the authors found in Edgecombe County Minutes, February, 1758 Olive Fort, wife of John Fort, relinquishing her rights in a tract related to one of the law suit lands. In November, 1770 Edgecombe Court Minutes show Agnes, wife of John Fort, asking for administration of his estate. She was unable to post the necessary security and was refused.

The Page Connection. Apparently there was some sort of connection between William Page, who made his will in Isle of Wight Oct. 10, 1746 (Will Book 5, Pg. 49) and John and Rebecca Fort. William left his granddaughter Mary Page one shilling. The rest of the estate went to his wife Ann and, after her death, to "Betty Fort, to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her own body. And if she dies without heirs, then to Joshua Fort and to his heirs forever. I make John and Rebecca Fort my executors." Betty and Joshua were two of John Fort's children, but he had a number of others. Rebecca may have been a Page.

Miscellaneous References. The will of John Fort, son of Elias (II), is in Southampton, Will Book 1, Pg. 105. Elizabeth Bynum's will is in Southampton, Will Book 3, Pg. 64. The will of Holliday Fort is in Sussex County, Will Book C, Part 1, Pg. 82. John Pennington's will is in Sussex, Will Book B, Pg. 78. Christopher Foster's will is in Southampton, Will Book 2, Pg. 191. Identification of Lucretia Mason Fort's second husband is in Sussex, Deed Book E, Pg. 278 — George Marsh to Thomas Barham.

Descent from John Westbrook. Blair Jones, P. O. Box 485, Pell City, Alabama, published in September, 1967, a well-documented genealogy giving the descendants of John Westbrook and his wife, the daughter of Christopher

and Alice Fort Foster. Titled "Westbrook and Allied Families", this mimeographed book also contains chapters on the Foster, Barker, Fort, Sandefur, Lambert, and Hanson families. The Fort chapter contains errors which Mr. Jones hoped to correct in a later edition. The Westbrook material appears to be accurate and quite complete. Mr. Jones' work provides a valuable supplement to the available Fort material.

Mary Fort's Second Marriage. Southampton County's Chancery Court Records, 1773-1852, include documents on a suit "Jackson versus Fort", apparently at issue in December, 1760 (and perhaps misfiled). A deposition by Mary Pennington shows her as the daughter of Elias Fort (II).

Chart 1-2 (from Chart 1-1)

Elias Fort (III) and Elizabeth Sugars

JOHN FORT, only known child of Elias and Elizabeth Fort, was a minor at the time of his father's death in Surry in 1724. By 1741 John had taken up residence in Northampton County, N.C. and by 1749 in Edgecombe County, N.C. The bulk of his lands were in Northampton and in present-day Halifax County; he was living in Edgecombe, however, at the time of his death. He married twice, the first time to a woman whose first name was Olive and who died between 1758 and 1770. His second marriage was to a woman named Agnes, who survived him. John Fort died intestate in Edgecombe County in 1770, probably in October or November. His wife Agnes asked for administration of his estate, but she was unable to provide the necessary security, so administration was granted to a friend, Henry Irwin, with additional security provided by Joseph Moore and James Hall. Nothing further is known of either of John's wives. His children were:

1) DRURY FORT, who was born 1747 or earlier and who married a girl named Ann. Drury Fort died March, 1777, probably in Halifax County, leaving three sons, all of whom died comparatively young and left no children:
   a) WILLIAM FORT, born 1768, died 1790.
   b) JOHN FORT, born 1774, died 1799.
   c) DRURY FORT, JR., born 1777, died 1800.
2) JOHN FORT, JR., about whom little is known. He died testate in Halifax County Nov. 29, 1802, leaving five children:
   a) ELIZABETH FORT, born Jan. 1, 1787. She married John Branch April 2, 1803 and died Jan. 19, 1851 near Tallahassee, Fla. (See Chart 1-6)
   b) ELIAS FORT, born before 1781 and not further identified.
   c) JAMES FORT, who may have married Margaret Randolph and who is not further identified.
   d) ROBERT FORT, about whom nothing is known.
   e) JOHN FORT, about whom nothing is known.
3) ELIAS FORT, who married Ann Ricks and who died testate in Halifax County, N.C. in 1812. He left six children:

a) RICKS FORT, born before 1791. He married 1) Patricia Coffield and 2) Mary Bradley, the first wedding occurring in 1823 and the second in 1827. Ricks Fort died intestate about 1833 in Halifax County, leaving seven children. (See Chart 1-7)
b) MARTHA (PATSY) FORT, married William Felton of Halifax County prior to 1820.
c) HILLIARD FORT, born before 1791, did not marry. He died in 1831 in Northampton County, N.C.
d) ELIAS FORT, JR., born before 1789, was living in Halifax County in 1820.
e) ISAAC FORT, born after 1799 and who (tentatively) married Martha E. Fort of Southampton County, Va., in 1825.
f) ANN FORT, not married in 1820, was then living in Halifax County.

4) OLIVE FORT, who married Isaac Ricks and who had at least four children and possibly others:
a) PHERABY RICKS, who married Robert G. Newsome in Halifax County, N.C. This couple later lived in Maury County, Tenn.
b) MARY B. RICKS, who married her cousin, Munroe Fort, son of her uncle, Sugars Fort.
c) CHARLOTTE RICKS, who married West Harris.
d) ABRAM RICKS, who married his cousin, Charlotte Bryan Fort. (See Chart 1-8)

5) ELIZABETH FORT, who married Shadrach Rutland. Rutland died 1796-97 in Halifax County. They had these children (tentatively):
a) SALLY RUTLAND, who married a Mr. Whitaker.
b) ELIZABETH RUTLAND, who married a Mr. Slatter.
c) MARY RUTLAND, who married a Mr. Wiggins.
d) SHADRACH RUTLAND, JR.

6) SUGARS FORT, who married Charlotte Bryan and evidently lived all or most of his life in Northampton County, N.C., dying there intestate in 1800. They are known to have had at least three children:
a) ELIZABETH FORT, who married John E. Wood of Northampton County.
b) CHARLOTTE BRYAN FORT, who married her cousin, Abram Ricks; he was a son of Isaac and Olive Ricks. (See Chart 1-8)
c) MUNROE FORT, who married his cousin, Mary B. Ricks. Their descent, if any, is not known.

7) PHERABY FORT, who married Robert Hilliard 1774 or earlier; he was the son of John Hilliard and Mary (Bridger?) and died in 1778 in Northampton County. She married second William Bridgers. She died in 1790, her husband then marrying again and having a son, Willis Bridgers. By her two husbands Pheraby had five known children:
a) MARY HILLIARD, who died in West Feliciana Parish, La.
b) PHERABY (FERREBEE) HILLIARD, born Feb. 10, 1775, Halifax County. She married William Barrow, Jr., son of Wil-

liam Barrow and Olivia Ruffin, June 26, 1792, and the couple moved to St. Francisville, La., probably about 1797 or 1798 and possibly after a stopover in Tennessee. They were accompanied on the move by Fort and Barrow cousins who also lived in Halifax and Edgecombe Counties (refer to Section 2). Pheraby died 1827. William Barrow, born 1765, died in 1823. (See Chart 1-9)

c) MARTHA (PATSY) HILLIARD, married Norfleet Harris 1790, had one child who died young, and herself died shortly thereafter.

d) WILLIAM BRIDGERS, about whom nothing more is known.

e) TURNER BRIDGERS, who did not marry and who died in the spring of 1804.

About The Family

One of the most revealing documents in the family's history is the lawsuit filed November 5, 1804 in Halifax County Court, and which is on file at the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History (Halifax Court Minutes, DCR 5.002, Pg. 169).

The suit came about as a result of a land transaction many years earlier. John Fort, who had died intestate in 1770, had become strapped for money in 1762, even though he had large holdings in Halifax County. Accordingly, he borrowed 150 pounds from a neighbor, James Smith, on August 24 of that year, putting up three tracts of land for security. This land had been granted to John in 1751, 1759 and 1760.

The loan came due July 29, 1769 — and wasn't paid. A few months later John died. Astute businessman that he was — or hard-nosed, depending on your point of view — Smith took formal possession of the three tracts. Three years later, in 1773, John's son Drury offered payment in full plus accrued interest, and got a flat turndown on return of the land.

"Soon after", the complaint reads, "in 1775 the late war commenced and the said Drury was prevented by the circumstances from instituting a suit in Equity. . ." Dry legal words in such fashion blanket that era of Tory raids, night burnings, soldiers marching off for a few months' service then returning to their crops, of patriotic speeches, men of government leaving their duties in order to join the hastily recruited troops of this colonel or that.

Drury, probably the oldest son, died in 1777, his suit still unfiled. His three sons, William, John and Drury, grew up in what the complaint called "very indigent circumstances", meaning they were desperately poor and had no money for suit filings or much of anything. Their failure to marry and early deaths hint at their desperate circumstances.

Finally, in 1804 the heirs of John who died in 1770 filed suit against Smith and Marmaduke Norfleet, to whom Smith had sold some of the land. Smith claimed that the land was worth nothing like the amount sued for, but even so the court ordered that he and Norfleet pay the plaintiffs $3,500 by January 1, 1805 — in those uninflated days a small fortune.

Genealogically the lawsuit is important because the complaint sets out the relationships among heirs; these are reflected in the chart.

Elizabeth Fort married Colonel John Branch, a wealthy planter and politician, and climbed into the higher reaches of North Carolinian and Washington society with him. Branch was born November 4, 1782, the son of John and Mary Bradford Branch. His career took him three time to the governorship of the state, then to Washington as U. S. Senator. Then Andrew Jackson made him Secretary of the Navy.

What happened then is history. The "Eaton Affair" broke. Peggy O'Neale, married daughter of a tavern keeper in Georgetown, supposedly became the mistress of Senator John H. Eaton of Tennessee. When her husband died (or killed himself) in 1829, Jackson practically ordered Eaton to marry Peggy — and then made Eaton his War Secretary.

John Branch was an Eaton supporter, but the cabinet wives for the most part black-balled Peggy. This so angered Jackson that cabinet meetings were disrupted. At one meeting the entire agenda was the vivacious Peggy, whom Jackson called "as chaste as a virgin". Henry Clay, who heard of the incident, quipped: "Age cannot wither nor time stale her infinite virginity!"

Jackson ultimately had to clean out his cabinet as a result of the Eaton friction, but he offered John Branch the territorial governorship of Florida. Branch accepted, and still later became acting governor of the state.

Authors' Notes

Identification of John Fort. The terribly puzzling mixture of Forts of the same name in Edgecombe and Halifax Counties, North Carolina, is partly sorted out by the 1804 Halifax lawsuit. The suit states that the John Fort who sired Drury and the six other children died in 1770. It further identifies the three tracts of land at issue. A search of Halifax deeds showed how John Fort came into possession of the lands:

a) 320 acres, William Drew of Surry County, Virginia, to John Fort, joins a branch and Lea's Meadow, dated December 17, 1751, registered May Court, 1752. Wit: Robert Ruffin, Elias Wills, Samuel Blow(?). Halifax County Deed Book 4, Pg. 246.

b) 314 acres, original grant by Ed. Moseley, agent, to John Fort. This grant was not located in Halifax records.

c) 600 acres, original grant by Thomas Child, agent, to John Fort. The original grant is found in Halifax County Deed Book 7, Pg. 289: Granville (the absentee proprietor) to John Fort of Halifax County, planter. . . December 10, 1760, a tract in the parish of Edgecombe and county of Halifax. . . 670 acres joining William Whitaker, Samuel Whitney, Bailey and Barrow. Registered in June Court, 1761.

John conveyed these lands to Smith, as part of the loan deal, in a deed dated August 24, 1762 (Deed Book 10, Pg. 105).

Margaret Hofmann, a professional genealogist, has prepared a very valuable listing of the Granville grants in Edgecombe and Halifax Counties, 1749-1763 (her address is: Box 446, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina).

Close study of this booklet connects John Fort's deeds, above, and the Smith family with a land transaction dated April 23, 1757, registered May 3, 1757 (Halifax Deed Book 6, Pg. 161) in which John Richardosn sold to John Fort of Edgecombe (Halifax not yet formed) 100 acres joining Cain Marsh, Jordan Thomas, and James Smith on Marmaduke Norfleet's head line. John sold this land only six months later to Jordan Thomas.

Now in Edgecombe County Court Minutes we find Olive Fort, wife of John, relinquishing her dower right in the land sold to Jordan Thomas.

Later Halifax and Northampton deeds show the family owned land in Northampton County. The men associated with John's estate administration were from Northampton.

To sum up, we know that John sold land granted by his grandfather Elias in 1742 and that he was living in Northampton County at the time. We know that he was living in Halifax County when he gave slaves to his mother in 1761. We know the John who died in 1770 had lived in Northampton County and that some of his children continued to do so. And we know that the only other John Fort in Halifax whose dates are right had a son named William which the 1770 John did not (discussed in Section 2).

John Fort evidently moved to Edgecombe County near the end of his life, possibly to stay with one of his children. His then wife Agnes is shown as asking administration of his estate in Edgecombe County Court Minutes.

Ricks, Rutland and Hilliard Families. Many of the Fort connections with these families were supplied by Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina. A most careful researcher, Mr. Johnston has concentrated on the Bridgers, Hilliard and Barnes families, but his studies of records in the North Carolina archives made him of great help in this book. The authors gratefully acknowledge his aid.

Children of John Fort, Jr. Listed in his Halifax County will, Book 3, Pg. 402, dated November 10, 1802, registered February Court, 1803. Both this will and the one listed below show the last name as "Foort", a persistent variant spelling.

Children of Elias Fort. Named in his will, Halifax County Will Book 3, Pg. 527, dated December 27, 1811, registered February Court, 1812. The will mentions an unnamed daughter in addition to Patsy and the four sons. Her name was evidently Ann (Deed Book 25, Pg. 189). Martha, who is named in a Northampton County document (Deed Book 25, Pg. 381), seems to have had "Patsy" as a nickname. Elias in his will made sure he wasn't forgotten; a clause gives this: "I make myself an heir to my Estate and for me to have a Child's part of my estate forever. . ." Evidently this was to assure proper care of his grave. No one now knows where it is.

Ann Ricks. Some family searchers have given her name as Ann or Amy Rawls; the Rawls family was present in Halifax. Ann Rawls, however, married another Elias Fort. (See Section 2). The authors considered the naming of a son Ricks and another son Isaac (probably for Isaac Ricks who may well have been her brother) as good evidence.

Isaac Fort. The name is so uncommon in the Fort family that the authors, quite tentatively, have identified him with the Isaac Fort who shows up in Southampton County, Virginia, marriage bonds, August 29, 1825. The name

of his bride is shown as Martha E. Fort, but the minister's record of the same date shows "Marry E. Fort". The authors were not successful in establishing Martha's parentage but noted an August 30, 1809 marriage bond in the same county. In it Joshua Fort of the Town of Jerusalem gave his intention to marry Martha E. Cook, whose mother was Eliza Cook. Since Joshua's death date could not be established, it wasn't known if he left a widow or not. All of this is quite speculative.

Which was Elias Bolivar Fort? An Elias Fort of Halifax County married Martha Williams Battle of Nash County about 1816-1820. In 1821 (Nash County Deed Book 13, Pg. 73) he and Martha sold land in Nash County which she had inherited from her father. A niece of the couple, Virginia Ann Caroline Tunstall, described a trip made by her uncle and aunt from North Carolina to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in a book "A Belle of the Fifties" (Doubleday Page, New York, 1904); the trip evidently took place about 1830-33; by then Elias and Martha had moved to Columbus, Mississippi, and he had adopted as a middle name "Bolivar". The authors believe that Elias Bolivar Fort was one of the scantily identified Eliases shown in the chart: the son of John Fort, Jr. or the son of Elias Fort. The first seems a bit more likely because John's entire group seems to have disappeared from North Carolina records, while most of the children of Elias remained in the vicinity for some period of time.

The Unmade Move. Elias and Ann Ricks Fort planned to move to Davidson County, Tennessee, according to a Halifax County deed (Book 25, Pg. 189). Elias was granted a military land warrant and in 1810 was planning to move. He was still in Halifax at the time of his death in 1812.

Chart 1-3 (from Chart 1-1)

John Fort and Rebecca

JOHN FORT, a son of Elias Fort (II) and his wife Sarah, married Rebecca (Page?) and had seven children:

1) ELIAS FORT, born before 1726, inherited from his father a plantation of 220 acres on the west side of Buckhorn Swamp in Southampton County, Virginia. He sold most of this land to Alexander Murray July 10, 1761, having bought 195 acres a year earlier on Cock's Swamp; the land on Cock's Swamp was sold March 17, 1764. Elias died intestate in Southampton County about 1764. Elias Fort married a girl named Ann, who died between October 20 and December 11, 1777 in Southampton County. According to her will, she and Elias had five children:
   a) JOHN FORT, born 1756 or earlier, seemingly was married and had children at the time his mother died. He may be the John Fort who married Martha Turner in Bertie County, N.C., 1774. Tentatively, he was the "Lt. John Fort" who served in the Revolutionary militia from Wilmington District, N.C.
   b) HOWEL (or HOWELL) FORT, born 1756 or earlier, who probably was married and had children at the time his mother died.

He is possibly the "Nowel Fort" who served in the Revolution from Wilmington District, N.C. He is thought to have died in South Carolina after 1785.

c) LITTLETON FORT, born 1757 or later, was living in Southampton County, Va. as late as February 12, 1803, by which date he had married Ann, the widow of Turner Kirby. He evidently had a connection with Halifax County, N.C., for in 1799 he sold a tract there, joining the Hobgood lands.

d) TURNER FORT, born March 1763, married Elizabeth Hobgood of Halifax County, N.C. Elizabeth was born 1766; the marriage took place in June, 1788. A Revolutionary War musician, Turner Fort lived in Halifax County, N.C. for about ten years after the Revolution, moving then to Sampson County, N.C., and then to Anson County, N.C. by 1809. He died March 29, 1850, near Wadesboro. His widow died February 1, 1855, in the same county. (For descent, see Chart 1-10)

e) SARAH FORT, who had married a Turner at the time of her mother's death. Tentatively, her husband was Thomas Turner, who witnessed the will of Sarah's mother, Ann.

In addition, Elias and Ann seem to have had a son, Elias Fort, who died 1771-1775.

2) HENRY FORT also received land on Buckhorn Swamp from his father Elias. Born 1743 or earlier, Henry Fort lived most of his life in what is now Brunswick County, Va. By 1764 he was married to a woman named Martha. When he made his will Nov. 16, 1778, he referred to his wife as "Patty" but in a subsequent deed in 1780 the wife is again referred to as Martha. It is probable that "Patty" was a nickname. His will was probated Dec. 23, 1782, his wife surviving him (she likely died 1790-91). Henry Fort had at least three children and probably more.

a) ARTHUR FORT, the oldest son, was born 1762 or earlier. On May 25, 1796 he married Polly Finch, daughter of William and Tabitha Finch, in Brunswick County. He was living in that county at least as late as 1805, but had moved to Georgia by the time he made his will on July 8, 1815, in Hancock County; the will was probated March 4, 1816. Arthur Fort's first wife having died, he married a widow, Elizabeth Burch Jernigan, whose former husband had been Needam Jernigan. He had only one known child, a daughter named Minerva, who was underage at the time he made his will.

b) EDWIN FORT, born about 1759, married Lucy Lane of Brunswick County Dec. 14, 1779. He was living in Brunswick County as late as 1810 but is believed to have moved to Hancock County, Georgia, at about that time. He is known to have had children, but their names are not known to the authors.

c) REBECCA FORT, who married David Andrews in Brunswick County, Va., 1778 or earlier.

In addition to these three, all substantiated by records, Henry Fort probably had the following daughters:

d) ELIZABETH FORT, who married Giles Rideout in Brunswick County, Va., Nov. 26, 1793. Bondsman for this marriage is given as "Edward" Fort but is believed to be her brother Edwin. Her guardian was Isham Smith, indicating that her mother Martha had died previously.

e) MARIAN FORT, who married Smart Hawkins Dec. 27, 1791, in Brunswick County.

f) A daughter, name unknown, who married John Andrews in Brunswick County 1778 or earlier. John may have been a brother to Rebecca's husband David Andrews.

g) MARTHA FORT, who married Benjamin Smith April 26, 1802, in Brunswick County.

h) LUCY FORT, who married James Smith, 1796, in Brunswick County.

i) SALLY FORT, who married William Connally March 17, 1790, in Brunswick County. The marriage record here shows Sally as the daughter of Martha Fort, indicating that Henry's widow died sometime between this date and 1793 (see Elizabeth Fort, above).

3) JOHN FORT, who was born about 1735 in Southampton County, Va., and who married Olive Thorp, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Thorp, May 11, 1756, in a Sussex County, Va., marriage. John Fort inherited land on Buckhorn Swamp in the southern portion of the county, but he and his heirs lived for the most part in the Three Creeks area to the north, with a part of their lands falling across the boundary into Sussex County. John Fort died intestate about 1791 or 1792, his wife following him a year or so later, in 1792 or 1793; their estates were appraised in Southampton County. They had ten children:

a) JESSE FORT, who married Elizabeth Holden in Southampton County Dec. 19, 1791. Jesse had a daughter Sarah (or Sally) Fort who married John Thorp Dec. 5, 1825 in the same county. He also had a daughter Nancy who was not married at the time Jesse made his will in Southampton County in 1832 or 1833. Jesse died in one of those years.

b) LEWIS FORT, who married Elizabeth Harris Coleman, daughter of Samuel Coleman of Norfolk and his wife, Elizabeth Harris; she was born in 1782. Lewis made his will and died in the same year, 1826, Southampton County. Lewis Fort lived on lands cut by the Southampton-Sussex border. (For descent see Chart 1-11).

c) LUCY FORT, not married by 1795. Nothing else is known of her.

d) SARAH FORT, who married Joshua Oldner Feb. 5, 1781, in Southampton County. Either she or her sister Mary had a daughter Charlotte Oldner, who died without marrying.

e) JOSHUA J. FORT, about whom nothing is known.

f) NANCY FORT, born after 1774, who died in 1844 unmarried.
g) MARY FORT, who married Malachi Oldner Nov. 5, 1783 in Southampton County. (See Sarah Fort above)
h) ANNA FORT, born after 1773 and not married in 1795; nothing further is known of her.
i) JOHN JACK FORT, born after 1773, who was living in Sussex County in 1814 and about whom nothing else is known.
j) CHARLOTTE FORT, who married William Wynn on July 3, 1807 in Southampton County. William and Charlotte had at least two children: William Wynn (Jr.) and John Wynn. William Wynn, the father, died 1827 in Edgefield District, S.C., the will recorded there, is also recorded in Sussex County, Va. At that time William Wynn listed five grand-children in addition to his wife Charlotte and his brother Thomas Wynn. The grand-children, all minors, were: Susannah Wynn, Louis (Louise?) Anna Wynn, Martha Agnes Wynn, William Wynn, and Robert Wynn.

One of the sons of John and Olive had a daughter named Sally who married a Mr. Stone. She is named as one of several nieces in the 1841 will of Nancy Fort, Southampton County.

4) JOSHUA FORT was born after 1738 and married Mary Celia Thorp, sister of Olive Thorp and daughter of Joseph Thorp, Feb. 7, 1758 in Southampton County, Va. He died testate in the same county in May, 1781. His wife survived him by many years, dying in Southampton County about 1820. He and Mary Celia had eight children:
a) JOSHUA FORT, born before 1761, who died without children sometime after 1794. He is tentatively identified as the Joshua Fort who lived in the town of Jerusalem, Va., and who married late in life Martha E. Cook on Aug. 30, 1809.
b) JOSEPH FORT, who inherited land in Brunswick County, Va. but who seems to have lived in Southampton County most of his life. He served as a deputy sheriff of Southampton in 1792. Joseph married Nancy Myrick, daughter of Owen Myrick and Fanny Nicholson Myrick, June 13, 1793 but died suddenly in 1794 or 1795 without leaving a will. His widow seems to have been re-married to Benjamin Miller (or Millar) Jan. 2, 1799, with Owen Myrick giving security for the marriage bond. Joseph and Nancy had one son, Robert Fort, who was living in Sussex County in 1816.
c) JOHN FORT, born after 1763, who married a girl named Mary and who is shown in many Southampton County records as being "of the parish of St. Luke's". John Fort's wife died by September, 1793 and he himself died in 1795 or 1796. They left no children.
d) EDWIN FORT, about whom little is known other than that he probably was killed in a duel in September, 1802. Whether he married and had children isn't known.
e) REBECCA FORT, who married William Barnes July 13, 1785

and who had at least one child, a daughter Mariah (or Mary). Rebecca, tentatively, died 1793 or earlier.

f) PRISCILLA FORT, who married Moses Foster Nov 12, 1791 in Southampton County. An inconclusive document in Southampton County indicates Priscilla may have had a first husband in 1781 and that Moses was her second. Priscilla's descent, if any, is not known. Moses Foster was undoubtedly a descendant of Christopher Foster and Alice Fort Foster (see Chart 1-1).

g) ELIZABETH FORT, who married Samuel Barham in Southampton County, Va. Nov. 9, 1797. Samuel and Elizabeth, with a daughter named Elizabeth Barham, were living in Southampton County in 1820.

h) TEMPERANCE FORT, born sometime after 1772, married William Myrick Jan 12, 1804 in Southampton County. William was the son of William and Anna Myrick. They are known to have had at least one child, Elizabeth T. Myrick, who married Barham Wrenn Jan. 23, 1833.

5) ARTHUR FORT, born Dec. 21, 1742, who appears not to have married and certainly left no children. His death occurred in 1765 in Southampton County, Va.

6) BETTY FORT, born April 14, 1745, Southampton County, Va., who married William (?) Turner about 1765 and who died sometime prior to June, 1782. Her husband evidently was dead by that date since one of her children was in the care of a cousin in 1782. Betty Fort Turner had three children; Rebecca, the oldest; Joel Turner; and William Turner. Joel and William were both born sometime prior to 1775.

7) LUCY FORT married Ambrose Grizard (sometime Grizzard) by 1753 and settled in Sussex County, Va., by 1770. Ambrose Grizard died May-August, 1781 in Sussex County, naming in his will his wife Lucy; a son William; a son John; a daughter Lucy; a daughter Mary; and a daughter Elizabeth, who by 1781 had married John Avent.

About The Family

According to family tradition, partly confirmed, all four of Elias and Ann Fort's sons served in the Revolutionary armies. Deeper digging may turn up accurate descents on John, Howell, and Littleton and so open the DAR doors to a good many. Turner Fort's documents are known to be on file in the National Archives, Washington.

Lewis Fort, son of John and Olive, owned extensive lands on the common border of Southampton and Sussex Counties. His plantation home, built about 1796 and locally known as the "Fortsville Farm", is located about four miles north of US Highway 58, on State Road 612. Long abandoned as a dwelling and nearly in ruins, the house is surrounded by low rolling farmlands still under cultivation. The house has a Federal style columned porch of fine proportions.

Back of the house is the only early Fort cemetery the authors located in southern Virginia. It is walled and heavily grown with small trees. On one side of the wall is a plaque giving the names of those buried there:

ELIZABETH FORT 1825
COLEMAN FORT MASON 1829
NANCY FORT 1844
FRANCIS KEY MASON 1848
ELIZABETH COBB MASON 1873
LEWIS EDMUNDS MASON 1897
CHARLOTTE OLDNER (no date given)

The distinguished John Young Mason, Lewis Fort's son-in-law, lived in the house for a number of years. An historical marker about Mason and his home is located on US 58 at the village of Adam's Grove where the turn-off to the Fortsville Farm may be found.

John Fort, son of Joshua and Mary Celia, frequently indentified himself as being "of the Parish of St. Luke's." St. Luke's Church, its interior restored but with its original walls, still stands four miles south of Smithfield, Virginia, in Isle of Wight County. The southern boundaries of the parish once reached deep in Southampton County. St. Luke's was built about 1632 and is considered the oldest church building in America. While the religious affiliation of the earliest Forts in Isle of Wight County isn't definitely known, it's likely that all or nearly all were Anglicans.

Edwin Fort, a son of Joshua, has been identified reasonably well as the Edwin Fort who came off second-best in an 1802 duel.

The Halifax, N.C. *Journal* of September 6, 1802 reprinted the duel account originally given in the Petersburg, Va. *Intelligencer* of September 3. The Halifax reprint reads:

"Yesterday morning a duel was fought between Mr. Richard Thweatt and Mr. Edwin Fort. Mr. Fort first shot Mr. Thweatt in the hand and shoulder. At second fire, Mr. Thweatt shot Mr. Fort through the body which in a few hours put an end to his existence".

The duel occurred over something that had been printed in the *Intelligencer* a few days earlier. In an attempt to remove the tantalizing curiosity as to the cause of the duel, the authors asked the Virginia State Museum to locate the earlier reports—but had no luck. No matter the cause, Edwin Fort's wavering eye or unsteady hand took him to his death—but with honor intact.

Authors' Notes

Identification of Elias Fort. No other Elias, save the one who married Ann, seems to fit John and Rebecca's son Elias. It should be regarded as tentative identification in the absence of definite proof.

Turner Connections. There are related wills in Sampson County, North Carolina, of 1830-1840 vintage mentioning Elizabeth Turner and her nieces Sally, Mason, and Milly Fort. There is a 1774 marriage record in Bertie

County, N.C., involving John Fort and Martha Turner. The will of Matthew Turner, recorded November, 1794 in Bertie, names Elizabeth Turner and Martha Fort (Ford in one source). The Sampson documents, however, seem to show Elizabeth Turner had a brother who was the father of Mason, Milly and Sarah. All three apparently married Forts.

The Six "Unproved" Children of Henry Fort. Henry Fort's will (Brunswick County, made Nov. 16, 1778, probated Dec. 23, 1782) mentions his sons Arthur and Edwin; John and David Andrews (without giving connection); and "equal division among all my children." Henry's is the only Fort will in Brunswick County. The authors' check of marriages in Brunswick indicated the children listed were of about the right date — but no conclusive proof was available.

Documents on the John-Olive family. Wills are available in Southampton County on Jesse Fort, Lewis Fort, Nancy Fort, and William Wynn. Other relationships are shown by deeds. John and Olive left no wills.

Myrick Family. For more on this group see "The Story of the Myricks" by Allie Goodman Myrick Bowman, J. W. Burke Company, Macon, Georgia, 1952.

John Fort, Son of Joshua. Joshua Fort's son John is identified here as the John who married Mary and who, with his wife, appears in a good many Southampton deeds. The identification is subject to challenge.

Mary Celia Fort's Missing Granddaughter. In her 1820 will, Southampton County, "Selah" Fort named a granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Fort. There was insufficient evidence to assign her to any one of Mary Celia's children—so she dangles in limbo on the family tree awaiting a better genealogist. In this case, by the way, there is very strong evidence that the old Biblical benediction "Selah" — sometimes used as a female name — was, in this case, Celia.

Will of Arthur Fort. The Hancock County will specifically mentions "my brother Edwin Fort's children". It does not say Edwin Fort was alive at the time, nor does it indicate where Edwin was living — if he was. However, an 1820 census record for Hancock County shows an Edwin Fort. Of particular and additional interest in the Arthur Fort record is the will of John Burch in Hancock County (Will Book J, pg. 91) dated March 28, 1818, probated July 6, 1818. The abstract in the authors' hands shows Burch naming his daughter Elizabeth Fort and her daughters: Sally, Nancy and Minerva; it also named a grandson, Burch Fort. Arthur made no mention of children other than Minerva in his will. It is possible that Elizabeth Burch Fort was Edwin's wife rather than Arthur's.

Harriet, the Orphan. A Southampton County Court minute for January 8, 1778 mentions Harriet Fort, orphan of Elias Fort, as having John Fort named her guardian, with Jesse Drew security. Apparently her father Elias was the son of John and Rebecca, but she was not mentioned in Ann Fort's 1777 will. The identification is in doubt.

Chart 1-4 (from Chart 1-1)

Holliday Fort and Mary Flake, Lucretia Mason

HOLLIDAY FORT, a son of Elias Fort (II) and his wife Sarah, had 15 children by his two wives.

By Mary Flake he had:

1) FREDERICK FORT, born 1744 in Sussex County, Va. Frederick married Mary Ann Knight in 1760. Sometime between 1783 and 1787 he and his family moved to Wake County, N.C., where he died in August, 1819. He had 10 children:
   a) WILLIAM KNIGHT FORT, born June 27, 1764, Sussex County, married first Charlotte Lile on Nov. 24, 1792. Charlotte died in Wake County, N.C., Feb. 8, 1829. On Dec. 20, 1829 William married a widow, Elizabeth Wimberly Whitfield of Johnston County, N.C. Elizabeth was a daughter of George Wimberly and Pheraby Hinton; she previously married William Whitfield. William Fort died June 21, 1843 in Wake County. (See Chart 1-12)
   b) FRENCH FORT married Sarah J. Harris in Wake County July 1, 1797; she was the daughter of Thomas Harris of Wake. This family moved to Warren County, Ky., about November, 1814. French died in Warren between 1829 and 1842; his wife Sarah died in the same county in 1846 or shortly thereafter. (See Chart 1-13)
   c) JOHN FORT, who married Nov. 1, 1814 Jane Justice; he is supposed to have died in North Carolina in his middle age.
   d) FOSTER FORT, who married Elizabeth Justice Jan. 20, 1806 and who died in Wake Forest, N.C., Nov. 9, 1843. Foster's will, recorded in Wake, indicates he had substantial property, including mills, slaves and railroad stock. In addition to his wife the will names these children: 1) John I. F. Fort, an underage son; 2) Junius W. Fort, who married Frances C. Gill, Wake County, Feb. 5, 1851; 3) Sarah W. Fort, who married a Mr. Clifton before the dating of the will, Oct. 15, 1843; 4) Clara C. Fort, who married a Mr. Rogers before the will; 5) Mary R. Fort, who married a Mr. Purify (Purefoy?) before the will; 6) Emily W. Fort, who married a Mr. Brooks before the will; 7) Hersillia R. Fort; 8) Elizabeth A. D. Fort. (Most researchers give Foster's wife as "Betsy Justice"; the will shows her as "Elizabeth H. I. Fort".)
   e) ELIAS FORT, of whom nothing is known.
   f) MARY ANN FORT, born March 17, 1766 in Sussex County, Va., married John Burnam Dec. 4, 1787 and with him moved to Warren County, Ky. John Burnam was born Oct. 27, 1762 in Cecil County, Maryland; he died June 29, 1829 in Warren County. According to some sources Burnam served in the Revolution as a private, seeing service at Cowpens and Guilford

Courthouse. His wife Mary Ann died Aug. 8, 1829 in Warren County. Graves of the two are on the "Old A. Y. McGinnis Farm" about five miles north of Bowling Green, Ky. on Highway 30-W. (See Chart 1-14)

g) FREDERICK FORT, born in October, 1771 in Sussex County. Frederick followed Daniel Boone to Boonesborough in his first settlement of Kentucky. He met and married Lucy Moore, daughter of Robert and Mary Moore, supposedly at Boonesborough in 1790 or 1793; this was one of the first marriages among the white settlers in that state. Frederick Fort owned land in Montgomery County, Ky. in the early 1800's but by 1810 he was living in Warren County, Ky. In 1820 or shortly thereafter he moved to Stronghurst, Ill. in Henderson County, dying there Sept. 15, 1845. His wife Lucy, who was born in 1778, died Sept. 20, 1846 in Henderson County. (See Chart 1-15)

h) DUTCHEA (also given as DOUCHA and DONCHA) FORT, was born July 18, 1768 in Sussex County. She is supposed to have married a man named Cox.

i) POLLY FORT married a man named Temples (or Temple) sometime prior to Nov. 17, 1818, when her father made his will. (Dutchea Fort was not named in the will, so it is possible that Polly was a nickname for Dutchea—though not likely).

j) SALLY (probably SARAH) FORT married James Ligon Oct. 21, 1800.

k) ELIZABETH (BETSY) FORT was born Sept. 25, 1762 in Sussex County, Va., married Burwell Wall before 1818, probably in Wake County, N.C.

2) JOHN FORT was born 1740-41 in Surry County, Va. (later Sussex). He married for the first time about 1763; the name of this first wife is not known. He moved to Wake County, N.C. with his brother Frederick in the 1780's, the two of them settling in Crossroads District of that county. As an old man he married again, this time to Frankie Broadwell, born 1782. The marriage was on Nov. 8, 1814. John Fort was a Revolutionary soldier. He made his will Aug. 27, 1824 and died sometime prior to November, 1825, when his will was recorded in Wake. Frankie died May 8, 1834 in Wake. He had two known children, both by his first wife:

a) JOHN FORT, who married Patsy Powell and who pre-deceased his father, dying in Wake County in 1818. His wife was the daughter of Dempsey Powell and Pleasant Benton Powell; she and John were married in Wake County Dec. 4, 1787. Patsy died in Wake July 28, 1848. (See Chart 1-16)

b) JAMES FORT, who married Chloe Powell, sister of Patsy (above). He is thought to have been born about 1764 in Sussex County; he married Chloe Dec. 4, 1787 in Wake County. Chloe was born 1770 and died in Wake 1846. James Fort died in Wake in 1838. (See Chart 1-17)

3) SARAH FORT, not married in 1764.
4) PHEBE FORT married Nathaniel Tatum sometime prior to April 19, 1764; Tatum was the stepson of William Smith of Brunswick County, Va. He and Phebe made their home in Brunswick. Nathaniel is believed to have moved later to Hancock County, Ga. and to have had two sons: Nathaniel, Jr. and Seth Tatum.
5) ELIZABETH FORT married Thomas Jackson, Jr. of Brunswick County, Va. prior to 1761. By 1770 the Jacksons were living in Bute County, N.C. (Bute was discontinued in 1779 and its land given to Franklin and Warren counties.)
6) ASENATH FORT, a daughter, unmarried and living in Southampton County in 1769.

By Lucretia Mason, his second wife, Holliday Fort had:

7) ROBERT FORT, probably the first child born to Lucretia, died in youth before Dec. 7, 1774.
8) FLAKE FORT was named in his father's 1770 will in Sussex County. Thereafter he shows up in no other record and may have died in childhood.
9) ELIAS FORT was listed in his father's 1770 will and in 1774 was still in school. Nothing more is known of him.
10) FLORINA FORT, born 1762-64.
11) LENA (or CANA) FORT, living in the family home in 1770.
12) FAITH (or FAITHY) FORT, living in the family home in 1770.
13) FRANCIS (nicknamed FRANKY) FORT was born June 1, 1762. She was not married in 1781 and is thought to have been living in Sussex County in that year.
14) PHILLIS FORT was born July 28, 1764 and died unmarried in 1791 in either Mecklenburg County, N.C. or Abbeville District of South Carolina, probably the first.

(Phillis Fort's will, made in 1781 in Mecklenburg County and recorded 1791 in the same county, refers to her brother-in-law John Rivers; Phillis was living in the Rivers home in 1781. The will also mentions her sisters Francis and Mason Fort "in Virginia". Thus, John Rivers had married Florina, Sarah, Lena (or Cana), Faith, or Asenath Fort).

15) MASON FORT, a daughter and youngest of Holliday's children, married William Pullen June 21, 1791 in Sussex County.

About The Family

Frederick, one of Holliday's sons, served as a captain in the American Revolution according to the "Abridged Compendium of American Geneology", volume 3. The same source gives his wife's name as Mary Newsome. The "Register of Albemarle Parish" (Surry and Sussex Counties) lists christenings in the middle and late 1700's; some of these show Frederick's wife as Mary and some as Mary Jane. The Newsomes show up in some of the Fort christening records as well as in deeds. Lacking any firm source for the Newsome connection, it can only be said that Frederick definitely married Mary Anne Knight in 1761 and that she might have had a previous

marriage to a Newsome—or have been a Newsome who married a Knight—or that the Compendium is wrong.

Captain Frederick actually had two sons named for himself. One, as shown in the chart, was born in 1771. The other was christened October 21, 1767 and died in early childhood. The father, not wanting his own name to lapse, gave his next born son the same name.

French Fort, another son of Frederick, was suing various people in Warren County, Kentucky between 1816 and 1821. His widow Sarah continued his precedent, suing her brother-in-law John Burnam in 1842, Napoleon Lucas in 1845, and Samuel Murrell in 1846. At least eight different court actions were taken up by French and Sarah in Warren County; their passing undoubtedly left the legal profession in that frontier county with a serious loss of revenue.

Phillis Fort, a daughter of Holliday, is something of a genealogical puzzle. She made her will in 1781 in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, naming her brother-in-law John Rivers and his children: Nancy, James and Thomas. She also left a bequest to her "loving sister Mason Fort now in Virginia" (then under-age), with the stipulation that if Mason died before reaching the age of 18 it would go to her sister Francis Fort.

Willie Pauline Young's "Abstracts of Old Ninety-Six" (an early district in South Carolina) shows a later court action involving Phillis' will, a copy of which was sent to Abbeville, South Carolina. As best can be made out, the question seems to be whether the person taking down the will from Phillis mistakenly listed James Rivers rather than James Fort; no relationship between James Fort and Phillis is given in the abstract. A James Fort was in Edgefield County, South Carolina, requesting a guardian on July 12, 1790; he was then 20 years old. Further, there seems to have been a boy in the Rivers household who called himself James Rivers but wasn't.

Not having examined the matter fully, the authors can only point out that one of the sisters of Phillis evidently married John Rivers. John Rivers may have moved to South Carolina after 1781 and before 1791. A James Fort, in some unknown way, was involved.

"Asenath" was never a common name, but it was used in the 1700's and early 1800's as a female appellation. The original Asenath was the Egyptian woman given as wife to Joseph by Pharaoh.

The peculiar name "Dutchea" is given in several forms in the Sussex records. None of them suggests why Frederick gave this name to an otherwise innocent child.

Chancery Court minutes for Southampton County, apparently dated Dec. 23, 1761, show Elizabeth Fort Jackson suing her father Holliday for possession of a slave she said her grandfather willed her. The minutes show bitterness. Elizabeth declared her father had given his consent to the marriage with Jackson but "has since treated them with the greatest contempt".

Authors' Notes

Holliday Fort's Wives and Children. Sussex County Deed Book C, pgs. 62-66 give the deeds showing the children by the first wife, Mary Ann Flake. Deed

Book D, Pgs. 267-272 show the children by Lucretia Mason. All in the first series are dated April 19, 1764; in the second, August 25, 1770. Holliday Fort's wife's name is given as Mary Anne in "Surry County Wills", 738-54; Lucretia is cited in Holliday's own will, Sussex Will Book C, Pg. 82.

Frederick Fort. His will, dated November 17, 1800, was probated in Wake County, North Carolina, August, 1819, in Will Book 2, Pg. 239. Frederick was listed in the 1782 census of Sussex County in 1783; he sold lands on Poplar Swamp in that county, and he appears in the 1790 census of Wake County in Hillsborough District. Christenings of five of his children—Betsy, William K., Mary Anne, Frederick and Dutchea—are recorded in the Albemarle Parish Register. The authors relied quite heavily on research done by Mrs. O. A. Lester, Raleigh, North Carolina, for information about Frederick Fort's family; they thank her.

Will of John Fort, Son of Holliday. Wake County Will Book 19, Pg. 452.

Will of Robert Moore. This will is in Warren County, Kentucky, Book A, Pg. 199; it shows Frederick Fort as his son-in-law.

Montgomery County Residence of Frederick Fort. Records in this Kentucky county show Frederick and Lucy Fort there in 1807, Deed Book 4, Pg. 340.

John Fort and Jane. The authors couldn't run this man down, either as to place of residence, children, or date of death.

Frederick M. Fort. A man of this name, according to the "Raleigh Register", died December 30, 1835 in Wake County, North Carolina. The authors suspect he was a grandson of Holliday but did not search the Raleigh records for information on his parentage or descent.

The Two Eliases. An attempt was made to further identify both Elias, the son of Holliday, and Elias, son of Frederick. One source suggested the second might be identical with the Elias Fort who married Martha Williams Battle in Nash County, North Carolina, and who adopted "Bolivar" as a middle name after leaving North Carolina for Tennessee or Mississippi. This seems unlikely since "Bolivar" is known to have been living in Halifax County, North Carolina at the time of his marriage to Martha about 1816; a completely different line of Forts lived in that county. Another possibility is that he equates with an Elias Fort who was born about 1790 and who moved to Alabama, dying there in 1836 after a second marriage to Nancy Foster. Elias, the son of Holliday, may have died in his youth. All of this is highly speculative.

Death of Robert Fort. Sussex County, Virginia, Deed Book E, pg. 278—George Marsh to Thomas Barham.

Chart 1-5 (from Chart 1-1)

John Pennington and Phillis Fort

PHILLIS FORT, a daughter of Elias Fort (II) and Sarah, married John Pennington. His will, dated Oct. 20, 1765, was recorded in Sussex County, Va. June 19, 1766; his wife was named along with the following descent:

1) JOHN PENNINGTON (Jr.).

2) JOSEPH PENNINGTON, a son who at the time the will was made had a son David.
3) MOSES PENNINGTON, a son who had died prior to the father's making of his will. His wife Lucy was named in the will.
4) SARAH PENNINGTON RENN (Wrenn?), a married daughter.
5) HANNAH PENNINGTON RENN (Wrenn?), another married daughter.

(The will also names another grandson, John Pennington, but does not give his parentage).

While the authors made no attempt to carry the Pennington descent further, they noted these Pennington references in Sussex County, Va., some or all of which probably relate to people in this line:

A marriage between Joshua Moss and Sarah Pennington (date not available), with John Pennington as security.

A marriage between John Pennington and Sally Graves, Dec. 20, 1786.

A marriage between Edward Pennington and Elizabeth Pennington, Sept. 17, 1793.

A marriage between Joseph Pennington and Nancy Pennington, Feb. 14, 1810, consent of John Pennington.

In the "Register of Albemarle Parish" (Surry and Sussex Counties) are references to John Pennington and wife Anne; John Pennington and wife Mary; David Pennington and wife Lydia; Joseph Penington and wife Elizabeth; and many more.

Chart 1-6 (from Chart 1-2)

John Branch and Elizabeth Fort

ELIZABETH FORT married John Branch who was born Nov. 4, 1782 in Halifax County, N.C. and died Jan. 4, 1863. He married Elizabeth April 3, 1803 and, after her death in 1851 in Florida, married Mrs. Elizabeth Bond (nee Jordan) in 1853. John Branch served as a state senator 1811, 1813-1817, 1822, 1834; speaker of the state senate 1816-1817; governor 1817-1820; U. S. Senator 1823-1829; Secretary of the Navy 1829-1831; member of Congress 1831-1833; Governor of the Florida Territory 1844-1845; a trustee of the University of North Carolina 1817-1844. Children of John and Elizabeth:

1) MARTHA LEWIS HENRY BRANCH, born Sept. 29, 1806, married Dr. Edward Bradford Nov. 10, 1825.
2) REBECCA BRADFORD BRANCH, born Aug. 25, 1808, married Robert White Williams April 19, 1831.
3) MARGARET BRANCH, born Aug. 4, 1810, married Col. Daniel S. Donelson Oct. 18, 1830.
4) JAMES BRANCH, born Nov. 17, 1812, married Ann Eliza Belton Feb. 20, 1839.
5) SARAH HARRIS BRANCH, born Feb. 14, 1814, married Dr. James Hunter July 15, 1833.

6) MARY ELIZA BRANCH, born July 21, 1815, married first General Leigh Read May 17, 1838, and second General William Bailey.
7) JOHN RICHARD BRANCH, born Sept. 28, 1819, married Josephine Woods November, 1841.
8) WILLIAM HENRY BRANCH, born Oct. 9, 1823, married Mary Eliza Horton Oct. 11, 1848.
9) SUSAN BRANCH, born Jan. 8, 1826, married Arrah Hopkins Dec. 13, 1849.

Authors' Notes

Children of John Branch. Birth dates and marriages of John Branch's children are from a letter dated May 12, 1931 addressed to Miss Jane Fort of Tennessee and signed by Bessie G. Boseman of Enfield, North Carolina.

Chart 1-7 (from Chart 1-2)

Ricks Fort and Patricia Coffield, Mary Bradley

RICKS FORT, son of Elias, lived in Halifax County, N.C. He was born about 1791 or a little earlier, and married first Patricia Coffield of Edgecombe County Sept. 24, 1823. Her early death leaving him a widower, he then married Mary E. A. Bradley, also of Edgecombe, on July 28, 1827. Ricks Fort died intestate in Halifax County with his heirs filing a petition for division of his property in the November court, 1833; the land was divided in April, 1834. Mary Bradley Fort in 1844 remarried, to Parismus Tillery. The children of Ricks Fort, all minors in 1833, were:

1) JOHN R. FORT.
2) ELIZABETH (BETSY) ANN FORT.
3) PRISCILLA FORT.
4) ELIAS R. FORT, who married a girl named Fannie Ann and who, with his brother Hilliard, moved to Panola County, Texas sometime prior to April 20, 1886.
5) HILLIARD FORT, who married Elizabeth Sturdivant June 23, 1847 in Halifax County; he was living in Panola County, Texas on April 20, 1886.
6) RICKS FORT (Jr.)
7) MARTHA C. FORT, who was married to a Mr. Taylor and was living in Halifax County on April 20, 1886.

Authors' Notes

Division of Ricks' Lands. The document is in Halifax County Deed Book 29, Pg. 98.

Location and Marriages of Elias R. and Hilliard. Three of Ricks' heirs sold their portion of his land in a document recorded in Halifax County Deed Book 75A, Pg. 97. Description of the land agrees with that in the document above.

Ricks Fort's Wives. Names and dates are from "Marriages of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1733-1868" by Ruth Williams.

Chart 1-8 (from Chart 1-2)

Abram Ricks and Charlotte Bryan Fort

ABRAM RICKS, a son of Isaac Ricks and Olive Fort, married his first cousin, Charlotte Bryan Fort; she was a daughter of Sugars Fort and Charlotte Bryan. This couple had three children:

1) WILLIAM FORT RICKS, born April 10, 1818. The name of his wife is not known, but he had two children:
   a) WILLIAM FORT RICKS II, who married Melville Fields in 1864. They had two sons: William Fort Ricks III, born Colbert, Ala., lived 1864-1930, married Mary Paul King, born 1872; and Henry Claud Ricks who married Ethel Cummack 1890 in Mississippi. This latter couple had: Henry Claud Ricks II, born 1917, married Thelma Wright; Richard Fields Ricks, born 1920 Tuscumbia, Ala.; and Charles Palmer Ricks, born 1922, married Nell Pitts.
   b) IRENE RICKS, who married William Leggett in 1869.
2) RICHARD RICKS, born March 28, 1820, died Feb. 24, 1858.
3) ABRAHAM RICKS did not marry.

Authors' Notes

Descent from Abram Ricks. This information is taken from "History and Genealogy of the Ricks Family of America" by Howard Ricks (1959).

Chart 1-9 (from Chart 1-2)

Pheraby Hilliard and William Barrow

PHERABY HILLIARD, daughter of Robert Hilliard and Pheraby Fort, married William Barrow, Jr., of Halifax County, N.C., son of William Barrow and Olivia Ruffin. William was born Feb. 26, 1765 and died Nov. 9, 1823 in Feliciana Parish, La. Pheraby was born Feb. 10, 1775 and died Oct. 10, 1827 in Feliciana. In 1798 the widowed Olivia Ruffin Barrow, her family and a number of other Northampton-Halifax-Edgecombe families migrated to Feliciana Parish, then under Spain. Among the migrants was Olivia's sister-in-law, Anna Barrow Fort, also widowed, and her three sons William, John and Frederick Fort (see Section 2). With these were the Turnbull, Kinchen, and other families. They received large grants of land in Feliciana, became wealthy owners of large plantations, and built some of the finer samples of ante-bellum homes in the area. William and Pheraby's home was "Highland," built about 1797-1800. William and Pheraby had eight children:

1) ROBERT HILLIARD BARROW, born Feb. 7, 1795, married Eliza Pirrie, born Oct. 6, 1808. The couple lived at "Prospect" Plantation. Eliza was tutored by the naturalist John James Audubon in her early years. Robert died in early manhood on Nov. 19, 1823. Eliza,

who died April 20, 1851, later married William Robert Bowman and then Dr. Henry A. Lyons. Robert Hilliard Barrow and Eliza had only one child:

a) ROBERT HILLIARD BARROW (II), born March 23, 1824 as a posthumous child, married Mary Eliza Barrow, daughter of David Barrow, May 23, 1844. Her father gave them "Rosalie" Plantation (burned in 1886). Robert (II) served at least one term in the state legislature. During the Civil War he was given a battlefield promotion to the colonelcy of the 11th Louisiana Regiment. Robert died Jan. 8, 1878, his wife in August, 1920. (See Authors' Notes for descent information.)

2) ANN RUFFIN BARROW was born Sept. 17, 1796 and died March 24, 1856. She married first Robert (or John) Benoist. She and her husband lived in either Cincinnati or Covington, Ky., she returning to Feliciana after her husband's death. She then married a Dr. King. The Benoists had one child Rosina, who married Herman Grosbeck and lived in Philadelphia. The Grosbecks had three children, none of whom married.

3) WILLIAM RUFFIN BARROW, born in Natchez, Miss., Dec. 21, 1800, died March 22, 1862, married Olivia Ruffin Barrow, born April, 1806, died June 1, 1857. She was the daughter of Bennett Barrow, a brother of William Barrow, and hence her husband's cousin. William and Olivia built the house at "Greenwood" Plantation in West Feliciana which is still standing. They had five children:

a) ROSALIE ELIZABETH BARROW, born 1828, died about 1901, married Charles Girard Hunter of New Orleans, born June 11, 1810, died July 28, 1862. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

b) AMANDA BARROW, born Nov. 1, 1825, died Jan. 29, 1904, married Douglas Montrose Hamilton, born Aug. 27, 1827, died Nov. 22, 1880.

c) WILLIAM RUFFIN BARROW, JR., had three marriages: 1) Miss Hattie Kelly; 2) a Miss Nettles; 3) a Miss Grey. He had one son, Hunter Barrow, probably by his first wife. Descent, if any, is not known.

d) ELEANOR ELIZA BARROW, died July 28, 1891, married John Joor Barrow, son of Bennett Hilliard Barrow. She was his second wife. (See Authors' Notes for descent information.)

e) OLIVIA RUFFIN BARROW, born Sept. 1, 1836, died Oct. 17, 1859, was first wife of John Joor Barrow (see above). (Authors' Notes has descent information.)

4) BENNETT BARROW, born Dec. 23, 1803, died Aug. 29, 1805.

5) MARTHA HILLIARD BARROW, born Sept. 12, 1809, died Sept. 14, 1896, married Daniel Turnbull, born June 5, 1796, died Oct. 30, 1861, the son of John Turnbull and Catherine Rucker. They had three children:

a) WILLIAM BARROW TURNBULL, born Aug. 8, 1829, died Nov. 11, 1856, married Caroline Swanwick Butler (1834-76),

daughter of Edward G. W. Butler and Frances Parke Lewis. (See Authors' Notes for descent information.)

b) SARAH TURNBULL, born Aug. 6, 1831, died Nov. 23, 1914, married James Pirrie Bowman on April 9, 1857. He was born Dec. 10, 1832 and died Aug. 25, 1927; he was the son of Eliza Pirrie and her second husband, William Robert Bowman (see earlier). James Pirrie Bowman served in the 3rd Louisiana Cavalry during the Civil War. One child of this marriage was Martha Turnbull Bowman, born Feb. 15, 1858, died April 29, 1898, who married William Jones Fort. Another child was Mary Jackson Bowman, born Oct. 31, 1867, died Nov. 26, 1954, who after her sister Martha's death married William Jones Fort. (For William Jones Fort's descent see Section 2.) A third child was James Pirrie Bowman, Jr., born Dec. 1, 1869, who married Malvina Muse, daughter of Capt. James Fort Muse II and his wife Cecile Bercergeat. (For descent from the Bowman-Muse marriage see Section 3.) James Pirrie Bowman and Sarah Turnbull had other children in addition to these three. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

c) JAMES DANIEL TURNBULL, born Aug. 2, 1836, died Aug. 15, 1843.

6) BENNETT HILLIARD BARROW, born Dec. 21, 1811, died May 29, 1854, married as his first wife Emily Joor, born July 16, 1815, died Aug. 22, 1845. His second wife was Emily's sister Ann Joor Haile, a widow. Bennett Barrow inherited "Highland" Plantation from his father, acquired a total of six plantations, raced horses in New Orleans, and kept a diary whose observations on slavery have made it a sourcebook for students. By his first wife Emily, Bennett had:

a) JAMES BARROW, born Sept. 9, 1831, died Jan. 28, 1896, married Nov. 1, 1855 Mary Floyd Hall. James was a planter; he served as an officer in the Confederate Army. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

b) JOHN JOOR BARROW, born 1833, died May 24, 1890, married as his first wife Olivia Ruffin Barrow, born Sept. 1, 1836, died Oct. 17, 1859. The marriage took place Nov. 8, 1855. His second marriage was to Olivia's sister, Eleanor Eliza Barrow (who died July 28, 1891), on Aug. 11, 1862. Both Olivia and Eleanor were daughters of William Ruffin Barrow of "Greenwood." John Joor was a planter, became a captain in the Confederate Army, and held public offices including memberships in the state legislature and senate. (Descent information is in Authors' Notes.)

c) BARTHOLOMEW (BAT) BARROW died as a youth.

d) CAROLINE BARROW died in childhood.

e) CLIFFORD BENNETT BARROW, born 1839, died Nov. 21, 1887, was a planter in West Feliciana and a Confederate officer. He married Sarah Elizabeth Jemison. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

f) AMANDA ROSALIE BARROW, born Oct. 1, 1841, died April 23, 1900, married Wade Hampton Richardson, born Jan. 19, 1833, died April 18, 1869. He was a planter at "Holly Grove" Plantation in West Feliciana. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

g) HILLIARD BAT BARROW was born Aug. 24, 1843 at "Highland" and died Dec. 12, 1923 at "Poplar Stand" Plantation. He married March Charlotte Smith Oct. 10, 1865 at "Holly Grove;" she was the daughter of Philander C. Smith of "Poplar Stand" and his wife Mary Dalton Richardson. Hilliard had a distinguished record as a Confederate officer. (Authors' Notes has descent information.)

h) EMILY RUFFIN BARROW, who died Feb. 6, 1928, married in October, 1868 John D. Jemison. They lived in West Feliciana. (Descent information is in Authors' Notes.)

By his second wife Ann, Bennett Hilliard Fort had at least two children:

i) ANNA ELIZA BARROW, born Aug. 31, 1848 at "Highland," died May 6, 1931 at Gadsden, Ala. She married first Joseph Sillers of Bolivar County, Miss. Her second marriage, on Jan. 6, 1874 was to James Davies Shute, born Sept. 15, 1832 at New Iberia, La., died Feb. 24, 1917 at Gadsden. She had issue by each of her husbands. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

j) MARTHA ALENA BARROW was born July 9, 1851 at "Highland" and died at Birmingham, Ala. on Aug. 6, 1926. She married twice. Her first husband was William Smith, died 1871, by whom she had one child. Her second was Henry Avery Smith of Vicksburg, Miss. By each she had issue. (Descent information in Authors' Notes.)

7) ELIZA ELEANOR BARROW, born Oct. 18, 1814, died Aug. 6, 1885, married William Hill Barrow of "Rosebank," son of Bennett Barrow, brother to William Barrow. By this marriage she had seven children:

a) MARGARET E. BARROW, who never married.

b) ROSINA BARROW who married Bennett Hilliard Barrow of the Tennessee branch of the family. (Descent information in Authors' Notes.)

c) WILLIAM BENNETT BARROW married Susan Columbia Singleton. (Descent information in Authors' Notes.)

d) RUFFIN CALVERT BARROW, born 1839, died 1871, married Josephine Dorcey. (Descent information in Authors' Notes.)

e) EMMA BARROW died young.

f) EUGENE BARROW, born March 3, 1845, died Jan. 9, 1918, of "Mulberry Hill" Plantation, served as an officer in the Confederate Army. He married Eliza Pirrie Barrow, born April 21, 1851, died July 27, 1923. (Descent information in Authors' Notes.)

g) HERMAN GROSBECK BARROW married Sarah Louise Barrow, a distant cousin. She was born July 16, 1849 and died April 11, 1913. (For descent information see Authors' Notes.)

About The Family

The Barrow and allied families, most of them from the same area of North Carolina, were the epitome of the "old Southern aristocracy" about which a great deal of legend and more misunderstanding have developed. They lived graciously. Andrew Jackson visited "Highland", and Ole Bull, the violinist, was among the guests. The Barrows owned five of the more written-about plantations: "Highland", "Greenwood", "Afton Villa", "Rosebank", and "Rosedown".

According to one source, the Barrows were the largest slaveholders in the South. They were ideologically and economically committed to the Confederate cause. They are supposed to have financed the first experiments with a submarine; the device was built in New Orleans and launched on Lake Pontchartrain in February, 1862. It sank on its early trials, was raised, and was later scuttled to prevent its capture by Admiral Farragut of the Union Navy.

The collapse of the Confederacy adversely affected the Barrows' large holdings, as it did for virtually all of the large slaveowners in the southern states. Some of the Barrows, it is said, later moved into east Texas.

Authors' Notes

The Barrow Genealogy. On the chart the authors give the first two generations of the Feliciana Barrows, most of the information being taken from the excellent genealogy compiled by Mary B. Linfield and published in 1958 by John Bennett Boddie in his "Historical Southern Families", Vol. II. The version given here omits much detail and the third and succeeding generations. The Boddie book has recently been reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore, Maryland and is recommended. Miss Linfield herself was of direct help to the authors, for which thanks is here given.

Another Credit. John Riley Malone of Homer, Louisiana kindly offered the authors access to a large number of notes on the Barrow, Pope, and Pittman families which he and his wife had collected. Among these was information on the Barrow-financed submarine.

Chart 1-10 (from Chart 1-3)

Turner Fort and Elizabeth Hobgood

TURNER FORT and his wife Elizabeth had these children:

1) ELIAS PENN FORT, born April 1, 1798 in Sampson County, N.C.; died Anson County, N.C. Aug. 8, 1878. He appears to have married a Miss Briley first and to have had five children by her, of whom only one is thought to have survived. Sometime prior to 1844 he married

Mary A. Dutton, daughter of L. S. Dutton; she was born Sept. 3, 1824 in Anson County and died there June 7, 1882.
By Mary Dutton Elias had five sons.
By his marriage to Miss Briley Elias Penn had:

a) ANGALINE FORT, born May 31, 1824, believed to have died young.
b) DETTE ELMIAH FORT, born Oct. 15, 1826, believed to have died young.
c) NAOMI ELIZABETH FORT, born July 8, 1829, thought to have died young.
d) BERRY GROVE FORT, born April 20, 1832, thought to have died young.
e) JANE FORT, born about 1835 and living with her father in 1850.

By his marriage to Mary A. Dutton, Elias Penn had:

f) (ELIAS?) SAMUEL FORT, born March 19, 1848, Anson County, who married Eliza Jane Shepherd Sept. 30, 1870 and died in the same county Oct. 1, 1904. She was born Oct. 2, 1847 and died Feb. 12, 1923 in Anson County. (See Chart 1-31)
g) GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, who married first Temperance Kirby. His second marriage was to Ida Rose Turner. George lived in Anson County. (See Chart 1-32)
h) OLIVER MONTGOMERY FORT married Sally Mickle. (See Chart 1-33)
i) ROBERT FORT.
j) GASTON P. FORT, born about 1846, was living in Anson County in 1904.

2) ALSTON FORT, born about April 17, 1789. He is buried in Wadesboro, N.C. Descendants, if any, are not known.
3) PENELOPE FORT, born Sept. 14, 1791, married a Mr. Jarman (possibly William B. Jarman) before 1850 and is believed to have lived in Anson County.
4) HENRY T. FORT, was born Aug. 21, 1793 and is believed to be buried in Wadesboro. Descendants, if any, are not known.
5) FANNY FORT was born Dec. 11, 1799, and between 1850 and 1853 married a Mr. Swink in Anson County.
6) NANCY FORT, born Jan. 31, 1801, is believed to have died before 1850.
7) JOHN T. FORT, born June 11, 1803.

About the Family

Turner Fort's pension application (W7296, National Archives) shows his birth in Southampton County, Virginia in March, 1763. Even though his mother Ann died in Southampton County, Turner wrote that his parents moved to Sampson County, N.C. They may have returned. At any rate, Turner enlisted several times in the Revolutionary service; readers of such

applications know that soldiers frequently enlisted for only a few months, then dropped out to take up civilian life, then again re-entered. Often they served in a variety of companies and ways.

After the war's end Turner Fort lived in Halifax County, where he married into the Hobgood family. He and Elizabeth then moved to Sampson County and thence to Anson County, where they died and where all or most of their children are buried. According to a letter from Mrs. Georgia Hough, their graves are in a cemetery in or near Wadesboro.

Authors' Notes

Elias Penn's Children. Information about the Briley marriage and issue from it should be considered tentative. Mrs. Georgia Hough of Wadesboro, a descendant, said in a letter dated August 7, 1968 that the Briley family's Bible listed Angaline as a daughter "of Elias Fort" and named the other children. The 1850 Anson County census shows Elias Fort, 55 (which does not agree with dates from other sources); Mary A. Fort, 24; Jane Fort, 15; Elias S. Fort (who is believed to be Samuel Fort), 2; and Gaston Fort, 3½. A "Jesse Sullivant" is also listed (12 years old) but he is said to have been a farm-hand. The spread in Elias' and Mary's ages leaves room for a first marriage. "Elias and Mary Fort" show up in an 1829 deed; this might be explained if his first wife was Mary Briley. An alternate explanation, of course, is that there were two Elias Forts in Anson County, but the authors found no evidence of such. Destruction of courthouse records in Anson County makes a positive solution difficult. It is possible that one of Turner Fort's brothers—Littleton, John or Howell—settled in the area and had descent. Mrs. Hough, a great-granddaughter of Elias Penn, was herself the source of these names for Elias' children: George W., Oliver M., Robert, Gaston and Samuel.

Turner Fort. His pension application gives the dates of his birth and marriage and names of his children. His will is in Anson County, Will Book C, Pg. 25, April, 1850; it names Alston, Henry T., John T., Penny Jarman, and Fanny. Elizabeth's will is dated April, 1855, Book C, Pg. 90; it mentions Henry T., "Austin", Penelope Jarman, Elias, and Fanny Swink.

Gaston P. Fort. A person of this name was living in Anson County in 1904 and was probably a grandson of Turner Fort. (See Will Book D, Pg. 540).

Georgia Hough. Mrs. Hough's correspondence with the authors began in 1964 and continued to the date this book was published. She offered a substantial amount of information she had collected from various sources, including Lewis Fort of Whitehaven, Tennessee.

The Sampson County John T. "Abstracts of Sampson County Wills" by Bass lists an 1882 will by a John T. Fort, probated May 23 of that year. It shows his wife as Laura J. Fort and names his daughters: Francis McKinsie, Mary E., and Emma J. The authors are inclined to doubt that this was Turner Fort's son but think it possible. The will shows as executor Thomas L. Pugh, who was the Sampson County man's brother-in-law.

Chart 1-11 (from Chart 1-3)

Lewis Fort and Elizabeth Harris Coleman

LEWIS FORT, a son of John and Olive Thorp Fort, was born sometime prior to 1773 in Southampton County, Va. He married Elizabeth Harris Coleman by 1803. Lewis Fort owned substantial lands in the Three Creeks area of Southampton County, some of which spilled over into Sussex County; in one document he referred to these as "the lands called Felts" and "the lands called Marlin". Lewis Fort made his will Aug. 21, 1826; it was probated Nov. 20 of the same year. Elizabeth Coleman Fort died in 1823 and is buried at "Fortsville Farm" as is her husband. This couple had two children:

1) MARY ANN FORT, born Oct. 31, 1803, married John Young Mason Aug. 9, 1821 at "Fortsville" in Southampton County. John Y. Mason was born 1799, died 1859; he served as United States Attorney General, Secretary of the Navy, and Minister to France. While in this latter post he was one of three who signed the "Ostend Manifesto" in 1854. John Y. Mason was the son of Edmunds Mason. John died in Paris, France, 1859, and is buried at Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va. The Masons are known to have had at least two children and, tentatively, two others:
   a) LEWIS EDMUNDS MASON, born May 2, 1822, who died 1897 and is buried at "Fortsville Farm". Very tentatively he married Elizabeth Cobb who died 1873.
   b) COLEMAN FORT MASON, died 1829 and buried in the same cemetery (tentative).
   c) FRANCIS KEY MASON, died 1848, also buried at "Fortsville" (tentative).
   d) JOHN YOUNG MASON, JR., born Nov. 29, 1823.
2) SARAH OLIVIA FORT, born 1805 or 1809, who died Oct. 16, 1812.

About the Family

One of the authors visited "Fortsville Farm" in 1967 with the permission of its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bain. He was told that a move was afoot in Southampton County to acquire the house for historical preservation.

Another piece of information, picked up locally, was that Lewis Fort served as a judge and could, by moving from one room to another in the house, conduct court in both Southampton and Sussex Counties.

The Ostend Manifesto was one of the weirder incidents in American history. President Franklin Pierce suggested that the American ministers to Spain, France (John Y. Mason) and Great Britain meet at Ostend to discuss acquisition of Cuba by the United States. They drafted a recommendation urging that the U. S. buy Cuba from Spain, but added that if Spain should refuse "we shall be justified in wresting it from Spain if we possess the power". The document "leaked" to the New York *Herald*, setting off a first-class diplomatic incident.

A letter from Paul Buchanan, supervisor of architectural research for

Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., dated May 22, 1968, said "Fortsville" is known as "an outstanding example of an unusual architectural design". It is similar to the "Semple House" at Williamsburg, but none of its features were used in the Williamsburg restoration. Mr. Buchanan cited a book which may be of interest to Fort-Mason descendants: *"Old Homes in Surry and Sussex"* by Mary A. Stephenson, published 1942 by Dietz Press of Richmond.

Authors' Notes

Lewis Fort's Parentage. The authors have given John and Olive Fort as Lewis' parents. In September, 1795 Olive Fort's estate showed Lewis Fort as administrator (Southampton County Will Book 9, Pg. 88); the document mentions Joshua Oldner, and shows that Olive was herself the administrator of her husband John's estate. On May 21, 1821 there was a final settlement of John and Olive's estates. This paper mentions Charlotte Oldner, Jesse Fort, Nancy Fort, Lewis Thorp, Rob Rochell, Jacob Hughes, Mary Ann Fort, the Wynn family, Zebulon Lewis. It was signed by Sarah Stone, Joshua J. Fort, Nancy Fort, John Wynn, William Wynn, and Jesse Fort. Lewis Fort in his will left a bequest to his sister Nancy and mentioned in a codicil "my connection Charlotte Oldner"; she would have been his niece under the arrangement offered. Jesse Fort in his 1832 will named John Y. Mason executor. All this seems strong evidence.

Lewis Edmunds Mason. Lewis Fort's will (Southampton County Will Book 10, Pg. 2) mentions only Mary Ann, his son-in-law John Y. Mason, and a single grandchild, Lewis Edmunds, who was not of age. Attribution of Coleman Fort Mason and Francis Key Mason to this man is based purely on their burial in the family cemetery and their dates of death.

Howell Harris. The guess that Elizabeth, Lewis' wife, was the sister or daughter of Howell Harris is based on Southampton County Deed Book 15, Pg. 231, in which Robert Fort of Sussex County conveyed 150 acres to Kinchen Felts, bounded by Howell Harris and Lewis Fort; by Zebulon Lewis; and by William Prince. The document is dated Sept. 20, 1816, recorded Feb. 17, 1817.

Monograph on J. Y. Mason. The authors refer readers to an article in *The Virginia Magazine of History*, July, 1966, for information on John Y. Mason, Lewis Fort, and "Fortsville". The writer was Frances Leigh Williams; the title, "Heritage and Preparation of a Statesman, John Young Mason, 1799-1859."

Chart 1-12 (from Chart 1-4)

William Knight Fort and Charlotte Lile, Elizabeth Wimberly Whitfield

WILLIAM KNIGHT FORT, son of Frederick Fort and Mary Ann Knight, married Charlotte Lile in Wake County, N.C., and by her had four children. When about 66 years old, following the death of Charlotte, he married a widow, Elizabeth Wimberly Whitfield, who had one child (George William

Whitfield) by her first husband, William Whitfield of Johnston County. William and Elizabeth made their home near Auburn, eight miles south of Raleigh, where William died in 1843. William's and Charlotte's children were:

1) DAVID GLENDENNING FORT, born May 11, 1803 in Wake County. David married Araminta Harlow Myatt on April 18, 1824 in Wake County. His wife was born Dec. 7, 1807 in Wake. She and her sister Amy (see William Lile Fort below) were daughters of Aldridge Myatt of Wake County, N.C. and Lawrence County, Ala., and his wife Anne Curtis. The couple died in Waco, Texas, David on March 14, 1859 and Araminta on June 4, 1869. David and Araminta had three children:
   a) MARY ANN LOUISA FORT, born March 5, 1828, who died only a few weeks later on June 15.
   b) WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT, born April 30, 1826 at LaGrange, Ala. William married Dionitia Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of David and Arianna Wilson, born Dec. 17, 1831 in Alabama. The couple migrated to Waco, Texas. William died Aug. 29, 1878 at Prairie du Chien, Wis. but is buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Waco. Dionitia died Aug. 25, 1910 at Waco. (See Chart 1-18)
   c) MARTHA SANDAL FORT, born Jan. 7, 1831 at Leighton, Ala., married William Pinckney Downs Dec. 3, 1851. She died July 27, 1863 and he Sept. 8, 1860, both at Waco, Tex. (See Chart 1-19)
2) SANDAL LYLE FORT, who married first James D. Ross, son of Daniel Ross and Ann Battle, and settled in Hinds County, Miss. James Ross died in 1834. Their children were:
   a) WILLIAM ROSS, who died in Tarrant County, Tex. in 1869. William married a Miss Tannehill of Mississippi and had three children: Mary A. Ross, William Ross II, and Kate Ross.
   b) BENNETT BATTLE ROSS of Auburn, Ala., a Methodist minister and teacher. He was born in Wake County, N.C., June 28, 1828, died at Auburn Feb. 14, 1878. He took his B.A. and M.A. degrees at LaGrange (Ala.) College, was a professor at Southern Wesleyan University at Florence, and was president of A. & M. College at Auburn. Bennett married Charlotte Augusta Walker at Talladega on July 26, 1855; she was the daughter of William Walker and Mary A. Tullis. (See Chart 1-20)
   c) SARAH A. ROSS of Columbus, Miss., born 1830, died 1859, who married Frank M. Eckford. Their four children were Alice Eckford, W. Ross Eckford of Prescott, Ariz., Kate Eckford who married a Mr. Price of Little Rock, Ark., and Leila Eckford.
   d) MARY CATHERINE ROSS, born 1832, died 1875, who in 1861 married the widower, Frank M. Eckford (previously married to her sister). Their children were Mary Eckford and Annie Eckford.

   Sandal's second husband was Jack Clifton, by whom she had several children including Arabella and Desdemona.

3) ANN (NANCY) FORT, who married Parker Rand and who may have lived in Franklin County, N.C.
4) WILLIAM LILE FORT, born in Wake County, N.C. Aug. 1, 1808, who married Amy Ann Myatt June 8, 1836 in the same county. Amy was born 1814. William Lile died in Wake County Oct. 6, 1871. His widow Amy died Oct. 12, 1876. Both are buried at the Fort homestead near Auburn, N.C. The known children of William and Amy were:
   a) WILLIAM ACRILL FORT, born Oct. 1, 1842 in Wake County, died in Gaffney, S.C. Sept. 21, 1911. William married first a Miss Walker, daughter of John A.G. Walker of Chester County, S.C. By her he had one child, a daughter. His first wife dying not long after their marriage, Dr. Fort married Sarah C. Jefferies of Gaffney, S.C. on Nov. 14, 1878. His daughter by his first wife married the brother of his second: Claude Jefferies. Sarah Jefferies was born Sept. 22, 1858 and died April or May, 1944. Dr. William A. Fort is known to have had at least three children: Mabel, who married William A. Poole; Laurens W. Fort, who became a dentist and lived in Great Falls, S.C.; and Claude Fort.
   b) DAVID IRA FORT, born July 31, 1852, married Fannie Hart Wilder on March 31, 1875, died Feb. 10, 1904. Fannie was born in 1855. (See Chart 1-21)
   c) SELINA FORT, who married a Mr. Walton, lived in Johnston County, N.C. and died in 1911. She had no known children.

About the Family

David Glendenning Fort and his wife Araminta moved to northern Alabama (probably Sumter County) where they lived on an enormous plantation of some 6,000 acres. But stories of the rich fertility of Texas river valleys intrigued the Forts and their neighbors. In January, 1854 Major William Wood Downs, Col. David Wilson and William Aldridge Fort, then only 26, rode to Texas to locate homes for themselves and a large group prepared to migrate.

A diary from one of the migrants says, "Five hundred souls, traveling 20 miles a day on oxen and mule teams, with Negro slaves walking most of the distance, left Alabama in March, 1854." Each family had a so-called "ambulance" in the caravan. One source says 300 slaves were in the party. It took six weeks to reach the selected site on the Brazos River, now Waco.

William was among the most meticulous of men, according to a descendant. He customarily wore white linen suits in Alabama, but the migrants assumed he would adopt something more suitable for the arduous trek to Texas. Not so. It was white linen. When the party reached Tehuacana in Texas the muddiest creek of the journey confronted them. A bet was whispered. Would the man in white succeed in crossing without dirtying his white suit? William struggled across the creek and then paused to flick a tiny spot of dirt from his trouser cuff.

William Aldridge Fort helped build Waco. In 1869 he launched what became the First National Bank and was its president until his death; his portrait is or was in the directors' room. He was an organizer of the town's first transit system (mule-drawn cars), formed the company which built a private suspension bridge across the Brazos, was a trustee of Waco Female College and chairman of the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church.

His home, at Fourth and Webster Streets, was built about 1859 (not 1868 as is given in some literature). Imposing, with fluted columns, the house has grace as well as size. Now known as the Fort House Museum, it was acquired by the Waco Perpetual Growth Foundation which leased the house to the Historic Waco Foundation. The house has been restored and furnished and will be preserved.

Martha Sandal Fort, sister of William Aldridge, married William Pinckney Downs, a son of Major William Wood Downs who had been one of the reconnoitering party sent to Texas. The couple died young, and their children were taken into the home of their uncle William.

Dr. William Acrill Fort moved to Chester County, S.C. not long after the close of the Civil War. Leaving medicine to take up farming, he remained in the area for a dozen years or so, moving then to Gaffney. But his rather brief stay in the eastern part of the county was marked by the naming of his community for him—Fort Lawn, which had several hundred people in the mid-1960's. It is the only known town in the United States to have been given the Fort name.

Authors' Notes

Descent from William Knight Fort. The authors have relied heavily on family material gathered by Mrs. Allen C. Staggers of Marshall, Texas, who had access to certain data gathered by Lt. Col. John Brown, Army chaplain, now dead. Chaplain Brown spent years in gathering material on the Fort family, but the authors' contacts with relatives did not turn up its whereabouts.

Fort House Museum. Material taken from the Waco *Tribune-Herald* of February 19, 1967. The Waco Society for Historical Preservation has a folder describing the house.

The Migration to Texas. Events on the trip are described in a diary now in the Georgia Archives.

David Glendenning Fort. Mrs. A. C. Lander of Fayetteville, Arkansas, a granddaughter of David, owns oil paintings of him and his wife Araminta painted in 1824 by a Mr. Wheeden of Memphis.

Wimberly-Whitfield Connection. The Raleigh *Register* reported the marriage of a "William Fort" to Mrs. Elizabeth Whitfield on December 20, 1829, he of Wake and she of Johnston county. The will of George Wimberly, dated Dec. 26, 1831 mentions his daughter Elizabeth Fort and grandson George William Whitfield (Johnston County, North Carolina Will Book 3, Page 500).

Sandal Lyle Fort. Material on Sandal's descent is from *The Battle Book,* page 449; the few facts on the Clifton marriage are from an old letter in the possession of Anne Fort Staggers. James Ross was the son of Daniel

Ross and Ann Battle, herself the daughter of William Battle of Edgecombe County, North Carolina and his wife Charity Horn Battle. Sandal's name is usually given as Lyle though the original spelling seems to have been Lile.
William Lile Fort. Facts on his descent were obtained from the Huguenot Society of Washington, D.C., Application 3-267, from Mabel Fort Poole, and from Mrs. L. W. Fort of Great Falls, South Carolina. Naming of Fort Lawn is from the Chester, South Carolina *News* of November 19, 1953. American Biography, Volume 47, Page 161, mentions Claude Fort. One source says William married a second time. There is a Franklin County, North Carolina marriage record showing "William L. Fort" marrying Mary S. Williams on November 18, 1852. It does not reconcile with the reported death date for Amy.
Selina Fort. Evidence for this relationship, while not positive, is indicated in Johnston County, North Carolina Will Book 5, Page 457. David I. Fort, Jr. in this document asked to be named executor of the estate of "Seline Walton" and named various heirs: Janis (?) Avera, Mary Avera, Avera Wynne, Gracie Wynn, Emily F. Penny, Kate Fort Anderson, W. L. Fort, S. H. Fort, D. E. Fort, F. M. Fort, G. W. Fort, Nellie Fort, and M. G. Fort. All were in residence in Raleigh except the first two who were in Washington, D. C.; the document is dated February 22, 1911. With the request is a letter to David I. Fort from the lady in question signed, "Affectionately Aunt Lina".
Ann (Nancy) Fort. The *Raleigh Register* shows Nancy Fort marrying Parker Rand in Wake County, 1815. David Glendenning Fort deeded land in Franklin County to Parker Rand in 1837. Papers copied by Anne Fort Staggers indicate a Rand connection. *The Battle Book* gives the name as Patsy. (See Authors' Notes, Chart 1-21, for a Georgia reference to a Martha Fort, probably allied to this family.) Parker Rand may have been a son of John Rand and Martha Curtis.
Bennett Battle Ross. The Battle Book gives Charlotte Walker as his wife and their marriage date. However, a letter copied by Anne Fort Staggers indicates he was married to Letitia Vick of Vicksburg, Mississippi. A second marriage seems to have occurred.
Claude Fort. The authors found an obituary for a Claude H. Fort in Morristown, Tennessee, dated February 25, 1968. It gave his age as 86 and his wife's name as Bessie Walker Fort. Two daughters were listed: Mrs. Benjamin Slabbekorn and Mrs. Robert Braswell. Grandchildren included Miss Enna Fort. Dates and other facts indicated this was Claude, the son of William Acrill Fort, but the authors — lacking proof — did not include on the chart.

Chart 1-13 (from Chart 1-4)

French Fort and Sarah J. Harris

FRENCH FORT and his wife Sarah, after their move from Wake County, N.C., lived in Warren County, Ky. They had ten children:

1) WILLIAM HARRIS FORT, who evidently died without direct heirs in Warren County about 1835-1842.

2) ANDREW JACKSON FORT, born April 16, 1816, died Feb. 23, 1855 in Warren County and was buried in the Pioneer Cemetery at Bowling Green. Andrew married Jane A. Atkinson, born 1816 in Lancastershire, England, on Jan. 14, 1841 in Bowling Green; she died in Birmingham, Ala. about 1854. Andrew and Jane were members of the Episcopal Church. They had four children:
   a) ROBERT FORT, born Jan. 1, 1842 in Bowling Green, died Jan. 19, 1919 in Louisville, Ky., where he is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery. He married Sept. 8, 1870 Sarah Elstone Nuttall, daughter of Richard Nuttall and Mary Ann Jones; Sarah was born Oct. 30, 1838 in Louisville and died there June 4, 1923. Robert Fort was a railroad conductor. (See Chart 1-22)
   b) WILLIAM FORT, who is believed to have married twice, the first time to a woman named Martha. He died about 1927 in Birmingham, Ala. He had no known children.
   c) JAMES FORT, who did not marry and who also died in Birmingham.
   d) SARAH FORT, who married James Poutch and died in Birmingham. She had no known children.
3) WASHINGTON FORT, who died in Kentucky.
4) DANIEL FORT, who died testate in Warren County, Ky., July, 1834 and who evidently did not marry.
5) FREDERICK FORT, born about 1812 in North Carolina (probably Wake County). On Feb. 11, 1835 he married Ann Barclay in Warren County, Ky. He is believed to be identical with the Frederick Fort who was living in Sabine County, Tex. in 1850 and who had two daughters, names not known.
6) LEMUEL FORT, who died in Kentucky and about whom nothing else is known.
7) CATHERINE (KATY) FORT, who married Feb. 26, 1824 Isaac Brown; this was in Warren County, Ky. They had these children:
   a) JOHN BROWN, nothing else known.
   b) GEORGE BROWN, nothing else known.
   c) MARY BROWN, who married a Cox.
   d) MOLLY BROWN, nothing else known.
   e) ELIZA BROWN, nothing else known.
8) NANCY FORT, who married first John Kemp in Warren County, Ky. on Aug. 4, 1815 and married second Reuben Tunks on May 8, 1823. By her second husband Nancy had:
   a) FRENCH FORT TUNKS, who was living in Hopkinsville, Ky. in 1899. At that time he gave his children as John W., the oldest; Walter L., a cooper by trade; Robert M., a carpenter; and an unnamed daughter.
   b) "SOL" TUNKS, who had several children, names not known, in 1899.
9) MARY FORT, of whom nothing else is known.
10) CHRISTIANNA FORT, who was living in Warren County in 1834, was blind, and did not marry.

About The Family

Certain of French Fort's descendants — and their cousins — moved into the northwestern portion of Illinois in the counties of Warren and Henderson. These were the only members of the family known to have migrated into the northern states prior to the Civil War.

A privately printed booklet called "One Hundred Years of Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky", by Elizabeth Coombs, shows that Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Fort were members of the church before 1861 and that he was the first warden of the church (organized in 1844), Sarah Fort (his daughter) was a member of the first confirmation class April 27, 1861, and Robert Fort was the first person baptized in the parish.

This Robert, according to church records, carpentered the credence table and the first hymn board, the latter being still in use in 1967.

Authors' Notes

William H. Fort. Date of his death is fixed by the 1842 suit of Sarah J. Fort, Andrew Jackson Fort, Frederick Fort, Robert W. Lucas, Samuel Murrell, and Fidelio F. Lucas against John Burnam, administrator of William H. Fort's estate. The Lucas-Murrell connection is unexplained. Microfilmed in Warren County, Reel 34, Suit 7481 (the index mistakenly gives Suit 39).

Andrew J. Fort. Gravestone data in DAR listing of Pioneer Cemetery stones.

Marriage Dates. Marriage data on Andrew, Frederick, Catherine, and Nancy are from the Warren County Marriage Register, 1797-1857.

Christianna Fort. Named as a sister in the nuncupative will of Daniel Fort, Will Book D, Page 69, 1834, Warren County.

Chart 1-14 (from Chart 1-4)

John Burnam (Burnham) and Mary Ann Fort

MARY ANN FORT, a daughter of Frederick Fort, married John Burnam (sometimes spelled Burnham) and settled in Warren County, Ky. They had these children:

1) FREDERICK BURNAM, born Feb. 4, 1795, died Nov. 12, 1826 in Warren County.
2) JOHN BURNAM, who married Sally D. Hines on Dec. 12, 1827 in Warren County. They are known to have had these children:
   a) JOHN QUINCE BURNAM, born Feb. 22, 1832.
   b) JUDSON BURNAM.
   c) CURTIS P. BURNAM, born Dec. 22, 1844, died Feb. 18, 1868.

   John Burnam seems to have married a second time, to America Jackson, possibly of Louisville. By her he had two children: Charles Burnam and Julia, the latter a son; Julia married Mary B. Wilkins.

3) BENNETT BURNAM, died 1852 in Warren County naming his daughter Lee Ann in his will. At that time Lee Ann was the widow of one Calvin Smith.

4) NANCY BURNAM, born 1800 in Kentucky, died 1865 in Warren County. She married Feb. 21, 1822 in the same county Edmund Hall. Edmund was born in 1785 and died 1837 in Warren County. They had two children:
   a) JANE F. HALL, born 1824 in Warren County and died 1914, same county. She married Dec. 9, 1841 Percival Butler Hawkins, born 1819 in Virginia; he died 1893 in Warren County. Both the Halls are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green, Ky. (See Chart 1-23)
   b) MICHAEL T. HALL.

5) THOMPSON BURNAM, who married Lucinda Field and is known to have had John Field Burnam; the latter married Elizabeth Embry, daughter of Allen Embry.

6) ALEXANDER BURNAM.

7) MARY BURNAM.

Authors' Notes

Birthdate of Mary Ann Fort. Certain family papers give March 7, 1768 but the Albemarle Parish Register shows March 17, 1766. It's conceivable that copying errors account for the discrepancy, but lacking better facts the authors have used the older source.

General Information. Descent from John Burnam and Mary Ann—names of their children and the line through Nancy Burnam — came in part from the Milliken family of Bowling Green, Kentucky, which has early Bible records. The authors are grateful to Anna E. Motley, Ann Milliken, and Carol Milliken, all DAR members, for their aid.

Bennett Burnam's Will. In Warren County's Will Book D, Page 330, dated February 19, 1851, probated May, 1852. He named his brother John, his nephew Michael T. Hall, and his daughter Lee Ann, widow of Calvin Smith.

John Burnam (Jr.) A book titled "Old Homes In and Near Bowling Green, Kentucky" by Mrs. T. H. Beard mentions that John Burnam (Jr.) was treasurer of the "Confederate State of Kentucky." When Union troops occupied the town, General Rosecrans used Burnam's house (Kentucky Street, between 11th and 12th) as his headquarters. Site of the house was later used for a junior high school.

John Burnam's Will. Dated June 26, 1831, probated July, 1831. In Will Book D, Page 37 (Warren County). William H. Fort was a witness.

America Burnam's Will. Dated Oct. 20, 1867, probated July, 1881, in Will Book 4, Page 322 (Warren County). She was the wife of a John Burnam, assumed to be John (Jr.)

Julia Burnam. Given as "Julia" in America's Will, and as "Julia Q. Burnam" in the Warren County marriage record to Mary B. Wilkins (Marriage Book D, Page 261).

Chart 1-15 (from Chart 1-4)

Frederick Fort and Lucy Moore

FREDERICK FORT, son of Frederick and Mary Ann Fort, and Lucy Moore are believed to have lived briefly in Montgomery County, Ky. about 1807 before moving to Warren County in the same state. About 1820 he and Lucy, with a number of their children, moved to Henderson County, Ill. A number of their descendants lived in Warren County, Ill., which adjoins Henderson; the group spread out through the midwestern portion of the country. Frederick and Lucy had eight children:

1) GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, the oldest son, born about 1806, married Elizabeth McChesney Feb. 23, 1826, probably in Henderson 12/30/1987 County. He died in 1857 and is buried in Olena Cemetery in that county, as are a number of Frederick Fort's descendants. George and Elizabeth are known to have had six children, of whom very little is known:
   a) GEORGANNE FORT, who married Lucius Watson.
   b) AMANDA FORT.
   c) ANGELINE (or ANGELINA) FORT.
   d) CAROLINE FORT.
   e) JOHN FORT.
   f) THEODORE FORT.

2) JOHN BURNAM FORT, born July 25, 1811 in Warren County, Ky., married 1848 in Illinois Sarah Jane Carothers, died March 8, 1903 in Stronghurst, Ill. Sarah Carothers Fort died Sept. 29, 1886. She was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Carothers. John and Sarah Jane had eight children:
   a) FLORENCE FORT, who did not marry and who was living in the Stronghurst area in 1900 and later.
   b) JOHN MARIAN FORT, probably the oldest child, who was born 1849 and who married Sarah A. Daddis March 30, 1876. (See Chart 1-24) GADDIS
   c) CHARLES EDWARD FORT, born Sept. 7, 1856, married Annie Maria Marshall, daughter of John Marshall, on Feb. 17, 1881; his birth and marriage both occurred in Henderson County. Charles Edward farmed in the county. (See Chart 1-25)
   d) CAROLINE V. (probably VIRGINIA) FORT, who was likely nicknamed "Jennie".
   e) MYRA FORT, who married Captain Elias W. Fort, son of Burwell Jackson Fort. Elias was born 1833 and died 1898, in Bridges, Ala. (For more on this couple, including Elias' antecedents, see Section 4.)
   f) ANNA B. FORT, who married I. S. Barnes of Roseville, Ill. In 1911 this couple was living in Kansas City, Mo. and had at least one child, a daughter: Nellie Barnes.
   g) EUGENIE FORT, who married Frank M. Davis April 28, 1888 in Stronghurst, Ill. The wife predeceased the husband.

3) THOMAS JEFFERSON FORT, who married Sarah Brown on Sept. 20, 1830, probably in Warren County, Ky. He moved to Warren County, Ill. in 1833, dying there in 1898. Sarah, his wife, was the daughter of Andrew Brown of Scotland and Jane (Smith) Brown of Ireland; the parents earlier lived in Edmondson County, Ky. Thomas and Sarah had these children:
   a) WILLIAM H. FORT, who was living in De Witt, Nebr. in 1911.
   b) LUCY FORT, who married John H. Wall and died Jan. 22, 1910 in Anacortes, Wash.
   c) JANE FORT, who married William H. McChesney and died April 28, 1868.
   d) JOHN T. FORT, who in 1911 was living in Delphos, Kans.
   e) JAMES M. FORT, who died in Elmo, Mo. June 7, 1884.
   f) GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, was born in Stronghurst April 10, 1841 and married three times: 1) Mary E. Miller of Scotland County, Mo. on Nov. 7, 1866; 2) Harriet A. Rodman of Stronghurst on Feb. 24, 1877; and 3) Amanda L. Holcomb on March 4, 1880. All of his children were by his first wife. (See Chart 1-26)
   g) FRANCIS M. FORT, who in 1911 was living in Santa Barbara, Calif.
   h) JESSE L. FORT.
4) JESSE L. FORT, another son of Frederick and Lucy, was a Methodist minister and lived in Illinois, probably in the Henderson County area.
5) LETHA (LETITIA?) FORT, who is believed to have married a man named Tate.
6) POLLY FORT, who married John Stroud (or Strode) in Warren County, Ky., probably on Aug. 3, 1819.
7) NANCY FORT, who is believed to have married a man named Wray.
8) LUCY FORT, whose husband was John Marks Children.

About the Family

A family tradition has it that Frederick's and Lucy's marriage in Boonesborough — the original settlement in Kentucky — was the first between white settlers in that state. But "Kentucky" in the Writers Guide Series points out that Boonesborough was laid out by Daniel Boone in 1775 and that the first marriage took place not long thereafter; names of the couple are given.

Even so, Frederick and Lucy were pioneers of what was assuredly the "Dark and Bloody Ground".

The decision of the family to move to the Mississippi River county of Henderson took this branch into unquestionably northern territory. Thus, it seems to have become the only family group to have lived north of the Mason-Dixon line prior to the Civil War; the descendants from Elias remained overwhelmingly southern and, in fact, are still so today, taking into account the scattering that took place in the present century.

This shift of locale is reflected passingly in the fact that one John B. Fort, probably a grandson of Frederick's, served on the Federal Gunboat "Hollyhock" in the New Orleans area in 1865. It was the only instance of service in the Federal forces by a family member found during the course of researching this volume.

Authors' Notes

History of Henderson County. This book, published in 1911, provides information on the descendants of George Washington Fort, Charles Edward Fort, Thomas Jefferson Fort, and John Marian Fort. The authors relied on it heavily.

Parents of Lucy Moore. There were two Robert Moores in Warren County, Kentucky. Will Book A, Page 199, gives the will of Lucy's father in which Frederick Fort is named as a son-in-law. This Robert lived on Big Beaver Dam Creek in Warren.

Frederick's Residence in Montgomery County. A deed in Book 4, Page 577, is from Frederick Fort to Samuel Turley. Robert Moore deeded to Frederick and Lucy in 1807, Book 4, Page 340.

The Long-Lived Family. The obituary of John Burnam Fort indicates he and six of his brothers and sisters all lived to be more than 90 years old.

The Move to Warren County, Kentucky. The 1810 census shows Frederick in Warren at that time, with five children and his wife.

The Move to Henderson County, Illinois. The last Kentucky deed for Frederick and his family is dated April 1, 1820.

John Burnam Fort's Children. The list is taken in part from his published obituary.

Polly Fort's Marriage. Original marriage bond was destroyed by accident. There are two entries copied into Warren County, Kentucky records. One shows her marrying John Shoud (sic) on July 27, 1809; the other gives a marriage to John Stroud on August 3, 1819. The authors believe, on the basis of the 1810 census record, that the correct date is 1819. A correspondent in Henderson County gives Polly's married name as Strode.

Letters from Jennie and Florence Fort. A letter from Jennie Fort (presumably Caroline V.) dated July 4, 1900 said her "Uncle Jeff" had been dead for nearly two years, which places Thomas Jefferson Fort's decease rather closely. This same letter mentioned Civil War service on the "Hollyhock" by Lt. John B. Fort (who may have been the son of George Washington Fort). The letter covered an enclosure: a letter from Florence Fort of the same date. This enclosure asserts that John and Foster Fort, brothers of Frederick (see Chart 1-4), died in North Carolina "being middle aged". The brother Elias "went to Tennessee on the Bolivar River in the lower part of the state". The authors found no Bolivar River in Tennessee but did know of the town of Bolivar in Hardeman County; they attempted to fit this information with the "Elias Bolivar Fort" who died 1836 in Columbus, Mississippi, but such evidence as exists runs contrary to this identification. Florence Fort passed on in the same letter another family tradition: that Frederick Fort, who married Mary Ann Knight, and was her great-grand-

father, "was a wagon maker by trade and a farmer as well. He emigrated from New York to Virginia and went from there to North Carolina." This information was given to Florence by her father, Thomas Jefferson Fort, but insofar as the authors could detect it was entirely in error insofar as the New York reference was concerned.

A Fayette County, Ohio Tie? A family member, who unfortunately could not be contacted directly, reported that there is on file in Fayette County a court proceeding involving four orphans: Amanda, Charles W., Elias, and Joseph Fort, dated 1856. The record refers to them as being "of Warren County, Illinois". The authors did not follow up the lead.

Frederick's Sons-In-Law. The names of the men married by Frederick's daughters came from a family member in Illinois. Since no other sources were given and the information was somewhat fragmented, the names should be thought of as quite tentative.

Chart 1-16 (from Chart 1-4)

John Fort and Patsy Powell

JOHN FORT, son of John Fort of Virginia and Wake County, N.C., married Patsy Powell, probably in North Carolina. He and Patsy (whose true name was probably Martha) had these children:

1) A daughter who married a Mr. Smith and who, by August, 1824, had two children; Nancy Smith and Zelphia Smith. By May, 1834 Nancy had married a Mr. Walker, and Zelphia a Mr. Wall.
2) MARION FORT, a daughter, married Talton Embry (born March 15, 1764, died Sept. 1, 1855 in Madison County, Ky.) The couple married Oct. 31, 1789. Marion died by Dec. 24, 1796, the date on which Talton Embry married his second wife (believed to be Nancy Dunn.) Talton had a total of 15 children, of whom two are definitely known to have been by Marion: Mary (Polly) Embry, born about 1790, who married Isham R. Fox in 1805; and Charlotte Embry, who married a Mr. Reid before 1824.
3) JOHN CASWELL FORT, of age in 1824. The will of Franky Broadwell Fort, made in May, 1834 shows him dead by that date and leaving heirs.
4) JAMES W. FORT, of age in 1824 and about whom nothing else is known.
5) BETSY TOLTING FORT, who married Henry Moring (probably in Wake County) on July 14, 1789. The Morings had by 1824: Christopher C. Moring; 2) Mary A. E. Moring; 3) James S. Moring.
6) PATSY FORT, who married Joel Embry, brother of Talton (above) on Sept. 28, 1790. The marriage took place in Kentucky, where Patsy died in Madison County in 1805. After her death Joel married Mary Ann Booten Harris, a widow; he died in 1856 in Madison County. Joel and Patsy had six children (Joel had eight others by his second wife):
   a) ELIZABETH EMBRY, born Jan. 20, 1792, married James Woods 1809; she died June 1, 1870.

b) ALY (ALLIE?) EMBRY, born Nov. 3, 1793, married John Simpson 1813.
c) JOSEPH EMBRY, born May 9, 1795, married Nancy Dunn (born 1803).
d) JACOB L. EMBRY, born April 12, 1797, married Caroline Grimes 1823.
e) NANCY EMBRY, born Jan. 16, 1799, married 1816 Charles Lewis Fox.
f) WILEY EMBRY, born Feb. 26, 1804, married Sarah Ann Phelps 1829.

7) A daughter who married a Mr. Haley and who by 1824 had these children: Lucy M. Haley, Richard H. Haley, and Susan Haley.
8) MARTHA E. FORT, not married in 1824, had married a Mr. Perry in Wake County by 1834.

Authors' Notes

John Fort's Will. Made August 27, 1824 and recorded November, 1825, this will is in Will Book 19, Page 452, Wake County. This John Fort was the father of the man who married Patsy Powell; the latter had died by 1824. By comparing the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren named in this will against the will of the other son, James, it is possible to identify the descendants of John Fort and Patsy.

Further Research. While they had access to the will mentioned above and to the excellent research of Mrs. O. A. Lester of Raleigh, the authors did not search the Wake County records personally. It is believed that such a search would reveal much more of the descent from John Fort than is given in this volume. Mrs. Lester supplied the name of John Fort's wife.

Embry Descent. Norris W. Embry of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Mrs. Milton Priebe of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, kindly supplied the data on both Marion and Patsy Embry, using family records. The name is sometimes given as "Embrough".

John Caswell Fort. The will of Franky Broadwell Fort is in Wake County, Book 24, Page 259, dated May 8, 1834, probated February, 1839. It mentions the "late John C. Fort" and gives the married names of Nancy and Zelphia Smith and of Martha E. Fort. Will Book 24, Page 5 gives the will of "John Fort, Jr." The authors' extract is hard to read but apparently lists: William David Fort, Martha Grizzy Ann, Sally Fort, W. F. Fort, Jackey Fort. John, Jr. is probably John Caswell Fort. The John, Jr. extracts gives December 31, 1836 as the day of his death, but this is probably the date of record.

Chart 1-17 (from Chart 1-4)

James Fort and Chloe Powell

JAMES FORT and his wife Chloe Powell, who lived their adult lives in Wake County, N.C., had a large number of children, all daughters. They were:

1) MARTHA FORT, who married Cullen Andrews (Jr.) March 22, 1816. Cullen was the son of Cullen Andrews (Sr.) and Elizabeth Crudup of Edgecombe County, N.C. Both Cullen and Martha were born about 1797. In 1820 they were living in Wake County; however, about 1835-1837 they moved to Mississippi; they were living in Panola County, Miss. in 1847 and in 1850 in Coahoma County in the same state. They evidently left the latter county later, possibly moving to Arkansas or Texas. They are known to have had these children:
   a) JAMES ANDREWS, born about 1817 in North Carolina, who became a doctor.
   b) JOHN CRUDUP ANDREWS, born April 16, 1819 near Raleigh, who was married Jan. 2, 1840 to Eliza Jane Wooten in Panola County. She was the daughter of Henry Wooten and Jane Bryant of North Carolina. John C. Andrews died June 21, 1897, Panola County; Eliza Jane, who had been born July 31, 1818 in North Carolina, died Dec. 7, 1887, Panola County. (See Chart 1-27)
   c) WILLIAM ANDREWS, born about 1823 in North Carolina, who became a minister in Panola County. He died 1852-1854.
   d) ELIZABETH ANDREWS, born about 1828 in North Carolina.
   e) LAFAYETTE ANDREWS, born about 1830 in North Carolina.
   f) FRANKLIN ANDREWS, born about 1832 in North Carolina.
   g) CULLEN ANDREWS (III), born about 1835 in North Carolina.
   h) MARTHA ANDREWS, born about 1837 in Mississippi.
2) CHLOE FORT married Benjamin House Sept. 13, 1817.
3) NANCY FORT married Sherwood House Nov. 5, 1809. Some of their descendants lived in Tennessee.
4) MILDRED FORT married Burkett Murrell Dec. 8, 1814.
5) MARY FORT married John Purefoy March 30, 1808.
6) ELIZABETH FORT married Henry Terrell Feb. 20, 1810.
7) CHARLOTTE ANN FORT married John Spear Gorman and moved to Alabama.
8) LUCY HAWKINS FORT, born 1813, married first William Leonidas Roles on July 17, 1829. On his death she married Noel Soloman Harp on Dec. 2, 1846. The Harps are known to have had Elodia Benton Harp, born Sept. 26, 1855, died April 1, 1923 at Raleigh, N.C. She married Thomas Blacknall Yancey (1835-1898) on May 28, 1872 at Raleigh. The Yanceys are known to have had Foy Yancey who married Aug. 25, 1915 Orest Asbury Lester in Raleigh.
9) LOUTHA FORT married Daniel Verser and moved to Missouri. The husband is believed to have been a Baptist minister.

Authors' Notes

James Fort's Daughters. Information on this family came from Mrs. O. A. Lester of Raleigh, N.C., who consulted Wake County marriage records and James Fort's will. Mrs. Lester is a granddaughter of Lucy Hawkins Fort.

Cullen Andrews and Martha. The *Battle Book* gives information on the antecedents and collateral lines of Cullen Andrews. Information on his Mississippi residences came from Mrs. C. Y. Andrews of Grenada, Mississippi, who supplied descent from John Crudup Andrews.

Chart 1-18 (from Chart 1-12)

William Aldridge Fort and Dionitia Wilson

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT and Dionitia Elizabeth Wilson of Alabama and Waco, Tex., had these children:

1) WALTER VINSON FORT, born April 6, 1857 at Waco, married Ann Downs Maddin at Nashville, Tenn. on Nov. 8, 1887. Ann Maddin was born Aug. 25, 1865, died Oct. 13, 1928 at Waco. Her husband died at Waco also on July 5, 1911. Their children were:
   a) ANN ELOISE FORT, born Sept. 7, 1888, married Vincent Willig. They had no children.
   b) MARIE KATHLEEN FORT, born Nov. 20, 1890, died June 11, 1891.
   c) WALTER VINSON FORT, JR., born June 1, 1894, married Louise Richardson, died March, 1963. They had no children.
   d) MILDRED MADDIN FORT, born Oct. 12, 1898, married John Spurlin. They had no children.
   e) WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT, born Sept. 21, 1903, married Juanita (Sue) Carpenter on Jan. 3, 1930. Juanita was born April 18, 1910 in El Reno, Okla. and died June 24, 1948 in Waco. (See Chart 1-28)
2) MARY AUGUSTA FORT, born Dec. 14, 1858, died July 7, 1878.
3) FOSTER WILSON FORT, born March 5, 1861, married Buena Vista Padgitt, daughter of Tom Padgitt and Amanda Hutchinson Padgitt of Groesbeck, Tex. and Waco. By Buena, his first wife, he had one daughter, Katherine Fort, who married John Cutler. This latter couple had two children: John Cutler, Jr., an architect in San Francisco, and Mrs. W. H. Fox of New York City. Foster and Buena were divorced. His second wife was Minette Lile, by whom he had Foster Wilson Fort, Jr. of Longview, Tex. Minette died in 1968.
4) WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT, JR., born March 28, 1863, died Dec. 19, 1879.

About The Family

Foster Wilson Fort was something of an innovator. He invented a design for a nutcracker, sold under the name "Perfection Nutcracker" and still manufactured in 1968. He also developed a variety of pecan, distinguished by its size, of which a few trees are known to survive in an orchard near Waco.

Walter Vinson Fort established the first insurance agency in Texas, according to a family member. And in 1896, after a trip to Scotland, he introduced golf to Waco.

Authors' Notes

Sources of Data. Compiler of the descent from William Aldridge Fort was Ann Fort Staggers of Marshall, Texas. Her collection includes copies of old letters and of Bible pages from family records, some dealing with the Myatt, Curtis, Downs, and Maddin families as well as with Forts. Waco newspapers have carried a number of articles dealing with the Fort family, many in connection with the Fort House Museum.

Chart 1-19 (from Chart 1-12)

Martha Sandal Fort and William Pinckney Downs

MARTHA SANDAL FORT, daughter of David Glendenning Fort, married William Pinckney Downs, born Jan. 15, 1830 at Lawrenceville, Ga. He was the son of William Wood Downs, who migrated to Waco, Tex. with William Aldridge Fort. The couple had these children:

1) CLARENCE MORTIMER DOWNS, born May 7, 1853 in Alabama, died June 17, 1862 in Waco following a fall from a horse.
2) FLAVIUS FOSTER DOWNS, born April 17, 1856, attended Vanderbilt University, married Tabitha Hicks Yelverton of Calvert, Tex. on May 1, 1878. Tabitha was born Aug. 8, 1858 and died March 3, 1893 in Temple, Tex. They had these children:
   a) WILLIAM FORT DOWNS, born Dec. 3, 1879 in Marlin.
   b) MATTIE BROWNING DOWNS, born Oct. 12, 1881 in Temple.
   c) PINCKNEY LOVICK DOWNS, a son, born Feb. 26, 1884 in Temple.
   d) NANNIE BEATRICE DOWNS, born Jan. 21, 1886 at Temple.
   e) ANNA MILLER DOWNS, born Nov. 17, 1888.
   f) FLAVIUS FORT DOWNS.
3) MARY KATE DOWNS, a daughter, was born in Waco May 6, 1858, married in the same city June 29, 1880 Andrew Claude Hamilton of Memphis, Tenn., a native of Belfast, Ireland, born May 3, 1852. They later lived in Temple and Waco, Tex., and Fayetteville, Ark. Their children:
   a) MARY FORT HAMILTON, born Milam, Tenn. May 1, 1881, who married Roswell Sears Lander at Fayetteville, Ark, and had Andrew Hamilton Lander (born at Galena, Ill.) and Mary Downs Lander (born at Fayetteville). Roswell and Mary Lander later settled in Little Rock, Ark.
   b) EILEEN KATHLEEN McMURRY HAMILTON, born Temple, Tex. Dec. 6, 1883, married Dr. Neil Carothers of Bethlehem, Pa. and had Neil Carothers, III (born in Fayetteville), Hamilton Carothers (born in New York), and Stuart Carothers (born in Fayetteville).

c) WILLIAM JOHN HAMILTON, born Waco on April 20, 1885, attended Davidson College, lived Fayetteville and Little Rock, Ark. and married Gladys Hardister of Arkansas. He is known to have had a son, William J., Jr., and a daughter, Kathleen.

d) CLAUDE HAMILTON, born Waco, Tex., Nov. 25, 1887, died Belfast, Ireland, Oct. 27, 1888.

e) ANDREW CLAUDE HAMILTON, JR., born Galveston, Tex. June 22, 1892, attended Culver Military Academy and the University of Arkansas, where he received an M.A. degree. He married Hallie Howard Devanncy, and had one child, Katherine Howard Hamilton, born May 8, 1919 in Fayetteville. They later lived in Dallas, Tex.

f) FLAVIUS PINCKNEY SCOTT HAMILTON, born Galveston, Tex. Sept. 13, 1895. After military service in World War I, he graduated from Northwestern University. He married Sue McDonnell of Little Rock, and later became Manager of the Chamber of Commerce at Hot Springs. They had these children: Scott Hamilton, Jr., and Joanna.

4) PINCKNEY LOVICK DOWNS, born June 23, 1860 in Waco, married Beatrice Yelverton, sister of Tabitha (see above). He graduated in the first class at Texas A. & M. College, then attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He and Beatrice had one son, George Browning Downs, born in Temple Feb. 17, 1891; Beatrice died at his birth. P. L. Downs married Clara Woldert about 1901. His son, George Browning Downs, was living in San Antonio, Tex. in 1934 and had two sons.

Martha's surviving children were orphaned by her death on July 27, 1863 and were taken into the home of their uncle, William Aldridge Fort, in Waco.

Chart 1-20 (from Chart 1-12)

Bennett Battle Ross and Charlotte Augusta Walker

BENNETT BATTLE ROSS and Charlotte Augusta Walker had five children:

1) JAMES WILLIAM ROSS, born June, 1857, died Talladega, Ala. July, 1858.

2) FRANK WALKER ROSS, born Talladega in September, 1858, died May, 1861.

3) MARY FORT ROSS of Baton Rouge, La., who was born in Talladega, Ala. May 18, 1861, and died at Baton Rouge Sept. 17, 1895. A Methodist, she attended Huntsville, Ala., Female College, then married on Feb. 20, 1884 William Dana Taylor. Her husband was a professor at Louisiana State University and later professor of engineering at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Their children were:

a) LILY ROSS TAYLOR, born at Madison Aug. 12, 1886.

b) MARY CATHERINE TAYLOR, born at Madison Aug. 20, 1888.
c) FRANK TAYLOR, also born at Madison, Nov. 17, 1890; he died in the same year.
d) BENNETT ROSS TAYLOR, born at Madison Jan. 6, 1892.

4) BENNETT BATTLE ROSS II of Auburn, Ala., who was born at Tuskegee Dec. 25, 1864 and died at Miami, Fla. on April 4, 1930. He took his B.A. and M.A. degrees at Alabama Polytechnic (Auburn) in 1886 and 1887 following study in the sciences at German universities. He held professorial and deanship positions at Louisiana State and at Alabama Polytechnic; in 1896 he was president of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists. A Methodist, Bennett Battle Ross married Letitia Roane Dowdell, daughter of William Crawford Dowdell and Elizabeth C. Thomas on Aug. 18, 1897. They had no children.
5) CHARLES HUNTER ROSS of Georgetown, Tex., a teacher born Tuskegee, Ala. Oct. 14, 1867, and died at El Paso, Tex. Feb. 23, 1900. He received B.S. and C.E. degrees in 1886 and 1888 from Alabama Polytechnic, a PhD. in 1892 from John Hopkins University at Baltimore. He taught modern languages and English at Auburn and was a Methodist. He did not marry.

Authors' Notes

Sources. All information in this chart is from the *Battle Book.*

Chart 1-21 (from Chart 1-12)

David Ira Fort and Fannie Hart Wilder

DAVID I. FORT and his wife Fannie had nine children:

1) KATHERINE WILDER FORT, born 1876, married P. R. Anderson. They had a son, William Hinton Wilder Anderson, born 1914, who married Mary E. Ferguson, born in 1915. In 1911 Katherine was living in Washington, D.C.
2) WILLIAM LILE FORT, born 1877, married Eleanor Huske.
3) LINA (SELINA?) HART FORT, born 1879, died young.
4) SALLIE HINTON FORT, born 1880.
5) DAVID I. FORT, JR., born 1882, married Elizabeth Robinson and had Katherine Robinson Fort, born 1922. A real estate broker in Raleigh, N.C., David Fort died in 1967.
6) FANNIE MYATT FORT, born 1883, married T. N. McElwee.
7) GASTON WILDER FORT, born 1887, died 1933.
8) NELLIE FORT, born 1889.
9) MARY GREGORY FORT, born 1892.

Authors' Notes

Major Source. The listing for David I. Fort's children was taken from *Wilder Families* by William Murtha Wilder, published Albany, Ga. in 1951. The same book mentions that William Ware and Martha Fort Ware lived in

Madison County, Ga. but the authors have not been able to identify this Martha Fort.

Genealogists in the Family. The authors were in correspondence with David I. Fort, Jr. at an early stage in this book. He mentioned that his sisters — not named — had researched the early history of the family but were now dead, that he had their notes. These included the flat statements that the birth year for Elias Fort (II) was 1661, for his brother John was 1663, and for the other brother George 1665. Unfortunately the notes David Fort had gave no sources.

Chart 1-22 (from Chart 1-13)

Robert Fort and Sarah E. Nuttall

ROBERT FORT and his wife Sarah had four children:

1) ARTHUR LEE FORT, born in Louisville, Ky. March 9, 1872, died Aug. 22, 1959 at Eminence in Henry County, Ky. An Episcopalian, Arthur married Nannie Mary McElwain at Cambellsburg in Henry County on Oct. 20, 1897; she was the daughter of James McElwain and Alice Stoddard. Nannie Mary was born Aug. 12, 1897 at Cambellsburg and died Nov. 30, 1941 at Eminence. Arthur Fort was a clerk and engineer. This couple had one child, James Clifton Fort, born July 29, 1898 at Louisville. James Clifton married 1) Florence Berry Crutcher and 2) May Grisby. He died Dec. 24, 1961 at Eminence.
2) CLARA WITTY FORT, born Jan. 23, 1874 at Louisville, died Dec. 22, 1880, and buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.
3) HERBERT DUDLEY FORT, born Nov. 19, 1882 and died as a child on Jan. 13, 1883; he is buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.
4) ROBERT MARIAN FORT, born Jan. 9, 1886 at Louisville. An Episcopalian, Robert M. Fort studied optometry; he lived at Etowah, Tenn. and Washington, D.C. before taking up Kentucky residence again, at Frankfurt. While in Washington, he married Florence Clos Irmen, daughter of John Mathew Irmen and Margaret Philabena Clos; the marriage was on Dec. 30, 1908. Florence was born Oct. 30, 1887 at Atlantic in Cass County, Iowa; she died Feb. 16, 1957 at Frankfurt, where she is buried. Robert and Florence had three children:
    a) ROBERT IRMEN FORT, born October 24 at Louisville, and christened at St. Andrews Church. He obtained his degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1930.
    b) CLARA MARGRET FORT, born July 27, 1912 at Etowah in McMinn County, Tenn. Clara Margret obtained her B.S. degree in physical education from the University of Kentucky in 1934 and her Master of Arts degree from New York University in a later year.
    c) FLORENCE ANNE FORT, born June 20, 1914 at Washington, married Earl George Welch, Jr. Sept. 9, 1940 at Frankfort.

She was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1938 with a degree in home economics. Her husband was born May 13, 1916 at Athens, Ga., and attended the University of Kentucky, graduating there in 1939 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He died in Buffalo, N.Y. Jan 17, 1947 and was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery at Lexington, Ky. He was a Baptist and his wife an Episcopalian. Florence Anne Welch was an executive secretary with the American Red Cross. Earl and Florence Welch had two children: Robert Earl Welch, born April 2, 1943 at Buffalo, who obtained his B.S. degree in civil engineering at University of Kentucky in 1966, and Ronald Fort Welch, born April 13, 1946 at Buffalo.

Authors' Notes

Dr. Robert M. Fort. Dr. Fort compiled much material on the descendants of French Fort. His data on Arthur Lee Fort and Nannie Mary was taken from the Stoddard Family Bible. Material on this chart was taken entirely from Dr. Fort's genealogical collection; the authors are grateful.

Chart 1-23 (from Chart 1-14)

Jane F. Hall and Percival Butler Hawkins

JANE F. HALL and her husband Percival Butler Hawkins, of Warren County, Ky., had one child, Anna E. Hawkins, who was born Oct. 1, 1842. Anna died Nov. 14, 1919 in Warren County. On Jan. 12, 1865 she married Erasmus Lewis Motley, born Sept. 3, 1837, died Warren County Jan. 9, 1918. Both Anna and Erasmus are buried in Fairview Cemetery, Bowling Green. Their children:

1) PERCY MOTLEY, who moved to Louisville, Ky.
2) LITE MOTLEY, a daughter, who married Eli Adams and had two sons: John and Motley Adams. Lite attended Vassar College.
3) ERASMUS MOTLEY.
4) NAN MOTLEY, born April 15, 1881 (sometimes given as 1883) in Warren County. After attending Vassar College she married on Nov. 21, 1907 George Duncan Milliken, Sr. George Milliken was born Jan. 26, 1877 at Middleton in Simpson County, Ky. He was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1905 after receiving his bachelor's degree at Centre College and law degrees at Center and the University of Michigan (1904 and 1905). In Warren County he was elected to the Kentucky legislature (1908-1910), and served successively as police judge, county attorney, and as judge over the years 1910-1949. He was a director of the American National Bank of Bowling Green, beginning in 1915, and a vice-president of the bank, beginning in 1955. Both George and Nan Milliken were living in Bowling Green in 1967. They had three children:
   a) GEORGE DUNCAN MILLIKEN, JR., born Sept. 27, 1908, Bowling Green. George, Jr. was granted his A.B. degree by

Vanderbilt University in 1929 and his J.D. degree by the University of Michigan in 1931. He was admitted to the Kentucky bar in 1931. He served with the U. S. Air Force 1941-46, reaching the rank of Lt. Col. From 1932 to 1937 he was city judge in Bowling Green; from 1937 to 1942 he was county judge for Warren County. Between 1952 and 1964 he was city solicitor in Bowling Green, going then into private practice. He married Oct. 5, 1932 at Mayfield, Ky., Katherine Elizabeth Lewis, born April 18, 1915. (See Chart 1-29)

b) HELEN KENYON MILLIKEN, born March 16, 1911, Bowling Green. She married first at Franklin, Ky., Joseph Augustus Cook on Oct. 9, 1931; they were divorced Oct. 8, 1940, after having a daughter, Nancy Ellen Cook. She married second at Russellville, Ky. Dec. 28, 1944 Byron Dale Ogden. He was born June 2, 1902 and died Nov. 7, 1963. Nancy Ellen Cook, her one child, was born Sept. 26, 1932 at Bowling Green and married Vaughn Odell Myers on Aug. 20, 1953 at Nashville, Tenn. They have two daughters: Patricia Ann Myers, born April 22, 1954, and Sandra Kay Myers, born May 16, 1955, both at Bowling Green.

c) JOHN MOTLEY MILLIKEN, born Sept. 19, 1918 at Bowling Green. He received his A.B. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1940, served in the U. S. Army as a commissioned officer 1940-46, and obtained his LL.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1947. He served as county judge, Warren County, 1954-1961, and as president of the Bowling Green Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1950. In 1967 he was in private practice with his brother. On Nov. 14, 1947 in Pontiac, Mich., he married Barbara June Thompson, born Oct. 17, 1929. They have three children: Rebecca O'Shea Milliken, born Sept. 2, 1950; Elizabeth Louise Milliken, born Jan. 12, 1953; and Nan Mottley Milliken, born Jan. 9, 1957 — all at Bowling Green.

Authors' Notes

Descent Sources. The descent from Jane Hawkins was supplied by Carol Milliken and by George Milliken, Jr., both of Bowling Green.
Motley and Mottley. Different spellings are used. No typographical error involved.

Chart 1-24 (from Chart 1-15)

John Marian Fort and Sarah A. Daddis

JOHN MARIAN FORT, son of John Burnam Fort, and his wife Sarah Daddis had six children: Daddis

1) HARRY BURNAM (sic) FORT, born Feb. 20, 1877.
2) MARIAN EDWARD FORT, born March 2, 1879. He was living in Pecos Valley, N. Mex. in 1911.

3) GERALD A. FORT, born June 13, 1883, married Rose Shain of Dallas City, Ill. and was living in Galesburg in 1911.
4) ANNIE JANE FORT, born Dec. 21, 1885.
5) EUGENIA CORNELIA FORT, born 1888, died 1909.
6) WALLACE CHALMERS FORT, born Feb. 6, 1894.

Authors' Notes

Source: Material on John Marian Fort's children was taken entirely from James W. Borden's "History of Henderson County, Illinois", published in 1911.

Chart 1-25 (from Chart 1-15)

Charles Edward Fort and Annie Maria Mrshall

CHARLES EDWARD FORT, a son of John Burnam Fort, and Annie Marshall had eight children:
1) GERTRUDE FORT, who married Robert W. Upton of Stronghurst, Ill.
2) JOHN BURNAM FORT, who was living in Omaha, Nebr. in 1911.
3) LYMAN W. FORT, living in Stronghurst in 1911.
4) VIDA FORT, a daughter who was living in Montecello, Ill. in 1911.
5) CHARLES EDWARD FORT, JR., living in Stronghurst in 1911.
6) ELBRIDGE C. FORT, living in Stronghurst in 1911.
7) GRADY V. FORT, who was underage in 1911.
8) EVELYN MAE FORT, underage in 1911.

Authors' Notes

Source. Facts on Charles Edward Fort's children were taken in their entirety from Borden's "History of Henderson County, Illinois" published 1911.

Chart 1-26 (from Chart 1-15)

George Washington Fort and Mary E. Miller

GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, a son of Thomas Jefferson Fort, married three times. By his first wife Mary E. Miller he had all his children:
1) FLORENCE FORT ("Floy"), who married George W. Kamp of Bentonsport, Iowa prior to 1911.
2) ROBERT L. FORT, living in Red Oak, Iowa in 1911.
3) NORA M. FORT, who married J. W. Hicks of Stronghurst prior to 1911.

Authors' Notes

Source. The information on George W. Fort's children is taken from Borden's 1911 "History of Henderson County, Illinois".

Chart 1-27 (from Chart 1-17)

John Crudup Andrews and Eliza Jane Wooten

JOHN CRUDUP ANDREWS, a son of Cullen Andrews, Jr. and Martha Fort, married Eliza Jane Wooten and had nine children:

1) MARTHA JANE ANDREWS, born Oct. 15, 1840, married Dec. 11, 1860 Henry Hampton Holcomb who was born Aug. 29, 1849. She died June 27, 1911.
2) MARY ELIZA ANDREWS, born Feb. 4, 1842, married (as his second wife) George W. Scallorn. She was born Feb. 4, 1842, died April 23, 1901 in Panola County, Miss. He was born in South Carolina Nov. 22, 1820, died in Panola County on Oct. 15, 1898.
3) FRANCES ELINOR ANDREWS, born April 10, 1844 in Panola County, died May 29, 1912. She married on Dec. 17, 1868 Amos Daniel Harris, born Sept. 18, 1848 (tentative date) and died Feb. 23, 1910 in Panola County.
4) WILLIAM CULLEN ANDREWS, born March 5, 1847, died May 15, 1877; he did not marry.
5) JOHN MATTHEW ANDREWS, born Aug. 15, 1849 in Panola County, died April 2, 1908. He married on Jan. 21, 1886 Sarah Cornelius Young, born Feb. 9, 1858, died April 3, 1932. They had six children:
   a) IRA MARK ANDREWS, born Jan. 10, 1887 at Sardis, Miss. and married twice: to Sarah Taylor of Corinth, Miss. and to Lorraine Kay. He had no children.
   b) JOHN GRAHAM ANDREWS, born July 26, 1888 at Sardis, died July 31, 1888.
   c) RICHARD O'DELL ANDREWS, born Sept. 1, 1889, died Sept. 6, 1889.
   d) GEORGIA EVA ANDREWS, born Feb. 14, 1891, died Nov. 18, 1939. Georgia later changed her name to Eva Valentine. She married William Calvin Sowell, who died in 1960. She and William had a daughter Juanita who married Edward Bailey and had two daughters and one son.
   e) CULLEN YOUNG ANDREWS, born Aug. 1, 1892 at Sardis, married April 5, 1916 at Sardis to Clara Amelia Bowen. He died Feb. 22, 1957 at Sardis. Clara was born Jan. 17, 1897, the daughter of Stephen Powell Bowen of Anderson County. S.C. and Ida Leonidas Strickland. (See Chart 31)
   f) WILLIAM CRUDUP ANDREWS, born Jan. 17, 1894 at Sardis, died Jan. 14, 1953 in the same city. He married Juliette Hartz of Memphis, Tenn. and had two sons.

Authors' Notes

Source. The descent from John Crudup Andrews was provided by Mrs. Cullen Young Andrews of Grenada, Mississippi in a letter to the authors sent in May, 1968. Mrs. Andrews lost track of Cullen Andrews III, a son of Cullen Jr. and Martha Fort, and of his parents. She found in the 1880 cen-

sus of Live Oak County, Texas a Cullen Andrews whose age matched that of Cullen III but gave his birthplace as Alabama rather than Tennessee. His parents had given Tennessee in earlier census records. It may or may not be the same person.

Chart 1-28 (from Chart 1-18)

William Aldridge Fort and Juanita Carpenter

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT's marriage to Juanita (Sue) Carpenter in 1930 was followed by the births of two children:

1) ELIZABETH ANN FORT, born Aug. 31, 1931 at Waco, Tex. She married on April 18, 1951 in Waco Allen Charles Staggers, born July 31, 1924 at Cason, Tex. An attorney, Mr. Staggers was employed by various agencies of the Federal government and was living in Marshall, Tex. in 1968. The couple had three children:
   a) ALLEN CHARLES STAGGERS, JR., born Aug. 24, 1954 at Marshall.
   b) WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT STAGGERS, born May 16, 1956 at Marshall.
   c) ANSON CHASE STAGGERS, born Sept. 5, 1960 at Marshall.
2) WILLIAM ALDRIDGE FORT (III), born Oct. 21, 1933 and died Dec. 13, 1945.

Authors' Notes

Source. Material for this chart was supplied by Mrs. Allen Charles Staggers of Marshall, Texas.

Chart 1-29 (from Chart 1-23)

George Duncan Milliken, Jr. and Katherine Elizabeth Lewis

GEORGE DUNCAN MILLIKEN, JR. and his wife Elizabeth had three children of their own and adopted a fourth: Katherine Berry Milliken, born Dec. 21, 1956, a niece of Elizabeth. Their other children were:

1) MARILYN MILLIKEN, born March 27, 1935 at Bowling Green, Ky., married Aug. 10, 1957 in the same city Dr. Samuel Childress Potter, a dentist. They have one son: Samuel Childress Potter, Jr., born Feb. 23, 1959.
2) SALLY ANN MILLIKEN, born Sept. 2, 1938, Bowling Green; married June 26, 1959, also at Bowling Green, George Houston Procter, son of Orson Duke Procter, Jr., and Rebecca Cassandra Flowers of Logan County, Ky., who was born Dec. 6, 1937. They have two children:
   a) REBECCA LEWIS PROCTER, born March 27, 1960 at Washington, D.C.
   b) ANNE ELIZABETH PROCTER, born April 15, 1962 Lexington, Ky.

3) CAROL ELIZABETH MILLIKEN, born Feb. 12, 1947 at Bowling Green.

Authors' Notes

Source. Carol Milliken, a DAR member, and George Milliken, Jr. supplied information for this chart.

Chart 1-30 (from Chart 1-27)

Cullen Young Andrews and Clara Amelia Bowen

CULLEN YOUNG ANDREWS, a son of John Matthew Andrews, and his wife Clara had two children:

1) JOHN STEVE ANDREWS, born April 25, 1918 at Sardis; married June 23, 1940 at Grenada, Miss. Charlene Chapuis, born Feb. 9, 1922. She was the daughter of Charles Peter Chapuis and Martha Steele of Grenada. John and Charlene, who were living in Grenada in 1968, had two children:
   a) CHARLES YOUNG ANDREWS, born Nov. 26, 1941.
   b) JOHN STEVE ANDREWS, JR., born July 15, 1948.
2) MARGERY LEA ANDREWS, born Dec. 15, 1923 at Sardis; married Nov. 14, 1942 at Hattiesburg, Miss. to Robert Clarence Blalock, born July 19, 1919 at Abbeville, Ala. They had one child: Robert Cullen Blalock, born May 16, 1954. Robert and Margery Blalock were living in Abbeville in 1968.

Authors' Notes

Source. Information for this chart was supplied by Mrs. Cullen Young Andrews in a letter to the authors, sent in May, 1968.

Chart 1-31 (from Chart 1-10)

Samuel Fort and Eliza Jane Shepherd

SAMUEL FORT, son of Elias Penn Fort and Mary A. Dutton, lived and died in Anson County, N.C. He and his wife Eliza Jane Shepherd had these children:

1) ALICE FORT, born July 9, 1871, married John Edgar Gray Dec. 23, 1892. He was born Jan. 4, 1869; she was his second wife. They had these children:
   a) ASTOR HOLMES GRAY, who married Ashe Thomas. They had two children: Mrs. Marion Watson and Astor Holmes Gray, Jr.
   b) HENRY GRAY married Ethel Bird; they had no children.
   c) NORA LILLIAN GRAY, who married Benjamin M. Rivers on June 21, 1924. Nora was born April 22, 1901. They had a daughter Billy who married Charles Allen.
   d) GEORGE GRAY married Judy_____and had two daughters, of whom one was Mrs. Shannon Davidson.

e) LEE GRAY married Mermine Williams; they had a daughter, Mrs. Ray Fennell.

f) JOHN EDGAR GRAY, JR. married Miriam Beacham. They had two children: John E. Gray III and a daughter called "Sissy".

2) ANNA FORT married William Hannah. They had these children: Nellie Hannah, Madge Hannah, Hallie Hannah, William Alexander Hannah, Parker Holmes Hannah, Joseph Bennett Hannah, Samuel Alexander Hannah, George Little Hannah (died in infancy), Lester James Hannah, and Clayton Fisher Hannah.

3) SHERRILL FORT, a son, married Annie Mills. They had six children: Jessie Carr Fort, who married Jeff Masteller; Risden Little Fort; John Fort; Mamie Fort; Samuel Fort; and Henry Fort.

4) BENNETT FORT married first a Miss Boswell; they had no children. His second wife was Nellie Faulkner. By her he had Eunice Fort, J. B. Fort, Harry Fort, James Fort (who died young).

About the Family

Beginning with Samuel Fort, this branch of the family has frequently used "Forte" as a variant of the family name.

All or most of Samuel's descendants still live in the Anson County area.

Authors' Notes

Source. Mrs. Georgia Hough of Wadesboro, N.C. supplied the material for this chart. Mrs. John Edgar Gray, Jr., also of Wadesboro, provided information on the Nora Lillian Gray marriage as well as other facts. The authors are grateful to both ladies.

Chart 1-32 (from Chart 1-10)

George Washington Fort and Temperance Kirby

GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, son of Elias Penn Fort and Mary Dutton, married Temperance Kirby first. By her he had:

1) DAISY FORT, who married a Mr. Colson.

By his second marriage, to Ida Rose Turner, he had:

2) GEORGE MAY FORT, born 1899, who married Scipio Weldon Whisnant, Jr. The couple lived in Anson County, N.C. Their children were:

a) GEORGIA FORT WHISNANT, born 1919, who married Thomas Woodrow Hough of Anson County. They had one son: Thomas Woodrow Hough, Jr., born 1949.

b) SCIPIO WELDON WHISNANT III, born 1921, who married Marie Chandler. They had three children: 1) Rose Marie Whisnant, born 1943, who married Charles A. Rivolis; in 1968 they had two sons (Charles Rivolis, born 1963; and David Rivolis, born 1966); 2) Scipio Weldon Whisnant IV, born 1946, mar-

ried Ann Hinson; in 1968 they had a daughter Rebecca, born 1966; and 3) John Chandler Whisnant, born 1948, married Cheryl Tyson in July, 1968.

Authors' Notes

Source. Chart information came from Mrs. Georgia Hough of Wadesboro, N.C.

Chart 1-33 (from Chart 1-10)

Oliver Montgomery Fort and Sally Mickle

OLIVER MONTGOMERY FORT, son of Elias Penn Fort and Mary Dutton, had these children by his wife Sally Mickle:

1) MANNIE ELIAS FORT, born about 1897, married a girl named Ermine. He served in World War I and spent much of his life in Camden, S.C., where he was a building contractor and member of Lake View Baptist Church. He died Nov. 10, 1968 in Camden. He had two daughters: Camille and Millie Fort.
2) WINNEFRED FORT married Samuel Stone. In 1938 the couple was living in Charlotte, N.C.
3) JOHN T. FORT, who married and settled in Pennsylvania.
4) GEORGE M. FORT, by whose first marriage (name of wife not known) he had two daughters: Carolyn and Sally Fort. His second marriage was to Jessica Rogers of Dillson, S.C.
5) SARAH FORT, who married and was believed living in New York in 1968.
6) BENNETT FORT, who married and had two sons living in Washington, D.C. in 1968.

Authors' Notes

Source. Mrs. Georgia Hough of Wadesboro, N.C. supplied information on this family. The few details on Mannie Elias Fort came from his obituary in the Camden "News and Courier" of Nov. 12, 1968.

SECTION II

Descendents of

John Fort

A Son of Elias Fort

Chart 2-1

John Fort and Elizabeth Jordan

JOHN FORT, son of Elias Fort and Phillis Champion, married Elizabeth Jordan, daughter of Richard Jordan of Surry County, Va. He was born about 1665 in Isle of Wight County, Va., and married Elizabeth about 1685. At various times he held lands on Johnchecohunk Swamp in Surry (given in various deeds as Johnshehawkin and Jonchwocon), and on Blackwater and Seacock Swamps, waterways still identifiable in Surry. His wife Elizabeth was evidently dead by the time he made his will on Oct. 21, 1724; he presumably died in early 1725 since his will was recorded on March 10, 1725. He and Elizabeth had these children:

1) WILLIAM FORT, probably the oldest son, born (roughly) 1685-1690 and definitely of age by 1721. William migrated to North Carolina shortly after his father died. He was in Bertie Precinct of Albemarle County (present-day Northampton and Hertford counties) by 1730 and was probably living somewhere in the Occoneechee Neck area of present-day Northampton in that year. In 1737 he acquired 640 acres of land on Keehukee Swamp in Edgecombe County (present-day Halifax County) and seems to have lived there until his death. He is thought to have been a member of the Church of England. William Fort is believed to have married Alice Foreman (who, after William's death, married Thomas Pope). She is thought to have been the daughter of Benjamin Foreman, Sr. William died intestate in early 1746 in Edgecombe County. He and Alice had at least five children:
   a) JACOB FORT, who died while still a minor sometime prior to 1761.
   b) WILLIAM FORT, who also died under-age prior to 1761.
   c) WINEFRED FORT, a daughter who died under-age before 1761.
   d) A daughter (name unknown) who married Major Walker before 1761. ("Major" was the man's name, not a military title.)
   e) SARAH FORT, who married Robert Pope sometime prior to 1761. Their descent is not known.
2) JOHN FORT, born sometime prior to 1702 in Surry County, Va., migrated to North Carolina prior to his father's death; he was in Bertie Precinct by November, 1723. He married a girl named Mary prior to 1719. In the years 1723-1730 he seems to have lived on "Looking Glass Swamp" on the south side of what is now called the Roanoke River. This was in present-day Halifax County. He sold this land in 1730 and moved to Tyrell County where he was living in 1740 (probably in an area now a part of Martin County). In 1741 he was granted land in Craven County but evidently continued his residence in Tyrell until 1744. In 1744 he moved to Craven County where his brothers Thomas and Richard (and probably Elias) were in residence. He died testate in Craven, making his will Aug. 6, 1745; his death occurred not long before his will was

probated in the March court, 1746. His wife Mary survived him. He left four children:

a) ARTHUR FORT, born 1719 or earlier, probably in Surry County, Va. He married Winefred Pace, member of a prominent family in Northampton and other northeastern Carolina counties. He lived along the Neuse River in present-day Lenoir County in the general area bounded to the north by Falling Creek, remaining in this area until about 1755 when he and two of his brothers migrated to South Carolina. According to a tradition, they settled along the PeeDee River in northeastern South Carolina. However, by 1772 Arthur and his brother Drury were living in the vicinity of Mine Creek, between the Saluda and Savannah rivers in what was then called Edgefield District, S.C. Arthur made his will March 21, 1773 in Colleton County; he died between that date and May 28, 1773 when the will was probated. (See Chart 2-2)

b) DRURY FORT was born 1725 or earlier in what was then Bertie Precinct, N.C. He was definitely of age in 1748 and was married by 1754, while living then in Johnston County, N.C. About 1755 he moved to South Carolina with his brothers, possibly settling first along the PeeDee River. By 1765 he was granted land along Mine Creek in Berkeley County (later Edgefield District) and received other grants in 1769 and 1774. Drury may have married twice, but no known record shows conclusively the names of his wives. He died intestate in Edgefield District, probably in 1788. (See Chart 2-3)

c) MOSES FORT, born 1725 or earlier in what was then Bertie Precinct, N.C., migrated to South Carolina with his brothers Arthur and Drury. He seems to have died in the Darlington area — not long after he and his brothers arrived — in the first half of 1756; his will does not locate his place of residence. The will names only his wife Priscilla, who was pregnant at the time the will was made on June 3, 1755; William Killingsworth, a Darlington resident, witnessed the will. After Moses' death his widow Priscilla married Major Robert Lide on June 24, 1756. Priscilla is believed to have died only three days after the marriage. Her posthumous son by Moses Fort was also named Moses. Moses (Jr.), born Sept. 12, 1755, married Betsy ------ March 7, 1776. By her he had Mary Fort, born July 7, 1778, and Sarah Fort, who died in infancy. Major Lide in his 1802 will named a Richard Fort as an heir — this may also have been a child of Moses (Jr.). Nothing further is known of this Richard.

d) JERUSHAH FORT, a daughter, was named in her father's will and was not married in 1745.

3) ELIAS FORT, born about 1700 in Surry County, Va., was living in Bertie Precinct, N.C. in 1728; his land was along "Looking Glass Swamp" with his brother John. A royal grant from King George II

brought him 200 acres in Edgecombe County, N.C. (present-day Halifax County) on Deep Creek in 1742, and he seems to have taken up residence there in that year or somewhat earlier. He was given grants in Craven County, on Falling Creek, near his brother John's property in the year 1745. He was definitely in Halifax County in 1754. By 1735 he had married Olive Pittman (or Pitman), daughter of Thomas Pittman of Isle of Wight County, Va., and his wife Elizabeth Lancaster (given as Lanquishear in the earliest documents). In 1759 Elias married secondly Priscilla Barrow, a widow whose maiden name may have been Pope. Elias made his will June 20, 1765 and died in the early part of 1766. His will was probated in Halifax County, July Court, 1766. Elias and Olive had these children:

a) MICAJAH FORT, probably the oldest son, inherited from his father the latter's lands on Beach Swamp in Halifax County, N.C. He was born about 1734-35 in Bertie Precinct, N.C. (but probably in the present Halifax County), and served as a soldier in the Revolution. Micajah's first wife is not known, but by her he had three children. The name of his second wife was "Ibell", a short version of Isabelle or Isabella; by her he had four children. Micajah died intestate in 1788 in Halifax County, his widow Isabelle died October-November, 1793. (See Chart 2-4)

b) ELIAS FORT was born sometime before 1740. By 1759 he had married Ann Rawls, daughter of William and Dinah Rawls of Halifax County. His tracts of land lay along the north bank of Fishing Creek in Halifax County. Elias died testate in the early part of 1774, his widow surviving him along with several children. (See Chart 2-5)

c) JOHN FORT was born sometime before 1738, and by 1758 had married Anna Barrow, daughter of William Barrow of Edgecombe County (for another Fort-Barrow connection see Section I). John died testate in Edgecombe County in the early part of 1780, his wife and several children surviving him. (See Chart 2-6)

d) JESSE FORT, probably the youngest of Elias' sons, was born 1742 or earlier. He left Halifax (or Edgecombe) County in the 1764-1770 period and settled in Craven County, S.C. (later Camden District, then Fairfield District). His later war claim in South Carolina shows he served as a "Foot & Horse soldier" in the Revolution. Sometime after 1790 he moved to Wilkinson County, Miss., where he died in 1815. His wife, whose name is not known, had died previously. (See Chart 2-7)

e) MARY FORT married Jesse Pope, son of Major John Pope and Mourning McKinnie of Halifax County. Jesse was born about 1738-40 in what was then Bertie Precinct, N.C. and married Mary in February, 1762. He served as a soldier in the Revolution from North Carolina and owned land on Burntcoat Swamp in Halifax County until he sold it in 1786; at about that time he moved to Georgia, settling finally about seven miles north of

Sparta in Hancock County. He is thought to have lived previously in Jones County, Ga. Jesse died Dec. 17, 1818 in Hancock; his wife evidently had died earlier. (See Chart 2-8)

f) ANN FORT married Lewis Pope, brother of Jesse (above), the marriage taking place in 1761 or slightly earlier. They had one child, Willis Pope, born about 1762, who appears to have died as a child. Ann herself was dead by 1766 when Lewis married a woman whose first name was Jemima. Lewis and Jemima moved to Oglethorpe County, Ga., where he died 1804-05. His will names six children, all by Jemima, including another son named Willis Pope, born in 1785.

g) LUCY FORT was born in 1744 or earlier and was not married at the time her father Elias made his will. Her descent, if any, is not known.

4) GEORGE FORT was of age in 1725 when his father died. Though there is no direct evidence, he is believed to have died sometime prior to 1745. It seems unlikely that he migrated to North Carolina with his brothers though this again is not certain. Descent, if any, is not known.

5) RICHARD FORT was born after 1704 and before 1717. He was in North Carolina by 1738. Richard settled in Craven—later Johnston—County with his brothers. He made his will in March, 1745; it was probated in 1746 in Johnston. He did not marry.

6) THOMAS FORT was also born between 1704 and 1717. He too settled in Craven County, N.C. with his brothers. In 1754-55 he was still living in the area—which had become Johnston County—as a deed index shows. It is believed that Thomas Fort married and had children, and that he died sometime after 1769 in Dobbs County (formerly Johnston).

7) MARY FORT married William Bynum by 1724. The couple may have been living in Bertie Precinct, N.C. in July, 1730, when a William Bynum witnessed granting of a dower right by Mary Fort, wife of John Fort who died in 1746. Descent is not known.

8) SARAH FORT married a Mr. Wall in Surry County, Va., prior to 1724. Her descent, if any, is not known.

9) HANNAH FORT was born 1705 or earlier and by 1724 had married John Phillips of Surry County, Va. John, tentatively, was the son of William Phillips who died 1720-21 in Surry County. There is some uncertainty over their later whereabouts and descent, but it seems probable that John Phillips and Hannah remained in Virginia in either Surry, Isle of Wight, or Southampton counties. John had at least one child—Hannah Phillips—who married Thomas Davis of Southampton County; Thomas died in September, 1776, pre-deceasing his father (also named Thomas Davis) who died in 1778. Thomas and Hannah Davis are known to have had: a) Ann Davis, who married a Mr. Thorpe, son of John Thorpe; b) Elizabeth Davis; c) Phillip Davis, who married Elizabeth Heath and was a Revolutionary War soldier. John Phillips and Hannah Fort Phillips are also be-

lieved to have been the parents of John Phillips (Jr.) who married Lucy, sister of Thomas Davis (above). Further descent of this Phillips family is not available.

About the Family

Richard Jordan, father of Elizabeth Jordan Fort, made his will in Surry County, Virginia September 24, 1695. Among other bequests in his will—for which John Fort was an executor—was a hog for "my daughter Elizabeth Fort."

If this bequest sounds unusual to modern ears—it was common in those days—take note of the flavorsome will of Lt. Col. George Jordan, made in Surry May 6, 1678. The will mentions his niece Elizabeth Jordan but not a brother Richard. Whether his niece was the same as Elizabeth Jordan Fort or not, the will deserves to be quoted in part:

"(My) body to be buried by my wife & children in Major Browne's orchard . . . Tobacco in hand due to children of William Jordan, long since deceased, which children I could never ffind; learned they lived in Yorkshire, now to be sent them . . . On 15th day of every October a sermon of Mortality to be had at my house, the day my daughter Fortune Hunt died. If the day come on Sunday, Holy Communion to be given. Whoever shall enjoy the land, be it one thousand generations, who Possess the Land shall perform both Sermon and Prayer . . . (bequests to various people including) Christopher Foster (see Section I), Water Flood, River Jordan . . . God bless the colony where I have lived forty-three years."

The present owner of the good colonel's property may or may not be aware that his title is clouded unless he personally delivers the "Sermon and Prayer" each October 15!

William Fort of Edgecombe County donated one acre of land to Society Parish of Edgecombe in February, 1738, located next to the chapel on "the east side of William Bryant's millpond." Probably given for cemetery purposes, the land donation doesn't necessarily indicate William was an Anglican but creates the surmise.

There are at least two other cases in the early records of the family in which gifts of one acre of land were made to churches.

Many in this branch of the Fort family either pronounced the name as "Foort" or wrote it that way or both. The 1745 will of John Fort in Craven uses this spelling as does that of his brother Richard. Descendants of another brother, Elias, frequently used "Foort." While others in the same branch used the more conventional "Fort" or "Fourt", the appearance of "Foort" on a document gives an initial though not unfailing clue to a John Fort descendant.

Clerks who copied the Fort and other documents into the permanent records of counties tried to duplicate the "marks" made by the illiterate. In about half the cases these were "X's", but in many others the man involved had at least learned to block-print his initials. These are frequently askew and have the painfully careful look of little children's printing. Very often "marks" were made next to the man's own seal; these are not reproduced

in the clerk's copy. Seals could consist of any kind of distinguishing hard-to-counterfeit image, but on the frontier they often were made by hand-carving a wooden ring.

Livestock brands were used in the early colonial days in North Carolina, and these nearly always consisted of initials. The wills of both John Fort of Craven (d.1746) and his son John Fort (Jr.) mention horses with "GF" or "IF" brands.

Family documents after 1750 begin showing up more frequently with fully written signatures, indicating acquisition of literacy. Possessions of even the illiterate, however, when enumerated for estate settlements nearly always included a "family Bible." In the case of Elias Fort of Halifax (d.1766), his possessions included a copy of "Bevendg's works" even though he could not write his name. Probably this was a book of sermons.

The movement of Forts into South Carolina and into the deep South states of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana—which began about 1760—coincided with two related developments: the exhaustion of the tired land along the Atlantic coast from more than a century of tobacco raising, and the growth of the slave-based cotton economy. Cotton became truly profitable only when done on large farms or plantations worked by a multitude of field hands. Land in abundance was easier to come by away from the coast and in the warmer areas to the south.

South Carolina proved to be a "way stop" for many members of the family. In addition to the Arthur-Moses-Drury group, most of whom moved on to Georgia after some years, the John-James-Elias group from Robeson County stopped briefly in South Carolina before the Georgia move. The 1790 census for South Carolina lists only three Forts who were heads of households in that year, a substantial decrease from the numbers there in 1770 and 1780.

The published memoirs of the Fort-Fannin family, dealing with descendants of Arthur Fort, mention that Arthur Fort settled on the PeeDee River in South Carolina following his move from the Neuse River in North Carolina. While the earlier traditions in this book are faulty, it becomes quite accurate at about this point. The "disappearance" of Arthur and Drury for some years before they show up in Edgefield District (and other confirming evidence) shows a PeeDee residence—probably in the Darlington area—as likely.

Finally, a word about geography in the earlier Fort documents. Highway departments of the various states publish highly-detailed maps of roads, waterways, and towns in each county; these are frequently on a two-miles-to-the-inch scale. By comparing these with early deeds and wills, it is frequently possible to locate very closely the actual homesteads of the early Forts. Thus, Blackwater, Johnshecohunk, and Seawater swamps (usually meaning creeks) still appear on the maps of Surry and Southampton counties in Virginia. In a few cases, however, the names were changed. The "Morratock River" that appears in Northampton County, N.C. Fort documents became the "Roanoke River." And "Looking Glass Swamp" completely disappears.

Margaret Hofmann of Roanoke Rapids, N.C., a professional genealogist with special skills in tracing the descent of land, pointed out to one of the

authors the boundaries of the land held by Elias Fort of Halifax (d.1766) at the time of his death and which was passed to his son Micajah Fort before being divided and sold by Micajah's sons. Consisting of about 1,000 acres, the land surrounds the hamlet of Dawson's Corners in Halifax County. In the center of it is an old house probably built by Jesse Powell, who bought a part of the land from the Forts; Jesse's grave is in its backyard.

Until quite late the planters and farmers of rural Virginia and North Carolina buried their dead on their own land and usually did not mark the graves with stones. They sometime planted a young tree nearby, and the existence of isolated trees in otherwise cultivated acres frequently indicates a burial site. In spite of the large numbers of early Forts in Virginia and North Carolina, the authors found not one Fort grave from the 17th or 18th centuries. They begin to show up only with the establishment of town cemeteries around 1810-1830.

Authors' Notes

Sources on William Fort. Halifax County, North Carolina Deed Book 8, Page 155, shows Major Walker and Robert Pope acknowledging receipt of their wives' shares of the estate of William Fort, deceased. The two documents are dated May 5, 1762 and show Elias Fort of Halifax as the administrator. They also acknowledge receipt of their shares from the estate of "Jacob, William and Winifred Fourt, deceased orphans of the said William Fourt." Edgecombe County, North Carolina Estates and Inventories, 1733-53, Page 40, shows an inventory of William's personal estate by Elias "Foort"; it is dated March 11, 1746, with Elias' son Micajah a witness. Actually, a record in the Raleigh archives refers to William's "last will and testament", but it has not turned up in either Carolina or Virginia. Another estate division document, dated 1748, in Edgecombe refers to the later marriage of William's widow to Thomas Pope. Foreman and Pope documents show the widow as Alice Foreman—"the widow Ford."

Identification of John Fort of Craven. The John Fort who died 1745-46 in Craven County has good identification as the son of John Fort of Surry. His own will (given in "North Carolina Wills", 1663-1789, Volume X, Page 67) gives a list of heirs including his son Arthur. The will of Richard Fort (same volume and page) mentions "my nephew Author Foort." And Richard and Thomas Fort are identified in the will of their father John.

The Fort-Pace Tradition. The Fort-Fannin book, written by Kate Fort who was connected with the Arthur Fort line of descent, said Arthur Fort married Sallie Pace. Other researchers tended to accept the name. Yet Arthur's will—filed in Charleston County, South Carolina Book 1771-74, Page 405—gives his wife's name as "Winefred Fort"; his oldest daughter was named Winefred Fort, which seems to argue against a second marriage. Pace family histories show the name Winefred as being used in that family. The authors lean to the idea that "Sallie" was a nickname, but there is a possibility that the marriage was to a Winefred Killingsworth or some other non-Pace girl. There were certainly deed transactions between the Forts and Paces in Johnston County, North Carolina.

The Move to South Carolina. Loss of Dobbs County records makes it difficult to pin down the year in which the Forts—Arthur, Drury, and Moses—moved to South Carolina. Indexes to deeds, though not the deeds, survived showing 1755 as the last date for the three in North Carolina. On the other hand, the first to show up in Edgefield District was Drury (1765) in a land grant record. Most Fort land grants in Edgefield are dated in the 1770-72 period. The authors, taking into account this "disappearance" for more than ten years, credited the Fort-Fannin book's statement that they lived along the PeeDee River before moving farther. There is no evidence that Moses Fort ever lived in Edgefield. His will (available also from Charleston) is dated 1756, indicating strongly that 1755 was the probable date when the three brothers moved.

The Drury Fort Descent. A strong effort has been made by Mrs. Sara Fort of Anderson, South Carolina to learn the descent from Drury Fort. Mrs. Fort believed Drury to have been the father (or possibly the grandfather) of her husband's ancestor, Arthur Holmes Fort. This problem is described in connection with a later chart. Drury assuredly died intestate, possibly around 1788, but no record of an estate division or other document clearly shows his children.

Moses Fort and the Shooting of Priscilla. Moses Fort's 1756 death was followed by the marriage of his widow to Major Robert Lide. According to Lide family sources, she was wounded at her wedding reception by a sniper's bullet intended for the Major; she died three days later. The name of the posthumous son—Moses—was taken from Major Lide's Family Bible, as were the names of the latter's children. Data from the Bible was kindly supplied by Charles S. Norwood of Goldsboro, North Carolina. While it is by no means certain, Moses (Jr.) may have been identical with the Moses Fort who died intestate in the Darlington area in 1794. The latter may have left a son, Elias, along with Richard Fort—perhaps. See Authors' Notes following Chart 2-2 for a discussion.

Elias of Halifax. Elias, the son of John, lived the later years of his life in what had become Halifax County, North Carolina (earlier, Elgecombe). He signed a pre-nuptial agreement with Priscilla Barrow permitting her to keep ownership of her possessions at the time of their marriage; usually this was to protect the inheritance of children by a former marriage.

The Disappearance of George Fort. The authors depart from most earlier researchers on the family in assigning the 1761 Edgecombe will of George Fort to the son of George Fort (the first) rather than to the son of John Fort. Their reasons are discussed in Section III. Richard Fort, who died childless, named his brothers and sisters in his 1745 will; the list matches the list given in the will of his father, John Fort, with two exceptions: John Fort and George were omitted. John was certainly alive at the time Richard made his will, and it is possible George was, also. But the authors believe George probably died between 1725 and 1745; most likely he never moved to North Carolina. There is a possibility, however, that certain George Fort records in the Contentnea Creek area of present-day Wilson County might deal with this George Fort and that further records of him were lost. On

balance, though, the authors think the man on Contentnea was probably the same as the one who died 1761 in Edgecombe.

The Thomas Fort Problem. Thomas Fort definitely moved to North Carolina; a Surry County deed, dated 1737, shows him in that state. He appears again in the surviving index to Johnston County deeds 1746-59: a transaction in which he bought land from Monk Phillips. The few surviving records from Dobbs County include a tax list for 1769; this includes Thomas Fort, an Abner Fort, William Mackennie, and Solomon Pope (the last two families were associated with the Arthur-Drury-Moses group in South Carolina, Edgefield District). Without any proof at all the authors believe Thomas was the ancestor of a group of Forts whose records begin showing up in Bladen County, North Carolina in 1808, when the state granted 150 acres to Matthew Fort on Turnbull Creek. On February 11, 1808 John Fort, Sr. disposed of 99 acres to John Fort, Jr., reserving one acre for a meeting house; Henry Davis and Isom Weathersbee were witnesses. In March, 1808 Reuben Fisher sold land on Horse Pen Branch, joining Solomon Davis, to John Fort with Weathersbee and Samuel Jessup as witnesses. In 1809 John Fort deeded to Peter McLain the one acre reserved for the meeting house; Windsor Fort and Neill Beard were witnesses. On August 13, 1811 John Smith deeded 100 acres to Windsor Fort on Little Turnbull; Solomon Davis, Peter McBride were witnesses. By January 26, 1813 John Fort, Sr. had died, for Thomas Averitt (Everitt?), Senior, issued a quitclaim on his estate to John Fort, Jr.; Windsor Fort and Dempsey Averitt were witnesses. On May 28 Windsor Fort deeded to Daniel Melvin 150 acres at the fork of Turnbull, patented to Matthew Fort in 1808; Robert and Elizabeth Melvin were witnesses. On November 2, 1822 John Fort, Jr. received 400 acres on the east side of Turnbull, joining his other property, from Henry Davis; R. Melvin and John Melvin witnessed. December 6, 1824, James Suggs deeded to John Fort, Sr. (who had been Jr.) 250 acres at the end of Cypress Pond; this had been patented by Thomas Carrel and Isom Weathersbee; Robert Melvin and Nathan Wheeler witnessed. June 10, 1826 saw John Fort, Jr. deeding land to Henry Fort on the south side of Turnbull. Other deeds, involving the Melvin family and Edney (Edna) Fort, John K. Fort, Arthur W. Fort, Wiley M. Fort and Thomas Fort show up 1826-30. Willie Reeves deeded land September 15, 1835, mentioning his daughter Jane Fort. John Fort, Sr. left his will, dated July 22, 1852, naming his wife Julia Ann, daughters Edna Faircloth, Janet Melvin, Jemima Fisher; a son Thomas M. Fort; the son of Thomas, Gray Fort; and granddaughters Simpson and Hollingsworth were mentioned also. A March 5, 1891 deed in Bladen shows descendants of John conveying land; the list includes Melvins, Wiley Reeves, Mattie Elwell, J. B. Fort, Sarah M. Fort, Miles B. Fort and Millard Fort. The Forts and some of the Melvins were then living in Cumberland County. In addition to these records, the authors also found the will of Arthur Fort of Sumter County, Alabama, dated April 7, 1845, recorded October 23, 1847 (Will Book 1, Page 303). The will names his wife Katharine Fort; his brother Thomas Fort of Bladen County, North Carolina; Thomas' son Henry Fort; his cousins Arthur Fort and Jane Ivy; Henry Fort, the son of his cousin Arthur Fort. A good many relationships involving the Bladen group can be traced through

these documents, but the authors could not tie the original John Fort, Sr. and Matthew (who may have been brothers) into existing lines. The frequent appearance of the names Thomas and Arthur is the authors' only reason for guessing that this group is descended from the first Thomas. The problem of making the connection may well be solved, given more complete research than the authors gave to it.

Knowns and Unknowns on Micajah. Micajah's second wife, who signed herself as "Ibell", made her will in Halifax County (Book 3, Page 216) October 5, 1793; it was recorded at November Court, 1793. She made her son Willie (pronounced Wiley) her executor and directed him to share the estate with "my three children": Nancy, Speir (Spear) and David. Cary Whitaker was a witness. Micajah's other children can be identified from land division documents in Halifax, and subsequent deeds; they were evidently by the first wife. "Ibell" appears in the Halifax 1790 census as "Issabella Ford." Micajah's first wife may have been a Whitaker since the Whitaker names appear on many Fort documents affecting this branch. Another possibility is that she was a Coffield, also prominent in Fort papers; one of the family was named Speir Coffield. Speir (or Spear) Fort was a son of "Ibell."

Elias and Ann. Elias was identified in the Boddie book as the husband of Ann (Anne) Rawls, whose father William Rawls named a daughter Ann Fort in his 1759 will in Halifax. The authors accepted this statement after finding that Kentucky descendants of Elias had used "Ann Rawls Fort" as a name. However, there is a problem with regard to the Halifax will (Book 3, Page 76) of Ann Fort, supposedly Elias' widow. Made September 6, 1779 and recorded February, 1785, the will names only her two daughters, Olive Pitman Fort and Abscilla Fort. Elias in his will named sons and a son-in-law, William Champion, and said his wife was pregnant. Both the names Olive Pitman and Abscilla show up later in Christian County, Kentucky, where some of this branch moved. It is a bit strange that the two wills overlap in no way. A posthumous birth of twin girls is the best answer, but a larger difficulty exists. Sherwood Fort, a son of Elias, in his Revolutionary pension application—adimttedly made years later in 1832—said he went back to Halifax County in 1804 to visit his mother. The authors could think of no rational explanation except that Sherwood meant his mother-in-law.

Anna Barrow. William Barrow's 1758 will, made in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, mentioned two children: William Barrow, Jr. and Anna Fort, along with his wife Priscilla. A granddaughter, Elizabeth Fort, was also named. Elias of Halifax in his 1765 will said: ". . . the Saddle and Bridle to my Grand Daughter Eliz. Fourt and the Remainder that is lent to my sd wife I Give to my Grand Son Wm Fourt son of John Fourt . . ." John Fort of Edgecombe County made his will April 22, 1776 (Book B, Page 49), mentioning but not naming his wife; he named his sons William, John, and Frederick, and a daughter Elizabeth. William, John, and Frederick later migrated to West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; the Barrow family, presumably including Anna, made the migration at about the same time. No other son of Elias of Halifax had a son named William. So proof that Anna Barrow was the wife of John Fort, son of Elias of Halifax, seems quite conclusive.

The South Carolina Jesse. Jesse Fort, son of Halifax Elias, appears in only

one North Carolina document. Jesse "of Edgecombe County" was granted 340 acres of land February 14, 1764 and on the same day sold it to Cornelius "Mavery." There is no other Jesse in either Virginia or North Carolina of so early a date. A Jesse Ford was granted land in Craven County, South Carolina in 1770; subsequently, in Revolutionary War records, he appears in Camden District, an area that embraced the later Fairfield District. The 1790 South Carolina census shows a Jesse Fort living in Camden. His will in Wilkinson County, Mississippi (Book 1, Page 258) ties with deeds and other records in Fairfield District, South Carolina. Study of all other known Jesse Forts indicates that none, other than the son of Halifax Elias, was born early enough to have sold land in 1764 and to have received a land grant in 1770. *The Pope Connections.* Halifax Elias' will shows Mary and Ann had married Popes by 1765, and the will of Major John Pope distinguishes the brothers. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina, referred the authors to Bible records of the Pope family showing that all of the children listed in Lewis' will were by his second wife, Jemima. Yet it is known that Lewis and Ann had a son Willis in 1762. Some of Jesse's children were born in Jones County, Georgia, but his will is on file in Hancock. Lewis' will is on file in Oglethorpe County. There is speculation, though no proof known to the authors, that Priscilla Barrow, second wife of Halifax Elias, was the widow of William Barrow and that her name previously had been Pope; in fact, she might indeed have been widowed by a Pope as well, making Elias her third husband. She presumably had children by a previous marriage since she reserved her property when she married Elias. As previously mentioned, a niece of this Elias married Robert Pope. And "Early Settlers of Alabama" by Saunders (Volume 1, Page 44) shows Lawrence Pope, son of Alexander Pope and Delia Bibb, marrying an Ann Fort of Huntsville, Alabama, but gives no date. This latter marriage has not been connected to the Fort line. *Lucy Fort.* She witnessed her father's will and was presumably of age. The authors, on only slight evidence, doubt that she was married.

Chart 2-2 (from Chart 2-1)

Arthur Fort and Winefred Pace

ARTHUR FORT, son of John and Mary Fort, married Winefred Pace of Johnston County, N.C. He spent the later years of his life in 96 District (later Edgefield District), S.C. Following his death in 1773 all or most of his children moved to Georgia. The date of Winefred's death is not known; she apparently was still living in Edgefield in 1779. Arthur and Winefred had these children:

1) ELI FORT, the oldest son, went to Georgia shortly after the death of his father. He was in St. Paul's County in 1773 (later Richmond) and received a land grant there later. His home may have been in Warren or Wilkes County subsequently. Nothing further is known of him. The name "Eli" appears in his father's will, but it may have been a short version of "Elias."
2) ARTHUR FORT (II) was born Jan. 15, 1750 in Johnston County,

N.C. About 1776-78 he married a widow, Mrs. Susannah Tomlinson Whitehead, who previously had married Charles Whitehead and by him had a son, Richard Whitehead. Susannah was born June 9, 1755. Arthur served as a private in the South Carolina militia (Edgefield District) during the early months of the Revolution but by January, 1776 he was in Georgia as a soldier. He became increasingly prominent in Georgia's revolutionary effort, serving as a member of the State's Committee on Public Safety. He was elected to represent Richmond County in the first Georgia Assembly and, also, to the twelve-man Executive Council named under the first Georgia Constitution. He served later terms on the Council in 1782 and 1783. In 1778 he was named magistrate in Wilkes County, in 1785-89 represented Wilkes in the Assembly, and in 1789 was sent to the Georgia Senate for a three-year term. In 1800, following the formation of Warren County (in part from Wilkes), he was elected to represent Warren in the Georgia House of Representatives; in 1802 and 1803 he was elected to the Georgia Senate from Warren. By 1809 he was representing Wilkinson County in the House, and in 1813 he served as senator from Twiggs (formed from Wilkinson). His legislative service was paralleled by membership in at least two constitutional conventions, including that of 1798. Arthur Fort was an ardent Methodist. In his final years he became blind. He died at his home in Twiggs County, Georgia, on Oct. 19, 1833. Susannah Fort died Dec. 13, 1820. Arthur and Sussannah had these children:

a) SARAH FORT, born Aug. 14, 1779, married in 1816 Appleton Walcott Rossetter. She died in Macon, Ga. (See Chart 2-9)

b) MOSES FORT was born March 17, 1782, studied law and became a magistrate, and had a distinguished record of public service in Georgia. He was commissioned a captain in the Georgia militia during the War of 1812. Moses married Eudocia Walton Moore, daughter of Thomas Moore and Nancy Walton of Prince Edward County, Va. The couple lived for many years two miles from Midway, Ga. on the "river road." He was living in Twiggs County by 1818. Moses served as judge in the state's Southern Circuit 1825-28. In 1815 he was given a major's commission and in 1819 was made a lieutenant colonel of militia. He died Dec. 8, 1845 in Milledgeville, Ga. (See Chart 2-10)

c) ARTHUR FORT (III) was born April 3, 1785 and died June 15, 1825. He married Mary Newsome in 1806; she was born in 1790 and died Aug. 14, 1823. (See Chart 2-11)

d) TOMLINSON FORT was born July 14, 1787, probably in that part of Warren County that became Wilkes. In the War of 1812 he raised a company and commanded it with the rank of captain. He was wounded in the knee during the war and, according to one source, was in pain for much of his life. He seems to have attended college for one year, and then attended the University of Pennsylvania Medical College at Philadelphia. At one stage in his life he taught himself Latin and Greek. From 1818 to

1825 he represented Bladen County in the state's House of Representatives; he had previously settled in Milledgeville. Though a practicing physician, he served as president of the State Bank of Georgia for a period, and also represented the state in the Twentieth Congress of the U. S. Tomlinson married Martha Low Fannin Oct. 28, 1824 in Madison County, Ga. She was the daughter of Joseph Decker Fannin and Betsey Low Fannin of Putnam County. She was born Jan. 8, 1804 and died June 14, 1883 at Macon, Ga. Tomlinson died in May, 1859 (May 11 and May 17 are given in different sources), at Milledgeville. (See Chart 2-12)

e) ELIZABETH FORT, born Dec. 26, 1789, married Lovett B. Smith about 1808. Prior to her early death on Oct. 2, 1814, she and her husband had three children: 1) Charlton Fort Smith, born Oct. 25, 1803; 2) Seaborn Augustus Smith, born June 30, 1811; and 3) Susan Louisa Smith, born March 27, 1813.

f) SUSANNAH FORT was born March 11, 1792, and died in Bibb County, Ga., with burial at Macon, in 1875. She married first Henry Jameson on Dec. 19, 1813; he previously had married Elizabeth Sutton in 1812. Henry Jameson himself died in 1822. In 1837 Susannah married Samuel Hunter. (See Chart 2-13)

g) ZACHARIAH COX FORT was born Feb. 12, 1795 and married Amanda Beckam. He served as a private in the Georgia militia during the War of 1812. Descent from Zachariah is not known, but he is believed to have had at least one child: Zachariah, Jr., who was living in Clayton County, Ga. in 1889.

h) OWEN CHARLTON FORT was born Dec. 14, 1798 and died unmarried in Twiggs County, Ga. on Aug. 24, 1829. He served as a captain in the Twiggs County militia in 1827.

3) MOSES FORT, son of Arthur (I), was born about 1752-60; his place of birth could have been either Johnston County, N.C. or Edgefield District, S.C. He assuredly served in the Revolution in the South Carolina militia. His whereabouts after the Revolution are somewhat in doubt. (See Authors' Notes for a discussion.)

4) OWEN FORT was born 1752 or earlier in Johnston County, N.C. He served in the Revolution, moving to York District either during or after the conflict. He appears to have transferred to Georgia's Washington County later, becoming a planter, and to have settled finally in Jefferson County where he died March-July, 1818. Owen Fort served as a militia captain in Washington County, 1786-90, and was justice of the peace there 1786, 1787, 1789, and 1790. Owen named his wife Elizabeth in his will and these children:

a) OWEN A. (ARTHUR?) FORT, born before 1798, served as a lieutenant in the Washington County militia 1829-31. His descent, if any, is not known.

b) CHARLES MATTHEW FORT, born 1801. Descent, if any, not known.

c) ARTHUR PORTER FORT served as a captain in the Jefferson County militia 1826-27. Descent, if any, unknown.

d) ELIZABETH FORT had married a Mr. Cawthers prior to 1818, probably in Washington County. Elizabeth also died before 1818, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth Fort Cawthers.

e) LUCY FORT married a Mr. Smith, probably in Washington County, before 1818. Her descent, if any, not known.

f) RHODA FORT was married by 1818, but the name of her husband and her descent is not known. It is possible that she married a Drury Wilson.

5) JESSE FORT was the youngest son of Arthur (I) and was probably born 1752-1762. There is no proof, but he may have died of smallpox at Charleston during the Revolution, possibly while serving in the armed forces.

6) WINEFRED FORT, the oldest daughter of Arthur, was not married in 1773. She is believed to have moved to Georgia with others of the family and may not have married.

7) RHODA FORT did not marry. She is believed to have been blind for all or most of her life and to have lived on the land of her brother Arthur.

8) SARAH FORT, of whom nothing is definitely known. She was not of age in 1773.

9) MORNING FORT was, tentatively, the "Norma" Fort who married James Spurlock of Edgefield District. She too was not of age in 1773. James and Norma moved from Edgefield to Georgia in 1790 and settled in Twiggs County. (Some descendants of this family adopted the spelling "Spullock".) They are known to have had two children:

a) OWEN FORT SPURLOCK of Twiggs County was married in Morgan County, Ga. in 1812 to Maria Farrar. He died testate in Clarke County, Ga. March-April 1823. His will listed five children: 1) Matilda Spurlock; 2) James M. Spurlock; 3) Maria Spurlock; 4) Owen Spurlock; and 5) Sarah Spurlock. James later became mayor of Rome, Ga. and served in the legislature.

b) WINEFRED SPULLOCK (sic) married Kinchen W. Hargrove at Marion, Twiggs County, Ga. Sept. 2, 1817. Descent, if any, is not known.

10) ELIZABETH FORT married Robert Tate of Edgefied District, S.C. and moved with him to Wilkinson County, Ga. They are known to have had at least one child, Malinda Fort Tate (known as "Betsy") who married Zachariah Hargrove, born Montgomery County, Ga. Aug. 22, 1800. Zachariah studied law under his wife's cousin, Judge Moses Fort, and practiced in Georgia.

About the Family

In these and succeeding generations the "Georgia Forts" show a remarkable trend toward law and politics. The tradition of public service runs long and deep in the group. Beyond this bent — and as will appear later — is

another tendency toward the professions: science and methematics, education, theology, medicine. There is a sprinkling of writers.

And it has been a militant branch. While the Fort family as a whole contributed a comparatively large number to the Revolutionary cause, no other branch offers a known parallel to Arthur's sons: three and possibly four out of five in the army. Military service in both war and peace marks the men's records.

It's no wonder that Georgia's archives and libraries have so heavy a collection of documents dealing with the family.

Among the group none is more remarkable than Arthur (II). He is surrounded by anecdotes and stories.

Arthur, according to the valuable material in "Memoirs of the Fort-Fannin Family," by Kate Haynes Fort, was a deeply religious man. John Wesley's early missionary trip to Georgia helped make that state a Methodist stronghold once the movement had taken root in England and then spread to America. Arthur on one occasion rode a full 50 miles to hear Francis Asbury, that eloquent trumpet of God, preach.

Charlotte Adams Ford's thesis on "The Public Life of Tomlinson Fort, M.D." (Georgia Southern College, 1964) — a valuable reference — mentions that Arthur Fort attended camp meetings and in a letter described his supernatural experience at one held in 1825. This letter is on file, along with other material, in the Fort Papers at Emory University in Atlanta.

Miss Ford's thesis describes how the combative Arthur undertook to break the patent monopoly on Eli Whitney's cotton gin. As late as 1793 cotton was scarce in Georgia, but Whitney's gin suddenly opened wide the profit doors. No speller, Arthur took umbrage at Whitney's threats to bring court action against alleged violators of his patent: "Sundry others would be supenied as Witnesses on that Suit which we Conclude is only held out as bugbair to friten people into a Compliance . . ." Arthur took the position that one Chapman, an Augusta blacksmith, had made an essential part earlier than Whitney and also that the first true gin had been invented in the "West indies" years before.

Fort was sued by Whitney and his partner for $9,000 on a civil charge of using the gin without paying royalty. This was in 1800. There was a second action in 1801, for $10,000, and a third in 1805. In 1806 Whitney finally obtained a permanent injunction against Arthur Fort. As early as 1785 Arthur owned 16 slaves and about 1,500 acres in Wilkes County; it's assumed that his cultivation of cotton had become substantially larger at the time of the suits.

The Ford thesis mentions the political opposition given U. S. Senator James Jackson by Arthur Fort. After his election Jackson mentioned that warring political elements had finally combined to support him "except the Fort gang."

Arthur's military service, most of it in Georgia, shows the extent of his dedication to the Revolution. As a member of the State's Committee on Public Safety he presumably helped foment rebellion and keep it going. His house was attacked by Tory bands. He and two others were sent to guard the royal governor, Sir James Wright, when that official was arrested. In

1786-87, after the Revolution had ended, he was up in arms against marauding Indians, telling Governer Telfair he needed guards until his blockhouse in Wilkes County could be completed.

Tomlinson Fort, Arthur's son, had his father's indomitable spirit, judging from an account in Cook's "History of Baldwin County, Georgia." A captain in the Florida wars, Tomlinson received his knee wound in a battle with the Indians in Florida. In great pain, he walked 12 miles to the nearest point of aid. Having suffered with the inbedded ball for some years, Tomlinson forced his son George, who also became a physician, to probe for and finally remove it.

Authors' Notes

Arthur Fort (II). There is a comparative abundance of sources on Arthur and his descendants. In addition to those mentioned earlier, there is Arthur's Family Bible, which later came into the possession of John P. Fort of Dougherty County, Georgia. The Bible shows birthdates for his children and much birth and marriage information for his children and grandchildren. The Atlanta State Archives contain genealogical information on the family in the card index. The Fort papers at Emory University, mentioned by Miss Ford, were not consulted by the authors.

One Mose or Two? Moses Fort, the son of Arthur (I), proved hard to trace due to too many records rather than not enough. He assuredly was living in 96 (or Edgefield) District prior to the Revolution. Only one Moses Fort shows up in Revolutionary war records of the state. A pension application for an Edgefield soldier showed service under *Captain* Moses Fort. Yet state records show Moses Fort serving from Cheraws District as a private (File AA2502). Only one Moses is listed in the 1790 census: in Cheraws District, with two sons under 16 and three females in the household. In 1794 a Darlington record shows a Moses Fort dying intestate with his wife Elizabeth serving as administrator of the estate. Yet the authors found a reference in Greggs' "History of the Old Cheraws" to a marriage between a Moses Fort and Catherine Botsford, daughter of Rev. Edmond Botsford and Catherine Evans; the date was not noted or was not given. At the time of writing the authors felt that the man in Cheraws probably was Moses Fort, son of Moses who died in 1756 in the Darlington area. (See Chart 2-1) Moses, the son of Arthur Fort, has not been further identified. Hugh B. Johnston of Wilson, North Carolina supplied the authors with a reference from a Georgetown area newspaper dated 1818 reporting the birth of triplets to an "Elias Fort" who *might* have been one of the sons of Moses. Names of the children mentioned in the 1790 Cheraws census might settle a number of problems in connection with the South Carolina group.

Florida Forts. Mrs. Sara C. Fort of Anderson, South Carolina generously supplied the authors with data from her collection of notes on the southeastern branch of the family. She pointed out that the *Territorial Papers of the United States* (Florida), Volume XXI, show these references: 1) L. C. Fort signed a memorial to the President from Tallahassee, 1830, Page 365; 2) James Fort signed a memorial to the President, 1831, Page 491; 3) Zacha-

riah Fort serving as Inspector and Judge in Leon County (Tallahassee), no date given; 4) Henry Fort of Hazard, St. John River, 1841, elected Collector of Customs. The authors thought it unlikely that Zachariah, the son of Arthur (II) lived in Florida since a Zachariah Cox Fort, a son or grandson, was living in Clayton County, Georgia in 1889, but it is possible. The other Florida men remain unidentified as well.

The Charleston Death. There is a strong family tradition that one of Arthur's sons died in Charleston during the Revolution. It is known that Moses Fort was at the Siege of Charleston; he might have died there. But the young Jesse Fort, who was put in the keeping of his brother Owen by his father's will, seems a better candidate.

The Morning-Norma Question. The Joseph Habersham Collection, DAR, in Atlanta, shows Arthur (I) as having a daughter Norma who married a Mr. Spurlock. Miss Alvahn Holmes of Baltimore, Maryland, a descendant of Owen Fort Spurlock, provided the authors with other facts on the Spurlocks, including the marriage reference on Winefred (from Mary Warren's *Marriages and Deaths, 1763-1820*—Georgia newspaper accounts). She also mentioned that the family records of Judge James Spurlock of Rome show Norma "was the daughter of Arthur Fort who married a Miss Owen and that another Arthur Fort married Sallie Pace." Miss Holmes called attention to the sudden appearance of the Owen name in the family of Arthur (I). In considering this comment, the authors took account of a 96 District, South Carolina deed (supplied by Sara C. Fort) in Book 1, Page 235. It shows Owen Fort selling land to William Humphries which Owen had inherited from his father Arthur (no date given). James Spurlock appears among the witnesses. All in all, the authors felt the weight of evidence was toward identifying Norma with either the Sarah or Morning Fort who were daughters of Arthur. Simply because the names sound somewhat alike — admittedly not a very good reason — they adopted the idea that it was Morning, who abruptly disappears after her father's will was written.

The Atlanta Pace Manuscript. The authors found in the Atlanta Public Library a long typescript copy of a letter written by a Barnabas Pace, son of a Drury Pace. It is not dated but apparently was written around 1820-30 to his son Columbus. References in the letter show he was recalling events that had happened as far back as 1794. Much of it deals with family links in the Pace family. It does not clarify the confusion between the tradition of "Sallie Pace" and the Winefred given as Arthur's wife in his will. However, it contains a somewhat bewildering reference to the southeastern Forts. In describing another Barnabas Pace (seemingly his uncle), he mentions that his uncle had four daughters. One married a Mr. Cox. Another married a Mr. O'Daniel. Another married a Mr. Noel Fort and had two sons, Owen and Arthur, and several daughters "of whom I know nothing." He refers to Dr. Tomlinson Fort and Judge Moses Fort as being sons of Arthur — which is correct. "Owen Fort's family moved down to Florida, near the line of Florida," he wrote. Owen had two sons, Richard and Noel, he wrote, "and a daughter I know nothing of. She likely died in early life." The authors could make only partial sense of the letter. The reference to Owen Fort's family moving to Florida or near the line seems to tie with Owen,

the son of Arthur, who died in Jefferson County, Georgia in 1818 (the area was once in dispute with Florida). Yet the names in Owen's 1818 will do not mention a Richard or Noel. The Cox reference seems to explain "Zachariah Cox Fort" in part. The authors would have gladly dismissed the letter out-of-hand had they not found a reference to a "Nowell" Fort serving in the Revolution from Wilmington District, North Carolina. (State Archives). Further, a Richard Fort bought land from Richard Strother (later of South Carolina) in Edgecombe County, North Carolina February 10, 1785. The authors would like to think that Barnabas Pace was forgetful when he wrote his letter, but on the strength of the North Carolina references there are certain possibilities:

1) Thomas Fort, uncle of Arthur (I), fathered or was the grandfather of a Noel Fort in the Johnston-Dobbs area of North Carolina. Thomas' descent is not known.
2) Richard, John, or Elias Fort, also uncles of Arthur (I), disinherited a son named Noel or a son who was the father of Noel. There is no mention of a Noel in any of their wills.
3) Drury Fort, another brother of Arthur (I), left no will, and the names of his children are not known definitely other than Drury (II) and probably William. He might have fathered Noel.

The authors think that only the first and third of these have much prospect in terms of solving the Noel puzzle. But unquestionably there *is* a missing piece.

Eli Fort to Kentucky? At a family reunion held May 28, 1884 in Springfield, Tennessee, Col. Tomlinson Fort, Jr. is quoted as saying he had found the whereabouts of his grandfather's (Arthur II) "long-lost brother," that he had migrated "from North Carolina to the plains of Kentucky." He identified the brothers as "Elias." The authors found no unaccounted-for Elias in Kentucky and decided the colonel was in error or the newspaper report was wrong.

Chart 2-3 (from Chart 2-1)

Drury Fort

(Note: the following chart is speculative in some respects and should be viewed as the most likely interpretation of available information. The Authors' Notes section gives a number of details regarding the unknowns in the Drury Fort descent.)

DRURY FORT, son of John Fort, is known to have married and had children; he and his wife are shown as belonging to the Mine Creek Baptist Church on "Little Saluda" in Edgefield District, S.C. He was identified by his brother Arthur as "Drury Fort, Sr." in the latter's 1773 will. The name "Drury" appears in the Pace family of North Carolina, and it is assumed he received the name as a result of the close Fort-Pace connection in Johnston County. Late in life he may have married Lydia (Humphreys? Bolton? Butler?). After his death Lydia married John Sawyer and had

a son George Sawyer. Drury appears to have died about 1788 in Edgefield District, S.C. His children were:

1) DRURY FORT (II), born March, 1755, probably in Johnston County, N.C. In 1780 he married Susannah Williams of Edgefield District, S.C., probably the daughter of Samuel and Jane Williams. Drury was granted land in Camden County, Ga. in 1787 and moved there in 1788 after selling properties derived from his father in Edgefield. In 1789 he served as a member of the state legislature from Camden. Drury returned to South Carolina in the 1802-10 period, settling in Lexington District in the Leesville area. He died there 1818-19; his wife Susannah was still living in the area in 1830. He is known to have had two children and possibly a third:
   a) DRURY FORT (III) was born 1796 in Georgia, returned with his parents to South Carolina, and apparently migrated later to Decatur County, Ga., then to Monroe County (now Lowndes), Ala., where he lived in the Hayneville area. He died in Hayneville in 1836. Drury married Jane Cannon Fitzpatrick (or Patrick) and by her had John Wolfe Fort, who died without issue, and Sarah Louisa Fort, who married John Givhan and is known to have had descendants.
   b) JANE WILLIAMS FORT, born Dec. 6, 1790 in Camden County, Ga., married in 1813 Daniel Rambo of Lexington District, S.C. He was born in 1785. They are known to have had 11 children, of which one (Samuel) married two daughters of Arthur Holmes Fort (see later)—Elizabeth and Lydia. Jane died in Columbia, S.C. July 2, 1838 and was buried in the First Baptist Church cemetery; her tomb is supposed to have been destroyed by the burning of Columbia during the Civil War. Daniel Rambo died 1861 in Mitchell County, Ga.
2) WILLIAM FORT was born earlier than 1767 and lived all or most of his life in Edgefield District, S.C. Date and place of his death are not known. No known list of his children survived, so the following should be considered as highly tentative:
   a) DREWRY (or DRURY) FORT was born in Edgefield District, S.C. but lived much of his life in Georgia, possibly in the Milledgeville area. About 1825, however, he and his brothers, William and Lester, migrated to Alabama. Drewry died in Monroe County, Ala. 1838-41. He had married a widow, "Sintha" (Cynthia) Sandford, to whose children he conveyed property in 1838. He apparently had no heirs.
   b) WILLIAM FORT (II) also moved from Georgia to Alabama about 1825, settling at Indian Springs. His descent is not known.
   c) LESTER FORT, who was born in Edgefield District, S.C., joined his brothers in the move from Georgia to Alabama; he settled at Grand Bay in Mobile County. Lester married Betsy Kemp. (See Chart 2-14)
   d) A daughter who married a Mr. Bolton.
   e) A daughter who married a Mr. Farnell.

In addition, Drury Fort (I) may have had:

3) DANIEL FORT, who was of age and living in Camden County, Ga. in 1788. He may have accompanied his brother Drury (II) to that county. Nothing else is known of him.
4) ARTHUR HOLMES FORT, born April 25, 1787, died June 13, 1864 in Lexington District, S.C. He married Phebe Corley, daughter of Catlett and Elizabeth Corley, March 7, 1816. She was born Dec. 22, 1795, died Jan. 13, 1856, Lexington, S.C. (See Chart 2-15)
5) LOUISA FORT, who married John Eddings shortly after 1800 and had a son, John Drury Fort Eddings.

Authors' Notes

Over-all Comment. While there are quite a number of puzzles in the Fort genealogy, none has been more frustrating than the attempt to work out a line of descent for Drury Fort. Mrs. Sara C. Fort of Anderson, S.C. collected, from both original and secondary sources, a mass of information on this Edgefield family; she generously offered it to the authors. Unfortunately, neither she nor the authors turned up any wills, estate administrations, or deeds that contained much in the way of firm genealogical information, either names or dates. The arrangement offered in the chart is the authors', but in nearly every respect it follows Mrs. Fort's suggested arrangement.

Children of Drury Fort (I). William and Drury (II) sold all or nearly all the property acquired by Drury (I) in the years 1787-88. No will or administration for Drury (I) was found. A Nathan Fort or Ford served on a jury in Edgefield District in 1786 along with men known to have been neighbors of Drury and Arthur Fort. No other record involving Nathan was found in South Carolina, so the authors decided not to list him as a son of Drury (I) on the basis of this one mention. He might have been, however.

Drury II. His birthday is fixed quite well from the Bible and census records. His name disappears from Camden County, Georgia records after 1802, but it is not entirely certain he returned to South Carolina in that year. He died intestate in Lexington District. His wife's name was established through census and other records.

Lydia Fort. Her name appears as a witness on one of the deeds in which Drury Fort's property was sold. It is known that Lydia was Arthur Holmes Fort's mother. If she were the widow of Drury (II) she would have had to have been a second wife since Arthur's birthday of April 25, 1787 is well established. Lydia is known to have remarried and had a son following her Fort husband's death, so she would have been considerably younger than Drury. The alternative arrangement would be to view her as the wife of William Fort, son of Drury (I). This remains a possibility. However, Louisa Fort is apparently ruled out as a daughter of either Drury (II) or William by census records, in the case of Drury, and by family records, in the case of William. If Louisa were a late child of Drury (I) by Lydia, then Arthur Holmes might also have been.

William Fort. Making only a few appearances on Edgefield records, this man is a shadowy figure. In 1793 he was administering the estate in Edge-

field of one Henry Bolton of Washington County, Georgia (who may have been the husband of William's daughter but probably wasn't). A William Fort received a land grant in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1787. If this was the same William of Edgefield, there are no records to show it. A William Fort was serving as a private in Washington County, Georgia militia in 1793, but there is no obvious connection with Edgefield unless William had gone to Georgia earlier and returned to Edgefield in 1793 to take care of Henry Bolton's estate. As to his children, the authors know of no documented or traditional list. It is known, from Alabama descendants, that the three brothers—Drewry, William, and Lester—migrated from Georgia to Alabama in 1825 and that they had two sisters; the same sources assert they were originally from Edgefield District, South Carolina. Lacking other "hitching posts", the authors hitched to William.

Other Connections. Edgefield documents showing sales of property indicate the possibility of connections with William Humphreys, Henry Bolton, Barrett Travis (later connection with William Barrett Travis of the Alamo), and Edward Holmes. Actual linkage with these was not established.

Chart 2-4 (from Chart 2-1)

Micajah Fort

MICAJAH FORT, son of Elias of Halifax, married twice. The name of his first wife is not known, but the marriage took place 1756 or earlier and she was dead by 1770. Micajah's second wife, whose first name was Isabelle, died in Halifax County, N.C. in 1793.

By his first wife Micajah had these three children:

1) MICAJAH FORT (II) was born about 1756 in what was then Edgecombe County (later Halifax), N.C. By 1797 he had married Ann Hart (sometimes given as Nancy), daughter of Colonel Henry Hart and Priscilla Sessums. Ann was born in 1767. Micajah owned land on Fishing Creek at one time, but in 1793 applied for permission to build a grist mill on Conocamara Swamp (modern spelling) joining on what appears to have been his major holding. Micajah died testate in February, 1799 in Edgecombe County. His widow Ann in 1805 married Jeremiah Holloman (given variously as Holleyman and Holleman) and moved with him to the Darlington area of South Carolina; she had by Jeremiah a son, Ely Hollomon, born 1806. In 1811 she married a Mr. Hopkins in Darlington. By Ann Hart, Micajah Fort had one child:

   a) JOSEPH JOHN FORT, born Aug. 19, 1797, probably in Halifax County, N.C., died July 4, 1872 in Cotton Valley, Mason County, Ala. He spent his young manhood in Darlington, S.C. with his mother and stepfather. On April 30, 1818 he married Sarah Degges Hart, his first cousin, daughter of Richard Sessums Hart and Katherine Degges. Sarah was born Jan. 27, 1800 and died in December, 1826. On March 4, 1828 Joseph John married Eliza D. O'Kelly, daughter of David O'Kelly (the name

was sometimes given as Kelly) of the Darlington area and sister to Captain Wiley O'Kelly. She was born June 7, 1809 and died Sept. 17, 1863. In the 1840's Joseph John moved to Cotton Valley, a hamlet about ten miles from Tuskegee, Ala. (See Chart 2-16)

2) ELIAS FORT was born in 1765, probably in Halifax County, N.C., and died on the plantation of one of his sons at Shantytown, Tenn. in July, 1845. He first married Francis Degges (the family name is given in the early documents as Degge and occasionally as Digges), daughter of Robert Degges and Elizabeth Lawson. Francis was born April 20, 1772 in Virginia, and was the sister of Elizabeth Degges who married Sugg Fort (see Section 4). The marriage took place about 1792-94. It is known that Elias began a westward move about 1796, and since one of his sons was born 1795 in Raleigh, N.C., it is possible that Francis died there. At any rate, she died not long after her marriage, probably in 1800-01. Elias settled in the south portion of Robertson County, Tenn. after a brief stop at Knoxville. (See Section 4 for another large group of Forts that had previously settled in another part of Robertson.) He had extensive holdings along Brush Creek and, to distinguish himself from the other Elias Forts in the county, he shortly began to use the middle initials "B.C." For a number of years he was active in the pioneer Red River Baptist Church. After arrival in Tennessee he married Elizabeth Morris; the marriage took place 1806 or earlier. In 1829 he sold his lands in Robertson and moved to Hardemann County, Tenn., where he died near Bolivar in 1845. His grave marker was standing in 1968. By his first wife Francis, Elias B. C. Fort had:

   a) ROBERT DEGGES FORT, born May 23, 1795 in Raleigh, N.C., lived most of his life in Tennessee and Mississippi. He moved from Robertson County as a young man, settling in Christian County, Ky. until about 1828. (See later for Christian County references.) His service in the War of 1812 was from Fayetteville, Tenn. He moved to Hardeman County, Tenn. in 1828 and there became operator of an inn. In 1849 he and his family moved to Hernando, DeSoto County, Miss., where he farmed and built a house in Hernando; he was county treasurer at one time. Considered wealthy at the time of the Civil War, Robert was a staunch supporter of the Union; under his strong protest four of his sons joined the Confederate forces. He married Elizabeth Ann Joyner, daughter of Jonathan Joyner and Elizabeth Moore (of Bertie County, N.C.) Dec. 4, 1821; she was born in Livingston County, Ky. Sept. 29, 1805, her early home being in Jackson, Tenn. The couple moved to Memphis, Tenn. in their old age, probably to be near children. Elizabeth died March 17, 1886 and Robert followed her shortly, on April 9; descendants say he died of grief. (See Chart 2-17)
   b) WYLEY (WILEY) FORT was born 1800; the place of his birth is not known, but probably it was in Tennessee. He married

a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Weyman Lybrooks, and according to most sources had no issue. His wife was from Lauderdale County, Ala. Wiley presumably moved with his brother to Hardeman County, Tenn., where he is known to have died.

By his second wife Elizabeth, Elias B. C. Fort had:

c) ELIAS MICAJAH FORT, born Feb. 25, 1809, probably in Robertson County, Tenn., died Sept. 15, 1879 (other sources give Aug. 20 or 21, 1876) in McNairy County, Tenn. Elias M. is thought to have lived for a period in Tate County, Miss. After his move to McNairy he built a church on his farm which became known as "Fort's Chapel." Elias married Lucy Ann Mason on Sept. 3, 1835; she died Oct. 27, 1868. (See Chart 2-18)

d) DAVID MORRIS FORT was born March 3, 1811, probably in Robertson County, Tenn., and died July 15, 1888 in Tate County, Miss. David married Adeline D. Goode, born Jan. 4, 1826, died after 1888. (See Chart 2-19)

e) TILLMAN CARTER FORT, born March 2, 1816, was killed in the Civil War. He had no issue.

f) MARY BATTLE FORT was born March 20, 1807 (some sources give March 3, 1807, and some give 1809) in Robertson County, Tenn., and married William P. Atkins, born March 6, 1803. They lived much of their lives in DeSoto County, Miss., at Hernando, where Mary died Feb. 18, 1842 in childbirth. After her death the Atkins children were placed with relatives in Tennessee. (See Chart 2-20)

g) LOUISA SYLVESTER FORT, born Oct. 21, 1814 (Oct. 10 is also given) in Robertson County, Tenn., died Nov. 13, 1869 (Nov. 19 also given) in Crittenden County, Ark., at Earle. She married on Oct. 3, 1836 Benjamin Franklin Richards, son of Philemon and Martha Christian Richards; the marriage was in Hardeman County, Tenn. B. F. Richards was born Dec. 28, 1813 in Hopkins County, Ky.; he died in Crittenden County, Ark. Nov. 19, 1870. (See Chart 2-21)

h) NANCY FORT, of whom nothing is known.

i) ELIZABETH FORT, of whom nothing is known.

3) ALLEN FORT, a son of Micajah (I), died in Halifax County, N.C. in 1798; he had married a woman named Sarah (or Sally) no later than 1789 and probably quite a bit earlier. After his death his widow married William Whitehead of Halifax County, a widower. The 1790 census shows Allen as having a son under 16 in that year, but this person has not been identified.

By his second wife, Isabelle, Micajah (I) had four children:

4) WILLIE (pronounced WILEY) FORT was born about 1766-67 and was apparently Isabelle's oldest child. He died intestate in Halifax County, N.C. in 1795-96. The 1790 census shows him having two sons under 16 and two daughters together with a wife. Identity and

further whereabouts of the wife and children have not been established.

5) SPEAR (SPEIR) FORT was born about 1772 in Halifax County, N.C. In 1796 he joined certain of his brothers in a move to the southern part of Robertson County, Tenn., where he remained about two years before moving to Christian County, Ky. with his brother David. While in Christian — or perhaps somewhat earlier while in Robertson — he met and married Margaret Titsworth, daughter of Colonel Isaac Titsworth, a Revolutionary war officer; she was born about 1783-85. In the period 1804-10 he moved to "New Spain", a Missouri settlement sometimes called "New Madrid" and under New Orleans administration as part of the Louisiana Purchase. Beginning in December, 1811 the New Madrid area was stricken by the worst earthquakes ever to hit the United States, tremors so severe that at one time the Mississippi River changed directions and ran north for the only time in its known history. Presumably because of these shocks, Spear and Margaret left New Madrid and settled in Howard (later Cooper) County, Mo.; other of the Titsworth family also were there. He died testate in Cooper in 1828, probably in March. His widow shortly thereafter moved to Crawford County, Ark., living there in 1830. She was in Franklin County, Ark., by 1840 in a portion later given to Logan County. Spear and Margaret are believed to have had 12 children; only these are known:

a) DAVID FORT, evidently the oldest child, was born in 1800-01. He married a girl named Maria or Mariah who was born about 1812; the date and place of their marriage isn't known, but she appears to have been only about 14 years old at the time. David died 1849-50 in Franklin County, Ark. (See Chart 2-22)

b) JOHN GABRIEL FORT was born Sept. 9, 1811 in New Madrid, Mo. On Oct. 19, 1828 in Cooper County he married Dorinda Jane Bell, born 1813. The couple migrated to Arkansas with all or most of Spear's other children, living near Charleston in Franklin County. Dislocated by the Civil War, the couple moved temporarily to Coryell County, Texas, but returned to Arkansas with the war's end. In the 1870's, however, they returned to Texas and settled near Rising Star in what is now Eastland County. He died there Aug. 23, 1896 with Dorinda following him Jan. 1, 1900. They are buried in the town cemetery. (See Chart 2-23)

c) SPEAR FORT (II) was born 1820 and moved with his mother to northern Arkansas. In Crawford County he married Isabel Nolan (or Knowland) of Illinois, perhaps born in the Hampton area of that state. The marriage took place about 1838-39. Isabel died 1850-60; in that same decade Spear married a second time, with Caroline Elkins Graham, daughter of Theorit Elkins. She was born about 1835 in South Carolina and first married Abraham R. Graham of Independence County, Ark. By this marriage she had Daniel Graham and John Slater

Graham. Apparently she went to her parents' home in Scott County, Ark. after being widowed; there she met Spear. Spear farmed in the Magazine Mountain area of Arkansas until the death of Caroline sometime after 1880. He then moved to Coryell County, Texas to be near relatives. The date of his move is given as 1888 by one source, but another — possibly better — says he moved there only two months before his death. He died at or near the tiny community of Hurst Springs in Coryell County, 1893-94. (See Chart 2-24)

d) WILLIAM HAMILTON FORT, born May 20, 1822 in Cooper County, Mo., accompanied his mother to Arkansas. In 1844 he married Nancy Sewell, born 1828 in Mississippi, in what is now Logan County, Ark. A hotel owner in Paris, Ark., he also owned large land holdings of more than 2,000 acres. He was a Mason and a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; Nancy belonged to a Methodist church. William died sometime after 1890, in Paris. (See Chart 2-25)

e) LUCINDA FORT married Charles Robinson in Cooper County, Mo. on Nov. 7, 1822. Descent, if any, is not known.

f) MARY FORT married Robert Wallace in Cooper County, Mo. about 1816. By November, 1822 this couple had the following children (and subsequently may have had more): 1) Robert Wallace, Jr.; 2) George Washington Wallace; 3) Margaret H. Wallace; 4) Mary Lovina Wallace. Mary was dead by late 1828.

g) NANCY FORT, possibly the oldest daughter, married George Caulk, born between 1790 and 1800 in the "New Madrid" or "New Spain" area of what became Missouri. The Caulk family helped pioneer New Madrid. George and Nancy seem to have moved to northern Arkansas before the death of Spear (I), her father. They are supposed to have founded the town of Caulksville 20 miles east of Fort Smith (later Ratcliff). George died 1836 in Mississippi. Nancy died 1848 in what is now Logan County in an area formerly in Franklin County. (See Chart 2-26)

h) MARGARET SUSAN FORT, born before 1828; nothing further is known.

i) SALLY FORT.

j) JULIA ANN FORT.

Spear Fort (I), in addition to the ten children named, is known to have had two more sons though these may not have reached maturity.

6) DAVID FORT was born in 1775 and accompanied his brother Spear in the move westward in 1796. He probably settled briefly in south Robertson County, Tenn., in the period 1796-98 but took up land with Spear in Christian County, Ky. in 1798. By 1803 he was living in Livingston County, Ky. where he apparently stayed until his death, which occurred 1855 or a bit later. David served in the War of 1812 militia from Livingston. In 1815 he married Martha Gardner Persons, widow of Amos Persons, and adopted her children:

James Henry (who died 1837 in Livingston), Cynthia, and Betsy. David himself seems to have had no issue.

7) NANCY FORT, frequently nicknamed "Ann", was born 1767-68 in Halifax County, N.C. She married Hermon Holloman (Holleyman, Holleman), brother of Jeremiah Holloman who married her brother Micajah's widow. Nancy and Hermon moved to the Darlington area of South Carolina 1805-06. In later years they moved to Sumter County, S.C. Nancy died April 21, 1838 at Upper Salem; her husband Hermon survived her, dying in 1849. (See Chart 2-27)

About The Family

So far as is known, all or nearly all of this branch of the family left Edgecombe and Halifax counties in North Carolina by 1805, some moving south to South Carolina and others to Tennessee, Kentucky and Missouri. The latter group in particular braved hard frontier conditions at the time of their moves. The remarkable story of Margaret Titsworth, for instance . . .

The Titsworth family evidently stemmed from the Teitzwortzer family which landed October 23, 1754 from Amsterdam carrying Swiss, German and Dutch passengers. The family, or parts of it, settled for a time in York County, Pennsylvania, but later worked their way south. They were in North Carolina when Isaac Titsworth served as a Revolutionary colonel and earned a historical marker for his grave site in Logan County, Arkansas.

In 1793 Isaac and assorted relatives were living near Port Royal in Tennessee when Creek Indians staged a succession of murderous raids. The family decided to move to Logan County, Kentucky to escape the Creeks, and started out on November 5, 1794. That night their camp was attacked by a party of raiding Creeks from the Hickory Ground on the Coosa River. On that night of knives seven or eight in the party were killed and scalped.

The Indians took Margaret Titsworth, then ten, three small children and a Negro into the forest. (American State Papers, Indian Affairs, Volume 1, Page 539). The small children were dragged along by their hair until their scalps peeled from their heads; their fate and that of the slave is not known.

Local militia set out in pursuit of the Creeks, pressing them so hard they abandoned the Titsworths' property. Margaret they kept, forcing her to make fires, bring water, and pound meal. Her father undertook an unsuccessful search that lasted several months. The Spanish agent in the Creek Nation heard reports of the captive and offered $400 ransom for her release, but this was refused. In 1795, however, a treaty calmed the Indians and Margaret, after a captivity of ten months, was returned to her father.

Surviving documents show that Elias B. C. Fort was of the same stubborn, aggressive mould as Colonel Isaac. Two entries in the Minutes of the Red River Baptist Church (Tennessee Archives) of Robertson County show the quality of the man.

"Feb. 16, 1816. Brother Elias Fort informed the Church at that meeting that date, that he visited his brother David sometime in December last, and while there a man by name of Jacob Isom came to his brothers and

after quarreling with his brother, swore he would kill him and presented a gun upon which (he bro. Elias) interposed and with the help of another man that was present took the gun from said Isom who immediately struck said Elias Fort who defended himself and the fight insued. Upon Brother Forts acknowledgement the Church took him back."

The Red River Baptists, after excusing Elias for this fray, had another experience with him with a less happy ending.

"14 Jan. 1825. Bro. Elias Fort (B. C.) not being present, the brothers appointed last time to cite him (for non-attendance) reported he gave them no satisfaction, but told them he never expected to attend us again. After some conversation, it appeared to the Church that he would not hear them. Whereupon the said Elias Fort was excommunicated from our fellowship."

Elias had served as a deacon and represented the church at Baptist meetings. Nothing tells us what caused the sudden break with the brethren.

Mrs. Emma Coleman of Fort Smith, Arkansas is a granddaughter of Spear Fort II. One of the authors talked with her by phone in 1967. She told a rather touching story of Spear who, she said, came to the home of his son John Sanders Fort at Hurst Springs only about two months before Spear's death. The old man claimed that only very fresh eggs were good to eat, and daily invited his granddaughter to tour the hen house with him to "get my egg." She became very fond of him. When he died his coffin was opened briefly at the burial site. Rain was falling. The little girl wiped the rain from Spear's face and pled with those present to close the coffin. They did.

According to Caulk family sources there were disastrous earthquakes in the "New Madrid" area of Missouri in 1811 and 1812. These so ruined the land that a number of the pioneering families moved elsewhere, including the Caulks (who, incidentally, may have been of French descent).

Authors' Notes

Children of Micajah (I). A record (Halifax County, Book 17, Page 483) dated September 17, 1792 shows the division of his lands among his six sons: Micajah, Willie, David, Speir, Allen, and Elias. "Ibell" Fort's will (Halifax, Book 3, Page 216) lists: Speir, Willie, David and a daughter Nancy and identifies them as her children.

Nancy Hart Fort Holloman Hopkins. Mrs. F. R. Galbreath of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, a descendant of Hermon Holloman, learned of documents in Darlington, South Carolina, showing her name as Nancy. Joseph John Fort was involved in the settlement of Ely (Eli) Holloman's estate, and referred to himself in one record as "half-brother and sole heir" while mentioning that Nancy was Ely's mother and that she had married a Mr. Hopkins by 1811. There was a question as to Ely's mental competence because of his omission of close relatives from his will. He died unmarried. Nancy, however, referred to herself as Anna in a November 15, 1810 deed. The authors accepted Boddie's statement that Anna was the daughter of Col. Henry Hart.

The Hooker Papers. Mrs. Thomas E. Hooker of Bartlett, Tenn. graciously

loaned the authors her collection of papers and notes on the Fort family, most of them dealing with the descent from Micajah (I). Mrs. Hooker worked closely at one time with Lewis Fort of Whitehaven, Tennessee, who contributed all or nearly all the material in the John Boddie books that dealt with the Fort family. The authors attempted to locate Lewis Fort's collection; he had died prior to start of this project. However, Lewis Fort had no children save an adopted son, and efforts to reach this survivor were not successful. Mrs. Hooker's paper show, however, that another researcher — Miss Sadie Nichols — also worked on the Fort family for a number of years and that she placed her collection with the Tennessee State Archives and Library in Nashville for preservation. The authors did not consult this possible source of data.

Willie, Wiley and Wylie. Readers should remember that North Carolina usage calls for pronouncing Willie as "Wiley." It's believed that the prominence of the name in Fort records goes back to Halifax County where Willie Jones, a prominent planter, was a Revolutionary leader. There is a fascinating tradition that John Paul Jones, naval commander during the Revolution, showed up as a semi-tramp in Halifax County prior to the war, that he gave his name as John Paul but didn't know his last name, that he was befriended by Willie Jones, and that John Paul adopted the "Jones" from Willie. There is a small but interesting book on the tradition, published in hard covers about 1967.

Speir or Spear? The Speir family was a prominent one in the Edgecombe-Halifax area of North Carolina. The authors believe the Fort name was taken from Speir Coffield, who was connected with the Fort family in various documents. About 1800 Speir Fort appears to have tired of wrong spellings and started using the more common "Spear."

David's Wife. A searcher, who unfortunately did not give the reference, said she saw a deed in Franklin County, Arkansas naming Maria as the wife of David. She and her children are listed in the 1850 Franklin County census.

The Robinson and Bell Marriages. Marriage bonds for Cooper County, Missouri have been published; they show these two.

The Wallace Marriage. Spear made a deed of gift to Robert Wallace in November, 1822 (Cooper County, Book B, Page 186) and named his Wallace grandchildren.

Identity of Isabel. She is shown in census records as having been born in Illinois. Mrs. Emma Coleman, a granddaughter and quite old, said she thought Isabel had come from Hampton, Illinois and asserted her name was Nolan (she did not know how the name was spelled). She could remember nothing else, but her memory seemed quite good at the time of the conversation.

William H. Fort. Goodspeed's 1891 volume on "History of Western Arkansas" has a sketch on William H. Fort which gives the number of Spear Fort's children, and mentions the capture of Margaret Titsworth by Indians. Goodspeed first tipped the authors to the Cooper County residence of this Fort branch.

Spear Fort's Will. The will of Spear (I) is on file in Cooper County. It is dated February 11, 1828 and was probated in March. The authors' certified

copy does not give the book reference. The will mentions only a few of Spear's children by name (but includes the one reference to "Margit Susan.") Spear evidently squirreled things, for his will reads at one point: ". . . Nansey Caulk has received her full portion of my estate therefore I will bequeath unto her only one inglish (sic) shilling." Mary Wallace also got a shilling.

Census Records. The authors had access to the census records of Crawford, Scott, Franklin and Logan counties in Arkansas. These are of major help in working out the Missouri-Arkansas line.

David of Livingston. "Persons Lineage" by George Fuller Walker (1951, Conger Printing Company, Atlanta) shows David as marrying Mrs. Persons in 1815 and adopting her children. However, Henry Persons, who died 1837 with David as executor, showed himself as a Persons, not a Fort. The 1810 Livingston census shows David as having no dependents. There is a record in Livingston of a William M. Fort, and for a time the authors thought he might have been a son of David by an earlier marriage. The clerk's office in Livingston, however, said the name was William M. Ford.

Jesse of Livingston. The authors also were confused by the appearance in Livingston records of a Revolutionary veteran named Jesse Fort. Jesse's pension application, however, shows him to be Jesse Ford of Maryland and Fauquier County, Virginia; he probably was related to William (above).

John G. Fort. His birthplace came from family records researched by Mrs. G. W. J. Robberson of Kilgore, Texas. Bill Hanks of the U. S. Navy's medical branch supplied census and other carefully researched data on John G. Fort and his descent. Thanks go to both.

The David James Fort Descent. The authors made a fairly strong effort to identify the parents and origin of a David James Fort who appears in the Brush Creek area of Robertson County in the 1820's and 1830's. In the perhaps mistaken belief that he was somehow associated with the Halifax County, North Carolina Forts, the summary of what is known or surmised about him is placed here:

1. A "John Fort," not otherwise identified, bought land in Robertson County, Tennessee on Brush Creek from Isaac Titsworth on June 20, 1798. Elias (B. C.) and his cousins, Jesse and Micajah Fort, were witnesses. John Fort was then living in Davidson County, Tennessee. Isaac is connected with Spear Fort, brother of Elias (B. C.), through his wife, Margaret Titsworth. John Fort subsequently sold this land and moved to "District of Louisiana, Spanish Territory." A definite connection with David James Fort is not established.

2. Perrin's "Trigg County Handbook" shows "David J. Fort" as marrying Caroline Chick in Christian County, Kentucky in the period 1817-1825. The Christian County Clerk gave a marriage license application for David J. Fort and Adeline Chick in 1829 but had no record of Caroline and an earlier date. Christian is connected with Jesse, Micajah, David and Spear Fort, but no known link between this David J. and David James of Robertson seems to exist.

3. The 1840 census of Robertson County lists "Dorothy Fort" as head of household plus three males and three females. The 1850 census shows

her as 46 years old and born in North Carolina. Her children are shown as Charlotte, 29, born in North Carolina; Robert, 25, born in Tennessee; Johnson, 22, born in Tennessee; Jackson (or John), 17, born in Tennessee; and Joshua Stroud and Nancy Stroud, each 50. The same census lists David J. Fort (Jr.), 27 years old, his wife Mary, 20; and a daughter Elizabeth, 2. Dorothy Fort died in 1856, and in September David J. Fort, Jr. was made estate administrator. David J. Fort, Jr. and Mary B. Farmer were married February 1, 1847 in Robertson. David J. Fort's middle name was "James" according to several descendants. His children appear in the 1860, 1870 and 1880 Robertson census. David James Fort was born in North Carolina according to the 1880 census, as provided by his children.

4. The authors eliminated the possibility that David James Fort was the son of Spear Fort or his brother David Fort, basing this on known records of their descent. It is possible he was a son of Elias (B. C.), or of one of Elias' cousins: Jesse, or Micajah Fort, neither of whom left wills or other documents that would eliminate them, or of the dead brothers, Allen and Willie.

5. The descent information on David James Fort: DAVID J. FORT, SR. (Presumably his name as the oldest son was named David James Fort, Jr.) Married Dorothy _____; six children.

1.—Charlotte Fort, b. ca 1821 in North Carolina.

2.—David James Fort, Jr., b. Feb. 3, 1823, Tenn. 12 children (See later)

3.—Robert Fort.

4.—Johnson Fort, b. ca 1828 in Tenn., d. 1884 Robt. Co., Tenn.

5.—Elizabeth Fort, b. ca 1830, Tenn., m. Henry Frank White; they had six children including David Franklin White.

6.—Jackson Fort, b. ca 1833, Tenn. He M/1 Fanny Head and had one daughter. He M/2 Sarah "Sallie" Head, sister of his 1st wife, and they had eleven children. Among these were:

1.—John Johnson Fort, b. April 7, 1862. (See later)

2.—William Robert Fort. Four children, including Mary Frances Fort.

3.—Jackie Fort m. James Leonard Stack. Eight children.

DAVID J. (JAMES) FORT, JR., son of David J. Fort, Sr. and Dorothy _____, was born Feb. 3, 1823, (Bible) in Tennessee. He married Feb. 4, 1847, in Robertson County, Tenn., Mary B. Farmer. They were married by William L. Perry, Minister of God, and there is a record in Vol. 1, 1829-1860 Robertson County, Tenn., Marriages, in the Tenn. State Library.

Mary B. Farmer was born Feb. 17, 1830. (Bible)

They were the parents of 12 children, all born in Tennessee, and their names and birthdates, copied from the old Bible, were furnished by Mrs. S. P. Fort, Cedar Hill, Tennessee.

1.—Elizabeth D. Fort, b. Nov. 17, 1847. Married John Murphey. (See later)

2.—Martha W. Fort, b. Mar. 27, 1851. Evidently died young, as not listed in 1860 Census.

3.—William R. (Rufus) Fort, b. July 5, 1853. Married Mary Pennington. (See later)

4.—Joalvy Fort, b. Sept. 2, 1855. Died young. (listed as "J. A.", male, 4 yrs., in 1860 Census.)

5.—Celula Frances Fort, b. Jan. 3, 1858. Married Henry Taylor Winters. (See later)

6.—Mary W. "Molly" Fort, b. April 6, 1860, married George Fentress. They had no children.

7.—David B. Fort, called "Perk", b. July 15, 1862, married Florence _____. No further information.

8.—Sadie Lee Fort, b. Aug. 23, 1864, died about 1881 when seventeen years old. Unmarried.

9.—Georgie Ann Fort, b. Sept. 27, 1866, married Dempsey Hunter. (See later)

10.—Susie J. Fort, b. March 28, 1869, married Cull Frey.

11.—Wiley B. (Burgess) Fort, b. Feb. 17, 1872, married Sarah Elizabeth Winters. (See later)

12.—Hattie C. Fort, b. March 17, 1874. (Listed as Martha in the 1880 Census). Never married.

ELIZABETH D. "Lizzie" FORT, daughter of David James Fort, Jr., and Mary B. Farmer, was born Nov. 17, 1847. She married John Murphey, who in 1884 was the administrator of the estate of her uncle, John Johnson Fort. (Bk. 22, p. 60, Robt. Co., Tenn., Wills, Estate Settlements, etc.)

Vice-Admiral M. E. Murphey, USN Retired, of San Diego, California, has been doing research on the Murphey family for a number of years, and will publish a book — "The Murpheys of Tennessee and Allied Families."

Children of Elizabeth D. Fort and John Murphey were:

1.—Willie Murphey — m. Will Haynes.

2.—Rebecca Murphey — m. Edd Neville.

3.—Alva Murphey — m. March Garrett.

4.—Susie Murphey — m. John Ellis.

5.—Winnie Murphey — m. Ben Ellis.

6.—Charles Murphey — m. Ora Farmer.

7.—Robert Murphey — m. Lula Mai Wilson.

WILLIAM RUFUS FORT, son of David James Fort, Jr. and Mary B. Farmer, was born July 5, 1853. He died in Cheatham Co., Tenn. He married Mary Pennington who was born about 1858.

Their children, all born in Tenn., but possibly not in the order given, were:—

1.—Martha Savannah "Vann" Fort, b. ca 1878 (2 years old in 1880 Census) married Jesse Murphey Head. (See later)

2.—Jim (?James) Fort, b. ca 1879, married Flossie Shelton. Their son: Dorris Fort m. Frances White, and they had Robert Fort who had Debbie Fort.

3.—Hattie Fort — m. Emmerson Farmer. She lives at 1412 Clay Street,

Nashville, Tenn. They had a Bobby Farmer who married and had two daughters.

4.—Margaret Fort — m. Buck Stroud. Their son Raymond Stroud married and had:

1.—Margie Ann Stroud m. Robert Douglas.
1.—R. L. Douglas.
2.—Teddy Ray Douglas.
2.—Marcel Stroud m. Robert Minick.
1.—Pamela Minick.
2.—Dennis Wayne Minick.
3.—Randy Minick.
3.—Nannie Jean Stroud m. Joe Hunter.
1.—Shelia Jeanine Hunter.

5.—Ida Fort — m. George Boyd. She lives at 1824 Cephas Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. Their children:

1.—Bessie Boyd.
2.—Howard Boyd
3.—Archie Boyd.
4.—Mabel Boyd.
5.—Billy Boyd.

6.—Bess Fort married Jesse Perry. No children.

7.—Cephas W. Fort, b. about 1890, and "a native of Cheatham County, Tenn.", died Jan. 3, 1967, and was buried in the Brewers Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, of which he was a member. He was a farmer and lived at Cedar Hill, Tennessee. Mr. Fort married as her third husband, Mrs. Allie (Wall) Tubb-Weakley. They had no children.

MARTHA SAVANNAH "Vann" FORT, daughter of William Rufus Fort and Mary Pennington, was born about 1878. She married Jesse Murphey Head (b. ca 1869), son of George Thomas Head and Merilla Elliott (b. ca 1843). (See p. 43, Historical Sketches of the Winters Family by Ralph L. Winters, 1965. Data also supplied by Mrs. S. P. Fort.) They had seven children:

1.—James Clay Head m. Lucy Elliott; three sons:
1.—Richard Head m. Hazel Albright; five children:
1.—Tommy Head m. Delores Brown; one son:
1.—James D. Head.
2.—Kenneth Head m. Elaine Gupton; one son:
1.—Christopher W. Head.
3.—Charles Head.
4.—Patricia Head.
5.—Linda Head.
2.—John Conroy Head m. Eleanor Hunt, a sister of Lillian Hunt Fort (Mrs. S. P.); one son:
1.—John Conroy Head, Jr.
3.—Hughes Head m. Ruth Hendley; six children:
1.—James Head.
2.—Terry Head.
3.—Keith Head.

4.—Shelia Head.
5.—Teresa Ellen Head.
6.—Sandra Jean Head.

2.—Jesse Minor Head m. Carlene Smith. Two children:
1.—Margie Catherine Head m. Albert Wolfe; four children:
1.—Mike Wolfe.
2.—Randy Wolfe.
3.—Greg Wolfe.
4.—Barbara Wolfe.
2.—Mary Vann Head m. Bobby Stanley; two children:
1.—Pamela Stanley.
2.—Rosemary Stanley.

3.—Margaret Merilla Head m. Ewing Frey. Two children:
1.—Robert Ewing Frey—killed in W.W.II.
2.—Glenn Frey married Sue Robertson. Three children:
1.—Robert Ewing Frey.
2.—Glenn Murphey Frey.
3.—Glenda Sue Frey.

4.—Ann(a) Frances Head m. Rayburn Gower. Three children:
1.—Martha Sue Gower m. Charlie Narron. No children.
2.—Evelyn Gower m. Teddy Blessing. Three children:
1.—Ray Blessing.
2.—Randy Blessing.
3.—Linda Blessing.
3.—Rubye Gower m. James Jinnette. No children.

5.—Louise Head m. Carroll Elliott. Four children.
1.—Robert Hayden Elliott m. Eddaline Perkins. Two. ch.:
1.—Vicky Lynn Elliott.
2.—Pamela Leigh Elliott.

2.—Jesse David Elliott m. Mrs. Anita (Rains) Nelson, already the mother of two daughters: Juanita Nelson and Michelle Nelson. They have a son: David Rains Elliott.

3.—George Ray Elliott m. Peggy Davis. Two children:
1.—Kimberly Elliott.
2.—Timothy Davis Elliott.
4.—Virginia Ann Elliott m. Donnie Eley. One daughter:
1.—Shannon Louise Eley.

6.—Virginia Carden Head m. George Welker. Three children:
1.—Carol Welker m. Eddie Harris. Three children:
1.—Dennis Harris.
2.—Kenneth Harris.
3.—Sherry Harris.
2.—Linda Welker.
3.—Larry Welker.

7.—Owen Head m. Evelyn Hudgens.
1.—Sarah Head m/1 Bobby Batts. No children.
Sarah Head m/2 Robert Damer.
1.—Terry Lynn Damer.

2.—Robert Jeffry Damer.
3.—Spencer Alan Damer.
2.—Robert Head m. Myra Ann Sheppard.
1.—Dawn Machelle Head.
2.—Mark Head.
3.—Jackie Head.

CELULAH (Celula) FRANCES FORT, daughter of David James Fort, Jr. and Mary B. Farmer, was born Jan. 3, 1858. She married Henry Taylor Winters, b. Nov. 8, 1847, son of John A. Winters (b. Jan. 18, 1823) and Mary E. Burns (b. July 29, 1831) who were married Dec. 6, 1846. Five children:

1.—Sam Winters—never married.
2.—Mack Winters m. Myrtle Stroud.
1.—Jessie Frances Winters m. William Woodard.
1.—William Woodard, Jr.
2.—John Robert Woodard.
2.—Vesta Winters m. Donald McLean.
1.—Ann McLean.
3.—Dave Winters m. Elizabeth Bellar.
1.—Elizabeth Winters m. Delbert Fontch.
1.—Freddy Fontch.
2.—Rosemary Fontch.
2.—John David Winters.
4.—Eunice Winters m. Felix Duff.
1.—Mary Frances Duff
2.—Corine Duff
3.—Louise Duff
4.—Earnest Duff
5.—Freddy Duff
6.—Edward Duff
5.—James Lafayette Winters, b. 1884, m. Rosa C. Johnson. They lived in Pleasant View, Tenn.
1.—Clyde C. Winters, b. 1906, m. Elizabeth Webb.
1.—Carol Ross Winters m. _____ Scott.
2.—Clyde C. Winters, Jr.
2.—Henry Taylor Winters, b. 1909, m. Mavie Clinard.
1.—Steve Winters.
2.—Paul Douglas Winters.
3.—James L. Winters, b. 1912, m. Thelma Robinette.
1.—James Carl Winters.
2.—Charles J. Winters.
4.—Irene C. Winters m. Talton McMahan. They live on Route 1, Springfield, Tenn.
1.—Talton McMahan, Jr.
2.—Rosemary McMahan.
3.—Caroline McMahon.
5.—Perry J. Winters, b. 1922, m. Jennie Smith.
1.—Perry J. Winters, Jr.
2.—Carol Lafayette Winters.

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GEORGIE ANN FORT, daughter of David James Fort, Jr., and Mary B. Farmer, was born Sept. 27, 1866. She married Dempsey Hunter, and they were the parents of six children:

1.—Jerome Hunter who married Lurleen Biggers. They were living in Missouri when he died.

2.—Steve Hunter—married Lula Hunt. Five children:

1.—G. W. Hunter, Sr.—m. Nell Hunter. Chapmansboro, Tenn. Two children:

1.—G. W. Hunter, Jr.

2.—Frances Ann Hunter m. Douglas Boyd.

2.—Blanche Hunter — unmarried.

3.—Rubye Hunter — unmarried.

4.—Vaughn Hunter.

5.—Roy Hunter.

3.—Inez Hunter m. Jim Hunt, and lives in Springfield, Tenn.

4.—Masie Hunter m. Arnold Batts.

5.—Philip Hunter m. Dorothy Basford.

1.—Dempsey Hunter.

6.—Harry Hunter.

WILEY BURGESS FORT, son of David James Fort, Jr. and Mary B. Farmer, was born Feb. 17, 1872. He married Sarah Elizabeth Winters (b. ca 1882), daughter of James Thomas Winters (b. April 18, 1858) and Susan Cornelia Harris.

James Thomas Winters was a brother of Henry Taylor Winters, the husband of Celulah Frances Fort (a sister to Wiley Burgess Fort). In other words, Henry T. Winters and his niece, Sarah Elizabeth Winters, married Celulah Fort and her younger brother, Wiley Burgess Fort.

James Thomas Winters and Henry Taylor Winters were sons of John A. Winters (b. 1823) who m. Dec. 6, 1846, Mary E. Burns (b. July 29, 1831.)

John A. Winters was a son of Isaac Winters (b. Aug. 4, 1786, in N.C.) and Sarah Ayers (b. May 2, 1788). They lived in the Gause community of southwestern Robertson County, Tenn., near the Cheatham County line.

Isaac Winters was the oldest son of Caleb Winters and his 1st wife, Sarah Harris.

Wiley Burgess Fort and Sarah Elizabeth Winters were the parents of five children:

1.—David James Fort, m/1 Lillian Boyte; two children:

1.—Aloise Fort, who died young leaving a daughter:

1.—Patsy Elizabeth married Roger Reuter; This couple lives in Pontiac, Michigan with their three children:

1.—Lisa Lynn Reuter.

2.—Crista Lee Reuter.

3.—Benje Reuter.

2.—Jack Garner Fort.

David James Fort (b. March 24, 1900) m/2 Lucy Douglas, and had two more children: Mary Elizabeth and Lucille Fort.

2.—Clara Bell Fort (b. March 6, 1902) married James Benjamin (Bennie) Stack (b. Aug. 6, 1900). They live at Chapmansboro, Tenn. They had four children:

1.—Robert Frances Stack (b. Aug. 26, 1920, d. May 25, 1962) m. David Earl Head (who remarried after her death). They had three children:

1.—Nancy Gayle Head m. Domineck G. Accoletta (in the Air Force at Alexandria, La. in 1968); two children:

1.—Cynthia Lee Accoletta.

2.—Robin Accoletta.

2.—Clarice Ann Head m. Thomas W. Lambert; They live at Madison, Tenn., with their three children:

1.—William Kim Lambert.

2.—Thomas William Lambert.

3.—Rhonda Lynn Lambert.

3.—Frances Elizabeth Head m. Paul White. Now divorced, she and her daughter live with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. J. B. Stack at Chapmansboro, Tenn.

1.—Helen Beth White.

2.—Marian Lucille Stack (b. Dec. 5, 1922) married Clarence Mahoffy. No children.

3.—Betty Stack (b. April 24, 1926) m. Preston Langford. They live at Clarksville, Tenn. Two children:

1.—Suzanne Langford.

2.—Katrina Langford.

4.—George F. Stack (b. July 26, 1930) m. Nell Harris. They live at Chapmansboro, Tenn. Four children:

1.—George F. Stack, Jr.

2.—Bobby Stack.

3.—Debra Stack.

4.—Danny Stack, twin to Debra Stack.

3.—Samuel Perkins (Johnny) Fort, b. Oct. 22, 1903, near Cedar Hill, Robertson County, Tenn., is a farmer — and his farm is just over the county line in Cheatham County, Tenn. A member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Mr. Perkins served during 1942/43 in the U.S. Army. He married Dec. 25, 1941, Lillian Hunt (b. Nov. 8, 1918, Pleasant View, Cheatham County, Tenn.) daughter of Sterling G. Hunt and Charlie Campbell Williams (a descendant of William Williams who died in 1813 near Tar River in N.C.).

Lillian (Hunt) Fort received her B.S. degree from Austin Peay State College (now University) in 1957 and is now a Librarian in the Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tenn., school system. She and the three daughters attend Brewers Chapel Methodist Church. She has been a great help to this genealogical effort. Of her husband, she wrote:

"Johnny coon hunts . . . he played country baseball later in life than most . . . He also has given up some of his square dancing and calling.

We went as part of a group of eight dancers with him as the caller to New York City with Roy Acuff once. We were at the Palace Theatre for ten days. Roy also took the group to Florida on a tour for about ten days once . . . He used to call at The Grand Ole Opry for our team to dance two Saturday nights each month . . ."

The daughters of Samuel Perkins Fort and Lillian Hunt are:

1.—Connie Lynn Fort, b. Nov. 4, 1947.

2.—Suzanne Fort, b. Oct. 25, 1950.

3.—Mary Beth Fort, b. Sept. 8, 1953.

4.—Georgia Susan Fort m/1 Benjamin Harris Ellis who died. She m/2 Milton Rice. There are no children.

5.—Wiley Thomas Fort m. Etta Morgan and they live at Adams, Tenn. They have one daughter:

1.—Mary Jean Fort m. Williard Holland. They live in Detroit, Michigan, with their son:

1.—Willard Thomas Holland.

JOHN JOHNSON FORT, son of Jackson Fort and Sarah "Sallie" Head, was born April 7, 1862, Robertson County, Tenn., and died April 15, 1933. He married Margaret Catharine Bagwell who was born April 7, 1866, and died March 5, 1925. They were the parents of ten children. (Dates from Bible Records of Mrs. Lydia Fort Rose, Ashland City, Tenn.)

1.—George Wilson Fort, Sr., b. Nov. 23, 1886, married Nannie Burney. (See later)

2.—Herman Shelton Fort, b. about 1888. (See later)

3.—Hugh David Fort, b. May 11, 1890. (See later)

4.—Wesley Cullom Fort, b. March 16, 1893. (See later)

5.—Dancy Fort, b. about 1895/6; died when one year old.

6.—Richard Freeman Fort, b. May 26, 1898. (See later)

7.—Delma Lydia Fort, b. April 15, 1901, married Morris (Moss) Rose. (See later)

8.—John Bagwell Fort, b. Dec. 27, 1904, died in October, 1964. Their five children are all married and have families, but have no information other than their names:—

1.—John William Fort.

2.—Dorothy Fort.

3.—Virginia Ann Fort.

4.—Marie Fort.

5.—Frances Fort.

9.—Sadie Maria Fort, b. March 6, 1906, died in the early 1930s; married John Rediker. Their son:

1.—Richard Rediker lives at Joelton, Tenn. He married Eula (or Tula) Raymer, and they have three children.

10.—Nellie Irene Fort, b. March 17, 1912, m. Thomas Browning. They are known to have had Doris Browning, b. March 16, 1935.

GEORGE WILSON FORT, SR., son of John Johnson Fort and Margaret Catharine Bagwell, was b. Nov. 23, 1886, and died Oct. 17, 1949, Montgomery County, Tenn. He was a farmer until 1924, when he became a tobacconist. He married in Montgomery Co., Tenn., Nannie Burney, b.

June 14, 1886, died March 25, 1936, both in Montgomery Co., Tenn. She was descended from the Fransiscos, whose ancestors migrated from France and lived near New Providence, and was the first girl to be admitted to the Odd Fellows Lodge orphanage of New Providence, near Clarksville, Tenn. Both Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson Fort, Sr., were buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn. Their five children were:—

1.—Mabel Lou Fort, b. Nov. 22, 1906, Montg. Co., Tenn., m/1 in 1934 in Christian Co., Ky., Clarence Edward Henderson, who died about 1940. She m/2 July 11, 1942, Frank Trainor Waldrop, who died in 1966. Mr. Waldrop lived in the Clarksville-Hopkinsville-Pembroke area most of his life. There were no children from either marriage. Mrs. Waldrop resides now (1967) at 1024 Coulter St., Clarksville, Tenn.

2.—John Ewing Wesley Fort, born probably about 1909, died when two years old.

3.—James Donald Fort, b. Sept. 12, 1912. (See later)

4.—George Wilson Fort, Jr., b. Feb. 15, 1919. (See later)

5.—Ruth Evelyn Fort, b. Aug. 16, 1923, Montg. Co., Tenn., graduated from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn., with A.B. and M.A. degrees in Education and Business, and is a Teacher. On Aug. 26, 1943, she married at Clarksville, Tenn., Steve B. Chato, formerly of DeHue, West Virginia, and for the past twenty years they have resided at 1024 Coulter St., Clarksville, Tenn. They have no children.

JAMES DONALD FORT, son of George Wilson Fort, Sr. and Nannie Burney, was born Sept. 12, 1912, Montg. Co., Tenn. Early in 1946 he married Sara Ann Carr, a life long resident of Columbia, South Carolina, where they have made their home the past twenty years at 408 Byron Road. He is a postman and a printer.

From 1934 through 1939, James Donald Fort was a member of the Tenn. National Guard, 109th Cavalry, Clarksville, Tenn. He was one of the first volunteers from Clarksville for the World War II emergency, and along with Robert Roy Carroll he volunteered for enlistment in the 105th Observation Squadron, Tenn. National Guard, in 1940, and two weeks later went to Columbia, S.C. for duty — where he met Sara.

From 1948 to date, he has been a member of the South Carolina Air National Guard 240th AACS (Aircraft and Airways Communication Squadron), McEntire ANG Base, Eastover, S.C., except for membership a few months in the Tenn, ANG while attending Southern School of Printing in Nashville, Tennessee. He is a Master Sergeant.

He served with the 8th Air Firce during W.W.II at Polebrook AAF, England.

Mr. and Mrs. James Donald Fort are the parents of:

1.—Donald Fort, b. 1946/7 Columbia, S.C.

2.—Marion Wilson Fort, b. Apr. 15, 1958, Columbia, S.C.

3.—William Fort, b. about 1961, Columbia, S.C.

Ref: Information given by Dr. George W. Fort, Jr., 309 N. Main St., Abbeville, S.C. 29620.

Dr. Fort submitted all data on the George Wilson Fort, Sr.—Nannie Burney family in July, 1967.

GEORGE WILSON FORT, Jr. Physician, son of George Wilson Fort, Sr. and Nannie Burney, was born Feb. 15, 1919, Montg. Co., Tenn. The family moved into the city of Clarksville in 1924, when he was five years old.

He resides with his family at Abbeville, South Carolina, where he practices general and industrial medicine, having moved there July 1, 1958. Their address is 1006 North Main Street.

On June 28, 1939, at Hopkinsville, Christian Co., Ky., Dr. Fort married Margaret Rye (b. Feb. 22, 1919, Montgomery Co., Tenn.), daughter of John Thomas Rye (deceased) and Georgia Elder, the latter residing in 1967 in Clarksville, Tenn.

Dr. George Wilson Fort, Jr. and Margaret Rye are the parents of three sons:

1.—James Robert Fort, b. Dec. 31, 1940, Clarksville, Tenn. (See later)

2.—Thomas Wilson Fort, b. March 15, 1948, Clarksville, Tenn., is a student at Furman University, majoring in music and science. By competition, he was determined the most outstanding high school drummer in S.C. in 1966, and played with the Greenville, S.C., Symphony Orchestra during the 1966-67 season.

3.—John Daniel Fort, b. April 15, 1957, Abbeville, S.C., at the age of nine had studied Spanish three years, and was playing the piano, organ, trumpet and the drums.

Dr. Fort worked for the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company at Clarksville, Tenn., from 1940 to 1951, except for the years 1942-1943 when he was shift supervisor of their Lone Star Ordnance Plant at Texarkana, Texas,—and except for the years 1944-1946 of military duty. In the meantime, he decided to go back to school, and graduated from Clarksville High School in 1948 when he was 29 years old, about two months after the birth of his second son. He did pre-med work at Austin Peay State College, Clarksville, Tenn., then graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, Tenn., March 28, 1955.

He has been commander of the 461st Medical Service Flight (Reserve) at Base Hospital, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., with the rank of Major, since July 1, 1965, to the present.

JAMES ROBERT FORT, son of George Wilson Fort, Jr. and Margaret Rye, was born Dec. 31, 1940, Clarksville, Tennessee. He married June 6, 1959, at Abbeville, S.C., Paulette Bollinger. They reside at 105 Ridgeway St., Abbeville, S.C.

James Robert Fort attended Erskine College, Due West, S.C., and Austin Peay State College, Clarksville, Tenn. He is a textile worker. He served with the same unit (157th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron) as his father, Dr. George Wilson Fort, Jr., in Sevilla, Spain, during the Berlin Crisis of 1961-1962.

James Robert Fort and Paulette Bollinger are the parents of three children:

1.—Margaret Lorraine Fort, b. June 27, 1960, Abbeville, S. C.

2.—Terry Lynn Fort, b. April 23, 1962, Greenwood, S.C.

3.—Georgia Anna Fort, b. Sept. 7, 1963, Abbeville, S.C.

HERMAN SHELTON FORT, son of John Johnson Fort and Margaret Catharine Bagwell, was born about 1888.

He m/1 Laura Hudspeth, who died about 1938/9, and they were the parents of twin girls:

1.—Mamie Lee Fort, m. Marion Browning; no children.

2.—Minnie Etta Fort, died young.

Herman Shelton Fort m/2 Mrs. Bertha Jones, and they now reside at Springfield, Tennessee.

HUGH DAVID FORT, son of John Johnson Fort and Margaret Catharine Bagwell, was born May 11, 1890, in Tennessee, and died November 7, 1953, Gainesville, Fla., buried at Pembroke, Ky. He m/1 Grace Frances (Shanks) Jarden (b. Oct. 8, 1898, d. July, 1936, buried at Pembroke, Ky.) She was adopted by Robert and Sally Jarden after her own mother's death. They had eleven children.

Hugh David Fort m/2 Laura Monday; divorced in 1947. No children by this marriage.

The children of Hugh David Fort and his 1st wife, Grace Frances (Shanks) Jarden, were:

1.—Norine Jarden Fort, b. Feb. 19, 1916, Sylvia, Tenn.; m/1 Paul Mondier (b. May 10, 1910, d. Aug., 1957), later divorced, by whom she had two children:

1.—Pauline Adair Mondier, b. Sept. 16, 1934; married Leroy Canfield (b. Dec. 10, 1933); two children:

1.—Carolyn Sue Canfield, b. Feb. 13, 1954.

2.—Johnny P. Canfield, b. Aug. 5, 1957.

2.—Patricia (Patsy) Ann Mondier, b. Feb. 2, 1941; married Ronald A. Neil; two children:

1.—Brian Paul Neil, b. Sept. 30, 1960.

2.—Wayne Curtis Neil, b. June 27, 1964.

Norine Jarden Fort m/2 Harry R. Wolcott Sr. (b. Oct. 29, 1920), and they live at Shelton, Washington with their son:

3.—Harry R. (Ricky) Wolcott, Jr., b. March 2, 1946.

2.—Robert Johnson Fort, b. Aug. 7, 1917, Sylvia, Tenn., married July 30, 1945, in New Jersey, Dorothy Jean Ainscow (b. April 21, 1924, New Jersey). They have one son:

1.—David Roy Fort, b. July 7, 1946, Annapolis, Md., married Aug. 21, 1966, in Maryland, Rosemary Lou Anderson (b. June 2, 1947). They have no children.

3.—Wallace Lee Fort, b. Feb. 7, 1919, married in 1945 Margaret Ann Adcock; now divorced. No children.

4.—Ellis Franklin Fort, Sr., b. June 10, 1920, married in 1941 Edith Viola Tuers (b. Dec. 14, 1922). They have four children:

1.—James Randall Fort, b. Dec. 31, 1941, Annapolis, Md., m/1 in Maryland (divorced in 1964), Beatrice Mary Pantall, and had two children:

1.—Terry Lee Fort, b. July 6, 1959, Annapolis, Md.

2.—Tammy Fort, b. 1960, Annapolis, Md.

James Randall Fort m/2 in 1964 Sue Ellen Chapman, and they have three children; all three born in Gainesville, Florida:

3.—Christine Louise Fort, b. Nov. 23, 1964.

4.—Eva Marie Fort, b. in 1966.

5.—_____ Fort, b. Dec. 26, 1967.

2.—Ellis Franklin Fort, Jr., b. May 18, 1944, Annapolis, Md., married Gale Leslie Skoglund (b. April 3, 1945, Brownwood, Texas), and they have one daughter:

1.—Lisa Andrea Fort, b. Dec. 5, 1965, Gainesville, Florida.

3.—Kenneth Dale Fort, b. Oct. 7, 1945, Annapolis, Md.

4.—Ronald Lee Fort, b. Aug. 28, 1960, Gainesville, Fla.

5.—Margaret Delma Fort, b. Nov. 7, 1922, married May 17, 1945, in Maryland, Jenkins Obrien Webb (b. Jan. 5, 1921), and they have two children.

1.—David Earl Webb, b. Dec. 12, 1941, Annapolis, Md., married Jan. 29, 1962, in Florida, Judy Elaine Hutcheson (b. Aug. 5, 1942). They have one son:

1.—David Earl Webb, Jr., b. March 26, 1963, Gainesville, Florida.

2.—Michael Jay Webb, b. Jan. 31, 1951, Gainesville, Fla.

6.—Audrey May Fort, b. May 24, 1925. Unmarried.

7.—Muriel Frances Fort, b. Oct. 8, 1926, married 1946 in Kentucky, Earnest James Johns (b. Aug. 4, 1926). Four children:

1.—Fred Lawrence Johns, b. March 11, 1947, in Florida.

2.—Diane Johns, b. Sept. 20, 1951, in Florida.

3.—Cathy Jo Johns, b. June 30, 1954, in Florida.

4.—Donna Lee Johns, b. March 30, 1961, in Florida.

8.—Norma Jean Fort, b. July 14, 1929, Pembroke, Ky., married July 18, 1948, in Georgia, Pasco LeRoy Allen Sr. (b. July 4, 1926). They have three children:

1.—Pasco LeRoy Allen, Jr., b. April 9, 1949, Cross City, Florida.

2.—Vicky Jean Allen, b. Oct. 30, 1950, Gainesville, Fla., married Dec. 31, 1966, in Maryland, William Gary Ehmke (b. Jan. 23, 1946), and they have a son:

1.—William Gary Ehmke, Jr., b. Oct. 25, 1967, Annapolis, Maryland.

3.—Douglas Wayne Allen, b. Nov. 26, 1955, Annapolis, Md.

9.—Hugh David Fort, Jr., b. January, 1932, and died in July, 1932, Pembroke, Kentucky.

10.—Betty Sue Fort, b. April 20, 1933, Pembroke Kentucky, married in 1951 in Florida, Frank Delano Griffis, and they have three children:

1.—Candy Griffis, born in Florida.

2.—Debbie Griffis, born in Florida.

3.—Tammy Griffis, born in 1960 in Florida.

11.—Alice Faye Fort, b. September, 1934, died September, 1935, Pembroke, Kentucky.

Data on this family contributed by Mrs. Harry R. Wolcott, Sr., nee Norine Jarden Fort, in February, 1968.

WESLEY CULLOM FORT, son of John Johnson Fort and Margaret Catharine Bagwell, was born March 16, 1893, Robertson County, Tenn. He died May 17, 1953, in Robertson County, and was buried at Pleasant View,

Tenn., just over the county line in Cheatham County. He was a farmer and a member of the Church of Christ.

Oct. 29, 1916, Wesley Cullom Fort married Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, who was born April 16, 1893, in Cheatham County, Tenn., the daughter of Abner Nicholson and Ella Hunter. Mrs. Fort now lives with her daughter, Lula Katherine (Mrs. Lauren E.) Hunt at Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146.

Robert C. Fort paid this tribute to his parents: "Our parents were never educated to their potential, but they gave us love, encouragement and a reverence for education, for which I am grateful."

Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson were the parents of seven children:

1.—Robert Cullom Fort, b. Aug. 29, 1917. (See later)
2.—Lula Katherine Fort, b. Nov. 28, 1918, married Egbert Lauren Hunt. (See later)
3.—Vera May Fort, b. Feb. 13, 1922, married William Neill Allen. (See later)
4.—Roy Milton Fort, b. July 11, 1925. (See later)
5.—John Wesley Fort, b. June 4, 1928. (See later)
6.—Stanley Morris Fort, b. Nov. 9, 1932. (See later)
7.—James Wendell Fort, b. June 13, 1934. (See later)

Ref: Data contributed by Robert C. Fort, Cookeville, Tenn., and by his sister, Mrs. Lauren Hunt, Pleasant View, Tenn.

ROBERT CULLOM FORT, son of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was born August 29, 1917, in Cheatham County. Tenn.

He earned the Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State College and the Master of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees from George Peabody College. When World War II started, he had just assumed his first position as teacher and coach at the high school at Cedar Hill, Tennessee. He resigned Christmas, 1941, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He served forty-six months and was discharged as a staff sergeant on November 8, 1945. His service included nineteen months in the British Isles and fourteen months in Australia, New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon, with combat stars for each of the latter three campaigns.

Upon returning from the service, Robert resumed his teaching and coaching career as athletic director at the high school at Ashland City, Tennessee.

For the last eleven years, he has taught health and physical education at the college level with service at the University of Dayton, Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, and Mississippi State University. He accepted an appointment to the faculty at Tennessee Technological University effective in September, 1967.

Robert Cullom Fort married January 9, 1954, in Memphis, Tenn., Crystal Chambers, a native of Monticello, Arkansas. They have an adopted daughter:

1.—Helen Fort, b. October 12, 1954.

LULA KATHERINE FORT, daughter of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was b. Nov. 28, 1918, at Thomasville, Cheatham County, Tennessee. She married Feb. 7, 1941, Egbert Lauren Hunt, (b. Feb. 5, 1913), son of Sterling G. Hunt and Charlie Campbell Williams, and sister

of Lillian Hunt who married Samuel Perkins (Johnny) Fort. Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Hunt live on a farm at Ashland City, Tennessee, Route #1. They are the parents of four sons, two of whom are graduates of Austin Peay State College. Two were in military service in 1967. They are:

1.—Jerry Lauren Hunt, b. July 10, 1942, a graduate of Austin Peay State College, who is now a teacher at Ashland City, Tennessee, High School, and also works at the Shearon Funeral Home.

2.—Gaines Cullom Hunt, b. July 13, 1943, a graduate of Austin Peay State College, is doing graduate work in dairy science at Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, where his wife is also a student. He is married to the former Lynda Webb Cowan of Ashland City, Tenn, who was born Sept. 2, 1947.

3.—Don Roy Hunt, b. Dec. 24, 1945, with the U. S. Navy at Miramar, California, in 1967.

4.—Max Glen Hunt, b. April 11, 1947—with U.S.A.F. in Okinawa (1967).

VERA MAY FORT, daughter of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was born Feb. 13, 1922, at Thomasville, Cheatham County, Tennessee. March __, 1945, she married William Neill Allen. Their present address is Nashville, Tenn. They are the parents of four children:

1.—Wanda Kay Allen, b. April 13, 1946, m. Walter E. Lambert.

2.—Patsy Jean Allen, b. Nov. 2, 1947, m. Donald T. Buckley. Son:

1.—William Allen Buckley, b. _____.

3.—Janice Gayle Allen, b. July 7, 1949, m. Bobby Carrell. Son:

1.—Bryan Edward Carrell, b. _____.

4.—Pamela Neill Allen, b. July 29, 1950.

ROY MILTON FORT, son of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was born July 11, 1925, Montgomery County, Tenn. He served with the Sixth Armored Infantry in Italy during W.W.II and received serious injuries twice. He returned to the States for hospitalization, and received a discharge after the second injury. "The rest of civilized mankind is indebted forever to Roy Milton Fort and his kind." (Tribute paid by his brother, Robert C. Fort, Cookeville, Tenn.)

After the War, Roy Milton Fort married Edna Ruby Moore, (born April 12, 1928), of Pleasant View, Tennessee, where they now live. They are the parents of four children:

1.—Betty Ruth Fort, b. Nov. 23, 1948, married May 25, 1967, Kennie Johnson of Clarkeville, Tenn., who was born May 1, 1948.

2.—Vera Sue Fort, b. August 5, 1952.

3.—Jerry Roy Fort, b. August 1, 1955.

4.—Joe Mark Fort, b. Dec. 22, 1957.

JOHN WESLEY FORT, son of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was born June 4, 1928, in Robertson County, Tenn. He earned the Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Austin Peay State College. For several years he served as Coordinator of Extension Work at Fort Campbell for Austin Peay. He is now Director of Continuing Education at Columbia State Community College, Columbia, Tennessee. He is also a noted basketball official in the area.

John Wesley Fort is a veteran of four years' service in the Air Force and saw service in Korea and England.

He married Marilyn Jean Perry of Cheatham County, Tenn., b. Dec. 11, 1937 and they have three daughters:

1.—Angela Ann Fort. b. January 15, 1961.

2.—Amy Gay Fort, b. Nov. 3, 1963.

3.—Johna Stephanie Fort, b. Oct. 22, 1963.

Their address is Columbia, Tenn.

STANLEY MORRIS FORT, son of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was born November 9, 1932, Montgomery County, Tenn. A graduate of Ashland City (Tenn.) High School, he is employed at the Ford Plant in Nashville, Tenn.

On May 21, 1955, Stanley Morris Fort m. Wilma Faye Fisher (b. Oct. 17, 1930) of Green Brier, Tennessee, where they (now 1968) live with their three children:

1.—Marissa Lynn Fort, b. April 17, 1957.

2.—George Edward Fort, b. Dec. 13, 1959.

3.—Jana Faye Fort, b. Nov. 15, 1966.

JAMES WENDELL FORT, son of Wesley Cullom Fort and Lula E. Agnes Nicholson, was born June 13, 1934, Robertson County, Tenn. He graduated from Austin Peay State College with a major in mathematics and has pursued graduate work at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, New Jersey, and Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, New Jersey. He is an engineer with Bell Laboratories in Whippany, New Jersey, but lives in Succasunna, N.J. He was engaged on the "Early Bird" communications satellite and on the Apollo Moon Project.

James Wendell Fort served four years in the Air Force with overseas duty in Germany.

May 29, 1965, he married Dolores Elizabeth Scheller (b. April 4, 1940) of Cranford, New Jersey. Their present address is 14 Kadel Drive, Succasunna, New Jersey. They have a son:

1.—Scott Andrew Fort, b. May 31, 1966.

RICHARD FREEMAN FORT, son of John Johnson Fort and Margaret Catharine Bagwell, was born May 26, 1898. He married Dec. 24, 1922, Henrietta Carney, b. March 18, 1904, and they have four children:

1.—Richard David Fort, b. Jan. 16, 1925, is unmarried.

2.—Ray Carney Fort, b. July 14, 1928, m. Oct. 30, 1948, Jo Ann Wilsford (b. Jan. 11, 1932). They have two children:

1.—Joel Ray Fort, b. Jan. 15, 1950.

2.—Phillip Alan Fort, b. Oct. 19, 1953.

3.—Ben Willard Fort, b. Aug. 19, 1930, m. Feb. 14, 1951, Rose Marie Gracia (b. Feb. 2, 1929). Their present address is 7300 B. Dover Drive, Columbus, Miss., AFB, where he is stationed, with the rank of Sergeant. (1967). Their children are:

1.—Carolyn Fort, b. Aug. 17, 1951.

2.—Janet Fort, b. May 21, 1954.

3.—Cheryl Fort, b. Sept. 6, 1955.

4.—Nancy Louise Fort, b. June 18, 1964.

4.—Margaret Ethel Fort, b. Dec. 6, 1933, married July 17, 1948, Alma Marvis Read (b. June 9, 1928). They reside at Pleasant View, Tenn. 37146. Their children:

1.—Bonnie Alma Read, b. Feb. 8, 1950.
2.—Marion Richard Read, b. March 1, 1951.
3.—Doye (?Doyle) Lynn Read, b. March 18, 1952.
4.—Robert David Read, b. Dec. 4, 1953.
5.—Debra Sue Read, b. Oct. 28, 1954.
6.—Mary Jean Read, b. Jan. 19, 1956.
7.—Cynthia Ann Read, b. Oct. 23, 1960.
8.—Tricy Dale Read, b. June 11, 1963.
9.—Jerri Faye Read, b. Dec. 7, 1964.

Re: Data contributed by Margaret Fort (Mrs. Alma Marvis) Read, Pleasant View, Tenn. 37146.

DELMA LYDIA FORT, b. April 15, 1901, daughter of John Johnson Fort and Margaret Catharine Bagwell, married February 11, 1922, Morris (Moss) Rose, who was born May 8, 1900. They live on Route 2, Ashland City, Cheatham County, Tenn. They had two children:

1.—Mary Catharine Rose, b. Dec. 16, 1922, died June 20, 1923.

2.—Hazel Agnes Rose, b. Dec. 6, 1923, married Nov. 15, 1947, Moses Whitney Ireland of Waverly, Tenn. who was born Oct. 12, 1923. They are the parents of two children:

1.—Linda Maurene Ireland, b. Aug. 22, 1948, who is now a student at Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.
2.—Gerald Ray Ireland, b. March 11, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Whitney Ireland reside at Nashville, Tennessee.
Re: Data contributed by Mrs. Morris (Delma Lydia Fort) Rose, Ashland City, Tenn.

ELIZABETH FORT, daughter of David James Fort, Sr. and Dorothy ————————, was born about 1830 (10/15 years old in 1840 census). She married March 26, 1850, Robertson County, Tenn., Henry Frank White. (Vol. 1, 1829-1860 Robertson County, Tenn., Marriages, Tenn. State Library.) They lived near Stroudsville in the 14th District of Robertson County, and were the parents of six children:

1.—John White, married and had four daughters:
1.—Neoma White, m. _____ Nolen, Green Brier, Tenn.
2.—Nora White, now deceased.
3.—Eula White, now deceased.
4.—Edna White, now deceased.

2.—Martha White, m. ——— Gower and had four children:
1.—Oda Gower, now deceased.
2.—Bates Gower, now deceased.
3.—Bertha Gower, now deceased.
4.—Grace Gower, now deceased.

3.—Robert White, married and had five boys and three girls, all now deceased except Lester, Thomas and Willie.

4.—Dollie White, m. ——— Gower, had five children:

1.—Cora Gower.

2.—Vallie Gower.

3.—Claud Gower.

4.—Henry Gower.

5.—Betty Gower.

5.—Mary White, m. ——— Harris, and had one daughter:

1.—Flora Harris (deceased) m. ——— Watts.

6.—David Franklin White (d. 1945) m. Ruby Jordan and they had two children. David F. White and his brother John White were in the grocery business at Adams, Tenn., for many years. The two children are:

1.—Josephine Eudora White, b. Aug. 27, 1897, married Oct. 24, 1923, Wallace F. Darden. The parents of three children, they lived at Sequoia Hills Farm, Route 2, Springfield, Tenn.

Mr. Darden died Feb. 13, 1968. A native of Robertson County, he was the son of John Darden and Mary Katherine Farmer. A well-known Robertson County farmer, he was a member of the Robertson County Quarterly Court, having served since 1950. He was president of the Robertson County Grain Cooperative, and past president of the Tennessee Livestock Association. He was an honorary member of the Block and Bridle Club of the University of Tennessee. A member of New Chapel Methodist Church, he served as chairman of the Board of Stewards for a number of years.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Darden:

1.—Wilbur White Darden, deceased.

2.—John Wallace Darden, b. Jan. 20, 1932, a "cattle and grain farmer" of Route 2, Springfield, Tenn., married Sept. 8, 1957, Ann McCluney of Cheatham County, Tenn. They have four children:

1.—Donna Jo Darden, born ca 1958/9.

2.—Ann Bruce Darden, born ca 1960/61.

3.—Mary Wallace Darden, born ca 1963.

4.—Jane Elizabeth Darden, b. about 1966.

3.—Rubye Kathryn Darden, b. Nov. 7, 1934, married June 17, 1956, Alvin W. Fowler of Springfield, Tenn., who is in the Auto Parts business in Springfield. They live west of town on Route 2 with their two children:

1.—Kathryn Annette Fowler, b. ca 1959.

2.—Gregory Alvin Fowler, b. ca 1962.

2.—James B. White, Sr. was born Jan. 6, 1905, Turnersville, Robertson County, Tennessee. He married March 5, 1930, Oneida, Scott County, Tenn., Violet Thompson (b. Aug. 14, 1909) Oneida, Tenn., daughter of Dr. M. E. Thompson and Etta Boshears. Employed by TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority), this family has lived "all over Tennessee." Mrs. White is a music teacher. The family is Methodist. There are three sons:

1.—James B. White, Jr. b. Dec. 28, 1930, Cleveland, Bradley County, Tenn., married Oct. 5, 1958, Memphis, Shelby County, Tenn., Martha Jane Baxter. They live (1968) in Evansville, Indiana, where Mr. White is connected with Mead Johnson Company.

2.—David E. White, b. March 6, 1932, Oneida, Scott County, Tenn., is now (1968) a teacher in Orlando, Florida.

3.—Joseph Ewell White, b. Aug. 25, 1943, Jackson, Madison County, Tenn., is now (1968) connected with Rockwell Mfg. Co. at Jackson, Tenn.

JACKSON FORT, son of David James Fort, Sr. and Dorothy ————, was born ca 1833 in Tennessee. (Census records.) He m/1 Fanny Head who evidently died when, or soon after, their daughter Nancy was born in 1859.

1.—Nancy Fort, b. ca 1859, was shown as 1 year old in 1860 Census, and as 11 years old in the 1870 Census.

On Jan. 7, 1860, Jackson Fort applied for a license in Robertson County, Tenn., to marry Sarah "Sallie" Head (b. 1842 in Tenn.), sister of his first wife and the daughter of Hugh Head (b. N.C.) and Nancy Watson (b. Tenn.). They were married by W. M. Winters April 15, 1860. (Vol. 1, 1829-60 Robertson Co., Tenn., Marriages, Tenn. State Library.)

By his second wife, Sarah Head, Jackson Fort was the father of eleven children—all born in Robertson County, Tennessee:

2.—Mary W. "Molly" Fort, b. ca 1861, m. Robert Agent. They had:
- 1.—Jodie Agent m. Sam Williams. One daughter:
  - 1.—Lucy Williams.
- 2.—Martha Bell Agent m. Phineas Shearron. One daughter:
  - 1.—Emmy Shearron m. John Hallums.
- 3.—Jim Agent.
- 4.—Almus Agent m. ——— Greene.

3.—John Johnson Fort, b. April 7, 1862, m. Margaret C. Bagwell. (See later)

4.—Martha Fort, b. ca 1865, m. Andrew Jackson Boyd. One son:
- 1.—James Jackson Boyd m. Laura Basford. Seven children:
  - 1.—Maydell Boyd m. Jasper Sanders. No children.
  - 2.—Augusta Boyd m. J. C. Knox. Two daughters:
    - 1.—Betty Knox m. Phil Henry Welker. One son:
      - 1.—Jeffery Welker.
    - 2.—Patsy Knox.
  - 3.—Louise Boyd m. George Nichols. No children.
  - 4.—Gordon Boyd m. Margie Adams. Two sons:
    - 1.—Ronnie Boyd.
    - 2.—Eddie Boyd.
  - 5.—Louis Boyd. Never married.
  - 6.—Tom Boyd. Never married.
  - 7.—Harold Boyd. Never married.

5.—Joseph Fort, b. ca 1867. Never married.

6.—Tennessee Fort, b. ca 1869, m. Jim Henry Hyde. They had:
- 1.—Mary Alice Hyde m. Lelard Shearon.
- 2.—Robert Hyde m. Della Mae Gower.
- 3.—George Douglas Hyde m. Ethel Evans.
- 4.—Sally Lou Hyde m. Finis Gower.
- 5.—Martha Bell Hyde m. Hulon Sanders.
- 6.—Hubert Hyde m. Lizzie Ogg.

7.—Henry Fort, b. ca 1871.

8.—William Robert Fort, b. March 11, 1873, married Mattie Williams. (See later)

9.—Jackie Fort, b. ca 1875, m. James Leonard Stack. (See later)

10.—Bell Fort, b. ca 1878, m. Richard Corlew. Their son, Doyle Corlew, now owns the old Fort Place on Brush Creek. They had:

1.—Doyle Corlew m. Gladys Elliott. One daughter:

1.—Nell Don Corlew m. Vernon Ross. They had:

1.—Nelda Ross. (daughter)

2.—Lynn Ross. (son)

3.—David Ross. (son)

2.—Nannie Corlew m. Freeman Ogg.

11.—Ewing Fort, b. ca 1881, d. ca 1964, m. Rebecca Murff. (She is a first cousin of Charlie Campbell Williams, the mother of Lillian Hunt (Mrs. S. P.) Fort, and is also a descendant of Wm. Williams who d. 1813 near Tar River. One daughter:

1.—Helen Fort m. Allen Smith.

12.—Ellen Fort b. prob. c 1884, m. George Ellis.

WILLIAM ROBERT FORT, son of Jackson Fort and Sarah "Sallie" Head, was b. on March 11, 1873, in Robertson Co., Tenn., and died Jan. 31, 1956, at Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tenn. He married Oct. 1, 1913, Mattie Williams, b. Aug. 3, 1897, Montgomery Co., Tenn., daughter of Monroe Williams (d. 1923 Montg. Co., Tenn.) and wife, Molly ——— (b. 1856; d. Jan. 1941, Montg. Co., Tenn.) Their children:

1.—Jack Fort, Clarksville, Tenn.

2.—Robert Fort, Nashville, Tenn.

3.—Garner Fort.

4.—Mary Frances Fort, b. March 8, 1921, Montg. Co., Tenn., married March 8, 1941, William Sterling Anthony (b. March 6, 1915), son of Sallie Fort and Mark Anthony of Clarksville, Tennessee. Sallie Fort was a daughter of Sterling Fort (son of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy), a descendant of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg of Robertson County, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Anthony live on Route one, Guthrie, Ky. 42234, but their farm home is in Tennessee. They are the parents of six children. (See STERLING FORT for descendants.)

JACKIE FORT, daughter of Jackson Fort and Sarah "Sallie" Head, was born ca 1875 (Census) and died Jan. 10, 1935. She married James Leonard Stack (d. Sept. 4, 1917), and they were the parents of eight children:

1.—Lela Stack married Charlie Shearon. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. Six ch.:

1.—Lucille Shearon m. Claude Powers. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. Two ch.:

1.—Wendell Powers m. Betty Baggett. Res. Nashville, Tenn. Two ch.:

1.—Rebecca Powers.

2.—Russell Powers.

2.—Judy Powers m/1 Wendell Comperry. One son.

1.—Gary Wayne Comperry.

—Judy Powers m/2 David Tompkins. One daughter:

1.—Deborah Lynn Tompkins.

2.—Ruby Shearon m. Clifton Bumpus. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. Two daughters:
1.—Patricia Bumpus.
2.—Elaine Bumpus.

3.—Dorothy Shearon m. Perry Murphy. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. Two daughters:
1.—Donna Murphy m. Jimmy Harris. One son:
1.—Kevin Harris.
2.—Sharon Ann Murphy.

4.—Bryant Shearon m. Eva Hilmus. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. No ch.

5.—Nancy Shearon m. Charles Wade. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. One son:
1.—Charles Jarrett Wade.

6.—Jean Shearon m. Marvin Rogers. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. Two daughters:
1.—Yulanda Rogers.
2.—Duwana Rogers.

2.—Bell Stack (d. 1944) m. John Shearon. No children.

3.—John Leonard Stack, b. Oct. 3, 1898, Cheatham County, Tenn., married Mamie Basford (b. Dec. 18, 1900, Cheatham County). The parents of five children, they lived on Route 2, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

1.—James Thomas Stack, b. April 4, 1923, Chapmansboro, Cheatham County, Tenn., holds a B.S. degree from Austin Peay State University, an M.A. degree from George Peabody College, and is a Professor of Math at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. He served three years in the U.S. Air Force. He is married to the former Mary Annis Law (b. April 10, 1919, Macon County, Tenn.), daughter of Tella Homa Law and Arlie Meador. He holds a B.S. degree from A.P.S.U. and is an elementary school teacher. Members of the Church of Christ, they live on Route 2, Cedar Hill, Tennessee. They have three children:

1.—James Homa Stack, b. Dec. 28, 1948, Clarksville, Tenn.
2.—Betty Jo Stack, b. April 7, 1947, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Dee Cross.
3.—John Thomas Stack, Jr., b. Dec. 5, 1955, Clarksville, Tenn.

2.—Mary Margaret Stack m. Hershel Sanders. The parents of four children, they live at Ashland City, Tenn.

1.—Bobby Sanders, m. Jean Gregory; one son:
1.—Bobby Sanders, Jr.
2.—Tony Dale Sanders.
3.—Kenneth Wayne Sanders.
4.—Sandi Leigh Sanders.

3.—Bailey B. Stack m. Evie Nicholson; live at Route 2, Cedar Hill, Tennessee, and have three children:

1.—Jackie Kay Stack.
2.—Pamela Stack.
3.—Ben Stack.

4.—Leonard Wayne Stack, m. Bonnie Dyce; live at Route 2, Cedar Hill, Tenn., and have three children:

1.—Donald Wayne Stack.

2.—John Steven Stack.

3.—Robert Ewing Stack.

5.—Jo Anne Stack m. Ronnie Hawkins; live at Route 2, Clarksville, Tennessee, and have one daughter:

1.—Rhonda Ann Hawkins.

4.—Alfred Stack (died Dec. 25, 1951) m/1 Cassie Mitchell, and they were the parents of three children:

1.—Daisy Stack m. Harold Langford, Two ch.

1.—Debbie Langford.

2.—Connie Langford.

2.—Lucy Stack m. Floyd Hughes. No. ch.

3.—Virginia Elizabeth Stack m. Gene Edward Austin. 5 ch.

1.—Gerold Wesley Austin.

2.—Richard Franklin Austin.

3.—Floyd Edward Austin.

4.—Sherrie Elizabeth Austin.

5.—Tammy Turene Austin.

Alfred Stack m/2 Mary Ellen Reynolds. Two ch.

4.—Helen Delores Stack m. Johnny Lee Wood. Three ch.

1.—Johnny Lee Wood, Jr.

2.—Delores Marie Wood.

3.—Mary Elizabeth Wood.

5.—Naomi Sory Stack m. William "Bill" Broderick. Two ch.

1.—Ann Sory Broderick.

2.—Marion Fay Broderick.

5.—Eula Stack m. Walter Head of Cedar Hill, Tenn. Five ch.

1.—J. R. Head m. Pris Holt. Four children.

1.—Timothy Head.

2.—Andrew Head.

3.—Kelly Head.

4.—Jennifer Head.

Walter Ewing Head m. Betty Moore. Res. Rt. 2, Clarksville, Tenn. Two ch.

1.—Betty Lynn Head.

2.—Allison Head.

3.—Annabelle Head m. Perry Ducote. Res. Rt. 2, Clarksville, Tenn. Two ch.

1.—Perry Ducote, Jr. m. Deborah Albright.

2.—Susan Ducote.

4.—Kathryn Head m/1 Richard Jeffcoat. One child:

1.—Windy Jeffcoat.

Kathryn Head m/2 James Sturkie. One child.

2.—Dawn Sturkie.

5.—Christine Head m. Robert Hoffman. Res. Clarksville, Tenn. Two ch.

1.—Johnny Hoffman.

2.—Ronnie Hoffman.

6.—Ewing Stack m. Thelma Mitchell. d. 1941. Three children.

Ewing Stack m/2 Lois Smith Mo———?; no children by 2nd.

1.—Gilford Stack m. Vera Meltzer. Three ch. They live in California.

1.—Charles Stack.

2.—Pennie Stack.

3.—Danny Stack.

2.—John Leonard Stack m. Martha Jane Baxter. Two ch. They live in California.

1.—Barry Stack.

2.—Roberta Stack.

3.—Charlie Ray Stack m. Nell Davis. Two ch. They live in Clarksville, Tenn.

1.—Kenneth Stack.

2.—Jimmy Stack.

7.—Nancy Ann Stack m. Melvin Ewing Winters, Clarksville, Tenn. He is son of Melvin Farmer Winters and Susie Sanford White. (P. 40, Winters Family, by Ralph L. Winters, 1965.) Three children:

1.—Annie Joyce Winters m. Marvin Stull. Five ch. They live in Florida.

1.—Marvin Lee Stull.

2.—Patricia Stull.

3.—Mike Stull.

4.—Larry Neal Stull.

5.—Tony (or Tommy) Stull.

2.—Bonnie Sue Winters m. Carl Walsh. 1 child. They live in Maryland.

1.—Carl Walsh, Jr. (One source gives his name as Larry)

3.—Charles Melvin Winters.

8.—Virginia Stack—died Jan. 15, 1930. Never married.

Chart 2-5 (from Chart 2-1)

Elias Fort (II) and Ann Rawls

ELIAS FORT, son of Elias of Halifax, married Ann Rawls and had these children:

1) SHERWOOD FORT, probably the oldest son, was born Sept. 19, 1759 in Halifax County, N.C. He inherited land on the north side of Fishing Creek from his father. During the Revolution he served as a drummer and infantryman in the militia. He sold his land in 1784 and moved south, probably to Bladen or Cumberland counties. In 1797 he was living in Cumberland. After 1801 he lived for a time in Robeson County, but by 1830 he was back in Cumberland where he died sometime after 1835. By 1784 he had married a girl named Sarah (nicknamed Sally) who was still living in 1835. In 1835 he is known to have had at least two sons: John Fort, who

had eight children by that year, and Thomas M. Fort, who had twelve. Both were living in the same area, but it was not in Cumberland County. Thomas was of age in January, 1807. They have not been located, nor are their descendants known.

2) MICAJAH FORT was born about 1769 in Halifax County, N.C. In the 1790-92 period he married a woman whose first name was Judith, born about 1773. Around 1796-98 he migrated westward, arriving in Robertson County, Tenn. by 1798; his brother Jesse accompanied him. They settled for a time in the south portion of the county near their half-brother, Elias B. C. Fort, but by 1800 both Jesse and Micajah were living in Christian County, Ky., where they stayed until their deaths. Both lived in the Flat Lick area of the county. Micajah served in the War of 1812, Kentucky Volunteers. He died in 1853, his wife dying shortly before him. Micajah and Judith seem to have had twelve children, of whom only the first five below are considered well identified:
   a) ELIZABETH FORT, born 1790-93, married Isaac Davis Jan. 7, 1811. She died sometime before 1830; her husband died 1832-35, testate, in Christian County, after marrying a second time. His second wife was a widow, Mrs. Sallie Wilson. (See Chart 2-28)
   b) GARRISON PATRICK FORT, nicknamed "Gary," married Anna Condren on June 28, 1815 in Christian County. He was murdered about 1834. (See Chart 2-29)
   c) ABSCILLA FORT married Stewart Condren, probably a brother of Anne (above), Feb. 1, 1820. Her brother Gary was a bondsman at the wedding. Descent, if any, is not known.
   d) LUCINDA FORT, born 1813 in Christian County, married Andrew Hamilton Pickens Oct. 27, 1836. He was a brother of Margaret Caroline Pickens Ezell and Lucinda was his second wife. She died Nov. 6, 1853. (See Chart 2-30)
   e) OLIVE PITMAN FORT married Mears Patrick on Feb. 1, 1818 in Christian County. Descent, if any, is not known.
   f) KEZZIAH FORT married Robert Cooper, a merchant, on Feb. 11, 1824. Descent, if any, is not known.
   g) GEORGE FORT, bondsman at Olive Pitman Fort's wedding. Nothing further is known of him.

3) JESSE FORT was born after 1763 in Halifax County. With his brother Micajah he migrated to Robertson County, Tenn. about 1798, but by 1800 he was living in the Flat Lick portion of Christian County, Ky. He apparently met Freline Rasco, sister of Laban Taylor Rasco of Stewart County, Tenn. while living in Robertson, though it might have been before his move. At any rate they were married by 1801. The date of Freline's death is not known, but Jesse Fort remarried Aug. 7, 1819, to Elizabeth Williams. He died in Christian County 1844-45. Jesse had at least six children, of whom the first five below are positively identified:
   a) JAMES DEAN FORT was born about 1801 in Christian County

and married Ann Eliza Patterson Sept. 10, 1835 in Trigg County. He died in the 1870's in Christian County. (See Chart 2-31)

b) LABAN TAYLOR FORT, born about 1802 in Christian County, Ky., married Mary B. Patterson, sister to Ann (above). About 1871 he moved to Arlington, Texas, dying there in 1900. (See Chart 2-32)

c) ANN RAWLS FORT was born April 2, 1803 in Christian County, and married John McCune Fullerton Jan. 3, 1821. By 1830 the family had moved to Pike County, Mo., settling near Sarcoxie. They were among the pioneers in Jasper. Ann died April 3, 1845 and was buried in the Fullerton family cemetery in the northeast corner of Newton County, Mo. After her death John M. Fullerton married Alta McGinnis. (See Chart 2-33)

d) ELIAS FORT apparently left the area as a young man and went elsewhere. Family tradition says he went to Missouri—possibly with the Fullertons—or to Illinois.

e) ELIZA H. FORT was born in 1826 and married first a Dr. Rogers of La Fayette, Ky. Her second marriage was to Alex J. Fuqua, son of James Henry Fuqua of Buckingham County, Va. and his wife Judith Forbes. Alex was born July 11, 1819 in Robertson County, Tenn. Alex and Eliza apparently had no children. She died sometime after 1850. Following her death Alex married Jennie Landis; he died 1892 in Trigg County, Ky.

f) OLIVE PITMAN FORT married Garrison Patrick in 1816. Further descent is not known.

g) ELIZABETH FORT married James Bates in 1817.

4) ELIAS FORT either died or left Halifax County. He may have accompanied his brother Sherwood to Bladen County or, possibly, have gone on to Georgia. He may have been the "Sgt. Elias Fort" who served in the Revolution from Halifax County.

5) WILLIS FORT was probably the youngest of the sons. He married Penelope (or Penny) Whitehead, daughter of Tobias and Susannah Whitehead, and died testate in Halifax County in 1795. His will shows that his children—Charles, Betsy and Nancy—were quite young at the time of his death. Their further whereabouts and descent are not known.

6) MARY FORT was certainly the oldest daughter and probably the oldest child. She married William Champion, born about 1745, around 1772; he was the son of John Champion and Lucy Hart. William is said to have served in the North Carolina militia during the Revolution. Mary died sometime after 1790, and following her death William Champion and his children moved to Georgia. William died in Laurens County in 1825. (See Chart 2-34)

7) OLIVE PITMAN FORT accompanied her brothers Jesse and Micajah to Tennessee and Kentucky. In 1802 she married Silas Cook in Christian County, Ky. Her descent, if any, is not known. Olive is thought to have been a posthumous child, along with a twin sister (below).

8) ABSCILLA FORT apparently died as a child.
9) A daughter, name unknown, who in 1780 was living on the Cape Fear River in Bladen County, N.C., and was probably married. (There is a possibility, though remote, that this was a daughter-in-law, the wife of Elias, or was Mary Fort Champion though the latter is not known to have left Halifax County.)

About The Family

Sherwood Fort's pension application (National Archives, File S-8499) tells a great deal about how things were for the ordinary soldier in the Revolution. Made out in September, 1832, the application shows the in-and-out, helter-skelter character of wartime service. Sherwood listed these tours of duty:

1. October, 1775 to February, 1776—"We marched to a little town on Chowan River named Winton, thence to Summerton in Virginia, from there to Batcheden's Mills . . . was stationed to guard (Great Bridge) and took part in the battle of the Great Bridge . . . Was discharged . . ."

2. February, 1776 to March 12, 1776—"I enlisted as a drummer under Captain John Whitaker, Lt. Cary Whitaker. We marched to Tarboro, from there to Whitfield's Ferry on Neuse River, from there to Moore's Creek in New Hanover County on Cape Fear River. On 27th day of February, 1776 the Tories were defeated at Moore's Creek Bridge by Governor Caswell two days before we got there. Stayed two days, were marched back to Halifax-town . . . discharged."

3. May 10, 1776—August 20, 1776—". . . enlisted as a drummer under Henry Dawson, Captain, William Noblen, Lt., and John Champion, Ensign . . . marched to Tarborough, thence to Whitfield's Ferry . . . thence to Wilmington, N.C. where we encamped . . . marched back to our county . . . discharged."

4. November 10, 1777—December 20, 1177—". . . militia was ordered out by Col. John Whitaker. I enlisted as a drummer to guard the gaol at Halifax (still standing in 1969) that contained some of the Prisoners that were taken at Burgoyne's defeat . . . discharged."

5. September 10,1778—April 30, 1779—". . . enlisted under Captain Thomas Scurlock . . . as a drummer . . . marched to Tarborough and from there to Kinston on Neuse River where we rendezvoused. It was at Kinston that I was commissioned Drum Major by Colonel Ashe . . . marched to Elizabethtown in Bladen County . . . marched to South Carolina to a little town called Monk's Corner . . . Jacksonborough . . . Dorchester . . . met Genl. Williamson's brigade . . . crossed the River as soon as the British left the town of Augusta . . . marched down Savannah River to Briar Creek where we had an engagement with the British on 1st or 2nd day of March, 1779 and was defeated and had to cross Savannah River to South Carolina . . . joined General Lincoln . . . stayed awhile . . . marched to Black Swamp . . . marched to Halifax . . . discharged. . ."

6. June, 1779—February, 1781—Sherwood describes a tour in Bladen County in which he and his troop were Tory-chasing. He mentions engage-

ments with them on Raft Swamp in Robeson County, another at Elizabeth, and another at Col. Owen's Plantation.

7. February, 1781—March 27, 1781—". . . enlisted . . . marched to Ramsey's Mill on Deep River in Chatham County . . . then to Guilford Old Court House where we arrived two days after the battle . . . marched back . . . discharged."

8. June 30, 1781—October 27, 1781—". . . enlisted . . . as a drummer with the expectation of the Drum Majors place, but was disappointed through the Colonel (John Whitaker) giving it to Nathan Hall who ran away . . . marched to Richmond, Virginia . . . marched to Little York where we arrived the day after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis . . . marched to Halifax . . . discharged."

Sherwood thus took part in a battle that was won, a battle that was lost, and barely missed three including the final one of the Revolution. Like most, his recollection of the Revolution revolved chiefly around tired feet and frustration.

His application mentions that forty years earlier he had copied the entries from a family Bible into his own Bible and thus could prove his birthdate. Somewhere, awaiting the family searcher, may be one of these old and lost volumes.

Another Sherwood document contains a good deal of genealogical information while giving the flavor of the times. It was written January 25, 1835 from Fayetteville, N.C. to his brother at "Christian County, Kentucky flat lick, Post office, Mr. Jesse Fort:"

"Dear Brother and Sister and Cousin: I once more take pen in hand to write to you to let you know that I received your letter of the 15th of December . . . we are as well as could be expected but through old age and hard labor, but thanks be to God we have not come to suffer for support yet but this year is going to be a very hard year for corn is at this time $3.50 to $4 per Barrel and pork $6.00 per (hundred-weight) and flour $5.50 per Barrel, but I hope the God that hath always supported us will do it still for all our unworthiness which we ought to praise and magnify his name for his infinite mercies bestowed on such poor worthless beings as we are. My dear brother if I was with you I would never leave you till death parted us. I have just heard from Thos. and John my sons and their family . . . Thos. hath 12 children, John 8 and live in a sickly country that hindered me from going to them parts . . . The poor people as I may call them stand true to their post for the present administration in spite of the lyes . . . I hope the Lord will change the minds of those designing men such as Clay, Webster, Calhoun and many others as I could mention and make them as true hearted as Colonel Banton that man worth more than his weight in gold . . . So I conclude remembering our love to you all without respect to one more than the other Untill death, from your affectionate Brother and Sister, S. Fort and Sally Fort. N. B. brother Jesse write to me who your wives was before you married them and how many children you have and what their names is. Excuse me. S. Fort."

Micajah Fort and Judith were living with members of the Davis family in their extreme old age and were called "Uncle Mike and Aunt Judy."

Micajah awoke one night to find his wife dead in bed beside him, and called out in what must have been a long-remembered and nightmarish experience for the young people in the household.

There were other murder victims in the family, but that of Garrison Patrick Fort is the only one documented by a historian. William Henry Perrin's "Counties of Christian and Trigg, Kentucky" (originally written 1884 and now in a new edition) says: "Near the village of Bennettstown about 50 years ago occurred . . . a terrible tragedy. It was the killing of Garrison Fort by John Covington . . . occurred at the spring in the old Titherington Field . . . In the course of a night's carouse Covington killed Fort by shooting him in the head with a rifle."

Garrison's misfortune was shared by Edwin Fort of Virginia, killed in a duel with Richard Thweatt; by Priscilla Fort of South Carolina, who was shot and perhaps killed at her wedding reception by a sniper aiming at her husband; by Benjamin Fort of South Carolina who was shot on his porch by a sniper; and by DeWitt Clinton Fort who was apparently killed in a gun battle or assassinated in Texas.

Leaving Garrison entirely aside—he was a victim, not a criminal—Fort family records and traditions turn up no one who was a felon. Yet in so large a group over so long a time there must have been a few who broke the law and were convicted. There must have been a few who were insane, and a few who were born "premature" or outside marriage. But the family, as with all families, has done a good job of concealing them. Research for this book did not cover the bastardy records of North Carolina and the other states—for lack of time—but the two or three cases of seeming illegitimacy could have occurred through errors in record-copying. Charity forbids inclusion of such marginal material.

In point of fact, the great majority of the family in the 19th Century were pious Methodists and Baptists who fought the devil all their lives.

It must be said, however, that the first genealogist who digs for dirt as well as dates likely will find his book selling better than most such. Thus far, no one seems to have tried it.

Authors' Notes

Sherwood and his Sister. In his pension application Sherwood said that in 1780, while in Bladen County, he had visited a sister who lived on Cape Fear River.

Cumberland and Robeson County Records. The authors made a somewhat hurried check of Cumberland wills and deeds along with those of Robeson. A more thorough search of records in those counties might turn up clues to the later whereabouts of Sherwood's sons. Two other Fort branches were in this general area and cause a bit of confusion: 1) Joseph Fort (Section 3) died in Robeson; his descendants went to Georgia; 2) a group of Bladen County Forts, who settled in Cumberland; as speculated elsewhere, they may have descended from an earlier Thomas Fort (this section). A Sherwood Fort in 1849 appears in the Raleigh *Register* as living in Fayetteville; he may have been a grandson of the first Sherwood. Robeson County's Deed

Book O, Page 161, shows Mary Newberry conveying land on both sides of the road from Lumberton to Fayetteville "where Sherwood (late of Cumberland County) now lives." Deed is dated June 19, 1806. On January 5, 1807, in Book O, Page 218, Mary Newberry conveyed land to Thomas M. Fort, indicating this was Sherwood's son Thomas. As a help to family diggers in this area, here is a list of Fort references, not identified in this book, which the authors found in Cumberland and Robeson:

Cumberland:

1. 1864—Thomas W. Fort, his brother-in-law Jackson Nanse, daughter Virginia (will.)
2. 1863—John T. Gilmore to his sister, Alice Ann Fort, Arthur Melvin a witness (will).
3. 1907—Petition by John E. Fort (son of Joseph Fort), then 16.
4. 1834 and 1845—Deeds by Henry Fort and wife Catherine (later to Sumpter County, Alabama.)
5. 1845—Elias N. Fort buying land.
6. 1894—Willis Fort and wife "Deller" buying or selling.
7. 1842—John K. Fort laying off land as dower for Nancy Goddis (sp?).
8. 1853—Elias N. Fort to John Fort and others to settle debts.
9. 1860—John Fort to Augustus W. Steel.
10. 1874—Miles B. Fort and wife Ava to Mary J. Martin. Miles deeded to John Pemberton the following year.

Robeson: Wiley D. Fort and wife Harriet Amanda of Montgomery City, Alabama, on May 28, 1860 deeded land.

All or nearly all of the Cumberland references are believed associated with the Bladen County group whose first known member was John Fort (not identified), who died about 1812-13 in that county. He apparently had a brother or son named Matthew.

The Micajah-Jesse Complex. Both Micajah and Jesse lived to advanced ages and apparently had disposed of all their property when they died. Neither left wills in Christian County. Deed records carry a paucity of information. Census records for Micajah indicate he had six sons and six daughters by 1820. Jesse had a large number, too, possibly eight. The researcher must take the very good Trigg and Christian records (available in published form) and attempt to match Forts of the right age against their probable parents, using repeating names, census information, marriage dates, and records of descendants. Even so, there is much uncertainty. The chart shows which children can be considered as positively associated with one or the other; the rest are tentative in the sense that the son or daughter might belong to the other brother.

Elizabeth Fort. Her parentage is well established through Davis family records. The authors gratefully acknowledge the help of Mrs. E. Walter LeFevre (Hazie Davis) of Eden, Texas, who furnished nearly all the data on the Davis descent in this book's later charts and provided much help with the Micajah-Jesse sorting out. Mrs. LeFevre has published a book on the Logan-Davis genealogy, and has heavily researched an unpublished book on the Rankin family. She also aided with the Mary Fort Champion descent.

Lucinda Fort. Mrs. LeFevre, also a Pickens descendant, provided much in-

formation on Lucinda's line. Her information is heavily documented from census, Bible, and other records. Miss Clyde Pickens of Corpus Christi also offered appreciated help with the Lucinda descent.

Olive Pitmans. There are three Olive Pitman Fort marriage records in Christian. The authors believe the earliest, in 1802, involved the sister of Jesse and Micajah and that each of the two brothers named daughters for her. Allocating the other two as between the two brothers was more guess than educated. The obvious Patrick connections here might provide a way to check.

Jesse's Wives. Many researchers give Jesse's wife at the time of his move as "Olive." His children's ages, from census records and others, indicate they were not born in North Carolina. While it is possible that Jesse had a first wife, the authors think the "Olive" mentioned in the early records was his sister, Olive Pitman Fort. As for Freline, Stewart County, Tennessee Court Minutes for 1806 show her as sharing in the estate of Laban Rasco.

Ann Rawls Fort. Fred Mieswinkel of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, a descendant, first informed the authors of Ann and provided a carefully documented list of her descendants. Mr. Mieswinkel had access to tombstone records copied by C. H. Norman, a descendant, some years ago. Mr. Mieswinkel himself visited the cemetery in 1966 and found most of the stones gone except the lower part of Ann's which still showed the dates as provided by Mr. Norman. Her identification with Jesse is based on the naming of sons: Laban Taylor Fullerton and Jesse Harold Fullerton.

Other Identifications. James Dean, Laban Taylor, Elias, and Eliza H. were identified from family letters in the hands of descendants.

Willis Fort. His will is in Halifax County, Book 3, Page 242. Raleigh's archives might well turn up subsequent information on his children; no special search for them was made.

Chart 2-6 (from Chart 2-1)

John Fort and Anna Barrow

JOHN FORT, son of Elias of Halifax, married Anna Barrow. He died in Edgecombe County, N.C. in 1780, having made his will April 22, 1776. His widow and three sons are thought to have joined the wagon train which took the Barrow, Ruffin, Kinchen, and other families to the Louisiana "toe." However, there is reason to think they left the train in Tennessee and settled for a time in Mississippi before moving on to West Feliciana Parish. Anna was dead by 1815, but it is not known whether she died in Louisiana or elsewhere. John and Anna had these children:

1) WILLIAM FORT, the oldest son, was born about 1760. He and his two brothers sold their inherited land in Edgecombe in February, 1797 and headed west in that year or 1798. He was in the territory of Mississippi in 1803. By 1806 he was in West Feliciana Parish where he undertook a joint farming operation with his brother John. William married Mary Johnston. His succession papers in Louisiana were recorded in 1827, but he died much earlier, in 1819. Mary in 1820 married Charles Stewart and moved with him to a plantation

in Wilkinson County, Miss. She had no children by him. She died in 1839. William and Mary had one son:

a) WILLIAM JOHNSTON FORT (the name is given inaccurately as Johnson on his tombstone) was born in 1819 and died Feb. 23, 1862. His father died six weeks after his birth, and at a family meeting it was decided to place him in the care of Bennett Barrow of "Rosebank" (see Section I) who was his father's cousin. After his mother's remarriage he went to Wilkinson County with her, returning in 1840 to West Feliciana where he bought from Bartholomew Barrow a plantation called "The Grove." This later was incorporated in "Catalpa." He later acquired "Magnolia" and "Oak Grove." In 1850 an inventory showed him owning the huge total of 235 slaves. In 1860 his total estate was valued at $400,000, an enormous sum for that time and place, most of it created through large-scale sugar production. The Civil War's effects dropped its value to only $20,000 when his property was inventoried during Reconstruction. William married Sallie Jones Stewart of Mississippi, daughter of Tignal Jones Stewart and Sarah Ann Randolph who owned the plantation "Holly Grove" in Wilkinson County (still standing at Centreville). They lived at "Catalpa", which burned in 1903. (See Chart 2-35)

2) JOHN FORT was born about 1762, probably in Edgecombe County, and moved with his brothers to the west, eventually settling in West Feliciana Parish, La. There is no direct proof that he remained for a period in Mississippi, but he married April 22, 1809 Nancy (Ann) Gibson of Wilkinson County, Miss., after he arrived in Louisiana. (In all probability Nancy was related to Jacob Gibson of Wilkinson County who married Mary Fort, daughter of Jesse Fort, sometime prior to March, 1815. See elsewhere in this section.) John Fort was associated with William Fort in farm operations. John died about 1819 in West Feliciana, though his succession papers were not recorded until much later, in 1833. John and Nancy had these children:

a) WILLIAM B. FORT, born about 1811, married Mary Matilda McCaleb and lived at the former Rachael O'Connor place near "Oakley." He died July 1, 1851, she on June 14, 1842. They are known to have had two children: John B. Fort, born about 1835, and Sarah Anne Fort, born about 1838.

b) MARY ANN FORT, who married C. C. Farrar.

c) HARRIET FORT, who married Dr. Francis Hereford.

3) FREDERICK FORT was the youngest of the three brothers and accompanied them on the move to the west. Frederick is known to have been with William in Mississippi in 1803. He settled in West Feliciana with his brothers. In 1815 he and two companions went to Knoxville, Tenn., then to Jefferson County, Tenn. on a slave-buying expedition. One friend later testified that Frederick died April 29 of a lung inflammation and was buried in Jefferson County. He did not marry.

4) ELIZABETH FORT was born about 1759. Nothing further is known of her.

About the Family

William Barrow Floyd of Lexington, Kentucky has published "The Barrow Family of Old Louisiana" (Lexington, Transylvania Printing Company, 1963) from which much of the chart information was taken. The book contains more detail about William Johnston Fort than is given here, and also contains a nostalgic and carefully detailed description of life at "Catalpa", written by descendants. It is also the prime source on the Barrow family which was allied with the Forts through the Elias of Surry line (Section I).

Authors' Notes

Anna Barrow. William and Pheraby Barr testified in 1815 that they "had known Anna Barrow", hinting she had died previously either in North Carolina or elsewhere.

Birthdate for William J. A searcher checking Feliciana records for the authors reported that William Johnston Fort was born May 6, 1814 but gave no source. Most others give 1819. The authors used the date given by the majority in view of statements that William J., born in 1819, lost his father shortly thereafter.

Waystops on the Move. The Barrow family is known to have spent time in Sumner County, Tennessee on their way to Louisiana. It is conceivable that the Fort brothers left the train in Tennessee and went to Mississippi. William and Frederick signed a petition to Congress in 1803 (Territorial Papers of the U. S. for Mississippi, Volume 5, Page 284), a fact called to the authors' attention by Mrs. Sara Fort of Anderson, South Carolina.

Frederick in South Carolina. Mrs. Fort also provided a reference for a Frederick Fort signing a petition in Cheraws District, South Carolina, 1788. It was found in Gregg's "History of the Old Cheraws." The authors cannot rule out entirely the possibility this was the son of John and Anna. But they think a more likely identification is with Frederick Fort of Wake County, North Carolina. (Section I)

Military Service for William? An "Ensign William Fort" served in the North Carolina militia from Tarboro, Edgecombe County, during the Revolution. This may have been the son of John here, or it may have been William, the son of Elias of Edgecombe who moved to Robertson County, Tennessee. (Section 4) Descendants of neither indicated they knew of Revolutionary service.

Chart 2-7 (from Chart 2-1)

Jesse Fort

JESSE FORT, a son of Elias of Halifax, lived for more than 20 years in the Craven-Camden-Fairfield area of South Carolina. Sometime after 1790 he moved to Wilkinson County, Miss., probably to be with his children, and died there in 1815. Name of his wife is not known. He had these children:

1) MARY FORT married Jacob Gibson prior to 1815 and probably lived in Wilkinson County. Further descent not known.
2) DELILAH FORT married Richard Strother, formerly of Edgecombe County, N.C., who later had very large land holdings in Fairfield District, S.C. She then married a Mr. Gaines and lived in Wilkinson. Both Gaines and Delilah were dead by 1815. By the Strother marriage, Delilah is known to have had:
   a) WILLIAM STROTHER.
   b) NANCY STROTHER who married George Ruff prior to 1815.
   c) SARAH STROTHER who married John F. Yarborough prior to 1815.
   d) LUCRETIA STROTHER who married George Neely prior to 1815.
3) RACHEL FORT who married Joseph McMorris prior to 1815.
4) LYDIA FORT who married William Bell prior to 1815.
5) MARTHA FORT, dead by 1815, who had married William Burrus and had children.
6) ANN FORT, dead by 1815, who had married John Jones and had children.

In addition to these daughters Jesse Fort may have had two sons:

7) RICHARD FORT, born prior to 1765, who was in Edgecombe County, N.C. in February, 1785. Richard either died in Edgecombe-Halifax not long thereafter or moved away prior to 1790.
8) NATHAN FORT, born prior to 1766, was in Edgefield District, S.C. by 1786. Nothing further is known of him.

It is believed that one of those men, who may or may not have been sons of Jesse, in turn had two sons named Richard and Nathan who were in Trigg-Christian counties, Ky. in the 1800's. Nathan Fort died in Trigg March 19, 1821; Richard Fort, his brother, was his executor. According to the 1850 census Richard was born about 1800 in North Carolina; his wife Elizabeth was born about 1801 in South Carolina; and they had a son, James W. Fort, born about 1835.

Authors' Notes

References. Richard Fort of Edgecombe bought 50 acres south of Swift Creek from Richard Strother, presumably his brother-in-law, February 10, 1785. The authors have no direct evidence that he went to South Carolina. Nathan Fort (or Ford) served on a petit jury in Edgefield District, October 9, 1786 (along with Jacob Pope); it is possible he was connected with Drury Fort rather than Jesse. Neither Richard nor Nathan show up in the 1790 census of South Carolina, and Jesse Fort listed only daughters. The census records could be accounted for quite easily if one or both the sons left for Tennessee or Kentucky prior to 1790. Jesse Fort's will is in Wilkinson, Book 1, Page 258, dated March 11, 1815; among others it named the heirs of Delilah Gaines, deceased. Will Book 1, Page 416, dated May 8, 1816, shows Delilah's married daughters giving power of attorney to collect their share of Jesse's estate in Fairfield District, South Carolina. It mentions her pre-

vious marriage to Strother. Jesse's will mentions no sons. Perrin's book on Trigg and Christian counties shows Nathan's death, but the authors did not obtain a copy of his will or administration.

Chart 2-8 (from Chart 2-1)

Jesse Pope and Mary Fort

MARY FORT, daughter of Elias of Halifax, married Jesse Pope of Halifax County, N.C. They subsequently moved to Georgia, presumably living first in Jones County, then in Hancock. Jesse and Mary, according to Jesse's will, had these children:

1) JESSE McKINNEY POPE, born about 1765 in Halifax County, died about 1824 in Jones County, Ga. About 1790 he married Sallie Trippe of Jones County. Descent is not known.
2) CULLEN POPE, born about 1767, was living in Jones County in 1805. He married Mary (or Matilda) Trippe, settled for a time in Macon, then moved on to Tallapoosa County, Ala. He and Mary had these children:
   a) CULLEN JACKSON POPE, born 1814, died at Eufala, Ala. in 1874. He married Jane Rebecca Clayton. Cullen became a medical doctor. (See Chart 2-36)
   b) CADESMAN POPE—nothing further known.
   c) COLUMBUS POPE—nothing further known.
   d) ELIZA COLLIER POPE—nothing further known.
   e) JANE POPE—nothing further known.
   f) LOU LOVE POPE—nothing further known.
   g) WALTER POPE—nothing further known.
3) HENRY POPE was, with Jesse, a pioneer settler in Jones County, His descent is not known.
4) SAMUEL POPE—nothing further known.
5) JOHN POPE—nothing further known.
6) ALLEN POPE—nothing further known.
7) MARY POPE married a Mr. Denton prior to her father's death.
8) ANNA POPE married a Mr. Long prior to her father's death.
9) SARAH POPE married a Mr. Trippe prior to her father's death.

About the Family

The Pope and Fort families not only intermarried in Halifax County but also had other warm associations. Thomas Pope was active in the Kehukee Baptist Association to which Elias of Edgecombe (Section 4) and other of the Forts belonged. Solomon and Jacob Pope were neighbors of Arthur and Drury Fort in Edgefield District, South Carolina. The rather sketchy information on the Popes in this volume hardly does justice to so long a friendship.

Dr. Cullen Jackson Pope served as acting mayor of Eufala during Federal occupation of the area following the Civil War. According to Mattie Thompson's "History of Barbour County, Alabama", he had the difficult task of somehow easing the occupation burdens while maintaining his position with

the citizenry. He managed to persuade the troops' commanders to garrison themselves across the Chattahoochie rather than on the Alabama side. He and Mrs. Pope then entertained General Grierson and his staff at their home, offered other courtesies, and managed thus to save destruction of the ante-bellum homes in Eufala. However, the history says, Mrs. Pope "drove home (to the officers) some pointed facts relative to heart-breaking conditions brought about in the South by the War Between the States."

Dr. Pope's home on Broad Street has been marked by the local UDC chapter as the site of a color-presentation ceremony at the start of the war. Ella Pope presented the flag to General Alpheus Baker, commander of the First Volunteer Company, Eufala Rifles.

Authors' Notes

Acknowledgments. Col. Edward Macon Edmonson (U. S. Army, Retired) of Gainsville, Florida, kindly provided the authors with information on Dr. Pope and his descendants, of which Col. Edmonson is one. Other bits of information came from John Riley Malone of Homer, Louisiana, who in 1967 had a book under preparation on the Pope, Puryear, Barrow and other families. The authors thank them both.

Chart 2-9 (from Chart 2-2)

Appleton W. Rossetter and Sarah Fort

SARAH FORT, daughter of Arthur Fort (II) and Susannah Tomlinson Whitehead, married Appleton Walcott Rossetter in Georgia. The Rossetters are known to have had these children:

1) ARTHUR ROSSETTER, born 1817 and died 1891, married Elizabeth Wadsworth in 1838. She was born 1822 and died 1898. They are known to have had at least one child: Mary Rossetter (1840-1900) who in 1860 married James Lawrence Wyche (1828-1868). The Wyches are known to have had Margaret Bryan Wyche, born in Madison County, Fla., who married Robert L. Groover.
2) SOPHIA ROSSETTER became the second wife of Charles Collins, a widower. They are known to have had Oscar Clayton Collins who married Mary Boon. Oscar and Mary are known to have had Sophia Collins, born at Macon, Ga., who married James Lewis Willis.

Authors' Notes

Reference. The available information on the Rossetter descent came from the DAR's published records, Volumes 69 and 116.

Chart 2-10 (from Chart 2-2)

Moses Fort and Eudocia Walton Moore

MOSES FORT, son of Arthur Fort and Susannah Tomlinson Whitehead, married Eudocia Walton Moore. Natives of Georgia, they had these children:

1) FRANCES MARTHA EVERALLEN FORT, born Feb. 12, 1814. She did not marry.
2) CAROLINE SUSANNAH FORT was born Sept. 22, 1816 and married John Hammond. Her descent is not known. (One source gives her first name as "Carolina." Her husband's name is given as "Frank Hammond" in some sources.)
3) THOMAS MOORE FORT was born Aug. 20, 1820 in Twiggs County, Ga. and died April 9, 1887 at Minden, La. He married Martha Ann Connell, daughter of Thomas Dixon Connell and Dorothy Berry Fort (see Section 4), on July 24, 1856 in Fillmore, Bossier Parish, La. Martha was born Nov. 30, 1835 at Columbus, Miss. and died Feb. 20, 1927 at Minden. An attorney, Thomas and his brother Benjamin moved to Louisiana about 1848. Thomas and Martha had these children:
   a) WALTON FORT, a merchant, was born Sept. 30, 1857 at Belleview in Bossier Parish and died Aug. 26, 1940. He married on March 15, 1886 Pearl McDonald, born Sept., 1861 and died May 2, 1919. (See Chart 2-37)
   b) SALLIE FORT, born Oct. 3, 1859 at Belleview, La., died Sept. 7, 1934. Her marriage on Dec. 12, 1882 at Minden was to Alfred Jasper Goodwill, a merchant, born Oct. 11, 1855 at Minden and died March 10, 1937. They were Episcopalians. (See Chart 2-38)
   c) CARRIE FORT, born March 26, 1862, died Oct. 28, 1862.
   d) MOSES FORT, born Aug. 28, 1863, died Nov. 10, 1961, married Oretta Prather on Dec. 31, 1900. (See Chart 2-39)
   e) DOLLIE FORT, born Oct. 16, 1865 at Belleview, La., died Jan. 13, 1961. She married Jessie Sandlin Cheshire, a Methodist, at Minden, La. Jessie and Dollie had the following: 1) Thomas Moses Cheshire, born Sept. 13, 1896, died June 4, 1908; 2) Sadie Cheshire, born Jan 12, 1900, married Cecil Perryman; 3) Juanita Jane Cheshire, born Dec. 24, 1901, married first Carmen P. Bean and, secondly, E. W. Pittman; 4) Dorothy Pearl Cheshire, born Feb. 25, 1907, died Feb. 14, 1925.
   f) CONNELL FORT, born Oct. 3, 1867 at Belleview, La., married on March 6, 1901 Ellie Virginia Miles; his second marriage was to Jesse Beopple of Minden in March, 1920. Connell and Ellie had the following children: 1) Connell Miles Fort, born March 5, 1902, married Ethel Bryce; 2) Thomas Langdon Fort, born Dec. 3, 1903; 3) John Landrum Fort, born Jan. 5, 1906, married Louise Biggs; 4) Charlton Arthur Fort, born Jan. 16, 1908, married Marie Hamilton; 5) Mary Lewis Fort, born March 12, 1910, married Taylor Barnes and had Taylor, Jr.; 6) William Owen Fort, born Sept. 2, 1911, died Nov. 20, 1920. By his second wife, Jesse Beopple, Connell had: 7) Bennard Moore Fort, born March 1, 1921, died Feb. 21, 1945; 8) Virginia Fort, born Nov. 24, 1922, married on Dec. 5, 1944 Weldon Elliott at Shreveport; 9) George Walton Fort, born Dec. 24, 1924.
   g) ZELICA (ZELLA) FORT was born Oct. 28, 1869 and died

March 31, 1955. She married J. O. Hardy on Feb. 6, 1906 and had one child, Ethel Hardy, who married first a Mr. Lawhorn and second a Mr. Barnard; Ethel was born Dec. 24, 1907. By her second marriage Ethel had two children: 1) Beverly Barnard; 2) George Barnard, born Dec. 26, 1939, married on May 19, 1961 Betty ——— and had Bryan Scott Barnard and Gary Charles Barnard.

h) ETHEL FORT, born May 15, 1872, died Aug. 4, 1951.

i) CHARLTON FORT, born Aug. 27, 1874 and died May 25, 1921

j) ARTHUR FORT, born Sept. 25, 1876, died Nov. 25, 1930, married on Sept. 1, 1904 Alice E. Hill. They had four children: 1) Elizabeth Hill Fort, born March 27, 1906, married John Howard; 2) Margaret Lacy Fort, born March 21, 1910, married Pat Roberts; 3) Arthur Fort, Jr. born Sept. 5, 1912; 4) Eleanor Louise Fort, born Dec. 3, 1914, married R. A. Kenney.

4) BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FORT was born Dec. 5, 1828 and in 1850 married Virginia Elizabeth Key, daughter of Thomas H. Key and Clarissa Ward. An attorney, Benjamin accompanied his brother Thomas on the move to Louisiana about 1848 and later served in the Confederate forces. Benjamin died Sept. 24, 1881. He and Virginia had these children:

a) ARTHUR FORT (1851-1871) did not marry.

b) EUDOCIA FORT, born in 1853, married B. A. Kelly on Jan. 10, 1878. They had six children: 1) Beverly Arthur Kelly, born 1879, died in infancy; 2) Cora Kelly, born Aug. 16, 1880, died in infancy; 3) William Fort Kelly, born March 10, 1882, had at least one child, Gloria Kelly; 4) Camilla Kelly, born 1885, is known to have had Beverly; 5) Corine Kelly, born Oct. 6, 1888; 6) Beverly A. Kelly, born Sept. 15, 1895, died Jan. 6, 1929, had one child, Dorothy Kelly.

c) HOMER FORT was born in 1855 and died in 1924.

d) ESTELLE WATTS FORT, born in 1857, died in infancy.

e) CLARISSA FORT, born 1859, died in infancy.

f) MARY FORT, born in 1860, married David Griffin.

g) FRANK FORT, born in 1862, died without issue.

h) BENJAMIN FORT, born in 1864, died without issue.

i) ELIZABETH FORT, born in 1866, died without issue.

j) THOMAS FORT, born in 1871, died without issue.

k) CARRIE FORT, born in 1872, married C. D. Gyle.

5) ARTHUR WALTON FORT, born Nov. 28, 1818, did not marry.

6) EUDORA ANN MALINDA FORT did not marry.

Authors' Notes

References. Mrs. Mabel Fort Jordan of Covington, Georgia provided miscellaneous notes on the Moses Fort descent as well as on many others in connection with this project. She has the authors' great thanks. There is a published "Genealogy of Thomas Moore Fort" which the authors consulted

at the Atlanta repository and which supplied the list of Moses' children; the genealogy, however, gives B. F. Fort's wife as "Eliza Virginia Key." The major source of information on Thomas' descent, though, came in a carefully documented genealogy offered the authors by Mrs. Alice Goodwill Turnley of Plain Dealing, Louisiana. Mrs. Turnley used the Moore genealogy mentioned above and also the Thomas M. Fort Bible, the "Recollections of Moses Fort", the scrap book of Sallie Fort Goodwill, newspaper clippings, and the Minden Cemetery inscriptions. Her valuable contribution is gratefully acknowledged; the later charts dealing with Thomas' descendants are also from her research.

Chart 2-11 (from Chart 2-2)

Arthur Fort (III) and Mary Newsome

ARTHUR FORT, son of Arthur Fort and Susannah Tomlinson Whitehead, married Mary Newsome. They seem to have lived in Warren (later Wilkes) County, Ga. Arthur (III) and Mary had these children:

1) ELIZABETH FORT was born Sept. 30, 1808. Nothing further is known of her.
2) TOMLINSON FORT was born Jan. 18, 1811 and died May 26, 1846. He married Mary Belcher Crocker on Sept. 15, 1831 and in that year left Wilkinson County, Ga. and took up residence in Stewart County, Ga., acquiring land on the Lumpkin-Trotman road. Mary was born in 1810 and died May 20, 1899. Tomlinson took part in the Indian War of 1836. His early death threw on his widow the responsibility for educating the children, and she responded by bringing in governesses from the North—the first such in that part of Georgia. Tomlinson and Mary had these children:
   a) MARTHA LUCY FORT, born Aug. 11, 1832, married James Newlan West.
   b) CAROLINE ELIZABETH FORT, born July 13, 1834, married William Holt.
   c) LAURA FRANCIS FORT, born April 24, 1836, married in 1855 John T. Clarke (1834-1889). They are known to have had a son, Wellborn Fort Clarke who, in 1880, married Laura Dews, born 1861. Wellborn and Laura had at least one child: Mary Clarke, who married Edward Louis Kiker.
   d) CHRISTINE TEXAS FORT, born May 11, 1838, married first Charles Robinson and second B. F. Hooper.
   e) IOLA FLORIDA FORT, born June 2, 1840, married William Rawson. William was a wealthy Atlantan who was president of the Cotton States International Exposition and a founder of Trinity Methodist Church in Atlanta. The couple had no children.
   f) GEORGIA AURELIA FORT was born Sept. 10, 1840 and did not marry.
   g) ARTHUR TOMLINSON FORT was born Jan. 8, 1845 and

married Sallie Sibley in 1870. Arthur T. lived in Stewart County, Ga. for all save three years of his life. His wife, born in Savannah June 10, 1844, died March 24, 1912. (See Chart 2-40)

3) MARTHA FORT, born July 14, 1813. (There is a record of a marriage between William Ward (or Ware) and a Martha Fort in Wilkinson County, Ga., Aug. 18, 1842.)
4) WILLIAM FORT, born April 12, 1816. (A William A. Fort married Matilda Elizabeth Hearn in Wilkinson County, Ga. Aug. 31, 1848; he apparently served in the 1868 Constitutional Convention from Floyd County. It is not known if this was Arthur's son.)
5) PENELOPE FORT, born April 18, 1818, married a Mr. Wicker.
6) RICHARD FORT, born March 15, 1819. Nothing further is known of him.
7) JAMES ARTHUR FORT, born Jan. 22, 1822 in Twiggs County, Ga. On Dec. 30, 1846 he married Mary A. Belcher of Twiggs County (1827-1857). Following her death he married on June 23, 1859 Mary Harnell Williams, widow of Dr. W. A. Williams. By Mary Belcher, James had:
   a) ALLEN FORT, born July 14, 1849 in Stewart County, Ga. He graduated from the state university at Athens in 1867. Subsequently Allen represented his county in the lower house of the state legislature, was a circuit court judge, and is given credit for large improvements in the excellence of the Americus, Ga. public school system. He lived in Americus much of his life. Allen married Miss Floyd Hollis Dec. 13, 1876. (See Chart 2-41)
   b) JAMES FORT, who became a doctor and lived in Georgia.

   By Mary Horwell Williams, James Arthur Fort had:
   c) GEORGE FORT who married Martha (Mattie) Carter, both of Lumpkin, Ga. In 1893 this couple moved to Washington, D.C., where George spent his career as a Treasury Department official. He died in 1919. They had three children, of whom the two sons were both listed in "Who's Who in America:" 1) J. Carter Fort, who died prior to 1967, was an attorney and served as vice president and general counsel of the American Association of Railroads; 2) George H. Fort, born in 1891, graduated from the Naval Academy, later headed the Mathematics Department of the Academy, and had a distinguished career as a naval officer; he retired as a vice admiral and in 1967 was living in Washington; 3) Francis Fort, a daughter.
   d) LYNN FORT, who became a druggist and lived in Atlanta.

About the Family

In a letter to the authors in August, 1967 Admiral George H. Fort mentioned that he had a copy of a book on medicine written by Dr. Tomlinson Fort, in which Dr. Fort described treatment for all the then known diseases. It was widely used by physicians throughout the South for many

years. Written before Pasteur discovered the microbe, the book has been admired by doctors of the modern day for its perceptiveness in the field of communicable diseases.

The same letter mentioned that John P. Fort, Jr. of Chattanooga (see elsewhere in this section), an author, had turned over to Emory University's library his collection of letters written by the physician, Dr. Tomlinson Fort.

While Admiral Fort was not specific as to his own career, it is assumed that he is identical with the George Fort who was placed in command of the battleship "North Carolina" during the ship's early days, and whose picture is in the ship's museum at her berth in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Authors' Notes

References. "Memoirs of Georgia" and "Cyclopedia of Georgia"—both standard works in many libraries—contain information on the Arthur-Mary descent. The book "History of Stewart County, Georgia" contains a sketch on Tomlinson and Mary which supplied descent information for this chart. Other notes came from Mabel Fort Jordan of Covington, Georgia.

Chart 2-12 (from Chart 2-2)

Tomlinson Fort and Martha Low Fannin

TOMLINSON FORT, the physician, and his wife Martha Low Fannin had these children:

1) JULIA EMILY FORT, born Sept. 20, 1826, married at Milledgeville, Ga., Edward David Huguenin on April 15, 1847. They had the following children:
   a) MARTHA FANNIN HUGUENIN, born Sept. 3, 1843 at Milledgeville, married Joseph Marshall Johnston at Macon. They are known to have had: 1) Richard Wilson Johnston, born Jan. 7, 1873 at New York City; 2) Martha Johnston, born Aug. 4, 1877 on Long Island, New York.
   b) EDWARD DAVID HUGUENIN, JR. born Dec. 2, 1844 at Milledgeville, married Mary Priscilla Randall on Nov. 23, 1874 near Albany, Ga. They are known to have had: Julia Emily Huguenin, born Sept. 29, 1878 at Macon.
   c) ELIZA VILLARD HUGUENIN married May 19, 1869 at Macon to Benjamin Marcus Tarver. She was born Jan. 7, 1851 at Milledgeville. Their descent, if any, is not known.
   d) JULIA EMILY HUGUENIN was born March 18, 1861 and died at Macon three years later.
   e) JULIA DORA HUGUENIN was born Oct. 19, 1862 at Milledgeville and married John Richard Ellis on Aug. 21, 1883 at Macon. They are known to have had five children: 1) John Richard Ellis, Jr., born at Macon May 31, 1887; 2) Kate Fort Ellis, born at Macon May 31, 1887; 3) Edward Huguenin Ellis, born at Macon Jan. 13, 1889; 4) Marshall Johnston Ellis, born at

Macon May 5, 1890; 5) Tomlinson Fort Ellis, born at Macon Dec. 1, 1896.

2) GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, born Mar. 22, 1828, died at Macon May 4, 1866.
3) ABRAM FANNIN FORT was born Jan. 12, 1830 and died Aug. 13, 1831.
4) ANN ELIZABETH FORT was born Sept. 3, 1831 and died April 6, 1833.
5) MARTHA FANNIN FORT was born Dec. 17, 1833. At Milledgeville she married Robert Jarold Morgan on Sept. 19, 1854. She died July 23, 1899 at Aberdeen, Miss., and he on Feb. 23, 1886 at Memphis, Tenn. They had three children:
   a) MARY LOU MORGAN, born March 28, 1856, married John A. Keightley Feb. 22, 1881 at Memphis, Tenn. After his death she married Terry W. Witt of Kentucky. Mary died Aug. 1, 1902 at Chicago but is buried at Henderson, Kentucky.
   b) TOMLINSON FORT MORGAN, born Sept. 25, 1858, died at the age of 16 months in Memphis.
   c) JOHN ELLINGTON MORGAN was born Feb. 5, 1861.
6) SUSAN AUGUSTA FORT, born Jan. 25, 1836, changed her name to Susan Elizabeth Fort. She married William M. Dennard June 18, 1857, Wilkinson County. She died April 18, 1859 at Milledgeville.
7) CATHERINE HAYNES FORT, born Feb. 16, 1838, was called "Kate" and was the Memphis author of "Memoirs of the Fort-Fannin Family."
8) TOMLINSON FORT, JR. was born April 26, 1839, joined the Confederate forces in the 1st Georgia Regulars and was severely wounded at Malvern Hill and Second Bull Run. He was promoted to captain and later as a colonel commanded the regiment. After the war he came to Chattanooga, Tenn., and lived there until his death Dec. 14, 1910. He served as mayor of Chattanooga, was a trustee of the Associated Charities, and participated in many other civic activities. He did not marry. (A sketch of his life appears in the "Confederate Veteran", Vol. 19, Pg. 132.)
9) JOHN PORTER FORT was born Aug. 16 (or Aug. 10), 1841, and married at Atlanta on Oct. 29, 1881 Tallulah (Lulah) Hay Ellis, who was born in 1854. John Porter Fort served in the Confederate army and was educated as a lawyer. In 1879 he moved to Dougherty County from Milledgeville and bought several plantations. A self-taught geologist and botanist, he drilled the first artesian well in Georgia and experimented with apple growing. A tablet to him, dealing with his well and with his beginning the apple industry in northern Georgia, was installed in the State Library in 1919. He died Feb. 12, 1917. John and Tallulah had these children:
   a) SUSAN ELLIS FORT married a Mr. Readfearne. She was born Aug. 12, 1882 at Macon.
   b) KATE HAYNES FORT was born Dec. 13, 1883 at Macon and married Arthur H. Codington. She was for many years head

of the Writers Club in Atlanta and was living there in 1954.

c) MARTHA FANNIN FORT was born June 22, 1885. (She is believed to have married a Mr. Anderson and to have been an art teacher in Mt. Airy, Ga. in 1954.)

d) TOMLINSON FORT was born Dec. 17, 1886 in Dougherty County, Ga. He secured his doctorate in mathematics and subsequently headed the Mathematics Department at Lehigh University, later joining the faculty at the University of South Carolina. A listee in "Who's Who in America", he wrote texts and monographs on mathematics that have been widely used. He is known to have had a son, Tomlinson Fort, Jr., presently on the faculty at Case Western Reserve University and a student of the family's history.

e) JOHN PORTER FORT, JR. was born Oct. 4, 1888 at Mount Airy, Ga. He attended the University of Georgia, and later became an editorial writer for the Chattanooga, Tenn. *Times*. He published works in *Harper's* and *Vanity Fair* and wrote a number of books including: "Light in the Window", published by Dodd, Mead. He took up editorship of a weekly newspaper at Cornelius, Ga. late in life. He died not long after 1954, leaving three sons including James F. Fort of Alexandria, Va.

f) WILLIAM ELLIS FORT, born Dec. 28, 1891 at Albany, Ga.

10) SARAH FLOYD FORT, born Dec. 23, 1843, married Harvey Oliver Milton at Macon on Feb. 1, 1865. She died sometime after 1910. In that year she was living in Knoxville, Tenn. The couple had:

a) TOMLINSON FORT MILTON, born at Macon Nov. 29, 1865 and died the following year.

b) GEORGE FORT MILTON, born at Macon July 16, 1869, married Caroline McCall and had one child: George Fort Milton, Jr., born at Chattanooga Nov. 19, 1894. Caroline died at Knoxville, Tenn. Sept. 3, 1897.

11) ELIZA ROAN FORT was born Aug. 2, 1846 and died the following year.

12) FRANCES GILMER FORT was born Jan. 29, 1849, married Julius Lewis Brown on Nov. 8, 1871. He was born May 31, 1848 in Canton, Cherokee County, Ga. They had:

a) MARTHA FORT BROWN, born at Atlanta, is believed not to have married.

b) ELIZABETH GRISHAM BROWN, born at Atlanta on March 31, 1876, died in 1877.

Authors' Notes

The Memoirs. Kate Haynes Fort, daughter of Tomlinson and Martha, wrote "Memoirs of the Fort-Fannin Family", published in Chattanooga in the late 1800's. Until the current volume it was the only published book dealing extensively with the Fort family. It is confined almost entirely to the descendants of Arthur Fort and Winefred (Sally) Pace but contains family

traditions relating to the early emigration from England, which documentation has shown not to be correct. The "Memoirs" provided most of the chart material here and elsewhere dealing with the Georgia group; it is reproduced in some detail because the original book has become quite rare. One is in the New York City public library, and there are a few others in the larger genealogical collections. Much of the anecdotal material which provided so much interest for the book is not carried in this volume for space reasons.

John P., Jr. The authors have a copy of a delightful letter written by John P. Fort, Jr. to a distant cousin in 1954 in which he talks about his family. Certain of the chart details came from this letter.

Chart 2-13 (from Chart 2-2)

Susannah Fort and Henry Jameson, Samuel Hunter

SUSANNAH FORT, daughter of Arthur Fort (II) and Susannah Tomlinson Whitehead, married first Henry Jameson and second Samuel Hunter. By her first husband she had:

1) ELIZABETH FORT JAMESON, born 1814, died in infancy.
2) ZACHARIAH TOMLINSON JAMESON, born 1816, died 1821.
3) SARAH SOPHIE JAMESON, born 1818, married Dr. George Winn in 1835.
4) ROBERT WILLIAM JAMESON, born 1820, married Sarah Caroline Stubbs in 1841.
5) SUSANNAH MARGARET JAMESON married Dr. William Thomas in 1839.

By her second husband she had:

6) LOUISA EMILY HUNTER who married Dr. John Calderwood in 1853.
7) SAMUEL HUNTER (II) who married Cora Soloman in 1863.

Authors' Notes

Reference. The chart material came from Georgia State Archives—a microfilm of the "Fort Bible." Other pages of the Bible were missing. Mrs. Mabel Fort Jordan supplied the data from the microfilm.

Chart 2-14 (from Chart 2-3)

Lester Fort and Betsy Kemp

LESTER FORT, believed to be the son of William Fort of Edgefield District, S.C. was born in Edgefield District, moved to Georgia for a time, then in 1825 moved to Grand Bay in Mobile County, Ala. He married Betsy Kemp. The couple is known to have had these children:

1) DREWERY ALAMANZA FORT lived at Grand Bay and married Jane Tiffin Dees. They had these children:
   a) LEE LINSON FORT who may later have settled in Mobile.
   b) DORA FORT who married Dr. F. Sellers of Atlanta, a professor at Mercer College.

c) MANIE ALFORD FORT, a doctor, lived at Bainbridge, Ga.
d) ALFRED K. FORT, a dentist, lived at Lake Charles, La.

2) WILLIAM FORT married Georgia Martin and lived in the community of Indian Springs, Ala., which no longer exists. He is known to have had:
   a) WILLIAM LESTER FORT married Letitia Ross of New Orleans on Dec. 26, 1883; the marriage was in Lake Charles, La. She was born 1858, died 1935. William and Letitia are both buried at Beaumont, Texas. They had eight children of whom only three are known: Will R. Fort and Emmett Fletcher Fort of Beaumont, and Cora Lee Fort who married a Mr. Corbett and is thought to have lived in Florida.
   b) A daughter, name unknown.
3) BENJAMIN FORT lived at Indian Springs and married a Miss Bolton. He had these children:
   a) BETSY FORT.
   b) ALAMANZA FORT.
   c) WILLIAM FORT.
   d) HOLLY MIDDLETON FORT.
   e) TRAVIS FORT.
   f) MARY FORT.
4) JAMES FORT, killed in the Civil War.
5) TRAVIS FORT.
6) ELIZABETH FORT married David Summerlin.
7) MARY FORT married John Dees of Hattiesburg, Miss.
8) BETSY FORT.
9) HOLLY (HOLLEY) MIDDLETON FORT married Mary Rickard, daughter of Jacob Rickard and Mary Johnson. They later settled in Monroe County, Ala.
   Their children were:
   a) MARTHA JANE FORTE.
   b) JAMES TRAVIS FORTE.
   c) GEORGE NATHAN FORTE.
   d) WILLIAM BENJAMIN FORTE.
   e) JOHN DENNIS FORTE was born at Chestnut in Monroe County on July 17, 1870 and died March 10, 1966 at Beatrice in Monroe County. He married Alma Jones and had these children: 1) Thomas Jefferson Forte; 2) Mildred Virginia Forte; 3) Mary Maude Forte; 4) John Dennis Forte, Jr.; 5) James Maurice Forte; 6) Alma Louise Forte.

Authors' Notes

References. The authors had fragmentary information on this family, supplied by Mrs. Sara C. Fort of Anderson, South Carolina. The list of Lester's children came from Mrs. Cora Lee Corbett. A version from another source omits Travis and Mary, makes Drewery and Alamanza two persons, and adds an Alex Fort. At least one branch, as noted, used a final "e" on the name, and this may have occurred also with other of Lester's children.

Chart 2-15 (from Chart 2-3)

Arthur Holmes Fort and Phebe Corley

ARTHUR HOLMES FORT, believed to be a son of Drury Fort (I), was born April 25, 1787 in Edgefield District, S.C. and died June 13, 1864 at Lexington, S.C. Arthur was probate judge in Edgefield for a period. He married Phebe Corley, daughter of Catlett Corley and Elizabeth Jennings; she was born Dec. 22, 1795, died Jan. 13, 1856. By her he had:

1) MARY FORT, born 1836, died 1841.
2) LUTHER RICE FORT, died in infancy.
3) MARIA ADDISON FORT, died in infancy.
4) WILLIAM FORT, born Feb. 29, 1820, Edgefield District, became a lawyer and lived in Lexington. He died unmarried Jan. 19, 1874.
5) ELIZABETH FORT, born Feb. 4, 1824, married Sept. 15, 1842 Samuel Rambo, son of Daniel Rambo and Jane Williams Fort Rambo (see elsewhere this section). She died July 23, 1846, probably at Bainbridge, Ga. They had:
   a) ELLA RAMBO, born Nov. 7, 1844, died Aug. 28, 1846.
   b) LIZZIE (ELIZABETH?) RAMBO, born July 23, 1846, married George Oglethorpe Jordan, died May, 1890 at Montgomery, Ga. They had one child, Adelle Jordan, born Feb. 12, 1869, died 1911 unmarried in Montgomery.
6) HENRY ARTHUR FORT, born Dec. 29, 1825, died July 10, 1884; he was in Edgefield's probate office for a long period, married briefly, and left no issue.
7) LYDIA FORT was born Sept. 13, 1827 in Lexington District. She married Dr. Samuel Rambo on Nov. 30, 1847; Samuel had earlier married her sister Elizabeth. Lydia died June 26, 1876 at Montgomery, Ala. The Rambos had:
   a) ADELLE RAMBO, born Sept. 20, 1848, died Oct. 26, 1862.
   b) GEORGE GIVHAN RAMBO, born Oct. 29, 1854, died Aug. 15, 1905, married Elizabeth Wilde Lees on June 2, 1903. They had no issue.
   c) LOUIS HAZELIUS RAMBO, born Sept. 27, 1857, died unmarried Jan. 28, 1944.
   d) DANIEL RAMBO, died in infancy.
   e) ALBERT MURRAY RAMBO, born Aug. 2, 1850, died in Sept., 1896, married Ella Davis on Nov. 11, 1880. They had three children: Louis George Rambo, Albert Rambo, and Lucille Rambo. Louis George married Annie Belle Taylor and in 1968 they were living in Alabama. They had: Albert Murray Rambo, Louis George Rambo, Jr., and Ella Boyd Rambo, who married James G. McLean. Albert had no issue, and Lucille died in infancy.
8) GABRIEL HOLMES FORT, born April 7, 1829, apparently lived for a time in Alabama but assuredly spent several years in Lewisville, Ark., where he was a friend of Lewis Battle Fort (see Section 4).

An ear, eye, nose and throat surgeon, he did not marry. He died Aug. 21, 1881 in Lexington, S.C.

9) JAMES CHILDS FORT, born Feb. 23, 1833, died 1908 at Pelion, S. C. He married first Appleton Lane who died about 1879. In 1896 he married Lessie Haltiwanger, born Aug. 21, 1875, died July, 1965 at Pelion. By his first wife James Childs had:

a) ERLE FORT, born about 1875, died about 1909. He married Ethel Guyer, Erle and Ethel had two children: 1) Appleton Lois Fort, born 1902, who married Philip H. Cowen and was living in Los Angeles in 1968; 2) William Arthur Fort, born 1905, died 1964, who married Deborah Fredericks in Los Angeles and by her had two sons: John Erle and James Fredericks Fort.

By his second wife he had:

b) REAN MARY FORT, born 1898, married Lewis O. Rast. They had these children: 1) Elizabeth Rast, married Harry Giles; 2) Annette Rast, married Joseph Brown; 3) Catherine Rast, married Francis Williams; 4) Mary Lewis Rast, married Earle Smith (deseased by 1968); 5) Sally Fort Rast, married Malachi Williams.

c) JIMMIE CHILDS FORT, a daughter, was born March 10, 1900 and married William Carlisle Rast, deceased by 1968. They had these children: 1) James Fort Rast, married Elsie Sutherland; they are known to have had at least one child: James F. Rast, who in 1968 was a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army's Continental Army Command; 2) Joline Rast, married Clyde Fogle.

d) ARTHUR HENRY FORT, born Dec. 2, 1902, married in 1935 Sara Camp; in 1968 they were living in Anderson, S.C. They had these children: 1) Arthur William Fort, who married Noel Egge and by her had Lisa, Michelle, and Suzanne Fort; 2) Rosemary Fort, who married Lamar Bailes, Jr.; 3) Robert Camp Fort; 4) James Childs Fort. The latter two were twins.

e) GORDON HOLMES FORT, born 1904 and now deceased, married Gladyce Sweeney. They had no children.

10) SARAH MARIA FORT, born Sept. 4, 1834, died unmarried at Lexington, S.C. in August, 1890.

Authors' Notes

References. All the information in this table was supplied by Mrs. Arthur H. (Sara) Fort of Anderson, South Carolina, who also provided many notes and data on other branches of the family, particularly in South Carolina. Mrs. Fort obtained nearly all the dates and much other information in this table from Sarah M. Fort's Bible, now in the possession of the Rambo family. The authors are grateful to her. Lt. Col. James F. Rast during assignments in England looked for London records on the Fort family, made limited inquiries in LaRochelle, France, and examined ship records on the first Forts. His information was also offered to the authors and was incorporated, in part, in the first portions of this volume. He, too, is thanked.

Chart 2-16 (from Chart 2-4)

Joseph John Fort and Sarah Degges Hart, Eliza D. O'Kelly

JOSEPH JOHN FORT, son of Micajah Fort, married first Sarah Degges Hart, then Eliza D. O'Kelly. His early residence in Darlington, S.C. was followed by a move to Cotton Valley, Ala., where he and Eliza died. By Sarah, his first wife, Joseph John had:

1) CAMILLUS H. FORT, born March 28, 1819, married Ann Byrd on Feb. 16, 1842. His descent is not known.
2) ROBERT DEGGES FORT, born Nov. 6, 1820, married Eliza Clopton, daughter of Dr. Alford Clopton and Eliza Kendrick; she was born in 1819. The marriage took place in Macon County, Ga. Robert died by 1850; his widow was living in Macon County in that year. Robert and Eliza had:
   a) MARY FORT, born about 1834.
   b) ROBERT FORT, born about 1839.
   c) LOUISIANA FORT, born about 1842.
   d) GEORGE FORT, born about 1845.
   e) SARAH FORT, born about 1847.
3) ELIZABETH JANE FORT, born Dec. 2, 1821.
4) MARY FRANCES FORT, born Jan. 28, 1823.
5) KATHERINE H. FORT, known to have died in infancy.

By his second wife, Eliza, Joseph John had:

6) DELIA ANN FORT, born April 2, 1829, married John Huggins. Descent, if any, not known.
7) MARY CAROLINE FORT, born April 19, 1831, married Richard Tatum Davis. Descent, if any, not known.
8) WILEY KELLY FORT, born Sept. 20, 1833, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania medical school and later served as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. He settled in New Orleans later where he practiced medicine for some 40 years. Wiley married Virginia P. Lewis and had the following children:
   a) GERTRUDE LEWIS FORT, born Sept. 26, 1865, married Dr. Benjamin D. Watkins of Natchez, Miss., in New Orleans on Jan. 11, 1899.
   b) WILEY KELLY FORT, JR., born April 2, 1868, died Jan. 3, 1903.
   c) LEWIS DANCY FORT, born Feb. 9, 1876, married Emma Jane Henning on Oct. 24, 1912. Lewis Fort settled in Memphis, then in Whitehaven, Tenn., where he did genealogical research. He had an adopted son, name not known. Lewis is believed to have died in the 1940's in Whitehaven.
   d) VIRGINIA LEWIS FORT, born Nov. 30, 1880.
9) JOHN JOSEPH FORT, born Jan. 16, 1836, married Anna Pace, daughter of Stephen Pace and Mary McCoy Ardis.
10) WILLIAM WATTS (WATSON?) FORT, born Nov. 8, 1837, married Elizabeth Winnefred Hicks. Both were born in Darlington. After a

stay in Macon Valley, Ala., they moved to Columbus, Ga. They are known to have had one child:

a) THOMAS HICKS FORT, born June 25, 1880 at Cotton Valley in Macon County. He married Byrd Albright of Columbus on June 5, 1907. Thomas attended Mercer, secured a law degree, became prominent in the Masonic Lodge. In 1942-44, 1947, and 1953 he was judge for the Chattahoochie Circuit Court. He was a member of St. Luke's Methodist Church. In 1964 he was retired and living in Jasper, Fla. He and Byrd are known to have had four children: Elizabeth Winnefred Fort, Margaret Lucille Fort (died as a child), Thomas Hicks Fort, Jr., and William Albright Fort.

Authors' Notes

References. Much of the descent for Joseph John Fort was worked out by his descendant, Lewis D. Fort, and published by John B. Boddie in one of his books. The authors were given a letter by Lewis Fort in which he added to the list of children as given in the Boddie volume; these are shown. Boddie reported the marriage of Eliza Clopton to a "Mr. Fort," taking the data from the 1850 census of Macon County. By comparing dates, locations and names it becomes 95% certain that Robert Degges Fort was her husband. Nancy Telfair's "History of Columbus, Georgia" contains a brief biography on Thomas Hicks Fort to which the authors referred. Lewis D. Fort, who actually supplied most of the material on the Forts to John B. Boddie, is known to have planned to publish a book on the family but this was never done. The authors attempted to locate his family records, which must have been numerous, but failed. Certain of his papers were, however, shared with Mrs. Thomas Hooker of Bartlett, Tennessee, who most kindly made them available for use in this book.

A Lost Eliza. Noble Pace, in his published genealogy of the Pace family, reported the marriage between "Joseph Fort" and Anna Pace. He also said Elkannah Pace, brother to Anna and born December 23, 1842, married first "Eliza" Fort and second Georgia Walker. Eliza could not be identified.

Chart 2-17 (from Chart 2-4)

Robert Degges Fort and Elizabeth Joyner

ROBERT DEGGES FORT, son of Elias B. C. Fort and Francis Degges, married Elizabeth Joyner. The couple lived in Hardeman County, Tenn., DeSoto County, Miss., and in Memphis. Their children:

1) FRANCIS FORT was born Nov. 14, 1822 and married William Wallace Ware Feb. 17, 1841 at Bolivar, Tenn. She died May 11, 1852. Their children were:
   a) BETTIE WARE, who married Tom Williams.
   b) TOBIAS WARE, a bachelor.
   c) ROBERT WARE was married, but his descent is not known.
   d) JULIA WARE married a Mr. Matthews.

2) REDILLIUM (also REDELLIUM) FORT was born April 20, 1825 and spent most of his adult life in Christian County, Ky. He was a Confederate soldier. He married a Miss Branch and by her had:
   a) JESSIE (or JESSE) FORT, a son who died early in life.
   b) ELIZABETH LAURA FORT married Judge Jesse Lee Abell of Smithland, Ky. They had seven children; Samuel, born Dec. 10, 1881; Jesse Fort Abell, born Dec. 2, 1883; Louis E., born Jan. 27, 1886; Laura Lee, born Dec. 10, 1887; Eudie, born April 10, 1891; Gabriel, born April 29, 1894; and Emma, born Nov. 10, 1898.
   c) EUDORA FORT married a Mr. Berry.
3) JONATHAN JOYNER FORT was born May 21, 1827 in Hardeman County. He married Matilda W. Allen Dec. 30, 1857, probably in Mississippi; he served in the Confederate Army. Jonathan died in Memphis. Several of their children died in infancy, but these are known to have reached maturity:
   a) JULIA FORT, born about 1866 in Mississippi, married first a Mr. Stone and second John R. Weissinger.
   b) LENA FORT married B. T. Scott.
4) SARAH FORT, born Nov. 16, 1828, married Thomas L. Collier on June 15, 1847 and died Oct. 23, 1857. They had three children:
   a) WILLIAM CLARENCE COLLIER, born March 22, 1848.
   b) Twins, who died soon after their mother died.
5) DEWITT CLINTON FORT, born June 8, 1830 in Hardeman County, moved with his parents to DeSoto County, Miss. He studied law but left civilian life to join the Confederate service. He organized a company of partisan rangers—called "bushwhackers" by some—that harassed Federal troops in the Hernando, Miss. area and around Bolivar, Tenn. Later his company was attached to the Second Missouri Cavalry. A huge and colorful man, he refused to surrender at the close of the war and went to Texas where he practiced law at Bellville. On June 25, 1868 at Hempstead, Tex., he was killed by a Mr. Springfield. Whether the incident occurred as part of a gun fight or was a murder is not known. "Clint" Fort married Sarah Heath Dec. 11, 1866; she died in Memphis in 1904. They had one son:
   a) CLINTON HEATH FORT, born at Bellville, Tex. Dec. 31, 1867, was killed by a mule's kick in Washington County, Miss. in February, 1904. Descent, if any, not known.
6) ELIZABETH MOORE FORT was born Nov. 8, 1832 in Hardeman County, married A. C. Dement on Nov. 29, 1849, probably in Mississippi. By him she had: Fanny, Sally, Jimmy, and Mary Dement. After his death Elizabeth married Watson Wheeler and by him had: Tommie, Will, Joseph, Robert, Walker, Clinton, and Elmo Wheeler.
7) DAVID FORT, born Aug. 11, 1834 in Hardeman County, died Feb. 21, 1845 at Bolivar, Tenn.
8) WILEY FORT, born Oct. 2, 1836, died Oct. 13, 1839.
9) THOMAS HENRY FORT, born Aug. 7, 1838, died in October, 1922

at Redfield in Jefferson County, Ark. He served in the Confederate forces.

10) ANN CORNELIA FORT, who was born May 3, 1840 and died in June, 1840.

11) QUEEN TENNESSEE FORT was born Nov. 28, 1845 and married A. B. Nichols at Hernando, Miss. Nov. 26, 1870. She died at Memphis, Tenn. and is buried in Elmwood Cemetery there. They had four daughters: Davella, Sarah (Sadie), Ramelle, and Floyd Nichols.

About the Family

This Fort group was perhaps no more colorful than many others, but it happened to have chroniclers whose words have survived. Without help, however, Robert and Elizabeth showed more than the usual imagination in their choice of names for their children. "Queen Tennessee" has a robust ring to it. "Redillium" might have sprung from a chemist's mind but hardly a lawyer's.

Considered wealthy by their neighbors in DeSoto County, the Forts' fortunes took a drastic drubbing as a result of the Civil War. As with many, however, they found their sympathetic regard for their slaves had earned loyalty; a number stayed with them until death.

DeWitt Clinton Fort was the subject of recollections published in the Memphis *Commercial Appeal* on February 15 and March 4, 1928. The first of these says, in part:

"He could trot a gentle horse by him, grab horn or saddle, and hop on to him. He had a double-barreled shotgun, built in Hernando to chamber a ½-pound of buckshot in each barrel, made to hold on the bow of a canoe, (used) on big water of the Mississippi River or Lakes to shoot ducks, then so plentiful in winter."

Another writer subsequently told more of Clint Fort, describing his Civil War activities:

"It is said he slew more than 50 federals during the civil war and that he had a double barrel shot-gun made to order which was presented to him by the ladies of Hernando, Miss., which would chamber 5 No. 1 buck-shots, or silver quarter in its barrels. It was 7 feet long. The writer saw Capt. Fort once or twice during the Civil War at Bolivar, Tenn. He was a very large and powerful man physically and was club-footed, and it was said that no one could shoot this gun on account of the kick or rebound except Capt. Fort; that at one time he ambushed the federals alone at the bridge over Nonconnah Creek on the Hernando Road between Memphis and Hernando, and knock 8 Yankees at one shot, 5 of which he killed."

Clint Fort's shotgun made a powerful impression on those who saw it—and probably on Clint himself.

Miss Sadie Nichols, a family genealogist, wrote a letter (undated) to a friend in which she said: "I have about three pages about the battle on Nonconnah bridge . . . Mrs. B. R. Scott of Senatobia has an unfinished history of the Civil War that Clint Fort was working on when he was killed . . ." Miss Nichols mentioned in the letter that she had not been able to see the incomplete history.

Authors' Notes

References. Miss Sadie Nichols prepared much material on Robert's family, and the chart data is largely taken from her collection.

Chart 2-18 (from Chart 2-4)

Elias Micajah Fort and Lucy Ann Mason

ELIAS MICAJAH FORT, son of Elias B. C. Fort and Elizabeth Morris, married Lucy Ann Mason. After a period in Tate County, Miss., they settled in McNairy County, Tenn., near Corinth, Miss. They had these children:

1) FRANCES ELIZABETH FORT, born Aug. 20, 1836, died Feb. 15, 1862. She married James R. Price Dec. 20, 1854. They had:
   a) MARTHA JANE PRICE, born Dec. 5, 1855.
   b) OSCAR TILLMAN PRICE, born in 1860.
   c) WILLIAM FORT PRICE, born Aug. 23, 1857, died Dec. 16, 1942. He married Lelly Mason Aug. 23, 1888.
2) MARTHA JANE FORT, born Dec. 12, 1838, married William M. Price on June 22, 1854 and died Feb. 24, 1863. Descent, if any, not known.
3) ELIZABETH E. FORT, born Feb. 18, 1842, died Sept. 15, 1844.

Authors' Notes

References. Most of the chart material came from data collected by Miss Sadie Fort Nichols and by Lewis Fort. There are date discrepancies in the materials, however. Frances Elizabeth's birthdate is also given as December 12, 1838 and her death date as February 13, 1862. Elias Micajah's death-date differences have been noted elsewhere. Those dates used in the charts are those most consistent with birthdates of children and size of families.

Chart 2-19 (from Chart 2-4)

David Morris Fort and Adeline D. Goode

DAVID MORRIS FORT, son of Elias B. C. Fort and Elizabeth Morris, lived much of his life in Tate County, Miss. He and his wife, Adeline D. Goode, are known to have had:

1) SARAH FORT, who married a Mr. Ware (or Weir) and had at least one daughter who married first a Mr. Conger, had children by him, and then married a Mr. McGaha of Arkabutla, Miss. The McGahas had three children: Nona McGaha; Ava McGaha; and William Clarance McGaha, born July 25, 1890 at Arkabutla. William married Buford Dallas Pack (born Feb. 13, 1892 at Senatobia, Miss.) on Oct. 27, 1904. William and Buford had one daughter, Sara Virginia McGaha, born May 7, 1907, who married Walton Walker White on April 29, 1929 at Clarksdale, Miss. Sara was born at Dickerson, Miss. They had two daughters: 1) Jane Elizabeth White,

born Aug. 31, 1930 in Mason, Tex., married Raymond Roy Walston of Menard, Tex.; 2) Nancy Elizabeth White, born July 26, 1932 in Mason, married Robert Lee Pfluger of Eden, Tex. The Walstons had: Beverly Ann Walston, Richard Lee Walston, William Walker Walston, and Raymond Roy Walston II by 1969. The Pflugers had: Walter Walker Pfluger, Audrey Lee Pfluger, and Robert Edward Pfluger by 1969.

2) ELIZABETH GOODE FORT, born Dec. 26, 1842, married Rev. Thomas Haley on April 12, 1863, died July 30, 1920. Thomas was born April, 1845 and died Sept. 12, 1919. They are known to have had at least one child: Laura Haley, born May 2, 1862, who married Tobias Stewart in 1891. He was born June 20, 1857 and died June 28, 1907. The Stewarts had at least one child: Dorothy Stewart, who married a Mr. Weaver and moved to Edmondson, Ark. in 1924.

Authors' Notes

References. Mrs. Walton W. White supplied information on the McGaha descent. Miss Sadie Fort Nichols' papers contained information on the Haley descent; Mrs. Dorothy Weaver also supplied information.

Chart 2-20 (from Chart 2-4)

Mary Battle Fort and William P. Atkins

MARY BATTLE FORT, daughter of Elias B. C. Fort and Elizabeth Morris, married William P. Atkins. They lived most of their lives in DeSoto County, Miss. They had:

1) ELIZABETH L. ATKINS, born Dec. 20, 1826, married a Mr. Lemon.
2) MARGARET ANN ATKINS, born Dec. 16, 1828, died April 4, 1911. She is thought not to have married.
3) JAMES ELIAS ATKINS was born Sept. 10, 1830 and married on Nov. 6, 1866 Nannie Graves Wilton in Obion County, Tenn. James served four years under General Nathan Bedford Forrest in the Civil War. They had two children:
   a) ALICE ROWAN ATKINS, born Sept. 7, 1873, married Dec. 11, 1895 George Wright Phebus and lived at Union City, Tenn. He was born March 8, 1873 and died April 14, 1942. (See Chart 2-42)
   b) CULL WILSON ATKINS, born Sept. 8, 1868, died May 23, 1885.
4) SARAH JANE ATKINS, born Jan. 27, 1832, married first Atlas Hardy and by him had one son: Freeman Hardy. She married second J. T. Cannon. Further descent is not known.
5) ADELINE ATKINS, born Jan. 2, 1834, married George Boyd and lived at Hopkinsville, Ky. They are known to have had two children.
6) SYLVESTER ATKINS, born Nov. 16, 1836, married a Miss Halliburton.

7) WILLIAM P. ATKINS, born Oct. 13, 1838, is known to have married and had a daughter, Lee Atkins.
8) RANDOLPH ATKINS, born Jan. 27, 1839, died July 18, 1842.
9) JOHN ATKINS, born Feb. 18, 1842, died in infancy. He was a twin.
10) JONATHAN ATKINS, born Feb. 18, 1842, died in infancy. He was a twin.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Material on the Atkins and subsequent Phebus charts was compiled by Mrs. George Wright Phebus, supplied to Mrs. Thomas Hooker, and by her made available.

Chart 2-21 (from Chart 2-4)

Louisa Sylvester Fort and Benjamin F. Richards

LOUISA SYLVESTER FORT, daughter of Elias B. C. Fort and Elizabeth Morris, married Benjamin F. Richards. They lived chiefly in Tennessee and Arkansas. They had these children:

1) ELIZABETH L. RICHARDS, born July 17, 1837, died March 11, 1853. She did not marry.
2) ADA C. RICHARDS, born Aug. 27, 1838, died May 30, 1845.
3) LAURA MARY RICHARDS (also given as MARY LAURA) was born Nov. 25, 1841 in Hardeman County, Tenn. She married W. F. Norvell on Oct. 15, 1861 and is known to have had:
   a) ANNIE NORVELL, born Oct. 14, 1862.
   b) GASTON OTEY NORVELL, born Dec. 2, 1864.
   c) BEULAH FORT NORVELL, born Sept. 25, 1867.
   d) BENJAMIN RICHARDS NORVELL, born Jan. 25, 1870.
4) LOUISA BURRUS RICHARDS, born Sept. 25, 1843, died Feb. 15, 1891 in Memphis. She married Josiah Francis Earle, born Sept. 15, 1824 (1828 is also given), in Camden County, N.C. on Nov. 15, 1865. Josiah died in Crittenden County, Ark. on March 7, 1884. They had six children:
   a) BENJAMIN RICHARDS EARLE, born Jan. 25, 1870, died Jan. 12, 1910 in Seattle, Wash. He married April 28, 1907 May Rice of Mt. Vernon, Ill. They are known to have had two children: 1) Clara Rhea Earle, born March 6, 1908 at Memphis, married Henry Earl Brossy and had a son Eric Brossy; she lived at Coronado, Calif.; 2) Louise Leavenworth Earle, born Nov. 18, 1909, lived at Coronado, Calif.
   b) RUTH EARLE, born May 21, 1883, died June 9, 1937 at Memphis. She married Presley Edmund Nelms, who was born Jan. 22, 1869 in DeSoto County, Miss. and died April 17, 1907. The couple's wedding was on March 27, 1904; they had two children: 1) Ruth Earle Nelms, born Aug. 26, 1905 in DeSoto County on "Star Landing" Plantation, married Thomas Eugene Hooker on Dec. 31, 1938; in 1967 they were living in Bartlett, Tenn.;

2) Martha Louise Nelms, born Aug. 20, 1907 at Memphis, married Dr. Thomas Herbert and lived at Cape Girardeau, Mo.; they are known to have had Charles Thomas Herbert, born in February, 1935, and Richards Nelms Herbert, born in February, 1939.

c) LOUISA EARLE, who married Frank Williamson and died a few months before her mother. They had no children.

d) JEREMIAH WARD EARLE, born Aug. 20, 1866, died Aug. 31, 1887; he did not marry.

e) JOSIAH FRANCIS EARLE, born Nov. 20, 1868, died Nov. 6, 1876 at Earle, Ark.

f) MILES EARLE, born 1873, died in infancy.

5) CHARLES L. RICHARDS, born March 18, 1847, died March 25, 1847.

6) MARTHA CHRISTIAN RICHARDS, born April 17, 1848 in DeSoto County, Miss., died Jan. 24, 1936 at Memphis. She married James Dixon Mosby, a Confederate veteran, on Oct. 15, 1872. He was born Feb. 12, 1840 at Memphis, and died Oct. 14, 1889 at Kensett, White County, Ark. but was buried at Memphis. They had:

a) JAMES DIXON MOSBY, JR., born Sept. 19, 1873, died July 15, 1874.

b) ELIZABETH RICHARDS MOSBY, born Oct. 24, 1874. She lived at Memphis and did not marry.

c) JOHN LEWIS MOSBY, born Nov. 11, 1876, married July 8, 1908 Claude Davis. They had: 1) John Lewis Mosby, born May 30, 1909 who lived at Memphis; 2) Martha Hester Mosby, born Sept. 4, 1919, died Sept., 1940.

d) MARIE LOUISE MOSBY, born Jan. 17, 1879, died as a young girl in Memphis.

7) EDWARD RICHARDS, born July 8, 1855, died Dec. 21, 1855.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Mrs. Thomas Hooker of Barlett, Tennessee compiled a large amount of material on the Richards line, relying heavily on the Richards' Bible which has extensive entries covering a period of years and on a collection of newspaper clippings. She kindly made this and much other material available.

Chart 2-22 (from Chart 2-4)

David Fort and Maria

DAVID FORT, son of Spear Fort (I) and Margaret Titsworth, and his wife Maria lived in Franklin County, Ark., where David died 1840-50. In 1850 his children were listed as:

1) JOHN FORT, born about 1825 in Cooper County, Mo.
2) GEORGE FORT, born about 1832 in Arkansas.
3) ARABELLE FORT, born about 1836 in Arkansas.
4) NANCY FORT, born about 1838 in Arkansas.
5) LORENZE (?) FORT, a daughter, born about 1840 in Arkansas.

6) HARRISON FORT, born about 1841 in Arkansas.
7) LAURA FORT, born about 1849 in Arkansas.

Authors' Notes

The David Fort Line. Maria is given as head of the house in the 1950 census, indicating David died in the preceding 10 years. More intensive research in Arkansas may well turn up descendants from this couple.

Chart 2-23 (from Chart 2-4)

John G. Fort and Dorinda Jane Bell

JOHN GABRIEL FORT, a son of Spear Fort (I), married Dorinda Jane Bell in Cooper County, Mo. in 1828 and moved with his widowed mother and all or most of his brothers and sisters to northern Arkansas after his father's death. All of the couple's children were born in Arkansas, probably near Charleston. About 1864 the parents moved temporarily to Coryell or Bosque counties in Texas but returned to Scott County, Ark. after the war. Their later years were spent at or near Rising Star, Tex. Their children were:

1) ISADORA (DORA) FORT, born about 1848, who married John Waters and is buried at Rising Star. They had a son, Tommie Waters, living at Coleman, Texas, where several of his children live.
2) MARGARET BELL FORT married Daniel Graham, son of Alexander R. Graham and Caroline Elkins; Margaret Bell is buried at Rising Star. Daniel Graham's mother, after the death of her first husband, married Spear Fort (II), a brother of John G. Fort. The Grahams had two sons, Vollie and Elmer, both deceased. Elmer died May 9, 1928 at Pioneer, Texas. His widow, Nannie Graham, lives at Cross Plains, Texas. Elmer and Nannie had:
   a) Eddie Graham, died Sept. 25, 1958.
   b) A daughter, living at Cross Plains.
   c) Bill Graham, who lives at Cross Plains.

   Vollie Graham did not marry.
3) EMMA ELIZABETH FORT married Richard Garner, postmaster at Rising Star. They are known to have had two sons and three daughters:
   a) ARTHUR ELMER GARNER, now deceased, is survived by a daughter, Vivian Garner Sanders of Oklahoma City, Okla.
   b) RICHARD ROBERT GARNER of Alamogordo, N. M.
   c) SEENIA BELL GARNER, who married a Mr. McGill and lives at Clovis, N.M. They had a son, Earl McGill of Clovis.
   d) ADA GARNER, who married a Mr. Steele and lives at Abilene, Tex. They are known to have had a daughter, Mrs. D. C. Cruse of Abilene, Tex.
   e) EMMA DORINDA GARNER (Mrs. T. Frank Smith) of El Paso, Tex. The Smiths had two daughters, Mrs. Ralph M.

Moore of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Jowell L. Peden of Dallas, Tex.

4) VALENTINE (VALLIE, VOLLIE) FORT was born about 1831 and seems to have had a first marriage to a girl named Lida about 1850. By 1860 she apparently was dead, for Vallie had rejoined his parents' household. After Civil War service he settled near Valley Mills, Tex. in 1886. His second marriage was to Sallie (Bell?); the couple later took up residence near Rising Star, Tex. He and Sallie are buried at Center Plains Cemetery near Hale Center, Tex. They are known to have had James Fort, who lived near Albuquerque, N.M.

5) ROBERT THAXTON FORT was born Dec. 26, 1841 and died Aug. 18, 1925. His Civil War service was followed by a move to Texas with his brother Vallie; they settled near Valley Mills. On Sept. 3, 1871 he married Martha Ann Rebecca Briscoe; she was born in Georgia Oct. 18, 1852 and with her parents moved to Mississippi about 1862. Her father was William (Billy) Briscoe, her mother Sarah Darden. Rebecca Briscoe Fort died May 27, 1894 and Robert then married a widow, Clara Saunders, who brought three boys and a girl to join the Fort household. Robert and Rebecca had these children:

a) CORNELIA FORT was born July 2, 1872 and is buried at Turkey, Tex. She married Ben H. Turner in March, 1893 and by him had four sons and four daughters. These were: 1) Claude Turner, who married and had three children; 2) Vera Turner, who married a Mr. Fuston and had a son Billy; her residence is in Turkey, Tex.; 3) Ruby Turner, who married a Mr. Harwicke and had five children; her home is in Turkey, Tex.; 4) Algy Turner married and had two children; the home is in Turkey, Tex.; 5) Ora Turner; 6) Eucie Turner married and had two sons; 7) Elnita Turner married a Mr. Ivey and settled in Valga, Tex.; they have no children.

b) MARTHA (MATTIE) FORT was born Dec. 13, 1873 and married W. J. (Jeff) Simpson Sept. 28, 1892; she is buried at Silverton, Tex. (W. J. or Willis Simpson had twin sisters who also married Forts. (See Chart 2-25.) Willis and Martha had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

c) EMMA ELIZABETH FORT was born Feb. 5, 1877 and married Jake Ogle Sept. 12, 1909; they had no children. Emma is buried at Fairy, Tex.

d) LETA MAE FORT was born Nov. 14, 1879 and died Jan. 7, 1950. She is buried at Boggy Cemetery in Bosque County along with others of this Fort branch.

e) MOLLIE BELLE FORT was born Dec. 9, 1882 and died March 28, 1902. She married William K. Grimland Aug. 25, 1901; her burial was in Boggy Cemetery.

f) JOHN ROBERT FORT was born Jan. 5, 1884 and died July 16, 1954. He married Ada Murphree in December, 1908. He is buried in the Clifton, Tex. cemetery. He had three children:

1) Isla Ruth Fort, who married a Mr. Miles and had Carroll Jean Miles, Rosalind Miles, and John Miles; 2) Elton J. Fort, who lives in Clifton, Tex. and did not marry; 3) Mavis Lavita Fort, who married a Mr. Herber and lives in Waco, Tex.; she had three children: Georgelyn, Deane, and Cindy.

g) ROBERT THAXTON FORT, JR. was born Oct. 25, 1885 and married Sibyl Hill Sept. 3, 1918. He and Sibyl had no children. His residence is in Clifton, Tex.

h) WILLIAM BENJAMIN FORT was born Nov. 15, 1887 and died May 28, 1961; he is buried in Boggy Cemetery, Bosque County, Tex. William B. married Addie Reeder Jan. 5, 1913. Two of their six children died in infancy. The others were: 1) Willa B. Fort, who did not marry and lives in Dallas, Tex.; 2) Dorothy Norinne Fort, who married James W. Gillespie March 7, 1943; they settled in Dallas and had Richard William, Don, and David Gillespie; 3) Martha Grace Fort, who married Harlan Reesing and took up residence in Los Angeles; they had Judy Ann and John Allen Reesing; 4) Mary Nell Fort, who married Edward Nelson and settled in Houston, Tex.; they had Patricia Jane, Linda Sue, and James Edward Nelson.

i) MINNIE LOREAN FORT was born Dec. 30, 1890 and died Feb. 25, 1969; she is buried at Laurel Land Cemetery, Dallas. Minnie was married to Benton C. Stailey Aug. 10, 1917 in Comanche, Tex. The couple had: 1) Billie Lorean Stailey, who married Dorman A. Vaughn and settled in Clint, Tex.; they had Patricia Ann, who married a Mr. Thompson; 2) Benjalee Stailey, who married Dr. G. W. J. Robberson and lives in Kilgore, Tex.; they had Janis, James, and Joseph Wright Robberson; 3) Benton Curtis Stailey, Jr. married Marilyn Brown and had Joycelyn and Connie Stailey; they live in Dallas.

6) BENJAMIN HERMON FORT was born Dec. 15, 1857, the youngest child of John G. Fort, and died Feb. 27, 1930. He married Lou Bramlett, who died while on a covered wagon trip from Brown County to Hale County, Tex. in 1902; she is buried at Fluvannah. Benjamin (Bennie) settled in Hale County, then in Callahan, before homesteading in Lea County, N. M. in 1911. They lived in Lovington. Benjamin and Lou had the following children:

a) LULA FORT, married a Mr. Henslee.

b) NANNIE FORT married a Mr, Allen and in 1969 was 86 years old and living with a daughter in Odessa, Tex.

c) MAE FORT married a Mr. Austin and is buried at Hale Center, Tex., Center Plains Cemetery.

d) DORINDA JANE FORT married a Mr. Mann and had six children; she is buried at Cross Plains, Tex. Her children were: 1) Reba Mann, who married a Mr. Warren and lives in Dallas; 2) Ivalee Mann married a Mr. Tippett and lives in Dallas; 3) LaVoiyda Mann of Dallas married a Mr. Hillburn; 4) Jewell Mann married a Mr. Bartlett and lives in Washington, D. C.;

5) John L. Mann lives in Austin, Tex.; 6) Robert Mann lives in Cleburne, Tex.

e) LILLIE FORT married a Mr. Steele and had Weldon, Malcolm, and Richard Steele, all of Lubbock, Tex.; Lillie is buried at Coleman, Tex.

f) BESSIE FORT married a Mr. McCravey and lives in Cross Plains, Tex.

g) BENJAMIN WALTER FORT was 81 and living in Lea County, N. M. in 1969.

h) JOHNNY FORT married and had one daughter. Johnny is buried at Antioch Cemetery, Lovington.

i) HERMON FORT was 77 in 1969; he had a son of the same name, nicknamed "Buddy", who lives in Midland, Tex. and is an insurance broker.

j) EDWARD FORT was 75 years old in 1969.

k) CLAUDIE FORT was 72 years old in 1969 and living in Lovington. He is known to have had Troy Fort, who became one of the nation's outstanding rodeo performers.

In addition to these children, Arkansas censuses indicate John Gabriel Fort and Dorinda Jane also had:

7) WILEY G. FORT, born about 1834.

8) ZEPHANIAH FORT, born about 1847.

9) GEORGE FORT, born about 1852.

10) MARY B. FORT, born about 1853. (She may be identical with the Margaret Bell Fort already listed.)

11) JOHN GABRIEL FORT, born about 1854.

About the Family

Family tradition lists one son of John G. Fort as "Randolph" and says that he and Vallie Fort left home in the early stages of the Civil War to join the Confederate forces. Later, Robert Thaxton—then only 19—pled to join his brothers. His mother reluctantly consented and gave him a pocket Bible. It is supposed to have stopped a bullet. Robert found his brothers and was standing next to Randolph when the latter was felled by a Union shot; he and Vallie wrapped their brother's body in a blanket and buried it in an unknown grave in Missouri.

The Confederate company to which the two belonged was, according to the story, wandering around in Oklahoma when they heard the war had ended; they then disbanded. Robert and Vallie are said to have returned to their parents' farm, found it destroyed and abandoned, and then set out to find their parents. After a long search they found them in Texas; the parents later returned to Arkansas.

The Arkansas census for 1860, Scott County, lists no Randolph Fort. It is possible that the family tradition actually covers Wiley G. Fort, the only son of military age other than Vallie and Robert.

Another tradition tells of Emma Fort being captured by Indians on the Texas frontier. Her father, Robert Thaxton, gathered up quilts made by

women of the family, located the Indians, and bargained for her with the quilts as barter. While returning home they found the Indians attempting to seize them but escaped by hiding in a barn.

Robert Thaxton Fort had only his horse, saddle, and 50 cents when he arrived in Valley Mills after the Civil War. He cut wood at 50 cents a cord, bought a wagon, and then sold fruit from Waco to Brownwood. He also sold cow hides and drove cattle to Kansas. Having acquired some savings, he began homesteading and buying land in Bosque County, ultimately acquiring 1,400 acres of prime watered land. He and his wife lived in what was thought of as a "big" log cabin; all of their children were born in its two rooms. In 1900, feeling the need for more adequate housing, they built a 2-story farm home adjacent to their cabin. A raiser of cattle and horses, Robert Thaxton bred and raised fine horses.

In 1948 Mattie Fort Simpson, in a letter to her sister Minnie Fort Stailey, gathered together some of her memories:

"You ask about Grandfather and Grandmother Fort. Their given names were John and Dorinda, and I believe I remember John Fort, Myrtle's father, calling them Uncle John and Aunt Dorinda. Grandmother was a Belle (Bell) before she married . . . during the Civil War Father moved his parents to Texas and they stayed with Uncle Vollie and after the war they went back to Arkansas. I remember them visiting us when I was a child. They came through in covered wagons, they had two wagons. Father was cutting wheat and we children were in the field with him and we saw the wagon coming. It is just as plain to me as it was that evening . . ."

Authors' Notes

The Fort-Bell Record. County records in Cooper County, Mo. show a marriage record between "John Fort" and Dorinda "Bell" on August 19, 1828. *Benjalee Stailey Robberson Material.* Mrs. G. W. J. Robberson, using family records and sources, supplied nearly all the material for this chart as well as the Mattie Fort letter extracted above. The authors thank her and those who helped her.

Chart 2-24 (from Chart 2-4)

Spear Fort (II) and Isabel Nolan, Caroline Elkins Graham

SPEAR FORT (II), son of Spear Fort and Margaret Titsworth, lived in northern Arkansas (Franklin, Scott, Crawford, Logan counties—but in the same location during the county shifts). He died near Hurst Springs, Tex. He married first Isabel Nolan of Illinois, then Caroline Elkins Graham, a widow, about 1852.

By his first wife Spear had:

1) MARTHA FORT, born about 1841.
2) JOHN SANDERS FORT was born Oct. 10, 1842, probably in Franklin County, Ark. He served in the Confederate forces, then farmed in what is now Logan County, Ark. in the Revilee Township and later near Bentonville. In the late 1870's or early 1880's he moved to

Coryell County, Tex. He died July 4, 1918 in Tatum, N.M. but was buried in Silverton, Tex. John Sanders married first Melissa Nobles, probably a daughter or relation of Stanmore Nobles, in Logan County, Ark. about 1860-63; she was born March 12, 1840. Melissa died March 11, 1873 and was buried in Revilee Valley Cemetery near Magazine, Ark. John then married July 3, 1874 a widow, Elizabeth Coleman Cahoon, daughter of Robert Spillby Coleman and Mary Hutchinson of Rockingham County, N.C.; she was born Nov. 24, 1848. She died at Littlefield, Tex. Jan. 1, 1939 and is buried at Silverton. John and Elizabeth were Baptists, but all or nearly all of their children were Methodists.

By his first wife Melissa, John had:

a) MARY I. FORT, born Aug. 9, 1862 in Arkansas; on Feb. 23, 1882 she married John Robert Hindman, born Feb. 16, 1861, in Titus County, Tex. He was the son of L. D. Hindman and Mattie Hall. John died May 17, 1926 at McLean, Tex., and his widow died Dec. 27, 1938 at McLean. They are known to have had: 1) Vollie Leroy Hindman, who married and had Rob Roy Hindman of Thomas, Okla.; 2) Joseph Hindman, who married and had Marvin Hindman of Kenedy, Tex.; 3) Wood Hindman, who died March, 1967, Crescent City, Calif., leaving no issue; 4) Mattie Hindman, who married a Mr. Graham and had Bruce Graham of Canadian, Tex. and Mrs. Heydon Hensley of Texhoma, Okla.; 5) a daughter who married and had five children, including Mrs. T. B. Chesser of Amarillo, Tex., and Mrs. Hershel Brown of Pampa, Tex.

b) GEORGE ROUNDTREE FORT, born Sept. 9, 1864, probably in Scott County, Ark., died Oct. 28, 1942 at Lubbock, Tex. He became a Methodist minister in West Texas and at one time preached to cowboys in that area. He married Addie D. Dale Sept. 4, 1882 in Bosque County, Tex. She was the daughter of James Robert Dale and Mary A. Snyder, and was born June 29, 1865. Addie died at Silverton, Tex. April 29, 1916. They are known to have had: 1) James Roscoe Fort of Lubbock, Tex.; 2) Samuel William Fort of Bryan, Tex.; 3) Addie Bell Fort, who married W. C. Mauzey and lived at Lubbock; 4) Perry Fort; 5) Wiley Fort; 6) Maude Fort; 7) Rena Fort.

c) SARAH ELIZABETH FORT was born Nov. 4, 1866 and died May 7, 1948 at Winters, Tex. On May 26, 1886 she married William Wallace Hall of Coryell County, Tex.; he was the son of John Sharp Hall and Margurete Black. William died April 29, 1940 in Runnels County, and Sarah died May 7, 1948 at Winters. They had: 1) Willie Lucretia Hall, who married Preston A. Black and lived at Las Cruces, N.M.; 2) Rev. Homer Ross Hall, who lived for a time at Dublin, Tex.; 3) Franklin Pierce Hall of Fort Worth, Tex.; 4) Ralph J. Hall of Santa Fe, N.M.; 5) Ruth Hall, who married John W. Green of Lovington, N.M.; 6) Gaines Edwin Hall of Dallas, Tex.; 7) Gladys Eliza-

beth Hall, who married a Mr. Orton and lived at Louisville, Tex.; 8) George B. Hall of Abilene, Tex.; 9) Melissa Hall, who married a Mr. Bankston of Dallas.

d) JOHN G. FORT, born May 8, 1870, probably in Scott County, Ark. He died April 6, 1934 at his ranch near Silverton, Tex. John married Martha Isabel Simpson, daughter of Willis Simpson and Cynthia Jane Graves of Laurel, Miss., Dec. 23, 1890, in Coryell County, Tex. She was a twin to Mary (below). Martha died March 22, 1918 at Silverton. They are known to have had: 1) Clyone Fort, who married Victor Tinsley of Fort Worth; 2) Myrtle Fort, who married Fred C. Goodman and lived at Columbus, Ky.; 3) Helena Fort, who married Frank Redican and was living in Miami, Fla. in 1966; 4) Ruth Fort, who married and was living in Fullerton, Calif. in 1966; 5) Herschel Fort.

e) JOSEPH WILEY FORT was born June 19, 1872 in the Revilee Valley area of Logan County, Ark., and died Oct. 21, 1933 at Lorena, Tex. A Methodist minister, he served Texas churches in Hillsboro, Fort Worth, Cleburne, and Waco among others. Joseph married Mary Drucilla Simpson, a twin to Martha Simpson (above); he was himself a twin to a sister who died at the age of one in Arkansas. Mary was born Nov. 12, 1868 in Coryell County and died in Dallas July 5, 1938; she is buried in Lorena. (See Chart 2-43)

By his second wife Elizabeth, John Sanders Fort had:

f) DORINDA JANE FORT, born July 12, 1875, died May 21, 1929 at Bangs, Tex. She married John Franklin Whiteley, born Sept. 30, 1869 at Sparta, Tex., died Nov. 12, 1943 at Abilene, Tex. He was the son of John Richard Whiteley and Rachael M. Boydston. They lived most of their lives at Bangs. They had: 1) Beulah Whiteley, who married W. T. Binion, Jr. and lived at Commerce, Tex.; 2) Eugenia Byrd Whiteley, who married Harry L. Pinner and lived at Abilene, Tex.; 3) Mary M. Whiteley, who married Rufus B. Pierce and lived at Rising Star, Tex.

g) ADELLA FORT was born April 9, 1877 and died Feb. 19, 1905 at Fairy, Tex. She married William M. Green March 9, 1893 and lived at Hico, Tex. They had no children.

h) ANNIE PEARL FORT was born Nov. 29, 1880 at Clifton, Tex. and died Dec. 15, 1965 at Amherst, Tex. She married Robert Tillman Latham June 24, 1900 in Hamilton County, Tex. They subsequently lived at Hobbs, N.M. and Seymour, Tex. Robert died July 13, 1942 at Amherst. They had: 1) Rosie Ella Latham, who married a Mr. Doty and lived at Seymour; 2) Bertie Latham, who married William L. Clawson and lived at Sudan, Tex.; 3) Martha Jane Latham, who married a Mr. Vincent and lived at Bomarton, Tex.; 4) Clara Latham, who married John M. Fort (see later) and lived at Tucson, Ariz.; 5) Beulah Latham,

who married R. A. Wordlaw and lived at Hobbs, N.M.; 6) John Lewis Latham of Sudan.

i) EMMA D. FORT was born Nov. 25, 1883, probably in Logan County, Ark. and married Robert Newton Coleman June 30, 1897 in Crawford County, Ark. They are known to have had: 1) Emmanuel Dorsey Coleman, who lived at Barling, Ark.; 2) Beatrice Coleman, who married Lowell C. Durbin and lived at Clawson, Mich.; 3) Clarence Lonzo Coleman of Redondo Beach, Calif.; 4) Raymond Coleman of Woodland Hills, Calif.; 5) Bascom Barum Coleman of Los Angeles.

j) ALBERT LONZO FORT was born June 24, 1884 in Arkansas and died Jan. 29, 1958 in Sayre, Okla. He married March 12, 1907 Ollie Belle Evins in Polk County, Ark.; she was born Aug. 12, 1892. They had: 1) John Monroe Fort, who married Clara Latham (see above) and lived at Tucson, Ariz.; 2) Emanuel Fort of Sayre, Okla.; 3) Albert Lonzo Fort of Frederick, Okla.; 4) Elmer Lee Fort of Sayre; 5) Edna Irene Fort, who married Frank Farr and lived at Oklahoma City; 6) Rachel Corene Fort, who married and lived at Chickasha, Okla.

k) EMANUEL FORT, born March 9, 1888 in Arkansas, died Jan. 1, 1962 at Lamesa, Tex. He married Sept. 4, 1927 Louise Minna Witte, daughter of Otto Ernst Witte and Louise Charlotte Helweg, in Lynn County, Tex. Following his death she married W. Jeff Shook of O'Donnell, Tex. They had no children.

In addition to these, John Sanders and Elizabeth had two children who died in infancy: Ira Samuel Fort and Tennessee Fort.

3) MARGARET FORT, born about 1846.

4) WILLIAM G. FORT, born about 1847.

5) MARY FORT, born about 1849.

By Caroline, his second wife, Spear Fort (II) had:

6) COLUMBUS FORT, born about 1854.

7) CALIFORNIA FORT, born about 1852-1854, who married Frank Anderson, born about 1847; they lived in Salisaw, Okla. They are known to have had a son William Anderson, born in 1869-70; a son Druin A. Anderson, born about 1872; Laura A. Anderson, born about 1874; and Nancy L. Anderson, born about 1875.

(Date of Spear's marriage to Caroline is not known, so these children may have been by his first wife. The break in the birth sequence indicates Caroline was the mother.)

8) LOUISA FORT, born about 1856.

9) ARABELLA FORT (given as "ARBELO" in the 1860 census) was born about 1859.

10) BOONE FORT, born about 1864.

11) SALLY FORT who married a Mr. Wiley Courtney and is believed buried at Paint Rock, Tex.

About the Family

Emma Fort Coleman, one of John Sanders' daughters, told the authors in 1966 that her father before his move to Texas made frequent trips there, crossing the Red River ferry near Denison so frequently that the ferryman came to know him by his first name.

John's Confederate service is partly recorded and partly traditional. He enlisted in an infantry company formed by a relative, Capt. John Titsworth, and served for a year. In July of 1862 he re-enlisted, this time in a cavalry regiment. Sometime in this latter period of service he deserted. Organized resistance to the Federal forces in Arkansas pretty well collapsed with the Battle of Pea Ridge in March, 1862, and John apparently went home to take up his farming sometime thereafter. The family tradition that his leg was shot off at Pea Ridge probably is not correct since he re-enlisted after that battle; his leg was amputated at some point, however.

Joseph Wiley Fort ran away from home about the age of 15, worked his way across southeastern Oklahoma, and joined relatives in Coryell County, Texas. Another family tradition says he was picked up by a band of roving Cherokee Indians who ultimately escorted him to the Red River. He was estranged from his father and stepmother until the former's extreme old age.

Authors' Notes

References. Bill Hanks of the Medical Department, U. S. Navy, a Coleman descendant, undertook the task of identifying, locating, and dating the children of John Sanders. He consulted census records in Arkansas, gravestones in Rising Star and Silverton, death and marriage certificates, and personally talked with Mrs. Coleman and with Mrs. J. F. Shook, widow of Emanuel Fort. His contribution to this section is greatly appreciated. An abbreviated entry in a family Bible, owned by Mrs. Rose Alice Grimland Vannoy of Nacogdoches, Texas, shows John's father as "Spear Fort"—a fact confirmed by census records in Arkansas. The Spear Fort (II) listings are taken almost entirely from the 1850 and 1860 census schedules for Scott County, Arkansas, and the 1880 census for Logan County. A "Calla" Fort (apparently short for California) married a Mr. Anderson according to one source who also supplied the Courtney name for Sally.

Chart 2-25 (from Chart 2-4)

William Hamilton Fort and Nancy Sewell

WILLIAM H. FORT, son of Spear Fort (I) and Margaret Titsworth, married Nancy Sewell and lived in Paris, Logan County, Ark. Their children were:

1) SUSAN M. FORT, born about 1848.
2) MARY T. FORT.
3) BELL FORT.
4) JAMES H. FORT, born about 1857, became a farmer, then entered the Presbyterian ministry about 1891. He seems to have lived earlier

in Franklin and Yell counties, before settling near Paris. He married Rosa Anna Huckaby in 1876. Descent not known.

5) SALLIE FORT.
6) HARMON FORT was born about 1859 and in 1880 was living in Logan County.
7) EUDORA FORT, born about 1866.
8) ISABELLE FORT.
9) JEFFERSON FORT, born about 1862; he was living in Logan County in 1880.
10) MAUD FORT, born about 1870.
11) A child who died in infancy.

One of William's daughters is known to have married a Mr. Humphrey. Two children by this marriage—Voisie and George P. Humphrey, 9 and 10—were living in William's household in 1880.

Authors' Notes

References. The list was taken from the 1850 Franklin County (Arkansas) census, together with a biographical sketch on William in Goodspeed's "History of Northwest Arkansas" (1891). Miss Mary Agnew of Ozark, Arkansas called the authors' attention to the latter passage.

Chart 2-26 (from Chart 2-4)

Nancy Fort and George Caulk

NANCY FORT, daughter of Spear Fort (I) and Margaret Titsworth, married George Caulk, moving with him from Missouri to northern Arkansas. They had:

1) ROBERT CAULK, born about 1821, probably in New Madrid, Mo. He married first a girl whose name was Elizabeth, and married second Minerva Ledgerwood.
2) ELIBNON CAULK who married Rhoda Scrimpshire. (His name is given as "Eleven" in a number of documents.)
3) GEORGE CAULK (II), born about 1828 in Arkansas.
4) A daughter, name unknown.
5) A daughter, name unknown.
6) A daughter, name unknown.
7) BENJAMIN H. CAULK, born about 1833 in Logan County, Ark., married in September, 1859 Martha Davis. In 1870 he married Nancy A. Ledgerwood. He served in the Confederate Army in a company organized by Capt. John Titsworth, a relative.

Authors' Notes

References. Listings are taken chiefly from the 1830 Crawford County, Arkansas census, the 1850 Franklin County census, and Goodspeed's "History of Western Arkansas." Information was supplied by Gerald Caulk of Walnut Creek, California, who has the authors' thanks.

Chart 2-27 (from Chart 2-4)

Nancy Fort and Hermon Holloman

NANCY FORT, daughter of Micajah Fort and his second wife, married Hermon Holloman, a name variously spelled, with "Holleyman" adopted by his descendants. They lived the latter part of their lives in Sumter County, S.C., Hermon dying in what is now Bishopville, Lee County. They had these children:

1) WYLIE FORT HOLLEYMAN, a dentist, was born 1797-98 in Halifax County, N.C., died 1852 in Augusta, Ga., where he moved with his family in 1850. He married Sarah Clarke, daughter of Rev. George Clarke of Newberry District, S.C. The 1850 census shows him with these children: Thomas Hardy Holleyman, born about 1828; Mary F. Holleyman, born about 1834; Nancy H. Holleyman, born about 1837; Georgeana Holleyman, born about 1839; Anna C. Holleyman, born about 1842; and Wylie Holleyman, Jr., born about 1834.

2) HARRIET COFIELD HOLLEYMAN, born March 31, 1799, died May 16, 1867; she is buried in Manning, S. C. She married first Isaac Crowe Ingram in 1817 at Darlington. By him she had:

   a) ANN FORTE INGRAM, born April 21, 1818 at Darlington.

   b) JOHN ISAAC INGRAM, born July 7, 1820. A doctor, he was one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession for South Carolina. He left a large family.

   Harriet married second George Huggins of Darlington and had:

   c) HERMAN HOLLEYMAN HUGGINS, a doctor, born July 12, 1829.

   d) GEORGE ALLEN HUGGINS, a doctor, born Aug. 24, 1831.

   e) MARGARET KENNEDY HUGGINS, born Oct. 17, 1833.

3) ANN (NANCY) FORTE HOLLEYMAN, born March 31, 1800, died Dec. 15, 1874 and is buried at Gainesville, Fla. She married Thomas Fraser of Sumter, S.C. on June 15, 1820 in Sumter District, later moving to Gainesville. She had 13 children.

4) HERMON HOLLEYMAN, JR., merchant of Kershaw District, S.C., died soon after the Civil War. He married Harriet Clarke, daughter of Rev. George Clarke, in 1836 and by her had one daughter who died about the same time as her father. After Harriet's death he married her sister, Elmira.

5) WILLIAM HENRY HOLLEYMAN studied medicine at Charleston, S.C. Medical College. He was born Oct. 13, 1810 in Darlington District and died April 24, 1875 at Manning, S.C., where he is buried. He married Mary Elizabeth DuBose 1837 in Sumter, the daughter of Amos DuBose, Jr. and Martha Ann Parish. They had:

   a) BEATRICE McCAA HOLLEYMAN, born 1838, died as a young girl.

b) VERMEILLE DuBOSE HOLLEYMAN, born 1841-42, died 1868.
c) WILLIAM HENRY HOLLEYMAN, JR., born 1843, served in the Confederate Army.
d) MARY ELIZABETH HOLLEYMAN, born 1846, died young.
e) ADELAIDE A. HOLLEYMAN, born 1848, died 1929.
f) GEORGE MACALL HOLLEYMAN, born 1850, died young.
g) EUGENE D. HOLLEYMAN, born 1851 at Manning, S.C., died April 17, 1900 at Orlando, Fla., where he is buried. He married Helen V. Foxworth of Mayesville, S.C. on Jan. 31, 1883. They had one child who survived: William Henry Holleyman, born Nov. 14, 1883 at Sumter, died Jan. 20, 1925 at Waycross, Ga. but is buried in Savannah. He married Kate S. Smith Dec. 8, 1909 in Waycross, she being the daughter of James Magill Smith and Elizabeth Stoft of Savannah. They had four children: 1) William Henry H. Holleyman, Jr., born 1910, died 1912; 2) Vermeille V. DuBose Holleyman, born Dec. 26, 1911 at Waycross, married Frank Russell Galbreath and took up residence at New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; they had two children: Adrienne DuBose Galbreath, born Sept. 30, 1933 at New Smyrna, married John Trevette Wilson of Jupiter, Fla., and Frank Russell Galbreath, Jr., born June 29, 1943 at Daytona Beach; the Wilsons had Valerie Taylor Wilson, born Jan. 25, 1943 at Gainesville, Fla., and Matthew Galbreath Wilson, born Aug. 13, 1960 at Daytona Beach; 3) Dallas DeSaussure Holleyman, born Nov. 1, 1914 at Waycross, married Wayne McVeigh of St. Petersburg, Fla. and had no children; 4) Helen J. Magill Holleyman, born Oct. 11, 1919 at Waycross, married David Pickens Cammack of St. Petersburg and had a daughter, Illona DeSaussure Cammack, born Aug. 10, 1943 at St. Petersburg.

6) MARGARET HOLLEYMAN married David Robert Kennedy of Camden, S.C. Sept. 7, 1833 at Upper Salem. They had these children:
   a) WILLIAM HENRY KENNEDY, born Nov. 26, 1834, died July 25, 1910, married Julia Scott and had five children.
   b) MARY KENNEDY married a Mr. Turner of New Haven, Conn. and had children.
   c) FANNIE KENNEDY married William Fripp of Beaufort, S.C. and died without issue.
7) ALLEN HOLLEYMAN was killed in a childhood accident.
8) MARY F. HOLLEYMAN apparently did not marry. She survived both her parents.

Authors' Notes

Source. Mrs. F. R. Galbreath of New Smyrna Beach provided the chart material here as well as other help with the identification of Nancy (Ann) Fort.

Chart 2-28 (from Chart 2-5)

Elizabeth Fort and Isaac Davis

ELIZABETH FORT, daughter of Micajah and Judith Fort, married Isaac Davis Jan. 7, 1811 in Christian County, Ky. Her husband remarried in 1831; she had died sometime prior to 1830. They had these children:

1) ORAN C. DAVIS, born about 1812.
2) HENRY I. DAVIS, born about 1813.
3) DAVID FORT DAVIS, born in 1815, married Cassandra Reese in Christian County May 11, 1838. Between 1851 and 1853 they moved to Limestone County, Tex.; in 1860 they listed their children as:
   a) LUCY E. DAVIS, born about 1841.
   b) EUDORA DAVIS, born about 1842.
   c) SARAH A. DAVIS, born about 1845.
   d) JOHN J. (or S.) DAVIS, born about 1848.
   e) OSELETA DAVIS, born about 1849.
   f) ORAN C. DAVIS, born in Kentucky about 1851.
   g) C. C. DAVIS, born in Texas about 1853.
   h) NANCY DAVIS, born in Texas about 1855.
   i) RACHEL DAVIS, born in Texas about 1858.
4) WILLIAM B. DAVIS, born 1817.
5) OLIVE P. DAVIS, born about 1819. (She may be the Olive Davis who married John J. Garner July 15, 1841 in Christian County.)
6) GARY P. DAVIS, born 1822 in Christian County, Ky., moved to Limestone County, Tex. about 1857, died shortly thereafter in Limestone; he is buried at Groesbeck, Tex. On May 18, 1844 he married a widow, Margaret Caroline Pickens Ezell, daughter of William Pickens and Margaret Harris (see Lucinda Fort elsewhere in this section). They had these children:
   a) WILLIAM PICKENS DAVIS, a brickmason, was born Feb. 23, 1845 in Christian County, died March 10, 1910 at Cameron, Tex. He married Martha Ann Logan, daughter of James Welch Logan and Jane Patterson, on Sept. 15, 1863. She was born 1846 in Hempstead County, Ark., died 1875 in Robertson County, Tex. He married second a widow, Mrs. Abbie Emerson Fulton Anderson. (See Chart 2-44)
   b) ISAAC E. DAVIS, born about 1846, died about 1857 en route to Texas.
   c) FRANCES W. DAVIS, a Confederate soldier, was born about 1848 in Christian County and died 1905 in Thornton, Tex. He married Mrs. Martha Harper, a widow. They had no issue.
   d) JOHN DEAN DAVIS, born Jan. 17, 1850 in Christian County, died Jan. 9, 1929 at Thornton, Tex. He married Melvina Jane Arrington, daughter of J.E.P.G.W. Arrington. (See Chart 2-45)
   e) MARGARET DAVIS, born about 1852 in Christian County, married Simon Thompson and later moved from Limestone County, Tex. to Hopkins County. Their descent is not known.

f) RICHARD P. DAVIS, born 1853-54 in Christian County, died 1920. He married first Ada Thompson and later Mrs. Ellen Campbell. (See Chart 2-46)

g) JAMES E. DAVIS, born May 14, 1856, died July 17, 1914 in Limestone County, Tex.

7) MICAJAH W. DAVIS, born about 1824.

Authors' Notes

Elizabeth Fort. Mrs. Hazie LeFevre of Eden, Texas, a skilled genealogist, searched the Christian County records thoroughly for evidence showing the respective children of Micajah and Jesse Fort. She failed to find such, but was able to establish Elizabeth as a daughter of Micajah in part through grandchildren's recollections. The Davis descent given here and elsewhere was supplied by Mrs. LeFevre using family Bibles, cemetery inscriptions, census records, and other documentation. The authors are appreciative.

Chart 2-29 (from Chart 2-5)

Garrison Patrick Fort and Anna Condren

GARRISON PATRICK FORT, a son of Micajah and Judith Fort, was probably born in North Carolina. He married Anna Condren June 28, 1815 in Christian County, Ky. and was killed about 1834. Anna apparently died or remarried sometime before 1840. Their property in Christian fell into Trigg County when the latter was organized in 1820. This couple is known to have had seven sons and a daughter by 1830, and another daughter probably born after 1830. Of these children only three are definitely known:

1) MEARS PATRICK FORT, born March 10, 1824 in Trigg, married Jan. 10, 1849 Anna Hester Mason, a widow, born June, 1825 in Virginia. The daughter of John James Hester and Mary Keaton, Anna had a young son at the time of her second marriage. Sometime after 1850 the couple moved to Johnson County, Ill. Mears died May 6, 1882, and his wife on July 8, 1897. Both are buried at Casey Springs Cemetery near Simpson. They had these children:

   a) AMANDA L. FORT, born 1849.

   b) JAMES LOWERY FORT, born in Johnson County Feb. 18, 1854, married Elizabeth Whiteside of Simpson on Aug. 2, 1874; she was born April 23, 1856, the daughter of John S. Whiteside and Pennina Harrell. James moved to Dexter, Mo. with his wife and there began a distinguished career in law. He was a prosecuting attorney for Stoddard County in 1886, judge of the 22nd District in 1898 and again 1904-10, ran for the goverorship in 1908 but withdrew because if illness, and was Assistant Attorney General later. He died in Dexter Jan. 29, 1925. His widow died Sept. 28, 1925 at Bloomfield, Mo. (See Chart 2-47)

   c) ALBERT W. FORT did not marry. He died at Mesquite, Tex.

d) WILLIAM GARRETT FORT was born April 1, 1856 in Johnson County and married Emma Phillips, daughter of G. W. Phillips, on Dec. 14, 1876. She was born Nov. 8, 1857. The couple later moved to Livingston County, Ky., where they died. (See Chart 2-48)

e) GEORGIA FORT married Dr. W. D. Tomlinson of Missouri, but died at the age of 23 in Missouri. They had one son, Loren Tomlinson, born at Old Grantsburg, Ill. Sept. 19, 1885. Loren had two sons: 1) Benson Cahoon Tomlinson, born Jan. 22, 1917, who lived in Farmington, Mo. in the 1960's; an attorney, he was elected Circuit Judge for the 27th District in 1952, served in the Department of Labor, Washington, and later was in the Office of Hearings and Tax Appeals, St. Louis; he married Martha Jordan and had David and Donald Tomlinson; 2) Dr. W. Loren Tomlinson of St. Louis, Mo.

f) GUS FORT, who is believed to have moved to Creal Springs, Ill.

g) DAMIE FORT married a Mr. Pippin and had a daughter, Edna, who married a Mr. Garrett. They lived at Bloomfield, Ill. She married second Joseph B. Morray and had Frank, Floyd, Joseph, and Mark Morray. Damie was born Oct. 10, 1870 and died Sept. 7, 1915. She is buried at Case Springs Cemetery near Simpson.

2) TOM FORT lived in the Simpson, Ill. area, but nothing further is known of him or his wife. They had these children:

a) JOSEPH FORT, whose marriage produced Daisy Fort Fern of Creal Springs, Ill.; Roy Fort; and Ruby Fort Street of Simpson.

b) H. BALAAM FORT, born 1863, died 1942, married Martha Verhines, born Sept. 2, 1867, died Oct. 27, 1888. They had: 1) Hersie Fort Warren of Simpson; 2) Esma Fort, who married Grover Rhiddenhour of Simpson, lived at Dexter, Mo.; 3) Roda E. Fort, born 1888, died in infancy.

c) JAMES FORT, whose marriage produced Lillie Fort Boyt.

d) BURNAS FORT, who married and had: 1) Pearl Fort, who married Charles Barwick of Herrin, Ill.; 2) Nellie Fort, who married Marion Culbreath of Marion, Ill.

e) FANNIE FORT, who married a Mr. Tucker.

f) WILL FORT.

3) MISSOURI A. FORT, a daughter, born about 1833. Nothing further is known of her.

Authors' Notes

References. The Garrison Fort descent was supplied by two sisters, Lola Champion Pratt and Fay Harding Champion of Paducah, Kentucky, both descendants. Mrs. Lola Pratt not only offered the descent but very kindly provided helpful census and other information on Christian and Trigg counties. They have our thanks.

Chart 2-30 (from Chart 2-5)

Lucinda Fort and Andrew Hamilton Pickens

LUCINDA FORT, daughter of Micajah and Judith Fort, married a widower, Andrew Hamilton Pickens, in 1836 in Christian County, Ky. Andrew had two children by his first wife, and the following nine by Lucinda:

1) MARTHA WALKER PICKENS, born Aug. 27, 1837.
2) LURENA ANN PICKENS, born April 3, 1839.
3) PATRICK HENRY PICKENS, born May 12, 1841, died in a Civil War skirmish and is buried at Fayetteville, Ark. He left a son, John William Pickens.
4) THOMAS BENTON PICKENS, born Jan. 31, 1843, died Feb. 1, 1843.
5) MARGARET JUDITH PICKENS, born March 25, 1844.
6) JOHN ANDREW PICKENS, born Nov. 24, 1845 in Christian County, died June 23, 1921 at Mullin, Tex. He married Annie Eliza Meigs (1859-1950) on Feb. 13, 1876 (or 1877). She was born at Durant, Miss. and died at Corpus Christi, Tex. They had:
   a) JAMES GUY PICKENS, born Nov. 19, 1877 at Thornton, Tex., died Jan. 30, 1950 at Dallas. He married at Thornton Ida Pearl Maffett, born Oct. 19, 1876, on Oct. 18, 1906. (See Chart 2-49)
   b) ANNIE LAURIE PICKENS, born Aug. 19, 1879 at Thornton, died Nov. 25, 1959 at Tulsa, Okla. She married Nov. 29, 1898 John Arrington of Thornton, born Jan. 13, 1879, died July 8, 1934 at Tulsa. (See Chart 2-50)
   c) ESTELLE PICKENS, born Oct. 19, 1880 at Thornton, died August 16, 1966 at Mexia, Tex. She married Joseph Dudley Arrington of Thornton Oct. 19, 1898; he was born Nov. 4, 1877 and died Aug. 28, 1925 at Mexia. (See Chart 2-51)
   d) LENA PICKENS, born April 9, 1882 at Thornton, died September, 1914 at Sapulpa, Okla. In October, 1900 she married Elbert O'Neal Arrington, born October, 1881 at Thornton, and died in May, 1946 in Oklahoma. (See Chart 2-52)
   e) A daughter who died in infancy.
   f) ANDREW HAMILTON PICKENS, born Feb. 26, 1885 at Thornton, died April 14, 1959 at Mullin, Tex. He married Dec. 23, 1905 Minnie Campbell, born Jan. 9, 1881 at Mullin, died March 26, 1967. They had two children: 1) Annie Lucille Pickens, born Nov. 30, 1906 at Mullin, married Dec. 22, 1928 Dudley Alridge of Mullin; 2) John Campbell Pickens, born June 7, 1914, who lives at Mullin. The Alridges had: 1) Virginia Alridge, born March 3, 1930 at Mullin, who married R. H. Cason, Jr. Nov. 7, 1956 and had Karen Lee Cason, born June 7, 1958; the family lives at Brownwood, Tex.; 2) Dan Alridge, born Sept. 9, 1938 at Mullin.
   g) MERLE PICKENS, born 1885 at Thornton, died in infancy.
   h) CAROLINE LUCINDA PICKENS, born Dec. 3, 1888 at Thornton, died March 14, 1967 at Corpus Christi, Texas. She married

Feb. 21, 1908 Henry Jefferson Cobb at Mullin: he was born Oct. 23, 1887 at Paducah, Ky., died Sept. 30, 1966 at Corpus Christi. (See Chart 2-53)

7) HUGH GEORGE WASHINGTON PICKENS, born Sept. 3, 1847, died in the 1870's.
8) OLIVE FRANCES PICKENS, born Sept. 17, 1850.
9) LUCINDA CAROLINE PICKENS, born Nov. 24, 1852.

Authors' Notes

Reference. The chart material was supplied by Miss E. Clyde Pickens of Corpus Christi, working with Mrs. Hazie LeFevre of Eden, Texas. Miss Pickens has photocopies of Andrew Hamilton Pickens' Bible which gives births, deaths, marriages. Some copies of Christian County census records show Lucinda as born in Virginia, but Mrs. LeFevre found census microfilms at Austin, Texas showing her birthplace as Kentucky.

Chart 2-31 (from Chart 2-5)

James Dean Fort and Ann Eliza Patterson

JAMES DEAN FORT, a son of Jesse Fort, apparently lived his entire life in Christian-Trigg counties, Ky. He married Ann Eliza Patterson Sept. 10, 1835. They are known to have had:

1) MARY SUSAN FORT, born about 1836 in Christian County, married A. J. Ferguson Dec. 20, 1859 in Trigg County. Their descent is not known.
2) SUSAN A. FORT, born about 1841.
3) ANNE E. FORT, born about 1843.

One of these daughters married a Mr. McAtee and by him had Jessie McAtee who was living in San Antonio, Tex. in 1943.

4) JOHN FORT (who was referred to as "Doctor Johnny" by a niece) married and had these children:
   a) GUY FORT who married and had Frank Fort and Evelyn Fort, who married Thomas DeLasher.
   b) TANDY FORT married and had Paul Fort, John Taylor Fort Anna Katherine Fort and Elva Fort. The last married a Mr. Darby of Fort Worth, Tex.
   c) DOUGLAS DEAN FORT had no children.
   d) VIVIAN FORT married Irving Wilkinson.
   e) MARY FORT married Guy Booth and was dead by 1943.
   f) LUCILLE FORT.

   All or most of these were living in Dallas, Tex. in 1943.
5) GEORGE FORT, born after 1850, became a doctor.

Authors' Notes

References. The authors had the 1850 census of Trigg County which listed James' children except for George. A letter from Jessie McAtee, dated November 22, 1943, to a cousin contained a number of references to the

family and to that of James Alexander Fort (see later), a few of which can be interpreted variously. A letter from George Quick Fort (see later) mentioned George Fort, the younger son, as well as other facts.

Chart 2-32 (from Chart 2-5)

Laban Taylor Fort and Mary B. Patterson

LABAN TAYLOR FORT, a son of Jesse Fort, married Mary B. Patterson in Trigg County, Ky. April 25, 1831. He moved to Arlington, Tex. about 1871 and died there in 1900. He and Mary are known to have had:

1) JOHN S. FORT, born about 1833 in Trigg County, died 1928 at Arlington. He was a founder of Arlington Downs, a famous Texas race track located between Dallas and Fort Worth. He married first Margaret L. Radford on Aug. 8, 1865, probably in Trigg County; they had no children. At Arlington on Dec. 22, 1898 he married Sallie Watson, daughter of P. A. and Mary Jane Watson, who was born July 13, 1862 near Arlington. He and Sallie had two children: John S. Fort, Jr. (who drowned when eight years old), and Mary Eleanor Fort (who burned to death when five). Sallie (or Sarah) died at Arlington July 1, 1944.
2) JAMES ALEXANDER FORT, born Oct. 26, 1835 in Trigg, died Jan. 19, 1923 in the same county. He married April 18, 1867 Virginia Louisa Carloss, born July 10, 1850, daughter of James Carloss of Caledonia, Ky. This couple moved to Texas about 1879 to join Laban Taylor, but returned to Kentucky in 1884. Virginia died in Trigg; she and her husband are buried at Cadiz, Ky. They had 13 children:
   a) WILLIAM THOMAS FORT, born Jan. 17, 1870 in Trigg County, died March 21, 1936 in Trigg and is buried at Drury Adams Cemetery with his wife. He married Ambie Adams, born 1875, died Feb. 22, 1920, a sister of Flora who married William's brother Joseph. Ambie previously had married Ed Banister. William and Ambie had three children: 1) Elmer Fort (1909-1941) did not marry; 2) Wilton Blane Fort of Cadiz, born July 16, 1913, married Hattie Bridges, born Sept. 3, 1923; they have a son Carl Blane Fort, born July 12, 1952; 3) Willie Cowherd Fort, born June 18, 1915, married Dec. 5, 1943 a girl named Nell C., born July 26, 1924, and by her had Willie Cowherd Fort, Jr., born June 2, 1959.
   b) ELIZABETH M. FORT, born 1872 and died July, 1938 at Cadiz. She married John J. Wharton, who died Sept. 1, 1947. He was a farmer and both were Baptists. (See Chart 2-54)
   c) JOSEPH H. FORT, born March 3, 1874 in Trigg County, died 1933 and is buried with his wife at Drury Adams Cemetery, Trigg. He married Dec. 17, 1898 Elizabeth Flora Adams, sister of Ambie Adams who married a brother of Joseph's. She was born July 31, 1878, the daughter of Spotwood Adams and Nina Katherine Gardner. (See Chart 2-55)

d) JOHN SHERWOOD FORT was born May 14, 1878 near Caledonia in Trigg County and died Aug. 18, 1958 at Bessemer, Ala. About 1898 he married Mary Eula Minton, daughter of W. L. Minton and Eliza Henderson. She was born Nov. 23, 1882 at Cadiz, died Nov. 7, 1963 at Bessemer. They were Baptists. (See Chart 2-56)

e) GEORGE QUICK FORT, born April 12, 1881 at Arlington, Tex. and died June 19, 1965 at Louisville, Ky. (buried at Resthaven). He was a twin to Nannie Fort. George married Lena Browning who in 1968 was living in Louisville. They had no children.

f) NANNIE FORT, born April 12, 1881 at Arlington. was a twin to George. She died in 1960 and was buried near Cadiz, Ky. at Bethel Methodist Cemetery. About 1900 at Paducah, Ky. she married Allison T. Patterson, born in 1880, died 1942. They had: 1) Sarah Louise Patterson, born about 1903, married J. Hubert Mitchell and lives at Cadiz; 2) Georgianna Patterson, married Malcolm Tuggle, lives at Hopkinsville, Ky.; 3) James Fort Patterson; 4) Alex Patterson, dead by 1968, who married Agnes Wilson; 5) Martha Elizabeth Patterson, who married Marion Sisk; 6) Allison Patterson, who married a Miss Guess; 7) John Patterson; 8) an infant son, died 1911; 9) Marjorie Patterson, born 1911, died 1912, a twin to the son above.

g) ALEXANDER G. FORT married and in 1968 was living in Portland, Ore. He and his wife were living in Louisville, Ky. in 1943. They had at least one child: Elizabeth Fort, who attended the University of Louisville and married a Mr. Johnson. In 1968 they were living in Oregon.

h) BERTHA CARLOSS FORT, born July 2, 1885 Trigg County, married at Marion, Ky., Nov. 9, 1909, Joseph Hezekiah Smith, son of James Monroe Smith and Nannie Smith (maiden name); he was born May 22, 1887 at Cerulean, Ky. (See Chart 2-57)

i) ELMER FORT, died at six years.

j) JIMMIE FORT, died at three years.

k) VERNA FORT, died at one year.

l) Twins who died at birth.

3) GEORGE FORT, who died as a young man.

4) JOSEPH HAROLD FORT, killed in an Illinois accident, died unmarried.

5) MARGARET FORT, died young.

Authors' Notes

References. Bertha Carloss Fort supplied a large amount of the data for this chart, along with Mrs. Charles Metzger of Louisville who has the genealogical data gathered by her uncle, George Quick Fort. Census and cemetery records were consulted.

Chart 2-33 (from Chart 2-5)

Ann Rawls Fort and John McCune Fullerton

ANN RAWLS FORT, a daughter of Jesse Fort, married John McCune Fullerton and subsequently moved to Pike and Jasper counties, Mo. They had:

1) JESSE HAROLD FULLERTON, 1822-1874, married first Martha Stevenson Aug. 29, 1844, and second Julian E. Hulett June 20, 1872.
2) LABAN TAYLOR FULLERTON, born March 19, 1829, died May 24, 1865. He married Mary Margaret Potts Aug. 11, 1846.
3) SARAH G. FULLERTON was born May 17, 1831 and died July 6, 1890. She married Volney E. Hinton and then Francis Coleman Williams. There is no known issue by the first marriage, but by the second there were:
   a) HENRY THOMAS WILLIAMS, born Jan. 12, 1864.
   b) LAURA KATHERINE WILLIAMS, born Oct. 24, 1865.
   c) MARY ANN WILLIAMS, born April 15, 1870.
   d) ROBERT SAMUEL WILLIAMS, born Jan. 27, 1873.
4) ELIZABETH FULLERTON who married Leander Prigmore June 8, 1852.
5) JOHN PILOT FULLERTON, born Dec. 23, 1835, died Aug. 18, 1886. He married Leah Baker.
6) ROBERT H. FULLERTON married Chlemesa J. Elliott.
7) JOSIAH DAVID FULLERTON, born Nov. 21, 1840, died April 30, 1914, married Sarah Elizabeth Gibson Dec. 19, 1860.
8) ZERILDA ANN FULLERTON married James O. P. Edmonson.
9) NANCY M. FULLERTON married James H. Williams.

Authors' Notes

References. Fred G. Mieswinkel of Mt. Vernon, Missouri generously offered the chart data, pulled from family records, the 1850 census of Jasper County, tombstones, and estate administrations. Mr. Mieswinkel also provided the authors with detailed material on the descent from Francis Coleman Williams, but in view of his intention to publish it, the authors refrained from giving it here. Many of the Williams' descendants lived in Lawrence County, Missouri.

Chart 2-34 (from Chart 2-5)

Mary Fort and William Champion

MARY FORT, a daughter of Elias Fort and Ann Rawls of Halifax County, N.C., married William Champion. She died in Halifax County after 1790. William then moved to Laurens County Ga. William and Mary are known to have had:

1) ELIAS FORT CHAMPION, born 1773, married Basheba Conley (born 1779, died 1859), and died in Georgia in 1865. He had these children:

Frances, William, Polly, Mary Ann, Philemon, Elizabeth, Rachel, and James Champion.

2) ELIZABETH CHAMPION, who married John Jones. Descent, if any, not known.
3) MICAJAH FORT CHAMPION, born Feb. 15, 1790 in Halifax County, died June 3, 1871 in Worth County, Ga. He married Elizabeth Martin in Bryan County March 10, 1817.

Authors' Notes

References. William Champion was identified as Elias' son-in-law in his Halifax will. The three children listed here are from John Boddie's "Southside Virginia Families", Volume 1, now available from the Genealogical Publishing Company in Baltimore. The descent from M. F. Champion is also included, The Boddie books contain much information on various families allied with the Forts in the southern part of the United States.

Chart 2-35 (from Chart 2-6)

William Johnston Fort and Sallie Jones Stewart

WILLIAM JOHNSTON FORT, son of William Fort and Mary Johnston, married Sallie Jones Stewart and lived in West Feliciana Parish, La. They had these children:

1) JONES STEWART FORT, born Jan. 14, 1849.
2) WILLIAM JONES FORT, born 1851, died 1918, married first Martha Turnbull Bowman, who was born Feb. 15, 1858 and died April 29, 1898. After her death he married her sister, Mary Bowman, who was born Oct. 31, 1867 and died Nov. 26, 1954. By Martha, William had: a) William Jones Fort, Jr., who married twice, having William III by his second wife; and b) Martha Fort, who married Ernest Burton White of Garyville, La. and had Ernest, Jr. and Glendora White, who married a Dr. Stewart. By Mary, William had: c) Sarah Fort of Baton Rouge; and d) Mary Fort, who married James Thompson.
3) CHARLES M. FORT married Sarah J. Wolf. They are known to have had: William Wall Fort, born April 4, 1888, died April 15, 1928.
4) SALLIE FORT who married Richard Ellis Butler. He was born Jan. 12, 1851 and died Dec. 15, 1915. He had four children of whom only one was living in 1931: Richard Ellis Butler, Jr., who married Jessie Simon and had Sarah Duncan Butler and Mary Fort Butler.
5) MARY FORT who married Thomas Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Butler. He was born Dec. 6, 1840 and died Nov. 7, 1922.
6) ANNA FORT.
7) EDWARD BUTLER FORT, born 1862, died 1916.

Authors' Notes

References. Dates in the chart came from E. W. McDonald, who copied them from Grace Episcopal Cemetery at St. Francisville. Names of the children are

from William Barrow Floyd's book "The Barrow Family of Old Louisiana". The latter contains an appendix which supplies more information on this branch.

Chart 2-36 (from Chart 2-8)

Cullen Jackson Pope and Jane Rebecca Clayton

CULLEN JACKSON POPE, son of Cullen Pope and Mary Trippe, married Jane Rebecca Clayton, and had the following children.

1) SARAH CLIFFORD POPE married Junius Montgomery Macon April 18, 1865 in Eufala, Ala. She attended Union Female College in Eufala and later studied painting. Junius served as a captain in the Confederate forces after graduating from West Point; his wartime letters to Sarah are in Tulane University archives. After the war he edited newspapers in Eufala and Clayton. Junius was born at Penfield, Ga. April 1, 1839 and died in Clayton Jan. 2, 1878. Sarah was born in December, 1842 and died Nov. 9, 1873. They had these children.
   a) LILIAS EVALINA MACON, born March 14, 1868, died in Milwaukee June 24, 1932. She married June 24, 1891 Frederic Cook Morehouse, born March 19, 1868, died June 25, 1932, son of Linden H. Morehouse and Lydia E. Phelps. Frederic was president of the Morehouse Publishing Company and an editor. (See Chart 2-58)
   b) CLIFFORD POPE MACON, born Feb. 29, 1872, died Sept. 20, 1872.
   c) SARAH CLIFFORD MACON was born in Eufala Oct. 19, 1873. She married Edward Lorenzo Edmonson of Eufala (born Oct. 11, 1868) on Oct. 29, 1895. Sarah died at Jacksonville, Fla. May 17, 1959. The Edmonsons lived in New Orleans where he was in the cotton business. (See Chart 2-59)
2) ELLA R. POPE was born about 1845 and married Dozier Thornton before 1895. They lived at Louisville, Ky.
3) MARY S. POPE, born about 1847, married a Mr. Ford, who died before 1895; in that year she was living in Nashville, Tenn.
4) JOHN G. POPE, born about 1851, was living in Portland, Ore. in 1895.
5) SUSAN M. POPE, born about 1853, was living in Richmond, Va. with her husband, J. W. Knott, in 1895.
6) MATILDA TRIPPE POPE, born about 1854, married Harry B. Seals; they were living in Eufala in 1895. Their children were: Burnley Seals, Pope Seals, Carl Seals, Ella McDonald Seals, and Biscoe Seals. Biscoe Seals had a son, Biscoe, Jr. Ella is known to have had several children. Carl Seals became a brigadier general in the U. S. Army and was with General Douglas MacArthur at Corregidor. He was held prisoner by the Japanese for several years, dying about 1958 at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Authors' Notes

References. Information in this chart and others dealing with the Cullen Pope descent came from Col. Edward Macon Edmonson of Gainesville, Fla.

Chart 2-37 (from Chart 2-10)

Walton Fort and Pearl McDonald

WALTON FORT, son of Thomas Moore Fort and Martha Ann Connell, married Pearl McDonald. They had:

1) ALLIE HILL FORT, born March 7, 1887 at Minden, La., married J. E. Couch on Feb. 6, 1907. This couple lived in Dallas, Tex.; they had Ernest Couch and Allie Couch.
2) MATTIE CONNELL FORT, born Sept. 21, 1888, married James Benjamin Beaird, organizer of the J. B. Beaird Company of Shreveport, La., on Nov. 12, 1907. They had:
   a) LILLIAN PEARL BEAIRD, born Nov. 30, 1908, married first a Mr. Henrickson and second Clarence Ford. She is known to have had Karen Henrickson.
   b) JAMES PATRICK BEAIRD married Isabel Littlejohn and is known to have had a large family.
   c) WALTON FORT BEAIRD married Elizabeth Tatum and had Barbara Beaird, raised by James Patrick after the deaths of her parents.
   d) CHARLES THOMAS BEAIRD married Carilyn Williams and had children.
3) JOHN WALTON FORT, born Nov. 12, 1890, married first Agnes Wessburg and second Joey Webb. By the first marriage he had Thomas Walton Fort, who married Claire McIntyre.
4) THOMAS MOORE FORT, born Feb. 2, 1893. He married Annie Weathers and by her had James Ernest Fort of New Orleans, who married Ann Johnston of Lewiston, Idaho. James and Ann had James Walton Fort, Thomas Stephen Fort, Kathy Victory Fort, and Stephen Fort.

Authors' Notes

References. This and other data on the descent from Thomas Moore Fort came from the Minden, Louisiana Cemetery; the T. M. Fort Bible; the "Genealogy of T. M. Fort"; the "Recollection of Moses Fort"; the scrapbook of Sallie Fort Goodwill. Alice Goodwill Turnley of Plain Dealing, Louisiana made the compilation and generously made it available.

Chart 2-38 (from Chart 2-10)

Sallie Fort and Alfred Jasper Goodwill

SALLIE FORT, daughter of Thomas Moore Fort and Martha Ann Connell, married Alfred Jasper Goodwill and had the following children:

1) WALTON FORT GOODWILL, born Sept. 16, 1885, died May 6, 1962.
2) JASPER GOODWILL, born Nov. 18, 1889, married Nov. 24, 1920 Annie Eldredge. They had the following:
   a) MARION JASPER GOODWILL, who married in January, 1947 Anna Faye Williams. They had Bill and Mike Goodwill.
   b) GLORIA ANN GOODWILL, born Oct. 2, 1926, died Nov. 25, 1926.
   c) ROBERT ELDREDGE GOODWILL, who married July 10, 1955 Janis Lynn David. They had Brenda and Dianne Goodwill.
3) CARRIE GOODWILL, born Jan. 20, 1892, died Feb. 25, 1963. She married William T. Bullock Sept. 4, 1939.
4) ALFRED GOODWILL, born Dec. 1, 1893, died Oct. 3, 1944, did not marry.
5) RALPH SHELBY GOODWILL, born Aug. 19, 1895, died April 1, 1947. He married Ila Dutton on April 12, 1931. They had a son, Ramon Goodwill, born July 10, 1938, who married Linda Morgan; Ramon and Linda had Ralph Goodwill and Robert Courtney Goodwill.
6) ARTHUR DONALD GOODWILL, born Oct. 27, 1898, died Oct. 30, 1918, did not marry.
7) ALICE BRYCE GOODWILL, born April 4, 1901, married March 3, 1927 Arthur Beverly Turnley, born March 7, 1898. They are Methodists and live in Plain Dealing, La. They had:
   a) ALICE BEVERLY TURNLEY, born Oct. 23, 1929, who married James Donald Anderson on July 2, 1948. He was born Jan. 7, 1928 at Waldo, Ark. They had four children: Lynda Sue, James Arthur, Charles Allen, and Beverly Ann Anderson.
   b) ARTHUR BRYCE TURNLEY, born Jan. 14, 1938, married June 3, 1967 Marilyn Easterling of Memphis, Tenn.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Chart material is from Mrs. Alice Goodwill Turnley, using original sources.

Chart 2-39 (from Chart 2-10)

Moses Fort and Oretta Prather

MOSES FORT, a son of Thomas Moore Fort and Martha Ann Connell, married in 1900 Oretta Prather and had these children:

1) MATTIE CONNELL FORT, born Oct. 13, 1901 in Kentucky, married in 1959 H. K. Walker.
2) CARLISLE FORT, born March 17, 1903 in Kentucky, married Vera Fowler. They adopted Donald and Daniel Fort.
3) ZELLA FORT, born July 24, 1904 in Louisville, Ky., married James F. Switzer and had James Wesley and Barbara S. Switzer.
4) THOMAS ARCHER FORT, born Feb. 3, 1906 in Louisville, married

Elizabeth Waerner in 1936 and had Thomas A., Jr. and Judith A. Fort. The latter married Oscar R. Hartmann in 1966.

5) MOSES FORT, born March 10, 1908 in Louisville, married Sept. 18, 1942 Catherine Eloise Mills (born April 8, 1923 at Henderson, Ky.). She is the daughter of James Francis Mills and Mary Bernadette Fowler. They had:
   a) LEA DOUGLAS NORMAN FORT, born 1946 in Louisville.
   b) CHARLES ROGER FORT, born 1949 in Louisville.
   c) DENNIS ALAN FORT, born 1952 in Louisville.
6) OUIDA FORT, born Dec. 30, 1909 in Louisville, married Charles H. Batts in 1942.
7) THELMA FORT, born Jan. 2, 1912 in Louisville, married Edgar Harrod and had—prior to their divorce—Elizabeth Harrod, who married Ronald C. Mattson and had Eric and Scott Mattson. Thelma later married Rainey Guyn.
8) PRATHA FORT, a son, born March 19, 1914, married and adopted a daughter, Donna.
9) CHARLES WESLEY FORT, born July 16, 1919 in Louisville, married in 1947 Betty North. They had: 1) Lawrence Joseph Fort, born 1948; 2) David M. Fort, born 1950; 3) Joan E. Fort, born 1952; 4) Kathleen A. Fort, born 1965.
10) DOROTHY MARIE FORT, born April 22, 1924 in Louisville, married Leon Ray and had Beverly Sue Ray and Michael Dee Ray. Dorothy divorced her first husband and remarried.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Data is from Mrs. Alice G. Turnley of Louisana, who used original sources.

Chart 2-40 (from Chart 2-11)

Arthur Tomlinson Fort and Sallie Sibley

ARTHUR TOMLINSON FORT, son of Tomlinson and Mary Fort, married Sallie Sibley in 1870. They lived in Stewart County, Ga., and their children were:

1) SAMUEL SIBLEY FORT (1868-1933) married Lillian Amelia Morton (1872-1925), and the couple lived in Stewart County. They had these children:
   a) ARTHUR TOMLINSON FORT was born Nov. 22, 1894 and died in 1955. He married in 1917 Martha Carter, born 1896. He had a range of business and ranching interests in the Lumpkin, Ga. area, and in 1954 served as vice president of the American Bankers Association. He was active in Methodist affairs and was a trustee of Andrews College. Arthur and Martha had no children.
   b) THOMAS MORTON FORT, born March 3, 1897, married in 1920 Mary Gladys Davis of Vienna, Ga., born 1901. In 1964 he

was active in the family's automobile business in Lumpkin and was involved in various civic affairs. He and Mary had three children: 1) Thomas Morton Fort, Jr., born Feb. 21, 1923, married Cherrie Perkins and had Thomas Morton Fort III, Floyd Perkins Fort, and Samuel Sibley Fort III; 2) Wilkinson Davis Fort, born Feb. 11, 1926, married Bettie Thompson and had Sarah Amelia Fort; 3) Arthur Tomlinson Fort III, born Sept. 24, 1931, who married Jane McClelland.

c) SAMUEL SIBLEY FORT, JR., born April 3, 1902, married Bessie Dudley in 1927. They had Elizabeth Martha Fort, born Feb. 4, 1928, who married Lee Anderson Shierling. In 1964 he headed an automobile agency in Lumpkin and was president of Farmers State Bank. He was active in the Methodist Church.

d) ERNEST ARLINGTON FORT, born Sept. 25, 1903, married Frances White Clark of Savannah; they moved to Miami, Fla., where in 1964 he was the city Director of Public Service.

e) AMELIA FORT, born 1908, pursued a teaching career in Vienna, Ga.

f) SARAH ELIZABETH FORT, born 1912, married in 1935 Harry Carl Porter of El Paso, Tex. They had no children.

2) TOMLINSON FORT, born May 8, 1870, married Nona Pritchett.

3) LAURA FORT, born Aug. 6, 1873, married B. F. Forbes.

4) ARTHUR GODFREY FORT, born July 13, 1878, married Victoria Pearl Coffin, daughter of Zimri S. Coffin and Victoria A. Clements of Richland, Ga. They had three children: a) A. G. Fort, who died young; b) A child who died in infancy; c) Victoria Pearl Fort, who married April 9, 1935 Dudley Clark Fort, son of Rufus Elijah Fort, Sr. and Louise Clark. He was born Dec. 2, 1911. (See Section 4 for Dudley Clark's ancestry and the descent from Dudley and Victoria.)

Authors' Notes

References. Material in the chart was taken largely from "History of Stewart County, Georgia" and from data generously supplied by Thomas Morton Fort.

Chart 2-41 (from Chart 2-11)

Allen Fort and Floyd Hollis

ALLEN FORT, son of James Arthur Fort and Mary A. Belcher, married Miss Floyd Hollis in 1875. They had these children.

1) ALLEN FORT, JR., born June 7, 1882, became a Baptist minister. He is known to have served a Baptist congregation at Dublin, Ga.

2) HOLLIS FORT was born March 22, 1885 and married Nellie Niles Feb. 8, 1909. She was born March 9, 1891. Hollis represented Sumter County, Ga. in the state's House of Representatives in 1927, was Solicitor General in the 1930's. He is known to have had: Hollis Fort,

Jr., born Jan. 12, 1912, also an attorney, who was Solicitor General at Americus, Ga. 1941-45 and 1949-53.

3) JAMES A. FORT, born 1883, died 1945. While nothing further is known of him, the Georgia Bar Association is understood to have published his biography in 1946.
4) SUSAN F. FORT, of whom nothing else is known.
5) MARY DUDLEY FORT married Charles Stewart Colley on Dec. 7, 1916. They are known to have had: a) Charles Stewart Colley, born Dec. 14, 1917; b) Henrietta Hughes Colley, born Jan. 10, 1921; c) Allen Fort Colley, born Feb. 13, 1924.
6) GEORGIA A. FORT, of whom nothing else is known.

Authors' Notes

References. Data for this chart came largely from the local history "Coweta County Chronicles" and from the "Cyclopedia of Georgia".

Chart 2-42 (from Chart 2-20)

Alice Rowan Atkins and George Wright Phebus

ALICE ROWAN ATKINS, daughter of James Elias Atkins and Nannie Graves Wilson, married George Wright Phebus and lived in Union City, Tenn. The couple had five children:

1) CULL ATKINS PHEBUS, born Sept. 11, 1896, died Oct. 25, 1902.
2) LEONARD ROWAN PHEBUS was born Feb. 16, 1901. On June 27, 1920 he married Esther Calvina Moore, born Feb. 24, 1901, in Union City. They had:
   a) JAMES MOORE PHEBUS, born June 15, 1921, married Laura Jane Haskins, born June 5, 1921. They are known to have had: James Michael Phebus, born July 23, 1944.
   b) NANCY RUTH PHEBUS, born Aug. 8, 1926. She married Charles William Sorrells Dec. 19, 1942. They are known to have had: 1) Phebe Jane Sorrells; 2) Charles William Sorrells, Jr., born June 2, 1946.
3) JAMES OSWALD PHEBUS, born Feb. 5, 1905, died June 16, 1919 as the result of an accident.
4) MARY FORT PHEBUS, born Sept. 23, 1907, married Albert Leslie Bell, who was born Nov. 28, 1904. The marriage was at Union City Dec. 23, 1934. They are known to have had: a) Linda Sue Bell, born Dec. 20, 1936; b) Mary Alice Bell, born July 21, 1940.
5) WRIGHT WALKER PHEBUS, who married and had Glenna Phebus.

Authors' Notes

Reference. The Phebus descent was gathered by Mrs. G. W. Phebus of Union City, Tennessee sometime after 1945. The eccentricities of a copying machine obscured the final entry dealing with Wright Walker (or Walker Wright) Phebus—and this apparently was the link with the compiler. The authors are regretful at the incompleteness of the entry.

Chart 2-43 (from Chart 2-24)

Joseph Wiley Fort and Mary Drucilla Simpson

JOSEPH WILEY FORT, a Methodist minister in Texas, son of John Sanders Fort and Melissa Nobles, married Mary Drucilla Simpson. They had the following children:

1) CLARA GRACE FORT, born Dec. 18, 1893 in Texas, married Thomas Cornelius Grimland and lived variously in Waxahachie, Waco, and other Texas cities. She died in the early 1940's. They had the following children:
   a) THOMAS C. GRIMLAND (JR.), born Jan. 6, 1914, married Vera Catherine Amon on Dec. 5, 1936. Their children: 1) Sandra Lynn Grimland, born March 29, 1941, married E. Thomas Martin July 24, 1965 and had a daughter, Cheryl Martin, born Aug. 23, 1967; 2) Gretchen Marie Grimland, born March 21, 1945, married Allen P. Hundley III Sept. 10, 1966, had daughter Traci Lynn Hundley, born Sept. 6, 1967; 3) Thomas Lloyd Grimland, born Nov. 23, 1951. The Grimlands live in Dallas, where Tom is in the investment business.
   b) ROSE ALICE GRIMLAND, born Feb. 2, 1916, married B. Rowland Vannoy and had the following children: 1) Diane Vannoy, born April 17, 1940, married John Morris Duncum on Dec. 27, 1958, had four children: a) John Mark Duncum, born Sept. 28, 1960; b) James Michael Duncum, born Jan. 25, 1963; c) Jeffrey Macrea Duncum, born July 18, 1964; d) Justin Mitchell Duncum, born March 5, 1969; 2) David Rowland Vannoy, born Sept. 21, 1942; 3) Charles Dennis Vannoy, born Aug. 8, 1949, married Linda Suzanne Smith Aug. 30, 1969; 4) Martha Vannoy, born July 5, 1952. The Vannoys live in Nacogdoches, where Mr. Vannoy is in the banking business.
   c) CHARLES JOSEPH GRIMLAND, born April 4, 1918, married Ann Bowdon on April 4, 1939, had five children: 1) Susann Grimland, born Feb. 4, 1940, married Fernand Charles Gandolfo and had Bram Gandolfo, born Nov. 24, 1965; 2) Charles Joseph Grimland, Jr., born Nov. 9, 1943; 3) Dan Bowdon Grimland, born July 25, 1949; 4) David Branson Grimland, born Feb. 15, 1956; 5) Mary Lina Grimland, born Sept. 23, 1960. Charles is engaged in the manufacturing business in Garland, Tex., where the Grimlands now live.
   d) JOSEPH GRIMLAND, who married and became a manufacturer in Alabama; he died in young manhood, about 1960.
2) HOMER THOMAS FORT, born April 24, 1896, married Gesna Verne Higgins of Odessa, Tex., daughter of Price A. Higgins and Bessie Winn. They attended Trinity University at Waxahachie, Tex. Homer entered the Methodist ministry and served, among others, churches in Fort Worth, Cleburne, Denison, Paris, Beaumont, Houston, and Liberty, Tex., and in Hot Springs, Ark. He was district

superintendent of Methodist churches in the Fayetteville, Ark. area and in the western section of Houston at different times. He retired from the ministry in 1968 and settled with Gesna at Liberty. They had:

a) HOMER THOMAS FORT, JR., born Sept 2, 1920 in Hillsboro, Tex., received degrees from the University of Texas in 1941 and 1942. He married Ruth Elsie Hotchkiss, daughter of Allen Hotchkiss and Mary Edith Work, in Hot Springs July 24, 1945 after Air Force service. He was employed by Mobil Oil Corporation in public relations work in Texas and New York, becoming manager of the company's public relations department in New York in 1961. In 1969 he resigned to head an oil industry museum and library project in Midland, Tex. He and Ruth had two children: 1) Barbara Ann Fort, born Nov. 7, 1946 at Beaumont, Tex., she graduated from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, in 1968 with a degree in art education; 2) Thomas Allen Fort, born Feb. 25, 1950 at Beaumont, was a student at the University of Arizona in Tucson in 1969.

b) JOSEPH WINN FORT, born Feb. 5, 1930 at West Plains, Mo., graduated from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and entered the Methodist ministry. He married Dorothea Eugenia Davis, daughter of Hoyte Wakefield Davis and Dorothea Florence Jones, July 6, 1952 at Beaumont. Joseph has served churches in Mineola, Sugarland, and Deer Park, Tex. He and Dorothea had: 1) Mary Ruth Fort, born Mineola April 21, 1953; 2) Joseph Winn Fort, Jr., born Mineola Feb. 9, 1955; 3) Thomas Wakefield Fort, born Sept. 18, 1956 at Beaumont; 4) Marguerite Rose Fort, born at Pasadena, Tex. Sept. 19, 1958.

3) HORACE BOLTON FORT, born Dec. 30, 1901, attended Southern Methodist University and became an educator, later becoming executive head of the Wrage Foundation and heading a program in alcoholic studies. His first marriage to Inez Morris ended in divorce. Their children, Joseph Morris and Donald, were adopted by her second husband. He married second Twila Florence on Jan. 10, 1945 and by her had a daughter: Twyla Susan Fort, born Nov. 29, 1950. Horace died in Austin, Tex. in 1966; his widow and daughter live there.

4) MAURINE FORT, born Jan. 10, 1906 at Comanche, Tex., married James Turner Goodwyn Jan. 10, 1925. The couple lived chiefly in Houston, Tex. before moving to McAllen, Tex. in the 1960's. James became an accountant and office manager. They had three children:

a) MARY JO GOODWYN, born June 12, 1926 at Waxahachie, married Joseph Eugene Parks on Oct. 9, 1948. They live in McAllen where Joseph is in the wholesale florist business. Their children: 1) Joseph Robert Parks, born June 29, 1950; 2) Paul Jeffrey Parks, born May 8, 1952; 3) Jane Ellen Parks, born Jan. 10, 1956; 4) Mary Beth Parks, born Aug. 15, 1960.

b) JAMES TURNER GOODWYN, JR., born June 10, 1928 at Waxahachie, married Betty Irene Lombard Sept. 10, 1949. They had two children: 1) James Turner Goodwyn III, born Oct. 29, 1951; 2) Thomas Wayne Goodwyn, born May 7, 1954.

c) WILLIAM LEE GOODWYN, born Oct. 6, 1939 at Houston, married Josephine Ellen Surginer July 22, 1962 and had two children: 1) Lisa Ellen Goodwyn, born Feb. 12, 1966; 2) Deborah Ann Goodwyn, born July 15, 1967.

5) MARY ALICE FORT, born Feb. 7, 1912 at Mart, Tex., married Joe Naler McKinley Nov. 6, 1930 in Waco, Tex. They had three children:

a) JOE ALLEN McKINLEY, born at Cleburne, Tex. Sept. 30, 1932, married Jan Smith on April 1, 1951. They had three children: 1) Joe Allen McKinley, Jr., born Sept. 13, 1952; 2) Melanie Janice McKinley, born Oct. 25, 1953; 3) Cheryl McKinley, born Nov. 20, 1961.

b) HORACE FORT McKINLEY, born at El Paso April 28, 1938, a twin. On July 12, 1958 he married Carol Wann, had one son, Joe Bryan McKinley, born Aug. 18, 1959, before their marriage ended in divorce. He later married Faye Billingsly on March 1, 1964, and had a daughter, Michele, born Dec. 27, 1965.

c) DORICE MARIE McKINLEY, born at El Paso April 28, 1938, a twin. She married William E. Miller on July 19, 1957 and had three children: 1) William E. Miller, Jr., born July 12, 1958; 2) Larry Miller, born Dec. 31, 1960; 3) Joe Allen Miller, born May 5, 1965.

Authors' Notes

Census Names. Joseph Wiley Fort, who had a somewhat pixyish sense of humor, named his oldest son "Tooley Fort" and his youngest child "Gennella". They show up as such on census schedules. These were changed to "Homer Thomas" and "Mary Alice" by the recipients of the names.

Origin of this Research. Rev. Homer T. Fort, while on a visit with his son in Wilton, Connecticut in 1963, mentioned: "I don't even know my own grandfather's name. Why don't you look up the family tree?" His listener casually agreed, knowing nothing of genealogy or how to do it. Readers of this book may or may not agree that he learned.

Chart 2-44 (from Chart 2-28)

William Pickens Davis and Martha Ann Logan, Abbie Anderson

WILLIAM PICKENS DAVIS, a son of Gary P. Davis and Margaret Caroline Pickens Ezell, married first Martha Ann Logan, then a widow, Mrs. Abbie Emerson Fulton Anderson. By his first wife, Martha, William had:

1) EDWIN DAVIS, died in infancy.

2) JAMES CARRIE DAVIS, a stockman, born Nov. 1, 1865 at Calvert,

Tex., died March 15, 1907 at Center Point, Tex. He married May 8, 1890 Louisa Jane Birdwell, daughter of Ben F. and Martha Ann Birdwell. She was born Feb. 25, 1874 in Tarrant County, Tex. and died Aug. 20, 1930 in the same county. They had the following:

a) LOLA EDNA DAVIS, born July 16, 1892 in Palo Pinto County, Tex., married Feb. 21, 1909 Walter L. Wood at Crawford, Tex. They had: 1) Raymond Lee Wood, born April 4, 1911, died Sept. 7, 1915; 2) James Harold Wood, an accountant, born Nov. 30, 1915, married 1937 Mary Allen; 3) Austin Davis Wood, a Baptist minister, born March 28, 1917, married Bobbie Rightner of Fort Worth in 1940. J. H. Wood, above, had: 1) James Allen Wood, born March 11, 1942, living at Port Arthur, Tex., married Lita Broussard; 2) Janice Lynn Wood, born October, 1948. A. D. Wood had Michael Davis Wood, born Jan. 15, 1948 in South Carolina.

b) OSCAR BIRDWELL DAVIS, born Feb. 4, 1894, died March 6, 1894.

c) EULA ELIZABETH DAVIS, born Sept. 13, 1896, married June 3, 1926 F. Eugene Harrison, a surgeon. They had Eula Gene Harrison, born May 17, 1929 at Fort Worth, who married May 4, 1949 Thomas Woods McNamara, M.D. The McNamaras had: 1) Nancy Margaret McNamara, born Jan. 27, 1950 in Japan; 2) James Harrison McNamara, born March 9, 1952 in Wisconsin; 3) Kay Christine McNamara, born Dec. 25, 1953, California; 4) Susan Elizabeth McNamara, born Nov. 27, 1954, California; 5) Carol Ruth McNamara, born Dec. 16, 1961, California.

d) MATTIE HAZIE DAVIS, historian, genealogist, teacher, born Nov. 7, 1898 in Palo Pinto County, Tex., married Feb. 24, 1922 Elbert Walter LeFevre, postal employee, school superintendent, tax consultant. They had: 1) Mary Jane LeFevre, orchestra teacher, born Feb. 27, 1928, Eden, Tex., married July 27, 1958 Tommie Norris Teal, teacher in Abilene, Tex. schools; 2) Elbert Walter LeFevre, Jr., Ph.D. in civil engineering and a faculty member at the University of Arkansas; he married Nov. 28, 1957 Joyce Ann Terry Khuri, daughter of George W. and Pearl Terry of Beaumont, Tex. The Teals had: 1) Cary Thomas Teal, born May 5, 1959 at Abilene; 2) Ronald Jeffrey Teal, born Feb. 18, 1961, Abilene; 3) Laurie Jane Teal, born Sept. 25, 1962. Elbert, Jr. and Joyce had: 1) Terry Ann LeFevre, born Aug. 7, 1954 at Beaumont; 2) Charmaine Renee LeFevre, born July 18, 1956, London, England; 3) George Walter LeFevre, born Jan. 9, 1960, Lubbock, Tex.; 4) John Phillip LeFevre, born May 30, 1962, Lubbock. The first two of these children were by Joyce and a first husband and were adopted by Elbert, Jr.

e) FRANNIE LOUISA DAVIS, teacher, born April 4, 1904 in Weatherford, Tex., married June 10, 1931 John Burns Hender-

son of Cameron, Tex. They had John Burns Henderson, Jr., an attorney, born Dec. 10, 1933, Cameron. He married June 8, 1956 Eloise McCarroll of Rusk, Tex., and had: 1) Eloise Henderson, born Oct. 20, 1958; 2) Elizabeth Ann Henderson, born Oct. 17, 1960; 3) John Burns Henderson III, born March 20, 1963. In addition, the Hendersons, Senior, had Jane Birdwell Henderson, born Feb. 28, 1936 at Cameron, married Nov. 28, 1964 Parker Franklin Hallberg of the USIA in Washington.

3) MATTIE HAZIE DAVIS, born Dec. 2, 1873-74 at Calvert, Tex., died Sept. 20, 1962 at Caddo Gap, Ark., buried Olney, Tex. She married July 12, 1891 John Emmett Birdwell in Palo Pinto County (a brother to Louisa Jane Birdwell Davis). He was born July 30, 1870 in Tarrant County and died Nov. 26, 1953 at Olney. (See Chart 2-60)

By his second marriage, to Abbie, William Pickens Davis had:

4) SALLIE BELLE DAVIS, born Oct. 8, 1881, living Crystal City, Tex. in 1967. She married Jack H. Hardy, had no children.

5) ABBIE LOU DAVIS, born Jan. 4, 1884, married Isaac Glen Menshaw, and had Gladys Menshaw, deceased.

6) ALICE EFFIE DAVIS, living in Waco, Tex. in 1967. She was born Aug. 28, 1886, and married first C. C. Thornton. After their divorce she married Fred Orville Post and had: 1) F. Orville Post, Jr.; 2) Ralph Post.

7) JOHN FULTON DAVIS, born June 23, 1888, died Feb. 24, 1963 at San Antonio. He married Zona James and had: 1) Morean Davis, who married a Mr. Tucker and lived in San Antonio; 2) Harold Davis, born 1910, married and lived at Crystal City, Tex.

8) FRANK CASS DAVIS, born Dec. 6, 1890, died Jan. 15, 1930, married Frances Kemondo.

9) WILLIAM LEE DAVIS, born 1892, died 1900.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Compiled by Mrs. E. W. LeFevre of Eden, Texas, using original sources.

Chart 2-45 (from Chart 2-28)

John Dean Davis and Melvina Jane Arrington

JOHN DEAN DAVIS, a son of Gary P. Davis and Margaret Caroline Pickens Ezell, married Melvina Jane Arrington. They had:

1) NANNIE HAZE DAVIS, born March 7, 1877, died Feb. 24, 1949, married R. C. Banks in 1892. They had:
   a) ALVAN DEAN BANKS, died at two years.
   b) BRADY BANKS married Madell Fenner.
   c) GILFORD BANKS married Wanda Nettles.

d) INA MELL BANKS married Alton Rader.
e) DAVIS BANKS married Ollie Pearl Kennedy.
f) ELLIE MAE BANKS married George Gerril.
g) IRENE BANKS married Willie F. Campbell.

2) ROE BURDA DAVIS was born May 5, 1878. She married Arch Smith and had:
   a) ERNEST SMITH married Gladys Foster.
   b) PORTER SMITH was born 1897, died 1918.
   c) IDA SMITH married Elmer Lenamond.
   d) ESIE SMITH married Clarence Way.
   e) OUIDA SMITH married Ross Gardner.
   f) ALICE DEAN SMITH married Howard Lynch.
3) CLINT DAVIS married Mary Bresenham. She died 1922, and he then married Irish Hamilton. He had 10 children of which the first three below were by his first wife:
   a) ROGER DEAN DAVIS married Pearl Johnson.
   b) FLOYD C. DAVIS married Dorothy Coffelt.
   c) MARY LOUISE DAVIS married Welton Henderson.
   d) WILLIAM EDELL DAVIS died in infancy.
   e) JOYCE DAVIS.
   f) DORIS DAVIS.
   g) JOE NELL DAVIS.
   h) DONALD DAVIS.
   i) AILENE DAVIS.
   j) NINA RUTH DAVIS, died at three years.
4) JERUSHA PEARL DAVIS lived at Thornton, Tex.; she married John Herod and had:
   a) An infant who died at birth.
   b) SUSIE HEROD married L. G. Sledge.
   c) IRENE HEROD who married Bran Hamilton.
   d) DICK HEROD.
   e) PAULINE HEROD married Homer Ramsey.
   f) JAY T. HEROD married Edna Clancy.
   g) MELL DEAN HEROD married Grady Lenamond.
   h) DAVIS HEROD married Vadie B. Fullen.
   i) JAMES HEROD, born 1918, did not marry.
5) PRIAR DAVIS, born about 1882-83, died in September, 1906, married Clara Durham.
6) JAMES URIAH DAVIS, born Nov. 9, 1884, died April 4, 1916, married Jewel Clancy.
7) NONA MAE DAVIS, born Sept. 30, 1887, died 1888.
8) ANNIE MELL DAVIS, born April 23, 1889, died July 22, 1911.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Data was supplied by Roe Burda Davis, Jerusha Pearl Davis Herod, and Ida Smith Lenamond to Mrs. E. W. LeFevre of Eden, Texas, who made it available to the authors.

Chart 2-46 (from Chart 2-28)

Richard P. Davis and Ada Thompson, Ellen Campbell

RICHARD P. DAVIS, a son of Gary P. Davis and Margaret Caroline Pickens Ezell, married first Ada Thompson, then the widow Mrs. Allen Campbell. He had these children:

1) GARRY P. DAVIS, died 1949, married Erma Cox. By her he had:
   a) JOHN DEAN DAVIS.
   b) PAYTON DAVIS.
   c) ELIZABETH DAVIS, who married a Mr. Opier and had children.
2) BEULA DEAN DAVIS, died 1908, married Tobe Burch who died in 1916. They are known to have had children.
3) LEMME DAVIS, died in infancy.
4) NONA MELL DAVIS married R. C. Craig.
5) EFFIE BELL DAVIS married Horace Irwin.
6) AFFIE DAVIS married Lizzie Schmidt.
7) BARNEY DAVIS married Artie Barnhart.

Authors' Notes

Reference. The chart material was compiled by Mrs. E. W. LeFevre of Eden, Texas.

Chart 2-47 (from Chart 2-29)

James Lowery Fort and Elizabeth Whiteside

JAMES LOWERY FORT, a son of Mears Patrick Fort and Anna Hester Mason, married Elizabeth Whiteside. The jurist and his wife lived most of their lives in Stoddard County, Mo. They had:

1) ANNA PENNINA FORT, born July 17, 1875, died April 28, 1955. She was born in Johnson County, Ill. Anna married Byron Hannibal Champion Dec. 10, 1893 at Bloomfield, Mo. He was born March 5, 1866 at Pilot Oak, Ky., and died Feb. 14, 1931 at Paducah, Ky. (Byron's father was James Henry Champion of Sussex County, Va., and may have been allied with the Phillis Champion who married the first Elias Fort.) Anna took up serious painting after the age of 73 and was a pianist as well; her husband was a businessman. They had:
   a) FAY HARDING CHAMPION, born Dexter, Mo. Oct. 23, 1894, became a librarian and in 1967 was living in Paducah, where she was active in women's clubs and civic activities.
   b) LOLA MAY CHAMPION, born July 4, 1896, married Charles J. Pratt of Flat River, Mo.; they were later divorced. In 1967 she was living in Paducah and also was active in women's groups.

c) ANGELINE ELIZABETH CHAMPION, born Sept. 1, 1900 at Dexter, married Benjamin Boyd Shelton on Dec. 27, 1921; he was born Sept. 29, 1894 at Metropolis, Ill., the son of George H. Shelton and Mary Ellen Howard. They had: 1) Betty Boyd Shelton, who died as an infant; 2) Byron Boyd Shelton, who married Lorraine Ann Ernst May 20, 1967; she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Christian Ernst of Conynham, Pa.

2) WILLIAM JOSEPH FORT was born January, 1878, near Leora, Mo. and died June, 1950 at Dexter. He was a law partner with his father and a court reporter. In 1903 he married Mame Goss of Poplar Bluff, Mo., who died in 1906. He then married Nan Marie Jones of Campbell, Mo. He had no issue by either marriage.

3) CANDACE PEARL FORT was born near Leora Feb. 10, 1881. She married Hutson S. Green, born Lexington, N.C. March 9, 1870, died March 16, 1942 at Dexter. He was an attorney and judge. They were the parents of:

a) WILLIAM JAMES GREEN, born Aug. 5, 1900 at Bloomfield, married Della Corbin of Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 10, 1923. They lived in Kansas City where he was in the insurance business.

b) ETHEL PEARL GREEN, born March 27, 1903, Bloomfield, married Henry Grady McCorkle of Obion, Tenn. on Dec. 27, 1928. He died in Memphis Dec. 10, 1951, and she settled in Halls, Tenn. They had; 1) Hutson Edwin McCorkle, who married Nancy Ruth Deane of Jackson, Miss. and had Michael Grady McCorkle and David Hutson McCorkle; 2) Carolyn Candace McCorkle, who was born Sept. 8, 1938 and married Lt. Jasper C. Brewer, having a son—Jay Charles Brewer.

c) RUTH ELIZABETH GREEN was born Oct. 11, 1905 at Bloomfield, and married Berlie Jack Dowdy of Bernie, Mo. Jan. 2, 1936 and settled at Hayden, Ariz. They had: 1) William Jack Dowdy, born Nov. 4, 1936, an accountant who lived in Los Angeles; 2) James Lee Dowdy, born Nov. 20, 1938 at Bloomfield, an electrical engineer who lived at Los Angeles; 3) Robert Green Dowdy, born July 19, 1941 at Poplar Bluff, lived at Los Angeles.

d) HUTSON S. GREEN, JR. was born Aug. 26, 1909, Bloomfield, and married Mary Lou Newkirk of Poplar Bluff Aug. 18, 1948, the daughter of Benjamin and Mattie E. Newkirk. They settled in Malden, Mo., where he was a merchant. They had: 1) Hutson S. Green III, born Feb. 12, 1952 at Cape Girardeau, Mo.; 2) Nancy Anne Green, born Sept. 28, 1955 at Poplar Bluff.

e) E. FORT GREEN, born Dec. 26, 1910 at Bloomfield, died Sept. 9, 1924, Bloomfield. He is buried beside his father in Dexter Cemetery.

4) MYRTLE FORT was born about 1884 and died in infancy.

5) GERTRUDE ESTELLE FORT was born Sept. 2, 1887 and lived in St. Louis. She did not marry.

6) WINIFRED ELIZABETH FORT, born Sept. 1, 1889, married Joseph Edwin Mulvey of Stonefort, Ill., Sept. 29, 1909, in Dexter. He died June 22, 1930 and is buried in St. Louis. They had:
   a) KATHRYN MULVEY, born Sept. 11, 1911, married Jack Weltin of St. Louis and had a son John Joseph Weltin. They settled in Webster Groves, Mo.
   b) CLARICE EDWINA MULVEY, born about 1915, married Samuel Parsons and settled in Webster Groves. They had: Joseph, John, and Robert Parsons.
7) REVERDY JAMES FORT was born June 4, 1894 and married George Theis of St. Louis. He died Oct. 22, 1928, and she then married Arthur Shepherd Smith, who died Feb. 23, 1956 and is buried at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery.

   There were no children by either marriage.

Authors' Notes

Reference. The chart material was compiled by Lola Champion Pratt of Paducah in 1964.

Chart 2-48 (from Chart 2-29)

William Garrett Fort and Emma Phillips

WILLIAM GARRETT FORT, a son of Mears Patrick Fort and Anna Hester Mason, married Emma Phillips in Illinois but subsequently moved to Livingston County, Ky., where he and Emma died at Burna. They had these children:

1) A child born Nov. 23, 1877, who seemingly died in infancy.
2) HARRY L. FORT, born Aug. 13, 1879.
3) ROSCOE FORT, born Aug. 16, 1881, is known to have married and had a daughter named Dorothy who married a Mr. McKemmie.
4) WILLIE L. FORT, born Oct. 28, 1883.
5) JESS A. FORT, born June 20, 1886.
6) ROY R. FORT, born April 8, 1888.
7) GEORGE C. FORT, born May 31, 1890, married Virginia Alsobrook and had:
   a) JAMES LYLE FORT, who married Aletha Chinger.
   b) ANITA LEE FORT, who married Gail C. Fry.
   c) MARY EVELYN FORT, who married William H. Havens.
8) GERTRUDE FORT, born in April, 1892.
9) BRYAN H. FORT, born in May, 1895.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Material for the chart was supplied by Lola Champion Fort of Paducah, Kentucky.

Chart 2-49 (from Chart 2-30)

James Guy Pickens and Ida Pearl Maffett

JAMES GUY PICKENS, son of John Andrew Pickens and Annie Eliza Meigs, married Ida Pearl Maffett at Thornton, Tex. on Oct. 18, 1906. They had:

1) ALICE ELIZA PICKENS, born March 28, 1908 at Varilla, Tex.
2) LOYCE LORAINE PICKENS, born Oct. 24, 1910 at Mullin, Tex. She married Richard Guy Fugler on Aug. 2, 1930. They had:
   a) RICHARD GUY FUGLER II, born July 19, 1931 at Dallas, Tex. He married Betty Mae Burg on Dec. 15, 1949. They had 2 children, Mary Deb Fugler, born Dec. 21, 1950, and Richard Guy Fugler III, born June 4, 1954.
   b) GERALD PICKENS FUGLER, born Nov. 6, 1934 at Dallas.
3) HOWARD PICKENS, born and died Aug. 29, 1912 at Prairie Hill, Tex.
4) HAROLD PICKENS, born and died Aug. 29, 1912 (twin).

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-50 (from Chart 2-30)

Annie Laura Pickens and John Arrington

ANNIE LAURA PICKENS, daughter of John Andrew Pickens and Annie Eliza Meigs, married John Arrington Nov. 29, 1898 at Thornton, Tex. They had:

1) PORTER ARRINGTON, born Sept. 13, 1900 at Thornton, died Sept. 21, 1921 at Tulsa, Okla.
2) MILFORD HOWARD ARRINGTON, born Jan. 16, 1902 at Thornton. He first married Inez Long June 8, 1927 at Sapulpa, Okla. (they had Kenneth Howard Arrington, born Feb. 21, 1928 at Tulsa); his second marriage was to Vera Eudora Ackerman Feb. 8, 1940 at Tecumseh, Okla. She was born Oct. 28, 1910 at Tecumseh.
3) FINIS PICKENS ARRINGTON, born Sept. 4, 1903 at Mullin, Tex. He married Mildred (Jimmy) Atkins Nov. 23, 1923 at Tulsa. She was born Nov. 23, 1903 at Tulsa. They had:
   a) RUTH MOZELLE ARRINGTON, born Oct. 15, 1924 at Tulsa.
   b) BOBBY FINIS ARRINGTON, born March 21, 1928 at Tulsa. He married Barbara Josephine Lightfoot on Sept. 6, 1951 in Oklahoma City. They had Bobby Pat Arrington, born Oct. 14, 1953.
   c) NATHAN GLENN ARRINGTON.
4) NORMAN GLENN ARRINGTON, born Jan. 19, 1906 at Tulsa.
5) ESSIE ARRINGTON, born June 3, 1907 at Tulsa, died Oct. 23, 1917.
6) BILLY RALPH (BILL) ARRINGTON, born Nov. 19, 1918 at Tulsa,

married Nov. 15, 1936 in Norman, Okla., to Mildred Aliene Mayes, born July 19, 1919 at Tulsa. They had Vincent Lee Arrington, born Feb. 16, 1938 at Tulsa, who married Janice Mae Gibson on Jan. 2, 1956 at Tulsa.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-51 (from Chart 2-30)

Estelle Pickens and Joseph Dudley Arrington

ESTELLE PICKENS, daughter of John Andrew Pickens and Annie Eliza Meigs, married Joseph Dudley Arrington on Oct. 19, 1898 at Thornton, Tex. They had:

1) EDNA ARRINGTON, born Aug. 12, 1900 at Thornton. She married Wilford Oliphant in 1918 at Mexia, Tex.
2) ORAN PICKENS ARRINGTON, born June 20, 1902 at Thornton, married Anne Earle in 1926 at Waco, Tex. They had Oran Arrington, born April 2, 1928 at Mexia.
3) ESTHER MAE ARRINGTON, born March 13, 1903 at Groesbeck, Tex. She first married J. T. Jones (who was born April 20, 1901). Her second marriage was to H. Cash Sanson (who was born July 6, 1906) at Groesbeck in 1950.
   By her first marriage she had:
   a) ESTHER MAE JONES, born April 19, 1922 at Groesbeck, married Vernon G. Nelson in 1940. They had Kirk Nelson (born Sept. 10, 1943) and Bonnie Joe Nelson (born January, 1948).
4) J. D. ARRINGTON, born March 6, 1908.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-52 (from Chart 2-30)

Lena Pickens and Elbert O'Neal Arrington

LENA PICKENS, daughter of John Andrew Pickens and Annie Eliza Meigs, married Elbert O'Neal Arrington in October, 1900 at Thornton, Tex. They had:

1) FLOYD ARRINGTON, born Nov. 10, 1901 at Thornton, died December, 1945 in Tulsa, Okla. In 1925 he married Helen Roach at Sherman, Texas.
2) DOUGLAS ARRINGTON, born Nov. 3, 1903 at Thornton, died July, 1917 in Tulsa.

3) KYLE ARRINGTON, born Nov. 21, 1906 at Tenaha, Okla. He married Syble Wiley in Wichita Falls, Tex. on March 18, 1935. They had:
   a) JOAN ARRINGTON, born Sept. 2, 1937 at Amarillo, Tex. She married Joe Browder in 1954 at Amarillo. They had Ronald Kyle Browder (born Sept. 16, 1956 in Amarillo) and Monte Ray Browder (born June 30, 1958 in Amarillo).
   b) ARCH ARRINGTON, born July 16, 1911 at Tulsa.
   c) JOHN ARRINGTON, born July 3, 1914 at Tulsa, married in 1940 in California. He and his wife Berline had Donna Arrington, born in 1941 in Salinas, Calif.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-53 (from Chart 2-30)

Caroline Lucinda Pickens and Henry Jefferson Cobb

CAROLINE LUCINDA PICKENS ("CARRIE"), daughter of John Andrew Pickens and Annie Eliza Meigs, married Henry Jefferson Cobb at Mullin, Tex. on Feb. 21, 1908. They had:

1) WILFORD COBB, born March 4, 1909 at Mullin. He married Frances Selph in 1932 in California. They had:
   a) TOM COBB, born Aug. 5, 1941 in California.
   b) MARIE COBB, born Feb. 26, 1943 in Corpus Christi, Tex.
2) MARIE COBB, born Oct. 23, 1910 at Mullin.
3) HAROLD PICKENS COBB, born June 16, 1912 at Mullin, married Dorothy Cook in 1938 at Corpus Christi.
4) MAX CLYDE COBB, born Jan. 27, 1914 at Goldthwaite, Tex, died Aug. 10, 1930 at Corpus Christi.
5) IRVIN S. COBB, born Nov. 4, 1919 at Corpus Christi. (His father was 3rd cousin of the famous Irvin S. Cobb.) He married Doris Katherine Mowery at Houston, Tex. Sept. 29, 1942. They had:
   a) REBECCA COBB ("BECKY"), born July 13, 1946 at Corpus Christi.
   b) CANDACE COBB ("CANDY"), born March 29, 1951 at Corpus Christi.
   c) JEFF COBB, born Jan. 13, 1955 at Corpus Christi.
   d) JULIA ELLEN COBB, born Feb. 28, 1956 at El Paso, Tex.

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Chart 2-54 (from Chart 2-32)

Elizabeth M. Fort and John J. Wharton

ELIZABETH M. ("LIZZIE") FORT, daughter of James Alexander Fort and Virginia Louisa Carloss, married John J. Wharton. They had:

1) VIRGINIA THOMPSON WHARTON, born Sept. 16, 1900 at Cadiz, Ky. She married Charles Tolbert Duncan (born Feb. 5, 1900 in Sinai, Ky.) on June 3, 1924. They had:
   a) CHARLES TOLBERT DUNCAN, JR., born March 21, 1925. He married Frances Erlene Hardin. They have 2 children; Marsha Ann Duncan, born March 14, 1959, and Charles Tolbert Duncan III, born Nov. 26, 1966.
   b) MARY ALICE DUNCAN, born Nov. 26, 1926. She married George Fred Sengel; they have 2 children: George Fred Sengel III, born May 17, 1950, and Davis Duncan Sengel, born Sept. 28, 1957.
2) JOHN PETTUS WHARTON, born June, 1902 at Cadiz. He married Ruth Wilson; they had:
   a) JOHNNY WHARTON.
   b) DAVID WHARTON.
   c) JIMMY WHARTON.
3) SALLIE MAY WHARTON, born Oct. 4, 1904 at Cadiz. She married James Wiles; they had:
   a) LAURA ELIZABETH WILES.
   b) BILLY WHARTON WILES.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Material on this family came from Bertha Carloss Fort and Mrs. Charles Metzger.

Chart 2-55 (from Chart 2-32)

Joseph H. Fort and Elizabeth Flora Adams

JOSEPH H. FORT, son of James Alexander Fort and Virginia Louisa Carloss, married Elizabeth Flora Adams in Trigg County, Ky. on Dec. 17, 1898. They had:

1) VERNA LEE FORT, born Sept. 28, 1899 in Trigg County. She married Ivan G. Ladd (born July 6, 1900). They had:
   a) LESLIE H. LADD, born Sept. 6, 1922.
   b) GILMER C. LADD, born Nov. 15, 1925.
   c) EDWIN V. LADD, born Oct. 24, 1926.
   d) ROBBIE D. LADD, born March 19, 1928.
   e) HILDA A. LADD, born Oct. 4, 1929.
2) KATHERINE FORT, married Charles W. Riddle.
3) SUSIE FORT, married Richard E. Cunningham.
4) GRACE FORT, married William L. Primm.
5) JAMES W. FORT.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-56 (from Chart 2-32)

John Sherwood Fort and Mary Eula Minton

JOHN SHERWOOD FORT, son of James Alexander Fort and Virginia Louisa Carloss, married Mary Eula Minton about 1898 in Trigg County, Ky., and in 1924 moved to Bessemer, Ala. They had:

1) EMMETT DOUGLAS FORT, born Feb. 19, 1902 at Cadis, Ky. He married Louise Royster June 8, 1922. They had:
   a) EMMETT DOUGLAS FORT, JR. (lost at sea WWII 1944).
   b) FRANCES LOUISE FORT married W. O. Fitzpatrick of Bessemer; they had Frances Faye Fitzpatrick, who married Glenn Hester, and W. O. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
   c) ALMA FORT married a Mr. McWhorter of Bessemer; they had Ben Edward McWhorter, born about 1960.
   d) MARTHA FORT married W. M. Yager of Birmingham, Ala.; they had no children.
   e) JON ROYSTER FORT married Neysa Nixon; they had Jon Scott Douglas Fort and David Nixon Fort and live in Birmingham.
   f) SANDRA FORT married K. R. Clayton of Birmingham; they had Ken Clayton.
2) MARY CATHERINE FORT, born April 14, 1904 at Cadiz. She married Everett Jackson Garner on Sept. 14, 1930, now deceased. They had:
   a) EVERETT JACKSON GARNER, JR. married Rebecca Hughes; they had Everett Jackson Garner III, born May 23, 1961, and Michael David Garner, born May 9, 1963. Their home is in Birmingham.
   b) LARRY FORT GARNER married Jean Webster; no children.
3) JOHN WILLIS FORT, born July 23, 1906 at Cadiz, now lives in Birmingham. He married Grace Willis Oct. 6, 1933; they had:
   a) KAY PERMELIA FORT, born April 24, 1936 at Bessemer. She married Tom Keith Batson; they had Susan Kay Batson, born Feb. 10, 1960, and Elizabeth Ann Batson, born March, 1963.
4) MARTHA LOUISE FORT, born May 15, 1909 at Cadiz. She married Garnett Augustus Vining Jan. 14, 1939; no children. They live in Springfield, Ohio.
5) GEORGE ENNIS FORT, born Oct. 30, 1912 at Cadiz. He married Bettye Gurney and later moved to Baltimore; they had:
   a) GEORGE FRANKLIN FORT, born Sept. 21, 1937. He and his wife Carmel had 2 children.
   b) GREGORY FORT, born September, 1954.
6) DOROTHY DEAN FORT, born Sept. 20, 1916 at Cadiz. She married

Edward Carson Wall Feb. 1, 1941, and resided in Bessemer. They had:

a) SHARON LYNN WALL, born Dec. 26, 1947 at Birmingham.
b) EDWARD CARSON WALL, JR., born Dec. 20, 1952 at Birmingham.

7) VIRGINIA SHERWOOD FORT, born June 24, 1920 at Hopkinsville, Ky. She married John David Wates, son of John Francis Wates and Annie Bell McLain, Dec. 31, 1941. They live in Bessemer. They had:

a) DIANE SHERWOOD WATES, born June 20, 1943 in Birmingham, married Don Lylon Dement (born Sept. 25, 1939). They had Don Lylon Dement, Jr., born Dec. 30, 1964, and David Wates Dement, born Feb. 10, 1967.
b) CHERYL DEE WATES, born July 28, 1944, married Ross Vincent Maple (born April 17, 1943). They had Kimberly Dee Maple, born Jan. 24, 1964.
c) GINGER CHRISTY WATES, born Oct. 21, 1948.

8) MILDRED FORT, born Dec. 20, 1922 at Hopkinsville, Ky. She married William Graves McDowell April 18, 1942. He was the son of Robert L. McDowell and Lola Wright. They had:

a) WILLIAM GRAVES McDOWELL, JR., born June 22, 1943, married Joan Elizabeth Griffin (born Feb. 23, 1944).
b) CONSTANCE JOY McDOWELL, born May 27, 1947, married Terry Anthony Jones (born Aug. 30, 1946). They had Terry Anthony Jones, Jr., born May 15, 1967.
c) STEVEN FORT McDOWELL, born April 19, 1952.
d) RONALD DAVID McDOWELL, born Sept. 16, 1955.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-57 (from Chart 2-32)

Bertha Carloss Fort and Joseph Hezekiah Smith

BERTHA CARLOSS FORT, daughter of James Alexander Fort and Virginia Louise Carloss, married Joseph Hezekiah Smith Nov. 9, 1909 at Marion, Ky. and settled in Gracey. They had:

1) ROWENA SMITH, born March 18, 1914 in Trigg County, Ky. She married July 3, 1940 Aubrey V. Crawford (born Dec. 19, 1907, died April 19, 1954), the son of John Will Crawford and Isabelle Miller. They had:

a) JUANITA CRAWFORD, born May 10, 1941, married Bobby Lewis Terry June 26, 1960; they had Bobby Lewis Terry II, born Sept. 26, 1961, and Sherry Suzanne Terry, born Sept. 26, 1962.

Second marriage of Rowena was to Amos Carter (born July 20, 1909) on May 14, 1955; he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Carter. They live at Clarksville, Tenn.

2) JAMES LABAN SMITH, born July 17, 1915, Trigg County. He married Anna Kathryn Burgess (born June 26, 1917) on April 2, 1935 at Hopkinsville, Ky. No children.

3) ELIZABETH JOSEPHINE SMITH, born Nov. 26, 1917 at Cerulean, Ky. On May 25, 1937 she married George Earl Williams (born April 18, 1912, the son of George Edward Williams and Opal Hastine Stewart; he is a plumber and steamfitter). They had:
   a) GEORGE EARL WILLIAMS, JR., born Aug. 16, 1938, now a geodicist with Army Map Service.
   b) JO ANN WILLIAMS, born June 30, 1940, married Norman Bryant England on Aug. 16, 1962. He teaches at Clarksville, Tenn. They had David Bryant England, born July 21, 1964, and Dawn Elizabeth England, born July 19, 1965.
   c) JAMES SMITH WILLIAMS, born April 18, 1942, married Elizabeth Ann Anderson Nov. 20, 1965.
   d) JOSEPH EDWARD WILLIAMS, born Dec. 7, 1944, is a teacher at Clarksville.

4) MARGARET ANN SMITH, born Jan. 26, 1922 at Mortons Gap, Ky. She first married Darwin Clarence Ladd (son of Clarence Nelson Ladd and Minnie Warren) on June 22, 1937; they were divorced in 1946. They had:
   a) WILLIAM BENJAMIN LADD II, born March 23, 1939, married Brenda Nell Humphries (born July 1, 1939) on Feb. 27, 1957; they had William Benjamin Ladd III, born Sept. 4, 1958, and Bruce Allen Ladd, born Dec. 25, 1960. The boys' father drowned Jan. 13, 1963 while surfing at Hawaii.

5) ROSALIE SMITH, born Jan. 9, 1924 at Mortons Gap. She married Dec. 13, 1943 Forrest Thomas McCuiston (born July 3, 1922), a careerist with the U. S. Army. Their permanent residence is at Glasgow, Ky. They had:
   a) SUZANNE McCUISTON, born Dec. 29, 1947 at Evansville, Ind.
   b) PHYLLIS McCUISTON, born Dec. 29, 1947 at Fort Myer, Arlington, Va. She married William Henry Rodgers, Jr. July 1, 1967 at Glasgow.
   c) BARBARA McCUISTON, born Oct. 25, 1950 at Colorado Springs, Colo.
   d) ANTHONY McCUISTON, born June 10, 1953 at Augsburg, Southern Bavaria, Germany.

6) VIRGINIA LOUISE SMITH, born May 8, 1926 in Trigg County. She married in San Francisco, Calif. May 8, 1943, Charles Edward Metzger (born July 30, 1917, son of Theodore Metzger and Josephine Spoelker). They live in Louisville, Ky., where he is an electrician. They had:
   a) PEGGY ANN METZGER, born April 18, 1944 in San Francisco, died a few hours after birth.
   b) CHARLES EDWARD METZGER, JR., born May 17, 1946, married Donna Louise Colton Jan. 27, 1968, in Louisville.

c) JOAN MARIE METZGER, born March 5, 1950 in Louisville.
d) GARY WAYNE METZGER, born Nov. 6, 1954 at Louisville.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-58 (from Chart 2-36)

Lilias Evalina Macon and Frederic Cook Morehouse

LILIAS EVALINA MACON, daughter of Junius Montgomery Macon and Sarah Clifford Pope, married Frederic Cook Morehouse in 1868. They made their home in Milwaukee, Wis. and had the following:

1) CLIFFORD MACON MOREHOUSE, born Sept. 10, 1892, died Sept. 13, 1892.
2) LILIAS POPE MOREHOUSE, born Feb. 25, 1894.
3) HOWARD LORD MOREHOUSE, born Milwaukee Sept. 10, 1897, married Margaret Elizabeth Blodgett on April 5, 1920. They had no children.
4) CLIFFORD PHELPS MOREHOUSE, born Milwaukee April 18, 1904, married Ellen Louise Smith March 16, 1927; an editor and author, Clifford Morehouse is a "Who's Who in America" listee. He is a Harvard University graduate.
   The couple had the following:
   a) HOWARD LORD MOREHOUSE, died 1928 in infancy.
   b) ELLEN LOUISE MOREHOUSE, born Milwaukee Aug. 26, 1930.
   c) LILIAS MACON MOREHOUSE, born Milwaukee Jan. 1, 1933, married June 30, 1954 in London, England, Jackson Martin Bruce, Jr., born Milwaukee in 1931.
   d) FREDERIC COOK MOREHOUSE, born Milwaukee July 30, 1937, attended Harvard University.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 2-59 (from Chart 2-36)

Sarah Clifford Macon and Edward Lorenzo Edmonson

SARAH CLIFFORD MACON, daughter of Junius Montgomery Macon and Sarah Clifford Pope, married Edward Lorenzo Edmonson and lived in New Orleans. They had the following children:

1) EDWARD MACON EDMONSON, born April 17, 1897, graduated from West Point. He married Jan. 6, 1925 Teresa Louise Glass of Gainesville, Fla. Now retired from the U. S. Army. Col. Edmonson served as Assistant Artillery Officer for the Fifth Army in North

Africa, World War II, and as Artillery Officer for VI Corps in Italy; he was involved in the actions at Salerno, the Volturno River, and Anzio. Subsequently he had assignments at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Florida, as Executive Officer of the 25th Division Artillery, and as Supply Officer for the Headquarters and Service Group, Far East Command Headquarters. He retired in 1950 and is living at Gainesville, Fla. The Edmonsons had:

a) EDWARD MACON EDMONSON, JR., born June 25, 1926, married Anna Bryce Aug. 4, 1951. He graduated from the University of Florida with an engineering degree. They had two children: Mary Ann Edmonson, born July 18, 1953, and Macon Bryce Edmonson, born Aug. 6, 1954.

b) CAROLYN JEAN EDMONSON, born June 27, 1935, married in Gainesville June 17, 1956 Lee Charles Robinson, Jr., now a patent attorney in the New York firm of Fish, Richardson and Nieve. She graduated from Julliard School of Music in New York. They have two children: Teresa Louise Robinson, born Dayton, Ohio Jan. 30, 1958, and Charles Drake Robinson, born Oct. 19, 1960 in New York.

2) RICHARD QUIN EDMONSON, born Aug. 15, 1898, married Jan. 31, 1929 Agatha Mary Schriever, born Sept. 11, 1908. They made their home in New Orleans, and their children were:

a) AGATHA MARY EDMONSON, born Jan. 6, 1931, married Adair Lyon Pedrick. They had: Margaret Blair Pedrick, born Jan. 28, 1953; Adam Edmonson Pedrick, born Nov. 2, 1956; and Clayton Brinkley Pedrick, born Nov. 2, 1962.

b) BRENDA CLAYTON EDMONSON, born Oct. 8, 1941, married Haywood Hansell Hillyer III. They had: Haywood Hansell Hillyer IV, born Nov. 14, 1961, and Richard Quin Edmonson Hillyer, born March 16, 1964.

c) SARAH CLIFFORD MACON EDMONSON, born July 30, 1946, not married.

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Chart 2-60 (from Chart 2-44)

Mattie Hazie Davis and John Emmett Birdwell

MATTIE HAZIE DAVIS, daughter of William Pickens Davis and Martha Ann Logan, married John Emmett Birdwell in 1891. They had the following:

1) BERT FRANKLIN BIRDWELL, born June 2, 1892 in Palo Pinto

County, Tex., married in 1917 Verna T. Stratton of Crawford, Tex. They settled in Caddo Gap, Ark. and had:

a) VERA TRUE BIRDWELL, born Nov. 19, 1918, married William Keisler Hoke. The Hokes had: 1) William Michael Hoke, born Aug. 24, 1938, Conroe, Tex.; 2) Timothy Keisler Hoke, born Oct. 23, 1947; 3) Vera Susan Hoke, born Aug. 7, 1950.

b) JESSIE ROBERTA BIRDWELL, born Feb. 10, 1920, died 1926.

c) JAMES CLEVELAND BIRDWELL, born Nov. 1, 1922, married June Walker. They had: 1) Lynda Elon Birdwell, born Jan. 5, 1944; 2) John Cleveland Birdwell, born Dec. 18, 1947 in California.

d) DORIS EVELYN BIRDWELL, born Jan. 19, 1925, married Donald B. Barnes. They had: 1) Susan Beverly Barnes, born Oct. 27, 1943; 2) Cynthia Barnes, born Oct. 28, 1946; 3) Jane Marie Barnes, born Oct. 26, 1949.

e) BERTIE FRANKLIN BIRDWELL, born Dec. 12, 1931 at Crane, Tex., holds a Ph.D. in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas and is on the faculty at Louisiana State University. On Jan. 21, 1952 he married Carol Lee Buford of Corpus Christi, born March 19, 1934. They had: 1) Lynn Diane Birdwell, born Sept. 28, 1959 at Austin, Tex.,; 2) Ann Denise Birdwell, born July 17, 1961 at Austin; 3) James Allen Birdwell, born Sept. 10, 1962, Austin; 4) Amy Sue Birdwell, born March 13, 1964, Baton Rouge, La.; 5) Beth Elaine Birdwell, born Jan. 28, 1966, Baton Rouge.

2) DORA ETHEL BIRDWELL of Olney, Tex., was born April 23, 1894 in Palo Pinto County. She married Bernard Cooper at Megargel, Tex. They had:

a) KENNETH COOPER, an accountant, born June 7, 1919 near Olney, married Louise Atcheson at Graham, Tex. Jan. 13, 1946. He died at Cisco, Tex. April 8, 1967. The Coopers had: 1) Terry Jean Cooper, born at Cisco June 18, 1950; 2) Donna Louise Cooper, born Cisco Feb. 4, 1953.

b) DOROTHY COOPER of Houston, born Sept. 30, 1926 near Olney, married H. Carroll McGee. They had: 1) Mark Alan McGee, born Sept. 30, 1951; 2) Lori Ann McGee, born July 11, 1958.

3) MATTHEW RUSSELL BIRDWELL, born Jan. 24, 1896, died in infancy.

4) LEORA MAE BIRDWELL of Rogers, Tex. was born Dec. 11, 1898 in Palo Pinto County and married James Walter Clark at Megargel. They had:

a) MARY LYNN CLARK, born April 4, 1924, died March 17, 1937 in the gas explosion at New London, Tex. School.

b) JAMES WALTER CLARK, JR., a petroleum engineer, was born Oct. 23, 1926 and married July 30, 1954 Mary Ann Parker (born July 7, 1928). They had: 1) James Walter Clark III, born

March 30, 1957; 2) Barry Houston Clark, born Sept. 15, 1963, a twin; 3) Benjamin Parker Clark, born Sept. 15, 1963, a twin.

c) MARGARET CLARK of Rogers, Tex., born March 20, 1930, attended Rice University.

5) EFFIE VIOLA BIRDWELL of Megargel was born Jan. 1, 1900 in Palo Pinto County; she married and divorced Theodore S. Haden and died Nov. 21, 1955. They had:

a) ROBERT CLINTON HADEN of Mesa, Ariz., born Sept. 16, 1923. He married Marcelle Brookins and had: 1) Gary Haden, born Sept. 21, 1947; 2) Cathy Ann Haden, born Jan. 14, 1952.

b) NATALIE YVONNE HADEN, born April 15, 1926, married first Nathaniel B. Meadeon April 13, 1946. After his death she married Richard B. George. By her first hubsand she had: 1) Jeffrey Meade, born March 17, 1947; 2) John Emmett Meade, born March 28, 1955. She is known to have had issue by her second husband as well.

6) JESSIE LYMAN BIRDWELL, born March 18, 1902 in Palo Pinto County, moved with his parents to Archer County in 1907. He married in 1923 Lillian Althea Simms of Megargel. They had:

a) WANDA THALENE BIRDWELL, born Dec. 24, 1924, married first Kelton Fultz on Nov. 20, 1949. Following their divorce Wanda married Presley Darnell in 1952, who is deceased. By her first husband she had: 1) Stephen Dennis Fultz, born Jan. 6, 1951. By her second husband she had: 2) Presley Darnell, Jr., born 1952; 3) Lydia Leah Darnell, born 1954, Amarillo, Tex.

b) WINNIFRED BIRDWELL, born Oct. 3, 1926, married Willie B. Stowe and had: 1) Theressa Stowe; 2) Jeffrie Allen Stowe; 3) DeWayne Stowe.

c) HAZEL ANNETTE BIRDWELL, born April 10, 1928, married Xavier Fossati Nov. 19, 1949. They had: 1) David Fossati, born Sept. 25, 1950; 2) Elizabeth Fossati, born April 30, 1952; 3) Robert Timothy Fossati, born Sept. 22, 1954; 4) John Mathew Fossati, born July 31, 1957; 5) Daniel Paul Fossati, born May 1, 1960; 6) Amy Fossati, born Jan. 30, 1966.

d) JOHNNIE MARION BIRDWELL, a daughter, was born Jan. 30, 1939 and married James Mareth. They had: 1) Melissa Lee Mareth, born July 12, 1961; 2) James William Mareth II, born Sept. 18, 1965.

e) JESSIE LYMAN BIRDWELL, JR. was born Nov. 18, 1942 and married Marjorie Lucille Smith. They had Tiffany Lynne Birdwell, born March 15, 1964.

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SECTION III

Descendants of

George Fort

A Son of Elias Fort of Virginia

Chart 3-1

George Fort and Elizabeth Accabe Duckwood

GEORGE FORT, the third son of the first Elias, and his wife Elizabeth had nine known children. (The descendants of only three of these are known with any real degree of exactness.) They were:

1) ELIAS FORT, believed to be the oldest son, who was born about 1690 in Isle of Wight County, Va. At his father's death in 1719 Elias inherited the former's plantation on Round Hill Swamp in Isle of Wight (now located in Southampton County). Elias Fort "of North Carolina" disposed of his Round Hill property in 1736, but there is reason to think he moved to old Chowan County, N.C., as early as July, 1720, when he was given power of attorney by Elizabeth Boon. Elias Fort bought land from Samuel Canady in 1723, on the south side of the Meherrin River in the general area where another of George's sons, Benjamin, lived. Elias married a girl named Catherine ("Cathron" in his will) and by 1740 had moved into Edgecombe County, N.C., where he settled along the Tar River. He may have held lands in Bladen County at one time. Elias died about Feb. or March, 1761, his wife and four known children surviving him. (See Chart 3-2)
2) GEORGE FORT, probably born in Isle of Wight County, Va. At his father's death he inherited a tract on Round Hill Swamp joining his brother Elias's inheritance. His location from 1719 to 1753 is not definitely known; he may or may not be identical with a George Fort who witnessed a deed in Sept., 1729, in Bertie County, N.C. Grants of land in Oct., 1753, show he was living in Edgecombe County, N.C.; the land so granted was along the larger Contentney Creek in present-day Wilson County. His chief residence, however, seems to have been along the Tar River in present-day Edgecombe. Late in life, he acquired land on the border of Johnston and Dobbs counties, tracts he willed to two of his children. George Fort's will gives his wife's name as Mary; she survived him. George's will was made in July, 1761; it was probated in December of that year, but his death probably occurred October or November. He is known to have had eight children of whom seven survived him. (See Chart 3-3)
3) BENJAMIN FORT, probably born in Isle of Wight County, Va., inherited from his father "the plantation whereon I now live." In July, 1721 he acquired 40 acres on the south side of the Meherrin River from William Boon; this land probably joined the original site of George Fort's plantation. Benjamin Fort disappears from known North Carolina records with this deed. His descent, if any, is not established.
4) SAMUEL FORT, probably born in Isle of Wight County, Va., inherited from his father a portion of the latter's "entry of land on Great Creek." This land is thought to have been along the northern of

the two Deep Creeks in present-day Halifax County, N.C. Aside from the will reference, nothing definite is known of Samuel. It is possible, though unlikely, that he migrated to Baltimore, Md.

5) JOHN FORT, probably born in Isle of Wight County, Va. He inherited a tract along Great Creek with his brother Samuel. It is possible—perhaps probable—that this John Fort was identical with the man mentioned in June, 1745 and Sept., 1748 land grants as receiving land on Norhunty Swamp (present-day Wayne or Greene counties) and on Great Contentney Creek in present-day Wilson. It is also believed possible that he had children, but definite identification of the man and of his descent, if any, has not been made.
6) CATHERINE FORT, unmarried as of the time her father made his will. Nothing else is known of her.
7) ALICE FORT, unmarried at the time of her father's will. It is believed that she was still unmarried as of Nov., 1732, at which time she was living in Bertie Precinct; she may have died without issue.
8) PHILLIS FORT, probably born in Isle of Wight County, Va. By 1719 she had married a Mr. Fiveash, by whom she had one son: John Fiveash. This marriage may have occurred in Isle of Wight or in Chowan County, N.C. (prior to the formation of Bertie from Chowan). John Fiveash, Phillis's son, married Mourning Barnes, daughter of Edward and Sarah Pope Barnes of Edgecombe County, N.C. Their descendants are believed to have migrated to southeastern Georgia (Wayne or Glynn counties). Fiveash, Phillis's husband, died about 1721; Phillis then married Robert Simms of Nansemond County, Va., born about 1694, by whom she had at least one child: Robert Simms (Jr.), born about 1727, in Nansemond County. After Robert Simms' death in Bertie County, N.C., in 1729, she may have married a Rowland Williams, who died in Northampton County, N.C., in 1754. Phillis is believed to have died in Edgecombe County, N.C., in 1760. (For descent through Robert Simms, see Chart 3-4)
9) ELIZABETH FORT, probably born in Isle of Wight County, Va. Elizabeth may have married William Boon, member of a prominent family in Northampton County, N.C., earlier in Isle of Wight County. Assuming the marriage, Elizabeth may well have had children, but their names, if any, are not available.

About The Family

Based on the dates he appeared on tax rolls in Virginia, George Fort seems to have been the youngest of the three sons of Elias Fort. Yet his death in 1719 came before those of his two brothers. With only one of his daughters known to have been married in 1719, it might be guessed that he was about 50 when he died.

He was, of course, the first of the family known to have left the original "home" in Isle of Wight and Surry counties in Virginia. His move across the border into North Carolina took him into a different environment: a tougher, less genteel colony, in which the land grants tended to be for a

few hundred acres rather than for the many thousands that sometimes went to Virginia's better-born settlers.

In the approximately four years he lived in North Carolina, he established a "plantation"—the word meant "farm" in those days rather than an elaborate agricultural estate as it came to mean—and made an "entry of land" some distance away in what is believed to be present-day Halifax County. There is no known record of this "entry" having been formally granted to him, nor is there a record of its sale by the two sons who inherited it. He probably cleared the forest, undertook a crop or two, and planned to apply for the grant to far-away London. Likely he never got around to applying or it was rejected.

George's will, as the family's earliest, has its points of interest.

His old home in Isle of Wight, Round Hill and adjoining the "Suscahanna Branch," he left to his son Elias; the latter was named executor. The English practice of primogeniture, with the oldest son getting the largest or choicest property, was followed in the colonies through much of the colonial period.

The kinds of bequests given to his daughters show the care with which livestock was viewed, both as food and as breeding stock for work animals. Phillis received a young sow and pigs, Alice a cow and calf and two sows and pigs, Benjamin a young cow and calf, two sows and pigs, and "one mayor" (mare).

The clerk's handwriting is clear and forceful; but in common with others of his day, it was long on looks and somewhat short on legibility and spelling. The name "Fort" is given as both "ffort" and "fort." Phillis's married name is shown as "fibash," a misuse that has confused a number of family searchers. The clerk's copy of the will included a careful copy of George Fort's "mark." It shows that George had learned to print his initials GF, though with some effort; the letters are blocked out carefully but somewhat askew and wavering; perhaps George was ill at the time he drew them, or the clerk himself was not at his best.

Elizabeth, George's wife, disappears from the records after his death. It is possible that she returned to her long-time home in Isle of Wight. She may have remarried. If she too were 50 years old or so, she would be an acceptable person to the numerous widowers in the colonies.

The oldest son, Elias, acquired additional land in the Round Hill area after his father's death. But it is fairly certain that in 1723 he was in Bertie County, buying land from William Boon, a witness to his father's will; by 1728 he had a total of 397 acres.

In 1739 he turned elsewhere for new land. Eighty miles or so to the southwest was the Tar River, whose black mud stuck to the heels of crossers and gave the "Tar-Heel" name to generations of Carolinians. By grant from His Majesty George II, Elias Fort acquired 640 acres on the river, not far westward from the present town of Tarboro.

At about this same time there was a large migration of other families from southside Virginia into the western portion of Bertie County; this part was struck off in 1741 to form Edgecombe County. Among these were the Battle family of Surry and Nansemond counties, and the Pope, Hilliard,

and Ruffin families. All of these became allied in numerous marriages with the Fort family. While there is no direct evidence, it appears this migration may have been made at least in part for religious reasons. Many of the Edgecombe migrants seem to have become allied with the Kehukee Baptist Association, a "Primitive" Baptist church group which formed its initial congregation at the Falls of the Tar River at the border of what are now Edgecombe and Nash counties.

Other of the Forts in Virginia and North Carolina are known to have had a Church of England association through the third generation from the first Elias.

Both Elias and his brother George seem to have obtained and sold lands in various locations other than their properties in Edgecombe. Some of these they held for only a comparatively short time, indicating a degree of entrepreneurial enterprise was developing within the family.

Benjamin, Samuel, and John Fort remain untraced due, probably, to the destruction of records. The law of averages and the existence of loose ends in the North Carolina gènealogy tell us that one or more of these men probably married and had descendants.

Authors' Notes

Identity of the Edgecombe George. Because most students of the family have identified George Fort, who died 1761 in Edgecombe County, as the son of John Fort, it seems necessary to explain why he is here identified as the son of John's brother, George. We know from wills the names of the children of all three brothers: Elias, John and George. The last two of these had sons named George. The George who died 1761 was a grandparent and thus old enough to be one of these two Georges. Among the many indications that this man was the son of George, rather than John, are these:

1. The will of Mary Fort of Edgecombe, dated June 3, 1782 (Will Bk. B, Pg. 104), made bequests to Elias Fort and Sarah, his wife, and their daughters "Ester" and Katy. Estate inventories in Edgecombe (Will Bk. B, Pgs. 226 and 287) show Mary was the widow of Jacob Fort who died in late 1781 or early 1782. Jacob was a son of the George who died in 1761. The only Elias with a wife named Sarah and daughters Esther and Katherine was the son of another Elias Fort, brother of the George who died 1761. Elias (Sarah) was thus a first cousin of Jacob. Had George (d. 1761) been the son of John Fort, this bequest would have been made to very remote cousins.
2. George Linch who witnessed the will of George Fort (d. 1761) also witnessed the will of Mary Fort, above.
3. George Fort (d. 1761) left to his grandson Jacob part of a tract on Hatcher's Swamp "taken up by Benjamin Bunn." Jacob was the son of George's dead son John, who in February, 1761, had willed land on this swamp to Jacob. Grants of land in April, 1780 to Elias Fort of Edgecombe cover other lands on Hatcher's Swamp and so link this area with George (d. 1761) and Elias (Sarah), known to be the son of George's brother and a descendant of the first George.

4. Not conclusive but helpful is the will of Richard Fort of Craven County, North Carolina, made March, 1745 and probated in Johnston County, 1746. Richard was a son of John Fort, one of the original three brothers. Having no children, Richard named his brothers and sisters in his will. Comparing the list with those named in his father's will, we find both name Thomas Fort, Elias Fort, William Fort, Sarah Fort, Mary Fort, and Hannah Fort. Omitted from Richard's will are John Fort and George Fort. John, who was omitted, was to die later in 1745 in Johnston County; it might be guessed that Richaird, living close to his brother, was aware of his land holdings and perhaps felt no need to remember him. But there is no known explanation for George's omission—unless he were dead by that time.
5. There is no known document in Halifax, Craven or Johnston counties which clearly links a George Fort with the North Carolina descendant of John Fort.

So in identifying George (d. 1761) as the son of George, rather than his brother John, the authors have had to rely on small clues rather than conclusive evidence. And, of course, they might be mistaken. One of the puzzlements is that no record of sale for the property on Round Hill, deeded by George to his son George, has been found. Until a second George will is found, or better documentation is possible, the authors believe George, who died in 1761, was the son of George; the total weight of evidence is such that the authors believe the odds are 9 out of 10 that the belief is correct.

Movements of Elias and George Fort. Elias sold property at Round Hill in a deed to John Exum, November 18, 1736 (Isle of Wight County, Virginia, Great Book 5, Pg. 71); he owned another 100 acres in the area for which no deed of sale was found. Nor was a deed found for his brother George's property on Round Hill (see above). The deed mentions Elias as "of North Carolina." Elias's first known acquisition of land was in 1723 when in two deeds, both from Samuel Canady, he acquired 247 acres on the south side of the Meherrin River joining William Boon; these were in Bertie Precinct of Albemarle County (See Deed Bk. A, Pg. 210 for the first of these). Thomas Boon sold him 150 more acres in the vicinity for "13 Barrells of Tar" November 9, 1728 (Deed Bk. C, Pg. 69). His decision to move to Edgecombe must have come about the time he sold 147 of these acres to Abraham Stephenson in November, 1739 (Deed Bk. E, Pgs. 550 and 551). He acquired 640 acres on the north side of the Tar River in Edgecombe, joining Creel, by King's grant on February 21, 1738. His brother George bought 450 acres from John Creel, of Johnston County, May, 1747; this land was on the south side of the Tar River; he acquired more in May, 1749, joining Elias Fort and Creel. George Fort acquired 150 acres from James Watson on Black Creek (present-day Wilson or Wayne counties) October 18, 1760, while four years earlier on July 2, 1756, his brother Elias was acquiring land in Bladen County on Panther Branch (probably in present-day Greene County) by royal grant. It was not unusual in those days for planters to own widely separated tracts of land. They would ride to them in turn, conferring with the overseer in each place, and usually arranging to spend the hot summer at the coolest of the tracts.

Washingtons? Two deeds involving Elias Fort, the son of George, were witnessed by a John and Richard Washington. Both were in Bertie, and both were to Abraham Stephenson (citations above). The connection, if any, between these men and George Washington or between them and Elias is not known. Dates: November, 1739.

A First Wife for Elias? In Elias Fort's 1761 will he speaks of his wife "Cathron" and later directs that certain property be divided among his three sons Joseph, William and Elias "at the death of their mother." The word "their" is underlined in the record. The will also mentions a daughter Sarah. Some have speculated that Sarah was a child of a first wife. There is no way to prove or disprove the theory in the absence of additional records.

Benjamin Fort. This son inherited his father George's North Carolina plantation. A little more than a year later, he acquired acreage adjoining William Boon. His brother Elias bought land on the Meherrin in 1723 which had belonged to William Boon in 1721. And in 1720 Elias was given power of attorney by Elizabeth Boon. It might be assumed, then, that Benjamin added to the lands he inherited, that the plantation was somewhere in Northampton County (where the Boon family was prominent) or Hertford, and that he and his brother Elias were neighbors for at least a year when Benjamin disappears. It might be speculated further that Benjamin died about 1721 though there is no proof at all.

A Samuel Fort in Maryland. Samuel Fort appears in no more records after his father's will was probated. Mrs. Edward H. Reeves of Madison, Connecticut, first pointed out to the authors the existence of a "Samuel Fortt" will in the Maryland archives. A brief abstract of this will: (Liber No. 25, Folio 555) reads: "I, Samuel Fortt of the County of Baltimore . . . to my loving wife . . . to children when they come of age or marry . . . to my daughter Elizabeth . . . to my son Samuel . . . to my son Benjamin . . . to such younger child or children . . . to my eldest son Richard . . . this eighth day of January, 1748." Witnessed by Luke and Virginia Trotten and George Bramwell; wife executor. Lewis Boutwell of Baltimore, an Elias Fort descendant, searched the Maryland archives up to 1800 in hopes of finding a link between this Samuel and the missing Samuel in Carolina, but he found none. Samuel of Maryland appears in only one deed, dated December 12 1746. Other deeds show that this Fort group, at least in part, remained in Maryland for many years. The authors are inclined to think this Samuel is not the same as the one in North Carolina, but would welcome contrary evidence.

John Fort, The Puzzle. While there are many Elias Forts in the early days of the family, there are even more John Forts. Sorting them out to the authors' complete satisfaction hasn't proved possible. The 1745 and 1748 land grants to a John Fort along Norhunty and Great Contentney might be to this John Fort since it is known that his brother George also had land along Contentney. Also, there is the puzzling sketch published in the 1932 Historical Section of the Red Springs, North Carolina (in present-day Robeson County) *Citizen*; the sketch was by G. S. Harrell. It describes a John Fort who came to the east side of Raft Swamp in 1753 (then in Bladen

County), who was a large slave owner, made a causeway across the swamp at "Fort's Crossing" and pursued and hung a horse thief named Hunter at what is now called "Hunter's Bay." A Joseph Fort, a descendant of George, acquired land on Raft Swamp in 1763 and was in Bladen as early as 1756; the authors are inclined to think John was confused with Joseph, but there is enough specific detail to raise a question. A cursory check of Bladen documents shows no John Fort in the area at this early period, but it still might be so and, further, might be the son of George.

Alice Fort and The Clerk. The will of Elizabeth Anderson, Bertie Precinct, North Carolina, made November 5, 1732 and recorded August Court, 1733, was witnessed by "Elias Fortt" and what appears to be "Ealcer Fort." Thinking this latter a variation of "Eliezer," the authors ransacked counties in North Carolina looking for this lost Fort. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina, then suggested that the name might be "Alice." Study of the photostat shows that the Bertie clerk had a habit of putting an unnecessary curlicue on his final "e", and that the name is actually "Ealce." The person was a woman: "her mark."

Phillis Fort. The name in George's 1719 will is "Fybash." Robert Simms' will in Bertie Precinct, February Court of 1729, lists among others "John Fybash." William Boon, Elias Ford (Fort), and Nathaniel Cooper were witnesses. Mourning Barnes, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Pope) Barnes, had married a John Fiveash prior to 1761; because of the name's rarity we can assume this was Phillis's son. The authors do not know if there were descendants by this marriage, but at least one branch of the Fiveash family is known to be living in Georgia. A Georgia local history—the "Coweta County Chronicles"—contains a sketch on the Simms family and mentions that Phillis married Rowland Williams as her third husband. No other source for this marriage is known, so the authors cannot put it in the category of "Proved." Abstracts of Northampton County, Virginia, deeds in the period 1741-1759 show many deeds in which Rowland and Phillis are parties. Some show ties to the Simms and Boon families, but none prove the wife had been Phillis Fort. The last of the Williams abstracts in Northampton is in 1754.

The Fort-Boon Mystery. There is no known direct proof of a Fort-Boon marriage, but the number and kind of documents coupling the families make it seem likely. William and Nicholas ("Niccolis") Boon were witnesses to George's 1719 will. Elias and Benjamin had lands joining William Boon. Boon was a witness to Elizabeth Anderson's 1732 will along with Elias. William Boon and Elias Fort witnessed the will of Robert Simms in 1729. Thomas Boon, father of William, witnessed a sale of land to Elias by Samuel Canady in 1723; in 1728 he witnessed another sale to Elias, this time by his son, Thomas, Jr. Most persuasive, however, is the power of attorney given by Elizabeth Boon, to "my trusty and well beloved friend Elias Fort . . . to relinquish my right of Dower . . . in a Parcell of Land sold by aforesaid Husband to John Bryan . . . 15th day of July, 1720," Witnessed by Samuel Peacock and John Bryan. (Chowan County, Deed Bk. F, Pg. 54) Normally in those days powers of attorney were given only to relatives. The authors think it probable, therefore, that Elizabeth Boon was the daughter of George Fort. They are indebted to Mrs. Louise Apperson of Newport News, Virginia,

for this listing of the children of Thomas Boon of Isle of Wight County, Virginia, who married Ziltha (:): William (who is believed to have married Elizabeth Fort); Mary (married Joseph Boon); Martha (married Mr. Gay); Lela (married Mr. Wheeler); Nicholas (married Susannah Edmunds); James; John; Jesse; Thomas, Jr.; Henry. There are Fort-Boon documents in the records of Northampton County, North Carolina, at later dates.

Chart 3-2

Elias Fort and Catherine

ELIAS FORT, son of George Fort, married Catherine — and lived the latter years of his life in Edgecombe County, N. C., dying there in early 1761. They had four children:

1) WILLIAM FORT, date of birth not known but before 1741 and probably closer to 1728. He inherited from his father a plantation, granted to the latter in 1742, on the north side of Tar River on Harwell's Branch, but by January 20, 1768, William was selling this land from his then residence in Dobbs County, N. C. In Sept. 1751, he was, as "Left Tennant", put in command of a Johnston County force of 60 men to go to Beaufort during the "Spanish Alarm." In April, 1763, William received two grants of land, totalling 426 acres, on Norhunty Swamp in Dobbs County. He later acquired a great deal of additional land on this stream. In addition to the land on Norhunty he also owned a plantation on Buckmeadow Branch, presumably in present-day Wayne County but not located. The name of William's wife is not known. She was evidently dead at the time he made his will in Wayne County on Nov. 24, 1789. William died in Wayne early in 1791. He is known to have had two children:
   a) SARAH FORT, who married a Sherrard (William? Benjamin?) sometime prior to 1789. By 1789 she had a son, William Sherrard.
   b) BENJAMIN FORT, born before 1752, who served in the House of Commons of North Carolina in 1791 and 1796. He inherited virtually all of the land holdings of his father and added to them; in 1790, prior to his father's death, he already owned 24 slaves, a large number for that time and place. The bulk of his lands were along Norhunty Swamp and on Aycock Swamp, both in Wayne County. He married Patience Sherrard, daughter of John Sherrard, about 1770. Benjamin Fort died intestate in Wayne County about 1804 or 1805. (See Chart 3-5)
2) ELIAS FORT, born July 14, 1730, lived more than sixty years in Edgecombe County, N. C., not far from Tarboro, then undertook an arduous migration across the Appalachians to Tennessee where he settled in present-day Robertson County. He and his wife, the former Sarah Sugg (born May 15, 1738), were accompanied by their married sons and daughters and other relatives. A Revolutionary War veteran, Elias and his son William were friends of Andrew Jackson.

He died Jan. 14, 1819. (Section 4 of this book is devoted to Elias Fort of Tarboro and Tennessee and his descendants.)

3) JOSEPH FORT is believed to have been born about 1725-1731. In 1751 he was granted 300 acres of land in Bladen County, N. C. In Sept. 1756, a King's grant for 300 additional acres, on Saddle Tree Swamp, was made to Joseph; a similar grant for 100 acres was made in Oct. 1761, this time on Ten Mile Swamp. During a part of this 1751-1761 period, his brother Elias seems to have owned a nearby property on Panther Branch. However, Elias sold the last of his Bladen property in May, 1762. Joseph continued to accumulate property, most of it by purchase, but in 1772, for unknown reasons, he sold great portions of it. Virtually all of his holdings were located in present-day Robeson County, N.C., chiefly in the Raft Swamp and Panther Swamp areas. The name of Joseph's wife is not known. His known children were:

   a) JOHN FORT, born Dec. 9, 1762, in Bladen County, N. C. (now Robeson County). He is said to have served in the North Carolina Militia during the Revolution. John married Mary B. Brown, daughter of Hugh Brown and Mary Buie, on Sept. 16, 1784. Mary was born August 15, 1758. About 1798, or shortly thereafter, John moved to Wayne County, Georgia. In 1810 he was serving as a commissioner of Wayne County Academy, and in 1825 was a member of the Georgia Senate. John died on the night of August 25, 1840, and his wife on Sept. 3, 1839. (See Chart 3-6)

   b) JAMES FORT was born Sept. 8, 1765 and married Martha Gibson Jan. 27, 1796 (given as Dec. 7, 1796 in another record). She was born May 22, 1775. He was in Georgetown District South Carolina, by March 1, 1798, but moved on to Wayne County, Georgia, not long thereafter. He was a commissioner of Glynn City, Georgia, Academy in 1804-05, of Wayne County Academy in 1810, and was a member of the Georgia Senate from Wayne in 1812. He was a member of Taylor's Chapel Methodist Church in Wayne County. The date of his death is not known. (See Chart 3-7)

   c) ELIAS FORT, about whom little is known. He was assuredly of age in 1797 when he witnessed certain legal documents in Robeson County, N. C. He may well have died in 1797, though this is not certain.

   d) ELIZABETH FORT, born about 1756-58, who married Thomas Muse of Prince William County, Virginia. Thomas was born March 15, 1748 and is said to have been a descendant of Lawrence Washington, an uncle of George Washington. The couple migrated to Fairfield County, South Carolina, by the time of the Revolution, and Thomas served as a Captain in the Revolutionary forces. He died June 1, 1828; the date of Elizabeth's death is not known. (See Chart 3-8)

   e) ANN FORT, about whom nothing is known.

f) PHERABY FORT (or PHARABY), who is known to have married a Harrell before 1797 and to have had a son, Elisha Harrell, before that same date.

g) CATHERINE FORT, who married Hugh Brown, Jr., son of Hugh Brown and Mary Buie, and thus a brother of Mary B. Brown, (above). Hugh Brown, Jr. represented Robeson County, N.C. in the state legislature in 1810. According to one source, the couple migrated to Camden County, Georgia; to another, they moved to Maury County, Tenn. By 1797 they had one son, Elias Fort Brown. The dates and places of their deaths are not known.

4) SARAH FORT, born about 1724 in Bertie County, N. C. Sarah married William Dickinson of Edgecombe County, N. C. about 1744. William died in the early part of 1751. In 1758 Sarah married George Wimberley, son of Thomas Wimberley of Bertie County. Sarah had one child, Jacob Dickinson, by her first husband; she had none by her second. George Wimberley was a widower at the time of his marriage to Sarah; he had, by his first wife, four children: 1) Zilpha Wimberley, born 1741, married Amos Cotton; 2) George Wimberley, Jr., born 1743, married Charity Thomas; 3) Sarah Wimberley, born 1745, married Malachi Hinton; 4) Phariby Wimberley, born 1747, married Josiah Murphree. Sarah Fort Dickinson Wimberley died in 1762, Edgecombe County. After her death George Wimberley married Mourning Pope, daughter of Jacob Pope, Sr.; George died testate in Edgecombe County in 1767-68. (For descent from Jacob Dickinson, see Chart 3-9. A sketch on the Wimberly—or Wimberley—family is in Section IV.)

About The Family

It evidently required three of four generations for the Fort family to move out from under its humble beginnings in Virginia, to acquire in some cases prominence in the community, to pick up the beginnings of modest fortunes, and to relocate physically in places distant from the home country in Virginia.

The small records available show this blossoming in all three major lines. But it is particularly watchable in the case of the descendants of George. Elias, who married Catherine, acquired a fairly substantial land position in Bertie County before moving 60 miles or so southwest to Edgecombe. It wasn't much of a move, but in abandoning what was probably tobacco-exhausted land for a new estate Elias was sharing in the push to the West. A hundred families, a thousand, a hundred thousand looked for land buyers, loaded their pots, kettles, and in-laws into wagons, and tried it somewhere else.

It was the urge for new land, given out in great chunks by colonial governments. It was somewhere else. Usually it was West. So came the pioneers.

The sons of Elias and Catherine carried it further. William southward

to present-day Wayne or Wilson. Joseph still farther south and westward to Bladen. Elias farther yet, pushing across the mountains in his old age to find new things in Tennessee. Until this daring fourth generation came along, a circle 50 miles in diameter with its center in Halifax, N.C. probably would have encompassed every member of the family.

Of this generation by far the best documented is Elias of Tennessee. He was caught up in the frontier fervor of the newly-arrived Baptist faith. "Able and pious" he is referred to in a history of Edgecombe County. The particular Baptist sect to which he belonged was the "Primitive Baptists," a group which formed a congregation at the Falls of the Tar River on the border of what are now Edgecombe and Nash counties. Daughter churches spreading out from it joined together to form the Kehukee Baptist Association; in the 1820's they were to foreswear theological seminaries, raising money from the public, and joining the Masonic Order. These people referred to themselves in their letters as "professors"—not in any academic sense but in the St. Paul context of "Professors of the Word."

Elias, stern though he may have been, was a man of duty and of love. Edgecombe records show him repeatedly serving as executor for friends, as well as guardian of orphans.

It's no surprise that such a man should see sweat and virtue as being close together if not the same thing. Elias was a planter. He obtained land from the colonial government or by purchase, developed it, sold it. In 1762 he was operating a ferry across the Tar River.

And, by reason of duty or some obscure motivation of his own, he was a man of war. By 1755, when in his mid-twenties, he was marching with the militia in Edgecombe, firing the loud and inaccurate rifles on practice days, stepping to the drumbeat.

So he became a revolutionary at an age when lesser men would have pipe-smoked the war. Archives show him enlisting April 11, 1777, at the age of 47 or so, and serving in the First North Carolina Battalion under Colonel Thomas Clark. His was a three-year hitch. He was a corporal, tough and grizzled among much younger men.

In June, 1791 he left Edgecombe. With him went his wife. With him went almost all of his nine children, their mates, their children, slaves. The jostling caravan must have numbered 50, at least. As they neared the upreaching Cumberland Mountains they encountered a young lawyer, turned occasional Indian fighter, and persuaded him to guard them from Indians as far as Knoxville. His name was Andrew Jackson. The family made a lasting friendship with Jackson. They are said to have wintered along the way, settling in 1792 on Red River in Robertson County, Tennessee. Records show they may have arrived in the fall of 1791, however. He was a founder of the Red River Baptist Church, a pioneer church whose minutes are still preserved. Elias took up several large tracts of land in Robertson, some of which were held in the family until well into the Twentieth Century. Elias's grave is marked by a Federal marker in token of the Revolutionary War service.

Less is known of William, Elias's brother, but his election as a "left tennant" in command of 60 men indicates confidence in his leadership

qualities. The "Spanish alarm"—mentioned in Johnson and Holloman's "Kinston and Lenoir County"—was one of the periodic alarms set up by the English settlers on rumors that the Spanish were planning northward moves into the Carolinas from their bases in Florida.

Within the force that marched with William were four members of the Sherrard family—another indication of a close connection between these two groups.

In 1932 the Red Springs, North Carolina *Citizen* published an historical edition titled "Historical Mt. Tabor Community," written by G. S. Harrell. The article deals at some length with a "John Fort who took up land on the east side of Raft Swamp about the year 1753" (according to the copy supplied to the authors by a correspondent).

Since Joseph Fort is known to have taken up land in what is now Robeson County about 1751 and to have held properties on Raft Swamp later, it seems likely that the writer might have confused Joseph with his son John. Excerpts from the article are of interest.

"John Fort (sic) was a large slave owner and built his home on the hill of the swamp between where the McNeill Cemetery now is located and the swamp. With his slaves he cut out the crossing now called Mt. Tabor and took poles from the woods and laid crossings in the mud in order to make a solid footing . . . This "causeway" served the people of this section until about 25 years ago when the county built a dam.

"This crossing is referred to in old land deeds as Fort's Crossing and only recently has it been known by any other name.

"Fort was a lover of fine horses and kept a large stable . . . It is said that at one time he took a traveller named Hunter in for the night, and this man arose early and stole one of Fort's best horses and crossed the swamp, evidently trying to make his way to the old Lowry Road. Fort's slaves discovered the loss and notified the master, who with some of his slaves set out in pursuit, overtaking Hunter at what is known as "Hunter's Bay" near John M. Brown's. They proceeded to hang him from a tree. . ."

Authors' Notes

Identification of William Fort. Edgecombe County's Deed Bk. C, Pg. 541, shows William Fort "of Dobbs County" selling land granted to Elias Fort in 1742 and "given to the said Fort by the will of Elias Fort." The date is January 20, 1768. His will is in "Wayne County Wills, 1776-1805," Pg. 615. In addition to his children, William made a rather generous bequest to a "Pleasant Sketo," not otherwise identified, who may have been another daughter—speculation only.

Benjamin Fort's Public Service. The reference to his House of Commons membership is from Grimes' "Historical Sketches of North Carolina."

The Lost Jonathan. Land grant listings in the Office of the Secretary of State, Raleigh, have a lone reference to a Jonathan Fort: 100 acres in Dobbs County "on the upper side of Little River," joining Pollack, April 6, 1765. The location is in present-day Johnston or Wayne counties. There are no other surviving references.

The Sherrard Connection. Both Benjamin and William Sherrard witnessed William Fort's will. His will gave his daughter's name as Sarah Sherrard and her son as William Sherrard. Lacking proof, it can be guessed that William was Sarah's husband. The will of John Sherrard, made September 3, 1784 in Wayne County and probated January, 1785, shows a daughter: Patience Fort. Study of Fort deeds in Wayne indicates she was Benjamin Fort's wife, though the proof is not positive.

The Wayne County, Georgia, Forts. On March 1, 1798, James Fort "of district of Georgetown, South Carolina" gave power of attorney to John Fort of Robeson County, North Carolina (registered in Robeson). At the time of its registration (June 13, 1798), James Fort was living in Glynn City, Georgia; the document so indicates. Further proof is in the "Bible Record of John Fort of Wayne County, Georgia", a document copied from the Bible owned by Miss Claudia Little of Waycross, Georgia, and on file in the DAR Library, Washington, D. C. Names and dates square with those on deed documents in Robeson and with Joseph Fort's will. Academy and Senate references are from the Genealogical Card Index, Georgia Archives, Atlanta. Material on the third brother, Elias, is somewhat less well-documented. Joseph made no mention of a son named Elias in his will. However, we find an Elias Fort receiving a land grant from the state in 1797, on Long Swamp in Robeson. Much earlier, on November 4, 1784, Alex Martin deeded land on Long Swamp to Elias Fort (Deed Bk. G, Pg. 154). No reference to Elias appear in the Robeson records after the 1797 land grant. Information on the descent from John and James appears in Folks Huxford's five-volume compilation "Memoirs of Wiregrass Georgia."

The Muse-Fort Marriage. Information on Thomas Muse was supplied by E. W. McDonald of Pleasantville, Ohio; his wife is a Muse descendant.

The Hugh B. Brown, Jr. Move. The authors did not check the two accounts of what happened to the Browns. Considering that Wayne County, Georgia, was in part carved from Camden County, it seems a bit more likely that the couple accompanied John, James, and Elias to Georgia—but wholly speculative.

The Fort-Dickinson-Wimberley Marriages. Sarah Fort had married a Dickinson and had a son, Jacob, at the time Elias Fort made his will in 1761. Edgecombe County Court Minutes, now in published form, show that Jacob Dickinson was the "orphan of Wm. Dickerson (Dickinson) deceased." The minute is dated July, 1764. Sarah was referred to as "Sarah Wimberley" in Elias's 1761 will so her second marriage had already taken place. William Dickinson, based on his estate inventory, died in the first part of 1758; George Wimberley, Sr. was executor. Edgecombe documents show the marriage of Sarah and George took place in the latter part of 1758. About 1763 George Wimberley married, as his third wife, Mourning Pope, daughter of Jacob Pope, Sr. George Wimberley, Sr. had four children. The dates of Wimberley's children's marriages indicate that George, Sr. had all his children by his first wife, and that Sarah had only one child—and that by William Dickinson. The authors are indebted to Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina, for an exhaustive study of the Fort-Dickinson-Wimberley records, including the information given here.

A Pope Wife for Joseph. Two of Joseph Fort's grandchildren in the Muse line had Pope as a middle name. There's no proof, but conceivably Joseph married into the numerous Pope family of Edgecombe and Halifax counties, North Carolina.

The Muse-Washington Tradition. The DAR Index of Patriots shows that a Thomas Washington married Ann Muse. Thomas, born May 24, 1731, served as a lieutenant in the Revolution from Virginia. He died 1794. This may not account for the tradition that Thomas Muse was descended from Lawrence Washington.

The Jacob-Jane Dickinson Marriage. The author's extract of Jane's will shows her leaving $1 to a daughter, Lucy Ruffin; bequests to sons William Fort and Edwin Fort; and other bequests to daughters, Priscilla Brown and Jane Ellinor. Her brother Thomas Dickinson was named executor. Jane is believed to have married Jacob Fort, son of John who died 1761 in in Edgecombe. Her will is in Edgecombe, Will Book E, Pg. 314. Jane and Elizabeth Dickinson were born in the 1750's. The authors offer the following, with credit to Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina, as Jane's probable descent:

"Jane named her brother Thomas executor, and died seemingly without making an accounting, which would explain why her living children were his "heirs at law" in a petition to November court, 1836, Edgecombe County:

1) Edwin Fort must have died young and without children. On Jan. 15, 1823 he married Patsy Bell, bonded by Thomas Dickinson.
2) William Fort survived.
3) Jane Fort married James Ellinor.
4) Priscilla Fort married James Brown. (She may have died childless.)
5) Lucy Fort married—Ruffin. These may have been among her children:
   a) Dickinson Ruffin; b) Thomas Ruffin.
   c) Sally Ruffin (born 1815).
   d) David Ruffin (born 1825).

Deeds in 1838 and 1839 in Edgecombe show sale of land on Tyancokey Swamp that belonged to Thomas Dickinson and which evidently was for the benefit of these heirs."

Chart 3-3

George Fort and Mary

GEORGE FORT, a son of George Fort and Elizabeth, probably was born sometime prior to 1700 in Isle of Wight County, Va. He seems to have had a first marriage prior to his marriage to Mary, which presumably occurred about 1745-50 based on known ages of his children and grandchildren. At the time of his death in 1761 he had seven living children; at least one had died earlier. His widow married Jonathan Howell, May 20, 1766 in Edgecombe. The children were:

1) ELIAS FORT, born 1738 or earlier, may have had a first wife prior to his marriage to Lucy (Atkinson?) which took place sometime prior to 1769 in Edgecombe County. By 1774 he was living in what was then

Craven County, S. C., in the Darlington area; it is believed that his move to S. C. took place about 1769 or 1770 when he and Lucy sold tracts in Edgecombe County. He acquired substantial land on the Great Cypress River near Darlington. Elias made his will in 1779 and seems to have died in 1780 even though his will was not recorded until 1783. His wife Lucy survived him. His children were:

a) ALBERT FORT, born April 1, 1758 near Tarboro, Edgecombe County, N. C. He accompanied his parents on their move to S.C., and as a young man served in the Revolutionary forces of S. C. as a private. On his return he became a justice of the peace in Darlington County and served in that capacity for many years. In 1801-2 he represented Darlington in the state legislature. Prominent in civic affairs, Albert Fort interested himself in, among other things, development of navigation on Black Creek. He is known to have married twice; the name of his first wife is not known. His second marriage, in 1798, was to Margaret D. Norwood, daughter of Captain John Norwood and Margaret Warren of Darlington; she was born in 1776. Albert died April 5, 1843. His wife Margaret died in 1850. Albert had at least one son by his first wife and four children by his second. (See Chart 3-10)

b) EGBERT FORT, date of birth not known but served in the Revolutionary forces of the state as a private and was of age in 1779. Egbert married Mary (Stanley?) and the union produced seven children. He died in 1810 or 1811, probably in Claremont County, S. C. though his wife appears to have been living in Laurens County when his will was probated. (See Chart 3-11)

c) JOSIAH FORT, about whom virtually nothing is known. He is believed to have been of age and living in Sumter County. S.C. in 1825.

d) BURRELL FORT (the name appears to be Bunell in his will but is given as Burrell in Elias's will and in the Sumter County index) was born Dec. 13, 1772 and married Jean Pringle, born Jan. 26, 1769, on Oct. 4, 1795. She died early after bearing him two daughters. Burrell then married Celia McCoy on Oct. 19, 1819. She was born Nov. 2, 1790. He died testate in Sumter County, S. C., in 1852 or 1853, his wife surviving him. (See Chart 3-12)

e) WILEY FORT, born about 1774, served as a private in the War of 1812 and lived most of his life in Sumter County S. C. He married Martha ——. Wiley died in Sumter County in July, 1860. His will, made as a very old man, did not name his wife or children but named eight grandchildren: Dudley E. Hodge (who was also asked to arrange a gift to the Moriah Baptist Church); Martha Angelina Davis; James D. Fort; Elias Fort; A. (Albert?) G. Fort; Martha Jane Hodge; Judson Gynn; and Hartwell Gynn. Dudley Fort, who may have been a son, was named executor.

f) ELIAS FORT, not further identified.
g) MARY FORT, married a Mr. Pollard by 1780.
h) SELAH FORT married a Mr. Williams by 1780.
i) ELIZABETH FORT married a Mr. Spivey by 1780.
j) SARAH FORT married a Mr. Griffin by 1780.
k) PATTY (Martha?) FORT, not married in 1780.

2) JACOB FORT, born about 1751-53, probably in Edgecombe County. His brother Elias served as his guardian until the latter left for S. C. Jacob married Mary Barnes, sister of Lewis Barnes. He died intestate in the latter part of 1782, in Edgecombe. His widow Mary died shortly thereafter in the same year. They had two children:
   a) JACOB GERALDUS (GARRY) FORT, born 1776 in Edgecombe County. He married Elizabeth Battle, born Oc. 6, 1776, daughter of Jethro Battle and Martha Lane Battle, on Jan. 2, 1793. The young couple settled four miles from Tarboro, giving up the idea of moving to Tennessee. Tragically, the young Garry was killed in a fall during a horse race in 1802. The widow was living in Hinds County, Miss., in Nov. 1829, with her son Lewis B. Fort. They had four, possibly five children. (See Chart 3-13)
   b) LEWIS FORT, born about 1778-79, married Ann Battle, born April 19, 1781, daughter of Jethro and Martha Lane Battle of Edgecombe County, N. C. (The wife's name is sometimes given as Nancy.) The marriage took place May 28, 1800; the couple had at least one child who survived. It appears that Lewis Fort married twice following the death of Ann which occurred before 1820 and, probably, in the period 1806-1813. Lewis Fort by 1813 seems to have married Mildred Lamon, daughter of John Lamon; they may have had a daughter, Margaret Jane Fort, who was born 1805 or later. Somewhat more certain is that Lewis Fort married Susan Lee, daughter of James B. Lee and Chloe Crudup Lee, both of Edgecombe County. Susan was born in 1799. The couple moved to Tennessee about 1818-1820; Lewis Fort died there about 1824. His widow Susan married Adam Marley on June 30, 1825, probably in Smith County, Tenn. (See Chart 3-14)

3) JOHN FORT, birthdate not known, who was married and had an underage son, Jacob, at the time of his death in Feb.-March, 1761, in Edgecombe County. Young Jacob was born about 1757-58. He apparently married Jane Dickinson, daughter of John Dickinson, and died in Edgecombe 1787-1818. Jane's will, made in Edgecombe March 23, 1818 and probated Nov. 1822, named two sons, William and Edwin Fort, and three married daughters: Lucy Ruffin, Pressy (Priscilla) Brown, and Jane Ellinor.

4) JOSEPH FORT, married Elizabeth Dickinson of Edgecombe County about 1760-63. A planter of some wealth, Joseph died in Edgecombe in late 1790 or early 1791; his widow lived until June-Aug. 1817. Their children were:

a) JOHN FORT, not further identified, who seems to have died or left Edgecombe County by 1817. His wife was Treacy (Patricia?) Powell, sister to Alanson Powell of Nash County.
b) GEORGE FORT, born about 1770, died intestate in Edgecombe County Jan. 1815. While the name of his wife is not known, he was survived by nine children. (See Chart 3-15)
c) ELIZABETH FORT, born 1768 or earlier, married Alanson Powell of Nash County, N. C., presumably the son of John Powell, sometime prior to 1789. Powell was living in Nash County as late as 1815. The descent from this couple is not known though they had at least four children.
d) A daughter, who married Thomas Dozier of Nash County.
e) A daughter, who married Cullen Dorman of Nash County.
f) Tentatively, a daughter named Sally.

5) MARY FORT had married a member of the Bunn family of Edgecombe and Nash counties, N. C. by the time of her father's death in late 1761. The husband may have been Benjamin Bunn. Nothing further is known of her.
6) ELIZABETH FORT had married a Davis by late 1761. Tentatively, this was William Davis. The couple may have moved to S. C. along with Elizabeth's brother Elias.
7) MARTHA FORT had married Abram Barnes of Edgecombe County prior to her father's making his will. By March, 1767, Abram was living in Bladen County, N. C.; he died testate in Robeson County, N. C. in 1794, following Revolutionary War service. His children, presumably by Martha, were Josiah Barnes, Abraham Barnes, Elias Barnes, Mary Barnes (married John Willie by 1794), and Asenath Barnes (married Samuel Bridgers by 1794).
8) ORPHAR FORT was married Feb. 2, 1761 in Edgecombe County to Jesse Barnes, son of Captain Jacob Barnes and Ulian (Julia?) Barnes. She inherited land in the Johnston County, N. C. area from her father; the couple had moved there by 1772. The date of Orphar's death is not known, but Jessie Barnes had married Pheraba — by the time he made his will in Wayne County, N. C., on Dec. 11, 1804. He died shortly thereafter. Jesse Barnes' children are believed to have been by his first wife though there is no direct proof of this. Their names were:
a) PRISCILLA BARNES, who had married a Mr. Evans by 1804.
b) MARTHA BARNES, married a Mr. Horn by 1804.
c) ARCHELAUS BARNES.
d) JACOB BARNES, who was executor of his father's will.
e) MARY BARNES, who married a Mr. Daniel by 1804.
f) JESSE BARNES, who, tentatively, settled in Nash County N. C., married Sarah —, and died leaving two underage children: Sarah Barnes and Rebecca Barnes; and a daughter Delphia Barnes, who married John Farmer in Nov. 1843, Nash County. Jesse's widow Sarah later married James G. Taylor.
g) SIMON BARNES.

h) DRUCILLA BARNES, who married a Mr. Woodard before 1804.

i) JETHRO BARNES married Millicent (Milly) Daniel, daughter of Drury Daniel of Halifax County, N. C. Milly Barnes was born in 1782 according to the 1850 census of Wayne County, N. C. Jethro Barnes died testate in Wayne County March-May, 1816. (See Chart 3-16)

9) PRISCILLA FORT married James Jolly in Edgecombe County Oct. 15, 1764. The 1790 census shows two James Jolly's in North Carolina: one in Orange County, the other in Cumberland.

About The Family

The Forts of Darlington, who moved there about 1770, were prominent in this South Carolina area for more than 50 years.

Albert Fort, according to Ervin and Rudisill's history of Darlington County, built his home on land settled by his father. On Great Cypress Creek, the house is still standing with a possible construction date of about 1815; it is near Auburn, South Carolina. A devoted Baptist, Albert took active part in church affairs and served in various public capacities after his return from service with Warren in the Revolution. A private cemetery for the Fort family is understood to have been located near Albert's house, but no trace of it is believed to exist today.

The records of Welsh Neck Baptist Church, on file at Furman University, show Albert's wife Margaret being baptized on May 12, 1829, and some of his children being received into the church on other dates in 1829. It can be assumed that all or most of the Darlington family were members of this denomination.

Wiley Fort's obituary in the "Sumter Watchman" of Feb. 22, 1860, gives no descent but says he died Feb. 10, 1860, and was nearly 86 years old. Quoted in part: "For a long period of time previous to his death he was an ardent . . . member of the Baptist church . . . He was also an uncompromising adherent to the principles of Temperance . . . also an active and efficient soldier in the War of 1812."

Others of George Fort's clan tended to remain in the Edgecombe County, North Carolina, area, where they were closely allied with the Battle and other prominent families in that area.

The oldest known letter involving the Fort family was written by John Battle of Edgecombe to Elias Fort of Robertson County, Tennessee, on May 22, 1794. As given in the "Battle Book", the letter has excerpts of interest to descendants of George Fort and Mary:

". . . Against my desire and instruction at so youthful a day, Garry Fort and Jethro Battle's daughter Elizabeth were married on the 2nd Day of January last and have settled to house keeping on his plantation with his negroes. He has employed an overseer and I hope will do tolerable well. When I recd. your letter he seemed intent to go to Cumberland (Tennessee): I agreed that he might go there if there was a good chance of company. I had bought him a good horse before, but I believe that the thoughts of marrying caused him to decline . . . I would be glad . . . if you would send me a

memorandum of the ages of Garry Fort and Lewis as I have no certain acct. of their ages . . ."

Jacob Geraldus (Garry) and Elizabeth were only 17 at the time of their marriage; the annoyance of the girl's uncle can be understood. Both Garry and Lewis had lost their parents in 1782, and their ages might well have been in doubt.

The letter goes on:

"Please remember me, my wife, Josiah Battle, and Lewis Fort to your sons and their wives and children, Jacob Dickinson and his family . . ."

Lewis Fort was thus still in Edgecombe County.

Finally, on an optimistic note:

"Of late my wife is not troubled with the hysterick fitts as formerly."

Authors' Notes

George Fort's Children. Their names are given in his will, Edgecombe County, Will Book 4, Pg. 61, July 4, 1761, recorded December, 1761.

The Darlington Connection. The authors were able to establish proof of the parentage of Elias of Darlington (d. @ 1780) from hard evidence. A deed in Edgecombe County (Book D, Pg. 63, Feb. 1769) reads: "Elias Fort, son of George Fort, and Lucy his wife to Peter Knight (tracts totalling 240 acres) . . ." Another deed (Book 2, Pg. 170, Oct. 8, 1774) in Edgecombe: "Elias Fort of Craven County, S. C. to Jacob Fort of Edgecombe . . . 100 acres joining Joseph Fort and McDade." The land conveyed in the second of these deeds is associated with George Fort and his descendants. And in Darlington, an estate inventory for Elias in 1780 shows a sale conducted by "Lusey Fort", Albert Fort, and Egbert. Names of his daughters' husbands are also in this sale record. Elias's wife was not identified by name in his will.

A First Wife for Elias? Edgecombe marriage records show an Elias Fort marrying Lucy Atkinson (or Adkinson) March 7, 1764. Yet Albert Fort's pension application shows him claiming a birthdate in 1758. The authors found no other Elias-Lucy marriage and so hazard a guess that Elias might have had a first wife by whom he had Albert and perhaps one or two other children. His will, by the by, shows he had two underage daughters in 1779.

Elias's Will. Early wills in South Carolina were filed in Charleston. Elias's will is in Charleston County, Will Book A, Pg. 81, 1783-86. William Davis was an executor. We know that Elias's sister Elizabeth married a Davis from George's will, and a William Davis appears in various Edgecombe documents associated with George's family. Hence the belief that Elizabeth and her husband also moved to South Carolina with Elias — though this theory was not further explored.

Albert Fort. The authors had no opportunity to consult Ervin and Rudisill's "Darlingtoniana", but the book is considered a "must" for those interested in Darlington history. Mrs. John Duvall of Miami, a descendant of Albert Fort, kindly supplied Darlington material she had gathered, including helpful notes on the Welsh Neck and Antioch Baptist congregations. So far as is known, Albert Fort died intestate, but his widow Margaret Norwood Fort made a will in Darlington County, April 21, 1849 (Will Book 2, Pg. 167,

recorded July 27, 1850). Margaret named a stepson, Allen Fort, in her will, indicating a first marriage for Albert.

The Norwood Line. Interesting reading on the Norwoods is to be found in "'General' John Norwood and Related Lines" by William Howard Norwood, Trumpet Press, Dallas Texas, 1964. It shows that Captain John Norwood married Mary Warren in 1775; they were Margaret's parents.

Egbert Fort Data. The name never shows up again in the Fort line providing a pleasant experience for researchers drowned in too many John's and Elias's. Egbert's Revolutionary War service is documented in the Columbia, South Carolina Archives, Revolutionary War Accounts, File AA2500 (Cheraws District). Mrs. F. R. Galbreath of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, among much other assistance, supplied information on a record in equity in Darlington surrounding the estate of Egbert; it shows him dead by 1811, that he had been living in Claremont County, that his widow Mary was apparently in Laurens County, and names his children. Two of the latter were underage and placed under the guardianship of James Stanley; it might be guessed that the widow Mary was herself a Stanley.

The Jacob Fort-Jane Dickinson Marriage. (Go to Author's Notes, Chart 3-15).

Burrell Fort. Burrell Fort's will is in Sumter County, dated July 26, 1831, with his brother Wiley Fort witnessing a codicil. The will shows Sarah and Susannah were not married at that time, and places them under the care of William and Jane Potts. The authors are indebted to Mrs. Charles H. Smith of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, for information on Burrell Fort and his descendants.

Wiley Fort. The abstract used by the authors was supplied by Mrs. Galbreath from Sumter County (Bundle 137, Pk. 1); the will was dated 1857 and was probated July 16, 1860. An obituary for Wiley was published in the February 22, 1860, issue of "The Watchman", a Sumter County newspaper. Copies of the obituary are still in existence and probably could provide information on Wiley's children.

The Missing Son Elias. The father's will shows two sons as being underage: Elias and Wiley. The son was thus born 1759 or later; a guess might be 1770-73 since Wiley, seemingly the youngest from his position in the will, was born 1776. An Elias Fort appears in the 1810 census of Darlington County, age 16-26, and apparently was not the same as Elias's son.

Names of the Daughters' Husbands. Taken from an estate administration paper in Darlington.

Jacob and Mary Fort. Mary Fort's will is in Edgecombe County, Book B, Pg. 104. She named her sons "Garry" and Lewis in this document dated June 3, 1782, recorded August Court. Her husband Jacob may have died in late 1781 since his estate was divided in Edgecombe by February, 1782. Book B, Pg. 287 shows Geraldus and Lewis as sons of Jacob; the estate included "11 bottles . . . 1 Bible . . . ginn . . . kittles . . . cowhids."

The Lewis Fort Problem. It is certain that Lewis Fort, brother of Garry, married Ann Battle (sister to his brother's wife) May 28, 1800. He was underage in 1794 so it can be assumed this was his first marriage. The "Battle Book" quotes an 1820 genealogy showing Ann Battle dead by that year

(Page 15) and asserting "She had several children but left only one living named Garry." There are, however, two other marriages ascribed to a Lewis Fort. "Abstracts of Early Records of Nash County" by Watson, September, 1813, shows an estate division for John Lamon, who had died intestate in 1798. His children included "Mildred, wife of Lewis Fort." In 1824 the same book gives a guardian report by Archibald Lamon on his ward, Margaret Jane Fort. To further confuse things, the authors noted in the "Battle Book" (Page 13) another excerpt from the 1820 genealogy: "Susan (Lee) is married to L. Fort—has a son. They are now living in Tenn. The rest of the (Lee) family are living with their widowed mother." Referring to the Lewis-Susan marriage, a correspondent who gave no sources referred to this Lewis as being from Wake County; said Susan was born 1799, died 1841; gave their son's name as James Lewis Fort, born January 1, 1820. The authors attempted to fit these pieces of information to other Lewis Forts in Virginia and North Carolina but discrepancies existed. Somewhat doubtfully, the authors offer the three-marriage idea for Lewis Fort. It appears to fit the known facts better than any other theory.

The Joseph Fort Material. Joseph's will is in Edgecombe County, Will Book C, Pg. 163, dated July 9, 1790, recorded February, 1791. He names his wife Elizabeth and his sons; daughters are mentioned but not named. The authors are again indebted to Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina, for a closely documented analysis of Edgecombe documents showing Joseph's children. One of these documents is the division of Joseph's estate in 1817 following the death of Elizabeth Fort (Inventories and Accounts of Sales, 1818-1820, Pg. 109). Elizabeth died testate (Will Book E, Pg. 155) in 1817, leaving her estate to a granddaughter Nancy "Foort" whose parentage is not positively known.

Mary Fort's Husband. She is identified as "Mary Bunn" in her father's will. Benjamin Bunn served as an executor for George's will and was guardian to certain of George's children. DAR records give Benjamin Bunn's wife as—Burwell. The authors did not check the DAR descents nor is there real proof that Benjamin was Mary's husband. However, it is possible that Benjamin (born 1740, died 1813) had Mary as a first wife.

Elizabeth Fort. The name of William Davis shows on a number of the Fort's Edgecombe documents. And the will of Elias, the son who died in the Darlington area, shows a William Davis as an executor.

Martha Fort. The DAR Patriot Index shows her husband as Abram Barnes, but the authors did not check with descendants.

Orphar Fort. She received land bordering Dobbs (now Wayne) County and Johnston County in the will of her father; this was shortly after her marriage in early 1761 (Edgecombe marriage bond). Children's names are from Jesse Barnes' will in Johnston County, made December 11, 1804; he died shortly thereafter. The will is in the North Carolina Archives, Will Book 3 (1796-1807), Pg. 75. Nearly all the material on Orphar came from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. The note on Jesse Barnes (Jr.) of Nash County is from a Nash County abstract showing Elias Barnes as the guardian for the two children. "Orphar", by the way, may be a corruption of "Orpah", a figure in the Old Testament's Book of Ruth.

Chart 3-4 (from Chart 3-1)

Phillis Fort (Fiveash) and Robert Simms

ROBERT SIMMS of Nansemond County, Va., may have had a first marriage before his marriage to Phillis Fiveash, daughter of George Fort, in about 1720-21. He is believed to have been born about 1694. His 1729 will in Bertie County, N. C., lists four sons plus other unnamed children. The son named were Thomas, James, Joseph and Robert. Of these only Robert Simms (II) is known definitely to have been by Phillis. Robert (II) was born 1721-22, probably in Nansemond County, Va., and married Mary Barnes, daughter of Edward and Sarah Pope Barnes of Edgecombe County, N. C., the marriage occurring sometime prior to 1760. The couple lived much of their lives in Wayne County, N. C., where the husband was an official of the Quaker congregation, and was tax collector, county treasurer, and justice. He died testate in Wayne County in 1791. Mary had previously died in 1789. The children of Robert Simms (II) and Mary Barnes Simms were:

1) BRITON SIMMS, died 1795 in Wayne.
2) JAMES SIMMS.
3) KEZIAH SIMMS, who married Shadrach Dickinson.
4) MARY SIMMS married a Mr. Newsome.
5) PENELOPE SIMMS was married in 1779 to William Dickinson.
6) SUSANNAH SIMMS, underage in 1789.
7) BARNES SIMMS married Martha Dew.
8) ABRAHAM SIMMS married a girl named Elizabeth.
9) BENJAMIN SIMMS, born Nov. 13, 1772, married Tabitha Thomas and died in 1827.
10) PATIENCE SIMMS died before 1787.
11) ROBERT SIMMS (III) was born in 1760, and married Sarah Dickinson. About 1784 the couple moved to Hancock County, Ga. Sarah died in Coweta County June 25, 1850. Robert died March 25, 1815, in that county leaving nine children:
    a) JOHN SIMMS, born June 9, 1782, died in Coweta County, Ga., Dec. 1, 1863. He married first Mary Connell, and second Comfort Mattox Grace on Sept. 16, 1816. The latter was born Feb. 26, 1798 and died July 18, 1880. (See Chart 3-41)
    b) SUSAN SIMMS married Gerard Burch on Jan. 22, 1810; she died Aug. 22, 1814. He was born in 1782 and died in Hancock County, Ga., in 1856. After Susan's death he married Elizabeth Beckham. (See Chart 3-42)
    c) ELIZABETH SIMMS, who married first Edmund Garrett, and second James Askew, Jr. The second marriage took place about 1806. (See Chart 3-43)
    d) MARY SIMMS, who married Newdigate Connell on Dec. 23, 1810. They are known to have had at least one child, Maria Teresa Connell, born 1812, died 1887 in Coweta County, Ga. She married James Pender Askew, born 1809 in Edgecombe County,

N. C., died 1893 in Newnan, Ga. The Askews had at least one child: John Askew, born 1845, died 1907; he married Ida Clara Lundie, born 1852 and died 1936 in Newnan. Howard M. Askew, born 1879, was a child of this marriage. A family searcher, Howard Askew married Annie Leah Clark in 1903.

e) SALLIE SIMMS, who married George Tilley, Dec. 16, 1819. Descent is not known.

f) PENELOPE SIMMS, who married James S. Turner, April 16, 1814. Descent not known.

g) ANN SIMMS, who married James D. Jones, Nov. 11, 1818. Descent not known.

h) BRITTAIN SIMMS, born 1789, married Ann Terrell Colbert on Feb. 9, 1814; she was born Aug. 1, 1797 and died March 18, 1850. This couple lived in Howard County until 1834 when they moved to Coweta County. Brittain died in 1864. (See Chart 3-44)

i) PATIENCE SIMMS, who died young.

About The Family

Northampton County, North Carolina, deeds show that Robert Sims (descendants in Georgia use "Simms" exclusively) owned land on the "Moratoke River" (now Roanoke River) in 1741 and probably before. This Robert was the son of the first Robert Sims and Phillis Fort Fiveash. The land was on the north side of Oconeeche Swamp and joined that of Rowland Williams and his wife Phillis who is presumed to be the mother of Robert (II).

Rowland and Phillis sold 290 acres in February, 1746, the deed being witnessed by John Fort and Robert Sims. Robert Simms (II) moved to Craven County, North Carolina, sometime prior to December, 1753 when he sold land in Northampton inherited from his father to William Armistead. He sold more of this inherited land February 1, 1756 when his residence was given as Johnston County; Wayne County was formed in part from Johnston.

Robert Simms (III), who moved to Hancock County, Georgia, was a Revolutionary soldier. Apparently a Quaker as was his father, he died in Hancock County but his grave has not been located. About 1828, members of his family joined the Powellton Baptist Church. The grave of Sarah Dickinson Simms was located by Lewis Boutwell, a descendant, in a family cemetery on Smokey Road, southeast of Newnan, Georgia. Graves of John Simms, William M. Simms, Comfort Simms and Briton Simms are in the same place.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Early data on the Simms family came from a sketch in "Coweta County Chronicles" by Martha Reid Robinson. As noted above, Northampton County documents tend to reinforce the descent given in the book. Lewis L. Boutwell of Baltimore, Maryland, most kindly contributed much data on the

later generations, using material gathered in Georgia and from other sources. Howard M. Askew, another descendant, was a careful and imaginative researcher into the early history of the Fort family. Mr. Askew, who died before this book was researched, lived in Decatur, Georgia. The authors came across his work somewhat late in the game and found he had already solved some of the genealogical problems over which they had labored. Tribute is gladly paid him.

Chart 3-5 (from Chart 3-2)

Benjamin Fort and Patience Sherrard

BENJAMIN FORT and Patience Sherrard had at least one son, and probably a second, together with several daughters:

1) WILEY FORT, born about 1771 in Wayne County, N.C., married Barbara Tully; he may have had an earlier marriage to Sarah Hollowell, daughter of Joseph Hollowell. Wiley—the name is given variously as Wilie and Willie—operated a large plantation in Wayne which he inherited from his father. The date of his death is not known, but Barbara survived him and later married Dr. Addison Person. He is known to have had one son; daughters, if any, are not known.
    a) WILLIAM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FORT, born 1811, married Evelyn Becton Isler whose mother is known to have been named Nancy. Evelyn was the niece of Captain John P. Williams, a Revolutionary War soldier. The couple lived in Wayne on the family's original plantation in the northern part of the county. William is known to have died sometime after 1863. (See Chart 3-17)
2) WILLIAM FORT (name tentative), born about 1774-78 and seemingly dead by 1810 following his marriage to Nancy _____. He was survived by a small son named Wiley (also given as Wilie) Fort. His wife Nancy died testate in Wayne County in 1810.
    a) WILEY FORT, born about 1807, married Mary Herring. His wife was the daughter of William and Rachael Herring who lived on Bear Creek in Lenoir County, N.C. Mary was born Aug. 10, 1808; the marriage took place Feb. 7, 1833. The couple migrated to Marengo County, Ala., 1838-40; Mary died there—or in Bowie County, Tex—March 3, 1852. Wiley married Sarah about 1853. In 1860 Wiley was a prosperous farmer in Bowie County. He probably died there. (See Chart 3-18)
3) PATIENCE L. FORT, not married in Aug. 1833 (identification tentative).
4) MARY (or Maria) FORT, who married William H. Bizzell of Wayne County in April, 1833 (identification tentative).
5) A daughter, name not known.
6) A daughter, name not known.
7) A daughter, name not known.

About The Family

Benjamin Fort and his descendants in Wayne County were wealthy as wealth went in pre-Civil War North Carolina. William Benjamin Franklin Fort's property, listed for tax purposes in 1863, included 69 slaves valued at more than $53,000. His son Wylie Becton Fort (discussed elsewhere) held a 5,000 acre estate.

The bulk of these properties, which were granted, bought and sold for many years, were along Nahunta and Aycock swamps in northern Wayne County. Wylie Becton's lands were eight miles north of Goldsboro.

Wiley Fort of Alabama and Texas had more modest holdings in Bowie County, but the 1860 census showed his property as being worth more than $30,000 which was considerable in that non-inflated economy.

Descendants of the Wayne County Forts still own some of the original china that was in Governor Tryon's palace at New Bern. The palace, restored in recent years, is a North Carolina showplace.

Authors' Notes

The authors had access to only a limited collection of Wayne County materials. The arrangement offered in the table satisfies most, if not all, the puzzles found in the available materials, but a closer check of Wayne documents may well show errors.

Benjamin's Second Son. The 1790 census listed one son under 16 for Benjamin plus six white females in the household; of these latter one is presumed to have been his wife Patience. Wiley Fort, who was administrator of Benjamin's estate, was born in 1771 according to family sources; he assuredly was of age by March, 1796. The authors cannot explain why Wiley, who was 19-25 years old at the time the census was taken, was not listed. However, they accept the census's showing of a younger son in view of the will of Nancy Fort (Book 2, Pg. 37), Wayne County, made January 18, 1810. Nancy left her estate to an underage son named Wilie Fort, who was put in the keeping of "my brother Wilie Fort." The most likely explanation of this will is that the word "brother" was used in the sense of "brother-in-law," a not uncommon practice. If this is right, then Nancy was the young widow of a brother of Wiley. We also find, in Wayne's Deed Book 4, Pg. 287, January 2, 1818, an additional sale from the estate of William Fort, deceased, in which a Sarah Fort and Gabriel Sherrard were among the purchasers. And in August, 1833, there was a division of the lands of William Fort, deceased, between Patience L. Fort and Maria Bizzell. The authors are not certain that these two documents relate to the same William Fort, but they add weight to the idea that Benjamin had a son named William who died not long before 1810 when Nancy made her will.

The Isler Connection. The Kinston, North Carolina "Free Press" published an article on the Isler family October 7, 1914. The authors did not have access to it, but noted the will of Susan Jones of Craven County, dated July 26, 1847. She left bequests to the "children of my deceased sister Nancy Isler;" the list of these included "Evaline, the wife of William Fort."

Wiley of Texas. While not entirely certain, it is probable that the Wiley of Alabama and Bowie County, Texas, was the son of Wiley of Wayne. Mary Herring's marriage to "Willie" appears in "Bible Records of Early Edgecombe" (Williams); the Herrings had moved to Lenoir before the marriage took place. The identification is based on three points: 1) geographic closeness of Lenoir and Wayne: 2) the names given to the Texas Wiley's children repeat names asociated with the Wayne branch; 3) the apparent lack of any other Wiley with whom to associate Mary Herring. The 1860 census record of Bowie shows Wiley as 53 years old. The next listed in the household is Sarah, 33 years old. The next is Bryant, 24. It is probable that Sarah was a daughter by an earlier marriage if the census age is right. The remainder of Wiley's many children were born at close intervals; a nine-year interval seems too much, so a first marriage is offered as a possibility.
Sarah Hollowell Fort. The will of Joseph Hollowell of Wayne County was made January 18, 1820, and recorded August, 1820. It names, among others, several married daughters including Sarah Fort. Since Barbara Tully is known to have survived Wiley and remarried, the authors suggest, without real proof, that Sarah might have been Wiley's first wife.
Patience L. Fort and Mary Bizzell. The authors are not confident in ascribing them to Benjamin Fort but consider it possible that, as sisters, they shared in the estate of William Fort, postulated as a son of Benjamin.

Chart 3-6 (from Chart 3-2)

John Fort and Mary B. Brown

JOHN FORT, son of Joseph, and his wife Mary B. Brown lived first in Robeson County, N. C., then in Wayne County, Ga. They had six children:

1) ELIAS FORT, born Aug. 8, 1786 in Robeson County, is believed to have fought in the War of 1812 after the family's move to Ga. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Kemp Sheffield, daughter of John Kemp and Rhoda Edwards, who was born April 1, 1793, and who in 1810 had married Sherod Sheffield. The marriage took place Feb. 4, 1841. There was no issue by this marriage. The date of Elias's death is not known, but he is thought to have been buried in the Fort Cemetery on Altamaha River Swamp.
2) NANCY FORT, born Aug. 22, 1792 in Robeson County, married James Hutto, a Methodist circuit rider, born 1785. James and Nancy lived in Wayne County, Ga., most of their lives. He died Feb. 5, 1840; the date of Nancy's death is not known. They had only one child:
   a) MARY ANN HUTTO, born 1820, who married Robert B. Crum on Nov. 24, 1842. (See Chart 3-19)
3) JOHN FORT, JR., born Jan. 20, 1794 in Robeson County, died sometime after 1840 in Wayne County, Ga. He did not marry.
4) JAMES FORT, born Jan. 1796, in Robeson County, died as an infant on Nov. 2, 1797.
5) DUNCAN FORT, born Sept. 9, 1797, served as a major in the Wayne County, Ga., militia in the period 1827-28. He died July 2, 1828, leaving no children.

6) JOSEPH FORT, born Feb. 20, 1800 in Wayne County, Ga., was sheriff of that county 1822-24. He died unmarried Jan. 5, 1835.

About The Family

Elias Fort, the son of John, signed a certificate in 1814 that Willie Roberson furnished spies and scouts on the frontier of Wayne County during the winter of 1813. The certificate, on file in Wayne, seems to relate to the War of 1812 and indicates Elias served as an officer.

The Fort Cemetery on Altamaha River Swamp was later abandoned, according to Folks Huxford's "Memoirs of Wiregrass Georgia."

Authors' Notes

Folks Huxford published a five-volume work on genealogy and data from the extreme southeastern Georgia counties called "Memoirs of Wiregrass Georgia." The authors found it useful in sorting out the various children of John Fort but also relied on the very complete Bible record of John Fort, owned by Miss Claudia Little of Waycross, Ga., a copy of which is in the DAR Library in Washington. Duncan Fort's militia service is noted in the Georgia Archives' genealogical card file in Atlanta.

Chart 3-7 (from Chart 3-2)

James Fort and Martha Gibson

JAMES FORT, son of Joseph, and Martha Gibson lived first in Robeson County, N. C., settled for two years or so in Georgetown District (County), S. C., then moved to Wayne County, Ga., in late 1797 or early 1798. They had only one child:

1) MARY ELEANOR GIBSON FORT, born Aug. 5, 1807, who married Stephen Clay King, born Dec. 7, 1796. At least some of their descendants are known to have lived in Texas. They had nine children:
   a) JAMES FORT KING, born Sept. 24, 1825 in Saltilla, Ga., married Louisa Maria Clark, March 5, 1850. (See Chart 3-20)
   b) MARY ANNA KING, born June 17, 1838, Saltilla.
   c) HANNAH LORD KING, born Oct. 8, 1836, Saltilla.
   d) WILLIAM THOMPSON KING, born Oct. 10, 1839, died as a boy on May 19, 1844.
   e) CORNELIA KING, born Aug. 21, 1845 at Saltilla, died young on Oct. 2, 1861.
   f) MARTHA GIBSON KING, born July 11, 1826 (given as 1828 in another source), married John H. Hall on Dec. 5, 1849, died at Savannah, Ga., on April 15, 1852.
   g) DANIEL LORD KING, born Dec. 4, 1833, Saltilla.
   h) STEPHEN GIBSON KING, born Sept. 11, 1828, Waynesville, Ga.
   i) HENRY CLAY KING, born May 4, 1830 at Waynesville. Henry is believed to have moved in his later life to San Antonio, Tex.

About The Family

James Fort is known to have been an active member of the Methodist church. The family Bible from which many of the dates in this table come was published in 1827 for the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was owned by Henry Clay King.

Authors' Notes

The family Bible of John Fort, Jame's brother, also gives names and dates for some of James Fort's family. A valuable record, it is matched by James Fort's own family Bible, whose entries were published in 1946-47 in "Miscellaneous Genealogical Records of Texas." John's Bible contained some information on James' family as well as his own. In most cases the dates agree, but where there was a difference the authors used James' Bible for his descent and John's for his. James Fort's brief residence in South Carolina is referred to in Folks Huxford's "Memoirs of Wiregrass Georgia" and is confirmed by a 1797 document in Robeson County, North Carolina, in which James gave power of attorney to his brother John.

Chart 3-8 (from Chart 3-2)

Elizabeth Fort and Thomas Muse

ELIZABETH FORT, daughter of Joseph of Robeson County, N.C., married Thomas Muse of Prince William County, Va., about 1770-75. At the time of the Revolution the couple was living in Fairfield District (County), S.C. They are known to have had seven children:

1) ASENATH MUSE, a daughter, who married Thomas Hines.
2) HUMPHREY POPE MUSE, who married a Miss Staunton.
3) A daughter who married a Mr. Godbolt.
4) JAMES FORT MUSE, born Feb. 9, 1776, probably in Fairfield District, S.C. He married Margaret Adelaide Bourgeat on March 22, 1821; she was the daughter of Narcisse Bourgeat and Marie Barbe Filhiol and was born Dec. 5, 1803 at Fort Miro, La. James served as a sheriff at one time, and later moved into the study of law and into practicing law in La. He died at Bayou Lettsworth, La., Jan. 14, 1843. His widow Margaret was still living in May, 1894. Their five children were:
   a) GEORGE WASHINGTON MUSE, killed in the Civil War.
   b) JULIA WASHINGTON MUSE, born 1823, who married Dr. Christopher Hunt Dabbs in 1845. She died 1868 in Monroe, La. She is known to have had: 1) James Muse Dabbs, born Dec. 9, 1845 in Monroe, married Marie Olivia Collett, Jan. 24, 1867; 2) Julia Adelaide Dabbs, born 1849.
   c) ELLEN MUSE, who married a Mr. Coats.
   d) ANNE MUSE, who is believed to have married a Mr. Horten.
   e) JAMES FORT MUSE, (II) was born Oct. 27, 1832 in Oldham County, Ky., and attended the old Jefferson College on the

east side of the Mississippi River, near Donaldsonville, La. He married first Cecile Roberta Bercergea, born 1842, daughter of Adolphe Bercergea and Elizabeth _____, whom he met at Donaldsonville. After her death he married Eliska Tircuit, born July 11, 1844 at Pointe Coupee, La. James Fort Muse (II) died at New Orleans April 22, 1890. Eliska died at Moorhead, Miss., March 13, 1939. (See Chart 3-21)

5) THOMAS MUSE, about whom nothing further is known.
6) JOSEPH MUSE, who died unmarried.
7) ELIAS POPE MUSE, who married Martha DuBose.

About The Family

George Washington Muse, according to a family tradition, was the first Confederate soldier killed at the first Battle of Bull Run, the first general engagement of the Civil War.

James Fort Muse (II) captained boats on the Mississippi during the heyday of the great steamboat era. He commanded the "Natchez," one of the waterborne lovelies of that day, and also the "James M. White," largest of them all, which was destroyed by fire in a tragedy that took some 40 lives.

A family letter, dated August 30, 1957, says that the cemetery at Bayou Lettsworth, in which James Fort Muse (Sr.) supposedly was buried, was engulfed by the river in the early 1900's.

The Bourgeat family and others linked with it were among the early French migrants to Louisiana.

Authors' Notes

The Fort-Muse Link. Joseph Fort's 1797 will in Robeson County mentions his daughter Elizabeth Muse and four of her children: James, Thomas, Joseph, and Elias.

James Fort Muse Materials. E. W. McDonald of Pleasantville, Ohio, whose wife is a Muse descendent, kindly supplied much of the material on the James Fort Muse line as contained on this chart and subsequent charts. He also provided cemetery and other data that was of help with another Fort branch in the St. Francisville, Louisiana, area.

Chart 3-9 (from Chart 3-2)

Jacob Dickinson and Mourning Thomas

JACOB DICKINSON, son of William Dickinson and Sarah Fort, was born 1744 in Edgecombe County, N. C. On Nov. 19, 1770, he and Mourning Thomas, daughter of Joseph Thomas and Mourning Pope, were married; Mourning Thomas was born April 26, 1756. The marriage took place in a portion of Edgecombe County, now part of Nash County. The couple migrated to Davidson County, Tenn. in the period 1790-92, settling on "Dickinson Road", which became "Dickerson Road" and is now the route of U. S. Highway 41 running north from Nashville. Mourning died shortly

after their arrival in Tenn. Jacob, a member of Tar River Baptist Church in Edgecombe, received a letter of dismission in March, 1792, following his move. After the death of Mourning, Jacob married Elizabeth Baker, widow of Charles Baker; she survived his death, which occurred in the first part of 1816. All of Jacob's children, of which there were eight, were by his first wife:

1) SARAH DICKINSON was born Oct. 26, 1771, and died Aug. 7, 1781.
2) JANE DICKINSON was born Oct. 27, 1773 and did not marry.
3) MARY "POLLY" DICKINSON was born May 25, 1776 and died in 1856 in Tenn. Her first husband was James Dean, and her second was Frank McKay. The date of her first marriage was Sept. 24, 1794; James Dean was born March 8, 1763 and died Sept. 3, 1801. By her first husband Mary had:
   a) SALLIE DEAN, born Oct. 9, 1796; she married Michael Gleaves.
   b) JAMES DEAN, JR.
   c) MARY "POLLY" DEAN, born Oct. 11, 1801. She married first Thomas Gleaves and second, a Mr. Fletcher. By her first husband she had: 1) Will Gleaves; 2) Albert Gleaves, and 3) Mary D. Gleaves. By her second she had: 1) Burrell Fletcher and; 2) Andrew Fletcher, who married Florence Ewing.

   By her second husband, Frank McKay, Mary had five more children:
   d) SILAS HARLAND McKAY, born March 6, 1807, and died Sept. 6, 1884. He married first Lucinda Grider and, following her death, married on May 26, 1858, Mary Reid Ralston. (See Chart 3-22).
   e) JACOB DICKINSON McKAY, who married Maria—and died Aug. 20, 1866. They had one daughter, Almira McKay, who married Will Hudson.
   f) DUNCAN ROBERTSON McKAY, died young.
   g) ALMIRA McKAY, who married a Mr. Allen.
   h) FELIX GRUNDY McKAY, born April 25, 1817; on Dec. 22, 1847, he married Jane Wharton Seay at Nashville, Tenn. She was born Nov. 15, 1829, died Feb., 1907 and was the daughter of Samuel Seay and Jane Miller Wharton. Felix died Jan. 4, 1903 in Davidson County. (See Chart 3-23)
4) CHARITY DICKINSON was born Oct. 15, 1778 in Nash County, N. C. On Aug. 9, 1796 she married William Donelson, son of John Donelson and Rachel Stockley, who was born 1756 and died April 13, 1820. They had ten children:
   a) SEVERN DONELSON was born in 1797. On Jan. 17, 1821 in Davidson County, he married Mary H. Sampson. They had these children: 1) George Donelson, 2) William Donelson, 3) Rachel Donelson.
   b) MARY C. "POLLY" DONELSON was born in 1799. On Feb. 26, 1818, she married John M. A. Hamblen.
   c) JACOB DONELSON was born 1801 in Davidson County, Tenn. On Oct. 4, 1825 he married Agnes P. Sample. (See Chart 3-24)
   d) MARTHA H. DONELSON was born 1804 and died in 1873. On

Jan. 11, 1826 she married Robert M. Burton. He was born Nov. 20, 1800 and died Oct. 26, 1843. Her second husband was Paul Anderson. Robert M. Burton arrived in Tenn. in 1823 and settled in Lebanon. After practicing law for a number of years, he was in 1827 elected to the state legislature. He also attended the Convention of 1834. His parents were James Minge Burton and wife Elizabeth Ridley. Robert and Martha Burton were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. (See Chart 3-25)

e) MILBERRY DONELSON was born July 27, 1806 and died in 1836. On Feb. 10, 1825, she married Colonel John McGregor. (See Chart 3-26)

f) RACHEL DONELSON was born in 1809.

g) WILLIAM DONELSON, JR.

h) ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON was born March 14, 1815 in Davidson County, Tenn. On Oct. 13, 1835 he married Catherine J. Nelson. They moved to La. (See Chart 3-27)

i) ALEXANDER S. DONELSON.

j) ELIZABETH HAYS DONELSON was born 1819. She married Robert A. Burton. (See Chart 3-28)

5) JACOB DICKINSON, JR., was born April 20, 1782 and died on Jan. 24, 1822. On Dec. 14, 1805 he married Patsy Bond of Davidson County.

6) ISAAC DICKINSON was born July 16, 1784 and died July 14, 1788.

7) MILBERRY DICKINSON was born April 5, 1787 in Nash County, N. C., and died in 1841 at Roseland Plantation eight miles from Natchez, Miss. On Sept. 28, 1805 in Davidson County, Tenn., she married Dr. Andrew Macrery, son of the Rev. Macrery and his wife Rebecca Wallace. He was born Dec. 27, 1775 probably in Newark, Del., and died Sept. 14, 1843. Dr. Macrery and his wife were both Presbyterians. He was one of the founders of the Charity Hospital in Natchez and served on its board for many years. He was also a trustee of Jefferson College in Washington, Miss. Both were buried in their family lot in "the main old cemetery on the bluff in Natchez." The Macrerys had eight children:

a) FREDERICK MACRERY never married.

b) DICKINSON MACRERY left no children.

c) MARY MACRERY died young.

d) ANDREW JACKSON MACRERY (1822-1852) married in 1844 Letitia Hagan of Nashville, Tenn.

e) ANN MACRERY married Mr. Watt and had several children, but the line is now extinct.

f) SELAH H. MACRERY married a Mr. Winston and had: 1) Anna Winston, 2) Milbury Winston, and 3) Selah Winston.

g) SARAH MACRERY was born Oct. 15, 1819 at Roseland Plantation in Adams County, Miss., and died there July 20, 1859. About 1844 at Natchez she married Robert Martin Ayres, son of Lambert Purnell Ayres and wife Nancy Richardson. He

was born Aug. 22, 1812 in Worcester County, Md., and died April 1, 1864 at Roseland Plantation. Their children were: 1) Ann Milbury Ayres, born in 1845 and died in 1924, and 2) John Richardson Ayres, born Dec. 19, 1849. (See Chart 3-29)

h) ELIZA FISK MACRERY married Audley C. Britton. They lived in Natchez, Miss. The Brittons were Presbyterians; he was president of the banking firm of Britton and Koontz, which is still in existence. (See Chart 3-30)

8) WILLIAM THOMAS DICKINSON was born Feb. 12, 1790. He grew to maturity but never married.

About The Family

Family tradition says Jacob Dickinson moved to Tennessee in 1789, but he was listed in the 1790 census of Edgecombe County, North Carolina. A deed dated May 19, 1791 shows him still in Edgecombe but selling three tracts of land north of the Tar River for 533 pounds in silver and gold money. This was evidently preparatory to his move.

In the Jane Fort Papers is a fragile document with this statement: "Jacob Dickinson and family came to Tennessee in 1789 and camped on Mansker Creek in a fort, then settled on Dickinson Road at Summer Bloom where Jacob Dickinson is buried. Our grandmother Mary said she rode horseback from North Carolina to Tennessee when she was 13 years old. The oldest Baptist Church was built on his place and called "Dickinson Meeting House."

Marquis James' biography "The Life of Andrew Jackson" shows that William Donelson, the husband of Charity Dickinson, was the brother of Rachel Donelson Robards Jackson, wife of the president. The closely-knit relationships among the Dickinsons, Donelsons, and Jacksons are described in a number of incidents. Andrew Jackson's famous duel, in which he killed his opponent for slandering his wife, had as its other party one Charles Dickinson who may or may not have been related to Charity.

The same book contains a fascinating yarn involving a "Captain Fort" (Pages 121-22). In May, 1805 this youthful captain, described by Jackson in a letter as "an entire stranger . . . introduced to me by letter", rushed into the Hermitage at Nashville. He spent the evening telling Jackson about the brewing Aaron Burr conspiracy to conquer Mexico, split off the western part of the United States, and combine the two. Fort himself said he supported the conspiracy. Rashly, he told all he knew and seemed to be fishing for Jackson's support. Jackson was astounded. The following day he got off urgent letters of warning to Senator Daniel Smith, Governor Claiborne of Louisiana, and to President Thomas Jefferson. Apparently this was the first warning given to the nation's leadership regarding Burr's plans.

The "Captain Fort" who dropped Burr's shoe isn't further identified. He had ridden to Nashville from New York.

Louis Sigaud, the author, researched the Burr conspiracy some years later with the intention of doing a book on it. According to a letter he wrote to a Fort in Tennessee, he had established the first name of the captain as John. The authors of this volume queried the Library of Congress as to whether

the letter of introduction Captain Fort brought with him was in Jackson's personal papers, but the Library staff could not help. So nothing more is known of him.

Authors' Notes

Jacob Dickinson's Will. Located in Davidson County, Tennessee, Book 7, Pg. 58. The will is a lengthy one; it includes a generous provision for his wife at the time of his death, the widow Elizabeth Baker Fort. It says at one point "for the love I bear her and in consideration of the service she has rendered my family . . . ."

The Dickinson Bible. The family Bible lists Jacob's children and the dates of their births. It also includes this puzzling reference, given verbatim and in full: "(Anna) Fort the daughter of John and Elizabeth Fort was born 12th day of September in the year 1795 (Signed by) Ic (for Isaac) Battle." The name Anna is somewhat difficult to read. The authors attempted to identify the John Fort mentioned here and his possible connection with the Dickinson or Battle families but were not successful.

Miscellaneous Sources. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, N. C. supplied the authors with miscellaneous deed information and other facts on the Dickinsons in Edgecombe County. Certain of the Donelson information came from Zella Armstrong's "Notable Southern Families", published 1922 in Chattanooga. The remainder was gathered or researched by the authors.

Chart 3-10 (from Chart 3-3)

Albert Fort and Margaret Norwood

ALBERT FORT of Darlington, S.C. married Margaret Norwood in 1798, his first wife—whose name is not known—having died earlier. Albert is known to have had at least five children by his two wives:

1) ALLEN FORT was a child by the first wife. The 1820 Darlington census showed him at 26-45 years old, with a wife, a son under ten years old, and a daughter ten to 16 years old. Allen was presumably born 1790 or earlier. He married Mary Goodson. Nothing further is known of Allen Fort; it is surmised, but by no means certain, that he left the Darlington area in the years 1820 to 1849. He was living in the latter year.
2) JOSIAH ALBERT FORT was born April 1, 1801 in Darlington County, S.C., and was baptized in Welch Neck Baptist Church in that area June 20, 1829. He later became a deacon in the church and served as "Commissioner of Free Schools" in the county. In the early 1820's he married Ann Elizabeth Kirven, believed to be the daughter of John Kirven and Ann James. She was born Aug. 19, 1804. He was left his father's plantation, Oak Grove, in the will of his mother, made in 1849, but the date of his death is not known. It probably occurred in Darlington County. Josiah and Ann are known to have had at least five children and may have had 13:
   a) JOSHUA E. FORT, who died of disease in Va. while in the

Confederate Army. His death occurred July 8, 1861, not long after hostilities began.

b) JAMES WILSON FORT, born 1846 in Darlington, married Elizabeth Mims, Dec. 9, 1868, and died 1916 in Blakely, Ga. Elizabeth Mims was the daughter of James Sessions Mims and Sarah McIver; she was born Aug. 2, 1848 in Greenville, S.C., and died Dec. 9, 1913 in Blakely, Ga. James and Elizabeth had 11 children. (See Chart 3-31)

c) A daughter, born 1820-1830, name not known.

d) A daughter, born 1820-1830, name not known.

3) MARGARET DAWSON FORT, born Dec. 31, 1797 in Darlington County, married Auguste (or Augustus) Phillips La Coste in 1823. Auguste was born Dec. 28, 1803 in Charleston, S.C., the son of Stephen and Elenore La Coste. Margaret died Jan. 8, 1853, and is buried in St. David's Cemetery, Cheraws, S.C. Auguste also died in Cheraws, on March 29, 1863. Following Margaret's death, he married twice more: 1) Sallie Ann King, 2) Mary Eliza King (sisters). (See Chart 3-32)

4) MARY N. FORT married Ira E. Williams.

5) HARRIET FORT married Hector McNeil. The couple had a son, Albert F. McNeil, born before 1849. Harriet died sometime prior to that year.

About The Family

Stephen La Coste, father of Auguste, was the son of Baron Etienne Phillippe La Coste of Bordeaux, France. Stephen migrated from Bayonne, France, to Santo Domingo in the West Indies where he married; he and Elenore later settled in Charleston.

Margaret Norwood Fort's will, made April 21, 1849, hints that she and her son-in-law might not have been the best of friends. One sentence reads: "The property given . . . unto the said Margaret D. La Coste . . . is intended to be given . . . unto the said Margaret D. La Coste and the heirs of her body and not to be subject to the debts or liabilities of the said Augustus (sic) P. La Coste, her husband. . ."

A daughter of James Wilson Fort, Mrs. Lillian Fryer, once wrote that he wanted to name one of his sons Josiah, after his father. However, his wife took a dim view of the name and the child became James.

Authors' Notes

More Children for Albert? The list given in the chart is taken from Margaret Norwood Fort's will, which specifically mentions Allen Fort as a stepson. Albert was born in 1758; his marriage to Margaret Norwood was in 1798, so it seems reasonable to guess that he had more than one child by his first wife. The 1830 census mentions a Joseph W. Fort, born 1790-1800, who had a wife living plus two sons and two daughters at the time the census was taken. Further, baptismal records for Welch Neck and Antioch Baptist churches mention a Charles Fort as being baptized May 13, 1829—"a

young man." The time of the baptism coincides with other baptisms in Albert Fort's family. In addition, there are Darlington records referring to "Old Squire C. B. Fort" (possibly for Charles Burrell) who was justice of the peace in Darlington for many years, and was certainly serving as magistrate in 1842. According to Ervin and Rudisill's "Darlingtoniana," C. B. Fort of Society Hill presided over the trial of four slaves who were accused of smothering Colonel Witherspoon's widow; they were convicted and hanged. Exploration of court minutes in Darlington might or might not show that Joseph W. and Charles were sons of Albert. Charles seems to have married a woman whose first name was Rachael.

Jane Fort. A Jane Fort, probably connected in some fashion with Albert Fort, married Linton Williams in Darlington County July 31, 1860.

Rev. John Fort. There are Darlington records referring to a man of this name, but virtually nothing is known of him. A Darlington history quotes a letter from Carrie Williams: "My dear friend Lizzie called here (at Hickory Grove) with Mrs. John Fort." And another letter from Sarah Williamson of Florence, S.C., to Miss Jemima Darby of Ringgold, Louisiana, dated June 9, 1862: "Mrs. Fort says she has everything unquiet about her." Not knowing the circumstances, the authors could not decide if this latter description was terribly poignant or wonderfully funny—but in any event, it's a memorable one.

Church Records. Those pertaining to the Baptist churches in Darlington County are at Furman University.

James Wilson Fort. The authors are grateful to Dr. William E. Fort, Jr., for information on James Wilson and his descendants. Dr. Fort was head of the Americanism Educational Foundation at Buena Park, California, at the time this book was researched; he later moved to a university teaching position in Utah.

The La Coste Descent. Mrs. John Duvall of Miami, Florida, provided much valuable information on the antecedents of and descent from Auguste P. La Coste.

Chart 3-11 (from Chart 3-3)

Egbert Fort and Mary

EGBERT FORT, who married Mary (Stanley), died in 1810 or 1811 in Claremont County (later Camden County), S. C. Estate papers in Darlington County, dated 1811, show his widow as then living in Laurens County and mentioned the following children:

1) ELIAS FORT, the oldest son. Further identification of this son has not been made.
2) MARY FORT, born about 1799, who was placed under the guardianship of James Stanley in 1814.
3) REBECCA FORT, born about 1796, who was also a ward of James Stanley.
4) ZILPHA FORT, who had married a Mr. Ramsey by 1811.
5) PATSY (MARTHA?) FORT, who had married a Mr. Hall by 1811.

6) AMANDA FORT.
7) MATTHEW FORT, who lived in Sumter County after his father's death but about whom nothing else is known.

About The Family

Egbert Fort, whose Revolutionary War service was from Cheraws District, S. C., filed a war claim with the state at the conflict's end. His file in the Columbia archives shows him claiming four pounds for service as a private in the state's militia.

Authors' Notes

Egbert Fort's Travels. The authors did not have an opportunity to check personally the South Carolina records in Darlington or Sumter counties. However, Mrs. F. R. Galbreath of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, has a copy of a record in equity from Darlington showing estate matters for Egbert, who died intestate. The record lists the children as given in the table. However, the authors were told that there is a Darlington deed showing the sale of slaves by Egbert to his brother Elias, and that at that time Egbert was living in Clay County, Kentucky. The deed is supposed to be dated 1815, which would conflict with the presumed date of Egbert's death as given in the other record. The authors queried Clay County and surrounding counties in Kentucky but found no will or estate for an Egbert Fort. Egbert's son Matthew was unquestionably living in Sumter County later; there are conveyances carrying his name. On balance, the authors feel that their information on the Clay County deed is in error in some particular, but cannot explain the discrepancies.

Other Sources. Mrs. Sara Fort of Anderson, S. C., supplied a few facts regarding Egbert Fort as did Mrs. Galbreath. The authors are grateful.

Chart 3-12 (from Chart 3-3)

Burrell Fort and Jane Pringle, Celia McCoy

BURRELL FORT, by his two marriages to Jane Pringle and Celia McCoy, had six children. By Jane Pringle he had twin girls:

1) MARY FORT, about whom nothing else is known.
2) LUCY FORT, about whom nothing else is known.

By Celia McCoy he had:

3) JOSIAH GRANDERSON FORT, born September 13, 1820, died May 2, 1804, married Martha Matilda Wilder, born Dec. 30, 1829, died July 8, 1894. The couple is believed to have been born in and to have lived in Sumter County, S. C. They had eight children:
   a) ALICE CLEMENTINE FORT, born April 1, 1846.
   b) JAMES BURRELL FORT, born Nov. 8, 1848.
   c) WILLIAM WILDER FORT was born July 2, 1850 and died Oct. 17, 1908. On Jan. 30, 1868, he married Mary Ann Stuart Brogdon, born Dec. 6, 1849. (See Chart 3-33)
   d) THOMAS WARREN FORT, born March 1, 1853.
   e) JOSIAH WALTER FORT, born Oct. 22, 1856.

f) MARY CAROLINE FORT, born Feb. 29, 1860.
g) MATTIE FORT, born Oct. 25, 1862.
h) BENJAMIN MAY FORT, born May 11, 1867.

4) JANE ELIZABETH FORT, who married a Mr. Roundtree.
5) SUZANNAH CAROLINE FORT, born after 1819, who married Turner Davis.
6) SARAH PYSENE FORT, born after 1819, who married Moses Brogdon.

About The Family

Burrell Fort made no mention of his children by his first wife in his 1831 will, indicating they were either married and provided for or had died. The wording of the will does, however, show the existence of the first wife, Jane.

The family seems to have been entirely associated with Sumter County, S. C.

Authors' Notes

Burrell Fort's Will. A copy of the will was obtained from the South Carolina Archives at Columbia, Vol. 2, D-1, Pg. 172, Sumter County. It was made July 26, 1831, with codicils in 1832; the will was recorded October 17, 1832. The will was witnessed by Burrell's brother Wiley, among others, and mentions that Susannah and Sarah (and possibly Jane) were underage. They were to be raised by Burrell's friends, William and Jane Potts, if Celia died before they reached maturity.

Josiah's Children. Their names and birthdates were provided by Mrs. Charles Smith of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, from research done by her mother, a descendant of Josiah.

Chart 3-13 (from Chart 3-3)

Jacob Geraldus Fort and Elizabeth Battle

JACOB GERALDUS FORT, familiarly known as "Garry", had three children during his marriage to Elizabeth Battle, a marriage broken by his death at the age of 26. The children were:

1) ORREN B. (BATTLE?) FORT, evidently the oldest, married Lucy Dunn on or about March 26, 1817 in Franklin County, N.C. By 1819 he and Lucy had joined their cousins in Robertson County, Tenn. His will was made in Robertson County Feb. 14, 1824, and his death occurred Feb.-May, 1824. He left no children
2) LEWIS BATTLE FORT, born in Edgecombe County, N. C., married Harriet O. Wilson. About 1818-1820 the couple moved to Robertson County, Tenn., along with Lewis's brothers. In 1822 Lewis was buying and selling land in Logan County, Ky. On July 25, 1825, he was shown as a delegate from "Drakes Pond Baptist Church" to Red River Baptist Church at Adams, Tenn. In 1828 or 1829 Lewis moved to Hinds County, Miss., along with his brother Joseph. In 1834 Lewis Fort moved to LaFayette County, Ark., where the county seat

of Lewisville was named for him. In 1865 Harriet Wilson Fort died, and Lewis then married Margaret Andrews of Hinds County, Miss., daughter of Jesse Andrews and Sarah Battle. She was born June 15, 1827. Lewis Fort died testate in 1870 at Lewisville; his widow moved to Marshall, Tex., after his death. He had seven children, all by his first wife:

a) MARGARET ANN FORT, born 1818, married Francis Edwin Whitfield, Aug. 6, 1832, probably in Edgecombe-Nash counties of N.C. Francis (Frank) was the son of Oliver Whitfield and Mary Boon. Margaret was his first wife; he subsequently married Demetria Meredith Jones and Lucy Gray. Francis and Margaret Whitfield are believed to have spent their married life in Memphis, Tenn. Margaret died in 1835. Francis in 1887-89. There were no known children by Francis's marriage to Margaret Ann Fort.

b) MILTON G. FORT married first Julia Read of Miss. on Oct. 15, 1846; she died June 16, 1867. He married second Florida A. Campbell (or Camdell) of Ala. on Oct. 8, 1878. He was living in Lewisville, Ark., in 1870. By his first wife Milton had: Cadmus Fort; Thaddeus Fort; Florence I; Frances Fort who married a cousin, Arthur A. Fort of Jefferson, Tex.; Emma Fort; Ella Fort (twins born June 1, 1856); and Edgar L. Fort who died young. Emma married a Mr. Evans and lived in Jefferson, Tex.; Ella married James B. Glasgow of LaFayette County, Ark. (Another list gives these additional children: Robert Edmond Fort, Adelaide Fort, Pierce Fort, and two others not named.) Descent from these children is not known.

c) WILSON N. FORT was born in Logan County, Ky. His first marriage was to Sarah Fuller, by whom he had: Florida D. Fort, Eugenia F. Fort, Gaston H. Fort, W. Lea Fort, M. Alma Fort, Mary L. Fort, Lewis B. Fort (died young), and Nettie Fort. Sometime prior to 1880 Sarah Fuller Fort died, and Wilson, then living in LaFayette County, Ark., married Elizabeth Young, a native of Charleston, S. C. By Elizabeth he had: Pearl Fort, Ida Fort, Joseph Fort (died young), and Charles Young Fort. Wilson died about 1893 in Ark.; his widow died in 1913. Descent from Wilson's children is not known. His son Charles Young Fort became sawmill foreman for the Cotton Belt Lumber Company of Bearden, Ark. In 1901 he married Lorena Burks of Buckner, Ark.

d) HARRIET L. FORT married John Atkinson of Lewisville, Ark., prior to 1861 and had: Wilson N. Atkinson, John C. Atkinson, and Lewis B. Atkinson. Their descent is not known.

e) ELIZABETH BATTLE FORT died young.

f) LEWIS A. FORT married Sarah E. Douglass; they had no children. Lewis A. Fort made his will in LaFayette County, Ark.,

March 22, 1861 and is presumed to have died there not long afterwards.

g) JOSEPH J. FORT married Frances Brooks and had only one child, Elizabeth (Bettie) Battle Fort. Joseph died sometime between 1861 and his father's death in 1870.

3) JOSEPH A. FORT was born in Edgecombe County, N. C. and was still living there in 1820 after his brothers had moved to Tenn. In 1821 his name appears on deeds in Logan County, Ky., where he seems to have joined his brother Lewis. The two seem to have moved to Hinds County, Miss., about 1829. Joseph married Priscilla Thorp, believed to be the daughter of Henry Thorp and his wife Priscilla; Priscilla Thorp Fort was born Nov. 23, 1802. Joseph died 1830 in Hinds County, Miss. He and Priscilla had three children:

a) GERALDUS FORT married Olivia Wilson. They had seven children: Emmett C. Fort of Paris, Tex., Walter R. Fort, Ida G. Fort (died young), Fulton C. Fort, Garland Fort (died young), Eugene Fort, and Olivia Fort (died young).

b) MARCUS LEWIS FORT was educated at a Bethany College (which college of that name is not known). He first married Satarcia Ellis and by her had two children: Arthur A. Fort of Jefferson, Tex., who married Fannie Fort, daughter of Milton Fort; and Henry Fort. After Satarcia's death Marcus married Nannie Carpenter and by her four more children: Ada Fort, who married first James Robert Neilson and then Samuel H. Crawford; Pink Fort, Geraldus Fort, and Emma Fort.

James Robert Neilson, who married Ada Fort, had by her Linnie Neilson, born March 27, 1884, Texarkana, Tex. Linnie married Thomas Newton Asbury, son of Thomas D. Asbury and Mary Belle Smith. Thomas was born Dec. 12, 1880 in Houston, Tex., and married Linnie in Texarkana Feb. 1, 1903. Through his mother, Mary Smith, Thomas Asbury was himself a Fort descendant (See Section 4 of this book).

c) FRANCES FORT married a Richard Ford. By her Richard had these children: Elizabeth Ford, William Ford, Richard Ford II, Marcus Ford, Mary Ford (died young), and Cora Ford.

About The Family

Lewisville, Arkansas, is one of two towns known to have been named for members of the family. The other is Fort Lawn, South Carolina (see Section 1). Shilo Cemetery at Stamps, Arkansas, in LaFayette County is known to contain a number of Fort graves, probably connected with the Lewis Battle Fort line. These were not checked by the authors.

Red River Baptist Church, mentioned in the Lewis Battle Fort material, was a pioneer church in Robertson County, Tennessee; cousins of Lewis Fort (Elias and Sarah Fort of Section 4) played a prominent role in its founding and establishment. Minutes of the church are in the Tennessee Archives and are a valuable source of information on northwestern Tennessee settlers.

Authors' Notes

The Battle Book. This remarkable genealogy was begun in 1886 by Dr. Bemarton Battle of Montgomery, Alabama. He worked on it intermittently until his death in 1929. Subsequently the work was taken up by Dr. William James Battle, professor of classical languages at the University of Texas, who —with the assistance of members of the Battle family—brought it to publication in 1930. The book contains 768 pages, and is intensively indexed. While a few errors have come to light since its publication, the book is superior in scholarship and accurary. It is also a major source of information about the Fort family because of the numerous Fort-Battle marriages.

The Fort-Dunn Marriage. The date given is from a marriage bond in Franklin County. The *Trigg County Handbook*, available in most genealogy libraries, deals with Trigg and Christian Counties in Kentucky (Trigg County was carved from Christian). It mentions an 1880 census entry showing a Ben Dunn in Trigg County and listing his mother-in-law Sarah Fort, born about 1828 in North Carolina, and his wife Ruth Fort Dunn, born about 1854. There is no obvious connection with Orren and Lucy Fort. The authors were unable to identify the Sarah Fort mentioned in the reference.

Orren's Will. The reference: Robertson County, Tennessee, Will Book 4, Pg. 201. It names his wife and brothers as his heirs.

Dates of Lewis's Moves. A memoir dated July 19, 1820 in *The Battle Book* says Lewis was in Tennessee as of that date (though his brother Joseph A. was still in Edgecombe.) His residence in Logan by 1822 is not indicated by deeds but by the birth of one of his sons in Kentucky. Joseph A. Fort gave power of attorney to his brother Lewis in November, 1828; both were living in Hinds County, Mississippi, at that time. Goodspeed's "History of Southern Arkansas" gives 1834 as the date of Lewis's move to LaFayette County.

Milton Fort's Children. Goodspeed's "History of Southern Arkansas", published in 1890, contains a chapter on LaFayette County. It differs somewhat from "The Battle Book" in its list of Milton Fort's children. The list as given here is from the latter book, but Goodspeed also listed Robert Edmond, Adelaide, and Pierce. No attempt was made to document the two versions by a check of records in LaFayette County.

Charles Young Fort. The information is from Goodspeed.

Parents of Priscilla Thorp. The authors accepted an unsourced statement that Priscilla was the daughter of Henry and Priscilla Thorp. However, the authors have an abstract from Greene County, Alabama, dated November 3, 1828, in which "James" Fort of Hinds County, Mississippi, gave power of attorney to his brother Lewis B. Fort to collect his wife's share of the estate of Jesse Thorp, deceased. Priscilla is named as the wife. The authors believe the abstract is in error in giving "James" rather than "Joseph", but the point was not checked. Nor is the relation with Jesse Thorp known.

Lewis B. Fort's Will. The will is in LaFayette County, Will Book C, Pg. 30. It makes clear that Joseph J. Fort was dead at the time the will was made. While *The Battle Book* gives Frances Brooks as his wife, the authors think it possible his wife was Elizabeth Beauchamp, sister of Victoria Beauchamp (See Section IV).

Chart 3-14 (from Chart 3-3)

Lewis Fort and Ann Battle, Mildred Lamon, Susan Lee

LEWIS FORT is known to have married Ann Battle first, and probably Mildred Lamon second. His last marriage was to Susan Lee. By Ann Battle he had:

1) JACOB GERALDUS FORT was born July 17, 1804 in Edgecombe County, N. C. and died July 25, 1828. On Nov. 13, 1822 he married Priscilla Horn, daughter of Joseph Horn and Frances Thorpe, both of Edgecombe County. Priscilla was born Nov. 12, 1805. Following Jacob's death, Priscilla married Redin Daughtry on Oct. 12, 1837. He was born April 14, 1809, and died April 19, 1880. Jacob and Priscilla had three children:
   a) FRANCES ANN FORT was born Dec. 5, 1823. On Oct. 4, 1844, she married Robert Ricks, son of Ely Ricks and Mary Bunn, in a marriage bonded by Redin Daughtry, her stepfather. Robert was born Dec. 23, 1805 in Nash County, N.C. and died Feb. 10, 1873. Frances Ann died Nov. 1, 1882. (See Chart 3-34)
   b) JACOB GERALDUS FORT, JR. was born June 24, 1827 and died June 30, 1891. On June 13, 1854 he married Elizabeth Tunnell of Nash County, N. C. She was born in 1831 and died Oct. 2, 1901. They were both buried in Pineview Cemetery, Rocky Mount, N. C. They are thought to have had children, but their names are not known.
   c) MARY ELIZABETH FORT was born March 26, 1829. She is thought to have married Allen Harris in Edgecombe County on Jan. 13, 1849. According to *The Battle Book* Lewis and Ann had other children; none reached adulthood.

By the presumed marriage to Mildred Lamon, Lewis Fort is believed to have had:

2) MARGARET JANE FORT, born 1805 or later. A girl of this name was placed in the keeping of Archibald Lamon at about the time Lewis Fort moved to Tenn. about 1818-1820.

By his last wife, Susan Lee, Lewis Fort had at least one child:

3) JAMES LEWIS FORT, born Jan. 1, 1820. After his mother's marriage to Adam Marley on June 30, 1825, the Marleys moved to western Tenn. By 1838 Adam seems to have died, leaving in the household Susan, the mother; James Lewis Fort, age 18; Melvina Heeman Marley, age 12; Josiah Crudup Marley, age 11; and one of Susan's stepchildren, Merena C. Marley, who later married William Moorehead. James Lewis Fort's descendants, if any, are not known.

About The Family

The quaint memoir of 1820, given in full in *The Battle Book*, says:

"Ann B. (Battle), daughter of Jethro, married Lewis Fort, brother to her sister's husband. She was a meek and kind woman but not a professor. She

had several children, but only one living named Garry (Jacob Geraldus). Garry is living with his father who is now living in Tennessee."

Modern readers may need a translation for "professor." It had nothing to do with academic status but meant Ann was not a member of the church (in this case, Baptist church). The term is short for "professor of the Word."

Authors' Notes

Children of Jacob Geraldus Fort. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina, provided information on the children, including the marriage to Robert Ricks and the presumed marriage to Allen Harris by Frances and Mary, respectively. All three of the children are believed to have spent all or most of their lives in the Edgecombe area of North Carolina.

James Lewis Fort. The source of the information was John Riley Malone of Homer, Louisiana. Mr. Malone's data shows Lewis Fort, the father, as being "of Wake County" in North Carolina; the authors are not able to say whether Lewis was indeed in residence in Wake County at some time, but are reasonably convinced this Lewis is identical with the one who married Ann Battle. Mr. Malone was also helpful with information on the Pope and Barrow families, and has the authors' thanks.

Chart 3-15 (from 3-3)

George Fort, Son of Joseph Fort

GEORGE FORT, who died intestate in Edgecombe County, N.C., in 1815, married about 1792 or 1793, but the name of his wife is not known. He was survived by nine children:

1) ALANSON FORT, born about 1794, died by Oct. 10, 1818 when his estate inventory in Edgecombe County was filed. He presumably left no children.
2) MARTHA (PATSY) FORT was born about 1796 and by 1817 had married David Holland. Nothing further is known of this couple.
3) ANNA FORT was born in 1798.
4) ETHELDRED FORT was born about 1800.
5) JEREMIAH FORT was born about 1802.
6) JOHN FORT was born about 1804 and—tentatively—marrried Martha Batts of Edgecombe Aug. 2, 1837; she was the daughter of William Batts.
7) POLLY FORT was born about 1806.
8) SUSAN FORT was born about 1808.
9) GEORGE FORT, JR. was born about 1810. He may be the George Fort "of Nash County" who sold 234 acres of land in 1837 located in Nash County.

Nothing further is known of these nine children. It is assumed that they died or left Edgecombe County sometime after 1817.

Authors' Notes

The Ellinor Connection. The sale of George Fort's personal property was on Dec. 12, 1815 (Edgecombe County Inventories and Accounts of Sales, 1813-

16, Pg. 344-46). Among the purchasers were Benjamin Ellinor, Etheldred Ellinor (for whom one of George's sons evidently was named), and James Ellinor. On Sept. 16, 1817 and Jan. 2, 1818, sales of the personal property of Elizabeth Dickinson Fort, mother of this same George, were held. Among the purchasers this time were Nancy Fort, Alanson Powell, Thomas Dickinson, David Holland, Etheldred Ellinor, and Lewis Fort. (Edgecombe County Inventories and Accounts of Sales, 1816-18, Pg. 293).

Chart 3-16 (from Chart 3-3)

Jethro Barnes and Millicent Daniel

JETHRO BARNES, son of Jesse Barnes and, tentatively, of Orphar Fort Barnes, married Millicent Daniel of Wayne County, N.C. Jethro died in 1816, but his wife Milly was still living in 1860. They are known to have had six children:

1) JESSE BARNES.
2) JOSIAH BARNES, born in Wayne County, N.C. (in a part later placed in Wilson County) in 1812. He married a woman whose first name was Sarah and who was born in 1813. In 1860 they were living in the Black Creek District of Wilson County and were listed in the census with these children:
   a) JOANNA BARNES, born in 1840.
   b) JESSE BARNES, born in 1842.
   c) SALLIE BARNES, born in 1844.
   d) MARTHA BARNES, born in 1846.
   e) ZILPHA BARNES, born in 1847.
   f) PENELOPE BARNES, born in 1849.
   g) REDDICK BARNES, born in 1850.
   h) OBEDIENCE (BEDIE) BARNES, born in 1852.
   i) JOSIAH BARNES, JR., born in 1853.
3) CHERRY BARNES.
4) NANCY BARNES.
5) ELIZABETH (BETSY) BARNES.
6) PENNY (PENELOPE) BARNES.

About The Family

According to the 1850 census Millicent Daniel Barnes was born in 1782 and had property worth $800. Ten years later, in the 1860 census, the lady's worth had increased to $16,965, a fact not explained by the archives, but presumably due to an inheritance from some source. Her father Drury Daniel died in late 1831 or January, 1832, when his will was probated.

The 1860 census of Wilson County identifies Jethro Barnes as a farmer and gave his worth at $8,295.

Authors' Notes

Will References. The will of Drury Daniel, which named his daughter Milly Barnes and granddaughters Elizabeth Barnes and Penny Barnes, is in

Wayne County, Record Book 6, Pg. 367. Jethro Barnes' will was made on March 13, 1816, and was probated in May Court of the same year; it is found in Wayne County, Record Book 3, Pg. 382. Jethro's will mentions his "mother-in-law" (meaning stepmother) Fereba Barnes, indicating Orphar Fort Barnes had died.

Identity of Jesse Barnes. Proof that the Jesse Barnes who married Orphar in Edgecombe was identical with the Wayne County Jesse Barnes is good. On Aug. 22, 1772 Jesse of Johnston County (later Wayne) sold James Barnes of Edgecombe a tract of 300 acres south of White Oak Swamp, the witnesses being Jacob Fort and John Singleton. Orphar's father, George Fort, left land in Johnston County to her.

Chart 3-17 (from Chart 3-5)

William Benjamin Franklin Fort and Evelyn Becton Isler

WILLIAM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FORT, a son of Benjamin Fort and Patience Sherrard, married Evelyn Becton Isler. This Wayne County, N. C., couple had three children:

1) BARBARA ANN FORT married Dr. Julius Brutus Stallings of Wayne County about 1861-65. They had at least one child: Agnes Stallings.
2) WYLIE BECTON FORT, born Dec. 11, 1841, married Fannie Coley, daughter of John and Matilda Coley; she was born March 20, 1850. Wylie Becton attended the University of North Carolina, leaving his studies to join the Confederate Navy. Following the war—and in spite of his service on the seas—he was known as "Colonel Fort" and lived eight miles north of Goldsboro on a 5,000 acre plantation; his home, built before the war, was constructed of knotless pine and had tall white columns; it was guarded by a force of Texas Rangers during the war when it was in danger of being burned. Wylie, prior to his death Dec. 18, 1926, lived alone with a housekeeper and 17 servants, many of them old slaves who chose to remain with him. Wylie and Fannie had these children:
   a) JOHN FRANKLIN FORT, born Aug. 20, 1870. He did not marry.
   b) MATILDA ISLER FORT, born March 14, 1872, married Frederick Pope Parker, Sr. (See Chart 3-35)
   c) ADDISON STANSBURY FORT, born Nov. 5, 1873.
   d) WILLIAM BENJAMIN FORT, born June 2, 1876.
   e) FRANCES PEARL FORT, born Jan. 30, 1884, married Robert A. Fetzer, who became director of athletics at the University of North Carolina. Frances died Sept. 26, 1961.
   f) LEONIDAS WOOTEN FORT, born Oct. 3, 1885, died in infancy.
   g) LEOPOLD COLEY FORT, born Oct. 3, 1885, was a twin to Leonidas. He too died in infancy.
3) JOHN WILLIAM FORT served in the Confederate forces during the Civil War. He did not marry.

Authors' Notes

Source. The authors are indebted to Mr. Talbot Fort Parker of Goldsboro, North Carolina, for the descent from William Benjamin Franklin Fort and for other information on the Wayne County branch.

Chart 3-18 (from Chart 3-5)

Wiley Fort and Mary Herring

WILEY FORT, presumed to be a son of William and Nancy Fort of Wayne County, N. C., married Mary Herring of Lenoir County in 1833. The couple migrated to Marengo County, Ala., and Wiley is known to have further migrated to Bowie County, Tex. He married a second time, to Sarah ——, following Mary's death in 1852. He had these children:

1) SARAH A. FORT, born about 1834, in N. C., was dead or married in 1860.
2) WILLIAM FORT, born about 1835 in N. C., is believed to have died as a child.
3) BRYAN FORT, born about 1837 in N. C.
4) GEORGE (or JOHN) FORT, born about 1838 in NC.
5) ROBERT FORT, born about 1840 in Ala.
6) JAMES FORT, born about 1842 in Ala.
7) NATHAN FORT, born about 1844 in Ala.
8) RACHAEL FORT, born about 1846 in Ala.
9) MARY FORT, born about 1847 in Ala., is believed to have died as a child.
10) WILEY FORT, JR., born 1849 in Ala.
11) JOHN FORT, born about 1853—a child by the second wife.
12) BENJAMIN FORT, born about 1854—a child by the second wife.
13) EVALINE (EVELYN) FORT, born about 1859—a child by the second wife.

Authors' Notes

The Conflicting Censuses. The list of Wiley's children was taken from the 1850 census of Marengo County, Alabama, and the 1860 census of Bowie County, Texas. The 1850 material was taken from the book "Whitfield, Bryan and Related Families" while the 1860 data was offered by a correspondent using the WPA's copy of the Texas census. The two agree in most respects, but where they did not the authors used the 1850 material on the perhaps wrong assumption that Mary Herring Fort, alive then, would recall the ages and birth places of her children better than Wiley ten years later. The chief conflict is with a "Sarah Fort" shown to be 33 years old in 1860 and born in South Carolina. With a birthyear of about 1827, this Sarah would have had to be born prior to Wiley's marriage to Mary Herring. The 1850 census shows the first child to be "Sarah A. Fort" born about 1834 in North Carolina. The 1860 census lists three children born after Mary's death: John, Benjamin, and Evaline. Therefore, while admitting that the census data available might be wrong, the authors assumed the daughter Sarah listed in 1850 had either died

or married by 1860, and that Wiley's second wife was also named Sarah. The only other discrepancy worth noting has to do with "George (John) Fort." The 1860 census shows a son George born about 1838; the 1850 census does not show George but lists a John Fort born about 1838. The authors guessed, then, that the 1838 son might have had both names and that a later son was given the first name of John.

Other Bowie County Forts. The 1860 census shows several other Fort households in Bowie County in 1860, including a Sarah Fort, 54, born in North Carolina, who, with a James M. Fort, 24, lived in a house very close to that of Wiley. James was born in Tennessee. Since there is no positive link between the Marengo County Wiley and the Wiley records of Wayne County, North Carolina, the authors think it possible that the Marengo-Bowie Wiley was allied with the Edgecombe or Halifax group rather than with the Wayne County family. But as of the time of writing the weight of evidence seemed to be in the direction given.

Chart 3-19 (from Chart 3-6)

Mary Ann Hutto and Robert B. Crum

MARY ANN HUTTO, daughter of James Hutto and Nancy Fort Hutto, married Robert B. Crum on Nov. 24, 1842. These residents of Wayne County, Ga., are known to have had these children:

1) JOHN FORT CRUM, born Jan. 17, 1845.
2) JAMES H. CRUM, born July 25, 1846.
3) MARY EDWARDS CRUM, born July 24, 1848.

Authors' Notes

Source. John Fort's family Bible, a copy of which is in the DAR Library in Washington, D. C., lists the three children given in the chart. It also mentions a Mary H. Hutto, born in 1824, without giving the relationship. Robert Crum and his wife Mary may have had other children after the final entry in the Bible.

Chart 3-20 (from Chart 3-7)

James Fort King and Louisa Maria Clark

JAMES FORT KING, born 1825 in Saltilla, Ga., married Louisa Maria Clark March 5, 1850. They are known to have had these children:

1) STEPHEN CLAY KING, born at Linda, Ga., Nov. 28, 1850 and died Jan. 1872.
2) JAMES FORT KING, JR., born at Linda, Ga., March 9, 1852, died 1926.
3) MARY LOUISA CLARK KING, born Aug. 7, 1853, died soon after her birth.
4) WILLIAM WADSWORTH KING, born at Linda on July 26, 1854.

5) ROSALIE KING, born at Linda March 26, 1856, married a Mr. Atkinson, a widower. The couple is believed to have lived near Waverly, Ga.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Information on James Fort King's children came from James Fort's family Bible whose records were published 1946-47 in "Miscellaneous Genealogical Records of Texas." A 1961 letter from a stepson of Rosalie King shows her married name as Atkinson. The letter also mentions that a Mrs. Margaret Cate of St. Simons Island, Georgia, had researched the Fort family. At Mrs. Cate's death her papers were turned over to The Fort Frederica National Monument.

Chart 3-21 (from Chart 3-8)

James Fort Muse (II) and Cecile Bercergea, Eliska Tircuit

JAMES FORT MUSE (II) is known to have had six children by his first wife, Cecile Roberta Bercergea, and two by his second wife, Eliska Tircuit. Of them these are known:

1) MAIA MUSE married J. Hough Guest and lived in Nashville, Tenn. A music teacher, she was born about 1866 and died about 1964; she had no children. She was a daughter of Cecile.
2) MALVINA ROBERTA MUSE, born Aug. 19, 1870, married James Pirrie Bowman, Jr., born Dec. 1, 1869, died March, 1959. Malvina died Feb., 1958. (See Chart 3-39)
3) BESSIE MUSE, a daughter of Cecile, married Dan Davis. They adopted Mona Davis.
4) JAMES FORT MUSE III, a son of Cecile, married Bess _____. He is thought to have been killed in the San Francisco earthquake.
5) JOE JOHNSTON MUSE, a son of Cecile, did not marry.
6) GEORGE MUSE, a son of Cecile, married and lived in Calif.
7) EUGENE (JACK) MUSE was for a time district attorney of St. Francisville, La. He married Ethel Howell. He died sometime prior to 1955, having had one child: Cecile Muse. He was a son of Triska.
8) CECILE EULALIE MUSE, a daughter of Triska, was born March 9, 1882 at New Orleans and died in April, 1961. On Feb. 11, 1903, she married Seth Kline Davis, born July 6, 1883 at Fort Adams, Miss. (See Chart 3-40)

Authors' Notes

Source. The material on James Fort Muse's children was supplied by E. W. McDonald of Pleasantville, Ohio, whose wife is a descendant.

Chart 3-22 (from Chart 3-9)

Silas Harland McKay and Lucinda Grider, Mary Reid Ralston

SILAS HARLAND McKAY, son of Frank McKay and Mary "Polly" Dickinson, married first Lucinda Grider. By her he apparently had only one son:

1) JESSE S. McKAY, born April 22, 1856, who married May 23, 1883, Martha (Mattie) Asbury Moore, born Nov. 20, 1863, and died July 11, 1898. They had three children:
   a) OSCAR McKAY, born Feb. 4, 1885, died Feb. 16, 1919.
   b) CARRIE McKAY, born Dec. 3, 1886.
   c) JESSE GRIDER McKAY, born April 11, 1892.

By his second marriage to Mary Reid Ralston, Silas Harland McKay had five children:

2) GEORGE RALSTON McKAY, born July 17, 1859, died April 20, 1870.
3) SALLIE DEAN McKAY, born July 7, 1862, died Sept. 6, 1865.
4) BETTIE KATE McKAY, born March 11, 1864, married Oct. 12, 1910 to Samuel E. Swift.
5) MAGGIE McKAY, born Aug. 9, 1866, died Jan. 16, 1867.
6) MYRA GILL McKAY, born Jan. 6, 1868, died July 23, 1926. She married Aug. 16, 1894, Perry Lee Harned.

Authors' Notes

Sources. The information on the chart was compiled by Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina.

Chart 3-23 (from Chart 3-9)

Felix Grundy McKay and Jane Wharton Seay

FELIX GRUNDY McKAY, son of Frank McKay and Mary "'Polly" Dickinson,, married Jane Wharton Seay and had ten children, all born in Davdison County, Tenn.:

1) MARY JANE McKAY, born Jan. 4, 1849, died Sept. 16, 1852.
2) SUSAN C. McKAY, born June 25, 1851, married June 4, 1872, Charles W. Anderson who died in 1877. Susan was Charles Anderson's third wife.
3) DUNCAN McKAY, born Dec. 14, 1852, married April 29, 1880, Annie Mason Hall (usually called "Mason").
4) IDA McKAY, born Sept. 1, 1855, died about 1951 when about 96 years old. She married on Nov. 30, 1882, John Berry Garrett, a prominent Mason for whom one of the Masonic lodges in Nashville was named.
5) SALLIE DEAN McKAY, born Aug. 15, 1857, married Joel Battle Fort, a descendant of Elias Fort of Edgecombe and Robertson counties. (see Section 4)
6) FLORENCE EWING McKAY, born July 19, 1859.
7) SAM C. McKAY, born April 4, 1861, died Oct. 22, 1918. He married

Mattie Keeling Phillips Nov. 3, 1888, and by her had one daughter: Sallie P. McKay, born Sept. 1889, married William Hume.

8) FRANK WHARTON McKAY, born March 28, 1863, died June 25, 1875.
9) SILAS HARLAND McKAY, born Jan. 24, 1866, died about 1946 when 80 years old. He married Elizabeth Bang, a niece of Mattie Phillips McKay.
10) An infant, name not known.

About The Family

Jane Wharton Seay, who married Felix Grundy McKay, was the daughter of Samuel Seay and Jane Miller Wharton (1804-1857). Jane in turn was the daughter of George Wharton (1766-1824) and his second wife Elizabeth Farrar (died Dec. 12, 1825), who was the daughter of Richard Farrar of Albemarle County, Virginia, and his wife Susan Shelton.

George Wharton was a son of John Wharton (1741-1816) who married Dec. 26, 1764, Rhoda Morris (1745-1828). John Wharton was a son of John Wharton who came to Culpepper County, Virginia, from England in 1760, and his wife Jane Miller.

One of the traditions of the McKay family is naming the first girl Jane and second daughter Susie.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Material for this table came in part from the Felix Grundy McKay Bible, now in the possession of Mrs. Nelson Trabue of Nashville who is the former Jane Carlisle. Other facts came from the Jane Fort Papers and from Mrs. Trabue, Miss Della Fort, and Mrs. Oren A. Oliver, Jr., the former Mary Fort, of Nashville. The authors thank them.

Chart 3-24 (from Chart 3-9)

Jacob Donelson and Agnes P. Sample

JACOB DONELSON, son of William Donelson and Charity Dickinson, and Agnes Sample moved to Miss. after their marriage in Davidson County, Tenn. They had ten children:

1) MARTHA DONELSON, 1826-1871, contracted five marriages. By her second husband, Thomas Patton, she had William Patton. By her fifth husband, Edward Littlebridge, she had Edward Littlebridge, Jr., and William Terry Littlebridge.
2) WILLIAM ALEXANDER DONELSON, 1828-1882, married Laura Beaty in 1850. They had four children:
   a) DAVID DONELSON.
   b) AGNES DONELSON.
   c) ROBERT DONELSON.
   d) MARY ADELAIDE DONELSON.
3) MACAJAH TERRYL DONELSON.

4) JOHN COFFEE DONELSON.
5) GEORGE SAMPSON DONELSON.
6) AGNES CHARITY DONELSON, 1835-1875, married Dewitt Clinton Thompson. By him she had Odeneal Thompson who married Joseph H. Bishop; they in turn had a daughter Sarah Bishop.
7) JACOB DICKINSON DONELSON, born in 1837, married Mary Smith.
8) ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON.
9) JAMES K. POLK DONELSON.
10) ROBERT M. BURTON DONELSON.

Authors' Notes

Source. Information on this chart came from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina.

Chart 3-25 (from Chart 3-9)

Martha H. Donelson and Robert M. Burton

MARTHA H. DONELSON, daughter of William Donelson and Charity Dickinson, and her husband, Robert M. Burton, had four children:

1) ELIZABETH CHARITY BURTON was born in 1827 and married Ralph Martin. They lived about eight miles from Lebanon, Tenn., on the Nashville Pike. They had eight children:
   a) ROBERT BURTON MARTIN, born June 26, 1846, died in 1848.
   b) MARTHA MARTIN.
   c) WILLIAM BURTON MARTIN.
   d) SALLIE WALKER MARTIN married J. P. Eastman, and had Marion Eastman.
   e) TEMPLE O. HARRIS MARTIN married Bessie Williamson. This couple had Marguerite Kirkpatrick Martin and Temple O. Harris Martin, Jr.
   f) MINNIE NELSON MARTIN married Judge W. A. Roane, grandson of Governor Roane of Tenn. They had these children: Bessie Donelson Roane, Temple Roane, Ralph Roane, Archibald Roane, Eve Alice Roane, Mary Frost Roane, Minnie Roane, Gladys Roane, James Roane, Evelyn Roane.
   g) MARTHA DONELSON MARTIN married Henry E. Williams and had these children: Percy Warner Williams, Henry E. Williams, Jr., Ralph Martin Williams, Burton Heath Williams, Thelma Burton Williams, William Williams, Robert Burton Williams.
   h) RALPH MARTIN, a daughter, married Alexander Wythe Whitaker and had Alexander Wythe Whitaker, Jr., and Ralph Whitaker.
2) WILLIAM DONELSON BURTON was born in 1829. He married Mary "Minnie" Nelson. This couple had four children:

a) JOHN NELSON BURTON married Daisy Wade.
b) SALLIE BURTON married W. E. Drake.
c) ROBERT BURTON.
d) WILLIAM DONELSON BURTON.

3) ANDREW JACKSON BURTON was born in 1831 and died in 1862. He married Caroline "Fanny" Smith and had George Washington Burton.
4) ROBERT MONTGOMERY CARUTHERS BURTON was born in 1834. He married Jennie Vogeme; the couple had these children: Beulah Burton, Cornelia Burton, Robert Montgomery Burton, Jr., and Nora Burton.

Authors' Notes

Source. Chart information is from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina.

Chart 3-26 (from Chart 3-9)

Milberry Donelson and John McGregor

MILBERRY DONELSON and Colonel John McGregor had six children:

1) MARTHA MALVINA McGREGOR was born Dec. 4, 1825. She married Temple O. Harris; the couple left no children.
2) MARY ANN McGREGOR was born in May, 1827 and died in 1904. She married Colonel Patrick Anderson and had eight children:
   a) TIMES ANDERSON.
   b) LOVIE ANDERSON married Carmott Cobb. They had: Lila Cobb, who married Seth Gordon; Joseph Cobb; and Carmott Ashley Cobb.
   c) BERRY ANDERSON.
   d) PAUL ANDERSON.
   e) EDGAR POE ANDERSON.
   f) DONELSON ANDERSON.
   g) LADY ANDERSON married Temple Bowling. The couple had Temple Bowling, Jr., and Ellie Bowling who married a Mr. Barnes and had two sons.
   h) SALLIE ERSKINE ANDERSON.
3) FLOWERS McGREGOR was born Dec. 17, 1828. On March 22, 1849 he married Frances E. "Fannie" Roane; they left no children.
4) DONELSON McGREGOR was born Nov. 6, 1830 and did not marry. A colonel in the Ark. Infantry, C.S.A., he was killed in the Battle of Murfreesboro on Dec. 31, 1862.
5) ANDREW McGREGOR was born Oct. 13, 1832 and died in 1910. On Oct. 29, 1856 he married Eudora Anderson. She was born in 1841 and died in 1908. He served in the 4th Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A. They had 11 children:
   a) JOHN McGREGOR.
   b) HORDE McGREGOR married D. A. McKnight and had Paul McKnight.

c) ANDREW McGREGOR, JR.
d) PAUL BRITTON McGREGOR.
e) LEONARD McGREGOR, a daughter, married Edward A. Barbour and had these children: McGregor Barbour, Edward A. Barbour, Jr., and Mary Ellis Barbour.
f) TEMPLE HARRIS McGREGOR married Nellie Herndon. An attorney by profession, he moved from Tenn. to Miss. and later to Tex. The couple had Douglas McGregor and Marietta McGregor.
g) EUDORA McGREGOR.
h) GRAEME McGREGOR, a daughter, married Rutledge Smith. They had Albert Perrine Smith, McGregor Smith, and Dollie Smith.
i) SALLIE ASHE McGREGOR.
j) FRANK MONROE McGREGOR.
k) DEWITT McGREGOR, a medical doctor.

6) MILBERRY McGREGOR was born Nov. 22, 1835. She married a Mr. McKissack and had a daughter, Mollie McKissack.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 3-27 (from Chart 3-9)

Andrew Jackson Donelson and Catherine J. Nelson

ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON and his wife Catherine J. Nelson had nine children:

1) CATHERINE DONELSON married a Mr. Ellis.
2) ALICE DONELSON married a Mr. McFadden.
3) LOUISA DONELSON married a Mr. Crichlow, and had James Crichlow plus a daughter who married Jake Boyles.
4) WILLIAM DONELSON.
5) JOHN DONELSON.
6) ANDREW JACKSON DONELSON, JR., married Mrs. Robert Burton; they had Andrew Jackson Donelson III and a daughter who married a Mr. Crutchert.
7) ELIZABETH DONELSON married a Mr. Lewen.
8) MAMIE DONELSON married a Mr. Breau; they had a child: Allie Breau.
9) SALLIE DONELSON.

Authors' Notes

Source. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina, supplied the chart information.

Chart 3-28 (from Chart 3-9)

Elizabeth Hays Donelson and Robert A. Burton

ELIZABETH HAYS DONELSON, daughter of William Donelson and Charity Dickinson, married Robert A. Burton. They had six children:

1) MARTHA BURTON.
2) MARY M. BURTON married in 1867 John M. Williams. Their first child, Josiah Burton Williams, married Kittie C. Cunningham and had these children: John Maxey Williams, Welton Williams, Mary Burton Williams, and Josiah Burton Williams, Jr. Their second child was Robert Percy Williams; he married Mary Phillips and had a son, Robert Percy Williams, Jr.
3) ALFRED M. BURTON.
4) WILLIAM BURTON.
5) EMMA C. BURTON.
6) ELLEN S. BURTON married Hugh M. McAdoo. They had four children:
   a) MARY ELIZABETH McADOO married F. E. Gulick and had Hugh Porter Gulick.
   b) PORTER McADOO married A. Anderson.
   c) ALFRED H. McADOO.
   d) MARY BURTON McADOO.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 3-29 (from Chart 3-9)

John Richardson Ayres and Ellen Newman Henderson

JOHN RICHARDSON AYRES, son of Robert Martin Ayres and Sarah MacRery, was born Dec. 19, 1849 at Roseland Plantation, Adams County, Miss. and died on Aug. 8, 1924 at Natchez. On Dec. 1, 1886 at Natchez, he married Ellen Newman Henderson, daughter of the Rev. John Waldo Henderson and wife Ellen J. Newman. She was born Dec. 18, 1859, in Natchez, and died there in Oct. 1950. He and Ellen had four children:

1) RICHARDSON AYRES, born Sept. 15, 1888 in Natchez married Laura Archer Davis, daughter of Alfred Vidal Davis II and wife Kate Archer Chamberlain, on June 19, 1917. She was born April 17, 1891 at Natchez. During World War I he served as a major with U. S. Coast Artillery. In 1967 they were living in Alexandria, La. They had four children:
   a) ANNA MILBURY AYRES was born Oct. 14, 1918 in San Diego, Calif. On June 19, 1941 at Alexandria, La., she married Dr. James Malcolm Packer, son of Dr. Joseph Alexander Packer and his wife Martha "Mattie" Adams. He was born May 21, 1917 at Alexandria. After graduation from Sewanee, he was

awarded his M.D. degree from Tulane University. In 1942-45 he served in the 9th Armored Division of the U. S. Army. Martha holds a B. A. degree from "Old Miss." Presbyterians, the couple was living in Jackson, Miss., in 1967. They had three children: Pamelia Archer Packer, born July 24, 1943; Martha Adams Packer, born Dec. 1, 1947; and James Malcolm Packer, Jr., born March 18, 1954.

b) JOSEPHINE CHAMBERLAIN AYRES was born July 12, 1921 at Natchez. She married Richard Kenneth Haxton, Jr., at Natchez on Jan. 12, 1945; he was the son of Richard Kenneth Haxton and his wife Ellise Blum and was born Oct. 20, 1919 at Greenville, Miss. Josephine is a short-story writer and novelist; her works have been published by Houghton Mifflin Company, under the pen-name of Ellen Douglas. Her husband Richard was a lieutenant, senior grade, in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He operates a mercantile business in Greenville, is a cellist, and has served as business manager for the local symphony orchestra. They had three children: Richard Kenneth Haxton III, born Nov. 14, 1945; Richardson Ayres Haxton, born April 4, 1948; and Ellis Brooks Haxton, born Jan. 1, 1950.

c) LAURA ARCHER AYRES was born April 24, 1925 at Hope, Ark. On Dec. 14, 1946 at Alexandria she married H. F. Bradford, son of James Ivy Bradford and wife Anna Walker. He was born April 6, 1916 at Pineville, La. From 1943 to 1945 he was a lieutenant, senior grade, in the U. S. Navy. He holds the B.S. degree in engineering and in 1967 was employed by the Ethyl Corporation. They are Presbyterians and in 1967 were living in Baton Rouge, La. They had four children: Robert Newman Bradford, born March 14, 1950; Franklyn Ayres Bradford, born Dec. 11, 1951; Anna Macrery Bradford, born Dec. 3, 1957; and William Dunbar Bradford, born March 12, 1960.

d) JOHN RICHARDSON AYRES II was born July 21, 1927 at Natchez. On Feb. 14, 1951 at Alexandria, he married JoAnne Trammell, daughter of Samuel Finley Trammell and wife Emma Lee Willis. She was born June 6, 1931 at Shreveport, La. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Alexandria. JoAnne is a member and performer in the Matinee Music Club and a member of the Alexandria Service League. He holds the B. I. E. degree from Georgia Tech; in 1950-52 he was an instructor in the Ordnance Department of the U. S. Army. In 1967 he was a self-employed oil jobber. In that year the couple had four children: Stevenson Archer Ayres, born Feb. 17, 1952; Anne Ayres, born March 30, 1953; Laura Davis Ayres, born Nov. 6, 1956; and Leigh Willis Ayres, born Nov. 18, 1966.

2) JOHN HENDERSON AYRES was born in 1890.

3) ROBERT MARTIN AYRES was born in 1890 and died without children on July 21, 1959.

4) SAMUEL NEWMAN AYRES was born about 1895 and died without children on May 30, 1957.

Authors' Notes

Source. Information came from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina.

Chart 3-30 (from Chart 3-9)

Eliza Fisk Macrery and Audley C. Britton

ELIZA FISK MACRERY, daughter of Andrew Macrery and Milbery Dickinson, became the wife of Audley Clarke Britton of Natchez, Miss. They had five children:

1) MARY MACRERY BRITTON, born Sept 21, 1863, died Oct. 24, 1936 at Natchez. She was married to Lemuel Parker Conner, Jr., son of Lemuel Sr. and Elizabeth Francis Turner. He was born Nov. 28, 1861 and died Oct. 16, 1943 at Natchez. Lemuel Jr. graduated from Louisiana State University and became a lawyer. His wife graduated from West Institute at New Haven, Conn. Both were Presbyterians. They had these children:
   a) AUDLEY BRITTON CONNER, born Jan. 22, 1890, died Jan. 4, 1954.
   b) ELIZA MACRERY BRITTON CONNER, born Sept. 7, 1896 in Natchez. On Aug. 5, 1918 she married William Thompson Martin, son of William Conner Martin and Bessie Rawls. He was born Sept. 28, 1891 and died Feb. 5, 1953 at Natchez. He graduated from Vanderbilt University, served in the air arm of the Signal Corps in World War I, and in later years was an executive with American Telephone and Telegraph. His wife was a graduate of Smith College, was active in the DAR and Pilgrimage Garden Club. He was Episcopalian, she Presbyterian. They had one son: William Conner Martin II, born Jan. 7, 1935 at Philadelphia; married Carol Byrd Webster Sept. 15, 1957 at Vicksburg; graduated from Louisiana State; in 1967 was employed by the U. S. Geological Survey. His wife was a University of Mississippi graduate. Methodists, they had in 1967 three children: Lisa Conner Martin, born March 5, 1959; Holly Webster Martin, born May 20, 1961; Edward Turner Martin, born June 2, 1965.
   c) LEMUEL PARKER CONNER III was born July 12, 1894, and died May 19, 1908.
   d) GAILLARD GUSTINE CONNER was born April 21, 1902, and died Dec. 6, 1961.
2) RUTH AUDLEY BRITTON was born Sept. 9, 1859 and died May 28, 1926 at Natchez. She married first Joseph Buck Stratton, Jr., born Oct. 15, 1853 at "Ashburn" in Natchez. By this marriage she had:
   a) LISA MACRERY BRITTON STRATTON, born Jan. 14, 1884

at Natchez, married Alfred Vidal Davis III, son of Alfred Vidal Davis II and Katherine Archer Chamberlain. He was born Aug. 24, 1886, and died April 22, 1959 at Natchez. In 1967 his widow was living in that city. (See Chart 3-36)

b) SIDINEY VANUXEM STRATTON, born Jan. 30, 1886, died Jan. 28, 1927.

c) JOSEPHINE CAROLYN STRATTON was born May 17, 1888 in Natchez. In June, 1925, she married Dunbar Merrill, son of Dunbar Surget Merrill and Charlotte Stanton. They had a daughter, Ruth Britton Dunbar Merrill, born April 29, 1926.

Ruth Britton Stratton married secondly William Anderson Scott Wheeler, son of Elias Hewitt Wheeler and Jane Davey Bain. He was born Sept. 6, 1852 at Bay St. Louis, and died Aug. 22, 1923. By this marriage she had:

d) WILLIAM AUDLEY BRITTON WHEELER, born July 4, 1895, and died unmarried Dec. 27, 1924.

e) RUTH AUDLEY WHEELER was born Oct. 8, 1897 at Natchez. On April 5, 1917 at Natchez, she married Melchior Rooh Beltzhoover, son of Melchior Stewart Beltzhoover and Virginia Lee Koontz. He was born July 24, 1892, and died June 1, 1945 at Natchez. In 1914 he graduated from Princeton University. In 1967 she was living in Natchez. They had three children: Melchior Rooh Beltzhoover, Jr., born Jan. 5, 1918; Ruth Audley Beltzhoover, born Aug. 22, 1921; Virginia Lee Beltzhoover, born Nov. 19, 1926 at Natchez. Virginia Lee married Jan. 15, 1950, George Morrison, Jr., son of George Morrison and Bertha Elizabeth Evans. He was born in New Orleans April 25, 1923. In 1967 they were living in Natchez; they had these children in that year: George Beltzhoover Morrison, born Nov. 24, 1950; Ann Borodel Morrison, born April 12, 1953; Joie Stanton Morrison, born Nov. 14, 1959; and Daniel Beltzhoover Morrison, born Dec. 8, 1964.

f) BORODEL DENISON WHEELER was born April 13, 1900 and died at Natchez, unmarried, on March 4, 1928.

g) WILLIAM ANDERSON WHEELER, JR., was born Aug. 30, 1902 at Natchez and died Oct. 28, 1951 at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York. On March 7, 1944 he married Katharine Surget Schuhardt Robertson, daughter of Wallace Fraser Robertson and Katherine Schuhardt. She was born March 19, 1917 in N.Y. William Jr. served as a lieutenant commander in the Navy in World War II. In 1967 his widow was living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They had two children: William Anderson Scott Wheeler III, born April 14, 1945, and Katharine Minor Wheeler, born Sept. 25, 1948.

3) ELIZA MACRERY BRITTON was born Oct. 18, 1857 and died in 1922. She married at Natchez Augustin Beers Wheeler, son of Elias Hewitt Wheeler and Jane Davey Bain. They had five children:

a) AUDLEY BRITTON WHEELER, born Sept. 5, 1883 at

Natchez, died Feb. 6, 1967 at New Orleans. On Feb. 21, 1914, she married John Winter Woolfolk II, son of John Winter Woolfolk I and Emily Wheeler. He was born April 12, 1873, and died Sept. 22, 1948, both at New Orleans. He was an investment broker and in 1905 was a founder of Wheeler and Woolfolk, dealers in securities. He was a director of the St. Charles Hotel Company and was a member of the Stratford Club, Louisiana Club, and Prytania Presbyterian Church. They had one son; John Winter Woolfolk, Jr. (See Chart 3-37)

b) AUGUSTIN BEERS WHEELER, JR. was born 1885 in New Orleans. On Dec. 7, 1911 he married Gladys Louise Patton. She was born 1890 in Baltimore. They had a daughter, Betty Wheeler, who married Marion Monk and in 1967 was living at Batchelor, La.

c) WILLIAM ANDERSON SCOTT WHEELER was born in 1892 and did not marry.

d) MACRERY BRITTON WHEELER was born July 29, 1897, and died Oct. 1, 1967 at New Orleans. He married Dorothy Ivens. In 1967 she was living in New Orleans. They had: Audley Britton Wheeler and Michael Wheeler.

e) ROBERT CHAPMAN WHEELER died in infancy.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 3-31 (from Chart 3-10)

James Wilson Fort and Elizabeth Mims

JAMES WILSON FORT, a son of Josiah Albert Fort and Ann Elizabeth Kirven, married Elizabeth Mims. The couple lived first in the Darlington, S.C., area, removed briefly to Robeson County, N.C., then moved to Early County, Ga. James Wilson Fort served in the Confederate Army in the artillery branch and was a planter, merchant, and manufacturer. They had these children:

1) EUGENE MIMS FORT, born Oct. 9, 1869, died Dec. 17, 1902.
2) JAMES ALBERT FORT, born Nov. 13, 1870, died July 30, 1955.
3) MARY ELIZABETH FORT, born Feb. 24, 1873, died March 9, 1879.
4) WILLIAM EDWARDS FORT, born April 8, 1875, died Aug. 31, 1942. Born in Robeson County, he attended Mercer University at Macon, Ga., 1902-04, then Columbia University in N. Y. and George Washington University. He graduated with a bachelor of laws degree. In 1896 he located in Dallas, Tex., where he practiced law and served as assistant district attorney. In 1899 he moved to Birmingham, Ala., and in 1907 was named private secretary to Governor Comer. He served 1907-1909 as Judge of the Criminal Court of Jefferson County and again 1912-1918. He married Mary

Adele Brooks, daughter of George Roberts Brooks and Mary Adele Robertson, in Baltimore, Md., Oct. 22, 1904. The couple had these children:

a) WILLIAIM EDWARDS FORT, JR., born Sept. 29, 1905, is an educator; he holds the doctor of philosophy degree. After some years of teaching in the southeast, he was named executive director of the Americanism Educational League in Buena Park, Calif. In 1968 he was appointed to the faculty of Brigham Young University at Utah. He married first Helene Gores, by whom he had William E. Fort III, born Dec. 16, 1936, and Adele Brooks Fort, born Aug. 22, 1934. His second wife was Margrette Bullard Fort. William and Margrette are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

b) GEORGE BROOKS FORT, died in infancy.

c) ROBERTSON MIMS FORT, who in 1967 was living in Phoenix, Ariz.

d) ADELE BROOKS FORT GHISALBERT, who was living in New Milford, Conn. in 1967.

5) AUGUSTINE LEON FORT, born March 9, 1878, died July 30, 1958.

6) ANNIE KATE FORT, born Aug. 26, 1880.

7) MAGGIE BELLE FORT, born July 26, 1883, died Oct. 29, 1886.

8) RANDOLPH SHOTWELL FORT, born Aug. 13, 1885, died Feb. 10, 1892.

9) LILLIAN FORT, born Aug. 9, 1889, married a Mr. Fryer.

10) HERBERT CARLISLE FORT, born Feb. 1, 1892.

11) MARION EARLE FORT, born Feb. 3, 1894, died Oct. 16, 1922.

Authors' Notes

Thirteen Children? An undated letter from Lillian Fort Fryer, copied for the authors said: "In Papa's family there were 13 children: one brother, six sisters, and then six brothers. Papa was the 12th child, and Uncle Tom was the 13th." The letter can be interpreted to mean that Josiah Albert was one of 13 children or that James Wilson had 13. Assuming she was the daughter of James Wilson, then the letter seems to say that Josiah Albert had 13 children, of which only four are named in Chart 3-10. If this be right, then Jane Fort and John Fort, mentioned in connection with Chart 3-10, may be children of Josiah Albert Fort. The list of children and other information given here for James Wilson Fort came from Bishop Gregg's "History of the Old Cheraws" and "Darlingtoniana" by Rudisill. William E. Fort, Jr. supplied information for which the authors are grateful. The "Alabama Register" for the 1907, 1919, and 1923 editions carried a biographical sketch on William Edwards Fort.

Chart 3-32 (from Chart 3-10)

Margaret Dawson Fort and Auguste Phillipe La Coste

MARGARET DAWSON FORT, daughter of Josiah Albert and Ann Elizabeth Fort, married Auguste Phillipe La Coste. The couple lived in S.C. They had ten children, listed below. Following Margaret's death he married Sara (or Sallie) Ann Elizabeth King and by her had Furman Hart La Coste and Margaret Dawson La Coste. His third marriage, to Mary Eliza Watson King (sister of Sara) produced Georgia La Coste and Florence La Coste. Margaret and Auguste (sometimes anglicized to Augustus) had:

1) ANN ELIZA LA COSTE, born Dec. 15, 1824 near Cheraw, S. C., married John Craig Evans Oct. 30, 1845. She died May 20, 1902 and is buried at St. David's in Cheraw. John was born Sept. 30, 1822 at Chesterfield Village, S.C., the son of John Evans and Mary Elizabeth Craig. They had six children:
   a) AUGUSTUS LA COSTE EVANS, born Feb. 24, 1847 in Chesterfield County, S. C., died Oct. 1924. He married Katherine Gooch.
   b) MARY ELIZABETH EVANS, born April 21, 1850, Chesterfield County, died Sept. 13, 1915. She married Robert Y. Leavell.
   c) MARGARET DAWSON EVANS, born Nov. 11, 1854, Chesterfield County, died Dec. 30, 1948. She married Mareen Walker Duvall, born May 26, 1850 near Cheraw, S.C., Oct. 17, 1877. Mareen died March 17, 1940. (See Chart 3-38).
   d) ANNIE JAMES EVANS, born Dec. 30, 1856, Chesterfield County, died April 30, 1930. She married Rev. C. L. Dowell.
   e) HARRIET LA COSTE EVANS, born Oct. 16, 1858, Chesterfield County, died Nov. 1915. She married John F. White.
   f) WILLIAM ROBERT EVANS, born July 13, 1862, Chesterfield County, died Dec. 10, 1927. On Nov. 26, 1884 he married Florence Vereen.
2) HARRIET LA COSTE, born July 19, 1826, married George W. McIver, in 1845. She died Nov. 17, 1905. He was born Jan. 1, 1825, died July 31, 1876. They are known to have had at least one child: G. Walter McIver, born 1853, who married Elizabeth Mauldin, born 1857, in 1880. This latter couple is also known to have had at least one child: Helen McIver, born Columbia, S. C., who married George Coleman.
3) MARY CAROLINE LA COSTE was born Feb. 26, 1828, died July 20, 1908.
4) WILLIAM OCTAVIUS FORT LA COSTE, born April 21, 1837, died Jan. 4, 1864. He married Nannie Dixon; they had no children.
5) ALBERT FORT LA COSTE, died young and was buried at St. David's in Cheraw, S.C.
6) ELEANOR ADELE LA COSTE, born in 1841, married 1858 Madison Farr Ellerbe (1836-95). She married second Colonel Stobo Farrow (1836-1896). By her first marriage she is known to have had Annie Ellerbe, born in Cheraw, S.C., who married A. N. Wood.

7) STEPHEN ADOLPHUS LA COSTE, who married Ann E. Norwood, daughter of Samuel Norwood.
8) An unnamed son who died in infancy.
9) AUGUSTUS LA COSTE, who married Mrs. John L. Wilson.
10) MARGARET AUGUSTUS LA COSTE.

Authors' Notes

Sources. The authors are indebted to Mrs. John E. Duvall of Miami, Florida, for much of the descent from Augustus Phillipe and Margaret, including the Duvall lines given on other charts. Mrs. Duvall in part relied on letters from Mrs. Howard M. Duvall, on records of the Baptist Chuch in Cheraw, South Carolina, on the will of Ann E. Evans probated May 29, 1902 at Chesterfield and dated Aug. 30, 1887. John Craig Evans fought in the Civil War as a captain of the 23rd South Carolina Regiment; he was captured at Five Forks and held prisoner until the end of the war. "The War Letters of John Craig Evans", edtied by H. Malloy Evans and E. McIver Evans, are a source of additional information. A further reference used by Mr. Duvall was "Mareen Duvall of Middle Plantation" by Newman.

Chart 3-33 (from Chart 3-12)

William Wilder Fort and Mary Ann Stuart Brogdon

WILLIAM WILDER FORT, son of Josiah Granderson Fort and Celia McCoy, married Mary Ann Stuart Brogdon Jan. 30, 1868. They had these children:

1) MARTHA BEATRICE FORT, born April 22, 1870, married on Nov. 26, 1890 in Mayesville, S. C., Charles Henry Baker.
2) MARY FRANCIS FORT, born May 13, 1872.
3) JULIA FLEETWOOD FORT, born July 27, 1874, married Stephen Senter Caroll in Mayesville on May 24, 1893. He was born in 1871. They had:
   a) RUTH FLEETWOOD CAROLL, born Nov. 9, 1897, did not marry.
   b) THELMA NANCY CAROLL, born Oct. 25, 1899, married Henry Watkins.
   c) STEPHEN SENTER CAROLL, JR., born Nov. 12, 1902, married Irene Irma Warren on Nov. 11, 1928.
   d) JULIA FORT CAROLL, born May 16, 1904, married Rufus Holland Brady on Sep. 1, 1924. They had two children: 1) Rufus Holland Brady, Jr., born June 21, 1925, married May 12, 1951, Carolyn Flynn; 2) Stephen Caroll Brady, born Aug. 30, 1932, was married Aug. 18, 1956 to June Hamrick. Rufus had Marcus Fort Brady, born May 28, 1953, and Allison Stuart Brady, born Sept. 28, 1958. Stephen had Susan Caroll Brady, born Aug. 29, 1959; Martha Rollins Brady, born Dec. 26, 1962; and Stephen Hamrick Brady, born Jan. 13, 1967.
4) WILLIAM GRANDERSON FORT, was born Dec. 12, 1876, and was

married July 14, 1897, to Catherine Ann Ducom at Wedgefield, S. C. They lived in Timmonsville, S. C., and had these children:

a) WILLIAM GRANDERSON FORT, JR., was born Aug. 19, 1900 and is single.

b) EDWARD DUCOM FORT, born Nov. 21, 1901, died Aug. 13, 1950, married Jessica Riddle of Columbia, Ala. She died in 1931.

c) CATHERINE ANN FORT, born June 30, 1906, married Emmett Winter Logan of Augusta, Ga., March 15, 1930 in Timmonsville, S. C. They later settled in San Marcos, Tex. The Logans had a daughter, Catherine Ann Logan, born June 19, 1932, Valdosta, Ga. She married Alan Mershon Craft July 9, 1955 at San Marcos and had: 1) Catherine Ann Craft, born March 25, 1957 at Houston; 2) Louisa Mershon Craft, born Aug. 18, 1958 at Houston; 3) Alan Logan Craft, born July 24, 1960, Houston.

5) SAMUEL PRINGLE FORT, born July 24, 1879.

6) THOMAS BROGDON FORT, born July 16, 1880.

7) MARY ANN STUART FORT, born Aug. 16, 1882, married Jan. 4, 1905, Arthur Ball Caroll at Mayesville, S.C. He was descended from a group of Carolls in Sampson and Duplin counties, N.C. They had these children:

a) ANNIE LUCILLE CAROLL was born May 12, 1906 in Clinton, N. C. She married Charles H. Smith, born Nov. 1, 1886, on Dec. 26, 1936. They had: Charles H. Smith, Jr., born Oct. 9, 1938, married Sandra P. Pearson, born Oct. 19, 1940, on July 31, 1960; Charles, Jr. and Sandra by 1967 had Sandra Lynn Smith, born March 12, 1963.

b) ARTHUR BALL CAROLL, JR., born Oct. 15, 1910 at Wilson, N. C., married Dec. 4, 1937, B. Genevieve Smith, born Oct. 13, 1917. They had: 1) David William Caroll, born July 25, 1946; 2) Rhean Anne, born Sept. 25, 1948.

c) MARY FORT CAROLL, born May 31, 1916, married Howard White, Jr., on April 10, 1941. They had: 1) Howard White III, born March 10, 1946; 2) Mary Caroll White, born Aug. 25, 1949.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Chart information was supplied by Mrs. Charles H. (Lucille Caroll) Smith, Scotland Neck, North Carolina, in part from information gathered by her mother.

Chart 3-34 (from Chart 3-14)

Frances Ann Fort and Robert Ricks

FRANCES ANN FORT, daughter of Jacob Geraldus Fort (son of Lewis) married Robert Ricks in 1844 and had five children:

1) CORNELIA VIOLA RICKS, born Aug. 25, 1845, Nash County, married James B. Lanier on Oct. 8, 1867. She died Nov. 1925.

2) MARY ELIZABETH RICKS, born Sept. 19, 1846, Nash County, N. C. On Oct. 8, 1867 she and Campbell B. Pitt were married.
3) ROBERT HENRY RICKS, born Dec. 3, 1849 in Nash County, married Willie Ann Dupree, daughter of Robert Dupree. They had two known children:
   a) ROBERT ELONZO RICKS, born June 21, 1872, died Aug. 31, 1895.
   b) MARY FRANCIS RICKS, born July 7, 1875, who married a Mr. Brake.
4) FRANCES ANN RICKS, born Sept. 1852, Nash County, married Henry W. Dupree.
5) AMELIA IRENE RICKS, born Jan. 5, 1862, Nash County, married Willis Troy Avery.

Authors' Notes

Sources. The authors relied on "History and Genealogy of the Ricks Family of America" (by Howard Ricks, 1957) for the list of Frances Ann's children; the list was supplied by a correspondent. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, North Carolina, supplied facts on Jacob Geraldus and Priscilla, plus the marriage information on Mary Elizabeth.

Chart 3-35 (from Chart 3-17)

Matilda Isler Fort and Frederick Pope Parker

MATILDA ISLER FORT, daughter of Wylie Becton Fort and Fannie Coley, married Frederick Pope Parker of Wayne County, N.C. They had four children:
1) TALBOT FORT PARKER, born May 28, 1900, married Jane Agnes McAdams. They had three children:
   a) TALBOT FORT PARKER, Jr., born July 31, 1927. A doctor, he is a member of the American College of Gynecologists, and holds an A.M.A. board certification.
   b) JANE AGNES PARKER, born March 10, 1931.
   c) MATILDA EUNICE PARKER, born Aug. 28, 1935.
2) FREDERICK POPE PARKER, JR., born Nov. 28, 1902.
3) FRANCIS OGDEN PARKER, born Nov. 24, 1904.
4) WYLIE FORT PARKER, born Oct. 25, 1914.

About The Family

The Parker family had lived in Wayne County at least since the early 1800's and were in North Carolina many years earlier. Early Fort documents from Wayne show the two families were associates and friends since 1810. The four sons of Matilda Isler were living in Goldsboro in 1967. All or most of them were engaged in the practice of law.

Authors' Notes

Source. The descent from Matilda Isler was provided by Talbot Fort Parker of Goldsboro.

Chart 3-36 (from Chart 3-30)

Lisa Macrery Britton Stratton and Alfred Vidal Davis III

LISA MACRERY BRITTON STRATTON, daughter of Joseph Stratton and Ruth Audley Britton, married Alfred Vidal Davis III of Natchez, Miss. They had four children:

1) CAROLYN STRATTON DAVIS was born Jan. 14, 1910. On Nov. 20, 1937, at Natchez she married Earl Anthony Eidt, son of Duncan J. Eidt. He was born at Natchez on Jan. 16, 1908 and died there on March 21, 1965. They were Presbyterians. In 1968 Carolyn, the widow, was living at Natchez. The couple had one son: Earl Anthony Eidt, Jr., born July 30, 1941.
2) LISA VIDAL DAVIS was born Oct. 14, 1913. On Oct. 21, 1935 at Oakland, Calif., she married Alexander Lathrop Postlethwaite, Jr., son of Alexander Lathrop Postlethwaite and wife Cecil Stanton Davis. He was born March 21, 1912 at Natchez. In 1968 they were living in Baton Rouge, La., and had two children:
   a) LISA STRATTON POSTLETHWAITE, born July 13, 1936.
   b) CECIL STRATTON POSTLETHWAITE, born Jan. 28, 1955.
3) ALFRED VIDAL DAVIS IV, born March 7, 1917 in Natchez. On March 20, 1939 he married at Woodville Anne Fred Rasmussen, daughter of Fred Fuller Rasmussen and wife Alberta Ernest James. She was born Oct. 29, 1918 at Urbana, Ohio. In 1968 they were living in Natchez and had these children.
   a) FRANCES MORTON DAVIS, born Oct. 29, 1940.
   b) CAROLYN BRITTON DAVIS, born Aug. 30, 1946.
   c) ANNE VIDAL DAVIS, born March 20, 1956.
   d) ALFRED VIDAL DAVIS V, born Nov. 1959.
4) SIDNEY JOESS DAVIS, born Jan. 9, 1923 in Natchez, married Adrain Randolph Trimble, son of Francis Elliott Trimble and wife Margaret Buckner Feltus. He was born July 22, 1924 at Natchez. In 1968 they lived in Natchez; they had five children:
   a) ADRIAN RANDOLPH TRIMBLE, JR., born Jan. 9, 1949, died the following day.
   b) SIDNEY STRATTON TRIMBLE, born April 21, 1950.
   c) MARGARET CONNER TRIMBLE, born April 5, 1953.
   d) LISA MACRERY TRIMBLE, born Sept. 16, 1955.
   e) JOESS DAVIS TRIMBLE, born May 13, 1958.

Authors' Notes

Source. Chart material was from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina.

Chart 3-37 (from Chart 3-30)

John Winter Woolfolk, Jr. and Sally Elizabeth Wheatley

JOHN WINTER WOOLFOLK, JR., son of John Winter Woolfolk and Audley Britton Wheeler, was born at New Orleans Oct. 19, 1915. On

Sept. 21, 1940 he married Sally Elizabeth Wheatley, daughter of Ralph W. E. Wheatley and Grace Helen Brown. She was born Feb. 7, 1921 at Washington, D. C. He graduated from Tulane University with a doctor of laws degree in 1938, and in World War II served in the Navy overseas. In 1967 he was an attorney for the Standard Oil Company of California in New Orleans. The couple had three children.

1) JOHN WINTER WOOLFOLK III was born at New Orleans, Nov. 14, 1942. On Aug. 8, 1964 he married Kay Barbara Gueringer, daughter of John Sidney Gueringer and Emma Burnadette Brown. She was born Feb. 18, 1942 at New Iberia. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Tulane University in 1964 and 1966. In 1967 he was a systems engineer for IBM and was living in Metairie, La. They had one child: John Wheeler Woolfolk, born Nov. 25, 1966.
2) JULIE WINSTON WOOLFOLK, born Jan. 30, 1946.
3) LISA WHEELER WOOLFOLK, born Aug. 30, 1956.

Authors' Notes

Source. Chart information compiled by Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, North Carolina.

Chart 3-38 (from Chart 3-32)

Margaret Dawson Evans and Mareen Walker Duvall

MARGARET DAWSON EVANS, daughter of Ann Eliza La Coste and John Craig Evans, married Mareen Walker Duvall. The couple had six children:

1) GIDEON WALKER DUVALL, born Oct. 9, 1878, died at Cheraw, S. C. March 25, 1962 and is buried at St. David's Cemetery. He married first Mary McConnell Emack, born Sept. 5, 1881 at Slatesville, Penn. She died in Philadelphia Oct. 17, 1921, and is buried in Cheraw. She was the daughter of John Duke Emack and Mary Cyrene McConnell. By Mary, Gideon had six children:
   a) MARGARET DUVALL, born Nov. 8, 1906, at Cheraw. On Dec. 27, 1930, she married Charles Merwin Branch, Jr.
   b) MARY CYRENE DUVALL, born Sept. 5, 1908, at Cheraw. On June 5, 1938 she married John Neal Morris.
   c) GIDEON WALKER DUVALL, JR. was born June 6, 1910 in Cheraw and died July 23, 1914.
   d) VIRGINIA EMACK DUVALL, born Dec. 7, 1911 at Cheraw, married Willis Caldwell Braswell June 24, 1937.
   e) MARY EMACK DUVALL, born Dec. 18, 1913, married Sept. 7, 1940, Thomas Oakley Bath.
   f) JOHN EMACK DUVALL, born Aug. 4, 1918, married Nov. 24, 1942, Charlotte Freels, daughter of James Cleveland Freels and Aileen Fisher. She was born Sept. 15, 1920 at Morristown, Tenn. In 1968 they were living in Miami, Fla., and had three children: Mary Aileen Duvall, born Dec. 18, 1947 in Miami; Charlotte

Denise Duvall, born Feb. 1, 1951 in Miami; and Mareen Walker Duvall, born March 21, 1955 at Miami.

On March 8, 1927, Gideon married, secondly, Mary Isabel Welsh, daughter of J. A. Welsh and Maude Garland. She was born Jan. 17, 1901. By his second wife Gideon had:

g) ROBERT WELSH DUVALL, born Jan. 21, 1928 at Cheraw. He married Ann Lovejoy Trimly.

h) GARLAND WALKER DUVALL, born March 28, 1931 at Cheraw. He married June 25, 1955, Jane Gay Blakeney.

i) RICHARD MAREEN DUVALL, born April 25, 1934. He married June 2, 1956, Beverly Elizabeth Jackson.

j) GERALD LA COSTE DUVALL, born Aug. 31, 1935.

2) HOWARD MAREEN DUVALL was born Feb. 28, 1880 at Cheraw. He married Margaret Malloy Feb. 4, 1913.

3) ERNEST HUMES DUVALL, born Feb. 5, 1883 at Cheraw, died March 20, 1951. He married Mildred McCabe April 26, 1905.

4) WILLIAM EVANS DUVALL, born March 12, 1884 at Cheraw, married Ruth Kinsey June 9, 1909. He died Dec. 21, 1959.

5) MARGARET DUVALL, born March 4, 1886 at Cheraw.

6) ANNIE ELIZA DUVALL, born April 22, 1889, did not marry.

Authors' Notes

Source. The Duvall descent was supplied by Mrs. John E. Duvall of Miami.

Chart 3-39 (from Chart 3-21)

Malvina Roberta Muse and James P. Bowman, Jr.

MALVINA ROBERTA MUSE, a daughter of James Fort Muse and Cecile Bercergea, married James P. Bowman Jr. and had these children:

1) CECILE ELISKA BOWMAN, born Dec. 25, 1892, married Joseph Fernand Fernandez and lived at Tulsa, Okla. They had one son, Joseph Fernand Fernandez (II), born Oct. 8, 1917, who did not marry. Joseph Senior died in Aug. 1963.

2) NINA BENOIST BOWMAN, born Sept. 3, 1894, married Joseph Keith Davis and lived near Alexandria, La. They had one daughter, Nina Louise Davis, born Nov. 7, 1922, who married E. W. McDonald. The McDonalds had these children: 1) James Keith McDonald, born May 29, 1948; 2) Mary Frances McDonald, born Nov. 1, 1949 married Ralph Edward Shuping and had a son, Bryan James Shuping; 3) Daniel Gary McDonald, born July 19, 1952; 4) Martha Anne McDonald, born Sept. 18, 1954; 5) Elizabeth Adelaide McDonald, born Feb. 12, 1957.

3) HARRY MUSE BOWMAN, born Oct. 21, 1896, married Velma Allen. A World War I veteran, he had three children:

a) MARIE VELMA BOWMAN, born Aug. 16, 1921, married first Eugene Woods and second James Cooper. She had these children: 1) Harry Lawson Woods, born Nov., 1942 and 2) Leta

Christine Cooper, born Dec. 26, 1948.

b) HARRY MUSE BOWMAN, JR., born Jan. 16, 1927 married Kay Richardson and had: 1) Kim Michael Bowman, born Sept. 14, 1951; 2) Brenda Kay Bowman, born April 10, 1953.

c) JAMES EVERETT BOWMAN, born Sept. 12, 1938.

4) JAMES PIRRIE BOWMAN III, born Dec. 21, 1938, married Judith Porter and had Eugene Dudley Bowman, born Dec. 4, 1921 who married Jimmie Jean Pace.

5) SARAH TURNBULL BOWMAN, born Oct.. 19, 1900, married John Irvin Morrison and settled at Glenmora, La. They had:

a) ISABELLE BOWMAN MORRISON, born July 8, 1921, married Charles Phillips and had Lauren Leigh Phillips, born March 23, 1960.

b) JAMES IRVIN MORRISON, born Jan. 3, 1924, married Hilda Pringle and had: 1) Marcia Lee Morrison, born Jan. 18, 1945, died March 20, 1947; 2) James Irvin Morrison, Jr., born July 1, 1948, died Jan. 7, 1952.

6) BESSIE MAIA BOWMAN, born June 21, 1902, did not marry and took up residence in Tulsa, Okla.

7) ISABELLE MINA BOWMAN, born Jan. 18, 1905, married Edgar Hagan and had one child, Wallace Edgar Hagan, born July 17, 1927, who married Alberta Cox. Wallace and Alberta had: 1) Glenn Michael Hagan, born May 20, 1948; 2) Lynn David Hagan, born Aug. 12, 1949.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Chart material was supplied by E. W. McDonald.

Chart 3-40 (from Chart 3-21)

Cecile Eulalie Muse and Seth Kline Davis

CECILE EULALIE MUSE, a daughter of James Fort Muse and Eliska Tircuit, married Seth Kline Davis and had the following:

1) MARTHA K. DAVIS, who married William Mansfield. They had: 1) Cecile Eliska Mansfield, who married and had children; 2) David Mansfield, who married and had children.

2) MUSE DAVIS, who married a girl named Anne and had two children. Muse and Anne were divorced after which he married twice more. Each of these latter two marriages also ended in divorce; he had a child by the third wife. Subsequently Muse Davis remarried his first wife, Anne.

3) SETH KLINE DAVIS II, who married a girl named Annabelle. They were divorced, and Seth then married a girl named Marion and by her had two sons, Kline Davis and James Davis.

4) CECILE DAVIS, who married Walter Harrison and had five sons.

Authors' Notes

Reference. Chart material came from E. W. McDonald.

Chart 3-41 (from Chart 3-4)

John Simms and Mary Connell, Comfort Mattox Grace

JOHN SIMMS, son of Robert Simms (III) and Sarah Dickinson, lived in Hancock County, Ga. By his first wife, Mary Connell, he had:

1) PENELOPE SIMMS, born Dec. 25, 1807, married Appleton White Melson; she died Aug. 7, 1837. They are thought to have had descent.
2) BRITTAIN SIMMS, born March 27, 1809, died Sept. 16, 1871, unmarried.
3) WILLIAM M. SIMMS, born Dec. 29, 1811, married Mary Melson (probably a sister to Appleton). They are thought to have had descent, possibly in Heard or Floyd counties in Georgia.
4) ROBERT SIMMS, who married first Marcella Ransom, and second Beatrice Longmire. Descent not known.
5) JESSE SIMMS who married Jane White. Descent not known.

By his second wife, Comfort Mattox Grace, John Simms had:

6) BENJAMIN THOMAS SIMMS, born Aug. 8, 1817, died Oct. 26, 1888. His first marriage was to Nancy Edwards, his second to Elizabeth Dickinson on Dec. 23, 1854. Elizabeth was born Nov. 7, 1837, the daughter of Joel Putnam Dickinson and Martha Dorma Askew. By Nancy, his first wife, Benjamin had:
   a) RIGDON SIMMS, born Dec. 31, 1849, died Aug. 24, 1915. He married Ione Fielder, born Jan. 15, 1859, died Dec. 12, 1928. They had two children: 1) Nina Simms, who was born Sept. 27, 1879, died May 21, 1957; she married Dr. Lindsey L. Scarborough, born June 21, 1876, died Feb. 10, 1952, and by him had Lindsey, Rigdon, and Jean Scarborough; 2) Wilella Imogene Simms, born March 6, 1882, died May 26, 1910, married Warner Hill Camp, born Dec. 14, 1876, died Aug. 16, 1935.

   By his second wife, Elizabeth, Benjamin had:

   b) COOS SIMMS, born 1855, married Henry Abner Camp, born March 17, 1850, on Nov. 16, 1871. They had six children: 1) Benjamin Thomas Camp, who married Pearl Chandler and had Bennie Camp who married a Mr. Milburn; 2) Annie Camp, who married Thomas Clower; 3) Ione Camp, who married Hugh Carter and had Hugh Carter, Jr.; 4) Evelyn Camp, who married Capt. Thomas C. Dawson and had Elizabeth Dawson; 5) R. H. Camp, who married Jessie Mae McKee and had Henry Abner Camp and Alice Camp; 6) John Camp, who married Ruby Rogers of Montgomery, Ala., and had John Camp, Jr., and Virginia Camp.
   c) PUTNAM DICKINSON SIMMS, born 1857, married Rosa Camp. They had Edna, Rosabelle, Nannie, Ben T., and Holland Simms.
   d) DORMA SIMMS, born March, 1868, married first Dr. S. O. Humphries of Wetumpka, Ala., and had Oceolakyle Humphries

who married Christian Saunders of Lancaster, Ky. Her second husband was J. L. Prickett.

e) H. T. SIMMS, born April 28, 1871, married Sadie Rucker. They had 1) Mary Bess Simms, who married Loring Smith; 2) Benjamin Rucker Simms, who attended Alabama Poly at Auburn; 3) H. T. Simms, Jr.; 4) Edith Simms; 5) Philip Benson Simms; 6) Imogene Simms.

f) CLARKE A. SIMMS, born July 10, 1875, married Myrtis Cotton, born 1881, on Oct. 29, 1902 in Grantsville, Ga. They had: 1) Kathleen Simms, born Nov. 20, 1905; 2) Clarke A. Simms, Jr., born Aug. 25, 1919 at Montgomery, Ala.

g) WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, a newspaperman, was born at Grantville, Ga., Aug. 28, 1881; he married Blanche Grand of Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 7, 1908, and had Jacqueline Simms, born Nov. 12, 1910 in Paris, France.

7) ALMIRA SIMMS, born Nov. 24, 1820, died Nov. 25, 1903, married Robert Orr, born Nov. 19, 1813, died Sept. 28, 1880. Both are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Newnan, Ga. They are believed to have had a son, I. N. Orr, born Nov. 12, 1840, died July 4, 1917, who married Dora Johnson; I. N. Orr is known to have several children including Berry Johnson Orr, Benjamin Simms Orr, and Frank B. Orr.

8) FRANKLIN ROBERT SIMMS, born March 8, 1823, died April 1, 1890, married first Susan Gary on October 24, 1844, in Ga; she died in 1862. He married second Mary Lou Speer on Oct. 18, 1864 in Alabama. Franklin and Mary moved to Tex. in Dec. 1886; they are buried near Pickton, Tex. By his first wife, Susan, Franklin had:

a) CORDERA CAROLINE SIMMS, born Oct. 9, 1845, married a Mr. Orr.

b) ALONZO H. SIMMS, born Oct. 13, 1847.

c) EMILY COMFORT SIMMS, born April 15, 1850, died in 1920, married in 1871 a Mr. Humphries. They are known to have had a daughter, Alice Humphries, who married a Mr. McCall and lived at Waco, Tex.

d) NANCY CATHERINE SIMMS, born May 14, 1852, died Jan. 5, 1853.

e) SUSAN FRANCES SIMMS, born June 6, 1854, married a Mr. Austin and died in Wetumpka, Ala.

f) ADA JANE SIMMS, born Oct. 9, 1856, died June 12, 1889, married a Mr. Humphries.

g) BENJAMIN BRITTON SIMMS, born May 4, 1859, died 1937 at Talladega, Ala.

h) JOHN GARY SIMMS, born March 23, 1862, died March 14, 1895.

By his second wife, Mary Lou Speer, Franklin had:

i) CORA LEE SIMMS, born Dec. 10, 1865, died March 26, 1907, married a Mr. Sparks.

j) ALBERT CRUMPLER SIMMS, born April 24, 1867, died in infancy.

k) WALTER FRANKLIN SIMMS, born Feb. 3, 1869, died April 30, 1963.
l) MARY ELLEN SIMMS married a Mr. Anderson.
m) MILTON SPEER SIMMS, born Aug. 12, 1873.
n) GEORGE LEONARD SIMMS, born June 6, 1875.
o) MINOR ORR SIMMS, born Nov. 10, 1877.
p) WILLIAM READY SIMMS, born March 9, 1880.
q) JESSE BELL SIMMS, born May 15, 1882, died Feb. 9, 1962.
r) DORMER D. SIMMS, born Sept. 21, 1884.

9) JAMES ALEXANDER SIMMS, born April 27, 1825, died Jan. 1881 in Ranger, Tex. He married Emily Jane Hanson Oct. 8, 1846 in Heard County, Ga.; they moved to Tex. in 1853. He is buried at Ranger and his wife at Sulphur Springs, Tex. They had these children:
a) JONATHAN W. SIMMS, born 1848 in Ga., died 1870.
b) JOHN O. SIMMS, born 1850 in Ga., died in the same year.
c) UCA CALIFORNIA SIMMS, born 1852 in Ga., died 1907, married a Mr. Shugart.
d) THOMAS KENDRICK SIMMS, born 1855 in Hopkins County, Tex., died Jan. 24, 1935 in Oklahoma City.
e) AMANDA C. SIMMS, born 1857, died at Phoenix, Ariz., in 1905, married a Mr. Ramey.
f) EMILY SIMMS, born 1859, died 1871.
g) JESSE MERCER SIMMS, born 1860, died July, 1908, is buried in Alamogordo, N. M. He married Anna Louise Lacy. He had several children including Rev. Lacy Simms of Alamogordo. By his first marriage to Sarah Marcia Holmes, Rev. Lacy Simms had three children who live in Alamogordo and Dallas, Tex. Following Sarah's death he remarried.
h) SARA A. SIMMS, born 1863, died in infancy.
i) BRITTON BROOK SIMMS, born May 18, 1866, lived at Denison, Tex.
j) C. BIANCA SIMMS, born 1868, died 1884.
k) JAMES AND FRANKLIN SIMMS, twins, were born and died in 1871.
l) KENDRICK DICKERSON SIMMS, born 1872, died 1900 in Ariz.

10) SUSAN SIMMS, born Dec. 15, 1827, married Watkins Orr.

11) JOHN DICKINSON SIMMS, born Dec. 19, 1830, died March 5, 1921. He married Louisa Posey Hanson Dec. 21, 1848; she was born May 7, 1831 and died Jan. 8, 1913. John served three years in the Georgia legislature and was a Coweta County commissioner for four years. He and Louisa had these children:
a) ELLEN A. SIMMS, born Feb. 4, 1850, married Asbury H. Arnold.
b) FANNIE L. SIMMS, born Nov. 13, 1852, died May 16, 1919, married Hugh Montgomery Arnold, born Nov. 23, 1842, died Jan. 2, 1913. Both are buried at Newnan, Ga. They had five

children: 1) Fannie Lou Arnold who married a Mr. Melson but had no children; 2) Eva Arnold who married John R. Cates and had Lucien, Laura, and John Cates; 3) John Simms Arnold, who married and had Christine, Alice, and Hugh M. Arnold; 4) Christine Arnold, who married Freeman Herring and had Robert Herring; 5) Nevelle Arnold, who married E. T. Owens and had Fannie Arnold Owens, and James W. Owens; 6) H. M. Arnold, Jr., born Sept. 24, 1885, died Sept. 28, 1888.

c) JOHN HANSON SIMMS, born June 2, 1854, died Feb. 25, 1940, married Cora Stacy, born Oct. 15, 1860, died Dec. 20, 1947. They are buried at Newnan. John and Cora had three children: 1) Lourette Simms, who married William Yates Atkinson, Jr., Dec. 1, 1909 and had William III; 2) Charlie Rose Simms, who married John James Farmer on Feb. 9, 1914 in Coweta County and had John James, Jr., Sara Stacy, and Hanson Simms Farmer; 3) John Stacy Simms, who married Corene Bass of Carrollton, Ga., and had John Stacy Simms, Jr. and Margaret Simms.

12) SARAH MARGARET SIMMS, born March 12, 1833, married James Brittain Ware, born 1830; they lived in Coweta County. (See Chart 3-45)

13) MARY EMILY SIMMS, born Nov. 1, 1836, died Sept. 13, 1877, married first Christopher Willis Orr on Nov. 1, 1853, and married second William Hughen on Aug. 3, 1867. Her descent is not known.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Material in the chart came in part from "Coweta County Chronicles" and in part from Louis L. Boutwell of Baltimore, Maryland.

Chart 3-42 (from Chart 3-4)

Susan Simms and Gerard Burch

SUSAN SIMMS, daughter of Robert Simms (III) and Sarah Dickinson, married Gerard Burch; they lived in Hancock County, Ga. Gerard subsequently married Elizabeth Beckham. By Susan, Gerard had:

1) MARY BURCH, who married Nathan Gilbert Oct. 27, 1832.

2) WILLIAM H. BURCH, who married Francis M. Soulard Sept. 9, 1840.

3) ROBERT SIMMS BURCH, who married Martha Spear Reid Dec. 12, 1837. He was born at Powellton, Ga., Sept. 22, 1814 and died at Newnan Sept. 12, 1894. The couple moved to Newnan in 1835 but lived at various times in Marietta and Thomasville. William attended Powellton Academy and studied law with Alexander H. Stephens, later vice president of the Confederate States; he and Stephens subsequently became law partners at the latter's law office in Crawfordsville, Ga. He and Martha had these children:

a) GEORGE TILLEY BURCH, born Jan. 20, 1841, died July 13, 1864 of wounds, received at Kennesaw Mountain. A captain, he was in temporary command of the 29th Georgia Battalion at the time.

b) SUSAN REBECCA BURCH, born Nov. 14, 1842, died Nov. 29, 1912, married John Alfred Hunter Nov. 24, 1870. They are buried at Newnan, Ga.

c) ISORA BURCH, born July 6, 1844, died Dec. 11, 1918. She married Robert H. Hardaway on Feb. 12, 1869; he was born in Putnam County, Ga., Dec. 12, 1837 and died Feb. 11, 1905. They are buried at Newnan. Their children were: 1) Martha King Hardaway, born Feb. 27, 1871, died March 7, 1960, who married James Henry Strickland Oct. 16, 1890; the Stricklands had Robert H. Strickland and Henrietta Strickland, (born Nov. 19, 1892, died July 18, 1949) who married Paul G. Manget and had Paul, Jr. (born Jan. 10, 1915), Martha Hardaway Manget (born Dec. 27, 1918) and Henriette Manget (born Aug. 25, 1924); 2) Virginia Rebecca Hardaway (born Feb. 22, 1874, died March 5, 1924) who married William C. McBride (born June 18, 1863, died Jan. 7, 1945) and had Robert McBride (born Jan. 16, 1895, died May 9, 1896), Isora Burch McBride (born Dec. 25, 1896, died Sept. 6, 1898), William H. McBride (born March 21, 1899), George McBride (born June 22, 1901, died Aug. 27, 1932), Alice M. McBride (born Oct. 22, 1903), Henry Strickland McBride (born Jan. 8, 1906), Virginia McBride and Ruth Reid McBride (both born Dec. 10, 1910); 3) George T. B. Hardaway (died 1879 in infancy); 4) Robert Hall Hardaway, died 1877 in infancy; 5) Robert H. Hardaway, Jr., born 1878, died 1883; 6) Hugh Hardaway, born 1881, died 1882; 7) Coryll Hardaway, born Oct. 6, 1881, who married and had descent; 8) Ruth Hardaway, born Jan. 12, 1885, died Jan. 16, 1950, married Jack Hanson Powell, born Sept. 8, 1881, died Oct. 3, 1963.

4) ISADORE STOREY BURCH, born Dec. 1, 1847, died April 19, 1933, married John Evans Robinson Sept. 7, 1870. A daughter of this couple was Martha Reid Robinson (author of "Coweta County Chronicles").

5) JAMES ROBERT BURCH, born Oct. 9, 1850, married first Sarah Ann Brown on Dec. 12, 1878, and married second Edith Adelaide Hicks on Oct. 18, 1897.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Chart information came from "Coweta County Chronicles" and from data gathered by Lewis L. Boutwell of Baltimore.

Chart 3-43 (from Chart 3-4)

Elizabeth Simms and Edmund Garrett, James Askew, Jr.

ELIZABETH SIMMS, a daughter of Robert Simms (III) and Sarah Dickinson, married first Edmund Garrett. By him she had a daughter, Eliza Garrett, who married Sam Ransom (see below). Widowed, Elizabeth

married again about 1806 to James Askew, Jr. James was a son of James Askew, Sr., and Elizabeth Connell. Penelope Askew, sister of James, Jr., married Alpheus Dickinson, a nephew of Sarah Dickinson Simms. The children of Elizabeth Simms and James Askew Jr. were:

1) BRITTAIN ASKEW, who died unmarried.
2) JOHN ASKEW, who married Mary Terrell in 1840.
3) RICHARD L. ASKEW, who married Isabella Davis in 1840.
4) MARTHA DORMA ASKEW, who married first Joel Putnam Dickinson, son of Joel Dickinson and a brother of Alpheus (above), on Jan. 6, 1834. He died in Hancock County, Ga., in 1837. They had:
   a) BERNICE DICKINSON, a twin to Elizabeth (below), born Nov. 7, 1837.
   b) ELIZABETH DICKINSON, born Nov. 7, 1837. On Dec. 23, 1854 she married her cousin, Benjamin Thomas Simms, son of John Simms and Comfort Mattox Grace.

   Martha married second Sam Ransom, who previously had married her half-sister, Eliza Garrett (above). Sam brought to his new home three children by his first wife: Croyan Ransom, James Ransom, and Martha Ransom. By Martha he had:
   c) LOU RANSOM.
   d) RANCY RANSOM.
   e) SAM RANSOM (Jr.)
5) BENJAMIN SIMMS ASKEW, born 1810, married first Ann Fleming, born July 25, 1817, died July 3, 1851. They had at least one child, James B. Askew, born Dec. 29, 1850, died in 1852. Ann and this child are buried at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery near the border of Heard and Coweta counties, Ga. Benjamin married second Harriet Frederick.
6) JAMES ASKEW III, born 1813, died 1870, married in 1835, Nancy Daniels. They are known to have had Benjamin Franklin Askew, born 1840, who died in Cuesseta, Ala.; he married Virginia Scott Gist. Benjamin and Virginia had:
   a) MARY VIRGINIA ASKEW, born 1873, died 1912.
   b) MARY LEE ASKEW, who married Aubry F. Adams and had Virginia Adams.
   c) FRANKLIN ASKEW, born 1896, died 1927.
   d) WILBURN ASKEW, born 1899, died 1918.
   e) LEMERLE ASKEW.
   f) SCOTT ASKEW, born 1905, died 1926.
   g) OLIVE ASKEW, who married an Adams.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Chart material came largely from Lewis L. Boutwell of Baltimore and also from "Coweta County Chronicles." Howard Askew, who carried on research in the Fort records for a number of years until his death, was a descendant of this group. A portion of his papers were made available for this volume.

Chart 3-44 (from Chart 3-4)

Brittain Simms and Ann Terrell Colbert

BRITTAIN SIMMS, a son of Robert Simms (III) and Sarah Dickinson, married Ann Terrell Colbert. In 1834 they moved from Howard County, Ga., to Coweta County; their residence in the latter county was on Smokey Road, southeast of Newnan. They had these children:

1) JOHN COLBERT SIMMS, born 1815-16 in Hancock County, married Euphemia Black, born about 1820 in Baldwin County at Milledgeville, on Feb. 25, 1836. In 1855 he apparently abandoned farming to operate a store in Newnan, but the store venture collapsed about 1859. By 1860 he had disappeared, leaving his wife and children; the time and place of his death are not known. His wife and children were living in Cobb County, Ga., in 1860; Euphemia died during the Civil War. John and Euphemia had these children:
   a) WIILLIAM B. (BLACK) SIMMS, born about 1837, is supposed to have been shot by Federal authorities for espionage on behalf of the Confederate States.
   b) MARY ANN SIMMS, born Coweta County on April 4, 1838, died in Cobb County Nov. 22, 1913. She married Hiram Anderson Butler in Cobb County in 1863-64, and was his second wife. He was born March 14, 1833 and died Oct. 17, 1913. Hiram was a roadmaster for the W. & A. Railroad. Both he and his wife are buried in Liberty Hill Cemetery, Ackworth, Ga. (See Chart 3-46)
   c) AUGUSTUS HOLLINGER SIMMS, born Feb. 25, 1841 in Coweta County, died in Jasper County, Miss., March 25, 1928, and is buried there in Orange Cemetery. He married first Elizabeth Emanuel in Cobb County June 12, 1870. They had no children. After her death he married on Oct. 12, 1876 Virginia Ann Davis, daughter of Andrew J. Davis. She was born Dec. 1, 1850 in Sumter County, Ala., (See Chart 3-47)
   d) ALMYRA SIMMS, born about 1843 and apparently died in childhood.
   e) BERNICE IDUMA SIMMS was born May 14, 1845 in Coweta County and died Sept. 4, 1926; she is buried in a family plot at Cedartown, Polk Co., Ga. She married William P. Embry in Cobb County Aug. 16, 1868, but his death occurred not long after their marriage. She is said to have lived most of her life in or near Chattanooga, Tenn., and was a school teacher. She had one son, Hiram P. Embry, born Dec. 29, 1871, died June 19, 1914. Hiram married Eva Russell, born June 10, 1873, died May 4, 1951 at Cedartown. They had two children: 1) Beverly S. Embry, born Dec. 11, 1896, died Nov. 17, 1960; he married Ella Lacy, but had no children; 2) A daughter, name not known, who married, had children, and lived in Atlanta, Ga.
   f) JOHN A. SIMMS, born about 1849, is believed to have died in an accident when about 17.

g) SUSAN SIMMS was born Dec. 26, 1841, died Aug. 18, 1843.

2) ROBERT W. SIMMS was born about 1820 in Hancock County, Ga. He married Aramenta Jane Orr, born about 1824, in Coweta County on Nov. 29, 1838. A lawyer in Newnan, he moved to Atlanta about 1859-60 and died there in 1862. The 1850 census lists his children as Phillip B., born about 1843; John D., born about 1845; and Eugenia A., born about 1848. Estate papers, however, show them as: John B., Eugenia A., and Susan R. Simms. William B. Simms is also named in one paper. Their descent is not known.

3) JOEL DICKINSON SIMMS was born about 1822 and married Martha Elizabeth Gordon in Atlanta on Sept. 20, 1859; the couple lived in Atlanta and had one son, Robert W. Simms, born about 1862. Parents and son later moved to Jacksonville, Fla., but there was no further descent.

4) THOMAS G. SIMMS, born about 1826, died in Atlanta May 26, 1876. He married Jane Elizabeth Cameron, born Sept. 14, 1831, died March 23, 1913. Both are buried at Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta. They earlier lived in Newnan. They had the following children:
   a) EMILY C. SIMMS, who married a Mr. Memory. In 1911 she was living in Whiteville, N. C. She is known to have had children.
   b) SARAH FRANCES SIMMS married W. B. Guimarin. She died prior to 1911, leaving a married daughter, Elsie D. Simms Kinard.
   c) JANE ELIZABETH SIMMS, who married a Mr. Wilson. She was born about 1859 and apparently died without issue on Aug. 16, 1901 at Atlanta.
   d) JAMES CAMERON SIMMS died July 17, 1851 when one year old.
   e) ANNA TERRELL SIMMS, buried at Newnan, died May 15, 1855 as an infant.

5) ELIZABETH SIMMS married William C. Redwine on Oct. 31, 1839 in Coweta County. He was born July 12, 1812 and died Sept. 30, 1869 in the same county. They had three children:
   a) JOSEPH REDWINE, born 1858, died in infancy.
   b) ELIZABETH REDWINE, who married a Mr. Brewster and subsequently moved to Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Calif.; she is known to have had daughters.
   c) A son, name not known, who also went to Atlanta but whose subsequent whereabouts and descent are not known.

6) SUSAN P. SIMMS, who married Samuel E. Hannon. They are believed to have lived in Coweta County and to have had descent.

7) MARY SIMMS married a Mr. Lipscomb and is known to have had daughters.

8) MARTHA DORMA DICKINSON SIMMS, born Oct. 15, 1831 in Hancock County, Ga., died Nov. 27, 1912 and is buried in Emory Church Cemetery, Coweta County. She married William David Meriwether Jan. 17, 1850; he was born Nov. 17, 1829 in Coweta County and died Jan. 4, 1915 in Tampa, Fla., but is buried at Emory

Church. After Mary's death the family apparently moved to Fla. They are known to have had:

a) ROBERT SIMMS MERIWETHER married a Miss Pitman and settled in Hillsboro, Tex. They had: 1) Nell Sue Meriwether, who married a Mr. McDaniel; 2) Dorma Simms Meriwether, who married a Mr. Evans and is known to have had Dorothy and Robert Simms Evans; 3) Ruby Meriwether, who married and had a daughter, Gladys; 4) Lillian Meriwether; 5) Bryant Hill Meriwether of New York City.

b) LEANCE MERIWETHER, a merchant in Tampa Shores, Fla.

c) ANNIE TERRELL MERIWETHER, born Feb. 23, 1855 in Coweta County, died May 28, 1927 at Tampa Shores, Fla. She is buried at Emory Chapel Church in Coweta.

d) SARAH FRANCIS MERIWETHER who married a Mr. McAlpine. She is known to have had one son.

e) JAMES BRITTAIN SIMMS MERIWETHER died in the western states.

f) BENJAMIN HILL MERIWETHER also died in the west.

g) WILLIAM REDWINE MERIWETHER married Ida O'Hara and lived at Pensacola, Fla. They are known to have had children.

h) THOMAS PHILIP MERIWETHER lived at Tampa, Fla., and is believed to have had no children.

i) JOSEPH ALEXANDER MERIWETHER died as a child in Coweta County, Ga.

j) LEILA BLANCH MERIWETHER, unmarried, died at Pensacola.

k) MARTHA DORMA SIMMS MERIWETHER married Sim Pearson Steed, Jr., who was born at Senoia, Ga., and in 1899 moved to Tampa, Fla., where he entered the furniture and real estate businesses. Martha died Nov. 28, 1957. The couple had two children: 1) Martha Christine Steed, who married John A. Henderson of Tampa; the Hendersons had Martha Evelyn Henderson, who married Jack J. Holton, settled in St. Petersburg, Fla., and had a son, James William Holton; Ysobelle Sara Henderson, who married Glenn N. Fincher, moved to St. Petersburg, and had a son, Robert Glenn Fincher; Jo-Annie Christine Henderson, who married Gert Schmidt of Jacksonville, Fla., and had Billy William Gert Schmidt, Kent Henderson Schmidt, John Christopher Schmidt, and Robert Terrance Schmidt; Norma Harriet Henderson, who married Ralph Edward Robison, a U. S. Air Force captain who died in 1963, and had James Edward Robison and Lance David Robison; 2) Meriwether Richard Steed, who died July 4, 1934; he married Norma Elizabeth Martinez, a member of one of the old Spanish families in Tampa, and had two sons: Meriwether Richard Steed, Jr., who moved to Tex. with his wife and four

children, and Jose Augustus Martinez Steed of Miami, who married and had Linda Jo Steed.

l) CLARA LOUISE MERIWETHER, who married George Sletis and lived in St. Petersburg, Fla. They had one daughter who married Joseph F. Riddle and settled in San Francisco.

9) SARAH FRANCES SIMMS, born Nov. 23, 1839 in Coweta County, died March 21, 1916 in Coweta and is buried in Bethel Church Cemetery. She married Stephen Heard Crain, born June 22, 1838 and died Nov. 19, 1906. They had:

a) BRITTAIN SIMMS CRAIN, born Sept. 16, 1866, died in Coweta County, Aug. 25, 1907. He married Ida Whitaker, born June 26, 1873, died Feb. 5, 1931 in Coweta. They had no children.

b) JOHN ROBERT CRAIN, unmarried.

c) WALTER WISDOM CRAIN, who married Anna Charlotte Brown. They had two children: 1) Annie Lou Crain, who died as a child; 2) Martha Frances Crain, who married Robert Hewlette Horne and had the following: Robert Hewlette Horne, Jr., who died at 17; Annie Lou Horne, who married Roy Howard Langley and settled at Newnan, Ga., and who had Robert Henry Langley (married Susie Ann Howard) and Roberta Ann Langley; and James Stanley Horne, who married Sarah Lillian Callahan and had Cathy Lynn Horne and James Edward Horne.

d) WILLIAM CRAWFORD CRAIN, unmarried.

e) SALLIE FANNIE CRAIN, born July 5, 1882, died 1884.

f) THOMAS CRAIN, born Jan. 29, 1878, died in 1879.

In addition to the nine children named, Brittain Simms and Ann may have had:

10) BRITTAIN SIMMS, JR., whose name appears in certain Coweta County documents but about whom nothing else is known. It is possible that he was the son of John Simms, who carried the name "Brittain."

About The Family

The will of Brittain Simms, who married Ann Colbert, is in Coweta County, Georga, and is dated July 16, 1862 (probated March 9, 1864). Two of its provisions show affection and concern for his slaves in a way not common in the southern states. One permits certain Negroes to "make their selection for a home among my children. . ." Another names certain others and instructs the executor they be kept "at my residence and purchased by one or more of my children in order that they be kept in my family. . ." While slaveowners by and large were humane in their treatment of their black workers, not many guarded them against family separation and permitted choice of owners as did Brittain Simms.

Lewis Boutwell attempted to trace the whereabouts of John Colbert Simms who seemingly abandoned his family if census and other documents are to be relied on. He reported that John's children—according to a tradition—"inherited a copper mine from their father but in some way were cheated out

of it." Mr. Boutwell found only one location east of the Mississippi where copper was mined at that period; at Copper Hill, Tennessee. He did not search there for John Colbert, however.

Augustus Hollinger Simms, according to descendants, was at one time engineer on the famed locomotive "General", one of the two involved in the "great locomotive chase" during the Civil War; his service presumably was prior to the chase incident.

Mr. Boutwell, in visits to various family cemeteries, gathered epitaphs of the period. Probably selected from the stonecutter's "book", they speak in a sentimental fashion far different from the cold identifications of today. The poem above little two-year-old Susan Simms, for instance:

The little babe has gone to rest
To rejoin with God forever blest
Its little tongue will always praise
A Saviors love, redeeming grace.

Authors' Notes

Sources. Lewis L. Boutwell's original research supplied the bulk of the material for this chart. He was assisted by various researchers in the Simms family. He consulted original documents or extracts from Coweta County, visited cemeteries, and had access to family Bible records.

Chart 3-45 (from Chart 3-41)

Sarah Margaret Simms and James Brittain Ware

SARAH MARGARET SIMMS, a daughter of John Simms and Comfort Maddox Grace, married James Brittain Ware. This couple, who lived in Coweta County, Ga., had these children:

1) ALBERTA VIRGINIA WARE married Walter Orr and lived at Macon, Ga. The Orr's had:
   a) MALCON ORR.
   b) STELLA ORR.
   c) MARY ORR, who married a Mr. Darden.
   d) JENNIE ORR, who married a Mr. Arnold.
   e) GIBSON ORR, who married Bert Whiteley.
2) ADDIE GLENN WARE, born 1855, married George Thomas Snow of Bedford County, Va. She died in 1914. The Snows had:
   a) GEORGE BRITTAIN SNOW, born 1878, who married Olive Summer and settled in Atlanta, Ga. They had: 1) Margaret Snow, who married Alex Brown; 2) Sarah Snow; 3) Helen Snow; 4) Dorothy Snow, who married Joseph Schilling and took up residence in Palmetto, Ga.
   b) SARAH SNOW, born in 1880, lived at East Point, Ga.
   c) THOMAS GLENN SNOW, born 1881, married Tott Brooks and settled in Atlanta. They had: 1) Mary Glenn Snow; 2) Bernard Snow, who married and had two children.

d) JOHN CRAWFORD SNOW, born 1883, married Fannie Sims and made his home in Waycross, Ga. They had one son, Thomas Garr Snow, who died in 1948 and whose marriage produced two children.

e) HENRY MATTOX SNOW, born 1885, married first Ethel Carter. By her he had Ralph Snow who married, had three children, and who made Athens, Ga., his home. Henry's second wife was Mary Lou Mobley; by her he had a son, George Snow.

f) VIEBERTA SNOW, born 1887, married J. S. Moncrief and lived at Sylvester, Ga. They had: 1) J. S. Moncrief, Jr.; 2) James Moncrief.

g) ROBERT PARKER SNOW, born 1889, married and had two children: Virginia and Bobbie Snow; they lived at Valdosta, Ga.

h) ADDIE L. SNOW, born 1891, married M. T. Moncrief of Atlanta, Ga.

i) ROOP SNOW, born 1893, married Effie Almand and made his home in Albany, Ga. They had: 1) Margaret Glenn Snow, born 1916, who married William H. Daniel, Jr. of Mullins, S.C., and had Ellen Snow Daniel, Linda Snow Daniel, Nancy Love Daniel, and William H. Daniel III; 2) James Thomas Snow, born 1920, married Nell Hautman in 1947 and by her had a child, Roop Snow; following Nell's death in 1948, James married in 1955, Mrs. Byrdie Pierson Dicksin.

j) ELIZABETH SNOW, born 1895, married W. J. Smith of East Point, Ga., and had Bettie Joe Smith and W. J. Smith, Jr.

k) RIGDON VAUGHN SNOW, born 1897, married and lived at Waycross, Ga. His two children were: Rigdon Vaughn Snow, Jr. and Margie Snow.

3) ALMYRA WARE died unmarried.

4) JOHN FLETCHER WARE married Lula Walker and moved to Tex. Their children were: Annie Lou Ware, Jennie Ware, Johnnie May Ware, U. B. Ware, and Webb Ware (the only survivor of triplets).

5) ALONZO CRAWFORD WARE, born in Heard County, Ga., Dec. 17, 1859, died Jan. 18, 1943. He married Sally Kendrick, born 1861, on Dec. 22, 1880. They had:

a) ETHEL GLENN WARE, born 1881, married Wade Stallings in 1900 and took up residence at Newnan, Ga. Their children: 1) Crawford Freeman Stallings; 2) Sarah Kendricks Stallings; 3) Ethel Ware Stallings.

b) JOHNIE MAY WARE, born 1883, married Goss Mattox in 1901. They had: 1) Kendrick Ware Mattox; 2) Bettie Mattox; 3) Jane Mattox; 4) Goss Mattox, Jr., who died in infancy.

c) THOMAS KENDRICKS WARE, born 1886, died in World War I, married and had one son, Thomas Kendricks Ware, Jr.

d) MIRA COLE WARE, born 1890, married John Robin Williams and had: 1) John Robin Williams, Jr.; 2) Myra Ware Williams; 3) Van Williams.

e) ARNOLD CRAWFORD WARE, born 1894, married Mary McKinney.
f) SARAH AMANDA WARE, born 1897.
g) JAMES BRITTON WARE II, born 1900.

6) ALBERT ZOLLICORCER WARE married Annie Walker and by her had Lucy Ware, Janie Ware, Charles Ware, Louise Ware.
7) HENRY HALL WARE, born Heard County, Ga., 1867, married Emma Allen in 1893 and had:
   a) MATTIE WARE, born in Heard County in 1897, married Deck Pinkston of Carrollton, Ga., in 1923. They had: 1) Patricia Ione Pinkston, born Dallas, Ga., 1925, married R. L. Stapleton of Dawson, Ga. and had Morium Anna Stapleton, born at Dawson, and Deck Stapleton, born in 1957.
   b) IONE SIMMS WARE, born Heard County in 1899, married B. O. Askew of Hogansville, Ga. and had a son, James Benjamin Askew, born 1920 in Hogansville, who married Elizabeth Ingram and had Emily Anne Askew, born 1950, and Emmett Askew, born 1952.
   c) HENRY HALL WARE, born Hogansville, Ga., 1903, married Katherine Catchings and settled in Atlanta. They had; 1) Margaret Virginia Ware, born 1932, who married Kessler Deimhing, 1954; 2) Henry Hall Ware III, born 1935.
8) ROBERT WARE married Valley Davis and had Thomas Ware, J. R. Ware, and Alva Ware.
9) BRITTON WARE died while at college.
10) RIGDON MIMS WARE, born about 1870, took up residence at Hogansville, Ga., and married Emmie Virginia Shackelford. They had:
   a) ROBERT SHACKELFORD WARE, who married Martha Nelson.
   b) SARAH WARE.
   c) JAMES CRAWFORD WARE, born Feb. 2, 1915, at Hogansville married Gwynneth Mary Woodhouse in England in 1944; they had Susanna E. Hope Ware, born March 18, 1945, John Rigdon Ware, born April 1, 1948, Peter Woodhouse Ware, born July 22, 1950, and David Anthony Mims Ware, born Aug. 18, 1955.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 3-46 (from Chart 3-44)

Mary Ann Simms and Hiram Anderson Butler

MARY ANN SIMMS, a daughter of John Colbert Simms and Euphemia Black, married Hiram Anderson Butler in Cobb County, Ga., and lived there at Kennesaw. They had:

1) ALMETA BUTLER, born May 2, 1865, married first Beverly Fite, born July 7, 1856 and died Jan. 5, 1938; he is buried at Cedartown in Polk County, Ga. The couple lived first in Cedartown, then moved to Kennesaw, Atlanta, and Douglasville, Ga. Almeta died in Macon and presumably is buried there. They had these children:
   a) JESSIE ALLENE FITE, born Feb. 20, 1889, died March 9, 1894.
   b) NELL FITE, who died at Canton, Ga., and had no children.
   c) LOUISE FITE, who married Cicero Brooks and settled at Marietta, Ga. They had: 1) Cicero Brooks, Jr.; 2) James Brooks; 3) a third child, name not known.
   d) BURGESS FITE, who became City Clerk at Dalhonega, Ga. He and his wife had no children.
   e) HARRY FITE lived and died at Macon. He married first Helen Sullivan and by her had Barbara Fite. He had five children by a second marriage.

   Almeta Butler married second a Mr. Meadows but had no children by him.

2) HUGH ELWIN BUTLER, born July 24, 1867, married Lucia Mills. They lived most of their married life in Atlanta and are buried there. They had one son, Hugh Anderson Butler, unmarried, of Atlanta.

3) HIRAM WALLACE BUTLER, born Nov. 9, 1869, lived at Kennesaw, Ga. but later moved to Savannah, Ga., where he died. He married twice; his wives' names are not known. By his first wife he had:
   a) ELWIN BUTLER of Charleston, S.C., who married and had a son who practices law in Savannah.
   b) JOHN BUTLER of Savannah, who married and had children.
   c) MARGARET BUTLER, who married, lives in Savannah, and had children.
   d) WALLACE BUTLER, who married, also lives in Savannah, and had children.
   e) HENRY BUTLER, married, lives in Savannah and had children.

4) JESSE RYALS BUTLER, born March 16, 1872, died Sept. 23, 1949, married Sarah Eugenia Baldwin, born Oct. 25, 1876 and died March 30, 1964. They are buried at Kennesaw, Ga. They had:
   a) LUCIA BUTLER, who married a Mr. Young and settled in Atlanta. They had two daughters.
   b) JULIA BUTLER, who married Pascal B. Burdett, settled in Atlanta, and had a son and daughter.
   c) JUDSON I. BUTLER, married and lived in Atlanta; he had children.
   d) H. B. BUTLER, married, made his home at Kennesaw and had children.

Authors' Notes

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Chart 3-47 (from Chart 3-44)

Augustus Hollinger Simms and Virginia Ann Davis

AUGUSTUS HOLLINGER SIMMS, a son of John Colbert Simms and Euphemia Black, met and married Virginia Ann Davis while living in Jasper County, Miss. The wedding was on Oct. 12, 1876. They lived in the communities of Pleasant Grove and Orange in Jasper County. This couple had:

1) ANDREW HOLLINGER SIMMS, born July 11, 1877, died Jan. 8, 1919 in Jasper County and is buried at Orange. He married Louvenia Speed, daughter of John Brown Speed and Frances Lorena Maddox Speed, probably in 1904. She was born March 19, 1869 in Lauderdale County, Miss., and died Aug. 27, 1949. They had one child:
   a) BERNICE IDUMA LORENA EUPHEMIA SIMMS, born Nov. 30, 1905, married Daniel McKinnon Boutwell, born Aug. 16, 1898, son of William Henry Boutwell and Cornelia Olivia White; the marriage was in Clarke County, Miss., July 15, 1922. They had two children: 1) Lewis Lafayette Boutwell, born Dec. 1, 1923, lives in Baltimore and is single; 2) Daniel Hollinger Boutwell, born Jan. 28, 1926, in Enterprise, Miss., married March 24, 1956 in Jones County, Miss., Sherry Ann Mills, daughter of William McLaurin Mills and Rosa Mae Gipson. She was born Dec. 19, 1938 in Perry County, Miss. They live in Gautier, Miss. This couple had James Ronald Boutwell, born Dec. 21, 1956, Donald Wayne Boutwell, born Jan. 27, 1958, and Danna Patricia Boutwell, born Sept. 20, 1960—all born in Jones County.
2) HEWLETT ALONZO SIMMS, born Aug. 6, 1879 in Jasper County, died there Dec. 29, 1943 and is buried at Orange. He married Cora Mae Speed (niece of Louvenia, above) on Dec. 27, 1903 in Lauderdale County, Miss. She was born Feb. 6, 1881 and later took up residence at Meridian, Miss. They had:
   a) HUGH SIMMS, who married while in Germany after World War II. This family lives in Calumet City, Ill.
   b) BETTY SIMMS of Meridian, Miss. who married twice. By her first husband she had a daughter, Elaine. Her second marriage was to a Mr. Patterson, by whom she had a son.
3) ALVIN ATTICUS SIMMS was born in Jasper County Sept. 24, 1881 and died at Jackson, Miss.; he is buried at Florence, Miss. His first marriage was to Carrie Davis, his second to Fannie Adams. His children, all by his first wife, were:

a) JOHN COLBERT SIMMS, who married Nellie Corn of Virginia. They live at Dalhonega, Ga., where he is on the faculty of North Georgia College. They have married sons, one with the DuPont Company at Wilmington, Delaware, and the other a college professor.
b) MOODY SIMMS married and had children; in 1969 he was principal of a high school in Jackson, Miss.
c) CHARLES WESLEY SIMMS married and is a professor at Union College in Kentucky; he has no children.
d) A. C. SIMMS died without heirs, probably in Jackson or Florence, Miss.

4) BENJAMIN FERNANDER SIMMS was born Oct. 3, 1883 in Jasper County and died Feb. 7, 1958 in Clarke County, Miss.; he is buried at Orange. He married Louella Smith April 2, 1905 in Clarke County. They had:
a) ESSIE SIMMS, who married Nolan McPherson and settled at Slidell, La. They had a number of children.
b) LULA MAE SIMMS married first Willie Kahee; they adopted children. She married a second time and now lives in Pachuta, Miss.
c) LOUIS SIMMS, who married and had children and lives in Hattiesburg, Miss.
d) VIRGINIA SIMMS, who married and had children; she lives at Moss Point, Miss.
5) JOHN SIMMS, who died at 16.
6) COLBERT SIMMS, who died at age 14.
7) EDWARD SIMMS, who died as a child.
8) BETTY SIMMS, who died in infancy.

Authors' Notes

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SECTION IV

Descendants of Elias Fort of Robertson County, Tennessee*

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Chapter I

Elias Fort of Robertson County

ELIAS FORT, son of Elias Fort (d. 1761 Edgecombe County, N.C.) and Catherine _____, was born July 14, 1730. He died January 14, 1819, Robertson County, Tennessee, and was buried in the cemetery on the farm where he settled near Port Royal in the spring of 1792, presumably beside his wife who had died in 1802. His will, dated January 19, 1817, probated November 8, 1820, is of record in W.B. 3, pages 118-121, Robertson County, Tennessee.

Elias married in 1758 at Tarboro, North Carolina, Sarah Sugg (b. May 15, 1738, probably Norfolk County, Va., d. March 19, 1802, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of Aquilla Sugg, a prominent citizen of Edgecombe County who in later life devoted his energies to "spreading the gospel" as a Methodist minister, and his wife, Elizabeth Maund.

Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg had nine children, all born in Edgecombe county, North Carolina. They were:

1.—William Fort, b. June 23, 1759.
2.—Josiah Fort, b. Sept. 8, 1762.
3.—Catherine Fort, b. ca 1764.
4.—Milbrey Fort, b. ca 1766.
5.—Esther Fort, b. ca 1768.
6.—Elizabeth Fort, b. ca 1770.
7.—Obedience "Bedie" Fort, b. Jan. 21, 1771.
8.—Elias Fort, Jr. (IV), b. Sept. 7, 1774.
9.—Sugg Fort, b. June 24, 1776.

Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Elias Fort of the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee being of a sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all others by me made or caused to be made and as it has pleased God to bestow on me some worldly goods and chattles It is my will and desire that the same should be disposed of in the manner and form following

First I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Fort one negro man named Moses Jr and one negro boy named Hezekiah to him his heirs & assigns forever (Item) I Give and bequeath unto my son Elias Fort three Negroes (to wit) Sam, Lettice and her child Sabry Also my watch and four hundred Dollars in cash & old Moll to him his heirs and assigns forever (Item) I give and bequeath unto my son Sugg Fort the tract or parcel of land I purchased of William Crabtree lying in said County nearly Joining the land I live on with the land and plantation where I now live and the following negroes (to wit) old Will and his wife Moll, Jenny, Lucy, Dennis, Solomon & Larrey with their increase Also my Bofat (?Bofal) and Desk two large

tables & one small one to him his heirs and assigns forever (Item) I give and bequeath unto my three sons Josiah, Elias & Sugg Fort all my wearing apparell and three Lots in the town of Port Royal known in the plan of said Town by Nos. 5, 7 & 9. (Item) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Easter Jackson one negro girl named Joan (Item) I give and bequeath unto my grand son Matthew Williams when he becomes at lawful age one negro boy named Alfred I lend unto my Daughter Catherine Williams during her Widowhood or life the following negroes (to wit) Pompy, Amy, Louisa & Jesse And also Alfred untill Matthew comes of age as before mentioned After the marriage or death of my said Daughter Catherine Williams I give and bequeath all the negroes lent her unto my said Grand son Matthew Williams his heirs and assigns forever (Item) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Lawson one negro man named Peter (called little Peter) one cow and Calf a yearling to her her heirs and assigns forever (Item) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Milbrey Deloach the following negroes (to wit) Clarissa and her children Dinah, Will, Moll & Lucy with their increase to her her heirs and assigns forever (Item) I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Obedience Smith one negro man named Reddick and one negro boy named Ned to her her heirs and assigns forever (Item) I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son William Fort Decd five hundred Dollars to be divided between them agreeable to the last will and testament of said William Fort Decd

My will and desire is that my Executors hereafter named should keep all the negroes and stock of every kind together, that I leave untill the ensueing crop is made & housed furnishing the negroes with such implements of Husbandry & provisions as are necessarily wanting from the stock I may leave After the crop is housed and taken care of then my desire is that after my Just Debts are paid the residue of my Estate not heretofore mentioned in this my last will and testament of every description be equally divided between my sons Josiah Elias & Sugg Fort and my Daughters Esther Jackson Milbrey Deloach and Obedience Smith to them their heirs and assigns forever Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Josiah Elias and Sugg Fort Executors of this my last will and testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this nineteenth day of January 1817

Elias Fort (Seal)

published & pronounced
in presence of us
Jesse Herring
George James
Joel Grisard

The foregoing will was probated November 8, 1820, and recorded in Book No. 3 (1818-1821), Wills & Estate Settlements, Robertson County, Tennessee. (Pages 65-66, WPA copied records, Tennessee State Library.)

On pages 75, 76 and 77 of the same WPA copied records is the itemized list of "Sales of the Estate of Elias Fort Decd. as sold the 1st and 2nd day of March 1819, nine months credit, by Lias Fort Junr. Adm. . . . Total $2216.55-¾."

Fort Family Reunions

The Sunday nearest July 14, anniversary of the birth of the father of this family in Robertson County, Tennessee, was the date for Fort Family Reunions, days of feasting, fellowship and reminiscing. Speeches were made, eulogies given, and plans made. These reunions started in 1884 and continued through 1955.

Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn Connell) Wise (See Chapter X), while Regent of Jackson-Madison Chapter DAR in Jackson, Tennessee, was instrumental in procuring two markers for the grave of Elias Fort, a corporal in the American Revolution.

1.—A bronze marker from the Sons of the American Revolution. This marker dedicated at the reunion in July, 1925.

2.—A stone marker from the U. S. Government. This monument was unveiled at the July, 1926 reunion.

Miss Lizzie Fort (1855-1951) of Nashville, Tennessee, prepared a paper entitled *GENEALOGY OF THE FORT FAMILY OF TENNESSEE* for the 1926 reunion. Some excerpts are:

> ". . . Elias Fort lived in North Carolina, raised a large family of children —four sons and five daughters—he died . . . at the age of 88 years and six months. He had been a deacon in the Baptist Church for 40 years. The first record book of Red River Church was evidently brought by him to Tennesse from North Carolina as the back of this book contains the records of the Old Kehukey Association on Tar River in North Carolina. It also shows that Elias Fort was always a delegate from Tar River Church to this Association.

"The last meeting of that Association was in 1777, and a short time after that meeting Elias Fort volunteered in the Army of the American Revolution.

"The records of the State of North Carolina in the State Capitol (Tennessee State Library) at Nashville show that Elias Fort became a member of the 1st N. C. Battalion, commanded by Col. Thomas Clark. Elias was a Corporal, and the third name on the roll call. He enlisted April 11, 1777, and this roll call was had Sept. 8, 1778. See Book 15, pages 326-7, State Records of North Carolina.

"This same roll call shows that this regiment or battalion was with Washington at Valley Forge, as it shows William Jones, Arthur Pugh and John Jennings of the same regiment sick at Valley Forge.

"This Revolutionary soldier was 47 years old when he left his family to fight for our liberty.

"After the war, he was elected and served as Sheriff of Edgecombe County, N. C., during the years 1785 and 1786 . . .

"He was a soldier of the Revolution, a deacon of his church, a delegate to his Baptist Association, a sheriff of his county, and then he came to the far West, to what is now Robertson County, Tennessee, and settled where we place this monument to his memory 107 years after his death.

"'Elias Fort, who lies buried on the spot where we place this marble slab sent by the U. S. Government to do honor to one of the soldiers of the American Revolution, was married to Sarah Sugg of North Carolina . . .

There were born to them in the State of North Carolina four sons and five daughters. All of these sons and daughters, and their wives and sons-in-law, left the old North State and migrated to the District of Mero, State of Tennessee. They came in ox wagons, on horseback, in all sorts of wagons, bringing their slaves, and household goods, and live stock, or as much as possible.

"All of these emigrants took up large tracts of land . . . and built their homes here, and for three generations reared their families here.

"Elias Fort and his wife, Sarah Sugg, settled on the land where he now rests after eighty-eight years of struggles for the good of his country, his family, his church, and his fellow-man."

For the 1927 Fort Family reunion, Miss Lizzie Fort prepared another paper, the first paragraph of which reads as follows:—

> "My dear kinspeople, today on the land of our forefathers for over a hundred years, we have gathered to celebrate the 197th birthday of our Grand Sire, Elias Fort, who married Sarah Sugg. I know of no more fitting tribute to his memory than a sketch of his mother, his sister, his wife, his daughters, his daughters' daughters, and on down through the female line."

Excerpts from this paper are given as various female members of the family are discussed.

An old newspaper clipping tells us that the first settlers of Nashville came by this route:

> "From the Watauga settlement in East Tennessee they passed through Cumberland Gap to Carpenter's Station in Kentucky. They continued west through Blue Spring and Dripping Spring, turned south toward Mansker's Station and crossed the Cumberland at the present site of Nashville."

When asked over what route the Forts came to Tennessee from North Carolina, Ralph L. Winters of Clarksville, Tennessee, answered as follows.

> "Goodspeed's Tennessee History, pages 142-3-4, tells of the Emigrant Road. The North Carolina Assembly in 1785 passed an act to open a road from the foot of Clinch Mountain to Nashville, this to be ten feet wide and suitable for wagons and carts. This was opened September 25, 1788, from Campbell's Station to Nashville, Tennessee. Guards were provided for escorts. So—I would assume the Forts came over this new road which I further assume was about the general route of No. 70 from Nashville to Knoxville."

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF ADAMS AND PORT ROYAL, by Ralph Winters, was published in November 1968. The chapter entitled "The Forts of Red River Valley" is on pages 143-154; however, there are references to different members of the Fort family and their connections throughout the book.

A previous book, *HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF THE WINTERS FAMILY*, was published in 1965.

Mr. Winters wrote an article entitled "Twelve People Organized Red River Baptist Church Back in 1791" that was published November 15, 1958, in the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle and in the Robertson County newspapers.

He wrote a series of articles on Pioneer Homesteads. One was about *HAPPY CLIFF*, the home of Edmund Augustus Fort, the father of Miss Lizzie Fort. Another told of *RIVERSIDE*, the home of Eppa Lawson Fort near Port Royal.

Another of his many interesting articles was "The Story of Hill's Mill." This old mill, a landmark for many years, burned Sunday morning, December 3, 1967. Originally built in 1811 by Major James Norfleet, it has been known as Norfleet's Mill, Moody's Mill, Hill's Mill, Beech Valley Mill, and Walnut Grove Mill.

Mr. Winters has given permission for us to use any of the information he has collected through the years. We are most grateful to him.

The following history is made up almost entirely of excerpts from Mr. Winters' various writings.

The Forts Of Red River Valley

In the settlement of the area around Port Royal and Adams, Tennessee, no family played a more important part than the Forts. Leaving Edgecombe County, North Carolina, about 1790, Elias Fort, Senior and family, including his wife and their nine children (and the spouses of the ones already married and their children then born) started for the land beyond the mountains, then referred to as the "Cumberland Country." In Knoxville, they employed Andrew Jackson to guard them over the Cumberland Mountains and along the Emigrant Road which had been opened in 1788.

Elias Fort, Senior must have been a man of means as we find him very early buying a large amount of land. He also seemed to be able to trade to meet the other fellow's terms. And to be able to get the kind of money which was demanded. He bought 1000 acres from Lardner Clark for "200 Spanish Milled Dollars." From William Loggins he bought 320 acres for "100 lbs." Another 440 acres from John Phillips, paying "120# Virginia Currency." But by 1790, the currency was somewhat more settled when he bought 133 acres on both sides of Red River for 600 dollars.

Although he bought a large amount of land at different locations, Elias Fort, Senior settled on a hill on the north side of Sulphur Fork Creek overlooking "Hill's Mill," about one and one-half miles from the mouth of the Creek. He was buried in a cemetery (recently restored) on the land where he lived.

In April 1799 he deeded 200 acres of the 1000 acres of land he bought from Lardner Clark to each of his five daughters: Elizabeth, who married Eppa Lawson; Esther, Burwell Jackson; Obedience, David Smith; Catherine, Matthew Williams; and Milbrey, William Deloach. These deeds are recorded in D.B. "B", pages 223-226 and 248, Robertson County, Tennessee. This tract was in a rectangle and the starting corner was: A black oak above a large cave spring."

Obedience Smith sold her block to Eppa Lawson, and it is possible that the other four sisters and families were living on these tracts in 1801 when "Fort's Meeting House" was built in the corner of Eppa Lawson's land.

Soon after he settled in his new home, Elias Fort, Senior joined Red River

Baptist Church which had been formed about two years earlier. One of the first things he did was promote the building of a church near Brother William Prince's Old Spring. This was in the valley about one-half mile slightly southeast of Port Royal. He remained an official and a staunch supporter of the Red River Church throughout the rest of his life.

WILLIAM FORT (1759-1802), the first son of Elias Fort, Senior and Sarah Sugg, bought 320 acres of land from John Gibson at the mouth of Elk Fork Creek on Red River. He was an able man. In 1788 he was elected from Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to a Convention to be held at Hillsboro to consider a plan for federal government.

In the 1795 Census taken of the "Territory South of the Ohio River," it was determined that there were enough people to justify statehood. William Fort, along with Thomas Johnson, William Prince, James Ford and Robert Prince, was elected from Tennessee County to a Constitutional Convention in Knoxville January 11, 1796.

There were then eight counties in East Tennessee, and Sumner, Davidson, and Tennessee Counties in Middle Tennessee. Five delegates were sent from each county. Although the compensation had been set at $2.50 per day for the delegates, on the 2nd day they passed a resolution that $1.50 per day was enough, and $1.00 for each thirty miles travelled.

Each county selected two delegates to draft the Constitution and Thomas Johnson and William Fort represented Tennessee County. By February 6, 1796, the Constitution was completed and signed. Family tradition has it that William Fort wrote the document.

The name was taken from Tennessee County and given to the State. The County was then split into two counties—Montgomery and Robertson.

William Fort was Chairman of the 1st Court of Robertson County and Representative to the 1st Legislature of the new State of Tennessee.

In addition to farming his land, he built a grist and saw mill on Elk Fork Creek near the mouth.

William Fort died before "Fort's Meeting House" was built, so we do not find him in the church records. His will was filed in January 1802, and when the Inventory was made, the list of his books would be the envy of any college professor.

He named among the executors of his will "my friend Andrew Jackson." Even though in his early forties when he died, he had already made a name for himself in this new country.

All seven of his living children were minors when he died. Most all of these children moved out of the area.

William Fort was buried in the cemetery (recently restored) on the farm where he settled.

Elizabeth Hilliard, the wife of William Fort, had inherited substantial sums from her parents, and when she died in 1819 records showed that she had already given over $10,000 to her children.

JOSIAH FORT (1762-1848), second son of Elias Fort, Senior and Sarah Sugg, had married Piety Horn (1767-1815) on January 1, 1788, in North Carolina. Their oldest son, Whitmil Hill Fort, was born October 23, 1788.

Josiah Fort bought 320 acres of land on Elk Fork Creek from John Gibson in 1793. This was located up the creek from his brother William. This block of land was deeded to his youngest son Elias Joseph Fort in 1847. After the death of Elias Joseph Fort it was sold to Joel Battle Fort (1854-1934) and was owned by his children until sold to John Robert Alley in 1963/64. This one-family ownership for 170 years possibly stands as a record for the community.

When Robertson County was formed in 1796, Josiah Fort was the first trustee and continued to serve in the County Court for many years.

Josiah Fort joined the Red River Baptist Church July 18, 1801, just after the new "Fort's Meeting House" was built. He was active in the affairs of the Church until December 25, 1813, when he helped to organize Drakes Pond Church on the Tennessee-Kentucky line about one mile east of Guthrie, Kentucky. He continued active in this church until his death in 1848. He was buried in the cemetery (recently restored) on the farm where he settled.

WHITMIL HILL FORT (1788-1866), 1st son of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, married Dorothy Wimberly (1791-1827). They raised their family on the west side of Elk Fork Creek, we assume right near the cemetery where he and his people were buried—*WIMBERLY-MALLORY-FORT CEMETERY* —which place is nearly a mile away from *HAPPY CLIFF* where lived his son Edmund Augustus Fort.

Whitmil Hill Fort outlived all his children but Edmund Augustus Fort. After providing for the various heirs of his deceased children, he willed his farm to this son. The will is recorded in W.B. 18, pages 9-10, Robertson County, Tennessee.

Edmund Augustus Fort was the father of Miss Lizzie Fort (1855-1951) who wrote papers for Fort Family reunions.

HAPPY CLIFF, the Edmund Augustus Fort homestead, remained in the family until 1916 when it was sold to Buford Sweeney. The plat of this land showed about two miles of shoreline on Red River and Elk Fork Creek. The beautiful colonial house still stands and is owned by James W. Bellar. Near the top of the north chimney is a brick showing date of 1800. Whether this indicates the age of the original house, nobody knows.

JOEL BATTLE FORT (1805-1867), the 7th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, married October 2, 1828, Nancy Carr Metcalfe, daughter of Ilai Metcalfe and Susannah Carr. In 1823, Ilai Metcalfe bought the William Fort farm from the heirs. This farm was just south of Joel Battle Fort's farm. In later years when the Forts had bought it back into the family, it was known as the "Old Place."

JOSIAH WILLIAM FORT (1833-1887), the 3rd child of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe, was a farmer and a Baptist preacher. He was serving Red River Baptist Church in Adams in 1879. He was the fourth generation of Forts in this church. He served as Judge of Robertson County 1879-1887. It was during his term of office that the bridge north of Adams and across Red River was built in 1885. He married in 1853 Eliza Dancy. Their seven children were born near Elk Fork Creek northwest of Adams.

JOEL BATTLE FORT (1854-1934), the 1st son of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Dancy, was a lawyer and a farmer. A member of the Tennessee

legislature in 1887, he was known as the "Silver Tongued Orator." He was one of the promoters of the Tobacco Growers Protective Association 1903-1908, lecturing in the three-state area of Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia. He was connected with various phases of the State Government in later years. In 1877 he married Sallie Dean McKay of Nashville. After the death of Elias Joseph Fort in 1883, Joel B. Fort purchased the original Josiah Fort tract of land where about 1854 Elias Joseph Fort had built *WHITE HALL.* This house stood for over 100 years until replaced by a smaller dwelling. It was at *WHITE HALL* that Joel B. Fort and Sallie Dean McKay reared their family of ten children.

JOEL BATTLE FORT, JR. (1888-1951) . . . in 1909 started in the banking business in Nashville. In 1917 he went into Aviation Service, World War I. In 1919 he went with the Federal Reserve Bank and was made Managing Director in 1925. At his death in 1951, Jesse Safley wrote, "No man has lived in Tennessee in modern times who had a greater love and admiration for farm people and rural living than did Joel B. Fort, Jr., and in passing no one has left behind more evidence of having served his fellow man. . . ."

CHARLES HENRY FORT (1860-1938), another son of Josiah W. Fort and Eliza Dancy, was a farmer and livestock raiser. He was President of Planters Protective Association from 1903 until 1913/14. While serving in this office, on August 7, 1907, he received a threatening letter written by a woman and signed "Fearless" which read: "Dear Sir: We give you ten days to withdraw from the Planters Protective Association as President—or you had better order a bodyguard."

The press of that date said that a plot had been uncovered that a group planned to go to Mr. Fort's home, call him to the door, and cut his throat.

Mr. Fort released a statement to the press as follows: "I shall never resign the office of President until the people who elected me request it."

Fortunately, this threat was not carried out and Mr. Fort lived many years more in the community. He was a member of the County Court a long while and a steadfast supporter of the Red River Baptist Church at Adams. He was a trustee of Bell High School for many years. No citizen gave more of himself to his community than Charles H. Fort throughout his useful life.

STERLING FORT (1864-1952), another son of Josiah W. Fort and Eliza Dancy, and his brother Dancey Fort (who added the *e* to the spelling of his given name) walked to Red River, crossed in a boat, and walked through the Zach Winters farm to Adams to attend Red River Academy or High School at Adams. Sterling Fort farmed with his brother Charles H. Fort on the old Fort homestead, then was connected with the Bank of Adams a few years. Going to Clarksville, he helped found the First Trust and Savings Bank. He joined the Northern Bank of Tennessee in 1909 and continued there until his retirement.

GEORGE TAYLOR FORT (1886-1938), son of Sterling Fort, was in the insurance and real estate business in Clarksville. He taught the Baraca Class at First Baptist Church. He was a capable, trustworthy and most in-

teresting gentleman, and a very loyal friend. He married Lillian Crouch and they had four children.

MARGARET FORT, daughter of George Taylor Fort and Lillian Crouch, married Emerson Meggs of Adams, Tennessee.

Mr. Meggs, who owns and operates Meggs and Son Funeral Home at Adams, was commissioned in 1965 by H. Fort Flowers of Findlay, Ohio, and Houston, Texas, to restore three of the four family cemeteries in the area: 1) the Elias Fort Cemetery; 2) the William Fort Cemetery; and 3) the Josiah Fort Cemetery. The Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery has been kept in good condition through the years by the descendants of Edmund Augustus Fort and members of the Barnes family.

DANCEY FORT (1870-1955), another son of Josiah W. Fort and Eliza Dancy, was an attorney, member of the Tennessee Legislature, City Attorney of Clarksville for many years, and active in the Baptist Church where he also taught the Baraca Class for a long time. He was Circuit Judge. He was Commissioner of Finance and Taxation of Tennessee. He married Bennie Gill of Clarksville. Their son Josiah Fort (1900-1966) was connected with Rudolph Hack Company, tobacco exporters for about forty years. . . he studied the tobacco markets in Germany . . . . .

ELIAS JOSEPH FORT (1808-1883) was the 8th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. He was deeded the home place by his father in 1844. About 1854 he built the large, two-story house called *WHITE HALL* which stood for more than a hundred years. In later life, Elias Joseph Fort was afflicted with paralysis and his daughter Piety Fort (who later married Mr. Calhoun) stayed at home with him.

Elias Joseph Fort married in 1834 Louisa Hannum (1814-1847) and they had seven children: Emily, Henry Horn, Ellen C., Piety, Penelope, Virginia, and Louisa. Only two of these children left descendants: Henry Horn Fort, the only son, and the youngest daughter who was named for her mother, Louisa.

Louisa Fort was born June 30, 1847, and this same day her mother died. She married Daniel Bagby Flowers of Adairville, Kentucky, and they reared their family in the upper Red River Valley. Their seven children were Charlotte (Lottie), Edward, John, Ellen, Penelope, Rosa Lillie and Henry Fort Flowers. Three of these children left descendants.

Edward Flowers had five sons, three of whom have children.

Rosa Lillie Flowers (1885-1961) married John William Stovall of Logan County, Kentucky. Their daughter Drucilla (Stovall) Jones is co-author of this book.

Henry Fort Flowers of Findlay, Ohio, and Houston, Texas, has had an outstanding career as an inventor, engineer, manufacturer, and investor in oil, gas, and mining. He commissioned in 1965 the restoration of three Fort Cemeteries in the Adams, Tennessee, area, and has provided a trust fund to assure their perpetual care.

ELIAS FORT, JR. (1774-1827), third son of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, married in 1797 Catharine Prince (1774-1838), daughter of William Prince. He continued living at the place where his father settled in 1791, and no

doubt both he and his wife were both buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery. He has many descendants.

SUGG FORT (1776-1829), fourth son of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, married Elizabeth Diggs (1777-1805). They had two sons: Eppa Lawson Fort (1802-1891), twice married, who raised his five children at *RIVERSIDE* about one and one-half miles northeast of Port Royal and about four miles southwest of Adams—and John Diggs Fort (1804-1829), who had two daughters.

JACK ANN FORT (1829-1882), one of the daughters of John Diggs Fort, married Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort (1828-1906) and lived at Paris, Texas.

In July, 1874, Sallie W. Allen deeded to E. L. Fort of Robertson County, Tennessee, and Mrs. J. A. Fort of Texas, as recorded in D.B. 17, p. 53, Robertson County, Tennessee:

> ". . . one-half acre of land containing the Grave Yard on my farm in sd County & State on Sulphur Fork Creek of Red River, Sd Grave Yard containing the remains of Elias Fort, Sr., Sugg Fort, Jno D. Fort & others of the family . . ."

We think Mrs. J. A. (Jack Ann) Fort soon afterwards had placed the handsome monument to the memory of her father John Diggs Fort.

There are no markers for many members of the family who were without a doubt laid to rest in this cemetery.

CATHERINE FORT (b. 1764), daughter of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, married Matthew Williams and left descendants.

MILBREY FORT (b. 1766) married William Deloach. Tradition has it that they lived on a tract of land about where Bradley Rosson of Adams owned in 1968. An old cemetery just north of the highway was called the Deloach Cemetery. One of their sons, Elias Fort Deloach, was Clerk of Red River Baptist Church for a number of years.

ESTHER FORT (b. 1768) married in 1796 Burwell Jackson, Gentleman. One source said he was a member of Andrew Jackson's entourage. They had one son, Chesterfield Jackson, who apparently died young.

ELIZABETH FORT (b. 1870) married Col. Eppa Lawson. They had no children.

OBEDIENCE FORT (b. 1772) married Capt. David Smith. They settled on Elk Fork Creek in Kentucky just above the Tennessee line. Here David Smith had built a mill prior to 1796. One of the first acts of the new County of Robertson was the making of plans to lay off a road. The destination was David Smith's Mill. Christian County, Kentucky, in 1797, passed an act to lay off a road from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to David Smith's Mill. This mill passed through successive ownerships and was last operated by H. C. Ledbetter in the 1930s.

David and Obedience Smith were active in Red River Baptist Church. They moved to Mississippi in the early 1800s where their family was very prominent. Their record is splendidly given in "The Life and Times of David Smith" by Mrs. May Wilson McBee.

After the death of David Smith in Mississippi, Obedience (Fort) Smith went to Houston, Texas, where she died November 28, 1846.

A few of the many activities of the Fort family, as recounted by Mr. Winters, were:

In 1802 "Fort's Meeting House" had been completed and was more nearly in the center of the settlement. Then the children of Elias Fort, Senior began to join—Josiah, Sugg, Obedience, Elizabeth, Catherine, Milbrey, and Esther. There is no record that sons William (d. 1802) or Elias Fort, Jr. (d. 1827) ever joined.

When the Edgefield and Kentucky Railroad was promoted, the list of stockholders in 1857 shows the following Forts: Joel Battle Fort, 80 shares; Edmund Augustus Fort, 60 shares; Elias Joseph Fort, 30 shares.

The deed to Lot #18 for the Baptist Church at Adams in 1873 shows J. W. Fort and I. M. Fort among the Deacons holding title.

E. L. Fort is shown as one of the trustees of the lot for "High School" at Adams in 1875.

Of the five houses of worship of Red River Baptist Church, Forts have been active in construction of all. The last remodeling in 1928, Charles H. Fort was on the building committee.

The records show that Forts have been active in construction of and operating mills on the rivers and creeks. David Smith in 1796; William Fort by 1800; Josiah Fort on Red River in 1815.

The Forts of Red River Valley had a great family pride and appreciation of their heritage. Starting in 1884 and continuing through 1955, reunions were held. Perhaps not every year, but over this span of 71 years possibly a record was set.

Few descendants are left within the area of Adams and Port Royal, but for the first 150 years after they came this family was a vital part of the Social, Economic, Political, Educational, and Religious life of the community.

"12 People Organized Red River Baptist Church
Back in 1791"
By Ralph L. Winters
(Excerpts)

In 1779 and 1780 the first great migration came to this area of Tennessee seeking a better place in which to live, both from a material and a spiritual standpoint. Their forebears had come to this country looking for Freedom, especially Religious Freedom. Virginia had a State Church and ALL had to support it. It seems that a permit was needed if the preacher was not of the State Church.

At one time 44 Baptist preachers without permits were jailed in Virginia. People came and listened through the bars. Two of these Baptist preachers who moved from Virginia to Kentucky were John Taylor and Ambrose Dudley. Just how a message was sent to them from Port Royal, Tennessee, we do not know, but riding their horses over 200 miles, these two arrived in July 1791.

On July 25th of that year of 1791, twelve people got together and organized the "Red River Baptist Church of Christ" at the mouth of Sulphur Fork. On July 27th, six more people joined.

Until 1794 this was a church "in the wilderness"—no other church nearer than 200 miles. In 1794 a church was organized at Whites Creek. These early

churches were Hungry for Religion, not only for themselves but for others.

Elias Fort, Sr. joined the Red River Church on April 27, 1793. He had come into the area from a church in North Carolina where he had been the Clerk, and brought the record book with him. Red River Church needed a record book, so he just turned the book over and wrote from the back! Thirty-five years of records are in this book. The original is in the vault of the Historical Commission at Nashville, Tennessee.

Elias Fort, Sr. evidently got busy and aroused the membership to the need for a "Meeting House." We find the church agreed that a building be built convenient to "Bro. William Prince's Spring"—to be built by the bounty of the inhabitants. Elias Fort was appointed to lay before the next meeting an "Instrument of Writing for Subscriptions." This was successful, and the building was called "Prince's Meeting House."

This early church was very strict and called many people before the Council for non-attendance. In fact, being absent just one time was cause to be cited. Sister Lettuce Pope was cited no less than thirteen times before she was finally turned out of the Church. Various others were cited for having taken "too much spirits."

The church was very strict about their doctrine, and anyone expressing "liberal" views was cited.

In all the early church records, no mention was made of Indian troubles.

It seems that services were held at this first location for about ten years. The minutes of April and August 1800 show meetings at "Prince's Meeting House."

As the Forts had acquired most of the land on both sides of Red River from the mouth of Sulphur Fork at Port Royal to the mouth of Elk Fork near Adams, evidently more of the membership was farther up the river and it seems that the Forts had built another meeting house. The records show first meeting at "Fort's Meeting House" May 30, 1801. Then in June 1801 it is called the "New Meeting House."

Brother I. Todevine was one of the earlier Baptist preachers in the area. The first reference we find to him is March 21, 1801, when he preached a sermon at an "Occasional Conference" at Brother David Smith's. (Land transfers indicate that David Smith, who had married Obedience Fort, lived in Todd County, Kentucky.)

The records show meetings at Fort's Meeting House several years. Evidently Eppa Lawson, who had married Elizabeth Fort, lived near by and had a more comfortable place, as we note in the December meetings of 1801 and 1802 and January 1803 the church "adjourned to E. Lawson's."

As in all churches and all families, there are sometimes wrangles and dissension. So it was here. Josiah Fort was a Deacon, and it seems that he had bought the land on which the Church stood and had paid for it out of his pocket, as the minutes of March 17, 1810, read: "Whereas, Brother Josiah Fort has bought and obtained a deed for about three acres of land, including this Meeting House, we do agree to pay Bro. Josiah Fort the full sum of money which he gave for said land."

Even though the land was sold, the seller still wanted some control over it, for the church records of April 14, 1810, read: "Agreeable to the request of

Mr. Eppa Lawson, the church agrees not to suffer any person to be buried on the land whereon this Meeting House stands." (This accounts for no cemetery at this old location.)

Josiah Fort and Joseph Hewing had been granted the right to build a mill on Red River. A part of the foundation of the dam still stands about three miles southwest of Adams. No doubt Josiah lived on the west side of the river. We find Josiah Fort active in a new church called Drakes Pond, which we think was a mile or so east of Guthrie, Kentucky, on the State Line. This church was made an "arm" of Red River on November 13, 1812. This no doubt took care of the members on the west side of the River, and supplied the needs for a growing population.

As evidence that real progress was being made, the Church on June 17, 1815, "agreed that the White Male Members pay the Treasurer fifty cents *per year*" for defraying church expenses! The cost was not much, but the Church DEMANDED attendance.

One of the real highlights in this church history was the calling of Sugg Fort, the youngest son of Elias Fort, Sr., to the pastorate in 1816.

The church had now progressed to a point where they felt a new building was necessary. Evidently they were stirred up by a Bro. Broadstreet whose name is first mentioned in the records about this time. So Brother John Bell and Brother Broadstreet were appointed to investigate costs of various types of building.

We find the minutes of November 16, 1816, reading: "Agreeable to a report by Brethren Bell and Broadstreet, it appears that a frame building would ultimately be cheaper (than log), and whereupon the church agreed to make a trial, and appointed Bro. Sugg Fort to draw a subscription for building a frame Meeting House 40 x 28 feet, for the use of the Baptist Society on the ground occupied by the Red River Church known by the name of "Fort's Meeting House" and sold to said Church by Eppa Lawson by deed bearing date. . . ."

So they got busy and got enough interest to go on with the project, for on February 15, 1817, we find the following record: "From the trial which we have made and the encouragement we have met with, the church agrees to carry on the building of a frame meeting house 40 feet long by 28 feet wide, and appointed John Bell, Elias Fort, William DeLoach, Hardy Grisard, and John Gardner as a Commission to act in behalf of the church to carry on said building, at their discretion as to manner and form, except the length and breadth already described."

Everything was ready when they discovered they could not find a deed to the land. So, at a rather urgent meeting on March 15, 1817, the minutes show that they ". . . appointed Bro Wm. DeLoach to try and get the deed given by Eph Lawson to this church for land whereon the meeting house now stands, and if found Br. Darden is requested to have same recorded."

The deed was found and recorded in the Register's Office, Springfield, Tennessee, on July 24, 1817. It was dated May 2, 1810. It was for the sum of $10.20 paid by Josiah Fort, a Deacon in said church, for three acres of land on "Lawson's Spring Branch" transferred to the Red River Baptist Church for the purpose of keeping a Meeting House only to hold the worship

of God therein. Lawson reserved the right to quarry stone from this land at any time he wished. This deed was signed by Epaphroditus Lawson and was witnessed by Josiah Fort and John Johnson.

This location was up over a large cave from which a big spring runs. It is located about one and one-half miles southwest of the present Church at Adams. For many years this has been known as Tolleson's Spring Branch, as it was owned by the Tolleson family. It is said that the main road from Adams to Clarksville passed this way many years ago.

The deed which was not put on record for seven years was no doubt in the possession of Josiah Fort who had gone to Drakes Pond Church.

Progress was being made and the church was nearing completion. The next official action was dated May 17, 1817, when the church agreed that the Commissioners go on and have a low division made in the southeast corner which was allotted to the negroes. Also to have the house filled with new benches and a pulpit. One door with lock and key. The other bolted inside.

Churches in those days had their problems, but they tried to get together and work them out.

In 1858 the railroad was built through Adams.

Evidently it was thought that the Church would do better in town, so in 1869 it was decided to move the "Meeting House" to Adams. A site was secured in September 1871, and in November 1871 a contract was entered into to build the New Meeting House.

The early history of Red River Baptist Church would not be complete without a record of the far-flung influence it had in the development of other churches in the area. When we stop to think that this church was here in a vast wilderness with no well-established routes of travel, it is hard to realize how its influence was so far reaching. But reach out it did, and established "arms" or "wings" which were constituted into churches when they became strong enough. From the records of the church and later information, we are listing these churches.

EDDY GROVE CHURCH. In 1799 Eddy Grove was granted dismission, but on account of the distance the Red River Church could not send help to constitute it. From Kentucky Baptist records, we find that this church was located three miles southwest of Princeton, Kentucky. This church was active until 1850 when it dissolved. There is a monument on Highway 62 showing where the church once stood.

WEST FORK CHURCH. In 1803 the West Fork Church was formed. It was assumed that this was in Christian County; however, the church records show it to be in Todd County, Kentucky, in 1820. Those remaining in the Baptist faith formed Mt. Zion three miles south of Trenton, and this church is now very active.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH. In 1803 the Little River Church was formed in Christian County, Kentucky.

DRY CREEK CHURCH. Formed in October 1805 in Christian County, Kentucky, with 42 members.

SPRING CREEK OF THE WEST FORK. Formed in 1808, this church, located about four miles north of Clarksville, Tennessee, on the Trenton Pike, has had an active 150 years of service.

SPRING CREEK OF RED RIVER. Located on Spring Creek near Barren Plains in Robertson County, this church was formed July 7, 1810.

DRAKES POND CHURCH. Near Guthrie, Kentucky, possibly one mile east, on the State Line, this church was formed December 25, 1813. It is possible that this church could have been the forerunner of the Guthrie Church.

LITTLE WEST FORK, an arm of Spring Creek, asked the Red River Church to send help to them to form a separate church on July 18, 1818.

BRUSH CREEK CHURCH. Made an "arm" of Red River in 1824, this church was located on Brush Creek east of Harmony Church, which was its successor.

SPRING CREEK OF THE SULPHUR FORK. This church north of Kinney Station in Robertson County came into being sometime between 1810 and 1820. The successor to this church is possibly Fykes Grove which is still active. The church building was remodelled and educational rooms added in the 1920s. The electric organ was given by Mr. Norman Barnes and wife of Chicago in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes. (See Chart 6, Chapter IV.)

"Just as the waters of Prince's Spring near Port Royal and Lawson's Spring near Adams, where this old church stood for so many years, continue to flow with the same regularity, just so will the religious influence of this old Red River Baptist Church and its many arms continue to flow to build up Christ's Kingdom in this area, the state and the nation."

RED RIVER SCHOOL. No doubt a school was started in the "Fort's Meeting House" after the new church was built in 1817. Mr. John Morgan Farmer, now 96 years old (in 1958) recalls walking to this old school which was known as "Red River School."

Old Major and the Tombstones

Col. Joel B. Fort (1854-1934) gave the following information in his "History of Ilai Metcalfe Account Book." (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

"Ilai Metcalfe and his family lived and worked in Nashville until he moved to Robertson County, Tennessee, and bought the farm of William Fort. . .

"Grandfather Metcalfe . . . owned a negro "Major" who worked with him at the stone and brick trade. . .

"About 100 yards north of the old house was the white graveyard . . . It is really a Metcalfe-Fort burying ground as will be seen from the tombstones erected therein. . . tombstones cut and erected by Major. . .

"Good old Major, faithful to his master, (who) cut the stone for these graves, and placed them there with loving hands, sleeps nearby in an unknown and unmarked grave. . . the cemetery of the faithful negroes was about 100 yards west and nearer the creek. . . a lot of stones for a long time marked their resting place, until the land passed into alien hands and now the grass grows and falls on their graves.

"On Jan. 1, 1840, page 75 of the old account book, will be found a charge against E. L. Fort, Dr. to Ilai Metcalfe estate:

"To 1 pair tomb stones $25.00."

The stones are in the graveyard now, cut by Major, and placed at the graves of Virginia Metcalfe and her son John D. Fort, wife and son of E. L. Fort.

"In the same graveyard will be found standing the stones of Ilai and Susannah Metcalfe, of Uncle William Fort and Eizabeth, his wife, who settled the place, and my grandfather who was married to Nancy Carr Metcalfe long before 1840.

"Grandmother Susannah was operating the farm and Major lived there with his wife and worked all over the county at the brick and rock trade. He made the contracts and brought half of his earnings to Grandmother Susannah as was agreed on. I was informed that Major worked for Joseph Washington for several years, placing the rock wall around the yard at Wessington while the father of George Washington was still living. This old account book has many references to building chimneys and setting stills and doing rock work. All of this was done by old Major.

"The tombstone of my grandfather Josiah Fort stands in the old Fort graveyard on my farm, back of the dwelling, and on one side of the tombstone of Piety Horn, his first wife, and on the other side of the tombstone of Selah Horn, his second wife, and old Major cut and placed these stones about 1850, and all of the stones he placed in the Metcalfe and Fort graveyards are standing in perfect condition, while many marble stones erected later have fallen down."

Fort Family Cemeteries

There are four cemeteries in the area of Adams, Tennessee, where stand over 100 lettered monuments marking the resting place of members of the Fort family. How many rest in unmarked graves, we do not know. These cemeteries are:

1.—ELIAS FORT CEMETERY.

2.—WILLIAM FORT CEMETERY.

3.—JOSIAH FORT CEMETERY.

4.—WIMBERLY-MALLORY-FORT CEMETERY.

The first three cemeteries have been restored through the generosity of H. Fort Flowers of Houston, Texas, and Findlay, Ohio, who has also set up a Trust Fund to provide for their perpetual care. The fourth is in good shape.

Emerson Meggs of Adams, Tennessee, supervised the project which was started in 1965 and completed early in 1968.

Mr. Meggs also compiled a booklet in which he gave the history of each of the cemeteries with complete descriptions. He drew maps of each, drew pictures of each monument "to scale," and has preserved for posterity the original lettering on each monument, some with rather quaint divisions of words as carved by the old negro slave "Major," such as:

In
Memory
of
ILAI METCALF
E born Decembe
r the 10th 1770
Departed this
life March Th
e 17th 1824 in t
he 54th year of
his age

All monuments, with a very few exceptions, were given individual attention. They were cleaned, repaired, re-lettered and reset. Even fieldstones apparently marking graves were shown on his charts. He told what was done, or what should be done, in each instance.

Elias Fort Cemetery

This cemetery is on a hill overlooking Sulphur Fork Creek, and above present State Highway 76. It is about one-half mile west of the Mill Dam, and overlooks "Hill's Mill" which was established in 1811 by Major James Norfleet. (This historic old mill was destroyed by fire in December 1967.)

A deed dated July 1874, recorded in D.B. 17, p. 53, Robertson County Clerk's Office, signed by Sallie W. Allen, conveyed to E. L. Fort and Mrs. J. A. Fort, "the former residing in above named county and state, the latter in the State of Texas," the following:

> "One half acre of land containing the Grave Yard on my farm in sd County & State on Sulphur Fork Creek of Red River, Sd Grave Yard containing the remains of Elias Fort, Sr., Sugg Fort, Jno D. Fort & others of the family. . . ."

A new chain link fence has now been erected around this cemetery. A number of unmarked graves appear to have been placed both inside and without the old block wall that had almost all fallen down. The existing monuments were cleaned and repaired.

Only two Fort graves have markers. One is the marble slab which was given by the U. S. Government and dedicated at the 1926 Reunion, and which bears this inscription:

"CORPL. ELIAS FORT in C. Regt. REV. WAR."

Beside this monument stands the bronze Sons of the American Revolution marker that was unveiled at the 1925 Reunion.

The other Fort grave is marked by a large flat monument—". . . a 3' x 6' marble slab 3" thick, supported at east and west ends by similar marble pieces resting on a 3' x 6' concrete base." This monument, probably erected by Mrs. Jack Ann Fort soon after she and her uncle E. L. Fort obtained a deed to the family cemetery, was to the memory of her father, and bears this inscription:

"JOHN D. FORT, b. March 18, 1804, d. Oct. 28, 1829."

John D. Fort was a son of Reverend Sugg Fort. (See Chapter XI.)

In one record at the Tennessee State Library, this cemetery was referred to as the "DANCY-PARKS-FORT" burial ground.

Josiah William Fort (1833-1887), grandson of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, married in 1853 Eliza Penelope Dancy, twin to Charlotte Warren Dancy who married Ilai Metcalfe Fort. An older sister, Elizabeth Diggs Dancy, had married in 1840 (as his 2nd wife), Eppa Lawson Fort, son of Rev. Sugg Fort. Eppa Lawson Fort was the father of Ilai Metcalfe Fort. (See DANCY, Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

So—the parents of the Dancy girls were buried in this Fort cemetery. Also, their sister Caroline Amanda Dancy and her husband Mr. Parks and their children were buried here.

INSCRIPTIONS

Wm. E. Dancy, b. April 2, 1792, d. Oct. 31, 1854.

Nancy H., wife of W. E. Dancy, b. May 21, 1796, d. Sept. 28, 1868.

A large monument facing west, as indicated by the PARKS family name on the base, has inscriptions on each panel:

North Panel: W. L. Parks, June 3, 1847—July 10, 1912.
Bettie L. Parks, Dec. 5, 1849—

East Panel: Eliza P. Parks, Feb. 2, 1855—March 24, 1861.
Alonzo T. Parks, Dec. 5, 1857—Sept. 18, 1866.

South Panel: L. P. Parks, Oct. 27, 1807—Dec. 10, 1890.
Mrs. C. A. Parks, July 4, 1816—May 14, 1895.

West Panel: Mrs. Annie Parks Sinsebaugh, July 3, 1843—May 31, 1903.
John D. Parks, March 3, 1845—March 5, 1913.

William Fort Cemetery

William Fort, in 1793, bought a tract of land near the mouth of Elk Fork Creek from John Gibson. He lived on this land until his death in 1802, and his is the earliest marked grave in the cemetery that bears his name.

Access is obtained to this cemetery via a gravel road extending south from Mint Springs Road at the former residence and farm of Charles H. Fort, approximately one and one-half miles to a farmhouse near the creek. The cemetery is some 200 yards immediately north of this farmhouse and about 300 yards from Elk Fork Creek.

In the settlement of the estate of Elizabeth Fort (d. 1819), widow of William Fort, an amount was set aside to ". . . buy Tombstones and wall grave yard. . ." (Account Current . . . with Josiah W. Fort, Adms . . . "Robertson County, Tennessee, Courthouse records.) This wall apparently was dismantled at a later date to provide for enlargement of the cemetery area, for a portion of the foundation of same immediately east of the graves of William and Elizabeth Fort and three of their children was uncovered in 1967 during the work of restoration.

There are 28 lettered markers within the fenced area and fieldstones indicating other grave sites. Inscriptions are:—

WILLIAM FORT, b. June 23, 1759, d. Jan. 8, 1802.
"Delegate of Tenn. Co. to 1796
Tenn. Constitutional Conv.
Family tradition that official copy of 1796
Constitution in his handwriting."
ELIZABETH FORT, wife of William Fort,
b. Sept. 6, 1763, d. Oct. 4, 1819.
Jeremiah Fort, son of William Fort,
b. Aug. 28, 1784, d. Feb. 23, 1808.
William A. Fort, son of William Fort,
b. Dec. 21, 1790, d. June 5, 1817.
James Fort, son of Wm. and Elizabeth Fort,
b. Oct. 18, 1788, d. July 9, 1818 (or 1819, family records)
"erected by his last surviving brother, Dr. J. W. Fort, 1856."
Piety H., wife of W. T. Radford and daughter of J. B. & N. C. Fort,
b. Jan. 7, 1841, d. Aug 23, 1861.
Joel B. Fort, b. Feb. 17, 1805, d. Aug. 28, 1867.
Nancy C., wife of Joel B. Fort, daughter of Ilai & Susanna Metcalf (This monument was not reset in 1967, due to badly broken condition.)
John D., son of E. L. & V. C. Fort, b. Nov. 7, 1832, d. May 22, 1853.
(This monument was not reset in Oct. 1967, due to badly broken condition.)
James, son of John & Sabina Metcalfe (and brother of Ilai Metcalfe)
b. Aug. 5, 1762, d. Nov. 17, 18——.
C. W. C. Metcalfe, b. July 4, 1814, d. Nov. 6, 1842.
Susanna H. Metcalfe, consort of Ilai Metcalfe,
b. Dec. 18, 1772, d. July 7, 1849.
Ilai Metcalfe, b. Dec. 10, 1770, d. March 17, 1824.
Huldah Warfield, consort of Laban Warfield,
b. July 10, 1806, d. June 20, 1828.
Virginia C. Fort, consort of E. L. Fort,
b. Jan. 28, 1812, d. Dec. 21, 1836.
Eliza, infant daughter of Joel B. and Sallie M. Fort,
b. Jan. 3, 1879, d. Nov. 26, 1880.
Eliza P., wife of J. W. Fort, twin daughter of W. E. & N. H. Dancy,
b. June 17, 1834, d. April 2, 1881,
leaving five sons and one daughter.
J. W. Fort, b. Dec. 5, 1833, d. Aug. 1, 1887.
(This rather tall monument was cleaned, but not reconditioned.)
There are three inscriptions:
JIMMIE, son of I. M. & C. W. Fort,
b. Aug. 28, 1863, d. Oct. 1, 1873.
LIZZIE LEE, daughter of W. L. & V. M. Fuller,
b. Jan. 9, 1870, d. Oct. 25, 1872.
J. F. MARTIN, JR., b. Sept. 5, 1894, d. May 21, 1899.
Lizzie Van Dyke Fort, b. July 22, 1861, married Dec. 20, 1882,
d. Dec. 16, 1883.

Wm. D. Fort, son of J. W. & Eliza Fort,
b. May 4, 1857, d. Jan. 26, 1896.
Sallie Jones, wife of Sterling Fort, b. Aug. 21, 1866,
d. Nov. 3, 1889, on the 4th anniversary of her marriage.
Ilai Fort, 1834-1907
Charlotte Fort, 1834-1923
E. L. Fort, b. Aug. 31, 1802, d. July 12, 1891.
Elizabeth, wife of E. L. Fort, b. March 31, 1818, d. Oct. 22, 1900.

Josiah Fort Cemetery

This cemetery is on land which Josiah Fort bought from John Gibson in 1793. Forts owned and lived here until 1963 or 1964 when the land was sold. The cemetery is on a level plat of slight distance east of Elk Fork Creek and about one-half mile south of Mint Springs Road.

About 1928 a concrete wall was built around this cemetery. All the monuments were reconditioned in the 1965-68 program, and the area was cleaned and re-seeded.

Unknown family members for whom there are no inscribed monuments apparently were buried in or near the present enclosed area. This is evidenced by fieldstones set in a manner indicating intent to mark the grave sites.

Josiah Fort was buried between his two wives.

These are inscriptions from the monuments:

Piety Fort, wife of Josiah Fort, Dec. 10, 1767—Nov. 27, 1815.
Josiah Fort, Sept. 8, 1762, April 21, 1848.
Selah Fort, 2nd wife of Josiah Fort, Feb. 4, 1777—Mar. 1, 1836.
Elias J. Fort, 1808—1883. Wife, Louisa Hannum, Daughters
Emily, Penelopy, Virginia.
(This monument is in the shape of a tree trunk.
The original inscription had the name of Elias J. Fort
inscribed diagonally acros the upper part.)
Louisa M. Fort, wife of E. J. Fort and daughter of R. M. and
C. Hannum, b. Feb. 15, 1814—d. June 30, 1847.
Virginia Ann Fort, daughter of E. J. & Louisa M. Fort,
b. Dec. 5, 1844, d. Sept. 7, 1848.
Charlotte Hannum, wife of R. M. Hannum, b. April 19, 1780, d. Feb. 1, 1850.
Charlotte Pankey, b. Aug. 8, 1808, d. Nov. 13, 1847.
Charity E. Bourne, wife of Rev. Ambrose Bourne,
b. June 5, 1786, d. May 17, 1838.
Ambrose J. F. Bourne, son of A. Bourne and C. Bourne,
b. Feb. 16, 1821, d. Aug. 27, 1830, aged 9 years.
Piety Horn Fort, daughter of Joel B. & Nancy C. Fort,
b. July 23, 1829, d. Dec. 15, 1836.
Virginia Catharine, daughter of Joel B. & Nancy C. Fort,
b. Aug. 9, 1838, d. May 1, 1844.
Ths. J. Fort, b. Sept. 2, 1811, d. Feb. 4, 1861.

Chas. W. Fort, b. July 29, 1834, d. May 18, 1860.
"Our precious lamb SUSIE on the 21, of April 1867 at 3 PM,
passed away into the arms of a blessed Redeemer,
O God thy will be done."
Emily L., wife of J. T. Fort, b. June 16, 1836, d. Aug. 28, 1872.
Sarah M., daughter of R. L. & P. H. Grisard, b. March 6, 1844,
d. June 23, 1854.
Edmonia R., daughter of R. L. & P. H. Grisard,
b. May 9, 1849, d. July 11, 1854.

Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery

This cemetery, located north of the railroad near the former "Fort's Station" in District 17, Robertson County, Tennessee, is about a mile from "Happy Cliff," the old home of Col. E. A. Fort, which is on the left side of Highway 41 from Adams, Tennessee, toward Guthrie, Kentucky. It is enclosed by a cut-stone fence.

It is assumed that Whitmil Fort lived near this cemetery which apparently was started by the Whitmil Fort and the Wimberly families.

The oldest part of the cemetery is where most of the Wimberly stones are located. At the other end are markers for the Barnes family.

Th following inscriptions were copied from tombstones in this cemetery:
DOROTHY, wife of Whitmil Fort, b. May 17, 1791, d. Jan. 1, 1827.
WHITMIL FORT, b. Oct. 23, 1788, d. Jan. 10, 1866. "Joined Baptist
Church and was baptized Dec. 28, 1818."
Ann (Gatewood) Fort, b. April 7, 1825, d. April 19, 1852.
George W. Fort, infant son of E. A. & Ann Fort, b. & d. 1848.

There is a tall, four sided monument, with the names and dates of Edmund A. Fort and Julia T. Fort on one side, and the names of all of their children with the exception of the youngest, Dr. Rufus E. Fort (buried in Nashville, Tenn.), on the other sides. These names and dates are as follows.
Edmund A. Fort, b. Aug. 23, 1817, d. June 16, 1887.
Julia T. Fort, b. Oct. 20, 1835 (Bible says 1834!), d. Nov. 17, 1903.
Lizzie Ann Fort, b. Oct. 4, 1855, d. Apr. 13, 1951.
Dolly Fort, b. Dec. 14, 1856, d. Nov. 2, 1857.
Walter Anderson Fort, b. Feb. 20, 1858, d. May 23, 1903.
Cheatham Fort, b. Feb. 28, 1859, d. Feb. 8, 1863.
Eugene Wimberly Fort, b. June 16, 1860, d. April 9, 1863.
Edmund Zollicoffer Fort, b. Oct. 16, 1861, d. March 19, 1921.
Garth Fort, b. Oct. 17, 1863, d. Jan. 8, 1883.
Susie Bell Fort, b. July 6, 1866, d. Oct. 23, 1875.
Sallie Wimberly Fort, b. March 1, 1870, d. June 28, 1870.

Sallie B. Wimberly, wife of Joseph Wimberly II, b. Sept. 1, 1801, d. April 27,
1845. (Daughter of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn.)
(Note: No marker found for Joseph Wimberly II.)
George D. Wimberly, b. Oct. 8, 1826, d. Dec. 18, 1840.

Robert H. Wimberly, b. Dec. 20, 1830, d. March 28, 1857.
(Note: above two were sons of Sallie B. Fort & Joseph Wimberly II.)
Joseph Wimberly Mallory, b. Oct. 6, 1855, d. Sept. 14, 1857.
Robert W., son of James H. and Eudorah Mallory, b. Sept. 2, 1870, d. July 3, 1885.
Note: above two were sons of Eudora Wimberly Mallory (d. Aug. 7, 1884) and her husband, Dr. James H. Mallory (d. 1882). No markers standing for the parents.
Eugenia, wife of J. B. Sugg, b. Jan. 14, 1838, d. Aug. 5, 1858.
(Daughter of Joseph Wimberly II and Sarah Battle Fort, and sister of Eudora Wimberly Mallory.)
Sallie W., daughter of J. B. and E. E. Sugg, b. May 6, 1858, d. Feb. 5, 1859.
Arimenta C. Trigg, wife of T. S Trigg, b. Dec. 25, 1822, d. April 1, 1843.
Fannie, wife of R. A. Barnes and daughter of Thomas S. and A. C. Trigg, b. Aug 28, 1842, d. Nov. 17, 1894. "Entered the Baptist Church at Little Hope 1869."
R. A. Barnes, b. July 11, 1837, d. June 15, 1898.
J. Henry Barnes, b. Feb. 28, 1850, d. Jan. 22, 1908.
(He was a brother of R. A. Barnes and uncle of John Thomas Barnes; however, he was not of the Fort blood.)
John Thomas Barnes, b. Oct. 27, 1861, d. Aug. 15, 1929.
Norman Wimberly Barnes, b. June 18, 1865, d. Jan. 5, 1886.
Hattie Sory, wife of J. T. Barnes, b. Oct. 26, 1868, d. May 22, 1951 (? May 26, 1952).
Infant son of Hattie and J. T. Barnes, b. & d. Sept. 18, 1895.
John Thomas Barnes, Jr., b. Jan. 13, 1902, d. April 15, 1962.
Reps, infant son of Mabel and Reps Barnes, b. and died Jan. 19, 1933.

These are inscriptions from other stones in this cemetery; however, they are not Fort descendants.

Catherine W. Bourne, b. April 9, 1800, d. in Brandon, Miss., Dec. 10, 1862.
(Sister of Dolly Wimberly Fort and Joseph Wimberly II.)
George S. (Sterling) Wimberly, b. May 12, 1795, d. Aug. 3, 1857.
(Brother of Dolly Wimberly Fort and Joseph Wimberly II, and the father of Mary Catherine Killebrew who wrote "Recollections of a Lifetime" in 1902.)
Mary Ann Louisa (Dickens) Wimberly, b. July 28, 1798, d. 1828.
(1st wife of George S. Wimberly; half-sister of Margaret Ann "Peggy" Powell who married his brother, Robert Diggs Wimberly.)
Amanda L. Alley, b. Sept. 8 or 18, 1819, d. April 29, 1853.
(Daughter of George S. Wimberly and his 1st wife.)
Emma Lou Alley, b. Dec. 5, 1845, d. Jan. 28, 1860.
(Daughter of Amanda L. Alley and her 2nd husband, R. H. Alley. Emma Lou had a brother named George Alley.)
Laura L. Wimberly, b. Feb. 10, 1825, d. July 17, 1850.
(Daughter of George S. Wimberly and his 1st wife, and one of the five children who died with measles the summer of 1850.)

Charlotte A. Wimberly, Consort of George S. Wimberly, b. June 23, 1809, d. Nov. 19, 1845.
(Daughter of William Trigg and Ann Hampton, the 2nd wife of George Sterling Wimberly, and the mother of Mary Catherin Killebrew.)
Joseph W. Wimberly, b. March 31, 1831, d. July 19, 1850.
Margaret Ann Wimberly, b. Aug. 17, 1833, d. Aug. 12, 1850.
Thomas Wimberly, b. Feb. 22, 1840, d. July 13, 1850.
Richard H. Wimberly, b. May 19, 1842, d. Sept. 22, 1843.
George S. Wimberly, Jr., b. Sept. 24, 1848, d. Sept. 15, 1850.
(Child of George S. Wimberly and his 3rd wife, Mrs. Judith Pleasants (Ligon) Kesee).
Noel Henry Wimberly, b. Feb. 13, 1851, d. Sept. 20, 1852.
(Child of George S. Wimberly and his 3rd wife.)

Chapter II

Sarah Sugg, Wife of Elias

SARAH SUGG, the mother of the children of Elias Fort (1730-1819), was born May 15, 1738, probably in Norfolk County, Virginia, the daughter of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund. She died March 19, 1802, in Robertson County, Tennessee, and was buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery, presumably.

Noah Sugg, one of her brothers, and Lemuel Sugg II, a nephew, also came to Tennessee. Both died in Robertson County.

The will of her father Aquilla Sugg was probated October 6, 1788, and is of record in Davidson County, Tennessee.

The early records sometimes give the name as Suggs.

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., Wilson, North Carolina, was the author of an article about the Sugg family that was published in the Evening Telegram, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on May 17, 1957, under the heading "From the Old Reporter's Column." We are indebted to Mr. Johnston and to Mrs. C. A. (Margarette C.) Griffin of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, for much of the following history of this family.

On April 6, 1694, William, George and Joseph Sugg, who were brothers, witnessed the will of William Knott of the Town of Norfolk, Virginia. According to Mr. Johnston, research in the Norfolk County records might indicate a considerably earlier arrival in that colony, but there seems to be no evidence of the importation of any Sugg prior to 1665.

On February 10, 1704, William Suggs, Yeoman (one of the three brothers) made his will in Norfolk County, Virginia, where it was probated August 16, 1708, and recorded in W.B. 8, p. 23. The following names were given in his will:

(1)—Eldest son and executor William Suggs, half the land including the home plantation.

(2)—Son Thomas Suggs, under age, to have the rest of the land.

(3)—Wife Mary Suggs.

(4)—Son Joseph Suggs, under age.

(5)—Son Moses Suggs, under age.

(6)—Daughter Sarah.

(7)—Daughter Margaret.

(8)—Brother and executor George Suggs.

(9)—Witnesses: Joseph Suggs, George Suggs, Lemuel Wilson, and Daniel Davis.

A codicil to the will was dated October 27, 1706, and mentioned land bought from his brother Joseph Suggs, witnessed by William Maund and Thomas Willowby.

Thus we know that William Suggs left six children: William, Thomas, Joseph, Moses, Sarah, and Margaret Suggs.

On September 2, 1734, George Sugg, brother and one of the executors of William Suggs, wrote his will in Norfolk County, Virginia, where it was probated February 21, 1734/5, and recorded in W.B. 12, p. 77. The following names were given in his will:

(1)—Son and executor Thomas Sugg, 70 acres.

(2)—Son and executor Aquilla Sugg, 70 acres where he was living.

(3)—Son George Sugg, to have a patent of land.

(4)—Daughter Priscilla Maund, the water mill with ten acres, also a feather bed, after his wife's death.

(5)—Youngest daughter Mary Sugg, under age, one slave.

(6)—Daughter Sarah Wallace, slave wench Jenny.

(7)—Granddaughters Ann Beake and Margaret Beake, ten shillings each;

(8)—Granddaughters Rachel Mercer and Margaret Mercer, ten shillings each.

(9)—Wife Sarah Sugg. (She is said to have been Sarah Ives. One source said her last name was Ines.)

(10)—Witnesses: Thomas Catton, John Hanbury, and Ruth Hanbury. Thus we know that George Sugg, Sr., had eight children:

1.—Thomas Sugg.

2.—AQUILLA SUGG, b. 1706, m. Elizabeth Maund. (See later)

3.—George Sugg, Jr., m. Judith Tyson and settled in Beaufort (now Pitt) County, N. C., where his Oct. 29, 1758, will was proven November Court 1758. They had sons named Nimrod Sugg, Joel Sugg, George (Augustus) Sugg, Allen Sugg and Aquilla Sugg. They had daughters named Lucy Tyson (Tison), Fanny Sugg, and Sarah Sugg. (P. 485, North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register.)

4.—Priscilla Sugg, called Priscilla Maund in her father's will, probably married Noah Maund, brother of Elizabeth Maund.

Noah Maund made a nuncupative will on Feb. 1, 1852, that was proven February Court 1753 before Samuel Williams by Eliza Webb and Joseph Isenmanger, in which all of his estate was left to Aquilla Sugg, who was also appointed executor.

One source of information said Priscilla Sugg m/2 Thomas Caton (?Catton).

5.—Sarah Sugg, married ———— Wallace.

6.— ————Sugg, married ———— Beake and had daughters Ann Beake and Margaret Beake. The two girls were called "granddaughters" in the will of George Sugg, Sr.

7.— ————Sugg, married ———— Mercer, and had daughters Rachel Mercer and Margaret Mercer. The two girls were called "granddaughters" in the will of George Sugg, Sr.

8.—Mary Sugg, the youngest daughter who was under age when her father wrote his will.

"They Went Thataway," by Charles Hughes Hamlin, on p. 22, D.B. 18, p. 75, Norfolk County, Virginia, has this entry:

"Sept. 23, 1757, Indenture in which Aquilla Sugg, of the County of Edgecombe, Province of North Carolina, sells to John Shipwash of County of Norfolk in Virginia, for 5 shillings lease 40 pds release, 70 acres in County of Norfolk, said land having been bequeathed said Aquilla by his father George Sugg, deceased, by his will dated Sept. 2, 1734, probated Feb. 21, 1736. Witnesses: John Coats, Richard Coats, Thomas Wright, Aquilla Wallis."

AQUILLA SUGG, son of George Sugg, Sr. and Sarah Ives, was b. in 1706, Norfolk County, Va., where he m/1 between April 6, 1734, and May 15, 1741, Elizabeth Maund (b. ca 1715 Norfolk County, Va., d. after Nov. 14, 1768, but before May 8, 1780, Edgecombe County, N. C.), daughter of William Maund, Sr.

They moved to Edgecombe County, N.C., and settled near the present city of Tarboro before May 21, 1745, when John Ryal of Edgecombe deeded Aquilla Sugg "of Edgecombe" land on the south side of Tar River. They had the following six children:

1.—William Sugg, b. 1735.	Chart 1, Chapter II.
2.—Keziah Sugg.	Chart 2, Chapter II.
3.—Sarah Sugg, b. May 15, 1738.	Chart 3, Chapter II.
4.—Esther Sugg.	Chart 4, Chapter II.
5.—Noah Sugg, b. ca 1740.	Chart 5, Chapter II.
6.—Lemuel Sugg, Sr.	Chart 6, Chapter II.

The last of many deeds made by Aquilla Sugg in Edgecombe County seems to have been one made Dec. 13, 1785, for 100 acres of land near Hatcher's Swamp to Benjamin Harrison of Wayne County, N. C.

Exactly ten months before making this deed, Aquilla Sugg wrote his will on Feb. 13, 1785, in which he named his wife Abigail; therefore, some time before Feb. 13, 1785, Aquilla Sugg m/2 Mrs. Abigail Bonner Jones.

Mrs. Abigail Bonner Jones was the mother of Sarah Patience Jones who m/1 Joel Sugg and m/2 his brother George Augustus Sugg. Joel Sugg and George Augustus Sugg were sons of George Sugg, Jr. and Judith Tyson. They were nephews of Aquilla Sugg.

The exact date and place of death of Aquilla Sugg is unknown at this time. Miss Lizzie Fort of Nashville, Tennessee, thought he died on a visit to Tennessee when a very old man.

We do know that on October 6, 1788, the Court of Davidson County, Tennessee, ordered Letters of Administration granted to Abigail Sugg (his 2nd wife) on the estate of Aquilla Sugg, and she gave bond for 1500 pounds.

The will of "Acquila Sugg of Tarr River & County of Edge-Comb" was dated February 13, 1785. He named his wife Abigail as Executrix and "my two sons William Sugg (d. 1787/88) and Noah Sugg (d. January 1800)" as Executors. Witnessed by Thos. Butcher and Geo. (Augustus) Sugg, this will was proven by the oath of Geo. (Augustus) Sugg "In Court held for the County of Davidson July Term 1789" and recorded in W.B. 1, p. 97. An Inventory of the estate was filed October Term, 1789, and recorded on p. 121. (WPA copied records, pages 59 and 70, Davidson County, Tenn., Wills and Inventories, 1784-1794, Vol. I.) (See later)

Mrs. C. A. (Margarette G.) Griffin of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, in a letter dated December 7, 1968, said,

> ". . . appreciate the information you sent. . . especially Aquilla Sugg's Will and Inventory. Like my friend, Hugh B. Johnston, I must think this is the will of Aquilla Sugg I. The time and place of his death has been a mystery to students of the Sugg family as there is not even a clue in the Edgecombe records. No will, no inventory, no settlement of estate, no reference that I can find in the Court Minutes to indicate his death.

Having been a man of such prominence, he couldn't "just fade away," so he must have gone on that visit to Tennessee. . .

"Yes, I think surely Aquilla the minister-politician were the same. I am told that he was sort of circuit rider and that some of the Minutes of the Methodist State Conference which have been given to Wesleyan College here will show that he asked to be relieved of his duties because of poor health, but as yet I have not been able to see the book. They have just moved into a new Library and this book has not been catalogued."

Two very important genealogical references give the name of Aquilla Sugg's first wife, the mother of his children, as Elizabeth Battle. One is page 514, Vol. III, Compendium of American Genealogy. The other is page 659, DAR Patriot Index, Washington, 1966. Both of these items apparently were taken from data submitted nearly fifty years ago as more recent research seems to prove her name was Elizabeth Maund.

Mr. Hugh B. Johnston of Wilson, North Carolina, in his May 17, 1957, "Old Reporter's Column" said,

"On May 15, 1741, Elizabeth Sugg was called daughter and made heir by reversion to certain land in the will of William Maund of Norfolk County in Virginia. She was apparently the wife of Aquilla Sugg.

"On February 1, 1752-3, Aquilla Sugg was executor and sole heir in the will of Noah Maund of Edgecombe County."

Mrs. Jerome A. Esker, Starkville, Mississippi, wrote the authors on February 22, 1967, as follows:

"I do not believe that the wife of Aquilla Sugg was a Battle. She was Elizabeth Maund (Maunde or Mound or Mounde). I have a number of Sugg and Maund wills of old Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, that would seem to prove this all right.

"William Maund, Junior, named in his will dated April 6, 1734, "my Father and Mother Maund." He also named a sister Elizabeth Maund.

"Now some years later, May 15, 1741, is the will of the father William Maund, Senior, naming his children, the same as William Maund, Jr. had named as brothers and sisters, BUT—his daughter Elizabeth is now Elizabeth Sugg.

"During the time 1734 to 1741, Elizabeth Maund had evidently married Aquilla Sugg. Our Sarah Sugg who married Elias Fort was born May 15, 1738, ..."

The May 15, 1741, will of William Maund, Sr. was proven June 15, 1741, and recorded in W.B. 1711-1745, p. 57, Norfolk County, Virginia. He named his wife Elizabeth Maund—who had been left property by her former husband, William Foreman. He named his daughter Elizabeth Sugg, his grandson William Maund, and his sons Jonas Maund, Lott Maund, and Noah Maund.

Noah Maund made a will in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, on February 1, 1752, that was probated February Court 1753. This was a nuncupative will, proven before Samuel Williams by Eliza Webb and Joseph Isenmanger, in which all estate of the testator was left to Aquilla Sugg, who was also appointed executor. We think Noah Maund was the husband of Aquilla Sugg's sister Priscilla Sugg who later m/2 Thomas Caton (?Catton).

William Maund of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, the grandson of William Maund, Sr., left a will dated February 7, 1761, recorded in Vol. 7, p. 27, in which he named his wife Mary, leaving her ". . . stock, reserving 6 cows which I give to Mother Childring and one steare which I give to Mother Prissila Allin . . . to son Hardie, remainder part of the estate real and personal, but if son dies before 21, I give to my loving Cozen Wm. Sugg. Friend Robert Wright and Uncle Acquila Sugg, Exrs. Wit: James Bozeman, David Mace." No probate date given.

Two sources of information about the Sugg family are:

1.—The Tyson-Sugg records in the North Carolina State Library at Raleigh. This is a typed account consisting of 19 pages of abstracts compiled by Miss Sybil Hyatt of Kinston, North Carolina, and dated February 24, 1941. The first three pages of this material contain complete notes on wills, deeds, etc. taken from Beaufort County, North Carolina, records, and pertain to various members of the Tyson family. The rest of the data, pages 4-19, begins with the May 21, 1745, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, deed to Aquilla Sugg and ends with the March 31, 1804, will of his grandson, Noah Sugg, son of Lemuel Sugg I. This material contains complete notes on wills, deeds, contracts, etc. taken from Edgecombe County, North Carolina, records, and pertains to various members of the Sugg family.

2.—The Cartwright Papers in the Tennessee State Library at Nashville. This is a study of the Cartwright and related families prepared by J. A. Cartwright (d. 1959) who was a descendant of Noah Sugg (Chart 5, Chapter II) through both Martha (Sugg) Keeling and Anna (Sugg) Hart. The foreword of this material bears the date of April 30, 1958. Pages 91-97 concern the Sugg-Maund families.

At least one set of DAR papers lists eight instead of six children for Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund. Data from NSDAR 357639, Membership Roster and Soldiers Tennessee DAR 1894-1960, compiled by Edythe Rucker Whitley, Registrar Tennessee Society, Tennessee State Library, gives the names of 1) Aquilla Sugg, Jr., b. April 1, 1730, and 2) John Sugg, b. 1732, as their first two children.

Both of these men were Revolutionary soldiers and their names are on page 659, DAR Patriot Index, as follows:

1.—"Aquilla Sugg, Jr., b. April 1, 1730, d. Jan. 10, 1791. m. Lucy Reading, Patriotic Service, North Carolina."

A copy of this record was ordered from DAR headquarters. Lucy Reading's dates were given as born May 15, 1730, and died June 2, 1750. She and Aquilla Sugg, Jr. were married January 3, 1749. And—their son was given as Lemuel Sugg (1749-1780) who married Mary Davis (1749-1824).

More recent research proves that Lemuel Sugg (?1749-1780) was the son of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund. (See Chart 6, Chapter II.)

In regard to this discrepancy, Mrs. C. A. (Margarette G.) Griffin, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, wrote December 7, 1968:

> "There are lots of claims of descent from Aquilla Sugg, Jr., but I am sure they are wrong in saying he was son of Aquilla I. I can find no reference to him in the Courthouse records as a son of Aquilla. You know it was a common custom for nephews to be called "Jr." in the early days.

There is one deed witnessed by Aquilla, Jr. in 1787, but Aquilla I gave his sons William and Lemuel land, and probably gave the land to Noah which is spoken of in D.B. 3, p. 113.

So I feel if he's had a son Aquilla, Jr., he would have sold or given him land."

The deed referred to by Mrs. Griffin (D.B. 3, p. 113) was dated April 16, 1777. It was from Noah Sugg and wife Murphrey of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to Thomas Mercer of Bertie County, North Carolina, and was for two tracts of land. One of the tracts was the 400-acre plantation whereon Noah Sugg then lived on Beaver Dam Branch, with a water grist mill thereon, . . . that was deeded to Noah Sugg by Aquilla Sugg in 1767.

Since George Sugg, Jr. and Judith Tyson had a son named Aquilla Sugg, it is entirely probable he was the one called "Aquilla Sugg, Jr." and listed along with the children of his Uncle Aquilla Sugg. In fact, George Sugg and Judith Tyson's son Aquilla is given the dates "b. April 1, 1730, d. Jan. 10, 1791" in the Tyson-Sugg Records. He may have had a son named Lemuel Sugg, but he apparently was not the Lemuel Sugg who married Mary Davis. (See Chart 6, Chapter II.)

2.—"John Sugg, b. c1732, died after 1790, m. Elizabeth Murphrey, Private, North Carolina."

We simply cannot identify the parents of this man. The given name "John" does not appear in the records of the Sugg family that we have.

Mrs. W. D. Sugg, Route #2, Box 54, New Bern, North Carolina 28560, has worked on this branch of the Sugg family for her children, and has most generously shared her records with us.

We did not secure a copy of John Sugg's record from DAR headquarters. It might have helped solve this "mystery" as no doubt many descendants of this John Sugg think he was a son of Aquilla Sugg.

One source did indicate that he died in Dobbs (now Greene) County, North Carolina.

AQUILLA SUGG (1706-1785) was a prominent man in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, as proven by the records of his County and State. In various deeds he was called "Gentleman" or "Planter," as were his sons William Sugg, Lemuel Sugg, and Noah Sugg.

Aquilla Sugg was also a merchant as indicated by deed dated February 13, 1771, in which "Aquila Sugg, Merchant, deeded to Anthony Baker, Esq. of the City of London, Merchant . . . north side of Town Creek." Included in the Inventory of his estate were "Two Old Account Books with Six hundred and forty four pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence Ballances Due on them Supposed to be Bad Debts."

During the American Revolution, Aquilla Sugg and his son Noah Sugg both rendered "Civil Service" and/or "Patriotic Service" as given on page 659, DAR Patriot Index. We have no way of knowing how many descendants have joined various patriotic organizations on the record of these two men.

Over fifty years ago, on November 16, 1918, Miss Jeanie Daviess Blackburn of Bowling Green, Kentucky, was admitted to membership in Colonial Dames of America on the record of Aquilla Sugg. (See Chart I, Chapter V.)

On August 30, 1766, Aquilla Sugg made a Deed of Gift to his son William Sugg of the land he first bought in Edgecombe County about twenty-one years before.

Elizabeth Sugg's name last appears in the records when a contract was made November 14, 1768, between Aquilla Sugg and his son Lemuel Sugg as recorded in D.B. 4, p. 632:

> "I, Lemuel Sugg of Edgecombe County state of North Carolina are held and firmly bound unto Esther Howell of the County of Edgecombe and state aforesaid in the full and just sum of 2000 pounds current money of North Carolina to be paid unto the said Esther Howell, her heirs Executors, etc, for the which payment well and truly to be made and done, I bind my heirs, Executors, Administers, and Assigns, in witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and fix my seal this 14th day of November 1768. The condition of the above obligation is such whereas some considerable time past Aquilla Sugg, father of the aforesaid Lemuel Sugg did for a certain sum of money, sell and dispose of a tract and parcel of land with all it's premises . . . it being the new dwelling place or residence of the aforesaid Aquilla Sugg but at the same time upon this express agreement that the said Lemuel Sugg did agree that the aforesaid Aquilla Sugg and his wife, Elizabeth, also the aforesaid Esther Howell, should reside and live on the plantation and premises aforesaid for and during their natural lives. Now the condition of the above obligation is such that Lemuel Sugg shall without any manner of interruption suffer him the said Aquilla Sugg and wife and also Esther Howell to live peaceably on the said land and premises for and during their natural lives . . . all the houses and improvements on the said plantation, but upon this express reserve, that Joseph Howell late husband of the said Esther shall not have any right to settle on any part of the said land . . . nor shall the said Esther Howell rent or suffer any person to live on said plantation with her except it be negroes of her own property or the children that now live with her til they shall marry and no longer time than that.
>
> Witnesses: Noah Sugg, William Mace, William Long.
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> January Court 1788—the within Bond was duly exhibited by Noah Sugg and ordered recorded."

About 18 months after this contract was made, Lemuel Sugg wrote his will on May 8, 1780. This will was proven November 28, 1780 (p. 51, Abstracts of Court Minutes 1744-46 - 1757-94, Edgecombe County, N.C., by Dorman), by Esther Howell and Aquilla Sugg. Mary Sugg, widow of the deceased, was appointed guardian to their children: Noah, Lemuel, Mary, Frances, Davis and Reding Sugg.

In this will, Lemuel Sugg left to his son Reading (Reding) Sugg the "tract whereon my father now lives, only reserving father's life estate in said tract, as also that my bond be complyed with in regard to Easter Howels living theron. . ."

We assume then that Elizabeth (Maund) Sugg died after November 14, 1768, but before May 8, 1780, in Edgecombe County, N.C., and that she was buried in the Sugg family burying ground on the land conveyed to their son William Sugg by Deed of Gift on August 30, 1766.

Aquilla Sugg had a brother George Sugg who married Judith Tyson, and they settled across Tar River in Beaufort (now Pitt) County, North Carolina, about the time Aquilla and Elizabeth (Maund) Sugg settled in Edgecombe County on the south side of Tar River.

We have already learned from the Tyson-Sugg records that George Sugg and Judith Tyson had eight children: Nimrod, Fanny, Sarah, Lucy, Joel, George, Allen and Aquilla (b. April 1, 1730, d. Jan. 10, 1791).

Since the dates given for Aquilla, son of George Sugg, by Miss Sybil Hyatt in the Tyson-Sugg records are the same as given on page 659, DAR Patriot Index for Aquilla Sugg, Jr. who married Lucy Reading, this man surely was a nephew of Aquilla Sugg (b. 1706).

Two more sons of George Sugg and Judith Tyson are listed on page 659, DAR Patriot Index:

1.—Joel Sugg, born about 1748, died before April 3, 1781, married Sarah Patience Jones.

2.—George Augustus Sugg, born before 1758, died before October 5, 1810, married Mrs. Patience (Jones) Sugg.

The mother of Sarah Patience Jones was Mrs. Abigail Bonner Jones.

AQUILLA SUGG (b. 1706) m/2 before February 13, 1785 (date of his will), Mrs. Abigail Bonner Jones.

The following information is from the Cartwright papers:

"His name (Aquilla Sugg) appears in the North Carolina Colonial and State Papers in connection with his varied activities. As early as 1746 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and in 1758 is shown as an Inspector for the town of Tarboro. In 1760 an act was approved for the purchase of Joseph Howell of 150 acres of land for the purpose of establishing a town 'to be known as Tarboro' for a consideration of two thousand pounds, proclamation money, and Aquilla Sugg was one of the commissioners appointed for that purpose. In 1764 he served on a committee for 'selecting a proper place for building thereat a court house, clerk's office, prison and stocks.' Also in 1764 he was elected a representative from Edgecombe County in the General Assembly of North Carolina and served continuously as such until about the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. He was last elected to the Colonial Legislature in 1773 and during his tenure of office served on many important commissions, one of which, in 1769, was to settle the public accounts of the province.

"In 1776 we find him in the patriot camp, for in that year he and his son Noah were designated as Justices of the Peace for the County of Edgecombe, by authority of an ordinance, dated December 23rd of that year, passed by the 'Representatives of the Freemen of the State of North Carolina.'

"Aquilla Sugg emigrated to Davidson County, Tennessee, sometime before 1789. His will, dated February 13, 1785, apparently was written in North Carolina, for he styled himself as 'Aquilla Sugg of Tarr River, County of Edgecombe, North Carolina,' but the will was probated in Davidson County, Tennessee at the July term of Court, 1789. . .

"After arrival here, Aquilla appears to have engaged in extensive land transactions. At that time the Revolutionary soldiers of North Carolina were being paid off in Western lands. A private was entitled to 640 acres, a sergeant to 1,000 acres, etc. Many of these soldiers did not wish to emigrate and were glad to dispose of their grants for relatively small sums, and eleven land grants issued by the State of North Carolina to Aquilla Sugg as assignee of various Revolutionary soldiers, totaling 7,460 acres on the waters of Stones River, are recorded in Davidson County.

"Aquilla apparently was a religious man and very trusting so far as his debtors were concerned. In the inventory of his personal possessions rendered by his widow in 1789 we find, among other things, 'Two old books on religion, two old account books with six hundred and forty four pounds, eighteen shillings and eight pence ballances due them supposed to be bad debts.' The most valuable item in the inventory was 'fifteen Militia Warrants in the name of the said Aquilla Sugg, eight of which is laid on Stones River.'

"His will gave to his 'dear and loving wife Abigail Sugg the use of all my estate, real and personal, during her natural life, not to be moved off the plantation where she now lives, and at her decease to be equally divided amongst my children.'

"Abigail undoubtedly was a second wife as a study of the Maund wills clearly indicates that his first wife was Elizabeth Maund. . .

"Aquilla's will was proved on the oath of George Augustus Sugg, and the widow Abigail qualified as executrix, posting a bond of fifteen hundred dollars. Apparently not everybody was happy over the division of the estate. Several lawsuits were filed, one by George A. Sugg who claimed that a substantial amount was due him.

"George Augustus Sugg's name appears often in the early records and he was one of the first purchasers of lots in the town of Nashville. . .

"In the case of 'Aquilla Sugg heirs Vs Aquilla Sugg Execu' it was finally ordered that all matters of litigation between parties be referred to the 'arbitrament' and 'determenation' of Jacob Dickinson, Edmon Gambill, and William Donelson. The heirs, some of whom were residents of North Carolina, according to the court minutes were: son Noah; daughter Sarah, wife of Elias Fort; Esther, wife of Joseph Howell; Josiah, Molly and Fawny, heirs of William Sugg; Noah, Lemuel, Molly, Franky, Das (Davis), and Redan, heirs of Lemeul Sugg.

"Lemuel Sugg's will is of record in Edgecombe County, having been filed for probate in the 1780 November court. According to the will, his children were sons Noah, Lemuel, David (Davis) and Reading, and daughters Mary and Frances. Executors named were his father Aquilla Sugg, his sister Esther Howell, and William Long.

"William was living at the time his father made his will as he was named one of the executors together with Noah and Abigail. He had died, however,

before his father's will was filed for probate in 1789. William Sugg's will, recorded in Edgecombe County, was dated December 24, 1787, and probated in the January court of 1788. It mentions son Josiah, daughters Euphronia Stockdale and Mary Sugg, and Matthew Stockdale."

George Augustus Sugg also had Militia Warrants, or land grants, on Stone's River in Tennessee.

He ran a tavern in Nashville in 1790, proved by a covenant with Elijah Robertson to let him buy liquor and meals "at usual Tavern rates" to pay for corn Robertson was to deliver in November 1790.

He was one of the witnesses to the will of Aquilla Sugg on February 13, 1785, which was proven by the oath of "Geo. Sugg" in Davidson County, Tennessee, July Term 1789.

There was considerable litigation in connection with the settlement of the estate of Aquilla Sugg.

George Augustus Sugg, his wife Patience, and her mother Abigail are said to have gone to Henderson County, Kentucky, where they all died and were buried.

They apparently "passed through" Warren County, Kentucky, as five items were found in the records of that county. Four are in Order Book "A", 1796-1801. One is in Order Book "B", 1801-1805.

The will of Acquilla Sugg that was recorded in W. B. "A", p. 97, Davidson County, Tennessee, is on pages 59-60 of WPA copied Wills and Inventories, Vol. I, 1784-1794.

WILL

"The Will of Acquila Sugg—In the Name of God Amen: I Acquila Sugg of Tarr River & County of Edge-Comb—knowing it is decreed for all men to die and the time when uncertain & being minded to Settle my Temporal Affairs While it has pleased God to Continue me in my perfect Sense & Memory, Do make this to be my last Will & Testament Revoking Annulling & Disannulling all & Every Other Will or Wills heretofore by me made And this only to be taken and Deemed my last Will & Testament—

"First I Bequeath my Soul to Jesus Christ my Redeemer & Saviour My body to be Decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors—Surely Trusting to have a Joyfull Resurection When time Shall be no More and to Enter into those Eternal Mentions of Joy prepared for them that believe in our Ever blessed Lord.

"Item, I Give and Bequeath to my dear and loving Wife Abegail Sugg the use of all my Estate Real and personnal during her Natural Life not to be moved off the plantation Where he (or we??) now live; And at her Decease to be Equally Divided Amongst my Children,

"I make Ordain & Appoint my Dear and Loving Wife Abigal Sugg: my Executrix And my Two Sons William Sugg and Noah Sugg my Executors.

"In Witness Whereof I have hereunto (set) My hand and Seal this 13 Day of Feby. 1785.

Test: Acquilla Sugg (LS)

Thos. Butcher &
Geo. Sugg

Which will was proven by the Oath of Geo. Sugg One of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, in Court held for the County of Davidson July Term 1789. Test: Andrew Ewing C. D. C."

The inventory of this Estate of Aquilla Sugg is on page 75 of the same WPA copied records:

"An Inventory of the Estate of Aquilla Suggs Desd. as Delivered in to Court on Oath by Abigail Suggs Executrix of the Will of the sd Deceased Oct. Term 1789, To Wit, Two horses and One Mare, One Cow and Yearling, one Pewter Dish & Bason, One Old Plow hoe, four house Chairs, Two old Ruggs, Two Old Books on Religion, fifteen Militia Warrants, in Shillings & Eight pence Ballances Due on them Supposed to be Bad Debts, Two old Ruggs, Two Old Books on Religion, fifteen Militia Warrants, in the Name of the sd Aquila Sugg, Eight of Which as (?) laid on Stones River Also one of four hundred pounds due from Thomas Smith In the hands of Col. Marting Armstrong."

Aquilla Sugg (b. 1706) vs. Aquilla Sugg (b. 1765/6)

Again we have two men named Aquilla Sugg. Both were in Tennessee in the late 1780s, and both were Methodist preachers. One was Aquilla Sugg (b. 1706), the "minister-politician," and the other was his grandson Aquilla Sugg, son of Noah Sugg. Here are several random notes about them.

1.—Page 625, "Tennessee Cousins" by Worth Ray: "Sugg's Creek" was an early community in Wilson County, Tennessee, that was named for Aquilla Sugg.

2.—Page 626, same book: "Aquilla Sugg from North Carolina built his cabin on Sugg's Creek, which was named for him, about 1800. . . . ."

3.—Chapter XI, "Early Times in Middle Tennessee" by John Carr: "Aquilla Sugg traveled and preached in this country and his labors that year were followed by a fine revival of religion (?1793).

4.—Same book: "A colleague of Jacob Lurton worked with Aquilla Sugg during the last two months and returned to Kentucky. Then in 1794 Moses Spear was sent to us."

5.—"The Cartwright Papers" give this information: "Aquilla Sugg, eldest son of Noah, was a Methodist preacher. In McFerrin's 'Methodism in Tennessee,' Vol. 1, page 216, we find the following: 'A new circuit appears in the appointments for this year (1794) which was doubtless set off from the Cumberland Circuit, viz., Logan in Kentucky. Aquilla Sugg was the preacher.' "

We are most grateful to Mrs. John S. Fletcher of Nashville, Tennessee, who is descended from Noah Sugg, son of Aquilla (b. 1706), for going to the Tennessee State Library and going through the WPA copied Court Minutes of Davidson County, Tennessee, page by page, and finding out about the "Sugg lawsuit." The books had not been properly indexed. Mrs. Fletcher sent us copies of her findings, and wrote us as follows on February 25, 1969:

". . . . I also investigated the '15 Militia Warrants' listed in the inventory of Aquilla. They are all grants—not warrants—and there are only 14—not 15—and every one of them is 'on the East side of Stone's River.'

"There are 5, granted 17 Jan. 1789—totaling 3920 acres.

"There are 9, granted May 1789—totaling 5760 acres, 4 of which were next to George A. Sugg's grants.

"George A. Sugg had 4 in Jan. 1789 for 640 acres each and had 6 in May 1789, 2 in May 1793, for 640 acres, making a total for him of 7680 acres; all of his lay on the south side of the Cumberland and east side of Stone's River.

"The date 1789 intrigues me because they are the only grants listed for an Aquilla Sugg, yet we know he was dead by October 1788 since Abigail was given letters of administration on his estate then, and it tallies too well with his inventory to be anyone else.

"Then I found that Noah Sugg got 4 grants in May 1793 in Sumner County 'on the south side of the Cumberland River and on the waters of Stone's River,' totaling 2560 acres. By looking at an old map, I found this would have been adjacent to Aquilla's and George's grants, all of which were in Davidson County. In 1799 Wilson County was formed out of this part of Sumner. Also on the old map I found a 'Sugg's Creek' with headwaters in Wilson County, then running through Davidson County to empty into Stone's River. It would definitely have gone through all this Sugg property, and was evidently named for them.

"Even more interesting, I think that solves Worth Ray's 'Aquilla Sugg who settled in Wilson County in 1880 on Sugg's Creek.' It must have been Noah's son Aquilla who built on property his father had acquired in 1793.

"Our only problem now seems to be to find out when Abilgail married Aquilla!"

"Davidson County Court Minutes, 1791-1797"
(WPA copies)

Numbers in parentheses are original page numbers; the others, the page in WPA book. Certain extraneous material omitted.

1.—P. (54) 70—July 1792 Term. "On a motion made by Noah Suggs one of the Ex. of the will of Aquilla Suggs deceased to have an order of Court made to sell the personal property of the aforesaid, Dec'd, which being objected to by the Counsel in behalf of Abigail Suggs Relick of the Suggs Deceased & also Executrix of sd. will, the Court are of the opinion that no order of sale be granted."

2.—P. (64) 81—January Term 1793. WILLIAM FORT Assee & Plt. Vs ABIGAIL SUGGS & NOAH SUGGS Extrx. & Extr. of AQUILA SUGGS Desd. Defdts. "To which at January Term 1793 the Plaintiff Appeared by Howel Tatum Esqr. his Attorney, Likewise Noah Suggs the Executor, one of the Defendants and confesses Judgment to the Plaintiff, To Wit: "I promise to pay or cause to be paid to William Sugg or Order" the full and just Sum of one hundred Sixteen and a half Spanish Milled Dollars it being Justly due for Value Received." "Witness my hand and Seal this 23rd day of January 1784 Signed Aquila Sugg L. S. & attested Esther Howell: Which Specialty was Indorsed to the plaintiff by Britton Bryan, said to be Guardian to Josiah

Sugg Legattee of the Afsd. William Sugg Deceased—Therefore it is considered of by the court that the plaint. do Recover against the aforesd. Executrix and Executor. After which the said Noah Suggs filed Affidavitt that he had not any of the personall property of the Testator in his hands but that it Rested in the hands of Abigail Suggs the Executrix who was first Qualified. Judgt. L60—13s—3d."

3.—P. (95) 112—April 1793 Term. "Ordered that John Nicholas & David Hay, Esquires, settle with Abigail Sugg Ex. of the Last Will & Testament of Aquilla Sugg Dec'd relative to her administration on the Estate.

4.—P. (111) 134—July Term 1793. "GEORGE AUGUSTUS SUGG Plaint. Vs ABIGAIL SUGG Extrx. & NOAH SUGG Extr. of Aquilla Sugg Desd. Defendants. "Case"—Sugg Vs Suggs Extrs.

"To which at January Term the Plaint. appeared by Andrew Jackson Esqr. his Attorney Likewise the Defendants by John Overton and Howel Tatum Esquires their attorneys and plead "Non-Assumpsitt Sett Off, Statutes of Limitation fraud and Covin" and thereon the plaintiff & Defendants Joined Issue, After which the cause and proceedings so had thereon was continued to Each succeeding Term until July Term 1793 at which time comes here into court the plaint. and Defendants by there attorneys aforesd. Joined between the afsd. parties & upon there oaths do say that they find the Issue for the Plaintiff. From which Judgment the Defendants prayed and obtained as (?an) appeal to the Honorable Superior court of Law & Equity next to be held ....."

5.—P. (207) 249-250—April Term 1794. "ABIGAIL SUGGS, executrix of AQUILLA SUGGS, Decd. Plt. Against AQUILLA SUGGS heirs Defendants —On an Alias Scire facias—Suggs Extrx. Vs. Suggs heirs. The United States of America To the Sheriff of Davidson County Greetings: Whereas by an order of Court April Sessions 1793 John Nichols and David Hay Esquires was appointed to Settle with Abigail Suggs Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Aquilla Suggs Deceased, pursuant to which order the said Nichols & Hay found that the Estate of the sd. Decedent was indebted to the sd. Abigail Suggs the sum of one hundred and fifty seven pounds sixteen Shillings and four pence as Appears by the Return filed—After which it was ordered by the court at January Session 1794 that Writs of Scire facias Should issue to Cause the heirs of the said Aquilla Suggs Deceased to appear at our Ensuing County Court there to show cause If any they had why three tracts of Six hundred and forty Acres each as hereafter Described should not be sold and the monies Arising thereby be applied Towards Satisfying the sd. Debt: &&. These are therefore Again to command you the sd. Sheriff that by good and lawfull men of your County you cause to be made known to Noah Suggs and to the heirs of William Suggs and Lemuel Suggs which is the following Viz: JOSIAH SUGGS, MOLLY and FAWNY SUGGS— NOAH, LEMUEL, MOLLY, FRANKY, DAS (Davis) and REDAN SUGGS, which by the Deceased of the aforesd. William and Lemuel Suggs are with the afsd. Noah Suggs heirs of the sd. Aquilla Suggs Desd. appear before the Justices of our Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions in the Town of Nashville on the Second Monday in July next then and there to Show cause why Three tracts of land of Six hundred and forty Acres

each Two of which lies near to Stoners lick, the other on Stones River late the property of Aquilla Suggs Desd. Should not be sold by the Sheriff and the monies arising thereby be applied Towards Satisfying the Aforesd. Debt due to the sd. Abigail Witness Andrew Ewing Clerk of our said Court of Davidson at office the Second Monday in Apl. 1794.

Signed: Andrew Ewing"

6.—P. (271) 335—April Term 1795. "GEORGE AUGUSTUS SUGG Plt. Vs AQUILLA SUGG'S HEIRS Defendants—United States of America && To the Sheriff of Davidson County Greeting: Whereas George Augustus Sugg in a suit commenced and prosecuted in our Court of Davidson against Noah Sugg Executor and Abigail Sugg Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Aquilla Sugg Desd. did July Sessions 1793 obtain Judgment against them as Executors as Aforesd. for the sum of Two hundred and forty one pounds four shillings our Sheriff made Return to us at January Sessions 1795 that he neither found or knew of any property of the Decedents in the hands of the Executors Aforesd. These are therefore again to command you the sd. Sheriff that by good and lawfull men of your County you cause to be made known to NOAH SUGGS, ELIAS FORT and SARAH his wife JOSEPH HOWEL and ESTHER his wife and JOSIAH SUGG son of William Sugg and to NOAH SUGG; LEMUEL SUGG; and READEN SUGG sons of Lemuel Suggs that they Do Appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in the Town of Nashville on the Second Monday in July next there to show cause If any they or any of them have or know of why the Aforesd. Judgment should not be Revived and that the sd. George Augustus Suggs should not have Execution thereof. witness Andrew Ewing Clerk of our sd. Court at office the Second Monday in April 1795 and nineteenth year of American Independance.

"Issued Apl. 29th, 1795 & Signed Andrew Ewing."

"On Two of which former Writ of Scire facias as above Recited on the one the Sheriff of Tennessee made Return to us at April Sessions last past, that he had made the same known to ELIAS FORT and on the other the Sheriff of Davidson made Return that he had made the same known to NOAH SUGGS and that neither of them found any more of the heirs of the sd. Aquilla Suggs in there Counties: and Afterwards Davidson Sheriff made the same Return to us on the Alias Scire Facias at July Sessions 1795. Therefore it is considered of by the court that the Aforesd. Judgment be Revived: and that the plaintiff have Execution against the Real Estate of the Decedent for the Aforesd. sum of Two hundred & forty one pounds four Shillings, with the several costs of suit in that behalf Expended.

"S:F: Executed Judgmt. Accd. to S:F: L241—4s."

"Records of Superior Court of North Carolina, including Mero District, 1788-1798"

(WPA copy)

7.—P. (159) 186—Nov. 1795. "AQUILLA SUGGS HEIRS vs. AQUILLA SUGGS Execu'——By consent of parties and on motion of defendants' attorney it is ordered by Court that all matters of litigation between the

"D", p. 207, Edgecombe County, N.C. The abstracts in Tyson-Sugg Records and Williams and Griffin Abstracts are about the same, as follows:

"Nephew: William Pettaway, son of Micajah Pettaway, 20 S; niece: Polly Pettaway, daughter of Micajah Pettaway, 20 S; Micajah Pettaway, 5 S; brothers: Lemuel Sugg, 20 S, Reading Sugg, all remainder of estate which is not given away, reserving use of my negro woman Rose unto my loving mother so long as she does not give or bestow on Micajah Pettaway. Exr: Reading Sugg, James Southerland. Wit: Jeremiah Battle, Wm. A. White.

William Sugg, uncle of this Noah Sugg, son of Lemuel Sugg, Sr., in his December 24, 1787, will mentioned a "horse purchased of Noah Sugg, Junior." Noah Sugg (d. 1800 Robertson County, Tenn.) did not have a son named Noah, so we have here another example of a nephew in a closely knit family being called "Junior."

2.—Lemuel Sugg, Jr. (II), b. April 13, 1767, Edgecombe County, N.C., died May 4, 1812, Robertson County, Tennessee. He m. ca 1795/6 Selah Horn 1777-1836. (See later)

3.—Mary Sugg, d. before March 31, 1804, m. Micajah Pettaway (Pettway/Pettiway) and had two children:

A.—William Pettaway.

B.—Polly Pettaway.

Micajah Pettaway and the two children, William and Polly Pettaway, were named in the will of Noah Sugg (#1) that was dated March 31, 1804. We assume that Mary, the wife and mother, had died.

4.—Frances Sugg. We presume she died before her brother Noah wrote his will March 31, 1804.

Note that both Mary Sugg (#3) and Frances Sugg (#4) were named in the Court Minutes of Nov. 28, 1780, but not in the Aug. 2, 1785, minutes.

5.—Davis Sugg. This man apparently married and had three sons named for his three brothers. He evidently died sometime between 1787 and 1792 as the following item was listed between those dates on page #7 of the Tyson-Sugg records:

"Division of Davis Sugg, dec'd. Tract divided between claimants 1. Lemuel Sugg, 2. Noah Sugg, 3. Reading Sugg, minors. 32 acres to each. Commissioners of Division: Starling Waller, James Waller, Simon Harrell."

6.—Reading Sugg, b. 1778, died in 1841 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, leaving a will that was recorded in W.B. "F", p. 257. He married Margaret Southerland (1781-1850). They had three children:

1.—Joel S. Sugg.

2.—Frances Sugg m. _____ Williams, and had a son:

1.—Reading Williams (named in the will of his grandfather Reading Sugg).

(A granddaughter named Mary M. Routh was also named in the will of Reading Sugg.)

3.—Dr. Pheasanton S. Sugg (1805-1855) married Lucinda Pender (1808-1876) and had nine children:

1.—Margaret Sugg, b. 1829.

William Sugg was named one of the executors in the 1785 will of his father Aquilla Sugg. He had died, however, before his father's will was filed for probate in 1789.

Chart 2, Chapter II

KEZIAH SUGG, daughter of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund, married before 1756 William Mace, and they had at least one child:

1.—William Mace, Jr., b. before August 16, 1756.

On August 16, 1756, Aquilla Sugg of Edgecombe made a deed of gift "to my grandson, Wm. Mace, first born of my daughter Keziah Mace, negro girl Rose. Recorded Halifax." (Tyson-Sugg records.)

Twelve years later, on November 14, 1768, William Mace, along with Noah Sugg and William Long, witnessed the contract made by Aquilla Sugg with his son Lemuel that was recorded in D.B. 4, p. 632, Edgecombe County. We assume this was William Mace, Sr., Keziah's husband.

Chart 3, Chapter II

SARAH SUGG, daughter of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund, was born May 15, 1738, probably in Norfolk County, Virginia. She married in 1758 at Tarboro, North Carolina, Elias Fort (1730-1819), son of Elias Fort (d. 1761) and Catherine ————.

Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg had nine children. In 1790 or 1791, the entire family started on their long trip to Tennessee where they settled in the now County of Robertson. (See CHAPTER I.)

Chart 4, Chapter II

ESTHER (Ester) SUGG, daughter of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund, married Joseph Howell II (1733-1835), from whom she was divorced about 1759. They had four children.

1.—Joseph Howell, Jr. (III).

2.—Murphree Howell.

3.—Elizabeth Howell.

4.—Keziah Howell.

A deed of gift dated March 3, 1769, D.B. "D", p. 31, Edgecombe County, was abstracted as follows in the Tyson-Sugg records:

> "Aquila Sugg of 1st part and Lemuel Sugg and Elias Fort, guardians of the 2nd part, and Esther Howell of the 3rd part, wife of Joseph Howell the elder and daughter of the said Aquila Sugg, and of the 4th part, Joseph Howell, Jr., Murphree Howell, Elizabeth Howell and Keziah Howell, infants of the said Joseph Howell and Esther his wife. Three negroes, life estate to Esther."

There is a record of the Howell family on page 125, Bible Records of Early Edgecombe, N. C., by Williams and Griffin, 1958.

"On Jan. 10, 1639, John Howell, Sr., who landed in Virginia about 1637, was granted . . . land . . . in Bristol Parish in Henrico County.

"His son John Howell, Jr. m. Elizabeth _____.

"Their son, Joseph Howell I probably born in Virginia m. Mary Starling and died in Edgecombe County. His will, written Jan. 10, 1749, and probated in May 1750, named his wife, Margaret, and children: Joseph, Thomas, Mary, Murphrey and Martha. . .

"Joseph Howell II, b. Edgecombe Co. 1733; d. De Kalb Co., Ga., 1835; m. (1) Esther Sugg, dau. of Aquilla Sugg . . . He and his wife Esther Sugg Howell gave fifty acres of land to be used for a town common and ten acres for public buildings, in establishing the town of Tarboro, county seat of Edgecombe. (D. Bk. 00, p. 161.)" (Note: According to this record, Joseph Howell II was 102 years old when he died.)

Murphrey Howell, sister of Joseph Howell II, married Esther Sugg's brother Noah. Mary Howell married a cousin of Esther and Noah's, William Maund, Jr. who named in his Feb. 7, 1761, will (Vol. 7, p. 27, Edgecombe County Wills) his "Uncle Acquila Sugg" and his "Cozen Wm. Sugg" as well as his wife Mary . . . . .

Excerpt from State and Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. 23, page 451:

"A.D. 1760. At an Assembly at New Bern 24 Apr. 34th year of the reign of our Soverign Lord George the Second, . . . 30 Nov. 1760, to be then held at Wilmington, Being the Fourth session of this present assembly, Arthur Dobbs, Esqr., Gov.—

"Chapt. IX: An act for establishing a town on the land of Joseph Howell on Tar river, on south side, a healthy pleasant situation, well watered and commodious for trade and commerce. Aquilla Sugg, Elisha Battle and others have contracted with said Joseph Howell for purchase of 150 acres of said land and have accepted deed, etc. . . . and caused the same to be laid out into lots and streets, the said town to be called Tarboro.

Chart 5, Chapter II

NOAH SUGG, son of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund, was born about 1740. He died in January, 1800, Robertson County, Tennessee, leaving a will.

A native of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, Noah Sugg in 1765 obtained a license to marry Murphree Howell of that County. The marriage bond is dated January 16, 1765, and is on file in the Department of Archives and History, at Raleigh, North Carolina. Lemuel Sugg, his brother, and Peter Mitchell were the bondsmen. (From the Cartwright papers.) Noah Sugg and Murphree Howell had eight children.

NSDAR No. 180182 lists Noah Sugg as "a Revolutionary Soldier, Indian Fighter, Civil Officer and Justice of the Peace."

His name appears many times in the Edgecombe County, North Carolina, records. Some items are:

1.—D.B. "D", p. 14 (1759-1772 Abstracts): "Aquila Sugg of Edgecombe Co., planter, to Noah Sugg of same, planter, July 5, 1768, for 10 pounds sterling money of Great Britain, a tract of 100 acres on the south side of Tar River near Hatcher's Swamp, it being a Granville grant to said Aquila Sugg bearing date March 25, 1749. Wit: Elias Fort, Ester Howell and Ester Maund."

On May 29, 1782, fourteen years later, Noah Sugg deeded to his son Aquila Sugg . . . "South side of Tar, 20 pounds, grant to Aquila Sugg, Mch. 25, 1749, estate of inheritance." (Tyson-Sugg records.)

2.—D.B. "D", p. 35: "From Aquila Sugg to his son Noah Sugg, estate of inheritance. Witnesses: Elias Fort, Sarah Fort, Malachi Maund."

3.—D.B. 3, p. 113 (1775-1779 Abstracts): "April 16, 1777, Noah Sugg and wife Murphrey of Edgecombe County, to Thomas Mercer . . . for 665/13/4 two tracts of land . . . (1) the 400 acre plantation whereon said Sugg then lived on Beaver Dam Branch, with a water grist mill thereon. . . and (2) 270 acres on the Mill Swamp adjoining the aforesaid tract . . . Witnesses: Elias Fort, Sarah Fort, Malachi Maund. Murfree (sic) Sugg was examined separately."

In the 1790 Census, Noah Sugg was the only male Sugg listed in Edgecombe County. He had 2 males over 16, 2 males under 16, 2 females and 22 slaves.

The following is from Mr. Cartwright's history of the Sugg family:

"In addition to serving as a Justice of the Peace, he (Noah Sugg) also rendered service of some kind in the Revolutionary Army as his name appears twice in the North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts. There is of record two warrants issued about 1782, Nos. 75 and 182, in the amounts of 11.12.6 and 10.7 respectively. Tradition has it that his wife died of consumption while living in the forts when his youngest child Martha, or Patsy, was five years old, which would have been about 1781. Tradition also has it that Nancy Hart and Patsy Keeling remembered living in the forts and seeing Mrs. Robertson burn her fingers molding bullets. If this is true, Noah Sugg evidently came to the Cumberland Settlements several years before his father Aquilla did.

"Shortly after his wife's death, Noah Sugg contracted a common law marriage with a woman named Fanny Jerkins (?Jenkins). Such an arrangement was by no means uncommon on the frontier when facilities for conventional weddings were not available. She was highly respected and by all accounts was a good wife and mother to Noah Sugg's children.

"The first land Noah purchased in Davidson County, according to the Davidson County records, was a tract of 340 acres on the waters of Whites Creek, which he bought from John Drake, August 16, 1793, for 200 pounds. This was near the lands owned by the Hoopers and Youngs. Actually, he must have been living there prior to that date for Haywood's History of Tennessee, page 346, states that "on Friday, the 11th of October (1792) the Indians fired on Mr. Sugg on Whites Creek, on the north side of Cumberland River, and took from him ten horses."

"His place of residence at the time of his death in 1800 was in Robertson County, Tennessee, on the waters of the Harpeth River, now in Cheatham

County. His will was dated January 8, 1800, and was probated in the January 1800 term of court in Robertson County. The will provides that his land and plantation on Whites Creek "where I moved from last," together with his other lands be sold and the proceeds, after payment of his just debts, be equally divided among his four sons, Aquilla, Lemuel, Josiah, and William. In addition, Lemuel and Josiah were each given two hundred acres of land, being the plantations on which they were then living. Son William was given "the land and plantation where I now live" except that Fanny Jerkins should have laid off for her fifty acres so as to enclose ten acres of cleared ground on the side next to Harpeth River, also his black horse and four cows and calves.

"Daughter Patsy was given a negro girl named Hellen, a negro boy named John, one feather bed and furniture, one horse colt, and an equal share with her brothers of the household furnishings and stock of cattle and hogs.

"Eight negro slaves were to be equally divided among his four sons, and token bequests of five shillings were made to his married daughters Elizabeth Hooper, Nancy Hart, and Sally Gorham.

"Son Aquilla was named executor and the witnesses were Gabriel Allen and George Sugg Allen.

"It is assumed that land had already been settled on the daughters for it is well known that considerable property came into the possession of both the Harts and Keelings from the Suggs.

"The marriages of four of his children are of record in Davidson County, as follows:

Anna Sugg and Joseph Hart, August 21, 1791.
Sallie W. Sugg and Thomas Gorham, October 5, 1795.
Josiah Sugg and Elizabeth Johns, August 14, 1797.
Patsy Sugg and Leonard Keeling, December 23, 1802.

"Aquilla Sugg, eldest son of Noah, was a Methodist preacher. . .

"Elizabeth Sugg, eldest daughter, married Samuel DeLoach, a native of Edgecombe County. He was dead by July 1792 for at that time Noah Sugg appears in the Davidson County records as administrator of his estate. The story goes that one day DeLoach went hunting with a man named Smith. Smith returned with DeLoach's new gun which Smith said he had bought from him. DeLoach never returned and days later his dog came back nearly starved. It was thought that DeLoach was murdered for his gun. Elizabeth later married Captain Joseph Hooper who apparently assumed custody of DeLoach's estate, for on June 8, 1813, there was filed with the court a list of slaves belonging to the estate of Samuel DeLoach in the possession of Joseph Hooper. This was about twenty-one years after DeLoach's death, probably when his child became of age, for the court records also show that Joseph Hooper was the guardian of Polly DeLoach, presumably Elizabeth Hooper's child by her first marriage.

"It is said that Sally Gorham moved to Missouri and that one day Gorham came to her with all his money in his hat. He emptied the money in her lap, left, and was never heard from again.

"The Maund family, like the Suggs, emigrated from Norfolk County, Virginia, to Edgecombe County, North Carolina. In Norfolk County we find the will of William Maund, dated May 13, 1741, and proved the following June. In it mention is made of wife Elizabeth, sons Lott, Noah, and Jonas, daughters Elizabeth Sugg, and grandson William Maund. The father of the latter had died in 1734, for the will of William Maund, Jr., dated April 6, 1734, was proved in July of that year, and names son William, brothers Noah and Lott and sister Elizabeth Maund.

"In Edgecombe County there is recorded the will of Noah Maund, proved in February 1752, leaving all of his estate to Aquilla Sugg who is named executor. Also there is of record in Edgecombe County the will of William Maund, third of the name, of the Parish of St. Marys. His will is dated February 7, 1761, and leaves his estate to his wife Mary and son Hardie. Executors are Robert Wright and Uncle Aquilla Sugg. Witnesses are James Boazman, David Mace (?Mate), and Murfree Howell who married Noah Sugg in 1765.

"From the foregoing wills, we learn that Elizabeth Maund married Aquilla Sugg sometime between 1734 and 1741, and that Noah Sugg probably was named for his uncle Noah Maund who had left Aquilla all his property. I have found no record of any of the Maunds in Tennessee. The North Carolina Colonial and State Papers show that one Benjamin Maund received pay as a Revolutionary soldier and that a William Maund was named one of the commissioners to cut a canal from Currituck Sound to the head of North River in accordance with an Act passed June 6, 1787."

Noah Sugg and Murphree Howell had eight children:

1.—Aquilla Sugg, b. ca 1764, called eldest son and named Executor of his father's 1800 will, was a Methodist preacher. He moved to Illinois where he died in 1852.

2.—Lemuel Sugg.

3.—Josiah Sugg, m. Aug. 14, 1797, Davidson County, Tenn.

4.—William Sugg.

5.—Elizabeth (Betsy) Sugg, m/1 Samuel DeLoach. His estate was administered July Term 1792 by Noah Sugg. (Page 23, Vol. 1-6, Tennessee Genealogical Records by Whitley.) They had a daughter:

A.—Mary (Polly) DeLoach m. William Sneed. Their daughter:

a.—Mary DeLoach Sneed married her cousin, George Sneed.

In a genealogy of the Sutton and DeLoach families prepared by Mrs. J. Wells Vick, Russellville, Kentucky, we are told that Samuel DeLoach settled and died on Stones River near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and left a daughter, or granddaughter, who married a Sneed and went to Texas. (See DeLoach, Chapter VI.)

Elizabeth (Betsy) Sugg m/2 Captain Joseph DeLoach Hooper.

6.—Nancy (Anna) Sugg, b. ca1775 in Edgecombe County, N. C., d. February 1845, "Age about 70 years." The tombstone of Nancy Robertson is in the Hart Cemetery between Springfield, Tennesse, and Adairville, Kentucky.

Anna Sugg m/1 Aug. 21, 1791, Davidson County, Tenn., Joseph Hart (d. ca1796). They had a son:

A.—Henry Hart, b. June 22, 1792, d. 1856, m. Judith Pickering (1792-1845); their daughter, Mary A. Hart (1816-1878) married Daniel Gould Baird (1808-1856); their son, Thomas Henry Baird, Sr. (1850-1882) married (as her 1st husband) Fannie Ethlene Conn (1853-1933) who m/2 William Edgar Jenkins and lived in Bowling Green, Ky.; and their son, Thomas Henry Baird, Jr. (1878-1945) married in Logan County, Ky., Mae Herring (b. Jan. 30, 1878), a descendant of Lemuel Sugg, Jr. and Selah Horn.

Dr. Thomas Henry Baird III of Bowling Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herring Baird of Bowling Green, Kentucky, is a grandson of Thomas Henry Baird, Jr. and Mae Herring. Dr. Baird has been most generous in his contributions of Bible records, cemetery and courthouse records from both Robertson County, Tennessee, and Logan County, Kentucky, and family records, in an effort to help straighten out the family lines of the descendants of the brothers Noah and Lemuel Sugg.

We were told that Mr. J. A. Cartwright (d. 1959) who prepared "The Cartwright Papers" was a descendant of Anna (Sugg) Hart and also of her sister Martha (Sugg) Keeling (#8), but we do not have his family line by generations.

Noah Sugg and Ann Hart were administrators of Joseph Hart, deceased. Inventory filed January Term 1797. (Page 8, Vol. I, Robertson County, Tenn., Wills, Inventories, etc.)

Nancy (Ann/Anna) Sugg m/2 Joseph Robertson about 1800, and they had a daughter Martha Robertson (1801-1861) who married _____ Gunn.

7.—Sallie W. Sugg m. Oct. 5, 1795, Davidson County, Tenn., Thomas Gorham, son of Nathaniel Gorham and Sarah Cotton, and they had six children. The names of these children and of their children, and of the ones who intermarried with the Fort family, are given in the section devoted to Dr. William Fort of Missouri (1793-1881), third child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. (See GORHAM and LOWRY, Chart 3, Chapter IV. Also, Chart 2, Chapter IV.)

8.—Martha "Patsy" Sugg, b. ca 1776, m. Dec. 23, 1802, Davidson County, Tenn., Leonard Keeling. One descendant was NSDAR No. 180912, Mrs. Carrie Duncan Hart Anderson. Another descendant was Mr. J. A. Cartwright who prepared "The Cartwright Papers."

Another descendant is Mrs. John S. (Gertrude Grizzard) Fletcher of Nashville, Tennessee, who secured for us a copy of the Cartwright Papers, and who has spent hours at the Davidson County, Tennessee, Courthouse in Nashville and at the Tennessee State Library, trying to unravel the mysteries of the lawsuit concerning the estate of Aquilla Sugg of Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

Chart 6, Chapter II

LEMUEL SUGG, SR. (or I), son of Aquilla Sugg and Elizabeth Maund, died in 1780, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, leaving a will. He married Mary Davis (1749-1824) and they had six children:

1.—Noah Sugg, d. 1804 Edgecombe County, N.C. (See later)

2.—Lemuel Sugg 1767-1812), m. Selah Horn and had seven children. He died in Robertson County, Tennessee. (See later)

3.—Mary Sugg. (See later)

4.—Frances Sugg. (See later)

5.—Davis Sugg. (See later)

6.—Reading Sugg (1778-1841). (See later)

According to the Tyson-Sugg Records, the first son of Aquilla Sugg (b. 1706) to acquire land in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, was "Lemuel Sugg, Gentleman" in a deed from John Davis and Lucretia, his wife, that was dated January 12, 1764. Lemuel Sugg was surely 21 years or more at this time to be called "Gentleman," so we believe he was born not later than 1742 or 1743 instead of 1749 (the same year of the birth of Mary Davis) as given in some records. Also, note that his brother Noah Sugg was born about 1840.

The will of Lemuel Sugg, Sr. was dated May 8, 1780, and was probated January Court 1781. Abstracts are on page 317, Williams and Griffin Abstracts, and in the Tyson-Sugg Records as follows:

"Lemuel Sugg. Daughters: Mary and Frances Sugg. Son: Noah Sugg, south side of the road, plantation whereon I now dwell, etc., and tract bought of James Waller. Son: Lemuel Sugg, on north side of road, whereon I dwell and tract known as Hays place of 640 acres, etc. Son: Davis Sugg, tract bought of Simon Harrell. Son: Reading Sugg, tract whereon my father now lives, only reserving father's life estate in said tract as also that my bond be complyed with in regard to Easter Howels living thereon and to Reading tract purchased of William Sugg, 400 acres and two negroes, etc.

Executors: Wife (not named), Elias Fort and Noah Sugg.

Witnesses: Aquilla Sugg, William Long, Esther Howell."

These items are from "Abstracts of Court Minutes, Edgecombe County, N.C., 1744-46 — 1757-94" by Dorman, and were sent by Mrs. C. A. Griffin of Rocky Mount, North Carolina:

"P. 51, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1780. Lemuel Sugg's will proved by Esther Howell and Aquilla Sugg. Mary Sugg, widow of the deceased, was appointed guardian to their children: Noah, Lemuel, Mary, Frances, Davis, and Reding Sugg.

"P. 52. The Inventory of the personal estate of Lemuel Sugg, deceased, was exhibited Monday, Aug. 21, 1781.

"P. 65, Aug. 2, 1785. Mary Sugg returned accounts of the guardianship of Lemuel, Noah and Davis Sugg, orphans of Lemuel Sugg, deceased, for 1781 through 1784.

"P. 97, Sept. 1, 1792. Lemuel Sugg (Jr.) appointed guardian to Reading Sugg, orphan of Lemuel Sugg, deceased."

The six children of Lemuel Sugg, Sr. and Mary Davis were:

1.—Noah Sugg. Apparently this man did not marry. His will was dated March 31, 1804. It was probated May Court 1804 and is of record in W.B.

"D", p. 207, Edgecombe County, N.C. The abstracts in Tyson-Sugg Records and Williams and Griffin Abstracts are about the same, as follows:

"Nephew: William Pettaway, son of Micajah Pettaway, 20 S; niece: Polly Pettaway, daughter of Micajah Pettaway, 20 S; Micajah Pettaway, 5 S; brothers: Lemuel Sugg, 20 S, Reading Sugg, all remainder of estate which is not given away, reserving use of my negro woman Rose unto my loving mother so long as she does not give or bestow on Micajah Pettaway. Exr: Reading Sugg, James Southerland. Wit: Jeremiah Battle, Wm. A. White.

William Sugg, uncle of this Noah Sugg, son of Lemuel Sugg, Sr., in his December 24, 1787, will mentioned a "horse purchased of Noah Sugg, Junior." Noah Sugg (d. 1800 Robertson County, Tenn.) did not have a son named Noah, so we have here another example of a nephew in a closely knit family being called "Junior."

2.—Lemuel Sugg, Jr. (II), b. April 13, 1767, Edgecombe County, N.C., died May 4, 1812, Robertson County, Tennessee. He m. ca 1795/6 Selah Horn 1777-1836. (See later)

3.—Mary Sugg, d. before March 31, 1804, m. Micajah Pettaway (Pettway/Pettiway) and had two children:

A.—William Pettaway.

B.—Polly Pettaway.

Micajah Pettaway and the two children, William and Polly Pettaway, were named in the will of Noah Sugg (#1) that was dated March 31, 1804. We assume that Mary, the wife and mother, had died.

4.—Frances Sugg. We presume she died before her brother Noah wrote his will March 31, 1804.

Note that both Mary Sugg (#3) and Frances Sugg (#4) were named in the Court Minutes of Nov. 28, 1780, but not in the Aug. 2, 1785, minutes.

5.—Davis Sugg. This man apparently married and had three sons named for his three brothers. He evidently died sometime between 1787 and 1792 as the following item was listed between those dates on page #7 of the Tyson-Sugg records:

"Division of Davis Sugg, dec'd. Tract divided between claimants 1. Lemuel Sugg, 2. Noah Sugg, 3. Reading Sugg, minors. 32 acres to each. Commissioners of Division: Starling Waller, James Waller, Simon Harrell."

6.—Reading Sugg, b. 1778, died in 1841 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, leaving a will that was recorded in W.B. "F", p. 257. He married Margaret Southerland (1781-1850). They had three children:

1.—Joel S. Sugg.

2.—Frances Sugg m. _____ Williams, and had a son:

1.—Reading Williams (named in the will of his grandfather Reading Sugg).

(A granddaughter named Mary M. Routh was also named in the will of Reading Sugg.)

3.—Dr. Pheasanton S. Sugg (1805-1855) married Lucinda Pender (1808-1876) and had nine children:

1.—Margaret Sugg, b. 1829.

2.—Mary Sugg, b. 1831.
3.—Frances Sugg, b. 1833.
4.—Redding Sugg, b. 1835.
5.—Pheasanton Sugg, b. 1840.
6.—Josiah Sugg, b. 1842.
7.—Lucinda Sugg, b. 1844.
8.—Elizabeth Sugg, b. 1847.
9.—William Edgar Sugg, b. 1849, d. 1900, married Leona Stancil (1851-1936). Their son, William Caswell Sugg (1877-1933) married Frances Wimberly (1875-1923); and their son, Joe Speight Sugg, b. 1913, married Mavis Bulluck (b. 1915); and they have a daughter Ann Sugg (b. 1941) who is a "niece by marriage" of Mrs. C. A. (Margarette G.) Griffin, Rocky Mount, N.C.

We are indebted not only to Mrs. Griffin for her help on early generations of this family, but also to Mr. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, N.C., and his various "Old Reporter's Columns." The column about Reading Sugg was dated May 18, 1957.

LEMUEL SUGG, JR. (or II), son of Lemuel Sugg, Sr. and Mary Davis, was b. April 13, 1767, Edgecombe County, N.C., and d. May 4, 1812, Robertson County, Tenn. (Battle Book). He m. ca 1795/* Selah Horn, daughter of Henry Horn II and Mrs. Sarah (Battle) Hilliard, who was b. Feb. 4, 1777 (tombstone) or Feb. 21, 1779 (Josiah Fort Bible). Her half-sister Elizabeth Hilliard m. William Fort, and her full-sister Piety Horn m. his brother Josiah Fort. They were sons of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, and first cousins of Lemuel Sugg, Jr.

After the death of Lemuel Sugg, Jr., and of Piety (Horn) Fort, Selah (Horn) Sugg m/2 her brother-in-law Josiah Fort, and when she died March 1, 1836, she was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery near Adams, Tenn.

Pages 3-58 are missing from Vol. II, 1812-1818, Robertson County, Tenn., Wills, Inventories, Bonds, etc.; however, on page 25 of WPA records of the Tennessee State Library is copy of Inventory of the estate of Samuel Sugg and on page 26 is an account of sale estate of Samuel Sugg as returned into Court August Term 1814 by John B. Blackwell, Administrator. This was surely the estate of Lemuel Sugg. Some of the purchasers were the "Widow Sugg," Josiah Fort, Henry Fort and Whitmil Fort.

Lemuel Sugg II and Selah Horn had seven children:

1.—Mary B. "Polly" Sugg, b. Feb. 8, 1797, Robertson County, Tenn., m/1 ca 1817 Jesse B. Herring (b. June 15, 1785) whose will dated July 1, 1837, was probated 1839/40, Robertson County, Tenn.

Jesse Herring was one of the witnesses to the 1817 will of Elias Fort.

Mary B. "Polly" Sugg m/2 May 13, 1845, Logan County, Ky., Thomas Watts.

The four children of Mary B. "Polly" Sugg and Jesse B. Herring were (1) Lemuel Sugg Herring (b. June 1, 1819, d. Dec. 28, 1893, Logan County, Ky.); (2) Elizabeth Herring; (3) Matilda M. Herring (1825-1847) m. Arthur L. Burks; and (4) Sarah Frances Herring (1832-1896).

Lemeul Sugg Herring (1819-1893) m/1 Jan. 10, 1839, Logan County, Ky., Martha S. Grubbs (d. 1840), daughter of Catherine Branch Fort and Capt. John Grubbs. Their only child died an infant. (Chart 5, Chapter IV.) He m/2 March 23, 1841, Logan County, Ky., Sarah Elizabeth Gill (b. Aug. 30, 1822, Stafford County, Va.), daughter of Presley and Sarah Gill who came to Kentucky in 1826. They had seven children, the oldest of whom was:

James David Herring (1842-1927) m. Sept. 16, 1871, Amanda M. Wilcox (1839-1920); one of their daughters, Mae Herring, m. Thomas Henry Baird, Jr. (1878-1945), a descendant of Noah Fort through his daughter Nancy and her 1st husband, Joseph Hart. (See Noah Sugg family for more information.)

The youngest child of Lemuel Sugg Herring and Sarah Elizabeth Gill was Fannie Herring (1859-1939) who m. Dec. 20, 1883, James Vernon Orndorff (1857-1941), a grandson of Catherine Branch Fort and Capt. John Grubbs. (See Chart 5, Chapter IV.)

2.—Cullen Edward Sugg, b. March 25, 1799, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Sept. 11, 1849, Lincoln County, Tenn., and was buried in the Sugg Cemetery at Cyruston. He m. in 1822, Springfield, Tenn., Sidney Conrad, and they had eight children. In the summer of 1826 with their two oldest children, they moved to Lincoln County, Tenn.

William Conrad Sugg (b. Aug. 19, 1828, Lincoln County, Tenn., d. Jan. 23, 1901), their third child, married Mary Susan Wood; their daughter Ida Wood "Woodie" Sugg m. William R. Thompson, Sr.; and their son, William R. Thompson, Jr., has contributed records on this family, as well as other branches of the Sugg family.

3.—Elizabeth Sugg, b. Sept. 20, 1801, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Sept. 25, 1871, Lincoln County, Tenn. She went with her brother Cullen Edward Sugg and family to Lincoln County in 1826, where she m/1 in 1839 William H. Moores. She m/2 in 1847 William Wilson.

4.—Dr. Henry Horn Sugg, b. May 4, 1804, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Feb. 14, 1853, leaving a will. He was buried in the family cemetery that bears his name near Sugg's Mill (formerly Gorham's Mill) on a farm about four miles south of Keysburg, Ky. Dr. Sugg m. May 2, 1832, Mary Ann Grimes (b. May 12, 1812, d. June 6, 1884), daughter of Catherine Grimes (b. 1781 Bertie Co., N.C., d. Oct. 1, 1851, migrated to Tenn. 1828) whose tombstone is found in the same cemetery.

Dr. Henry Horn Sugg and Mary Ann Grimes had eight children, two of whom married into the Fort family. One was Virginia C. Sugg (b. ca 1840) m. Dec. 1, 1857, Robertson County, Tenn., SUGG FORT, Sr., b. 1836), the third son of Eppa Lawson Fort and his 1st wife, Virginia Metcalfe. The 1880 Census of Robertson County listed Sugg Fort, 43 years old, a farmer; his wife, Virginia C. Sugg, 40 years old, born in Kentucky; and an eight year old son, Sugg Fort, Jr., b. ca 1872 Robertson County, Tenn. Their first child was probably "Little Frank F. Fort, b. 9-30-1858, d. July 4, 1865" whose monument was found in the Sugg cemetery. (See Chart 1, Chapter XI.)

The other child of Dr. Henry Horn Sugg who married into the Fort family was James B. Sugg, Capt. C.S.A., who m/1 April 23, 1857, Eugenia Wim-

berly (1838-1858), daughter of Joseph Wimberly II and Sarah Battle Fort (daughter of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn). Their little daughter Sallie W. Sugg (1858-1859) was buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery, as was her mother Eugenia Wimberly.

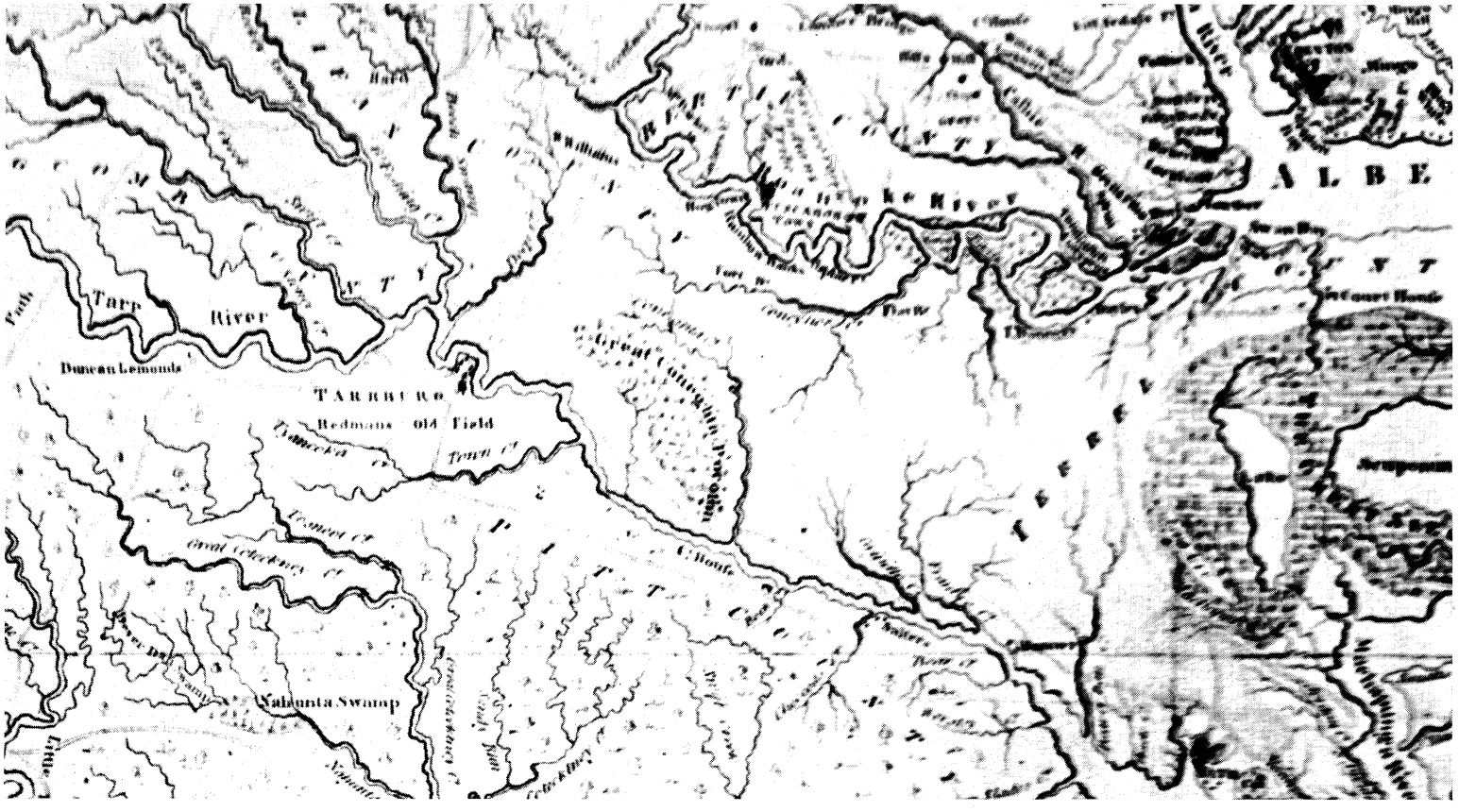
James B. Sugg m/2 Callie Douglas of Sumner County, Tenn., and they had children, descendants of whom still live in Robertson County. (See Chart 6, Chapter IV.)

5.—Frances "Franky" Sugg, b. ca 1806/7, m. after Oct. 17, 1824, (Minutes, Red River Baptist Church—"Met at the water . . . received Frances Sugg . . .") William Dillard.

6.—William Davis Sugg, b. March 9, 1810, d. Sept. 21, 1827. (Josiah Fort Bible)

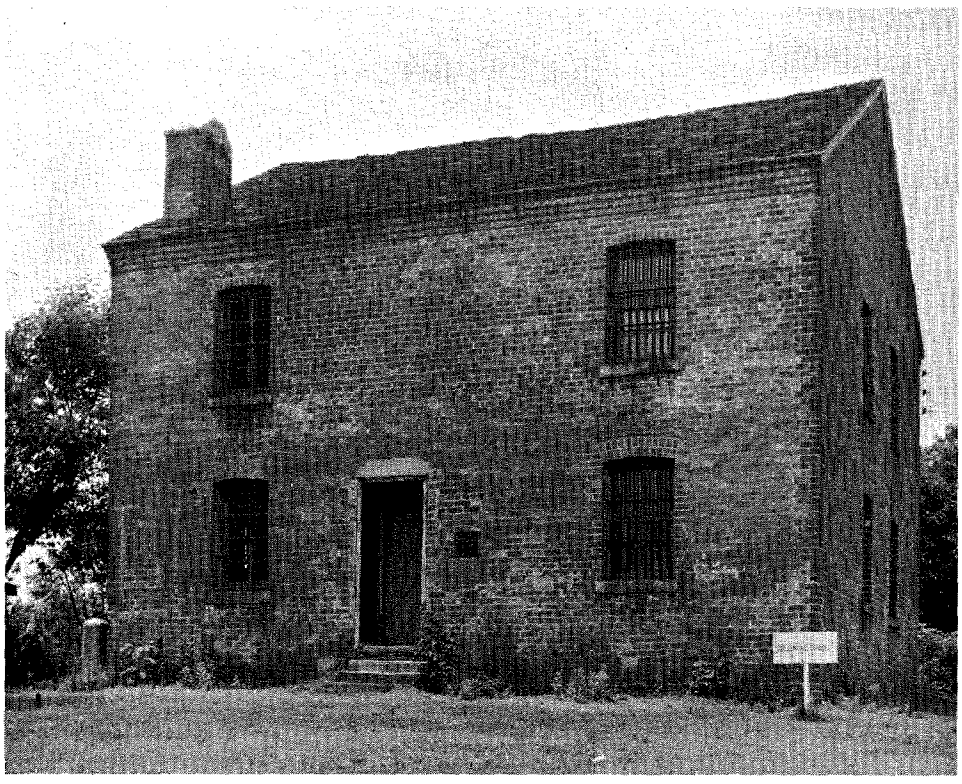
7.—Piety Fort Sugg, b. Jan. 4, 1813 (about 8 months after the death of her father), d. August 1814. (Josiah Fort Bible)

Selah (Horn) Sugg and her 2nd husband, Josiah Fort, had a son who soon died—Garner McConnico Fort, b. Jan. 20, 1821, d. Feb. 25, 1821.

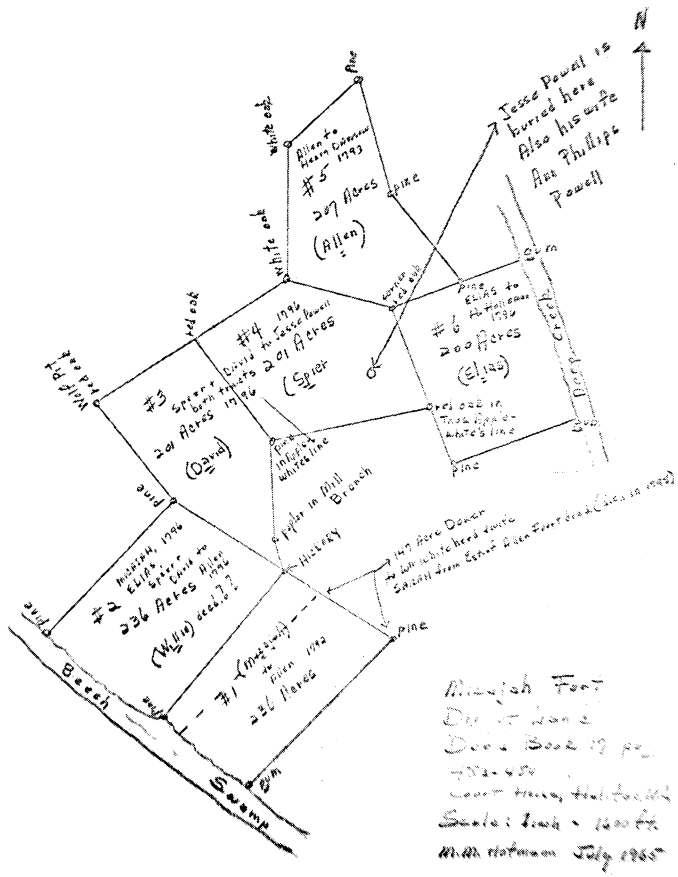


This colonial map, made about 1760-1770, covers the North Carolina area lived in and familiar to many in the Fort family during nearly all the Eighteenth Century. Tarboro and the Tar River are slightly above center. Other place names frequently seen in family records include the "Nuse" (Neuse) River, Halifax County and Fishing Creek (top left), Great Contentney Creek (bottom), and Bertie County (upper right). The land, then and now, was largely given over to tobacco.

Now largely deserted, the main street of old Halifax, North Carolina, once carried the commerce, gossip, and occasional quarrels of the nearby planters. Still bordered by 18th Century buildings, the street undoubtedly was familiar to the numerous Forts living in Halifax and Edgecombe counties.

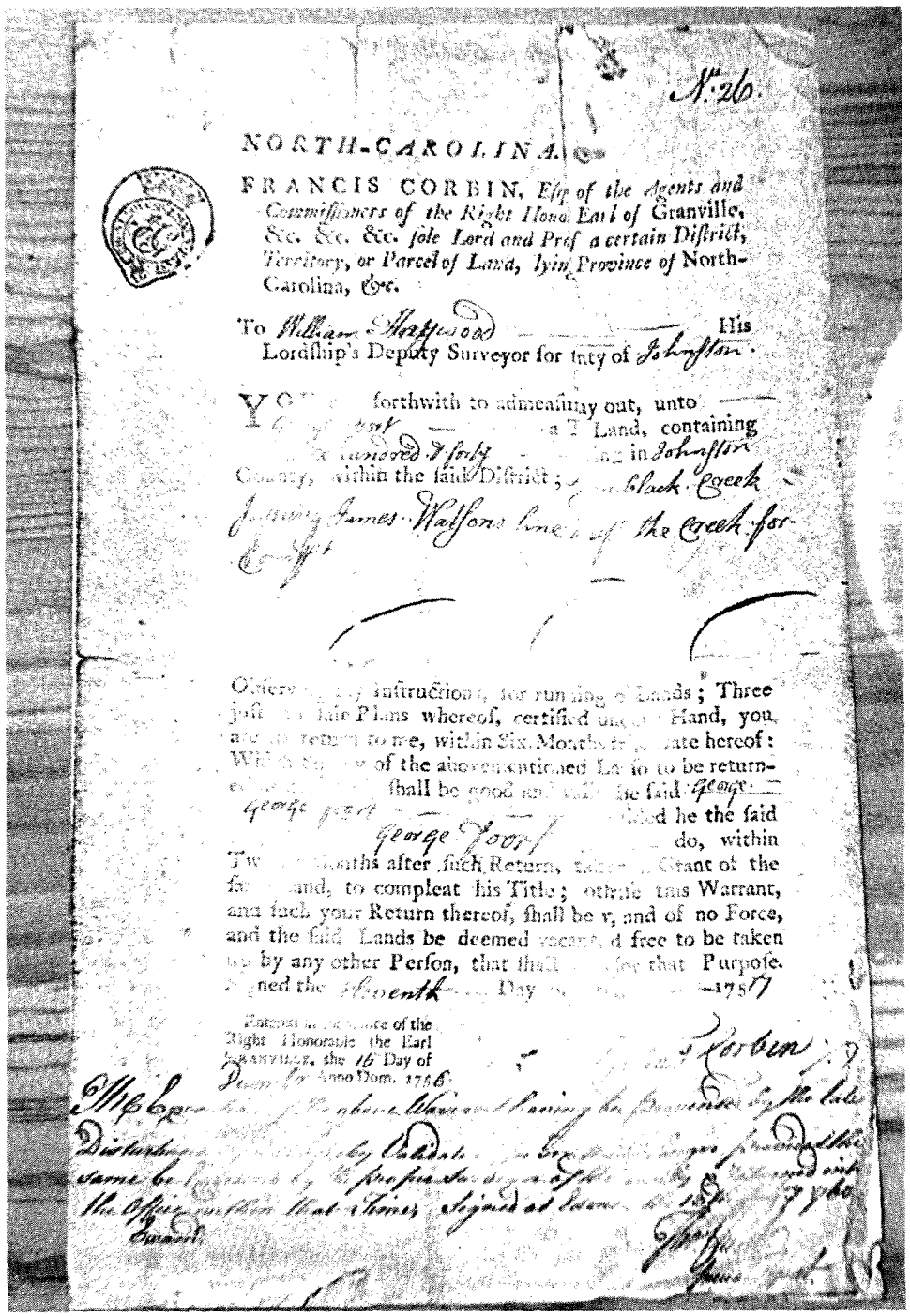


Sherwood Fort, a Revolutionary soldier, later described how he guarded hapless prisoners, caught at Burgoyne's defeat in New York, in this Halifax, North Carolina, jail.



Map shows how the lands of Revolutionary veteran Micajah Fort, son of Elias, were divided among Micajah's six sons in 1792. Part of the more than 1,200 acres bordered on present-day Beech Swamp. Arrow points to the graves of Jesse Powell and his wife Ann, who bought tracts 3 and 4 from David and 'Spier' (Spear) Fort in 1796. The village of Dawson's Corners is near the Powells' graves. Location is in Halifax County, North Carolina.

Ancestral Fort lands included this portion of the farm of Micajah Fort, son of Elias, located in central Halifax County, North Carolina. In the 1792 division of Micajah's lands his son Spear Fort acquired this portion. It was later sold to Jesse Powell who may have built the house and who lies buried under the large tree.



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NORTH-CAROLINA.

FRANCIS CORBIN, *Esq of the Agents and Commissioners of the Right Hono. Earl of* Granville, &c. &c. &c. *sole Lord and Prof a certain District, Territory, or Parcel of Land, lying Province of* North-Carolina, &c.

To William Haywood His Lordship's Deputy Surveyor for inty of Johnston.

You forthwith to admeasure out, unto a Tract of Land, containing Six hundred & forty in Johnston County, within the said District; on Black Creek James Watsons line up the Creek for-

Observe the Instructions for running of Lands; Three just and fair Plans whereof, certified under your Hand, you are to return to me, within Six Months from the Date hereof: Which Survey of the aforementioned Land so to be returned shall be good and valid in the said George Foort

George Foort do, within Two Months after such Return, take out Grant of the said Land, to compleat his Title; otherwise this Warrant, and such your Return thereof, shall be void, and of no Force, and the said Lands be deemed vacant and free to be taken up by any other Person, that shall apply for that Purpose. Signed the Eleventh Day 1757

Entered in the Office of the Right Honorable the Earl GRANVILLE, the 16 Day of Anno Dom. 1756

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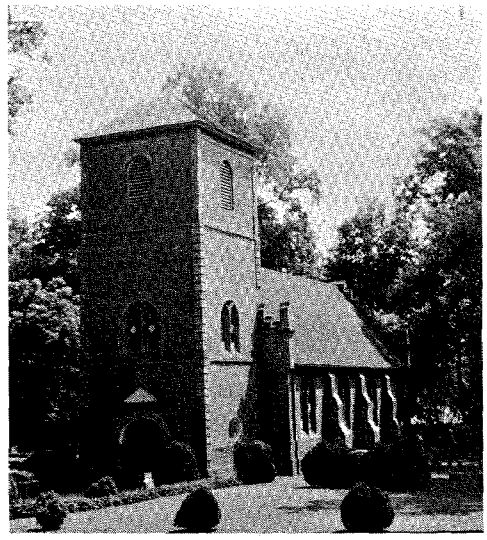
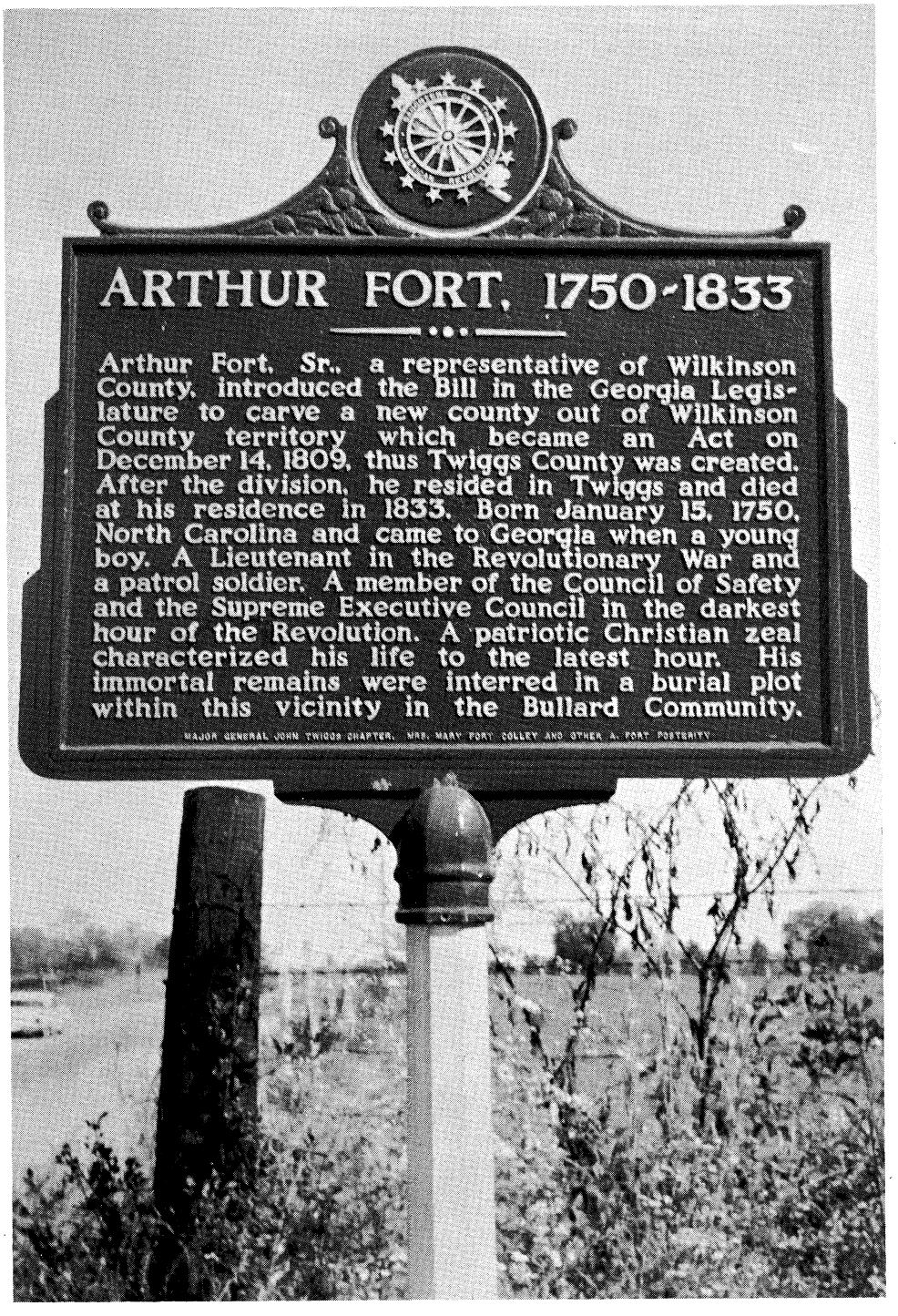
George Fort, who died 1761 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, is believed to be the 'George Foort' who received a Granville Grant for 640 acres in this 1757 document. Located in Johnston County, the land may be the same as the Black Creek land willed to George's daughter Orphar. The grant is signed by Francis Corbin, one of the unpopular agents of the absentee proprietor Lord Granville.



St. Luke's Church, erected about 1632 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, is the oldest English-built church in America. Both religious services and civil conferences and courts were held here. It was undoubtedly the home parish of the first two generations of Forts though the Lawnes Creek churches nearby also served many of the Virginia group's earliest members.

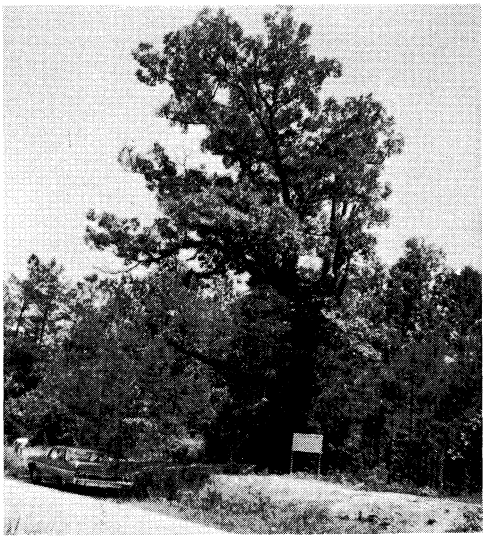
"Fortsville," built by Lewis Fort and later owned by his son-in-law, John Young Mason, stands squarely on the border between Southampton and Sussex counties, Virginia. Researchers for Colonial Williamsburg have attempted to trace the architectural ancestry of the unusual pediment. Abandoned, the house was in decay and in danger of eventual destruction in 1967 when one of the authors visited it.

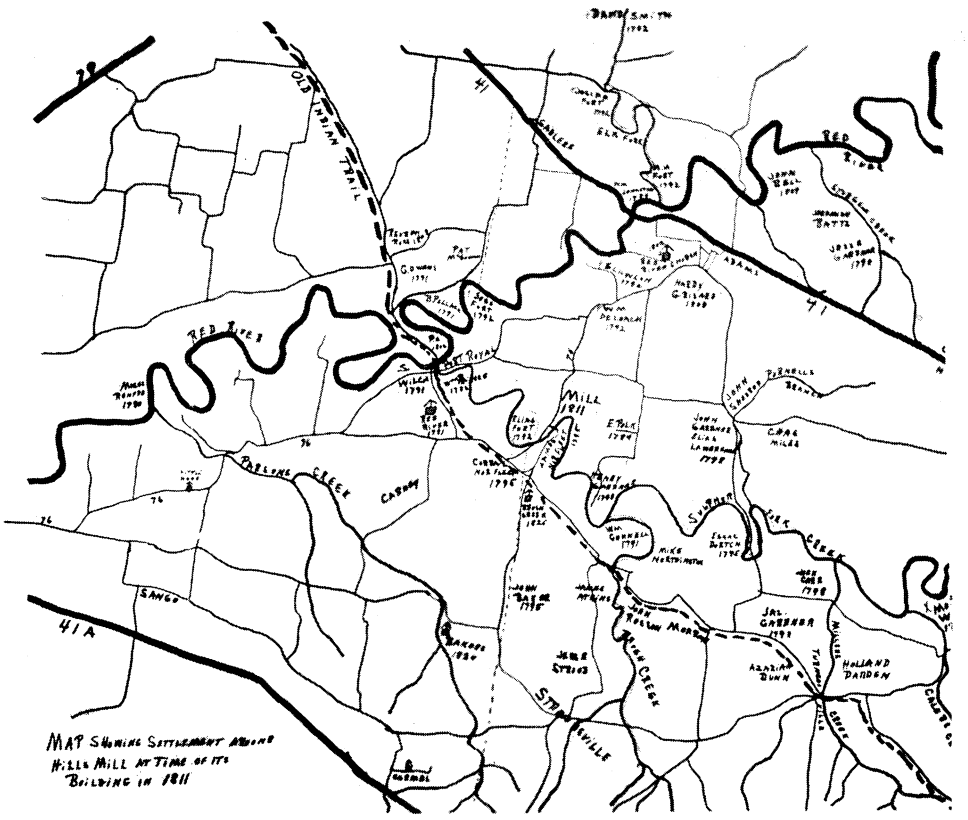
This home at Darlington, S.C., was built in the early 1800's by Albert Fort, a Revolutionary War veteran. Modifications seemingly were made at a later date. Albert's grave is believed to be nearby, but the burial site has been lost.



Marker in Twiggs County, Georgia, pays tribute to Arthur Fort, son of the first Arthur Fort, who rendered distinguished service to the Revolution's cause in Georgia. Not mentioned is the war service rendered by Arthur in South Carolina prior to his move to Georgia.

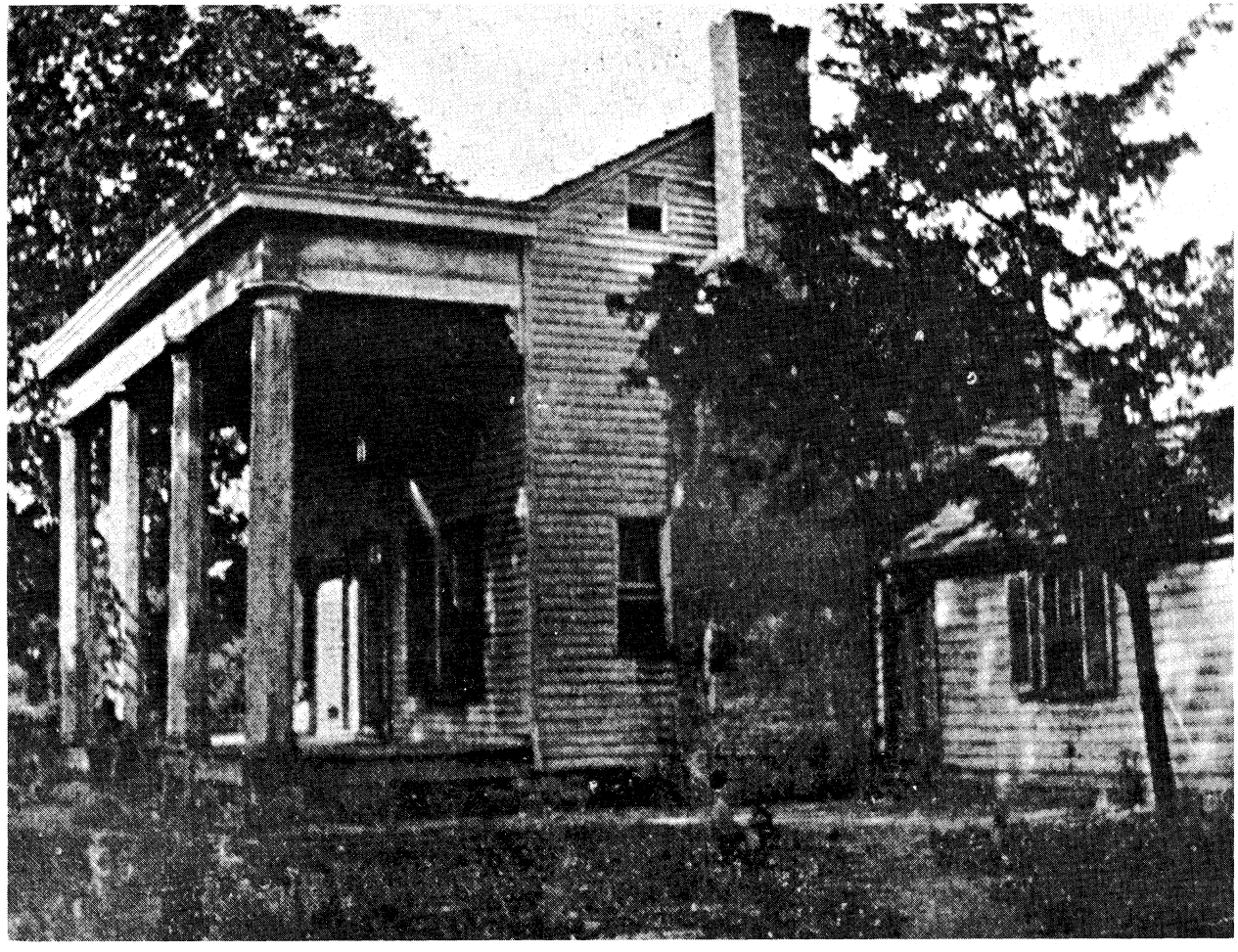
Major David Smith, son-in-law of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, conferred under this oak with General Andrew Jackson as to battle plans in the latter's 1814 campaign against the Creek Indians in Alabama. Strategy in the forthcoming Battle of Horseshoe Bend came out of the conference.



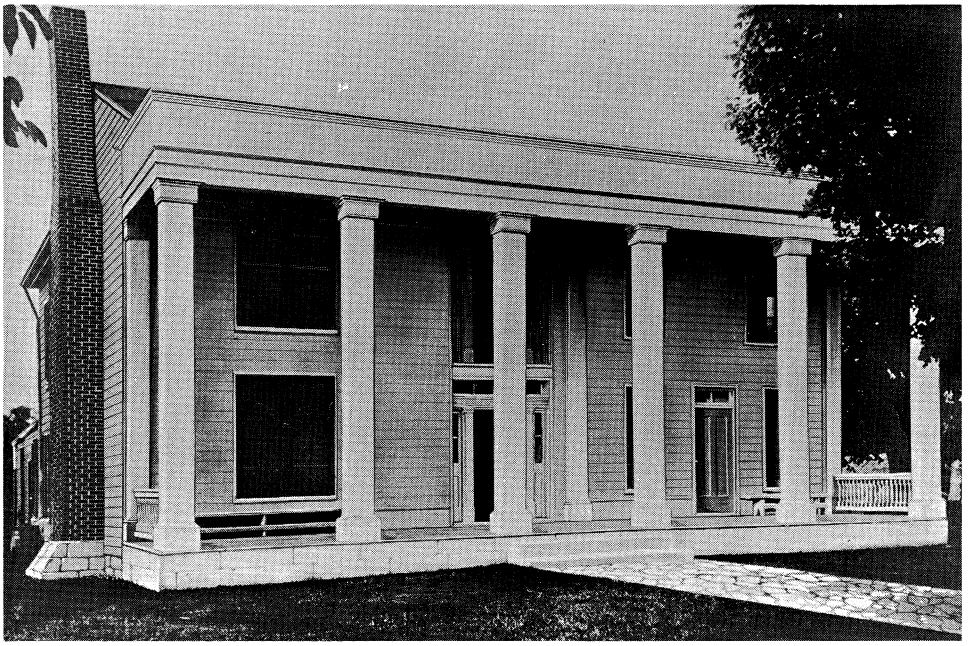


Early land holdings in Robertson County, Tennessee, about 1811, include Elias Fort (slightly right of center on Sulphur Fork Creek), Sugg Fort (on Red River, center), Joseph Fort and David Smith (top right), William Fort's 1792 land (on Red River, upper right). Brush Creek, which runs south from Sulphur Fork Creek, was the site of the home of Elias (B. C.) Fort, son of Micajah, who was a distant cousin of those who lived in the northern part of the country. Map by Ralph Winters.

Equestrian statue to Colonel B. E. Terry, organizer of the Confederate unit known as "Terry's Texas Rangers," stands near the entrance to Texas' State Capitol. Colonel Terry was killed in the war, but his unit survived in the form of the reorganized "Texas Rangers"—the famed frontier police force.

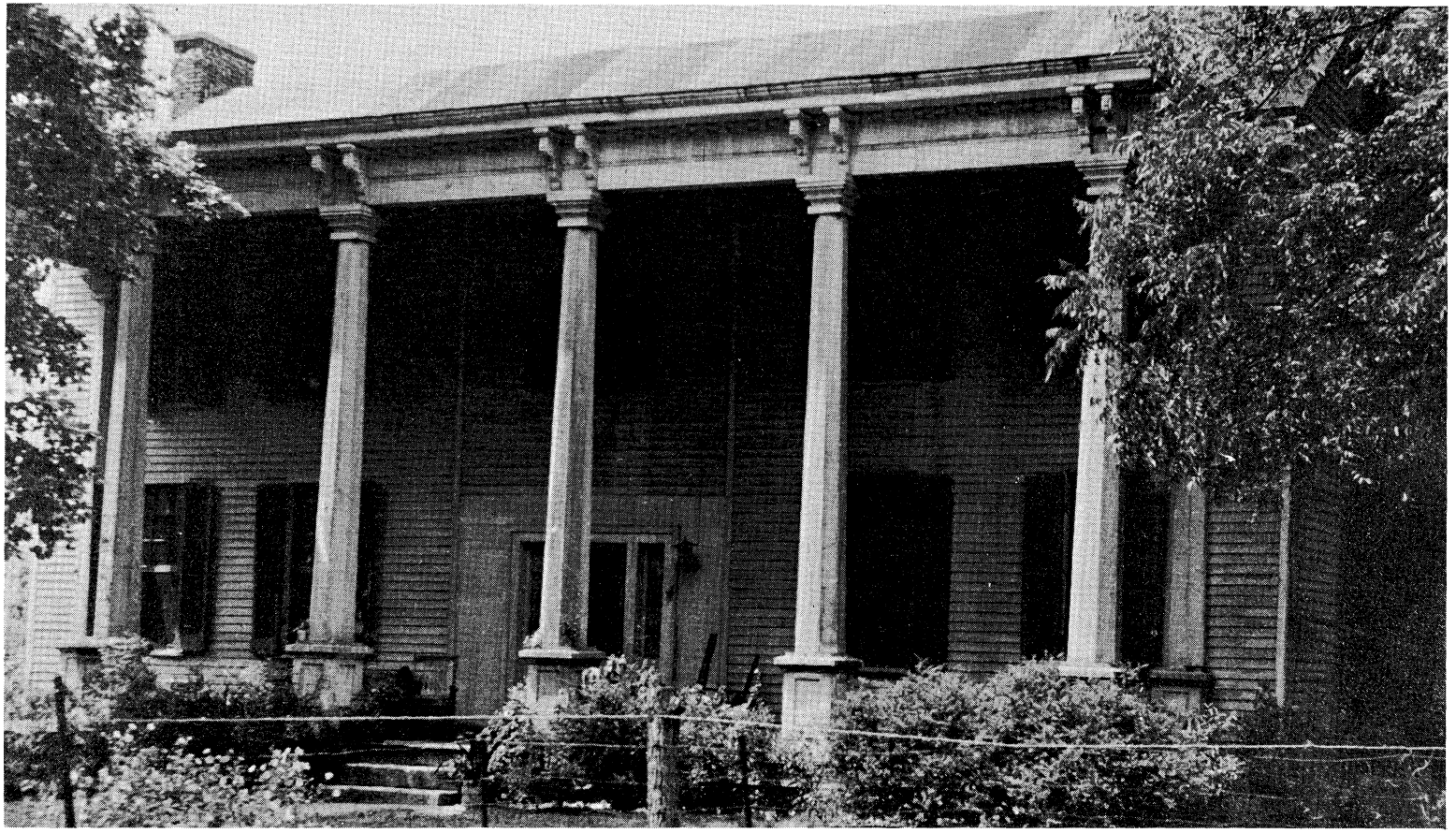


Eppa Lawson Fort built "Riverside" in Robertson County, Tennessee, prior to 1854 and probably in the 1830's or 1840's. The house no longer stands.



Edmund Augustus Fort built "Happy Cliff" on Red River in Robertson County, Tennessee, in 1847 or not long thereafter. Still standing and handsomely set off by great trees, the house's details show clearly in retouched, old photograph.

Built about 1852-53 by Elias Joseph Fort, "White Hall" stood on land bought by the builder's father, Josiah Fort, when he first came to Tennessee from Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in the early 1790's. In recent years the house was razed and replaced by a smaller home.



"Meridian Hill," still standing in Robertson County, Tennessee, was almost surely the birthplace of Joel, Charles, Sterling, and Dancy Fort. Time of its construction is not known.

Obedience Fort Smith, a widow, built the house now known as "San Felipe Cottage" about 1837 in Houston. Preserved by the Heritage Society of Houston, the house stands in Sam Houston Historical Park following its move from the original site on the San Felipe Stage Route. Obedience Smith once owned much of the land now covered by major buildings in this Texas city.

The William Aldridge Fort home in Waco, Texas, now known as the "Fort House Museum," is under the preservation and care of the Historic Waco Foundation. Designated as an historic site by the state, the house was built about 1859.

H. Fort Flowers of Houston and Findlay, Ohio, built "Trail View" in Houston. He restored family cemeteries in Robertson County, Tennessee and has interested himself in many other aspects of the family's past.

Col. Joel B. Fort may have roughed out the original of this traditional "family tree" showing the first few generations from Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg. Rufus E. Fort, Jr. of Nashville later had it re-done by a Nashville artist.

CHAPTER III

Descendants of William Fort, Son of Elias

WILLIAM FORT, son and 1st child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born June 23, 1759, Edgecombe County, N. C., and died Jan. 8, 1802, Robertson County, Tenn., where he was buried in the cemetery that bears his name on his own farm near Adams, Tennessee. His will, dated Nov. 18, 1801, was probated January Term, 1802, and recorded in W.B. 1, pp. 78-79, Robertson County Clerk's Office.

William Fort m. March 6, 1782, Edgecombe County, N. C., Elizabeth Hilliard, daughter of Jacob Hilliard and wife, Sarah Battle. She was b. Sept. 6, 1763, Edgecombe County, N. C., and d. Oct. 4, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., with burial beside her husband in the family cemetery. They were the parents of eight children. They were:

1.—Jacob Hilliard Fort, b. Jan. 13, 1783, d. Sept. 13, 1785.

2.—Jeremiah Hilliard Fort, b. Aug. 28, 1784. (See later)

3.—Sarah Coleman Fort, b. Sept. 6, 1786. (See later)

4.—James Fort, b. Oct. 18, 1788. (See later)

5.—William Anthony Fort, b. Dec. 21, 1790. (See later)

6.—Jacob Hilliard Fort, b. Nov. 29, 1792. (See later)

7.—Dr. Josiah W. Fort, b. June 25, 1795. (See later)

8.—Mary "Polly" Smith Fort, b. Oct. 24, 1797. (See later)

Miss Lizzie A. Fort (1855-1951) prepared a paper for the 1926 Fort Reunion in which she gave the following information:

"William Fort and Joshua Killebrew were members of the 1st General Assembly of North Carolina held at Fayetteville, N. C. They represented Edgecombe County. For his services in said General Assembly, William Fort received for 23 days, 220 miles and 4 ferriages the sum of 30 lbs. 10 s. and 8 p. Records N. C. Book 21, p. 189, and pages 1 et seq. Time of meeting—December, 1788.

"William Fort and Elisha Battle represented Edgecombe County, N. C., in the First Constitutional Convention of North Carolina which met at Hillsborough July 5, 1788. Record Book 22, pages 2-3.

"William Fort and Jeremiah Hilliard (his wife's brother) represented Edgecombe County in the Second Constitutional Convention of North Carolina held at Fayetteville in November, 1789. Book 22, pages 37-38.

"William Fort was a member of the 1st Constitutional Convention of the State of Tennessee which met at Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1796. He had traveled from Knoxville with Andrew Jackson, and when the Convention met tradition said he voted for Jackson for president of that Convention Tradition in the family stated that the Constitution was written by William Fort. When that instrument was placed in a box for safe keeping by John Trotwood Moore, the State Librarian, in 1920, Joel B. Fort took some of the writing which is of record in Robertson County, Tennessee, and known to be in the handwriting of William Fort, and he with Mr. Moore compared the writing with the writing on the parchment containing the 1st Constitution of

Tennessee, and there was no doubt but said writing on that Constitution was done by the hand of William Fort.

"William Fort was the first Judge of the County Court of Robertson County and his will was the first will recorded in the Will Books of said County."

WILL

In the Name of God Amen.

I, William Fort, of Robertson County and State of Tennessee, being weak in body yet of a sound understanding and memory, do constitute this my last Will and Testament, and desire it may be received by all as such. First, I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be interred in a Masonic order.

Item, I leave unto my loving wife Elizabeth Fort one-fifth part of the plantation whereon I now live with one-fifth of the advantages of the Grist Mill and saw mill, in lieu of her Right of Dower in my other lands during her Natural Life; I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Fort, one negro man named David, one negro girl named Rose, two beds and furniture, her riding mare named Salor and her bridle and saddle, also one horse named Dark, one-eight part of my plantation utensils, three cows and calves, and my wearing apparel, one large seal skin trunk, also one-eighth part of my stock (cattle and horses excepted). Also the money which she has in her possession, which was received from the estate of her father and mother, deceased.

Item, I lend the use of my negro woman called Rachel to my loving wife Elizabeth Fort during her widowhood, increase excepted. My will and desire is that all the residue of my estate, both real and personal, be continued in the hands os possession of my Executors hereinafter mentioned under the following restrictions, that the Residue of my Estate above mentioned be kept as a joint stock with all the profits therefrom (necessary expenditure of my Executors excepted) until my oldest child comes of age, then to be equally divided according to quantity and quality, so that he or they shall receive a proportionable part of my then Estate, and so in proportion with all my children hereinafter named, until my youngest child arriving to lawful age, or at the time he or they should have had or arrived to lawful age, if they should die sooner, the Residue of my Estate as above described, if any remains, to be equally divided among all children, to-wit: Jeremiah H., Sarah, James, William A., Jacob, Josiah, and Mary Fort, the above premises, with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging, I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid children, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I constitute and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends hereinafter named my true and lawful executors to execute this my last Will and Testament, revoking, cancelling and making void all other will or wills by me made, or caused to be made, to-wit: Jeremiah Hilliard of North Carolina, Andrew Jackson of Tennessee, Josiah Fort, Joseph Wimberly, Elias Fort, and all my Sons as above named.

In witness whereof, I set my hand and fix my seal, this the 18th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and One.

Signed: WILLIAM FORT (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
in presence of us, test:
Sam'l Steele,
David Smith
Thos. Morton.

This will was proven in open court at January Term, 1802 by the oath of David Smith and ordered to be recorded. (Will Book No. 1, page 78.)

Test: Thos. Johnson, Clerk.

Mary Smith Fort was only four years old when her father died, so there are many items in the records of Robertson County, Tenn., pertaining to the estate of William Fort. Various reports were signed by different ones as Executor including Josiah Fort, Elias Fort, William A. Fort, and probably others. (Ref: Vol. I, 1796-1812, Vol. II, 1812-1818 (with pages 3-58 missing from original record), and Vol. III, 1819-1821, Robertson County, Tenn., WILLS, INVENTORIES, BONDS, ETC.—WPA copied records at Tennessee State Library, Nashville, Tennessee.)

Elizabeth (Hilliard) Fort, widow of William Fort, died Oct. 4, 1819, and was buried beside her husband in the family cemetery. Dr. Josiah W. Fort, administrator of her estate, filed two reports at the February Term of Court in 1820, which reports take up four single-space typed pages (50-53) of Vol. III, 1819-1821 WPA copied Wills, Inventories, Bonds, etc. Then on pages 180-181 of the same record is found the following:

"(p. 316) An Account Current with ELIZABETH FORT, Decd.

We the commissioners find in the hands of Josiah W. Fort, Adms. of Elizabeth Fort, Decd., nine thousand six hundred and twenty six Dollars 22/100 $9626.22

In cash notes reserved in the hands of J. W. Fort to pay some debts, buy Tombstones and wall graveyard by consent of parties	200.00
	$9426.22
Property received from Elizabeth Fort before her death by the different heirs as given in to us.	
Orren D. Battle had received	$2393.00
J.W.N.A. Smith had received	2496.00
Jacob H. Fort had received	2000.00
Josiah W. Fort had received	2000.00
James Fort, agreeable to rect. given to Elizabeth Fort to be settled at her death	2000.00
Orren D. Battle, Guardian to Jethro B. Fort, had received nothing.	

The above is a correct statement agreeable to settlment on the 24th day of May, 1821.

Lewis B. Fort
J. E. Bell

Robertson County Court, May Term, 1821.

This account current with Josiah W. Fort, Adms. of the Estate of Elizabeth Fort, Decd., was returned into Court, examined, allowed and ordered to be recorded.

Test: WM. SEAL, C. R. C.

Jeremiah Hilliard Fort died in 1806, leaving one son—Jethro Battle Fort. William Anthony Fort died in 1817. James Fort died in 1819, the same year their mother Elizabeth (Hilliard) Fort died. In the early 1820s, Dr. Josiah W. Fort and his two sisters Sarah Battle and Mary Smith, and their families, apparently were making their plans to move away. According to the 1820 Census, Jacob Hilliard Fort had a grist mill, saw mill and distillery. We think he stayed in Robertson County, but have very little information about his descendants.

There are many Fort references in the Robertson County Deed Books. These few items are representative:—

1.—D.B. "J", pp. 277-278, Spt. 19, 1811, deed from Josiah Fort to Orren D. Battle; $1.00 consideration; parcel of land on south side of Red River beginning at a black oak and hickory in the South boundary of William Fort tract of 320 acres granted to James McFaden, where said line intersects with Caty Williams line, ...

2.—D.B. "N", pp. 30-31. Deed dated Feb. 8, 1814, recorded July 26, 1817; $1.00 consideration; from Orren D. Battle and wife to Jacob Fort; 100 acres of land . . . "it being a part of a tract of 700 acres granted by the State of Tennessee unto the heirs of William Fort, deceased, and drawn by Sarah Battle, formerly Sarah Fort, as her part of said tract . . . ."

3.—D.B. "N", pp. 32-34. Deed dated May 14, 1814, recorded July 26, 1817; $1.00 consideration; from Orren D. Battle and wife, Sarah Battle, to James and William Anthony Fort . . . 89½ acres . . . drawn by Sarah Fort . . . part of the William Fort land . . . lying on both sides of Elk Fork . . . .

4.—D.B. "R", pp. 191-192 Deed dated Nov. 10, 1823, recorded Nov. 21, 1823; $400.00 consideration; from Josiah W. Fort and Orren D. Battle and wife, Sarah Battle, to Jacob H. Fort . . . releasing all claim to their share of the dower of Elizabeth Fort's land. . . A full description of this land is given, but not the acreage,—"it being that portion of the tract of land belonging to William Fort in his life time that was alloted and laid off as the Dower of Elizabeth Fort, Decd., as the widow of the said William Fort, Decd."

5.—D.B. "R", pp. 193-194. Deed dated Nov. 10, 1823, recorded Nov. 22, 1823, from Josiah W. Fort, Admr. of Elizabeth Fort, decd., to Jacob H. Fort— ". . . that whereas the said Elizabeth Fort, deceased, (in) her lifetime executed her bond to the said Jacob H. Fort, obligating and binding herself to convey to the said Jacob H. Fort a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Robertson, and lying on both sides of the Elk Fort of Red River . . . (description), containing 434 acres, more or less. . . which said bond having been duly proven and registered as required by the Act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, and the same having been presented to me for title, now I, the said Josiah W. Fort, Administrator as aforesaid . . . of the said Elizabeth Fort, deceased, and in consideration of the premises and the money paid by the said Jacob H. Fort to the said Elizabeth, and by virtue

of the authority vested in me as Administrator . . . I do by these presents bargain and sell . . . to the said Jacob H. Fort the above described parcel of land accordingly . . ."

Apparently the last two deeds, and possibly others, were to clear the title to the "Homeplace" of William Fort which was sold to Ilai Metcalfe by Jacob H. Fort by deed dated April 15, 1820, recorded Sept. 8, 1823, D.B. "R", pp. 123-124, Robertson County, Tennessee, Clerk's Office. This deed conveyed 524-¾ acres of land to Ilai Metcalfe for $4,192.00, with the following reservation:

". . . except one-half acre of land including the graveyard where the said Fort's father was buried, beginning at a stone thirty feet south of the heads of the graves, to be run east ten poles, thence north eighty poles, thence west ten poles, thence south to the beginning, to the only use forever . . . (family cemetery)."

Chart 1, Chapter III

JEREMIAH HILLIARD FORT, son and 2nd child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. Aug. 28, 1784, Edgecombe County, N.C., and d. Feb. 23, 1806, Robertson County, Tenn., where he was buried in the William Fort Cemetery. He m. c1804 Temperance "Tempy" Battle (b. Edgecombe County, N.C., where she d. Sept. 9, 1814), daughter of Jethro Battle (1756-1813) and Martha (Patty) Lane (d. 1793).

Four of the six children of Jethro Battle, an Edgecombe County planter who lived on the north bank of Tar River, and Martha (Patty) Lane of Halifax County, N.C., married FORTS and came to Tennessee:

1.—Elizabeth Battle, b. Oct. 6, 1776, m. Jacob Geraldus Fort, son of Jacob Fort and Mary Barnes. (See Section III)

2.—Ann Battle, b. April 19, 1781, m. Lewis Fort, brother of Jacob Geraldus Fort. (See Section III)

3.—Orren Datus Battle, b. Feb. 22, 1787, m. Sarah Coleman Fort, daughter of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard.

4.—Temperance Battle, m/1 Jeremiah Hilliard Fort, son of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, and brother of Sarah Coleman Fort.

After the death of Jeremiah Hilliard Fort in 1806, "Tempy" (Battle) Fort returned to North Carolina with her young son Jethro Battle Fort. There she m/2 on Jan. 1, 1812 (as his first wife) James Smith Battle (1786-1854) by whom she had another son—James Marmaduke Battle (b. Nov. 9, 1812, Edgecombe County, N.C., d. Aug. 2, 1850, in Mississippi) who never married.

Jeremiah Hilliard Fort and Temperance "Tempy" Battle were the parents of one child, a son:

1.—Jethro Battle Fort, b. March, 1805, Robertson County, Tenn., d. March 21, 1860, Bowie County, Texas, m. Aug. 2, 1824, Sarah Hill of Wake County, N.C., (b. June 2, 1805 N.C., d. March 13, 1885, Texarkana, Texas.) In 1849 they moved from Carroll County, Miss., to Myrtle Springs, Texas. They had at least three children:

A.—Temperance M. Fort, b. June, 1825, in Tenn., d. Sept. 2, 1865, Texas, m. Dec. 1851, Edmund S. Runnels, brother of Gov. Richard H. Runnels of Texas. They had one child:

a.—Mary Zella Runnels, b. Nov. 14, 1855, Myrtle Springs, Texas, m. May 27, 1874, Boston, Texas, Dr. William W. Sanders (d. Oct. 3, 1919) of Columbia, Tenn., and had two children:

(1)—Mary T. Sanders, b. Jan. 28, 1875, m. Mr. Ingram, and had one child:

(a)—Zella S. Ingram.

(2)—W. D. Sanders, b. Nov. 21, 1877.

B.—James Marmaduke Fort, b. May, 1835, near Denmark, Tenn., d. while in C.S.A. at Columbus, Miss., in June, 1862, unmarried.

C.—Sarah Cordelia Fort, b. July 16, 1837, Carrollton, Miss., d. Dec. 7, 1918, Texarkana, Texas, m. July 26, 1855, Myrtle Springs, Texas, Henry Pinckney Rochelle (b. Dec. 28, 1832, Fairfield County, S.C., d. Jan. 19, 1884, Texarkana, Texas), son of James Rochelle and Nancy Moores. This family left Myrtle Springs in 1876 and lived in Texarkana. There were ten children:

1.—Jethro Battle Rochelle, b. May 24, 1856, Myrtle Springs, Texas, where he d. Feb. 16, 1860.

2.—Henry Pinckney Rochelle II, b. Aug. 12, 1858, Myrtle Springs. d. May 5, 1826, Texarkana, Texas, unmarried.

3.—Mary Florence Rochelle, b. April 3, 1861, Myrtle Springs, m. Feb. 28, 1882, Texarkana, David Thomas Harrison (b. Sept. 1856, Columbia, S.C.), son of Eli Hart Harrison and Elizabeth Fleming Douglas. They had four children:

A.—Reeves Harrison, a daughter, b. Feb. 28, 1883, Texarkana, m. April 3, 1907, Thomas Fischer. Five children:

a.—Lillian Fischer, b. June 21, 1908, m. 1925, Luther Reed.

b.—Dorothy May Fischer, b. May 21, 1914.

c.—Thomas Douglas Fischer, b. May 27, 1919.

d.—Janie Florence Fischer, b. Dec. 11, 1923.

e.—Ely Watts Fischer, b. Dec. 11, 1925.

B.—Cordelia Harrison, b. June 18, 1885, Texarkana, m. Sept. 17, 1902, Harry Silvester Witterstaedter (b. June 15, 1879, St. Louis, Mo.). Seven children:

a.—David Franklin Witterstaedter, b. May 25, 1904, m. April 20, 1929, Texarkana, Ruth Orr.

b.—Marvin Ross Witterstaedter, b. Aug. 14, 1905.

c.—Harry Silvester Witterstaedter II, b. Aug. 7, 1907, m. Nov. 20, 1928, Hollis Kegley.

d.—Margaret Louise Witterstaedter, b. Jan. 11, 1914.

e.—Mildred Witerstaedter, b. March 15, 1917, d. Sept. 15, 1917.

e.—Mildred Witterstaedter, b. March 15, 1917, d. Sept. 15, 1917.

g.—Geraldine Witterstaedter, b. Dec. 26, 1927.

C.—Jimmie Harrison, b. April 3, 1890, d. March 1903.

D.—Douglas Harrison, b. July 8, 1892, m. Dec. 29, 1921, Irene Beth (b. Sept. 15, 1903). Two children.

a.—Albert Douglas Harrison, b. Oct. 26, 1922.

b.—Eloise Harrison, b. Aug. 16, 1924.

4.—James Fort Rochelle, b. Feb. 15, 1864, Myrtle Springs, m. Dec. 20, 1893, Texarkana, Ella McMickle (b. Dec. 25, 1873, Sand Hill), daughter of E. P. and E. L. McMickle. Seven children.

A.—Arley S. Rochelle, b. Oct. 4, 1894.

B.—Merle Rochelle, b. Feb. 15, 1896.

C.—James Rochelle, b. Jan. 30, 1899.

D.—Eddie S. Rochelle, b. Jan. 15, 1904.

E.—Ruth Rochelle, b. July 9, 1908.

F.—Rollin Rochelle, b. Oct. 16, 1910.

G.—Lois Rochelle, b. Feb. 23, 1914.

5.—Temperance Runnels Rochelle, b. Feb. 28, 1866, Myrtle Springs, where she d. Oct. 16, 1874.

6.—Edmond Shackelford Rochelle, b. Sept. 4, 1868, Myrtle Springs, d. Jan. 1, 1896, Texarkana, unmarried.

7.—Jethro Battle Rochelle, b. Aug. 21, 1871, Myrtle Springs, m. Dec. 22, 1897, Elizabeth Warren Moore, daughter of David S. Moore and Colie E. Smith. Four children.

A.—Margaret Rochelle, b. Sept. 24, 1899, d. Nov. 19, 1924, m. April 20, 1919, Joseph L. Kauffman of Arkadelphia, Ark. Two children:

a.—Margaret Jo Kauffman, b. April 23, 1920.

b.—Norman Henry Kauffman, b. Nov. 5, 1924.

B.—Henry M. Rochelle, b. Nov. 29, 1901.

C.—Norman Rochelle, b. Dec. 14, 1903.

D.—Jethro B. Rochelle, b. May 13, 1906, m. May 31, 1927, Bessie Willoby.

8.—Sarah Elizabeth Rochelle, b. May 13, 1874, Myrtle Springs, m. Feb. 27, 1907, Texarkana, Milton Haigood Chance (b. March 11, 1871, near Clinton, La.), son of Benajah Chance and Rachel Thomas Brian. No children.

9.—Nannie Jane Rochelle, b. May 26, 1876, Texarkana, m. Jan. 2, 1901, Julian McKinney Edwards (b. Dec. 25, 1866, Bowie County, Texas, d. April 1, 1920, Texarkana), son of Meredith Walter Edwards and Mattie Brinlee. Four children.

A.—Elizabeth Edwards, b. July 10, 1902, m. March 31, 1929, Robert Kelley Varner (b. June 14, 1897, Searcy, Ark.), son of E. M. and Mertie May Varner.

B.—Meredith Rochelle Edwards, b. July 9, 1904.

C.—Julian McKinney Edwards II, b. Jan. 4, 1906.

D.—Milton Eli Edwards, b. Oct. 11, 1911.

10.—Eli Moores Rochelle, b. Jan. 29, 1882, Texarkana, m. March 12, 1918, Nora Endsley (b. Dec. 16, 1885, Atlanta, Texas), daughter of Frank Endsley and Mary Elizabeth Lively. No children.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers.

2.—The Battle Book, Table 27, p. 328, and Table 28, pp. 332-334.

Chart 2, Chapter III

SARAH COLEMAN FORT, daughter and 3rd child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. Sept. 6, 1786, Edgecombe County, N.C., and d. April 25, 1843, Bowie County, Texas. She m. Dec. 7, 1809, Robertson County, Tenn., Orren Datus Battle (b. Feb. 22, 1787, Edgecombe County, N.C., d. Jan. 21, 1869, Old Boston, Texas), son of Jethro Battle and Martha "Patty" Lane.

Orren Datus Battle came to Tennesee in 1808, married there in 1809, was received by the Red River Baptist Church "by experience" June 19, 1824, and was baptised July 17, 1824. A daughter, Martha L. Battle, was received by the Church Oct. 15, 1824.

In 1828, the family moved to Hinds County, Miss., and in 1842 they went on to Bowie County, Texas. There were eight children, all born in Tennessee:

1.—Elizabeth Ann Hilliard Battle, b. Oct. 24, 1810. (See later)
2.—Martha Ligon Battle, b. April 4, 1812. (See later)
3.—William A. F. Battle, b. July 19, 1814, d. Sept. 9, 1814.
4.—Mary Temperance Battle, b. July 17, 1817. (See later)
5.—Robert Jeremiah Battle, b. Dec. 20, 1819. (See later)
6.—James William Battle, b. March 1, 1822. (See later)
7.—Jethro O. Battle, b. June 10, 1824, d. Aug. 23, 1845.
8.—Julius Datus Battle, b. June 8, 1827. (See later)

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers.
2.—The Battle Book, Table 67, pp. 566-570.

ELIZABETH ANN HILLIARD BATTLE, 1st child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, b. Oct. 24, 1810, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. April 14, 1884, Bowie County, Texas, m. Sept. 7, 1837, Hinds County, Miss., Charles Erskin McCutcheon (b. in N. C., d. Myrtle Springs, Texas) son of Valentine and Nancy McCutcheon, and had five children.

1.—Sarah Ann Priscilla McCutcheon, b. Dec. 29, 1838. (See later)
2.—Robert Henry McCutcheon, b. Sept. 18, 1840, Clinton, Miss., d. April 20, 1862, Pine Bluff, Ark., while serving in Co. K, 11th Texas Cavalry, C.S.A., unmarried.
3.—Jethro Orren McCutcheon, b. Nov. 7, 1842. (See later)
4.—James Valentine McCutcheon, b. Dec. 10, 1848, Lewisville, Ark., d. Oct. 16, 1875, Detroit, Texas, unmarried.
5.—Mary Elizabeth McCutcheon, b. Nov. 11, 1852, Bowie County, Texas, d. March 5, 1868, Myrtle Springs, Texas.

SARAH ANN PRISCILLA McCUTCHEON, 1st child of Elizabeth Ann Hilliard Battle and Charles Erskin McCutcheon, b. Dec. 29, 1838, Hinds County, Miss., d. Oct. 4, 1901, Myrtle Springs, Texas. She m. Oct. 3, 1860, as his 2nd wife, John Ross Rochelle (b. 1818 Jefferson County, S. C., d. March 13, 1881, Hooks, Texas) who had m/1 her cousin Julia Lettice Fort, daughter of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon. (Chart 6, Chapter III) They had ten children:

1.—Janie Ross Rochelle, b. June 25, 1861, Hooks, Texas, where she d. Feb. 19, 1862.

2.—Charles Pinckney Rochelle, b. Jan. 28, 1863, Hooks, Texas, where he d. Aug. 3, 1863.

3.—Ada Elizabeth Rochelle, b. Sept. 12, 1864, Hooks, Texas, where she d. Nov. 23, 1867.

4.—John Ross Rochelle II, b. Jan. 30, 1867, Hooks, Texas, where he d. March 9, 1904. He m. Nov. 28, 1888, Mattie Jane Rochelle (b. April 27, 1867, Hooks, d. Jan. 26, 1921), daughter of Eugene Buvard Rochelle and Katherine Anderson. Seven children.

A.—Arthur Chester Rochelle, b. Sept. 11, 1889, Hooks, Texas, where he m. Jan. 24, 1915, Maud May McCullough (b. Sept. 4, 1897, Hooks), daughter of James McCullough and Lula Hamby. Four children.

a.—Odessa Juanita Rochelle, b. Dec. 30, 1918.

b.—Jim Arthur Rochelle, b. Sept. 14, 1922.

c.—Eloise Rochelle, b. July 20, 1925.

d.—Mildred Nell Rochelle, b. Nov. 9, 1927, d. Nov. 26, 1927.

B.—Eugene Buvard Rochelle, a twin, b. June 9, 1890, Hooks, where he d. Nov. 15, 1890.

C.—John Tisdale Rochelle (twin of above), b. June 9, 1890, m. July 7, 1917, Nora Bell Palmer (b. Nov. 26, 1894), daughter of Lester V. Palmer and Elizabeth O'Neal. Four children:

a.—Boyd Lee Rochelle, b. May 20, 1918.

b.—Harold Tisdale Rochelle, b. May 5, 1922.

c.—Nathalie Charles Rochelle, b. Jan. 28, 1925.

d.—Mary Ted Rochelle, b. July 20, 1928.

D.—Nellie Jane Rochelle, b. Nov. 15, 1894, m. Dec. 28, 1916, Abisha Watlington (b. March 4, 1886, Hooks, Texas), son of Jack and Belle Watlington. Four children.

a.—James Bracken Watlington, b. Dec. 2, 1919.

b.—Katy Leigh Watlington, b. Jan. 24, 1923.

c.—Mattie Belle Watlington, b. May 22, 1925.

d.—Julian Elizabeth Watlington, b. June 14, 1927.

E.—Katy Rochelle, b. Aug. 10, 1896, m. July 20, 1920, Hosea Haynes born Dec. 29, 1895, Hooks), son of Abner and Amanda Haynes.

F.—Julia May Rochelle, b. June 27, 1900.

G.—John Ross Rochelle III, b. Sept. 22, 1903, m. Nov. 22, 1926, Red Lick, Rosa Lee (b. May 29, 1907, Red Lick). Child:

a.—Johnnie Lee Rochelle, b. March 31, 1928.

5.—Mary Eugenia Rochelle, b. Jan. 16, 1869, Hooks, Texas, where she d. Sept. 15, 1896, m. Sept. 18, 1890, Edward Tisdale Rochelle (d. Nov. 1, 1901, Hooks), son of Eugene Buvard Rochelle and Katherine Anderson. Three children:

A.—Hessie Pauline Rochelle, b. Oct. 18, 1892, m. Aug. 28, 1922, Richard Smith.

B.—Felicia Gertrude Rochelle, b. Dec. 15, 1894, m. May 10, 1917, Grady Segler. Three children.

a.—Grady Pauline Segler, b. Feb. 16, 1918.

b.—Charles Ray Segler, b. Jan. 31, 1922.

c.—Dorothy Eugenia Segler, b. July 8, 1925.

C.—Thaddeus Rochelle, b. Aug. 2, 1896, d. aged four months.

6.—Sarah Lillian Rochelle, b. June 16, 1870, Hooks, Texas, d. Nov. 16, 1901, m. Jan. 16, 1890, Samuel Watlington ((b. May 26, 1866). Child:

A.—William Jerome Watlington, b. Sept. 22, 1895, m. Sept. 17, 1920, Edna Shroeder (b. March 6, 1901). Children:

a.—Maidanne Watlington, b. April 15, 1922.

b.—Billie Watlington (daughter), b. Feb. 24, 1924.

7.—Emma Arabella Rochelle, b. April 10, 1874, Hooks, Texas, where she d. Oct. 7, 1875.

8.—Jethro Valentine Rochelle, b. April 16, 1876, Hooks, where he d. July 15, 1927, unmarried.

9.—Joe May Rochelle, b. Sept. 15, 1878, m. May 30, 1900, Hooks, Edward Brown Lynch (b. June 5, 1871, Old Boston), son of James Harvey and Sarah Elizabeth Lynch. Three children.

A.—James Edward Lynch, b. March 13, 1901, New Boston, m. March 18, 1920, Kathleen Waker (b. New Boston), daughter of Jesse Franklin and Annie Sue Katherine Waker. Their children:

a.—James Edward Lynch II, b. May 30, 1921, New Boston, Texas.

b.—Robert Franklin Lynch, b. Dec. 29, 1926, Texarkana, Texas.

B.—Willie Pauline Lynch, b. Oct. 11, 1902, New Boston, where she m. Jan. 25, 1924, George Bierce McCullough (b. Chicago, Ill.), son of Robert and Mary McCullough. Children:

a.—George Bierce McCullough II, b. Jan. 24, 1925, Chicago, Ill.

b.—Mary Joe McCullough, b. Sept. 12, 1927, New Boston, Texas.

C.—Ross Moores Lynch, b. April 2, 1905, New Boston, Texas.

10.—Willie Ross Rochelle, b. Jan. 23, 1881, Hooks, Texas, m. March 26, 1902, Myrtle Springs, Robert Scott Nichols (b. April 30, 1879, Jefferson), son of Henry David and Emma Zenobia Nichols. Six children:

A.—Annie Zenobia Nichols, b. Nov. 26, 1904, Myrtle Springs, m. Nov. 7, 1927, Marshall, Texas, Chester Jack Dorsey (b. Jan. 6, 1904, Lone Oak), son of Elam Critnite Dorsey and Nancy Ann White.

B.—Ernestine Dawn Nichols, b. April 16, 1906, Myrtle Springs, m. Oct. 25, 1925, Bossier, La., Homer Albert Lawrence (b. Jan. 31, 1906, DeKalb, Texas), son of Clarence C. Lawrence and Willie A. Jones.

C.—Maurine Nichols, b. Oct. 10, 1913, Myrtle Springs.

D.—Willie May Nichols, b. July 17, 1915, Myrtle Springs.

E.—Katie Lee Nichols, b. Jan. 5, 1918, Texarkana.

F.—James Allen Nichols, b. Aug. 21, 1920, Texarkana.

JETHRO ORREN McCUTCHEON, 3rd child of Elizabeth Ann Hilliard Battle and Charles Erskin McCutcheon, b. Nov. 7, 1842, Clinton, Miss., was with 11th Texas Cavalry, C.S.A. He m. March 16, 1870, Hooks, Texas, Josephine Hooks (b. July 9, 1845, Alabama), daughter of Warren Hooks. Eight children.

1.—Robert W. McCutcheon, b. Jan. 3, 1871, Hooks, Texas, where he d. Sept. 13, 1887.

2.—Mary Elizabeth McCutcheon, b. June 30, 1872, Paris, Texas, d. March 1, 1923, Hooks, m. Oct. 19, 1892, Hooks, Benjamin Franklin Lee Lumbley (b. May 9, 1860, Yazoo County, Miss.), son of Joseph Slater and Nancy Catherine Lumbley. Nine children.

A.—Robert William Lumbley, b. Jan. 16, 1894, Hooks, m. June 23, 1920 New Boston, Nelia Frances Fort (b. Dec. 1, 1894, Hooks), daughter of Lewis Fort and Fannie Lavinia Johnson. Three children:

a.—James Edwin Lumbley, b. May 1, 1921.

b.—Arthur Roy Lumbley, b. Nov. 16, 1922.

c.—Eva Nell Lumbley, b. Aug. 2, 1928.

B.—Jesse Lee Lumbley, b. June 1, 1896, Hooks, m. Aug. 30, 1920, Mittie Alice Sealy (b. Sept. 28, 1898), daughter of Lewis and Delia Susan Sealy. Two children:

a.—Mittie Evelyn Lumbley, b. Dec. 6, 1923.

b.—Laura Gene Lumbley, b. Feb. 13, 1925.

C.—Mamie Josephine Lumbley, b. Sept. 28, 1898, Hooks, Texas, where she d. July 30, 1899.

D.—Frank Erskin Lumbley, b. July 13, 1900, Hooks, m. Dec. 5, 1923, New Boston, Mary Birdie Evans (b. Jan. 7, 1901, Hooks), daughter of James Thomas Evans and Susan Phelps. Children:

a.—Mary Elizabeth Lumbley, b. Nov. 10, 1924.

b.—Ruby Lee Lumbley, b. April 10, 1926.

c.—William Harold Lumbley, b. June 15, 1928.

E.—Pearl Elizabeth Lumbley, b. Jan. 28, 1902, Hooks, Texas, where she d. May 29, 1908.

F.—Jethro Orren Lumbley, b. Aug. 18, 1905, Hooks.

G.—Joseph Clinton Lumbley, b. Jan. 1, 1908, Hooks, Texas, where he d. May 22, 1908.

H.—Annie Bee Lumbley, b. Aug. 16, 1909, Hooks, Texas.

I.—Harry Crouch Lumbley, b. Dec. 27, 1912, Hooks, Texas.

3.—Charles J. McCutcheon, b. Dec. 26, 1875, Davenport, Texas.

4.—Orren M. McCutcheon, b. Aug. 17, 1876, Davenport, Texas, d. June 17, 1887, Hooks, Texas.

5.—John F. McCutcheon, b. Feb. 27, 1879, Hooks, Texas, where he d. Feb. 24, 1893.

6.—Minerva J. McCutcheon, b. Aug. 6, 1881, Hooks, Texas.

7.—Susan J. McCutcheon, b. Aug. 13, 1885, Hooks, Texas, where she d. March 15, 1924, unmarried.

8.—Henry Datus McCutcheon, b. Sept. 8, 1887, Hooks, Texas, m. Oct. 16, 1921, Detroit, Texas, Carrie May Dean (b. May 25, 1891), daughter of James Buchanan and Sarah Jane Dean. Children:

A.—Sarah Joe McCutcheon, b. July 18, 1922.

B.—Jethro Dean McCutcheon, b. Oct. 30, 1923.

C.—Billie Henry McCutcheon, b. Aug. 18, 1925.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers.

2.—The Battle Book, Table 68, pp. 572-576.

MARTHA LIGON BATTLE, 2nd child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, was b. April 4, 1812, in Tennessee, and d. Feb. 12, 1837. She m. May 6, 1830, Francis Gordon Hopkins (d. c1833), by whom she had four children:

1.—Sarah Ann Hopkins, died young.

2.—Thomas Benjamin Hopkins, b. Nov. 9, 1832, Hinds County, Miss. (See later)

3.—Died infant. (A twin)

4.—Died infant, twin of above.

DR. THOMAS BENJAMIN HOPKINS of Lafayette, La., son of Martha Ligon Battle and Francis Gordon Hopkins, was b. Nov. 9, 1832, Hinds County, Miss., and d. Oct. 15, 1922, Lafayette, La. He attended Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., and received the M.D. degree in 1854. He settled first in Bowie County, Texas, but moved to Claiborne Parish, La., in 1855, and in 1866 he moved to Lafayette, La. Dr. Hopkins was assistant surgeon, 20th Arkansas Regiment, C.S.A., and the author of numerous articles on various medical subjects.

Dr. Hopkins m/1 in Sept., 1859, Claiborne Parish, La., Mary Willis Kennedy (b. 1838, d. 1867, Lafayette, La.), daughter of Dr. John B. Kennedy, by whom he had two children:

1.—Frank Kennedy Hopkins, b. Jan. 19, 1865, Homer, La., m. April 10, 1894, Opelousas, La., Marguerite Andrus (b. Oct. 13, 1874, Opelousas, La.), daughter of Elisha Stafford Andrus and Ida Hadden. They had six children:

A.—Frank Gordon Hopkins, b. Jan. 6, 1895, Opelousas, La., where he d. Jan. 28, 1895.

B.—Marguerite Hopkins, b. Feb. 1, 1896, Opelousas, La., where she d. Aug. 1, 1896.

C.—Thomas Benjamin Hopkins, b. Feb. 5, 1897, Lafayette, La., m. Aug. 1918, Lafayette, Nettie O'Bryan, daughter of Daniel O'Bryan and E. Nourse. Their son:

a.—Frank Daniel Hopkins, b. Aug. 13, 1920, Lafayette, La.

D.—Elisha Stafford Hopkins, b. Oct. 30, 1899, Lafayette, La., m. July, 1925, Jennings, La., Marjorie Boynum, daughter of George Boynum. Their child:

a.—Jerome Boynum Hopkins, b. Aug. 20, 1927, Lafayette, La.

E.—Mildred Cameron Hopkins, b. June 30, 1902, Lafayette, La.

F.—Willis Cobb Hopkins, b. Dec. 8, 1905, Lafayette, m. Oct. 1927, Port Arthur, Texas, Blanche Roper.

2.—Eliza Cobb Hopkins, b. Dec. 16, 1866, Lafayette, La.

Dr. Thomas Benjamin Hopkins m/2 in November, 1868, Susan Ann Kennedy (b. Aug. 30, 1852, d. Aug. 16, 1903), sister of his 1st wife Mary Willis Kennedy, by whom he had ten more children.

3.—Mattie Lee Hopkins, b. April 10, 1870, Lafayette, m. B. I. Williams.

4.—Ida Kennedy Hopkins, b. Nov. 30, 1871, Lafayette, m. Oct. 21, 1896, Lafayette, Ruben Meady Delaney (b. May 9, 1862, Harden County, Tenn., d. March 12, 1918, Greenville, Texas) D.D.S. 1901, Vanderbilt University, son of Samuel Russell Delaney and Nicy White. Two children:

A.—Albert Lindsey Delaney, b. Aug. 10, 1904, Greenville, Texas.

B.—Ruben Meady Delaney II, b. Nov. 6, 1908, Greenville, Texas.

5.—Thomas Benjamin Hopkins II, b. Oct. 12, 1873, Lafayette, La., m. Feb. 11, 1896, Opelousas, La., Anna Lee Parker, daughter of Rev. James A. Parker and Eliza Penn. Two children:

A.—Harvey Parker Hopkins, b. July 13, 1897, Lecompte, La.

B.—Benjamin Gordon Hopkins, b. Sept. 13, 1901, Lafayette, La.

6.—Orren Battle Hopkins, b. Oct. 12, 1876, Lafayette, La., m. April 16, 1902, Greenville, Texas, Lavinia May Jones. Child:

A.—Orrena Bessie Hopkins, b. Feb. 5, 1905, Lafayette, La.

7.—Susan Maxim Hopkins, b. Oct. 22, 1878, Lafayette, La., m. Feb. 9, 1899, Lafayette, Wesley Alexander LeRosen (b. Jan. 6, 1864, Shreveport, La.), son of David LeRosen and Susan Dixon. Four children:

A.—Sue Hopkins LeRosen, b. Aug. 25, 1903, Lafayette, La.

B.—Haywood W. LeRosen, b. April 23, 1906, Lafayette, La., m. Mabel Elizabeth McMahon. Child.

a.—Beulah Jane LeRosen, b. Feb. 3, 1929.

C.—Aileen LeRosen, b. Feb. 9, 1909, Lafayette, La.

D.—Henry Dixon LeRosen, b. May 31, 1915, Lafayette, La.

8.—Katie Wimberly Hopkins, b. Jan. 10, 1881, d. Aug. 11, 1883.

9.—Anna Keener Hopkins, b. Oct. 31, 1883, Lafayette, La., m. Dec. 1, 1903, Lafayette, John Slye Givens II (b. April 23, 1876, Corpus Christi, Texas), son of John Slye Givens and Sarah Lyle Torian. Ten children, all born Lafayette, Louisiana.

A.—Louise Lyle Givens, b. Dec. 14, 1905.

B.—Mattie Lee Givens, b. May 1, 1908.

C.—Anna Edwin Givens, b. Feb. 16, 1911.

D.—John Slye Givens III, b. Sept. 27, 1913.

E.—Richard Cobb Givens, b. Aug. 15, 1916.

F.—Sarah Agnes Givens, b. April 17, 1918.

G.—Thomas Hopkins Givens, b. Oct. 12, 1920.

H.—Frances Lillian Givens, b. Dec. 25, 1922.

I.—Royall Monrose Givens, b. March 25, 1924, d. Feb. 20, 1925.

J.—Anna Hopkins Givens, b. July 8, 1927.

10.—Hyder Fort Hopkins, b. Oct. 7, 1886, d. Dec. 27, 1887.

11.—Son - b. and d. July 30, 1888.

12.—Roena Gordon Hopkins, b. May 6, 1890, Lafayette, La., where she d. Feb. 27, 1924, m. Aug. 2, 1910, Paul Marvin Waitt (b. May 15, 1882, Raleigh, N.C.), son of Samuel Waitt and Hattie Reese.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers.

2.—The Battle Book, Table 67, pp. 566-567.

MARY TEMPERANCE BATTLE, 4th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, was b. July 17, 1817, Robertson, Tenn., and d. Dec. 6, 1878, Longview Texas. She m. March 28, 1833, Hinds County, Miss., William Caswell Ellis (b. June 20, 1812, Fayette County, Ky., d. Jan. 17, 1865, Bowie

County, Texas) son of Littleberry and Susan Ellis. This family went to Bowie County, Texas, in 1840. They had fourteen children.

1.—Orren Littleberry Ellis, a physician, b. Oct. 7, 1834, Hinds County Miss.; M.D. 1855 University of Louisiana; Ordinance Sergt., Jeff Davis Legion Cav., C. S. A.; m. Feb. 4, 1869, Franklin County, N. C., Mrs. Mary Louisa (McKnight) Egerton, daughter of Alexander McKnight. Their son:

A.—Alexander Caswell Ellis, b. May 4, 1871, Franklin County, N. C.: A.B. 1894, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Ph.D. 1897, Clark University, Worcester, Mass.; 1897-1926 Professor of Education, University of Texas; in 1926 became Director of Cleveland College of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; author of numerous articles on educational administration; m. July 30, 1901, Cleburne, Texas, Mary Belle Heard, daughter of William Felix Heard and Susan Ellethe Allen.

2.—Josiah Fort Ellis, a lawyer, b. April 10, 1836, Society Ridge, Miss., d. Nov. 22, 1907; Lieut., C.S.A.; m. Harrisonburg, La., May 5, 1869, Mrs. Louisa Bucklie (Hornsby) Law (b. Sept. 28, 1843), daughter of Felix Hornsby and Sarah E Williams. Five children:

A.—Mary Espie Ellis, b. Nov. 7, 1870, Harrisonburg, La., where she m. Nov. 29, 1899, James Richard Hobbs, son of Capt. W. W. Hobbs and Anne Harris of Waverly, Tennessee. Four children:

a.—Annette S. Hobbs, b. Sept. 23, 1900, Harrisonburg, La.

b.—Richard Fort Hobbs, b. April 8, 1902, Estherwood, La.

c.—Louisa Hobbs, b. June 4, 1904, Harrisonburg, La.

d.—Mary Hobbs, b. June 19, 1909.

B.—Fort Ofney Ellis, a merchant, b. May 17, 1873, Harrisonburg, La.; C. E. 1894, Texas A. and M. College; m. June 3, 1903, Muscogee, Fla., Willie Beatrice Lange (d. Jan. 9, 1904), daughter of Capt. John W. Lange.

C.—Louisa Ellis, b. Dec. 21, 1877, d. June 15, 1883.

D.—Louis Stuart Ellis, b. Nov. 19, 1884, d. July 12, 1885.

E.—Gertrude Ethel Ellis, b. Nov. 22, 1888, d. June 29, 1910, m. Dec. 23, 1909, Richard Isaac Pearce.

3.—William Jay Ellis, a farmer, b. May 13, 1838, Hinds County, Miss., d. March 4, 1899, New Orleans, La.; C.S.A.: unmarried.

4.—Susan Elizabeth Cordelia Ellis, b. Jan. 24, 1840, d. Oct. 28, 1853.

5.—Martha Louisa Ellis, b. April 6, 1842, d. May 26, 1842.

6.—Caswell Short Ellis, b. Oct. 25, 1843, d. Oct. 27, 1853.

7.—Mary Cornelia Ellis, b. Oct. 5, 1845, d. April 5, 1846.

8.—Jethro Battle Ellis, b. Jan. 27, 1847, d. Aug. 20, 1849.

9.—Carey James Angell Ellis, a lawyer, b. Feb. 4, 1849, Hinds County, Miss.; 1879-84, Dist. Atty.; 1884-1900 Dist. Judge; m. Feb. 4, 1879, Winnsboro, La., Julia Ethel House (b. July 4, 1855, Madison Parish, La.), daughter of Gabriel House and Mary Elizabeth Davidson. Six children, all born Winnsboro, Louisiana.

A.—Leila Ellis, b. Nov. 20, 1879, m. Feb. 27, 1908, John Young Gladney.

B.—Ada Ellis, b. Aug. 13, 1881, m. Dr. Charles Jones. Their child:

a.—Bernice Jones, b. June 4, 1904.

C.—Anna Ellis, b. Feb. 8, 1883, d. Jan. 31, 1906, m. June 20, 1905, William Luther Jones.

D.—Mary Ellis, b. Feb. 20, 1886, m. Nov. 9, 1910, William Luther Jones who had m/1 her sister Anna Ellis.

E.—Carey Jay Ellis, b. Sept. 26, 1888.

F.—Julia Ellis, b. June 15, 1897.

10.—Julius Battle Ellis, b. April 9, 1851, d. July 19, 1853.

11.—Richard Ellison Ellis, b. Oct. 4, 1853, d. Nov. 3, 1853.

12.—Mary Elizabeth Ellis, b. April 22, 1855, d. March 22, 1863.

13.—Carter Braxton Harrison Ellis, b. May 22, 1858, d. Aug. 24, 1864.

14.—Jeff Davis Ellis, b. May 24, 1861, d. May 30, 1863.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers.

2.—The Battle Book, Table 67, pp. 569-570.

ROBERT JEREMIAH BATTLE, 5th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, was b. Dec. 20, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. March 7, 1892, Greenville, Texas. He m/1 Dec. 8, 1842, near Texarkana, Texas, his cousin, Susan Green Fort (b. Sept. 3, 1824, Bedford County, Tenn., d. Feb. 1, 1867, Boston, Texas), daughter of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, by whom he had twelve children. He m/2 in October, 1869, Mrs. Louise Lee. No children. The twelve children were:

1.—Sarah Coleman Battle, b. Feb. 27, 1844, Bowie County, Texas, m. William Fort Burton (1853-1923) and had nine children. (See later)

2.—William Marcus Battle, b. Aug. 31, 1845, Bowie County, Texas, d. in 1896 near Chico, Texas, m. June 22, 1871, Sarah D. Long. They had ten children:

A.—Etta Battle, b. March 29, 1872, Lewisville, Texas, m. May 22, 1892, Chico, John Sloan Smith (b. March 18, 1861, Gastonia, N. C., who moved to Texas in 1886), and they had nine children:

a.—James Lee Smith, b. March 7, 1893, Bridgeport, Texas, m. in 1921 Vona Gregg.

b.—Minnie Sallie Smith, b. July 18, 1895, Bridgeport, m. in 1910 H. B. Randall.

c.—Essie Della Smith, b. Jan. 3, 1897, Bridgeport, m. G. M. Praytor (b. March 3, 1892). Three children:

(1)—Charles Praytor, b. Jan. 1, 1919, d. Jan. 7, 1919, Alvord, Texas.

(2)—Evelyn Cleo Praytor, b. March 24, 1920, Alvord, Texas.

(3)—Oleta Fay Praytor, b. May 13, 1922, Alvord, Texas.

d.—Albert May Smith, b. Nov. 1, 1899, Slidell, Texas, m. in 1926 Ura Robbins.

e.—Mattie Sue Smith, b. Nov. 7, 1902, d. in 1903, Slidell, Texas.

f.—Luther W. Smith, b. May 30, 1905, Slidell, m. in 1927, Blanche Clower.

g.—Culberson J. Smith, b. Feb. 27, 1907, Slidell, m. in 1927, Willie Stinnett.

h.—Maudie Loraine Smith, b. Nov. 3, 1908, Slidell.

i.—Velma Idell Smith, b. Jan. 14, 1911, Slidell.

B.—Julius Battle, b. July 20, 1873, d. Feb. 24, 1874.

C.—Mattie Battle, b. Jan. 18, 1875, m. William Mitchell.

D.—Beulah Battle, b. Sept. 28, 1876 m. Daniel Pendleton. Their child:

a.—Carrol Pendleton.

E.—Gertrude Battle, b. March 31, 1878, m. Mr. Hoard.

F.—Marvin Battle, b. July 20, 1880.

G.—Arthur Battle, b. March 16, 1882.

H.—Sallie Battle, b. Feb. 1, 1884.

I.—Charles Battle, b. Feb. 11, 1886.

J.—Robert J. Battle, b. June 30, 1887.

3.—Susan Green Battle, b. May 28, 1847, Boston, Texas, d. March 13, 1928, Dallas, Texas, m/1 Lewisville, Texas, on Jan. 17, 1869, Lee Newton (b. Aug. 7, 1843, Hamilton County, Tenn., d. Jan. 1, 1883, Decatur, Texas), a Baptist minister employed as a missionary on Texas frontier, and who practiced law in Wise County, Texas, 1874-1883, by whom she had eight children.

Susan Green Battle m/2 Oct. 31, 1888, Chico, Texas, W. B. Long (b. March 4, 1828, Anderson, S. C., d. June 21, 1901, Grayson County, Texas), a Baptist minister who moved to Texas in 1875. She had no children by this marriage.

The eight children of Susan Green Battle and Lee Newton were:

A.—Mary Effie Newton, b. Dec. 4, 1869, d. March 31, 1870.

B.—Robert Lee Newton, b. May 26, 1871, d. Oct. 2, 1877.

C.—Wade Hampton Newton, b. June 4, 1873, d. Oct. 4, 1873.

D.—Minnie Newton, b. Aug. 18, 1874, d. June 6, 1876.

E.—Joseph Fort Newton, b. July 21, 1876, Decatur, Texas, a Baptist minister who was educated at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Litt. D. 1912, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, D. D. 1918, Tufts College, Medford, Mass., and who served as pastor of churches in this country and abroad, was also the author of a number of books. He m. June 14, 1900, Louisville, Ky., Jennie Mai Deatherage, daughter of G. W. Deatherage, and they had three children:

a.—Joseph Emerson Newton, b. May 26, 1903.

b.—David Newton, died young.

c.—Josephine Kate Newton.

F.—Son, b. and d. May 12, 1878.

G.—Lee Newton II, b. May 22, 1879, d. Aug. 12, 1880.

H.—William Burton Newton, physician, b. Feb. 10, 1881, Decatur, Texas, was educated at Burleson College, Greenville, Texas, Ph. G. and M. D. 1910, Valparaiso (Indiana) University, served as Captain, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, W.W.I, was an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He m. May 17, 1911, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Neva Lillian Nagle (b. Sept. 28, 1883, Denison, Texas), daughter of Dr. William M. Nagle and Lillian Andrews. Their son:

a.—William Burton Newton II, b. March 14, 1916, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

4.—Newton Anthony Battle, b. Dec. 23, 1848, Bowie County, Texas, where he d. April 9, 1849.

5.—Josiah Fort Battle, b. Jan. 26, 1850, Bowie County, Texas, d. May 30, 1928, Dallas, Texas, where he was in the insurance and real estate business.

He m. Oct. 1, 1871, Ladonia, Texas, Louise Elizabeth Nelson (b. Oct. 12, 1854, Texas, d. Jan. 2, 1922, Dallas, Texas), daughter of Dr. Andrew J. Nelson and Elizabeth Ann Kennedy. They had six children:

A.—Rillie Nelson Battle, b. Oct. 22, 1872, Ladonia, m. May 8, 1894, Greenville, Texas, Whitfield Love Terrell. Their son:

a.—Joseph James Terrell, b. Oct. 7, 1900, Dallas, Texas.

B.—Joseph Clifton Battle, b. Dec. 8, 1874, Ladonia, Texas, where he d. March 20, 1880,

C.—Eula Lee Battle, b. Jan. 11, 1877, Ladonia, Texas, d. Aug. 4, 1890, Greenville, Texas.

D.—Elizabeth Mabel Battle.

E.—William Benton Battle, b. Aug. 2, 1890, Greenville, Texas, m. June 17, 1916, Dallas, Texas, Mathilde Marie Arn (b. Oct. 21, 1895, Taylor, Texas), daughter of Adolph Arn and Alice Guilloud. Their son:

a.—William Donald Battle, b. Dec. 5, 1919, Dallas, Texas.

F.—Hubert Leroy Battle, b. Jan. 1, 1893, Greenville, Texas, m. Dec. 18, 1920, Dallas, Mrs. Lela Evelyn (Park) Youree, daughter of James E. and Mary J. Park of Tennessee. Their child:

a.—Mary Louise Battle, b. Sept. 24, 1921, Dallas, Texas.

6.—Orren Datus Battle, b. Sept. 24, 1852, Bowie County, Texas, where he d. July 31, 1854.

7.—Eudora Ligon Battle, b. May 11, 1855, Bowie County, Texas, where she d. Nov. 29, 1857.

8.—Mary Elizabeth Battle, b. March 13, 1857, Bowie County, Texas, d. Feb. 26, 1878, Decatur, Texas, unmarried.

9.—Adella Judson Battle, b. Feb. 27, 1859, Bowie County, Texas, d. July 6, 1859, Boston, Texas.

10.—Harriet Fort Battle, b. July 13, 1860, Boston, Texas, d. Oct 1, 1907, Austin, Texas, m. June 23, 1886, Decatur, Texas, William Joseph Jackson Terrell (b. June 27, 1854, Meridian, Miss.), son of Joseph Terrell and Martha Jane Gregory. Their children:

A.—Estelle Zaida Terrell, b. June 1, 1887, Cleburne, Texas, m. June 23, 1909, Austin, Texas, William Thomas Armstrong (b. June 5, 1880, Taylor, Texas), son of John Everett Armstrong and Martha Wilson.

B.—Ethel Corinne Terrell, b. Aug. 1, 1888, Chico, Texas, d. Dec. 1, 1895, Fort Worth, Texas.

11.—Robert J. Battle, b. Aug. 16, 1862, Bowie County, Texas, where he d. Dec. 26, 1863.

12.—Ida Corilla Battle, b. July 11, 1865, Myrtle Springs, Texas, m. Dec. 29, 1889, Chico, Texas, John Preston Turner (b. Aug. 1, 1867, Ringgold, Ga.) M.D. Louisville (Ky.) Medical College, who moved to Wise County, Texas in 1881. He served in the 1908 Legislature. His parents were G. W. Turner and Elizabeth Alexander. Ida Corilla Battle and Dr. John Preston Turner were the parents of two children:

A.—Eunice Turner, b. Aug. 12, 1896, d. Jan. 29, 1919.

B.—Preston Battle Turner, b. June 11, 1899, Slidell, Texas, m. Ann Price. Their children:

a.—Preston Battle Turner II.

b.—Rowe P. Turner.

SARAH COLEMAN BATTLE, 1st of the 12 children of Robert Jeremiah Battle and Susan Green Fort, was b. Feb. 27, 1844, Bowie County, Texas, and d. Jan. 30, 1902, Slidell, Texas. She m. June 1, 1865, Boston, Texas, William Fort Burton (b. Aug. 22, 1853, Randolph County, Mo., d. Feb. 1923), a Baptist minister, and a descendant of Col. May of the Revolutionary War. They had nine children.

1.—Burilla Burton, b. Oct. 8, 1869, Denton County, Texas, d. Aug. 18, 1870.

2.—Lou Burton, b. Sept 18, 1870, Denton, Texas, m. Dec. 12, 1886, Slidell, Texas, John Henry Baxter. Four children.

A.—William Robert Baxter, b. Jan. 29, 1888, Slidell, Texas, m. Belle Sinclair. Two children.

a.—Ella Eugene Baxter.

b.—Otella Baxter.

B.—Mary Coleman Baxter, b. Nov. 22, 1893, Slidell, Texas, m. J. D. Holland. One child.

a.—Clara Routh Holland.

C.—Sue Baxter, b. June 2, 1896, Slidell, Texas, m. Nov. 17, 1920, Krum, Texas, Joe Hardin Thomas (b. Aug. 20, 1895, Sweetwater, Tenn.), son of Nathan Jefferson Thomas and Molly Lucretia Foland. Their child:

a.—Margie Sue Jack Thomas, b. Nov. 25, 1921.

D.—Martha Lou Baxter, b. May 4, 1898, Slidell, Texas, m. Burton Webb. Two children.

a.—Clyde Webb.

b.—Zelma L. Webb.

3.—May Burton (son), b. Aug. 5, 1872, Denton County, Texas, m. July 28, 1895, Slidell, Amanda Almira Hall (b. Jan. 8, 1874, Ark.). Four children.

A.—Charles May Burton, b. Dec. 4, 1897, Slidell, Texas.

B.—Edgar Willard Burton, b. Sept. 12, 1901, Slidell, Texas, where he m. Jan. 5, 1922, Violet Moser (b. Sept. 7, 1904, Wise County, Texas), daughter of D. H. Moser and Della Lee Pruett. Three children.

a.—Ila Sue Burton, b. Aug. 26, 1923.

b.—Willard Herbert Burton, b. Oct. 23, 1925.

c.—Battle Turner Burton, b. Nov. 13, 1927.

C.—Alford Burton.

D.—Henry F. Burton.

4.—Cherokee Burton, b. Jan. 13, 1875, Denton, Texas, m. Aug. 2, 1891, Slidell, Texas, James Emmett Yeary (b. Sept. 3, 1865, Pennington Gap, Va.), son of John James Yeary and Elizabeth Polly Zion. Nine children.

A.—Ada Coleman Yeary, b. July 13, 1892, near Slidell, Texas, m. Dec. 25, 1910, Krum, Texas, Clifton Leroy Thomas (b. April 20, 1892, Sweetwater, Tenn.), son of Nathan Jefferson Thomas and Molly Lucretia Jane Foland. Three children.

a.—Weldon Lee Thomas, b. Oct. 27, 1911, Krum, Texas.

b.—Emmett Herald Thomas, b. April 2, 1913, Krum, Texas.

c.—Helen Jim Thomas, b. Sept. 21, 1915, Krum, Texas.

B.—William Jackson Yeary, b. Oct. 25, 1893, Slidell, Texas, A.E.F., W.W.I.

C.—Leslie Watson Yeary, b. Dec. 6, 1896, Slidell, Texas.

D.—Preston Turner Yeary, b. March 6, 1899, Slidell, Texas, m. June 8, 1919, Plainview, Texas, Lizzie Rose Barthold (b. March 27, 1898, Krum, Texas), daughter of Charley H. Barthold and Nettie Mauler. Two children:

a.—Nettie Orlena Yeary, b. Feb. 22, 1920, near Krum, Texas.

b.—Billie Joe Yeary, b. Dec. 26, 1926, near Krum, Texas.

E.—Edwin Christal Yeary, b. Sept. 19, 1900, Slidell, Texas, m. Sept. 14, 1924, Grace Barthold (b. Sept. 15, 1909, Krum, Texas), daughter of Charley H. Barthold and Nettie Mauler. Two children:

a.—Charles Emmett Yeary, b. Oct. 22, 1925, near Krum, Texas.

b.—Margretta Fay Yeary, b. Feb. 2, 1928, near Krum, Texas.

F.—Irene May Yeary, b. March 15, 1908, Slidell, Texas, where she d. April 1, 1908.

G.—Jimmie Roe Yeary, a twin, b. Dec. 23, 1910.

H.—Addie Joe Yeary, twin of above, b. Dec. 23, 1910, Krum, Texas.

I.—Eunice Orlena Yeary, b. July 24, 1914, Krum, Texas.

5.—Jennie Wallace Burton, b. April 1, 1876, Austin, Texas, d. May 23, 1876.

6.—Henry Fort Burton, b. Oct. 8, 1877, Denton, Texas, m. Oct. 3, 1900, Slidell, Texas, Mary Ida Warren (b. March 23, 1883, Bullock County, Ala.), daughter of Mr. Warren and Elizabeth Colquitt. Four children:

A.—Warren Fort Burton, b. Jan. 23, 1903, Slidell, Texas, m. Nov. 19, 1924, Nellie M. Armstrong. Their son:

a.—Richard Warren Burton, b. Feb. 24, 1929, La Jolla, Calif.

B.—Gerald L. Burton, b. Jan. 27, 1906, Meridian, Texas.

C.—Mary Jo Burton, b. April 4, 1908, Slidell, Texas, m. June 5, 1929, Joseph E. Bellanger (b. Sept. 14, 1901, Detroit, Mich.).

D.—William Battle Burton, b. July 12, 1912, Plainview, Texas, d. Feb. 6, 1916.

7.—Son, b. and d. Nov. 26, 1879.

8.—Sue Burton, b. Dec. 15, 1883, Slidell, Texas, m. June 2, 1908, Slidell, Leland Clyde Whitaker (b. Dec. 21, 1876, near Mayfield, Ky.), son of William Clyde Whitaker and Sallie Wigington. Four children.

A.—Juanita Whitaker, b. Sept. 19, 1910, Goree, Texas, d. April 19, 1911, Aspermont, Texas.

B.—Leland Burton Whitaker, b. July 13, 1912, Aspermont, Texas.

C.—Robert May Whitaker, b. March 6, 1914, Aspermont, Texas.

D.—Louell Whitaker, b. Nov. 11, 1916, Haskell, Texas.

9.—Irene Burton, b. May 3, 1885, Slidell, Texas, d. June 2, 1927, m. Dec. 25, 1899, Joseph T. Bray. Seven children.

A.—Aureta Bray, b. Sept. 7, 1900, Slidell, Texas, where she d. Nov. 9, 1907.

B.—Gladys Mabel Bray, b. June 15, 1903, m. Joseph Hartley.

C.—Margaret Bray, b. May 3, 1908.
D.—Joseph T. Bray II, b. May 13, 1912.
E.—Nellie Modena Bray, b. Dec. 15, 1915.
F.—Evelyn Bray, b. Dec. 13, 1917.
G.—Bobbie Battle Bray, b. Feb. 9, 1923.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers including charts made by Mrs. W. F. (Miriam Robert Fort) Gill, Paris, Texas.
2.—The Battle Book, Table 69, pp. 578-583.

JAMES WILLIAM BATTLE, 6th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, was b. March 1, 1822, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Nov. 24, 1883, Montgomery County, Tenn., after having lived in Texas several different times. He and his 2nd wife, Mrs. Mary Green (Ligon) Fort, came back to Tennessee for the last time about 1870.

James William Battle m/1 Jan. 26, 1852, Bowie County, Texas, his cousin, Diana Coleman Fort (b. Nov. 14, 1833, Denmark, Tenn., d. July 1, 1854, Bowie County, Texas), daughter of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon. Two children were born to this couple, both of whom died in infancy:

1.—Diana Coleman Battle, b. Feb. 13, 1853, Bowie County, Texas, where she d. Sept. 15, 1855.

2.—Son, b. June 28, 1854, d. June 29, 1854, Bowie County, Texas.

James William Battle m/2 July 24, 1856, Montgomery County, Tenn., (as her 2nd husband), Mrs. Mary Green (Ligon) Fort (b. May 6, 1831, d. Oct. 21, 1890, both in Montgomery County, Tenn.), the 8th child of Matthew Ligon and his 1st wife, Judith Pleasants. Mary Green Ligon m/1 William Warder Fort (1826-1852), son of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon. William Warder Fort and James William Battle were first cousins. They were also brothers-in-law. (See LIGON) James William Battle had six children by his second wife:

3.—Orren Datus Battle, b. June 18, 1857. (See later)

4.—Nannie Pleasants Battle, b. March 11, 1859, Bowie County, Texas, where she d. September, 1866.

5.—Irene Florence Battle, b. Feb. 3, 1861. (See later)

6.—Stephen Ligon Battle, b. Jan. 5, 1863. (See later)

7.—Elizabeth May Battle, b. Nov. 19, 1864. (See later)

8.—Willie Buckner Battle (daughter), b. Aug. 2, 1867, Bowie County, Texas, where she d. Sept. 7, 1868.

ORREN DATUS BATTLE, a West Texas nurseryman, was the 3rd child of James William Battle. His mother was Mary Green Ligon. He was b. June 18, 1857, Bowie County, Texas, and d. May 14, 1945, at San Angelo, Texas, where he was buried in the family plot at Belvedere Memorial Park which he helped develop. The nurserymen of San Angelo were honorary pallbearers.

Orren Datus Battle m. Dec. 6, 1885, Alexander, Texas, Sara "Sally" Moore, daughter of Joseph M. Moore and Celia Wilkinson, and they had five children.

Mr. Battle was born on a plantation in Bowie County in 1857, and he vividly recalled the Civil War days. His family moved back to Tennessee for a time, but he returned to Texas when he was 21 years old and set up a mercantile business with a brother in Alexander, Erath County, where he and Sally Moore were married in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Battle moved from Alexander to Waco before going on to West Texas in 1888 where he opened a nursery in Coleman, specializing in paper shell pecans. His was one of the first orchards in that sector to be irrigated by means of a gasoline pump. In 1922 they went to San Angelo where they operated a nursery on West Beauregard Avenue until 1933. During this time Mr. Battle studied West Texas soil and developed a fertilizer which he called Battle's Plant Food. He retired on his 80th birthday, June 18, 1937.

The five children of Orren Datus Battle and Sarah Moore were:

1.—Ligon Marshall Battle, a civil engineer, was b. Aug. 27, 1887, Alexander, Texas, and d. May 6, 1957, Devine, Texas. He m. Feb. 6, 1912, Chloe Veta Shearer (b. Dec. 27, 1888, Wise County, Texas), daughter of George A. Shearer and Sara Crawford. Three children:

A.—Mary Ligon Battle, b. March 7, 1914, Uvalde, Texas, who now lives in Washington, D.C., and has been employed by the Federal Government since 1940.

B.—Joseph Marshall Battle, b. April 2, 1915, Uvalde, Texas, m. Nuggie Josephine Law (b. Oct. 14, 1915, Cass County, Texas), daughter of George L. Law and Avice McClung. They have two children:

a.—Marie Josephine Battle, b. Nov. 6, 1941, Atlanta, Texas, m. Eric Richard Nye (b. Aug. 1, 1942, Okla.), son of Edward R. Nye and Rose Mary Barclay. Their son:

(1)—Richard Lee Nye, b. March 19, 1962, Georgetown, Texas.

b.—Marshall Lee Battle, b. Nov. 6, 1943, Atlanta, Texas, m. Feb. 15, 1964, Sylvia Loyce Brown (b. May 18, 1944, Houston, Texas), daughter of Sylvan O. Brown and Loyce Quinn.

Joseph Marshall Battle is District Engineer of the Texas Highway Department at El Paso (District 24). He attended public schools in Arlington, Texas, received a degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas in 1940, but began his career with the Texas Highway Department in the Atlanta District as a laborer during the summer while attending the University. After graduation, he returned to the Highway Department as a rodman, advancing to Junior Resident Engineer in the Atlanta and Houston Districts.

In September 1945 he transferred to the Houston Urban Project, serving as Resident Engineer, Senior Design Engineer and Supervising Design Engineer. In 1955 he became Assistant Engineer Manager, serving in this capacity until September 1963 when he was transferred to the El Paso District as Assistant District Engineer. He was promoted to District Engineer in December of 1963.

During W.W.II, Mr. Battle was a civilian engineer, working on airfield construction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Galveston District.

He is Chairman of the Wapaha District of the Boy Scouts, is on the Board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church, and is a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

C.—Foster Lee Battle, b. Jan. 12, 1918, Marfa, Texas, m. March 10, 1945, Baltimore, Md., Margarete Marie Conrad (b. Sept. 18, 1918). He is a chemical engineer for Continental Oil Company in Maplewood, Louisiana. There are three children:

a.—Timothy Lee Battle, b. Dec. 17, 1945, Baltimore, Md.

b.—Jack Marshall Battle, b. June 2, 1949, Denver, Colorado.

c.—Sally Ann Battle, b. April 28, 1956, Denver, Colorado.

2.—Elizabeth M. "Bessie" Battle, b. Sept. 11, 1890, Coleman, Texas, m. April 11, 1915, Uvalde, Texas, Arthur Ross Maley (d. June 24, 1965). Mrs. Maley lives in the home that was her parents' in San Angelo. She and Mr. Maley had one daughter.

A.—Margaret Elizabeth Maley, b. Feb. 12, 1924, Marfa, Texas, m. June 24, 1941, Linden, Texas, M. F. Heard (b. June 24, 1941, Linden, Texas) who served overseas with the Air Force during W.W.II. They live in San Angelo, Texas, and are the parents of two sons:

a.—Herbert Ross Heard, b. Sept. 19, 1942, Linden, Texas, m. March 18, 1967, Jeanie Ray.

b.—Martin Dudley Heard, b. May 15, 1950.

3.—John D. Battle, b. Oct. 22, 1894, Coleman, Texas, d. Jan. 1, 1928, Dallas, Texas, m. in 1917 Nora Nell Ferguson (d. 1946), and both were buried in Mission Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. He was successful in the drug and tobacco business. They had three children.

A.—John Henry Battle, b. in Dallas, Texas, is an Episcopal minister who holds a Ph.D. in Linguistics with a concentration in Hebrew. In the fall of 1967 he was attending the University of Texas where he was an assistant in Hebrew studies. He was also assistant pastor of a church in Austin, Texas. He m. in Cleburne, Texas, Eleanor Ann Frazier, a teacher, and they were living in Austin, Texas, in 1967.

B.—Richard Coke Battle, b. in Birmingham, Ala., was a Lieutenant in the Air Force and a pilot in W.W. II. He m. Sept. 23, 1944, Chicago, Ill., Jeanne Avis Band, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Christian Band, and they now live in New Jersey.

C.—Ruth Battle, b. Jan. 24, 1921, Dallas, Texas, m. Dec. 31, 1938, Donald Charles Kuehne. They live at Hyattsville, Md., with their two children:

a.—Herbert William Kuehne, b. Sept. 23, 1939, Zanesville, Ohio.

b.—Donna Ruth Kuehne, b. in Cleveland, Ohio.

4.—Richard Coke Battle, b. Nov. 7, 1897, Coleman, Texas, a retired Diesel Power Engineer, m. Dec. 18, 1931, Orange, Calif., Margaret Crawford, a teacher, and they now live at Brea, California. They have two daughters.

A.—Sally Kathryn Battle, m. July 20, 1952, Donald Ray Howard. They live at Fullerton, California, with their three children.

a.—Richard Ray Howard, b. Jan. 8, 1957.

b.—Steven Walter Howard, b. April 6, 1959.

c.—Kathryn Jane Howard, b. Sept. 24, 1960.

B.—Jane Elizabeth Battle m. Oct. 8, 1960, Cornelius Eugene Reese. They live at San Jose, California, with their two children.

a.—Erin Elizabeth Reese, b. July 23, 1962.

b.—Amy Lyn Reese, b. Aug. 18, 1964.

5.—Orren Datus Battle II, b. Jan. 26, 1901, Coleman, Texas, where he d. May 11, 1901.

References: Battle Book, Table 70, page 584.
Data contributed by Mrs. A. R. (Bessie Battle) Maley, 117 N. Farr Street, San Antonio, Texas, in October, 1967.

IRENE FLORENCE BATTLE was the 5th child of James William Battle. Her mother was Mary Green Ligon. She was b. Feb. 3, 1861, Boston, Bowie County, Texas, and d. March 15, 1934, Montgomery County, Tenn., where she had m. Dec. 10, 1879, Joseph Wimberly Bourne (b. May 5, 1843, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. June 26, 1911, Montgomery County), son of Ambrose Dudley Bourne and Sarah Whitfield.

Ambrose Dudley Bourne (called Dudley) was a son of Rev. Ambrose Dudley Bourne (called Ambrose) and his 2nd wife, Mary Johnson. (See BOURNE.)

Irene Florence Battle and Joseph Wimberly Bourne had seven children.

1.—Eula Bourne, b. Oct. 28, 1880, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. there Jan. 27, 1912, was a teacher before she m. Dec. 23, 1903, Montgomery County, George Forest Allen (d. May, 1945), son of John Benjamin Allen and Betty McGowen. They had three children.

A.—Frances Irene Allen, b. Oct. 19, 1904, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Feb. 14, 1952, attended Draughn's Business College in Nashville, Tenn., and worked as a private secretary. She m. in April 1936 Charles William Carter of Nashville, Tenn., son of William T. Carter and Lottie Hood. They had no children.

B.—Mary Bourne Allen, b. Aug. 27, 1906, received B.S. and M.A. degrees from Austin Peay State University where she was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma, and teaches at Clarksville, Tennessee. She m. in May 1924 at Clarksville Peter Lawrence Ussery (b. in Montgomery County, Tenn., where he d. May 18, 1951), son of George Ussery and Dell Neblett. They adopted a son:

a.—David Lawrence Ussery (adopted), b. Oct. 5, 1937, Nashville, Tenn., holds a B.S. from Austin Peay State University at Clarksville. A lieutenant in the Navy (in late 1967), he was given a Bronze Star for service in Viet Nam. He m. March 17, 1961, Nancy Loretta Fuqua (b. Sept. 17, 1938, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of O. K. Fuqua and Julia Harris. Their daughter:

(1)—Loretta Ann Ussery, b. Nov. 3, 1965, Wahiawa, Hawaii.

C.—John Benjamin Allen, b. March 25, 1910, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Feb. 23, 1966, Nashville, Tenn., unmarried,

2.—Edward Douglas Bourne, b. July 31, 1882, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. there June 8, 1963, unmarried. He was a farmer.

3.—Joseph Wimberly Bourne II, b. Aug. 8, 1884, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. there Nov. 4, 1918. A farmer, he m. Sept. 30, 1912, Kitty Beaumont (b. July 7, 1894), daughter of Fletcher Beaumont and Frances Edmondson, and they had three sons.

A.—Joseph Wimberly Bourne III, b. April 23, 1915, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. in 1942 Mary Lucille Hampton. Two sons:

a.—Joseph Wimberly Bourne IV, b. in 1944, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Nov. 5, 1966, Vivian Kramer. They have a daughter:

(1)—Lara Kimberly Bourne, b. Dec. 13, 1967, Montgomery County, Tenn.

b.—Wade Lewis Bourne, b. 1947, Montgomery County, Tenn.

B.—Irvin Beaumont Bourne, b. Nov. 3, 1916, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. in April, 1946, Edith Smith. No children.

C.—Edward Douglas Bourne (b. Oct. 14, 1917, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. in March, 1946, Mary Wesley O'Neal (d. early in 1968). They had one child.

a.—Daughter, died at birth.

After the death of Joseph Wimberly Bourne II in 1918, Kitty Beaumont m/2 March 6, 1920, his younger brother, Lewis Samuel Bourne, the 7th child of Irene Florence Battle and Joseph Wimberly Bourne. They had no children. They live on Route 3, Clarksville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Lewis Bourne (Kitty Beaumont) has given data on this family, correcting errors in the *BATTLE BOOK*, and sent records from the Battle Family Bible (dating back to 1822) that were kept by Mary Green (Ligon) Fort-Battle.

4.—Mary Elizabeth Bourne, b. Oct. 17, 1886, Montgomery County, Tenn., died in an automobile accident in May, 1937. Her husband died in the same accident, and their daughter died a few days later. She m. May 5, 1908, Nashville, Tenn., David Enoch McPherson, Sr., (b. Sept. 13, 1882, Davidson County, Tenn., d. May, 1937), son of Albert McPherson and Emma Simpson. They lived at Belleview, Tenn., and were the parents of three children.

A.—Kenneth Bourne McPherson, b. April 21, 1911, Davidson County, Tenn., educated at the University of Tennessee, is lighting and heating supervisor with the Nashville Electric Service. He m. Nov. 15, 1936, Lois Mason (b. Oct. 17, 1916, DeKalb County, Tenn.), daughter of Harlan E. Mason and Lottie Winnard. They have one daughter:

a.—Mary Lois McPherson, b. Oct. 23, 1941, Lincoln County, Tenn.

B.—David Enoch McPherson, Jr., b. May 14, 1913, Davidson County, Tenn., educated at the University of Tennessee, is a teacher of vocational agriculture at Bartlett, Shelby County, Tenn. He m. June 19, 1940, Ethel Elam (b. Jan. 29, 1914, Shelby County, Tenn.), daughter of John Edward Elam and Ruth Crenshaw.

C.—Mary Irene McPherson, b. Sept. 13, 1925, Davidson County, Tenn.,

died there May 12, 1937, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident a few days before in which both of her parents were killed.

5.—Lucy Beaumont Bourne, b. Aug. 11, 1888, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. there June 26, 1889.

6.—James Battle Bourne, b. Nov. 5, 1889, Montgomery County, Tenn., now retired from his position as manager of the Clarksville branch of the U.S. Tobacco Company, lives on his farm on Route 3, Clarksville, Tennessee, with his second wife.

Mr. Bourne m/1 Nov. 30, 1915, Nashville, Tenn., Elsie Link (b. April 20, 1890, Nashville, Tenn., d. July 1, 1931, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of Samuel Albert Link and Sarah Amanda DeBoe. They had four daughters.

Samuel Albert Link was a son of William B. Link and Amanda Randolph. He was b. July 10, 1845, near Lebanon, Tenn., and d. in 1909 at Thomasville, Cheatham County, Tenn. In 1875 he m. Sarah Amanda DeBoe (d. ca 1892). An educator, Professor Link attended Ewing College in Illinois and the University of Nashville. He read law, but never practiced. In 1872 a new high school building was erected next to the old Red River Baptist Church at Adams, Tennessee, which, under the leadership of Prof. Samuel Albert Link, was considered the best in the County. Many boarding pupils attended, and others came from Springfield on the train to school.

He was Superintendant of the Blind School in Nashville, Tenn., at one period, and the family lived in an apartment on the grounds. It was there that his daughter Elsie Link was born on April 20, 1890. His wife died there two years later.

About 1900, Prof. Link retired to the homeplace in Thomasville, Cheatham County, Tennessee, and he and his sister Maizie's husband, Sterling C. Brewer, founded the Link High School about 1901. This was the first high school in Cheatham County, but the school was terminated around 1906, after which time Prof. Link spent most of his time writing. He was the author of two volumes of "Pioneers of Southern Literature" and of numerous monographs on southern poets and eminent Americans. He was a frequent contributor to the "Methodist Quarterly" and to the "Christian Advocate."

Peabody College bestowed upon Professor Samuel Albert Link the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters.

After the death of Elsie Link (1890-1931), James Battle Bourne m/2 Sept. 26, 1940, Mrs. Myrtis (Mobley) Harper (b. Sept. 24, 1891), daughter of Ben Mobley and Ela Elizabeth Winn. She was married first to Fred Harper and has a daughter, Amelia Harper, who is married to Herman W. Lay (of Frito-Lay, Inc.), and they live in Dallas, Texas.

The four daughters of James Battle Bourne and Elsie Link are:

A.—Florence Irene Bourne, b. Dec. 10, 1917, Montgomery County, Tenn., NSDAR #444253, is Past-Regent of James Hunter Chapter DAR, and State Chairman of American History Month Committee DAR of North Carolina for the years 1967-1970. She m. May 11, 1936, Sterling Fountain Webster, Jr. (b. June 16, 1907, N. C.), son of Sterling Fountain Webster, Sr., and Elizabeth Williams of Madison, N. C. He attended the Citadel in Charleston, S. C., the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke

University at Durham. He is a tobacco warehouseman, postmaster, served 19 years on the Madison Board of Aldermen, is on the Board of Stewards of Madison Methodist Church, and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Webster live at Madison, N. C. They have three children.

a.—Elizabeth Irene Webster, b. May 18, 1937, Winston-Salem, N. C., a graduate of the University of North Carolina, member of Kappa Delta and Alpha Delta Kappa, is now Supervisor of Guidance at Hughes Junior High School in Greenville, S. C. She m. June 14, 1958, William Roger Frye (b. Dec. 27, 1929, Boston, Mass.), son of Jesse Claude Frye and Ruth Jackson. He, too, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. They live at Greenville, S.C., with their three daughters:
(1)—Irene Webster Frye, b. July 5, 1959, Chapel Hill, N. C.
(2)—Janet Louise Frye, b. May 5, 1961, New Brunswick, N. Y.
(3)—Karen Ruth Frye, b. May 5, 1962, Burlington, N. C.

b.—Sterling Fountain Webster III, b. July 1, 1941, Winston-Salem, N. C., served three years in the U.S. Army, arriving in Germany for a 32-month stint the summer the Berlin Wall was built. A graduate of Guilford College, Greensboro, N. C., he is now associated with Cameron-Brown Company, Mortgage Banker, Insurers and Realtors.

c.—Deems Bourne Webster, b. June 22, 1945, Winston-Salem, N.C., a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is an English teacher at Madison-Mayodan Senior High School.

B.—Louise Bourne, b. Dec. 18, 1919, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Aug. 19, 1939, Clarksville, Rob Julian Winn (b. Nov. 13, 1914, Christian County, Ky.), son of Joel Sneed Winn and Lulu Monroe Allen. He was with Air Transport Command in W.W. II, and is a member of USAF Reserves. He is a pilot for Frosty Morn Meat Packing Company at Clarksville. They have no children.

Rob Julian Winn and his brother Joe Allen Winn married sisters. They live across the road from each other and are partners in farming. They won a special Conservation Award for restoring one farm. Their homes are on Route 4, Clarksville, Tennessee.

C.—Elsie Link Bourne, b. April 22, 1921, Clarksville, Tenn., m. June 7, 1942, Jacksonville, Fla., Joe Allen Winn (b. Dec. 21, 1919, Clarksville, Tenn.), son of Joel Sneed Winn and Lulu Monroe Allen. He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, then graduated from Austin Peay State College a year ahead of his oldest daughter. He is a farmer, and a teacher at Clarksville High School.

"The most literary of us," according to her sister Mrs. Webster, Elsie Link (Bourne) Winn dabbled in Radio and TV script writing while they were stationed at Hawaii.

There are four children.

a.—Joan Winn, b. Nov. 3, 1943, Clarksville, Tenn., graduated from Austin Peay State College, and m. June 25, 1966, James Lowell Phifer.

b.—Lou Winn, b. Feb. 10, 1946, Clarksville, Tenn., graduated from Middle Tennessee State University, and m. April 10, 1968, Ellis Martin Burns, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Burns of Clarksville, Tenn.

c.—Ann Winn, b. Aug. 3, 1947, Saipan, Marianas Islands, m. March 16, 1968, Edward Clark Hopping III.

d.—Joe Allen Winn, Jr., b. Dec. 15, 1953, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

D.—Sara Bourne, b. April 22, 1922, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Feb. 22, 1941, Arnold Dean Clifton (b. Nov. 29, 1918, d. Sept. 15, 1965), son of Allie Coe Clifton and Nora Fry. He was a pilot for Delta Airlines with Captain status.

Sara (Bourne) Clifton is a legal secretary. She lives at Seabrook, Texas. They had three children.

a.—Arnold Bourne Clifton, b. June 26, 1942, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Aug. 21, 1965, Harriett Ford, daughter of Carl and Jenny Ford. They have a son:

(1)—Arnold Dean Clifton, b. Feb. 19, 1966, Arlington, Texas.

b.—David Link Clifton, b. Sept. 8, 1944, Atlanta, Ga.

c.—Wendie Clifton, b. Feb. 4, 1949, Fort Worth, Texas.

Data contributed by Florence Irene (Bourne) Webster, Madison, N. C., who deserves all credit for bringing the descendants of James William Battle and Mary Green Ligdon down to date.

STEPHEN LIGON BATTLE was the 6th child of James William Battle. His mother was Mary Green Ligon. He was b. Jan. 5, 1863, Bowie County, Texas, m. June 30, 1890, Beaumont, Texas, Roberta Marye Weaver (b. Feb. 20, 1870), daughter of Ashley B. Weaver and Roberta Marye Blackwell. They lived at Kirbyville, Texas. They had seven children.

1.—Robert Ligon Battle, b. Nov. 25, 1891, Beaumont, Texas.

2.—Alfred Birchard Battle, b. Oct. 3, 1893, Beaumont, Texas, m. Sept. 16, 1917, Essex, Conn., Kathryn Artemisia Kiess (b. Feb. 2, 1900, Essex, Conn.), daughter of Alfred William Kiess and Minnie Viola Saunders. Two children.

A.—Kathryn Juanita Battle, b. Dec. 12, 1918, Essex, Conn.

B.—Ashley Weaver Battle, b. June 17, 1927, Essex, Conn.

3.—William Wyatt Battle, b. Oct. 31, 1895, Beaumont, Texas, m. Aug. 2, 1916, Kinder, La., Myra Allen (b. June 6, 1898), daughter of John Edward Allen and Alice Elizabeth Barker. Three children.

A.—Virginia Estelle Battle, b. Aug. 2, 1917, Kinder, La.

B.—Melba Lee Battle, b. Nov. 25, 1918, Beaumont, Texas.

C.—Myra Wyatt Battle, b. July 31, 1921, Beaumont, Texas.

4.—Rena Battle, b. Oct. 1, 1897, Beaumont, Texas, m. B. C. Sims.

5.—James Bourne Battle, b. Nov. 15, 1899, Beaumont, Texas.

6.—Mildred Marye Battle, b. May 10, 1902. (See later)

7.—Ashley Weaver Battle, died young.

MILDRED MARYE BATTLE, the 6th child of Stephen Ligon Battle and Roberta Marye Weaver, was b. May 10, 1902, Beaumont, Texas, where she m. May 5, 1923, John Aaron Wilson I (b. Dec. 20, 1902), son of John

Alexander Wilson and Elizabeth Ardell Bingham. They live at Highland, Texas. They had six children.

1.—Rena Marye Wilson, b. Feb. 8, 1924, Beaumont, Texas, m. in 1941 Morris Dugat by whom she had three children. Later divorced, she m/2 Tom Phillips and they live at Deer Park, Texas. Her three children are:

A.—Doris Ann Dugat.

B.—Rusty Dugat.

C.—Stephen Dugat.

2.—Mildred Elizabeth Wilson, b. March 1, 1926, Kirbyville, Texas, m. in 1947 Rolland Lawson. They live at Brea, Calif., with their two children.

A.—Diane Lawson.

B.—Patty Lawson.

3.—John Aaron Wilson II, b. June 21, 1927, Kirbyville, Jasper County, Texas, graduated from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the Class of 1952. He received a M.D. degree in 1956 from the University of Louisville. He was a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy from 1956 until 1959, then became University Psychiatrist at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

On Dec. 27, 1949, John Aaron Wilson II m. Dorothy Lee Knight (b. Feb. 27, 1921, Corinth, Miss.), daughter of C. W. Knight of Mississippi and Cora Buckner of Kentucky. They have three children.

A.—Carol Paige Wilson, b. Nov. 1, 1954, Louisville, Jefferson County, Ky.

B.—Lee Ann Wilson, b. May 19, 1956, Louisville, Jefferson County, Ky.

C.—Miriam Knight Wilson, b. Oct. 27, 1960, Hopkinsville, Christian County, Ky.

4.—Stephen Ligon Wilson, b. May 26, 1931, m. in 1952 Ruth Koike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenjiro Koike of Tokyo, Japan. They live in San Diego, California, with their adopted daughter.

A.—Stephanie Wilson.

5.—Melissa Ruth Wilson, b. Aug. 5, 1936, Baytown, Texas, m. George McWhorter. They live in Houston, Texas, with their three children.

A.—Don McWhorter.

B.—Melissa McWhorter.

C.—Johnny McWhorter.

6.—Walter Neal Wilson, b. March 26, 1939, m. in 1959 Linda Pumphrey. They live in Yuba City, California, with their two children.

A.—Walter Neal Wilson, Jr.

B.—Melissa Wilson.

References: Battle Book, Table 70, pages 585, 586.

Data contributed by Dr. John A. Wilson, Nashville, Tenn.

ELIZABETH MAY BATTLE was the 7th child of James William Battle. Her mother was Mary Green Ligon. She was b. Nov. 19, 1864, Boston, Bowie County, Texas, and d. July 24, 1952, Oxford, Georgia. She graduated in 1886 from Normal College, Winchester, Tenn., and taught in Tennessee and Georgia for ten years. On Dec. 15, 1887, at Flovilla, she m. Robert Lee Paine, Sr., (b. July 6, 1862, Aberdeen, Miss., d. Aug. 7, 1939, Oxford, Ga.). He was Professor of History at Emory College, Oxford, Georgia.

Robert Lee Paine, Sr., was a son of James Gardner Paine, Brig. Gen., C.S.A., and Frances Rebecca Graves; grandson of Robert Paine, Bishop M.E. Church, South, and Susannah E. Beck; great-grandson of Dr. James Paine and Mary Alexander Williams,—and of Judge John E. Beck, 1st judge of Nashville, Tenn., and Lavinia Robertson; great-great-grandson of Robert Paine, officer in the Revolutionary Army from Person County, N. C., and Elizabeth Miller of Virginia,—of Capt. Ralph Williams—and of Gen. James W. Robertson, founder of Nashville; great-great-great-grandson of Dr. James Paine (Major Colonial Wars, settled Granville County, N. C., 1740; member N. C. Legislature; Sheriff Granville County) and Mary Hardin of Virginia. (P. 586, Battle Book.)

Elizabeth May Battle and Robert Lee Paine, Sr., were the parents of three children.

1.—Robert Lee Paine II, b. Sept. 4, 1896, Jonesboro, Ga., where he d. June 4, 1898.

2.—Mary Battle Paine, b. Sept. 14, 1898, Jonesboro, Ga., was a teacher. She received the A.B. degree in 1919 from Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., and taught six years in the Department of English at Covington, Ga., High School, and later taught at the Atlanta, Ga., High School. She m. Nov. 28, 1935, Hugh Suggs Allen (d. Nov. 10, 1961, Oxford, Ga). She and her sister now own and operate "The Paine Home" at 1003 Wesley Street, Oxford, Georgia.

3.—Elizabeth Frances Paine, b. April 10, 1902, Social Circle, Ga., A.B. 1922, Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, is a teacher. She is active in Sunday School and Methodist Church work, and is Superintendent of the Elementary Department, Sunday School, of the West Georgia Conference. She and her sister, Mrs. Hugh Suggs Allen, own and operate "The Paine Home" at Oxford, Georgia.

References: Battle Book, Table 70, p. 586.
Data contributed by Miss Elizabeth Paine, Oxford, Ga.
NSDAR No. 130089, Mrs. Elizabeth Battle Paine.

JETHRO O. BATTLE, 7th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, was b. June 10, 1824, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Aug. 23, 1845, Bowie County, Texas, where the family had moved, in 1842, from Hinds County, Mississippi.

JULIUS DATUS BATTLE, 8th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, was b. June 8, 1827, the year before the family moved to Hinds County, Miss. He d. at Clarksville, Red River County, Texas, Feb. 4, 1871. On Feb. 17, 1853, at Lewisville, Ark., he m. Jane M. Stricklin (b. Dec. 12, 1827, N. C., d. March 25, 1900, New Boston, Texas), daughter of Bolin and Sarah Stricklin. They had five children.

1.—Everett Bryant Battle, b. Nov. 17, 1853, Myrtle Springs, Texas, d. Feb. 6, 1920, m. Aug. 23, 1895, New Orleans, La., Willie Lucy Powe (b. in Feb., 1854, in Alabama). No children.

2.—Emma Arabella Battle, b. Sept. 16, 1855, d. June 27, 1888, m. Sept. 20, 1876, J. R. Wyse, and had five children.

A.—Caroline Ada Wyse, b. Aug. 6, 1877, DeKalb, Texas, d. June 5, 1925, Texarkana, Texas, m. March 18, 1894, New Boston, Texas, John Jefferson King (b. July 26, 1863, Franklin Parish, La.), son of John King and Virginia Ann Ship. Two children.

a.—Mabel King, b. Jan. 10, 1895, Texarkana, Texas, where she m. March 17, 1920, Burney Back (b. July 11, 1894, Cass County, Mo.), son of Charles and Minnie Back.

b.—John Richard King, b. Aug. 17, 1896, Texarkana, Texas.

B.—James Alfred Wyse, b. April 9, 1880, DeKalb, Texas, m. Oct. 25, 1905, New Boston, Texas, Carrie Morris (b. May 9, 1888, New Boston), daughter of Thomas C. and Joanna Morris. Two children.

a.—James Morris Wyse, b. Oct. 8, 1907, New Boston, Texas.

b.—Jo Alf Wyse, b. March 14, 1921, Texarkana, Texas.

C.—William D. Wyse, b. May 7, 1882, d. June 4, 1889.

D.—Julius R. Wyse, b. April 14, 1884, d. Aug. 8, 1889.

E.—Janie Teel Wyse, b. March 14, 1886, DeKalb, Texas, m. Aug. 3, 1902, Hooks, Texas, Marion Horace Knight (b. Jan. 17, 1881, Hooks), son of Stephen Matthew and Martha Knight. They had eleven children.

a.—Marion Matthew Knight, b. June 15, 1903, Hooks, Texas.

b.—James Richard Knight, b. June 18, 1905, Hooks, Texas.

c.—Mary Pauline Knight, b. Nov. 25, 1908, Caspiana, La.

d.—Amy Teel Knight, b. March 23, 1914, Hooks, Texas.

e.—Sam Hughes Knight, b. Dec. 17, 1915, Hooks, Texas.

f.—Virginia Louise Knight, b. Jan. 17, 1919, Hooks, Texas.

g.—Harold Wallace Knight, a twin, b. Jan. 19, 1921, Hooks, Texas.

h.—Carroll Wyse Knight, twin of above, b. Jan. 19, 1921, Hooks, Texas.

i.—Emma Nell Knight, a twin, b. March 18, 1922, Hooks, Texas.

j.—William Hartwell Knight, twin of above, b. March 18, 1922, d. Feb. 14, 1924, Hooks, Texas.

k.—Weavie Francis Knight, b. Dec. 11, 1925, Hooks, Texas.

3.—Ada Florence Battle, b. Jan. 3, 1858, Myrtle Springs, Texas, m. Oct. 12, 1875, Boston, Texas, Walton Hugh Ector (d. Dec. 26, 1882, Texarkana, Texas), a lawyer, son of Gen. M. D. Ector. Three children.

A.—Matthew Datus Ector, b. March 2, 1877, Boston, Texas, m. Feb. 12, 1905, New Boston, Texas, Leila May Norman. Five children.

a.—Hugh Norman Ector, b. and d. Jan. 6, 1906, Henrietta, Texas.

b.—Arthur Walton Ector, b. April 6, 1907, New Boston, Texas.

c.—Mary Louise Ector, b. Aug. 13, 1909, Texarkana, Texas.

d.—Ada Eugenia Ector, b. March 24, 1915, Fresno, Texas, where she d. March 28, 1915.

e.—Dorothy Suella Ector, b. March 12, 1917, Texarkana, Texas.

B.—Walton Hugh Ector II, b. May 13, 1880, Boston, Texas, m. Oct. 12, 1914, Texarkana, Texas, Lillian Beecher Hartley (b. April 4, 1890, Mexia, Texas), daughter of Thomas J. and Lucy A. Hartley. Two children.

a.—Walton Hugh Ector III, b. July 26, 1915, Texarkana, Texas.

b.—Robert Hunt Ector, b. Aug. 21, 1917, Texarkana, Texas.

C.—Josiah Fort Ector, b. Oct. 28, 1882, Boston, Texas, m. Sept. 22, 1901, Texarkana, Juanita Lenox (b. March 5, 1882, Gainesville, Texas), daughter of David Francis Lenox and Ozella Poole. Two children.

a.—Florence Ozella Ector, b. March 31, 1903, New Boston, Texas, m. July 22, 1826, Sinton, Texas, Henry Dannelley (b. June 26, 1900, Dale, Texas), son of Anthony O. Dannelley and Tone T. Capers. Two children.

(1)—Marjorie Merle Dannelley, b. May 2, 1927, Denton, Texas.

(2)—Onita Joe Dannelley, b. Sept. 7, 1928,

b.—Avis Merle Ector, b. April 1, 1905, New Boston, Texas, m. June 11, 1929, Texarkana, Texas, W. B. Pickens.

4.—Ella Jane Battle, b. Dec. 19, 1859, Myrtle Springs, Texas, m. June 19, 1881, Boston, Texas, John Henry Tidwell. Four children.

A.—Clyde A. Tidwell, b. May 31, 1882, Boston, Texas, where he d. Aug. 2, 1883.

B.—Claudia Ollie Tidwell, b. Feb. 10, 1884, Boston, Texas where she d. Oct. 1, 1885.

C.—Ada J. Tidwell, b. Feb. 20, 1887, Old Boston, Texas, m. June 8, 1924, Texarkana, Texas, Abisha Slade Watlington (b. in Yanceyville, N. C.) who was for four years a judge in Bowie County, Texas. Their child:

a.—William Henry Watlington, b. May 28, 1925, Texarkana, Texas.

D.—Julius M. Tidwell, b. Nov. 14, 1890, Boston, Texas, m. Ruth Jackson.

5.—Julius Orren Battle, b. Dec. 15, 1863, Limestone County, Texas, m/1 Jan. 28, 1885, New Boston, Texas, May H. Holstein (b. in La., d. March 23, 1895, New Boston, Texas), daughter of P. J. Holstein and Laura J. Hawthorn, by whom he had one daughter:

A.—Nina May Battle, b. July 17, 1886, New Boston, Texas, m. Oct. 3, 1906, New Boston, William Keys Lynn. Four children:

a.—Orren Battle Lynn, b. Nov. 2, 1907, New Boston, Texas.

b.—Jessie Mae Lynn, b. June 6, 1909, New Boston, Texas.

c.—William Lynn, b. March 3, 1914, Texarkana, Texas.

d.—James Keys Lynn, b. March 14, 1916, Texarkana, Texas.

Julius Orren Battle m/2 February 24, 1896, Fayetteville, Ark., Ida Corinne McCarty (b. April 8, 1876, Fayetteville), daughter of Robert Lee McCarty and Caroline Latta, by whom he had three more children.

B.—Bernice Lee Battle, b. Sept. 3, 1898, New Boston, Texas.

C.—Robert Orren Battle,. b. Jan. 13, 1900, New Boston, Texas.

D.—Morris Sheppard Battle, b. March 14, 1903, New Boston, m. Feb. 24, 1926, Texarkana, Texas, Margaret Fontaine (b. June 14, 1904, Hope, Ark.), daughter of Edward La Fontaine and Bettie Allen. Their child:

a.—Morris Fontaine Battle, b. July 23, 1927, Texarkana, Texas.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers including charts made by Mrs. W. F. (Miriam Robert Fort) Gill, Paris, Texas.

2.—The Battle Book, Table 71, pp. 587-589.

Chart 3, Chapter III

JAMES FORT, son and 4th child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. Oct. 18, 1788, Edgecombe County, N.C., and died July 9, 1819, in Tennessee with burial in the William Fort Cemetery. He was a merchant.

James Fort m/1 Dec. 19, 1810, Jane Vernon Hampton (b. March 1, 1791, d. Sept. or Dec. 13, 1811), daughter of George Hampton (1749-1793) and Mary Nugent Ballard (1752-1812), and they had one daughter:

A.—Jane Vernon Hampton Fort, b. Sept. 11, 1811, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Aug. 6, 1856, Carroll County, Miss., m. Sept. 11, 1827, on her 16th birthday, John Thomas Turner (b. March 5, 1804), a son of Simon Turner, b. in N.C. and d. in Tenn.) and Lucy Peters. Simon Turner was a son of Capt. Simon Turner of Wake County, N.C., and Nancy Smith. Jane Vernon Hampton Fort and John Thomas Turner had fourteen children.

a.—Nancy Peters Turner, b. July 17, 1828.
b.—Mary Elizabeth Turner, b. Feb. 4, 1830.
c.—Susan Turner, b. Oct. 28, 1831.
d.—Martha Frances Turner, b. March 1, 1833.
e.—James William Fort Turner, b. Jan. 7, 1835.
f.—Virginia Phillips Turner, b. March 16, 1836, m. S. Watt Turner and lived at Greenwood, Miss.
g.—Irene Vaughan Turner, b. March 22, 1838.
h.—John Thomas Turner II, b. Feb. 23, 1840.
i.—Jane Vernon Hampton Turner, b. May 21, 1842, m. Mr. Bishop and lived at Shaw, Miss.
j.—Lucy Perkins Turner, b. March 23, 1844.
k.—Margaret Cynthia Turner, b. May 13, 1846.
l.—Evelyn Turner, b. Feb. 28, 1848.
m.—Sallie Amelia Turner, b. Feb. 16, 1850.
n.—Simon Watkins Turner, b. Aug. 16, 1852.

James Fort m/2 Patsy Mills Ewing, daughter of General Robert E. Ewing II (1760-1832) and Jane McLean, daughter of Ephriam McLean, of Logan County, Ky., and they had a son:

B.—William Fort. (No information about him.)

After the death of James Fort on July 9, 1819, his widow Patsy Mills (Ewing) Fort m/2 William B. Ross. (See EWING, Chapter IV.)

References:

1.—Recollections of a Lifetime by Mrs. Mary Catherine Killebrew, 1902.
2.—The Ewing Genealogy . . . by Presley K. Ewing, 1919.
3.—The Story of Logan County, Ky., by Edward Coffman, 1962.
4.—The Battle Book, Table 27, pp. 328-329, 1930.

Chart 4, Chapter III

WILLIAM ANTHONY FORT, son and 5th child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. Dec. 21, 1790. He d. June 5, 1817, in Montgomery County, Tenn., when 27 years old, unmarried, and was buried in the William Fort Cemetery in Robertson County. (Note: The date of death inscribed on his monument should be 1817 instead of 1847.)

William Anthony Fort must have gone to North Carolina in his early manhood for an extended visit, returning to Tennessee in 1813. In the MINUTES of the Red River Baptist Church for Sunday, January 16, 1814, in the excellent handwriting of the Clerk, SUGG FORT (who always signed his name with all capitols), is this entry:

"Yesterday being a rainy day, there was no conference. Therefore we met today. After sermon by Bro. S. Fort, Bro. J. Fort prayed, . . . proceeded to business . . . appointed Brethern Bell and Dunn to talk to with Bro. Wm. A. Fort who still retains a letter he brought from the Falls of Tarr River No. Carolina last spring. The Brethern reported that he informed them that his reason for not giving up his letter is that he don't consider himself settled."

This man apparently helped with the administration of his father's estate as several reports of "Account Current with the Estate of William Fort, Deceased" were filed during 1814-1815 in Robertson County, Tennessee, by Wm. A. Fort, Extr. (Vol. II, 1812-1818 (pp. 3-58 missing) Wills, Inventories & Bonds.)

William A. Fort, in his own will dated May 31, 1817, recorded in Montgomery County, Tennessee, left all his wearing apparel to his brother Jacob H. Fort. After payment of all lawful debts, the residue, both real and personal, was to go to his brothers James, Jacob H. and Josiah W. Fort; however, he added a codicil stipulating that his niece, Jane Vernon Hampton Fort, should have $1500 "of the above legacy which was left to her father, James Fort, he (the said James Fort) retaining it in his hands till she should arrive at the age of sixteen. . ." (Will Book, p. 386.)

Bond for $24,000 was made on July 21, 1817, by James Fort, Jacob H. Fort, Josiah W. Fort, David Gould and Robert Searcy, "all of the State of Tennessee and County of Montgomery" as Executors of the Will of William A. Fort. (Will Book, p. 468.)

Will Book, p. 491, Montgomery County, Tennessee (p. 353 WPA copied records, Tennessee State Library):

"An Inventory of the property belonging to the Estate of Wm. A. Fort Deceased following Towit In bonds & Accounts eight thousand dollars three Negroes two hundred acres of land one third part of a lot in Clarksville Oct. 24th 1817.

James, Jacob & J. W. Fort,
Executors to the Estate of
W. A. Fort Decd."

Chart 5, Chapter III

JACOB HILLIARD FORT, son and 6th child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. Nov. 29, 1792, in Tennessee, and d. Dec. 22, 1833. He m. Cynthia Copeland and they had five children. A notation in the Jane Fort Papers indicated that this family "died out." The children were:

1.—Cornelia Fort.

2.—Cynthia Fort.

3.—Martha Fort.

4.—Edward Fort.

5.—Jacob Fort.

In 1817, when Jacob H. Fort was co-executor of the will of his brother William A. Fort, he was listed as a resident of Montgomery County; however, the 1820 Census of Robertson County, Tennessee, on page 17 of Martha Lou Houston's typewritten edition, lists him and his family as follows:

1 male 26/45 years. (Jacob H. Fort was 28 years old)
1 male 16/26 years. (?)
1 female 16/26 years. (Cynthia, his wife)
1 female "To 10 years." (oldest child, a daughter)
18 slaves.

Then on page 35 is this entry: "A list of manufactures established within division alloted to me" (in Robertson County) —

"JACOB H. FORT—grist mill, saw mill and distillery."

Jacob H. Fort both bought and sold land, as evidenced by the Deed Books of Robertson County, Tennessee. He conveyed the William Fort homeplace to Ilai Metcalfe in 1820.

According to MINUTES of the Red River Baptist Church, Cynthia Fort was received by experience April 15, 1820. On October 15, 1824, she requested a letter of dismission, along with "Bro. Josiah W. Fort and wife, Diana C. Fort."

Chart 6, Chapter III

DR. JOSIAH W. FORT, son and 7th child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. June 25, 1795, in Tennessee, and d. Sept. 5, 1858, Myrtle Springs, Texas. He m/1 Feb. 14, 1816, Montgomery or Robertson County, Tenn., Diana Coleman Ligon (b. Jan. 7, 1797, Halifax County, Va., d. July 7, 1855, Myrtle Springs, Texas), daughter of Lt. Joseph Ligon, Jr., and his 2nd wife, Diana Coleman Clay, and they had nine children: (Dr. Josiah W. Fort m/2 a Mrs. Montgomery, who lived only a short time.)

1.—Jacob Hilliard Fort, b. June 13, 1818, d. Sept. 3, 1818, in Tennessee.

2.—Maria Patillo Fort, b. July 29, 1819, d. Sept. 4, 1819, in Tennessee.

3.—Harriet Elizabeth Fort, b. Dec. 23, 1822. (See later)

4.—Susan Green Fort, b. Sept. 3, 1824. (See later)

5.—William Warder Fort, b. March 18, 1826. (See later)

6.—Joseph Marstain Fort, M.D., b. Jan. 11, 1828. (See later)

7.—Julia Lettice Fort, b. Dec. 19, 1829, d. Oct. 4, 1830, Denmark, Madison County, Tennessee.

8.—Julia Lettice Fort, b. Aug. 29, 1831. (See later)

9.—Diana Coleman Fort, b. Nov. 14, 1833. (See later)

These items are from the MINUTES of the Red River Baptist Church:

Oct. 18, 1819: Church agreed to hold conference at house of Mrs. Elizabeth Fort for the reception of members tomorrow (Sunday) morning, and that baptism be administered that day.

Oct. 20, 1819: Met according to adjournment. Received Elizabeth Fort, Doct. Josiah Fort and his wife, Diana C. Fort. Baptised by Bro. Ross.

Oct. 15, 1824: Bro. Josiah W. Fort and wife, Diana C. Fort, and Cynthia Fort request letters of dismission and Clerk requested to furnish the same.

Nov. 20, 1825: Doct. Josiah Fort having moved away . . . .

Dr. Josiah W. Fort and family moved to Denmark, Madison County, Tennessee, about 1824. Denmark was the first station beyond Jackson, Tennessee, on the N. C. & St. L. RR. Then in the fall of 1836, along with several other families and many slaves, they moved to Texas and settled in what is now Bowie County in the northeast corner of the State. Dr. Fort received a colonist grant or Headright, as it was called, of 4605 acres which he had surveyed and for which he obtained a patent, located near the present city of Texarkana. According to a tradition Dr. Fort selected the point where Texarkana now stands for the location of the town, and named the town-to-be TEX-ARK-ANA for the three states which cornered there.

In 1839, this family moved near Myrtle Springs in the Hooks area, where now is located the Fort Cemetery.

Dr. Fort was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a practicing physician and a planter. Prior to the Civil War, he and other planters in the several counties along the Red River in Texas organized the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad. In the summer after the crops were laid by, they would take their plantation hands and teams and work on grading the roads. In this way, they had graded the line from Marshall, Texas, by way of Jefferson to a point where Texarkana now is, and then west for about one hundred miles, when the Civil War came on and stopped the work.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers and other family records.

2.—Minutes, Red River Baptist Church, Robertson County, Tenn.

3.—The Battle Book, Table 29, pp. 335-338.

4.—Family Histories and Miscellanous Data, 1962-1963, Vol. III, Tennessee Society DAR, Compiled by Hermione D. Embry (Mrs. Charles A.), State Chairman, Genealogical Records: two pages headed "The Fort Family" copied by Sallye C. Stewart, December 1939.

HARRIET ELIZABETH FORT, 3rd child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, was b. Dec. 23, 1822, in Tenn., and d. in 1874 in Orange, Texas. She m. Dec. 2, 1841, Boston, Texas, Elias Meek Smith (b. April 30, 1815, Wilson County, Tenn., d. Feb. 1, 1884, Milam County, Texas). They had four children.

1.—Josiah J. Smith, b. June 21, 1843, d. April 28, 1848.

2.—Gauvort Meek Smith, b. Nov. 29, 1845, Bastrop County, Texas, d. in C.S.A. at Alexandria, La. He was a member of Gen. Wharton's staff.

3.—Paulona J. Smith, b. Feb. 13, 1848, d. Aug. 20, 1922, Fort Worth, Texas, m. Jan. 12, 1868, Orange, Texas, William Henry Black (b. 1845, d. June 24, 1892, Lott, Texas). Nine children.

A.—William M. Black, b. Oct. 18, 1869, m. Sallie Hawkins. Two children.

a.—Ida Virginia Black.

b.—Byron Black.

B.—Percy S. Black, b. Oct. 18, 1871, Orange, Texas, m. Dec. 25, 1900, Terrell, Texas, Lillie Lancaster (d. July 12, 1922). Two children.

a.—Jewell Black, b. March 2, 1903, Fort Worth, Texas.

b.—Allen P. Black, b. April 24, 1908, Oklahoma.

C.—Hattie V. Black, b. March 20, 1874, d. Oct. 2, 1876.

D.—Paulona E. Black, b. April 17, 1876, m/1 Zorus White, by whom she had one duaghter:

a.—Erma White.

Paulona E. Black m/2 William McGregor, by whom she had two children:

b.—Willie Lee McGregor.

c.—Milton McGregor.

E.—Thomas Leroy Black, b. May 13, 1878, Orange, Texas, m. at Terrell, Texas, Cordelia Hunnicutt (b. Oct. 14, 1876, Tenn.), daughter of October and I. B. Hunnicutt. Two children:

a.—Leroy Black, b. Aug. 21, 1909, Fort Worth, Texas.

b.—Cecil Edgar Black, b. Feb. 13, 1916, Fort Worth, Texas.

F.—Alma Black, b. Aug. 17, 1880, m. Kiah Cromer of South Carolina. Had five children.

a.—Eunice Cromer.

b.—Merrill Cromer.

c.—Lewis Cromer.

d.—H. F. Cromer.

e.—Jack Cromer.

G.—Howell M. Black, b. Nov. 28, 1882, was accidentally killed Dec. 1, 1902. Unmarried.

H.—Horace Leon Black, lived at Fort Worth, Texas, where he was supervisor of Texas Power and Light Company, m. Sarah Martin. Two children.

a.—Lawrence Black.

b.—"Toots" Black.

I.—Walter Herbert Black, b. Aug. 30, 1888, was a public accountant and in Government service as an auditor during W.W. I. He m. Sept. 1, 1909, Emma Leah Covington (b. Dec. 31, 1888, Breckenridge, Texas), daughter of Potius Festus Covington and Clara Washburn. They had five children.

a.—William Horace Black, b. June 22, 1910, Handley, Texas.

b.—Ruby Maurine Black, b. March 4, 1912, San Antonio, Texas.

c.—Ernest Williford Black, b. May 19, 1913, San Antonio, Texas.

d.—James Frank Black, b. Oct. 26, 1915, Weatherford, Texas.

e.—Donald Black, b. Sept. 26, 1920, El Paso, Texas.

4.—Hilliard Fort Smith, b. March 7, 1853, Bastrop County, Texas, was a banker and a planter. He was the 1st president of Citizens National Bank of Cameron, and a member of the State Legislature. He m. Nov. 25, 1875, Viola Oxsheer (b. Nov. 14, 1853, Milam County, Texas), daughter of W. W. and Martha Oxsheer. They had seven children.

A.—Aetna Smith, b. Nov. 11, 1877, Hamilton County, Texas.

B.—Oxsheer Meek Smith, b. Sept. 12, 1880, Milam County, Texas, was educated at the University of Texas, and was president of Citizens National Bank of Cameron. He m. June 27, 1914, Gardiner, Maine, Marion Dingly

Swift (b. Nov. 9, 1888, Gardiner, Maine), daughter of Charles F. Swift and Emily Dingly. No children.

C.—Elizabeth Smith, b. Feb. 6, 1883, Milam County, Texas, d. March 15, 1901, Cameron, Texas, unmarried.

D.—Lilla Madora Smith, b. Nov. 1, 1885, Milam County, Texas, m. April 5, 1911, Cameron, Texas, Rush Ackerman Thomas (b. Aug. 31, 1882, Robertson County, Texas), son of George A. Thomas and Clara Moore. Two children.

a.—Hilliard Smith Thomas, b. Sept. 12, 1917, Cameron, Texas.

b.—Viola Thomas, b. April 5, 1920, Cameron, Texas.

E.—Hilliard Fort Smith II, b. April 13, 1888, Cameron, Texas, m. July 22, 1918, Temple, Texas, Ethel Potter (b. July 22, 1893, Temple, Texas). No children.

F.—Vivian Smith, b. July 29, 1890, Cameron, Texas, m. Dec. 31, 1913, Cameron, William Vernon McIntyre (b. Brewster County, Texas). Their daughter:

a.—Janette McIntyre, b. June 20, 1923, San Antonio, Texas.

G.—Goodhue Smith, b. April 13, 1893, Cameron, Texas, d. Nov. 29, 1922, Waco, Texas, m. Oct. 1919, Waco, Buena Clinton (b. May 30, 1892, Waco), daughter of Samuel L. Clinton. Their child:

a.—Goodhue Smith II, b. Sept. 8, 1922, Waco, Texas.

SUSAN GREEN FORT, 4th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, was b. Sept. 3, 1824, Bedford County, Tenn., d. Feb. 1, 1867, Boston, Texas, m. Dec. 8, 1842, near Texarkana, Texas, as his first wife, her first cousin Robert Jeremiah Battle (b. Dec. 20, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., d. March 7, 1892, Greenville, Texas), the 5th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle. They had twelve children. (See Chart 2, Chapter III.)

WILLIAM WARDER FORT, 5th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, was b. March 18, 1826, in Tennessee, and d. Oct. 25, 1852, Bowie County, Texas. He m. Sept. 2, 1847, as her first husband, Mary Green Ligon (b. May 6, 1831, Montgomery County, Tenn., where she d. Oct. 21, 1890), daughter of Matthew Ligon (1785-1843) and his first wife, Judith Pleasants (1787-1834). They had two children:

1.—Mary Cornelia Fort, b. July 15, 1849, in Texas, d. July 24, 1868, in Texas, m. March 22, 1866, when nearly seventeen years old, William Marshall Campbell, by whom she had two daughters. The second baby died at birth, and the mother died three days later, about nine days after her 19th birthday. They were:

A.—Cornelia Campbell, b. ca 1867, m. Mr. Capron, and lived at Mineral Wells, Texas.

B.—Infant daughter, died in birth July 21, 1868.

2.—Josiah William Fort, b. March 21, 1852, in Texas, where he d. Dec. 25, 1862.

Mrs. Mary Catherine (Wimberly) Killebrew, in her Recollections of a Lifetime written about 1902, wrote as follows:

"In the spring of 1853 my father and an old aunt of my step-mother sent to Texas for her widowed sister, Mrs. M. B. Fort and two children . . . She lived with us until she married again in 1856 and went back to Texas." (See LIGON)

"In May 1856 Mrs. M. G. Fort, Eugenia Wimberly and myself with Mr. Battle, who afterwards married Mrs. Fort, Cousins John Dancy and Sugg Fort, concluded to pay a visit to our relatives in North Carolina. . . there were three couples of us on the trip. We paired off, Mr. Battle going or sitting with Mrs. Fort . . ."

"Soon after our return, Mr. Battle and Mrs. Fort were married on the 24th of July, I think. They all staid at my Father's house until fall when they with the two Fort children left in a carriage for Texas."

"In 1869. . . Mr. Killebrew's aunt who had lived in Texas came out with her family. . . There were seven of them. Mr. and Mrs. Battle, their two sons and two daughters, and a little granddaughter of Mrs. Battle, the child of her daughter by her first husband, Mr. Fort. Nellie (or Neelie for Cornelia) married a Mr. Campbell and died at the birth of a second child, which also died."

Mrs. Mary Green (Ligon) Fort m/2 (as his second wife) July 24, 1856, in Tennessee, a first cousin of her first husband (another grandson of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard). He was James William Battle (1822-1883), the 6th child of Sarah Coleman Fort (1786-1843) and Orren Datus Battle. They had six children. (See Chart 2, Chapter III.)

References:

1.—Data from Family Bible started by Mary Green (Ligon) Battle now in possession of Mrs. Lewis Bourne, Route 3, Clarksville, Tennessee.

2.—Excerpts from Recollections of a Lifetime by Mary Catherine Killebrew, 1902.

3.—The Battle Book, Table 29, p. 337, and Table 70, p. 584.

DR. JOSEPH MARSTAIN FORT, 6th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, was b. Jan. 11, 1828, Denmark, Madison County, Tenn., and d. Dec. 21, 1906, Paris, Texas. A graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., as was his father, he was a practicing physician as well as a Red River, Texas, plantation owner.

Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort m/1 Nov. 6, 1849, Robertson County, Tenn., Jack Ann Fort (b. Dec. 8, 1829, d. July 20, 1882), daughter of John Deggs Fort and Miriam Whitfield. Jack Ann Fort was born about a month and ten days after the death of her father, John Deggs Fort, who was a son of Rev. Sugg Fort. (See Chapter XI.) They were the parents of eight children, only two of whom left descendants:

1.—Elizabeth Lawson Fort, b. March 1, 1851, d. Aug. 17, 1858.

2.—Diana Coleman Fort, b. and d. Sept. 7, 1852.

3.—John Deggs Fort, b. Aug. 19, 1853, d. Oct. 13, 1875.

4.—Diana Coleman Fort, b. Sept. 17, 1855, d. Aug. 29, 1858.

5.—William Lawson Fort, b. June 20, 1858, d. Dec. 24, 1859.

6.—Miriam Robert Fort, b. Aug. 22, 1861, Boston, Texas, d. July 26, 1918, Battle Creek, Michigan, NSDAR No. 21352. She was a graduate of Lamar

Female Seminary, Paris, Texas, and of Greenwood Seminary, Lebanon, Tennessee. She studied art in Washington, D. C., and New York City, and was an artist and an author. Her "Early Days in Bowie County, Texas" on pages 62-65 of the Battle Book is particularly interesting to descendants of the families who went West. She worked for years collecting data on the Fort and allied families, and many records in her handwriting are in the Jane Fort Papers. She was "kin to herself" as she was a descendant of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg through their son William Fort on her father's side, and through their son Rev. Sugg Fort on her mother's side.

Miriam Robert Fort m. Nov. 6, 1879, Paris, Texas, William Francis Gill (b. Oct. 13, 1851, Red River County, Texas), son of William Henry Gill of Texas and Elizabeth Jane Murray of Tennessee. They had two sons:

A.—Joseph Henry Gill, b. Sept. 25, 1886, Kerrville, Texas; E. E. 1910, University of Texas, April-July, 1918, Private Battery B, 3rd Trench Mortar Battery, Fort Crockett, Texas; July-Sept., 1918, Fort Monroe, Va., 5th Officers Training Camp; 2nd Lieut. Instructor, Artillery School; was President and General Manager, Florida Power and Light Co., Miami, Fla.; m. Oct. 2, 1918, Dallas, Texas, Mabel Jenkins (b. May 26, 1893, Lewisville, Texas), daughter of Thomas Haywood Jenkins and Nancy Elmore Reed.

B.—Murray Francis Gill, b. Oct. 4, 1888, Paris, Texas, E. E. 1910, University of Texas, an electrical engineer and General Superintendent of Phoenix Utility Co., Allentown, Pa., m. Nov. 17, 1921, Fort Worth, Texas, Mildred E. Wellington (b. Sept. 30, 1889, Fort Worth, Texas), daughter of James Fletcher Wellington and Effie Jane Galbraith. Two children.

a.—James William Gill, b. March 29, 1924, Fort Worth, Texas.

b.—Barbara Jane Gill, b. July 9, 1926, Ft. Worth, Texas.

7.—Harriet Eugenia Fort, b. Sept. 11, 1863, d. Dec. 4, 1864.

8.—Josepha Marstain Fort, b. Nov. 5, 1865, Boston, Texas, graduate of Lamar Female Seminary, Paris, Texas, NSDAR No. 21351, m. Nov. 6, 1885, Thaddeus Stocks Preston. Three children.

A.—Miriam Fort Preston, b. Aug. 25, 1890, Paris, Texas, where she m. Nov. 22, 1911, Walter H. Allen (b. July 22, 1887, Paris, Texas), son of Charles Newton Allen and Permelia Alexander. No children.

B.—Cornelia Davis Preston, b. June 27, 1893, d. Aug. 22, 1896.

C.—Jack Degge Preston, b. Dec. 27, 1898, Paris, Texas, an electrical engineer, B.S. 1921, University of Texas, M.S. 1923, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort m/2 in Tuskegee, Ala., Mrs. Mary Campbell (Dancy) Fort, widow of Dr. Charles Henry Fort (1836-1882), son of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe. (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.) She was a daughter of Alonzo David Dancy (b. May 5 or 15, 1825, d. in the Civil War) and his wife, _____ Brooks, of Alabama.

Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort and his 2nd wife were the parents of one son:

9.—William Felts Fort, b. Nov. 7, 1887, Paris, Texas.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers including correspondence with Mrs. W. F. (Miriam Robert Fort) Gill, genealogical charts in her handwriting, and other family records.

2.—NSDAR Lineage Book, Vol. 22, p. 127, 1897.
3.—The Battle Book, Table 29, pp. 337-338; pp. 62-65.

JULIA LETTICE FORT, 8th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, was b. Aug. 29, 1831, Denmark, Tenn., and d. before Oct. 3, 1860, in Texas. She m. as his first wife John Ross Rochelle (b. 1818 Jefferson County, S. C., d. March 13, 1881, Hooks, Texas), son of James Rochelle and Nancy Moore (s). They had two children.

1.—Nancy Rochelle.

2.—James W. Rochelle m. _____ Waddington.

John Ross Rochelle m/2 Oct. 3, 1860, a second cousin of his first wife, Sarah Ann Priscilla McCutcheon, daughter of Elizabeth Ann Hilliard Battle and Charles Erskin McCutcheon, and a granddaughter of Orren Datus Battle and Sarah Coleman Fort. (See Chart 2, Chapter III.)

John Ross Rochelle's brother Henry P. Rochelle married Cordelia Fort, daughter of Jethro Battle Fort and Sarah Hill. (See Chart 1, Chapter III.)

DIANA COLEMAN FORT, 9th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, was b. Nov. 14, 1833, Denmark, Tenn., and d. July 1, 1854, Bowie County, Texas. She m. Jan. 26, 1852, Bowie County, her first cousin James William Battle, son and 6th child of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle. They had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

1.—Diana Coleman Battle, b. Feb. 13, 1853, Bowie County, Texas, died there Sept. 15, 1855.

2.—Son, b. June 28, 1854, Bowie County, Texas, died there June 29, 1854.

After the death of his wife and their two children, James William Battle m/2 in Robertson County, Tenn., July 24, 1856, Mrs. Mary Green (Ligon) Fort, widow of his brother-in-law and cousin, William Warder Fort, son and 5th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort. They had six children. (See Chart 2, Chapter III.)

Chart 7, Chapter III

MARY "Polly" SMITH FORT, daughter and 8th child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard, was b. Oct. 24, 1797, Robertson County, Tennessee, about four years before the death of her father. Her name appears often in reports made to the Court by the executors of her father's will. The January 5, 1815, report reads as follows:

"Mary Fort, orphan of William Fort Decd Dr. to William A. Fort Executor of said Decd. for the year 1814. March 10 To cash paid for saddle Blanket $4.00. To cash to pay for traveling expences to Salem No Carolina and entrance in school $80.00. Cash paid for Merchd. in Ky. 1.25 Cash to singing Master $1.00. For umbrella $4.50. Netting stockings 100 cents—$5.50 blanket bought at Salem. $7.00 Wm. Hopson let you have on acct. $10.00 to cash paid—the residue of your schooling and coming home from Salem $168.00—$278.75 Errors and ommissions excepted.

Wm. A. Fort, Exor. of Wm. Fort, Decd. Jany 5, 1815."

(Vol. II, 1812-1818, Wills, Inventories, etc., Robertson County, Tenn., WPA copied records, Tenn. State Library.)

Mary Smith Fort m. April 22, 1817, Robertson County, Tenn., her first cousin John William Nicholas Arthur Smith (b. April 14, 1794), son of Major David Smith and Obedience Fort, and they became the parents of at least four children. (See Chapter IX.)

Hilliard

I.—JOHN HILLIARD of Virginia, married prior to April 17, 1664, Jane Thomas (evidently step-daughter of William Thomas). Their son:

II.—JEREMIAH HILLIARD, SR. of Virginia, married Elizabeth and they had four sons: John, Robert, Jeremiah and William Hilliard.

In 1704 Jeremiah Hilliard, Sr. held 225 acres of land in James City County, Virginia, where he probably died. His widow m/2 Capt. Simon Jeffreys by whom she had two more children: Elizabeth Jeffreys (married John Boddie) and Osborne Jeffreys.

The Will of Mrs. Elizabeth Jeffreys was probated in 1742 in Northampton County, N. C.

III.—JEREMIAH HILLIARD, Jr. married (as the 1st of her four husbands) Mourning Pope, daughter of Jacob Pope and wife Jane. They had five children: Jacob, Robert, Jeremiah, Mary and Sampson Hilliard. Jeremiah Hilliard, Jr. died in 1741/2. His estate was divided between the five children on May 14, 1743, by Joseph Howell, Elias Fort and Robert West, after their mother, Mourning (Pope) Hilliard m/2 in 1743 Joseph Thomas.

Mourning (Pope) Hilliard and Joseph Thomas (d. 1758) had four children. They were 1) Priscilla Thomas, m. 1761 Edgecombe County, N. C., George Crudup; 2) Mary Thomas, m. July 20, 1761, Col. William Horn (b. 1738 Nansemond County, Va., son of Henry and Anne Horn). Col. William Horn was a brother of Henry Horn, Jr. (1744-1785) who was the 2nd husband of Sarah (Battle) Hilliard, daughter of Elisha Battle.); 3) Charity Thomas, m. 1764 George Wimberly II; 4) Mourning Thomas (1756-1790) m. 1770 Edgecombe County, N. C., Jacob Dickinson.

Jacob Dickinson and George Wimberly II were step-brothers. Jacob Dickinson was the son of Sarah Fort (daughter of Elias Fort (d. 1761 Edgecombe County, N. C.) and sister of Elias Fort (of Tennessee) and her 1st husband, William Dickinson. William Dickinson died. Sarah (Fort) Diskinson m/2 George Wimberly I and became step-mother to his four children, Zilpha, George II, Sarah and Phariby Wimberly.

After the death of Joseph Thomas in 1758, Mourning (Pope) Hilliard-Thomas m/3 in 1761 William Pridgeon, who lived about a year.

She then m/4 about 1764 George Wimberly I, whose 2nd wife, Sarah (Fort) Dickinson, had died.

George Wimberly I wrote his will May 26, 1764 (probated May, 1768, Edgecombe County, N. C.) naming his wife Mourning, and three of the four children—George, Sarah and Phariby Wimberly. (Zilpha Wimberly must have died.)

IV.—JACOB HILLIARD, son of Jeremiah Hilliard, Jr. and Mourning Pope, was a planter of Edgecombe County, N. C., living near the Falls of Tar

River. He died in 1764 and left a will. He married (as her first husband) Sarah Battle (b. 1743 Nansemond County, Va., d. Sept. 9, 1798, Edgecombe County, N. C.) daughter of Elisha Battle. They had two children:

1.—Jeremiah Hilliard (b. ca 1760, d. April 21, 1810), m/1 Nancy Hilliard, daughter of Isaac Hilliard, and m/2 Mrs. John Hilliard. He left no descendants.

2.—Elizabeth Hilliard (1763-1819), m. March 6, 1782, William Fort, son of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg.

Sarah (Battle) Hilliard (1743-1798), widow of Jacob Hilliard, m/2 Dec. 1765, N. C., Henry Horn, Jr. (1744-1785), son of Henry and Ann Horn, and brother of Col. William Horn who m. July 20, 1761, Mary Thomas, daughter of Mourning (Pope) Hilliard and her 2nd husband, Joseph Thomas. Sarah (Battle) Hilliard and Henry Horn had four children: 1) Piety Horn (1767-1815) who m. Josiah Fort, brother of William Fort who m. her half-sister Elizabeth Hilliard; 2) Charity Horn; 3) Selah Horn (1779-1836) who m/1 Lemuel Sugg II, and m/2 Josiah Fort who married first her sister Piety Horn; and 4) Henry Horn III. (See HORN, Chapter IV.)

V.—ELIZABETH HILLIARD, b. Sept. 6, 1763, N. C., d. Oct. 4, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., m. March 6, 1782, N. C., William Fort, son of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg.

References:

1.—Boddie, John Bennett, Southside Virginia Families, Vol. II, pp. 176-180.

2.—Williams and Griffin, Bible Records of Early Edgecombe County, N. C., 1958.

3.—Battle, Yelverton & Battle, The Battle Book, 1930.

4.—Data from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., "Thomas Farms", Box 572, Wilson, N. C.

5.—Josiah Fort Bible Records and Josiah Fort Cemetery Records.

6.—William Fort Cemetery Records.

Battle

I.—"JOHN BATTLE was one of the founders of the Battle family in America. Family traditions show him to have been born in Yorkshire, England, but the exact date is not known. He married there Elizabeth _____ (surname not known). In 1654, he emigrated to America with his family and a number of relatives and neighbors, among whom were Sumners, Hunters, and Bakers, and settled on the west fork of Nansemond River, in a district since known as Nansemond County, Virginia. He secured a royal patent, dated Dec. 14, 1654, for 200 acres of land from the Governor of the Colony of Virginia. On Sept. 25, 1663, he secured from the Royal Governor, Sir William Berkeley, additional grants, one of which included 640 acres of land located on the Paspetank (now called Pasquotank) River in North Carolina. . . He died about 1690." (Copied from page 199 of The Battle Book.)

There is a record of two children: William Battle, b. in 1682, and Alsey Battle, who died young.

II.—"WILLIAM BATTLE was born in North Carolina on Paspetank River in 1682. After the death of his father about 1690, he returned under care of guardians to his former home on Nansemond River in Virginia, where he resided until his death in 1749 . . . He married Sarah Hunter (b. 1684; d. 1679; d. of William Hunter)." (Copied from page 199 of The Battle Book.)

They had five children:

1.—William Battle II, m. Miss Brown, daughter of Dr. John Brown.
2.—John Battle (b. 1709) m. 1726 Sarah Brown.
3.—Sarah Battle. (No other information.)
4.—Mary Battle. (No other information.)
5.—Elisha Battle, b. Jan. 9, 1723.

III.—"ELISHA BATTLE—Edgecombe Co., N. C.; planter; b. Nansemond Co., Va., Jan. 9, 1723; d. Edgecombe Co., N. C, Mar. 6, 1799. . .; removed 1747 to Tar River, Edgecombe Co.; lands bought on north side of river where home was built are now Cool Spring Plantation, still owned by members of the family; 1756-95, Justice of Peace, Edgecombe Co; 1759, Justice County Court of Edgecombe (afterwards Inferior Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions; 1760, one of five commissioners to found and lay out town of Tarboro; 1764, assisted in organizing Kehukee Assoc. (moderator many years); patriot American Revolution . . .; 1771, member General Assembly serving 20 years; Apr. 4, 1776, member Provincial Congress, Halifax; Nov. 12, 1776, member Congress, Halifax, forming State Constitution; 1777-81, 1783, 1785-87, State Senator; member Committee of Safety, Edgecombe Co.; 1788, delegate Constitutional Convention, serving as Chmn. Committee of Whole; Baptist; m. Nansemond Co., Va., 1742, Elizabeth Sumner (d. Edgecombe Co., N. C., Jan. 19, 1794), daughter of John Sumner whose brother, Jethro Sumner, was the father of Brig. Gen. Jethro Sumner of the Continental Army, the first President of the Society of the Cincinnati."

The will of Elisha Battle was dated Feb. 6, 1799, and probated May Court, 1799, Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

Elisha Battle and Elizabeth Sumner had eight children:

1.—Sarah Battle, m/1 Jacob Hilliard; m/2 Henry Horn.
2.—John Battle, m. Frances Davis.
3.—Elizabeth Battle, m. Josiah Crudup.
4.—Elisha Battle II, m. Sarah Bunn.
5.—William Battle, m. Charity Horn.
6.—Jacob Battle, m. Mrs. Penelope (Langley) Edwards.
7.—Jethro Battle, m. Martha Lane.
8.—Demsey Battle, m. Jane Andrews.

IV.—SARAH BATTLE was born in 1743, Nansemond Co., Va., and died Sept. 9, 1798, Edgecombe County, N.C. She m/1 Jacob Hilliard (d. 1764) and they had two children:

1.—Jeremiah Hilliard (1760-1810).

2.—Elizabeth Hilliard (1763-1819), married William Fort, son of Elias Fort of Tenn. and Sarah Sugg. (See HILLIARD.)

Sarah Battle m/2 in December, 1765, Henry Horn II, and they had four children:

a.—Piety Horn, m. Josiah Fort, son of Elias Fort of Tenn. and Sarah Sugg.

b.—Charity Horn, m/1 Burrell Bunn; m/2 Mr. Vick.

c.—Selah (Celia or Seely) Horn, m/1 Lemuel Sugg II; m/2 Josiah Fort, the widower of her sister Piety Horn.

d.—Henry Horn III, b. 1785 "sometime after the decease of his father." (See HORN)

References:

1.—The Battle Book, Table I, pp. 199-200; Table 27, pp. 328-331; Will of Elisha Battle, pp. 40-42; Memoirs of The Battle Family to 1820 by Dr. Jeremiah Battle, Raleigh, N.C., the last paragraph on p. 11.

2.—Will of Sarah Horn, p. 172 "Abstracts of Wills, Edgecombe Co., N. C., 1733-1856," by Williams & Griffin, 1956.

Ligon

According to one authority, the lineage of the Ligon family has been traced back through King Henry III of England (b. 1207) who married in 1236 Eleanor of Provence (1217-1291). Any line from King Henry III is presupposed to go back to William the Conqueror.

I.—LIEUTENANT COLONEL THOMAS LYGON (b. 1586 in England), son of Thomas Lygon and Frances Dennis, was the 12th generation from King Henry III. He came to Virginia in 1641/2 where he was a surveyor and later Burgess of Henrico County, and where he left a will dated January 10, 1675. He married, as his second wife, Mary Harris, daughter of Captain Thomas Harris. (See The Ligon Family in William and Mary Quarterly, 1st Series, Volume 25.) Their son:

II.—MAJOR WILLIAM LIGON (Lygon), b. 1650, d. 1689, of Henrico County, Va., m. Mary Tanner. Their son:

III.—WILLIAM LIGON, b. 1682 Henrico County, Va., d. ca 1764 Amelia County, Va., m. Elizabeth Batte of Charles City County, Va. Their son:

IV.—JOSEPH LIGON, b. 1704, left a will that was proven in 1752 in Henrico County, Va. He m. Judith Stewart who d. in 1784 in Chesterfield County, Va. Their son:

V.—CAPT. JOSEPH LIGON, b. 1725/30 Henrico County, Va., d. 1780 Halifax County, Va. (W.B. 1, p. 309), m. Judith _____ who was living in 1782. Their son:

VI.—JOSEPH LIGON, JR., b. Dec. 11, 1755, Halifax County, Va., d. Sept. 21, 1842, Montgomery County, Tenn., where he was buried in the Ligon Cemetery in District #6. His monument bears this inscription, "A soldier of the Revolution, Wounded at Guilford, N.C." His service record, as furnished by the Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., Invalid file No. 132, Department of the Interior, is as follows:

"Joseph Ligon, Jr., of Halifax Co., Va., served as Private in Capt. John Thompkins Company, Col. Nathaniel Cocke's Regiment in Gen Steven's Brigade, and while in line of his duty in said service on March 15, 1781, at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, N.C., he was wounded by a musket ball pasing through his right shoulder joint."

Joseph Ligon, Jr. (1755-1842) married twice in Virginia, and had three children by each wife; however, one or more other children may have died in infancy. Both wives died in Virginia before he came to Tennessee in 1814.

Mr. J. B. Killebrew, in "Recollections of My Life", 1896, said that Joseph Ligon, the patriarch of the family in Tennessee, when 59 years old, with his son Matthew Ligon and his daughters Lettice May, Coleman and Betsy, and Matthew's wife Judith (nee Pleasants) and her two children, Joseph (aged 7) and Elizabeth (aged 4) started in wagons from Black Walnut Creek, Halifax County, Virginia, in the fall of 1813. He said, "It had become evident to both Joseph Ligon and his son Matthew that the truest wisdom for them would be to seek homes in a new country where productive lands could be secured at low prices . . . At some place on the journey, Judith, the wife of Matthew Ligon, was taken violently ill, and for a while her life was despaired of. For a month he had to stay with her, but finally she recovered so as to go on . . . They reached the Port Royal neighborhood in Montgomery County, Tennessee, in 1814. In their route, they passed through Abingdon, Virginia, Knoxville and Sparta in Tennessee, and on to Nashville, stopping near Port Royal with Mr. Blount who was a brother, or in some way closely connected to the Governor of that name. In company with them, there came out from Virginia several families including Dr. Calhoun and family who stopped in Rutherford County, Tennessee, a daughter of whom became Matthew Ligon's third wife."

JOSEPH LIGON, JR. (1755-1842) m/1 June 16, 1784, Halifax County, Va., Mrs. Lettice (May) Sims (Simms) (d. April 23, 1787, in Va.), daughter of Humphrey May. She was widow of David Sims, Jr., by whom she was the mother of four children: Betsy, Priscilla, Patty (d.y.) and John Sims. Joseph Ligon, Jr., and Lettice (May) Sims became the parents of these three children:

1.—Camilla Ligon, b. Halifax Co., Va., m. Aug. 12, 1805, Halifax Co., Va., Richard Jones.

2.—Matthew Ligon, b. May 2, 1785, Halifax County, Va., m. July 9 or 16, 1806, Halifax County, Va., Judith Pleasants. (See later.)

3.—Lettice May Ligon, b. Oct. 15, 1786, Halifax County, Va., d. Oct. 12, 1876, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. ca 1821 William Fortson of Montgomery County, Tenn. They had no children, but were foster parents of Joseph B. Killebrew and Matthew Ligon Killebrew after the death of their mother, Elizabeth Smith (Ligon) Killebrew.

Joseph Ligon, Jr. m/2 April 7, 1790, Halifax County, Va., Diana Coleman Clay (b. c1772, d. 1797), daughter of Marston Clay (b. 1746) and Elizabeth Williams who were married on March 10, 1771. The will of John Williams of Halifax County, Va., recorded Jan. 26, 1824, W.B. 6, p. 326, mentions his wife Diana and grandchildren Marston Ligon, Elizabeth Ligon and infant daughter, children of his granddaughter Diana Ligon, deceased.

Marston Clay was a son of Henry Clay (d. 1764) who married in 1735 Lucy Green, daughter of Thomas Green and Elizabeth Marston. (From the "Clay Book" published by the Filson Club of Louisville, Ky., in 1899.)

Joseph Ligon, Jr. and his 2nd wife, Diana Coleman Clay, were the parents of these three children:

4.—Marston Ligon, m. Jan. 12, 1808, Elizabeth Wood, daughter of Thomas Wood (will recorded Jan. 26, 1824, Halifax County, Va.) and wife, Mary _____. Marston Ligon was a noted horse racer. He died in Georgia about 1836/7.

5.—Elizabeth W. "Betsy" Ligon, m. March 21, 1814, Nathaniel Terry. Their daughter Diana Terry married Alexander Johnson, and their son, R. Y. Johnson, was a representative from Montgomery County, Tennessee, in the General Assembly at one time.

6.—Diana Coleman Ligon, b. Jan. 7, 1797, Halifax County, Va., d. July 7, 1855, Myrtle Springs, Texas, m. Feb. 14, 1816, Montgomery or Robertson County, Tenn., Dr. Josiah W. Fort (1795-1858), son of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard. (See Chart 6, Chapter III.)

MATTHEW LIGON, 2nd child and son of Joseph Ligon (1755-1842) by first wife, Lettice (May) Sims, was b. May 2, 1785, Halifax County, Va., and d. Feb. 2, 1843, Montgomery County, Tenn., with burial in the Ligon Cemetery in District #6. He was thrice married.

Matthew Ligon m/1 July 9 or 16, 1806, Halifax County Va., (M.B. I, p. 63), Judith Pleasants (b. March 20, 1787, Va., d. Nov. 28, 1834, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of Jesse Pleasants whose will was recorded in Halifax County, Va. in 1803/4 (W.B. 7, p. 39). They were the parents of eight children, the last two of whom married into the FORT family.

Matthew Ligon m/2 in Tennessee a Mrs. Samuel (d. 1839), the sister of the wife of his oldest son. He m/3 Mrs. Barksdale of Rutherford County, Tenn., daughter of Dr. Calhoun.

The eight children of Matthew Ligon and Judith Pleasants were:

1.—Joseph Ligon, b. 1807 Halifax County, Va., m. 1837 in Tenn. Susan Johnson. He was the first teacher of J. B. Killebrew. His son James Ligon married Alice Rice, and their two children were Susie Ligon and Albert Ligon.

2.—Elizabeth Smith Ligon, b. Dec. 20, 1810, Halifax County, Va., d. Sept. 11, 1836, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. April 2, 1829, (as his first wife) Bryan Whitfield Killebrew. They had two sons: Joseph B. Killebrew (author of Recollections of My Life), b. May 29, 1831, and Matthew Ligon Killebrew, b. Feb. 12, 1834.

3.—One (or more) who died in infancy before getting to Montgomery County, Tenn., in 1814.

4.—Matthew Ligon, b. ca 1817, d. in 1837.

5.—Judith Pleasants Ligon, b. 1818, d. 1870, m/1 in 1840 Reuben C. Keesee, and had two children:

A.—Pleasants Keesee, m. Ilai Metcalfe.

B.—Nannie Keesee, m. John Bellamy as his 2nd wife.

Judith Pleasants Ligon m/2 (as his 3rd wife) George Sterling Wimberly, the father of Mary Catherine Wimberly who married Joseph B. Killebrew. (Mary Catherine Wimberly's mother was Charlotte A. Trigg (1808-1845), daughter of William Trigg and Ann Hampton, the 2nd wife of George Sterling Wimberly.) Judith Pleasants Ligon had two children by her second husband:

C.—George S. Wimberly, b. ca 1848, d. Sept. 15, 1850.

D.—Noel Henry Wimberly, b. Feb. 13, 1851, d. Sept. 20, 1852.

6.—Nannie Ligon, b. ca 1826, d. 1840.

7.—Stephen May Ligon, b. Feb. 1, 1829, d. 1884, m. Nov. 19, 1850, Robertson County, Tenn., Susannah Carr Fort, daughter of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe. (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

8.—Mary Green Ligon, b. May 6, 1831, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Oct. 21, 1890, Montgomery County, Tenn. During her lifetime, she married twice and lived in Texas two or three different times. She m/1 Sept. 2, 1847, in Tenn., her half-first cousin, William Warder Fort (b. March 18, 1826, d. Oct. 25, 1852), the 5th child of Dr. Josiah W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon, and they had two children. (See Chart 6, Chapter III.)

Mary Green Ligon m/2 (as his 2nd wife) July 24, 1856, in Tenn., a first cousin of her first husband, James William Battle (1822-1883), son of Sarah Coleman Fort and Orren Datus Battle, and they had six children. (See Chart 2, Chapter III.)

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Chapter IV

Descendants of Josiah Fort, Son of Elias

JOSIAH FORT, son and 2nd child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born September 8, 1762, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and died April 21, 1848, at his farm home near Adams, Tennessee. He was buried in the cemetery that bears his name between his two wives who were sisters.

Josiah Fort m/1 Edgecombe County, N.C., Jan. 17, 1788, Piety Horn (b. Dec. 10, 1767, N.C., d. Nov. 27, 1815, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of Col. Henry Horn, Jr., and wife, Mrs. Sarah (Battle) Hilliard. They had eight children:

1.—Whitmil Hill Fort, b. Oct. 23, 1788, Edgecombe County, N.C. (See later)
2.—Henry Fort, b. Feb. 24, 1791. (See later)
3.—William Fort, b. Oct. 18, 1793, in Tenn. (See later)
4.—Charity E. Fort, b. June 15, 1796, in Tenn. (See later)
5.—Catherine Branch Fort, b. Dec. 24, 1798, in Tenn. (See later)
6.—Sarah Battle Fort, b. Sept. 23, 1801, in Tenn. (See later)
7.—Joel Battle Fort, b. Feb. 17, 1805, in Tenn. (See later)
8.—Elias Joseph Fort, b. Feb. 17, 1808, in Tenn. (See later)

Josiah Fort m/2 Dec. 19, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., Piety's sister, Mrs. Selah (Horn) Sugg (b. Feb. 21, 1779, N.C. (Bible record) or Feb. 4, 1777 (Tombstone), d. March 1, 1836, Robertson County, Tenn.), the widow of Josiah Fort's 1st cousin, Lemuel Sugg II (1767-1812), and they had one son:

9.—Garner McConnico Fort, b. Jan. 20, 1821, d. Feb. 25, 1821.

Josiah and Piety Fort, with their small son Whitmil Hill Fort, came with the rest of the Fort family to the Cumberland Country.

In 1793 Josiah Fort bought 320 acres of land on Elk Fork Creek from John Gibson. This was located up the creek from his brother William, and was included in the January 2, 1844, deed to his son Elias J. Fort for 480 acres of land. This first 320-acre tract of land stayed in the Fort family name about 172 years. (See Chart 8, this chapter.)

In 1796 when Tennessee became a State and the County of Robertson was created, Josiah Fort was the first Trustee, and he continued to serve in the County Court for many years.

He was listed as Lieutenant in TENNESSEE MILITIA, Vol. 1, 1796-1811, Tennessee State Library, as of August 10, 1799.

MINUTES

Red River Baptist Church

Aug. 16, 1800—Received Piety Fort by experience.

Oct. 18, 1800—Received Selah Sugg by experience.

July 18, 1801, at Fort's Meeting House, received Josiah Fort by experience. Baptised the next day.

Oct. 2, 1801, Josiah Fort appointed Clerk of the Church in the room of Elias Fort, resigned by reason of infirmity.
Feb. 19, 1803, Josiah Fort appointed Treasurer. (Note: no communion that day because there was no wine.)
June 18, 1803, Josiah Fort nominated Deacon to be ordained Friday before 3rd Lord's Day in August, and he was ordained August 19, 1803.
March 17, 1810, Josiah Fort to be repaid for the cost of three acres of land.
Page 125: "Departed this life in the morning of the 27th of November, last (1815), Sister Piety Fort, wife of Bro. Josiah Fort. We can truly say that Society has truly lost a valued member in this worthy woman." Signed S. F. (Sugg Fort).
May 14, 1824, Selah Fort was mentioned in the Minutes.
Oct. 14, 1825, Selah Fort was furnished with a letter of dismission.

Josiah Fort was active in the affairs of Red River Church until December 25, 1813, when he helped organize Drake's Pond Church on the Tennessee-Kentucky line about one mile east of Guthrie, Kentucky. He continued active in the Drake's Pond Church until his death in 1848.

Besides the original January 2, 1844 deed from Josiah Fort to his son Elias J. Fort, some other items found in the Ellen C. Fort Papers were:

1.—Nov. 19, 1808. William Crabtree of Wilson County, Tennessee, deeded to Elias Fort Senior of Robertson County, Tennessee, for $1.00 . . ."640 acres lying in Wilson County on the waters of Sugg's Creek, beginning at the northeast corner of Sugg's tract of 640 acres and west boundary of John Harrels . . . said land being granted by the State of North Carolina to said Elias Fort Senior, number of grant 957 . . ."

This very old deed was signed by William Crabtree (seal) and witnessed by Peter Sillivan, Hugh Eagan and Josiah Fort. No deed book reference is given on this document.

2.—Jan. 2, 1810. Elias Fort Senior of Robertson County, Tennessee, for $200.00, deeded to Josiah Fort "167-1/2 acres in Wilson County on the waters of Sugg's Creek . . . it being a part of a 640-acre tract granted by the State of North Carolina to said Elias Fort Senior, Grant No. 957."

This deed was witnessed by Wh Fort and Wm. Williams. No deed book reference is given.

3.—April 24, 1833. Receipt from Wm. H. Dortch, Clerk of the Court, for $297.75—"the amount of the principle and interest of a Judgment obtained in favor of Sampson Williams against said Fort (Josiah) in an action of Covenant at April term 1833 of the Circuit Court of Robertson County, Tennessee."

4.—Oct. 10, 1833. Letter from R. D. Wimberly, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, which reads: "Uncle Josiah I expect you think by this time that I am either dead or run away with Southerland money, but this letter will make you think otherwise, as I will send inclosed to you in this letter the receipt of James S. Battle & Southerland. The cause of my not doing it sooner was I was waiting to have an interview with Southerland which I have had (and it was through Southerland's neglect that I did not sooner for I wrote to him

twice) but a few days since at the Baptist Association at Falls of Tar River.— All of your connectons are well in this country. . . I wish you to let my friend know that my health is much better than it was when I left that State and tell Joel & Sally that I have derived more benefit from taking the Shower bath morning & evening than anything else, and I find that Choclet agrees with me better than any thing I can take on my stomach. I drink it three times a day . . . Margaret joins me (in) love to you all. R. D. Wimberley"

5.—Dec. 13, 1838. Deed from James Overstreet and W. Overstreet, his wife, of Logan County, Kentucky, to Elias J. Fort of Robertson County, Tennessee . . . $150.00 for a parcel of ground (about half an acre) lying and being in the Town of Keyburg, Logan County, Kentucky. Deed was witnessed by F. W. Pankey, Robertson Williams and J. W. Irwin (or Irvin). W. Overstreet relinquished her right of dower before James W. Irwin and Richard M. Hannum, two of the Justices of the Peace for Logan County, Kentucky. Recorded Dec. 24, 1838, D.B. "W", p. 100, Logan County Clerk's Office.

Josiah Fort Bible Records

This Bible was printed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1806 by Mathew Carey, No. 122, Market Street. It is now owned by H. Fort Flowers of Houston, Texas, and Findlay, Ohio, who contributed these records.

MARRIAGES

Josiah Fort & Piety Horn was married the 17th day of January 1788.
Whitmel Fort their son & Dorothy Wimberley was married the 13th of Oct. 1808.
William Fort their son & Patsey Gorham was married the 14th of March 1815.
Ambrose Bourne & Charity E. Fort their daughter was married the 30th of May 1819.
Josiah Fort & Selah Sugg was married the 19th day of Dec. 1819.
John Grubbs and Catherine B. Fort (their daughter) was married the 12th Decm. 1820.
Joseph Wimberly and Sara B. Fort (their daughter) was married the 15 Jan. 1822.
Henry Fort & Mary W. D. Gray was married 5th of Nov. 1822.

Piety Fort joined the Baptist Church at Prince's old meeting house day of Aug. 1800.

Josiah Fort joined the Baptist Church at Red River the 18th July 1801.

Catherine B. & Sarah B. Fort daughters of Josiah & Piety was baptised the of October 1817.

Wm. & Charity E. Fort their son and daughter was baptised the day of Nov. 1817.

Patsey Fort wife of Wm. Fort was baptised the day of Jan. 1818.

Whitmell Fort their son and his wife Dolley was baptised the 28th Decm. 1818.

Joel Fort & Nancy Carr Metcalf was married the 2nd of Oct. 1828.

E. J. Fort and Louisa M. Hannum was married the 24th Decm. 1834.

BIRTHS

Josiah Fort was born the 8th day of September 1762.

Piety Fort his wife was born the 10th day of December 1767.

Whitmil Fort son of Josiah & Piety Fort was born the 23rd day of October 1788 about 10 o'clock in the morning.

Henry Fort their son was born the 24th day of February 1791 about 10 o'clock in the morning.

William Fort their son was born the 18th day of October 1793 about 10 o'clock in the morning.

Charity E. Fort their daughter was born the 15th day of June 1796 about half after four o'clock in the morning.

Catherine Branch Fort their daughter was born the 24th day of December 1798 about nine o'clock in the morning.

Sarah Battle Fort their daughter was born the 23rd day of September 1801 about eight o'clock in the morning.

Joel Fort their son was born the 17th day of February 1805 about eleven o'clock in the morning.

Elias Joseph Fort their son was born the 17th day of February 1808 about 5 o'clock in the morning.

Selah Fort 2nd wife of Josiah Fort was born Feb. 21st, 1779.

Garner McConnico Fort son of Josiah Fort & Selah Fort his wife was born January the 20th 1821 about 8 o'clock in the morning.

Dolly Fort wife of Whitmel Fort born the 17th May 1791.

Jethro Battle Fort son of Jeremiah Fort and Tempy Fort his wife was born the 21st day of March 1806.

William Davis Sugg son of Lem Sugg & Selah his wife was born 9th March 1810.

Thomas Lee Yancey son of Thomas Lee Yancey & Piety his wife was born the 18th day of October 1827 about 9 o'clock in the morning.

Piety Fort Sugg daughter of Lem Sugg & Selah his wife was born the 4th day of Jan. 1813.

Emily Langleigh Fort daughter of Elias Fort and Louisa M. Fort his wife was born April 16 1836 about one o'clock in the morning.

Henry H. Fort their son was born Sept. 2nd 1837 about 10 minutes past 2 o'clock in the morning.

Ellen Charlot their daughter was born 3 of September 1839.

Piety Fort was born April 12th 1841.

Penelope Fort was born February 3rd 1843.

Virginia A. Fort was born December 5, 1844.

Louisa M. Fort was born June 30th 1847.

DEATHS

Piety Fort wife of Josiah Fort deceased the 27th Novm. 1815 between 2 & 3 o'clock in the morning. 3___ days sick. Her funeral was preached by Elder Leonard Page from Hebrews 2nd Ch. 27 & 28. Decm. 10th 1815.
Garner McConnico son of Josiah & Sealah Fort departed this life the 25th day of Feb. 1821 about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
Ambrose Fort Bourne son of Ambrose Bourne departed this life Augt. the 27th 1830 about 1/2 past 3 o'clock afternoon.
Catherine Branch Grubbs deceased the 24th June 1833 about 3 o'clock in the morning.
Henry Fort son of Josiah & Piety Fort deceased the 16th January, 1836.
Selah Fort 2nd wife of Josiah Fort deceased March 1st 1836 about midnight.
Charity E. Bourne daughter of Josiah & Piety Fort deceased 17th of May 1838 about 12 midnight.

(Piety Fort's Family)

Henry Horn her Father deceased the 5th day February 1785.
Sarah Horn her mother deceased the 9th of September 1798.
Charity Vick her sister deceased the 26th of Oct. 1808.
Jeremiah Hilliard her half brother deceased the 21st April 1810.
Jacob Battle her favorite Uncle deceased the 1st of April 1815 in the 61st year of his age, was a Baptist in good standing for about 40 years a Deacon 19 years.
William D. Sugg son of Selah Sugg departed this life the 21st of Sept. 1827.
Piety Fort Sugg departed this life Augt. 1814.
Josiah Fort Sr. departed this life 21 April 1848 and was 85 years 7 mos. and ____days of age.
Wm Fort his brother deceased the 8 of January 1802.
Sarah Fort his mother deceased the 19th of March 1802.
Jeremiah Fort son of Wm Fort deceased 23rd Feb. 1808.
Esther Jackson his sister deceased the 14th of Decm. 1818.
Elias Fort his father deceased the 14th of January 1819 1/2 past twelve in the morning—he was a Baptist in good standing for about 57 or 58 years—he was a very useful minister until old age prevented him.
Dolly Fort wife of Whitmell Fort deceased 1st January 1827.
Thomas Yancey departed this life the 28th Augt. 1827.
Sarah B. Wimberley deceased 27th April 1845.
Louisa M. Fort wife of E. J. Fort departed this life June 30th 1847.
Virginia A. Fort departed this life 7th day of September 1848.
Penelope M. Fort departed this life 11th day of August, 1862.
Emily L. Fort died August 1872.
Elias J. Fort died April 1883.

BIRTHS

John T. Fort son of Wm & Patsy Fort of Mo. was born on the 31st day of August 1826.

Andrew Jackson, son of Wm. & Patsy Fort of Mo. was born on the 9th of July 1831.
Henry T. Fort son of Wm. & Patsy Fort of Mo. was born on the 21st of Oct. 1816. (Note: Another source gives 28 Sept. 1816.)

Note: The following items were included with a copy of these Bible records in the Ellen C. Fort papers.)

Marthy E. Fort, b. 8 Nov. 1818.
Amanda C. R. Fort was born 18 Oct. 1820.
Frances C. Fort was born 6 June 1824.

Note: These items on both sides of a single sheet of paper in the Ellen C. Fort papers.)

Piety Horn daughter of Henry & Sarah Horn was born October 29th 1767.
Charity Horn daughter of Henry & Sarah Horn was born December 10th 1769.
A daughter was born to Jacob Dickinson & wife Mourning October 26th 1771. (Name lost)
A daughter was born to Jacob Dickinson & wife Mourning October 27th 1773. (Name lost)
A daughter was born to Jacob Dickinson & wife May 25th 1776.
Charity daughter of Jacob Dickinson & wife born Oct. 15, 1778.
Jacob Dickinson son of Jacob Dickinson & wife Mourning was born April 25th 1782.
Isaac Dickinson son of Jacob D. & wife Mourning born July 16th 1784.
Milberry daughter of Jacob Dickinson & wife Mourning was born April 5th 1787.
Thomas Dickinson son of J. D. Born Feby 12th 1790.

FORT

Anna Fort daughter of John & Elizabeth Fort was Sept. 12th 1795.
Isaac Battle (nothing legible)

DEATHS

Mourning Dickinson wife of Jacob Dickinson died Feby 17th 1790. 34 years of age.
Jacob Dickinson Sr. died August. (no date)
Sarah Dickinson daughter of Jacob Dickinson & Wife Mourning died Aug. 7th 1781.
Isaac Dickinson son of Jacob Dickinson & wife Mourning died July 14th 1788.
Jacob Dickinson Jr. died Jany 22nd 1822.

(Data from Loose Leaves in the Josiah Fort Bible)

Charlotte Ruston was born April 19th 1780.
Richard Hannum 1776
Louisa 15th of Feb. 1814 at Colina (a neighborhood of people from Carolina who settled east of Russellville, Logan County, Ky.) and died the 30th of June 1847.
Richard M. Hannum died Jan. 31st 1850.

Charlotte Hannum died Feb. 1st 1850.
Thomas Ruston Junior son of Dr. Ruston of Phil. died at Keysburg Ky. (Logan Co.) 1845.
Richard Hannum & Charlotte Ruston were married the 19th of October, 1799, he 23 yrs. of age & she 19.
Henry Hannum son of Rich. H. was born 2nd of May 1802 & died the 13th of April 1845.

(Copy of letter in the Josiah Fort Bible)

"Brother Foster or Son

"I have a man letering Toomstones for Father's and my little daughter grave and I do not know the day of the month either of them died tho both died in 1848. Father in April and my daughter September. And this to request you to look at your Book of that year and give me the dates as the buying of the shrouderry will show. It will oblige me verry much for the workman cannot finish until I asertain the dates.

Your Brother
Dec. 6: 1850. E. J. Fort

"Mr. Fort the date of your fathers
shroud was April 22, 48 that of your daughter
was on the 7th of September 48.
T. (?) K. Foster

"R. C. Foster or Son,
Keysburg, Ky.

Horn

I.—WILLIAM HORN, a Quaker, of Nansemond County, Virginia, had a son:

II.—HENRY HORN, b. Nov. 21, 1716, Nansemond County, Va., d. 1798 Wayne County, N. C., m. in 1737 Ann _____ (b. April 1, 1723), and they had 13 children, the fourth of whom was:

III—HENRY HORN, JR., b. June 10, 1744, d. Feb. 5, 1785, Edgecombe County, N. C., who served during the Revolutionary War as a musician under Capt. Yarborough and Col. Thomas Clark, First Regiment, Halifax District, Nash County, N. C. (Vol. XVI, p. 1083, State Records of North Carolina by Clark. NSDAR 153093.)

He married in December, 1765, in North Carolina (as her 2nd husband) Mrs. Sarah (Battle) Hilliard (b. 1743 Nansemond County, Va., d. Sept. 9, 1798, Edgecombe County, N.C.), daughter of Elisha Battle (1723-1799) and Elizabeth Sumner. She was the widow of Jacob Hilliard (d. 1764) by whom she had two children: 1) Jeremiah Hilliard (1760-1810), and 2) Elizabeth Hilliard (1763-1819) who married William Fort, son of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg.

Henry Horn, Jr., and Sarah (Battle) Hilliard became the parents of four childern:

1.—Piety Horn, b. Dec. 10, 1767, d. Nov. 27, 1815, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Jan. 17, 1788, Josiah Fort (1762-1848), son of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg.

2.—Charity Horn, b. Oct. 20 (or 29), 1769, m/1 Burrell Bunn, brother of Benjamin Bunn and uncle of Sarah Bunn (the wife of Elisha Battle II); m/2 Mr. Vick. She had four children by her first marriage.

3.—Selah Horn, whose name is found spelled Celia or Seely, b. Feb. 21, 1779, d. March 1, 1836, Robertson County, Tenn., m/1 about 1795/6 Lemuel Sugg II (1767-1812) of Edgecombe County, N. C. He was a nephew of Sarah Sugg, the wife of Elias Fort.

Selah Horn m/2 Dec. 19, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., Josiah Fort who married first her sister Piety. (Josiah Fort and Lemuel Sugg II were first cousins.)

Selah had seven children by her first husband and one by her second.

4.—Henry Horn III of Georgia, b. in 1785 sometime after the death of his father, m/1 Miss Read, daughter of Rev. Jesse Read, and they had several children. He m/2 Miss Costafney.

Elisha Battle, in his February 6, 1799, will in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, provided for the children of his daughter Sarah Horn as follows:

> "Item. I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my estate to be equally divided amongst my five children (to-wit) Elizabeth Crudup, Elisha Battle, Jacob Battle, Jethro Battle and Demsey Battle,
>
> 'Provided that my Daughter Sarah Horns Six children (to-wit) Jeremiah Hilliard, Elizabeth Fort, Piety Fort, Charity Bunn, Seely Suggs and Henry Horn, Come in for one equal share with my five children to be equally divided amongst them and also provided that my son John Battle's three children . . . come in for one equal share with my four sons and one daughter and my daughter Sarah Horn's children to be equally divided amongst them. . .' "

Sarah Horn died September 9, 1798, as recorded in the Josiah Fort Bible records. Her will, probated February Court 1799, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, named her son Jeremiah Hilliard Executor, and gave him her horse and colt and large "Bell-meattle" skillet. She left her daughter Charity Bunn a colt, new saddle, $10.00 and one-fourth of her "wearing clothes"; her son Henry all spun thread and a colt; and her daughters Elizabeth Fort, Piety Horn and Seely Sugg all the rest of her wearing clothes. The residue was left to the six children. Witnesses to the will were two of her brothers, Elisha Battle, Jr., and Jacob Battle. (P. 172, Abstracts of Wills 1733-1856, Edgecombe County, N. C., by Williams and Griffin.)

References:

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3.—Abstracts of Wills 1733-1856, Edgecombe County, N. C., by Williams and Griffin, p. 172.

4.—Josiah Fort Bible Records.

5.—Josiah Fort Cemetery Records.

Chart 1, Chapter IV.

WHITMIL HILL FORT, son and 1st child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Oct. 23, 1788, Edgecombe County, N. C., and d. Jan. 10, 1866, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Oct. 13, 1808, Robertson County, Dorothy "Dolly" Wimberly (b. May 17, 1791, Edgecombe County, N. C., d. Jan. 1, 1827, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of Joseph Wimberly and Sarah Diggs.

Whitmil Hill Fort and Dolly were both members of Red River Baptist Church. They were both baptised December 28, 1818. They were buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery near Adams, Tennessee. Their home was somewhere near this cemetery, and all four of their children were born there. The children were:

1.—Piety Horn Fort, b. Oct. 21, 1809. (See later)
2.—Thomas Jefferson Fort, b. Sept. 2, 1811. (See later)
3.—George Washington Fort, b. in 1813. (See later)
4.—Edmund Augustus Fort, b. Aug. 23, 1817. (See later)

PIETY HORN FORT, daughter and 1st child of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberly, was b. Oct. 21, 1809, and d. Aug. 11, 1840. She was married three times and had five children.

Piety Horn Fort m/1 June 1, 1826, Thomas Lee Yancey I (d. Aug. 28, 1827), a son of Layton Yancey (d. April 4, 1813) and Frances Lewis (1769-1845). Layton Yancey was a Revolutionary soldier and he and Frances Lewis married Dec. 17, 1788. Frances Lewis was a daughter of Thomas Lewis, also a Revolutionary soldier, and his wife, Jane Strother.

Thomas Lee Yancey I and Piety Horn Fort had a son born less than three months after the death of the father:

1.—Thomas Lee Yancey II, b. Oct. 18, 1827, m/1 Sara Ann Barker, daughter of John Nicholas Barker and Margaret "Polly" Cross. He m/2 Sarah Jane Sayers. (See later)

Piety Horn Fort m/2 Nov. 6, 1828, (as his 3rd wife) William Greenfield by whom she had two sons:

2.—Cyrus Wimberly Greenfield, b. Feb. 23, 1830, m. Nannie Andrews Barker. (See later)

3.—Whitmil Fort Greenfield, b. Dec. 7, 1832.

Piety Horn Fort m/3 April 6, 1836, (as his 2nd wife) Thompson McGready Ewing, by whom she had two more children:

4.—Finis Ewing I, b. July 30, 1837, m/1 Martha Delinia Barker; m/2 Frances Douglas Polk. (See later)

5.—Piety Fort Ewing, b. March 6, 1840, d. Aug. 18, 1840.

It is interesting to note that three of the four sons of Piety Horn Fort married sisters, daughters of John Nicholas Barker.

1.—"Col." Thomas Lee Yancey II, son of Piety Horn Fort and her 1st husband, Thomas Lee Yancey I, was b. Oct. 18, 1827, and d. Jan. 18, 1898, Clarksville, Tenn. He was one of the oldest and most honored members of the Clarksville Bar. A leading member of the Democratic Party, he took a great interest in the public questions of the day. He m/1 Nov. 4, 1847, Sara Ann Barker (b. Dec. 22, 1827, d. Dec. 19, 1868), daughter of John Nicholas Barker and Margaret "Polly" Cross, and they had eight children, all born in Montgomery County, Tennessee:

A.—Piety Yancey, b. Sept. 9, 1849, m. Feb. 10, 1867, John Barber, and lived at Bardstown, Ky. They had four children:

a.—Yancey Barber.
b.—Philetus Barber.
c.—John Barber II.
d.—Kent Barber.

B.—Mary (Polly) Yancey, m. Benjamin F. Gill and had five children:

a.—Felton Gill, m. Gussie Haddox.
b.—Benjamin F. Gill II.
c.—Sara Gill, m. Joseph S. Botts.
d.—Bennie Gill, b. July 12, 1873, m. Dancey Fort, son of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy. (See Chart 7, this chapter.)
e.—Louise Gill, m/1 Julian Gracey; m/2 Reams Cocke Richardson; m/3 Greg Olson.

C.—Sara Ann Yancey.

D.—Nannie Yancey (1858-1893), m. June 25, 1877, Judge James A. Manion (b. June 25, 1854, d. June 13, 1929). Both were buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tennessee, along with other members of the family. They had two daughters:

a.—Rebecca Manion, b. Dec. 31, 1879, d. Aug. 12, 1947, m. Mr. Whittaker and lived at Bristow, Oklahoma.
b.—Mary Manion, b. July 11, 1882, d. June 18, 1966, m. Woodfin Ernest Rogers, Sr. (b. Dec. 20, 1880, d. April 25, 1951) of Guthrie, Ky. Mr. Rogers was both a State Senator and a Representative. He was Speaker of the House in 1934. Mrs. Rogers was postmistress at Guthrie. They had three children:
(1)—Woodfin Ernest Rogers, Jr., b. Nov. 26, 1907, Guthrie, Ky., an attorney at Hopkinsville, Ky., m. Sept. 26, 1935, Frances Tate (b. Sept. 18, 1915), daughter of L. A. Tate and _____ Brasher. They have four children, all born at Hopkinsville:
(a)—Woodfin Ernest Rogers III, b. June 3, 1937.
(b)—John Tate Rogers, b. Sept. 28, 1939.
(c)—Terry Manion Rogers, b. Dec. 6, 1940.
(d)—Edith LaMotte Rogers, b. Nov. 28, 1947.
(2)—Mary Lorene Rogers, b. Feb. 15, 1910, Guthrie, Ky., m. Dec. 4, 1932, Lester Powell Lannom (b. Oct. 30, 1909),

son of Lester Lannom and Myrtle Powell of Guthrie. Both are teachers. They have two children:

(a)—Rebecca Lester Lannom, b. Dec. 30, 1937, Guthrie, Ky., m. April 15, 1962, at Guthrie, W. T. Burtner.

(b)—Charles Rogers Lannom, b. July 26, 1942, Guthrie, Ky., m. Aug. 14, 1962, Fulton, Ky., Ruth Chaney Covington.

(3)—Margaret Rogers, b. Nov. 28, 1913, Guthrie, Ky., m. Rudy Ferguson, and had one son:

(a)—Rudy Garth Ferguson, b. Aug. 12, 1947, Guthrie, Ky.

E.—Hattie Lee Yancey, b. June 23, 1868, m. Dec. 20, 1893, Clarksville, Tenn., Holmes Baldwin Strayer (b. June 28, 1871, New Market, Va.), son of Dr. Joseph Beveridge Strayer and Francina Clarissa Rodes. They had two daughters:

a.—Mary Frances Strayer, b. Sept. 28, 1894, d. March 3, 1917.

b.—Sara Barker Strayer, b. Oct. 31, 1896 or 1898, m/1 April 13, 1926, St. George, Utah, Otto Meek, and had two children:

(1)—James Hiram Meek, b. June 24, 1927, d. Nov. 12, 1927, Los Angeles, Calif.

(2)—Betty Mildred Meek, b. Aug. 29, 1928.

Sarah Barker Strayer m/2 Vance L. Bushnell, and they live in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Bushnell's professional name is Margery Wilson. She is the author of "I Found My Way", an autobiography, Lippincott, 1956; "Double Your Energy and Live Without Fatigue", Prentice-Hall, 1961; and "Kinetic Psycho-Dynamics: How to Set the Amazing Powers of Your Mind Into Motion", Prentice-Hall, 1963. In 1968 she was finishing her first novel.

F.—Cherry Yancey, died in childhood.

G.—Billie Barker Yancey, died in infancy.

H.—Thomas Lee Yancey III, died in infancy.

Col. Thomas Lee Yancey II m/2 Aug. 21, 1877, Sarah Jane Sayers, daughter of David Sayers and Nancy Kenna Scales, and they had twin daughters:

I.—Charlotte Yancey, b. Jan. 5, 1881, d. Dec. 1881, when eleven months old.

J.—Jennie Sayers Yancey, b. Jan. 5, 1881, m/1 in March, 1899, Sterling Paine, son of Dr. John C. Paine by his first wife. She m/2 J. Y. Leach, and was living in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1967/8 when she gave information on this family.

Piety Horn Fort m/2 Nov. 6, 1828 (as his 3rd wife) William Greenfield, by whom she had two sons:

2.—Dr. Cyrus Wimberly Greenfield, b. Feb. 23, 1830, d. Feb. 8, 1905, m. Sept. 9, 1856, Nannie Andrews Barker (d. Dec. 27, 1897), daughter of John Nicholas Barker and Margaret Cross. They had six children:

A.—Maria Nic Greenfield, b. June 26, 1857, d. Sept. 20, 1935, m/1 Aug. 13, 1874, Thomas H. Rawlins. She m/2 April 18, 1888, Dr. John C. Paine by whom she had two sons:

a.—William Barker Paine, b. Sept. 2, 1898.

b.—Greenfield Paine.

B.—William Barker Greenfield, b. Dec. 8, 1859, d. May 18, 1867.

C.—Eugenia Wimberly Greenfield, b. Nov. 13, 1861, d. March 23, 1909.

D.—Thomas Lee Greenfield, b. July 17, 1863, m. Jan. 26, 1893, Emma Lee McQuary, and had two children:

a.—Ed Greenfield.

b.—Eugenia Greenfield.

E.—Cyrus Greenfield, b. July 25, 1867, d. July 10, 1932, buried at Guthrie, Ky., m. Willie Phoebe Bryan (b. 1868, d. Dec. 14, 1933), daughter of Melvin Bryan and Nannie Jane Manion, a sister of Judge James A. Manion who married Nannie Yancey. They had two children:

a.—James Marshall Greenfield (d. Aug. 1963) who married and had a son:

(1)—James Greenfield—lives in Ohio.

b.—Kent Greenfield, b. July 1, 1902, Guthrie, Ky., where he lives on a farm and runs Spring Creek Kennels. He m/1 Mary Elizabeth Moynahan (b. Nov. 13, 1905, Nicholasville, Ky., d. Jan. 17, 1944, Guthrie, Ky.) by whom he had a daughter:

(1)—Nannie Jane Greenfield, b. Feb. 5, 1943, Guthrie, Ky., m. Oct. 27, 1962, Fayette County, Ky., James Edwin Muth (b. Oct. 17, 1936, Fayette County, Ky.), son of John Victor Muth and Mary S. Luigart. They live in Lexington, Ky., with their two children:

(a)—James Edwin Muth, Jr., b. Oct. 29, 1963.

(b)—Mary Kent Muth, b. Jan. 7, 1966.

Kent Greenfield m/2 Nov. 7, 1946, Mamie Lee Wilson.

F.—Sarah Yancey Greenfield, b. July 31, 1870, m. Nov. 19, 1889, Charles A. Clarke and moved to Mississippi.

3.—Whitmil Fort Greenfield, b. Dec. 7, 1832.

Piety Horn Fort m/3 April 6, 1836, as his 2nd wife, Thompson McGready Ewing, by whom she had two children:

4.—Finis Ewing I, b. July 30, 1837, Todd County, Ky., d. May 1, 1906, Montgomery County, Tenn., buried in White Chapel Cemetery at Rossview. He m/1 Oct. 14, 1858, Martha Delinia Barker (b. Dec. 6, 1834, d. April 6, 1867), daughter of John Nicholas Barker and Margaret Cross. They had three children:

A.—Ella D. Ewing, b. Sept. 7, 1859, m. Feb. 7, 1878, Thomas C. Mimms and had four children:

a.—Sallie D. Mimms, b. Dec. 9, 1878, m. John Tyner.

b.—Thomas C. Mimms II, b. March 19, 1883.

c.—Maude L. Mimms, b. Aug. 1886, d. in infancy.

d.—George D. Mimms, b. Jan. 16, 1889, m. Miss Watts and had two children.

B.—Maude Ewing, b. 1861, d. Aug. 1863.

C.—A son, name unknown, who d. in infancy.

Finis Ewing I m/2 Feb. 8, 1870, Frances Douglas Polk (b. July 24, 1850, Robertson County, Tenn., d. 1937, buried White Chapel Cemetery), daughter of James Irvin Polk and Elizabeth Kinchen Wilson, and granddaughter of Thomas Polk, a son of Ezekiel Polk who settled south of Adams, Tenn., in 1785. Ezekiel Polk was the grandfather of President James K. Polk. Finis Ewing I and Frances Douglas Polk had seven children:

D.—Charles Bowman Ewing, b. July 1, 1871, d. 1917.

E.—Finis Ewing II, b. April 28, 1874, d. Jan. 1, 1948, Memphis, Tenn., buried Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn., m/1 in 1902 Nelle Rollow (b. April 27, 1882, d. July 5, 1922, Hampton Station, buried at Grace Chapel, Rossview, Tenn.), daughter of Jesse C. Rollow and Mollie Metcalfe.

Mollie Metcalfe was a daughter of Pleasants Keesee (1841-1912) and Ilai Metcalfe (b. Sept. 11, 1841), and a granddaughter of Judith Pleasants Ligon and her 1st husband, Reuben C. Keesee (1819-1844).

Finis Ewing II and Nelle Rollow had one daughter:

a.—Judith Ewing, b. March 7, 1903, Durant, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, m. Dec. 22, 1921, Montgomery County, Tenn., Forest C. Moorefield (b. Feb. 10, 1896, District 1, Montgomery County, Tenn.), son of Henry T. Moorefield and Sarah Katherine Adams. They had four children:

(1)—Finis Ewing Moorefield, b. Dec. 3, 1922, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. April 13, 1963, Morehead, Rowan County, Ky., Aileen Mackenzie.

(2)—Thomas Douglas Moorefield, b. Dec. 30, 1924, d. July, 1926, buried at Grace Chapel, Rossview, Tenn.

(3)—Forest Curtis Moorefield, b. Dec. 29, 1926, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. July 15, 1951, Clarksville, Tenn., Violet Watson, daughter of Sylvester Watson and Madge Roberts of West Tennessee. They have two children:

(a)—Michael Curtis Moorefield, b. Dec. 20, 1952.

(b)—Judith Watson Moorefield, b. Dec. 19, 1956.

(4)—Nelle Rollow Moorefield, b. Nov. 21, 1929, Nashville, Tenn., d. March 27, 1964, buried at Grace Chapel, m. Jan. 30, 1950, Roy L. Shortridge, son of Roy Lee Shortridge and Emily McCarley of Abingdon, Va., and had three children:

(a)—Anthony Lee Shortridge, b. Aug. 30, 1953.

(b)—Charles Christopher Shortridge, b. Aug. 4, 1956.

(c)—Douglas McCarley Shortridge, b. Aug. 31, 1958.

Finis Ewing II m/2 Maude Meacham.

F.—Bessie May Ewing, b. Sept. 6, 1876, d. July 10, 1882.

G.—Maude Ewing, b. Aug. 5, 1879, m. in 1908 Leslie Smith from whom she was divorced in 1912. No children.

H.—Thomas Polk Ewing, Sr., b. April 19, 1883, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Feb. 9, 1948, Springfield, Tenn., buried at Rossview, Tenn., in White Chapel Cemetery, m. Nov. 8, 1911, Helen Dodds (b. Jan. 4, 1892,

Jackson, Madison County, Tenn.), daughter of Joseph S. Dobbs and Laura E. Newson. Mrs. Ewing moved from Springfield to Campbellsville, Ky., about October 1967. They had two sons:

a.—Thomas Polk Ewing, Jr., b. Aug. 7, 1912, Montgomery County, Tenn., m/1 June 27, 1938, Frances Sanders from whom he was divorced in 1958. He m/2 March 4, 1959, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Lucille (Grimes) Goodrum (b. Bowling Green, Ky.), daughter of Will Grimes. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing live at Campbellsville, Ky., where he is a merchant. They have one daughter:
(1)—Lisa Polk Ewing, b. Oct. 19, 1960, Louisville, Ky.

b.—Joe Dodds Ewing, b. July 28, 1921, Montgomery County, Tenn., is an officer in the U. S. Navy now living at Norfolk, Va. He m. March 14, 1942, Hopkinsville, Ky., Ola Lucille Flood (b. Dec. 31, 1927), daughter of Ben Flood and Tommie Apple. They have one son:
(1)—Mark Chandler Ewing, b. July 31, 1956, Norfolk, Va.

I.—Robert Lee Ewing, b. June 4, 1885, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. March 7, 1963, Memphis, Tenn., m. Aug. 29, 1907, Lillie Bestie (b. Sept. 20, 1889, d. Nov. 24, 1961), daughter of William M. Bestie (b. Dunfermline, Scotland) and Georgie Cahill, all of Memphis. They had two children, both born Memphis, Tenn.:

a.—Robert Lee Ewing, Jr., b. June 22, 1909, m. Jan. 13, 1946, Lucille Harris (b. March 14, 1912), daughter of George and Alice Harris of Missouri. No children.

b.—Lillian Ewing, b. Aug. 29, 1920, m. June 27, 1942, John E. Lambert (b. Jan. 9, 1920, Sheffield, Ala.), son of Thomas Proctor Lambert and Nell McCarthy. The Lamberts live in Memphis, Tenn., and they have three children:
(1)—Charles Clayton Lambert, b. ca 1943.
(2)—John Robert Lambert, b. ca 1945.
(3)—Lynn Sue Lambert, b. ca 1957.

J.—Mary Douglas (Polly) Ewing, b. June 28, 1890, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. April 20, 1911, Bradley A. Martin II, and they live on Route 5, Clarksville, Tenn. They had three children:

a.—Bowman Martin, b. Feb. 21, 1914, d. Oct. 26, 1950.

b.—Frances Martin, b. Oct. 28, 1917, m. 1937 J. W. Biggers (now divorced). She lives in Nashville, Tenn. They had one daughter:
(1)—Amelia Biggers, b. Sept. 23, 1941, m. in 1961 Charles Smith (now divorced), and they had one daughter:
(a)—Polly Frances Smith, b. Nov. 30, 1962.

c.—Bradley A. Martin III, b. Jan. 11, 1922, m. Oct. 13, 1950, Dorothy Chester. They live on Ussery Road, Clarksville, Tennessee, with their two sons:
(1)—Douglas Martin (adopted), b. in 1959.
(2)—Bradley A. Martin IV, b. in 1964.

5.—Piety Fort Ewing, b. March 6, 1840, d. Aug. 18, 1840.

THOMAS JEFFERSON FORT, son and 2nd child of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberley, was born September 2, 1811, Robertson County, Tennessee, where he died February 4, 1861. He was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. This epitaph is on his tombstone:

"The storms, the ills of life are past,
This sleeping body will, at last,
Arise, a cross to bear."

Thomas Jefferson Fort m. Feb. 4, 1861, Martha Marie Fort (b. Aug. 16, 1816, Robertson County, Tenn., d. July 28, 1888, Springfield, Tenn.), daughter of Elias Fort (1774-1827) and Catharine Prince. (See Chapter X.)

Thomas Jefferson and Martha M. Fort were living in Missouri by 1840, as the 1850 census of Randolph County indicates the last three of their five children were born there. His uncle Dr. William Fort and wife "Patsy" Gorham had gone to Missouri, possibly around 1820/21, as their daughter Amanda Fort was born in Missouri in 1821. One descendant thinks Thomas Jefferson Fort went to California during the Gold Rush—that he and some friend carted supplies to the miners.

The five children of Thomas Jefferson Fort and Martha Marie Fort were:

1.—Charles Washington Fort, b. July 29, 1834, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. May 18, 1860. He was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. He did not marry.

2.—Catharine Dorothy Fort, b. Nov. 29, 1836, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Feb. 15, 1859. Her tombstone was found in an old, old cemetery on a farm now owned by Norris Pace in Montgomery County, Tenn., by Dr. Thomas H. Baird of Bowling Green, Kentucky, who also found a monument nearby erected to the memory of James H. Sale (b. Oct. 21, 1798, d. May 23, 1855) who was probably the father-in-law of Catharine Dorothy Fort. (Note: Dr. Baird is a descendant of Lemuel Sugg II and Selah Horn.)

The first two lines of the epitaph on the broken tombstone of Catharine Dorothy Fort are, "She professed religion at the age of 13 years, and . . ."

She m. Oct. 31, 1855, Robertson County, Tenn., James Madison Sale (d. March 21, 1863). They had no children.

Henry Horn Fort, son of Elias J. Fort, wrote a letter from "Camp near Liberty _____, March 24, 1863" during the Civil War in which he said, "We had a severe fight a few days since at a little town called Milton. Although Morgan's whole command was in the fight, we failed to drive the enemy from a strong position which he occupied. We brought off all our wounded and most of the dead . . . Capt. Sale, than whom a braver and more chivalrous officer never led a braver and more gallant set of men into an engagement, fell while leading his men in a desperate charge under the eyes of Gen. Morgan. He was shot directly through the brain. His body was brought off."

3.—Thompson Ewing Fort, b. March 7, 1840, Randolph County, Mo., d. 1925, Logan County, Ky. His farm home was about a mile west of Old Red River Meeting House where he, both of his wives, and an infant daughter were buried in the adjacent cemetery. He m/1 May 14, 1868, Victoria Eliza Beauchamp (b. 1838, d. June 24, 1877), daughter of Francis Marion Beauchamp and Victoria M.A.D. Townsend (1818-1874), and they had four

children. He m/2 Aug. 18, 1880, Bettie Rouse Noel of Logan County, Ky., by whom he had no children.

Victoria M.A.D. Townsend was a daughter of Gen. Thomas Jefferson Townsend and Elizabeth Davidson Ewing, daughter of Gen. Robert Ewing (b. Bedford County, Va., d. Logan County, Ky., and buried in Old Red River Cemetery).

A younger sister of Victoria Eliza Beauchamp was named Elizabeth Beauchamp. According to "The Beauchamp Family", pp. 165-166, by Stith Thompson, The Filson Club History Quarterly, Vol. 28, Louisville, Ky., April 1954, Elizabeth Beauchamp married Joseph Fort and moved to Arkansas. (Note: We have not been able to identify this Joseph Fort.)

The four children of Thompson Ewing Fort and Victoria Eliza Beauchamp were:

A.—Daisy C. Fort (1870-1871), buried in Old Red River Cemetery.

B.—Dr. Frank Thomas Fort, b. Sept. 2, 1871, Logan County, Ky., d. June 30, 1930, Atlantic City, N. J., buried Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Ky. Dr. Fort, who studied at the University of Louisville Medical School and in England and Germany, was Major and Chief of Staff at Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland during W.W.I. He was later promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. When he returned to Louisville he had a private practice as a surgeon. He also taught at the University of Louisville, was chief of staff at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, and was chief surgeon for the L&N Railroad.

Dr. Frank Thomas Fort m. June 19, 1919, Elizabeth Adele Brown (b. Aug. 15, 1881, Baltimore, Md., d. Jan. 14, 1962, Louisville, Ky.), daughter of Charles H. Brown and Elizabeth Bullock. They had one son:

a.—Charles Brown Fort, b. June 9, 1922, Louisville, Ky., m. June 28, 1953, Tiptonville, Lake County, Tenn., Barbara Lee Stewart (b. Aug. 23, 1927), daughter of Russell Wayne Stewart and Thelma Norine Hetzler. They live in Louisville where Mr. Fort is in the insurance business. They have three sons:

(1)—Wayne Stewart Fort, b. June 18, 1954.

(2)—Frank Thomas Fort II, b. Dec. 19, 1957.

(3)—John Bullock Fort, b. July 19, 1962.

C.—Guy Earl (e) Fort, b. July 18, 1873, Logan County, Ky., d. Dec. 20, 1956, m. Oct. 15, 1901, Lewisburg, Ky., Myrtle Gupton (b. May 18, 1880, d. before 1956), both buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Adairville, Ky., where he was a merchant. No children.

D.—Mabel Fort, b. July 30, 1875, Logan County, Ky., d Jan. 14, 1955, m. Jan. 10, 1903, Ewell Francis True (b. at Lamont, Tenn.), son of Francis Marion True and Harriett Ellen Bigbee. They lived at Adairville, Ky., and both were buried in Greenwood Cemetery. They had one son:

a.—Frank Fort True, b. Sept. 2, 1909, Louisville, Ky., now living in Nashville, Tenn., where he is psychiatric social worker, m. Feb. 5, 1953, Houston, Texas, Susanne Brumby Bunn. They have one daughter:

(1)—Victoria Beauchamp True, b. March 15, 1954, Houston, Texas.

4.—Eudora Wimberley Fort, b. Feb. 23, 1843, Randolph County, Mo.

5.—Mary Amelia Fort, b. March 23, 1846, Randolph County, Mo., d. Feb.

21, 1875, Robertson County, Tenn., m/1 in 1865, in Robertson County, William Clayton Bridges (b. Nov. 20, 1836, d. March 23, 1869), son of William Bridges and Amanda Mantle of Robertson County, and they had two children:

A.—John Thompson Bridges, b. Feb. 15, 1866, Robertson County, Tenn. (See later)

B.—Ida Eudora Bridges, b. March 7, 1868, Robertson County, Tenn., d. July, 1898, m. John Kelton and had two children, neither of whom married:

a.—Jack Kelton, b. May 3, 1890, d. Jan. 5, 1965.

b.—Pearl Kelton, b. June 18, 1891.

Mary Amelia Fort m/2 Sept. 3, 1871, Robertson County, Tenn., James Bell (b. Oct. 26, 1846), son of William Bell and Amanda Grimes. They had one son.

C.—William Fort Bell, b. July 8, 1872, Robertson County, Tennessee. (See later)

JOHN THOMPSON BRIDGES, son and 1st child of Mary Amelia Fort and William Clayton Bridges, was b. Feb. 15, 1866, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. Jan. 8, 1949. He was a farmer and a tobacconist. On April 21, 1887, he m. Gillie McMurry (b. Nov. 21, 1866, d. May 13, 1914), daughter of Frank McMurry and Annetta Pitt. They lived at Springfield, Tenn., where both were buried, and they had seven children, all born in Robertson County, Tennessee:

1.—Frank Clayton Bridges, Sr., b. Nov. 12, 1888, d. June 13, 1935, m. April 14, 1920, Rebecca Florence Smith (b. Aug. 12, 1895, d. Sept. 23, 1931), daughter of George Elvis Smith and Ada Moore. He was in the insurance business in Springfield, Tenn., where they lived with their two children.

After the death of the parents, the two children went to live with their aunt Ethel Bridges and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burns Latham, at Tullahoma, Tennessee. The two children were:

A.—Frank Clayton Bridges, Jr., b. Nov. 25, 1921, Springfield, Tenn., m. June 7, 1943, Carrollton, Mo., Leslie Combs Hudson (b. April 26, 1923, Carrollton, Mo.), daughter of Leslie Combs Hudson and Mayme Thomas. Clayton Bridges has a general insurance agency in Carrollton where he also builds houses and sells real estate. They have two daughters:

a.—Rebecca Ann Bridges, b. June 11, 1944, Carrollton, Mo., m. Albert C. Goodin, Jr. of East Prairie, Mo., June 10, 1969.

b.—Leslie Clayton Bridges, b. Aug. 10, 1949, Carrollton, Mo., m. Gary Lee Kohler, and has a son:

(1)—Frank Ordell Kohler, b. Feb. 5, 1968, Hampton, Va.

B.—Adah McMurry Bridges, b. July 24, 1923, Springfield, Tenn., m. Feb. 1943, Tullahoma, Tenn., Wilbert Andre Simpson (b. Feb. 24, 1920, Chicago, Ill.). Mr. Simpson retired from a career in the army on September 30, 1968, and the family now lives in San Antonio, Texas. There were three children:

a.—Lance Lester Simpson, b. Sept. 14, 1944, Hagerstown, Md.

b.—Joseph L. Simpson, b. Jan. 9, 1947, Minneapolis, Minn., d. Sept. 21, 1967, San Antonio, Texas.

c.—Lisette Diana Simpson, b. Aug. 25, 1957, in Germany.

2.—Garnett Ewing Bridges, Sr., b. Oct. 3, 1890, d. Aug. 1, 1952, m. April 27, 1921, Erin, Tenn., Pauline Thomas (b. July 19, 1889, Erin, Tenn.), daughter of Nathaniel Orville Thomas (b. Aug. 20, 1845, d. May 20, 1922), a son of John H. Thomas and Nancy Allen, and his wife Martha Jane McAuley (b. Sept. 2, 1850, d. Feb. 24, 1935). They had two children:

A.—Garnett Ewing Bridges, Jr., b. April 9, 1922, Springfield, Tenn., m. June, 1943, Dorothy Hillis (b. July 10, 1921) of McMinnville, Tenn. They live at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with their four children:

a.—Robert Hillis Bridges, b. Oct. 6, 1947, Knoxville, Tenn.

b.—Barry Thomas Bridges, b. March 23, 1952, McMinnville, Tenn.

c.—Charles Ronald Bridges, b. Oct. 11, 1954, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

d.—Garnett Ewing Bridges III, b. July 20, 1956, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

B.—Martha Murry Bridges, b. July 15, 1924, Springfield, Tenn., m. Dec. 27, 1946, Donald Francis Starin (b. March 2, 1925, in New Jersey). They live at Glen Ellyn, Ill., with their three children, all of whom were born at Nashville, Tennessee:

a.—Donna Murry Starin , b. Feb. 9, 1952.

b.—Barbara Lynn Starin, b. Dec. 31, 1955.

c.—Paula Jo Starin, b. Nov. 8, 1958.

3.—Nell Bridges, b. Sept. 5, 1892, m. Feb. 15, 1918, Thomas Arthur Jenkins Sr. (b. Dec. 13, 1891, near Westmoreland, Tenn., d. Nov. 7, 1920), an attorney. Mrs. Jenkins lives in Nashville, Tenn., and she has one son:

A.—Thomas Arthur Jenkins, Jr., b. Dec. 7, 1919, Gallatin, Tenn., m. April 27, 1923, Julia Hagan (b. April 27, 1923, Pulaski, Tenn.), and lives at Manchester, Tenn. They have two sons:

a.—Thomas Arthur Jenkins III, b. March 27, 1945, m. Sept. 17, 1960, Susan Webster (b. June 11, 1946) of Manchester, Tenn., where they live with their daughter:

(1)—Lauren Elizabeth Jenkins, b. May 3, 1966.

b.—John Hagan Jenkins, b. Feb. 11, 1949.

4.—Ethel Bridges, b. Sept. 30, 1894, m. June 25, 1925, Joe Latham (b. Feb. 9, 1893) of New Market, Ala. They live at Tullahoma, Tenn. They have no children of their own, but after the death of Mrs. Latham's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clayton Bridges, Sr., they took their two children and reared them as if they had been their own.

5.—Dr. Thomas Fort Bridges, Sr., b. July 7, 1896, d. Aug. 19, 1968, Nashville, Tenn., buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, received his M.D. degree from Vanderbilt University in 1924. After serving his internship at St. Louis Children's Hospital and Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D.C., he entered military service in 1927. He retired as Captain in 1929 and entered private practice in Nashville.

A member of Belmont Methodist Church, Dr. Bridges served on the board of stewards and the board of trustees.

He had been assistant visiting pediatrician at Vanderbilt Hospital since

1932 and a member of the pediatric staff at St. Thomas Hospital since 1934, and Baptist Hospital since 1948. He also served as chief of the pediatric staff at General Hospital from 1939 to 1947. He served as assistant professor of clinical pediatrics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine since 1944 and contributed several articles to the Tennessee State Medical Journal. He was a former president of the Tennessee Pediatric Society and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Bridges m. Nov. 15, 1924, Frances Virginia Klyce (b. June 20, 1894, Sparta, Tenn.) and they had two children:

A.—Mary Virginia Bridges, b. Aug. 31, 1925, m. in November, 1951, Thomas Ragsdale Stone. Two children:

a.—John Fort Stone, b. Sept. 28, 1952, Nashvillle, Tenn.

b.—Frances Virginia Stone, b. Sept. 5, 1956, Nashville, Tenn.

B.—Thomas Fort Bridges, Jr., b. March 18, 1931, m. Dec. 23, 1949, Nashville, Tenn., Caroline Carter Van Ness (b. Jan. 23, 1931, Nashville). They live at Port Washington, N.Y., where he is a naval architect, with their four children:

a.—Katherine Ann Bridges, b. Sept. 20, 1952, Ann Arbor, Mich.

b.—Susan Carter Bridges, b. July 8, 1954, Newport, News, Va.

c.—Douglas Fort Bridges, b. Sept. 10, 1956, Great Neck, N.Y.

d.—Kenneth Thompson Bridges, b. July 18, 1961, Port Washington, N.Y.

6.—Marie Bridges, b. Nov. 3, 1898, m. Dec. 29, 1919, Braxton Hunter (b. July 1, 1899, d. Sept. 22, 1966) of Sparta, Tenn., and they had one son:

A.—John Beecher Hunter, Sr., b. Oct. 11, 1920, Sparta, Tenn., m. June 17, 1946, Nancy Lee (b. Sept. 12, 1925). They have four children, all born at Sparta, Tennessee:

a.—Robert Braxton Hunter, b. June 7, 1947.

b.—Susan Hunter, b. March 5, 1950.

c.—John Beecher Hunter, Jr., b. July 11, 1954.

d.—Lee Fort Hunter, b. April 21, 1962.

7.—Louise Bridges, b. Aug. 3, 1903, m. Nov. 25, 1925, Aubrey Stanley Cortner (b. June 1, 1900, d. Sept. 26, 1961). They lived in Nashville, Tenn., and had three children:

A.—Aubrey Louise Cortner, b. March 29, 1927, Springfield, Tenn., m. June 10, 1949, John Martin Cooke (b. Feb. 16, 1927). They live in Evansville, Ind., with their three children, all of whom were born in Evansville:

a.—Catherine Louise Cooke, b. Sept. 26, 1950.

b.—Pamela Cooke, b. May 21, 1952.

c.—Rebecca Anne Cooke, b. March 11, 1956.

B.—Robert Stanley Cortner, Sr., b. Aug. 14, 1928, Nashville, Tenn., m. Sept. 1957, Shirley Nonhoff (b. April 21, 1936) of Holland, Michigan. They live in Nashville, Tenn., with their two children, both of whom were born in Nashville:

a.—Catherine Cortner, b. Sept. 13, 1959.

b.—Robert Stanley Cortner, Jr., b. April 28, 1963.

C.—Janelle Cortner, b. Sept. 19, 1932, Nashville, Tenn., m. June 4, 1955, David E. O'Keeffe, Sr., (b. Aug. 31, 1932) of San Jose, California. They have five children, all born at Sacramento, California:

a.—David E. O'Keeffe, Jr., b. June 5, 1956.
b.—John Stanley O'Keeffe, b. Sept. 5, 1957.
c.—Karen Marie O'Keeffe, b. Oct. 31, 1958.
d.—Jennifer Louise O'Keeffe, b. Sept. 14, 1960.
e.—Timothy Andrew O'Keeffe, b. Oct. 11, 1963.

WILLIAM FORT BELL, son of Mary Amelia Fort and her 2nd husband, James Bell, was b. July 8, 1872, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Nov. 30, 1940, Savannah, Tenn. He m. May 24, 1899, at Savannah, Nancy Eliza "Lila" Irwin (b. March 31, 1877, Savannah, living in Feb. 1969), daughter of John Sevier Irwin (b. April 2, 1831, Savannah) and Frances C. Church (b. Nov. 5, 1842, Churchville, N.Y.), and they had six children.

Frances C. Church was a daughter of Rev. Jared O. Church who was head of the Female Academy at Columbia, Tenn., about 1850.

William Fort Bell and Lila Irwin, both graduates of Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., met while there in school. Both were teachers. Mrs. Bell still lives at Savannah on the same farm that belonged to her father.

Many of the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Bell are in the educational field, following in the footsteps of their parents and of their maternal ancestor Dr. Jared O. Church. The six children are:

1.—James Irwin Bell, b. May 24, 1900, m. Maycon Martin, b. April 7, 1904, and they live at Savannah on the farm that was John Sevier Irwin's. A member of the Tennessee legislature and president of the Tennessee Crop Improvment Association, Mr. Bell is with the Hardin County school systm. They have no children.

2.—John William Bell, Sr., b. Sept. 21, 1902, m. Mildred Holmes (b. Jan. 10, 1910, d. June 7, 1964, Tulsa, Okla.). Mr. Bell now lives at Williams Motel, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. He has two sons, both of whom live in Tulsa, Oklahoma:

A.—James Wendell Bell, b. March 12, 1933.

B.—Dr. John William Bell, Jr. (D.D.S.), b. Aug. 3, 1934, m. Linda Sue Wilson. They have two children:

a.—Karen Wilson Bell.
b.—Will Bell.

3.—Mary Frances Bell, b. May 7, 1907, a registered nurse, m. Rudolph Emil Trudel (b. Oct. 14, 1895), a teacher, and they live at Brentwood, Tennessee. They have three children:

A.—Elizabeth Ann Trudel, b. July 15, 1938, m. Charles Robert McCracken (b. Feb. 12, 1938) who teaches in the Davidson County, Tenn., school system. They have three children:

a.—Michael Robert McCracken, b. Aug. 31, 1958.
b.—Christie Lynn McCracken, b. Dec. 16, 1959.
c.—Mark Steven McCracken, b. April 9, 1963.

B.—James Rudolph Trudel, b. May 2, 1941.

C.—John Fort Trudel, b. Sept. 24, 1947.

4.—Cornelia Elizabeth Bell, b. March 17, 1910, m. March 30, 1940, John Blake Yett (b. Aug. 21, 1906). They live at Sevierville, Tenn., and Mrs. Yett teaches in the Sevier County school system. They have one son:

A.—William Robert Yett, b. Aug. 3, 1942, who is a teacher at Pigeon Forge Elementary School, Sevier County, Tenn.

5.—Annie Amelia Bell, b. June 17, 1911, m. Edgar Blythe Hatcher. She, too, is a teacher. Mr. Hatcher is Dean of Students at Berry College, Mt. Berry, Georgia. They have two children:

A.—Sara Anne Hatcher, b. May 29, 1940, m. Kenneth Williams. They live at Atlanta, Georgia, where she also teaches.

B.—James Irwin Hatcher, b. Sept. 1, 1944, teaches at Rome, Georgia.

6.—Frank Fort Bell, b. Nov. 6, 1915, m. Edna Bentley. They live at Knoxville, Tenn., where he teaches in the College of Agriculture, University of Tennessee, and she is with the Departmnt of Adult Education in Knox County, Tennessee. They have three children:

A.—Mary Katherine Bell.

B.—Nancy Bell, twin to Carol.

C.—Carol Bell, twin to Nancy.

GEORGE WASHINGTON FORT, son and 3rd child of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberley, was born in 1813 and died in June 1840, Robertson County, Tennessee. He m. in 1838 Susan Jane Ewing (b. July 8, 1821, Todd County, Ky., d. Sept. 10, 1890, Roswell, N.M.), daughter of Thompson McGready Ewing (1798-1871) and his 1st wife, Mary Pettis Barron. (Note: George Washington Fort married his sister's step-daughter.)

After the death of George Washington Fort, Susan Jane Ewing m/2 a kinsman, William H. Ewing of Lexington, Missouri. He was a son of George N.E. Ewing and Lucinda Rubey, and a grandson of Urban Ewing and his wife Mary (Polly) Ewing. Urban Ewing was a brother of Rev. Finis Ewing. Susan Jane Ewing had three children by her 2nd husband, 1) Medora Ewing, 2) Betty G. Ewing, and 3) Thompson McGready Ewing.

George Washington Fort and Susan Jane Ewing had one daughter:

1.—Mary Dorothy Fort, b. Aug. 6, 1838, m. May 28, 1858, Charles Benjamin Russell. They were married in Robertson County, Tenn., by F. C. Plasters, M.G. According to the Ewing Genealogy published in 1919, they had the following seven children:

A.—William H. Russell, b. Feb. 18, 1860, m. March 12, 1884, Whitesboro, Texas, Ella Kelly, and had three children:

a.—Benjamin Kelly Russell, b. Sept. 29, 1889.

b.—James C. Russell, b. June 21, 1890, d. May 21, 1892.

c.—Lawson Russell, b. Oct. 18, 1892.

B.—Fort Russell, b. Jan. 26, 1862, d. Dec. 3, 1862.

C.—C. Benjamin Russell, Jr., b. Jan. 16, 1864, d. March 7, 1864.

D.—Dora Myrtle Russell, b. Jan. 11, 1866, m. Aug. 20, 1890, James B. Lockbridge of Kansas City, Missouri.

E.—Mamie Russell, b. Aug. 27, 1872, m. Dec. 26, 1892, M. J. Bowen of Wilmington, Deleware.

F.—Daisy Ewing Russell, b. March 6, 1875.

G.—Fannie Russell, b. Dec. 20, 1877.

EDMUND AUGUSTUS FORT, son and 4th child of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberley, was born Aug. 23, 1817, and died at his home *HAPPY CLIFF* near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., June 16, 1887. He was buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery. Twice married, he was the father of 13 children.

"Colonel" Fort was educated under Prof. John D. Tyler in Montgomery County, Tenn. He went to Mississippi in 1837 where he spent three years as a planter. In 1840 he went to Elkton, Ky., and was a merchant for seven years. About 1847 he returned to his native county of Robertson and purchased a large tract of land on Red River and built *HAPPY CLIFF*. He was a promoter and for several years president of the Edgefield and Kentucky Railroad. In 1855-1856 he was a member of the Tennessee legislature.

Ralph L. Winters wrote an article that was published in the Springfield and Clarksville, Tennessee, papers in 1966, parts of which read as follows:

"*HAPPY CLIFF*, the old Fort homestead, is within one-half mile of the L&N Railroad and Highway 41. It is one of the few remaining true Colonial type homes . . . It is never seen accidentally. One must be going to it, to find it.

"On a dead-end road, in a beautiful level well-kept lawn, this home is within 100 feet of a sheer cliff that rises 120 feet from a Red River bottom. About 40 feet down this cliff is a large spring which supplies water for the house . . . No doubt the water was carried up the hill by the earliest occupants. Until a few years ago a windlass was at the top of the hill. The bucket would be lowered on a wire, filled, and drawn back by turning the windlass. Today, the water is caught in a tank and a pressure pump brings it to the house.

"Three families have occupied this house the most of its life. The Forts until 1915 or 1916, then the Buford Sweeney family, and now Mr. and Mrs. James W. Bellar who bought the entire estate about 1950. Of the original 790-acre tract owned by the Forts, there are now about 600 acres remaining. About 40% of this is Red River and Elk Fork Creek bottom, and a large portion of the remainder is level upland. This farm borders Red River and Elk Fork Creek for more than two miles.

"When the railroad was built in 1859, Col. Fort provided about one mile of right-of-way through his farm. Highway 41, built in the 1930s, traverses about one mile of the farm.

"About 1910 a bridge was built across Red River to connect the Adams and Sadlersville areas, and the Forts suplied about two miles of public road through the farm to the bridge. After the building of Highway 41, this was abandoned . . .

"About 1815 a flour mill was built some distance south of the present home and on the west side of the River. Col. Fort bought this from other

members of the family. I have been told by a very old timer that this mill was washed out in the 'High Rise of 1865' . . .

"Col. Fort was a promoter of the Edgefield and Kentucky Railroad which was built in 1859/60 and which crossed his farm. Engineers were brought in from Virginia to build the railroad bridge . . . The piers to the old bridge are still standing after 106 years.

"A Flag Station called 'Forts' was established and was used nearly 100 years. I have been told that there was an agreement that passenger trains would always stop here to pick up any of the Fort family.

"One of the first large movements of tobacco on the railroad was 26 hogsheads from this station to Clarksville. Three prominent doctors caught the train here while attending Medical College, 1) Dr. Rufus E. Fort, Nashville, 2) Dr. B. B. Sory, Cedar Hill, and 3) Dr. Frank Sory, Adams . . .

"I have been told that at wheat threshing time Miss Lizzie Fort would come down from Nashville. The thresher man of the community, Meredith Winters, owned a machine in partners with the Forts. The big wheat threshing dinner for the 'gang' was out under the trees. But not for Meredith! He was considered as one of the family, and Miss Lizzie, the gracious hostess that she was, prepared a sumptuous meal, served from a white tablecloth. When she required Meredith to 'wash up' and put on a white shirt and necktie to come to her table, he felt like he was going to a 'hanging party' and that he was the guy to be 'out on the limb' . . ."

EDMUND AUGUSTUS FORT m/1 March 30, 1847, Logan County, Ky., Ann Gatewood (b. April 7, 1825, Logan County, Ky., d. April 19, 1852, Robertson County, Tenn., and they had three sons:

1.—George W. Fort, b. & d. 1848. (Tombstone)

2.—George Washington Fort, b. Feb. 26, 1850, d. July 13, 1906, at his home at Hampton Station, Tenn., about ten miles north of Clarksville on the L&N Railroad. He m. Sept. 22, 1888, Mary Stuart Hampton (b. Dec. 5, 1863, d. in 1928 at Hampton Station), daughter of George and Sarah M. Hampton. They had no children.

3.—Whitmil Fort, b. Aug. 11, 1851, d. Feb. 19, 1924, Nashville, Tenn., m. after June 1, 1880, Ida Crowder (b. 1865 Vincennes, Maryland) and they lived at Southside, Tenn. They had no children.

Edmund Augustus Fort m/2 Nov. 22, 1854, at Trenton, Todd County, Ky., Julia T. Garth (b. Oct. 20, 1834 (Bible) or 1835 (Tombstone), Todd County, Ky., d. Nov. 17, 1903, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of William Anderson Garth and Elizabeth B. Saffaran of *OAK HILL*, their farm house near Trenton. They had ten children, all born at *HAPPY CLIFF*, as were his first three children.

4.—Lizzie Ann Fort, b. Oct. 4, 1855, d. April 13, 1951, Nashville, Tenn., buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery as were all her brothers and sisters with the exception of Dr. Rufus E. Fort, lived in Nashville, Tenn., where she was a member of Vine Street Christian Church, of the Campbell Chapter DAR, and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Miss Fort was a director in the women's division of the Tennessee

Centennial Exposition that was held in 1897 in Nashville. She was the founder of the Ladies' Hermitage Association and of the Ward Alumnae Association of which she was president. She was the oldest living graduate of the old Ward Seminary.

"Cousin Lizzie," esteemed by all who knew her, was an authority on family history. One correspondent said that "visiting with Cousin Lizzie at the Polk Apartments was like a dream, or awaking in a story book and meeting the past and present together." Her standards were high, and she encouraged all members of the family to hold up their heads and be proud of their heritage. Her papers prepared for the 1926 and 1927 Fort Family Reunions at Mint Springs have been of inestimable value to the authors. They were entitled "Genealogy of the Fort Family of Tennessee" and "The Women in the Fort Family."

5.—Dolly Fort, b. Dec. 14, 1856, d. Nov. 2, 1857.

6.—Walter Anderson Fort, b. Feb. 20, 1858, d. May 23, 1903, Nashville, Tenn. His will dated Oct. 1, 1888, probated June Court 1903, W.B. 27, p. 288, Robertson County, Tenn., named his brothers and sisters of the "whole blood—Rufus, Edwin and Lizzie," and his mother, Julia T. Fort.

7.—Cheatham Fort, b. Feb. 28, 1859, d. Feb. 8, 1863.

8.—Eugene Wimberly Fort, b. June 15/16, 1860, d. April 9, 1863.

9.—Edmund (Edwin) Zollicoffer Fort, b. Oct. 16, 1861, d. March 19, 1921.

10.—Garth Fort, b. Oct. 17, 1863, d. Jan. 8, 1883.

11.—Susie Bell Fort, b. July 6, 1866, d. Oct. 23, 1875.

12.—Sallie Wimberly Fort, b. March 1, 1870, d. June 28, 1870.

13.—Dr. Rufus Elijah Fort, Sr., b. March 19, 1872, d. March 22, 1940, Nashville, Tenn., buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, received his early education in the district schools of his native Robertson County and prepared for college at Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, later studying at the University of the South. He then switched to medical work at Vanderbilt University and graduated with the Class of 1894. During his university years, he became a charter member of Sigma Nu fraternity and remained an active alumnus throughout his life.

After leaving Vanderbilt, Dr. Fort completed his medical education with post gcraduate and hospital work in New York City. In 1897 he became superintendent and chief surgeon of Nashville General Hospital, a post he held until 1903.

In 1902 he became vice-president and medical director of National Life and Accident Insurance Company when it was organized, as well as chief surgeon for Tennessee Central Railway. He kept the railway post until 1916, but he was still active with the insurance company at the time of his death, being a member of the Board of Directors in addition to his other offices.

Dr. Fort opened a private hospital in Nashville in 1904 which he operated until 1920. In 1919 he was one of the organizers of Protestant Hospital, and later served as chairman of its executive committee for a number of years. He was visiting surgeon at Protestant as well as Nashville General Hospital. He was president of the State Board of Health for eight years. A Fellow

of the American College of Surgeons and of the American Medical Association, he was a member of the Southern Medical Association, the Tennessee State Medical Society, the Davidson County Medical Association, and the Nashville Academy of Medicine, of which he served as president. He was also vice-president of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association. In 1936 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from The University of the South.

Dr. Fort made medical history when he became the first surgeon to excise completely the clavicle and first rib and a portion of the sternum.

He was a member and former president of the old Hermitage Club and a member of Belle Meade Country Club. At one time he was a member of the Board of Trust of Cumberland University. He was a Director of Third National Bank, and a member of the Congregational Church.

He possessed one of the finest Jersey herds in the South. Cattle bred on his farm on Riverside Drive (FORTLAND) took blue ribbons in all parts of the nation. He was an active member of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and at one time was a member of its Board of Directors.

Dr. Rufus Elijah Fort, Sr., m. Oct. 12, 1909, Boston, Mass., Louise Clark (b. Aug. 8, 1887, St. Louis, Mo.), daughter of Benjamin Oliver Clark and Loula Henslee.

Mrs. Fort's mother Loula Henslee m/2 Mr. Engleman. She d. Nov. 11, 1953, Nashville, Tenn., and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Engleman was survived by two sons, Dr. George Oliver Clark and J. Dudley Clark.

The palatial old southern home of Dr. and Mrs. Fort on Riverside Drive—FORTLAND—was completely razed by fire Dec. 26, 1942, since which time Mrs. Fort has lived at The Royal Oaks House on Harding Road in Nashville.

Mrs. Fort, an avid gardner and active Garden Club member, served as Tennessee's representative on the Conservation Committee of the Garden Club of America during World War II.

Dr. and Mrs. Fort were the parents of five children, all born in Nashville, Tennessee:

A.—Rufus Elijah Fort, Jr., b. Aug. 29, 1910, received his preparatory education at Wallace University School. He graduated from V.M.I., Lexington, Va., in 1931, with a degree in engineering. For a year after graduation, he remained at V.M.I. as an associate professor of electrical engineering. He then became associated with National Life and Accident Insurance Company and in due time became manager of the Investment Department and a director of the Company. He is a past president of the Tennessee Jersey Club.

Rufus Elijah Fort, Jr., m. June 17, 1933, Lynchburg, Va., Agnes May Stokes, daughter of William Miles Stokes and Agnes Morgan. Educated at Lynchburg schools and Harcum College, Bryn Mawr, Pa., she was a member of the Junior League and a leader among the younger social group at Lynchburg before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fort reside at "Raajel" on Jackson Boulevard in Nashville. The name of their home comes from the first initials of members of the family. There are four daughters:

a.—Agnes Stokes Fort, b. May 14, 1934. Educated at Hollins College and Vanderbilt University, she m. Feb. 23, 1957, Livingfield More (b. July 11, 1926), son of Elijah Livingfield and Ellen Stokes. They live at River Grange Farm, Franklin, Tenn., with their daughter:
(1)—Ellen Livingfield More, b. March 27, 1964.

b.—Julia Garth Fort, b. Sept. 21, 1935, m. Terrance "Terry" Fails. They have two children:
(1)—Terrance Fails, Jr.
(2)—Garth Fort Fails.

c.—Eugenia Wimberly "Tish" Fort, m. John Jay Hooker, Jr., son of John Jay Hooker, Sr. and Darthula _____. He is a direct descendant of William Blount, an early Governor of Tennesse, and is one of the leading young attorneys and business men of Nashville. They have three children:
(1)—Dara Hooker, b. 1960.
(2)—Kendall Miles Hooker, b. May, 1965.
(3)—John Blount Hooker, b. Aug. 1966.

d.—Louise Clark Fort, m. Gilbert Stroud Merritt, Jr., an attorney, son of Gilbert Stroud Merritt, Sr. and Angie _____. They have three children:
(1)—Gilbert Stroud Merritt III.
(2)—Louise Clark Merritt.
(3)—Rufus Elijah Fort Merritt.

B.—Dudley Clark Fort, Sr., b. Dec. 2, 1911, prepared for college at Wallace University School in Nashville, attended V.M.I., and graduated from The University of the South with the Class of 1934. Affectionately called "Uncle Dudley," he is a great horseman. One of his most interesting activities was when he served in May, 1961, as Chief Patrol Judge of the 20th annual Iroquois Memorial Steeplechase in Edwin Warner Park, Nashville.

Dudley Clark Fort was Superintendent of the Atlanta office of National Life and Accident Insurance Company for a number of years before returning with his family to his native city of Nashville. He m. April 9, 1935, Atlanta, Ga., Victoria Pearl Fort (b. Lumpkin, Stewart County, Ga.), daughter of Dr. Arthur Godfrey Fort and Victoria Pearl Coffin. She is a descendant of Elias Fort of Virginia through his son John Fort (d. 1724/5) and wife Elizabeth Jordan. (See Section II).

Mrs. Fort is an authority on flower arrangements, not only as an artist and designer, but as a teacher and lecturer. She holds a certificate from the University of Georgia on flower-show-judging, and has served as a judge at international flower shows. She is a member of the Garden Club of America, the Garden Club of Nashville, and Ikebana International.

A COMPLETE GUIDE TO FLOWER ARRANGEMENT by Victoria Pearl Fort was published in May, 1961, by The Viking Press of New York. This is a beautifully illustrated 224-page studio book with nearly fifty of the many photographs in color.

Mr. and Mrs. Fort live in the historic Belle Meade section of Nashville. They have two sons:

a.—Dr. Dudley Clark Fort, Jr., b. April 10, 1936, Atlanta, Ga., graduated from Vanderbilt School of Medicine and began his surgical internship in 1964 at Cincinnati General Hospital where he was a resident doctor in 1967; m. July 15, 1961, Nashville, Tenn., Mandy Simpson (b. July 31, 1936, Madison, Tenn.), dauhter of Dayton Gray Simpson and Dorothy Louise Marable.

b.—Arthur Godfrey Fort II, b. July 29, 1937, Atlanta, Ga., m. April 28, 1962, Nashville, Tenn., Mary Brown (b. Jan. 15, 1938, Memphis, Tenn.), daughter of Robert Schlater Brown and Margaret Saunders.

C.—Dr. Garth Edmund Fort, b. Feb. 14, 1914, graduated from Wallace University School in Nashville, V.M.I., Lexington, Va., and from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1939. He interned at General Hospital, Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Fort joined the National Life and Accident Insurance Company Medical Department in 1940. Early in 1942, he went into military service with the Vanderbilt Medical Unit and spent more than three years in North Africa and Italy, attaining the rank of Major by the time of his discharge late in 1945. He returned to the Medical Department at National Life as Assistant Medical Director and in 1964 was made Vice President and Medical Director. He was elected a Director of National Life and Accident Insurance Company in 1968.

He is a member of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, the Tennessee State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Board of Life Insurance Medicine. He is a member of St. George's Episcopal Church and of the Belle Meade Country Club. He served on the Board of the Nashville-Davidson County Cancer Society, the Nashville Mental Health Center, as President of the Nashville Symphony Association, and as a Trustee of Harpeth Hall School for Girls, Nashville, Tennessee. He has served two terms as President of the Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center at CHEEKWOOD.

On June 20, 1939, at Columbia, Tenn., Dr. Garth Edmund Fort m. Chloe Frierson (b. Nov. 7, 1914, Columbia, Maury County, Tenn.), daughter of Horace Frierson and Julia Warfield. She graduated from Columbia Institute, Columbia, Tenn., in 1932, where she was May Queen. She majored in Philosophy and graduated from Sweetbriar College in 1936, where she was again May Queen. She was appointed to the Sweetbriar Alumni Advisory Comimttee in 1964 and served for three years.

Dr. and Mrs. Fort have four children:

a.—Chloe Frierson Fort, b. May 2, 1940, Rochester, New York, m. July 17, 1965, Richard Lenderman.

b.—Julia Warfield Fort, twin to Garth Frierson Fort, b. Aug. 30, 1941, Nashville, Tenn.

c.—Garth Frierson Fort, twin to Julia Warfield Fort, b. Aug. 30, 1941, Nashville, Tenn.

d.—Christopher Lawrence Fort, b. May 29, 1949, Nashville, Tenn.

D.—Cornelia Fort, b. Feb. 5, 1919, lost her life when an Army plane she was ferrying from her base in Long Beach, Calif., crashed near Merkel, Texas, March 21, 1943. Her body was brought home to Nashville for burial in the family plot in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Cornelia attended Ward-Belmont in Nashville and graduated from Sarah Lawrence College, Broxville, N.Y., in 1939. She took up flying in March 1940 and completed her instructor's course a year later. She was Nashville's first woman flying instructor and the second woman to receive a commercial pilot's license.

She taught aviation at Ft. Collins, Colorado, before going to Hawaii in October 1941 where she was serving as an instructor with the Andrew Flying Service in Honolulu at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Aboard ship with other evacuees from the Islands, she came back to the States the following March. She was in Binghampton, New York, at the Link Trainer School taking instrument training when the Army announced the formation of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron—WAFS—in September 1942. She was the second volunteer accepted, and was one of 15 WAFS members who completed basic training in the Air Transport Command branch the last of October at New Castle Army Base, Wilmington, Deleware. At the time of the accident in which she lost her life, she was on a routine ferrying flight. She had logged more than 1100 hours in the air.

Shortly before her death, Cornelia Fort submitted an article to "The Woman's Home Companion" in which she gave her reasons for joining the WAFS, the last paragraph of which read:

> "I, for one, am profoundly grateful that my one talent, my only knowledge, flying, happens to be of use to my country when it is needed. That's all the luck I ever hope to have."

This article was printed on page 19 of the July 1943 issue of the magazine, along with her picture, under the heading "At The Twilight's Last Gleaming", with a statement underneath her name that it was one of the most remarkable articles ever published—a personal story by the first woman pilot to die on war duty in American history.

In her honor, a private airport in the eastern section of Nashville, Tennessee, bears her name:

CORNELIA FORT AIRPARK.

E.—Louise Clark Fort, b. Nov. 9, 1926, m. April 25, 1950, Donald Macrae Linton, Jr. (now divorced) and they had three children, all born in Nashville, Tennessee:

a.—Leontine Fort Linton, b. Aug. 25, 1952.

b.—Cornelia Fort Linton, b. Jan. 26, 1955.

c.—Donald Macrae Linton III, b. in 1957.

The April 1967 issue of "Southern Living" magazine has a picture of Mrs. Linton with an accompanying article in which her favorite interests are listed as horticulture, the Junior League, and horsemanship.

Mrs. Linton is on both the Board of Directors and the Botanical Gardens Committee of the Tennessee Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center *(CHEEKWOOD)*. As an accredited daffodil judge, she is on the Board of Directors of the American Daffodil Society. She founded, and served as the first president, the Middle Tennessee Daffodil Society, in addition to growing about 500 varieties of specimen daffodils.

In her Junior League work, she was one of the editors of the Club's cookbook—"The Seasons."

Mrs. Linton and her children live on a 22-acre farm near Nashville where they keep their dozen or so horses, ponies, dogs and cats. They are avid fox hunters. She is a member of the Hillsboro Hounds and serves on the Board of Directors of the Middle Tennessee Pony Club.

Wimberly

I.—GEORGE WIMBERLY I of Edgecombe County, N.C., was a son of Thomas Wimberly whose will dated Oct. 22, 1731, probated in 1732 Bertie County, N.C., named his wife, Susana, sons George and Joseph, and a daughter Sara (h) Wimberly.

George Wimberly I married three times. By his first wife whose name is unknown he had four children:

1.—Zilpha Wimberly, b. 1741, m. 1760 Amos Cotton.

2.—George Wimberly II, b. 1743, m. Sept. 1, 1764, Charity Thomas, sister of Mourning Thomas.

3.—Sarah Wimberly, b. 1745, m. June 6, 1764, Malachi Hinton.

4.—Phariby Wimberly, b. 1747, m. Josiah Murphree.

The latter part of 1758 George Wimberly I m/2 Sarah (Fort) Dickinson, widow of William Dickinson, and mother of Jacob Dickinson, then ten years old (b. 1748). Quoting from an article prepared by Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., of Wilson, N.C., about Sarah (Fort) Dickinson-Wimberly:

> "William Dickinson died about the first of 1758, and on Feb. 23rd the administration of his estate was granted by the Edgecombe County Court to George Wimberly. On June 28, 1758, the inventory (no longer in existence) of the estate was placed on record, and on June 30th personal or perishable part of the estate was ordered sold at public auction, the account of which was subsequently recorded on Dec. 28. Administrator George Wimberly recorded his final audit of the estate of the late William Dickinson on June 25, 1761.
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> "Wimberly had apparently married the widow Sarah (Fort) Dickinson in the last of 1758.
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> "On July 24, 1764, Jacob Dickson, orphan of the late William Dickinson, appeared in Court and chose Elias Fort to be his guardian."
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> (Ref: Abstracts of Minutes of Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, N.C. Dept. of Archives, Raleigh, N.C.)

Both Sarah Wimberly and her son Jacob Dickinson were named in the will of her father, Elias Fort, who died in 1761 in Edgecombe County, N.C. She died in 1762.

George Wimberly I m/3 in 1763 (as her 4th husband) Mourning (Pope) Hilliard-Thomas-Pridgeon. She was the mother of Charity and Mourning Thomas (by her 2nd husband Joseph Thomas (d. 1758) who married George Wimberly II and Jacob Dickinson. (See sketch about the Hilliard family.)

On May 26, 1764, George Wimberly I wrote his will, naming his 3rd wife Mourning, and his four children by his 1st wife. This will was probated May Court, 1768, Edgecombe County, N.C.

II.—GEORGE WIMBERLY II, b. 1743, m. Sept. 1, 1764, Charity Thomas. She apparently died before he wrote his will on March 13, 1790, as he named only their four children, 1) George Wimberly III, 2) Joseph Wimberly, 3) Jonathan Wimberly, and 4) Mourning Wimberly. (We have no information on the last two named children.) This will was probated May Court 1790 and recorded in W.B. 3, p. 132, Edgecombe County, N.C.

George Wimberly III m/1 Phoebe (Pheraba) Hinton and they had one daughter named Elizabeth (b. ca 1791 Johnston County, N.C.) who m/1 William Whitfield I (son of Lewis Whitfield and Charlotte Moore Bryan) by whom she had one son: George William Whitfield, b. ca 1809/10. Elizabeth Wimberly m/2 Dec. 20, 1829, Johnston County, N.C., when 38 years old, as his 2nd wife, William Knight Fort, "aged 66", son of Frederick Fort and Mary Ann Knight. (See Section I.)

George Wimberly III m/2 May 28, 1827, Edgecombe County, N.C., Catherine (Diggs) Hart, widow of Richard Sessums Hart. She was a sister of Sarah Diggs who married his brother Joseph Wimberly.

George Wimberly III wrote his will on Dec. 6 (?26), 1831, and it was probated May Term, 1834, Edgecombe County, N.C.

III.—JOSEPH WIMBERLY, son of George Wimberly II, married Sarah Digges (b. Nov. 11, 1767) before Nov. 17, 1786, when her father, Robert Digges made his will in Edgecombe County, N.C., in which he left slaves to Sarah Wimberly. They came to Tennessee ca 1800, as a deed for 640 acres of land from Henry W. Lawson to Joseph Wimberly was dated Jan. 5, 1801, and recorded D.B. "F", p. 206, Robertson County, Tenn., Registrar's Office.

Joseph Wimberly died in 1812. An inventory of his estate was filed Aug. 12, 1812, by Josiah Fort, Admr., and on Dec. 3, 1812, a dower of one-third of 640 acres of land and two slaves was allowed to Sarah Wimberly. Later, lots of land were laid off for each of the eight children. Rev. Sugg Fort was guardian of the five minor children, and made regular reports to the Court. The minor children were 1) Robert Degge Wimberly, 2) William Wimberly, 3) George Sterling Wimberly, 4) Joseph Wimberly II, and 5) Catherine Wimberly.

The Minutes of Red River Baptist Church, page 140, has this entry:

"Sister Sarah Wimberly departed this life the 3rd day of January, 1817. She was a respectable and worthy member of Society."

Joseph Wimberly and Sarah Diggs had eight children, two of whom, a daughter and a son, married a son and a daughter of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn:

1.—Dorothy "Dolly" Wimberly, b. May 17, 1791, m. Whitmil Hill Fort, son of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. (See later)

2.—Robert Degge (Digges) Wimberly, m. Margaret Ann "Peggy" Powell, lived in North Carolina, and left descendants.

3.—William Wimberly.

4.—Elizabeth Wimberly m. Lewis Whitfield.

5.—George Sterling Wimberly, b. May 12, 1795, d. Aug. 3, 1857, m/1 N.C. ca 1818 Louisa Dickens (1798-1828), half-sister of Margaret Powell who m. his brother, Robert Degge Wimberly. He m/2 Nov. 1, 1829, Charlotte Trigg, and they were the parents of Mary Catherine (Wimberly) Killebrew, wife of Joseph B. Killebrew, who wrote "Recollections of a Lifetime." He m/3 Mrs. Judith Pleasants (Ligon) Keesee (d. ca 1869). George Sterling Wimberly and his 1st and 2nd wives were buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery, and many of his children were buried there.

6.—Sally Wimberly m. John Neville.

7.—Joseph Wimberly II m. Jan. 15, 1822, Sarah Battle Fort, daughter of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. (See later)

8.—Catherine Wimberly, b. April 9, 1800, m. Milton Bourne, son of Rev. Ambrose Bourne and his 1st wife, Jane Newman. (Rev. Bourne, a widower with eleven children, m/3 Charity E. Fort, daughter to Josiah Fort and Piety Horn.)

Greenfield

WILLIAM GREENFIELD, the 2nd husband of Piety Horn Fort, was b. April 5, 1794, and d. July 2, 1835. He was a son of Thomas Greenfield and wife, Elsey. The Greenfields came from Virginia and settled in Robertson and Montgomery Counties, Tennessee.

William Greenfield m/1 Oct. 14, 1813, Ruth Wilson Thompson (b. Sept. 16, 1795, d. Aug. 26, 1817) by whom he had two children: 1) Thompson Greenfield, b. Dec. 26, 1814; and 2) Ruth Wilson Greenfield, b. March 3, 1817.

William Greenfield m/2 March 12, 1819, Jane Bourne (b. Sept. 23, 1802, d. May 6, 1827), daughter of Rev. Ambrose Bourne (1772-1823) and his 1st wife, Jane Newman, and they had five children: 1) James William Greenfield, b. April 16, 1820; 2) Charles Henry Greenfield, b. Nov. 13, 1821, d. Jan. 14, 1822; 3) Thomas Henry Greenfield, b. Nov. 29, 1822; 4) Benjamin Gordon Greenfield, b. April 2, 1825; and 5) Ambrose Bourne Greenfield, b. March 21, 1827.

William Greenfield m/3 Nov. 6, 1828 (as her 2nd husband) Piety Horn Fort (1809-1840), daughter of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberley, and they had two sons:

1.—Dr. Cyrus Wimberly Greenfield, b. Feb. 23, 1830.

2.—Whitmil Fort Greenfield, b. Dec. 7, 1832.

Greenfield family records came from a Bible owned by Mr. Kent Greenfield, Guthrie, Kentucky.

Ewing

I.—ROBERT EWING I, the immigrant, was born between 1715 and 1725 in Londonderry, Ireland, and died in 1787 in Bedford County, Virginia. About 1747 he married Mary Baker and they had twelve children, seven of whom (six brothers and one sister) settled in Logan County, Kentucky, in the early 1790s.

One son, Gen. Robert Ewing II, was the father of Patsy Mills Ewing who m/1 (as his 2nd wife) James Fort (1788-1819), son of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard. (Patsy Mills Ewing m/2 William B. Ross.)

Gen. Robert Ewing II was buried at Old Red River Cemetery near Schochoh, about five miles northwest of Adairville, Kentucky.

James McGready, preaching about the mid-1790s in North Carolina, became unpopular in the Presbyterian Church as he was fired with the spirit of revivalism and preached more or less a blood and thunder type of sermon. Hearing of the evil conditions in the new State of Kentucky, and especially in Logan County (also known as Rogue's Harbor), he resolved to go there. The church at Red River had been established in 1789, but growth had been slow. Seeing there was a great work to be done, McGready gathered the few faithful Christians that believed as he did and in a short time there commenced one of the most powerful revivals of religion ever witnessed on the American Continent. Religious leaders from all over the State attended this revival, which was eventually extended into all the settled portion of Kentucky.

II.—REV. FINIS EWING (b. July 10, 1773, Bedford, County, Va., d. July 4, 1841, Lexington, Mo.) was also a son of Robert Ewing I and Mary Baker. A Presbyterian preacher, he became active in the great revival of 1800 and associated with such religious leaders as James McGready, Peter Cartwright, Valentine Cook and John Rankin. He was one of the founding fathers of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church when it was organized on February 10, 1810, with Finis Ewing, the leader, assisted by Samuel McAdoo, Samuel King and Ephraim McLean.

Rev. Finis Ewing m. in 1793, Davidson County, Tenn., Margaret Davidson (d. 1868), daughter of Gen. William Lee Davidson, and they had 13 children, one of whom was:

III.—THOMPSON McGREADY EWING b. June 15, 1798, Logan County, Ky., d. Feb. 20, 1871, Lafayette County, Mo., who married three times and had a total of 17 children.

Thompson McGready Ewing m/1 Sept. 18, 1819, Christian (or Todd) County, Ky., Mary Pettis Barron (1804-1833), and they had six children. Their oldest child was a daughter named Susan Jane Ewing (b. July 8, 1821, Todd County, Ky., d. Sept. 10, 1890, Roswell, N.M.), who m/1 in 1838, Todd County, Ky., George Washington Fort (1813-1840), son of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberly.

It is interesting to know that father and daughter married a sister and brother.

Thompson McGready Ewing m/2 April 6, 1836, as her 3rd husband, Piety

Horn Fort, daughter of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberly, and they had two children:

1.—Finis Ewing, b. July 30, 1837.

2.—Piety Fort Ewing, b. March 6, 1840.

Thompson McGready Ewing m/3 in Lafayette County, Mo., on Feb. 3, 1842, Anne Marie Windsor, and by her he had nine more children.
References:

1.—The Ewing Family with Cognate Branches, 1919, by Presley and Mary Ewing.

2.—The Story of Logan County, Ky., 1962, by Edward Coffman.

McAuley

I.—MORDY McAULEY came from Scotland and landed in South Carolina in 1790. One of his two sons was:

II.—ANGUS McAULEY, "Angus McAuley, a veteran of the War of 1812, arrived on the west fork of Well's Creek in 1821," according to Goodspeed's "History of Seven Counties" that was published in 1886.

Angus McAuley fought in the War of 1812 with Andrew Jackson and later helped in lowering his body (Jackson's) into his grave.

Later, Angus McAuley moved to Kentucky. He and his wife were buried in the cemetery at Frankfort, Kentucky, not far from the grave of Daniel Boone. Their son:

III.—WILLIAM L. McAULEY, who spelled his name McCauley, married Pauline Lockhart, daughter of Lewis Lockhart (b. Feb. 4, 1788) and Charlotty Boone (b. July 1, 1800).

Charlotty Boone was a daughter of Eldred, called "Dred" Boone, a cousin of Daniel Boone.

(This information about the relationship with Daniel Boone is verified also by Goodspeed.)

IV.—MARTHA JANE McAULEY (b. Sept. 2, 1850, d. Feb. 24, 1935) m. Nathaniel Orville Thomas (1845-1922), son of John H. Thomas and Nancy Allen. Their daughter:

V.—PAULINE THOMAS (b. July 19, 1889, Erin, Tenn.) m. April 27, 1921, at Erin, Tennessee, Garnett Ewing Bridges, Sr. (1890-1952), son of John Thompson Bridges and Gillie McMurry, and grandson of Mary Amelia Fort and her 1st husband, William Clayton Bridges of Robertson County, Tennessee.

Garth

I.—JOHN GARTH of England settled in Virginia and married Mary T. _____ about 1734. Their son:

II.—THOMAS GARTH I, b. ca 1735, d. 1812, married Judith Bowcock of

Virginia. They had nine children: 1) Thomas Garth II (d. 1834) m. Susan Durett, 2) John Garth, m. Ann Rodes of Virginia, 3) Elijah Garth, b. April 13, 1775, Albemarle County, Virginia, married twice and had eight children, 4) Jess Garth, m. Elizabeth Brown of Virginia, 5) Garland Garth, m. Susan Crenshaw, 6) Ann Garth, m. Richard Gaines, 7) Sarah Garth, m. Samuel Poindexter, 8) Susan Garth, m. Isaac Dalton, and 9) Mildred Garth, m. John Fretwell.

III.—ELIJAH GARTH, b. April 13, 1775, Albemarle County, Va., d. Sept. 1, 1815, Christian (now Todd) County, Ky., m/1 Nov. 4, 1795, Susan Fretwell of Virginia, by whom he had four children: 1) William Anderson Garth, b. May 19, 1798, 2) James F. Garth, m. Mary Campbell, 3) Martha Garth, m. Fendal Sebree, Todd County, Ky., and 4) Littleton Garth, m. Sarah Durett, Todd County, Ky.

Elijah Garth m/2 Mrs. Catherine Wayt of Virginia, by whom he had four more children: 5) Granville W. Garth, m. Eliza Sherman, Elkton, Ky., 6) Virginia Garth, m. George Cross, Todd County, Ky., 7) Paschal Garth, m. his cousin Lucy Garth of Virginia, and 8) Elizabeth Garth, m. Edward Corney (?Carney) of Tennessee.

IV.—WILLIAM ANDERSON GARTH, son of Elijah Garth and his 1st wife, Susan Fretwell, was b. May 19, 1798, Albemarle County, Va., and d. Oct. 4, 1843, Todd County, Ky. He m. in 1829 Elizabeth Baker Saffaran (b. Oct. 24, 1809, d. 1887), daughter of George Saffaran and Mary Baker of Gallatin, Tenn. They had seven children, two of whom married descendants of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn:

1.—Webster Clay Garth, b. Sept. 10, 1830, Todd County, Ky., d. Jan. 22, 1900, buried at "Oak Hill", m. May 10, 1861, Huldah Carr Fort (1844-1876), daughter of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe.

2.—Mary Susan Garth, b. Oct. 7, 1832, m. John Bell of Ky.

3.—Julia T. Garth, b. Oct. 20, 1834, Todd County, Ky., d. Nov. 17, 1903, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Nov. 22, 1854, Edmund Augustus Fort, son of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberly.

4.—Martha Texana Garth, b. Dec. 9, 1836, Todd County, Ky., m. Hugh B. Todd of Virginia.

5.—George Elijah Garth, b. Dec. 4, 1839, Todd County, Ky., m. April 15, 1862, Louisa E. Ware, daughter of Edmund Ware and Louisa Anderson. (P. 321, "History of Todd County, Ky., Historical and Biographical, 1884," edited by William Henry Perrin, has a nice article about George E. Garth.)

6.—Virginia Elizabeth Garth, b. May 3, 1843, Todd County, Ky., m. Charles William Ware.

7.—William Anderson Garth, b. March 3, 1844, Todd County, Ky., d. in San Antonio, Texas, m. Elizabeth Dudley McClure of St. Louis, Missouri.
Reference: This material was prepared by Miss Lizzie Fort (1855-1951), and the original, in her handwriting, is kept in the Garth Bible published in 1828 that is owned by Misses Virginia and Gertrude Garth and their brother, William Dudley Garth, Jr., of Trenton, Ky.

Chart 2, Chapter IV.

HENRY FORT, Sr., son and 2nd child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Feb. 24, 1791 at Ft. Nashborough (presumably) in Tennessee. He d. Jan. 16, 1836, Lawrence County, Ala., leaving a will. On Nov. 5, 1822, at Florence, Ala., he m. Mary W. D. Gray (b. ca 1808, d. after 1850). The Randolph County, Mo., census for 1850 indicated she and her son Henry Fort, Jr., were living in the household of her son-in-law Thomas Gorham Lowry.

Henry Fort, Sr., and Mary W. D. Gray had at least two children:

1.—Louisa Catherine Fort, b. July 10, 1826. (See later)

2.—Henry Fort, Jr., b. ca 1835/6, who was listed as 14 years old in the 1850 Randolph County, Mo., census.

The following items are from Lawrence County, Ala., court records:

1.—Orphan's Court, March Term 1833, Lawrence County, Ala. Henry Fort was removed as guardian of Elvira E. McAmy (?), Sarah C. McAmy and Robert McAmy, infant heirs of Robert McAmy, deceased, and on application of James Wright and Henrietta Wright, his wife, it was ordered that John Glass be appointed Guardian.

2A.—Orphan's Court, January Term 1837, Lawrence County, Ala. Book "E" 1835-1840, page 414, Will of Henry Fort dated January 13, 1836, probated January 25, 1837:—

> "In the name of God, Amen. I Henry Fort of County of Lawrence and State of Alabama being sick though of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament. My desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid. It is my wish that all my property should be kept together for the benefit of my wife and children, and as each child becomes of age or marries, it will be entitled to draw an equal part of my estate.
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> "I constitute and appoint my two friends J. J. Ormond and Wm. Leigh my executors to this my last Will and Testament.
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> "In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.
>
> "Test: John S. Peters
>
> G. H. Burns Henry Fort (SEAL)"
>
> V. H. Jones
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> (Note: The Wm. Leigh mentioned was the man that Leighton, Ala., was named for.)

Mary W. D. Fort was appointed Administratrix with Will Annexed. She made bond for $40,000 with Thomas Keenan and John S. Abernathy as her securities.

2B.—Book "E", pp. 329-331. "On the application of Mary W. D. Fort, Admrx. of the estate of Henry Fort deceased, it is ordered by the Court that the report of the Commissioners appointed to appraise the personal estate of said decedent as returned and sworn to by said Administratrix be received and admitted to record . . . ."

There was a long list of items, but the total amount was not given. The Commissioners, John Smith, Needham Whitley and John S. Abernathy, gave their report March 15, 1837.

On September 12, 1837, an account of sale of the personal estate of Henry Fort was given by M.W.D. Fort, Admrx . . . sworn and subscribed to before Amos Jarman, J.P., and was admitted to record:

Live stock	$2343.53
Slaves	4597.00
	$6940.53

3.—Page 140. (Date not given.) "Mary W. D. Fort, admrx . . . of estate of Henry Fort, deceased, having at the present term of this court . . . tendered a written resignation of her said administration and prays to be discharged from the further duties thereof which said resignation is received by the Court . . . ."

". . . Ordered that John M. Jackson be appointed administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of all and singular, the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of Henry Fort deceased not heretofore administered by Mary W. D. Fort, Administratrix, etc., and no other bond or oath being required of him, than that given and taken, as administrator general, for the County of Lawrence, and that Letters of Administration issue to him accordingly."

When Louisa (Hannum) Fort wrote a family news letter on February 1, 1846, to Thomas J. and Martha Fort in Missouri, she said, "Your Uncle Jo received a letter from your Aunt Mary, or at least I heard so. She said she intended settling in Alabama and that Lowry would live with her. I would be glad to hear that they are doing well."

Louisa Catherine Fort had married about 1843 Thomas Gorham Lowry. By 1850 the entire family had moved to Randolph County, Missouri, and the census that was taken that year lists them as follows:

T. G. Lowry	28 years old.
Louisa Lowry	23 years old.
Mary Lowry	5 years old.
California (?)	3 years old.
Mary Fort	42 years old.
Henry Fort	14 years old.

LOUISA CATHERINE FORT, daughter of Henry Fort, Sr., and Mary W. D. Gray, was b. July 10, 1826, in Alabama, and d. Aug. 17, 1885, Randolph County, Missouri. She was buried in the Thomas Hill Cemetery beside her husband.

She m. about 1843 Thomas Gorham Lowry (b. Jan. 29, 1822, d. June 21, 1870, Randolph County, Mo.), the first of twelve children of Dr. John Jefferson Lowry and Nancy Melinda Gorham (daughter of Thomas Gorham and Sallie Sugg), and they had six children.

On page 368 of *History of Randolph County*, 1884, is an article headed "Death of Capt. Lowry" in which he was said to have been "Another of the brave knights who fought under the glorious, but ill-starred banner of the South . . ." Capt. Lowry enlisted early in the war and was placed in command of Co. F in the "Old Missouri Third," a regiment commanded by Col. Reeves.

The six children of Louisa Catherine Fort and Capt. Thomas Gorham Lowry were:

1.—Mary Lowry, b. Sept. 12, 1844, Fayette in Howard or old Franklin County, Mo., m. Dr. William Vasse (b. April 22, 1839, d. April 21, 1894, buried in Thomas Hille Cemetery). They had four children:

A.—Percy Vasse, m. Stella Robertson, had two sons.

B.—Charles Vasse, m. Ursula Gray. No children.

C.—Robert Vasse, m. Edna Gray, had 3 or 4 children.

D.—Linda Vasse, m. Frank Holman, had one son.

A grandson of Mary (Lowry) Vasse is Richard Vasse of Grafton, Illinois.

2.—Fannie Lowry, m. James Carney and had three (?) children. The only one living early in 1968 was "up in his 70s."

A.—_____

B.—_____

C.—James Carney of Moberly, Mo., m/1 _____ and had one son:

a.—James Thomas Carney of Mexico, Mo.

James Carney m/2 Doris Ann _____ and they had four children:

b.—George Lowry Carney of Moberly, Mo.

c.—Thomas Lee Carney.

d.—Leo Dixon Carney.

e.—Martha Ann Carney, m. _____ Pattinson (?).

3.—Grey Lowry, m. Allie Hammett and had a daughter:

A.—Louise Lowry, m. Elliott James Wescott, Sr., and had three children:

a.—Louise Lowry Wescott, b. Feb. 8, 1921, m. Feb. 8, 1941, Walter William Smith, Sr. They live at Huntsville, Mo., and have four children:

(1)—Paul Elliott Smith, b. Jan. 16, 1942, d. May 23, 1942.

(2)—Walter William Smith, Jr., b. May 4, 1943, m. Emma Lena Swallow on Nov. 11, 1967. They have a daughter:

(a)—Tamara Louann Swallow, b. Oct. 26, 1968.

(3)—Curtis Allen Smith, b. Oct. 26, 194__.

(4)—Olan Leroy Smith, b. June 30, 194__.

b.—Elliott James Wescott, Jr., of Las Cruces, N.M.

c.—Roger Hammett Wescott, m. Betty Jo Tombs, and they live at Coshocton, Ohio.

4.—Dixon Lowry, married in the "West."

5.—John Jefferson Lowry, Sr., m. Minnie Johnson, had nine children:

A.—Thomas W. Lowry, m. Rosalie Jones and lives at Sturgeon, Mo. They have no children. (Note: Mrs. Lou Thena Burnside of Carrollton, Mo., who is a Sugg, Gorham and Lowry descendant (but not Fort) went to see Mr. and Mrs. Lowry in Sturgeon on March 12, 1969, and got from

him all the information we have on the descendants of Louisa Catherine Fort and Thomas Gorham Lowry. He knew nothing about Henry Fort, Jr.

B.—John Jefferson Lowry, m. Ruth Feeley and lives at Traverse City, Mich. They have two sons:

a.—John Jefferson Lowry III.

b.—Donald Ray Lowry.

C.—Henry Gorham Lowry (deceased), m. Edna Stoltz. She lives in Indianola, Miss.

D.—Martha E. Lowry, m. Strosser C. Brown and lives at Linden, Mich. They have two children:

a.—Helen Frances Brown, m. Tom Bisbee and lives at East Grand Rapids, Mich.

b.—Lowry Brown, lives at Tento, Mich.

E.—Mary E. Lowry, m. Allen Brockman and lives at Flint, Mich. They have two children:

a.—Ellen Brockman, m. Alan McDonald and lives at Whitmore Lake, Michigan.

b.—James Brockman, m. Agnes _____.

F.—James Dixon Lowry, deceased.

G.—George H. Lowry, d. in 1946.

H.— Dr. Frances Edward Lowry, m. Leota Pool. They live at Grand Blanc, Michigan, and have two children:

a.—Julie Lowry, of Valdez, Alaska.

b.—Dr. J. D. Lowry of San Marino, Calif.

I.—Minnie B. Lowry, m. Virgil White (deceased). She lives at Royal Oak, Michigan. They had three children:

a.—Linda White.

b.—Edward White of Rochester, Mich.

c.—Joel White of Royal Oak, Mich.

6.—Lillie Lowry, m. William Wood. In a 1914 letter to Mrs. Ellen C. Fort, Mrs. Wood said they moved to Portland, Oregon, about 1902. She called her sister Mrs. Carney "Ninnie" and said she had two boys, Jamie and Tom Carney. She also said, "I have three sweet children. This is Ellen Dixon's last year in high school and I want to send her to college . . . ."

A.—Ellen Dixon Wood, m. W. C. Tucker and lives in Seattle, Washington. She has a daughter.

a.—Grace Ellen Tucker.

B.— _____

C.— _____

Chart 3, Chapter IV.

DR. WILLIAM FORT, son and 3rd child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Oct. 18, 1793, in what is now Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Aug. 23, 1881, at Fort Henry near Huntsville, Randolph County, Mo. He m. March 14 (or 15), 1815, Robertson County, Tenn., Martha Frances Sugg "Patsy" Gorham (b. July 10, 1796, in Ky., d. Oct. 5, 1883, Moberly, Mo.), daughter of Thomas J. Gorham and Sallie Sugg.

Thomas J. Gorham was a son of Nathaniel Gorham and wife, Sarah Cotton, of Loudon County, Va. Sallie Sugg was a daughter of Noah Sugg (d. 1800 Robertson County, Tenn.) and Murphree Howell, and a niece of Sarah Sugg, the wife of Elias Fort.

A great-granddaughter, Mrs. George E. Gaines of Moberly, Mo., wrote, "To all who knew and loved her, she was 'Patsy,' and this is the name inscribed on the tombstone which stands midway at the east end of the graves of William and Patsy Fort in the family plot in Oakland Cemetery, Moberly, Missouri. For everything in life, Patsy was known to have a proverb on the tip of her tongue."

Dr. William Fort was a soldier in the War of 1812 under Gen. Jackson. He served as a private in Capt. David Smith's Company, Tennessee Militia, for 202 days, Dec. 10, 1812, to April 27, 1814. (War of 1812 Pension Abstracts, U.S. National Archives.)

In 1820, a year before the State of Missouri was admitted into the Union, Dr. Fort, the first physician to locate in the area, emigrated with his wife and two children and settled on land about three and one-half miles west of Huntsville, Randolph County, Missouri, in a community which became known as Fort Henry.

In 1823, he and his brother-in-law Toulman (Tolman) Gorham opened and operated the salt works which were then located at Medical Springs, later called Randolph Springs. For about twenty years they supplied salt for Randolph and Macon Counties.

Mrs. Gaines said that Randolph Springs was once a health and pleasure resort, with boating, games, cabins, and two hotels with Creole cooks brought from New Orleans to cook and serve *real* Southern Fried Chicken. She said the sulphur spring has never stopped running, and continues today in an abandoned area. There was also an alum spring. People came to drink the water from these springs for their health.

Dr. Fort, for many years a successful and prominent physician, served as a member of the first County Court of Randolph County. He also served during his life in both branches of the General Assembly of the State. Randolph County was then a wilderness, and the name of Dr. William Fort justly occupies a place of honor among those of its pioneer settlers. (History of Randolph County, Missouri, 1884.)

1850 Census, Randolph County, Mo., p. 212 or p. 425.

William Fort, 56 yrs., male, physician, born in Tenn.

Patsy Fort, 53 yrs., female, born in Ky.

Amanda C.B. Lafon, 29 yrs., female, born in Mo.

James N. Lafon, 35 yrs., male, farmer, born in Ky.

John T. Fort, 23 yrs., male, physician, born in Mo.

Susan Fort, 22 yrs., female, born in Ky.

A. J. Fort, 18 yrs., male, born in Mo.

Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham were the parents of six children:

1.—Henry Toulman Fort, b. Sept. 28, 1816, Tenn. (See later)
2.—Martha E. Fort, b. Nov. 8, 1818, Tenn. (See later)
3.—Amanda C. R. Fort, b. Oct. 18, 1820, Mo. (See later)
4.—Frances C. Fort, b. June 6, 1824, Mo. (See later)
5.—Dr. John Thomas Fort, b. Aug. 31, 1826, Mo. (See later)
6.—Andrew Jackson Fort, b. May 26, 1831, Mo. (See later)

HENRY TOULMAN FORT, son and 1st child of Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham, was b. Sept. 28, 1816, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. July 4, 1889, Moberly, Mo., where he was buried in Oakland Cemetery beside his first wife, Frances, and their two infant children.

On Jan. 2, 1845, he m/1 Frances Jane Lowry (b. July 18, 1829, d. Dec. 8, 1866, Moberly, Mo.), daughter of Dr. John Lowry and Nancy Melinda Gorham, and they had three children:

1.—William Lowry Fort, d. in 1853 when two years old.

2.—John Toulman Fort, b. July 4, 1854, Randolph County, Mo., m. Mary Bell (living in 1893), daughter of Col. Casper W. Bell and M_____ Owen who married Aug. 6, 1844, in Howard County, Missouri. (Portrait and Biographical Record of Certain Missouri Counties, 1893.) They had four children:

A.—Booth Fort, died young.

B.—Henry Fort, died of mustard gas after W.W.I.

C.—Casper Fort, who was a claim agent for a railroad that went out west, and who was living at Shrewsburg, St. Louis, Mo., and had a daughter soon to be married when last heard from about 1957.

D.—John Fort.

Mrs. Gaines wrote, "I have no further dates on Uncle Johnnie (J.T.) Fort, but I remember Mother said his father gave him a fine farm and stocked it with fine riding and driving horses. That was at Fort Henry, a little wide place in the road where Mother also lived as a little girl. Later on John T. Fort and family lived in St. Louis, Missouri. In their latter days, Uncle John and Aunt Mary decided to go to a soldiers' home there, where they were happy, and they died there."

3.—Nancy Melinda Fort, d. in 1857 when one and one-half years old.

Before her death, Frances Jane (Lowry) Fort requested her sister Annie Eliza (Lowry) Jackson, then a widow with four grown children, to marry her husband, Henry T. Fort, and raise her son John Toulman Fort. Nearly a year later, on Dec. 1, 1867, Henry Toulman Fort m/2 his sister-in-law Annie Eliza (Lowry) Jackson, and they became the parents of a daughter:

4.—Orofina Tutt Fort, b. Sept. 26, 1868. (See later)

Annie Eliza Lowry was b. Sept. 22, 1831. She d. in California where she went to live with her son John Jackson after the death of her daughters Orofina (Fort) Rothwell and Belle (Jackson) Wayland, with whom she had lived after the death of Henry Toulman Fort in 1889. She m/1 Jan. 2, 1845, when 14 years old, Claiborn Jackson (called Abel) by whom she had four children: 1) John Jackson; 2) Allie Jackson; 3) Fannie Jackson who m.

Charley Hammett and had Lady Belle Hammett, Miller Hammett and Van Hammett; and 4) Belle Jackson who m. Henry Wayland, and had Lloyd Wayland, Harry Wayland, Will Wayland and Adah Wayland.

During the time of the Gold Rush, Henry Toulman Fort went to Montana where his younger brother Andrew Jackson Fort lived. He owned and worked a gold mine called Orofina (fine ore), and at the birth of his daughter he sent some of the gold home and asked that a ring be made for the baby, and that she be called "Orofina".

For many years Henry Toulman Fort was a prominent and influential citizen of Randolph County. For a time he had his home on his farm near Huntsville at Fort Henry where he raised thoroughbred horses. Later he was a partner in a rake factory with Henry Wayland. At the time of his death he resided in Moberly, Missouri.

OROFINA TUTT FORT, called Oro, the daughter of Henry Toulman Fort and his 2nd wife, Annie Eliza (Lowry) Jackson, was b. Sept. 26, 1868, Randolph County, Mo., and d. Aug. 1, 1918, Moberly, Mo. On Oct. 18, 1891, she m. Gideon Franklin Rothwell II, son of Gideon Franklin Rothwell I and Elizabeth Minor Rangland (b. July 21, 1862, Calloway County, Mo.) She was a leader in social, literary and church circles in Moberly, a consistent member of the Baptist Church, interested in public missionary work, and "full of that private charity which does not let the left hand know what the right hand doeth." (Obituary) Her NSDAR number was 103876.

Oro Fort and Gideon Franklin Rothwell II were the parents of four children:

1.—Anna Maude Rothwell, b. July 18, 1892, Moberly, Mo., m. Nov. 28, 1923, George Edgar Gaines (b. Oct. 27, 1897), son of Dr. Edgar Franklin Gaines and Virginia Evaline Kelly of Bates City, Mo. She attended Stephens College in Columbia, Mo., Northeast Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville, Mo., and was graduated from the American Institute of Normal Methods in Music at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She was supervisor of Music and Art in the Moberly public schools, but since her marriage has retired to raise roses, as a pastime, and enjoys painting with oils and other art media. There are no children.

2.—Orofina Rothwell, b. Feb. 26, 1896, Moberly, Mo., m. in Fulton, Mo., Gilbert Winfield Brick (b. March 12, 1892, d. Sept. 5, 1964), son of Harley Brick and Alice Brady. She took nurses training at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, attended St. Louis University, Washington University and Harrison College in St. Louis, and Northeast Missouri Teachers College in Kirksville, Missouri. She taught in Moberly and St. Louis public schools, and upon retirement left her home in St. Louis to go with her husband to a newly built home in Florida at South Ponte Vedra where she still lives. There were no children.

3.—Gideon Franklin Rothwell III, called Frank, was b. Feb. 28, 1904, Moberly, Mo., and d. July 13, 1966, St. Louis, Mo. He m. in December, 1926, Columbia, Mo., Chlora Austin Duncan.

A boyhood job as rodman for the Missouri State Highway near Moberly gave Frank a desire to become a civil engineer. In August, 1922, he started as rodman for the Wabash Railway Company in Moberly. In 1925 he became bridge inspector, in 1930 track supervisor, in 1942 division engineer of the Moberly Division, and in 1949 he was named Construction Engineer for the entire system. The last assignment required him to have headquarters in St. Louis where he lived until his death, and where he was buried. They had one son:

A.—Gideon Franklin Rothwell IV, b. March 31, 1928, Moberly, Mo., who graduated as a mechanical engineer from the University of Missouri. After service in W.W. II, he attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C., and graduated from the School of Law with degree of Juris Doctor, and the same day received notice of passing the District of Columbia Bar Examination. He is now practicing law in Washington, D.C., as a member of the partnership of Sughrue and Rothwell. He m. Sept. 11, 1954, Frederick, Maryland, Henrietta Scott Byerly (called Cissy), daughter of John Francis Byerly. Her mother was Marion Reeves Scott (called Peggy) who was born in Fredericksburg, Va., around 1904 and died in Washington, D.C., in 1934 when Cissy was two years old.

Gideon Franklin and Cissy Rothwell live in Chevy Chase, Md., with their three children:

a.—Gideon Franklin Rothwell V, b. June 2, 1956, Washington, D.C.

b.—John Duncan Rothwell, b. Dec. 5, 1959, Washington, D.C.

c.—Anne Scott Rothwell, b. Sept. 7, 1967, Chevy Chase, Md.

4.—Henry Fort Rothwell, b. June 30, 1906, Moberly, Mo., m. Nov. 3, 1928, Peoria, Ill., Ruth Shipp Dennison of Chillicothe, Illinois.

Henry Fort Rothwell, civil engineer, called Fort by the family and Hank by friends, was employed by the Wabash Railway and the Santa Fe. As an employee of the U.S. Government, he made aerial maps of the Mississippi River at St. Louis. He was employed on construction of locks and dams on the Mississippi River and the Pinopolis Lock and Dam at Monks Corner, South Carolina, and finally on the construction of an ordnance plant at Des Moines, Iowa. Here he became a member of the Delavan Manufacturing Company, of which he is now Vice-President in charge of engineering. The company is located in West Des Moines and furnishes parts for jet airplanes.

Fort and Ruth Rothwell live on a twenty-nine acre farm at Polk City, Iowa, about twenty miles from Des Moines. They had one son:

A.—Jack Dennison Rothwell, b. Jan. 6, 1932, St. Louis, Mo. After graduation from high school, he attended Iowa State College on a Navy scholarship. After college, he joined the Navy and later transferred to the Marine Air Wing. As a Captain in the Marines, he flew jet planes and was an instructor of jet pilots at Meridian, Mississippi. He went to Viet Nam as first assistant to the chief comunications officer of the First Marine Air Wing at Da Nang. At his own request, he was later transferred to flight mission, and as Major Jack Rothwell headed a bomber squadron on a training mission in the Philippines. Shortly before they were to leave, his plane caught fire; he decided to try to save it, called the shore for the fire department, and proudly saved the plane. Three days later he was killed when his plane went down, on

March 28, 1966. An old friend, Capt. Stan McGeehan, was Jack's escort home to Des Moines, Iowa, for a funeral in the church where he married Oct. 1, 1955, to Patricia Joan Dunley (b. Jan. 18, 1933, Des Moines, Iowa), daughter of Miles Francis Dunley and Mary Frances McManus. Major Rothwell was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.

Jack Denninson Rothwell and Patricia Joan Dunley had four sons:

a.—John Fort Rothwell, b. July 14, 1956.

b.—Thomas Miles Rothwell, b. Aug. 18, 1957.

c.—James Dennison Rothwell, b. March 7, 1959.

d.—Michael Patrick Rothwell, b. June 9, 1962.

Mrs. Rothwell and sons reside in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Data on the family of Henry Toulman Fort contributed by Mrs. George E. Gaines, 519 Cleveland Ave., Moberly, Mo. 65270.

MARTHA E. FORT, daughter and 2nd child of Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham, was b. Nov. 8, 1818, in Tennessee. She m. Sept. 22, 1836, Ambrose Walter Burton, and they had two children:

1.—William Burton.

2.—Fannie Burton.

AMANDA C. R. FORT, daughter and 3rd child of Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham, was b. Oct. 18, 1820, in Missouri. She m/1 March 20, 1839, James N. Lafon, a farmer, who was born about 1815 in Kentucky, and died in 1850 in California. They had two sons:

1.—William R. Lafon, b. Sept. 4, 1842.

2.—James J. Lafon, b. Aug. 23, 1848.

Amanda C. R. Fort m/2 Joseph Hammett.

Mrs. Catherine W. Carrau of Ennis, Montana, wrote us as follows: "James N. Lafon died in California in 1850. Whether he went to California with A. J. Fort and Dr. John T. Fort, I do not know, but it is possible. Or he may have gone earlier and then they went. Grandpa never mentioned him to me that I remember. But he told me that he and Uncle John had a negro boy that waited on them and they promised him his freedom if he would go and do the work on the trip. He went with them and they freed him in San Francisco . . . In 1900 Grandpa and Grandma (A. J. Fort and "Babe" Gorham) went to Split Log, Missouri, to visit a cousin—Jackie Lafon—Babe's cousin, I think."

There are several letters from William R. Lafon in the Ellen C. Fort Papers. The last one, dated August 28, 1861, was from "Camp on Blackwater" and he said, "I left home last Wednesday. We have been traveling and walking ever since, and it is hard work . . . suppose we will go to Springfield . . . but you know a private does not know any more about maneuvers of the army than one a hundred miles off . . . give my love to all the relatives. I expect to come see you all as soon as I get loose from the army, though I am sworn in for six months . . ."

FRANCES C. FORT, daughter and 4th child of Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham, was b. June 6, 1824, in Missouri. She married August 12, 1846, Giles T. Cook.

DR. JOHN THOMAS FORT, son and 5th child of Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham, was b. Aug. 31, 1826, Randolph County, Mo., on a farm four miles west of Huntsville, and d. Nov. 9, 1893, Huntsville, Mo., where he was buried in the city cemetery. His funeral was at the First Baptist Church, of which he had long been a member. According to his obituary, "All of the business houses of any importance were closed and the school dismissed out of respect to his memory, and our citizens attended the funeral en masse . . . The deceased had been a Royal Arch Mason for nearly forty years, so he was buried with full Masonic honors. The Maccabees, of which Order he was an honorary member, also participated in the last rites."

Thrice married, Dr. Fort m/1 March 1, 1848, immediately after receiving his medical diploma, Susan F. Cummins (b. ca 1827/8 in Kentucky, d. in 1859 in Randolph County, Missouri) by whom he had five children:

1.—William Henry Fort, b. Aug. 20, 1849, d. before 1859.

2.—Thomas G. Fort, b. Oct. 14, 1854, d. before 1859.

3.—Dabney S. Fort, b. Aug. 2, 1855, d. before 1859.

4.—Martha "Patsy" Fort, b. Jan. 11, 1857, m. T. M. Elmore. (See later)

5.—Susan (Susie) Fort, b. Jan. 26, 1859, Randolph County, Mo., d. April 21, 1867, Robertson County, Tenn., of dipththeria. She was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. An old letter indicates that Dr. Charles Henry Fort (son of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe) was the attending physician, but was unable to save her.

Dr. John Thomas Fort m/2 June 2, 1860, Robertson County, Tenn., his cousin Emily Langleigh Fort, daughter of Elias Joseph Fort and Louisa Montgomery Hannum. She was b. April 16, 1836, Robertson County, Tenn., where she d. Aug. 28, 1872, and was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery.

Dr. Fort's obituary stated that he spent his entire life in Randolph County, Missouri, with the exception of the years 1861-1875 during which time he lived in Tennessee. He practiced medicine during those years, and when his third wife Ellen was on a visit to her family a number of years later, he wrote her to stop worrying about collecting those old bills and come on back home to Missouri.

He m/3 March 21, 1873, Robertson County, Tenn., Ellen Charlotte Fort, a sister of his second wife Emily, who was b. Sept. 3, 1839, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. June 2, 1935, Austin, Texas, where she had gone to be near her brother Henry Horn Fort.

Ellen Charlotte (Fort) Fort lived 42 years after the death of her husband. For several years she lived with or near Patsy (Fort) Elmore, her step-daughter, at Huntsville, Missouri, before coming back to Tennessee. Letters from Patsy's children to "Aunt Dell" indicate a close relationship. She bought a home in Nashville and lived near her sister Piety (Fort) Calhoun for a time. A box of old letters left in the care of a niece, Ellen

Carrington Flowers, has been of great help in locating descendants of Dr. William Fort of Missouri.

MARTHA "Patsy" FORT, daughter and 4th child of Dr. John Thomas Fort and his 1st wife, Susan F. Cummins, was b. Jan. 11, 1857, Randolph County, Mo. She lived in Robertson County, Tenn., with her father 1861-1875, returning to Huntsville, Mo., with him and her step-mother when about 17 years old. There she later married T. M. Elmore who "bought a drug store in Moberly" shortly before May 21, 1894. (Old letter) She d. March 17, 1941.

Martha "Patsy" Fort and T. M. Elmore had four daughters:

1.—Susie Elmore (d. 1925) m. (as his 2nd wife) Wilber Richeson who had married first her sister Patsy Elmore. They were in Weed, California, on February 27, 1916, with their son Elmore who was fond of music and played the violin. (Old letter) Their son:

A.—Sanford Elmore Richeson, m/1 Hilda Schidner, and they had a son:

a.—Jimmie Richeson, who married and had three children.

Sanford Elmore Richeson m/2 Ruth Borison, and they had a daughter:

b.—Susan Joan Richeson, m. Peter Berland. They live in Brooklyn, New York.

2.—Patsy Elmore, m. (as 1st wife) Wilber Richeson.

3.—Helen "Lollie" Elmore, b. ca 1882/3, m. Aug. 6, 1917, Walter Leitch (d. March, 1948), and now lives in Sacramento, California. They had no children.

4.—Mary Elmore, m. G. R. Thomas, Huntsville, Mo. In a letter to "Aunt Dell" dated Feb. 27, 1916, she said, "We are still on the farm . . . close to Church and W.C.T.U. . . Letter from Lollie . . . Susie, Wib and Elmore are in Weed, California." Mrs. Thomas now lives in Sacramento, California. She and G. R. Thomas had no children.

ANDREW JACKSON FORT, son and 6th child of Dr. William Fort and Patsy Gorham, was b. May 26, 1831, Randolph County, Mo., and d. June 11, 1911, at Pony, Madison County, Mont., with burial in the cemetery at Harrison, Montana. He m. Oct. 17, 1853, Macon County, Mo., his cousin Missouri Irene "Babe" Gorham (b. March 12, 1837, Mo., d. April 3, 1912, Montana, buried beside her husband at Harrison, Mont.), daughter of Thomas J. Gorham and his 1st wife, Burilla _____.

A descendant, Mrs. Catherine W. Carrau of Ennis, Montana, wrote us, "It is just one hundred years ago this year (1967) since my grandfather and family came to Fort Benton up the Missouri River from St. Louis, Missouri." Mrs. Carrau's sister, Mrs. Irene W. Thatcher (1880-1966) said, "Twin Bridges was the place he (A. J. Fort) moved to after he stayed in Fort Benton only a short time. Harrison, Montana, is where Grandpa Fort lived and where we four children were born . . . Our old ranch is on the east side of Lake Ennis, and a grandson of my father, Jack McCormick Watkins, is

operating the ranch (cattle). My brother Spencer Watkins has just built a new Museum in Virginia City (Montana) and donated it to Madison County and the State."

Andrew Jackson Fort and family lived at several places in Montana, including Helena, Twin Bridges, Harrison, Jeffers and Pony. He was a rancher. There were four children:

1.—Mary Eugenia Piety Fort, b. Jan. 4, 1855, Mo., m. Jan. 5, 1870, in Montana Territory when barely fifteen years old, William F. Bullard by whom she had three little girls. She became ill, and her father A. J. Fort sent her back to Missouri to Dr. John T. Fort, but it was too late to help her. She died at the home of Col. H. T. Fort, Randolph County, Missouri, on March 18, 1877, when twenty-two years old. The three children were:

A.—Annie Frances Bullard, b. Jan. 19, 1871, in Montana Territory, d. May 27, 1952, Costa Mesa, Calif., m. Fred Stanley Nattrass, Sr., by whom she had one son:

a.—Fred Stanley Nattrass, Jr., b. April 13, 1908, Spokane, Wash., now living at Costa Mesa, California, who m/1 Mildred Marie Bibb on Oct. 26, 1927, at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, from whom he was divorced Sept. 30, 1932 at Spokane, Washington. They were the parents of a daughter:

(1)—Nadean Marie Nattrass, b. Feb. 21, 1929, Spokane, Wash., who m. _____ Gardner. They live at Everett, Wash., where both of their childern were born:

(a)—Roxanne Marie Gardner, b. July 2, 1954.

(b)—Kenneth Wayne Gardner, b. July 2, 1956.

Fred S. Nattrass, Jr., m/2 Ida Amelia Nelson (b. Sept. 25, 1907, Boden, Sweden) and they have two sons:

(2)—Don Charles Nattrass, b. Dec. 23, 1933, Spokane, Wash., m. Patricia Marie Youngblood (b. Oct. 1, 1935, Roseville, Mich.), and they have three children:

(a)—Charles Anthony Nattrass, b. July 17, 1956, Orange, Calif.

(b)—Christopher Allen Nattrass, b. Oct. 1, 1958, Orange, Calif.

(c)—Judith Marie Nattrass, b. June 1, 1960, Costa Mesa, Calif.

(3)—David Lee Nattrass, b. Sept. 11, 1939, Spokane, Wash., who was unmarried and living at home with his parents in February, 1968.

2.—William Josiah Gorham Fort, b. Aug. 7, 1858, Missouri, d. April 26, 1881, at the home of his father A. J. Fort in Harrison, Montana, and was buried in the Harrison cemetery.

3.—Frances C. Lee Fort, b. May 12, 1860, Missouri, d. Nov. 28, 1913, and buried in the cemetery at Harrison, Montana, m. Sept. 24, 1879, Harrison, Mont., George Spencer Watkins, son of Waltus L. Watkins and Mary Ann Holloway, of Kentucky.

George Spencer Watkins was b. Feb. 14, 1837, Jessamine County, Ky., and d. Feb. 24, 1931, in Montana. He was buried in the Madison Valley Cemetery. A pioneer in the Territory of Montana, he arrived by covered

wagon in June, 1864, at Virginia City, Montana. After mining a short time, he crossed the range of mountains to the Madison Valley and settled on the east side of Madison River where he acquired about 4000 acres of land, raising cattle and horses. Here he lived the rest of his life. A grandson, Jack McCormick Watkins and his wife Faye now live on this ranch which was 103 years old in 1967.

Frances C. Lee Fort and George Spencer Watkins were the parents of four children:

A.—Mary Irene Watkins, b. Sept. 17, 1880, Harrison, Mont., where she d. Dec. 14, 1966, m/1 in 1921 John Stanfield; divorced about 1930; no children. She m/2 June 26, 1934, near Spokane, Wash., Perry A. Thatcher (b. Oct. 22, 1880, Harlan, Iowa, d. April 11, 1947, buried at Harrison, Mont.).

B.—John Spencer Watkins, b. Dec. 27, 1882, Harrison, Mont., m. April 17, 1913, Butte, Montana, Annie Laurie _____ (b. in Nova Scotia, where she d. after 1931) by whom he had one daughter:

a.—Frances Mabel Watkins, b. Dec. 31, 1914, at the Watkins ranch near Jeffers, Mont., d. in 1931, Spokane, Wash.

John Spencer Watkins is the author of *LUCKY MONTANA COWPOKE*, a volume of authentic stories written "in a style reminiscent of the late Will Rogers," according to a newspaper clipping announcing an autograph party to be held on Saturday, June 7, 1958, at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. The article further stated:

"Those familiar with the history of this vicinity recognize that the name 'Watkins' is synonymous with the rich tradition and vivid past of Clay County and Northwest Missouri, stretching back to pre-Civil War days. It was the author's grandfather, Waltus Watkins, who built the famous woolen mill (the first west of the Mississippi) and stately brick residence, both part of the 1600-acre farm which sold at auction early last month. This property, homesteaded to this pioneer Missouri family in 1832, is located only four miles north of Excelsior Springs. It appears especially fitting that *LUCKY MONTANA COWPOKE*, written by a member of the Watkins family, will be offered for sale in the immediate area of the widely-known landmark."

Another clipping, this one from *THE MADISONIAN*, Montana's Oldest Weekly, for October 10, 1958, carried a picture of the new Virginia City Museum and this by-line:

"Virtually completed in the new Virginia City-Madison County Museum on Wallace Street in Virginia City . . . Its exterior front is pictured here, built to resemble an old-time building, such as most of the town's buildings are . . . .

"The Museum, costing in the neighborhood of $40,000, is a gift to the public by J. Spencer Watkins of Bozeman, a member of the pioneer Watkins family of the Madison Valley . . . .

"The Museum is to be administered by the Virginia City-Madison County Museum Corporation, a non-profit group . . . ."

Several years later Mr. Watkins became interested in the Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. His initial gift of $5,000, was increased to $31,000, making him the largest contributor

outside of Oklahoma. According to an undated clipping making this announcement, his bust was to be placed in the founders hall of the institution "which is dedicated to the builders of the west. He has arranged for a part of his subscription to be a memorial to his father and other portions to acquire membership for two old friends, Jack O'Keefe of Livingston and Frank 'Doc' Nelson of Bozeman . . . ."

Mr. Watkins now lives at Bozeman, Montana.

C.—Andrew Jackson Watkins, b. Nov. 27, 1884, Harrison, Mont., d. Oct. 22, 1957, Bozeman, Mont., buried in Harrison Cemetery, m. Nov. 17, 1917, in Wyoming, Ethel May McCormick (b. July 21, 1887, in Nebraska) who had m/1 in Butte, Mont., Jim Winter. She now lives at Fair Oaks, California. They had three children:

a.—Joanne Lee Watkins, b. Dec. 18, 1918, at the Watkins ranch home, m/1 Aug. 19, 1936, Bozeman, Mont., Theodore Piper by whom she had a daughter:

(1)—Carol Lee Piper, b. April 18, 1937, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Joanne Lee Watkins m/2 William James Kinsella. They live at Fair Oaks, California.

b.—Jack McCormick Watkins, b. Sept. 20, 1921, at the Watkins ranch home, m. June 23, 1951, Rockford, Ill., Faye June Oetter. They live on the original Watkins Ranch founded by George Spencer Watkins, near Ennis, Montana. There are no children.

c.—Janice Germaine Watkins, b. Aug. 29, 1926, Butte, Mont., m. Feb. 11, 1950, Waller Angle, Jr., and they have three children, all born at or near Ennis, Montana:

(1)—Sherri Lynn Angle, b. May 19, 1954.

(2)—Judy Ann Angle, b. May 29, 1958.

(3)—Tammy Sue Angle, b. Nov. 20, 1966.

D.—Catherine Watkins, b. May 5, 1887, Harrison, Mont., m/1 Nov. 20, 1909, at Meador Creek, Mont., Clarence Irving Richards (b. July 8, 1882, d. 1955 Seattle, Wash.) from whom she was divorced. She m/2 Nov. 5, 1927, Virginia City, Mont., George Rupert Carrau (b. April 12, 1895, Cathlamet, Wash., d. Dec. 1956, Astoria, Ore.) She had no children.

Mrs. Catherine W. Carrau, now living in Ennis, Montana, has contributed most of the data on the family of Andrew Jackson Fort and Missouri Irene "Babe" Gorham. She told us in March, 1968, "My sister, Irene Thatcher, belonged to the DAR, the DAC, and was president of the Huguenot Society when she passed away. I never joined them, but we four belonged to Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers, and Spencer and I still belong. Our father was a Pioneer in the State of Montana. Also our grandfather Fort and our grandmother, and our own mother, were also Pioneers (but never joined the Society), having arrived in the State (then Territory) in 1867."

4.—Henry Toulman Fort, b. May 20, 1871, in Montana, d. Dec. 9, 1935, with burial in the cemetery at Harrison, Montana. He m. about 1892 in Madison County, Montana, Sarah Bellman Armitage (b. April 14, 1871, Elizabeth, Ill., d. April 28, 1941, LeMesa, Calif.), and they had one son:

A.—Francis F. (or J.) Fort, b. in 1902, who now lives in San Diego, California. He is married and has two children:

a.—Colin Fort.

b.—Colleen Fort.

Gorham

I.—NATHANIEL GORHAM was born, married and died in Loudoun County, Virginia. He was a private in Capt. Lewis' Company, Col. Freeman's Regiment, Revolutionary War. He married Sarah Cotton.

Susan Gorham who married September 28, 1805, John Boyd (1780-1818) and lived in Logan County, Kentucky, was probably a daughter of this couple. Her first son, Daniel Cotton Boyd (1809-1871) married Catherine Miller (1809-1885), and their granddaughter Pearl Catherine Boyd married Edward Carrington Flowers, a son of Louisa (Fort) Flowers (daughter of Elias Joseph Fort).

II.—THOMAS GORHAM, son of Nathaniel Gorham and Sarah Cotton, born in Loudoun County, Virginia, died in 1836. The U. S. Biographical Dictionary, p. 850, says he died in Louisiana. He married October 5, 1797, Davidson County, Tennessee, Sallie W. Sugg, daughter of Noah Sugg and Murphree Howell, and they had six children:

1.—Martha Frances Sugg "Patsy" Gorham, b. July 10, 1796, in Kentucky, d. October 5, 1883, Moberly, Mo., m. March 14 or 15, 1815, Robertson County, Tennessee, Dr. William Fort, son of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. They had six children:

A.—Henry Toulman Fort.

B.—Martha E. Fort.

C.—Amanda C. R. Fort.

D.—Frances C. Fort.

E.—Dr. John Thomas Fort.

F.—Andrew Jackson Fort who m. his cousin Missouri I. "Babe" Gorham, daughter of Thomas J. Gorham and Burilla _____.

2.—Thomas J. Gorham m/1 Burilla (Burrilla or Buccilla) _____ and they had six children. (He m/2, but her name was not given in the data contributed.)

A.—Toulman Gorham.

B.—May Gorham.

C.—Thomas L. Gorham, m. his cousin Sarah Frances Gorham.

D.—Sarah Gorham.

E.—Nancy Gorham.

F.—Missouri I. "Babe" Gorham, m. her cousin Andrew Jackson Fort, son of Dr. William Fort and "Patsy" Gorham.

3.—Toulman Taylor Robert Baylor Claiborn Cotton Gorham, m. Martha A. F. Vivian. Their daughter:

A.—Sarah Frances Gorham, m. Thomas L. Gorham, son of Thomas J. Gorham and Burilla _____. Their daughter:

a.—Sarah Frances Gorham, m. William Archer in Montana.

4.—Mary Jane Gorham, m. James Ingram and had two children:

A.—R. Boyd Ingram, married and had a daughter:

a.—Leta Ingram of Marshall, Missouri.

B.—Yurie Ingram.

5.—Frances Gorham, m. Robert Dysart. Their son:

A.—J. Dysart, d. in 1894 in Norris, Montana.

6.—Nancy Melinda Gorham, b. March 15, 1806, d. March 14, 1844, when her 12th child was born, m. May 1, 1821 (when 15 years old) as his 2nd wife, Dr. John Jefferson Lowry. (See LOWRY.)

Gorham's Mill

Ralph L. Winters of Clarksville, Tennessee, in his recent book—*HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF ADAMS AND PORT ROYAL*—tells us:

"The records of this once prominent Mill up Red River from Adams have been lost over the years. We were so intrigued with our early findings that many hours have been spent recently in searching the land and Court Records.

"Eugene Davidson, who lives near the location, has closely searched the area and has located the foundation of the mill, the abutments for the dam, abutments for a bridge, and apparent foundations for piers.

"He has searched the island, just below the original site of the dam, and found huge timbers which were, apparently, part of the dam. The large spring still flows through a well preserved rock spring house. This spring is mentioned in a number of the land transfers and no doubt was the source of water to operate the large distillery . . .

"Just how early Thomas Gorham built this mill, we have not learned. Ingram in his book *THE BELL WITCH*, page 39, states, 'John Bell, Jr., Drury Bell and Alex Gunn engaged in flatboating in 1815.' They built two or three boats during the summer season in Red River at Thomas Gorham's, now known as the Sugg Mill Place.

"From this we would conclude that the mill had been built before 1815. It is very possible that these flatboats were built on the large island just below the site of the dam.

"One of the first records that we have found is a deed recorded January 20, 1824 (Book U, p. 252, Robertson County, Tenn.) in which Thomas Gorham of Missouri sold to Solomon Clark of Davidson County, Tennessee, 1089 acres of land on both sides of Red River and including the mills 'now being occupied by J. H. Fort and Pleasant Easley.' The consideration was $11,734.

"The Census of 1820 shows that Jacob H. Fort was operating a Grist Mill, Saw Mill and Distillery, so we assume that this was Gorham's Mill.

"A deed recorded May 1, 1833, shows that Clark sold 555 acres to James W. Irvin, John Stubblefield and others 'including the house where Clark now lives and the mill called Gorham's Old Mill.' Clark retained ½ interest in the spring. This deed provided that a spring house would be constructed by both parties concerned midway of the spring. It is assumed

that the spring house still standing now in 1968 is the same that was built 135 years ago.

"Sometime about 1850 Irwin sold to H. H. Sugg the land on north side of the river and this included the mill and provided for ½ the use of the spring.

"Apparently title passed on to Capt. James B. Sugg, son of H. H. Sugg. After Capt. Sugg's death, it was sold by H. H. Sugg, Jr., who was guardian of James B., Walter D. and Marie Sugg . . .

"All the records of this Old Mill may never be located, but for half a century or more it was an important part of the Adams area. It ground their grain, sawed their logs, ginned their cotton, made their whiskey, and no doubt had a trading post as well as a postoffice."

Lowry

DR. JOHN JEFFERSON LOWRY was born in 1780 at West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and died in 1863 at the home of a daughter at Fort Henry, a rural section in Randolph County, Missouri, where formerly lived Dr. William Fort. He was buried in the Jackson Cemetery, a country cemetery south of Fayette, Missouri. He was said to have been a son of Col. Alexander Lowry (b. 1724) who emigrated from Scotland to America about the time of the second Jacobite uprising (1745), and who later held public office in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lowry received his early education in Philadelphia, attended medical school in Cincinnati, Ohio, then came to Howard (old Franklin) County, Missouri, about 1818. As a frontier physician, he was a man who clearly stood above his fellow practitioners, one who had sufficient concern to examine "the causes of sickness in the autumn of 1819 and 1820 in Howard and adjoining counties of Missouri." Moreover, during some two decades he played a prominent role in the life of Howard County. For many years he was president of a bank in Fayette, Missouri. He was elected to the legislature at least two times, and during his entire life in Missouri he was an active, influential and leading mind in the politics of the state.

Dr. Lowry m/1 March 22, 1818, Miss Harriett Hubbard. He m/2 May 1, 1821, Nancy Melinda Gorham (b. March 15, 1806, d. March 14, 1844), daughter of Thomas Gorham and Sallie Sugg. They had twelve children:

1.—Capt. Thomas Gorham Lowry, b. Jan. 29, 1822, m. about 1842/3 Louisa Catherine Fort (1826-1885), daughter of Henry Fort and Mary W. D. Gray. (See Chart 2, Chapter IV.)

2.—Sarah Elizabeth Lowry, b. Oct. 25, 1823, m. Sept. 2, 1843, James H. Davis.

3.—John Jefferson Lowry, Jr., b. Sept. 3, 1825, m. Nov. 3, 1850, Wilmuth E. Maupin. They had a daughter, Willie Maupin Lowry.

4.—Dr. William Toulman Lowry, b. July 13, 1827, m/1 Georgia E. Yates and had a daughter named Georgia who m. George Frye. He m/2 in January, 1850, Mrs. Sarah E. (Turner) Cooper and they had three children, one of whom was Professor Thomas Jefferson Lowry, M.S., C.E., the subject of the

sketch written in 1878, pages 849-851, The United States Biographical Dictionary.

5.—Frances Jane Lowry, b. July 18, 1829, m. Jan. 2, 1845, as his 1st wife, Henry Toulman Fort, son of Dr. William Fort and "Patsy" Gorham. They were cousins; their mothers Nancy Melinda Gorham and "Patsy" Gorham were sisters.

6.—Annie Eliza Lowry, b. Sept. 22, 1831, m/1 Claiborn Jackson (called Abel) on Jan. 2, 1845, the same day her sister Frances Jane Lowry and Henry Toulman Fort married, and they had four children: John Jackson, Allie Jackson, Fannie Jackson who m. Charlie Hammett, and Belle Jackson who m. Henry Wayland.

Annie Eliza Lowry m/2 Dec. 1, 1867, Henry Toulman Fort who had m/1 her sister Frances Jane Lowry, and they had one daughter: Orofina Tutt Fort, b. Sept. 26, 1868.

7.—Nancy Miller Lowry—"Aunt Miller", b. July 13, 1833, m/1 Will Jackson; m/2 Will Thackston and had one son; m/3 Riley Raines.

8.—Mary Benton Lowry—"Aunt Bent", b. Oct. 12, 1835, m. Capt. William Nelson (Neilson) and had a daughter Ida Bell who m. Mr. Andrae and had four children, and a daughter Anna who d. Aug. 16, 1904.

9.—Martha Macon Lowry, b. Sept. 19, 1837, m. James Wilson and had three children named Mamie, Lucy and Floyd Wilson.

10.—Armide (Armida) Van Buren Lowry—"Aunt Van", b. Jan. 23, 1840, m. Ike Poague (Pogue). They lived in Carson City, Nev., and reared Homer Andrae, grandson of her sister "Bent."

11.—Louisa Lowry—"Aunt Lou", b. June 13, 1842, m. Thomas Gorham Poole (1837-1917). They had three children: Claude Lowry Poole, Birdie Macon Poole, and Annie Mary Poole (b. May 5, 1877, d. Nov. 6, 1958) who m/1 John Adam Heether, and whose second child Lou Thena Heether (m. Joseph A. Burnside) said her grandmother Louisa (Lowry) Poole told her that she and "Poolie" were related.

12.—Henry Fort Lowry, b. March 14, 1844. (Note: Nancy Melinda (Gorham) Lowry died when this 12th child was born.)

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4.—Data contributed by Mrs. Lou Thena Burnside, Carrollton, Mo.

Chart 4, Chapter IV.

CHARITY E. FORT, daughter and 4th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. June 5, 1796, Robertson County, Tenn., the year Tennessee became a State. She d. May 17, 1838, and was buried beside her son Ambrose J. F. Bourne in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. She m. May 30, 1819, (as his 3rd

wife), Rev. Ambrose Dudley Bourne (called Ambrose), and they had two children.

Rev. Bourne was b. in 1772, a son of Francis Bourne and Frances Christopher, both of whom were buried near Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Ky. His will, dated Oct. 9, 1823, W.B. "A", p. 113, Elkton, Todd County, Ky., made certain bequests ". . . to my wife Charity F. Bourne and at her death to her two children Josiah F. Bourne and Piety Horn Bourne."

Miss Lizzie Fort, in her 1927 Fort reunion paper, said of this couple: "Charity married Ambrose Bourne from Kentucky, a Baptist minister with eleven children. One Sunday when he was preaching, he took for his text "Faith, Hope, and Charity; the greatest of these is Charity." I heard Mr. Finley Mitchell tell Father he was there, and the preacher never took his eyes off Charity, went home to dinner with her family, and fixed the matter up. They left two children . . . The son died young. The daughter married Dr. Reddin Grissard and left two daughters, Camilla Norfleet and Charity Morgan." The two children were:

1.—Ambrose Josiah Fort Bourne, b. Feb. 16, 1821, d. Aug. 27, 1830, buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. One source said he drowned.

2.—Piety Horn Bourne, b. Dec. 23, 1822, d. July 7, 1910, m. Jan. 2, 1839, Dr. Reddin (R. L.) Grissard, and had five children:

A.—Ambrose B. Grissard, b. Feb. 5, 1840, d. March 13, 1862, when a soldier in the Southern army.

B.—Camilla Grissard, b. Jan. 31, 1842, d. Dec. 10, 1918, m. Dec. 19, 1866, George Norfleet, son of Dr. Phillip Ford Norfleet and Elvira Hopson. They had one daughter:

a.—Wilmoth Norfleet, b. Nov. 3, 1867. According to an old, undated clipping, Miss Wilmoth Norfleet of Troy, Alabama, attended a Fort reunion.

C.—Sarah Martha Grissard, b. March 6, 1844, d. June 23, 1854, buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery.

D.—Charity Grissard, b. March 4, 1847, d. March 26, 1936, when 89 years old, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Allensworth, Guthrie, Ky. In January, 1876, she m. Henry Morgan, a widower with two sons and two daughters. They had one son:

a.—Francis Morgan, b. Oct. 14, 1880, m. Emma Martin.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Killebrew, in her "Recollections of a Lifetime", said " . . . . we live on at home with our little children (after the War) and the teacher, Charity Grizzard whose mother was a widow with two daughters, . . . who came to us when our oldest child was about six years old. She was a faithful friend and teacher . . . . at the end of December (1875) Charity resigned and married in January Mr. Henry Morgan . . . he owned a farm near us and they have lived there all the time . . . Charity's mother stayed here a good deal until her older daughter Camilla married. Since then she has made her home with Camilla."

E.—Edmonia R. Grissard, b. May 9, 1849, d. July 11, 1854, buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery.

The following is from an old letter in the Ellen C. Fort papers:

"At Mr. Morgans, Nov, 25, 1877.

"Dear Ellen: The third Saturday in October, I left home to attend the protracted meeting at Red River. I stayed with Kate Adams a week and two days . . . she had a bad sore on her ankle, erysipelas set up in it, her body was threatened. I stayed with her except for preaching hours, doctored it with limewater and opium (a remedy Uncle William cured Charity with when a baby), polticed (sic) the sore place with slippery ellum . . . Charles Henry Fort was her physician, but I was there to apply the remedys . . . I carried my carpet over to Sarah Burgis to weave, did not have enough filling, and I have been so busy ever since cutting and tacking rags . . . I call it nickerbocker. I helped Charity make 40 yards last spring . . . I now have 38 yards in the loom for our room at home. We are preparing to go back Christmas . . ."

Bourne

I.—ANDREW BOURNE m. Jane Morton, daughter of William and Ann (Motherhead) Morton. Their daughter:

1.—Frances Bourne m. Alexander Newman (b. Oct. 11, 1740, d. ca 1788 Orange County, Va.), son of Thomas Newman and Elizabeth Morton, who was a daughter of William and Ann (Motherhead) Morton. Their 6th child and only daughter:

F.—Jane Newman, b. March 1781, m. Feb. 22, 1796, Rev. Ambrose Bourne, son of Francis Bourne (nephew of Andrew Bourne) and his wife, Frances Christopher (Christofer), granddaughter of William Morton of Orange County, Va.

I.— _____BOURNE (brother of Andrew Bourne) m. _____ and their son:

1.—FRANCIS BOURNE m. Jan. 27, 1758, Orange County, Va., Frances Christopher (Christofer). Francis Bourne made his will June 2, 1803, probated Sept. 1807, Jessamine County, Ky., and he named the following people: Sons: William, Ambrose, Abner, John, Daniel, and David. Daughters: Lucy Lowen, Agnes Hudson, Tabitha White, and Fanny Young. Granddaughter: Tabitha White. Wife: Frances Bourne. Executors: John and Daniel Bourne. Witnesses: Armistead, James and Samuel Reed.

Reference: GLEANINGS OF VIRGINIA HISTORY by William Fletcher Boogher, pp. 237-283, The Newman Family of Virginia.

II.—REV. AMBROSE DUDLEY BOURNE (called Ambrose) was b. in 1772 in Virginia and d. in 1823, Todd County, Ky., where his will is of record in W.B. "A", p. 113. He was a son of Francis Bourne (d. July 28, 1803) and Frances Christopher (d. Feb. 8, 1816) who m. Jan. 2 or 27, 1758, Orange County, Va. Francis Bourne, a Corporal in the Revolutionary War, in 1784 brought his family from Culpepper County, Va., to Jessamine County, Ky., where both he and his wife Frances later died and were buried near Nicholasville.

Rev. Ambrose Bourne m/1 Feb. 22, 1796, Jane Newman (b. March 1781), daughter of Frances Bourne and Alexander Newman (1740-1788) of Orange County, Va., and they had four children:

1.—Frances Bourne, m. Ephraim Watkins.

2.—John Milton Bourne, m. Catherine Wimberly (b. April 9, 1800), youngest child of Joseph Wimberly and Sarah Degge of Robertson County, Tenn., and had seven children. (See DEGGE)

3.—Alexander Bourne, m. Harriett Newman.

4.—Jane Bourne, b. Sept. 23, 1802, d. May 6, 1827, m. March 12, 1819, (as his 2nd wife) William Greenfield. (See GREENFIELD.)

Rev. Ambrose Bourne m/2 Mary Johnson, daughter of Samuel Johnson (d. in Todd County, Ky.) and Agnes Wilson, by whom he had seven children:

5.—Ambrose Dudley Bourne, Jr., (called Dudley), b. 1805, m. Sally Whitfield, and had thirteen children. (Ancestors of Irene Bourne (Mrs. S.F.) Webster, Madison, N.C.)

6.—William Bourne, m. Matilda Carr. (Ancestors of Richard Darden Bourne, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.).

7.—Samuel Johnson Bourne, m. Maria Young.

8.—Thomas Bourne, m. Lucinda Carr, sister of Matilda.

9.—Eliza Bourne, m. Basil Riggs.

10.—Agnes Bourne, m. Needham Whitfield.

11.—Sallie C. Bourne, m. Major Cheatham.

Rev. Ambrose Bourne m/3 May 30, 1819, Robertson County, Tenn., Charity E. Fort, daughter of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. She was b. June 5, 1796, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. May 17, 1838. She was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. They had two children:

12.—Ambrose Josiah Fort Bourne, b. Feb. 16, 1821, drowned Aug. 27, 1830, and buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery.

13.—Piety Horn Bourne, b. Dec. 23, 1822, d. July 7, 1910, m. Dr. Reddin (R. L.) Grissard, lived at Guthrie, Ky., and had five children.

Chart 5, Chapter IV.

CATHERINE BRANCH FORT, daughter and 5th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Dec. 14, 1798, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. June 24, 1833, Logan County, Ky. She was buried in Burial Ground #1 in the corner of the yard of the Oakville farm home of her husband, "Capt." John Grubbs. This farm was later owned by Lemuel Sugg Herring whose first wife was their daughter Martha Grubbs. It is now the home of Mrs. Forrest Herring.

On Dec. 12, 1820, Logan County, Ky., Catherine Branch Fort became the 2nd wife of Capt. John Grubbs (b. April 29, 1786, in central Kentucky (then a part of Virginia), d. March 27, 1872, Logan County, Ky., son of Higgason Grubbs and Lucy Harris. (See the Grubbs and Harris family sketches.)

Capt. John Grubbs was four times married and reared three sets of children, seven in all. When he died, he was buried in the Chastain family plot

near Parson's Camp Ground beside his 3rd wife, but in after years his body was disinterred and removed to Berea cemetery. A monument marks his final resting place. The names of all four of his wives are inscribed upon this monument.

Catherine Branch Fort and Capt. John Grubbs were the parents of three daughters:

1.—Martha Grubbs (d. June 2, 1840) m. Jan. 10, 1839, Logan County, Ky., as his 1st wife, Lemuel Sugg Herring, son of Jesse B. Herring and Mary B. "Polly" Sugg (daughter of Lemuel Sugg and Selah Horn). They had one son:

A.—Henry Alfred Herring, b. Oct. 27, 1839, d. July 2, 1840. Both mother and son were buried in Burial Ground #1 where Catherine Branch Fort was buried.

Lemuel Sugg Herring bought this farm of 448 acres in 1851.

Lemuel Sugg Herring m/2 Sarah Elizabeth Gill in 1841, and they had seven children. When their daughter Mary B. Herring (1848-1868) realized her days were numbered, she requested that she be buried under a certain apple tree in the orchard. Hers was the first grave in Burial Ground #2 on this farm.

2.—Catherine Grubbs. Presumably died young and was buried in Burial Ground #1.

3.—Nancy Boone Grubbs, b. Aug. 15, 1828, Logan County, Ky., where she d. Oct. 20, 1902, m. Feb. 13, 1845, Ira Woodrough Orndorff (b. Nov. 4, 1820, four miles west of Adairville, Ky., d. Jan. 6, 1903, Oakville, Ky.), son of Major Christian Orndorff and wife, Mrs. Mary (Rohrer) Weyerman. Buried at Berea.

Ira W. Orndorff, in 1869, opened up an undertaker's shop in connection with his farming operations. In a short time he built up an unprecedented country patronage which he held for many years. He even prepared the coffins for himself and his wife.

They had nine children:

A.—Whitmel Josiah Orndorff, b. Dec. 24, 1846. (See later)
B.—John Christian Orndorff, b. July 4, 1849. (See later)
C.—Leander Hickerson Orndorff, b. Dec. 4, 1851. (See later)
D.—Charles Elmore Orndorff, b. Oct. 1, 1853. (See later)
E.—James Vernon Orndorff, b. Sept. 20, 1857. (See later)
F.—Catherine Branch (Kate) Orndorff, b. July 17, 1861. (See later)
G.—Mary Louisa (Mollie) Orndorff, b. May 17, 1863. (See later)
H. and I.—two babies died in infancy, both before the birth of the last two or three children.

WHITMEL JOSIAH ORNDORFF, called "Whit", son and 1st child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, was b. Dec. 24, 1846, Logan County, Ky., and d. Dec. 28, 1919, Wann, Okla. Named after his great-grandfather and great-uncle on his mother's side of the house, he was an outstanding free-mason, an ever-ready cattle dealer . . . he was born in Kentucky, he tarried a while in Missouri, he completed his task in Oklahoma. He m. Feb. 11, 1869, Logan County, Ky., Martha Jo Kennedy, and they had six children:

1.—Edward Hickerson (?Higgason) Orndorff, m. Linnie L. Dunn and had one son:

A.—Harvey W. Orndorff, b. Dec. 27, 1908, Nowata, Okla., m. June 12, 1934, Norma Jo Red Eagle (b. Sept. 12, 1909, Tahlequah, Okla.) and they have one son:

a.—Jim Orndorff, b. Nov. 11, 1936, Tulsa, Okla.

When Christian and Mary (Rohrer) Wyerman Orndorff came to Logan County, Kentucky, in 1805 from Maryland, among their belongings was a certain clock. After their death, at the sale of their personal property, their son Ira W. Orndorff paid $11 for this clock. When he died in 1903, his oldest son, Whitmel Josiah Orndorff, fell heir to the clock. In due time, his oldest son, Edward Hickerson Orndorff, inherited the clock, and now his son Harvey W. Orndorff of Nowata, Oklahoma, has the clock.

2.—Whitmel Orndorff, unmarried.

3.—Vernon Orndorff, m. Pearl Clifford.

4.—Kate Orndorff, m. John Holland.

5.—Susie Orndorff, m. Willie Sullivan.

6.—Bertha Orndorff, m. Robert Tallman.

JOHN CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF, son and 2nd child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, was b. July 4, 1849, and d. Aug. 17, 1923, at his home a few miles north of Adairville, Ky. He m. Dec. 12, 1876, Ella Haddox (b. Oct. 28, 1858, d. Oct. 26, 1936), daughter of Daniel Haddox and his 2nd wife, Mrs. Zerelda (Helm) North. They were both buried in the cemetery at Berea, of which church they were members. There were five children:

1.—Haddox Orndorff, b. ca 1879, d. ca 1880/81.

2.—Willie North Orndorff, b. Jan. 11, 1881, d. Sept. 23, 1926, m. in June, 1902, Clarence Clark Dawson (b. Aug. 12, 1875, Logan County, Ky.), son of Stephen N. Dawson and Frances Elizabeth Coleman. Mr. Dawson died when their daughter was quite young. Both he and his wife were buried at Berea. Their daughter:

A.—Ella Frances Dawson, b. Sept. 6, 1904, Logan County, Ky., m. ca 1930 Billie Boone who was b. in Todd County, Ky., and d. in 1944, Phoenix, Arizona, where Mrs. Boone still lives. They had one son:

a.—Bill Dawson Boone, b. Jan. 12, 1931, Phoenix, Arizona, who now lives in California with his wife and two children.

3.—Mamie Grubbs Orndorff, b. July 7, 1885, m. June 26, 1912, George Thomas Blakey (b. March 15, 1879, Logan County, Ky., where he d. Sept. 6, 1956), son of Reuben Thomas Blakey and Frances Cundiff (1848-1923). Mrs. Blakey now lives at Clarksville, Tenn., with her daughter Mildred (Blakey) Sanford. There were five children:

A.—Helen Geneva Blakey, b. March 30, 1914, Logan County, Ky., m. June 23, 1933, Logan County, Paul Archie Woodall, Sr. (b. Nov. 7, 1908), son of Deller E. Woodall (b. Nov. 14, 1885) and Grace Lillian Chennault (1886-1962).

Deller E. Woodall was the son of William Anderson Woodall (1855-1942),

son of Anderson Woodall. His mother was Mattie Manley (1856-1928), daughter of William Manley and Phoebe Thomas (b. ca 1830/40 near Lebanon, Tenn.).

Grace Lillian Chennault (1886-1962) was a daughter of William Randall Chennault and Martha Braden (1864-c1893), daughter of _____ Braden and Fannie Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Woodall, Sr., the parents of four children, live in Casper, Wyoming, where both teach in the public school system. Both attended college in Kentucky and taught in Kentucky before going West in 1952. Both graduated from the College of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana, taught two years in Montana, six years in Idaho, and have been at Casper for seven or eight years.

Mr. Woodall was Secretary of Workmen's Compensation Board in Frankfort, Kentucky, during the Willis Administration, and was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1948. Their children are:

a.—Sherrie Helen Woodall, b. Dec. 3, 1936, Crittenden County, Ky., m. Aug. 6, 1955, Charles Warren Hughes (b. Nov. 15, 1934, Crittenden County, Ky.). They live at Henderson, Ky., with their two children:

(1)—Lisa Renee Hughes, b. April 21, 1961.

(2)—Charles Franklin Hughes, b. Dec. 29, 1963.

b.—Paul Archie Woodall, Jr., b. Feb. 14, 1938, Crittenden County, Ky., served three years as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army. He attended New York University two years, graduated from Western State College, Bowling Green, Ky., in 1965, and is now teaching in Lexington, Ky., where he lives with his wife Judith and their children. He m/1 Dec. 30, 1959, Alexandria, Va., Carolyne Lundberg (b. Sept. 26, 1941, Milford, Conn.), from whom he was later divorced. They had a son:

(1)—Paul Aaron Woodall, b. May 12, 1961, Alexandria, Va.

Paul A. Woodall, Jr., m/2 June 3, 1964, Rosiclare, Ill., Mrs. Judith (Hodges) McDowell (b. June 9, 1939, Bowling Green, Ky.), the mother of June McDowell who has been adopted by her step-father, and now they have a son:

(2)—Paul Douglas Woodall, b. Sept. 29, 1966, Owensboro, Ky.

c.—Mary Kathryn Woodall, b. Aug. 20, 1949.

d.—James Robert Woodall, b. Feb. 4, 1952.

B.—Frances Kathryn Blakey, b. Sept. 16, 1915, Logan County, Ky., where she d. Jan. 1, 1939, a few days after the birth of twin sons. She m. March 6, 1938, James Milton Scarborough of Russellville, Ky., who was b. June 20, 1910, Christian County, Ky. Their twin sons are:

a.—James Anthony Scarborough, b. Dec. 27, 1938, an attorney and member of the bar of New Mexico and of Colorado.

b.—George Michael Scarborough, b. Dec. 27, 1938, m. in 1962 Nan Lea Hitt of Yazoo City, Miss., and they have a daughter:

(1)—Kathryn Elizabeth Scarborough, b. Oct. 6, 1963.

James Milton Scarborough m/2 in 1940 Hollis Newman Wright of Franklin,

Ky. They moved to New Mexico where he continued practicing law and later became a district judge.

C.—George Douglas Blakey, b. Nov. 20, 1916, Logan County, Ky., is a graduate of Rose Polytechnic Institute, Terra Haute, Ind., with the Class of 1943, since which time he has been connected with Sperry Gyroscope Co., Long Neck, N.Y. He m. Oct. 20, 1944, Eleanor J. Petrillo, b. Dec. 29, 1920, Mount Vernon, N.Y., where they now live. They have three daughters:

a.—Janet Ann Blakey, b. Feb. 28, 1946, Mount Vernon, N.Y., m. Dec. 28, 1968, Anthony Kevin Hughes of New York City and Northern Ireland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hughes of Kings Island, Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

b.—Dorothy Jayne Blakey, b. April 22, 1949, Mount Vernon, N.Y., twin to Kathryn Jean Blakey.

c.—Kathryn Jean Blakey, b. April 22, 1949, Mount Vernon, N.Y., twin to Dorothy Jayne Blakey.

D.—Mildred Kress Blakey, b. April 4, 1918, Logan County, Ky., m. Oct. 18, 1942, Palm Springs, Fla., Walter Alexander Sanford (b. May 18, 1921, Adams, Tenn.). Mr. Sanford, now retired, held the rank of major in the U.S. Army. He attended law schools in Lebanon, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala., and is now a member of the Tennessee Bar, practicing at Clarksville. There are two children:

a.—Patricia Jean Sanford, b. Feb. 22, 1947, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

b.—David Lee Sanford, b. June 12, 1950, Yokohama, Japan.

E.—Ella Jean Blakey, b. April 7, 1920, Logan County, Ky., served four years and was discharged on Jan. 25, 1946, as a 1st Lieutenant in the Corps of Nurses, U.S. Army. She m. Nov. 29, 1947, Thomas Richard Clarke II (b. Nov. 29, 1916, Manchester, N.H.) and they now live at Springfield, Va., with their six children.

a.—Thomas Richard Clarke III, b. Jan. 7, 1950, Boston, Mass.

b.—George Thomas Clarke, b. Dec. 13, 1951, Arlington, Va.

c.—Anne Blakey Clarke, b. June 14, 1954, Alexandria, Va.

d.—Robert Michael Clarke, b. Nov. 15, 1957, Alexandria, Va.

e.—Richard David Clarke, b. June 12, 1959, Alexandria, Va.

f.—Jeanne Orndorff Clarke, b. Oct. 26, 1965, Alexandria, Va.

4.—Nancy Zerelda Orndorff, b. Oct. 30, 1888, m. June 8, 1910, George Daniel Boyd, son of George Washington Boyd and Elizabeth Frances Barker, who was b. Nov. 30, 1885, Logan County, Ky., and d. Sept. 4, 1949, El Paso, Texas, where the family had moved in 1923, and where Mrs. Boyd still lives with her daughter Mary Christian (Boyd) King. There were three children:

A.—Mary Christian Boyd, b. June 2, 1911, Logan County, Ky., m. May 25, 1946, Richard Bibb King, Jr. (b. Oct. 3, 1891, Ferguson Station, Logan County, Ky.), son of Dr. Richard Bibb King, Sr. They live in El Paso, Texas, and have one son:

a.—John Christian King, b. Sept. 18, 1947, El Paso, Texas.

B.—Harwood Orndorff Boyd, b. Aug. 2, 1915, Logan County, Ky., d. July 13, 1956, at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., and was buried at Berea in the family cemetery, Logan County, Ky.

C.—George Daniel Boyd, Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1918, Logan County, Ky., m. Jan. 19, 1947, Kathleen Stallings (b. Oct. 19, 1921, El Paso, Texas), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stallings. He is manager of Sonneborne Pipe and Supply Co., Sunnydale, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix where the family lives. There is one son:

a.—Kelly Boyd, b. Nov. 19, 1959, Odessa, Texas.

5.—John Haddox Orndorff, b. Dec. 18, 1894, m. June 26, 1917, Frankie Kennerly (b. Oct. 1, 1896, Humansville, Mo.), daughter of Rev. John R. Kennerly and Sally Proctor, who called Auburn, Ky., home . . . They live at "Orndorff Place," several miles north of Adairville where lived his parents John Christian and Ella (Haddox) Orndorff.

Mr. Orndorff and his sons Frank and William Orndorff own and operate many acres of land in southern Logan County; also, the Adairville Feed Mill. Mrs. Orndorff taught in the Logan County school system until several years ago. In June, 1967, on the Sunday nearest their Golden Wedding Anniversary, a very special service was held in their honor at Berea Christian Church. On that day the twenty-eight members of the family sat together, and the entire service was dedicated to them.

There were six children, all born at "Orndorff Place":—

A.—John Kennerly Orndorff, Sr., b. Sept. 21, 1918, who is a graduate of the College of Civil Engineering, University of Kentucky, where he was president of the University Men's Glee Club and manager of the U.K. Band. He m. in August, 1945, Harriet Crutchfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Stapleton Crutchfield of Pittsburgh, Pa., and they live at Sewickley, Pa., with their son:

a.—John Kennerly Orndorff II, b. Nov. 25, 1946.

B.—James Procter Orndorff, b. Feb. 1, 1921, m. June 4, 1944, Dawson, Ga., Margaret McLain, daughter of George McLain and Julia McClendon. They live at Dawson, Ga., where Mr. Orndorff is a farmer, and they have two children:

a.—Margaret Churchill Orndorff, b. Sept. 19, 1946, Dawson, Georgia.

b.—James Procter Orndorff II, b. Jan. 9, 1949, Dawson, Georgia.

C.—Frank Haddox Orndorff, b. June 16, 1926, m. May 22, 1951, Betty Ruth Noe (b. Sept. 13, 1929, Logan County, Ky.), daughter of Charles B. Noe and Annie McReynolds. They live on a farm in the Schochoh community northeast of Adairville with their four children:

a.—Beth Orndorff, b. June 8, 1952.

b.—Nancy Noe Orndorff, b. March 23, 1957.

c.—Frank Haddox Orndorff II, b. April 11, 1959.

d.—Charles Browning Orndorff, b. June 14, 1960.

D.—Sallie Belle Orndorff, b. Jan. 1, 1929, earned the B.A. degree from Sophie Newcomb, New Orleans, before she married Sept. 15, 1951, Logan County, Ky., Stephen Cocran Davis, son of Daniel E. Davis and Adell Cocran. Mr. Davis is a teacher. Since their marriage, and after the birth of their four children, Sallie Belle has earned a Masters Degree, in June 1964, from the University of Pittsburgh, and in 1966 she received her PhD from the Graduate School of Education of the same University. Her

major was counselor education and she now holds a position with the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education as research director of the Health Training Center. The four children are:

a.—Mary Kennerly Davis, b. Jan. 14, 1953.

b.—Adell Cocran Davis, b. June 28, 1954.

c.—Sallie Belle Davis, b. March 10, 1958.

d.—Stephen Cocran Davis II, b. Jan. 18, 1961.

E.—William Irwin Orndorff, b. March 6, 1931, served four years in the Air Force, two in Alaska. He, too, is a farmer and lives in the Schochoh community. He m/1 March 9, 1952, Mary Ann Wood, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood of Auburn, Ky. She was killed in an automobile accident in August, 1955, leaving two children:

a.—John Christian Orndorff, b. Dec. 11, 1952, in Alaska.

b.—Georgia Kennerly Orndorff, b. Dec. 31, 1953.

William Irwin Orndorff m/2 Sept. 22, 1956, Ruth D. Woodward, daughter of Wren W. Woodward (1881-1965) and Amanda Marie Clay, and granddaughter of Henry Woodward and Lucy Jane King. They have three children:

c.—Ruth Marie Orndorff, b. Aug. 28, 1957.

d.—John Haddox Orndorff, b. Dec. 11, 1959.

e.—William Wren Orndorff, b. Jan. 31, 1962.

F.—Margaret Churchill Orndorff, b. Dec. 30, 1937, d. Dec. 31, 1937, and was buried in the family plot at Berea.

LEANDER HICKERSON (Hickson) ORNDORFF, SR., called "Lee, Sr." and/or "Hick", son and 3rd child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, was b. Dec. 4, 1851, Logan County, Ky., and d. April 4, 1888, Heaton Station, Arizona, with burial at Tucson. He m. in March, 1876, Vernon County, Mo., Alzina Caroline Allis. They had four sons, all born at Moundville, Vernon County, Missouri:

1.—Richard Burtram "Burt" Orndorff, b. Dec. 30, 1876. (See later)

2.—Charles Orndorff, b. ca. Jan. 1879, d. Sept. 26, 1880. (See later)

3.—Seth Buford Orndorff, b. May 17, 1881. (See later)

4.—Leander "Lee" Hickson Orndorff, Jr., b. April 26, 1883. (See later)

Alzina Caroline Allis m/2 Nov. 20, 1890, Charles DeGroff. She died in El Paso, Texas, August 11, 1926.

"Hick" Orndorff, in the fall of 1872, followed his brother "Whit" to Vernon County, Missouri, where for several years they were partners in farming and stock raising operations. Then "Hick" moved to Moundville and became a merchant. He was also postmaster.

In 1886, Mrs. Orndorff was advised to leave Missouri for a milder climate in the Territory of Arizona, so with two of their sons, Lee, Jr., and Seth, she went to Tucson. Enroute they stopped over in El Paso for six weeks at a one-story brick boarding house at 407 East Franklin Street. This place, remodeled and changed somewhat, was later the real estate office of Lee Orndorff, Jr., prominent realtor who went into the real estate business in El Paso in 1905.

Mrs. Orndorff liked Tucson. She and her two sons returned to Missouri for

Mr. Orndorff and Burt, the other son. In 1887, all the family was living in Tucson. Mr. Orndorff, a brakeman, was killed in a railroad accident on April 4, 1888.

Left with three young sons and very little income, Mrs. Orndorff rented one of the rooms in their small home to a boarder. Later she moved to a larger house with sixteen rooms and rented them. The venture proved so profitable, when a two-story adobe hotel was for sale, she bought it and established the first Orndorff Hotel.

According to an illustrated article in The Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, Arizona, dated Wednesday, February 14, 1962, the old Orndorff Hotel at North Main Street and Pennington, Tucson, Arizona, was probably the most important landmark of that city. It was built about 1856 when Tucson was a walled city and the center of mad forays by Apache Indians, and its foundation was a part of the wall that once surrounded the presidio of Tucson during the Spanish occupation in 1774. The main floor was built of adobe and was a solid four feet thick.

This hotel was the scene of many brilliant events in the early pioneer days, and was the headquarters of the famous Jackass stage coaches that thundered through Tucson, running from San Antonio to the coast. Perhaps no one place contributed so much to the plans for Arizona statehood, for this was the meeting place for everyone who was anybody during the 50 years of Territorial Satehood. The well-to-do and famous of the day stayed at the ORNDORFF. In fact, Buffalo Bill (William Cody) on his trips to Tucson refused to stay anywhere but Room Number One, considered the largest bedroom in the southwest.

The Territorial Legislature and the United States Court Assemblies met there, and the first Masonic Temple in Arizona was housed on the upper floor of this historic building which was torn down in 1934.

The old ORNDORFF registration desk, however, now occupies a prominent place in the Arizona Pioneer Historical Museum.

In 1890, Mrs. Orndorff married Mr. Charles DeGroff, a former Tucson postmaster. They sold the Orndorff Hotel in Tucson and moved to El Paso, Texas, in April, 1899, where they bought the Old Vendome Hotel property at the corner of Mills (then St. Louis Street) and Mesa Avenue, and changed the name to HOTEL ORNDORFF.

In 1925, work was started on razing the Old Orndorff, to be replaced by the new Orndorff which was built by the DeGroffs, Burt Orndorff, Seth Orndorff and Lee Orndorff, Jr.

Mrs. DeGroff, founder of the Orndorff, and for more than 40 years prominent in the business, social, political and real estate life of the city of El Paso, Texas, died August 11, 1926, seventeen days before the informal opening of the new hotel and thirty-one days before the formal opening of the hotel she had planned.

The Orndorff, later called the Hussmann, was acquired in 1935 by the National Hotel Company, which owned and operated a chain of hotels, and the name was changed to Hotel Cortez.

RICHARD BURTRAM "Burt" ORNDORFF, 1st son of Leander Hickson Orndorff and Alzina Caroline Allis, b. Dec. 30, 1876, Moundville, Mo., in

1929 became associated with the Baker Chain of Hotels and went to Birmingham, Ala., as manager of the Thomas Jefferson Hotel, later becoming manager of the Tutwiler Hotel in that city. He d. in July, 1944, at Tampa, Fla., and was buried at Birmingham, Ala. He m. Dec. 31, 1898, Tucson, Ariz., Cora Kathryn Delano (b. Jan. 17, 1882, Belmont, Nev.), daughter of Arthur Delano and Mary Rice. They had three daughters:

1.—Alzina DeGroff Orndorff, b. Nov. 26, 1900, Tucson, Ariz., m. June, 1922, El Paso, Texas, Capt. Hobart Raymond Gay. Now retired from a career in the U.S. Army, the Gays live in El Paso. Their son:

A.—Hobart Raymond Gay, Jr., b. Feb. 26, 1924, in Kansas, graduated with the Class of 1946 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. A pilot of the 58th Fighter Squadron, Capt. Gay lost his life in an air accident in Massachusetts on August 10, 1952.

2.—Burtram Delano Orndorff, b. Feb. 3, 1902, El Paso, Texas, m. Feb. 8, 1923, El Paso, James Robinson Pierce, Lieut., U.S. Army, who was b. Aug. 23, 1899, Troy, Pa. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, he retired in 1959 as a Major General. They now live in El Paso. There were three children:

A.—Burtram Delano Pierce, b. Aug. 2, 1924, Tientsin, China, m/1 in 1946 Henry Newt Clouse of Ozark, Ala., who died in 1953, leaving her with two small children who now go by the name of their step-father:

a.—Jeannie Coralie Clouse-Goodman, b. March 1, 1950, Atlanta, Ga.

b.—Robert Judson Clouse-Goodman, b. June 17, 1952, Atlanta, Ga.

Burtram Delano Pierce m/2 about 1958 Col. Paul Goodman at Fort Meade, Maryland.

B.—James Robinson Pierce, Jr., b. Dec. 31, 1925, Tientsin, China, was killed in action in Korea on June 15, 1952, defending "Pork Chop Hill." A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy with the Class of 1950, his body was brought back to West Point for burial. He m. Margaret Rosser of Clarksville, Tenn., and they had one son:

a.—James Robinson Pierce III, b. Feb. 29, 1952, Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

Margaret (Rosser) Pierce m/2 a classmate of her husband's, Edward Francis J. Mastaglio, and they have two children, 1) Susan Mastaglio, b. May, 1955, Stuttgart, Germany, and 2) David Mastaglio, b. Dec. 29, 1947, in Tennessee.

C.—Jeannie Coralie Pierce, b. Oct. 8, 1927, Fort Tolten, New York, m. at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Alexander Mulqueen "Sandy" Weyand (b. Nov. 11, 1928, in Pa.) who graduated from West Point with the Class of 1951. They have two children:

a.—Michael A. Weyand, b. July 30, 1956, Columbus, Ga.

b.—Julie Kathyleen Weyand, b. Jan., 1965, Washington, D.C.

3.—Kathyleen Cora Orndorff, b. Sept. 28, 1903, El Paso, Texas, m/1 Marvin Harper of Birmingham, Ala. She m/2 July 14, 1948, Chicago, Ill., Francis Milford Kingery (b. Feb. 24, 1902, Harrison, Ind.), son of Leslie Kingery and Anna Florence Gagle. Now retired, Mr. and Mrs. Kingery live at Cedar Grove, Indiana. No children.

SETH BUFORD ORNDORFF, 3rd son of Leander Hickerson Orndorff and Alzina Caroline Allis, was b. May 17, 1881, Moundville, Mo., and d. Sept. 26, 1961, El Paso, Texas. He entered politics in El Paso in 1916, serving as County Commissioner from Socorro for two years. Then he was elected Sheriff of El Paso County six times. His twelve-year service in that capacity is the longest period anyone ever held the law enforcement post in El Paso County. He was also in the real estate and hotel business, along with his brothers and his mother. On Jan. 21, 1907, he m. Mattie Dee Patterson (b. Nov. 8, 1886, Floyd, La.), daughter of John Fredrick Patterson and Martha Reeves Wren. They had five children, all born in El Paso:

1.—Ruth Allis Orndorff, b. Dec. 16, 1907, m/1 Paul Cook (later divorced) by whom she had a daughter:

A.—Allis Jan Cook, b. Jan. 20, 1927, El Paso, Texas, m. June 9, 1953, El Paso, Jacob Richard Metz (b. May 17, 1928, Coshocton, Ohio), son of Fred Metz and Julia Snyder. They live in San Jose, Calif., with their children:

a.—Richard James Metz, b. June 3, 1954, El Paso, Texas.
b.—Steven Allen Metz, b. May 9, 1955, El Paso, Texas, d. May 17, 1961, San Jose, Calif.
c.—Melinda Dee Metz, b. March 7, 1962, San Jose, Calif.
d.—John Andrew Metz, b. Sept. 26, 1963, San Jose, Calif.

Ruth Allis Orndorff m/2 George Rolland Hafner and they live at Paradise, California. They have an adopted son:

B.—Gary Rolland Hafner.

2.—Seth Buford Orndorff, Jr., b. May 24, 1909, m/1 Rachel Clements (divorced) by whom he had a daughter:

A.—Suzanne Orndorff, b. July 13, 1934, m. June 3, 1953, Maurice Wayne Basden, and lives at Plainview, Texas. They have six children:

a.—Wayne Basden, b. April, 1954.
b.—Mark Basden, b. Jan. 16, 1956.
c.—Mary Margaret Basden, b. April, 1958.
d.—Seth Paul Basden, b. Jan., 1960.
e.—Gloria Basden, b. July 7, 1961.
f.—John Basden, b. in 1964.

Seth Buford Orndorff, Jr., m/2 Mary Catharine Neeson, now deceased, by whom he had a second daughter:

B.—Kay Orndorff, m. Myron Hollister. They live at Mountain View, Calif., with their two children:

a.—Courtney Myron Hollister.
b.—Lisa Ivy Hollister.

Seth Buford Orndorff, Jr., m/3 Helen and they live in El Paso, Texas. They have a son:

C.—Seth Buford Orndorff III, b. April 7, 1948.

3.—Martha Carolyn Orndorff, b. Oct. 13, 1912, m. Dec. 12, 1936, Cornelius Carr "Mickey" Cole (b. Oct. 10, 1912, Tucson, Ariz.), son of David Cole and Maud Carr. He is an engineer with the air branch of the Navy and they have lived in Panama and the Philippines, but now live in San Francisco, California. They have three children:

A.—David Cole, b. Jan. 21, 1938, El Paso, Texas, m. March 21, 1959, Darlene McKim (b. Aug. 13, 1943), daughter of Donald McKim. They have two children:

a.—Christi Carr Cole, b. March 2, 1961.

b.—Matthew David Cole, b. June 5, 1964.

B.—Shirley Allis Cole, b. Nov. 16, 1941, m. May 5, 1964, Philip Davidson (b. Jan. 28, 1941), son of Frank Davidson. They live at Pendleton, Oregon.

C.—Cynthia Cameron Cole, b. April 4, 1947.

4.—Mildred Elaine Orndorff, b. Feb. 18, 1914, m/1 June 10, 1936, Clyde Harold Teague, Jr., who d. Dec. 19, 1938, leaving her with a baby daughter who was given the name of her step-father:

A.—Ellen Teague-Bennett, b. Dec. 18, 1937, El Paso, Texas, m. June 20, 1958, James Phillip Sandstrom (b. July 4, 1934, Akron, Ohio), son of Robert V. Sandstrom and Frances E. Clauson. They now live at East Moline, Ill., where Mr. Sandstrom is running the paint manufacturing business that his father founded in the garage behind the family home in the 1940s. They had three children:

a.—Jay Travis Sandstrom, b. July 29, 1959, El Paso, Texas.

b.—Jeffrey Todd Sandstrom, b. Aug. 30, 1960, El Paso, Texas, d. Dec. 26, 1964, Moline, Ill.

c.—Julie Terese Sandstrom, b. April 5, 1965, Moline, Ill.

Mildred Elaine Orndorff m/2 Feb. 10, 1940, Frank Cameron Bennett, Jr., (b. Feb. 10, 1912, Dallas, Texas), son of Frank Cameron Bennett, Sr., and Efa Lou Brown. They live in El Paso with her mother, Mrs. Seth Orndorff, and have two daughters:

B.—Carolyn Nancy Bennett, b. Oct. 4, 1941, El Paso, m. Dec. 17, 1960, Fort Bliss, Texas, Jerrold David Wolterstorff (b. July 17, 1932, St. Paul, Minn.), son of Jay W. Wolterstorff and Dorothy M. ____ ____. They live in El Paso with their three children:

a.—Eric Jay Wolterstorff, b. Oct. 6, 1961, El Paso, Texas.

b.—Sarah Lynn Wolterstorff, b. March 11, 1965, Ft. Monroe, Va.

c.—Susan Elaine Wolterstorff, b. Sept. 26, 1966, Frankfurt, Germany.

C.—Sarah Louise Bennett, b. Oct. 16, 1943, El Paso, m. June 24, 1964, El Paso (as his 2nd wife) Thomas John Gowan (b. July 2, 1928, Post, Texas), son of William Thomas Gowan and Billie Elizabeth Pitman. They have a daughter:

a.—Lisa Elaine Gowan, b. June 6, 1965, El Paso. Thomas John Gowan had m/1 Dec. 30, 1953, Minta Lucille Chandler (1933-1961) by whom he had a son, Thomas John Gowan, Jr., b. Dec. 12, 1958, El Paso, Texas.

5.—Nancy Boone Orndorff, b. Aug. 5, 1915, m. Aug. 18, 1934, Eugene Monroe Vermillion (b. July 23, 1913, Jonesboro, Ark.), son of Lou Oliver (christened Claude) Vermillion and Adah Ruth Towler. The family moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, about 1952. There are five children:

A.—Judith Ann Vermillion, b. Aug. 30, 1935, El Paso, m. May 12, 1955, Patrick Leland Benson. They have three children:

a.—Roberta Judith Benson.
b.—Janet Laura Benson.
c.—Michael Leland Benson.

B.—Genie Lee Vermillion, b. Sept. 30, 1939, Phoenix, Ariz., m. Aug. 6, 1965, Salt Lake City, Utah, Thomas Jordan Vaughan (b. Jan. 5, 1936, Henderson, N.C.), son of James Robert Vaughan, Sr., and Ethel Bowen.

C.—Seth Stephen Vermillion, b. April 26, 1947, El Paso, Texas.

D.—Jon Towler Vermillion, b. May 27, 1949.

E.—Mark Dee Vermillion, b. July 7, 1954, Salt Lake City, Utah.

LEANDER "Lee" HICKSON ORNDORFF, JR., 4th son of Leander Hickson Orndorff, Sr., and Alzina Caroline Allis, was b. April 26, 1883, Moundville, Mo., and d. Oct. 20, 1958, El Paso, Texas. He attended the University of Arizona at Tucson before entering his business career in El Paso where he became prominent in the fields of business, real estate, banking and hotel operation. As a pioneer real estate dealer, he also became a developer, an appraiser, was engaged in the mortgage investment business, and was an insurance broker. He m. Oct. 4, 1906, El Paso, Alice Virginia Davis (b. April 25, 1882, Virginia City, Nevada), daughter of Martin B. Davis and Alice Edna Trout. They had three children, all born in El Paso, Texas:

1.—Leander Hickson Orndorff III, b. Sept. 25, 1907. A graduate of the University of Southern California and well known in business and club circles in El Paso, he was shot and killed, apparently by a hunter and accidentally, on the Circle Cross Ranch near Alamogordo, New Mexico, Oct. 21, 1931. He was hunting with a party of prominent El Paso and Dallas people when a high powered bullet, such as deer hunting calls for, took his life. He m. ca 1927 Nell Eugenia Hughes (b. July 28, 1908, Hot Springs, Ark.), daughter of Henry Joseph Hughes (b. in Wales) and Sarah Rebecca Beardsley (b. in Michigan), and they had two hildren:

A.—Charles Lee Orndorff, Sr., b. July 28, 1928, El Paso, Texas, m. March 13, 1955, Haskell, Texas, Rosanne Johnson. They live in El Paso with their four children:

a.—Annette Orndorff, b. Feb. 25, 1956.
b.—Stephanie Orndorff, b. Nov. 17, 1958.
c.—Charles Lee Orndorff, Jr., b. April 13, 1959.
d.—Mitchell Louis Orndorff, b. May 20, 1962.

B.—Alice Diane Orndorff, b. Nov. 2, 1931, El Paso, Texas, m. Aug. 28, 1949, El Paso, James Lewellen McCravey (McCravy), (b. Jan. 12, 1927, Knoxville, Tenn.), son of Onnie McCravey and Winnie Glaze. Mr. McCravey is a retired army officer and they now live in El Paso with their three children:

a.—James Lewellen McCravey, Jr., b. May 22, 1950, Fort Lewis, Wash.
b.—Lee Orndorff McCravey, b. Nov. 15, 1952, Nurnberg, Germany.
c.—Elizabeth Ann McCravey, b. Dec. 21, 1953, Nurnberg, Germany.

2.—Alice Virginia Orndorff, b. Aug. 7, 1909, El Paso, Texas, m. A. S. Rey and went to live in India. They had four children.

3.—Will Orndorff, b. March 20, 1929, El Paso, Texas, m. ca Oct. 1952, Brownfield, Texas, "Flo" Dean. No children.

CHARLES ELMORE ORNDORFF, son and 4th child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, b. Oct. 1, 1853, Logan County, Ky., d. March 31, 1934, Memphis, Tenn. He was a farmer in Logan County, but moved to Nashville, Tenn., and on to Memphis where by 1910 he apparently was connected with the National Life and Accident Insurance Company. He m/1 Sept. 8, 1876, Logan County, Sallie Haddox, (b. Sept. 17, 1852, d. March 28, 1896), daughter of Daniel Haddox and his 2nd wife, Mary Zerelda A. (Helm) North. She was buried in the Haddox family burying ground near Oakville, Ky. They lived on the farm just south of the home of his brother John Christian Orndorff ("Orndorff Place"), and had six children:

1.—Nannie G. Orndorff, b. Oct. 26, 1877, d. Nov. 7, 1878.

2.—Ruth Orndorff, b. July 11, 1879, d. Aug. 16, 1965, Russellville, Ky., m. Dec. 11, 1901, James Thomas Anderson (b. May 16, 1878, Ferguson, Logan County, Ky., d. Aug. 17, 1962, Russellville, Ky.), son of Robert Anderson and Marion Herndon. Both were buried at Berea. They lived on a farm several miles south of Russellville and were the parents of two sons:

A.—Henry Orndorff Anderson, b. Sept. 27, 1902, m. Feb. 18, 1925, Annie Neale Barker (b. Feb. 12, 1900, Oakville, Ky.). They live in Russellville where they own and operate Logan County Trading Post, and are active members of Berea Christian Church. No children.

B.—James Lee Anderson, b. Feb. 11, 1907, m. Paducah, Ky., Rebecca Garner (b. July 2, 1911, d. Nov. 18, 1962), daughter of H. H. Garner and Addie Elkins. He lives at Paducah with their son:

a.—Charles L. Anderson, b. Jan. 23, 1948, Paducah, Ky.

3.—Mary Orndorff, b. May 29, 1881, d. Oct. __, 1902.

4.—Adell Jackson Orndorff, b. Feb. 23, 1884, d. Sept. 26, 1946, m. James Wallace Browning (b. Sept. 22, 1877, Cave Spring, Logan County, Ky., d. Nov. 9, 1964), son of Zack Browning. Both buried in Maple Grove Cemetery, Russellville, Ky. Four children:

A.—Mary Ellen Browning, b. Sept. 30, 1913, d. June 7, 1932, m. Dec. 24, 1930, Joe Boyce King. No children.

B.—Sallie Ruth Browning, b. Nov. 15, 1915, m/1 Leonard Boyce Duncan (b. Aug. 10, 1912, d. June 20, 1959), son of Isaac Lunsford Duncan and Roberta Reed. They had one daughter:

a.—Jean Adell Duncan, b. Oct. 15, 1940, m. Oct. 14, 1957, Kenneth Alvin Smith (b. May 25, 1937), son of Algie C. Smith and Louise Whiting. They live in Russellville with their two sons:
(1)—Leonard Michael Smith, b. Oct. 14, 1961.
(2)—Kenneth Randall Smith, b. Sept. 13, 1963.

Sallie Ruth Browning m/2 ca Nov. 1967 John (M. A.) Roberson, co-owner of Wilkins-Estes-Roberson Funeral Home, Russellville, Ky.

C.—James Wallace "Buck" Browning, b. Aug. 8, 1917, m. Josephine Sloan. They live at Russellville, Ky., and have a daughter.

D.—Gene Haddox Browning, b. June 22, 1921, m. May 6, 1944, Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mildred Mae Bell (b. April 12, 1921, Menominee, Mich.), daughter of Joseph Bell and Bertha Mae Williams. They live at Green Bay, Wisc., with their seven children:

a.—Robert Wallace Browning, b. Nov. 27, 1946.
b.—Ruth Jean Browning, b. Nov. 7, 1950.
c.—Patricia Mae Browning, b. Nov. 30, 1952.
d.—Michael Gene Browning, b. July 15, 1954.
e.—David Lee Browning, b. June 24, 1955.
f.—Timothy James Browning, b. June 4, 1960.
g.—Grace Ann Browning, b. April 9, 1962.

5.—Charles H. Orndorff, Sr., b. Sept. 1, 1886, m. April 19, 1911, Leila Nunnery (b. Oct. 28, 1887, Hernando, Miss.). They live at Memphis, Tenn., and have one son:

A.—Charles H. Orndorff, Jr., b. March 26, 1920, Memphis, m. July 10, 1960, Ann Wilkinson, and they have one son:

a.—Charles H. Orndorff III, b. July 23, 1964, Memphis, Tenn.

6.—Henry Grubbs Orndorff, b. March 5, 1892, d. Jan. 26, 1957, Whitehaven, Tenn. He was killed when a train smashed into his automobile. Having gone to Memphis in 1901, Mr. Orndorff started working at Lowenstein's as a stock boy about 1908. At the time of his death he would have been credit manager of Lowenstein's for about 25 years, but he had requested retirement the year before, in July, 1956, because of ill health. He was prominent in Memphis and national retail credit organizations. Mr. Orndorff m. March 24, 1920, Memphis, Tenn., Emma Gene Crawford (b. Sept. 26, 1898, Memphis), daughter of David Mentor Crawford and Florence G. Anderson, and they had two children:

A.—Gene Adell Orndorff, b. Oct. 4, 1923, d. Jan. 23, 1924, Memphis, Tenn.

B.—Henry Grubbs Orndorff, Jr., b. Sept. 25, 1926, d. April 5, 1928, Memphis, Tenn.

Emma Gene (Crawford) Orndorff m/2 Rev. L. B. Cobb and they live at Memphis, Tennessee.

Charles Elmore Orndorff (1853-1934) m/2 Dec. 25, 1899, Logan County, Ky., Mamie Burns Morrow, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. T. J. Morrow of Russellville, Ky., by whom he had a daughter:

7.—Georgia Burns Orndorff, m. George L. Edinger, Jr., who now lives in Louisville, Kentucky.

JAMES VERNON ORNDORFF, son and 5th child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, was b. Sept. 20, 1857, Logan County, Ky., and d. April 21, 1941. He m. Dec. 20, 1883, Logan County, Fannie Herring (b. Sept. 11, 1859, d. Nov. 15, 1939), daughter of Lemuel Sugg Herring and his 2nd wife, Sarah Elizabeth Gill. Both were buried at Berea.

"Cousin Jimmie", the historian of the family, lived on the farm where lived

his father just south of Oakville, Kentucky. An elder of the Berea Christian Church, he wrote in 1926 a complete history of that church from its beginning in 1841. In 1931, he wrote a history of the Orndorff family. He wrote many articles of historical and biographical interest that were published in the News-Democrat, the weekly newspaper that is still published at Russellville, Kentucky.

James Vernon Orndorff and Fannie Herring were the parents of three children:

1.—Robin Orndorff, b. Oct. 31, 1884, Oakville, Ky.

2.—Ira Orndorff, b. Dec. 29, 1887, Oakville, Ky.

3.—Mattie Orndorff, b. March 20, 1891, Oakville, Ky., m. July 31, 1917, Alfred Whitfield Jenkins (b. Jan. 3, 1882, d. June 21, 1941, Guthrie, Todd County, Ky., buried at Berea), and they lived at Guthrie. Mrs. Jenkins now lives in Russellville in order to be nearer her brothers who still live at the Oakville homeplace. They had no children.

CATHERINE BRANCH "Kate" ORNDORFF, daughter and 6th child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, b. July 17, 1861, Logan County, Ky., d. June 29, 1909, m. Isaac Newt McCuddy (b. Feb. 15, 1839, d. Oct. 2, 1928). Both were buried at Berea. They had no children of their own, but adopted a daughter:

1.—"Mag" McCuddy who m. Jim Markham, son of S. B. Markham of the Spring Valley neighborhood a few miles south of Oakville.

MARY LOUISA "Mollie" ORNDORFF, daughter and 7th child of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs, was b. May 17, 1863, Logan County, Ky., where she d. April 23, 1938. She was buried at Berea beside her 2nd husband.

Mollie Orndorff m/1 Sept. 2, 1883, Charlie Rizer Hummer (b. Feb. 26, 1861, Logan County, Ky., d. Jan. 11, 1884, buried at Adairville, Ky.). He was killed in an accident, leaving Mollie a widow with an unborn child.

1.—Charlie Katherine Hummer, b. June 25, 1884, Logan County, Ky., d. Jan. 7, 1937, Berwyn, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. She m. June 27, 1911, William Frederick Becker, Sr., (b. June 26, 1876, Freeport, Ill., d. May 30, 1949, Berwyn, Ill. buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery), and they had three children:

A.—William Frederick Becker, Jr., b. July 24, 1912, Berwyn, Ill., d. April 30, 1938, buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery, m. in 1935 June Bremmer of Berwyn, and had one daughter:

a.—Barbara Anne Becker, b. March 13, 1936.

B.—Charles Hummer Becker, b. May 16, 1914, m. April 16, 1937, Anne Memhard, and has two children:

a—Katherine Anne Becker, b. May 11, 1938, Berwyn, Ill.

b.—Charlene Becker, b. May 16, 1941, Berwyn, Ill.

C.—Katherine Becker, b. Jan. 19, 1916, Berwyn, Ill., where she d. Feb. 10, 1955, and was buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mollie Orndorff m/2 Dec. 24, 1890, as his 2nd wife, George Washington Procter (b. Feb. 13, 1951, Warren County, Ky., d. June 16, 1930, Logan County, Ky., buried at Berea), a widower with three small children. He had m/1 Dec. 20, 1879, Clara Margaret Coffman who died. The children, one of whom said, "We never knew the difference, we thought Mollie Orndorff was our real mother," —were: 1) Edward Procter (b. Oct. 2, 1880, d. Nov. 28, 1957, Logan County, Ky., who m/1 Maude Price of Russellville, Ky., and had one daughter: Elizabeth Procter (b. Feb. 24, 1905) who now lives in California. Edward Procter m/2 Julia Ann Owens of Calhoun, Ky.; 2) Walter L. Procter (b. March 24, 1883, d. Feb. 9, 1963) m. Carrie Thurmond who has since married Casey McClendon of the Berea community south of Russellville. Walter L. Procter and Carrie Thurmond had one daughter, Anna Claire Procter, b. April 4, 1906, Russellville, Ky., who is now Mrs. Alfred Bourne of Buffalo, New York; and 3) Clara Margaret Procter (b. Aug. 29, 1886, d. in 1968) who m. Vernon King Hopson, a farmer of the Berea and/or Oakville neighborhood, who served many years as Logan County Clerk; Mrs. Hopson finished his term after he died while in office. They had no children.

Mollie Orndorff and George Washington Procter lived on a farm at the corner of U.S. 431 and the Oakville Road. They had four children:

2.—John Monroe Procter, Sr., b. Oct. 4, 1891. In 1909, he went to El Paso, Texas, and later to Tucson, Arizona, where he was successful in the hotel business, becoming for some years manager of the Pioneer Hotel and owner of the El Presidio Hotel. He m. Jan. 19, 1916, El Paso, Texas, Elizabeth Simmons (b. July 1, 1898, Dauphin, Pa., d. March 20, 1968, Tucson, Ariz.). Two children:

A.—Elizabeth Camille Procter, b. Aug. 6, 1918, El Paso, Texas, m. Dec. 30, 1940, William Henry Leiber, Sr. They have two children:

a.—William Henry Leiber, Jr., b. May 30, 1943.

b.—John Lee Leiber, b. Aug. 20, 1944.

B.—John Monroe Procter, Jr., b. Jan. 15, 1922, El Paso, Texas.

3.—Eugene Orndorff Procter, Sr., b. Feb. 3, 1894, m. in 1923 Dillard Blankenship (b. July 21, 1896, Crowell, Texas). They live at Northport, Alabama, near their son:

A.—Eugene Orndorff Procter, Jr., b. Dec. 28, 1924, El Paso, Texas, m. Oct. 24, 1945, Martha Jean Freeman (b. March 28, 1927, Northport, Ala.), and they have three children:

a.—Jan Freeman Procter, b. Oct. 24, 1947, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

b.—Jeri Deason Procter, b. March 13, 1951, El Paso, Texas.

c.—Eugene Orndorff "Doff" Procter III, b. Sept. 18, 1955, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

4.—Mary Boone Procter, b. Oct. 29, 1895, m/1 March 21, 1917, Robert Emerson Paisley, a twin (b. July 22, 1892, d. Dec. 16, 1944, buried at Berea), son of Robert Alexander Paisley and Laura Burns Hite of Adairville, Ky.

Robert Alexander Paisley was a son of Joseph Burns Paisley (b. 1817) and Lucy Elizabeth (Betty) Gooch (1827-1891), daughter of Rev. Thomas Grubbs Gooch (b. 1800 Shelby County, Ky., d. 1874 Logan County, Ky.) and wife, Julia Washburn, who lived near Red Oak Methodist Church, Orndorff Mill Road, south of Russellville.

Rev. Thomas Grubbs Gooch, a son of Thomas Gooch, Sr., and Lucy Grubbs, was a brother of Mary (Polly) Gooch, the 1st wife of Capt. John Grubbs. It was probably because of this connection that Capt. Grubbs came to Logan County with his three little children after he lost his first wife.

Mary Boone Procter and Robert Emerson Paisley were the parents of one daughter:

A.—Mildred Louise Paisley, b. April 8, 1918, Logan County, Ky., m. April 10, 1948, Chicago, Ill., Matthew Marzec (b. Jan. 11, 1916, Joliet, Ill.). They live in Chicago with their three sons:

a.—James Matthew Marzec, b. Sept. 26, 1949.

b.—Richard Eugene Marzec, b. Sept. 19, 1951.

c.—Paul Allison Marzec, b. Sept. 20, 1952.

Mary Boone Procter m/2 Oct. 27, 1951, Marshall Jenkins (b. Aug. 31, 1893, Olmstead, Ky.) as his second wife, and they live at Guthrie, Ky., where Mr. Jenkins is engaged in the hardware business.

5.—Estelle Procter, b. Jan. 21, 1898, m. Walter Charles Schubbe (b. Dec. 6, 1896, d. Nov. 20, 1940, Chicago, Ill.). Mrs. Schubbe now lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. No children.

Captain John Grubbs

JOHN GRUBBS, son of Higgason Grubbs and Lucy Harris, was a resident of Logan County, Ky., for more than half a century. He was born in central Kentucky on April 29, 1786 . . . He was married four times and reared three sets of children, seven in all.

His first marriage on January 30, 1811, Shelby County, Ky., was to Mary (Polly) Gooch. She was his first cousin, a daughter of Thomas Gooch, Sr., and Lucy Grubbs Gooch. She was a sister of The Reverend Thomas Gooch, Jr., who came to Logan County, Ky., and settled in the Red Oak Grove neighborhood south of Russellville on the Orndorff Mill Road. Mary (Polly Gooch) Grubbs died in 1818 in Mercer County, Ky., leaving three small children:

1.—Joel Grubbs (c1813-1865)

2.—William Grubbs (Rev. William Madison Grubbs (1815-1894)

3.—Lucy Grubbs, b. Aug. 22, 1817, Mercer County, Ky., d. Jan. 16, 1865, Logan County, Ky., m. Aug. 15, 1835, Christian W. Orndorff of Logan County, Ky. (Ancestors of John W. Stovall who m. Rosa Lillie Flowers, a granddaughter of Elias J. Fort.)

John Grubbs, a widower with three small children, came from Mercer County to Logan County to locate permanently and continue his occupation as a farmer. He made his first Logan County land deal on Feb. 8, 1822, when he bought from Thomas Britt a farm of 70 acres lying about eight miles south of Russellville, near the now village of Oakville. This was the home of John Grubbs and his second wife, Catherine Branch Fort, whom he had married December 12, 1820.

Now the sole owner of the Britt farm, he began to reach out and buy up several of the surrounding unimproved tracts of land. By 1831 he was in

possession of 448 acres, all in one body. This was his Oakville farm where Catherine Branch (Fort) Grubbs died June 24, 1833, leaving three daughters:

4.—Martha Grubbs (d. 1840).

5.—Catherine Grubbs.

6.—Nancy Boone Grubbs (1828-1902) m. Feb. 13, 1845, Ira Woodrough Orndorff, a brother of Christian W. Orndorff who had married her half-sister Lucy Grubbs in 1835. (Christian W. Orndorff and Ira W. Orndorff were nephews of Delilah Orndorff who later became the fourth wife of Capt. John Grubbs.)

Catherine Branch (Fort) Grubbs was buried in Burial Ground #1 in the corner of the yard of the residence on this farm where now lives Mrs. Forrest Herring.

In 1834, John Grubbs bought and moved to the farm that joined him on the west. This piece of property was known as the Starling farm.

The Starling farm was the home of John Grubbs and his third wife, Mary Chastain, daughter of William Chastain and Madeline Ayers, whom he married in 1834, and by whom he had a son:

7.—James Bowling Grubbs (1836-1915).

When Mary Chastain Grubbs died in September, 1841, she was buried in the Chastain family cemetery near Parson's Camp Ground, west of the Orndorff Mill Road, about half way from Russellville to the Orndorff Mills on Red River west of Adairville. This was the cemetery where John Grubbs was first buried.

Delilah Orndorff, daughter of Christopher and Mary (Thomas) Orndorff, in 1842 became the fourth wife of Capt. John Grubbs. Two of her brother Christian Orndorff's sons had married half-sisters, Lucy and Nancy Boone Grubbs, daughters of John Grubbs and his first and second wives.

Delilah (Orndorff) Grubbs (b. Dec. 7, 1796) died Nov. 9, 1859. She was buried in the Orndorff Cemetery beside her parents several miles northeast of Adairville, Ky., toward the Old Red River Meeting House.

When in the prime of life and giving his undivided attention to the Starling farm, John Grubbs was considered one of the neatest and best farmers in South Logan. His residence, barns and outhouses were all built of logs, but everything was kept in apple-pie order. Corn, oats and hay were his major crops. His horses, mules, cattle, sheep and hogs were in good condition the year around. He took good care of his slaves, he fed and clothed them well, and they were very much attached to their old master. The doors of his home were open to the rich and poor alike, and he was known in his section of the country for his many deeds of charity.

Back in the forties, John Grubbs represented Logan County in the State Legislature. He rode horseback from his home in the county to Frankfort, the capital of the state.

When Capt. John Grubbs died on March 27, 1872, his body was laid to rest beside his third wife in the Chastain family plot, but after Berea Christian Church was established and the cemetery there opened up, some of his descendants bought a lot in that cemetery and moved his body. A monument with the names of his four wives inscribed thereon now marks the final resting place of CAPTAIN JOHN GRUBBS.

NOTE: Much of the material in this sketch was given in an article entitled Early History of the Virginia-Kentucky Branch of the Grubbs Family that was written by J. V. Orndorff (1857-1941) and published in the News-Democrat, Russellville, Ky., March 22, 1928.

Grubbs

I.—WILLIAM GRUBBS, the first known member of this Grubbs family, married Susanna Hearne. They had nine daughters and one son:

1.—Sarah (Sallie) Grubbs, m. James Berry.

2.—Elizabeth Grubbs, m. Christopher Harris, a preacher, son of Christopher Harris and his 1st wife, Agnes McCord.

3.—Nancy Grubbs, m. Robert Harris, a brother of Christopher.

4.—Mary (Mollie) Grubbs, m. Robert Moore.

5.—Susan Grubbs, m. John Moore.

6.—Anna (Annie) Grubbs, b. 1766, m. Squire Boone, a Baptist preacher, son of Samuel Boone.

7.—LUCY GRUBBS m. in 1776 Thomas Gooch.

8.—Henrietta (Hennie) Grubbs, m. Andrew Rea (Ray).

9.—Frances (Fannie) Grubbs, m. Joshua Barton.

10.—HIGGASON GRUBBS, b. c1740, m. Lucy Harris of Albemarle County, Va.

About the year 1775, William Grubbs and his wife Susanna and several, if not all, of their daughters came from Albemarle County, Virginia, to Kentucky, and made claim to land. Kentucky was then a part of Virginia, and was known as Kentucky County. William Grubbs died a few days after reaching Kentucky and was buried at Bryan's Station. After his death, his wife and children moved to what is now Madison County, where Mrs. Susanna (Hearne) Grubbs later died and was buried on Tate's Creek Pike about three miles west of Richmond, Kentucky. For the Fort Genealogy we are specifically interested in two of the children of William and Susanna (Hearne) Grubbs:

1.—#7, Lucy Grubbs, who married in 1776, Albemarle County, Va., Thomas Gooch, Sr., (1750-c1815), a soldier in the American Revolution from Virginia (DAR Patriot Index, p. 273), who moved in 1785 from Bedford County, Va., to what was later Shelby County, Ky. They were the parents of ten children, one of whom was Mary "Polly" Gooch.

2.—#10, the son, Higgason Grubbs (b. c1740 Hanover County, Va., d. June 30, 1830, Madison County, Ky.) who married c1763 in Albemarle County, Va., Lucy Harris (c1745-c1830). They came to the later State of Kentucky about 1780, and they had eight or nine children, one of whom was John Grubbs, b. April 29, 1786.

Higgason Grubbs had many land transactions, amassed quite a fortune, and became a prominent and substantial citizen of newly settled Kentucky. His Revolutionary War Service was "Private in Militia; organized Militia of Kentucky under John Logan and Capt. Robert Barnett March 15 and April 15, 1782. Services rendered at Falls of Ohio." (NSDAR 271650 and 408994. Also, p. 289, DAR Patriot Index.)

The Revolutionary War Service of Lucy (Harris) Grubbs, the wife of Higgason Grubbs, was "Patriot—defended Pioneer Fort with her husband." (NSDAR 414235. Huguenot Society of Indiana #19.)

In 1787, Higgason Grubbs was one of the trustees of Boonesborough, and he resided in the fort for a while. In 1787-1788, he represented Madison County in conventions. He was a member of the First Constitutional Convention at Danville, Kentucky, and at various times after the State was admitted into the Union he was a member of the House of Representatives. He also settled Grubbs Station on Muddy Creek in Madison County in 1792. (P. 167, *KENTUCKY IN RETROSPECT* 1792-1967.)

The following were the children of Higgason Grubbs and Lucy Harris:— (Probably not listed in order of birth.)

1.—William Grubbs.

2.—John Grubbs (1787-1872), m/1 Mary (Polly) Gooch; m/2 Catherine Branch Fort; m/3 Mary Chastain; m/4 Delilah Orndorff.

3.—Thomas Grubbs, m. Kate Howard.

4.—James Grubbs, m. Polly Oldham.

5.—Jesse Grubbs, m. Nancy Oldham.

6.—Nancy Grubbs, m. William Boone, son of George Boone.

7.—Mourning Grubbs, m. Squire Boone, brother of William Boone who married her sister Nancy Grubbs.

8.—Lucy Grubbs, m. _____ Barnes.

Harris

LUCY HARRIS, the wife of Higgason Grubbs, was from a long line of Harris ancestors who came from Glamorgan County, Wales, to France; thence to England during the reign of Charles II; and finally to America, probably near the middle of the 17th century. Although her ancestry has been traced back to King Edward I of England who married Eleanor of Castile, for this record it is sufficient to say her line comes from:—

I.—SIR WILLIAM HARRIS, BART., who married Alice Smith, daughter of Sir Thomas Smith. Their second son was:

II.—CAPT. THOMAS HARRIS (b. 1587) who m/1 in England Adria Gurganey, daughter of Edward and Anne Gurganey, and who came to Virginia about 1611. They were the parents of two children:

1.—Major Robert Harris, b. 1615.

2.—Mary Harris, b. 1625, who became the second wife of Col. Thomas Ligon of Henrico County, Va., and the mother of his son Richard Ligon.

III.—MAJOR ROBERT HARRIS (b. 1615) married in Virginia a widow, Mary (Claiborne) Rice, daughter of Secretary William Claiborne of Virginia and his wife, Elizabeth Butler. Major Robert Harris and Mary (Claiborne) Rice had a son:

IV.—WILLAM HARRIS, married Temperance Overton. Their son:

V.—MAJOR ROBERT HARRIS II, married in 1720 Mourning Glenn. They had a number of children, one of whom was:

VI.—MARY HARRIS (1729-1819) who married her cousin, James Harris.

The will of James Harris dated Feb. 25, 1792, probated September Court, 1792, and recorded in W.B. 3, p. 165, Albemarle County, Va., named 9 children and the daughter of a deceased daughter. The first child named in this will was:

VII.—LUCY HARRIS (c1745-c1830) who married c1763 in Albemarle County, Va., Higgason Grubbs (1740-1830), son of William Grubbs and Susanna Hearne.

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Orndorff

I.—CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF I was born in Prussia, a former northern state of Germany, that was once a kingdom. He arrived at the Port of Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 26, 1741, on "The St. Mark." It is assumed his wife, Elizabeth von Mueller, died earlier as there is no record of her coming to this country. He died April 16, 1772, at Fredericksburg, Lebanon County, Pa, and was buried in Bethel Moravian Cemetery. One of his children was a son:

II.—MAJOR JOHANN CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF II (b. Nov. 15, 1726 in Prussia) who came with his father on "The St. Mark" in 1741, lived in Lebanon County, Pa., where he married April 2, 1749, Elizabeth Ann Hoffman. She was born in 1732, probably in Germany, and died July 19, 1829, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Major Johann Christian Orndorff II served in the Revolutionary War. He died Dec. 10, 1797, at Sharpsburg, Maryland. (See DAR Patriot Index.) He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, one of whom was:

III.—CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER ORNDORFF, b. Nov. 23, 1752, Lancaster County, Pa., who was also a Revolutionary soldier. (See DAR Patriot Index.) He married in Pennsylvania March 21, 1775, Mary Ann Thomas, a German girl, who was born about 1753. Capt. Christopher Orndorff migrated first to Maryland, then on to Kentucky in 1805 with his wife and eleven children. They settled on a big spring emptying into Red

River about four miles northeast of Adairville, Ky., toward the Old Red River Meeting House. Here he died Sept. 14, 1823, and she died Oct. 4, 1823. They were buried in the Orndorff Family Cemetery that is on Highway 664 near Robey's Store and is in an excellent state of preservation.

For the Genealogy of the Fort family, we are specifically interested in these two children of Christopher Orndorff and Mary Thomas:

1.—Christian Orndorff, b. Dec. 7, 1775.

2.—Elizabeth Orndorff, b. Dec. 22, 1777.

IV.—CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF, b. Dec. 7, 1775, in Maryland, d. Feb. 2, 1845, Logan County, Ky. He m. June 7, 1800, in Maryland, Mrs. Mary (Rohrer) Weyerman (Wyerman or Wireman), the wealthy young widow of Charles Weyerman. She was a daughter of Jacob Rohrer, Sr., (1741-1804) and a granddaughter of Frederick Rohrer who came to America in 1729. She was b. June 20, 1778, Hagerstown, Md., and d. July 2, 1849, Logan County, Ky.

Christian and Mary Orndorff bought land "down the river" from his father and built a home on the hill above the present village of Schley, four miles west of Adairville, where the Orndorff Mills were in operation for so many years. Both of them were buried in the cemetery that bears his name. This cemetery is back of the house, some distance across the field, on a knoll overlooking Red River.

Christian and Mary Orndorff had twelve children, two of whom are of especial interest:

1.—Christian W. Orndorff (1805-1870) who married in 1835 Lucy Grubbs, daughter of Capt. John Grubbs and his 1st wife, Mary (Polly) Gooch, and

2.—Ira Woodrough Orndorff (1820-1903) who married in 1845 Nancy Grubbs, daughter of Capt. John Grubbs and his 2nd wife, Catherine Branch Fort.

V.—CHRISTIAN W. ORNDORFF was b. Feb. 28, 1805, Shepherdstown, Va., since 1863 in West Virginia. He d. Feb. 24, 1870, at his farm home on the Orndorff Mill Road about one-half mile north of his father's home at Schley. He m. August 15, 1835, Logan County, Ky., Lucy Grubbs (b. Aug. 22, 1817, Mercer (or Shelby) County, Ky.), daughter of Capt. John Grubbs and his first wife, Mary "Polly' Gooch. Lucy Grubbs Orndorff d. Jan. 16, 1865. She and Christian W. Orndorff were both buried in the cemetery started by his father Christian Orndorff. They were the parents of six children, the youngest of whom was:

VI.—DRUCILLA BOONE ORNDORFF, b. April 10, 1849, d. June 28, 1893, m. Sept. 15, 1870, Henry Clay Stovall (b. May 22, 1845, d. Jan. 31, 1936), son of Joel Stovall and Rebecca Rickman of Logan County, Ky. Both were buried in the Christian Orndorff cemetery. They had ten children, one of whom was:

VII.—JOHN WILLIAM STOVALL, SR., b. April 12, 1882, living in 1969, who m. Oct. 18, 1906, Rosa Lillie Flowers (1885-1961), daughter of Daniel Bagby Flowers and Louisa Montgomery Fort (daughter of Elias Joseph Fort and Louisa Montgomery Hannum).

IV.(2)—ELIZABETH ORNDORFF, b. Dec. 22, 1777, in Maryland, d. March 21, 1860, Logan County, Ky., m. March 12, 1802, Jacob Miller, Sr.

(b. March 11, 1778, Shenandoah County, Va., d. Dec. 16, 1837, Logan County, Ky.), son of Christian Miller and Catharine Wiseman. They were buried in the old Red Oak Grove cemetery about a mile northwest of the church. This is a rather large cemetery on a farm owned by a Mr. Shakelford. One of the children of Elizabeth Orndorff and Jacob Miller, Sr., was a daughter:

V. (2)—CATHERINE MILLER (b. May 9, 1809, Logan County, Ky., d. March 28, 1885), m. Oct. 27, 1836, Daniel Cotton Boyd (b. Feb. 2, 1809, d. Jan. 18, 1871), son of John Boyd and Susan Gorham. Their son: (See BOYD)

VI. (2)—GEORGE WASHINGTON BOYD (1842-) m. Elizabeth Frances Barker, and one of their daughters:

VII. (2)—PEARL CATHARINE BOYD (b. Aug. 27, 1881) m. Nov. 18, 1903, Edward Carrington Flowers (1879-1962), son of Daniel Bagby Flowers and Louisa Montgomery Fort (daughter of Elias Joseph Fort and Louisa Montgomery Hannum).

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Haddox

I.—ELIAS HADDOX died before January 17, 1837, when a deed made by his heirs was recorded in the Logan County Clerk's Office, Russellville, Kentucky. An Inventory and Account of Sale of his estate is recorded in W.B. "G", p. 25, dated Nov. 26, 1938. One of his sons was:

II.—DANIEL HADDOX, born probably between 1800 and 1805, who died before 1873. He m/1 July 7, 1827, Logan County, Ky., Lucinda Wood, daughter of Bagel Wood and wife Cinderalla, by whom he apparently had seven children.

Daniel Haddox m/2 in 1851 Mrs. Mary Zerelda A. (Helm) North, daughter of James Helm (b. 1779) and his 2nd wife Sarah Griffin. (See HELM.) She was the widow of William T. North and the mother of two children, 1) Willie North, a daughter, who died young, and 2) Elisha North who married Gold McCuddy.

Daniel Haddox and Mrs. Mary Zerelda A. (Helm) North became the parents of these two children:

1.—Sallie Haddox, b. Sept. 17, 1852, d. March 28, 1896, m. Sept. 8, 1876, (as his 1st wife) Charles Elmore Orndorff, son of Ira Woodrough Orndorff and Nancy Boone Grubbs.

2.—Ella Haddox, b. Oct. 28, 1858, d. Oct. 26, 1936, m. Dec. 12, 1876, John Christian Orndorff, brother of Charles Elmore Orndorff. The brothers

Orndorff were grandsons of Capt. John Grubbs and his 2nd wife, Catherine Branch Fort.

In 1873, D.B. 47, p. 594, Mary Z. A. Haddox and others asked for a division of the lands of Daniel Haddox. In W.B. "K", p. 507, Logan County Clerk's Office, is a plat showing the division of 478-3/4 acres of land at Oakville by Thomas G. Gooch, E. J. Carr and L. S. Herring, Commissioners, into ten tracts. (There is a Haddox family cemetery on this farm that has in more recent years been known as the Bud Hughes farm. Clarence Kurtsinger was living there in 1967.) One tract was assigned to the widow, Mary Z. A. Haddox; the others to the following people:

A.—Susan Garrett. (She was called "Souky". In 1864 she married Ed Garrett of Barren Plains, Tenn., whose 1st wife was Susan E. Taylor, daughter of Josiah Taylor, and they had a large family—about seven children. Their oldest son, a one-time Representative from Tennessee, m. Ida Jones, a sister of Jesse Jones (b. Robertson County, Tenn.) who went to Houston, Texas.)

B.—Ella Haddox. (Later m. John Christian Orndorff.)

C.—Sallie Orndorff. (Had m. Charles Elmore Orndorff.)

D.—Minnie & Mattie Combs. (Apparently daughters of Ann A. Haddox who m. in 1864 J. W. Combs.)

E.—Ellen and Eugene Haddox. (Presumably children of a deceased son whose initials were "A. E.", as a Mrs. A. E. Haddox was married in 1881 to Thomas Oaks.)

F.—Amanda E. Potter. (Amanda E. Haddox m. Aug. 1, 1849, A. W. Potter.)

G.—John D. Haddox. (M. Jan. 10, 1865, Mary F. Combs.)

H.—Ada Boyd. (She was the daughter of Mary Haddox who m. Feb. 20, 1855, as his 1st wife, James Y. Boyd (1817-1873).

Ada Boyd (b. July 3, 1859) m. Nov. 19, 1879, Marcellus "Cell" Orndorff, son of Christian W. Orndorff and Lucy Grubbs, daughter of Capt. John Grubbs and his 1st wife, Lucy Gooch. Marcellus Orndorff was a half-first cousin of the Orndorff brothers who married Ada Boyd's half-aunts, Ella and Sallie Haddox.

I.—Emily G. Markham. Called "Gertie" for Gertrude, she m. Oct. 29, 1868, Jesse Abston Markham, and lived about five miles west of Russellville, Ky. They had three children, 1) Bertha Markham who m. Lee Hardy and had three sons, 2) Jessie Markham who m. B. Duke Johnson, and 3) Charlie Daniel Markham, the father of Paul and Wilbur Markham.

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Helm

I.—MOSES HELM and his wife, Sarah Jameson (1711-1811) emigrated from Ireland to Bedford County, Va., in 1738. She was buried in Campbell

County, Va., in the Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery. They had eight children:

1.—John Helm, a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War.
2.—Thomas Helm, a Captain in the Revolutionary War who died in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse.
3.—Elizabeth Helm, m. Alex Steel.
4.—William Helm.
5.—Susanna Helm.
6.—Jane Helm, did not marry.
7.—Sarah Helm, m. James Dinwiddie, moved to Tenn.
8.—Mary Helm, m. James Carson.

II.—JOHN HELM (#1 above) (1741-1825) - "Soldier of the Revolution. Commissioned Lieutenant March 7, 1782, Virginia." (NSDAR 326374) Married Mary Carson and had eight children:

1.—Moses Helm (1777-184_), m. Nancy Owens in Virginia, and came from Campbell County, Va., to Kentucky in 1804. (Ancestors of Miss Margie May Helm, Bowling Green, Ky.)
2.—James Helm, b. 1779.
3.—Thomas Helm, stayed in Virginia.
4.—John (Jack) Helm, came to Butler Co., Ky., unmarried.
5.—Sallie Helm, came to Butler Co., Ky., unmarried.
6.—Jan Helm, stayed in Virginia, m. _____ Doss.
7.—Betsy Helm, came to Kentucky (Cadiz), m. _____ McAlister.
8.—Polly Helm, came to Kentucky, m. _____ Dixon.

III.—JAMES HELM (#2 above), b. 1779, came from Campbell County, Va., to Williamson County, Tenn. He m/1 _____ Chapman; no issue. He m/2 in Virginia Sarah Griffin, and they had four children:

1.—Fidella Helm, lived near Madisonville, Ky.
2.—Mandeville Helm, lived at Russellville, Ky., and had two children: 1) James Helm and 2) Mora Alonzo Helm (b. 1892).
3.—Mary Zerelda A. Helm.
4.—Jane Helm, never married.

IV.—MARY ZERELDA A. HELM (#3 above), b. 1820 Campbell County, Va., moved to Williamson County, Tenn., then to Logan County, Ky., where she d. June 20, 1883. She m/1 Sept. 22, 1839, William T. North (d. 1847) and they had two children:

1.—Willie North, a daughter who died young.
2.—Elisha North, married Gold McCuddy. They adopted Mattie Shields who married Tom Dawson and lived near Berea Church, Logan County, Kentucky.

Mary Zeralda A. Helm m/2 in 1851 (as his 2nd wife) Daniel Haddox, and they had two daughters:

3.—Sallie Haddox, b. Sept. 17, 1852, m. Charles Elmore Orndorff.
4.—Ella Haddox, b. Oct. 28, 1858, m. John Christian Orndorff.

Data on the Helm family contributed by Geneva (Blakey) Woodall of Casper, Wyoming, a granddaughter of Ella Haddox and John Christian Orndorff.

Blakey

"The precise date of the arrival in Virginia of the Blakeys has not yet been determined. The Christ Church Register, p. 22, says that Robert Blakey and Jane Kid married the 29th of January, 1683/4. If Thomas Blakey arrived as early as Robert, we may assume that they landed somewhere about 1680." (From Blakey Genealogy compiled in 1942 by Lue Adams Kress who died May 18, 1968, when 87 years old, at Caldwell, Idaho.)

I.—THOMAS BLAKEY—m. 1690 Susanna Churchill, daughter of Col. William Churchill and wife Mary. Their son:

II.—CHURCHILL BLAKEY, b. March 31, 1691, d. 1738, m. Nov. 30, 1710, Sarah George (b. Feb. 20, 1692), daughter of Gen. Robert George (1666-1733), Middlesex County, Va., and Sarah Elliott (d. 1734), widow of Thomas Elliott. Their son:

III.—THOMAS BLAKEY, baptized April 6, 1712, according to record of Middlesex County, Va., Christ Church Parish Register published in 1897 by Colonial Dames, m. ca 1746 Ann Haden, daughter of Anthony Haden and Margaret Douglas, and had ten children.

Their first child, Sarah (Sally) George Blakey, m. Elder David Patteson; their sixth child, Elizabeth Patteson, m. Cornelius Thomas, Jr., on July 14, 1791, and they were the parents of Lucy Thomas who m. George Douglas Blakey, grandson of Thomas Blakey and Ann Haden.

IV.—GEORGE BLAKEY, second child of Thomas Blakey and Ann Haden, was b. Nov. 22, 1749, Culpepper County, Va., and d. Sept. 8, 1842, at RURAL CHOICE, his home three miles west of Russellville, Logan County, Ky. He was a Revolutionary soldier. (NSDAR 105957, NSDAR 526772. P. 65, DAR Patriot Index.) He m. Jan. 10, 1787, Margaret Whitsett (b. Oct. 26, 1767, Amherst County, Va., d. Oct. 25, 1859) at *RURAL CHOICE*, daughter of William Whitsett and Ellen Menees. They had ten children, the youngest of whom was:

V.—GEORGE DOUGLAS BLAKEY, b. Feb. 21, 1809, at *RURAL CHOICE*, d. in 1886, Bowling Green, Ky., m/1 Feb. 23, 1830, Nashville, Tenn., his cousin, Lucy Thomas (b. May 20, 1809, Sumner County, Tenn., d. Jan. 16, 1870, Greencastle, Ind.), daughter of Cornelius Thomas, Jr., and Elizabeth Patteson (daughter of Elder David Patteson and Sally George Blakey). He m/2 Sarah Jane West Barner, a widow; no issue.

An historian, George Douglas Blakey was the author of "Men Whom I Remember," biographies of early settlers of Logan County, Kentucky. Also a politician, he ran for Lieutenant-Governor on the first Republican ticket in Kentucky with Cassius M. Clay. He was chairman of the delegation sent to notify Lincoln of his nomination for President of the United States.

George Douglas Blakey and Lucy Thomas were the parents of six children. Three died in infancy. Their youngest child was:

VI.—REUBEN THOMAS BLAKEY, b. March 6, 1842, at *RURAL CHOICE*, d. Aug. 16, 1899, m. Sept. 13, 1868, Greenville, Ky., Frances W. Cundiff (b. July 16, 1848, d. Aug. 7, 1923 at *RURAL CHOICE*, daughter of Robert Wickliffe Cundiff and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Ann McCarty (McCardy). They had five sons, only one of whom left descendants:

VII.—GEORGE THOMAS BLAKEY, b. March 15, 1879, at *RURAL CHOICE*, d. Sept. 6, 1956, buried at Berea, m. June 26, 1912, Mamie Grubbs Orndorff, daughter of John Christian Orndorff and Ella Haddox, and they became the parents of five children.

Data on Blakey family contributed by Geneva (Blakey) Woodall of Casper, Wyoming, a granddaughter of Ella Haddox and John Christian Orndorff.

Chart 6, Chapter IV.

SARAH BATTLE FORT, daughter and 6th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Sept. 23, 1801, Robertson County, Tenn., where she d. April 27, 1845, and was buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery. She m. Jan. 15, 1822, Joseph Wimberly II, son of Joseph Wimberly I and Sarah Diggs, who was b. probably about 1897/8 and d. after she died; however, no stone to his memory was found in the family cemetery.

Joseph Wimberly II drew Lot #7 (166 acres of land) in the division of the real estate of his father, Joseph Wimberly I. He was also given two slaves, Sam ($500.00) and Ben ($150.00).

A niece of Joseph Wimberly II, Mary Catherine (Wimberly) Killebrew (Mrs. J. B.), in her RECOLLECTIONS OF A LIFETIME, said, "Joseph Wimberly II left one daughter, two having died before he did. The oldest one, Araminta (sic), married Thomas Trigg. She died leaving one daughter who married Mr. Barnes, whose son now (1902) lives at the old Joseph Wimberly place, the fifth generation which has owned it."

Sarah Battle Fort and Joseph Wimberly II were the parents of five children:

1.—Arimenta C. Wimberly, b. Dec. 25, 1822, d. April 1, 1843, buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery, m. March 28, 1840, Thomas S. Trigg (b. April 5, 1818, d. Dec. 17, 1897), son of William Trigg and Ann Hampton.

After the death of Arimenta, Thomas S. Trigg m/2 Mrs. Elizabeth Metcalfe, widow of Charles Metcalfe, and it seems that Arimenta's two younger sisters, Eudora and Eugenia Wimberly, lived with them after the death of their mother Sarah Battle (Fort) Wimberly in 1845.

According to Mrs. Killebrew, "This last wife died in the spring of 1881. They had a number of children, all of whom but one died before he did, their only son having died on Dec. 26, 1898." These children, of course, were half-brothers and sisters of the daughter of Arimenta C. Wimberly and Thomas S. Trigg, but they were not of the Fort blood line. The daughter:

A.—Fannie Trigg, was born Aug. 28, 1842. (See later)

2.—George D. Wimberly, b. Sept. or Oct. 8, 1826, d. Dec. 10 or 18, 1840, when 14 years old, and was buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery.

3.—Robert H. Wimberly, b. Dec. 20, 1830, d. March 28, 1857, buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery. He lived with his father after the death of his mother, and seems to have married D. Barker.

4.—Eudora A. Wimberly, b. c1834, d. Aug. 7, 1884, after the "First Reunion" was held in June, 1884.

This was a reunion of FORT, JOHNSON, KILLEBREW, METCALFE, RADFORD, AND WHITFIELD families held in the grove of Col. E. A. Fort on the banks of Red River. These reunions gradually became known as Fort Family Reunions and continued through 1955.

Eudora A. Wimberly m. Dec. 20, 1854, Dr. James H. Mallory (d. 1882) and they had two sons:

A.—Joseph Wimberly Mallory, b. Oct. 6, 1855, d. Sept. 14, 1857, buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery.

B.—Robert W. Mallory, b. Sept. 2, 1870, d. July 3, 1885, about ten days after suffering an accidental rifle shot in the stomach. Buried in the same cemetery.

Of Eudora (Wimberly) Mallory, Mrs. Killebrew said, " . . . (she) took four of the Confederate orphans when the asylum was broken up. After they grew up, she took others from the Mission Home in Nashville. At one time she had seven orphan children. They did her house work. In some ways she was very kind to them, but at times she was irritable and unreasonable, making life very unpleasant for them. They were kind, patient, and attentive to her, and true to their duties during her last illness . . ."

Of Robert Mallory, Mrs. Killebrew said, ". . . he (Robert Mallory) was visiting his cousin (Piety Fort Calhoun) and he and his cousin's two stepsons were building a boat in which to make a trip down Red River hunting and fishing. They finished the boat and started out on a trip . . . When they got to a spring on our place, they got out to eat their lunch. Tyler Calhoun, the oldest boy, getting off first and telling the other two to sit until he tied the boat . . . but instead of waiting, Robert got up in pulling the rope, and it in some way struck Tyler's rifle which he had under his arm, discharging it. The ball passed through Robert, inflicting a fatal wound. He died on the 10th day, having suffered very much. He was nearly 15 years old, the only son, and the last of his family."

5.—Eugenia Wimberly, b. Jan. 14, 1838, d. Aug. 5, 1858, buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery, m. April 23, 1857, Dr. James B. Sugg, Captain C.S.A., son of Dr. Henry Horn Sugg (1804-1853) and Mary Ann Grimes (1812-1884). Mrs. Killebrew said, "The wedding was at Uncle Joe's (Joseph Wimberly II) and the reception at Mrs. Sugg's." They had one daughter:

A.—Sallie W. Sugg, b. May 6, 1858, d. Feb. 5, 1859. She was buried in the family cemetery beside her mother.

Dr. James B. Sugg m/2 Callie Douglas (1843-1902) of Sumner County, Tenn., by whom he had several children. Callie (Douglas) Sugg and two of their sons and their wives were buried in the Cemetery at Adams, Tennessee. Others may be buried there.

FANNIE TRIGG, daughter of Thomas S. Trigg and Arimenta C. Wimberly, was b. Aug. 28, 1842, and d. Nov.17, 1894, with burial in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery. Her tombstone indicates she entered the Baptist Church at Little Hope in 1869. She m. in January, 1861, Reps Allen

Barnes (b. July 11, 1837, d. June 15, 1898). His tombstone stands beside hers in the family cemetery. They had two sons:

1.—John Thomas Barnes, b. Oct. 27, 1861, d. Aug. 15, 1929, m. Oct. 11, 1893, Hattie Sory (b. Oct. 26, 1868), d. May 22, 1951) of Adams, Tenn. Both were buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery. They had six children:

A.—Infant son, b. and d. Sept. 18, 1895, buried in the family cemetery.

B.—Reps Allen Barnes, b. Sept. 9, 1896, Adams, Tenn., m. Dec. 1, 1928, Mabel Ussery, b. Feb. 13, 1900), now living at Cedar Hill, Tenn. They had one child:

a.—Reps Allen Barnes, Jr., b. and d. Jan. 19, 1933, buried in the family cemetery.

C.—Robert Sory Barnes, b. June 21, 1899, d. Dec. 26, 1964, m. May 14, 1925, Catherine Woodruff, who now lives at Adams, Tenn., with their son:

a.—Robert Sory Barnes, Jr., b. April 28, 1929. Unmarried.

D.—John Thomas Barnes, Jr., b. Jan. 13, 1902, d. April 15, 1962. Unmarried. Buried in the family cemetery.

E.—Norman Wimberly Barnes, b. Oct. 24, 1904, Adams, Tenn., where he d. Oct. 7, 1963, shortly after retiring from a position in the "north" and returning to the old "Sory Place" at Adams. He m. Eloise Rogers Hamill, the only child of Hollie Adams Hamill and Elizabeth Rogers. No children.

Eloise (Hamill) Barnes m/2 Sept. 7, 1965, Walter Anderson Fort (b. Dec. 11, 1903), son of Joel Battle Fort (1854-1934) and Sallie Dean McKay, and they live at the old "Sory Place"—FAIRFIELD, at Adams.

F.—Richard "Dick" Barnes, b. March 10, 1907, Adams, Tenn., m. Sept. 15, 1929, Mary Bell Ussery, sister of Mabel Ussery who married his brother Reps Allen Barnes. They live at Cedar Hill, Tennessee, and have one son:

a.—Thomas Sterling Barnes, b. Feb. 11, 1931, m. Sept. 15, 1951, Mary Anna Dunn. In March, 1968, they were living in Follansbee, Brooke County, West Virginia, with their five children:

(1)—Thomas Sterling Barnes, Jr., b. June 5, 1953.
(2)—Richard Lynn Barnes, b. Sept. 3, 1955.
(3)—Eric Paul Barnes, b. Feb. 27, 1957.
(4)—Joy Ellen Barnes, b. April 15, 1959.
(5)—Susan Diane Barnes, b. Oct. 16, 1960.

2.—Norman Wimberly Barnes, the second son of Fannie Trigg and Reps Allen Barnes, b. June 18, 1865, d. Jan. 5, 1886, unmarried, and was buried in the Wimberly-Mallory-Fort Cemetery.

Chart 7, Chapter IV.

JOEL BATTLE FORT of "Fort's Station, Tennessee", the 7th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Feb. 17, 1805, Robertson County, Tennessee, where he d. Aug. 28, 1867, and was buried in the William Fort

Cemetery on the Metcalfe Place (formerly the William Fort homeplace) beside his 1st wife.

Joel Battle Fort m/1 Oct. 2, 1828, Nancy Carr Metcalfe (b. Jan. 28, 1809, d. June 26, 1860), daughter of Ilai Metcalfe and Susannah Carr, by whom he had seven children. He m/2 about 1864 Mrs. Ann Parham, widow of Charles Parham, and the mother of three daughters, Charlie D. Parham, Sallie Bettie Parham, and Alice Parham.

The seven children of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe were:

1.—Piety Horn Fort, b. July 23, 1829, d. Dec. 15, 1836, buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery.

2.—Susannah Carr Fort, b. Aug. 29, 1831. (See later)

3.—Josiah William Fort, b. Dec. 5, 1833. (See later)

4.—Dr. Charles Henry Fort, b. May 16, 1836. (See later)

5.—Virginia Catherine Fort, b. Aug. 9, 1838, d. May 1, 1844, buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery.

6.—Piety Horn Fort, b. Jan. 7, 1841, d. Aug. 23, 1861, buried in the William Fort Cemetery. She m. Nov. 26, 1860, William T. Radford. No issue.

7.—Hulda Carr Fort, b. June 4, 1844. (See later)

SUSANNAH CARR FORT, 2nd child of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe, was b. Aug. 29, 1831, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Jan. 9, 1871, Montgomery County, Tenn., with burial in the Ligon Cemetery. She m. Nov. 19, 1850, Robertson County, Tenn., with the ceremony being performed by Thomas Watts, M.G., Stephen May Ligon (b. Feb. 1, 1829, Montgomery County, Tenn., where he d. in 1884 and was buried beside his wife in the family cemetery), son of Matthew Ligon and Judith Pleasants. (See LIGON, Chapter III.) They had six children:

1.—Joseph Henry Ligon, b. Feb. 14, 1854, d. April 15, 1889, with burial in the Ligon Cemetery, m. March 26, 1874, Florence Virginia Green (b. Oct. 17, 1856, Simpson County, Ky., d. April 27, 1936, Dayton, Ohio, and buried there), daughter of Charles Green and Mary Ann _____. They had three children:

A.—Charles Franklin Ligon, b. Aug. 11, 1875, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Jan. 25, 1959, Columbia, Tenn., with burial in Arlington Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. He m. Sept. 23, 1908, at Mt. Pleasant, Kittie Moore Stewart (b. April 7, 1886, Mt. Pleasant, Maury County, Tenn., d. May 29, 1957, Columbia, Tenn., and buried in Arlington Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant). They had five children:

a.—Emma Stewart Ligon, b. May 24, 1910, m. Walter Emerson Day on May 21, 1932. He d. June 9, 1965. They had two children:

(1)—Frank Ligon Day, b. May 21, 1933, m. June 20, 1956, Lucy Anderson. Three children:

(a)—Pete Ligon Day.

(b)—Michael Chauncey Day.

(c)—Lord Emerson Day.

(2)—Carolyn Stewart Day, b. Jan. 3, 1937, m. June 21, 1956, David Montague. Two children:

(a)—Suzanne Stewart Montague.

(b)—David Montague, Jr.

b.—Helen Maye Ligon, b. Dec. 4, 1912, m. June 24, 1936, Alan Richardson. One son:

(1)—Joseph Lane Richardson, b. March 29, 1939.

c.—Martha Frances Ligon (a twin), b. Feb. 25, 1916, m. Robert Middleton Buttler (d. April 25, 1962), and had two daughters:

(1)—Pamela Buttler.

(2)—Mary Elizabeth Buttler.

d.—Mary Florence Ligon (twin to Martha Frances Ligon), b. Feb. 25, 1916, m. Oct. 24, 1943, William S. Johnson. Three daughters:

(1)—Martha Frances Johnson.

(2)—Kittie Ligon Johnson.

(3)—Virginia Stewart Johnson.

e.—Katherine Ligon, b. Nov. 5, 1921, m. Nov. 22, 1952, Abner Lee Jones. No children.

B.—Claude Alley Ligon, b. Feb. 1, 1878, Montgomery County, Tenn., where he d. Feb. 23, 1923, unmarried, and was buried in the Ligon Cemetery.

C.—Florence Virginia Ligon, b. Oct. 16, 1881, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. June 30, 1958, Dayton, Ohio, and buried there. She m. Jan. 25, 1905, Rice W. Warfield (b. March 13, 1879, d. Jan. 25, 1905), and they had two daughters:

a.—Elaine Warfield, b. Dec. 4, 1907, d. Dec. 6, 1907.

b.—Maude Miller Warfield, b. June 12, 1909, m. Otis Birdsall on Jan. 28, 1833. Two sons:

(1)—Geoffrey Dale Birdsall, b. June 21, 1937.

(2)—Don Warfield Birdsall, b. April 19, 1946.

2.—Lettie (?Lettice) May Ligon(b. May 14, 1856, Montgomery County, Tenn., died in January, 1931), m. in 1872 Garth Reeves Brockman. They had three daughters:

A.—Martha Brockman, b. March 1, 1875, d. in 1965 at Mobile, Ala., m. Frank White. Their daughter:

a.—Martha Frances White, b. Dec. 31, 1902, m. in December, 1928, John W. Todd. They live in Mobile, Ala. No children.

B.—Joy Brockman, b. in 1878, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Matthew Welch, son of Reuben Welch and Sally Council. Two sons:

a.—Noyal Reeves Welch, b. April 13, 1899, m. Nov. 24, 1919, Sarah Mobley (b. July 12, 1896, Montgomery County, Tenn.). They live on the Trenton Road, Clarksville, Tenn. One daughter:

(1)—LaJeaune Welch, b. June 21, 1930, Memphis, Shelby County, Tenn., m. June 20, 1950, William G. Good (b. Dec. 22, 1927), son of Galen Good and Mary Gladys Lovan. William G. Good is a dentist. They have two children:

(a)—William G. Good, Jr., b. Dec. 31, 1951, Memphis, Tenn.

(b)—Gregory Good, b. Feb. 4, 1954, Clarksville, Tenn.

b.—Garth Brockman Welch, b. Nov. 5, 1900, d. March 2, 1969, m. Feb. 6 (or June 2), 1923, Frances Stanley (b. Jan. 7, 1903),

and lived on the Trenton Road, Clarksville, Tenn. Three children:

(1)—Mary Joy Welch, b. Sept. 4, 1930, Clarksville, Tenn., m. July 3, 1952, Richard Grant Covington (b. June 10, 1928), son of Harry Covington and Arie Belle Shelton. They live at Sadlersville, Tenn., where he is in the grain and seed business. They have one son:

(a)—Leslie Grant Covington, b. Aug. 20, 1967.

(2)—Julia Ann Welch, b. Nov. 15, 1934, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Dec. 20, 1950, William Morgan Hayes (b. May 29, 1931), son of J. Marvin Hayes and Anne Davis. They live at Lebanon, Tenn., where Mr. Hayes operates a freight line. They have three children:

(a)—Mary Jane Hayes, b. July 22, 1954.

(b)—Frances Elizabeth Hayes, b. Nov. 20, 1955.

(c)—William Morgan Hayes, Jr., b. May 29, 1958.

(3)—Bond Wilkerson Welch, b. March 15, 1939, is a merchant at Clarksville, Tenn. He m. Feb. 5, 1956, Sallie McCutcheon (b. Dec. 17, 1939), daughter of Robert L. McCutcheon and Sara Rollow. Mrs. Welch is a teacher. They reside on Dunbar Cave Road, Clarksville, Tenn., with their three children:

(a)—Bond Thomas Welch, b. Dec. 17, 1956.

(b)—Lee Brockman Welch, b. Feb. 11, 1958.

(c)—Rollow Clark Welch, b. June 17, 1962.

C.—Josephine Brockman, b. in 1881, m. James Boyd and had two sons:

a.—Edward Boyd.

b.—Joe Boyd.

3.—Nannie Pleasants Ligon, b. April 8, 1859, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Dec. 9, 1948, m. Feb. 21, 1886, Montgomery County, John Boreguard Booth (b. May 24, 1861, New Providence, Montgomery County, d. Feb. 28, 1917), son of _____ Booth and Mary Pollard. John B. Booth was a merchant at Saint Bethlehem, District 6, Montgomery County, Tenn. Both were buried in the Ligon Cemetery. They had three children:

A.—Lettie Ezma Booth, b. Sept. 27, 1887, St. Bethlehem, d. March 31, 1966, buried in the Ligon Cemetery, m. Sept. 12, 1906, Nashville, Tenn., Richard G. Taylor (b. Sept. 15, 1884, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Jan. 10, 1962, buried in Ligon Cemetery). No children.

B.—Edmond Ligon Booth, b. Dec. 7, 1889, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. March 23, 1922, same county, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Jan. 23, 1913, Louise Peterson Bourne (b. Sept. 27, 1893, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of Sam Bourne and Tennie _____. No children.

C.—Cecil English Booth, b. Sept. 23, 1894, St. Bethlehem, m. Sept. 27, 1916, Norman C. Young (b. Aug. 20, 1893, Clarksville, Tenn., d. Dec. 19, 1965, buried in the cemetery at St. Bethlehem, Tenn.), son of William B. Young and Mary Norman Coleman. They had two sons:

a.—William Booth Young, b. Sept. 27, 1924, St. Bethlehem, Tenn.,

m. June 21, 1948, Gladys Irene Kennady (b. Jan. 9, 1923, District 6, Montgomery County, Tenn.) Two children:
(1)—Richard Booth Young, b. March 3, 1950.
(2)—Nancy Carol Young, b. Sept. 1, 1953.

b.—Norman C. Young, Jr., b. June 21, 1927, St. Bethlehem, Tenn., m. Nov. 26, 1953, Christine Elizabeth Price (b. Aug. 26, 1927), daughter of Jessie Price and Nellie _____. No children.

4.—Edmund Fort Ligon, b. July 31, 1866, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Aug. 29, 1928, Mt. Pleasant, Maury County, Tenn., and was buried in Arlington Cemetery. He m. Nov. 15, 1898, Sallie Amelia Slaughter (b. Feb. 24, 1867, St. Bethlehem, Tenn., d. Nov. 21, 1905, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., buried in the Slaughter Cemetery at St. Bethlehem), daughter of Guilford Hamilton Slaughter and Amelia Bowman. Mr. Ligon was in the phosphate industry at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn. They had five children.

A.—Amelia Bowman Ligon, b. March 14, 1900, St. Bethlehem, Tenn., d. Jan. 25, 1959, Louisville, Ky., buried in Arlington Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, m. Oct. 30, 1923, at Mt. Pleasant, Asa Leon McDonald (b. June 2, 1898, Carthage, Tenn. (Chestnut Mound), d. Dec. 23, 1962, Louisville, Ky., where he was cremated). They had one daughter.

a.—Sara Bryan McDonald, m. Jan. 3, 1948, T. F. Holland, Jr., and they are the parents of two children.
(1)—T. F. Holland III, b. Sept. 2, 1949, Columbus, Ohio.
(2)—Ann Cowan Holland, b. July 16, 1952, Columbus, Ohio.

B.—Edmund Fort Ligon, Jr., b. Aug. 16, 1901, St. Bethlehem, Tenn., m. Nov. 14, 1939, Helen G. Braithwaite (b. Nov. 26, 1898). No children.

C.—Guilford Hamilton Slaughter Ligon, b. Nov. 2, 1902, Mt. Pleasant, Maury County, Tenn., where he d. Jan. 25, 1968, m. June 1, 1935, Dorothy Wiggs (b. April 2, 1908), daughter of W.C. Wiggs and Jennie _____. They had three children.

a.—Sally Carol Ligon b. Nov. 15, 1938, d. Nov, 17, 1938.

b.—Marian Jeanne Ligon, b. March 27, 1940, m. June 1, 1964, Walter Roberts.

c.—Donna Fort Ligon, b. Aug. 4, 1945.

D.—Mary Fort Ligon, b. May 10, 1904, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

E.—Sarah Slaughter Ligon, b. Sept. 27, 1905, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., m. May 14, 1932, Joe Benefield Hitt (b. Sept. 5, 1906). They have three children:

a.—Mary Ann Hitt, b. July 1, 1934.

b.—Joe Benefield Hitt, Jr., b. Oct. 1, 1936, m. Jan. 21, 1967, Jimmie Lou Houck.

c.—Sally Ligon Hitt, b. Oct. 11, 1947.

5.—Matthew Ligon.

6.—Mary Ligon, died young.

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JOSIAH WILLIAM FORT, 3rd child of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe, was b. Dec. 5, 1833, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. Aug. 1, 1887. He m. in October 1853 Eliza Penelope Dancy (twin to Charlotte Warren Dancy who marrried Ilai Metcalfe Fort), daughter of William Exum Dancy and Nancy Deggs. Eliza Penelope Dancy was b. June 17, 1834, Florence, Ala., and d. April 2, 1882, Robertson County, Tenn. She and her husband were both buried in the William Fort Cemetery. They had seven children.

Miss Della Fort, daughter of Joel Battle Fort and Sallie Dean McKay, said that her brother Charles owned the farm of her "Great-grandfather Joel B. Fort . . . Grandfather Josiah William Fort was pastor of the Old Red River Baptist Church for a long time. He raised his family at the Metcalfe Place, formerly the home of William Fort where the cemetery is located. Uncle Charles and Uncle Sterling lived there until they married, and then it was sold out of the family."

Josiah William Fort was a farmer, a Baptist minister, and a former Judge of the County Court of Robertson County, Tennessee. He kept a Journal for many years, which was continued by his son Sterling Fort of Clarksville, Tennessee. References to several items in a February 8, 1944, letter to Miss Jane Fort, Adams, Tennessee, from her Uncle Sterling, were:

"In looking up the big snow, I ran across the origin of this old Sobieski chair. It was brought to Grandpa's from Yale College in 1848 by Prof. Fred Price, Pa's first teacher.

"On Groundhog Day in 1886 it snowed hard continuously for 36 hours, and was two feet deep.

"I have the old copper servants bell that hung at the south end (outside) of the lower hall. My grandmother rang for the slaves and my mother for the nurses with it . . . The tone was so clear and shrill that I have heard it in the bottom when the wind was in the north.

"Dec. 29, 1884. Killed 17 turkeys. Dressed by Melinda and Chaney Metcalfe @ 10¢ each. They weighed 112 lbs. at 8¢, $8.96. $7.26 net, less than 59¢ each, in trade for groceries."

The seven children of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, all born near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., were:

1.—Joel Battle Fort, b. Aug. 5, 1854. (See later)
2.—William Diggs Fort, b. May 4, 1857. (See later)
3.—Charles Henry Fort, b. Nov. 14, 1861. (See later)
4.—Sterling Fort, b. April 18, 1864. (See later)
5.—Nancy C. Fort, b. May 17, 1867, d. Nov. 24, 1868, buried in the William Fort Cemetery.
6.—Dancy Fort, b. Oct. 11, 1870. (See later)
7.—Charlotte Dancy Fort, b. Nov. 7, 1877. (See later)

JOEL BATTLE FORT, 1st child of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy was b. Aug. 5, 1854, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Nov. 3, 1934, Nashville, Tenn. He m. April 5, 1877, Sallie Dean McKay (b. Aug. 15, 1857, d. April 25, 1933), daughter of Felix Grundy McKay and Jane Wharton Seay. They were buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee. To them were born ten children, eight of whom lived to adulthood.

Following his graduation from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1876, where he was a charter member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Joel B. Fort became principal of Sadler's county school. He was so highly esteemed as a teacher that former pupils held reunions in his honor. After his marriage, he began the practice of law in Springfield, Tennessee. He later practiced in Nashville.

Mr. Fort served in the legislature of 1887 and also in 1889, and was a member of the session which adopted the Dortch ballot in Tennessee, being a strong advocate of the measure. During the same legislature, he sponsored another measure which influenced criminal law in Tennessee. His bill removed the inability of an accused to testify in his own behalf. He served as County Judge of Robertson County 1918-1923, resigning that position to go to Nashville where he might be near his children.

He took an active part in the campaign which resulted in the election of Gov. Austin Peay, and shortly after Gov. Peay took office, he named Judge Fort as State Purchasing Agent. In 1904 he was so impressed with the idea of a tobacco pool that he aided in organizing the old Dark District Tobacco Growers Association, and afterwards went to many states to effect tobacco organizations.

Judge Fort, affectionately called "Colonel Fort", was a Mason. He took his Blue Lodge degrees at the Port Royal Lodge. He was a member of the Red River Baptist Church of which his father was for many years pastor.

He was beloved of young people, toward whom he never behaved as an elderly man. There are plenty of young couples, in Nashville and in other Middle Tennessee towns, who have received Colonel Fort's noted rolling pins, with original verses attached, for wedding presents. While a humorist, he was also a crusader. He was witty, but his wit was savored with wisdom. He looked upon life as something to be enjoyed and to be distributed to others.

Joel B. Fort (1854-1934) wrote a *HISTORY OF THE ILAI METCALFE ACCOUNT BOOK* that was purchased January 31, 1808, by his great-grandfather Ilai Metcalfe. Ilai Metcalfe's daughter, Nancy Carr Metcalfe, married Joel Battle Fort (1805-1867) in 1828 after the Metcalfe family had moved to the William Fort home (where the cemetery is located) in 1820. Both the *HISTORY* and the *ILAI METCALFE ACCOUNT BOOK* contain much interesting historical and genealogical material. Copies of both are included in the WPA copied records of Robertson County, Tennessee, in the genealogical room of the Tennessee State Library at Nashville. The original History and Account Book are stored in the Archives section of the Library.

The children of Joel Battle Fort (1854-1934) and Sallie Dean McKay were "kin to themselves" because Sallie Dean McKay was a descendant of Sarah Fort, the sister of Elias Fort. See Section III.

ELIAS FORT
Catherine

ELIAS FORT
Sarah Sugg

SARAH FORT
m/1 William Dickinson
m/2 Geo. Wimberly I

JOSIAH FORT
Piety Horn

JACOB DICKINSON
Mourning Thomas

JOEL BATTLE FORT
m/1 Nancy Carr Metcalfe

MARY "Polly" DICKINSON
m/2 Frank McKay

JOSIAH WILLIAM FORT
Eliza Penelope Dancy

FELIX GRUNDY McKAY
Jane Wharton Seay

JOEL BATTLE FORT
1854-1934

married
April 5, 1877

SALLIE DEAN McKAY
1857-1933

JANE McKAY FORT
and others

References:
1.—The Jane Fort Papers.
2.—Information from Miss Della Fort, Mrs. Nelson (Jane Carlisle) Trabue and Mrs. O. A. (Mary Leslie Fort) Oliver, Jr., all of Nashville, Tenn.

Joel Battle Fort and Sallie Dean McKay were the parents of the following ten children:

1.—Jane McKay Fort, b. Jan. 28, 1878, near Adams, Tenn., d. April 6, 1963, at the home at "Mint Springs" she shared with her sister Della Fort and her brother Walter Fort.

Their father had bought the Elias J. Fort farm from Piety (Fort) Calhoun, and the Joel B. Fort family moved there in 1897. Through the years, even though the family actually lived most of the time in Nashville, a summer home was maintained at *WHITE HALL* and/or at the old Mint Springs Tavern that was sort of "around the corner and under the hill" from the main house. Eventually, *WHITE HALL* was torn down and a modern bungalow was built in its place.

This was the farm that had stayed continuously in the Fort family name since 1792 - 172 years. After Miss Jane Fort passed away, Miss Della Fort decided to move to Nashville where she would be nearer more members of the family, and her brother Walter Fort married, so the farm was sold in 1964 to Mr. John Robert Alley.

Miss Jane Fort was a quiet, retiring person who loved and lived for her family. She did much work on genealogy, and many people came to her for information. She instigated the building of the summer home, or "hotel" at Mint Springs where many Fort reunions were held. Long ago she started preserving Bible records, saving letters, obituaries and other clippings, exchanging and collecting family records, and drawing charts explaining the various family connections.

THE JANE FORT PAPERS have been the foundation of this genealogical record of the descendants of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg of Robertson County, Tennessee.

2.—Eliza Penelope Fort, b. June 3, 1879, d. Nov. 26, 1880, buried in the William Fort Cemetery, Robertson County, Tenn.

3.—Susie Anderson Fort, b. Dec. 7, 1880, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Nov. 15, 1913, Nashville, Tenn., and buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

4.—Della Dancy Fort, b. July 20, 1883, Robertson County, Tenn., d. July 31, 1968, Nashville, Tenn., with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery. She taught school in Sadlersville, Tenn., from 1908 until 1915, and in Springfield, Tenn., from 1915 until 1921. She then went to Nashville. She retired in 1949 as head bookkeeper from the Nashville Electric Service.

Miss Della Fort was an outgoing person who loved people and kept close contact with all members of the family. She was president of the Anne Grundy Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church in Nashville for many years. She was a member of the Altrusa Club and worked with the Red Cross during World War II, knitting and rolling bandages.

5.—Ida Garrett Fort, b. Aug. 19, 1886, near Adams, Tenn., d. March 13, 1954, Franklin, Tenn. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn., beside her husband, Walter Oscar Carlisle (b. June 10, 1880, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Oct. 16, 1955, Franklin, Williamson County, Tenn.), son of Carson Campbell Carlisle and Nancy Browder. They were married Nov. 16, 1911, at Adams, Tenn., and had four children.

A.—Carson Campbell Carlisle, b. Nov. 24, 1912, Sadlers, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Nov. 16, 1941, Franklin, Tenn., Lucy Gilmore Greer (b. Aug. 3, 1910, daughter of Jefferson Jones Greer and Willie Mae Gilmore of Franklin, Tenn.) He started work with the Federal Reserve Bank in the 1930s and is now vice-president of the Third National Bank in Nashville, serving as a tax and auditing advisor. There are three children:

a.—Carson Campbell Carlisle, Jr., b. July 22, 1944, Nashville, Tenn. A graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy, he attended Washington and Lee University and Vanderbilt University, and received a degree in mathematics in 1966 from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn. In February, 1967, he was assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas for training as a data automation officer.

b.—Jefferson Greer Carlisle, b. Feb. 27, 1947, Nashville, Tenn.

c.—Anne Fort Gilmore Carlisle, b. Jan. 3, 1951, Nashville, Tenn.

B.—Silas McKay Carlisle, b. July 27, 1914, Sadlers, Robertson County, Tenn. d. Sept. 26, 1944, unmarried.

C.—Walter Oscar Carlisle, Jr., b. Nov. 21, 1916, Sadlers, Robertson County, Tenn., served as Captain of Hospital Administration during W.W. II. He is manager of Automatic Transmission Company, Broad Street, Nashville, Tenn., but the family lives on Boyd Mill Pike at Franklin, Tenn. He m. Oct. 22, 1948, Dorinda Frances Derryberry (b. Aug. 16, 1920), daughter of James Westmoreland Derryberry and Alice Dorinda Selley of Columbia, Tenn. They have three children:

a.—Walter Oscar Carlisle III, b. Dec. 4, 1950, Franklin, Tenn.

b.—Nancy Carlisle (a twin), b. June 6, 1953, Franklin, Tenn.

c.—Dorinda Carlisle (twin to Nancy), b. June 6, 1953, Franklin, Tenn.

D.—Jane Carlisle, b. April 3, 1922, Sadlers, Robertson County, Tenn., a graduate of Vanderbilt University, m. Feb. 25, 1950, Nelson Thornton Trabue, Sr. (b. Nov. 29, 1920), son of William Dunn Trabue, Jr., and Frances Thornton of Nashville, Tenn. He owns and operates the Trabue Transmission Company in Nashville. They have four children:

a.—Nelson Thornton Trabue, Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1951, Augusta, Richmond County, Ga.

b.—Jane Dancy Trabue, b. Jan. 18, 1952, Augusta, Ga.

c.—Susie Carlisle Trabue, b. Feb. 4, 1954, Augusta, Ga.

d.—John Dunn Trabue, b. Oct. 16, 1956, Nashville, Tenn.

6.—Joel Battle Fort, Jr., b. Aug. 8, 1888, Springfield, Tenn., d. Oct. 17, 1951, buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn., was a banker. From 1911 until 1917 he was associated with the Cumberland Valley National Bank. During W.W. I he was with the Aviation Service for the years 1917-1919, after which he was with the Federal Reserve Bank in Nashville, becoming Managing Director in 1925. He was a past president of the Nashville Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, a past president of the Nashville Lions Club, and was active in promoting better stock and agriculture in Tennessee.

Joel B. Fort, Jr. m. Oct. 6, 1921 or 1922, at Nashville, Emma Baxter Vaughn, daughter of Robert Vaughn and Eula Williams. She was b. July 3, 1893, Nashville, Tenn., a descendant of Milberry Horn and Joseph Philips. Milberry Horn was a first cousin of Piety Horn, the wife of Josiah Fort. There were no children.

7.—Duncan McKay Fort, b. Jan. 19, 1893, Nashville, Tenn., joined his uncle Duncan McKay in the business of McKay-Reese Co. which was sold during the depression to Dobson-Hicks Co. A veteran of W.W. I, he is a past president of the Southern Seedsmen's Association, a Mason, a deacon and an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville. He m/1 Oct. 18, 1921, Nashville, Tenn., Sarah Lee Kirkpatrick (b. Dec. 24, 1896, d. March 8, 1965, buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery), daughter of Leslie Kirkpatrick (1859-1907) and Mary Anderson Rogers (1865-1936). They had four children.

Duncan McKay Fort m/2 July 14, 1966, Mrs. Marion (Murphy) Woodard (b. Aug. 14, 1901), who was originally from Springfield, Tenn.

The four children of Duncan McKay Fort and Sarah Lee Kirkpatrick are:

A.—Mary Leslie Fort, b. July 27, 1922, Nashville, Tenn., a member of the Nashville Junior League, m. Feb. 21, 1947, Oren Austin Oliver, Jr. (b. Feb. 13, 1919, Nashville, Tenn.), son of Oren Austin Oliver, Sr. (1887-1965) and Floy L. Huntley (b. 1897). He is an automotive manufacturer's representative. They have four children:

a.—Mary Leslie Oliver, b. Oct. 7, 1948, Nashville, Tenn., m. May 31, 1969, Nashville, William Estes Farris, son of John Lellyett Farris deceased, and Penick _____.

b.—Sarah Huntley Oliver, b. Nov. 23, 1949, Nashville, Tenn.

c.—Oren Austin Oliver III, b. May 15, 1953, Nashville, Tenn.

d.—Jane Fort Oliver, b. Jan. 13, 1956, Nashville, Tenn.

B.—Duncan McKay Fort, Jr., b. Aug. 12, 1923, Nashville, Tenn.,

graduated from the Nashville public school system and went immediately into the army during W.W. II. He later attended Vanderbilt University where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity; then was called into service during the Korean War. Formerly affiliated with General Truck Sales, he has now retired. He m. March 9, 1948, Sue Thompson (b. Sept. 4, 1925, Nashville, Tenn.), daughter of Dewitt C. Thompson and Mary Gibson. They have three children, all born in Nashville, Tenn.

a.—Duncan McKay Fort III, b. Oct. 11, 1949.

b.—Mary Gibson Fort, b. March 10, 1953.

c.—Sue Thompson Fort, b. Feb. 17, 1955.

C.—Richard Barr Fort, b. Jan. 1, 1925, Nashville, Tenn., graduated from the public school system in Nashville, served in England during W.W. II, then attended Vanderbilt University where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. About 1950 he went to Columbia, South Carolina, where he is affiliated with Catalina, Inc., as district manager. He m. November, 1947, at Nashville, Ann Scott (b. Feb. 9, 1926, Nashville, Tenn.), daughter of Frank Scott and Jeffie Shivers. They have four children:

a.—Malinda Ann Fort, b. May 8, 1949, Nashville, Tenn.

b.—Richard Barr Fort, Jr., b. Aug. 15, 1951, Columbia, S.C.

c.—Sarah Carolyn Fort, b. March 20, 1955, Columbia, S.C.

d.—Frank Scott Fort, b. July 24, 1958, Columbia, S.C.

D.—Joel Battle Fort, b. July 16, 1933, Nashville, Tenn., a graduate of Maryville College at Maryville, Tenn., m. Aug. 16, 1958, at Ship Bottom, New Jersey, Joyce Elizabeth Boyd (b. May 29, 1936, Philadelphia, Pa.), daughter of Alexander J. Boyd (b. 1893) and Verna Branin (b. 1902). He is connected with American Can Company at Shelbyville, Tenn., but the family lives in Nashville. There are three children, all born in Nashville, Tenn.

a.—Norma Joyce Fort, b. Jan. 24, 1961.

b.—Joel Battle Fort, Jr., (a twin), b. Dec. 17, 1964.

c.—Vernon Alexander Fort, (twin to Joel Battle Fort, Jr.), b. Dec. 17, 1964.

8.—Charles Henry Fort, b. Jan. 19, 1896, Adams, Tenn., d. June 28, 1961, and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn. Educated at the Bowen School in Nashville, he was in the printing business. He m. June 14, 1922, Nashville, Tenn., Virginia Edwards (b. Oct. 18, 1898, Nashville, Tenn.), daughter of Joseph Edwards and Susie Garth. She was a granddaughter of Hulda Carr Fort, 7th child of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe. (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.) They had no children.

9.—John Garrett Fort, b. May 27, 1900, d. June 9, 1900, Adams, Tennessee, and buried in the William Fort Cemetery.

10.—Walter Anderson Fort, b. Dec. 11, 1903, Adams, Tenn., was in the insurance business in Nashville for many years, but returned to the Fort home and farm in Robertson County, along with his sisters Jane and Della and became a farmer. He m/1 Jan. 3, 1928, Nashville, Tenn., Eleanor Middleton Hankins, from whom he was divorced. He m/2 June 16, 1955, Mrs. Ruth (Mitchell) Frazier of Nashville, and they were divorced. He m/3 Sept. 7, 1965, Eloise Rogers (Hamill) Barnes, widow of Norman Wimberly Barnes. (See Chart 6, Chapter IV.) She is the daughter of Hollie Adam

Hamill and Elizabeth Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Fort live at *FAIRFIELD*, the old Sory Place at Adams, Tennessee.

WILLIAM DIGGS FORT, 2nd child of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, was b. May 4, 1857, and d. Jan. 26, 1896. He was buried in the William Fort Cemetery beside his first wife. This verse is on his monument:

"His conception of life had that sublimnity which made him see his duty to God and man through the clear eyes of conscience. He was a Job in affliction, a David in praise giving, and a Caesar in life's battles."

He was dropped when he was a baby, suffering a severe injury to his back, and nothing was done to correct the trouble as he grew older. He was sometimes called a hunch-back. At the time of his death, he was a resident of Springfield, Tennessee.

William Diggs Fort m/1 Dec. 20, 1882, Lizzie Van Dyke (b. June 22, 1861, d. Dec. 16, 1883). This verse is on her monument in the William Fort Cemetery:

"In token of her fidelity and devotion to a loving husband, he erects this monument as the crowning work of his appreciation of her love to him."

William Diggs Fort m/2 Nov. 14, 1888, at Franklin, Simpson County, Ky., Elizabeth Anthony (b. Aug. 24, 1867, Franklin, Ky.), daughter of William Thompson Anthony and Orpha Eliza Harrell. They had two daughters:

1.—Baby daughter who died in infancy.

2.—Eliza Lucille Fort, b. Oct. 3, 1892, Franklin, Ky. Educated at Boscobel College, Nashville, Tenn., she did library and editorial work, and was assistant literary editor of Outlook Magazine in New York City for a number of years. She married in New York on Sept. 10, 1924, Howard Newell Hewlings (b. April 2, 1890, Moorestown, N.J.), son of Howard Miller Hewlings and Laura Lloyd. They had no children.

CHARLES HENRY FORT, 3rd child of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, was b. Nov. 14, 1861, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. April 28, 1938, in the same room in the same house. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Springfield, Tenn. He lived on the farm that was settled by his grandfather Joel Battle Fort (1805-1867). Educated at Vanderbilt University, he devoted himself to farming and to the political affairs of the county, having been almost continuously a member of the Robertson County Democratic Executive Comittee. A Mason and a Baptist, he was a member of the Red River Masonic Lodge and of the Red River Baptist Church. He was president of the former Planters Protective Tobacco Association which operated a quarter of a century ago, and which was largely responsible for settling the differences which caused the night terrors throughout the dark tobacco belt at that time. He was president of the organization throughout its entire life, and saw the anti-members and the association members join in developing what is now the rich tobacco section of Tennessee and Kentucky.

On Nov. 7, 1906, Charles Henry Fort m. Jennie Bell Patton (b. Feb. 21, 1881), daughter of John Edgar Patton and Virginia Bell. Mrs. Fort died July 7, 1969. Mr. and Mrs. Fort had no children of their own, but they adopted a son and a daughter, twins, whom they gave their own names:

1.—Charles Henry Fort, b. Nov. 27, 1918 m/1 Louise Hawkins from whom he was later divorced, and they had one daughter:

A.—Mary Louise Fort, b. Sept. 1, 1941, m. James Duncan.

Charles Henry Fort m/2 Elizabeth Monk, and they have two daughters:

B.—Susan Elizabeth Fort, b. Oct. 18, 1948.

C.—Charlotte Anne Fort, b. Sept. 3, 1950.

In 1969, Charles Henry Fort was in the Air Force at a base in Tacoma, Washington.

2.—Jennie Bell Fort, b. Nov. 27, 1918, twin to Charles Henry Fort, m. William R. Corbin (b. March 17, 1919). They live at Old Hickory, Tennessee, with their two children:

A.—Anne Fort Corbin, b. Jan. 16, 1953.

B.—Charles Robert Corbin, b. Nov. 30, 1958.

STERLING FORT, 4th child of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, was b. April 18, 1864, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. in 1952, Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tenn., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. He was a farmer and a banker. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, he had a philosophical mind, and his genial, friendly nature endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He operated the Bank of Adams, Tennessee, until 1906 when he moved to Clarksville and headed the First Trust and Savings Bank. Three years later he became president of the Northern Bank of Tennessee, from which he retired in 1934. He was a past president of the Tennessee Bankers Association. Although he joined the old Red River Baptist Church at Adams as a boy, he transferred his membership to First Baptist Church at Clarksville. For many years he served as a Deacon, part of the time as Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Sterling Fort m/1 Nov. 3, 1885, Knoxville, Tenn., Sallie Jones (b. Aug. 21, 1866, Knoxville, d. Nov. 3, 1889, Robertson County, Tenn.). She died on the fourth anniversary of their marriage and was buried in the William Fort Cemetery. They had two children:

1.—George Taylor Fort, b. Aug. 9, 1886, Adams, Tenn., d. Aug. 22, 1938, Clarksville, Tenn., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Educated in the public schools of Robertson County, Castle Heights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tenn., and the University of Tennessee, he went to Clarksville in 1905 and began his business career as an employee of the First Trust & Savings Bank, later being promoted to assistant cashier. About 1914 he organized the Security Trust Company and served as its president. He worked two years for the Federal Land Bank of Louisville, Ky., and the six years immediately preceding his death he was a director and field representative of the Louisville-Joint Stock Land Bank. In conjunction with his other activities, Mr. Fort operated an insurance agency in Clarksville, was a widely known real estate dealer, and was a farm operator.

Mr. Fort was an active member of the First Baptist Church, and taught the Baraca Class for men for 25 years, 1913-1938. At the time of his death, he was one of six who taught the class by rotation. The Baraca Class was organized September 10, 1890, and when George Fort was elected teacher, with his enthusiasm and wonderful delivery, the class grew to great proportions. This class is still in existence. George Fort also served as a Deacon along with his father Sterling Fort.

George Taylor Fort m. Oct. 21, 1913, Lucy Lillian Crouch (b. Oct. 4, 1890, d. June 29, 1964, Clarksville, Tenn.), and they were the parents of four children.

A.—Lillian Crouch Fort, b. Aug. 31, 1917, Clarksville, Tenn., who is unmarried and makes her home with her sister Margaret (Fort) Meggs and Mr. Meggs.

B.—George Taylor Fort, Jr., b. March 13, 1920, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Sept. 2, 1949, Mary Evelyn Willard. A veteran of W.W. II, having served in the Navy, Mr. Fort is now employed by Genesco, Inc., Nashville, Tenn., where he and Mrs. Fort live with their two children.

a.—Nancy Ellen Fort, b. May 5, 1955.

b.—George Willard Fort, b. Dec. 17, 1957.

C.—Margaret W. Fort, b. May 25, 1925, Clarksville, Tenn., m. April 8, 1952, Emerson Meggs of Adams, Tenn. Mr. Meggs, who owns and operates the Meggs Funeral Home at Adams, has recently supervised the restoration of the three Fort Cemeteries. (See Chapter I.) They have three childern.

a.—Margaret Lee Meggs, b. Aug. 30, 1953.

b.—Emerson Fort Meggs, b. Nov. 22, 1955.

c.—John Alford Meggs, b. April 3, 1961.

D.—John Dancey Fort, b. Jan. 1, 1928, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Sept. 10, 1951, Clarksville, Bettye Brown Speight (b. Aug. 14, 1928, Clarksville), daughter of Clarence W. Speight (b. March 22, 1903) and Myra Mai Brown (b. Nov. 4, 1904). A veteran of W.W. II, John Dancey Fort is now with the Farm Loan Division of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The family lives in Nashville, Tennessee. There is one daughter.

a.—Myra Brown Fort, b. July 2, 1958, Tullahoma, Tenn.

2.—Sallie Jones Fort, b. Oct. 18, 1889, Adams, Tenn., m/1 April 5, 1913, Mark Anthony (b. July 2, 1870, Nero, Allen County, Ky., d. Nov. 16, 1943, Clarksville, Tenn., with burial at Adams, Tenn.), son of William Thompson Anthony and Orpha Eliza Harrell. He was a brother of Elizabeth Anthony, the 2nd wife of William Diggs Fort. Mr. Anthony was a farmer. They had four children. After the death of Mr. Anthony, Sallie Jones Fort m/2 William Thomas Buchanan of Clarksville, Tennessee. The four children were:

A.—William Sterling Anthony, b. March 6, 1915, Adams, Tenn., a farmer of the Port Royal neighborhood, m. March 8, 1941, at Port Royal, Montgomery County, Tenn., Mary Frances Fort (b. March 8, 1921, Shady Grove, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of William Robert Fort and Mattie Williams, and a descendant of David J. Fort and Dorothy _____ of southwestern Robertson County, Tennessee. They have six children.

a.—Sally Patricia Anthony, b. Jan. 23, 1942, Port Royal, m. March

1, 1967, Daniel J. McGregor, son of P. J. McGregor and Mary Helen Matthews (deceased), daughter of J. C. Matthews.

b.—Doris Olivia Anthony, b. May 7, 1944, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Jan. 18, 1964, Montgomery County Tenn., Paul Howard Evans (b. July 31, 1942), son of Lois Allen Evans and Mary Emma Mobley. They have two children.

(1)—Mary Patricia Evans, b. Nov. 7, 1965.

(2)—Martha Paulette Evans, b. June 24, 1967.

c.—Sterling Fort Anthony, b. Nov. 21, 1948.

d.—William Robert Anthony, b. March 5, 1956.

e.—James Mark Anthony, b. Aug. 3, 1957.

f.—Margaret Frances Anthony, b. July 12, 1964.

B.—George Fort Anthony (a twin), b. March 1, 1918, d. in September 1919.

C.—Mark Anthony, Jr. (twin to George Fort Anthony, b. March 1, 1918, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Dec. 28, 1947, Dorothy Jean Moffitt (b. June 20, 1924, Irving College, Warren County, Tenn.), daughter of Patrick Narve Moffitt and Margie Lee Meadows. They have a son:

a.—Neal Moffitt Anthony, b. Sept. 28, 1965, Clarksville, Tenn.

D.—Jones Harrell Anthony, b. Dec. 25, 1922, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Nov. 6, 1946, Hopkinsville, Ky., Kathryn Cox (b. Sept. 2 (or Feb. 9), 1924, Clarksville, Tenn.), daughter of Elvis P. Cox and Maggie Denney They have two children, both born at Clarksville, Tenn.

a.—Penelope Gail Anthony, b. Oct. 18, 1949.

b.—Randel Harrell Anthony, b. July 7, 1958.

Sterling Fort m/2 Dec. 31, 1895, Margaret "Maggie" Glenn Fleming (b. Jan. 29, 1870, Corinth, Miss., d. 1943, Clarksville, Tenn., buried in Greenwood Cemetery), daughter of Robert Josiah Fleming and Elizabeth Glenn. They had two children.

3.—Margaret Dancy Fort, b. Dec. 28, 1902, Adams, Tenn., d. in 1966, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, a teacher, m. Joseph Baxter Trahern, Sr., son of E. B. Trahern. Mr. Trahern is a real estate developer at Clarksville.

On June 10, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Trahern invited members of the Fort family to hold a reunion at their recently restored old home at Clarksville. This was the last of the much talked of "Fort Reunions" that had their beginning in 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Trahern had one son:

A.—Joseph Baxter Trahern, Jr., b. ca February, 1944, a graduate of Vanderbilt University, who m. Aug. 29, 1958, Marjorie Elizabeth Hawkins, daughter of Richard Murry Hawkins and Sarah Elizabeth _____. They have a daughter:

a.—Margaret Trahern.

4.—William Killebrew Fort, b. Jan. 11, 1906, Adams, Tenn., d. July 7, 1965, Birmingham, Ala. He m/1 (name unknown) by whom he had a son named Michael Fort, but whose name was changed to Michael Bacon after the divorce of his parents and the remarriage of his mother to a Mr. Bacon who adopted Michael.

A.—Michael Fort-Bacon.

William Killebrew Fort m/2 Sarah _____ who d. in March, 1965, before he died July 7, 1965.

DANCEY FORT, 6th child of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, was b. Oct. 11, 1870, Adams, Tenn., and d. June 5, 1955, Clarksville, Tenn., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. He received his law degree from Cumberland University on June 1, 1891, and went to Clarksville on September 21, 1891, where he hung out his shingle as an attorney in the office of John F. House. In 1906 he was elected to the General Assembly of Tennessee and served from 1907 until 1911. He was appointed Commissioner of Finance and Taxation in 1933 by Gov. Hill McAlister, and in October of 1936 he was appointed Circuit Court Judge by Gov. McAlister to succeed the late Judge J. D. G. Morton. He retired in December of 1952.

Judge Fort served as city attorney for Clarksville for 25 years. He served two sessions in the General Assembly as State Senator. Always interested in civic and political affairs, he was active in the Democratic party. A member of the First Baptist Church, he taught the Baraca Bible Class for years. He also served as Clerk of the Cumberland Association of Baptist Churches for 17 years.

On Nov. 11, 1896, Dancey Fort (who changed the spelling of his name from Dancy to Dancey) m. Bennie Gill (b. July 12, 1873, Clarksville, Tenn., d. Jan. 7, 1957, Nashville, Tenn., with burial in Greenwood Cemetery at Clarksville beside her husband), daughter of Benjamin Franklin Gill and Mary "Polly" Yancey. Bennie Gill was a great-great-granddaughter of Whitmil Hill Fort. (See Chart 1, Chapter IV.)

Dancey Fort and Bennie Gill were the parents of two children:

1.—Josiah Fort, b. Oct. 20, 1900, Clarksville, Tenn., d. May 16, 1966, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery beside his wife who had died only four months before. In 1922, he received a BS degree from Princeton University. He was on the War Production Board during W.W. II, and was stationed in Washington. He was a member of the Clarksville Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and he and his family were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville.

Josiah Fort was a past president of the Association of Dark Leaf Tobacco Dealers and Exporters, and was on the board of governors of the Tobacco Association of the United States.

On Sept 9, 1927, at Blytheville, Ark., Josiah Fort m. Elizabeth Byrd Mahan (d. Jan. 14, 1966), daughter of Thomas J. Mahan and Nancy Satterfield. She had been a member of the faculty of Clarksville High School for several years. They had two children:

A.—Josiah Fort, Jr., b. Jan. 4, 1929, d. Jan. 7, 1955, buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Clarksville.

B.—Nancy Elizabeth Fort, b. Sept. 29, 1930, Clarksville, m. Dec. 19, 1953, Clarksville, Bradford Chaffin Cantwell. They live at Charlotte, N.C., with their three children:

a.—Josiah Fort Cantwell, b. Nov. 15, 1955, Charleston, S.C.

b.—Mary Theodosia Cantwell, b. Aug. 30, 1958, Wilmington, N.C.

c.—Nancy Elizabeth Cantwell, b. Sept. 30, 1960, Wilson, N.C.

2.—Mary Yancey Fort, b. June 4, 1903, Clarksville, Tenn., attended Southwestern at Memphis and Sweet Briar in Virginia, receiving a degree from the latter in 1924. She was a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

On Oct. 20, 1928, at Clarksville, she m. J. Buist Richardson, Jr. (b. Jan. 26, 1902, Nashville, Tenn., where he d. Dec. 14, 1957), son of J. Buist Richardson and Harriet Davies. They had two children.

A member of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee, Mary Yancey (Fort) Richardson served four years as State Treasurer. She is a member of the Centennial Club, of the Ladies Hermitage Association, of Cheekwood, of the Garden Study Club and of St. George's Episcopal Church.

The two children of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are:

A.—J. Buist Richardson III, b. April 19, 1932, Nashville, Tenn., m. June 13, 1957, Glasgow, Ky., Martha Carolyn York (b. May 23, 1934), daughter of Dr. Paul Sandidge York and Jennie Elizabeth Depp. Mr. Richardson is with the Bond Department of National Life and Accident Insurance Company in Nashville. He and Mrs. Richardson have a son:

a.—Buist Fort Richardson, b. Oct. 5, 1961.

B.—Mary Yancey Richardson, b. Oct. 14, 1937, Nashville, Tenn., m. April 2, 1960, Nashville, Charles Crockett Parks, Jr. (b. Oct. 25, 1934, Gallatin, Tenn.), son of Charles Crockett Parks, Sr. (1902-1958) and Maggie Sue Cheek (1904-1954). They live at Gallatin, Tenn., where Mr. Parks is in the wholesale grocery business. They have no children.

CHARLOTTE "Lottie" DANCY FORT, 7th child of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, b. Nov. 7, 1877, Robertson County, Tenn., now living in Meridian, Miss. (1968), m/1 June 21, 1891, Nathaniel Barksdale "Dale" Douglass (1877-1959) from whom she was later divorced. They had two children:

1.—Mary Charlotte Douglass, b. Dec. 17, 1901, d. May 2, 1902, Dallas, Texas.

2.—Eliza Douglass, b. May 11, 1903, who resigned her position in Washington, D.C., and now lives with her mother in Meridian. Unmarried.

Charlotte Dancy Fort m/2 Feb. 5, 1909, Francis Marion Baker, a railroad engineer, and they had three children:

3.—Elsie VanCleve Baker, b. Dec. 25, 1911, m. Nov. 6, 1931, Alfred Wilbur Thompson (b. Dec. 23, 1910). They were living in National City, Calif., in 1959. Their daughter:

A.—Charlotte Totid Thompson, b. Oct. 4, 1932, m. June 5, 1959, Donald Davis, and had two children.

4.—Frances Baker, b. May 12, 1915, d. May 15, 1918.

5.—Dancy Fort Baker, b. Aug. 24, 1917, Cairo, Ill., m. Sept. 19, 1941, Mark "Pete" Edward Dabbs (b. Sept. 12, 1907, Meridian, Miss.), son of Mark Dabbs and Maude _____. They live in Meridian, Miss., and have two children:

A.—Mark Baker Dabbs, b. Oct. 23, 1945.

B.—Mary Dancy Dabbs, b. March 14, 1952.

Reference: The Jane Fort Papers.

DR. CHARLES HENRY FORT, 4th child of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe, was b. May 16, 1836, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Jan. 10, 1882, in Texas.

In the Ellen C. Fort Papers is a letter written by him about 1870 in which he said,

"I reckon nearly all of the Fort family will employ Dr. Royster after I leave—Ilai, Uncle Lawson, Sugg, Ed, Brother and Joel . . . so will Jack Lawson . . .

"Dyptheria has been very bad in Clarksville. I have never lost a case since Susie Fort died two or three years ago. (Susan F. Fort (1859-1867), daughter of Dr. John Thomas Fort of Huntsville, Mo. (See Chart 3, Chapter IV.)

"Mrs. Sugg has gone to Sumner County to live with John McKerin (?) . . . Dr. Mallory will move to Nashville Christmas.

"Whit and Wash still keep Cousin Ed in a stew. Wash still lives at the Flowers place and has a training stable."

Dr. Charles Henry Fort m/1 Amelia Radford (d. Sept. 13, 1871). She was probably a sister of William T. Radford who had married Dr. Fort's younger sister Piety Horn Fort. An entry in a diary kept by Louisa (Fort) Flowers is as follows:

"Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1871. Mrs. Amelia Fort died after an illness of five days. She got hurt Thursday by jumping out of a buggy. Piety, Mr. John Butler, Lizzie Fort, Whit Fort, Vicy Parker, George Parker and myself sat up."

Dr. Charles Henry Fort m/2 Mary Campbell Dancy, daughter of Alonzo David Dancy (b. May 15, 1825, d. in the Civil War) and his wife, _____ Brooks whom he married in Alabama. They had one son:

1.—Guerry Brooks Fort of Paris, Texas, who married and had a daughter.

After the death of Dr. Charles Henry Fort in 1882, Mary Campbell (Dancy) Fort m/2 at Tuskegee, Ala. (as his 2nd wife) Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort of Paris, Texas, whose first wife, Jack Ann Fort, had also died in 1882. By her second husband, Mary Campbell (Dancy) Fort had another son, William Felts Fort, b. Nov. 7, 1887, Paris, Texas. (See Chart 6, Chapter III.)

HULDAH CARR FORT, 7th child of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe, was b. June 4, 1844, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Sept. 23, 1876, Todd County, Ky. She was buried at *OAK HILL* in the Garth family cemetery. She m. May 10, 1861, Webster Clay Garth (b. Sept. 10, 1830, Todd County, Ky., d. Jan. 22, 1900, Nashville, Tenn., buried at *OAK HILL)*, son of William Anderson Garth (1796-1843) and Elizabeth B. Saffaran

(1809-1887). He was a brother of Julia T. Garth who married Edmund Augustus Fort, son of Whitmil Hill Fort. (See Chart 1, Chapter IV.)

Miss Virginia Garth, Trenton, Ky., said, "Grandpa Webster Clay Garth, who was gone before our parents married, did not put anything in the Todd County History (Perrin's, 1884) . . . I know he was a member of American Jersey Club, New York, April 27, 1894. He raised race horses at one time. Also, ponies. He has a store in Trenton. He was a merchant—dry goods . . ."

Miss Garth also wrote, "Some of the writings in the Todd History are not as correct as another history of Christian County. Todd was once a part of Christian County before it became Todd County. That confuses us, but *OAK HILL* is in Todd County now, and has been for many years . . . William Anderson Garth was buried at *OAK HILL* . . . Uncle John Garth lived at *OAK HILL*, the birthplace of our father, the youngest son . . . There is a Garth Cemetery or family grave yard at *OAK HILL* and one in Trenton on a farm which is on the south side of town. The old house, I never saw, nor did my parents . . . *OAK HILL*, we often visited. It is a brick house, very much like the Old Kentucky Home at Bardstown, Kentucky, only a porch was added across the front with large white columns, by Uncle John. It can be seen from the Elkton-Trenton Road . . . This place is now owned by a family named DeLoache."

Huldah Carr Fort and Webster Clay Garth were the parents of five children:

1.—Nancy Garth, b. April 17, 1862, d. Aug. 16, 1866.
2.—Anderson Garth, b. Jan. 20, 1864. (See later)
3.—John Bell Garth, b. Sept. 25, 1867. (See later)
4.—Susannah Fort Garth, b. May 28, 1870. (See later)
5.—William Dudley Garth, b. Dec. 13, 1876. (See later)

ANDERSON GARTH, 2nd child of Huldah Carr Fort and Webster Clay Garth, was b. Jan. 20, 1864, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Dec. 18, 1945, Louisville, Ky. He was a farmer at Trenton, Todd County, Ky., where he was buried in the Garth family cemetery. He m. Feb. 13, 1889, Paducah, Ky., John Evelyn (Evie J.) Wilson (b. Oct. 31, 1867, Paducah, Ky., d. April 5, 1942, Louisville, Ky., with burial at Paducah in McCracken County), daughter of William Hamill Wilson and Eliza Mildred Johnson. They had four children:

1.—Webster Wilson Garth, b. Aug. 9, 1891, Trenton, Ky., d. March 5, 1893, and buried at *OAK HILL*.

2.—Huldah Fort Garth, b. March 11, 1894, Trenton, Ky. d. April 8, 1961, Louisville, Ky. where she was buried. She m. Dec. 19, 1914, Trenton, Ky., Charles Bland House (b. May 6, 1886, Manchester, Ky., d. Oct. __, 1951, Louisville, Ky., and buried there). They had four children.

A.—Charles Marshall House, b. Aug. 15, 1915, Trenton, Ky., d. June 15, 1965, Louisville, Ky., Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army 1941-1946, m. Nov. 2, 1935, Lena Loreen Lutes (b. Oct. 27, 1913). Three children.

a.—Beverly Loreen House, b. June 3, 1936, m/1 Oct. 19, 1953, John

Mitchell Knight (b. April 26, 1934, d. Dec. 12, 1962). Three children.

(1)—John Mitchell Knight, Jr., b. March 1, 1955.

(2)—Joseph Marshall Knight, b. Aug. 5, 1959.

(3)—Michael Peyton Knight, b. Aug. 18, 1962.

Beverly Loreen House m/2 Feb. 7, 1963, Walter Albert Kirchner (b. June 24, 1920) and they have a son:

(4)—Frederick Wilhelm Kirchner, b. Dec. 4, 1963.

b.—Charles Marshall House, Jr., b. July 19, 1939, Louisville, Ky., m/1 Feb. 15, 1958, Carmelia Leachman (b. Jan. 30, 1939) from whom he was later divorced. They had three children.

(1)—Charles Marshall House III, b. Jan. 4, 1959.

(2)—Louis Todd House, b. Jan. 19, 1960.

(3)—Tina Marie House, b. March 9, 1962.

Charles Marshall House, Jr. m/2 July 2, 1963, Charlotte Branch (b. May 2, 1938) and they have a daughter:

(4)—Jennifer Lea House, b. Feb. 16, 1964.

c.—Pamela Vance House, b. Feb. 15, 1952, Louisville, Ky.

B.—Anderson Garth House, b. April 12, 1917, Trenton, Ky., a Lt. Col. the Air Force, m. Sept. 12, 1940, Virginia Dana Alsop (b. Aug. 21, 1917, Milford, Utah). Three children.

a.—Lucy Alsop House, b. Sept. 12, 1941, Cincinnati, Ohio, m. Feb. 29, 1964, Arthur Maistrovsky Mack (b. Dec. 22, 1937, Albany, N.Y.). They have a daughter:

(1)—Haley Virginia Mack, b. May 28, 1965, Los Angeles, Calif.

b.—Dana Garth House, b. July 31, 1944, Miami Beach, Fla.

c.—Anderson Garth House II, b. Aug. 17, 1946, Los Angeles, Calif.

C.—Wilson Fort House, b. Feb. 12, 1919, Trenton, Ky., m/1 Oct. 3 1937, Iris Mae Royalty (b. Oct. 13, 1921) from whom he was later divorced. Their daughter:

a.—Evelyn Garth House, b. May 21, 1938, Louisville, Ky., m. Oct. 13, 1956, George Murray Foster (b. Oct. 13, 1927, Indiana) from whom she is now divorced. They had one son:

(1)—Wilson Fort Foster, b. June 30, 1957, Long Beach, Calif.

Wilson Fort House m/2 March 18, 1949, Ruey Alvine Clymer (b. Oct. 31, 1925) and they have five children:

b.—Cathryn Garth House, b. Nov. 15, 1949.

c.—Emily Gail House, b. March 17, 1951.

d.—Billie June House, b. June 4, 1953.

e.—Susan Janice House, b. Jan. 31, 1955.

f.—Margaret Lynn House, b. Dec. 22, 1956.

D.—Beverly Prior House, b. Oct. 2, 1920, Trenton, Ky., d. Dec. 26, 1930, Louisville, Ky.

3.—Evelyn Mildred Garth, b. July 26, 1902, Trenton, Ky., m. April 30, 1930, Robert Spurgeon Florence (b. July 27, 1903, Augusta, Ga.).

Mrs. Florence has contributed data on the various Garth families for this genealogy. She and Mr. Florence live at Miami, Fla., and have one son:

A.—The Reverend Mitchell Garth Florence, b. March 31, 1931, Miami,

Fla., m. July 25, 1961, Nannetta Jane Majoros (b. Aug. 9, 1929, Bentleyville, Pa.). Two children:

a.—Mitchell Garth Florence, Jr., b. Jan. 27, 1963, Miami, Fla.

b.—Mark Wesley Florence, b. Feb. 22, 1964, Bradenton, Fla.

4.—Cathryn Cooke Garth, b. July 14, 1906, Trenton, Ky., m/1 June 8, 1931, Louisville, Ky., Thomas Atkins Adcock, a Colonel in the U.S. Army, who was b. Oct. 14, 1905, Hopkinsville, Ky., and d. July 22, 1948, Ft. Belvoir, Va., and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. They had two children.

A.—Thomas Garth Adcock, Major, U.S. Army, b. March 17, 1935, Washington, D.C., m. Feb. 28, 1959, Betty Lee Woodrow (b. Sept. 14, 1938, Dallas, Texas). Two children:

a.—Cathryn Ann Adcock, b. April 6, 1960, Honolulu, Hawaii.

b.—Garth Woodrow Adcock, b. Aug. 16, 1963, West Point, N.Y.

B.—Cathryn Lee Adcock, b. May 26, 1937, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, m. June 28, 1958, John Wesley Hunnell (b. July 23, 1933, Chicago, Ill.). Two children:

a.—John Frederick Hunnell, b. May 1, 1956, Urbana, Ill.

b.—Mary Frances Hunnell, b. Dec. 14, 1960, Louisville, Ky.

Cathryn Cooke Garth m/2 June 6, 1950, College Station, Texas, David Barlow Lancaster, Colonel U.S.A.F., (b. Oct. 30, 1904, Lumber Bridge, N.C.) and they now live at Winter Park, Florida.

Data contributed by Mrs. Robert (Evelyn Garth) Florence, 1864 S.W.—11th Street, Miami, Florida.

JOHN BELL GARTH, 3rd child of Huldah Carr Fort and Webster Clay Garth, was b. Sept. 25, 1867, and d. October 1939. He was buried in the "Town Cemetery" at Trenton, Ky. He was a farmer. He m. Oct. 5, 1892, Lucy May Moore (b. Jan. 21, 1872, Trenton, Ky., d. Feb. 8, 1965, Nutley, Newark County, N.J., buried beside her husband at Trenton, Ky.), daughter of Andrew Newton Moore and Sallie Bell. They had six children:

1.—Webster Clay Garth, b. Sept. 3, 1895, Trenton, Ky., where he died in 1932, m. Sept. 3, 1928, Millie Pearl Doolin (b. July 25, 1900, Flippin, Ky.). One son:

A.—John Morris Garth, b. April 3, 1931, Trenton, Ky., m. July 9, 1953, Joanne Elizabeth Bialeschki (b. Oct. 19, 1930, Champaign, Ill.). Two children:

a.—John Webster Garth, b. April 21, 1954, Urbana, Ill.

b.—Lynn Ann Garth, b. Aug. 19, 1955, Decatur, Ill.

2.—Sadie Bell Garth, b. Jan. 21, 1898, Trenton, Ky., who is unmarried and now lives at Venice, Florida.

3.—Gladys Gillis Garth, b. July 19, 1901, Trenton, Ky., m. Sept. 2, 1920, Trenton, William Carpenter Chestnut (b. July 26, 1891, d. Nov. 22, 1964, Trenton). Two children:

A.—William Carpenter Chestnut, Jr., b. April 29, 1927, Hopkinsville, Ky., d. Sept. 5, 1948, with burial at Trenton, Ky., m. Jan. 2, 1948, Wilma Ione Tutt (b. March 22, 1927).

B.—Jean Garth Chestnut, b. Sept. 24, 1934, Trenton, Ky., m. Sept.

7, 1957, Trenton, Lacy Delmar Guinn (b. March 10, 1934, Big Rock, Tenn.). Two children:

a.—Melinda Diane Guinn, b. Oct. 6, 1958.

b.—Joel Carpenter, b. March 6, 1960.

4.—Lucile Moore Garth, b. April 8, 1905, Trenton, Ky., m. Jan. 27, 1940, Fort Knox, Ky., Harold Hickman Feeney (b. July 19, 1904, New York, N.Y.). In 1967 they were living at Punta Gorda, Florida. They have three sons:

A.—Harold Hickman Feeney II, b. Dec. 26, 1940, Canal Zone, m. Nov. 27, 1963, Punta Gorda, Fla., Elizabeth Ann Harless (b. Aug. 17, 1944, Santa Barbara, Calif.) and they have an infant son:

a.—Jon Gavin Feeney, b. late 1968 or early 1969.

B.—David Garth Feeney, b. Feb. 3, 1945, Buffalo, N.Y.

C.—Douglas Fort Feeney, b. June 28, 1946, Buffalo, N.Y.

5.—Susie Fort Garth, b. Oct. 21, 1907, Trenton, Ky., m. Dec. 1, 1956, New York City, Alfred V. R. Crockett (b. Jan. 4, 1906, Nutley, N.J.). They live at Nutley, New Jersey. No children.

6.—Mattie Elizabeth Garth, b. Jan. 7, 1910, Trenton, Ky., unmarried, now lives at Chicago, Illinois.

Data contributed by Mrs. Robert (Evelyn Garth) Florence,
1864 S.W. - 11th Street,
Miami, Florida

SUSANNAH "Susie" FORT GARTH, 4th child of Huldah Carr Fort and Webster Clay Garth, was b. May 28, 1870, Trenton, Ky., and d. April 9, 1921, Nashville, Tenn., where she was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. She m. Joseph Edwards (b. Nov. 18, 1863, Sumner County, Tenn., d. Feb. 24, 1934, Nashville, buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. They had four children:

1.—William Anderson Edwards, b. March 27, 1896, Nashville, Tenn., m. Oct. 17, 1925, Harriett Boethe. They had one daughter:

A.—Mattie Virnette Edwards, b. Sept. 5, 1927, m. George Bostrom. They live in Kansas City, Mo., and her father William Anderson Edwards lives with them. They have three children.

2.—Virginia Garth Edwards, b. Oct. 18, 1899, Nashville, Tenn., m. June 14, 1922, Charles Henry Fort (b. Jan. 19, 1896, Adams, Tenn., d. June 28, 1961, Nashville, Tenn., buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery), son of Joel Battle Fort and Sallie Dean McKay. No children:

3.—Jeanette Edwards, b. Feb. 22, 1901, Nashville, Tenn., unmarried, lives with her sister Virginia (Edwards) Fort at the family home on Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

4.—Joseph Edwards III, b. Aug. 4, 1911, d. Feb. 11, 1912, Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn., buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Data contributed by Mrs. Oren A. (Mary Leslie Fort) Oliver,
610 Westover Drive,
Nashville, Tenn.

WILLIAM DUDLEY GARTH, SR., 5th child of Huldah Carr Fort and Webster Clay Garth, was b. Dec. 13, 1876, at *OAK HILL* near Trenton, Todd County, Ky., and d. Feb. 16, 1917, at his home (formerly the R. J. Crutchfield home) in the same county, with burial in Edgewood Cemetery at Trenton. He was educated in the Trenton public schools and at Major J. O. Ferrell's Academy and School for Boys, Hopkinsville, Ky. He was a member of the Trenton Baptist Church "which was organized by ordained ministers, Elder Sugg Fort being one of them." He m. April 5, 1900, at the home of the bride's uncle R. J. Crutchfield, near Trenton, Eula M. Allen (b. April 6, 1877, d. Feb. 24, 1947, with burial in Edgewood Cemetery beside her husband), daughter of W. T. Allen and Olivia M. Crutchfield. She was educated at Arnold's Boarding School for Girls.

William Dudley Garth and Eula M. Allen lived one year after their marriage at *OAK HILL*, then bought the home of her uncle R. J. Crutchfield. This home is two and one-half miles from Trenton, just off U.S. Highway 41, and today (1968) it is a thriving dairy farm operated by William Dudley Garth, Jr. and his sisters, Misses Virginia and Gertrude Garth. Miss Virginia Garth said, "Some newcomers say we are the last of our tribe at Trenton as we have the only home left of the many owned by the Garths . . ." (See GARTH, Chart 1, Chapter IV.)

William Dudley Garth, Sr. and Eula M. Allen were the parents of four children:

1.—Olivia Garth, b. Jan. 7, 1901, d. Feb. 11, 1901.

2.—Virginia Garth, b. Aug. 3, 1903, Trenton, Ky.

3.—Gertrude Garth, b. Jan. 2, 1907, Trenton, Ky.

4.—William Dudley Garth, Jr., b. Dec. 26, 1912, Trenton, Ky., who is a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club like his grandfather, Webster Clay Garth, was years ago.

Metcalfe

I.—THEOPHILUS METCALFE was born in 1620 in Yorkshire, England. He was buried in Richmond, England. His son:

II.—JOHN METCALFE I was born in 1680, Richmond, England, and died in 1751 in Fauquier County, Virginia. He married in 1723 a Welch girl, Diana Gautkins (Gwatkins), and they had eight children: JOHN, James, Christopher, Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Susan, and Sally Metcalfe.

III.—JOHN METCALFE II, born 1724 King George County, Virginia, of "Longbranch" in Fauquier County, Virginia, served with distinction as a Captain in the Revolutionary War. He removed to Kentucky in 1781 and located near Russell's Cave, Fayette County. He died in Nicholas County, Kentucky, in 1799. Thrice married, John Metcalfe II was the father of eighteen children.

He m/1 Sabina Farrar of Maryland by whom he had twelve children: Mary, Nancy, Elizabeth, Keziah, Charles, John, James, William, Christopher, Ira, Eli, and ILAI Metcalfe.

By his 2nd wife, Mary O'Brien of Virginia, he had one child, a daughter named Hannah Metcalfe.

By his 3rd wife, Rhoda (Dent) Chinn, widow of Eli Chinn of Fauquier County, Virginia, and daughter of Robert Dent of Prince George County, Maryland, he had five more children: Thomas "Old Stone Hammer" Metcalfe (the 10th Governor of Kentucky), Bela, Sarah, Lucy, and Rhoda-Dent Metcalfe.

IV.—ILAI METCALFE, son of John Metcalfe II and his 1st wife, Sabina Farrar, was born December 10, 1770, in Fauquier County, Virginia, and died March 17, 1824, in Robertson County, Tennessee. He was buried in the William Fort Cemetery on the farm be bought in 1820 from the heirs of William Fort, son of Elias Fort. The deed, dated April 15, 1820, signed by Jacob H. Fort, was recorded September 8, 1823, in D.B. "R", pp. 123-124, Registrar's Office, Robertson County, Tennessee. The consideration named in the deed was $4,192.00 for 524-3/4 acres of land, with "one-half acre reserved including the graveyard where the said Fort's father was buried."

Ilai Metcalfe married March 20, 1797, Susannah Carr, daughter of Walter Chiles Carr (1753-1838) and Elizabeth Chiles (d. 1755). Susannah Carr was born December 18, 1772, and died June 7, 1849, Robertson County, Tennessee, and was buried in the William Fort Cemetery. She was from Lexington, Kentucky.

Ilai Metcalfe and Susannah Carr were the parents of seven children:

1.—Elizabeth Metcalfe, b. Nov. 16, 1800, d. Feb. 11, 1804.

2.—"One born dead" March 28, 1803.

3.—Elizabeth C. Metcalfe, b. July 18, 1804, m/1 Feb. 1825 Matthew Williams. She m/2 _____ Hall and was buried in Christian County, Ky. (See Chapter V.)

4.—Huldah C. Metcalfe, b. July 10, 1806, d. June 20, 1828, m. Aug. 12, 1821, Laban Warfield. Their son, William W. Warfield (b. March 7, 1828) m. Delia Boisseau.

5.—Nancy Carr Metcalfe, b. Jan. 28, 1809, Nashville, Tenn., d. June 26, 1860, m. Oct. 2, 1828, Joel Battle Fort (1805-1867). (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

6.—Virginia C. Metcalfe, b. Jan. 28, 1812, Nashville, Tenn., d. Dec. 21, 1836, m. Sept. 13, 1831, Eppa Lawson Fort. (See Chart 1, Chapter IX.)

7.—Charles W. C. Metcalfe, b. July 4, 1814, d. Nov. 6, 1842, m. Aug. 16, 1838, Elizabeth D. Neville. (Elizabeth D. Neville m/2 Thomas S. Trigg whose 1st wife was Arimenta Wimberly (1822-1843), daughter of Sarah Battle Fort and Joseph Wimberly. (See Chart 6, Chapter IV.)

Ilai Metcalfe, b. Sept. 11, 1841, son of Charles W. C. Metcalfe and Elizabeth D. Neville, m. Pleasants Keesee, daughter of Judith Pleasants Ligon and her husband Reuben C. Keesee. They had two daughters, Mollie Metcalfe and Jessie Metcalfe.

References:

1.—Metcalfe Family Bible printed Oct. 27, 1802, purchased in 1803 by Ilai Metcalfe, now in possession of Jane Carlisle (Mrs. Nelson) Trabue, Nashville, Tenn.

2.—Data on Metcalfe lineage contributed by Combs L. Fort, Nashville, Tenn., with reference to *Colonial Families of the Southern States of America* by Stella Pickett Hardy, 1911.
3.—The Jane Fort Papers.
4.—Tombstone inscriptions in William Fort Cemetery.
5.—*History of Ilai Metcalfe Account Book* by Joel B. Fort (1854-1934), WPA copied records, Robertson County, Tenn., in Tennessee State Library.

Dancy

There is a letter in the Jane Fort Papers from Mrs. Harriett (Parks) Miller, daughter of Caroline Amanda Dancy and Lovie Pearce Parks, dated Adams, Tennessee, March 13, 1917, which reads as follows:

"My dear Jane:

"Yours of recent date asking information on our Dancy ancestry received, and I write to tell you what I know—and which was gleaned from Aunt Bettie and my mother . . .

"William Exum Dancy was born at Tarboro, N.C., April 1792, and was married to Nancy Hodges Deggs December 15, 1814. Of this union, nine children were born . . .

"Very few of the grandchildren seem to know there were two sets of twins in the Dancy family. Only one of the twin boys was named.

"You will observe from the dates that the oldest and youngest were born on the 4th of July. The latter was a patriot and fell in the defense of his country. He was killed at the Battle of Cedar Run, Virginia, in June, 1862. He was in his 23rd year.

"Grandfather Dancy came from North Carolina to Tennessee in 1820, lived here a few years, and moved to Florence, Alabama. After Aunt Bettie's marriage to Uncle Lawson in 1840, he came back to Tennessee and died here in 1854 at Uncle Lawson's. He lived where we now live, and had gone to Uncle Lawson's to fish in Red River not far from the house—was taken on the river bank with a chill—had to be carried to the house—he was desperately ill, and died in a few days of acute pneumonia.

"I have heard that he was handsome (he never had a picture made), was well educated for that date, and a natural entertainer. He was classed among what in the early days of this past century was termed 'The old fox hunting Squires of the South.' "

Another letter, written years later by Mrs. Combs Fort, Sr., now of Nashville, Tennessee, reads in part as follows:

"My dear Jane and Della:

"I want to tell you the Dancy Bible is in good hands for I have it! It is a small Bible, leather back, and has William Exum Dancy and Nancy Hodges Degges married 15th day of December, 1814. — Eppy Lawson Fort married Elizabeth Diggs Dancy, their daughter, July 7, 1840. — Caroline Amanda Dancy married Lovie Pearce Parks October 4, 1842. . ."

I.—WILLIAM EXUM DANCY, son of JOHN DANCY, was born April 2, 1792, in North Carolina, and died Oct. 31, 1854, Robertson County, Tenn. He m. Dec. 15, 1814, in North Carolina, Nancy Hodges Degges (b. March 21, 1796, d. Sept. 28, 1868, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of Sterling Deggs (Diggs) and Elizabeth Hodges.

Both William Exum Dancy and Nancy Hodges (Degges) Dancy were buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery at Hills Mill. Their tombstones are well preserved.

Also in this Cemetery is a large monument erected to the memory of the family of their oldest daughter Caroline Amanda Dancy and her husband Lovie Pearce Parks. This monument is in excellent condition, and apparently the names, with dates, of the entire Parks family are inscribed thereon. This explains the reference to the *DANCY-PARKS-FORT BURIAL GROUND* in some Tennessee Cemetery records.

The nine children of William Exum Dancy and Nancy Hodges Degges were:

1.—Caroline Amanda Dancy, b. July 4, 1816, d. May 14, 1895, m. Oct. 4, 1842, Lovie Pearce Parks (b. Oct. 27, 1807, d. Dec. 10, 1890). They had seven children.

A.—Annie Parks, b. July 3, 1843, d. May 31, 1903, m. Sept. 27, 1888, L. E. Sinsebaugh (Sensebaugh).

B.—John D. Parks, b. March 3, 1845, d. March 5, 1913.

C.—William L. Parks, b. June 3, 1847, d. July 10, 1912.

D.—Bettie R. Parks, b. Dec. 5, 1849.

E.—Harriett Parks, b. Sept. 27, 1852, m. as his 2nd wife Jesse F. Miller. (He was buried in the A. L. Johnson graveyard.) Mrs. Miller was the "writer" of the family. She wrote *PIONEER CHRISTIANS* published in 1911, in which was included the sketch about Eppa Lawson Fort, son of Rev. Sugg Fort, and his courtship of her aunt Elizabeth Diggs Dancy who became his 2nd wife.

F.—Eliza P. Parks, b. Feb. 2, 1855, d. March 24, 1861.

G.—Alonzo T. Parks, b. Dec. 5, 1857, d. Sept. 18, 1866.

2.—Elizabeth Diggs Dancy, b. March 30, 1818, m. July 7, 1840, (as his 2nd wife), Eppa Lawson Fort. (See Chart 1, Chapter IX.)

3.—John Anthony Dancy, b. June 10, 1821, m. Elizabeth Johnson.

4.—Alonzo David Dancy, b. May 15, 1825, d. in the Civil War, m. Miss Brooks of Alabama and had a daughter:

A.—Mary Campbell Dancy, m/1 (as his 2nd wife) Dr. Charles Henry Fort (1836-1882), son of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe. (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.) Mary Campbell Dancy m/2 at Tuskegee, Ala., (as his 2nd wife) Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort. (See Chart 6, Chapter III.)

5.—James Jackson Dancy, a twin, b. Dec. 15, 1831.

6.—Stillborn baby boy, twin to James Jackson Dancy, b. Dec. 15, 1831.

7.—Eliza Penelope Dancy, a twin, b. June 17, 1834, Florence, Ala., m. Josiah William Fort, brother of Dr. Charles Henry Fort who m/2 Mary Campbell Dancy. (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

8.—Charlotte Warren Dancy, twin to Eliza Penelope Dancy, b. June 17, 1834, Florence, Ala., m. Ilai Metcalfe Fort (1834-1907), son of Eppa

Lawson Fort and his 1st wife, Virginia Metcalfe. Notice that father and son married sisters: see #2 above. (See Chart 1, Chapter IX.)

9.—James Sterling Dancy, b. July 4, 1839, d. in 1862. He was a soldier in the 14th Regiment, Forbs, and was killed in 1862 in the Battle of Cedar Run. His body was buried hurriedly and was never found after the war.

References:

1.—William Exum Dancy Bible Records.

2.—The Jane Fort Papers.

3.—Various family, cemetery and Bible records.

Degge - Digges - Diggs

There is a letter in the Jane Fort Papers dated May 10, 1912, from Mrs. W. F. (Miriam Fort) Gill of Paris, Texas, to her cousin Hattie (Harriett) Parks (Mrs. Jesse F.) Miller, in which she said,

> "I have the record of the marriage of Sterling Degge's father, Robert Degge, to Elizabeth 'Betty' Lawson . . . The name is signed by Robert Degge himself and is spelled as I write it . . . He emigrated from Virginia to North Carolina, and there came into contact with the Forts . . . I have had a long and varied correspondence over the Degge family . . . and we proved the name was *DEGGE*, not Deggs or Digges.

The William and Mary College Quarterly, Historical and Genealogical Notes (6W(1) 64-65 and 131-132) contains data contributed by W. F. Gill of Paris, Texas. He said that in the Fort record the name is spelled sometimes Degges, but more usually Digges.

Miss Jane Fort, in the excellent charts she prepared showing ancestral lines of the Degge, Dancy, Lawson and Fort Families, usually spelled the name Diggs.

The Degge ancestry has been traced back many generations, but for this record we will begin with:

I.—WILLIAM DEGGE (1691-1762) came to Richmond County, Virginia, from Gloucester County, Virginia, before 1722. He married Dorothy Smith (1701-1775). His will, dated Feb. 28, 1761, is of record in W.B. 6, Richmond County, Virginia. (17W(1) 190) We have a record of the following children:

1.—William Degge, b. 1724.

2.—John Degge, b. 1735, went to Amherst County, Va., in 1777, where he made his will in 1803.

3.—Mary Degge, b. 1737, m. Isaac Degge of Westmoreland County, Virginia.

4.—Robert Degge, b. July 8, 1742, Richmond County, Va., d. 1789 Edgecombe County, N.C., where his will dated Nov. 17, 1786, was probated November, 1789. He was a Justice of the Peace, appointed in 1781, and a member of the Legislature in the House of Commons for the years 1781-1787. He married December 11, 1766, Elizabeth "Betty" Lawson (b. March 9, 1744), sister of Col. Epaphroditus (Eppa) Lawson. The marriage was performed by Rev. William McKay, Rector of Farnham Parish, Richmond County, Virginia.

In his will, Robert Digges (Degge) named his wife, Elizabeth, and children Sarah Wimberley, Starling Digges, Frances Digges, Elizabeth Digges and Caty Digges. Executors were Jacob Dickinson and George Wimberley. Witnesses were Elias Fort and Roger Lancaster.

In the Minutes of the Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, in the North Carolina Department of Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina, the following item was found by Mr. Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. of Wilson, N.C.;

"On February 1, 1790, Starling Deggs, orphan of Robert Degges, chose as his guardian Jacob Dickinson who was already acting as his father's executor. On February 8, 1791, and on March 1, 1792, Jacob Dickinson recorded in the Edgecombe County Court his accounts of the guardianship of Sterling Degges, orphan of Robert Degges."

The seven children of Robert Degge (Digges or Diggs) and Elizabeth Lawson, all born in Edgecombe County, N.C., were:

A.—Sarah Diggs, b. Nov. 11, 1767, d. Jan. 3, 1817, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Joseph Wimberly, son of George Wimberly II and Charity Thomas. Two of their eight children married Forts. (See WIMBERLY, Chart 1, Chapter IV.)

B.—Dorothy Diggs, b. Jan. 1, 1770, d. April 11, 1781.

C.—Frances Diggs, b. April 24, 1772, m. 1793/4 Elias (B.C.) Fort, son of Micajah Fort of Halifax County, N.C., a descendant of Elias Fort I (d. 1678) through his son John Fort. (See Section II)

D.—Starling Diggs, b. Sept. 12, 1775, m. Elizabeth Hodges. Their daughter:

a.—Nancy Hodges Diggs, b. March 21, 1796, d. Sept. 28, 1868, m. Dec. 15, 1814, N.C., William Exum Dancy (1792-1854). Both were buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery at Hills Mill, Robertson County, Tennessee. (See DANCY, Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

E.—Elizabeth Diggs, b. Nov. 12, 1777, d. Feb. 1, 1805, Robertson County, Tenn., where she m. Dec. 10, 1801, Rev. Sugg Fort, son of Elias Fort. (See Chapter XI.) She was probably buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery beside her husband, father-in-law, and other members of the family. They had two sons:

a.—Eppa Lawson Fort (1802-1891), m/1 Virginia Metcalfe. (See METCALFE.) He m/2 Elizabeth Dancy. (See DANCY.)

b.—John Diggs Fort (1804-1829) m. Miriam Whitfield.

F.—Catherine Diggs, b. Feb. 11, 1779, m/1 Richard Sessums Hart, son of Henry Hart, by whom she had six children. She m/2 May 28, 1827, George Wimberly III, son of George Wimberly II and Charity Thomas, as his 2nd wife. He was her brother-in-law, the husband of her sister Sarah, #1 above.

The six children of Catherine Diggs and Richard Sessums Hart were:

a.—Sarah Degges Hart, m. her cousin Joseph John Fort (1797-1872), son of Micajah Fort, Jr. and Anna Hart. (See Section II)

b.—Elizabeth Hart.

c.—Mary Hart.

d.—Catherine Diggs Hart, the younger.

e.—Frances Jane Hart.

f.—Robert Hart.

G.—Dolly Diggs, b. Dec. 27, 1784, d. 1785.

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4.—Minutes of the Edgecombe County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, in the N.C. Dept. of Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

5.—The Jane Fort papers, and various other family, Bible and Cemetery records.

6.—Data from Hugh B. Johnston, Jr., Wilson, N.C.

Chart 8, Chapter IV.

ELIAS JOSEPH FORT, the 8th child of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn, was b. Feb. 17, 1808, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. April 18, 1883. His tombstone in the Josiah Fort Cemetery is in the shape of a tree trunk, and has inscribed thereon the names of Elias J. Fort, his wife Louisa Hannum, and their daughters Emily, Penelope, and Virginia. He m. Dec. 24, 1834, Logan County, Ky., Louisa Montgomery Hannum (b. Feb. 15, 1814, Logan County, Ky., d. June 30, 1847, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of Richard Montgomery Hannum and Charlotte Ruston. They had seven children, all born in Robertson County, Tennessee:

1.—Emily Langleigh Fort, b. April 16, 1836, d. Aug. 28, 1872, m. June 2, 1860, Robertson County, Tenn., (as his 2nd wife) her cousin Dr. John Thomas Fort of Randolph County, Missouri. (See Chart 3, Chapter IV.) She was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery, as was her little step-daughter Susie Fort (d. April 21, 1867). She had no children of her own.

2.—Henry Horn Fort, b. Sept. 2, 1837. (See later)

3.—Ellen Charlotte Fort, b. Sept. 3, 1839, d. June 2, 1935, at the home of her niece Susie (Fort) Cleary, Austin, Texas, where she had moved to be near her brother Henry Horn Fort (1837-1923). She m. March 21, 1873, Robertson County, Tenn., (as his 3rd wife) her cousin Dr. John Thomas Fort who had m/2 her sister Emily. No children. Mrs. Fort corresponded with members of the family, far and wide, and a box of her old letters and papers —"The Ellen C. Fort Papers"— have been of great help in compiling data for this genealogy.

4.—Piety Horn Fort, b. April 12, 1841, d. ca December 1908, Nashville, Tenn., and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. She m. April 23, 1884, George R. Calhoun, Sr. (ca1834-1903), a widower with three children, sons George and Tyler Calhoun, and a daughter. Mr. Calhoun was a member of the famous jewelry firm of George R. Calhoun & Sons of Nashville, the business having been founded by his father.

5.—Penelope Merritt Fort, b. Feb. 3, 1843, d. Aug. 11, 1862.
6.—Virginia Ann Fort, b. Dec. 5, 1844, d. Sept 7, 1848.
7.—Louisa Montgomery Fort, b. June 30, 1847. (See later)

Elias J. Fort brought his bride Louisa home to live with his 72-year-old father, Josiah Fort, and his step-mother Selah who was also his aunt. All of his brothers and sisters had by then married and gone to make homes of their own. Selah died about fourteen months later, on March 1, 1836, just forty-seven days before the birth of Emily Langleigh Fort. By 1844, there were five children. Grandfather Josiah, being 82 years old, decided to deed the 480-acre homeplace on Elk Fork to his son Elias Joseph Fort for $1.00 and the further consideration of natural love and affection . . . "but it is specifically understood that I reserve my life estate." This deed dated Jan. 2, 1844, was recorded Feb. 7, 1844, in D.B. 4, p. 260, Robertson County Clerk's Office.

About 1852/3 Elias J. Fort built a new house on the hill above the mint springs. This house was two and one-half stories high, and it was constructed of very fine materials including dark walnut for the stairway in the front hall and red cedar on the front porch floor. This house was later called *WHITE HALL* and the farm was known as the Mint Springs Farm.

Piety Horn Fort apparently bought most of the land from her invalid father; however, he may have deeded it to her for love and affection as she was the one who stayed at home and took care of him. After the death of her father, and after her marriage to Mr. Calhoun, Piety sold the property to her cousin Joel B. Fort (1854-1934), son of Josiah William Fort and Eliza Penelope Dancy, and he moved there with his family around the turn of the century. Years later, when the family was living in Nashville, the Mint Springs Tavern building below the hill by the mint springs was their summer home. It was here that many of the Fort family reunions were held on the Sunday nearest July 14th, the birthday of Elias Fort.

This farm at Mint Springs stayed in the Fort family name about 172 years, until the heirs of Joel B. Fort sold the property about 1964 to Mr. John Robert Alley.

HENRY HORN FORT, 2nd child and only son of Elias Joseph Fort and Louisa Montgomery Hannum, was b. Sept. 2, 1837, and d. June 5, 1923, Dilley, Texas. He was buried in the cemetery at Pearsall, Frio County, Texas, beside his first wife Helen.

During the Civil War, Henry Horn Fort was a member of Company G, 3rd Ky. Cavalry. He was captured and spent over 18 months at Camp Douglas, Illinois, as a prisoner of war. His "Civil War Letters" written from March 24, 1863, through March 9, 1865, to his family were found in the Ellen C. Fort Papers.

After the War, Henry Horn Fort m/1 Oct. 15, 1867, at the "Brick Church, Giles County, Tennessee," Mrs. Helen Marr (Rutledge) Wood, a widow with a young son, Wallace Rutledge Wood. In due time there were three Fort daughters.

Helen Marr Rutledge (b. Feb. 28, 1836, Lynnville, Giles County, Tenn., d. May 24, 1893, Texas) was the daughter of Dr. John Boles Rutledge and Elizabeth McCullough Goff. She graduated from the old Nashville Academy, Nashville's first college for girls, June 28, 1853, and was teaching at Bascum Female Academy, Grenada, Miss., before her marriage to Henry Horn Fort.

Mr. and Mrs. Fort lived one-half mile east of Sadlersville, Tenn., until sometime after 1870 when, with their three children Wallace Rutledge Wood, Susie Fort and "Neppie" Fort, they went to Texas and settled about eighteen miles west of Waco, where their third daughter, Emily, was born.

Wallace Rutledge Wood m. Mary "Mollie" Thompson, and they had several children. One daughter named Rena married a Mr. Adams and lived in San Antonio, Texas.

After the death of his wife Helen in 1893, Henry Horn Fort m/2 about 1897 Mrs. Lucretia Whitley.

The three daughters of Henry Horn Fort and Mrs. Helen Marr (Rutledge) Wood were:

1.—Susie Fort, b. May 26, 1869, Robertson County, Tenn d. June 14, 1951, Austin, Travis County, Texas, m. Dec. 24, 1896, George McDowell Clary (b. Jan. 3, 1871, near Indianola, Texas, d. June 8, 1936, Austin, Texas). They had one son:

A.—George Fort Clary, b. Dec. 8, 1897, Austin, Texas. A veteran of W.W. I, he m. Aug. 23, 1925, Daisy Richardson, and they had two children. Quoting from a January 1948 letter from his cousin Myrtle Evans Harris to Miss Ellen C. Flowers, Russellville, Ky.:—"George sold his home in Austin and they live in a cottage up on the Lake. He has about 20 acres up there, is improving it, and I think he'll either sell or rent cottages on the Lake Front." Mr. and Mrs. Clary reside at "Hudson Bend Boatel" near Austin, Texas, and their children are:

a.—Barbara Clary, b. Jan. 5, 1932, Austin, Texas. A graduate of the University of Texas, she m. June 28, 1952, at Austin, Wilbur A. Foster. They have two chidlren:
(1)—Richard Allen Foster, b. March 26, 1956, Austin, Texas.
(2)—Diana Foster, b. Sept. 11, 1959, Austin, Texas.

b.—George Addran "Mike" Clary, b. Jan. 24, 1937, Austin, Texas. A graduate of the University of Texas, he m. Jan. 24, 1958, at Austin, Barbara Ann Brill, and they have two children:
(1)—Karen Kay Clary, b. April 15, 1959, Ft. Worth, Texas.
(2)—Sandra Lynn Clary, b. April 8, 1960, Ft. Worth, Texas.

2.—Penelope "Neppie" Fort, b. Sept. 29, 1870, Robertson County, Tenn., d. July 27, 1947, Waco, McLennan County, Texas. She m. Nov. 8, 1888, at Waco, Thomas Bowles Evans (b. July 13, 1866, Bonham, Texas, d. Dec. 23, 1921, Waco, Texas), son of Tilford Busby Evans (b. Feb. 11, 1834, Ky.) and Elizabeth Edna Creekmore. Both were buried in Oakwood Cemetery at Waco. They had four children.

A.—Myrtle Evans, b. Jan. 11, 1890, near Waco, Texas, d. Feb. 16, 1961, Waco, m. Dec. 4, 1910, Jesse Cline Harris (b. Aug. 28, 1889, d. June 2, 1944), son of Daniel Woodson Harris, a Confederate soldier from Minden, Rusk County, Texas.

Jesse Cline Harris served overseas during W.W.I. "He ran the French trains and helped in the Transportation Department of the U.S.A."

Mr. and Mrs. Harris lived at Temple, Texas, where both were active in church and civic organizations. Mrs. Harris was NSDAR No. 278715, and her research on the Hannum, Horn, Sugg, Battle, and Fort families (on which she had supplementary numbers) has helped confirm information on all those lines. She belonged to the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In 1934 she was made Senior President of the Priscilla Alden Society of the Children of the American Revolution. For many years she was Superintendent of the Beginners Department in the First Baptist Church. They had one son:

a.—Dr. Woodson Weldon Harris, b. Sept. 13, 1911, McGregor, McLennan County, Texas, who received his M.D. degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas, in 1937. He served as a medical examiner in the Air Force and was discharged in December, 1945, at San Antonio, Texas, after having served three and one-half years. He is now practicing medicine at Austin, Texas. Dr. Harris m. April 30, 1938, Lydia Anne Wagner, and they have three sons:

(1)—John Weldon Harris, b. Jan. 21, 1939, Houston, Texas.

(2)—Darrow Dean Harris, b. March 22, 1940, Houston, Texas, m. April 24, 1964, Lynn Carolyn Knox, and they have a son:

(a)—Darrow Dean Harris II, b. Feb. 14, 1965, Austin, Texas.

(3)—Robert Brent Harris, b. July 18, 1943, U.S. Air Base, Ft. Myers, Fla.

B.—Wallace Rutledge Evans, b. June 9, 1891, near Waco, Texas, d. July, 1945, m. Oct. 1919, Gainesville, Texas, Margaret Carpenter, who has since died. No children.

C.—Henry Fort Evans, b. Jan. 25, 1896, near Waco, Texas. He served overseas during W.W. I. and during W.W. II he was a civilian instructor at McCloskey General Hospital Extension Department. In 1946 he was an instructor at Veterans Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He m. Lucy Brinkley (b. Sept. 13, 1896) and they now live at Goldsboro, Texas. They have one son:

a.—Tommy Lee Evans, b. Aug. 10, 1920, Waco, Texas. He served overseas during W.W. II. After his discharge in April, 1946, he returned to school and finished his education at A&M College of Texas, College Station, Texas. He m. Oct. 10, 1942, Ft. Worth, Texas, Dorothy Hodges (b. Oct. 4, 1924), and they now live at Abilene, Texas. They have three children:

(1)—Ralph Timothy Evans, b. Nov. 23, 1943, Ft. Worth, Texas, m. Jan. 26, 1963, Hobbs, New Mexico, Mary Ann Fergus. The have two children.

(a)—Lance Taylor Evans, b. Nov. 2, 1963, Lubbock, Texas.

(b)—Chad Austin Evans, b. Jan. 13, 1967, Lubbock, Texas.

(2)—Richard Henry Evans, b. Nov. 26, 1951, Kingsville, Texas.

(3)—David Lee Evans, b. June 4, 1956, Ft. Worth, Texas.

D.—Tilford Bowles "Ted" Evans, b. Sept. 19, 1899, near Waco, Texas, a veteran of W.W. I, m. Feb. 28, 1923, at Waco, Oma Walker. They live at Clifton, Texas, about forty miles from Waco, where they have a four hundred acre ranch. They have no children.

3.—Emily Langley (?Langleigh) Fort, b. June 18, 1876, about 18 miles west of Waco, Texas, d. Feb. 2, 1928, at Waco, with burial in the cemetery at Dilley, Texas. She m. Feb. 7, 1900, as his 2nd wife, Edward Jefferson Colbath (b. March 7, 1862, San Marcos, Hays County, Texas, d. March 9, 1912, at their ranch in Atascosa County, Texas, with burial in "Old Rock Church" Cemetery), son of Winthrop Sinclair Colbath and Alceda Catherine Neel, and grandson of John Shepard Colbath from New England who went to Texas just after the War of 1812.

Edward Jefferson Colbath's 1st wife died when their baby daughter Edna Colbath was less than a month old. Edna, reared by her grandmother Alceda Catherine (Neel) Colbath, m. Lloyd Bentsen of McAllen, Texas and they have two children: 1) Betty Bentsen and 2) Kenneth Bentsen of Houston, Texas.

Emily Langley Fort and Edward Jefferson Colbath had five children:

A.—Myrtle Frances Colbath, b. Dec. 29, 1900, Frio County, Texas. Educated at Baylor University Business College, Miss Colbath has now retired from abstracting titles on property and other courthouse work, and is free to travel with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Buice of Waco, Texas, with whom she lives. We are grateful to Miss Colbath for data on descendants of Henry Horn Fort.

B.—Rena Mae Colbath, b. Jan. 12, 1903, Dilley, Frio County, Texas, attended the University of Texas. She m. June 14, 1928, Archie W. Buice, who has now retired, so they spend much time on the coast and their winters in Florida. Waco, Texas, however, is their home. They have no children.

C.—Henry Sinclair "Jack" Colbath, b. July 6, 1905, Dilley, Texas, graduated from Texas Vocational High School, attended Texas A&M, then graduated from Georgia School of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. He spent eighteen years with Stone & Webster and the Georgia Power Company, Atlanta, Georgia. He is now head of the Engineering Department of Bibb Manufacturing Company, Macon, Georgia.

"Jack" Colbath m. July 2, 1928, Dorothy Regina Ussery, daughter of John R. Ussery (b. Roanoke, Va.) and Abbie Cox (b. Alexander City, Ala., daughter of William Carey Cox and Mary Guallett), and they live at Macon, Georgia. They have no children.

D.—Don Marr Colbath, b. June 18, 1908, Dilley, Texas, was killed May 19, 1921, when a moving van ran over him.

E.—Adrian Byrl Colbath, b. Sept. 25, 1910, at the ranch near the town of Somerset, Atascosa County, Texas, d. July 26, 1967, Hapeville, Georgia.

He m. Dec. 24, 1933, Atlanta, Ga., Violet B. Raven (b. May 7, 1910), and they had three children:

a.—Donald Ray Colbath, b. March 15, 1937, Atlanta, Ga., m. Nov. 15, 1958, Chapel Hill, N.C., where they were both in college, Norma Jean Baldwin (b. Dec. 9, 1933). They live at Huntsville, Ala., where Mr. Colbath is connected with United Air Lines. They have three children:

(1)—Donna Ann Colbath, b. Aug. 12, 1959, Atlanta, Ga.

(2)—Kerri Jean Colbath, b. Aug. 14, 1961, Huntsville, Ala.

(3)—Mark Edward Colbath, b. Dec. 21, 1963, Huntsville, Ala.

b.—Emily Gail Colbath, b. July 8, 1939, Atlanta, Ga., attended Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., where she met James Leonard Fitch. They married Dec. 26, 1960, Atlanta, Ga., then went back to Asbury College where both graduated. James Leonard Fitch is a merchant at Wilmore, Kentucky. They have three sons:

(1)—Christopher James Fitch, b. Jan. 28, 1963, Lexington, Ky.

(2)—Adrian Dru Fitch, b. Feb. 26, 1964, Wilmore, Ky.

(3)—James Leonard Fitch, Jr., b. Jan. 4, 1967, Wilmore, Ky.

c.—Adrianna V. Colbath, b. Feb. 19, 1944, Atlanta, Ga., in 1967 was a graduate student at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina.

Data contributed by Miss Myrtle Colbath, 911 North 18th Street, Waco, Texas 76707.

LOUISA MONTGOMERY "Lou" FORT, 7th child of Elias Joseph Fort and Louisa Montgomery Hannum, was b. June 30, 1847, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Jan. 21, 1920, at *HILL TOP*, Logan County, Kentucky, with burial in the Samuel C. Flowers Cemetery. She m. Oct. 1, 1874, at the home of her father in Robertson County, Tenn., Daniel Bagby Flowers (b. Oct. 12, 1844, Logan County, Ky., where he d. June 20, 1893), son of Samuel Chandler Flowers and Phoebe Ann Pittman. They had seven children.

Her mother having died at her birth, "Lou" was taken into the home of her Aunt Penelope (Hannum) Merritt in Todd County, Kentucky, where she was reared along with her Merritt cousins. Just when she returned to the Fort home in Robertson County is uncertain, but we do know her father took her to Nazareth Academy, Bardstown, Kentucky, for safety during the Civil War, as well as to finish her education. An enrollment card bearing the signature of Elias Fort, Todd County, Kentucky, is still on file in the office at Nazareth College, indicating she was a student there from October 19, 1864, until June 28, 1865. On November 18, 1864, she wrote a typical boarding-school-girl letter to her sister Ellen, part of which is as follows:

"Dear Sister Ellen, . . . I am well and very well pleased. Sunday morning we have to get up before day and wash and dress and go to Mass and stay an hour, then come back for breakfast. After breakfast, we have recreation an hour, then Sister Laurentia reads a chapter in the Bible

and (has) prayers while the Catholic girls are gone to say their Catechism. Then after studying half an hour, those that want to buy anything to eat, go to the treasury to buy them. By the time all come from the treasury, it is time to eat dinner. After dinner we have an hour's recreation, then go to the study hall and study an hour. After supper we have to go to Church and stay an hour, the first half hour we have to kneel. We have prayers six times a day. We go to bed at nine o'clock and get up at five o'clock in the morning.

"Please send me a box of something good to eat. If you have any hickory nuts, please send me some, and some chestnuts, too, if you can get them.

"I cannot write home only every three weeks and I think that between you all I might get a letter every week.

"S. Nothington is in fine spirits . . . Sadie says that she is coming home Christmas and if she does, ask Pa to please let me come too, and I will be willing to go back here to school after Christmas. I am saving the money that Bro. John gave me and I can start from here in the morning and get home by night. Please let me come . . .

"Have any more of our negroes left? . . .

"We will have two weeks vacation, and it will be so lonesome up her amid strangers. Tell Ma to send Charlotte (Merritt) up here to school . . .

"If Pa does not let me go home, I think that somebody might come to see me from that neighborhood. Please let me come home.

"Write soon to your affectionate sister.

Lou Fort."

Daniel Bagby Flowers brought his bride to the Flowers homeplace about six miles northwest of Adairville, beyond the Mortimore railroad crossing. His father had died in 1863, eleven years before. His mother, Phoebe Ann (Pittman) Flowers, seems to have gone to live with an older son, "Jim Sam" Flowers, near Red Oak Methodist Church on the Orndorff Mill Road. Active in Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and community affairs, Dan Flowers became sole owner of the Flowers homeplace, and he and his family were doing well. The children were learning the joys of honest labor. Eleven-year old daughter Ellen wrote her Aunt Ellen Fort on August 4, 1889, that "Fort and Lillie have about an acre of tobacco. They do all the work in it." Since Fort and Lillie were only about three and four years old at the time, they were learning early to work, and to love the land.

It was these same two constant companions, Fort and Lillie, who, when six and seven years old, took their father's dinner to him in the field one hot June day. Thinking the children deserved a ride back to the house, Dan Flowers walked up to the old family mare. For some reason the horse was startled and must have started to run off, for she accidentally kicked him in the stomach. He died the next day, June 20, 1893.

William Flowers, a son of "Uncle Jake," the colored preacher who was a former Flowers family slave, brought Dan Flowers to the house. William remained on the farm and helped in every way he could, until eventually he accumulated enough to buy a small farm of his own.

Since Dan Flowers died without having made a will, Commissioners appointed by the Court divided the farm, giving the manor house and certain surrounding acres to his widow, and assigning certain tracts to each of the seven children.

H. Fort Flowers still owns his share of the homeplace.

Lillie and her husband, John W. Stovall, Sr., gradually bought all the other shares to go with the one she owned at the time of their marriage.

SO—the Samuel C. Flowers homeplace is still in the family after more than 130 years, the first tract of land having been bought in 1838.

The seven children of Louisa Montgomery Fort and Daniel Bagby Flowers, all born at *HILL TOP*, Logan County, Kentucky, were:

1.—Charlotte Ann Flowers, called "Lottie", b. Sept. 6, 1875, d. Feb. 21, 1903, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilkes, Adel, Ga., where she was teaching "in a private family." She also taught a Methodist Sunday School class at Adel. Her body was brought home and buried beside her father in the Samuel C. Flowers Cemetery at *HILL TOP*.

2.—John Daniel Flowers, b. Oct. 1, 1876, d. May 23, 1957, Logan County, Ky., and was buried in the cemetery at Berea Christian Church. He never married. He graduated from Southern School of Osteopathy at Franklin, Kentucky, in 1902, and went to Tyler, Texas, where he and Roy R. Ramsey—*FLOWERS & RAMSEY*—were osteopathic physicians. He lived in the West until he returned to the home of his mother at *HILL TOP* a few years before her death in 1920. Later he lived at *SPRING HILL*, the "Merritt Place" near Guthrie, Kentucky, which was then owned by his brother H. Fort Flowers, and supervised farming operations there. After his retirement, he lived in Russellville, Kentucky, until the date of his death.

3.—Ellen C. Flowers, b. April 23, 1878, d. June 26, 1949, Russellville, Ky., with burial in the cemetery at Berea.

"Miss Ellen" was the genealogist in this branch of the family. She spent many hours going to see people, asking questions, writing letters, making notes, copying records, clipping items from newspapers, and collecting all sorts of data.

The data collected by Miss Ellen C. Flowers, together with the papers of her Aunt Ellen (the Ellen C. Fort Papers), of which she was custodian, were passed on to a niece, Drucilla (Stovall) Jones. These collections are the foundation of this effort to record what has been learned about the descendants of Elias Fort and his wife, Sarah Sugg, of Robertson County, Tennessee.

4.—Edward Carrington Flowers, b. July 1, 1879. (See later)

5.—Penelope Hannum Flowers, b. April 1, 1883, d. Sept. 25, 1915, unmarried. She was buried at Berea.

"IN MEMORIAM"

"Penelope Flowers was born on the old homestead, settled by her grandfather when he came to Kentucky from Virginia. Loved by all her associates, she grew to womanhood in the old home, receiving her early education at the old district school at Pleasant Grove. She then spent

several years in Georgia, being engaged there in the profession that was her choice, that of schoolteaching, and in which she was an eminent success. She then came home in failing health. Regaining, in a measure, her health, she returned to school at the Western Kentucky State Normal at Bowling Green. Finishing her work there, she returned to school teaching and taught several years at Schochoh.

"She then spent one year in Peabody at Nashville. For several years she taught in Pleasant Grove, her old home school. In every location, her work was most successful.

". . . She was one of the best loved women in all the neighborhood, and her memory will long be kept green in the hearts of the many children whom she helped to educate . . ." (From a lengthy tribute to Miss Nep. as she was affectionately called, by two of her former pupils, Samuel Flowers Grubbs and Linor Earl Hughes.)

6.—Rosa Lillie Flowers, b. June 13, 1885. (See later)

7.—Henry Fort Flowers, b. Oct. 6, 1887. (See later)

EDWARD CARRINGTON FLOWERS, 4th child of Daniel Bagby Flowers and Louisa Montgomery Fort, was b. July 1, 1879, and d. Nov. 12, 1962, Russellville, Ky., with burial at Berea. He m. Nov. 18, 1903, Pearl Catherine Boyd (b. Aug. 27, 1881), daughter of George Washington Boyd and Elizabeth Frances Barker. They had five sons.

Mr. Flowers was one of the best and most progressive farmers in Logan County. He lived with his family at the Penick Place across the road from Old Red River Meeting House, where later lived his son Boyd Bagby Flowers and his family. Then, after having lived in Adairville to be near the school when their children were of school age, they lived at *LONGVIEW*, the Butt Place that was formerly owned by the Boyd family, a farm between their first home and Berea Christian Church. In later years Mr. and Mrs. Flowers built a home in Russellville, where she still lives.

The five sons were:

1.—David Edward Flowers, b. April 7, 1905, Logan County, Ky., d. Aug. 23, 1962, Cincinnati, Ohio. He m/1 Thelma _____ of Jackson, Tenn., whom he met when they were students at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. He m/2 May 12, 1934, Columbia City, Indiana, Kathryn Rose Potter (b. March 19, 1906, Carlisle, Ind.), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wren Potter of Marshall, Ill., a teacher in Lincoln School at Findlay, Ohio, where David was associated with Differential Steel Car Company. Both of these marriages ended in divorce. He m/3 Octavia _____, who died Aug. 23, 1961, Cincinnati, Ohio, exactly a year before he passed away. David Flowers left no children.

2.—Boyd Bagby Flowers, b. April 29, 1907, d. Jan. 12, 1968, with burial at Berea Cemetery. He m. Nov. 18, 1928, Mollie Halcomb (b. Aug. 14, 1909, Logan County, Ky.), daughter of George William Halcomb and Nannie McCarley. They had six children.

A.—Nancy Louise Flowers, b. Sept. 25, 1929, m. July 17, 1952, Bowl-

ing Green, Ky., George Henry Shemwell, Sr. (b. April 3, 1924, Lewisburg, Ky.), son of Joseph Lee Shemwell and Elizabeth Oberdorf. They live in Lexington, Ky., where Mr. Shemwell is District Supervisor for Ashland Oil Company, with their two children:

a.—George Henry Shemwell, Jr., b. April 27, 1954, Hopkinsville, Ky.

b.—Jayne Ann Shemwell, b. Feb. 15, 1959, Louisville, Ky.

B.—Mollie Marie Flowers, b. Nov. 1, 1930, now of Nashville, Tenn., who holds secretarial positions with doctors at Vanderbilt University and/or Hospital.

C.—William Edward Flowers, b. May 15, 1932, m. Feb. 26, 1966, Gallatin, Tenn., Ada Ruth Gregory (b. Aug. 3, 1934), daughter of Russell Dallas Gregory and Mary Magdaline Grant of Gallatin. "Will Ed" Flowers is connected with Sears, Roebuck & Company in Nashville, but the family live at Hendersonville. They have one daughter:

a.—Susan Darlene Flowers, b. Dec. 16, 1968.

D.—Jonelle Flowers, b. Feb. 9, 1934, m. Aug. 12, 1954, Nashville, Tenn., Robert Charles Akers (b. Dec. 12, 1927), son of Thomas Earl Akers and Lucille Carpenter of Nashville. He is vice-president and co-owner of T. E. Akers Construction Company. They live at Hendersonville, Tenn., with their three children:

a.—Janet Akers, b. June 16, 1955.

b.—Jacqueline Akers, b. Sept. 22, 1956.

c.—Thomas Fort Akers, b. May 31, 1958.

E.—Allan Boyd Flowers, b. Feb. 22, 1936, m. July 29, 1961, Sarah Jean Harris (b. May 15, 1943, Simpson County, Ky.), daughter of Roy Walton Harris and Claudine Angel. "Pete" is making a career of the U.S. Air Force. They have a daughter:

a.—Antonia Harris Flowers, b. Oct. 20, 1963, Forbes AFB, Topeka, Kansas.

F.—Mildred Jane Flowers, b. March 13, 1939, m. Oct. 7, 1967, Ray Childers (b. June 27, 1939), son of Sherman Joseph Childers and Grace Louise Carter. They live at Hendersonville, Tennessee.

3.—Edwin Carrington Flowers, b. Oct. 7, 1909, m. Dec. 30, 1931, Mary Alice Wright (b. Sept. 19, 1911, Todd County, Ky.), daughter of Leslie Walker Wright and Margaret Ellen Sayl. They now live in Fremont, California, where Edwin is General Supervisor of Production and Material Control, General Motors Corporation. He retired October 7, 1969, after which time they moved to their home in the mountains near Viola, California. They have three children:

A.—Frederick Wright Flowers, b. Nov. 18, 1934, San Francisco, Calif., an attorney and partner in one of the larger law firms of San Francisco. He m. Nov. 14, 1964, San Francisco, Calif., Patricia Anne Mayle (b. Jan. 8, 1942, New York City), daughter of Dr. Eugene Henry Mayle of West Virginia and Virginia Frances Dech of Ohio.

B.—Kathryn Anne Flowers, b. Aug. 27, 1939, Alameda County, Calif., m. June 13, 1957, Roger Albert Trumbo (b. June 5, 1938, Calif.), son of

Roger Dean Trumbo, from Kentucky, and Margaret Ellen Hoffatede of California. They have a daughter:

a.—Lora Anne Trumbo, b. Jan. 18, 1959, Alameda County, Calif.

C.—Edward Carrington Flowers, b. Feb. 6, 1943, Alameda County, Calif., who in 1967 was a student at Hunter College in New York City.

4.—Robert Dudley Flowers, b. Oct. 29, 1911, m. March 24, 1945, Auburn, Ky., Anne Kathleen "Kay" Hollins (b. April 20, 1914), daughter of John Herbert Hollins and Annie Laura Lowe. They live in Findlay, Ohio, where Dudley is Vice-President and General Sales Manager of DIFCO, the sales organization of Differential Steel Car Company. They have two daughters:

A.—Gail Anne Flowers, b. July 3, 1946, Findlay, Ohio, who attended Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., and Katherine Gibbs Liberal Arts and Secretarial School in Boston. She is now associated with radio and TV station in San Francisco, California.

B.—Vicki Lynn Flowers, b. Jan. 7, 1950, Findlay, Ohio.

5.—Ruston Montgomery Flowers, b. July 26, 1917, served overseas during W.W. II with tours of duty in Africa and Italy, with a total of 39 months in service. He m. March 6, 1946, Joanne Lawson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawson of Logan County, Kentucky. They live in Russellville where Ruston owns and operates the R. M. Flowers Hardware Company. He also supervises the operation of *LONGVIEW*, where lived his parents before their move to Russellville.

Their children:

A.—Stillborn baby daughter, b. July 5, 19__.

B.—Kathryn Lee Flowers, b. Oct. 13, 1951, who was adopted Aug. 25, 1952.

ROSA LILLIE FLOWERS, 6th child of Daniel Bagby Flowers and Louisa Montgomery Fort, was b. June 13, 1885, at *HILL TOP*, Logan County, Ky. She d. May 18, 1961, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Adairville, Ky. On Oct. 18, 1906, at *HILL TOP*, she m. John William Stovall, Sr. (b. April 12, 1882, Logan County, Ky.), son of Henry Clay Stovall and Drucilla Boone Orndorff. When they marrried, she had twenty acres of land plus some timberland, the tract awarded her by Commissioners after the death of her father. There was a five-room house on this land, directly across the road from Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Just behind the church was Pleasant Grove School where, in addition to the grades, the equivalent of present day high school and many college courses were taught. He had a good horse and buggy and one hundred dollars. They had ambition, determination and energy, and they prospered.

After the death of Louisa (Fort) Flowers, the rest of the Flowers homeplace (with the exception of the share of H. Fort Flowers, which he still owns) was purchased by Lillie and John Stovall. In 1921 they moved "up the hill" to the house her grandfather Flowers built in 1852. (The orginal house stood across the road on a rise in the field that is still owned by H. Fort Flowers.)

About 1946, the Stovalls bought a house in Adairville and moved to town. Both were active in church and community projects.

The activities of John W. Stovall, Sr. are legion. An active member of the Methodist Church since 1899, he has served in every capacity from janitor to minister. He is Past-Head Consul for the State of Kentucky, Woodmen of the World, which organization he joined in 1909, and he has been a Master Mason since 1918. He served five one-year terms on the Logan County Board of Education; six years as Chairman of the Logan County Farm AAA Committee, and was elected Advisory Committeeman for seven counties along with three others from Western Kentucky, and they were called to Washington, D.C., on two occasions by the Chief of the Tobacco Section to help set up the tobacco program on a long time basis. He helped organize the Logan County Farm Bureau in 1936, and has served as both president and secretary-treasurer. He pioneered in R.E.A., sponsored by the Farm Bureau, and prepared the map and application for the first loan to build lines in Logan County, which was accepted and combined with Todd and Christian Counties. He helped organize the Pennyrile R.E.A. Cooperative, and served as a director.

At the 1959 annual Farm Bureau Convention in Louisville, Ky., John W. Stovall, Sr. was awarded the 1st Distinguished Service Award for service to that organization—a Certificate and a watch—and his portrait has been placed in the "Agricultural Hall of Fame" which is temporarily housed at the state headquarters on Hubbards Lane, Louisville, Ky.

Since moving to Adairville, he has been president of both the Chamber of Commerce and the annual Strawberry Festival. He has served as Mayor, and at present is Police Judge. He is still active in church work, and he operates two farms—the homeplace west of Adairville (HILL TOP) and the "Hunt Farm" several miles east of Adairville.

Rosa Lillie Flowers and John W. Stovall, Sr. had two children:

1.—Drucilla Montgomery Stovall, b. July 14, 1907, at Pleasant Grove, Logan County, Ky., attended Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, Ky., m. Jan. 6, 1936, Erasmus "Ras" Potter Jones (b. Aug. 23, 1904, Bowling Green, Ky.), son of Rufus Edward Jones, Sr. (1863-1933) and Margaret Baldwin (b. 1872, Yazoo, Miss., d. 1948).

Ras Jones holds the A.B. degree from Ogden College, Bowling Green, Class of 1926, after which he attended Bowling Green Business University. He and his brother R. E. Jones, Jr., constructed and sold small homes and developed real estate until 1942 when he became part owner and manager of the old American Hardware Company. After ten years, he sold his interest and again became active in real estate development. Since October 1956 he has owned and operated Nellums Wholesale Distributing Company.

Their three children are:

A.—John Edward Jones, b. Oct. 18, 1939, graduated from Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Ga., in 1957, and received the B.S. degree from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1961, at which time he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Air Force. After serving six years as a finance officer, he resigned his commission, with the rank of captain, in 1967 and entered the Graduate School of Business,

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., where he earned the degree of Master in Business Administration in June, 1969. He is now associated with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Certified Public Accountants, in their Denver, Colorado, office.

B.—Drucilla "Dru" Owen Jones, b. Sept. 7, 1943, graduated from Gulf Park College, Gulfport, Miss., where she also earned a Certificate in Riding. She then attended the University of Kentucky at Lexington. She m. Jan. 31, 1964, at Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, Ky., Danny Anthony Howell (b. Aug. 5, 1943, Warren County, Ky.), son of Homer Ewing Howell and Minor Gentry. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Western Kentucky University in 1967. He is office manager for Scott Tobacco Company in Bowling Green, a subsidiary of Conwood Corporation of Memphis, Tenn.

Both Dru and Dan Howell contribute their time and talents to the Little League baseball program in Bowling Green. They are active members of the Jaycee and Jaycee-ette organizations, and have worked especially with projects relating to the Southern Kentucky Fair and the Junior Achievement program.

They have a daughter:

a.—Neil Montgomery Howell, b. Aug. 9, 1968, Bowling Green, Ky.

C.—Margaret Rosanne Jones, b. Nov. 21, 1945, finished Western Kentucky State College High School in 1963. She was recommended by the faculty to receive the DAR Good Citizenship Award that year. She was also Homecoming Queen her senior year, having served as a cheerleader the last two years of high school. She attended Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Miss., then transferred to the University of Kentucky at Lexington where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce in 1967. She m/1 Oct. 25, 1967, Coy Ellis Holstein, Jr. (later divorced) and they had a daughter. She m/2 Sept. 13, 1969, at the Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ky., Glenn L. Clark, Jr. (b. Aug. 5, 1945, Kenton, Ohio), son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Clark of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.; Mrs. Clark is the former Ruth Gebhart. He has adopted Rosanne's daughter and her name has been legally changed to:

a.—Martha Rosanne Clark, b. July 20, 1968, Lexington, Kentucky.

Glenn L. Clark, Jr. holds the Bachelor of Science degree from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, the degree of Master in Business Education from the University of Kentucky at Lexington, and is now working on his doctorate at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

2.—John William Stovall, Jr., b. March 31, 1912, at Pleasant Grove, Logan County, Kentucky, finished high school at Adairville, and was attending the University of Kentucky when he became an agent for Curtis Publishing Company and handled news-stand and news-boy sales in Lexington. At the end of his junior year at the University, he was appointed Curtis Branch Manager in Lexington, and during the next ten years he served as branch manager at Erie, Penna., and Louisville, Ky. In February, 1945, he bought the Tri-State News Agency at Ashland, Kentucky, a wholesale magazine distribution business. About 1954, he sold the Ashland business and bought the Portsmouth News Agency, at Portsmouth, Ohio, which he owned and

operated until December, 1963. He is now a broker with a New York Stock Exchange member firm in the Portsmouth, Ohio, office of Vercoe and Company. An active member of the Methodist Church, he is a Kiwanian, an Elk, a Mason, a Kentucky Colonel, a member of the Business and Professional Men's Club, and of the Portsmouth Country Club. His hobby is golf.

John William Stovall, Jr. m. July 22, 1935, Stanford, Ky., Mildred Bertram "Berta" Calvert (b. Feb. 15, 1912), daughter of Clyde Bertram Calvert (b. May 17, 1890) and Lutie Mildred Roach (b. Nov. 1, 1891, d. Dec. 13, 1953), of Lexington, Ky. She is a direct descendant of Sir George Calvert, the 1st Baron of Baltimore (ca 1579-1632) who was knighted in 1617, through his second son, Leonard Calvert (d. June 9, 1647, St. Marys County, Maryland). Leonard Calvert was the Governor of Maryland for thirteen years.

They have no children.

HENRY FORT FLOWERS, inventor and manufacturer, 7th child of Daniel Bagby Flowers and Louisa Montgomery Fort, was born October 6, 1887, at *HILL TOP*, the Flowers home about six miles northwest of Adairville, Logan County, Kentucky. After attending Pleasant Grove public school, he entered Winthrop Preparatory School to the University of Nashville (now Peabody), from which he graduated in June, 1903. He finished Jennings Business College in the spring of 1904, worked four years at the Tennessee Central Railroad, less time out to finish preparatory school at Bowen School in 1908, — then graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1912. From Nashville, he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to work for R. D. Wood & Company; then on to New York City with Otis Elevator Company.

Mr. Flowers invented the Differential Car at the Phi Kappa Psi House, Columbia University, New York City, in the fall of 1914. He obtained a contract for a three-car train on January 15, 1915, from the Cleveland Railway Company, Cleveland, Ohio. He built the train at the Nashville Bridge Company, Nashville, Tennessee, and shipped the three cars from Nashville about June 4, 1915.

While building the cars, he wrote a thesis on the development of the new differential train, presented it to Vanderbilt University about May 1, 1915, received a degree of Master of Engineering June 8, 1915,—then got to Cleveland in time to watch Cleveland Railway unload the three cars. He wrote his niece in 1965:—

"Cleveland Railway paid me for the train within thirty days. Then I paid Nashville Bridge Company about July 19, 1915, and had about $1,000 left over. I had left the Phi Kappa Psi House at Columbia University, N.Y.C., January 1, 1915, with only $100 in my pocket. Cleveland Railway added $900 to the order to cover my expenses. Nashville Bridge Company had advanced the $900 to me as part of the cost of building the cars. So in six months I had a clear profit of ten times the $100 capital which, by the way, I had borrowed from my room-mate, Frank Scott, and paid back out of the $900. I do not

believe that could be done today with the implications of the Income Tax—so vote for the repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment!!"

The original side dump rail car designed and patented by Mr. Flowers led to the founding of Differential Steel Car Company by him in New York City in 1915, of which company he is now active as Chairman of the Board of Directors. He currently holds patents on about eighty inventions.

The Company at first produced side dump cars used in the construction of road beds for street railroads, and sub-contracted all its manufacturing operations until 1920 when officials decided to manufacture their own products. They chose Findlay, Ohio, as the plant site, where the company has been operating since 1921.

Differential Steel Car Company now manufactures about ten different types of mine and rail cars.

The company employs between 70 and 80 persons full time in its Findlay plants, and has few slack seasons, according to Fred F. Flowers (a son of the founder) who is president and general manager of the manufacturing organization.

The sales organization DIFCO, Inc., is headed by a nephew of the founder, R. Dudley Flowers, who is vice-president in charge of sales.

H. Fort Flowers was commissioned a captain in the U.S. Army on September 27, 1917. He had charge of inspection of the production of trench warfare material, aerial bombs, and pyrotechnics in the Philadelphia District.

In a letter to his mother dated Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23, 1918, he wrote: "My dearest Mother: Now that the war is over, I have time to think of the girl, so I am going to take three days leave and go to see Miss Sara M. Niles, Toledo, Ohio . . . . . Her father was (grand) President of the (National) Phi Kappa Psi fraternity when I was in Vanderbilt. I met her in Cleveland, Ohio, at the Grand Arch Council in June, 1914. She spent the next year at Ward-Belmont (having already studied abroad a year), and the three succeeding years at Wells College, rapidly developing into a wonderful woman with the rare combination of beauty, intellect and refinement . . . . . I am going to Toledo tomorrow to ask her father for her . . . . . Your affectionate son, FORT."

Henry Fort Flowers married March 31, 1919, at Toledo, Ohio, Sara Mather Niles (b. Oct. 24, 1896, Memphis, Tennessee), daughter of Charles Frederick Mather Niles and Fannie Iona Sneath (of Tiffin, Ohio) who were married June 28, 1882.

Mrs. Flowers throughout the years has endeared herself to all who know her. She has traveled extensively, and her letters describing places of interest both at home and abroad are memorable.

An active member of Daughters of the American Revolution in both Findlay, Ohio, and Houston, Texas, Mrs. Flowers, besides her many other activities, was president of the Findlay, Ohio, Library Board for about ten years before the family moved to Houston in 1955.

It is interesting to know that through her grandmother Niles (Louisa Griswold Mather) she is a descendant of Timothy Mather (1628-1684), and that his brother, Increase Mather, was the first American-born president of Harvard University. (Ref: *Lineage of Rev. Richard Mather* by Horace E. Mather, Hartford, Conn., 1890.)

Her father, Charles Frederick Mather Niles, was born April 4, 1859, Hudson, Michigan, the son of Charles Erskine Niles and Louisa Griswold Mather. After receiving A.B. and M.A. degrees from Wooster College, where he became affiliated with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, he studied abroad in London, England, and Dresden, Germany, spending two years overseas studying law and language.

Upon returning home from abroad, Mr. Niles was appointed Register of the United States Land Office at Garden City, Kansas, during the first Cleveland administration. While in Kansas he was admitted to the Bar, as well as being president and director of a bank.

From Kansas, Mr. Niles went to Memphis, Tennessee, where he was president of Continental National Bank, remaining there for nine years.

In 1898 he went to Toledo, Ohio, and organized Security Savings Bank and Trust Company, and served as president of that institution until his retirement from active duty the 1st of January, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Niles returned to his old home in Findlay, Ohio in 1921, where he died in the fall of 1933, leaving his wife and three daughters, their only son having lost his life by drowning while a student at Purdue University.

Mr. and Mrs. Flowers are the parents of five children, twin sons and three daughters:

1.—Daniel Fort Flowers (a twin), b. Jan. 21, 1920, New York City.

2.—Fred Fort Flowers (a twin), b. Jan. 21, 1920, New York City.

3.—Barbara Louise Fort Flowers, b. May 10, 1921, Findlay, Ohio.

4.—Joan Carrington Flowers, b. Aug. 26, 1922, Findlay, Ohio.

5.—Sara Frances Flowers, b. March 13, 1927, Findlay, Ohio.

In 1955, Mr. and Mrs. Flowers moved to *TRAIL VIEW* on Del Monte Drive, Houston, Texas, where they now live from September through June. Three of their five children with their families live nearby. They go back to their Findlay, Ohio, home *HIGH TOWER* (built in 1893, acquired in 1920) on South Main Street for the months of July and August.

Soon after their move to Houston, Mr. Flowers was invited by Jesse Holman Jones (former Secretary of Commerce and former head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation) to serve on the Board and Advisory Committee of The National Bank of Commerce.

In 1959, Mr. Flowers became a director. About 1963/4, the National Bank of Commerce and the Texas National Bank merged, so Mr. Flowers is now a Director of The Texas National Bank of Commerce.

Mr. Flowers' activities in Houston include sulphur mining, oil mineral investments and timberland; however, he still works on new inventions.

A long-time member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Mr. Flowers was advised July 1, 1968: "In recognition of your loyal support

of the Society . . . the Council . . . is authorized to show appreciation by conferring life membership upon you effective October 1, 1968 . . ."

He is also a member of American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers.

He had an unusual honor bestowed upon him April 26, 1968, when he was initiated into the Tau Beta Pi national scientific fraternity chapter at Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Flowers has been a member of the Rotary Club in Findlay, Ohio, since March 1921, and is still a senior active member of that chapter. He belongs to the Masons, the Elks, and the Findlay Skeet Club.

During the twenties Mr. Flowers played polo on the Findlay Polo team. His favorite pony was a dark bay 16-hand 1-inch fast horse bred in India and named Raja (Indian king). One day while Findlay was playing Jackson, Michigan, at Findlay, Raja's front feet became entangled with an opponent's pony, resulting in Raja falling and Mr. Flowers going head over heels about forty feet. When he got up from the fall, he had the polo ball in his left hand and the mallet still hanging by its strap on his right hand. This was an unusual way of preventing the opponents from taking advantage of the fall and making a goal. The effect of that fall was a sprained right wrist which resulted in an improvement of his golf game because he would grip the club tighter with his left hand, to avoid a slice.

Mr. Flowers has been active in Vanderbilt affairs since he entered the University in September 1908. He is a past vice-president of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association for the Middle Western Area. On June 2, 1962, with other members of the Class of 1912, he was initiated into the Quniq Club during ceremonies in Rand Hall at Vanderbilt.

He has been particularly active in affairs of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity; in fact, he was instrumental in getting a new fraternity house built on the Vanderbilt campus in 1965.

The July 16, 1965, issue of The Nashville Banner headlined a long article thusly, and here are some excerpts:

"JUL EXTENSION TO BE NAMED FOR H. FORT FLOWERS

"Walter Stokes, Jr., Chairman of the Board of the Joint University Libraries, a co-operative enterprise of Peabody and Scarritt Colleges and Vanderbilt University, announced today plans to name the JUL's new graduate studies facility in honor of H. Fort Flowers, Houston, Texas, inventor and manufacturer.

> "Said Mr. Stokes, 'I am very pleased that the library is to bear his name, which indeed is an appropriate one because of Mr. Flowers' interest in education and his consistent generosity to worthy couses, evidenced most emphatically in this case by the gift which made possible the creation of this wonderful addition to the Nashville University Center.' "

The H. Fort Flowers Graduate Library Wing, which had been under construction since February 1967 and was completed in March 1969, added to the General Library Building eight levels containing 80,000 square feet of floor space, shelf space for 350,000 volumes, 80 faculty studies, 600 student carrels, and other facilities, at a cost of $2,500,000.

A formal dedication ceremony was held on the front steps of the new building May 31, 1969.

In his remarks, Mr. Flowers said it was a pleasure "to help secure the future of my grandchildren and your grandchildren by providing additional areas of study." He concluded his remarks by paying tribute to "the Flowers of Kentucky and the Forts of Tennessee."

This handsome building with appropriate bronze plaques designating the *H. FORT FLOWERS GRADUATE LIBRARY WING* is at 419—21st Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee.

The five children of Henry Fort Flowers and Sara Mather Niles are:

THE TWINS

DANIEL FORT FLOWERS AND FRED FORT FLOWERS were born January 21, 1920, in New York City. So identical that few could distinguish between them all through the years, they received identical scores in a senior scholarship examination at Findlay High School, even though they sat on opposite sides of the room and did not miss the same questions.

In June 1940 they graduated from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, with the highest scholastic honors granted, and were awarded the Jackson-Hope medals for the highest academic proficiency in their respective courses. Dan received his degree and medal in electrical engineering, and Fred received his degree and medal in civil engineering.

When the mathematics prize was to be awarded to the student who showed the highest proficiency in pure mathematics, the Board of the Institute found itself faced with a most unusual situation which had never happened before in the history of the Institute. Two cadets, the Flowers twins, were tied to the second decimal point over four years of engineering mathematics. The Department Head said he could not be sure which was the more proficient because he had never been able to tell them apart, so he recommended that they each be given one of the French medals for highest distinction in pure mathematics.

The Jackson-Hope medals and the French medals are beautiful awards, and competition is keen among the students at V.M.I. in connection with them yearly.

Both Dan and Fred Flowers did graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which they received both Masters and Doctors of Science degrees in mechanical engineering.

The war service record of each is also the same. They entered the Army Air Forces on August 14, 1942, as 2nd Lieutenants and served as Experimental Engineering Officers in the Engineering Division, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, on the development and testing of airplanes and helicopters. They were discharged January 12, 1946, as Captains.

1.—Daniel Fort Flowers (a twin), b. Jan. 21, 1920, New York City, moved to Findlay, Ohio, later on that year with his parents. After finishing high school in Findlay, he graduated from V.M.I. with a B.S. degree in electrical

engineering, and from M.I.T. with B.S., M.S. and Sc.D. degrees in mechanical engineering. He is a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

He m. Aug. 1, 1958, Houston, Texas, Jean Nutting Davis (b. Aug. 12, 1934, Atlanta, Ga.), daughter of Noah Knowles Davis and Catherine Jean Nutting (formerly of Atlanta, Ga., but now of Houston, Texas), and grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Furber Nutting and the late Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hunt Davis, all of Atlanta, Ga.

Archibald Hunt Davis was the son of Noah Knowles Davis, LLD, PhD (1830-1910) who was president of Bethel College, Russellville, Logan County, Ky., from 1868 to 1873, where he also taught Philosophy and Rhetoric Composition. From Bethel College, Dr. Davis went to the University of Virginia, where he held the Chair of Moral Philosophy for thirty years.

Jean Nutting Davis graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1956. She held membership in Kappa Delta sorority, a cappella choir and Meletians.

Dan and Jean Flowers live in Houston, Texas, where he is associated with his father in various business interests. They have three children:

A.—Lynne Davis Flowers, m. April 14, 1960.

B.—Daniel Fort Flowers, Jr., b. July 19, 1961.

C.—Joseph Knowles Flowers, b. April 28, 1968.

2.—Fred Fort Flowers, twin to Daniel Fort Flowers, was b. Jan. 21, 1920, New York City, and moved to Findlay, Ohio, with his parents later on that year. He finished high school in Findlay, graduated from V.M.I. with a B.S. degree in civil engineering, and from M.I.T. with B.S., M.S. and Sc.D. degrees in mechanical engineering.

He m. Oct. 18, 1947, Granby, Mass., Mary-Olive Holman (b. July 22, 1925, Holyoke, Mass.), daughter of Douglas T. Holman and Olive Julia Gallup. She attended the Boston Museum School of Art.

Fred and Mary-Olive live at Findlay, Ohio, where he is President and General Manager of The Differential Steel Car Company. They have two children:

A.—Richard Warren Flowers, b. Sept. 13, 1950.

B.—Julia Mather Flowers, b. Sept. 30, 1951.

3.—Barbara Louise Fort Flowers, b. May 10, 1921, Findlay, Ohio after attending Barnard College, New York, N.Y., and Wells College, Aurora, New York, taught in the high school at Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. She and her mother are both graduates of Wells College.

She m. May 28, 1949, at the home of her parents in Findlay, Ohio, John Rylen Murray (b. Nov. 8, 1920, Joplin, Mo), son of Edmond Francis Murray and Vida Virginia Rudy of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Barbara and John Murray live in Houston, Texas, where he is a petroleum engineer with Marathon Oil Company of Houston. John Murray holds a B.S. in engineering from the University of Oklahoma. They have four children:

A.—Katherine Louise Murray, b. Sept. 16, 1950.

B.—John Rylen Murray, Jr., b. April 17, 1952.

C.—Sara Niles Murray, b. Dec. 29, 1953.

D.—Ann Jane Murray, b. May 26, 1956.

4.—Joan Carrington Flowers, b. Aug. 26, 1922, Findlay, Ohio, is a graduate of Shipley School, Bryn Mawr, Pa., and of Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

She m. Jan. 1, 1946, at the home of her parents in Findlay, Ohio, Eugene Moore Foster (b. June 29, 1921, Sioux Falls, S.D.), son of George M. Foster and Mary Schultz of Ottumwa, Iowa. He is a graduate of Stanford University, in California, and is now a hotel owner in San Diego, California, where he and Joan live with their three children:

A.—Donald Carrington Foster, b. Feb. 6, 1948, Ottumwa, Iowa, m. June 18, 1969 at San Diego, Calif., Patsy Carol McDonald, daughter of Mrs. Harold Knutson.

B.—Patricia Ann Foster, b. July 8, 1950, Ottumwa, Iowa.

C.—Mark McClelland Foster, b. Oct. 23, 1951, Ottumwa, Iowa.

5.—Sara Frances Flowers, b. March 13, 1927, Findlay, Ohio, graduated from Shipley School, Bryn Mawr, Pa., attended Ward-Belmont, Nashville, Tenn., and graduated from the Modern School of Fashion and Design, Boston, Mass. She did post-graduate work with Paul Colin in Paris, France, in 1951-1952.

She m. Feb. 25, 1956, at the home of her parents in Houston, Texas, James Harlan Paschall (b. Feb. 24, 1924, Calhoun, Ga.), son of Judge James Heddleston Paschall and Milda McKinney Harbin of Calhoun. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia, and is office manager for an insurance company in Houston, Texas, where he and Sally live with their daughter:

A.—Sara Fort Paschall, b. Aug. 5, 1961.

Hannum

I.—JOHN HANNUM. It is generally believed that John Hannum came from England with William Penn. He is first mentioned as purchasing land in Concord Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, on March 1, 1686. This land included 200 acres, and while at that time it was described as being in Chester County, it is now in Delaware County. Two years later, he sold 100 acres, and in 1702 he gave one acre on the northeast corner of the remaining tract on which to erect a church—St. John's Episcipal Church in Concord.

John Hannum married prior to July 27, 1697, Margery Southery, daughter of Robert Southery, "a fuller by trade, late of Westbury, in the county of Wilts, England." They had eleven children. John Hannum died in 1730 and Margery (Southery) Hannum died about 1742. It is the prevailing belief that both were buried at St. John's Church, Concord. One of their eleven children was:

II.—JOHN HANNUM II, baptised as an infant the 27th day of March, 1712, at St. Paul's Church, Chester, Pennsylvania, where his father was a vestryman from 1702 until 1727, m/1 Oct. 29, 1731, Mary Gibbons (a cousin) who seems to have died without issue. He m/2 Aug. 8, 1741, at Birmingham Meeting, Chester County, Pa., Jane Neild, daughter of John

Neild and Elizabeth Ring, of Aston Township, Delaware County, Pa. She d. Nov. 14, 1808, aged 88 years and 2 months (b. ca1820), and was buried at Concord Friends' Burying Ground. John Hannum II d. March 25, 1773, in Concord Township, and was buried at Concord Friends' Burying Ground. The following obituary notice is from the Pennsylvania Chronicle No. 324, Monday, March 29, 1773:

> "On Thursday morning last died very suddenly of an Apopletic Fit, in Concord Township, Chester County, John Hannum Esq., a worthy magistrate of that County."

One of the five children of John Hannum II and Jane Neild was a son:

III.—JOHN HANNUM III, b. 1740 West Chester, Pa., settled on a large farm on the Brandywine and Valley Creek, in East Bradford, which had been purchased by his father.

Colonel John Hannum of Revolutionary fame was an active Whig, an influential citizen of Chester County from the days of the Revolution to the day of his death in 1799, and was a zealous participant in all the movements which led to and resulted in the independence of the United States.

In 1783 Col. Hannum was appointed Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds of Chester County, which offices were held by himself and his son Richard Montgomery Hannum to the time of his (Col. Hannum's) death Feb. 7, 1799, in West Chester, Pa.

Col. John Hannum III was married Feb. 9, 1768, at St. James Church, Lancaster, Pa., to Alice Parke (b. May 12, 1744, d. March 17, 1830). They were both buried at Bradford Meeting house at Marshallton, Chester County, Pa.

Alice Parke was a daughter of Jonathan Parke and Deborah Taylor who were married at Birmingham Meeting, Chester County, Pa., April 29, 1731. Jonathan Parke was a son of Thomas Parke of East Bradford. Deborah Taylor was a daughter of Abiah Taylor of Bradford, Chester County, Pa.

Revolutionary War Service of John Hannum

> "Colonel, Pa. Militia in 1777. He served as Magistrate and collected supplies for the Army. He was also in the Militia with Wayne, from Brandywine to Paoli, and was commander of the post at Chester, Pa. He was taken prisoner in 1780, but made his escape by leaping from a high wall, thus injuring one of his legs from which he suffered a long time." Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, page 272.

Col. John Hannum III and Alice Parke were the parents of seven children including twins, one of whom was:

IV.—RICHARD MONTGOMERY HANNUM (twin to Washington Lee Hannum), b. Oct. 26, 1776, West Chester, Pa., d. Jan. 31, 1850, at *SPRING HILL*, the home of his son-in-law Dr. Daniel R. Merritt, Hadensville (near Guthrie), Todd County, Ky. He was buried in the Merritt family burying ground which was, and still is, in one corner of the yard.

After the death of Dr. Merritt, *SPRING HILL* passed into the hands of his son, Philander L. Merritt, who in time sold the property to H. Fort Flowers,

son of Louisa (Fort) Flowers. Later, the property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. McElroy of Chicago, Ill., who moved to *SPRING HILL* and restored the beautiful old home to its original grandeur. When visited several years ago, the Merritt Family Cemetery was in the process of restoration. An arrangement had been made with Mr. McElroy by Mr. Flowers, the former owner, for the monuments to be repaired, possibly relettered, and reset, and for the marker for his great-grandfather, Richard Montgomery Hannum, to be given special attention.

Richard Montgomery Hannum m. Oct. 19, 1799, Philadelphia, Pa., Charlotte Ruston, daughter of Dr. Thomas Ruston and Mary Fisher. Charlotte Ruston was b. March 27, 1780, London, England, and d. Feb. 1, 1850, the day after her husband died, at the home of another son-in-law, Elias J. Fort in Robertson County, Tenn. Because of extremely bad weather and the condition of the roads, she was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery. They had nine children.

Richard Montgomery Hannum was commissioned Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds of Chester County, Pa., on Dec. 6, 1798, and was Chief Burgess of West Chester, in said County, for the year 1803.

According to the Hannum Genealogy, he came to Kentucky September 18, 1804, and was for many years a merchant in Russellville, Logan County, Kentucky. The first three children were born in Pennsylvania. The fourth, born in Kentucky in 1806, probably died young. The fifth, sixth and seventh were born in "Colina" which was a settlement of people from Carolina (C'olina) a few miles east of Russellville. The last two children were born in Russellville.

A close examination of Logan County records would tell more about the exact places this family lived. It is probable they moved to Keysburg in the southwestern part of Logan County in the mid-1830s, as he was a Justice of the Peace on Dec. 13, 1838, as evidenced by a Certificate to the Clerk in a deed from James Overstreet and wife to Elias J. Fort. This old deed that was recorded in D.B. W, p. 100, Logan County Clerk's Office, is in the Ellen C. Fort papers.

The nine children of Richard Montgomery Hannum and Charlotte Ruston were:

1.—Elizabeth Hannum, b. July 24, 1800, West Chester, Pa., died there Sept. 15, 1801.

2.—Henry Hannum, b. May 12, 1802, West Chester, Pa., d. April 13, 1844, Maryville, Tenn., m. July 10, 1827, Abingdon, Va., Ann Eliza White (1810-1883). They were the parents of William Y. C. Hannum (1841-) who m. Charlotte Louisa Merritt, daughter of Dr. Daniel R. Merritt and Penelope Hannum.

3.—Fisher Ames Hannum, b. Nov. 8, 1803, West Chester, Pa., d. Nov. 8, 1862, Huntsville, Ala., unmarried. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tenn.

4.—Mary F. Hannum, b. Feb. 19, 1806, Kentucky.

5.—Charlotte Hannum, b. Aug. 13, 1808, at "Colina" near Russellville, Logan County, Ky., d. Nov. 13, 1847, Hopkinsville, Ky., buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery, m. Nov. 14, 1837, at Keysburg, Frank W. Pankey (who later moved to Barton County, Mo.), by whom she had three children.

6.—Penelope Hannum, b. Aug. 2, 1810, at "Colina" near Russellville, Logan County, Ky., d. Aug. 18, 1885, near Hadensville, Todd County, Ky., and buried in the Merritt Family Cemetery at *SPRING HILL* where was buried her father. She m. Oct. 20, 1836, (as his 3rd wife) Dr. Daniel R. Merritt (b. Jan. 17 or 20, 1800, near Franklin, Williamson County, Tenn., d. May 17, 1883, and buried at *SPRING HILL*. They had six children.

Dr. Daniel R. Merritt m/1 in 1825 Mrs. _____ Fort (unidentified at this time) of Robertson County, Tenn., and they had two children: 1) William Merritt and 2) Ann Eliza Merritt.

Dr. Merritt m/2 (name unknown) and had two more children: 3) Washington Merritt and 4) Dr. R_____ Merritt of Mayfield, Ky.

The first four children of Dr. Merritt are not Hannum descendants, but his children by his third wife are.

The six children of Penelope Hannum and Dr. Daniel R. Merritt were:

A.—Henry Clay Merritt, b. April 12, 1839.

B.—Fisher Harrison Merritt, b. June 3, 1840.

C.—Rosa B. Merritt, b. March 17, 1842.

D.—Montgomery Merritt, b. Oct. 14, 1844.

E.—Philander L. Merritt, b. Feb. 6, 1847.

F.—Charlotte Louisa Merritt, b. Sept. 5, 1850 or 1851, m. William Y. C. Hannum of Maryville, Tenn., her cousin.

7.—Anthony Butler Hannum, b. Feb. 14, 1812 at "Colina" near Russellville, Logan County, Ky., d. Aug. 31, 1900. He m. Louisa Emily Lacy Hodgkins.

8.—Louisa Montgomery Hannum, b. Feb. 15, 1814, Russellville, Ky., d. June 30, 1847, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Elias Joseph Fort, son of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn.

9.—William F. Hannum, b. 1817, Russellville, Ky., d. there Sept. 27, 1819.

V.—LOUISA MONTGOMERY HANNUM (1814-1847), m. Elias Joseph Fort and had seven children. She was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery where were buried her mother Charlotte (Ruston) Hannum in 1850 and her sister Charlotte (Hannum) Pankey in 1847.

References:

1.—History of Chester County, Pa., Everts, 1881, pp. 586-587.

2.—Colonial & Revolutionary Lineages of America, p. 353.

3.—Genealogy of the Hannum Family descended from John and Margery Hannum, settlers in Chester County, Pa., Compiled by Curtis H. Hannum, West Chester, Pa., 1911.

4.—The Ellen C. Fort Papers.

5.—Cemetery Records, Bible Records and various other family papers.

Ruston

I.—JOB RUSTON was born early in the 1700s in Berwick, a county in southeastern Scotland. After his marriage in 1735 in England, he came to this country and settled at Fagg's Manor, Chester County, Pa., where in 1739 he purchased 425 acres of land. Here he erected buildings, including

a mill. His dwelling stood near the mill, and here he resided until his death in January, 1785. He was one of the founders of Fagg's Manor Presbyterian Church. During the French and Indian War, he commanded a company from Chester County.

Job Ruston m/1 about 1735 in England Mary Baker, who died June 19, 1757, at the age of thirty-nine years. On her tombstone in the graveyard at Fagg's Manor it was recorded that "she bore unto him in twenty-two years twelve children." Five of the children were named in his will.

Job Ruston m/2 Edith _____. In his will dated Jan. 17, 1784, he bequeathed certain amounts "to my wife Edith, according to our contract." The real estate he devised to his son Dr. Thomas Ruston, subject to the payment of legacies to his other children. In the settlement of the estate, litigation ensued which was carried to the Supreme Court of the State. The case will be found reported as Ruston vs. Ruston, 2 Yeates' Reports, p. 54, and 2 Dallas' reports, p. 243.

II.—DR. THOMAS RUSTON, the oldest son of Job Ruston and Mary Baker, was born in 1742 in Upper Oxford Township, Chester County, Pa. He graduated from Princeton College in 1762. The following year he went to Europe, and graduating at the Medical Department of the University of Edinburgh, at once took such high rank in his profession as to be appointed surgeon in charge of the Devon and Exeter Hospital at Exeter, England, where he remained for more than fifteen years. Dr. Ruston was the first American who graduated at Edinburgh.

In 1772 in London, England, Dr. Ruston married Mary Fisher (b. 1758 London, England, d. 1797 Philadelphia, Pa.), one of the three children of William Fisher (1711-1789), a merchant of London who m. in 1731 Elizabeth Cherrilton (d. ca 1779) who was descended from a family named Dagg of Cornwall.

After the death of his father Job Ruston in 1785, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Ruston came to America and resided at 8th and Chestnut Streets, one block from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, Philadelphia, Pa. Mary (Fisher) Ruston, possessed of an ample fortune, brought with her to this country forty thousand guineas, equal to two hundred thousand dollars,—a large sum for those days. They lived in style and entertained lavishly. Dr. Benjamin Franklin was one of their intimate friends.

Dr. Ruston engaged with others in extensive land speculations which, although promising well, subsequently proved disastrous, and his wife's ample fortune, as well as his own, was dissipated. He died in Philadelphia in 1811.

Dr. and Mrs. Ruston had seven children. Four sons died before they were seven years old. The other three were:

1.—Mary Fisher Ruston, b. 1778 in England, m/1 in 1795 William Harrison, by whom she had two sons. She m/2 in 1807 John Wheeler by whom she had two more children, a daughter, Mary Wheeler (b. 1808) who m. in 1834 Uriah V. Pennypacker, Esq. of Chester County, Pa., and a son named John Wheeler (b. 1810).

2.—Charlotte Ruston, b. March 27, 1780, London, England.

3.—Thomas Ruston, Jr., b. in 1787, Philadelphia, Pa., d. in 1845 at

Keysburg, Ky., without leaving any heirs. We do not think he ever married.
III.—CHARLOTTE RUSTON, b. March 27, 1780, London, England, d. Feb. 1, 1850, Robertson County, Tenn., at the home of her son-in-law Elias J. Fort. She was buried in the Josiah Fort Cemetery where two of her daughters were buried: Louisa (Hannum) Fort (1814-1847) and Charlotte (Hannum) Pankey (1808-1847).

Charlotte (Ruston) Hannum, the grandmother of the descendants of Elias J. Fort, was a famous beauty, and pictures and portraits made from a miniature painted on ivory, in England, when she was seventeen years old are treasured possessions of many of her descendants. She m. Oct. 17, 1799, Philadelphia, Pa., Richard Montgomery Hannum (a twin, b. Oct. 26, 1776, West Chester, Pa., d. Jan. 31, 1850, Todd County, Ky), son of Col. John Hannum III and Alice Parke. (See HANNUM)

References:

1.—History of Chester County, Pa., Everts, 1881, pp. 717-718.
2.—Letter from Charles H. Pennypacker to Ellen C. Fort dated March 18, 1863, and other correspondence in the Ellen C. Fort papers.
3.—Cases in Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1796, Edith Ruston, Robert Wallace, John Ramsay, and John Gilliland, Executors of Job Ruston, against Thomas Ruston. Reported in 2 Yeates' Reports, pp. 54-70, and 2 Dallas' Reports, pp. 243-246.

Flowers

I.—JAMES FLOWERS, b. Feb. 24, 1743, d. Feb. 24, 1826, Buckingham County, Virginia. (Bible) It is not known who his parents were, nor from whence they came. Records prior to 1869 burned in a fire that destroyed the Court House in Buckingham County; however, it has been determined that he served in the Revolutionary War.

"James Flowers was a private, Captain Charles Fleming's Company, 7th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Alexander McClenaehan, Esq., June 1777—April 7, 1778. He also gave material aid—wheat—Buckingham County Public Service Claims." (Photostatic or photographic copies from National Archives and Virginia State Library, Feb. 25, 1955.) James Flowers m. June 6, 1787, Powhatan County, Va., Theodoshea Bagby (b. April 11, 1755, probably Cumberland County, Va., d. Sept. 3, 1825, Buckingham County, Va.), daughter of Henry Bagby who d. in 1790, Powhatan County, Va., leaving a will that is of record in W.B. I, 1777-1795, and his wife, Susannah _____, who d. before 1790.

"Henry Bagby also gave material aid during the Revolutionary War, and gave his 'Oath of Allegiance To The Commonwealth of Virginia' in 1777."

James Flowers and Theodoshea Bagby were the parents of six children, all born in Virginia:

1.—Thomas Flowers, b. Sept. 16, 1788.
2.—Henry Bagby Flowers, b. April 7, 1790.
3.—James Flowers, b. March 14, 1792.
4.—Sallie Flowers, b. May 10, 1794.

5.—Elizabeth Flowers, b. Nov. 14, 1796.

6.—Samuel Chandler Flowers, b. Oct. 3, 1798.

All the above six people came to Adair County, Kentucky, where the two oldest sons and their sister Sallie stayed to make their home. The sons left descendants, but Sallie had no children, even though she married twice. James Flowers came on to Logan County, Kentucky, where he bought his first tract of land in 1832. He was later joined by his brother Samuel Chandler Flowers and family who bought an adjoining farm in 1838. Elizabeth Flowers, who never married, made her home with the Samuel Chandler Flowers family.

II.—SAMUEL CHANDLER FLOWERS m. Feb. 16, 1831, Buckingham County, Va., Phoebe Ann Pittman (b. May 27, 1806, Buckingham County, d. Feb. 28, 1881, Logan County, Ky.) Both were buried in the Samuel Chandler Flowers Cemetery at *HILL TOP*, he having died May 5, 1863.

Phoebe Ann Pittman was the daughter of John James Pittman, b. Oct. 29, 1778, (parents unknown), who d. Aug. 8, 1841, Buckingham County, Va., and wife Henningham Carrington. They were married Oct. 21, 1803. Henningham Carrington (b. March 17, 1781, d. 1838) was a daughter of Lt. Nathaniel Carrington (1743-1803) and wife, Phoebe (Rebecca) Harris, and a granddaughter of Col. George Carrington (1711-1785) and wife, Ann Mayo (1712-1785).

Samuel Chandler Flowers and Phoebe Ann Pittman were the parents of nine children:

1.—Elizabeth Frances Flowers, b. May 1, 1832, Buckingham County, Va.

2.—Thomas Henry Flowers, b. Nov. 22, 1833, Buckingham County, Va.

3.—James Samuel (Jim Sam) Flowers, b. Aug. 2, 1835, Buckingham County, Va.

4.—Ann Pittman Flowers, b. Sept. 13, 1837, Adair County, Ky.

5.—Virginia Henningham Flowers, b. July 28, 1839, Logan County, Ky.

6.—John Nathaniel Flowers, b. Sept. 14, 1841, Logan County, Ky.

7.—Daniel Bagby Flowers, b. Oct. 12, 1844, Logan County, Ky.

8.—Edward Carrington Flowers, b. July 31, 1846, Logan County, Ky.

9.—Charles Wesley Flowers, b. Oct. 13, 1848, Logan County, Ky.

In 1836, Samuel C. Flowers, then 38 years old, with his wife Phoebe Ann (Pittman) Flowers and three young children left Buckingham County, Va., and came to Adair County, Ky., where they stayed a year, during which time their fourth child was born. They came on to Logan County, Ky., where in 1838 they bought two tracts of land. The first, 126½ acres, they bought from Jacob Chastain by deed dated March 28, 1838, D.B. "V", p. 536, and the second, 218 acres on Red River, they bought from Christian W. Orndorff later on that year, D.B. "W", p. 71. In 1846, 1851 and 1857 three more deeds were recorded, bringing the total acreage to 557.5 acres.

HILL TOP and the Samuel C. Flowers Cemetery are on the Chastain land, which with some additional acreage made up the farm of Daniel Bagby Flowers. This land is still owned by his descendants.

III.—DANIEL BAGBY FLOWERS, b. Oct. 12, 1844, Logan County, Ky., where he d. June 20, 1893, m. Oct. 1, 1874, Louisa Montgomery Fort (1847-1920), daughter of Elias Joseph Fort and Louisa Montgomery Hannum.

References:

1.—Records in old Bible owned by Karl and William Flowers, Columbia, Adair County, Ky. The Bible was printed in Edinburgh by Alexander Kincaid, His Majesty's Printer, MDCCLXXI. Family records from this Bible and service records of James Flowers and Henry Bagby were contributed by Mrs. W. J. Flowers, Columbia, Ky.

2.—The Ellen C. Flowers Papers.

Boyd

I.—DANIEL BOYD. The October 19, 1794, will of Daniel Boyd in the Logan County, Ky., Clerk's Office, named his wife RUTH, three daughters, and his two youngest sons. (Abstract by Mrs. J. Wells Vick.) The marriage dates and names given in parentheses are from Logan County marriage records:—

1.—Jane (y) Boyd, oldest daughter. (M. Dec. 24, 1799, Richard Davis.)
2.—Frances Boyd. M. June 28, 1805, James Clark.)
3.—Elizabeth Boyd, youngest daughter.
4.—John Boyd. (M. Sept. 28, 1805, Susan Gorham.)
5.—Matthew Boyd. (M. Oct. 8, 1816, Frances Parlee.)

The Logan County marriage records indicate that Henry Boyd m. March 29, 1816, Nelly Shelton. It is possible he was one of the "youngest" sons, and just not recorded by name in his father's will.

II.—JOHN BOYD (#4 above) was b. in 1780 and d. Sept. 11, 1818, Logan County, Ky. He was buried at Old Red River Meeting House. He m. Sept. 28, 1805, Susan Gorham. (She was probably a daughter of Nathaniel Gorham and Sarah Cotton whose son Thomas Gorham (d. 1836) m. Sallie Sugg, daughter of Noah Sugg.) John Boyd and Susan Gorham had five children:

1.—Daniel Cotton Boyd, b. Feb. 2, 1809.
2.—Reeson (Reason) Boyd, b. April 10, 1811, d. July 20, 1893.
3.—Martha Boyd, b. Aug. 27, 1813, d. July 5, 1879, m. _____ Pence.
4.—Courtney Boyd, b. Dec. 20, 1815, d. Aug. 25, 1839, m. Edmund Burr.
5.—James "Jim" Boyd, b. March 18, 1817, d. Aug. 5, 1873, m/1 Feb. 20, 1855, Mary Haddox, daughter of Daniel Haddox and his 1st wife, Lucinda Wood. Their daughter Ada Haddox m. Marcellus (Cell) Orndorff. (See HADDOX.)

James Boyd m/2 _____ McElwain of Franklin, Ky. Their daughter Florence Boyd m. William Andrews and they operated a store at Schochoh. (One record said this store was operated by James Boyd and that the slogan was "Knitting needles to threshing machines.")

III.—DANIEL COTTON BOYD, b. Feb. 2, 1809, d. Jan. 18, 1871, m. Oct. 27, 1836, Catharine Miller (1809-1885), daughter of Jacob Miller, Sr., and Elizabeth Orndorff (1777-1860). They had five children:

1.—Thomas J. Boyd, b. Oct. 3, 1837, d. Nov. 12, 1841.

2.—John F. Boyd, b. March 19, 1839, d. Oct 10, 1909, m/1 May 5, 1864, Georgiana Rouse (1843-1873), and had two children. A granddaughter is Sadie Mims (or Mimms) Russell (Mrs. Jesse L.) of Adairville, Ky. John F.

Boyd m/2 Eleska Orndorff, and had two more children but no known grandchildren by either one of them.

3.—George Washington Boyd, b. April 11, 1842.

4.—William Boyd, b. July 5, 1848.

5.—Susan Elizabeth Boyd, b. Sept. 17, 1850, d. Nov. 12, 1908, m. _____ Baird.

IV.—GEORGE WASHINGTON BOYD (#3 above), m. Elizabeth Frances Barker, daughter of Henson Barker and Sara Neal. The Neal family came from Simpson, Ky., to Pilot Knob in Logan County, Ky. They had six children:

1.—Ernest Neal Boyd, b. Oct. 5, 1879, d. Dec. 3, 1964.

2.—Pearl Catharine Boyd, b. Aug. 27, 1881.

3.—George Daniel Boyd, b. Nov. 30, 1885, d. Sept. 4, 1949, El Paso, Texas, m. Nancy Zerelda Orndorff, a descendant of Catherine Branch Fort and Capt. John Grubbs.

4.—Alma Boyd, m. (as his 2nd wife) Will Townsend.

5.— _____ Boyd m. Steve Krevdo of Columbus, Ohio.

6.—Hattie Boyd, m. _____ VeuCasovic of Detroit, Michigan.

V.—PEARL CATHARINE BOYD (#2 above), b. Aug. 27, 1881, Logan County, Ky., m. Nov. 18, 1903, Edward Carrington Flowers (1879-1962), son of Daniel Bagby Flowers and Louisa Montgomery Fort.

References:

1.—Abstracts of Logan County Wills by Mrs. J. Wells Vick.

2.—Logan County Marriage Records.

3.—Data from Pearl Catharine (Mrs. E. C.) Flowers, Russellville, Ky.

Stovall

I.—GEORGE and JOAN STOVALL, Quakers, of Albury Parish, Surrey, England, were the parents of:

II.—BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, b. Aug. 24, 1665, who came to Jamestown Virginia, in 1684. He d. c1721 in Henrico County, Va., where his will dated 1718 was probated May 1, 1721. He m. Dec. 1, 1693, Henrico County, Va., (as her 1st husband) Ann Burton, daughter of Thomas Burton (1634-1686) and Susanna Allen. Ann Burton m/2 between 1721 and 1725 John Saunders. She d. after 1725, but before 1731.

Bartholomew Stovall and Ann Burton had six children, one of whom was:

III.—GEORGE STOVALL, SR., b. probably c1694/5, Henrico County. Va., d. 1786 (will) Campbell County, Va., m/2 probably c1758 Elizabeth Landon (d. 1812 Campbell County, Va.). George Stovall, Sr. had five children by his 1st wife, Elizabeth _____ who d. c1757. He had eight children by his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Landon, the first of whom was:

IV.—BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL, b. Aug. 23, 1759, Bedford (later Campbell) County, Va., d. March 9, 1841, Sumner County, Tenn. He was buried on the hill at the site of his old home near Templow, Tenn., which is now in Trousdale County, Tenn., east of Hartsville, where he came with his family in 1804.

Martha Fort	born	Septb. 16, 1816
Elisha P. Fort	born	Decb. 20, 1817
Catharine Fort	born	Jan. 29, 1820
Wm. E. Fort	born	Feb. 6, 1819
Eliza. A. Fort	born	Octb. 12, 1820

(Note: The last two were children of B. J. Fort and his first wife, Nancy Northington.)

DEATHS

Elias Fort, Sen.	died	Jan. 14, 1819
Sarah Fort	died	March 19, 1802
Elias Fort, Jun.	died	Jan. 9, 1827
Catherine Fort	died	Jan. 7, 1838
B. J. Fort	died	Novb. 3, 1836
Sarah Fort	died	Octb. 29, 1801
Lewis Fort	died	Septb. 12, 1823
Elizabeth Fort	died	Sept. 29, 1831
Pollie B. Connell	died	Aug. 6, 1842
Wm. P. Fort	died	Sept. 7, 1812
Wm. E. Fort	died	July 27, 1844

BIRTHS

Burwell J. Fort was born Dec. 28, 1797
Charlotte E. Fort was born March 26, 1804
And our son L. A. Fort was born May the 9th Anno Domini 1825
B. J. Fort was born April 6th, 1827
Noah S. Fort was born March 28th, 1829
Frances A. Fort was born Feb. 15th, 1831
Elias Fort was born Feb. 28 A.D. 1833.
Gabriel Fort was born June 2 A.D. 1835.

DEATHS

Burwell J. Fort Departed this life November 3 Anno Domini 1836.

BIRTHS

Gabriel H. Fort, son of B. J. & C. E. Fort was born on the 2nd day of June 1835.
Catherine R. Jones, daughter of Thos. B. & D. B. Jones was born on the 5th day of May 1843.
Florence Stella Fort, daughter of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born on the 24th day of March 1863.
Elias William Fort, son of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born on the 21st day of Feb. 1865.
Edna Elizabeth, daughter of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born Oct. 12th, 1868.
Fannie Boswell, daughter of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born Jan. 12th, 1871.

1.—The American Genealogist, Oct. 1962, pp. 215-219: *THE ENGLISH ORIGIN OF BARTHOLOMEW STOVALL OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA*, by Cameron Allen, East Orange, N.J.
2.—Data from William H. Dumont, Augusta, Ga., a student of the Stovall Family.
3.—Various Bible, Cemetery, and family records.

A Family Newsletter

This family newsletter was found in the papers of Mrs. Ellen C. Fort. It was written by Louisa M. (Hannum) Fort (1814-1847) to her husband's nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Fort, when they were living in Missouri. (See Charts 1 and 8, Chapter IV.)

We are taking the liberty of breaking some of the paragraphs into short sentences in order to more easily identify various members of the family.

"February 1, 1846.

"Dear Thomas and Martha:

"According to your request, I with great pleasure seat myself to give you the news of the Family and neighborhood. We are all in tolerable health and spirits at this time, but I do assure you that the hand of affliction has been abroad through the Land since the first of last September.

"Your Father (Whitmil Hill Fort) was very ill for some weeks. He thought he would be obliged to die at one time. I am told he spoke of writing for you, but I do not know whether he wrote or not.

"Edmond (Edmund Augustus Fort, brother of Thomas Fort) was quite sick a short time before your father was attacked.

"Little Whitmel and Cyrus (Greenfield) had the chills. They are two fine boys. They grow very fast; Whitmel particularly.

"The Old man looks quite comfortable at home. They have James Baker for an overseer. I do not think Edmond has the least idea of marrying.

"Thomas Leigh (Yancey) left for Virginia in October. I think he writes that he is much pleased with his relations. the most of whom are wealthy. I presume he will return in the spring. Tom Leigh resembles yourself; he is all life and animation. I felt like shedding tears when he bade me farewell.

"Your Uncle Joel (1805-1867) was very sick for a long time and has not yet recovered entirely, though he attends to his business, with the help of an overseer.

"Susannah (Carr Fort) has had the chills for some time. The rest of his family are in tolerable health.

"Old Mrs. Metcalf is quite feeble. She strained her ancle a short time since and has been very much afflicted with it. The old lady is quite cheerful generally, more so than formerly. Matthew Williams causes her a good deal of trouble. She often expresses a desire to see you both and your children.

"Lawson (Eppa Lawson Fort, son of Sugg Fort) has a fine set of children. His last wife (Elizabeth Dancy) has two, a son and a daugther. Her health is not good. The three oldest boys board with Mrs. Metcalf and go to school to Mr. Boles at your Uncle Joels. He is a most excellent teacher.

"I presume you know that Mr. (Thomas) Trigg married Charles Metcalf's widow. He is teaching school. Elizabeth (Neville) is in fine health and spirits, and to her pleasure.

"Eudora and Eugenia Wimberley live with them. They are two smart children. Robert (Wimberley) is tall of his age and is quite sturdy. He is with his Father (Joseph Wimberley II) who has been in bad health almost ever since his wife died. (Sarah Battle Fort)

"Your Uncle George's family were well the last time I heard from them. (George Sterling Wimberley.)

"Amanda Ally has a daughter. (She was the first of three daughters of George Sterling Wimberley by his 1st wife, Mary Ann Louisa Dickens.) I think I never saw two people suit better than she and her husband.

"Elisha Fort (son of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince) lives in Turnersville. I do not know how he is getting along in the world; he and his wife come over occasionally. I would be very glad to visit them, but am so much confined with my family that I never get that far from home. Cousin Martha (Gardner) is quite pretty and dresses as fashionably as a young girl. She has improved very much since you left in her manners and appearance. You know she was quite a child when she was married.

"Jo Fort (Joseph W. Fort who married Susan M. Whitfield, another son of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince) has bought a farm near George Wimberley's that formerly belonged to William Fall. Jo has a fine wife and a son and daughter. He is extremely fond of his children; the little girl is the very image of Catharine Whitfield.

"Catharine was married a short time since to a Mr. Osborne, who lives with Bryant Whitfield.

"Dudley Bourne lives quite near Jo Fort. They are by no means fond of each other. I believe they have 9 children.

"It is said that the smallpox is in Nashville and that your Aunt Catharine (Catharine Wimberly who married Milton Bourne) has sent her children to George Wimberley's, and intended following them herself as soon as she heard from Mr. Bourne who was in Mississippi and was very ill. Your Aunt Catharine was over in September.

"Your Aunt Charlotte was at that time very low. (Charlotte A. Trigg, the 2nd wife of George Sterling Wimberly. She died Nov. 10, 1845.) She stayed the most of her time with her. I was sick and did not see her which was quite a disappointment to me. I believe that all who know her, love her. Elizabeth Bourne was over last summer. She is nearly grown, rather inclined to be fleshy.

"Lemuel Herring lives at the Old Mill place. He has an agreeable wife and two children, a son and daughter. Cousin Polly (his mother) married Old brother Watts. She looks as happy as a queen. Sarah Frances Herring and Martha Watts board at Joel's and go to school.

"Matilda (Herring) Burks was well the last time I heard from her. She has a son a year or two old.

"Old man Grubbs was in bad health the last time I heard from him. Nancy Orndorff moved down on Cumberland River a few weeks since. (Nancy Boone Grubbs, daughter of Capt. John Grubbs and Catharine Branch Fort.) She has

been boarding with her brother-in-law down there the most of her time since she was married. She stayed with us a day or two on her way down. She looked very well. Her Father gave her several negroes. Nancy appears to like her new mother very well. (Nancy's father, Capt. John Grubbs, m/4 in 1842 her husband's aunt, Delilah Orndorff. Her husband was Ira W. Orndorff.)

"William (Grubbs) is still preaching. His wife has two children.

"Joel (Grubbs) married a widow with 7 children. (Mrs. Cloud.) They say he drinks deeply and is a perfect desperado. (William and Joel Grubbs were children of Capt. John Grubbs and his 1st wife, along with their sister Lucy Grubbs. See Chart 5, Chapter IV.)

"Dr. (Henry Horn) Sugg and his wife with their oldest son joined the Baptist Church at Keysburg last fall. (See Chapter II.)

Vardamine Grizzard has belonged to that Church some years. His wife joined in September. They have one son.

"Franky Dillard lives on Dr. Sugg's place. She lost her negro woman last summer. (Frances Sugg m. William Dillard.)

"Betsy Sugg, that was, is a widow.

"Your grandfather (Josiah Fort) is failing in strength very fast. He has not been confined with sickness for a long time, but is always complaining.

"Mr. Fort's health (Elias Joseph Fort) is better than it used to be, but he has not been well since 1840. He is now at Keysburg attending Church. He is as fond of going to meeting as his Father ever was. Father is so feeble that he does not go often now.

"We have six children, five girls and one little boy. Of course we think them very good looking and smart, but Edmund says they are the ugliest that God ever made, but I always tell him he does not think so.

"Give my love to all of our relations and kiss all the dear little ones for me. I wish I could be with you all a while, and then back again.

"Your Uncle Jo received a letter from your Aunt Mary, or at least I heard so. She said she intended settling in Alabama and that Lowry would live with her. I would be glad to learn that they were doing well. (See Chart 2, Chapter IV.)

"Albert Brown lives at the same place across the Creek. His wife is quite sick at this time.

"Two of our children go to school, Henry and Ellen. Emily did go until she was taken sick about two months since. We thought she would die for some time. I recon we will hardly send her before spring.

"I presume Charles and Catharine are quite large. They used to be large of their ages.

"My boy can cut wood and make fires.

"Both of you must write very soon.

Yours affectionately,
LOUISA M. FORT"

Civil War Letters from Henry Horn Fort (Extracts)

Henry Horn Fort, a Confederate soldier with Co. G, 3rd Ky. Cavalry, and three of his first cousins, the brothers Henry, Fisher and Mont(gomery) Merritt, were with Morgan's men and captured in Columbiana County, Ohio, during the summer of 1863. They were prisoners of war for nearly two years.

Lacking exact information and dates for Henry Horn Fort, we did find this notation: "Henry Clay Merritt, Inf., 1st Ky. Reg., Army of Virginia for twelve months, joined in 1861. Afterwards joined Cavalry, Gen. John H. Morgan's command. Captured near Buffington Island, Ohio, July 19, 1863; released in June, 1865."

Here are extracts from some letters to his family from H. H. Fort during this period:—

"Camp near Liberty _____, March 24, 1863. Dear Father and Sister:

"I seize upon this very favorable opportunity of writing a short letter, hoping that you will send an answer by the bearer when he returns to our command. Since I last wrote to you, I have witnessed all the vicissitudes of a soldier's life. Sometimes I have wanted something to eat; for weeks I have feasted on camp biscuit and bacon gravy. At other times, feasted on poultry, fresh pork, eggs, grits, honey, etc.

"We stayed at Woodbury for six weeks and had the heaviest picket duty to do I have ever done, besides foraging, scouting and skirmishing . . .

"Henry, Fisher, Montgomery and myself are all in splendid health. The health of our Company is very bad.

The next few letters are from the prison camp:

"CAMP DOUGLAS, Sept. 2, 1863. Sister Ellen: Yours of the 20th was received last evening and I hasten to answer it. I was glad to learn that you were all well. In your next, let me know how Papa is. Give particulars of his illness.

"Why don't you let me know something about Lou? Is she dead, or alive, at home or abroad? Tell her to write.

"I rec. whilst at Camp Chase, by letter $4.00, by Express $25.00 . . . . I spent and loaned $7.00 and traded _____ tickets for $2.00 which I brought to this place. The remaining $20.00 has not been heard from since I left Chase twelve days since . . . .

"I sent a suit of clothes out by a woman to be washed last Saturday and haven't heard from them since. The result is I am dirty and have not a change of clothing.

"It has been very cold up here and a good many of the boys have suffered through want of blankets. Almost every one, myself not excepted, are suffering from severe colds. Otherwise my health is excellent . . . .

". . . . Visitors are allowed to see their friends here. If you send me money, do not send more than $10.00 . . .

HENRY

"PS. on back of folded letter: Address: H. H. FORT, Co. G, 3rd Ky. Cav., Camp Douglas, Illinois.

"Today is my birthday. Almost an old bachelor and no prospects.

"Tell all to write. I have paper, but no stamps, envelopes or money.

H."

His sister Ellen C. Fort went to Camp Douglas, Illinois, to visit him. The next few letters are to her there:

"Sept. 13, 1863. To: Miss E. Fort, Headquarters, Camp Douglas. Dear Sister: Yours of this morning has just come to hand. I have been taking a cough mixture. Am a little sick at the stomach, but will take no more until after our interview. For fear I don't have the pleasure of seeing you, I will state that both Mont(gomery) and I need a vest and John Parham wants a blanket for his sick brother.

HENRY

"Sept. 25, 1863 - Camp Douglas. Dearest Sister:

I received an envelope this morning postmarked Allensville, Sept. the 20th, and directed to Mr. H. H. Fort, Ps. of War, Co. D, 3rd Ky. Cav. It was a white U.S. postage envelope and contained a strip of paper with the words "letters condemned" written on it. If you can find out who it was from, please let me know.

"Let me know whether Papa has received my watch or not.

H. H. FORT, Co. G, 3rd Ky."

"April 17, 1864. Sister Ellen: Yours of the 11th was rec. this morning. We have been feasting for the past week on the contents of the box you sent last fall, the hams, fruit, corn and butter were all right. Cake old and dry.

"Haven't heard from Mr. Obn on the articles.

"Send some socks in the box. Be sure to mark every article plainly and remember that I will not be allowed to draw the articles intended for others.

"Do not send the watch or pipe; if you do, they may be confiscated.

"Send no man more than one suit of over (clothes) or a change of underclothes.

Mont and I are both well . . . .

"No prospects of exchange . . . . .

H. H. FORT"

Nearly a year later Henry Horn Fort was enroute home:

"On board the Steamer—*THOMAS MORGAN*, Thursday, March the 9th, 1865. My dear Father: One week has passed since we left Camp Douglas and we are still within the Federal lines. We will reach City Point in a few hours and Richmond tomorrow.

"We have been the unluckiest set of prisoners ever sent on exchange. In the first place, we were disappointed in not leaving when Mont did. Again, we were called out, searched and rations issued to last us to Baltimore, then kept in a separate Barrack in close confinement for 24 hours. Then sent back to our original barracks. Two days passed and we were again searched and stripped of every blanket, shawl or quilt and started on an old patched Emmigrant Train. We had gone but a few miles when a coupling broke and a delay was caused.

"Seventy miles from Chicago, a passenger train ran into us and caused

another delay of 14 (or 19) hours duration. After that no other serious accident occurred, though couplings were breaking almost hourly.

"We crossed the Ohio River on a boat and were put in box cars with stoves. We found the bridge across the Monongahela washed away, and had to walk about a mile. Here another delay of six hours was caused. We then started, traveled 16 miles and halted for the night. As we had neither fires nor blankets, we suffered from cold; rations were out, and we hungered.

"The next day and night we crossed the mountains. The third night we spent in Baltimore with the ground for a pillow and the sky for a canopy. Some of the men laid down their haversacks and carpet bags and piled up on them like hogs. Others walked all night, and a few hired the guards to go with them to the Barracks where they stole wood.

"Yesterday we shipped on board the T. M. (Thomas Morgan), but had proceeded only about 90 miles before we ran aground and were compelled to cast anchor for five hours on account of rain and fog.

"If we had not been so crowded, we could have slept very well last night, but as it was, we were compelled to sleep cross and piled. Just before day, the waves began to run so high that the water ran through the windows and hawser holes and aroused us from our positions on the Boiler Deck.

"Fort Wayne, is the only point on the route where we could buy at a reasonable price. After crossing the Ohio, we could buy but little at any price. At Baltimore, we could buy as much as we pleased, but at exorbitant prices. There we drew two days rations of bread and bacon.

"My health is quite good and I feel better than when I started. One good night's rest will set me all right.

"Give my love to all the family, and tell them that my last request is for them to write to Lou as often as possible.

"I have $10.00 in greenbacks and 15 in new issue of Con . . . . .

"Frank Browder, Wm. Adams and Will Radford are all with me and doing well.

"I am out of stamps and fear that I can write no Flag of Truce letter.

"So good by.

H. H. FORT"

Chapter V

Descendants of Catherine Fort, Daughter of Elias

CATHERINE FORT, daughter and 3rd child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born ca 1764, Edgecombe County, N.C., and died Feb. 23, 1817, Robertson County, Tenn. She m. in 1787, presumably in Edgecombe County, N.C. (See p. 94, N.C. and S.C. Marriages by W. M. Clemons), Matthew Williams, Sr. (b. 1758, d. 1797, Robertson County, Tenn.), son of James Williams of North Carolina and his wife, Elizabeth Henry. They had seven children:

1.—Exum C. Williams, b. probably ca 1788, Edgecombe County, N.C.

2.—Elizabeth Henry Williams, b. Nov. 1, 1789, Edgecombe County, N.C. See Chart 1, Chapter V.

3.—Milbrey Williams, b. probably ca 1791. An entry in the MINUTES of the Red River Baptist Church reads:

> "12 June 1813—Rec'd Milly Williams by experience, baptised next day, and she became a member of Drakes Pond 6 Nov. 1813, along with David and Obedience Smith."

Milbrey Williams married Thomas Appleton, and the date of marriage was sometime between this June 12, 1813, record and Dec. 21, 1813, when the negroes were valued and allotted "unto the several children" and she was listed as Milbry Appleton.

4.—Etheldred Williams, b. 1792, d. 1827, unmarried.

5.—William Fort Williams, b. Feb. 21, 1793. See Chart 2, Chapter V.

6.—James Williams. Never married. His Uncle Sugg Fort was still his guardian when two reports were filed with the Court in January, 1815.

7.—Matthew Williams, Jr., b. 1797 in Robertson County, Tenn., some months after the death of his father. See Chart 3, Chapter V.

Matthew and Catherine (Fort) Williams came to Tennessee with the Fort migration in 1791/92. She was deeded 200 acres of land by her father in 1799 when he divided a 1000-acre tract among his five daughters. According to MINUTES of Red River Baptist Church, Catherine Williams was received by experience Aug. 14, 1802. On page 141 is this entry:

> "Sister Catharine Williams departed this life February 23rd 1817, about 11 o'clock P.M."

Matthew Williams, Sr., born in 1758 (NSDAR No. 34563), was 29 years old when he married Catherine Fort in North Carolina in 1787, and their first two children, presumably, were born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. They had six children (a seventh was born sometime after he died) and had been married about ten years when he wrote his will on Jan. 28, 1797, which will was recorded July Court, 1797, Robertson County, Tenn.

WILL

> "In the name of God Amen. I Matthew Williams of the State of Tennessee, Robertson County, being of sound and perfect mind and memory (obliged be God) do this twenty eighth day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Ninety Seven make & publish this my last will & Testament in Manner following.

"That is to say, First I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine Williams as follows, to wit, a Sum of Money sufficient to Purchase her a Negro woman also I give unto my sd Wife one Bed & furniture also my Will & Desire is that my Executors hereafter named or any two of them may sell my Riding Horse called Prince for as much Money as they can get for him at private Sale or otherwise & after my just Debts are paid the Money arising from the sale of the Sd Horse the Remainder of my money that I have not given to my sd Wife for them to Purchase Land with at their Discretion which land when purchased to be Equally Divided Between my four sons Exum C., William F., Etheldred & James Williams According to equality & quantity as may be; all the rest of my Estate real & personal I lend to my beloved wife Catherine Williams during her Widowhood or life, after marriage or Death to be Equally Divided between all my children Exum C., Elizabeth H., Milbrey, William F., Etheldred & James Williams.

"And I do hereby make & ordain my Worthy friends Etheldred Williams Sen., William Deloach Jr. and Sugg Fort & my beloved Sons Exum & William F. Williams Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

"In witness whereof I Matthew Williams have to this my last Will & Testament set my hand & affixed my seal the day & date above written.

Matthew Williams (Seal)

"Signed Sealed Published & Declared by the sd Williams the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the Presence of us who were present at the Time of Signing & sealing thereof.

Leml. Sugg
Selah Sugg
Elizabeth Fort."

"Robertson County Court July Session 1797—the above Last Will & Testament of Matthew Williams was proven in Open Court by the Oath of Lemuel Sugg a subscribing witness.

Test—Thos. Johnson, Clk."

(Page 21, Vol. I, 1796-1812, Wills, Inventories, Bonds, etc., Robertson County, Tenn, WPA copied records, Tenn. State Library.)

A long list of items making up an Inventory of the personal estate of Matthew Williams, Dec'd, signed by Sugg Fort and William Deloach, Executors, was filed with the Court at the July Session, 1797. This list is on page 20 of the WPA copied records, Vol. I, 1796-1812 Wills, Inventories, Bonds, etc.

On pages 102 and 103 of Vol II, 1812-1818, Wills, etc. is a report filed at the February, 1814, Session, by James Norfleet, Hardy Grisard and Elias Fort, Sulphur Fork, who were appointed by the Court of Robertson County at the November Term, 1813:—

". . . To divide and allot the personal estate of Matthew Williams, Dec'd. unto several heirs and Legatees agreeable to his last will and testament. Upon examination we find the sd Williams did lend unto his wife Catherine Williams during her widowhood or life all his personal estate and she the said Catherine did covenant and agree to & with the Heirs & legatees of

the sd Matthew Williams Decd. They all being of age to act for themselves except James Williams who by his guardian Sugg Fort did agree that they the said Heirs do agree to pay all the just debts of the sd Catherine also to yield and pay unto her or some person for her during her widowhood or life each a proportional part decently supporting her the sd Catherine Whereupon she the said Catherine Williams did give up all the negroes to be divided in the same manner as though she were married or dead we the above named commissioners then proceeded to value the whole of the negroes eighteen in number valued to Three Thousand eight hundred and Thirty two Dollars which is six hundred & Thirty Eight Dollars 66-2/3 cents a piece for the six legatees mentioned in the Will of Matthew Williams, Decd. To Wit . . . ."

The negroes were alloted unto Exum C. Williams, Elizabeth H. Williams, William F. Williams, Milbry Appleton, Etheldred Williams, and James Williams.

"The above lots of negroes were by us valued and alloted unto the several children as above stated on the 21st day of December 1813 and they severally took possession of them the 1st day of January 1814. Given under our hands this 8th day of Febry 1814.

Test Sugg Fort

James Norfleet, Elias Fort
his
Hary x Grisard"
mark

Exum C. Williams was only eight or nine years old and William Fort Williams (b. Feb. 21, 1793) was not quite four years old at the time their father made his will.

A 7th child was born to Catherine Williams the latter part of 1797, a son who was given the name of his father, Matthew Williams, Jr. Matthew Williams, Sr., evidently did not know this child was expected or he would have mentioned an unborn child in his will. Catherine Williams' father, Elias Fort, did name this child as well as his mother, Catherine Williams, in his will dated January 9, 1817. (See Chart 3, Chapter V.)

Chart 1, Chapter V

ELIZABETH HENRY WILLIAMS, 2nd child of Matthew Williams, Sr. and Catherine Fort, was b. Nov. 1, 1789, Edgecombe County, N.C., and d. June 29, 1827, Warren County Ky. She m. April 8, 1820, (as his 1st wife) General William Marshall (b. June 25, 1788, Davidson County, Tenn., d. Oct. 23, 1849, Warren County, Ky.), son of Capt. John Marshall (b. 1756 Albemarle County, Va., d. 1810 Warren County, Ky.) and Mary Harrold (Herald or Harrell), daughter of John Harrold of Newcastle County, Delaware. They had four children.

The following entries were made in the MINUTES of the Red River Baptist Church:

"Feb. 14, 1812—Rec'd Elizabeth Williams.

"Sept. 3, 1817—Elizabeth H. Williams requested letter of dismission.

"June 3, 1818—Elizabeth H. Williams returned the letter she obtained from us last Sept., recorded on page 144.

"Aug. 18, 1821—Clerk requested to furnish Elizabeth H. Marshall (alias Elizabeth H. Williams) with letter of dismission."

General William Marshall was a civil engineer. He served in the War of 1812. He became the owner of *FLEETWOOD*, the Marshall homestead built by his father in the Browning section of Warren County, Ky. After the death of his 1st wife, Elizabeth Henry Williams, he m/2 Mrs. Phillips by whom he had three more children, William Marshall, Draculla Marshall and Juliet Marshall who married Philip Thompson.

The four children of Elizabeth Henry Williams and Gen. William Marshall were:

1.—Catherine Esther Marshall, b. Feb. 24, 1821, d. ca 1843, unmarried.

2.—Elizabeth Henry Marshall, b. Nov. 13, 1823. (See later)

3.—Milbrey Amanda Marshall, b. Nov. 23, 1825, d. unmarried.

4.—William Marshall, b. June 7, 1827, died young.

ELIZABETH HENRY MARSHALL, 2nd child of Elizabeth Henry Williams and Gen. William Marshall, was b. Nov. 13, 1823, and d. Dec. 13, 1877. She m. April 8, 1846, Gen. Samuel Davies Blackburn (b. May 14, 1804 or 1807, near Lexington, Ky., d. July 6, 1868, Bowling Green, Ky., son of Rev. James Blackburn, a Methodist minister, and Jeanie (Jane/Jeanne) Davies, daughter of Lt. Samuel Davies and "Jane" Marshall). They had nine children.

Samuel Davies Blackburn, a scientist and a lawyer, entered the Mexican War at the age of 40 and earned the rank of General. He was aide-de-camp to Gen. William Hardee in the Civil War. His home in Bowling Green, Ky., at the corner of Adams and Tenth Streets was of historical significance because it was selected by Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner to be the headquarters of his commanding officer, Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston. Gen. Johnston, who commanded the Confederate Army of the West, used this home for his headquarters from Oct. 15, 1861, until Feb. 15, 1862, when the Army left Bowling Green.

When the Southern Army evacuated Bowling Green, the Blackburn family moved to Nashville, Tenn., but they later came back to their home where Gen. Blackburn died in 1868. He was survived by his wife and six daughters, three of their nine children having died as infants.

1.—Jeanie Davies Blackburn was b. April 29, 1847, near Little Rock, Ark., where her grandparents had moved when her father was young. She lived at 925 Elm Street, Bowling Green, Ky., where she died in 1929.

Miss Blackburn, NSDAR No. 34564, was organizing regent of the Samuel Davies Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Bowling Green, Ky., and served as regent from April 2, 1902, until 1914. A marker was unveiled at her grave on the Blackburn family plot in Fairview Cemetery on April

24, 1962, by members of the Samuel Davies Chapter, DAR. Down through the years, her name has been printed underneath the Motto in the Year Book of this DAR Chapter:

"Motto: He who honoreth the memory of his ancestors may hope to be honored by posterity.

"Jeanie Davies Blackburn"

Miss Blackburn was also founder and original officer of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, in Louisville, Kentucky.

2.—Katherine "Kate" Marshall Blackburn, b. Jan. 3, 1849, Bowling, Green, Ky., d. Jan. 8, 1900. She m. in 1876 Rev. Granville Carr Waller, Jr., an Episcopal minister of Lynchburg, Va., and Kentucky. They had two children:

A.—Granville Carr Waller III, m. Miriam Pringle of Kirksville, Mo., and had two children:

a.—Granville Carr Waller IV.

b.—Miriam Elizabeth Waller of Louisville, Ky.

B.—Davies Blackburn Waller, now of Louisville, Ky. who m. Mrs. Hattie Belle Pearcy, a widow, who is now deceased, of Louisville, Ky.

3.—Milbrey Amanda "Queenie" Blackburn, b. June 3, 1850, d. in 1909, m. in 1873 (as his 2nd wife) Hon. James Guthrie Coke (b. 1841 d. July 23, 1905) of Louisville, Ky. They had four children:

A.—Mary Caperton Coke, b. 1874, d. in infancy.

B.—John Caperton Coke, b. 1875, d. 1896, unmarried.

C.—Elizabeth Henry Coke, b. 1877, d. 1909, unmarried.

The DAR Lineage Book Vol. 48, p. 314, lists her as No. 47673 — Miss Elizabeth Henry Marshall Coke.

D.—Richard Henry Coke, m. Mamie Ganter.

4.—William Marshall Blackburn, d. about one year old.

5.—Julia (Juliet) Marshall Blackburn, NSDAR No. 34563, b. April 27, 1857, d. Dec. 18, 1928, Atlanta, Ga., m. Sept. 12, 1877, Bowling Green, Ky., her cousin William Fort Williams (1853-1934) of Atlanta, Ga., son of James Etheldred Williams and Sarah Elizabeth Lovejoy (1833-1899). (See Chart 2, Chapter V.)

6.—Samuel Davies Blackburn, a twin, d. as a baby.

7.—Elizabeth Henry Blackburn, twin to #6, d. as a baby.

8.—Mary James "Minnie" Blackburn, d. in 1881.

9.—Josephine Covington Blackburn, b. April 2, 1866, Bowling Green, Ky., d. April 28, 1886, Atlanta, Ga., unmarried.

References:

1.—Virkus, Compendium of American Genealogy, Vol. III, pp. 514-5.
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4.—Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous data.
5.—The Jeanie Davies Blackburn papers.

Chart 2, Chapter V

WILLIAM FORT WILLIAMS, 5th child of Matthew Williams, Sr. and Catherine Fort, was b. Feb. 21, 1793, in the "Cumberland Country" (Robertson County, Tenn.) and d. May 26, 1840. He m. Dec. 4, 1818, Ann Kilby Copeland (b. Sept. 2, 1799, d. May 22, 1851), daughter of William Copeland and Mary _____ of Bean's Station, Grainger County, Tenn. They had eight children.

1.—Cynthia Elizabeth Williams, m. John Rhea.

2.—Lucy Jane Williams, m. Samuel Rhea.

3.—James Etheldred Williams, b. Jan. 26, 1826, Grainger County, Tenn. (See later)

4.—William Matthew Williams, b. March 27, 1828, d. Nov. 17, 1887, probably Atlanta, Ga., unmarried.

5.—Cornelia Catherine Williams, b. Sept. 5, 1830, d. July 11, 1887, m. in 1860, John Rhea. (Possibly the John Rhea who m/1 her sister Cynthia Elizabeth Williams.) They had a daughter:

A.—Annie C. Rhea, b. 1861, d. Nov. 23, 1932, m. Thomas Humes Williams (1858-1918), son and 3rd child of James Etheldred Williams (#3 above) and Sarah Elizabeth Lovejoy.

6.—Mary Lucretia Williams, b. Nov. 4, 1832, d. July 19, 1898.

7.—Thomas Humes Williams, b. Feb. 27, 1835, d. June 9, 1910, m. November 1887, Atlanta, Ga., Mary C. Hardie (b. 1843, d. July 25, 1894).

8.—Samuel Copeland Williams, b. Oct. 6, 1839, d. July 31, 1896, m. June 10, 1879, Atlanta, Ga., Janie Reese (b. Dec. 31, 1830, d. March 26, 1898).

JAMES ETHELDRED WILLIAMS, 3rd child of William Fort Williams and Ann Kilby Copeland, was b. Jan. 26, 1826, Grainger County, Tenn., and d. April 9, 1900, Atlanta, Ga. He moved to Atlanta in 1851. He m. Oct. 26, 1852, Sarah Elizabeth Lovejoy (b. Oct. 24, 1833, Henry County, Ga., d. July 20, 1899, Atlanta, Ga.), daughter of John Burton Lovejoy and Martha Hinton. They became the parents of eight children, all born at Atlanta. Georgia.

1.—William Fort Williams, b. Oct. 17, 1853, d. Oct. 24, 1934, Atlanta, Ga., m. Sept. 12, 1877, Bowling Green, Ky., his cousin Julia (Juliet) Marshall Blackburn (b. April 27, 1857, d. Dec. 18, 1928), daughter of Samuel Davies Blackburn and Elizabeth Henry Marshall. (See Chart 1, Chapter V.)

Juliet Marshall (Blackburn) Williams was NSDAR No. 34563. She lived at 230 Forrest Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., when she filed an application (supplemental) to DAR as a descendant of Elias Fort.

William Fort Williams and Julia (Juliet) Marshall Blackburn were the parents of four children.

A.—James Etheldred "Ethel" Williams, b. Oct. 20, 1878, Bowling Green, Ky., d. July 13, 1879, Atlanta, Ga.

B.—Josephine Blackburn Williams, b. June 13, 1887, Atlanta, Ga., where she d. June 16, 1887.

C.—Juliette Marshall Williams, b. July 25, 1891, Atlanta, Ga., where she d. June 8, 1905.

D.—Willie Fort Williams, b. Aug. 26, 1896, Atlanta, Ga., who now lives at #902, Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Road N.E., Atlanta.

The authors are indebted to Miss Williams for her contribution of family records of descendants of Catherine Fort and Matthew Williams, Sr. of Robertson County, Tennessee.

2.—Etheldred "Claude" Williams, b. April 4, 1856, Atlanta, Ga., d. there Oct. 20, 1912, m. in 1903 Bettie Penn (b. Sept. 21, 1881, Chattooga County, Ga., d. Oct. 18, 1945, and was buried in the Penn Cemetery at Summerville, Georgia). They had two children.

A.—William Etheldred Williams, Sr., b. April 29, 1904, Atlanta, Ga., d. Oct. 22, 1954, Sylacauga, Ala., m. April 29, 1938, Mary Frances Land (b. Jan. 26, 1912, Camp Hill, Ala.) who still lives at Sylacauga. They had two children:

a.—William Etheldred Williams, Jr., b. Dec. 3, 1943, Birmingham, Ala., graduated from Auburn University in 1966, and is now with Riegel Textile Corporation, Trion, Georgia.

b.—Mary Anne Williams, b. Dec. 3, 1943, Birmingham, Ala., graduated from Auburn University in 1966 with a major in elementary education.

B.—Martha Elizabeth (Pat) Williams, b. Sept. 14, 1907, Atlanta, Ga., m. Nov. 28, 1929, Willis Jarrell Wilkins, Sr. (b. Sept. 5, 1903, Butler, Ga., d. Dec. 10, 1964, Mt. Dora, Florida). She still lives at Mt. Dora. They had two children.

a.—Dr. Willis Jarrell Wilkins, Jr., a dentist, b. May 13, 1931, Atlanta, Ga., m. July 28, 1956, Diane Dougherty (b. Feb. 14, 1934, Atlanta, Ga.). They live at Eustis, Florida, with their two children:

(1)—Victoria Wilkins, b. Aug. 11, 1960, Eustis, Fla.

(2)—Wliliam Jarrell Wilkins, b. Nov. 17, 1962, Orlando, Fla.

b.—Betty Penn Wilkins, b. Nov. 17, 1932, Atlanta, Ga., m. Aug. 11, 1956, Norris T. Whiteside (b. Sept. 9, 1921, Marshfield, Mo.). They live at Atlanta, Ga., with their two children:

(1)—Laura Penn Whiteside, b. Sept. 30, 1957, Charleston, W. Va.

(2)—William Jarrell Wilkins, b. Nov. 17, 1962, Orlando, Fla. W. Va.

3.—Thomas Humes Williams Sr., b. Feb. 18, 1858, Atlanta, Ga., d. there Aug. 26, 1918. He m. at Georgetown, Ga., Annie G. Rhea (b. 1861, d. Nov. 23, 1932), daughter of John Rhea and Cornelia Catherine Williams. (See #7, below) they had two children.

A.—Copeland Rhea Williams, b. June 24, 1891, d. Jan. 20, 1960, m. Feb. 23, 1928, (later divorced) Flora Yow (b. Oct. 13, 1896, Martin, Georgia). They had two children:

a.—Cynthia Elizabeth Williams, b. March 21, 1929, m. Nov. 4, 1950, John W. Hilliard, Sr. (b. Sept. 7, 1921), and they have three children:

(1)—Carol Ann Hilliard, b. Oct. 7, 1959.

(2)—John W. Hilliard, Jr., b. June 13, 1961, d. June 17, 1964.

(3)—Rebecca Hilliard, b. Sept. 15, 1964.

b.—Thomas Russell Yow Williams, Sr., b. Jan. 27, 1934, m. May 16, 1956, Jean L. Fackler (b. May 3, 1934, Columbus, Ga.). They live at Columbus, Ga., with their three children:

(1)—Thomas Russell Yow Williams, Jr., b. April 24, 1958.

(2)—Pamela Ruth Williams, b. May 16, 1959.

(3)—Martha Elizabeth Williams, b. May 13, 1961.

B.—Thomas Humes Williams, Jr., b. Nov. 1, 1893, Atlanta, Ga., where he d. Jan. 19, 1967, m/1 in 1928 Rhoda Pierce Turk, from whom he was later divorced. He m/2 Betty Wooten.

4.—James Edward Williams, b. Aug. 19, 1860, d. Sept. 24, 1914, Louisville, Ky., unmarried.

5.—Martha Lovejoy Williams, b. Oct. 28, 1863, d. March 18, 1929, Atlanta, Ga., unmarried.

6.—Anne Elizabeth Williams, b. Oct. 24, 1867, d. April 11, 1948, Atlanta, Ga., unmarried.

7.—Cornelia Catherine Williams, b. Feb. 9, 1872, d. Feb. 3, 1949, Atlanta, Ga., m. Nov. 9, 1897, Evert Abram Bancker, Sr. (b. Aug. 22, 1875, d. Jan. 2, 1939), a banker of Atlanta, Ga. They had two children:

A.—Dr. Evert Abram Bancker, Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1899, Atlanta, Ga. A retired physician, Dr. Bancker and his wife "stay on the go between the lake and places on the seashore." He m. July 27, 1927, in Massachusetts, Dorothy Spencer Brainerd (b. June 1, 1904). They have four children:

a.—Evert Abram Bancker III, b. Aug. 25, 1928, Atlanta, Ga., m/1 Aug. 23, 1946, Janet Orton (b. Sept. 11, 1927), later divorced, by whom he had two children:

(1)—Pamela Boelen Bancker, b. July 5, 1962, Chicago, Ill.

(2)—Christopher Brainerd Bancker, b. Nov. 26, 1953, Denver, Col.

Evert Abram Bancker III m/2 Sept. 5, 1961, divorced in 1965, Elsie Klock. He m/3 Oct. 1, 1966, Patricia Drabant.

b.—Belitje (Dutch name for Elizabeth) Duyckinck Bancker, b. March 18, 1934, Atlanta, Ga., m. Sept. 15, 1956, Bert Oastler (b. Oct. 19, 1933, Atlanta, Ga.), an attorney-at-law. They have three children:

(1)—Elizabeth Bancker Oastler, b. Nov. 4, 1957.

(2)—Elaine Bryan Oastler, b. Aug. 29, 1961.

(3)—Thomas William Oastler II, b. Aug. 5, 1963.

c.—Katharine Williams Bancker, b. June 21, 1935, Atlanta, Ga., m. June 1, 1957, Ithaca, N.Y., Daniel Johnson (b. June 26, 1933). They live at Schenectady, N.Y., with their three children:

(1)—Dana Bancker Johnson, b. June 18, 1959.

(2)—Richard Johnson, b. March 9, 1961.

(3)—Lorie Williams Johnson, b. May 3, 1962.

d.—Dorothy Brainerd Bancker, b. Dec. 8, 1936, Atlanta, Ga., m. Dec. 11, 1958, Dr. Robert Peel Holmes III (b. March 28, 1928, N.C.). He is a physician, and they live at New Bern, N.C., with their three children:

(1)—Robert Peel Holmes IV, b. Sept. 20, 1959.
(2)—Charlotte Brainerd Holmes, b. July 2, 1961.
(3)—Thomas Wooten Holmes, b. Feb. 8, 1964.

8.—Samuel Copeland Williams, b. Oct. 8, 1878, d. July 2, 1947, Atlanta, Ga., unmarried.

Data, Chart 2, Chapter V, contributed by Miss Willie Fort Williams, #902, Canterbury Court, 3750 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30319, in August, 1967.

Chart 3, Chapter V

MATTHEW WILLIAMS, JR., 7th child of Catherine Fort and Matthew Williams, Sr., was b. the latter part of 1797 in Robertson County, Tenn. When Matthew Williams, Sr., wrote his will on Jan. 28, 1797, he evidently did not know his wife was with child or he would have made provision for an unborn child.

We believe this is the reason Elias Fort provided for this grandchild in his will of Jan. 19, 1817, probated Nov. 8, 1820, as follows:

> "Item — I give and bequeath unto my grandson Matthew Williams when he becomes at lawful age one negro boy named Alfred. I lend unto my daughter Catherine Williams during her widowhood or life the following negroes (to-wit) Pompy, Amy, Louise and Jesse and also Alfred until Matthew comes of age as before mentioned. After the marriage or death of my said daughter Catherine Williams, I give and bequeath all the negroes lent her unto my said grandson Matthew Williams, his heirs and assigns forever.

Catherine Williams died the next month as recorded on page 141 of MINUTES, Red River Baptist Church:

> "Sister Catharine Williams Departed this life February 23rd 1817, about 11 o'clock P.M."

Matthew Williams was about 19 years old at this time. These entries are from the MINUTES of Red River Baptist Church:

> "Dec. 20, 1817, Rec'd . . . and Matthew Williams by experience.
> "June 3, 1818, Matthew Williams and others to attend Union Meeting at Drake's Pond.
> "Nov. 16, 1822, Matthew Williams to be cited to next conference for non-attendance.
> "Dec. 14, 1822, Bro. Williams came forward and gave satisfaction.
> "April 18, 1823, . . . Bro. Matthew Williams . . . Exum Williams . . . (mentioned in Minutes)."

Matthew Williams, Jr. m/1 Feb. —, 1825. An entry in Metcalfe Bible Records indicates that Elizabeth C. Metcalfe (b. July 18, 1804), daughter of Ilai Metcalfe and Susannah Carr, m/1 in February, 1825, Matthew Williams. (See METCALF, Chart 7, Chapter IV.) They apparently were divorced and both remarried, as Joel B. Fort (1854-1934) on page 10, History of Ilai Metcalfe Account Book, in naming members of the Metcalfe family that were buried in the William Fort Cemetery, said, "All of the names save

a few are there, Ilai Metcalfe, Susannah, his wife, and all of their children are there save one, Elizabeth Hall, who is buried in Christian County, Kentucky."

Mrs. Elias J. (Louisa M. Hannum) Fort, in her Feb. 1, 1846, letter to relatives in Missouri, said, "Old Mrs. Metcalfe is quite feeble . . . but quite cheerful generally, more so than formerly. Matthew Williams causes her a good deal of trouble." At that time, Matthew Williams was 49 years old.

The only other item we have about this man was in some material contributed by Miss Willie Fort Williams, Atlanta, Ga., which indicated that:

Matthew Williams m/2 Elizabeth Hawkins.

Marshall

I.—GILBERT MARSHALL (Mareschale), b. 1655, m. Katherine "Katie" Fitzpatrick, and they lived in Ireland. Their son:

II.—GILBERT MARSHALL, b. 1715 in Ireland, m. there June 3, 1749, and their 1st child, Jeanie "Jane" Marshall, was b. in Ireland April 21, 1750. About that same year, 1750, the family left Ireland and came to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They later settled in Albemarle County, Virginia, and still later moved to a point on Whites Creek in Davidson County, Tennessee, near Nashville. They had at least two children:

1.—Jeanie "Jane" Marshall, b. April 21, 1750, Ireland, m. Lt. Samuel Davies (1741-1783 or 1798) and they had at least two children:

A.—Jeanie "Jane" Davies (1775-1820) m. Oct. 8, 1806, Rev. James Blackburn, a Methodist minister. (See BLACKBURN)

B.—Elizabeth "Betsey" Davies (b. c1780) m. Sept. 1806 Lincoln County, Ky., James A. Logan (b. c1777). One of their descendants is Mrs. E. W. (Hazie Davis) LeFevre of Eden, Texas, who is also a descendant of Elias Fort (d. 1678 Isle of Wight County, Va.) through his son John Fort.

2.—John Marshall, b. Jan. 24, 1756, Albemarle County, Va.

III.—CAPT JOHN MARSHALL, soldier in the American Revolution, was born Jan. 24, 1756, Albemarle County, Va., and d. in 1810, Warren County, Ky. He m. Mary Harrold (1761-1845), daughter of John Harrold (Herald/Harrell) of New Castle County, Del., and they lived on Whites Creek Pike near Nashville, Tenn. They had three sons:

A.—James Preston Mrashall.

B.—Gilbert Marshall.

C.—William Marshall, b. June 25, 1788.

Capt. John Marshall received a grant of 6,000 acres of land in the Browning community of Warren County, Kentucky, near the Logan County line, on which he built a large home called *FLEETWOOD*. Here later lived his son:

IV.—GEN. WILLIAM MARSHALL (War of 1812), b. June 25, 1788, Davidson County, Tenn., d. Oct. 23, 1849, Warren County, Ky., m/1 April 8, 1820, Elizabeth Henry Williams (1789-1827), daughter of Matthew Williams, Sr. and Catherine Fort.

References:

1.—Same references as given at the end of Chart 1, Chapter V.

2.—Data from Mrs. E. W. (Hazie Davis) LeFevre, Eden, Texas.

Blackburn

I.—BENJAMIN BLACKBURN (d. 1786) was a great-grandson of Admiral Blackburn of the English Navy whose home was Blackburn Manor in northern England, and whose wife was a princess of the House of Stuart. Benjamin Blackburn came from Scotland to Virginia and later moved to Washington County, Tennessee. He served in the Battle of Point Pleasant during the Revolutionary War. He was a large landowner, his wife Elizabeth Nesbitt, and they were the parents of:

II.—REV. JAMES BLACKBURN, a Methodist minister, who moved from Virginia to Pulaski County, Ky., later going on to Arkansas, and who m. Oct. 8, 1806, Lincoln County, Ky., Jeanie "Jane" Davies (1775-1820), daughter of Lt. Samuel Davies (1741-1783 or 1798) and wife, Jane Marshall (b. April 21, 1750, Ireland). (See MARSHALL)

Rev. James Blackburn and Jeanie "Jane" Davies were the parents of:

III.—GEN. SAMUEL DAVIES BLACKBURN (1807-1868) who m. April 8, 1846, Elizabeth Henry Marshall (1823-1877), daughter of Elizabeth Henry Williams and Gen. William Marshall, and granddaughter of Matthew Williams, Sr. and Catherine Fort.

References:

1.—Same references as given at the end of Chart 1, Chapter V.

2.—Data from Mrs. E. W. (Hazie Davis) LeFevre, Eden, Texas.

Chapter VI

Descendants of Milbrey Fort, Daughter of Elias

MILBREY FORT, 4th child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born in 1766, Edgecombe County, N.C., where she married William DeLoach, Jr., son of William DeLoach, Sr. and Purity Ruffin. They came to what is now Robertson County, Tenn., with the "Fort Migration" of 1791/92. They had eight children:

1.—Elias Fort DeLoach, m. Elizabeth .....
2.—Obedience "Bedie" DeLoach, married William R. Harmer.
3.—Elizabeth "Betsy" DeLoach.
4.—Chesterfield DeLoach.
5.—Joseph DeLoach.
6.—Ruffin DeLoach.
7.—Polly (?Mary) DeLoach.
8.—Sarah "Sallie" DeLoach.

No descendants of this family have been contacted for this genealogy of the Fort Family. It is believed they all moved to Mississippi about 1829/30 and settled about 20 miles northeast of Yazoo City.

There was a DeLoach Cemetery "right at Bradley Rosson's mailbox," according to Ralph L. Winters, Clarksville, Tennessee, but the stones have long since crumbled. This was probably on the 200-acre tract of land deeded by Elias Fort to his daughter Milbrey DeLoach when he divided the 1000 acres he first bought when he came to Tennessee.

The following items are from the *MINUTES OF THE RED RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH.*

March 22, 1794—received Milbry DeLoach.

Aug. 14, 1812—received William DeLoach and Elias F. DeLoach.

April 16, 1814—William DeLoach, Elias F. DeLoach and Sugg Fort named to attend Union Meeting.

June 17, 1815—received Obedience DeLoach by experience; baptised the next morning.

May 17, 1816—Elias F. DeLoach chosen Clerk.

Sept. 3, 1817—received Mary H. DeLoach and Mary Herring by experience. Baptised next day along with slaves belonging to Elizabeth Fort and Elias Fort, Senr.

Dec. 20, 1817—received by experience . . . Sarah H. DeLoach, . . . Matthew Williams . . . and old Fanny, belonging to Whitmil Fort.

May 16, 1818—William DeLoach chosen Deacon.

June 20, 1818—William DeLoach ordained Deacon by Lewis Moore and Sugg Fort. Two sermons—by Lewis Moore and Ambrose Bourne.

Oct. 17, 1818—received Elizabeth F. DeLoach by experience. "Baptised next day in the morning."

Apr. 15, 1820—received Elizabeth R. DeLoach by experience. Baptised April 16th by Brother Reuben Ross. Received Synthia Fort by experience and Susanna Fort by letter.

Oct. 14, 1825—Elias F. DeLoach chosen to act as Treasurer.

Jan. 13, 1825—Elias F. DeLoach chosen a Deacon.

Jan. 13, 1826—Elias F. DeLoach resigned Clerkship of the Church, then was chosen Treasurer.

The family name was written both DeLoach and Deloach. Other spellings found were De Loach, de Loche, De Loache, etc.

Note: The names of the children of Milbrey Fort and William DeLoach, Jr. are from the paper prepared by Miss Lizzie Fort for the 1927 Fort Family reunion.

DeLoach

"DeLoach of Isle of Wight and North and South Carolina" is the heading of a chapter in Vol. II, pp. 97-102, "Historical Southern Families," by Boddie. More data may be found in Vol. I, pp. 246-249, and Vol. IX, pp. 227-230, of the same series; however, these two chapters are almost identical.

Mrs. J. Wells Vick, Russellville, Ky., compiled a genealogy of the Sutton and DeLoach families. A copy may be found in the Kentucky Library, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Ky. Also probably at the Tennessee State Library in Nashville.

For this record, we will start with Samuel DeLoach who died in 1764 in Edgecombe County, North Carolina.

I.—SAMUEL DeLOACH (d. 1764) married Mary Boykin, daughter of Frances Boykin of Northampton County, N.C. The will of Samuel DeLoach dated Jan. 31, 1764, was probated April Court, 1764, Edgecombe County, N.C., and was recorded in W.B. "A", pp. 134-137.

II.—WILLIAM DeLOACH, SR. (b. ca1740), the first child of Samuel DeLoach and Frances Boykin, died after 1814 in Logan County, Ky. He married in 1763 Purity Ruffin (b. 1746), daughter of William Ruffin (b. ca 1708, d. 1781), a son of William Ruffin and Faith Gray. The name of Purity Ruffin's mother is unknown.

This family moved first to Sumner County, Tennessee, and thence to Logan County, Kentucky, around 1796, where in 1810 William DeLoach, Sr., issued deeds to his children. They had seven children.

1.—Ruffin DeLoach, m. Oct. 1783, Abba Mercer. They moved from Edgecombe County, N.C., to Sumner County, Tenn., and thence they "floated down the Mississippi River" and landed at Ft. Adams, Wilkinson County, Miss. The wills of both Ruffin DeLoach and his wife, Abba Mercer, are on record at Woodville, Wilkinson County, Miss.

2.—William DeLoach, Jr., married Milbrey Fort.

3.—Samuel DeLoach married (as her 1st husband) Elizabeth Sugg. When he died in 1792, his estate was administered by her father, Noah

Sugg—July Term 1792, Davidson County, Tenn. (p. 23, Vol. 1-6, Tennessee Genealogical Records 1931-5, by Whitley.)

Elizabeth Sugg m/2 Joseph Hooper. In the will of her father dated Jan. 8, 1800, probated Jan. Term, 1800, Davidson County, Tenn., he (Noah Sugg) left ". . . to my oldest daughter, Elizabeth Hooper five shillings Sterling to be raised out of my estate and paid by my Executors."

Samuel DeLoach and Elizabeth Sugg had a daughter:

A.—Mary DeLoach m. William Sneed, and their daughter:

a.—Mary DeLoach Sneed married her cousin, George Sneed.

4.—Thomas DeLoach. Removed to Mississippi before 1830 and settled at Ft. Adams.

5.—Mary DeLoach (b. 1777, d. 1837 in Ky.), married about 1795/9 John Sutton (1772-1826) and they lived in Logan County, Ky.

6.—Celia DeLoach, married Isaac Pennington. No children. Said to have moved to Texas.

7.—Sarah DeLoach, married Glidewell Killebrew of Montgomery County, Tennessee.

III.—WILLIAM DeLOACH, JR. (#2 above) married Milbrey Fort (b. 1766), daughter of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg. They had eight children. These people are believed to have moved to Mississippi around 1829/30 and settled about 20 miles northeast of Yazoo City.

Chapter VII

Descendants of Esther Fort, Daughter of Elias

ESTHER FORT, 5th child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was b. in 1768, Edgecombe County, N.C., and d. Dec. 14, 1818, Robertson County, Tenn. She m. Burwell Jackson, "Gentleman," by whom she had one son:

1.—Chesterfield Jackson, b. July 26, 1801.

A notation was found in the papers of Miss Jeanie Blackburn (1847-1929) of Bowling Green, Ky., indicating that Burwell Jackson was born February 25, 1751, Amelia County, Virginia, the son of Frances Jackson and Martha _____, and that he and Esther Fort married April 19, 1796.

Esther (Fort) Jackson was listed as a member of Red River Baptist Church. The MINUTES for August 16, 1805, tell us that the Clerk was ordered to furnish her with a letter of dismission, she having requested same. Presumably, she was transferring her membership to the Drakes Pond Church.

Elias Fort deeded Esther Jackson 200 acres of land, part of the 1,000-acre tract he deeded to his five daughters, as per D.B. "B", p. 223, Robertson County Clerk's Office. Just what disposition was made of this land, we do not know.

Nor do we know what became of her son. Presumably he died unmarried, or quite young. Family records do not tell us.

Only the death of Esther Jackson was given in the Josiah Fort Bible records.

Chapter VIII

Descendants of Elizabeth Fort, Daughter of Elias

ELIZABETH FORT, 6th child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born in 1770, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and died December 28, 1825, Robertson County, Tennessee. She married Epaphroditus (Eppa) Lawson (b. Feb. 22, 1747, Richmond County, Virginia, died 1813/14 Robertson County, Tennessee), son of Christopher Lawson (1716-1772) and Sarah _____. They had no children.

Epaphroditus (Eppa) Lawson was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War. These are items from the Minutes of Red River Baptist Church.

__ June 1801—Elizabeth Lawson received: At conference on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's Day in June, 1801. By experience.

19 Dec. 1801—Church adjourned to E. Lawson's.

15 Jan. 1802—Adjourned to Mr. Lawson's.

19 Aug. 1803—Rec'd Eppa Lawson.

17 Mar. 1810—Josiah Fort to be repaid for cost of three acres of land. "Whereas Bro. Josiah Fort has bought and obtained a deed for about three acres of land including his Meeting House, we do agree to pay Bro. Josiah Fort the full sum of money which he gave for said land."

14 Apr. 1810—"Agreeable to the request of Mr. Eppa Lawson, this Church agrees to not suffer any person to be buried on the land whereon the Meeting House Stands."

16 Nov. 1816—Agreeable to the report . . . it appears that a frame building would ultimately be cheaper, and whereupon the church agreed to make a trial; and appointed Bro. Sugg Fort to draw a subscription for building a frame meeting house 40 by 28 feet for the use of the Baptist Society on the ground occupied by the Red River Church known by the name of Fort's Meeting House, and sold to said Church by Epaphroditus Lawson by deed bearing date _____.

14 Mar. 1817—Appointed Br. William Deloach to try and get the Deed given by Epaphroditus Lawson . . . which deed was found and recorded at the May Term of Robertson County Court 1817. E. F. Deloach, Clerk.

13 Jan. 1826—"Departed this life Dec. 28, 1825, Sister Elizabeth Lawson. She joined this church in June 1801, and remained a member in good standing till the day of her death. Milton Bourne, Clerk."

Elizabeth Lawson was deeded 200 acres of land by her father in April, 1779. D.B. "B," p. 224, Robertson County, Tennessee. Apparently, it was a three-acre corner of this tract that was deeded to Red River Baptist Church by her husband, Epaphroditus Lawson, early in 1810.

An old deed found in the papers of Major James Norfleet, Executor of

Eppa Lawson's estate, shows that on July 24, 1810, Eppa Lawson bought 563 acres of land "on south side of Red River beginning at a red oak near the head of the meeting house spring . . ." from Hardy Grisard. This deed was witnessed by Sugg Fort, Josiah Fort and James Fort.

The following four items are from WPA copied Robertson County, Tennessee, records at the Tennessee State Library, Nashville, Tennessee, Vol. II 1812-1818 (pages 3-58 missing) *WILLS, INVENTORIES & BONDS:*

p. 25—An Inventory of the Estate of Epaphroditus Lawson filed May Term, 1814 . . . .

pp. 56-57—An Account of Sale of the Estate of Epa Lawson. Sold the 10th Decem. 1815 . . . .

pp. 65-66—An Account of Sale of the Estate of Epaphroditus Lawson Decd. Sold on the 30th day May 1814 by James Norfleet.

p. 76—Will of Epaphroditus Lawson:

"Know all men by these presents that I Epophroditus Lawson of Robertson County & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do think proper to make constitute & appoint this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

"(Item) I give & bequeath to William Wimberly son of Unity Wimberly all my Estate to him and his heirs & assigns for ever in case the said William Wimberly should die with out Heirs my will and desire is that my Estate shall descend to my nearest kindred.

"Lastly I nominate and appoint James Norfleet of this County and State aforesaid my Executor to my last Will and Testament.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the Eighth day of May in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

"Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

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Sarah Norfleet — Epo. Lawson (Seal)

James Norfleet

Robertson County Court November Term 1815. The foregoing last Will and Testament of Epo Lawson Decd was proven in open Court by the oath of James Norfleet, a subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Test. J. A. Tunstoll C.R.C."

So far, we have not been able to identify "William Wimberly, son of Unity Wimberly."

Elizabeth (Fort) Lawson had land and Eppa Lawson had land, so it is possible they agreed to leave her land to her side of the family and his land to his side of the family.

Miss Lizzie Fort, in her paper for the 1927 Reunion, said, "Elizabeth Fort married Epaphroditus Lawson, a Colonel in the Revolutionary War—no children. Her brother Sugg Fort did the unusual thing of naming his oldest

son for his brother-in-law. At their death, this namesake—Cousin Lawson—inherited their estate, land and negroes." (See Chart 1, Chapter XI)

Lawson

Two brothers, Epaphroditus and Rowland Lawson, settled in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, as early as 1636 and subsequently removed to Lancaster County, Virginia. (26V384)

I.—ROWLAND LAWSON, SR., emigrated to Virginia with his wife Lettice (Letitia) prior to 1637 (Head rights). He was a Justice of Lancaster County 1652-55. His will, probated May 8, 1661, names his wife Lettice (Letitia) and children Rowland, Jr., Elizabeth, John and Henry—and Letitia (4V313)—all but Rowland, Jr. minors in 1668. Lancaster deeds show that Rowland Lawson, Sr., had brothers Richard and Epaphroditus Lawson, who also left descendants in Lancaster County, Virginia.

II.—ROWLAND LAWSON, JR., was Justice of Lancaster County in 1684. His will probated September 7, 1706, named sons Henry, John and Rowland Lawson.

III.—ROWLAND LAWSON III's will was probated in Lancaster County, Virginia, January 17, 1717, naming his wife Jane and children Rowland, Thomas, John, Anthony, Sarah, Joanna and Elizabeth.

IV.—JOHN LAWSON of Richmond County, Virginia, whose will was dated January 15, 1758, and probated February 2, 1761, was probably the son of Rowland Lawson III. (18W (1) 237. He married Mary. _____.

For further history of the Lawson family see the interesting notes of Mr. Stanard in Vol. IV of the Virginia Magazine on pages 313 and 314, and the 21 land grant items on pages 202-3. (4V 202, 203, 313 and 314.)

Many other references are given in Swem's Virginia Historical Index for research on the Lawson family.

Mary, the wife of John Lawson of Richmond County, Virginia, died July 16, 1740. They had the following children:

1.—Christopher Lawson, b. Jan. 17, 1716. (See later)

2.—Elizabeth Lawson, b. Feb. 17, 1719, married _____ Barber.

3.—Joanna Lawson, twin to Catherine, b. March 17, 1721, m. 1741 Adcock Hobson, and moved to Cumberland County, Virginia.

4.—Catherine Lawson, twin to Joanna, b. March 17, 1721, m. Col. John Lawson White.

5.—Lucy Lawson, b. March 3, 1731/2, married after her father wrote his will in 1758, George Booker.

John Lawson named his son Christopher and his son-in-law, Adcock Hobson, executors of his will. (17W (1) 191) Birthdates of his children are from 13W185, Marriages, Births and Deaths in Richmond, County, Virginia. (NOTE: Some family records give the birthdate of Joanna Lawson as May 17, 1724; another daughter named Anna Lawson b. Sept. 22, 1725; and they do not give the daughter Catherine, twin to Joanna, who married Col. John Lawson White.)

V.—CHRISTOPHER LAWSON, b. January 17, 1716, died in 1772. He married Sarah _____. He left a will dated May 17, 1772, probated Sept. 7, 1772, that was recorded in W.B. 7, Richmond County, Virginia. (17W (1) 192) He named his son, John, daughter Betty Diggs, and children Epaphroditus, Joanna, Katy and Lucy. The birthdates of all the children but John are given in Vol. 13 on page 185 of the William and Mary Quarterly (13W185). Their mother Sarah must have died before May 17, 1772, as she was not named in the Will. The children, all born in Richmond County, Virginia, were:

1.—John Lawson. "He is supposed to be the father of Sarah Lawson who was Cousin Sallie Allen's mother. The Allens were family connections living near St. Bethlehem, Tennessee." (From the Jane Fort papers.)

A.—Sarah Williams Lawson (b. Feb. 17, 1769, d. Oct. 23, 1821) married (as his first wife) Major James Norfleet (b. Sept. 14, 1769, d. Sept. 2, 1846). Major Norfleet m/2 Jane Bailey (d. Aug. 3, 1837). The will of Maj. Norfleet was entered Sept. 1846, and recorded in W.B. 13, p. 24, Robertson County, Tennessee. He left one-fifth of his estate to his daughter Martha Battle Norfleet (1817-1863) who married David Bushrod Allen (1798-1865). The other four-fifths of his estate went to his other children: Sally W. Allen, Louisa Norfleet who m. Abraham C. Gaines, Willie L. Norfleet and William B. Norfleet.

Major Norfleet came to Tennessee about 1795 and settled in Robertson County near the Montgomery County line. In 1811 he built the mill that was later called "Hill's Mill." A surveyor and engineer, he drew the plat of Springfield, Tennessee, when it was first laid out as a town.

Major James Norfleet was Administrator of the estate of Eppa Lawson; report filed Sept. 21, 1816.

2.—Elizabeth (Betty) Lawson (b. March 9, 1743), married Dec. 11, 1766, in Richmond County, Virginia, by Rev. William McKay, Rector of Farnham Parish, Robert Digges (b. July 8, 1742, d. 1789 Edgecombe Co., N.C.). (See DEGGE-DIGGES-DIGGS (Chart 7, Chapter IV.)

One of their daughters, Sarah Digges, married Joseph Wimberly, Sr. They came to Tennessee where two of their children married children of Josiah Fort and Piety Horn. (See WIMBERLY, Chart 1, Chapter IV.)

Elizabeth Digges, another daughter of Elizabeth Lawson and Robert Digges, married Rev. Sugg Fort on Dec. 10, 1801, in Robertson County. Tennessee. (See Chapter XI.)

Another daughter, Frances Digges (1772-1793/4) was the first wife of Elias (B.C) Fort, a descendant of Elias Fort (d. 1678) through his son John Fort. (See Section II)

3.—Joanna Lawson, b. April 17, 1746.

4.—Epaphroditus (Eppa) Lawson, b. Feb. 22, 1747.

5.—Caty Lawson, b. April 11, 1751.

6.—Lucy Lawson, b. Jan. 29, 1756.

VI.—EPAPHRODITUS (Eppa) LAWSON, b. Feb. 22, 1747, Richmond County, Va., d. 1813/14 Robertson County, Tenn., a Colonel in the American Revolution, m. Elizabeth Fort (1770-1825), daughter of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg. They had no children.

References:

1.—The Jane Fort Papers.

2.—The "Hooker" Papers.

3.—Data from Mrs. A. Barnes Elliott, 2911 Berwick Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35213.

4.—Sketch of Major James Norfleet's Family, pages 206/7, Historical Sketches of Adams and Port Royal by Ralph L. Winters, 1968.

5.—Items from Virginia Magazine and William & Mary Quarterly.

Chapter IX

Descendants of Obedience Fort, Daughter of Elias

OBEDIENCE "Bedie" FORT, 7th child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born Jan. 21, 1771, Edgecombe County, N.C., and died March 1, 1847, Houston, Harris County, Texas. It is believed she was buried in the old part of Glenwood Cemetery which was known as the "Houston Burying Ground"; however, the older tombs are not clearly marked and no records of early interments were available at the cemetery office when a search was made early in 1968 by Messrs. H. Fort Flowers and Daniel F. Flowers of Houston.

Her will, dated Nov. 28, 1844, probated March Term 1847, was recorded in Vol. G. p. 380, Probate Records of Harris County, Texas.

On November 3, 1791, in the "Cumberland Settlement of Tennessee", Obedience Fort became the second wife of "Major" David Smith, a widower with two little girls. David Smith had come to Nashville with Andrew Jackson and wife as they returned from Natchez, Mississippi, on the Wilderness Road—"Natchez Trace."

David Smith, of Scotch descent, was born Oct. 9, 1753, in Cumberland County, North Carolina, the son of John Smith and his wife, Sarah, who was probably the daughter of David Miles. He died Dec. 5, 1835, in Hinds County, Miss., and was buried at his home "Soldier's Rest."

Soon after their marriage, David and Obedience (Fort) Smith settled up Elk Fork Creek near her people, but on the Kentucky side of the State Line. Their eleven children were all born there, and David Smith, himself, lived there longer than any other one place in his life.

John Smith, Sandhill

"JOHN SMITH, SANDHILL", the father of Major David Smith, was so called because he lived in the southern part of North Carolina in the Sandhills area. He was a prominent citizen, a prosperous farmer, and he had a sawmill. His son David looked after this sawmill and would put a log in the carriage in the morning, go do other work, then come back at noon and change it. The only metal about this mill was the saw. All other parts were wood.

John Smith married Sarah _____. Sarah could write. She signed deeds with her husband. She evidently taught their son David to write.

John Smith and Sarah _____ had five children:

1.— _____ (a daughter).

2.—DAVID SMITH, b. Oct. 9, 1753. m/1 in N.C. Margaret Terry, and had two daughters. M/2 in Tenn. Obedience Fort, and had 11 children.

3.—Sarah Smith, b. ca. 1755.

4.—John Smith, Jr., b. ca 1757.

5.—William Smith, b. 1759.

"Major" David Smith

1753-1835

DAVID SMITH, the 2nd child of his parents, m/1 in 1772 in North Carolina, Margaret Terry. She was a daughter of William Terry and Mary Raiford, and a sister of Martha Terry who married James Pickett. Highlanders did not usually marry as early as nineteen years, but David Smith was not a "usual" person! Margaret (Terry) Smith died about 1790 in Claiborne County, Miss., leaving two small daughters:

1.—Sarah Smith, b. Jan. 19, 1776, who married in January, 1792, in Mississippi, George Wilson Humphreys.

2.—Mary "Polly" Smith, b. 1781/2, d. about 1827/8 Claiborne County, Miss.

Mary Smith m/1 Feb. 26, 1799, Christian County, Ky., Vachel Dillingham, Jr. (ca 1774-1803) by whom she had two children:

(1)—Alfred David Smith Dillingham (b. Dec. 1799, Christian County, Ky., d. 1833 Claiborne County, Miss.) m. June 1820, Nancy Thompson (1805-1863).

A descendant of this couple was Mae Wilson McBee (d. 1966), author of *THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DAVID SMITH, PATRIOT, PIONEER & INDIAN FIGHTER.*

(2)—Margaret Esther Dillingham, b. 1801.

Mary Smith m/2 in 1806, in Mississippi, Andrew Mundell, a widower with two children older than her two children.

Mary Smith m/3 David Gibson.

American Revolution

Few details of David Smith's service in the American Revolution are known. He never filed a claim for his service, as was customary, and in the years to come he liked to say that he served his country without pay—for he really did.

Nor did he ever apply for a pension. It was his son, Jackson Smith, who in 1853—eighteen years after his father's death—applied for a pension that would have been due his deceased mother, Obedience (Fort) Smith. This was Revolutionary War Service Claim W-25006, National Archives, War Department, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. John Harbour (May Wilson) McBee secured a copy of the famliy records from David Smith's Bible that were filed with Claim W-25006, and they were copied on pages 1-2, Vol. VI, 1959, *THE MISSISSIPPI GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY* Cemetery and Bible Records.

Bible Records

Original owner—David & Obedience Fort Smith.

Address—"Soldier's Rest," Hinds County, Mississippi.

Present owner—Not known. A photocopy is in Pension Bureau, War Department, Washington, D.C.

Record submitted by—May Wilson McBee (Mrs. John Harbour).

Address ..... 1201 River Road, Greenwood, Mississippi.

Editor's Note: "Descendants of David Smith, North Carolina-born son of Scotch immigrants, hero of King's Mountain and Cowpens, will be glad to learn that Mrs. May Wilson McBee, a descendant through his 2nd child, Mary "Polly" Smith who married Vachel Dillingham in Kentucky, has recently completed a splendid book entitled *THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DAVID SMITH.* The book is not only a source of documented genealogical material, but it is a book that anyone, who is the least interested in history, will enjoy reading. We particularly recommend this book to the libraries on our subscription list. . ."

BIRTHS

David Smith was born 9th October, 1753, in N.C.
Obedience Fort was born 21st January, 1771.
Sarah David Smith was born 2nd January, 1793.
John W. N. A. Smith was born 14th April, 1794.
Benjamin F. Smith was born 2nd January, 1796.
Josiah C. Smith was born 2nd April, 1798.
Hester Smith was born 5th May, 1800.
Hester J. Smith was born 3rd Feb., 1802.
Obedience A. Smith was born 15 Feb., 1805.
Piety L. Smith was born 2nd April, 1807.
Emeline M. Smith was born 9th Aug., 1809.
Shelby Smith was born 19th May, 1812.
Jackson Smith was born 19th May, 1812.

MARRIAGES

David Smith and Obedience Fort married Nov. 3, 1791.
Hiram G. Runnels was married to Obedience A. Smith April 8, 1823.
Josiah C. Smith was married to Susette G. Johnson May 30, 1830.
James T. Fall and Hetty Crutcher married Dec. 31, 1836.
Shelby Smith to Caroline C. Johnson May 15, 1840.

DEATHS

David Smith died 5th Dec. 1835.
Hester Smith died 15th Oct. 1800.
Hester J. Crutcher died 13th June, 1818.
Josiah C. Smith died 1st April, 1833.
George B. Crutcher died 2nd Jany., 1832.
Susette G. Smith, wife of J. C. Smith, died in April, 1831.
Benj. F. Smith died 10th July, 1841.

The First Mill

Ralph L. Winters presented a program about "The First Mill" at the May 8, 1964, meeting of the Rotary Club, Clarksville, Tennessee, in which he told some interesting things about David Smith.

After the War, David Smith and wife, Margaret Terry, decided to move with others to the "Cumberland Country," The brief story of their coming is amazing. The group poled up the Little River and Yadkin . . . they dragged their canoes from the Headwaters "over the top" and floated down the Watauga and Holston Rivers to the boat yards at Kingsport where they built flatboats . . . When they finally reached the Ohio River, it was so rough that they went downriver to Natchez, Mississippi, about 2,000 miles — all by water.

Although in Spanish territory, they were accepted after taking the oath of allegiance to Spain. They secured lands and put in their crops with hoes and spades. The land was so loose, they could make a hole, plant corn, and grow a crop.

David Smith built a grist-mill, and in partners with two men, a saw-mill. This must have been a sizeable mill, as he sold his one-third interest for $500.

He built his home on a high bluff and named it *THE HERMITAGE*. About 1790 he lost his wife.

Later, he caught a Spaniard stealing from his boat. He knocked him overboard and accidentally killed him. Fearing trouble, he walked home and went by to see a young lawyer, Andrew Jackson, to ask his advice. Jackson was returning to Nashville soon, so Smith came with him.

In Nashville, he met with a large family that had recently arrived from North Carolina, and in 1791 he married one of the daughters—Obedience Fort.

He soon began buying land in the area where her people were settling on Red River and Elk Fork Creek in the present Robertson County, Tennessee, only David Smith bought up the Creek and on the Kentucky side in Logan County, Kentucky, where he built his home.

This homesite apparently was included in the newly formed Christian County when it was created out of Logan County in 1797, and in 1819 it was included in the new county of Todd when it was created out of Logan and Christian Counties.

We assume David Smith built his mill and still before 1797 when Robertson and Montgomery Counties, Tennessee, and Christian County, Kentucky, were formed, and this first mill was very important to the whole area. Roads were necessary to get to it.

Mr. Winters said, "I have found no other Mills until fifteen years later."

He went on to say that the water must have been warm in David Smith's mill-pond. The Red River Baptist Church records show that he joined there in May, 1801, and was baptised at "His House" the next day. The Church was about seven miles away across a creek and river. Obedience (Fort) Smith was received by experience in June, 1801.

David Smith was active in the Church. Smith was appointed to carry the letter.

About 1811 his son loaned out his horse to enter a race, and the Church called David Smith "on the carpet". His case was delayed 'til we find an entry in church records: "Maj. Smith's case laid over 'til he returns; he has gone to New Orleans with General Jackson."

David Smith - War of 1812

Then sixty years old and the father of 13 children: two by his first wife and eleven by his second, including twins born May 19, 1912, when Gen. Andrew Jackson sent him word, David Smith organized a company of 55 mounted men, including three of his own sons and eight nephews of his wife. They rode the Natchez Trace and were waiting for Jackson's troops coming by flatboats!

Return From War of 1812

Entry in Church records: "Case called before the Church about the "racehorse" and settled."

Then, David Smith forced settlement of a contract for rent of Mill and Still, and was again called before the Church. The idea was that he was taking "Usury" by demanding the rent. Mr. Winters thought the wrong man was called before the Church. The rascal that was trying to evade the rent should have been on trial!

There was no question about a church member operating a still.

Even with the Church taking him to task, David Smith remained a loyal member. In 1822 he met Nicholas Darnell "half-way" and deeded the Kentucky side of the land to the Church (Drake's Pond Church) which had been built exactly one-half in Kentucky and one-half in Tennessee.

After moving with his family to Mississippi, he sold his mill in 1825 to Thomas Donelly.

The Family of Obedience Fort Smith

by
H. Fort Flowers
Houston, Texas

DAVID SMITH, along with Elias Fort, Josiah Fort and John Bell, was elected to attend many neighborhood conferences and help the new "arms" and "branches" of the Baptist Church of the growing community. He was frequently cited, however, for missing meetings, being of a roving and restless nature.

Notes from the records of the Church state: "Fryday May 14th, 1813—It is the opinion of the Church that all difficulties with Bro. Smith should be brought forward, upon which Bro. Smith came forward and acknowledged his error in whipping Jacob McFaddin (some time back before he joined General Jackson in his Indian Wars) which satisfied the Church for that. Bro.

Smith's taking the negroe & Stills from the Mr. Coles to be added to the Mill charge." This statement signed "Sugg Fort C. Clk."

On Saturday, June 19, 1813, "on motion Bro. Smith was then called on who gave his reasons why he took the above Articles from sd. Coles. After a great deal of conversation and mature deliberation on the Subject; the members from the different churches, who came as helps (by the solicitation of this church) went out by themselves and brought in the following report.— On mature deliberation, we think that Bro. Smith has done wrong, and his conduct would be a bad precedent, and that he deserved reproof; But we think his acknowledgments made this day to Conf. are such as would justify the church in holding him in fellowship."

So David Smith was restored in the good graces of the Church; however, on November 6, 1813, David and Obedience, with twenty-nine other members of the Red River Church, asked to be dismissed. Josiah Fort and his wife, Piety, joined them soon after as members of the Drake's Pond Arm of the Church.

On January 2, 1793, a daughter was born to David Smith and Obedience Fort Smith, named Sarah David. On April 14, 1794, a son was born and named John Williams Nicholas Arthur Smith, after various members of the family and friends—and it would appear they had missed no one. This is the Judge John W. N.A. Smith that we find in Houston and Brazoria histories. David and Obedience had eleven children of their marriage—ten living and one having died in infancy. Ben Fort Smith was born January 2, 1796, Josiah C. born 1798,—then Esther (or Hester), Obedience II, or Bedie, as she was called, Piety, Emeline, an invalid, and in May, 1812, twin hoys named David Andrew Jackson, called Jackson, and Elias William Shelby, called Shelby.

David Smith's military ability was soon recognized in Kentucky. In a new survey of his property, consisting of 6,400 acres, all of his land north of the Red River was in that state. Governor Garrard designated David Smith as "Major" of the newly formed Christian County, Kentucky, 24th Regiment. This title clung to him throughout his life, although later he was twice in active service under General Andrew Jackson as "Captain."

Due to the Creek massacre of all the whites at Fort Mims in lower Alabama, which at that time was Mississippi territory, the State called General Andrew Jackson (who later became President) and his men to protect the frontier. On September 23, 1813, David Smith appointed Sugg Fort, one of his brothers-in-law, to act in his stead at home, when necessary. On September 24th, 1813, his Company of volunteers was mustered in under Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Dyer. They were with Colonel Coffee's Brigade on September 29th when they were hurried to Huntsville to restore confidence to the frontier while General Jackson was assembling his foot soldiers.

In Captain Smith's company his son, Benjamin Fort Smith, was second corporal and, as private, along with his nephew William Smith, was Josiah, David's third son, age fifteen. John W. N. A. Smith, the eldest son, had been made Lieutenant and Adjutant to Colonel Newton Cannon's Regiment of Mounted Gunmen, also of Colonel Coffee's Brigade. Thus all the male members of the Smith family were with General Jackson for the Creek Campaign except the year-old twins. Captain Smith, his three sons and

nephew, William Smith, remained loyal throughout the Creek Campaign even though many men deserted and mutinied because of the lack of provisions. It was not until the 27th of March, 1814, that the Creek Nation was crushed at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. On April 21st, the troops were ordered to return home, and it was with a deep glow of satisfaction that David Smith returned to his Kentucky home, knowing that he and his boys had served their country to the fullest.

In 1822, the Smith family moved to Hinds County, Mississippi, one of the newly formed counties. Ben Fort Smith was already there, and at about that same time John W.N.A. Smith and his wife and children were there. Only three of David and Obedience Smith's daughters came with them, Obedience II, Piety and Emeline, together with their twin sons, Jackson and Shelby, then ten years old, and their granddaughter, Esther Crutcher, aged four, whose mother Esther (Hester) had died.

Mindful of his large family and his years, David Smith again started out to acquire land. He secured land grants and purchased additional acreage five or six miles north of the present city of Jackson, Mississippi. They named this home "*SOLDIER'S REST*" for David Smith had been a soldier much of his life. He gave land to each of his children as he or she needed it, and set up trusts for those not yet married and for invalided Emeline.

Sarah David, the eldest daughter of David and Obedience, married Joseph R. Terry, a relative of Margaret, David's first wife. Marriage records show that Joseph R. Terry was a resident of Halifax County, Virginia. On April 22, 1817, John W.N.A. Smith was married to his cousin, Mary Fort, of Robertson County, Tennessee, and on July 21, 1817, Esther (Hester), the second daughter, was married to George B. Crutcher of Christian County, Kentucky. In 1832 Piety married T.B.J. Hadley, and David Smith added a codicil to his will putting her inheritance in trust for her. Obedience II (Bedie) married Hiram G. Runnels, who later became the Governor of Mississippi.

Ben Fort Smith had, in 1833, moved to Texas and purchased a plantation on the Brazos, and it was about this time that Joseph Terry and Sarah David separated. Ben Fort, hearing of her difficulty, offered her and the children a home with him—and so the second member of the Smith family went to Texas. Ben Fort Smith was in the Battle of San Jacinto, and some records show that he served as Adjutant for Sam Houston.

Benjamin Franklin Terry, Sarah and Joseph Terry's son, and Thomas Saltus Lubbock combined to organize the noted Confederate fighting unit known as "Terry's Texas Rangers." The two men were delegates to the Texas Secession Convention and signed the ordinance of secession. Terry and Lubbock were assigned to duty and participated in the Battle of Manassas, the first great battle of the war. The Secretary of War authorized them to raise a regiment for the Confederate Army in Virginia, then commanded by General Joseph E. Johnston. The regiment was commanded by Benjamin Franklin Terry as Colonel and Tom Lubbock as Lieutenant Colonel. General Albert Sidney Johnston, at Bowling Green, Kentucky, was ordered to take command in Kentucky and requested Colonel Terry to urge his men to come and serve under him. By way of inducement, he stated that

the Terry Rangers would be mounted on the best horses Kentucky afforded. After bitter fighting, Terry was killed at Woodsonville, Kentucky, on December 17, 1861. Thomas Lubbock died on January 9, 1862, of typhoid fever contracted on the battlefield.

The fame of the Rangers lives on, and an equestrian monument to "Terry's Rangers" is on the grounds of the State Capitol in Austin, Texas.

David Smith died December 4, 1835, at the age of 83 and was laid to rest at his "Soldier's Rest." His obituary in the Mississippian, a Jackson paper, probably written by Governor Hiram G. Runnels, was a tribute to a fine man. It began, "Major David Smith, the venerable occupant of "Soldier's Rest" is no more! At one o'clock P.M. on Friday, the 4th inst. in the 83rd year of his age, that spirit, which, from early youth to old age, was ardent, bold and intrepid in the service of his country, ..."

And so his life ended.

It was shortly after his death that Obedience Smith, leaving her affairs for settlement in the hands of her sons and son-in-law, went to join Ben Fort Smith on his Brazos plantation. Apparently John W.N.A. Smith brought his family about the same time, and others followed almost immediately upon concluding the affairs of their father. In her application for land grants in 1837 she said she had been in Texas two years.

In July 1836, Dilue Rose Harris mentions in her diary that Ben Fort Smith has "Houston Fever" and has taken his mother and her family and gone to Houston. He began the building of Houston's first hotel in the fall of that year on Franklin Avenue on the site now occupied by the Southern Pacific Building, and called it the "City Hotel."

Obedience Fort Smith received her land grant in 1837 and it may be assumed that according to the requirements she immediately built to establish her rights. Obedience's land grant began at a point on Milam Street approximately halfway between Lamar and McKinney. It extended due west along West Dallas, as a northern boundary, to a point nearing Troon Street, equivalent to a continuation of Greenbriar as the west termination. The western boundary was Greenbriar Street due south to Rice Boulevard. The southern boundary from Greenbriar along the northern side of Rice Boulevard continued in a straight line east by north to a point terminating at Crawford and Wheeler Streets. The eastern boundary from a point at Crawford and Wheeler extended north by slightly east in a straight line to the starting point at Milam approximately halfway between Lamar and McKinney — 3,000 acres.

We know that the Smith family lived in homes quite close to each other in what was sometimes referred to as the "Smith Compound." Obedience's son, John W.N.A. Smith and his family lived nearby, as did Jackson Smith, following his marriage to Miss Crosby. From the Herndon diary, young Mr. Herndon speaks of visiting Mrs. Obedience Smith and from there over to Judge Smith's where he walked in the garden with Miss Margaret. We know they lived very close to the city, though not within the city limits. Mr. Herndon wrote of riding out to visit, or for supper, and on that same evening visiting other friends living in the same area. We also know they were close enough to town to drive to church services in the center of town.

During her residence in Houston, Obedience Smith built, cared for, and maintained a church where any Protestant minister was allowed to preach, but no festivals or frolics were permitted. It was strictly a house of God.

In 1839 Mrs. Smith sold this 3,000 acres, with the exception of a portion retained as a "homestead," now the corner of Dennis and Louisiana Streets, to her son, John W.N.A. Smith. In 1842 he deeded it back to her, and in filing the transfer she mentions that he was then living in Brazoria.

Piety and her husband, Thomas B. J. Hadley, had purchased property on the north side of San Felipe Stage Route and extending to Buffalo Drive, and described as being four miles from the Courthouse. In 1844 they sold this property to Mr. Charles Shearn and on the same date purchased 25 acres, including the site of the San Felipe Cottage, from Obedience Smith. They kept it less than a year and sold it to A. P. Thompson, a friend who apparently bought it for investment purposes. He in turn sold it to Eli Williams, who in turn sold it to Dr. E. J. Felder in 1847. Dr. Felder kept the property until March, 1858, when he sold it to Henry House as an investment. Henry House owned a sash and door mill and a lumber yard. He in turn sold it to Justine Ruppersberg, and it again became a home. This family probably did more to put the house in good condition and certainly to improve it than had anyone previously. The valuation of the house and lot on which it stood at that time increased in value greatly. Because the Ruppersbergs are such an interesting family and lived in the San Felipe Cottage for some time, we have a separate file about them. They in turn sold the house to Miss Julia Stanfield.

San Felipe Cottage

A recent four-page brochure of HARRIS COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY shows a plat of SAM HOUSTON HISTORICAL PARK — a monument to the early history of Houston which now contains only three buildings, but the ultimate plan encompasses a small village on it's 21.4 acres. This Park is near downtown Houston, Texas.

One of the three buildings mentioned is San Felipe Cottage. A picture is shown on one page, and the following information is given:

"On site and soon to be restored, this typical East Texas cottage derives its name from the old San Felipe Stage Route beside which it stood until 1962 when, threatened with destruction, it was moved to the Park.

"It was probably constructed in 1837 as the temporary home of Mrs. Obedience Smith, a prosperous widow, who came from Hinds County, Mississippi, with eight children, slaves and household goods. She moved to a large home and sold this house in 1839 to Piety Smith Hadley (daughter) and her husband. In the ensuing years, this little house sheltered several old and prominent Houston families.

"Architecturally, it is a descendant of the southern cottage style—a Greek Revival example with simple gallery across the front and a small dormer balcony above the front door. A miniature stair rises from the rear gallery to the central hall and two rooms above."

Obedience Fort (1771-1847) and Major David Smith (1753-1835) were the parents of the following eleven children:

1.—Sarah David Smith, b. Jan. 2, 1793. (See later)

2.—John William Nicholas Arthur Smith, b. April 14, 1794. (See later)

3.—Benjamin Fort Smith, b. Jan. 2, 1796. (See later)

4.—Josiah C. Smith, b. April 2, 1798, Ky., d. April 1, 1833, Vicksburg, Miss., during an epidemic of Asiatic cholera. He m. May 30, 1830, Hinds County, Miss., Susette G. Johnson. She was probably the daughter of Benjamin Johnson, a neighbor of the Smith family. Susette (Johnson) Smith d. in April 1831 after the birth of their son:

A.—Benjamin Josiah Smith, b. April 1831, Vicksburg, Miss.

Josiah C. Smith was only fifteen years old when he, with his father, brothers and cousins, was with General Jackson in the Creek Campaign of 1813. Not too long after their return in 1814, he began the study of law.

On Oct. 4, 1822, David Smith signed a Power of Attorney to his son J. C. Smith "now of Barren County, Ky." to wind up his business in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Illinois.

In a few years Josiah C. Smith and the Terry family followed the rest of the Smiths to Hinds County, Mississippi, where in 1826, as guardian of his sister Sarah Terry, he bought the home at Clinton, Miss., for her.

Josiah C. Smith was practicing law in Vicksburg, Warren County, Miss., before 1828. Mrs. McBee, in her book about David Smith, said that Josiah Smith's ability as a lawyer is shown in the Joseph Holt Papers, Library of Congress, Manuscript Division. He was commissioned to represent a number of clients in the famous Lyman mandamus suit in Claiborne County, Miss., but died before the trial. Joseph Holt was made counsel and given Smith's papers. (Footnote 15, p. 67, The Life and Times of David Smith, Mrs. McBee, 1959.)

Benjamin Josiah Smith, son of Josiah C. Smith and Susette G. Johnson, was placed in the care of his aunt Sarah Terry "who had another new son" and presumably was carried to Texas by her, along with her own four sons, when she went to make her home with her brother Benjamin Fort Smith on his Brazos River plantation about 1833/4. Sarah's brother Jackson Smith, one of the twins, made the trip to Texas with her and the children.

The last paragraph of an article about Benjamin Fort Smith in The Handbook of Texas, Vol. II, p. 621 (Austin 1952) tells of his representing Montgomery County, Texas, in the Fifth Congress Nov. 2, 1840, to Feb. 5, 1841 . . . that an act of the Fifth Congress on Jan. 23, 1841, permitted him to free his slaves, and another act confirmed his adoption of his nephew Benpamin Josiah Smith, son of his deceased brother Josiah C. Smith.

Benjamin Josiah Smith was named twice in the will of his grandmother Obedience (Fort) Smith that was dated Nov. 28, 1844.

5.—Hester Smith, b. May 5, 1800, d. Oct. 15, 1800.

6.—Hester (Esther) Jackson Smith, b. Feb. 3, 1802, Christian County, Ky., d. there June 13, 1818, at the birth of her daughter, Esther O. Crutcher. She had m. July 21, 1817, George B. Crutcher. He d. Jan. 2, 1832, Hinds County, Miss.

Hester/Esther Jackson Smith was named for her aunt Esther (Fort) Jackson, the wife of Burwell Jackson; however, her name is written as Hester in some of the records.

When David and Obedience Smith moved to Hinds County, Miss., in 1822, their four-year-old granddaughter Esther Crutcher and her father George B. Crutcher went with them. The father became a Justice of the Peace, and his name appears on page 1 of the 1st Minute Book of Hinds County, Miss.

David Smith, in his will dated Aug. 21, 1826, bequeathed to his sons J. C. Smith and Shelby Smith one negro girl for the use of his granddaughter Esther O. Crutcher.

A.—Esther O. "Hetty" Crutcher was b. June 13, 1818, Christian County, Ky. She m. Dec. 31, 1836, Hinds County, Miss., James T. Fall. He, along with his brother George R. Fall, was editor of The Mississippian at Jackson, Miss.

In her will dated Nov. 28, 1844, Obedience Fort named two children of her granddaughter Esther O. Fall:

a.—Phillip H. Fall.

b.—Obedience Fort Fall.

7.—Obedience A. "Bedie" Smith, b. Feb. 15, 1805, Ky., m. April 8, 1823, Hinds County, Miss., Hiram G. Runnels who later became Governor of Mississippi. He was a son of Harmon Runnels, a Revolutionary soldier of Georgia who had settled in Lawrence County, Miss., in 1810.

David Smith gave land to each of his children as he or she needed it. He deeded to Hiram Runnels, Bedie's husband, on Oct. 10, 1831, two tracts near Jackson, Miss., and separate from the homeplace, as recorded in D.B. 13, p. 678, Raymond, Hinds County, Miss.

After Hiram Runnels helped wind up the estate of David Smith, the Runnels family followed Obedience (Fort) Smith and other members of the family to Houston, Texas. In her Nov. 28, 1844, will, Obedience (Fort) Smith named her son-in-law Hiram G. Runnels her sole and only executor.

The obituary of Major David Smith that was dated Dec. 18, 1835, and signed "H", and printed in The Mississippian, Jackson, Miss., was no doubt written by Governor Runnels.

A deposition given by Obedience (Smith) Runnels is on file with Revolutionary War Claim W-25006, 1850, National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Obedience A. "Bedie" Smith and Gov. Hiram G. Runnels (we assume) were the parents of:

A.—Cornelia Runnels, b. prob. c1824/5, who married Judge David Smith Terry (b. March 8, 1823, Ky.), son of Sarah David Smith (#1 above) and Joseph R. Terry.

8.—Piety L. Smith, b. April 2, 1807, Ky., m. c1832 in Mississippi, Col. Thomas B. J. Hadley.

Mrs. McBee, on page 69 of *The Life and Times of David Smith*, referred to page 476 of *Mississippi as a Province, Territory and State* by J.F.H. Claiborne (Jackson, Miss., 1880): "Footnote on Mrs. T.B.J. Hadley, whose husband was Auditor of Public Accounts. She was a daughter of Major David Smith,

an old Indian fighter, after whom Smith County was named. Governor Runnels, of Mississippi, was a son-in-law of Major Smith."

Col. and Mrs. Hadley moved to Houston, Texas, where they lived in the "Smith Compound." They were the parents of at least one child, a daughter:

A.—Julia Hadley, m. _____ Franklin.

There are two references to Mrs. Franklin in Mrs. McBee's book. The first is on page 1, footnote 3, as follows:

"Mrs. Julia Hadley Franklin, Houston, Texas, to Dr. David Smith Humphreys, Greenwood, Miss., Aug. 4, 1908. Papers of D. S. Humphreys, Clarksdale, Miss. Her aunt, Obedience Smith Runnels' account of her grandfather's escape to America, after Culloden."

The second is on page 55, footnote 29, as follows:

"Mrs. Julia Hadley Franklin, Houston, Texas, to Dr. D. S. Humphreys, Greenwood, Miss., Aug. 1908. Capt. David Smith, her grandfather, was struck by an Indian arrow in his chest. "Jerk it out!" he ordered impatiently."

9.—Emeline M. Smith, b. Aug. 9, 1809, was an invalid. She was named in the will of her father on Aug. 21, 1826, but was not named in the will of her mother on Nov. 28, 1844, so we assume she died between 1826 and 1844.

10.—David Andrew Jackson Smith, called Jackson, a twin, was b. May 19, 1812, in Kentucky. In 1833/34 he went to Texas from Hinds County, Miss., with his sister Sarah (Smith) Terry and her children. He m. a Miss Crosby.

Many years after the death of his father in 1835, Jackson Smith applied for a Revolutionary War pension in 1850 that would have been due his mother Obedience (Fort) Smith (d. 1847). This was Rev. War Claim W-25006, National Archives, War Department, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D.C., previously referred to.

11.—Elias William Shelby Smith, twin to Jackson, was called Shelby. He was b. May 19, 1812, in Kentucky, and m. May 15, 1840, in Mississippi, Caroline C. Johnson.

Chart 1, Chapter IX

SARAH DAVID SMITH, 1st child of Obedience Fort and Major David Smith, was b. Jan. 2, 1793, Ky., and died in Texas. She m. April 17, 1816, Christian County, Ky., Joseph R. Terry (b. May 17, 1792, Halifax County, Va., d. Christian County, Ky.), son of Nathaniel Terry, Jr. (1746-1834), a Revolutionary soldier, and Ann Thompson, daughter of Col. Thompson. He was a grandson of Nathaniel Terry, Sr. (1724-1780), the first sheriff of Halifax County, Va., and Sarah Royal, daughter of William Royal and Sarah Povall.

In her 1927 Fort Reunion paper, Miss Lizzie Fort said, "Sallie married Joseph Terry. The Sunday after their marriage, they went to church at Drake's Pond Meeting House. Uncle Elias and Father used to tell me they were pronounced the handsomest couple in southern Kentucky . . . They

moved to Mississippi . . . Mrs. Terry had fine property, land and negroes . . ."

The Terry family first settled at Clinton, Mississippi, in 1826, about eight miles west of Jackson. Josiah C. Smith, guardian of his sister Sarah, bought a place for her and her family at Clinton. Deeds of gift from both the Smith and Terry families were made in trust for her. In 1829, Josiah C. Smith sold this Clinton property, and she and her family went to live on land that had been granted her nearer her father's place.

Josiah C. Smith's wife died in 1831 at Vicksburg after the birth of their son, Benjamin Josiah Smith. The baby was placed in the care of his sister Sarah who had another new son, Clinton L. Terry. Josiah C. Smith returned to his law practice in Vicksburg. There he died in 1833.

Besides the loss of her brother, Sarah Terry was having other troubles. Joseph Terry had opened a gambling establishment near the Capitol, thereby breaking a solemn promise to her. Because of this they separated. He went back to Todd County, Kentucky, to live. She accepted her brother Benjamin Fort Smith's invitation to bring her children and make her home with him on his Brazos River plantation in Texas.

Sarah David Smith and Joseph R. Terry were the parents of seven sons, three of whom died at birth:

1.—Joseph Terry, b. and d. Oct. 15, 1817, in Kentucky.

2.—Unnamed son, b. and d. Feb. 15, 1820, in Kentucky.

3.—Benjamin Franklin Terry, b. Feb. 18, 1821. (See later)

4.—David Smith Terry, b. March 8, 1823, in Kentucky.

Miss Lizzie Fort said he moved to Fresno, California, and that he was considered the most brilliant lawyer and finest judge in that part of the State.

Judge David Smith Terry married Cornelia Runnels, daughter of Obedience A. "Bedie" Smith (#7) and Gov. Hiram G. Runnels. Mrs. McBee, on page 2 of *The Life and Times of David Smith*, referred to a certain letter from Judge David Smith Terry, San Francisco, California, to his wife, Cornelia Runnels Terry, Stockton, California, dated June 30, 1856. This letter is in the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

5.—Joseph Nathaniel Terry, b. and d. Nov. 29, 1824, Ky.

6.—Joseph Aurelius Terry, b. in 1827, Hinds County, Miss.

7.—Clinton L. Terry, b. in 1831, Hinds County, Miss., was educated at Bethany College and studied law in the office of Gov. Pease of Texas. On Feb. 26, 1862, he was commissioned a Brigade Major of the 16th Brigade of Texas Troops and fell while gallantly leading a charge of Texas Rangers at the Battle of Shiloh on April 14, 1862.

Clinton L. Terry m. Sept. 6, 1855, at Columbia, Brazoria County, Texas, Adriadne (Adrianne) Gautier (b. July 20, 1834, Marion County, Fla., d. April 29, 1910, Galveston, Texas), daughter of Peter W. Gautier, Jr. and Lucy Holmes. Peter W. Gautier, Jr. (b. Oct. 22, 1803, Ga.), was elected Speaker of the House of the Florida Legislature in 1841.

Clinton L. Terry and Adriadne Gautier had three children:

A.—Annie Terry, b. 1858, d. Nov. 14, 1943.

B.—John Wharton Terry, b. April 8, 1860, d. Aug. 25, 1936, studied law in the office of his uncle, Judge David Smith Terry, and practiced at

Galveston, Texas. He m. July, 1888, Anna Butts Davis (b. March 4, 1863, d. Feb. 1935), daughter of Biven R. Davis and Anna Butts. Their daughter:

a.—Rebecca Sealy Terry, b. July 27, 1889, m. Newton H. White, Jr. and lived at "Enterprise," Mitchellville, Md.

C.—Clinton Terry, a daughter, b. 1862, m. F. J. Duff.

These records are from the files of Miss Annie Terry, and are on page 200 of Southside Virginia Families, Boddie, 1955.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TERRY, 3rd child of Sarah David Smith and Joseph R. Terry, was b. Feb. 18, 1821, in Kentucky and was killed Dec. 17, 1861, at Woodsonville, a battlefield on the farm of Anthony Woodson. This farm was south of Green River and slightly southwest of Munfordville, Hart County, Kentucky.

A map of the Munfordville Battlefield showing the lands of Anthony Woodson was made by Cyrus Edwards about 1870. The Battle of Munfordville was fought in 1862, the year after Col. Terry was killed; however, a big "dot" at the extreme south on this map indicates where Col. Terry was killed—"32nd Indiana and Texas Rangers." A copy of this map was filed with the War Department at Washington, D.C. There is also a copy of the map on page 282 of "Cyrus Edwards' Stories of Early Days" that was compiled by his daughter Florence Edwards Gardiner in 1940.

Daniel F. Flowers of Houston, Texas, on April 16, 1968, made a picture and copied the inscription on a monument that was placed on the family plot in Glenwood Cemetery, Washington Avenue, Houston, Texas. The inscription is as follows:—

"COLONEL B. F. TERRY

FEBRUARY 18, 1821 - DECEMBER 17, 1861

NATIVE OF KENTUCKY. CAME TO TEXAS 1831. MEMBER SECESSION CONVENTION. COMMANDED REINFORCEMENTS OF STATE TROOPS SENT TO RIO GRANDE FOR THE CAPTURE OF FEDERAL ARMY PROPERTY AT FORT BROWN. WENT TO VIRGINIA HOPING TO BE IN FIRST BATTLE OF WAR. C I T E D FOR VALUABLE! VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN FIRST BATTLE OF MANASSAS. SCOUTING, REPORTING AND SHOOTING DOWN THE FLAG STAFF, THUS LOWERING THE UNION FLAG FLOATING OVER THE COURTHOUSE. RETURNED TO TEXAS WITH ORDERS TO RAISE CAVALRY REGIMENT WHICH SOON ATTAINED FAME AS TERRY'S TEXAS RANGERS. KILLED WOODSONVILLE, KENTUCKY WHILE LEADING UNIT'S FIRST CHARGE. HIS LOYAL RANGERS CARRIED HIS NAME UNTIL WAR'S END. TERRY COUNTY NAMED IN HIS HONOR."

There is an equestrian monument to Terry's Rangers on the State Capitol Grounds at Austin, Texas. A picture of this monument and an article entitled "Terry's Texas Rangers" prepared by Mary Lasswell was published November 27, 1960, in the Houston Chronicle magazine section. Miss Lasswell said, "The devotion of two men to each other and to their country combined to produce the pride of the Confederate Army: Terry's Texas Rangers."

In 1861, Benjamin Franklin Terry was a sugar planter and owner of 118 slaves in Ft. Bend County, Texas.

Thomas Saltus Lubbock of Houston was listed in the 1860 Census as a "Gentleman." He was the husband of Benjamin Franklin Terry's first cousin, Sarah Obedience Smith (1826-1912), daughter of John W.N.A. Smith and Mary Smith Fort.

Both men were fiery secessionists. They were both delegates to the Texas Secession Convention held early in 1861 at Austin.

They fought in the first Battle of Manassas and attracted so much attention by their soldierly conduct and intelligent action, that they were asked if a regiment of men such as those who had taken part in that engagement could be raised in Texas for the Virginia army. Whereupon, they returned to Texas and in less than a month organized ten companies of over a thousand men.

With B. F. Terry as Colonel and Tom Lubbock as Lt. Colonel, they were on their way to Virginia when in New Orleans a telegram came to Col. Terry from General Albert Sidney Johnston at Bowling Green, Kentucky, requesting Terry and his men to come and serve under him in Kentucky. Gen. Johnston told Terry the Rangers would be mounted on the best horses in Kentucky, and that the regiment should remain a separate and distinct command.

On their way to Kentucky, the Rangers came through Nashville, Tennessee, where it was said the ladies turned out in droves to see the "wild Texas warriors."

Miss Lizzie Fort said that when the regiment was being formed, some man asked Col. Terry the requirements to get into the regiment. Col. Terry instantly replied, "Patrician blood, a craw full of sand, a pair of pistols, and a Bowie knife!" It was said to have been the finest looking body of men ever seen—not one under six feet in height.

In Kentucky, the Rangers fought gallantly, lived up to all that was expected of them, and later were praised highly by Gen. William Hardee, Gen. Bragg, and others.

Col. Lubbock died Jan. 9, 1862, of typhoid fever contracted on the battlefield. His funeral was said to have been the largest ever held in Houston, Texas.

Chart 2, Chapter IX

JOHN WILLIAM NICHOLAS ARTHUR SMITH, 2nd child of Obedience Fort and Major David Smith, was b. April 14, 1794, in Kentucky. He d. in Houston, Texas, sometime before his mother wrote her will on Nov. 28, 1844,

in which she stated ". . . my son J.W.N.A. Smith, deceased, having been by me indulged in advance of those herein-before provided for . . . ."

John W.N.A. Smith m. April 22, 1817, Robertson County, Tenn., his cousin Mary "Polly" Smith Fort (b. Oct. 24, 1797, Robertson County, Tenn.), the youngest child of William Fort and Elizabeth Hilliard. (See Chapter III.) He was listed in the 1820 Todd County, Ky., Census, but was living in Hinds County, Miss., by March 6, 1826, when David and Obedience Smith sold property in Todd County, Ky., to Thomas Donelly "including mill and improvements recently occupied by Jno. W.N.A. Smith."

Soon after moving to Mississippi, John W.N.A. Smith became Probate Judge, and later was Chief Justice of Orphans Court.

The known children of John W.N.A. Smith and Mary "Polly" Smith Fort, as listed in the Battle Book, Table 30, pages 339-340, were:

1.—Sarah Obedience Smith, b. April 8, 1826, Yazoo City, Miss., d. in Houston, Texas, m. Col. Thomas Saltus Lubbock of Houston, Texas, who listed his occupation as "Gentleman" in the 1860 Census.

Col. Lubbock and a first cousin of his wife, Benjamin Franklin Terry, organized TERRY'S TEXAS RANGERS. When the regiment was raised, Lubbock, the older of the two, insisted that it be named for his friend B. F. Terry.

Sarah Obedience Smith and Col. Thomas Saltus Lubbock were the parents of the following children:

A.—Frank R. Lubbock.

B.—Thomas S. Lubbock II—Houston, Texas.

C.—Mary Lubbock—Lake Charles, La., m. Mr. Warring.

D.—Anna Lubbock, m. William Kennedy, son of William Kennedy who emigrated in 1817 from Scotland to Camden, S.C. William Kennedy removed from Camden, S.C., to Texas after the Civil War. He was a lawyer, and was Judge of the 32nd District 1877-1884. Their daughter:

a.—Helen Kennedy of San Antonio, Texas, m. Edward W. Smith, Associate Justice, Texas Court of Appeals.

E.—Alice W. Lubbock, m. Mr. Grayson.

2.—David B. Smith, married and had a daughter:

A.—Mary Smith of Allen, Texas, m. Mr. McKee.

3.—A. Newton Smith, m. Virginia Hail. Their children were:

A.—Kate Smith of Beaumont, Texas, m. Mr. Stafford.

B.—Ione Smith, m. Mr. Berleith.

C.—Mary Belle Smith, b. Jan. 5, 1847, Houston, Texas, d. there Dec. 11, 1893, m. July 16, 1877, Houston, Thomas D. Asbury. Their children:

a.—Hugh Seward Asbury, b. Feb. 11, 1878, Houston, Texas, m. Nov. 14, 1907, Houston, Teresa Guardia Fetterman (b. July 18, 1888), daughter of Thomas M. Fetterman and Nina Fedora Conklin. They had two children:

(1)—Dorothy Belle Asbury, b. Jan. 11, 1910.

(2)—Hugh Fetterman Asbury, b. Oct. 1914.

b.—Thomas Newton Asbury, b. Dec. 12, 1880, Houston, Texas, m. Feb. 1, 1903, Texarkana, Texas, Linnie Neilson (b. March 27, 1884, Texarkana), daughter of James Robert Neilson and Ada

Fort. They lived at Jacksonville, Florida, where Thomas Newton Asbury was vice-president of Seaboard Oil Company.

Ada Fort, mother of Linnie Neilson, was the daughter of Marcus Lewis Fort and his 2nd wife, Nannie Carpenter.

Marcus Lewis Fort was a son of Joseph Fort and Priscilla Tharp.

Joseph Fort was a son of Jacob Geraldus Fort of Edgecombe County, N.C., who m. Jan. 2, 1793, Elizabeth Battle (b. Oct. 6, 1776, Edgecombe County, N.C.), daughter of Jethro Battle (1756-1813) of Edgecombe County and Martha (Patty) Lane of Halifax County, N.C. (See Chart 1, Chapter III.)

Thomas Newton Asbury and Linnie Neilson had a son:

(1)—Thomas Neilson Asbury of Birmingham, Ala., b. Dec. 29, 1903, Texarkana, Texas, m. June 19, 1927, Oklahoma City, Okla., Rosalie Hill (b. May 22, 1906, Oklahoma City), daughter of John M. Hill and Rose Challacombe.

c.—Fletcher D. Asbury, b. July 23, 1884, Houston, Texas, living at Dallas, Texas, when data on this family was given to authors of The Battle Book.

4.—William Fort Smith, b. Aug. 19, 1840, Houston, Texas, d. Jan. 20, 1897, a lawyer, m. Feb. 8, 1868, Brazoria, Texas, Judith Cordelia Watts (b. 1842 Mechanicsville, Ga., d. 1885, Brazoria, Texas), daughter of Burrell Peebles Watts and Clarissa Burdett. (Dates from NSDAR #142874—Mrs. Mary Judith Field Julian.) They had a daughter:

A.—Addie Fort Smith of Little Rock, Ark., b. Aug. 4, 1869, Brazoria, Texas, m. Jan. 25, 1899, Little Rock, Ark., Omer Weaver Field (b. Dec. 24, 1869), son of Benjamin J. Field and Mary E. Weaver. (NSDAR #61697—Addie Fort-Smith.) They had a daughter:

a.—Mary Judith Field of New Madrid, Mo., b. Nov. 29, 1899, Little Rock, Ark., m. June 17, 1924, Little Rock, Scott Milholland Julian (b. Nov. 7, 1895), son of Henry Howgill Julian and Mollie Milholland. (NSDAR #142874—Mrs. Mary Judith Field Julian.) They had a son:

(1)—Scott Milholland Julian II, b. Sept. 2, 1926, Cairo, Illinois.

Chart 3, Chapter IX

BENJAMIN FORT SMITH, Major, third child of Major David Smith and Obedience Fort, was born Jan. 2, 1796, Logan County, Kentucky, and died July 10, 1841, at the home of his brother, Shelby Smith, at White Sulphur Springs, Texas. He never married, but an Act of Congress confirmed his adoption of his nephew, Benjamin Josiah Smith, son of his deceased brother, Josiah C. Smith.

Benjamin Fort Smith served in the Natchez Expedition and in the Creek Campaign. He fought at the Battle of New Orleans as a member of Andrew Jackson's staff, and was promoted to rank of major before he was nineteen years old. In 1818 and 1820 he took part in making treaties with the Chickasaw and Choctaw Indians.

About 1821, Benjamin Fort Smith sold his Kentucky land grant to his father, an entry having been made in his name when he was quite young, and located in the newly formed Hinds County, Miss., where he served as Hinds County's first Representative in the Sixth Mississippi Legislature.

In 1823, General Andrew Jackson asked the War Department to appoint "his friend, Benjamin Fort Smith" agent of the Chickasaw Indians, in place of the former agent who had disappeared with certain funds. This post he held for six years, resigning in December, 1829, when Jackson was elected President, because of friction with the Colberts, chiefs of the Chickasaw nation.

Benjamin Fort Smith was listed in the St. Clair County, Ill., census of 1830. Two years later he took part in the Black Hawk War in Illinois, serving from April to August, 1832.

The Handbook of Texas, Vol. II, p. 621 (Austin, 1952) contains an article prepared by Walter Webb about Benjamin Fort Smith. We are told that activity in the slave trade led Smith to Texas, where he was identified with Stephen F. Austin's colony late in 1832 and became a resident citizen in 1833. He acquired land on Oyster Creek and the upper Brazos River. This was the plantation home, evidently, he offered to share with his sister Sarah Terry when she and her husband separated.

In the winter of 1833-34, Benjamin Fort Smith made a trip to Cuba to procure African slaves to work those lands, but the importation of slaves from Africa was contrary to Mexican law—so his vessel was seized and half of his cargo confiscated. The remaining negroes later worked on fortifications during the Texas Revolution.

During the Revolution, Smith commanded a company of volunteers in the early activities fought at Gonzales and relieved J. M. Collinsworth at Goliad, and was with Austin in the siege of Bexar. He did not attend the Consultation, although he was a delegate. On November 8, 1835, he placed eleven leagues of land at the disposition of the Texas government. Late in November he went to Mississippi to recruit troops for the Texas Army, returning the following February. He re-entered the army as a private on March 13, 1836. The company he recruited in Mississippi arrived the latter part of that month. During the retreat from Gonzales, Smith served as quartermaster and as acting adjutant to Sam Houston. He had enlisted in the company of William H. Patton, but was transferred before the battle of San Jacinto to the cavalry company of Henry W. Karnes. Smith remained in the army until August 5, 1836, serving after May 6 as adjutant general under Thomas J. Rusk. After the signing of the treaty of May 14, 1836, Smith and Henry Teal were commissioners to overtake Vicente Filisola's retreating army and secured Filisola's ratification of the treaty of Velasco at the Mexican camp west of Goliad on May 26, 1836.

Smith sold his plantation home, Point Pleasant, in Brazoria County, September 10, 1836, and moved to Houston. Early in 1837 he built a hotel, then sold it June 8th after operating it a few weeks. In December, 1837, he was appointed president of the board of land commissioners for Harris County. In 1838 he moved to the present Grimes County to his headright

land, and in the fall of 1839 he served on a six-weeks expedition up the Brazos River against the Indians.

Benjamin Fort Smith represented Montgomery County, Texas, in the Fifth Congress, November 2, 1840, to February 5, 1841. He was the author of the insolvent debtors' law. An act of the Fifth Congress on January 23, 1841, permitted him to free his slaves.

He died July 10, 1841—only 45 years old!

Mrs. McBee, on page 66 of *The Life and Times of David Smith,* referred to a monument on the grounds of the Grimes County Courthouse at Anderson, Texas, on which the military exploits of Benjamin Fort Smith are listed.

David Smith's Will

Mrs. McBee said that David Smith's will, dated August 21, 1826, showed how fair he tried to be toward all of his children. After listing the ones who had received their shares already (all but Emeline, Piety and the twin sons) he added $50 to the heirs of his oldest daughter, Sarah Humphreys, and $100 to "Polly", his second daughter (both of these by his first wife, Margaret Terry) who was then living and married to her third husband, David Gibson.

David Smith made a special arrangement for Emeline, the afflicted daughter, and he provided for Piety and the twin sons; however, the executors were to have full authority to help any one of his children who needed it, with due regard for the interest of his wife Obedience, ". . . and so that the other children could have the same from my estate."

After Piety Smith married Thomas B. J. Hadley six years later, David Smith added a codicil to his will dated June 4, 1832. In this codicil, he gave to his sons, Benjamin F. Smith and Jackson Smith, two negro girls, aged 14 and 15 years, for the use and benefit of his daughter, Piety Hadley, and her heirs forever. He also gave in trust to these sons for the use of his daughter Piety one-quarter section of land to be selected from his holdings by his executors.

In this codicil he also bequeathed to his sons, J. C. Smith and Shelby Smith, one negro girl for his granddaughter Esther O. Crutcher.

David Smith died December 4, 1835, Hinds County, Mississippi, and was buried at "Soldier's Rest", leaving his wife Obedience and eight children.

Patent Land In Texas
And
Will of Obedience Smith

In June, 1968, Mr. H. Fort Flowers of Houston, Texas, secured Harris County, Texas, records, given here in part:

1.—Vol. J, page 585, Deed Records. PATENT dated July 23, 1845, filed November 13, 1845, at 10:00 A.M.; No. 19.

"In the name of the Republic of Texas. Vol. 4.

To all to whom these presents shall come Know Ye.

I Anson Jones, President of the Republic aforesaid, by virtue of the power vested in me by law and in accordance with the statutes of said Republic

in such case made and provided, do by these presents grant to Obedience Smith, her heirs or assigns forever, Nineteen 016,710/1,000,000 labors of land situated and described as follows:

In Harris County, adjoining the Austin two league grant, and a survey in the name of James S. Holman,

BEGINNING at Holmans Northwest corner a stake on the Austin southern boundary line;

THENCE West with the Austin line, five thousand two hundred varas to the southwest corner a Black Oak marked JS.;

THENCE South five thousand one hundred and thirty five varas to a stake on Battersons line;

THENCE North 66½ east four thousand two hundred and eighty varas to Battersons Northeast corner a post oak 10 inches in diameter from which a post oak 10 inches in diameter bears North 64 degrees West 2 varas marked B and a post oak 10 inches in diameter bears south 27 degrees east 11 varas marked EE;

THENCE North 20 degrees East three thousand six hundred and seventy varas to the place of beginning.

Hereby relinquishing to her the said Obedience Smith, and her heirs and assigns forever, all the right and title in and to said land heretofore held and possessed by the Government of said Republic, and I do hereby issue this latter patent for same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have caused the Great Seal of the Republic to be affixed as well as the seal of the General Land Office. Done at the City of Austin, on the twenty third day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty five, and the year of the Independence of said Republic the tenth.

Anson Jones, President, (SEAL)
Thos. Wm. Ward, Commissioner,
(SEAL)"

II.—ESTATE OF OBEDIENCE SMITH, PROBATE RECORDS HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. APPLICATION RECORDED: Vol. A, Pg. 427 P/R

"In this case upon the petition of Hiram G. Runnels and the proofs heard in the cause due and legal notice of the intention of the court to act upon said application at this term by the probate court, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that the will exhibited is duly proven as the last will and testament of the said Mrs. Obedience Smith deceased, and the said Hiram G. Runnels is hereby recognized and appointed sole executor of the said last Will and Testament.

It is further ordered that the said H. G. Runnels file an inventory of all the property belonging to this estate duly valued by J. A. Southmayd, John Levi, and John FitzGerald who for that purpose are hereby appointed to appraise said property and he is hereby required to give the bond required by law in double the value of the property so inventoried and appraised.

WHEREUPON came the said H. G. Runnels and filed the inventory required by the foregoing order and gave a bond with security which were approved and ordered to be entered of record and took the oath required by law as executor in open court."

WILL ANNEXED TO THE FOREGOING PETITION:

"WILL: In the name of God Amen: I, Obedience Smith of Harris County, Republic of Texas, being advanced in life but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Imprints: I commit my soul to my maker who gave it and my body to the earth to be interred at the discretion of my executor hereinafter named. My worldly estate I dispose of as follows:

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Obedience Runnels wife of Hiram G. Runnels and to her heirs and assigns forever my negro girl slave Amy.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Piety L. Hadley, wife of Thos. B. J. Hadley and to her heirs and assigns forever, my negro boy slave Alfred.

ITEM:—I give and bequeath to my daughter Piety L. Hadley my negro man slave Ned, together with my wagon and team in trust however that she will appropriate to the support and maintenance of my grandchildren, Benjamin Josiah Smith and Esther C. Fall in equal portions 1/3 of the proceeds of the hire of Ned and of the Wagon and team. The remaining 2/3 to be paid over to Ned himself which is to be continued as long as Ned shall live. And it is my wish and desire that my said daughter Piety as Trustee as aforesaid give unto the possession of Ned the wagon and team to be worked by him and that she permit him to hire his own time, if it be not in violation of law but if it be so esteemed that then Ned with the wagon and team be hired to some one who will treat him kindly; in either event the proceeds to be appropriated as already named. The above provisions are made for my slave Ned as a regard for his faithful services to myself and my family.

ITEM:—I will and direct that my Executor hereinafter named within 6 months after my death or within 3 months if he shall deem it expedient expose to public sale in the City of Houston, giving 10 days previous public notice, the following negro slaves belonging to me with their increase: Sarah and her 3 children, Osborn, George and William; Rachel and her two children Mills & Mack, the proceeds of which sales he will divide equally between my daughter Obedience Runnels wife of Hiram G. Runnels, my daughter Piety L. Hadley, wife of Thomas B. J. Hadley, my son Shelby Smith, my son Jackson Smith, my grandchildren Francis (Franklin) Terry, David S. Terry, Aurelius Terry and Clinton Terry, children of my daughter, Sally D. Smith who intermarried with Joseph R. Terry, my grandson Benjamin Josiah Smith, son of Josiah C. Smith, deceased and my granddaughter Esther C. Fall, whose mother Ester S. Smith inter-married with George Crutcher, my grand children taking it expressly understood only the share of the child they represent.

ITEM:—An equal division of the above named slaves or of their value being my only object in directing them sold, it is my earnest desire that they be purchased by some of my children or grand-children that they may not be compelled to leave my family.

ITEM:—Having now as I conceive disposed of 1/4 of my estate as I think fairly and impartially as I am by law authorized to do and as my son J.W.N.A. Smith, deceased having been by me indulged in advance of those hereinbefore provided for, I now will and direct that my executor after causing the property now in suit between Batterson heirs and myself upon its termination in my favor and so much other of lands as he may think proper to be divided into two lots and to sell them for cash or credit as he may elect, all the rest and residue of my property, real and personal and the proceeds of the sale above directed with all money arising from debts due to me after paying my debts & funeral expenses, be divided equally among all my surviving children and grandchildren be it expressly understood, taking only the share of the children they represent.

ITEM:—I will and bequeath that the portion or legacy bequeathed to my granddaughter Esther O. Fall, except the proceeds of the hire of Ned and of the Wagon and team be divided equally between her self and her 2 children, Phillip H. Fall and Obedience Fort Fall and the portions or shares of the 2 children be by my executors apropriated as to him _____ seem most to their interest keeping in view their maintenance and education.

LASTLY:—I constitute and appoint my son-in-law Hiram G. Runnels above herein named my sole and only executor of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby sign and publish this my last will and testament this 28th day of November in the year of our Lord 1844.

OBEDIENCE SMITH"

Signed, published in our presence who signed our names thereto at her request as witnesses and in the presence of each other.

A. S. Thruston,
A. P. Thompson.

PROOF OF WILL

STATE OF TEXAS,
HARRIS COUNTY.

RECORDED: Vol. G. PG 380 P/R
IN PROBATE COURT MARCH TERM, 1847, PROB. OF LAST WILL AND TEST. OF MRS. OBEDIENCE SMITH, DECD.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 29th March, 1847,

BOND & INVENTORY. FILED: MARCH 1847.

"Thereupon came the said H. G. Runnels and filed the inventory required by the foregoing order and gave bond with security which were approved and ordered to be entered of record and took the oath required by law as executor in open court.

Inventory of the property belonging to the Estate of Mrs. Obedience Smith,

late of Harris County, Decd. rendered to the Harris County Probate Court by Hiram G. Runnels, executor, March 29th, 1847.

(Inventory enumerates personal property and the following real property.)

Personal property ..... $ 2175.00)

300 acres of land near Houston the unsold portion of Mrs. Smith headright more or less $9000.00

Lots 6, 7, 8, 12 Blk. 85 Houston (with house). 1200.00

A note drawn by Moore and Verden, Jackson, Miss., due on or about the 1st December, 1848, for 1100.00

Amount due from H. G. Runnels about 125.00

Household furniture supposed to be worth 100.00

Total amount $13700.00

I, H. G. Runnels executor of the last will and testament of Mrs. Obedience Smith do hereby certify that the foregoing list of property embraces all which belongs to said estate which has come to my knowledge.

H. G. Runnels, Executor, etc.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, March 29, 1847.
W. R. Baker.

RECORDED: Vol. G. PG 381 P/R

ACCOUNT SALES filed of personal property and the following real estate:

Lots 6, 7, 8 and 12 in Block 85 sold to Mrs. Carey D. Tucker on December 7, 1847, on a credit of 12 months for . . . $940.00.

ANNUAL A/C Ordered: RECORDED: Vol. Y, PG, 66 P?R

From the Minutes of February term, 1851, Mch. 1st.

On motion the order of continuances heretofore at this term entered in the matter of this estate is hereby set aside and revoked and on the motion of T.B.J. Hadley it is ordered that H.G. Runnels executor of the last will and testament of the decedent, make an annual report of the situation of said estate and of his administration thereof.

It is also ordered that the Clerk of this court issue a citation accordingly. It is so ordered that the case be continued.

The above is the last of record in Probate Records.

References:

1.—THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DAVID SMITH by Mae Wilson McBee, Greenwood, Miss., 1958.
2.—MINUTES, Red River Baptist Church, Robertson County, Tenn.
3.—"The First Mill," a Paper presented May 8, 1964, by Ralph L. Winters to the Clarksville, Tennessee, Rotary Club.
4.—"The Family of Obedience Fort Smith" from the files of H. Fort Flowers, Houston, Texas.
5.—SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA FAMILIES by Boddie, pp. 199-200.
6.—Harris County, Texas, Court Records.
7.—CYRUS EDWARDS' STORIES OF EARLY DAYS, compiled by his daughter Florence Edwards Gardiner in 1940.

Chapter X

Descendants of Elias Fort, Jr., Son of Elias

ELIAS FORT, JR., the 8th child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was born September 7, 1774, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and died January 9, 1827, Robertson County, Tennessee. He married early in 1797 in Robertson County, Tennessee, Catharine Prince (b. March 17, 1774, S.C., d. Jan. 7, 1838, Tenn.), daughter of William Prince and his 2nd wife, Dulcinea Barry, and they had twelve children, all born in Robertson County, Tenn.

1.—Burwell Jackson Fort I, b. Dec. 28, 1797. See Chart 1, Chapter X.

2.—Sarah Fort, b. July 4, 1799, d. Oct. 29, 1801, probably buried in Elias Fort Cemetery.

3.—Lewis Albartus Fort, b. Feb. 18, 1801, d. Sept. 12, 1823, Dallas County, Ala. There are Dec. 3, 1829, records in Dallas County, Ala., indicating that Burwell Jackson Fort I was the Administrator of the estate of Lewis Albartus Fort, and that Laban Rasco was the Guardian of his three minor children. The name of his wife was not given. The children were:

A.—Joseph Fort.

B.—Elisha Fort.

C.—Martha Fort.

4.—Nancy Prince Fort, b. May 13, 1802. See Chart 2, Chapter X.

5.—Elizabeth Fort, b. Aug. 15, 1806, d. Sept. 29, 1831.

6.—Mary B. "Polly" Fort, b. Dec. 11, 1807. See Chart 3, Chapter X.

7.—William P. Fort, b. Sept. 19, 1809, d. Sept. 7, 1812, probably buried in Elias Fort Cemetery.

8.—Dorothy "Dollie" Berry Fort, b. Mar. 4, 1811. See Chart 4, Chapter X.

9.—Joseph W. Fort, b. May 13, 1815, m. Jan. 7, 1842, Robertson County, Tenn., Susan M. Whitfield.

Louisa (Hannum) Fort, in her February 1, 1846, letter to Thomas and Martha (#10 below) when they were in Huntsville, Missouri, wrote:

> "Jo Fort has bought a farm near George Wimberley's, that formerly belonged to William Fall. Jo has a fine wife and a son and daughter. He is extremely fond of his children; the little girl is the very image of Catharine Whitfield . . . Catharine was married a short time since to a Mr. Osbourne, who lives with Bryant Whitfield . . . Dudley Bourne lives quite near Jo Fort. I believe they have nine children."

Joseph W. Fort and Susan M. Whitfield had two children in 1846, a son and daughter.

10.—Martha Marie Fort, b. Aug. 16, 1816, m. Feb. 23, 1832, Robertson County, Tenn., Thomas Jefferson Fort (1811-1861), 2nd child of Whitmil Hill Fort and Dorothy Wimberly. For descendants, see Chart 1, Chapter IV.

11.—Elisha P. Fort, b. Dec. 20, 1817. See Chart 5, Chapter X.

12.—Catharine O. Fort, b. Jan. 29, 1820, was called "Little Catharine O. Fort" in her father's will dated 1825.

Elias Fort, Jr. and his family apparently lived at the home of his father at Hills Mill, and no doubt he and his wife and the several children who

died young were buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery. He did not use the "Junior" after his name very long after the death of his father on January 14, 1819.

Elias Fort, Jr. was the administrator of his father's estate. On page 139, Vol. III, 1819-1821 Robertson County, Tenn., Wills, Inventories, Bonds, etc., is an account of sales of the estate of Elias Fort, deceased, as sold the 1st and 2nd days of March, 1819, on nine months credit, by Elias Fort, Junr., Administrator,—a total of $2216.55-3/4.

In 1825, Elias Fort, Jr. wrote his own will. It was probated in 1827, and is of record in W.B. 5, page 435, Robertson County Clerk's Office.

Mrs. A. D. (Mabel Fort) Jordan of Covington, Georgia, wrote in a November 25, 1967, letter, "I have found a notation where Catharine Prince Fort (in a Dallas County, Ala., Deed Book) deeded slaves to sons Elisha P. and Burwell Jackson Fort I on June 22, 1836. Then another note deeded slaves to B. J. Fort I in May, 1836. She was to die two years later. Elias had died nine years before. L. A. Fort had died . . . Perhaps that's how she divided her property. She could deed slaves or portable property, but not real property. That's where I found out Catharine couldn't write, but made an 'X'."

Bible Records

Photostatic copies of Bible records were contributed by Mrs. A. D. (Mabel Fort) Jordan, Covington, Georgia, with this notation: "You will note three kinds of Bible sheets. The large sheet was loose in an old Bible. I think perhaps B. J. Fort brought it from Tennessee as it records only his immediate people. Then, copy of a page from a very old Bible recording the children of B. J. Fort and Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell. She wrote it, for she said "our son L. A. Fort." The rest of the sheets were sewn in Gabriel and Catherine Rasco (Jones) Fort's family Bible. Both he (Gabriel) and Elias W. Fort lived with their mother, but Gabriel married in 1861 and Elias W. married the widow Martin in 1872, two years after Charlotte Elizabeth (Harrell) Fort died."

BIRTHS

Elias Fort Senr.	born	July 14, 1730
Sarah Fort	born	May 15, 1738
Elias Fort Junr.	born	Sept. 7, 1774
Catharine Fort	born	March 17, 1774
B. J. Fort	born	Decb. 28, 1797
Sarah Fort	born	July 4, 1799
Lewis A. Fort	born	Feb. 18, 1801
Nancy P. Fort	born	May 13, 1802
Elizabeth Fort	born	Aug. 15, 1806
Pollie B. Fort	born	Decb. 11, 1807
Wm. P. Fort	born	Septb. 19, 1809
Dollie B. Fort	born	March 4, 1811
Joseph W. Fort	born	May 13, 1815

Martha Fort	born	Septb. 16, 1816
Elisha P. Fort	born	Decb. 20, 1817
Catharine Fort	born	Jan. 29, 1820
Wm. E. Fort	born	Feb. 6, 1819
Eliza. A. Fort	born	Octb. 12, 1820

(Note: The last two were children of B. J. Fort and his first wife, Nancy Northington.)

DEATHS

Elias Fort, Sen.	died	Jan. 14, 1819
Sarah Fort	died	March 19, 1802
Elias Fort, Jun.	died	Jan. 9, 1827
Catherine Fort	died	Jan. 7, 1838
B. J. Fort	died	Novb. 3, 1836
Sarah Fort	died	Octb. 29, 1801
Lewis Fort	died	Septb. 12, 1823
Elizabeth Fort	died	Sept. 29, 1831
Pollie B. Connell	died	Aug. 6, 1842
Wm. P. Fort	died	Sept. 7, 1812
Wm. E. Fort	died	July 27, 1844

BIRTHS

Burwell J. Fort was born Dec. 28, 1797
Charlotte E. Fort was born March 26, 1804
And our son L. A. Fort was born May the 9th Anno Domini 1825
B. J. Fort was born April 6th, 1827
Noah S. Fort was born March 28th, 1829
Frances A. Fort was born Feb. 15th, 1831
Elias Fort was born Feb. 28 A.D. 1833.
Gabriel Fort was born June 2 A.D. 1835.

DEATHS

Burwell J. Fort Departed this life November 3 Anno Domini 1836.

BIRTHS

Gabriel H. Fort, son of B. J. & C. E. Fort was born on the 2nd day of June 1835.
Catherine R. Jones, daughter of Thos. B. & D. B. Jones was born on the 5th day of May 1843.
Florence Stella Fort, daughter of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born on the 24th day of March 1863.
Elias William Fort, son of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born on the 21st day of Feb. 1865.
Edna Elizabeth, daughter of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born Oct. 12th, 1868.
Fannie Boswell, daughter of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born Jan. 12th, 1871.

John Thomas Burwell, son of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born on 21st of Jan. 1875.
Joseph Elias, son of G. H. & C. R. Fort was born on 24th Nov. 1877.

Sons & daughters of Thos. B. & Demaris B. Jones was born dates as follows:

Susan Ann Jones was born Feb. 19, 1837.
James Thomas Jones was born Oct. 2, 1838.
William T. Jones was born May 22, 1840.
John G. Jones was born March 6, 1842.
Catharine R. Jones was born May 5, 1843.
Sarah R. Jones was born Feb. 3, 1845.
Thos. B. Jones was born March 23rd, 1847.

MARRIAGES

Gabriel H. Fort and Catherine R. Jones was married on the 12th day of June 1861.
John B. Fort and Adelle E. Sheppard was married on the 4th day of Feb. 1897.
B. J. Fort was married to C. E. Harrell on the 6th day of May A.D. 1824.

DEATHS

Elias William Fort—Dec. 20, 1865.
Edna Elizabeth Fort—Sept. 9, 1873.
Florence Stella Fort—June 4, 1882.
Fannie Boswell Fort Young—July 14, 1889.
G. H. Fort—Jan. 24, 1911.
Catherine Rasco Jones Fort—Aug. 26, 1914.

Prince

The PRINCE FAMILY came from Gloucester, England, to Virginia. There is a chapter devoted to this family in Boddie's Historical Southern Families, Volume VI.

In Munsell's General Index, it is stated there is a chapter of eleven pages about the Prince family.

I.—EDMUND PRINCE, GENTLEMAN. By tradition, our branch of the Prince family is descended from this man.

II.—JOHN PRINCE, b. Feb. 2, 1710, in Virginia, d. Feb. 16, 1782, Spartanburg, South Carolina, was the founder of the Prince family in South Carolina. The father of a large family of children, he accompanied his sons-in-law, Baylis Earle and John Earle of Frederick County, Virginia, to South Carolina before the Revolutionary War. They settled on Fair Forest Creek, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and there erected, as was customary in those days for protection against the Indians, a stockade fort, known thereafter as Fort Prince. It was occupied by the British and Tories during the Revolutionary War, but they were finally driven out by Col. Edward Hampton.

John Prince's sons were bitter Whigs and took part in the Revolution, some as commissioned officers. John Prince's wife was named Sarah Berry.

The foregoing data was prepared by Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley, Birmingham, Alabama. She gave these references to John Prince's service in the Revolution: NSDAR No. 139286 submitted certified records with Supplement No. 327798; Supplemental NSDAR No. 217379 on Elias Fort.

Chaplain John H. Brown, in his 1958 history of the Fort family, said,

> "John Prince . . . served as a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775 (in South Carolina), was a member of the Committee of Safety, and was a member of the First General Assembly in 1776. His wife was Sarah Berry, daughter of Joseph Berry and Huldah Hewett."

Reference is made to Judge Baylis (Bayliss) Earle of South Carolina and wife, Mary Prince, daughter of John Prince and Sarah Berry, on page 482 of *Gateway to the Jackson Purchase* by Eurie Pearl Wilford Neel which was published in 1961.

Nearly all family records give the name of the wife of John Prince and the mother of his children as Sarah Berry, but some research done by Mrs. Jerome A. Esker, a genealogist of Starkville, Missisippi, who is also a Prince and Fort descendant, has raised doubts as to her correct name. She wrote us as follows on February 25, 1967:

> " . . . I have several records from Spotsylvania, Stafford, Caroline and other counties in that area of Virginia that make me think our John Prince was the son of that early Church of England Clergyman, John Prince, one-time rector of a parish (?Hanover) in King George County. Also, I do not believe that he married a Sarah Berry. His wife, or at least one wife, was definitely Mary. Whether Mary Berry, I do not know. The court record I have on this was dated a few weeks before the birth of my ancestor, their son William Prince." (Note: We are sorry Mrs. Esker did not give the reference to this court record. The authors.)

III.—CAPT. WILLIAM PRINCE of the American Revolution, son of John Prince (1710-1782), was born May 19, 1752, in Virginia, and died August 1, 1810, Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky, where his will was probated Aug. 6, 1810. (Note: Caldwell County, Ky., was created out of Livingston County in 1809. The will was dated June 7, 1808, Livingston County, Ky. William Prince did not move. The name of the County was changed.)

According to Ralph Winters, Clarksville, Tenn., Capt. William Prince led a group from the Spartanburg, S.C., area in 1782, to the mouth of Richland Creek, later known as Sulphur Fork of Red River near Port Royal, Robertson County, Tennessee. He established a station 100 yards from a large cave spring. William Prince was a charter member and a deacon of the Red River Baptist Church, and the first meeting house of the congregation was called "Prince's Meeting House."

William Prince's wife, Dulcinea Barry, died (it is believed) in Tennessee after coming to their new home.

Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley, Birmingham, Ala., wrote, "I am sure that my ancestor, Capt. William Prince, had three wives. He m/1 Lydia Maverick Earle. He m/2 Dulcinea Barry, but I cannot send you the Barry genealogy because I do not know positively who the father of Dulcinea Barry was . . . I worked hard on researching the family, but came up with no documentary proof. There were clues. The Princes and Barrys were neighbors

in Spartanburg, S.C., and both William Prince and Andrew Barry (the ancestor of a friend of mine) were officers (Captains) in the Revolutionary Army . . . ."

Sometime after the death of Dulcinea (Barry) Prince, Capt. William Prince returned to South Carolina, married the third time Mrs. Elizabeth (Mitcherson) Ford, widow of Philip Ford, and soon led another group of people to the Port Royal, Tennessee, area, among whom were James Ford, William Mitcherson and Jonathan Stephenson. This group arrived in 1788 or 1789, for on May 4, 1789, William Prince traded "one Negro fellow to Stephen Cantrell for 640 acres of land two and one-half miles from the mouth of Sulphur Fork." Witnesses to this deed were Evan Shelby, Moses Shelby, and James Ford. William Prince sold this farm to Henry Gardner in 1797 and moved to the Eddy Grove area of Kentucky.

"Eddy Grove" was an "arm" or "wing" of the Red River Baptist Church which was granted dismission in 1799. It was located about three miles southwest of Princeton, Kentucky. It was active as a Church until 1850 when it was dissolved. There is a monument on Highway 62 showing where the church once stood. (Ralph L. Winters)

Eddy Grove was first in Christian County, Kentucky (created in 1797 out of Logan County); then in Livingston County (created in 1798 out of Christian); then in Caldwell County (created in 1809 out of Livingston).

The county seat of Caldwell County, Kentucky, was named "Princeton" in 1817 in honor of William Prince who died August 1, 1810. His remains lie buried in a well-marked grave in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Princeton. His will, dated June 7, 1808, Livingston County, was probated August 6, 1810, and is of record in the County Clerk's Office at Princeton, Caldwell County, Kentucky.

Will of William Prince

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Livingston County, whereas I, William Prince of the County and State aforesaid being about to take my exit into Worlds unknown, having full faith and confidence in my Redeemers blood that it is by and through Him I shall live in another world, I have thought proper hereby to divide my Worldly Substance.

And first of all I leave and bequeath to my son Enoch Prince one negro boy now in his possession named Reuben and ten dollars. And to my daughter Sally Connell three hundred dollars. And to my daughter Polly Black four hundred dollars. And to my daughter Caty Fort three hundred dollars. And to my daughter Dulla Fort two hundred and sixty dollars. And to my daughter Nancy Wadlington two hundred dollars, and to her son, John Thompson one hundred dollars for the benefit of his education. Now it shall be understood that the above sums is only to be paid as my executors shall see cause in money a (sic) property when they shall see cause or think it convenient.

And I leave and bequeath to my loving wife, Elizabeth Prince all of my estate both real and personal except such as are above willed away. And at her death or at any other time with the consent of my other executors

they shall divide the remainder of my estate in as equitable a manner as the nature of the case.

Will admit of both lands and moveable property unto my under named children, that is to say, Elisha, Thomas, Rhoda, William, Frances and Betsy. And I do by these presents constitute my wife, Elizabeth and son Enoch Prince, Jesse Ford and my son-in-law Elias Fort, Jr. my lawful executors with full power to carry this my last will into effect, with full power to sell lands, make titles and full conveyances to my children or any person else as may see cause, and to sue and recover debts and pay all just debts. Now I (am) putting full confidence in the honesty and integrity in these my executors.

I do hereby order that none of these shall be bliged to give security for their faithful performance, that is my desire only to have this my Will _____ and I do injoin on them to give my son Francis liberal education and further to see this my Will fully executed. And I do hereby ratify and confirm this to be my Last Will and testament.

In witness hereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day (of) June one thousand eight hundred and eight.

William Prince — Seal.

Test: Rob Tate
William Mitcherson
Caleb Halcomb

Probated: Aug. 6, 1810 in Caldwell County, Princeton, Ky. (Copy of this will contributed by Ralph L. Winters, Clarksville, Tenn.)

Chart 1, Chapter X

BURWELL JACKSON FORT I, the 1st child of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince, was b. Dec. 28, 1797, Robertson County, Tenn., and died Nov. 4, 1836, Dallas County, Ala., leaving a nuncupative will, transcript of which is recorded in W.B. I, p. 129, Dallas County records.

Burwell Jackson Fort I m/1 in 1818, Montgomery County, Tenn., Nancy Northington (d. between Oct. 12, 1820, and April 24, 1824, Dallas County, Ala.), daughter of Samuel Northington IV (1754-1843) and his 2nd wife, Mary Jones of North Carolina (b. 1756), who had moved to Montgomery County, Tenn. They had two children.

Soon after their marriage, they went to Dallas County, Ala., where B. J. Fort I was a pioneer Alabama settler, planter and speculator in land.

Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley of Birmingham, Ala., told us that back around 1825 there were two small communities in Dallas County near Cahaba, then the capital of the new State of Alabama. One was "Harrell's Crossroads"—a railroad flag station, and a community composed largely of a religious sect known as the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The other community, called "Forts," became an important railroad junction and was renamed "Bridges," which name was later changed to "Marion Junction."

A letter dated August 10, 1967, from the State of Alabama Department

of Archives and History, signed by Milo B. Howard, Jr., Director, reads as follows:

"My dear Mrs. Riley:

"With reference to your letter of August 4, 1967, the U. S. Postal Guide lists a post office at Forts in 1857. This became Marion Junction in 1875. In 1891 the name was changed to Bridges, and in 1903 it was changed again to Marion Junction."

We presume Nancy (Northington) Fort was buried on the plantation where B. J. Fort I, himself, was later buried at his own request. A descendant, Chaplain (Lieut. Col.) John H. Brown, wrote this:

". . . He had large holdings and apparently was an influential man, since the community was called 'Forts' until the railroad came through and the junction was named for the contractor, Mr. Marion. For several years he (B. J. FORT I) served as Justice of the Peace of Dallas County. In 1836 he died suddenly in Cahaba, the capital of the state. In his will he requested to be buried at his residence."

The two children of Burwell Jackson Fort I and Nancy Northington were:

1.—William E. Fort, b. Feb. 6, 1819, Dallas County, Ala., d. July 27, 1844, according to an entry in a little day book kept by his step-mother, Charlotte Elizabeth Fort, and his half-brother, L. A. (Lewis Albartus) Fort (b. 1825). This little book is now in possession of Mrs. Arthur David (Mabel Fort) Jordan, Covington, Georgia. Presumably, he never married.

William Fort was named by his father as one of the executors of his will. Also, he was one of the witnesses on May 20, 1839, to the will of his step-grandmother, Mrs. Fanny (Harrell) Harrell.

2.—Eliza Ann Fort, b. Oct. 12, 1820, Dallas County, Ala., d. in 1858 in Mississippi near Meridian, where now live many of her descendants. She m. Jan. 5, 1835, David Montgomery Brown, son of James Brown and Martha Gallman, and they had one child.

Chaplain John H. Brown wrote this:

"Some few miles west of 'Forts' . . . was the crossroads called "Browns" and it is so known today (1959). I have a theory that this place was settled by David Montgomery Brown's family, and that he knew Eliza Ann Fort before he bought land in Mississippi from Jesse J. Butler of Green County, Alabama, in 1835. Anyway, the marriage took place — joining the Browns and Forts inseparately."

JAMES BURWELL BROWN, son of Eliza Ann Fort and David Montgomery Brown, presumably their only child, was b. Oct. 2, 1837, and d. Dec. 7, 1908. Twice married, he had a total of 15 children.

He m/1 Dec. 6, 1855, at Fellowship Church, a community ten miles north of Meridian, Miss., Cyntha S. Stephens, daughter of Charles Stephens and Sarah Smith. They had ten children.

1.—John Rufus Brown, b. May 22, 1861. (See later)
2.—Burwell James Brown.
3.—William Oliver Brown.
4.—Albartus Jay Brown.
5.—Nancy Narissa Brown.
6.—Felix Hilliard Brown.
7.—Susan Absolom Brown.
8.—Ira Lee Brown.
9.—Mary Alice Brown.
10.—Henry Isham Brown.

James Burwell Brown m/2 (name unknown) and had five more children.

11.—Marion Montgomery Brown.
12.—Laura Avarilla Brown.
13.—Albert Russell Brown.
14.—Ladocia Jane Brown.
15.—Fannie Ann Brown.

JOHN RUFUS BROWN, 1st child of James Burwell Brown and Cyntha S. Stephens, his first wife, was b. May 22, 1861, and d. Dec. 9, 1925. He m. Nov. 15, 1882, Sarah Elizabeth Lacy, daughter of Elijah W. Lacy and Jane E. Avara. They had five children.

1.—William Franklin Brown, b. Aug. 17, 1883, Wood County, Texas. (See later)
2.—Lucy Ivy Brown.
3.—Nezzie Leola Brown.
4.—Jay Albartus Brown.
5.—Pearl Ada Brown.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN BROWN, 1st child of John Rufus Brown and Sarah Elizabeth Lacy, was b. Aug. 17, 1883, Wood County, Texas. He is a retired school teacher, now living at Canton, Texas, and contributed data about the Brown family, descendants of Eliza Ann Fort, 2nd child of B. J. Fort I and Nancy Northington.

William Franklin Brown m/1 Oct. 16, 1904, Van Zandt County, Texas, Jennie Henson (d. Aug. 7, 1911) and they had one son:

1.—Oran Franklin Brown, b. June 14, 1911, m. Marie Townsend. They have one daughter:

A.—Phyllis Virginia Brown, m. David Pinkston, and had one child.

William Franklin Brown m/2 April 19, 1914, Ada Burges, and they had two children:

2.—John Herbert Brown, b. Dec. 22, 1915. (See later)
3.—Patsy Louise Brown, b. Feb. 27, 1930, m. Stafford Chandler. Two children:

A.—Farris William Chandler.
B.—Melanie Karen Chandler.

JOHN HERBERT BROWN, son of William Franklin Brown and his second wife, Ada Burges, was b. Dec. 22, 1915, and d. Jan. 30, 1965. He m. July 13, 1941, Jewel L. Wheeless (b. April 10, 1920), daughter of E. E. Wheeless. In 1965 Jewel (Wheeless) Brown was living in Austin, Texas, with their three children:

1.—David Brown, b. June 4, 1942.

2.—Kenneth Brown, b. May 27, 1944.

3.—Mary Lillian Brown, called "Melody", b. Sept. 7, 1952.

Chaplain Brown was interested in tracing the ancestry of his family, and had extensive files of correspondence and data collected from all over the country. His father contributed copy of a brief history and chart prepared by Chaplain Brown in 1959 "from records sent him by Mrs. Louise Fort Rohrer of 409 Meadowbrook Lane, Birmingham, Ala., in 1958." Mr. W. F. Brown, his father, wrote as follows:

"CHAPLAIN (Lieut. Colonel) JOHN HERBERT BROWN was born near Grand Saline, Texas, in Van Zandt County, Dec. 22, 1915. He attended school in different places since I was a school teacher. He graduated from the high school at Grand Saline. He worked his way through Baylor University to B.A. degree.

"He began preaching before he was 18 years of age.

"He pastored several churches (rural) and was pastoring Manchester Church in Houston where he resigned and entered the army as a Chaplain. He was stationed at several different army camps before going overseas. He crossed the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans 16 times. He was stationed in Japan, Korea (twice), Germany. He preached in all these countries where he was stationed, and in addition, preached in Great Britain, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, and several islands of the seas. On his monument is this inscription:

"Passing Through He Preached."

"He was friend to everyone. His friends were numbered by his acquaintances. Thirty-five years after his graduation from Grand Saline High School, he was invited back to give the graduation address. He was invited to give the main address at the 125 Anniversary celebration at Fellowship Baptist Church, about ten miles north of Meridian, Mississippi, in 1962.

"His decorations for army service were: Bronze Star with "V" device; Purple Heart; Commendation Ribbon; and Korean Presidential Citation.

"He loved beautiful things as well as antiques. These things he gathered from the countries where he was stationed, or visited, and from many islands of the seas.

"His older son, David, spent three years in the army. He got his 'boot' training at the same camp that his father did, a camp near Boston, and was stationed at Camp Homestead, Florida, where he finished his three years service.

"We still receive cards in our care addressed to the Chaplain, from all over the United States and some foreign countries.

Signed—W. F. Brown,
Canton, Teaxs 75103."

BURWELL JACKSON FORT I (1797-1836) m/2 April 24, 1824, or May 6, 1824 (as given in Gabriel H. Fort's Bible Record), Dallas County, Ala., Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell (b. March 26, 1804, Bertie County, N.C., d. Dec. 8, 1870, Marion Junction, Ala., buried in the Marion Junction Cemetery), daughter of Gabriel Holmes Harrell and Fannie Harrell (her maiden name was Harrell, and they had six children.

Charlotte Elizabeth (Harrell) Fort took her husband's two children by his first wife, 1) William E. Fort (1819-1844) and Eliza Ann Fort (m. Brown) (1820-1858), and reared them along with her own children who were:

3.—Lewis Albartus Fort, called Albert, b. May 9, 1825. (See later)
4.—Burwell Jackson Fort II, called Jay, b. April 6, 1827. (See later)
5.—Noah Sugg Fort, b. March 28, 1829. (See later)
6.—Frances Alabama Fort, b. Feb. 15, 1831. (See later)
7.—Elias W. Fort, b. Feb. 28, 1833. (See later)
8.—Gabriel Holmes Fort, b. June 2, 1835. (See later)

Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley, Birmingham, Alabama, thinks Charlotte Elizabeth (Harrell) Fort was buried on the B. J. Fort plantation because the cemetery at Marion Junction was not started until about 1895. She thinks her body was disinterred by her son Elias W. Fort and placed on his own lot at Marion Junction where he himself was buried in 1898, and where his widow Myra Fort was buried 48 years later, in 1946.

Mrs. Riley also said, "The Marion Junction Cemetery is not a private cemetery, but as one enters the front gate, the names of Forts predominate. B. J. Fort II was buried there between his wives, Talitha Ann Averyt and Frances Tabb. His son Thomas J. Fort who never married, and his daughter Emma (Fort) Locke were buried there. Also Lewis P. Fort and his wife, Lila Gilmer, and Charles Edward Fort, Sr. And Anna Fort, beside her second husband, Preston Brooks Harrell; William Albartus Fort, son of Noah Sugg Fort of Mayhew, Mississippi, and his wife who was Ella Brice; Alice (Fort) Bell and her husband, William Bell, and their son Charlie Bell. Frank Spears was buried on the Bell lot; his mother was Frances Fort, daughter of B. J. Fort II. Willie Harrell, daughter of Preston Brooks Harrell and Anna Fort, whose first husband was named Riddick. And Ozella (Harrell) Oliver and her husband. And probably others I can't now recall."

LEWIS ALBARTUS FORT, called Lewis A., L. A. or Albert, the 1st child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was b. May 9, 1825, at Forts, Dallas County, Alabama. He d. Nov. 30, 1901. Four

times married and the father of four children, he lived at Starkville, Mississippi.

Lewis Albartus Fort m/1 Ann Bell, a sister of his 2nd wife. Presumably, Ann (Bell) Fort soon died, leaving no children.

Lewis Albartus Fort m/2 ca 1854/55 a sister of his 1st wife, Tennessee M. Bell (b. 1833, d. May 2, 1866, age 33 years, 2 months, 9 days). She was buried in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery at Starkville, Mississippi. They had two children:

1.—Isla B. Fort, b. ca 1856, d. May 28, or Oct. 23, 1866, age 10 years and 4 months, buried beside her mother in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery at Starkville.

2.—Tennessee "Tennie" Fort, b. ca 1865/66, as she was 14 years old when the 1880 Census was taken.

Lewis Albartus Fort m/3 Nov. 6, 1866, (as her 2nd husband), Mrs. Sarah Jane (Cannon) Cox (b. April 24, 1832, d. Dec. 16, 1873), daughter of William R. Cannon and Elizabeth Jane _____. She was the widow of Beverly Hugh Cox, Sr. and already the mother of four children: 1) Mary Elizabeth Cox, b. March 1, 1851, d. when 15 years old; 2) Beverly Hugh Cox, Jr., b. Oct. 30, 1852, d. Oct. 1900; 3) John Charles Cox, b. Nov. 1, 1854; and 4) William Cannon Cox, b. July 4, 1859.

Lewis Albartus Fort and Sarah Jane (Cannon) Cox had two children:

3.—Melville "Melle" Fort, b. ca 1867/8, d. July 25, 1939, Raleigh, N.C., when 72 years old, unmarried.

4.—Lewis (Louis) Albartus Fort, Jr., b. March 27, 1871, Starkville, Miss., d. May 22, 1933, Augusta, Ga., buried at Memphis, Tenn., m. May 21, 1903, Starkville, Miss., Laura Gillespie (b. Sept. 9, 1873, Starkville, Miss., d. Aug. 12, 1947, Memphis, Tenn.), daughter of George Gillespie and Alexena Lampkin. They had one daughter:

A.—Melville Fort, b. Sept. 7, 1905, Starkville, Miss., m. March 24, 1928, Walter Konklin Page (b. Feb. 16, 1896, Chicago, Ill., d. Aug. 31, 1957, Memphis, Tenn.). They had no children.

Mrs. Page, NSDAR No. 357639, contributed most of the information on this family. She lives at Memphis, Tennessee.

Lewis Albartus Fort m/4 after 1873 and before 1880 Miss Jennie Barker (b. ca 1845). They no children.

The 1880 Census of Oktibbeha County, Miss., town of Starkville, listed:

Fort, Louis A., male, 55 yrs. old, Farmer.
Fort, Jennie B. (wife), 35 years old.
Fort, Tennie (daughter), 15 years old.
Fort, Melle (daughter), 12 years old.
Fort, Louis (son), 9 years old.

Other references:

1.—Mrs. W. K. (Melville Fort) Page, Memphis, Tenn.

2.—KINFOLKS by William Curry Harllee, page 1301.

3.—Cemetery and Bible Records by Miss. Genealogical Society, in the Los Angeles, California, Library. May 13, 1967, H.T.F.

Lewis Albartus Fort

From "The Forts" written by Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn Connell) Wise (1873-1954):

"Another family of Forts which I remember, was that of Lewis Albartus Fort, at Starkville. He was a brother of Uncle Noah. We called him 'Cousin Bart'. He was married four times. I knew his fourth wife, Cousin Jennie, but knew all of his children, and visited in his home many times. They lived on a beautiful place out in the country from Starkville.

"Cousin Bart Fort first married Annie Bell, and second her sister, Tennie Bell. They were sisters of Mr. Battle Bell of Columbus. Cousin Tennie Fort was the daughter by the second marriage; she died early in life.

"In connection with this family I would like to tell another story of telepathy, which has come down to me from childhood. Today perhaps we would say, 'It is a psychic influence.'

"Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bell lived one and one-half miles west of Mayhew; the Forts lived in the country from Starkville. One night Mrs. Bell awoke in the middle of the night and told her husband that something was wrong with Annie,—and she was so obsessed by this feeling that she could not rest, and so worried, that middle of the night as it was, Mr. Bell went to the negro quarters, waked a man, and started him on a horse to Starkville with a note to his daughter.

"On the road to Starkville, this messenger met another messenger coming in haste to the Bell's, telling them that their daughter, Annie, was very sick, and for her mother, Mrs. Bell, to come. This proved to be the last illness of their daughter . . . . .

"Cousin Bart's third wife was a widow, Mrs. Jane Cannon Cox, . . . and by this third marriage Cousin Bart had two children, Mell and L. A., Jr.

"Cousin Mell was quite talented in art and for years designed figures and patterns for wall paper, linoleum, and interior decoration.

"L. A. Fort married Laura Gillespie . . . They had one daughter, Melville Fort, who is now Mrs. Walter Page of Memphis, Tennessee . . .

"Cousin Bart's fourth wife was Jennie Barker, a sister of Mrs. Judge Critz of West Point. Their brother Walter Barker was a consul to Japan, and died in that country during his term of service. It took six weeks for his remains to reach this country from Japan . . ."

BURWELL JACKSON FORT II, called "Jay", the 2nd child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was b. April 6, 1827, at Forts, Dallas County, Ala., where he d. June 26, 1897. He was buried in his family plot in the Marion Junction Cemetery between his two wives, Talitha Ann Averyt (the mother of his eleven children) and Virginia Frances Tabb. There is a tall monument in the center of the lot with inscriptions on three sides for himself and for each of his wives.

B. J. Fort II was a Presbyterian, a Democrat, a Justice of the Peace, a plantation owner, and a pioneer in cattle raising. He and his brother, Elias W. Fort, were both well-to-do. They maintained their homes in Dallas County

and eventually acquired most, if not all, of the land of their brothers Lewis Albartus Fort, Noah Sugg Fort, and Gabriel Holmes Fort, and of their sister Frances Alabama Fort and her husband, William Henry Boswell, all of whom moved to other places.

The spacious country home where lived B. J. Fort II and his family at Marion Junction, Alabama, has been modernized and restored to its original grandeur, and is now the home of his great-grandson Ernest Franklin Randall.

Burwell Jackson Fort II m/1 Oct. 29, 1846, Dallas County, Ala., Talitha Ann Averyt (b. Dec. 11, 1827, Dallas County, where she d. Aug. 12, 1876), daughter of Alfred Averyt and Anne Cathey. They became the parents of eleven children. Burwell Jackson Fort II m/2 Virginia Frances Tabb. No children were born to this union.

The eleven children of Burwell Jackson Fort II and Talitha Ann Averyt were:

1.—Mary Frances (Fanny) Fort, b. in 1848, Dallas County, Ala., where she d. in 1875. She is believed to have been buried in the cemetery at Harrell's Crossroads. She m. Henry Clay Spears by whom she had two children:

A.—Mattie Spears, m. J.C.A. Deihl of Atlanta, Ga.

B.—Frank H. Spears, m. Jessie Carter. He soon died and was buried on the lot of his aunt, Louise Alice (Fort) Bell, in the Marion Junction Cemetery. His widow, Jessie (Carter) Fort married a Mr. Fair and moved away.

2.—Louise Alice Fort, b. 1849, d. in 1926 at Marion Junction, the last of the eleven children. She married William H. Bell and they had two children:

A.—Eloise Bell, b. at Marion Junction, Ala., m. Roy Christian, and moved to Birmingham, Ala. They had two children.

a.—Alice Christian.

b.—William Bell Christian.

B.—Charles Battle Bell, b. Marion Junction, Ala., m. Lilly Belle Dungan. They have one daughter:

a.—Mary Louise Bell, m. _____ Bledsoe.

3.—Lewis Pritchett Fort, b. July 22, 1851, Marion Junction, Ala., where he d. in 1896, was a planter and a merchant. His middle name was for an old family friend named Pritchett. He m. in 1877 Lila Gilmer (b. Dec. 29, 1857, d. May 15, 1946) and both are buried in the cemetery at Marion Junction.

After the death of Lewis Pritchett Fort, Lila (Gilmer) Fort m/2 the widower of her sister-in-law Anna (Fort) Riddick-Harrell (#6), Preston Brooks Harrell I (1858-1934).

Lila (Gilmer) Fort-Harrell had no children of her own by either husband, but she became step-mother to her 2nd husband's two children by Anna Fort, and he (Preston Brooks Harrell I), before becoming a father, was step-father to Anna Fort's two daughters by her 1st husband, John Henry Riddick.

4.—Emma Fort, b. in 1853, Marion Junction, Ala., d. in 1896 at Mobile, Ala. She m. James Locke. There were no children.

Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley, Birmingham, Ala., wrote in 1967, "Aunt Emma died at Mobile, Alabama. Uncle Tom (#9) told me that she was her brother's favorite sister and that I looked like her, the same shade of red

hair . . . My father, Charles Edward Fort, went to Mobile and brought her body to be placed on the Fort family's cemetery lot. He paid all expenses. I got the impression that she had been married in Mobile, but he had her body disinterred and reburied at Marion Junction, Alabama."

5.—Charles Edward Fort, b. Dec. 14, 1854. (See later)

6.—Anna Fort, b. 1856. (See later)

7.—Burwell Jackson Fort III, b. 1858, d. 1878, unmarried.

8.—William Alexander Fort, b. ca 1860, d. when two years old.

9.—Thomas J. Fort, b. 1862, d. sometime after 1911, unmarried.

10.—Frank Averyt Fort, b. June 3, 1864, Dallas County, Ala., d. in 1917, Meridian, Miss., where he was buried in Magnolia Cemetery. He m. in 1890 Annie Cobb of Mayhew, Miss. (b. April 17, 1866, d. Jan. 5, 1955, Meridian, Miss., buried in Magnolia Cemetery), and they had three children.

A.—Annie Belle Fort, b. Oct. 2, 1891.

B.—Frank Burwell Fort, b. Feb. 29, 1896, d. Nov. 10, 1963, Jackson, Miss. He was a Captain during W.W. II. He married Katherine Hoofnagle of New York and they had a daughter:

a.—Kay Fort, m. J. K. Child.

C.—Louise Fort, b. Feb. 20, 1906, m. April 10, 1931, Jay Edwin Rohrer (b. Feb. 14, 1902). They live at Birmingham, Ala., and have one daughter:

a.—Elizabeth Rohrer, b. June 3, 1932, m. Aug. 20, 1954, Frank Mathews (b. Oct. 11, 1930). Two daughters:

(1)—Mary Beth Mathews.

(2)—Brenda Ann Mathews.

Data contributed by Mrs. Jay E. (Louise Fort) Rohrer, Birmingham, Ala., who wrote us Oct. 10, 1967, that she joined "Founders and Patriots Society and Colonial Dames XVII" on the Fort line. We have been told she has ten or twelve DAR ribbons, that she has a Regent's pin set with a diamond, and that she is past president of the Alabama chapter of D.F.P.A.

11.—Elias Roach Fort, b. ca 1866, d. when 5 years old.

CHARLES EDWARD FORT, SR., 5th child of Burwell Jackson Fort II and Talitha Ann Averyt, was b. Dec. 14, 1854, Forts (Marion Junction), Ala., and d. March 4, 1912, Birmingham, Ala. At his request, his body was brought back to Marion Junction for burial. He m. Oct. 8, 1884, Lula Jane Foust, daughter of Samuel Foust and his 2nd wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Roe (Gamble) Fondren. Lula Jane Foust was b. July 2, 1864, Blountsville, Ala., and d. April 7, 1920, Birmingham, Ala. At her request, she was buried in Elmwood Cemetery at Birmingham.

Charles Edward Fort was active in civic, educational and religious fields, and was one of the leading citizens of Dallas County, Alabama. Before his marriage, he was railway agent and postmaster at Marion Junction. From 1884 to 1892, he was a merchant at Blount Springs, about thirty miles north of Birmingham. The store and house burned, so he brought his wife and their first four children to Marion Junction where he devoted his full time to farming from 1892 until August, 1911. Here, four more children were born. Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley said, "My father rented Uncle 'Lias' farm

of 1400 acres or more, which he operated in conjunction with his own farm. He paid Aunt Myra $1400 per yearly rent, payable every October. He also rented the Brantley place."

Mrs. Riley also told us: "Whitmell Harrell lived at Marion Junction. He moved to Shelby for his health, then to Blount Springs. His grandson, Walter Harrell, married Alice Foust, who lived there. She was my mother's sister. Grandpa Foust had a large general merchandise store. He also dealt in real estate. He was considered wealthy. My father and Walter Harrell were first cousins on Grandmother Fort's side (Talitha Averyt and Katherine Averyt). When Alice Foust and Walter Harrell married, my father was best man. He met Alice Foust's younger sister, Lula Jane Foust, and fell in love. Five years later they were married. Grandpa "set" his two sons-in-law up in the mercantile business in Blount Springs, which was a famous summer resort. The store and house Grandpa had given my father burned down one night. Four of the children in our family were born at Blount Springs: Sam, Edward, Virginia and Louis. Four children were born at Marion Junction: Ruth, Averyt, one unnamed boy who died when three days old, and Scott . . . I have a picture of the house where I was born, a big spacious country home that was owned by B. J. Fort II. Papa later built the house where the other children were born, the ones younger than myself. It burned four months after we moved to Birmingham."

This Fort family moved to Birmingham in November, 1911, after Charles Edward Fort suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage a few months before, when only 56 years old.

The eight children of Charles Edward Fort and Lula Jane Foust were:

1.—Virginia Alice Fort, b. July 30, 1885, Blount Springs, Ala., d. April 1, 1960, Birmingham, Ala., buried there in Elmwood Cemetery. Unmarried.

2.—Samuel Burwell Fort, Sr., b. May 21, 1887, Blount Springs, Ala., d. March 6, 1868, Birmingham, Ala., m. Evelyn Adams (b. Dec. 9, 1890) of Faunsdale, Ala. They had two sons:

A.—Samuel Burwell Fort, Jr., b. April 11, 1912, m. April 23, 1938, Inza Lee. Three children.

a.—Samuel Burwell Fort III, b. Oct. 15, 1946.

b.—Inza Lee Fort, b. June 15, 1949.

c.—Jane Foust Fort, b. June 30, 1954.

B.—George Adams Fort, b. May 23, 1914, m. Oct. 9, 1943, Pittsburgh, Pa., Mary Ellen Ungerman. They now live at Gary, Ind., with their two daughters:

a.—Judith Ann Fort, b. July 4, 1947.

b.—Mary Ellen Fort.

3.—Charles Edward Fort, Jr., b. June 24, 1889, Blount Springs, Ala, d. April 2, 1968, Dayton, Ohio. He m. Mildred Bender, and they had one daughter.

A.—Elizabeth Ruth Fort, b. Feb. 2, 1923, Dayton, Ohio, m. Albert Hunter Nead, a Presbyterian minister of Dayton, and they have five children.

a.—Barbara Ann Nead, b. May 13, 1945.

b.—Patrick Michael Nead, b. June 30, 1947.

c.—Sheila Meredith Nead, b. Dec. 9, 1951.

d.—Timothy Andrew Nead, b. June 16, 1954.

e.—Samuel Scott Nead, b. Aug. 27, 1962.

4.—Louis (Lewis) Pritchett Fort, b. July 8, 1891, Blount Springs, Ala., d. May 4, 1961, at Birmingham, Ala. He changed the spelling of his name to "Louis" when he was a student at Auburn University, and just kept the changed spelling. He m. Feb. 6, 1921, Jimmie Bledsoe (b. Thomaston, Ala.), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Laurence Bledsoe. They had one daughter:

A.—Louise Bledsoe Fort, b. Jan. 4, 1922, m. June 4, 1942, Birmingham, Ala., William James Dorroh (b. Oct. 17, 1915). They live at Birmingham, and are the parents of three children:

a.—Linda Louise Dorroh, b. Oct. 29, 1943, m. William Joe McDonald, Sr., and they live in New Orleans, La., with their son:

(1)—William Joe McDonald, Jr., b. March 1, 1965.

b.—William James Dorroh, b. Oct. 27, 1946. One of Alabama's best known young musicians, William James Dorroh was regular organist for a large Methodist church when he was only fourteen years old. He was connected with the music program of First Methodist Church of Birmingham during his last three years at Birmingham-Southern College, of which school he is a 1967 Cum Laude graduate with a B.S. in music. He is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." "Jimmy" Dorroh has won numerous contests on the local, regional and state level, including the Birmingham Music Club auditions for three years and the Southern Regional Competition of the American Guild of Organists. Referred to in the 1968 newspapers as one of the finest young organists in the south, he was then attending the graduate music department of the University of Texas on a teaching assistantship and planning a career of teaching music in college and being active in church music.

c.—Thomas Louis Dorroh, b. July 9, 1948.

5.—Elizabeth Ruth Fort, b. Jan. 18, 1893, Marion Junction, Ala., m/1 James Howard Kemper (d. 1936) from whom she was divorced in 1934. She m/2 Sept. 12, 1936, Cullman, Ala., John Enoch Riley (b. Oct. 24, 1898, Athens, Ga., d. Oct. 8, 1966, Birmingham, Ala.), son of Dr. B. F. Riley and Emma Shaw. Mr. Riley was a Baptist, a veteran of W.W. I, and a chemist by profession. There were no children by either marriage.

Mrs. Riley lives in Birmingham, Alabama. She is a Methodist. Several years ago she was forced to retire from her position with the Board of Education because of failing eyesight. When in her early forties, Mrs. Riley decided to trace her ancestry, at which time she had too few records and too late realized she had asked too few questions of her parents. Her contributions to this Fort Genealogy are many as she has most generously shared her findings with the authors, not only Bible and cemetery records, but copies of the "Askew Letters." These are a series of letters from Mr. Howard M. Askew, formerly of Decatur, Georgia, who had done considerable research on the early Forts. Some of the letters were to Mrs. Riley; some were to Mrs.

Jerome A. Esker, Starkville, Mississippi. Mr. Askew, now deceased, was a descendant of Elias Fort I through his son George Fort's daughter Phillis Fort (b. ca 1700) and her 2nd husband Robert Simms. (See Section III.)

The following biographical sketch appeared in an anthology of contemporary verse "The Badge of Honor for 1942" published by Poetry House, 72 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., along with twelve of Mrs. Riley's selected poems:

"Ruth Fort Riley"

"An Alabamian by birth, Mrs. John E. Riley received her education in private schools, and Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Alabama.

"Some of her very early verses were published in The Selma Mirror, Selma, Alabama. As a teen-age miss, she wrote a short story, winning a prize in a contest sponsored by The Delineator. During her college life, she wrote regularly for the college annual.

"In recent years, her poems have been published in magazines, newspapers, and anthologies throughout the nation.

"She also is a contributor of articles, stories, verses, and songs (both words and music) to children's magazines."

6.—Frank Averyt Fort, b. Feb. 25, 1895, Marion Junction, Ala., was in the Army of Occupation of W.W. I, and in France for one and one-half years. He m. Alice Brown Carter (b. Oct. 10, 1908) and they live in Birmingham, Alabama. They have one daughter.

A.—Le Jeune Fort, b. Aug. 19, 1929, m/1 Eugene Copeland who was killed in an automobile accident two months before the birth of their daughter:

a.—Gene Copeland-Davis, b. in 1949.

Le Jeune Fort m/2 Virgil Laurence Davis, and they have two sons.

b.—Virgil Davis III.

c.—Gary Davis.

7.—Baby boy, unnamed, died when three days old.

8.—Scott Foust Fort, b. July 12, 1901, Marion Junction, Ala., d. suddenly Dec. 6, 1938, at the home of his sister Ruth (Fort) Riley, Birmingham, Ala., and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery beside his mother. Scott Foust Fort m/1 Jan. 6, 1923, Allie Norton. They were divorced sometime after moving to Dallas, Texas, where he m/2 Beulah Waddell. There were no children by either marriage.

ANNA FORT, 6th child of Burwell Jackson Fort II and his 2nd wife, Talitha Ann Averyt, was b. April 6, 1856, Dallas County, Ala., where she d. Aug. 23, 1906, and was buried in the Marion Junction Cemetery. She m/1 John Henry Riddick by whom she had two daughters:

1.—Elizabeth Riddick, m. A. Bremond Bristow and had eight children. They lived at Shelby, Alabama. (No other information at this time.)

2.—Mary Belle Riddick, b. Feb. 7, 1878, New Orleans, La., d. March 3, 1944, and was buried in the cemetery at Marion Junction, Alabama. She m. June 12, 1900, Marion Junction, Ala., Henry Pettus Randall, Sr. (b. Aug. 16,

1873, Dallas County, Ala., d. March 18, 1956, Selma, Ala.), son of Henry Clay Randall and Annie A. Spears of Marion Junction, Alabama. They had four children:

A.—Henry Donald Randall, b. April 10, 1901, d. Feb. 24, 1904, with croup or diptheria.

B.—Ernest Franklin Randall, b. Oct. 23, 1902, Marion Junction (Bridges), Ala., m. April 29, 1936, Elsie Faircloth (b. July 7, 1911, Birmingham, Ala.), daughter of Daniel Franklin Faircloth (b. Nov. 11, 1878, d. Nov. 11, 1934) and Veda Pearl Parker (b. May 19, 1883).

Mr. and Mrs. Randall live in the Burwell Jackson Fort II home at Marion Junction, Alabama, which has been restored and modernized. Mr. Randall is a real estate broker, specializing in farm and timberlands. He is also a farmer and cattleman. His real estate business in Selma, Alabama, is known as the Blackbelt Realty Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall have four daughters:

a.—Sherie Faircloth Randall, b. March 17, 1937, Montgomery, Ala., m. Sept. 27, 1958, John Fort Sherrer, Sr. (b. May 3, 1932, Plantersville, Ala.), son of William P. Sherrer and G. Louise Morrow of Summerfield, Alabama. John Fort Sherrer, Sr's. middle name of Fort is "from the name of a friend of his mother's who lived in Orrville, Alabama, but was not a relative of ours." (According to Mr. Randall.) Mr. and Mrs. Sherrer live in Houston, Texas, with their three children.

(1)—John Fort Sherrer, Jr., b. June 20, 1959, Flint, Michigan.

(2)—Scott Randall Sherrer, b. June 29, 1962, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(3)—William Todd Sherrer, b. July 29, 1964, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

b.—Mary Kay Randall, b. Aug. 8, 1939, Montgomery, Ala., m. Dec. 20, 1958, Timothy Owen Eddins, Sr. (b. May 30, 1934, Panola, Ala.), son of Thomas W. Eddins and Lillie Carter of Route 1, Selma, Alabama. They live at Birmingham with their two children:

(1)—Timothy Owen Eddins, Jr., b. March 8, 1962, Decatur, Ala.

(2)—David Randall Eddins, b. April 2, 1965, Decatur, Ala.

c.—Elsie Diane Randall, b. April 4, 1941, Dothan, Ala., m. June 6, 1964, Henry Crowell Chappell, Jr. (b. Oct. 16, 1941, Union Springs, Ala.), son of Henry Crowell Chappell, Sr. and Virginia Ellis of Union Springs. They live at Montgomery, Ala., with their daughter:

(1)—Virginia Allison Chappell, b. Nov. 4, 1966, Staten Island, New York.

d.—Joy Ann Randall, b. April 10, 1945, Selma, Ala., m. July 1, 1967, George Robert Beers III (b. Oct. 12, 1942, Selma, Ala.), son of George Robert Beers, Jr. and Evelyn B. Poe of Selma.

C.—Mary Elizabeth Randall, b. March 7, 1905, d. Sept. 22, 1909, with croup or diptheria.

D.—Henry Pettus Randall, Jr., b. Aug. 23, 1911, Selma, Ala., m. July 24, 1936, Ettie Beeland Rogers of Greenville, Ala., (b. March 21, 1914,

Andalusia, Ala.), daughter of Wade Allen Rogers and Ettie Beeland. They now (1968) reside at Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They have five children.

a.—Annette Pettus Randall, b. April 2, 1938, Selma, Ala., m. May 15, 1959, George Cooke Spigener, Jr., of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and they have two children.

(1)—Virginia Beeland Spigener, b. May 7, 1962.

(2)—George Cooke Spigener III, b. Sept. 7, 1963.

b.—Ettie Beeland Randall, b. Feb. 1, 1941, Tulcaloosa, Ala., m. May 18, 1963, Brian Howard Birthright of Washington, D.C., and they have a son:

(1)—Brian Howard Birthright, Jr., b. Sept. 22, 1966, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

c.—Henry Pettus Randall III, b. Jan. 20, 1945, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

d.—Culver Franklin Randall (a twin), b. Sept. 19, 1950, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

e.—James Allen Randall (twin to Culver Franklin Randall), b. Sept. 19, 1950, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Anna Fort m/2 (as his first wife) Preston Brooks Harrell I, son of Elias Fort Harrell and Henrietta Fort Watts, and grandson of Nancy Prince Fort and Hardiman Israel Harrell. (See Chart 2, Chapter X.) Anna Fort had two more children by her second husband:

3.—Preston Brooks Harrell II, b. April 24, 1885, m. Oct. 12, 1910, Lucile Callen. They lived at Selma, Ala., and had two daughters:

A.—Anna Lee Harrell, b. Oct. 30, 1917.

B.—Mary Jane Harrell, b. Jan. 24, 1923.

4.—Willie Hopkins Harrell, a daughter, b. July 10, 1896, d. Feb. 8, 1909, when thirteen years old.

NOAH SUGG FORT, 3rd child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was b. March 28, 1829, at Forts, Dallas County, Ala., and d. Sept 6, 1910, at Mayhew, Mississippi. He m. Nov. 6, 1851, his cousin, Dollie Fort Connell (b. April 26, 1836, d. 1883), daughter of John Tinsley Connell and Mary B. "Polly" Fort. (See Chart 3, Chapter X.) They had five children.

1.—Mary Fort, d. before marriage.

2.—Kate Fort, m. (as his 2nd wife) A. Y. Locke who had a daughter named Julia by his 1st wife. They had four children.

A.—Addie Locke (d. 1966, Columbus, Miss.) never married. For many years she owned and operated Columbus' most exclusive ladies' dress shop—"The Specialty Shop."

B.—Dollie Locke, m. Daniel Augustus Burgin, Sr. of Mayhew, Miss., an attorney. He was County Judge at the time of his death in the 1940s. Mrs. Burgin now resides in Columbus, Mississippi. They had one son:

a.—Daniel Augustus Burgin, Jr., now living in Chicago, Ill.

C.—Kate Locke (a twin), died in infancy.

D.—Fort Locke (twin to Kate Locke), died in infancy.

3.—John Burwell Fort, b. April 26, 1860. (See later)

4.—William Albartus "Bart" Fort, m. Ella Brice. They had no children. They moved to Marion Junction, Ala., where both died and were buried in the Marion Junction Cemetery.

Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley said "Bart" Fort moved to Marion Junction, Ala., when she was a "teenager" and built a house next door to theirs. He went abroad to France, England and other countries several times, and collected much information on the Forts; however, no one seems to know what became of his papers.

Mr. Will E. Ward of Starkville, Miss., said that "Bart" Fort served on the County Board of Education at Starkville before moving to Marion Junction, Alabama.

5.—Fannie Orpha Fort, d. in 1890, probably unmarried.

JOHN BURWELL FORT, third child of Noah Sugg Fort and Dollie Fort Connell, was b. April 26, 1860, and d. Aug. 5, 1918, Mayhew, Miss. He m. Dec. 15, 1887, Lucy Virginia Irion (b. Dec. 15, 1864, in Miss., d. Oct. 14, 1941, Mayhew, Miss.), and they had one child:

1.—Noah Gordon Fort, b. Sept. 28, 1888, d. Dec. 1960, Ft. Worth, Texas, m. March 16, 1910, Martha Elizabeth Burgin (b. Nov. 12, 1889), daughter of Daniel Burgin and Myrtis Garner. Mrs. Fort now lives in Mayhew, Mississippi. They had four children.

A.—John Gordon Fort, Sr., b. Nov. 9, 1911, Mayhew, Miss., has retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of Colonel, and is now farming Fort land in Mayhew which before him was farmed by his father and before him, by his grandfather Noah Sugg Fort.

John Gordon Fort, Sr. m/1 Regina Vick who d. in 1948, Arlington, Va. They had no children. He m/2 in 1949 Alyce Price of Easthampton, Mass., and they have six children:

a.—John Gordon Fort, Jr., b. June, 1950, Atlanta, Ga.

b.—Gretchen Fort, b. March, 1952, Casablanca, Africa.

c.—Richard Fort.

d.—Mary Alyce Fort.

e.—Thomas Joseph Fort, b. March 20, 1960.

e.—Robert Fort, b. in San Francisco, Calif.

B.—Myrtis Virginia Fort, b. May 14, 1914, Mayhew, Miss., now resides in Titusville, Fla. She m. April 9, 1938, William H. Chandler of Jersey City, N.J., from whom she was divorced about 1958, and they had one daughter:

a.—Patricia Ann Chandler, b. Dec. 29, 1941, Brooklyn, N.Y., m. Arthur Lane. They live on Long Island, New York, with their two children:

(1)—Karen Lane, b. September, 1963. (sic)

(2)—Karyn Lane, b. September, 1965. (sic)

C.—Augustus Burgin Fort, Sr., b. Sept. 15, 1915, Mayhew, Miss., where he still lives, has extensive holdings in amusement companies and in farm lands. He m/1 in 1940 Isabelle Phillips of Columbus, Miss., by whom he had two children:

a.—Mary Frances Fort, b. Feb. 8, 1943, Mayhew, Miss., m. June 6,

1964, Tuscaloosa, Ala., William Ivey Massengale. They live at Americus, Ga.

b.—Betty Phillips Fort, b. Jan. 5, 1944, Mayhew, Miss., m. Feb. 1, 1963, Tuscaloosa, Ala., William Clifford Ramsey. They live at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Augustus Burgin Fort m/2 Feb. 19, 1948, Bessie Annette Jones (b. Nov. 25, 1915, Macon, Miss.), daughter of Lee Roy Jones and Justa Corrine Byrd, and they have two children:

c.—Melville Lea Fort, b. Jan. 28, 1951, Mayhew, Miss.

d.—Augustus Burgin Fort, Jr., b. June 28, 1956, Mayhew, Miss.

D.—Martha Elizabeth Fort, b. April 9, 1924, Mayhew, Miss., received the B.S. degree from M.S.C.W. (Mississippi State College for Women), Columbus, Mississippi, and also attended New York University and the University of Florida. She is NSDAR No. 399964, and contributed most of the data on descendants of Noah Sugg Fort and Dollie Fort Connell of Mayhew, Mississippi. She also sent the authors a chapter headed "The Forts" from a "book" written sometime between 1934 and 1941 by Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn Connell) Wise. (See Chart 3, Chapter X.)

Martha Elizabeth Fort m. June 20, 1944, Mayhew, Miss., Homer C. Conkling, Jr. (b. June 30, 1913, Titusville, Brevard County, Fla.), son of Homer C. Conkling, Sr. and Sara Best. Mr. Conkling served five years in the Air Corps in W.W. II, is Lieutenant Colonel (retired) in U.S. Air Corps Reserve, and is a graduate of Command and General Staff School. He received B.S. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Florida, and practices law at Titusville, Florida, where he and Mrs. Conkling live with their three children:

a.—Martha Carol Conkling, b. Jan. 25, 1955, Orlando, Fla.

b.—Sara Ann Conkling, b. March 23, 1960, Orlando, Fla.

c.—Timothy Garner Conkling, b. Jan. 1, 1962, Orlando, Fla.

"Uncle Noah & Aunt Dollie Fort"

From "The Forts" written by Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn Connell) Wise (1873-1954):—

"Uncle Noah and Aunt Dolly are the eldest Forts I knew personally. They lived in Mayhew, Mississippi . . . they had five children.

"Aunt Dolly was large and fleshy; she died suddenly while sitting in a chair in front of the fire.

"Their oldest child, Mary, died before my memory, unmarried. I knew all the others well.

"Cousin Kate was fine looking, large, fair complexion, and reddish auburn hair. She married A. Y. (Gus)' Locke. Of their children, Addie Locke, unmarried, lives now in Columbus with Mr. and Mrs. Battle Bell. She is Mrs. Bell's niece. Dollie Locke married Gus Burgin of Mayhew; they live in Columbus.

"Cousin Kate's twins, Kate and Fort, died in infancy.

"Cousin Johnnie (John B.) Fort married Lucy Irion, and they had one

son, Gordon Fort . . . who married Martha Burgin. They bought my father's home place after the death of my father and mother. Their family lives there now and have kept it nicely improved. This is the home which my children remember. Gordon and Martha have four children: John Gordon, Myrtis Virginia, Augustus Burgin, and Martha Elizabeth.

"Cousin Johnnie was a very large man, sometimes weighing nearly three hundred pounds; in fact, all the Connells and Forts I ever knew were very large and grew stouter as they grew older. Many of the men were six feet tall.

"Albartus Fort, 'Cousin Bart,' specialized in engineering at the Agricultural and Mechanical College . . . His life work has been railroad bridge engineering. He married Ella Brice and they live in Marion Junction, Alabama.

"Fannie Orpha Fort was a little older than I . . . I roomed with her the first year I was at college, at the I.I. and C. She died shortly after that school year in 1890.

"I first saw the light of day in the home of Uncle Noah and Aunt Dolly Fort. My father and mother boarded there the first year of their married life. The original two-story house still stands on the low hill, east of the railroad and north of the depot at Mayhew . . .

"Uncle Noah's family lived for a few years in Texas. They returned to Mississippi about 1869, so this splendid home must have been built soon after their return, as I was born there in 1873.

"Uncle Noah's home was a place of outstanding beauty, with its attractive formal flower garden . . . the place was set with the finest of fruits, apples, peaches, pears, grapes, and the modern necessity of spraying was not needed to produce perfect fruit. . .

"In Uncle Noah's home there was a handmade, circular dining table with an elevated revolving shelf. Plates were set around the lower level, and dishes of food placed on the upper level and turned around as desired. Tables of this variety are now antique.

"No description of Uncle Noah's place would be complete without mention of the ever-flowing well, 'and the dairy house nigh it" at the foot of the then very steep clay hill. This artesian well came up into the large dairy house through a wooden shaft, in a never ceasing stream several inches broad. It ran into a large wooden tank, probably four by twelve feet, and two feet deep, with shelves under the water to hold the large yellow bowls of milk. The water ran through this tank and out of the dairy through an underground trough, to what was orginally a low plot of ground. Here Uncle Noah dug a pond for this overflow, nearly an acre in size. The pond was about square and was dredged six feet deep . . . the banks were grass-covered and set with willow trees, with benches placed beneath their branches. There was a boat . .

"This was Mayhew's nearest approach to a park. It was the gathering place and recreation center for the young people who stood in the good grace of Uncle Noah, for the enjoyment of this place came only by invitation. . .

"Uncle Noah played a large part in developing the dairy interests around Mayhew. His fine herd of Jersey cattle was known far and wide, and his excellent hay fields were models for the surrounding country. . .

"Uncle Noah was a remarkable man in many ways. He was a cripple. He was driving a double team to Columbus, the horses ran, threw him from the

hack and broke his hip. He walked with crutches. He was tall, and in all my memory wore a long beard which made him look quite patriarchal. When my children first knew him, they wanted to know if Uncle Noah was in the Ark! They were familiar with the Bible story, but had never heard the name anywhere else.

"Uncle Noah lived to be eighty-one years old, and at his death he had a perfect set of teeth; he had never even visited a dentist.

"Though I was born in this home of Uncle Noah and Aunt Dolly, I lived there only a short while, as my father and mother soon began to keep house—but intimate association with the family continued through the years."

FRANCES ALABAMA "Fannie" FORT, 4th child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was b. Feb. 4, 1831, at Forts, Dallas County, Ala., where she d. Aug. 2, 1879, with burial in the Marion Junction Cemetery. She m. William Henry Boswell (1824-1898) and they had at least three children:

1.—George J. Boswell, who was living at Inverness, Florida, in 1898. (Vol. 6, p. 637, Probate Court Minutes of Dallas County, Ala., for April 22, 1898, in the matter of the petition to probate the will of Elias W. Fort, deceased.)

2.—B. F. Boswell, who was living at Inverness, Florida, in 1898. (Vol. 6, p. 637—same as above.)

3.—Frances Alabama Boswell, b. June 24, 1857. (See later)

FRANCES ALABAMA BOSWELL, daughter of Frances Alabama "Fannie" Fort and William Henry Boswell, was b. June 24, 1857, and d. July 28, 1941. She m. Thomas Williams Barker, Sr. (b. July 26, 1856, Dallas County, Ala., where he d. Aug. 6, 1924), and they had six children.

1.—Annie Boswell Barker, b. Oct. 2, 1879, Dallas County, Ala., where she d. March 5, 1948, m. Charles Franklin Hendricks (b. Jan. 27, 1878, Winona, Miss., d. April 27, 1948, Dallas County, Ala.), and they had one child.

A.—Thomasine Hill Hendricks, b. Dec. 4, 1905, Dallas County, Ala.

2.—Mattie May Barker, b. Dec. 3, 1881, Dallas County, Ala., where she d. April 4, 1961, m. Dec. 26, 1900, Dallas County, Ala., Robert Augustus Logan (b. June 10, 1878, Greene County, Ala., d. Dec. 22, 1945, Meridian, Miss., buried at Selma, Ala.) and they had one daughter:

A.—Frances Augusta Logan, b. Sept. 2, 1902, Dallas County, Ala., where she m. Oct. 15, 1924, Clinton Seed Wilkinson, Sr., (b. Oct. 22, 1901, Dallas County, Ala.). They live at Selma, Ala., and had two sons:

a.—Dr. Clinton Seed Wilkinson, Jr., b. Aug. 31, 1925, who graduated from Auburn University, Auburn, Ala., in 1946, received the D.D.S. degree from Emory University in 1950, and now practices dentistry in Selma, Ala., m. Aug. 27, 1949, Birmingham, Ala., Dorothy Bass Reynolds (b. Oct. 19, 1926, Jefferson County, Ala.), daughter of J. E. Reynolds and Dorothy Bass. Four children:

(1)—Arabella Alston Wilkinson, b. Nov. 12, 1954, Dallas County, Ala.

(2)—Dorothy Reynolds Wilkinson, b. May 25, 1957, Dallas County, Ala.

(3)—Clinton Seed Wilkinson III, b. June 19, 1960, Dallas County, Ala.

(4)—Augusta Logan Wilkinson, b. Aug. 25, 1962, Dallas County, Ala.

b.—Joseph Edgar Wilkinson III, Major, USAF, b. Jan. 25, 1929, Dallas County, Ala., who lost his life Jan. 9, 1967, in Viet Nam where he was assigned to the Fourth Commando Squadron. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Selma, attended the University of Alabama, and received the A.B. degree from the University of Puget Sound. Major Wilkinson was a member of the National Guard. He joined the U.S. Air Corps in 1951 and saw his first combat duty in Korea. He was graduated from Navigation school in Ellington Air Force Base. In addition to his service in the Korean conflict, he served as an exchange officer with the Canadian government, being stationed at Cold Lake, Alberta, for three years. He also served tours of duty at other Air Force bases and was selected as an officer to attend the Command Staff School at Maxwell AFB from which he graduated in 1964. In August, 1966, he was presented the Air Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross.

3.—Thomas Williams Barker, Jr,. b. 1884, Dallas County, Ala., d. 1962, Mobile, Ala., m. Wilma Rice. Two sons.

A.—Robert Fort Barker, b. Jefferson County, Ala., m. Grace _____, (b. Montgomery County, Ala.). Two sons.

a.—Robert Barker.

b.—Bruce Barker.

B.—Ted Barker, died in infancy.

4.—Robert Fort Barker, b. Nov. 5, 1886, Dallas County, Ala., d. Jan. 18, 1933, Chicago, Ill., m. June, 1922, Camilla, Mitchell County, Ga., Mattie Palmer (b. Oct. 27, 1896, Mitchell County, Ga.), and they had two daughters:

A.—Helen Barker, b. Aug. 21, 1923, Asheville, N.C., m. Jan. 8, 1947, Paul N. Nielson, Jr. (b. July 20, 1923, St. Paul, Ramsey County, Minn.). No children.

B.—Annie Laura Barker, b. July 15, 1925, Asheville, N.C., m. Sept. 10, 1948, Hal Quinton Laymon (b. Jan. 22, 1926, St. Louis County, Mo.). Two children.

a.—Laura Helen Laymon, b. Nov. 2, 1953, Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

b.—Quentin Robert Laymon, b. March 27, 1958, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

5.—George Frank Barker, Sr., b. Feb. 12, 1888, Dallas County, Ala., where he d. Feb. 3, 1948, with burial at Selma, Ala., m. July 30, 1921, Americus, Ga., Frances Kaylor (b. Nov. 16, 1896, Fairfield County, Ga.). Two children.

A.—Mary Anne Barker, b. July 19, 1922, Lowndes County, Ga., m.

March 7, 1942, Sylacauga, Ala., Rhodes Stockton Rucker (b. April, 1919, Charleston, W. Va.). Two daughters.

a.—Randy Rucker, b. Oct. 10, 1943, Yakima, Wash., m. Sept., 1964, Oak Ridge, Tenn., Mark Wayne Morris (b. 1943).

b.—'Bama Boswell Rucker, b. July 23, 1945.

B.—George Frank Barker, Jr., Colonel, USAF, b. Sept. 12, 1926, Valdosta, Ga., m. Dec. 29, 1959, Montgomery, Ala., Betty Lucille Alford (b. Feb. 2, 1929, Montgomery, Ala.).

6.—Louis Albartus Barker, b. Feb. 4, 1890, Dallas County, Ala., m. Florence Juanita Rush (b. Nov. 25, 1900, Osceola, Iowa). One son.

A.—Charles Thomas Albartus Barker, b. Dec. 17, 1913, Chicago, Ill., who is married and has a son:

a.—Louis Stephen Albartus Barker, b. Jan. 12, 1943, Chicago, Ill., m. Peggy _____, and they have four children, all born in Phoenix, Arizona:

(1)—Elizabeth Anne Barker, b. Aug. 20, 1962.

(2)—Margaret Louise Barker, b. Sept. 17, 1964.

(3)—Kathryn Lenora Barker, b. Oct. 12, 1965.

(4)—Charles Louis Albartus Barker, b. Jan. 3, 1967.

ELIAS W. FORT, called 'Lias, the 5th child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was b. Feb. 28, 1833 at Forts, Dallas County, Ala., where he d. March 28, 1898, and was buried in the cemetery at Marion Junction (formerly Forts). He was a Captain in the Confederate Army, and was twice married.

Elias W. Fort m/1 Jan. 30, 1872, Mrs. S. Jennie (Jackson) Martin, widow of G. M. Martin. (Marriage records, Vol. G, p. 89, and Vol. A, p. 227, Dallas County, Alabama, records at Selma)

Mrs. S. Jennie (Jackson) Martin-Fort died Dec. 8, 1886. (Vol. 5, p. 809, Abstract of Probate Court Minutes Feb. 18, 1886, Dallas County, Alabama.)

Elias W. Fort m/2 Myra Fort (b. in 1853, Stronghurst, Ill., where she d. March 8, 1946, when 93 years old), daughter of John Burnam Fort and Sarah J. Carothers of Stronghurst. The following item was in an Alabama newspaper:

"Fort Funeral Rites at Marion Junction"

"Funeral services for Mrs. Myra F. Fort, whose death occurred in Stronghurst, Illinois, Friday, March 8, 1946, will be held at Marion Junction Presbyterian Church following arrival of the body by train at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Reverend E. H. Carlton will officiate and burial will be in the Marion Junction cemetery beside the grave of her husband, Capt. William Elias Fort, a Confederate soldier, whose death occurred many years ago.

"Officers of the Marion Junction Presbyterian Church, in which Mrs. Fort had retained her membership, will serve as pallbearers. They will be S. W. Summers, A. M. Rush, A. H. Moore, A. C. Moore, J. M. Gilmer and M. D. Gilmer.

"Mrs. Fort was born in 1858 in Stronghurst and was a daughter of John B. and Lucy Moore Fort. She was descended from an old Huguenot family of South (sic) Carolina and was a member of the same family connection as her late husband. The years of her married life were spent at Marion Junction, her return to Stronghurst having taken place some twenty years ago.

"There are no surviving children, the only immediate relatives being nephews and nieces who reside in Illinois. A nephew, Edward Fort, will accompany the body to Alabama."

Myra Fort was a descendant of Elias Fort and Phillis Champion through their son Elias Fort, down through Frederick Fort and Mary Anne Knight of Wake County, North Carolina. (See Section I.)

The story goes that Capt. Fort went up north on a business trip shortly after the death of his first wife, and passing through Stronghurst, Illinois, he met Marion Fort. Struck by the coincidence of mutual names, he met Marion's sisters, Florence, Jennie and Myra. He later married Myra, who was twenty years younger than he.

Myra (Fort) Fort was a widow for 48 years. By the terms of the will of Elias W. Fort dated Oct. 31, 1896, probated May 18, 1898, and recorded in W.B. 4, p. 408, Dallas County, Ala., records, she inherited all of his property. This will was witnessed by Augustus D. Summers and T. A. Johnson, and Myra Fort qualified as Executrix.

Elias W. Fort left about 2000 acres of land at Forts (Marion Junction). Myra built a big house (now fallen into ruins) and lived there until early in 1900 when she went back to Stronghurst, Illinois, where it was said she built another big house and her sisters Jennie and Florence went to live with her. She rented the Alabama land for money rent. For a number of years Charles Edward Fort, the father of Mrs. Ruth (Fort) Riley, paid her $1400 per yearly rent, every October, until he lost his health in 1911 and moved to Birmingham.

Mrs. Riley wrote, "At five years of age I attended the funeral of Uncle 'Lias. I got a spanking that day because I wore a new dress and refused to take it off. There was a hard rain . . . I knew Aunt Myra well . . . A. Mr. Summers was Executor of her will, and it seems two of her brothers from Illinois came down and sold the land and personal property."

References:

1.—Vol. 6, pages 637-639, Probate Court Minutes of Dallas County, Ala., at Selma.

2.—W.B. 4, 408, Dallas County, Ala.

3.—Vol. 5, p. 809, Probate Court Minutes (death date of S. Jennie Fort).

4.—Vol. A, p. 227, and Vol. G, p. 89, Dallas County Marriage Books.

5.—Obituary of Myra Fort.

6.—Bible records and family records of Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley, Birmingham, Ala.

7.—Bible records and family records of Mrs. A. D. (Mabel Fort) Jordan, Covington, Ga.

GABRIEL HOLMES FORT, the 6th child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was b. June 2, 1835, at Forts, Dallas County, Ala., and d. Jan. 24, 1911, Dallas County, with burial at Center Chapel Methodist Church, Central Mills, Alabama, where also was buried his wife. He was educated in a private male academy, was first a Presbyterian, but later joined the Methodist Church, and was a veteran of the Confederate States of America. He was a planter at Marion Junction, Alabama.

Gabriel Holmes Fort m. June 12, 1861, Catherine "Caty" Rasco Jones (b. May 5, 1845, Dallas County, Ala., where she d. Aug. 26, 1914), and they had six children.

1.—Florence Stella Fort, b. March 24, 1863, Marion Junction, Ala., d. in 1882. She attended Bricewood Academy at Marion Junction, was the "Belle of the County" and was engaged to Dr. James Donald at the time of her death. She was buried at Center Chapel Methodist Church, Central Mills, Alabama.

2.—Elias William Fort, b. Feb. 21, 1865, d. Dec. 20, 1865, of croup, and was buried at Harrells A. R. Presbyterian Cemetery.

3.—Edna Elizabeth Fort, b. Oct. 12, 1868, Dallas County, Ala., d. Sept. 8, 1873, and was buried at Blount Springs, Ala. She died while the family was on a "health vacation" at the Springs.

4.—Fanny Boswell Fort, b. Jan. 12, 1871, Dallas County, Ala., d. July 14, 1889. She had married in 1888 John Young. The next year when she was expecting a baby, she took typhoid fever. Both she and the baby died during childbirth and were buried in an unmarked grave at Prospect Cemetery, Harrells, Alabama.

5.—John Burwell Fort, b. Jan. 21, 1875. (See later)

6.—Joseph Elias Fort, b. Nov. 24, 1877. (See later)

JOHN BURWELL FORT, 5th child of Gabriel Holmes Fort and Catherine Rasco Jones, was christened John Thomas Burwell Jones Fort, but dropped Thomas and Jones from his name. He was b. Jan. 21, 1875, at Old Athens, Dallas County, Ala., and d. Dec. 27, 1931, at Selma, Ala., where he was buried in Liveoak Cemetery. He m. Feb. 4, 1897, Adele "Ada" Estelle Sheppard (b. March 2, 1879, Old Athens, Ala., d. Aug. 28, 1934, Selma, Ala., buried in Liveoak Cemetery), daughter of James H. Sheppard and Celeste "Lessie" Weathington. Mr. Fort was a Democratic Committeeman, a contractor for Dallas County roads, and a planter. His daughter, Mrs. A. D. Jordan, said, "My Dad was all the essence of Forts—charm, stickability, dependability, determination, integrity, loving foolishness and tenderness rolled into a 6' 3", red-blonde, blue-eyed, giant of a man!"

Mr. and Mrs. Fort had three children.

1.—Joseph Laurence Fort, b. Dec. 18, 1898, Dallas County, Ala., a retired R.F.D. carrier, who m. in 1924 Mrs. Sallie Willie (Elkins) Bates (b. Sept. 27, 1897, Hohenwald, Tenn.). They had no children.

2.—Mabel Fort, b. April 5, 1902, Dallas County, Ala., m. June 3, 1923, Arthur David Jordan, Sr. (b. Oct. 7, 1901, Clark County, Ala.), son of David Soule Jordan and Lou Dora Sigman.

Mrs. Jordan sent us photocopies of old Bible records and certain Dallas County, Alabama, court records including copy of transcript of nuncupative will of Burwell Jackson Fort I. She even made a special trip back "home" to Dallas County and visited an old, old cemetery to get certain dates. She sent copies of true stories she wrote for a grandson about her father, John Burwell Fort, and her grandfather, Gabriel Holmes Fort. Of herself and her immediate family, here are excerpts from some of her 1967 letters:

"My Arthur David Jordan is with the U.S. Treasury Department, Appellate Division, serving in the role of Advisor and Consultant. He has a law degree and is a member of the Georgia Bar Association, but only for knowledge. I graduated three one week! David got his B.S. from Emory University, Lillian finished High School, and "D" Atlanta Law School. He has his thirty years, plus, with the Government, and will retire soon . . . and work on our old house.

"As for me, I scrape paint off old furniture, I grow daffodils, iris and day lilies. I read, read, read! I go in with 'D' to Atlanta to shop and to Carnegie Library. I belong to the Garden Club, the Federated Woman's Club of Georgia, the DAR (#482588), and we go to the Methodist Church . . .

"Our dear two, David and Lillian, live far away, so here we sit in Covington near Atlanta. After they married, we bought a twelve-room, post-Revolutionary War house and are restoring it ourselves. Slow, but something to do. We thought we'd reverse the retirement trend. Instead of selling the large old empty house and retiring to a little apartment, we bought a larger house. It was really hopping in August with all fifteen of us here at once.

"We are the parents of Arthur David Jordan, Jr., Research Chemist and Linguist, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Lillian (Mrs. Roland) McPherson who lives in Avon Lake, Ohio, with her husband and four children. David has five.

"My 'D' hauls me all over Colonial Georgia, back home to Selma, waits patiently while I roam through old cemeteries . . . we made a trip up to Tennessee, and we have been to North Carolina homeplaces, too.

"True, I scattered my forces and tried to learn all I could about Quattlebaums, Sheppards, or anyone connected on all sides. If I had only known I could have helped, I'd have done only Forts, Harrells, Boswells, etc., and would have done it all more systematically.

"We went to the Robertson County, Tennessee, homeplace, and really got started on all this genealogy jag all over again because of an eleven-year-old grandson, Richard Jordan, who wants to know about his people. He sits with a notebook when I talk and takes notes! He is writing me a history of the Civil War in exchange for my information!"

A.—Arthur David Jordan, Jr., b. Jan. 19, 1927, Tuscaloosa, Ala., attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., and the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. He holds the B.S. degree from Emory and the Ph.D. from Temple. He is a research chemist with Rohm & Haas Chemicals, and lives with his family at Erdenheim, Philadelphia, Pa. They attend the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Jordan is a linguist—a Japanese and Russian translator "for fun and profit." He served as translator and interpreter at General Headquarters, Tokyo, Japan, in 1946—when he was only 19 years old.

He m. June 29, 1952, Virginia Marianne Stanson (b. March 1, 1928, Akron, Ohio), daughter of David Samuel Stanson and Virginia Pope. She attended Kemper, an Episcopal preparatory school in Wisconsin, and the University of Akron. Their five children are:

a.—Arthur David Jordan III, b. April 3, 1953, Akron, Ohio.

b.—Elizabeth Fort Jordan, b. April 16, 1955, Moorestown, N.J.

c.—Richard Laurence Jordan, b. April 25, 1956, Moorestown, N.J.

d.—Virginia Alice Jordan, b. July 21, 1958, Moorestown, N.J.

e.—Katherine Anne Jordan, b. May 17, 1961, Moorestown, N.J.

B.—Lillian Jordan, b. April 21, 1930, Tuscaloosa, Ala., a graduate of the University of Georgia, m. Aug. 16, 1952, Roland Adams McPherson, Jr. (b. Jan. 11, 1928, Pittsburgh, Pa.), son of Roland Adams McPherson, Sr. and Priscilla Porter. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, he is a chemical engineer and junior-executive with B. F. Goodrich Company. They live at Avon Lake, Ohio, and attend the Universal-Unitarian Church. There are four children.

a.—Brice Anthony McPherson, b. March 23, 1954.

b.—Donald Martin McPherson (a twin), b. May 7, 1956.

c.—Philip Edmund McPherson (twin to Donald Martin McPherson), b. May 7, 1956.

d.—Celeste Juliana McPherson, b. April 7, 1961.

3.—LILLIAN FORT, b. Sept. 17, 1905, Dallas County, Ala., attended Livingston State College, Livingston, Ala., and graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1958 where she was listed in Who's Who in American Poetry. A Methodist and a teacher, she m. Aug. 5, 1929, John H. Meeks (b. Aug. 10, 1902, Alcorn County, Miss.), son of Marcus Bynum Meeks and Estelle Underwood. Mr. Meeks graduated from Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss., where he was a college athlete, with the Class of 1927. He is a Baptist and a teacher. They live at Corinth, Mississippi, and are the parents of two children.

A.—John Fort Meeks, b. March 23, 1931, Corinth, Miss., d. June 26, 1962, and buried in family plot at Kossuth, Alcorn County, Miss., who graduated from Mississippi Southern (University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss.), with the Class of 1953, where he was a varsity football star. He was a geologist. He m. June 19, 1954, Catherine Barrett Clower (b. Sept. 10, 1930, East Beach, Gulfport, Miss.) who attended Gulf Park College and graduated from Mississippi Southern. Mrs. Meeks is a teacher. She lives at Gulfport, Miss., with their two children.

a.—Catherine Elizabeth Meeks, b. July 16, 1955.

b.—Pamela Clower Meeks, b. Dec. 20, 1956.

B.—Laurence Bynum Meeks, b. June 14, 1935, Guntersville, Ala., who is a graduate of Mississippi Southern where he played varsity football and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges. He was a 1st Lieutenant, Missile Training, Fort Bliss, Texas. Later he was connected with the Mississippi State Board of Education at Jackson, but in 1968 accepted employment as Assistant to the President of Northeast Mississippi Junior College at Booneville, Mississippi. He m. Dec. 30, 1961, Jeanelle Gunn (b. Sept. 20, 1940, Walnut, Alcorn County, Miss.) who graduated from the University of Mississippi with the Class of 1959, and who is a junior high school teacher. They have a daughter:

a.—Julia Nicole Meeks, b. Aug. 4, 1964.

JOSEPH ELIAS FORT, 6th child of Gabriel Holmes Fort and Catherine Rasco Jones, was b. Nov. 24, 1877, Dallas County, Ala., and d. Nov. 2, 1939, Orrville, Ala. He was connected with the Dallas County Public Road Department. He m. Sept. 10, 1902, Maggie Day Blann (b. Aug. 23, 1876, Dallas County, Ala., in the Day community, d. Jan. 10, 1959, Orrville, Ala.). She attended Alabama College, Montevallo, Ala., and taught school before their marriage. The had seven children.

1.—Everette Joseph Fort, b. July 20, 1903, Jones Plantation, Dallas County, Ala., who attended Livingston State College, Livingston, Ala., and taught school before her marriage to Walter Albert Greene of Sumter County, Alabama. They live at York, Alabama, where they own and operate a laundry and motel. They have two children.

A.—Everette Louise Greene, b. Aug. 28, 1936, who attended the University of Alabama, and who m. May 28, 1960, Keith Wheeler.

B.—Lynda Ann Greene, b. March 6, 1942, m. June 3, 1962, Warren Lee Allen. Two children.

a.—Lynda Lee Allen, b. April 13, 1964.

b.—Audrey Elizabeth Allen, b. Oct. 13, 1967.

2.—Johnnie Elizabeth Fort, b. Dec. 21, 1905, Safford, Ala., d. July 19, 1921, and buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Central Mills, Ala.

3.—Boykin Perkins Fort, b. April 21, 1908, Safford, Ala., m. Nov. 5, 1938, Mrs. Hannah (Prince) Ferrell. No children.

4.—Josephine Fort, b. Sept. 29, 1910, Safford, Ala., attended Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., is a Methodist Deaconess, and taught school before she m. Nov. 6, 1942, James Ramsey Ormond of Sumter County, Ala. Mr. Ormond is a merchant and a farmer; they live at Sumterville, Ala., and they have three children, all three of whom have attended Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

A.—Evans Joseph Ormond, b. May 30, 1944.

B.—James Fort Ormond (called Fort), b. Aug. 22, 1946.

C.—Reid Burwell Ormond, b. June 3, 1948.

5.—Maggie Day Fort, b. Feb. 28, 1913, Safford, Ala., d. Aug. 24, 1913, and buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Central Mills, Ala.

6.—Ada Fort, b. Oct. 5, 1914, Safford, Ala., unmarried, who has a Ph.D. in Nursing Education from Columbia University (New York), is listed in Who's Who, and has been Dean of the School of Nursing at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., since 1950.

7.—Irma Blann Fort, b. Jan. 27, 1917, Safford, Ala., d. May 22, 1918, and buried in the Methodist Cemetery, Central Mills, Ala.

Three True Stories

GABRIEL HOLMES FORT

By

Mabel Fort (Mrs. A. D.) Jordan

Gabriel Holmes Fort, the youngest child of Burwell Jackson Fort I and Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, was born June 2, 1835. A handsome blue-eyed blonde boy, named for his grandfather, Gabriel Holmes Harrell I, he was the darling of his only sister, Frances Alabama, and his mother, Charlotte Elizabeth. Especially was this so after the sudden death of the father he could never recall, when "Gabe" was only four years old.

Fortunately, Gabriel had four older brothers and many uncles on the Harrell side living in the vicinity to help his mother shape him into a manly child. A tutor was employed to prepare the boys for the private Male Academy within the county, which all five boys attended, receiving the typical classical education of the times.

Charlotte Fort had received an inheritance from her mother just prior to the death of her husband. She, being a good manager and having been left a large acreage by her husband, was able to continue the bountiful life provided for her duing his lifetime.

The county was largely peopled by former residents of old Ninety-Six District in South Carolina and from known families out of Tennessee and North Carolina, forming a stable "good folks" God-fearing group of like-minded people. There were fine horses to ride, hounds to hunt foxes or coons, buggies and carriages in which to travel, coats tailored in Mobile, trips to Tennessee, Mobile and Cahaba, personal men or women servants, and ample field hands to till the rich river bottom. The men went often to Cahaba, the Capital, to politic or speculate in land. The ladies renewed their health at Blount Springs. Life was good.

Gabriel and Elias lived with their mother at the first settlement site until Elias married. In 1860 he (Gabriel) and the mother moved closer in to where the rest of the family lived near the railway. In 1861 Gabriel married Catherine Rasco Jones, granddaughter of a neighbor, Laban Rasco, over in the Harrell settlement. Catherine was quite lovely with black curls and violet blue eyes. They made a handsome couple.

War came to the Southland. One sad day tall, blonde, bookish Gabe bade his Ma and his Caty farewell. They were to look to Brother Jay if in trouble, since Elias was going to war, too. Gabe took along his man John, loaded down with their sacks and a small two-quart, four-legged black pot in which to cook. Gabriel always said he'd never have come home alive if he hadn't had sense enough to take along the slickest thief in Dallas County!

Gabe, John, and an honorable discharge signed by Nathan Bedford Forrest came home to Caty, a baby girl Florence, and Ma. Neither he nor Catherine were prepared to cope with their changing world. Ruptured severely, heavy work was out for Gabe, had he known how to plow in the first place. There was just the land, acres and acres of land.

Go to the Deed Books in Selma and there you'll read part of Gabriel Fort's life story, for it tells so graphically the slow loss of his plantations. By the time his mother Charlotte died in 1870, he left Fort's settlement and went up into the Old Athens area, living on first one rented run-down plantation, then another. Two sons, John Burwell and Joseph Elias, the only children to reach adulthood, were born after leaving the land Burwell Jackson Fort I settled upon, on reaching Alabama.

Nice people, my grandparents, Gabriel Holmes Fort and his wife, Catherine Rasco (Jones) Fort. They lived out their lives, she a lady disdaining work, and he a scholarly gentleman, a collector of fine books, reading, discoursing and counseling.

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I REMEMBER GRANDPA

My Grandpa Gabriel Holmes Fort was a just, kind man. I loved my Grandpa. I think he perhaps knew it, and loved me best of the children who lived at his house. Grandma Caty did not care for me one whit. Perhaps being a fair minded man made Grandpa try to even the score.

Grandpa had great dignity and was spared the indignity of asking his young son for spending money because of the monthly pension check. To me, it still seems Papa and Grandpa either one could buy anything!

Grandpa never wore glasses, nor had a decayed tooth in his whole life. He would say Grandma wouldn't have had decayed teeth either, if she'd stop brushing all the enamel off! Grandpa read almost constantly and had a scholarly approach to events and arguments. And could Grandpa argue! He'd get bombastic and righteously indignant. The French (LeForte) coming out, I suppose. I, too, sometimes wave my arms. Mama used to say, "Talk with your mouth, not your arms—you act just like Mr. Fort." I smile to myself now when I catch myself expressing myself with my hands. I loved Grandpa!

Grandpa always asked grace before meals and meals were never started until he was seated. He liked to play dominoes with Uncle Tommie Jones, next house up the big road. (He was Grandma Caty's brother.) One day he played too long. Hurrying into the dining room where everyone waited, he bowed his head and said, "2, 4, 6, 8, 10—your down Tom." Mortified, he never forgave Papa for telling that anecdote on him. But he sure did do it. I heard him, and giggled so much Mama sent me away from the table.

Grandpa loved his two boys, the first four children dying tragically, but he was not very happy when told that Joseph Elias, the younger boy, was to wed Maggie Blann. "What!" he exploded, "Not that old Alf Blann's girl!" He never was happy about that marriage, and from time to time he reminded the household of his feelings. The first and second child of my Uncle Joe were girls. They were christened Everette Joseph and Johnnie Elizabeth. The third child was a boy. When told Joe had a boy, Grandpa commented in a dry fashion, "And I suppose they'll call him Sally."

Grandpa whittled. I'd sit beside him for hours doing nothing, just watching that shaved wood fall. Grandpa would sit under the mulberry tree down front of the house just so he wouldn't miss a passer-by, or he'd sit at the mail box on Ellerbee hill. I loved Grandpa!

Once, unthinking, my dear Papa, John Burwell Fort, bought a beautiful doll for my younger sister. I didn't have a beautiful doll and was three and one-half years older. It broke my heart. I'm afraid I cried, adding to dear Papa's embarrassment. Well, this is the way Gabriel Holmes Fort played it. He had his pension, didn't he? After breakfast, he ordered the buggy hitched up. He drove to Safford and came home a couple of hours later bearing the loveliest doll I'll ever behold. Thrusting it into my arms, he said with emotion, "Here's your doll!" I loved Grandpa!

My Grandmother Catherine never called Grandpa "Gabriel." It was always "Mr. Fort." Excited, or wanting a favor, she would call him "Mr. Sote." He called her "Caty" until she provoked him. Then, sternly, he'd say "Catherine!" We knew just how things stood between them daily by those signals.

And Grandpa loved his people. When he learned that his brother Noah Sugg Fort was not well and practically blind, he decided to go to Mayhew Junction, Mississippi, to see him. It was winter. He developed bronchitis that spread into pneumonia. He made it home, but was gone before he told me about Uncle Noah and his trip. He died the polite perfect gentleman he was, saying "Thank you, Ada" when she offered water. I loved Grandpa!

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JOHN BURWELL FORT THE MAN

Before planting time came in the spring, the family moved from the rented Winn place and settled permanently in the little antebellum overseer's cottage on Catherine's inherited land from the huge Jones estate. John dropped from school, but Joe attended private school upstairs in the old antebellum McCollough home. When the weather was bad, he rode horseback, stopping on the way to pick up "Little Lessie" (Adele Sheppard, the widow Celeste Sheppard's little girl) who shyly, but with aplomb, sat sideways behind him. Joe loved Adele Sheppard, but Brother John had selected "Ada" as his girl and bided his time as she grew up. "The prettiest little girl I ever saw and the prettiest big girl I ever saw," he'd declare. Joe never had a chance. When she was fourteen, John escorted her to a party. When he was twenty-two and she not yet eighteen, they were married.

After the Old Athens riot, John assumed the role of bread winner for the family. Every day he rode to the fields on Pa's horse and directed the hands with the loving help of some of the former slaves who stayed on with the family, and advice from concerned neighbors. Pa was no good at all, even had he not had the rupture. He simply did not know how to work with his hands or to direct farming.

Gabriel Holmes Fort sat at the head of his table as long as he lived. It

was Pa's house and he was accorded all due respect, but everyone looked to "Bud."

John was no longer "Bud"—instead he was "Cap'n Bud Fort" or just "Cap'n Fort." Witty, good looking, audacious, he squired the visiting girls, his nonchalant mien covering a sensitive, too soft heart. He owned a little two-wheeled cart and a fast stepping horse. Considered the best dancer in Pence's beat, he was always there when the stringed quartet played by his gifted Jones cousins struck up a tune. Later, when he courted Ada, they were spoken of as the best dancing couple in the county.

He built a one-room school house for community use when the County provided the first monies for public education. Appointed Justice of the Peace at twenty-one, he performed all weddings, built the coffins and had graves dug to bury the dead. He held court trials in his back yard to settle hog stealings and wife beatings. He hired and fired all teachers, white and black. As Justice of the Peace, he administered justice and kept the peace. The negroes trusted him and came with their problems to Mr. Bud Fort. Most people in the county liked him or loved him; some hated him for the very reasons he was loved, but all respected him. So, with charm and grace and sheer dent of will, he assumed the leadership of a leaderless countryside, as one by one the old county mansions became ownerless and dismantled. For such a time in history in such a place in the Old South, John Burwell Fort and his quiet but spirited lady filled their roles well. The house,—old, shabby, genteel, with its one and only white dinner cloth washed every day, spread with excellent and abundant food, was always ready to feed passers-by. It's no wonder John could with great cordiality invite the Governor of Alabama home for dinner without warning!

It bothered him quite a bit that he could not give his beloved wife and three children an easier life. He was of the first generation of Forts in his family that had not known wealth, or been wealthy. His wife and children minded not in the least, all having been taught that to have personal decency, honor, and to be loved was a splendid thing; indeed, a worthy inheritance not to be squandered.

John Fort weathered the "panic" of the late eighteen hundreds and the depression in the late nineteen twenties and thirties. Happily, for the last ten years of his life he built roads for the County. There was money at long last to share. His great generosity was not revealed until death cut him down at fifty-seven. They came, black and white, in embarrassing numbers, to mumble to poor, lost Adele, "I don't know what we'd have done when Tom was in the hospital if Mr. Fort hadn't paid his bill,"—or "Miss Ada, the Cap'n, he give us the money to build back us church dat tornado tore down—we aim to pay you back, Miss Ada, every crop year." They did too. The day of the funeral, the colored folk started riding up on mules and in wagons to stand in the bitter cold, with heads uncovered, to honor their benefactor. Ada bid them file by his casket if they chose to. All along the route to the cemetery they stood. "Old Creasy" chose to take her farewell stand in front of the old Ellerbee place where she helped Miss Caty birth that blonde boy—fifty-seven years before. She bent low, arms spread out in wordless farewell.

Will

BURWELL JACKSON FORT I, son of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince, was born December 28, 1797, Robertson County, Tennessee. He died shortly after midnight on November 4, 1836, in less than nine hours after he was taken ill about five o'clock the afternoon before when on a business trip to Cahaba, Dallas County, Alabama, which was about fourteen miles from his home. During his last hours he made a nuncupative will, a transcript of which is of record in W.B. 1, page 129, of the probate records of Dallas County, Alabama, as follows:

"Burwell J. Fort's Will"

"State of Alabama, Dallas County. In the name of God, Amen.

"Burwell J. Fort of the State and County aforesaid, being suddenly and dangerously attacked with disease of the most fatal character, made the following bequests of his property and appointed the following named persons the Executors of this, his last will.

"1stly, I appoint (Dr.) Paschal B. Traylor, William Fort (son) and P. Walter Herbert the Executors of my will.

"2nd, I wish them to have my body decently interred at my own residence in this County.

"3rdly. I wish all the negroes that I owned at the time of my marriage to my present wife and their increase equally divided between my son William Fort and my daughter Eliza Fort, being children of my first wife.

"4thly. After paying all my just debts, I wish my property belonging to me at the time of my decease, not disposed of in a previous clause, to be divided equally between my wife and the remainder of my children until they are made equal with my first children, and when they are all made equal at valuation, I wish the remainder of my property, if any remain, sold at public auction and equally divided between my wife and all my children.

"The foregoing words or the like purport and effect were declared by the said Burwell J. Fort during the time of his last sickness, and after he was informed by his attending Physician that his case was an extremely doubtful one, and were uttered with an intention that the same should stand for and be his last will and testament. Said Fort had arrived in the town of Cahaba in said County in the forenoon of the third day of November A.D. 1836, which was about fourteen miles from his house. He remained in Cahaba appearantly (sic) in good health until 5 o'clock in the evening of that day, when he was then suddenly taken sick from his home and died in Cahaba in less than nine hours and before his return to his habitation. Said Burwell J. Fort, about five hours before his death after being informed by his attending Physician as above stated and after he had expressed a belief that he had only a few hours to live, made these dispositions of his property in the words hereinbefore set fourth (sic) or to the like purport and effect, and called on one of his friends to write this, his will, in haste, and on those present, E. G. Ulmer, James Olds, Ira P. Taylor (?Traylor), Wm. A. Paul, John LaTourette, Henry

W. Wallace, R. C. Crocheron, and others to bear witness that he wished his property disposed of in the manner before stated.

"SIGNED: Jas. Olds, J. E. Whitten, Jno. C. LaTourette, Henry W. Wallace."

"The foregoing will was admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded. See Minutes D, page 71.

"Recorded 25 August 1837. James D. Crain (?Craig), Clerk."

Dallas County, Alabama, Court Minutes Vol. I, pages 328-329, gives the name of the widow of Burwell J. Fort I as Charlotte Elizabeth Fort, and his children by her are listed as 1) Albert Fort, 2) Burwell J. Fort, Jr., 3) Noah S. Fort, 4) Frances A. Fort, 5) Gabriel Fort, and 6) Elias Fort.

Northington

I.—In 1691, SAMUEL NORTHINGTON, who came from England, was granted land in Gloucester County, Virginia. His wife was Hannah. Their son:

II.—SAMUEL NORTHINGTON II was born in Charles City County, Virginia, and served in the Virginia Colonial Troops. He died in 1744. His wife was Ann Sterling. Their son:

III.—SAMUEL NORTHINGTON III was born in Virginia in 1725, and died in 1794. He served in the Revolutionary War. He was a member of the Virginia Assembly of 1784. He married Phyllis Edmunds of Surry County, Virginia, who was born in 1728 and died in 1772. Their son:

IV.—SAMUEL NORTHINGTON IV, born 1754 in Virginia, died 1843 in Montgomery County, Tennessee, served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in the Cumberland County, North Carolina, Militia. He was a member of the North Carolina Legislature.

Samuel Northington IV m/2 Mary Jones (b. 1756) of North Carolina, and they moved to what is now Clarksville, Tennessee, before 1818. Their daughter:

V.—NANCY NORTHINGTON married in 1818, Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee, as his 1st wife, Burwell Jackson Fort I, son of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince.

Nancy (Northington) Fort died between 1820 and 1824 in Dallas County, Alabama. She was probably buried on the plantation near "Forts" (Marion Junction) where Burwell Jackson Fort I was later buried at his own request. Reference: History prepared by Chaplain (Lieut. Colonel) John Herbert Brown in 1959, and contributed by his father, Mr. W. F. Brown of Canton, Texas.

Harrell

Mrs. John E. (Ruth Fort) Riley contributed this information about the ancestry of Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell. Family tradition says the Harrells came from Scotland.

I.—JOHN HARRELL was a County Officer, Nansemond County, Virginia, in 1734. (Isle of Wight and surrounding counties.) His will, dated Nov. 1,

1756, was probated Oct. 10, 1758. He had removed to Bertie County, North Carolina. His wife's name was Grace. They had a son named:

II.—JOSIAH HARRELL, SR. who died in 1773. His wife's name was Ann, and they had a son named:

III.—JOSIAH HARRELL, JR., a Revolutionary soldier, who died in 1783. His will named daughters Fanny and Anna. (Wills of North Carolina by Grimes, page 336.)

IV.—FANNY HARRELL, b. April 4, 1781, d. in 1839, married Gabriel Holmes Harrell, who was probably a cousin. (Bertie County, North Carolina, Marriages.) Her will dated May 20, 1839, was probated Aug. 27, 1839, Dallas County, Alabama, and recorded in W.B. "A", p. 162. Two of their children married Forts:

1.—Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell m. B. J. Fort I.

2.—Hardiman Israel Harrell m. Nancy Prince Fort, a sister of B. J. Fort I.

V.—CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH HARRELL, b. March 26, 1804, Bertie County, N.C., d. Dec. 8, 1870, Marion Junction, Ala. (Forts), m. (as his 2nd wife) April 24, 1824, Dallas County, Ala., Burwell Jackson Fort I.

Will of Fanny Harrell

(1781-1839)

FANNY HARRELL, daughter of Josiah Harrell, Jr. (d. 1783), m. Dec. 22, 1798, Bertie County, N.C., her cousin Gabriel Holmes Harrell (b. Aug. 12, 1778, N.C., d. Oct. 16, 1829, Ala.).

The will of Fanny Harrell was dated May 20, 1839, and was probated Aug. 27, 1839, and recorded in W.B. "A", p. 162, Dallas County Clerk's Office, Selma, Alabama. According to Dallas County Probate Records in the DAR Library, Washington, D.C., bequests were made to:

"my daughter, Charlotte Fort (2nd wife of B. J. Fort I),

"my daughter, Pheraby E. Brantley,

"my daughter, Elizabeth Ann Harrell (later m. James B. Brantley),

"my son, Whitmell F. Harrell (m. Pheraby Fort Rasco, daughter of Laban Rasco and Sally Reece. Sally Reece was a descendant of Mary Prince, sister of Capt. William Prince who went to Robertson County, Tenn., the father of Catherine Prince who m. Elias Fort, Jr. in Robertson County, Tenn.),

"my son, Hardiman Israel Harrell (m. Nancy Prince Fort, sister of B. J. Fort I who m. his sister Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell),

"my son, Josiah Harrell (Executor)—(m. in 1851, Louisiana Brantley, daughter of Warren A. Brantley (d. 1838),

"my grandson, Gabriel, son of Hardiman T. Harrell,

"my sister, Anny Cole."

Witnesses were William Fort, Laban Rasco, and B. H. Jones.

Mrs. A. D. (Mabel Fort) Jordan, Covington, Georgia, wrote us that three Harrells married three Brantleys, and that it is probable that "Lou" Brantley was the second wife of Josiah Harrell.

Mrs. Jordan also told us that another daughter of Fanny Harrell, Mary Ann Harrell, married Dr. Paschall B. Traylor. It is not known why she was not named in her mother's will unless she had died and left no children.

Ancestry of Talitha Ann Averyt

James Graham married Jean Foster.
Elizabeth Graham married Gen. Griffith Rutherford.
Blanche Rutherford married Col. Francis Locke.
Mary Locke married Alexander Cathey.
Anne Cathey married Alfred Averyt.
Talitha Ann Averyt married Burwell Jackson Fort II.
Charles Edward Fort married Lula Jane Foust.
Elizabeth Ruth Fort married John Enoch Riley.

Graham

I.—JAMES GRAHAM, one of the settlers of the wild frontier country of North Carolina, was born in 1714 in Scotland, of the Clan of Graham. The immediate ancestor of these "Claverhouse Grahams" was Sir William Graham of Kincardine, who lived in the time of Robert III. He had a daughter named Elizabeth Graham.

The Graham family has furnished some of the best known characters of Scottish annals, and has supplied legends about which Sir Walter Scott, Robert Burns and Rudyard Kipling have written. Some of the Graham kin were King Wallace of Scotland, James VI of Scotland and I of England, and the present Queen-mother of Elizabeth II of England, the name being spelled Graeme, Graham, or Grahame.

II.—ELIZABETH GRAHAM, daughter of James Graham (b. 1714) married General Griffith Rutherford.

Rutherford

The Rutherfords are of Scottish descent and one of the first families of "the land of Bruce." The family is mentioned in the early annals of Scotland as friends of King Ruther. From him they obtained their name and large tracts of land. They belonged to the "clans of the Border." For centuries they have been classed among the most ancient and powerful families of Teviotdale on the borders of England. They intermarried with the royal families and, from inherited honors and honors conferred upon them, were even prominent among the nobility.

This branch of the Rutherfords, General Griffith Rutherford, has been traced back to Sir Hugo di Ruddiford in 1225. Another branch of the Rutherford family has been traced back to 800 A.D.

Griffith Rutherford started with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford, to this country. His mother was a Miss Griffith of Wales. The parents were swept overboard in a violent storm at sea and were lost. Kind friends brought Griffith, a baby, to relatives in New Jersey.

When he was eighteen years old, he went with an uncle, Robert Wheatley, to Halifax County, N.C., where he had a gallant career as an officer in the

Revolutionary War. Rutherfordton, N.C., was named in his honor, as well as Rutherford County, Tennessee. He died at Lebanon, Tennessee, full of years and full of honors.

I.—GEN GRIFFITH RUTHERFORD, b. 1721, d. Aug. 10, 1805, married Elizabeth Graham. Two of their children were:

II.—BLANCHE RUTHERFORD, married Francis Locke (1754-1805).

II.—JANE RUTHERFORD (d. 1791), married James Cathey (1756-1791).

Locke

I.—JOHN LOCKE died in London. Family tradition says he owned and operated a fleet of emigrant ships from London to Philadelphia in the early part of the 18th century. Later, his widow, Mary Elizabeth Locke, sailed for America with five children: 1) Matthew Locke, 2) Francis Locke, 3) George Locke, 4) Elizabeth Locke, and 5) Margaret Locke. On the same ship was a widower, John Brandon, with several children. Soon after arriving in this country, they were married. They lived briefly in Pennsylvania, then moved to Rowan County, North Carolina. In Thyatira Cemetery there is a handsome monument marked John Brandon and Mary Locke Brandon, his wife. He died May 15, 1756, she in August, 1760.

II.—GENERAL MATTHEW LOCKE died in 1801 in North Carolina. He married his step-sister, Mary Elizabeth Brandon. He was a wealthy and influential man. A son was:

III.—FRANCIS LOCKE, a commissioned officer in the Revolutionary Army, b. Dec. 29, 1754, d. in 1805, married Blanche Rutherford, daughter of Gen. Griffith Rutherford and Elizabeth Graham. Their daughter:

IV.—MARY LOCKE (1788-1860) married her first cousin, Alexander Cathey (1783-1866). He was a son of Jane Rutherford (d. 1791) and James Cathey (1756-1791). Their daughter:

V.—ANNE CATHEY, b. March 15, 1812, d. Feb. 17, 1866, married Alfred Averyt (b. Jan. 8, 1808, d. Feb. 17, 1875) of Dallas County, Alabama.

Cathey

The Catheys are of Scottish ancestry and first settled, after coming to America, in Virginia.

King George II granted a tract of land to John Alexander Cathey in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. It is still in possession of some members of the Cathey family.

Among the first settlers of North Carolina, the Catheys received grants of land as early as 1742 and 1750.

Alexander Cathey was the Justice who presided over the first courts of Rowan County, North Carolina, which were held in 1755.

The Catheys became related to the socially prominent and wealthy Alexander family of North Carolina. One of these was "the famous Alexander who signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, May 20, 1775."

In Abstracts of North Carolina Wills by Olds is this item dated 1766: Alexander Cathey, Elizabeth (wife). Children: William, John, James, Richard and Margaret.

In Thyatira Cemetery, near Salisbury, North Carolina, there is a handsome monument to "Alexander Cathey who died 1766, aged 59 years." His wife was buried beside him.

I.—JOHN ALEXANDER CATHEY (d. 1766) married Elizabeth _____.

II.—JAMES CATHEY (1756-1791) married Jane Rutherford (d. 1791), daughter of Gen. Griffith Rutherford and Elizabeth Graham.

III.—ALEXANDER CATHEY, b. 1788, d. Aug. 27, 1866, married Mary Locke (1788-1860), daughter of Francis Locke and Blanche Rutherford, daughter of Gen. Griffith Rutherford and Elizabeth Graham.

IV.—ANNE CATHEY, b. March 15, 1812, d. Feb. 17, 1866, married January 1827 Alfred Averyt, b. Jan. 8, 1808, d. Feb. 17, 1875.

V.—TALITHA ANN AVERYT, b. Dec. 11, 1827, d. Aug. 12, 1876, married Oct. 29, 1846, Dallas County, Ala., Burwell Jackson Fort II (1827-1897).

Averyt

The name Averyt: Avery, Avera, D'Evreaux of France. (From the "Origin of Names" by Bardsley.)

I.—HENRY AVERY (t). At first the family used both spellings, Avery and Avera, but Henry Averyt added the "t" according to his descendants. He founded the town of Averasboro, North Carolina. With several brothers, he removed to Georgia; thence to Cahaba, Dallas County, Alabama. He was in Georgia before 1808 and in Alabama by 1833. Henry Averyt married Talitha Blann. Their son:

II.—ALFRED AVERYT, b. Jan. 8, 1808, d. Feb. 17, 1875, married January, 1827, Anne Cathey (1812-1866), daughter of Alexander Cathey and Mary Locke. Their daughter:

III.—TALITHA ANN AVERYT, b. Dec. 11, 1827, Dallas County, Ala., d. Aug. 12, 1876, married Oct. 29, 1846, Burwell Jackson Fort II (1827-1897).

IV.—CHARLES EDWARD FORT, b. Dec. 14, 1854, d. March 4, 1912, married Oct. 8, 1884, Lula Jane Foust (1864-1920).

V.—ELIZABETH RUTH FORT, b. Jan. 18, 1893, Dallas County, Ala., married John Enoch Riley (1893-1966).

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Ancestry of Lula Jane Foust

Rev. John R. Gamble married Jane Mills.
Elizabeth Roe Gamble married/second Samuel Foust.
Lula Jane Foust married Charles Edward Fort.

Gamble

I.—ROBERT GAMBLE, a native of Ireland, came to the United States. He fought in the Revolutionary War, being present at the surrender at Yorktown of Lord Cornwallis to Gen. George Washington. His son:

II.—REV. JOHN R. GAMBLE, a Methodist minister, married Jane Mills, of an old Virginia family. They had several children:

1.—Judge Frank A. Gamble.
2.—Mollie (Mary) Gamble, m. _____ Wilson, an Alabama senator.
3.—Another daughter who m. Dr. Drennen.
4.—John Wesley Gamble, a physician.
5.—Elizabeth Roe Gamble.

III.—ELIZABETH ROE GAMBLE m/1 James Fondren, a Methodist minister. She m/2 Samuel Foust, a well-to-do merchant of Blount Springs, Alabama, in its heyday as a famous summer resort in Alabama.

Mills

I.—JAMES MILLS was born in Ireland. He fought in the American Revolution and was severely wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill. A British soldier endeavored to finish him off by a blow from his bayonet. It knocked him down into a ditch. It was a glancing blow that hit his belt buckle that saved his life. He lay in the ditch, feigning death. At nightfall, he crawled back to his own lines. James Mills married Margaret _____ of New York. They had a daughter:

II.—JANE MILLS married Rev. John R. Gamble. She was buried at Blount Springs, Alabama, in the old Harrell Burying Ground on the Whitmell Harrell farm. Their daughter:

III.—ELIZABETH ROE (GAMBLE) FONDREN, b. in 1832 at Jasper, Ala., d. in 1903 at Birmingham, Ala., m/2 (as his 2nd wife) Samuel Foust (1802-1890).

Foust

I.—PETER FOUST (Faust) was born January 21, 1776, in Germany, it is said near Wurtemberg, and emigrated to the United States in 1794 where he soon married Elizabeth _____, a native of Ireland (b. Aug. 18, 1780). It is said Peter Foust came to the United States with a colony of Germans who founded Cullman, Alabama.

Peter Foust and Elizabeth _____ had fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters. It is noteworthy that of the seven sons, six were Methodist ministers. One son:

II.—SAMUEL FOUST, b. Feb. 1, 1802, d. in 1890, was a merchant at Blount Springs, Alabama. He became wealthy dealing in real estate. He m/2 Mrs. Elizabeth Roe (Gamble) Fondren (1832-1903) of Jasper, Alabama. Their daughter:

III.—LULA JANE FOUST, b. July 2, 1864, Blountsville, Ala., d. April 7, 1920, Birmingham, Ala., m. Oct. 8, 1884, Charles Edward Fort (1854-1912).

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1.—Biography of Judge Frank A. Gamble in "Who's Who in Alabama" by Dr. Thomas Owen.

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Rasco

I.—LABAN RASCO of North Carolina, b. March 30, 1784, d. Oct. 22, 1860, Dallas County, Alabama, m. Sallie Reece of South Carolina (b. May 30, 1786, d. March 18, 1859, Dallas County, Alabama), a descendant of Mary Prince, sister of Capt. William Prince. Capt. William Prince was the father of Catharine Prince who married Elias Fort, Jr., Robertson County, Tennessee. (See PRINCE) Their daughter:

II.—DEMARIS RASCO, b. in 1819 (1850 Census) d. after 1872. The dates are not on her tombstone. She m. Thomas Bell Jones of Georgia, who was b. Oct. 27, 1808, and d. Oct. 4, 1872 (Tombstone). Their daughter:

III.—CATHERINE RASCO JONES, b. May 5, 1845, d. Aug. 26, 1914, m. June 12, 1861, Gabriel Holmes Fort (1835-1911), the youngest son of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his 2nd wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell.

Contributed by Mrs. A. D. (Mabel Fort) Jordan, Covington, Ga.

Chart 2, Chapter X

NANCY PRINCE FORT, 4th child of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catherine Prince, was born May 13, 1802, Robertson County, Tennessee. She married Aug. 28, 1828, Hardiman Israel Harrell (b. 1809), son of Gabriel Holmes Harrell and Fanny Harrell, and brother of the 2nd wife of Burwell Jackson Fort I. They had two sons:

1.—Gabriel Harrell. (No information).

2.—Elias Fort Harrell, b. Sept. 9, 1831, d. Sept. 13, 1895, m. Jan. 19, 1858, Henrietta Fort Watts (b. Aug. 28, 1838). Both were buried in the old Shelby, Alabama, Cemetery. They had seven children:

A.—Preston Brooks Harrell I, a druggist at Shelby and at Selma, Ala., b. Nov. 8, 1858, d. July 18, 1934, buried in cemetery at Marion Junction, Ala., beside his first wife. He m/1 Mrs. Anna (Fort) Riddick (1856-1906), daughter of B. J. Fort II and his 1st wife, Talitha Ann Averyt, and widow of John Henry Riddick by whom she had two daughters named Mary Bell Riddick and Elizabeth Riddick. (See Chart 1, Chapter X).

Preston Brooks Harrell I and Mrs. Anna (Fort) Riddick had two children:

a.—Preston Brooks Harrell II, b. April 24, 1885, m. Oct. 12, 1910, Lucile Callen, and lived at Selma, Alabama. Both are now deceased. They were buried in Old Live Oak Cemetery at Selma. They had two daughters:

(1)—Ann(a) Lee Harrell, b. Oct. 30, 1917.

(2)—Mary Jane Harrell, b. Jan. 24, 1923.

b.—Willie Hopkins Harrell (a girl), b. July 10, 1896, d. Feb. 8, 1909, buried at Marion Junction, Alabama.

Preston Brooks Harrell I (1858-1934) m/2 Mrs. Lila (Gilmer) Fort (b. Dec. 29, 1857, d. May 15, 1946), widow of Lewis Pritchett Fort (3rd child of B. J. Fort II and Talitha Ann Averyt). She, Lila, was buried beside her 1st husband, Lewis Pritchett Fort, in the cemetery at Marion Junction, Alabama.

B.—William Yancey Harrell, d. Sept. 27, 1860.

C.—Elias Glenn Harrell, m. Katie McKell.

D.—Tennessee "Tennie" Harrell, m. William S. Hayes, had two or three children, and lived at Meridian, Mississippi.

E.—Virgil Murphy Harrell. Unmarried in 1894.

F.—Watt Harrell, d. March 12, 1886.

G.—Ozella Clair Harrell, b. April 25, 1878, d. Sept. 11, 1916, buried at Marion Junction, Ala., beside her husband, Robert R. Oliver (b. Oct. 8, 1874, d. Jan. 13, 1939). No children.

Reference: The names of the seven children were given in a deposition on Sept. 11, 1894, in File III, Document No. 334, Henrietta F. Harrell vs. Ozella Harrell, by Elias F. Harrell; Selma, Dallas County, Alabama, records. Abstract made June 3, 1968, by A. D. Jordan of Covington, Georgia.

Chart 3, Chapter X

MARY B. "Polly" FORT, 6th child of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catherine Prince, was b. Dec. 11, 1807, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Aug. 6, 1842, Mayhew, Lowndes County, Miss. She m. in 1825, Robertson County, Tenn., as his 1st wife, John Tinsley Connell (b. Oct. 3, 1798, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Oct. 1883, Mayhew, Miss.), son of Giles Connell, Jr. (1774-1827), a resident of Robertson County, Tenn., by 1802 when he joined the Red River Baptist Church. They had seven children.

Giles Connell, Jr. was a son of Giles Connell who died in Spartanburg District, S.C., about 1804, and his wife, Elizabeth Gibbs. After the death of her husband, Elizabeth (Gibbs) Connell and her younger children came to Robertson County, Tenn., where her sons William Connell and Giles Connell, Jr. and three married daughters were already living.

John Tinsley Connell was a brother of Thomas Dixon Connell who married Dorothy "Dolly" Berry Fort; that is, Connell brothers married Fort sisters.

After the death of Mary B. "Polly" (Fort) Connell in 1842, John Tinsley Connell m/2 Mrs. Julia (Brown) Tucker, by whom he had two more children. They were Thomas Brown Connell and Lacy Connell. The daughter, Lacy Connell, married Dr. James O. Gunn of Starkville, Mississippi.

The seven children of Mary B. "Polly" Fort and John Tinsley Connell, not listed in order of birth, were:

1.—William Fort Connell, b. Sept. 14, 1826. (See later)

2.—Kate (Katherine) Connell, m/1 John W. Tucker who soon died. She m/2 Dr. Robert Lacey and they moved to a settlement called "Guy's Store" in Leon County, Texas. Four of their eight children were:

A.—Robert Lacey.
B.—Lulins (?) Lacey.
C.—Kate Lacey.
D.—Fannie Lacey.

3.—Elizabeth Connell, m. Benjamin Williams, d. early, and had no children.

4.—Mary T. Connell, m. William G. Logan of Robertson County, Tenn., lived in Lowndes County, Miss., then moved to "Guy's Store" in Leon County, Texas. They had several children and many descendants. Some of the children were:

A.—Willie Logan.
B.—Lizzie Logan.
C.—John Logan.

5.—Dr. Enoth Prince Connell, b. Feb. 12, 1831. (See later)

6.—Dollie Fort Connell, b. April 26, 1836, d. 1883 Mayhew, Miss., m. May 6, 1851, her cousin Noah Sugg Fort, son of Burwell Jackson Fort I and his second wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell. For descendants see Chart 1, Chapter X.

7.—John Tinsley Connell, Jr., m. Nancy (Nannie) E. Smith, and they had four daughters. After his death, Nancy (Smith) Connell m/2 Mr. Latimer Dupree, and they continued to live at Mayhew, Miss., in the spacious home which had been built for John T. Connell, Sr. and Mary B. "Pollie" Fort when they migrated to Mississippi. Miss Lucie Connell still lives at the old homeplace.

The four daughters were:

A.—Mary Emily Connell, m. Walter McGee, Sr. and had one son:
a.—Walter McGee, Jr.
B.—Mackie Connell, m. Willie Weir. No children.
C.—Lucy (Lucie) Connell (a twin), unmarried, was living in the old home at Mayhew, Miss., in October 1967.
D.—Dolly Connell (twin to Lucie).

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3.—Data from Mr. Will E. Ward, Starkville, Miss.
4.—Data from files of Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn Connell) Wise, Jackson, Miss.
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6.—Mississippi Genealogical Exchange, Vol. 1, #2, pp. 28-30, June, 1955.

WILLIAM FORT CONNELL, son of John Tinsley Connell and his 1st wife, Mary B. "Polly" Fort, was b. Sept. 14, 1826, and d. Nov. 24, 1881. He m/1 March 23, 1848, Evaline Hughes (b. Oct. 12, 1826, d. Jan. 1, 1863) and they had five children.

1.—Tinsley Connell, m. Ann Eliza Salmon, and had a son.

A.—Thomas Connell, m. Mary Gray. Their three children are believed to have moved to Minden, Louisiana.

a.—Tinsley Connell.

b.—Griffith Connell.

c.—Jack Connell.

2.—William Vaiden Connell, b. Aug. 6, 1851, d. Oct. 9, 1911, m. Nov. 14, 1872, Mary Jane Munger (b. April 30, 1852, d. June 26, 1912), daughter of Ebenezer Ingram Munger (b. April 1, 1816, d. Oct. 7, 1887) and Margaret Jane Carter (b. July 22, 1817, d. Nov. 29, 1892) who were married July 26, 1836. They had six children:

A.—Evelyn Maria Connell, b. Sept. 8, 1873. (See later)

B.—Ella Connell, d. just before she was to marry.

C.—Munger Connell, d. in childhood.

D.—Mary Connell, m. Dr. John C. Rice, Sr., lived at Braden, Tenn., and had three children.

a.—John C. Rice, Jr.

b.—Will C. Rice, died in infancy.

c.—James Vaiden Rice.

E.—William Vaiden Connell, m. Esther Naugle and moved to Dallas, Texas. They had two daughters.

a.—Marjorie Connell.

b.—Mary Connell.

F.—Louise Connell, m. Shelby Antoine Robert, Sr., lived at Jackson, Tenn., and had two children.

a.—Shelby Antoine Robert, Jr.

b.—Mary Hunger Robert.

3.—Enoch Reese Connell, died in early manhood.

4.—Mary Alice Connell, m. Stephen Dudley Thrower and had six children.

A.—John Dudley Thrower, married, lived in Kansas City.

B.—William Thrower, died while in college.

C.—Stephen Thrower, died in infancy.

D.—Sterling Thrower, married _____.

E.—Tinsley Thrower, a Methodist preacher, m. Belle Brinker, and had two sons.

F.—Vaiden Thrower, died while a young man.

5.—Corime (or Corinne) Connell.
William Fort Connell m/2 Orpha Salmon, and they had one son.

6.—John Henry Connell, m. Maud Brock, had three children, and all went to Dallas, Texas.

A.—William Brock Connell.

B.—James Salmon Connell.

C.—Martha Maud Connell.

EVELYN MARIA CONNELL, daughter of William Vaiden Connell and Mary Jane Munger, was b. Aug. 9, 1873, Mayhew, Miss., and d. April 1, 1954, White Plains, New York. She was buried at Jackson, Tenn., beside her husband. She m. July 31, 1894, West Point, Clay County, Miss., Dr. John

Dallas Wise, Sr., a dentist (b. July 27, 1867, Selma, Ala., d. June 28, 1934, Jackson, Tenn.), son of Amon Fisher Wise (b. June 28, 1825, d. Oct. 18, 1896) and Emaline Amelia Sheppard (b. Oct. 26, 1839, d. June 21, 1921). They had six children.

1.—John Dallas Wise, Jr., b. Aug. 24, 1895, West Point, Miss., d. March 2—, 1966, Cordele, Ga., and was buried March 28, 1966, at Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He m/1 Nov. 5, 1921, Cleveland, Ohio, Eleanor Lucile Konker (b. March 22, 1898, Cleveland, Ohio, d. Aug. 2, 1964, Mentor (Painesville), Lake County, Ohio, buried at Cleveland, Ohio), daughter of Harry D. Konker and Lily May Jones. They had two children.

John Dallas Wise, Jr. m/2 Jan. 14, 1965, Beatrice Moore.

The two children of John Dallas Wise, Jr. and Eleanor Lucile Konker were:

A.—Winifred Irene Wise, b. March 30, 1923, Cleveland, Ohio, m. Oct. 21, 1950, Elbert Winfield Marlowe. Two children.

a.—Karen Lucile Marlowe, b. Sept. 17, 1944, m. Jan. 29, 1966, Robert N. Weatherbee.

b.—Winifred Irene Marlowe, b. Jan. 13, 1948.

B.—John Dallas Wise III, b. March 18, 1925, Cleveland, Ohio, m. July 28, 1945, Washington, D.C., Frances Marie Griffin (b. Dec. 5, 1925, Binghamton, Broome County, N.Y.). Three children:

a.—John Dallas Wise IV, b. Dec. 20, 1949, Pittsburgh, Pa.

b.—Howard Griffin Wise, b. July 15, 1953, d. July 19, 1953, Pittsburgh, Pa.

c.—Jane Griffin Wise, b. Feb. 10, 1966, Euclid, Ohio.

2.—Evelyn Wise, b. Sept. 29, 1897, West Point, Miss., m. July 15, 1924, Jackson, Tenn., Philip Herschel Dowling (b. Nov. 13, 1900, Madison, Dane County, Wisc.), son of Linnaeus Wayland Dowling and Jessie Saphronia Clapp. Mr. Dowling is a research physicist and the family now lives (1967) at White Plains, New York. They formerly lived at New Haven, Conn., and at Pittsburgh, Pa. They have one daughter:

A.—Evelyn Connell Dowling, b. Aug. 8, 1925, Jackson, Miss., d. Feb. 5, 1967, Westport, Fairfield County, Conn., with burial in Willowbrook Cemetery. She m/1 Oct. 4, 1947, White Plains, N.Y., Malcolm Gilmour Watson (b. June 14, 1921, d. July 21, 1951, buried in Willowbrook Cemetery, Westport, Conn.) and they had one son:

a.—Malcolm Gilmour Watson, Jr., b. April 22, 1949, Norwalk, Conn.

Evelyn Connell Dowling m/2 Nov. 22, 1952, Westport, Conn., Elmer Gordon Sniffen (b. Oct. 30, 1914) and they had three children:

b.—Elmer Gordon Sniffen, Jr., b. May 26, 1953, Norwalk, Fairfield County, Conn.

c.—Nancy Dowling Sniffen, b. Nov. 17, 1956, Norwalk, Conn.

d.—Evelyn Rider "Lyn" Sniffen, b. Sept. 25, 1960, Norwalk, Conn., d. Oct. 3, 1963, New York, N.Y., buried in Willowbrook Cemetery, Westport, Conn.

3.—Mildred Wise, b. Aug. 7, 1899, West Point, Miss., m. Nov. 22, 1920, Jackson, Tenn., Francis Brodnax Williamson.

4.—Merrill Sheppard Wise, b. Dec. 16, 1900, West Point, Miss., m. June 22, 1925, Jackson, Tenn., Laura Margaret Grady (b. May 24, 1898, St. Louis, Mo.), daughter of Irby Lee Grady and Mattie McDaniel. They live at Jackson, Tenn., where Mr. Wise has the Wise Insurance Agency. They have two children.

A.—Margaret McDaniel Wise, b. April 23, 1927, Jackson, Tenn., m. Oct. 22, 1948, Jackson, Tenn., Joseph Wayne Fly, Sr. Three children.

a.—Laura Ann Fly, b. Jan. 16, 1951, d. Jan. 22, 1951, Jackson, Tenn.

b.—Margaret Ann Fly, b. Jan. 23, 1952, Jackson, Tenn.

c.—Joseph Wayne Fly, Jr., b. June 9, 1954, Jackson, Tenn.

B.—Dr. Merrill Sheppard Wise, Jr., b. Oct. 25, 1928, Jackson, Tenn., an optometrist, m. June 10, 1953, Memphis, Tenn., Margaret Frances McSwain. Two children.

a.—Merrill Sheppard Wise III, b. Feb. 22, 1958, Jackson, Miss.

b.—Cynthia Margaret Wise, b. April 19, 1963, Jackson, Miss.

5.—Rev. Harold Gordon Wise, b. Feb. 2, 1905, West Point, Miss., pastor (1968) of First Presbyterian Church, Effingham, Kansas, m. Sept. 18, 1939, Paris, Logan County, Ark., Ellen Love Robinson (b. Oct. 6, 1920, Dardanelle, Logan County, Ark.), daughter of John Louis Robinson and Vanna Love Vaughn. Three daughters.

A.—Ellen Jane Wise, b. Feb. 9, 1941, Winnsboro, Franklin County, La., m. Nov. 26, 1960, Cross Plains, Callahan County, Texas, Duke Hopkins Stephenson.

B.—Mary Louise Wise, b. Jan. 3, 1947, Longview, Texas.

C.—Ruth Ann Wise, b. Oct. 17, 1954, Ashdown, Little River County, Ark.

6.—Dorothy Wise, b. Sept. 26, 1906, West Point, Miss., d. Sept. 20, 1962, Knoxville, Tenn., and buried at Knoxville, m/1 Charles Charlton Mabry, Sr., and they had three children.

Dorothy Wise m/2 Oct. 9, 1950, Knoxville, Tenn., George Burton Shivery (b. Aug. 20, 1893, Pa.).

The three children of Dorothy Wise and Charles Charlton Mabry, Sr., are:

A.—Charles Charlton Mabry, Jr., b. Jan. 4, 1930, Jackson, Tenn., m. June 7, 1952, Knoxville, Tenn., Barbara Blum. Four children.

a.—Michael Edwin Mabry, b. Nov. 20, 1954.

b.—David Charlton Mabry, b. June 5, 1956.

c.—Anne Thomason Mabry, b. March 3, 1958.

d.—Jonathon Blum Mabry, b. Feb. 15, 1961.

B.—Dorothy Evelyn Mabry, b. Nov. 6, 1933, Knoxville, Tenn., m. March 9, 1955, Knoxville, Richard LeRoy Iddins, Jr. Three children:

a.—Richard LeRoy Iddins III, b. Jan. 30, 1958.

b.—James Mabry Iddins, b. Sept. 29, 1959.

c.—Christopher Charlton Iddins, b. Nov. 30, 1965.

C.—Carolyn Brooks Mabry, b. Sept. 1, 1935, Knoxville, Tenn., m/1 Daniel Carol Webster by whom she had two children. She m/2 Robert C. Clonts III on Sept. 23, 1961, at San Diego, Calif., and the names of her two children were legally changed to Clonts.

a.—Daniel Carol Webster-Clonts, b. July 13, 1954.
b.—Robert Lee Webster-Clonts, b. April 20, 1957.

"The Forts"

(Excerpts)

Mrs. Homer C. (Martha Fort) Conkling, Jr., of Titusville, Florida, sent the authors a chapter headed "The Forts" from a "book" written sometime between 1934 and 1941 by Mrs. J. D. (Evelyn Connell) Wise. Some excerpts are:

"The story is told of this family (Elias Fort-Sarah Sugg) who emigrated from North Carolina to Tennessee that there were six men in the company who proudly boasted that they were so large and strong that they would fight and whip any body of men who were brought before them. They also boasted that there was one man among their number so tall that he would lick salt off of any man's head. This feature of strength and prowess has continued throgh the generations . . .

"My Fort DAR record . . . My son Harold was writing as a school assignment in a contest 'The History of Jackson, Tennessee.' . . . He had collected old magazines and other books from which to obtain data. One day I was looking over one of the magazines and on one of the pages the name 'William Fort' just stood out before my eyes. I read the article and found from it that this William Fort was a member of the First Constitutional Convention of Tennessee.

"I immediately wrote to the late John Trotwood Moore, State Historian of Tennessee, telling him I was descended from the Forts and asking for any information he could give me concerning them.

"It so happened that John Trotwood Moore was a dear personal friend of Judge Joel B. Fort (1854-1934) whose office was just across the hall from him, so he just handed my letter over to 'Cousin Judge' who promptly answered it, giving me valuable information and the complete Fort lineage . . . (See Chart 7, Chapter IV)

"During the two years in which I was Regent of Jackson-Madison Chapter DAR in Jackson, Tennessee, it was my privilege and my pleasure to be instrumental in procuring markers for Elias Fort, Senior's grave. After complying with all the 'red tape' regulations of such procedure, I obtained a bronze marker from the Sons of the American Revolution and a stone marker from the United States Government to be placed on his grave in recognition of his patriotic service to his country.

"These markers were unveiled with great ceremony, one in 1925 and the other in 1926, at the regular Fort family reunion on the Sunday nearest July 14, which was Elias Fort, Senior's birthday.

"When the S.A.R. marker was unveiled in 1925, 'Cousin Judge', after recounting the history of our ancestor, made an inspirational tribute to patriotism, saying that 'Reverence is a debt that posterity owes to ancestry—our years are thrilled by the deeds of the patriots of 1776, and we appreciate

the privilege of erecting this marker to Elias Fort, Senior, soldier of the Revolution.' "

"I could not attend the unveiling of these markers, but in July, 1928, it was my great privilege to go with Doctor Wise, Evelyn Dowling and her daughter, Evelyn, Jr., and Dorothy Wise to the reunion which was held that year at Mint Springs Tavern, the summer home of 'Cousin Judge' Joel B. Fort. More than one hundred fifty descendants and relatives were present.

"Doctors, surgeons, lawyers, politicians, people from all walks of life, brought their families and joined together in fellowship and in tribute to one common ancestor.

"Up the hill from the tavern stood the old home of 'Cousin Judge'. . . *(WHITE HALL,* built by Elias Joseph Fort). It was a stately home, true to the architecture of the ante-bellum period.

"Back of the Tavern was the spring, surrounded by mint, knee high, which gave the place its name.

"Each family present had brought a basket dinner except ours, for we were especially invited guests of 'Cousin Judge', and we had arrived on Saturday afternoon, the day before the gathering.

"Words fail me to describe the quality and the quantity of food which was spread upon the long tables of the dining hall. The table groaned under its weight. Mirth and a spirit of comradeship prevailed around this festive board.

"After dinner the speech making began. The Tavern was built like a lodge. All gathered on the grounds as close as possible to the long veranda where the speakers stood. 'Cousin Judge' was Master of Ceremonies. Many speakers waxed eloquent as they extolled the virtues of patriotism, loyalty and courage to the younger generations.

"I treasure these recollections and my associations with the Forts. They were not only pioneer settlers of Middle Tennessee, but had an active part in establishing its statehood.

"Through succeeding generations they have held many positions of political leadership and have also identified themselves with the development of the agricultural, professional, social and religious interests of this great state."

DR. ENOCH PRINCE CONNELL (M.D.), son of John Tinsley Connell and his 1st wife, Mary B. "Polly" Fort, was b. Feb. 12, 1831, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Sept. 14, 1896, Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Miss. He m. March 15, 1860, Starkville, Miss., Cordelia F. Lampkin (b. 1837 Colbert County, Ala., d. 1917, Starkville, Miss.), and they had nine children.

1.—John Allison Connell, died young.

2.—Mary Kate Connell, died young.

3.—Robert Tinsley Connell, died young.

4.—Annie Cemantha Connell, b. July 27, 1866, Maybell, Miss., d. July 9, 1939, Starkville, Miss., m. June, 1889, William Ward (b. Sept. 14, 1859, Macon, Miss., d. Dec. 22, 1933, Meridian, Miss.), and they had six children:

A.—William Enoch Ward, b. Feb. 4, 1892, Starkville, Miss., m/1 July 4, 1915, Okolona, Chickasaw County, Miss., Clara Brinkley Henson (b. Sept.

28, 1895, Coatopa, Sumter County, Ala., d. January, 1963, Starkville, Miss.), daughter of Erwin Jay Henson and Daisy Sansom. They had two sons:

a.—William Henson Ward, b. Dec. 2, 1921, Starkville, Miss., m. July, 1942, Oxford, Miss., and has three children:
(1)—Carolyn Ward, m. June, 1966, _____ White.
(2)—Ann Ward.
(3)—William Ward.

b.—Erwin Connell Ward, Sr., b. Oct. 7, 1933, Starkville, Miss., m. in Washington, D.C., and has three children:
(1)—Erwin Connell Ward, Jr
(2)—Michael Ward.
(3)—Kenneth Ward.

William Enoch Ward m/2 Corrielena (Scales) Jackson, widow of _____ Jackson. He m/3 in January, 1967, Grace (Ramsey) Street, widow of Joseph Street of Meridian, Miss., and they live at Starkville, Miss., where Mr. Ward practices law.

B.—Robert Lampkin Ward, died young.

C.—Katharine Prince "Katie-Prince" Ward, NSDAR #217379, m. in 1936 Jerome A. Esker of Norwalk, Ohio, who died in 1961. No children. She is Editor of the Mississippi Genealogical Exchange that was established in 1955, a quarterly magazine devoted to records and early families of Mississippi; former Publisher of the Wood-Woods Exchange; Genealogical Editor of the DAR Magazine 1948-1951; for nine years Secretary to the National Genealogical Committee, DAR: life member of The Virginia Historical Society and of the Mississippi Historical Society; and Past-President of the Mississippi Chapter, Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.

Mrs. Esker is now compiling a genealogy of the Connell family. In a letter dated February 25, 1967, to the authors, she said, "I wish I had time to join the two of you in this (Fort genealogy). Years ago I found much pleasure in working with near and distant kin on all my lines. However, for the past five years I have been able to make trips to England and the Continent, which takes out three or four months of my year; plus shorter stays in Washington —where I never do as much as I hope to on genealogy. This has resulted in my staying behind on my Mississippi Genealogical Exchange Quarterly most of the time."

D.—Emilie Antoinette Ward, unmarried, Starkville, Miss.

E.—Louise Tinsley Ward, m. Dr. Jeff M. Boggan (d. 1966), who practiced medicine for many years at Ragland, Alabama. They had one son.

F.—Annie Connell Prince Ward, m. Muse Davis. They live at Starkville, Miss., and have three children.

Mrs. Esker wrote in the same Feb. 25, 1967, letter. " . . . My sister married Muse Davis, a great-grandson of a lawyer, James Fort Muse, who came to Louisiana from Darlington District, South Carolina. He was born during the Revolutionary War, as I recall, and his mother was Elizabeth Fort . . ." (See Section III)

5.—Julia Eleanor Connell, died young.

6.—Tommie Connell, died when eleven days old.

7.—Enoch Prince Connell, died at 32 years of age. He married Grace Shearer. No children.

8.—John Tinsley Connell, m. Augusta Jones. They lived at Gulfport, Miss., and had one son, all three now deceased:

A.—William Tinsley Connell.

9.—Cordelia Lampkin Connell, died at 19 years, unmarried.

Chart 4, Chapter X

DOROTHY (Dollie) BERRY FORT, 8th child of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince, b. March 4, 1811, Robertson County, Tenn., d. Sept. 17, 1877, Fillmore, La., m. Thomas Dixon Connell (b. June 7, 1808, Robertson County, Tenn., d. March 28, 1849, Fillmore, La.), son of Giles Connell, Jr. (1774-1827) and Elizabeth Gibbs, and brother of John Tinsley Connell (1798-1883) who married Mary B. "Polly" Fort, Dollie's older sister.

Dorothy Berry Fort and Thomas Dixon Connell were Methodists. They were among those who halted at Fillmore on their trek westward in 1844. They were Tennesseans, and were traveling from Mississippi, where they moved after their marriage, with all of their possessions in an oxcart. It was not easy—it was hazardous.

Fillmore, the oldest settlement in Bossier Parish, enjoyed great prosperity. Both wealth and culture were there until the steamboats and later the railroads had their influence on the movement of the populace, and finally the glory that had been Fillmore's faded away.

Dorothy Berry Fort and Thomas Dixon Connell had seven children.

1.—Mary Jane Connell, b. Sept. 16, 1830, d. May 25, 1885, m. Thornton A. Snider. Their daughter:

A.—Elizabeth (Lizzie) Helen Snider, b. Oct. 1, 1852, Bossier Parish, La., d. in California. She m. Joseph H. Glide (b. in England) and they lived at Sacramento and Berkeley, California. She became quite wealthy from oil on their ranches and at one time was considered the wealthiest woman in California. She was a wonderful Christian and philanthropist; she invested not less than four million dollars in the Kingdom of God. In San Francisco, she erected and endowed the Glide Memorial Methodist Church and Apartments in the heart of the city, built Mary Elizabeth Inn, a home for working girls, and Wesley Church, at the University of California Epworth Hall. Her first interests were in the foreign field, China, Japan and Korea.

Elizabeth Helen Snider and Joseph H. Glide had three children:

a.—Mary Glide, m. C. M. Goethe of Sacramento, Calif.

b.—Elizabeth Glide.

c.—Eula Glide, b. 1886 in Calif., m. Roy H. Elliott (b. 1881 in Calif.), lived at Oakland, California, and had one daughter.

(1)—Elizabeth Elliott, b. 1913, in California.

2.—Elias Fort Connell, b. March 5, 1832, d. Jan. 27, 1879, m. Elizabeth A. Jones. Among their six children:

A.—Ed Connell.

B.—Mattie Connell.

C.—Thomas Dixon Connell, b. Feb. 4, 1865, Bossier Parish, La., m. 1895 Effie Poole, and had seven children.

a.—Robert E. Connell.

b.—Thomas Dixon Connell, Jr.

c.—Hartwell E. Connell.

d.—Malcolm P. Connell.

e.—T. Poole Connell.

f.—Elizabeth Connell (a twin).

g.—Mattie Clair Connell (twin to Elizabeth).

D.—Carrie Connell.

E.—Bashie Connel, m. _____ English.

F.—Walter Elias Connell, m. Lilla Reagan. Three children.

a.—Carrie Connell, m. _____ Carpenter, Corpus Christi, Tex.

b.—Margaret Connell, m. _____ Gibson, Shreveport, La.

c.—Walter Elias Connell, Jr.

3.—Martha Ann (Mattie) Connell, b. Nov. 30, 1835, Columbus, Miss., d. Feb. 20, 1927, Minden, La., m. July 24, 1856, Fillmore, La., Thomas Moore Fort, a lawyer (b. Aug. 20, 1820, Twiggs County, Ga., d. April 9, 1887, Minden, La.), son of Moses Fort (b. 1782) and Eudocia Walton Moore. They had ten children.

Thomas Moore Fort was a grandson of Arthur Fort of Georgia and Mrs. Susannah (Tomlinson) Whitehead.

For descendants of Martha Ann Connell and Thomas Moore Fort see Section II.

4.—Sallie Fort Connell, b. Sept. 9, 1838, Columbus, Miss., d. Jan. 3, 1891, Bossier Parish, La., m. James German McDade (1838-1882). They had ten children.

A.—James German McDade, Jr., b. Aug. 1, 1863, Fannin County, Texas, m/1 Maggie Lindsey (d. 1894). One child.

a.—Wilhelmina McDade, m. J. W. Elston. Five children.

(1)—Margaret Elston.

(2)—J. W. Elston, Jr.

(3)—Mary Elizabeth Elston.

(4)—Wilhelmina Elston.

(5)—Gretchen Elston.

James German McDade, Jr. m/2 Mary Cornell, and they had three children:

b.—Gretchen McDade, m. L. A. Ross, Lufkin, Texas.

c.—Margaret McDade, m. J. N. Johnson, Minden, La.

d.—Mamie McDade, m. James G. Cowles, Shreveport, La.

B.—Mattie Sue McDade, m. H. P. Moore. Two children.

a.—Sallie Beth Moore.

b.—Margaret Moore, m. Palmer Pettey, Dallas, Tex.

C.—John T. McDade, m. _____. One child.

a.—Virginia McDade, m/1 _____ Martin, by whom she had one child. Virginia McDade m/2 _____ Bravene. Her child by Mr. Martin.

(1)—Virginia Martin, m. _____ Lee, Shreveport, La.

D.—Lizzie McDade, m. N. D. Johnson, Shreveport, La.
E.—William McDade. Lived in Belcher, La. Two children.
a.—Sadie McDade.
b.—Pickins McDade.
F.—Sallie F. McDade, m. _____ Boyette, Sarepta, La.
G.—Andrew McDade (1873-1898) m. Sallie Prince. Four children:
a.—Julie McDade, m. _____ Smith.
b.—John Lee McDade.
c.—Andrew McDade, Jr.
d.—Dolly Bell McDade, m. _____ McDonald.
H.—Dollie McDade.
I.—Ross McDade, m. Ethel Elston.
J.—Mary C. McDade.

5.—Lou Connell, b. 1842, d. 1929, m. John W. Raines and had four children.
A.—Lena Raines, m. _____ Hickman.
B.—Mary Raines, m. _____ Bledsoe.
C.—Laura Annie Raines, m. _____ Horn.
D.—Billy Raines.

6.—William "Billie" Elisha Connell, b. Dec. 18, 1849, d. Feb. 9, 1890, m. Pennie Bryan Raines, and had three children.
A.—Evard Raines Connell, m. Emmie Aiken.
B.—Eula Pope Connell, m. D. E. Alfred, Haughton, La.
C.—Clifford Connell, m. George Patillo, Haughton, La.

7.—John T. "Tim" Connell, killed in Battle of Chickamauga.

References: Data in Chart 4, Chapter X, compiled by Mrs. A. B. (Alice Goodwill) Turnley, Plain Dealing, Louisiana 71064, and sent to the authors July 24, 1967. She gave the following references:

1.—Fillmore, Louisiana, Cemetery.
2.—Thomas Moore Fort Bible.
3.—Mr. Roy H. Elliott, 5139 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, Calif.
4.—Records of Connell family by Evelyn Connell (Mrs. J. D.) Wise.
5.—Bossier Banner, June 15, 1860.
6.—"World Outlook," November 1941.
7.—"Northwestern Louisiana," by J. Fair Hardin.
8.—"History of Bossier Parish and Bossier City," by Howe.
9.—1870 and 1880 Census of Bossier Parish, La.

Chart 5, Chapter X

ELISHA P. FORT, 11th child of Elias Fort, Jr. and Catharine Prince, was born Dec. 20, 1817. Mrs. Jerome A. Esker, Starkville, Miss., wrote the authors: "Elisha P. Fort's mother had a brother named Elisha Prince. This Elisha P. Fort must have been one of the younger children. Later he was in Mayhew, Lowndes County, Miss., with my gr-grandparents and John Tinsley Connell was his guardian. They moved down here several years after

Elias Fort, Jr's death (1827), so may have brought the younger boy with them."

In her Feb. 1, 1846, letter to "Thomas and Martha" in Missouri, Louisa Montgomery (Hannum) Fort said:

> "Elisha Fort lives in Turnersville. I do not know how he is getting along in the world; he and his wife come over occasionally. I would be very glad to visit them, but am so much confined with my family that I never get that far from home.
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> "Cousin Martha is quite pretty and dresses as fashionably as a young girl. She has improved very much since you left in her manners and appearance. You know she was quite a child when she married."

Elisha P. Fort married Dec. 20, 1835, Martha A. Gardner (b. June 9, 1824, Robertson County, Tenn.) She was a daughter of James and Charlotte (Connell) Gardner. When she died Nov. 23, 1863, she was buried along with her husband (death date not given) and her mother and other members of the Gardner family in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tenn. (This data from Mrs. Benjamin M. Turner, 600 NW 15th St., Oklahoma City 3, Okla., via Mrs. Jordan (Brenda Goodman) Fischler, 303 Bradley Ave., Rockville, Maryland 20851.) (1-17-'67)

Combs L. Fort, 1040 Parkwood Terrace, Nashville, Tenn. 37220, has a clipping in his Fort papers, copy of which he sent the authors:—

Memoir of Mrs. Martha Fort

By A. L. P. Green, D.D.

"Some twenty-eight years ago I was holding a camp-meeting in Robertson County, Tenn., near the State line. The meeting had progressed until Sunday night, the Lord's supper had just been administered to the whites, and I had gone off a little distance to where the departed and now sainted Elisha Carr had made provision to administer the ordinance to the colored people; quite a number of them were present, and it was to them an occasion of great rejoicing and religious excitement; and some of them became violent and rather uproarious, and were plunging and falling about in almost every direction. At this moment two little girls, who had come out with some other white persons to witness the exercises and hear the singing of the colored people, being separated from their friends, crowded up close to where I sat for protection, fearing, no doubt, that the colored people would run over them. I at once joined them in conversation—found them to be cousins, both daughters of widowed mothers. The name of one was Lucinda Bobo, the name of the other was Martha Gardner. They seemed to be about one age and size, only that Martha seemed to have the best promise of life and health. They were both handsome, while Lucinda was really beautiful. As well as I recollect, they were about eleven years old. I soon learned, from conversing with them, that they were not religious; but both said they wanted to be, and intended to be religious just as soon as they were old enough. I then gave them a short sketch of my own experience, and having professed religion and joined the Church when younger than either of them,

I found they listened to the recital with the deepest interest. They were both, as I thought, remarkably intelligent, and neatly dressed, and gave evidence that they had been cared for both mentally and physically. I at length told them that I would remember them in my prayer, and that I had faith to believe that God would convert them during the meeting.

On Monday night, some time after mourners were invited forward for prayer, an old lady told me there were some little girls in the altar that wanted to see me, directing me to a certain part of the altar. In following the direction, I found the two little daughters with whom I had conversed the previous evening, kneeling together side by side, deeply affected. I still recollected their names, and in speaking to them they at once knew my voice, and called on me to pray for them. I remained with them for some time, encouraging and instructing them as best I could; and before the camp-meeting closed they were both happily converted to God, and admitted by the preacher in charge of the circuit, Rev. Mr. Winbourn, as probationers of the Church. Brother Winbourn led the way to Heaven for he soon after went to his reward.

Lucinda lived only a few years, but while she did live she was a happy and worthy member of the Church. While yet in the morning of life, like the delicate and beautiful night-blooming cereus, which is too frail and sensitive for the rough air and light of this world, and opens and closes the same night, so the delicate Lucinda but unfolded her loveliness to view as for an hour, and then closed down on time to bloom in Heaven forever.

But Martha lived on. I soon after left the district, and for some four or five years saw no more of Martha. I was at length blessed with the privilege of attending a camp-meeting on Baker's Creek, near the home of Martha. On reaching the camp-ground, I was invited to Mr. Fort's camp; here I found Martha again. She had grown up and was married to a young gentleman by the name of Elisha Fort; and notwithstanding he was not a member of the Church, yet I found him ready to do just anything that would meet the wishes of his young and lovely wife; and it was her pleasure to camp on the occasion. Well did she act her part, though quite young. I found her well established in her religious views and character, and quite equal to the promises of her childhood. Being the only daughter of her mother, and being blest with several high-minded, worthy brothers, she was, I may say, the pet of the family, and highly esteemed by all who knew her. Her person was good, quite handsome, with a well-balanced mind of more than ordinary capacity, with a purpose to be good herself and induce others to be so; she was useful and beloved. After spending a few years in the country subsequent to her marriage, she moved to Nashville where her brothers had already settled themselves in business. She soon took a high position as a member of McKendree Church, and was ever ready to lend her aid in the support of such charitable institutions as were under the control of the ladies of the city. She was a true friend to the ministers of the gospel, and always ready to entertain them. When the war came on, she was the constant friend of the sick soldiers, and from day to day labored to make herself useful and a blessing to the sick and dying; and scores, yes, hundreds, will rise up one day and testify of her kindness. This service, together with an affliction which

she had uncomplainingly borne for some time, was more than she was able to bear, and on the 23rd of November, 1863, Mrs. Martha Fort closed her earthly pilgrimage, and went to her home in the sky. You have not recorded the death of any person, Mr. Editor, in your paper, more worthy of an extended notice than was the departed.

Chapter XI

Descendants of Sugg Fort, Son of Elias

SUGG FORT, the 9th child of Elias Fort and Sarah Sugg, was b. June 24, 1776, Edgecombe County, N.C., and d. March 22, 1829, Robertson County, Tenn. He was buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery "by the side of his father."

On Dec. 10, 1801, Sugg Fort m. Elizabeth Diggs, daughter of Robert Diggs and Elizabeth Lawson. (See DEGGE-DIGGES-DIGGS, Chart 7, Chapter IV. See LAWSON, Chapter VIII.)

Elizabeth (Diggs) Fort was b. Nov. 12, 1777, and d. Feb. 1, 1805. We assume that she, too, was buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery.

Sugg Fort and Elizabeth Diggs had two sons:

1.—Eppa (Epaphroditus) Lawson Fort (1802-1891). See Chart 1, Chapter XI.

2.—John Diggs Fort (1804-1829). See Chart 2, Chapter XI.

SUGG FORT came with his parents, his three brothers and five sisters to what is now Robertson County, Tennessee, in the Fort migration of 1790/91. He lived in the bend of Red River northeast of Port Royal. This farm passed to his son, Eppa Lawson Fort, then to his youngest son, William Dancy "Billy" Fort. In 1913 the farm was sold to Simmons and Company. (Ref: Ralph L. Winters, Clarksville, Tenn., Red River Baptist Church 174th Anniversary Address, July 25, 1965.)

These are items from the Minute Book of the Red River Baptist Church:

July 5, 1802—Rec'd Sugg Fort by experience, to be baptised the 3rd Lord's Day in this inst.

Sunday, July 18, 1802—Sugg Fort baptised.

June 18, 1803: On motion, appointed Sugg Fort Clerk for the church.

August 19, 1803: Received Elizabeth Fort, wife of Sugg Fort.

Jan. 14, 1804: Sugg Fort granted License to preach.

April 18, 1804: Sermon by Sugg Fort. Elias Fort, Sen., was Moderator.

Aug. 17, 1804: Elias Fort, Sen., Josiah and Sugg Fort, Elias (M.C. (or B.C.) Fort, David Smith and others—all mentioned in the Minutes.

Feb. 1, 1805: Elizabeth Fort, wife of Sugg Fort, died.

Feb. 17, 1809: Sugg Fort ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in a special ceremony.

In the Nov. 16, 1816, Minutes is an entry stating that Bro. Sugg Fort was appointed to draw a subscription for building a frame Meeting House 40 x 28 ft. for the use of the Baptist Society on the ground occupied by the Red River Church known by the name of "Forts Meeting House" and sold to said church by Eppa Lawson by deed bearing date . . ."

Sugg Fort served as Clerk for the Church from June 18, 1803, until Feb. 2, 1816, when he was called to serve as Minister of the Church. The Minutes, preserved in the Tennessee State Library, are in his excellent handwriting. His signature was always written with all capital letters—SUGG FORT.

Ralph L. Winters wrote an article headed "12 People Organized Red River

Baptist Church Back in 1791" that was published in the Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle November 15, 1958. He stated that one of the highlights in the Church history was the calling of Sugg Fort to the pastorate in 1816. He quoted James Ross' description of Sugg Fort in his "Life and Times of Elder Reuben Ross":

> "He was highly esteemed and popular in his day. He was below medium height, a good deal disabled by rheumatism, of a pleasant and engaging countenance, and always neat in his dress and person. He was much beloved by all who knew him, the young especially, on account of his affectionate and cheerful manner. Of all the preachers who visited my father, I loved him best."

Mr. Winters also said:—"The next year after Sugg Fort started preaching at Red River church, Bro. Reuben Ross was called to preach the funeral of Miss Eliza Norfleet. Bro. Ross got away from a strict doctrine and preached a new or liberal philosophy. After the sermon he walked to his horse and rode away. The older heads were dumbfounded at this new liberality, so it was agreed that Elder Fort be sent to expostulate with Bro. Ross and convince him of the error of his ways. After a long discussion, Elder Fort rose up and said, "Bro. Ross, I believe you are right and I am with you." Henceforth, they preached a free salvation to all who would repent, believe, forsake their sins and turn to God.—When Elder Fort returned and reported that he agreed with Bro. Ross, many of his followers turned from him."

Mrs. Eurie W. Neel, in an article on pages 148-9 of Wilford-Williford Family, 1959, included Rev. Sugg Fort in a class with "Peter Cartwright, John Johnson, Vardeman, Fort, Ross and other old soldiers of the Cross who have passed away."

Chart 1, Chapter XI

EPPA (Epaphroditus) LAWSON FORT, 1st son of Reverend Sugg Fort and Elizabeth Diggs, was b. Aug. 31, 1802, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. July 12, 1891. He was buried in the William Fort Cemetery where also were buried both of his wives. A few days after his death, the following eulogy appeared in print.

"Death of A Good Man

> "We, well acquainted with E. L. Fort of Robertson County, whose death this paper announced Monday, write of him as follows:
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> "Uncle Lawson, as he was familiarly known, was 89 years of age, has been a true and tried Mason 67 years, and with the exception of Robert I. Chester, was the oldest Mason in Tennessee. His life has gone out with not a single cloud to bedim his memory. No widow's tear ever passed under his vision without a helping hand; no orphan cry ever sounded in his ears without a father's comfort and aid; no object of charity ever came under his observation without a responsive echo from his willing hands and

sympathizing heart. The true principle of Masonry, to visit the widow and orphan in their distress, has been his religion in life. The golden rule has been as closely followed up in his life as possible for human man.

"He leaves an inheritance to posterity richer than gold—a good name. Let coming generations strive to emulate such an example, and when death comes there will be no victory in the grave, no sting in death."

The will of Eppa Lawson Fort, dated April 30, 1890, was probated in June, 1892. (Vol. 24, p. 229, Wills, etc., Robertson County, Tennessee, Clerk's Office.) He named his wife, Elizabeth D. Fort, his sons Sugg Fort, Ilai Metcalfe Fort and William D. Fort, and two grandchildren: 1) Caroline Elliott and 2) Mary B. Jones, daughters of his deceased daughter Mary Fort (1841-1869) and John Jones.

Eppa Lawson Fort m/1 Sept. 13, 1831, Virginia C. Metcalfe (b. Jan. 28, 1812, Nashville, Tenn., d. Dec. 21, 1836, Robertson County, Tenn.), daughter of Ilai Metcalfe and Susannah Carr. Her tombstone in the William Fort Cemetery bore this quaint inscription which must have been carved by "good old Major." (See OLD MAJOR AND THE TOMBSTONES, Chapter I.)

"In
memory
of
Virginia C. Fort cons
ort of E. L. Fort was bo
rn Jan the 28th 1812 and De
parted this life Decm the
21st 1836 in the 24th year
of her age."

Eppa Lawson Fort and Virginia C. Metcalfe had three sons:

1.—John Deggs Fort, b. Nov. 7, 1832, d. May 22, 1853, buried in the William Fort Cemetery.

2.—Ilai Metcalfe Fort, b. Nov. 27, 1834. (See later)

3.—Sugg Fort, Sr., b. Dec. 9, 1836, living April 30, 1890, when his father wrote his will, m. Dec. 1, 1857, Virginia C. Sugg (b. ca 1840), daughter of Dr. Henry Horn Sugg (1804-1853) and Mary Ann Grimes, and granddaughter of Lemuel Sugg II and Selah Horn. They had at least two children:

A.—"Little Frank F. Fort, b. Sept. 30, 1858, d. July 4, 1865." (Tombstone in graveyard of Dr. Henry Horn Sugg in Robertson County, Tennessee, near Gorham's Mill. See GORHAM, Chart 3, Chapter IV.)

B.—Sugg Fort, Jr., b. ca 1872, Robertson County, Tenn.

The 1880 Census of Robertson County on p. 126 of the 17th District listed Sugg Fort, 43 years old, a farmer; his wife, Virginia C. Sugg, 40 years old, born in Kentucky; and an eight year old son named Sugg Fort, Jr. Nothing else has been learned about this family to date.

Eppa Lawson Fort m/2 July 7, 1840, at Florence, Ala., Elizabeth Diggs Dancy (b. March 30, 1818, d. Oct. 22, 1900), daughter of William Exum Dancy and Nancy Hodges Deggs, both of whom were buried in the Elias

Fort Cemetery. (See DANCY, Chart 7, Chapter IV. See Elias Fort Cemetery, Chapter I.)

Eppa Lawson Fort and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Diggs (Dancy) Fort share a double tombstone in the William Fort Cemetery. They had two children.

4.—Mary Wilson Fort, b. Sept. 16, 1841. (See later)

5.—William "Billy" Dancy Fort, b. July 25, 1843. (See later)

Mrs. Harriett (Parks) Miller, a niece of Elizabeth Diggs Dancy, included in "Pioneer Christians" the following sketch about Eppa Lawson Fort, along with a picture of his home *RIVERSIDE* on Red River in Robertson County, Tennessee. "Pioneer Christians" was published in 1911. The chimneys of *RIVERSIDE* were still standing in 1968.

Eppa Lawson Fort

"Eppa Lawson Fort was born at "Riverside," a picturesque homestead on Red River, three miles southeast of Port Royal, Tenn., August 31, 1802. He was the son of a prominent Baptist minister. and a church goer, but strange to say, during a pilgrimage of nearly ninety years, never joined a church. He believed implicitly in God's mercy, and when approached by friends, on the subject of religion, he would assure them that the Lord would manifest Himself to him in a way that he would understand, when He was ready for him to enter the Christian fold.

"Mr. Fort was twice married, the first time to Miss Virginia Metcalfe, of Robertson County, and the second to Miss Elizabeth Dancy, of Florence, Alabama. Three sons blessed his first marriage, and a son and daughter his last, all of whom are dead.

"The Forts, Dancys and Wimberlys were related, and came from North Carolina to Tennessee at an early date. The first Fort family settled on Sulphur Fork Creek, near Beech Valley Mill, at a place now owned by Mr. Plummer Poole. The Wimberlys went nearer Clarksville, on Red River, and their first homestead is now occupied by their descendants, Messrs. Joe and Alf Killebrew, of Rossview neighborhood. Esq. William E. Dancy located near Dunbars Cave, but later moved to Florence, Alabama, carrying with him a number of valuable slaves, and a family consisting of his wife and three small children, Caroline, Elizabeth and John. It was before the day of railroads, and all the visiting between the Tennessee and Alabama relatives was done on horseback, covering a period of several days' journey.

"During the 30's, little Caroline and Elizabeth had grown to young ladyhood and accompanied by a younger brother, they came to visit the Wimberlys. They found Mr. Fort a gay young widower, and he found Miss Elizabeth Dancy a charming young lady.

"A few months prior to this, he had paid his addresses to a popular young lady of Port Royal, and they were engaged, but by dint of accident he learned from a reliable source that she had said publicly that she did not intend to be bothered with his three little boys, so he frankly informed her that his children were first and released her.

"After spending several weeks in Tennessee, as the time had come for the Dancy girls to return to Alabama, Mr. Fort asked the privilege of escorting them, by saying he had not seen "Cousin Nancy," their mother, in a long time, and that she was his favorite relative. The old folks saw clearly through it all, and were pleased, and after a two weeks' visit Mr. Fort returned home, with the prospect of being their son-in-law some time during the coming year.

"Esq. Dancy lived on what was known as 'The Military Road,' cut out by Andrew Jackson during the Creek War, and horsemen could be seen a long way off. Toward sunset (as the wedding day neared) a member of the family looked up the road and exclaimed, 'Yonder comes the Tennessee Widower' and they all ran out to meet him. He set his saddle bags in the hall, and incidentally mentioned their contents, whereupon the bride-elect took out the broadcloth suit and neatly folded it away in a bureau drawer in her room. In those days there were no trunks, but few spare rooms, and no foolish conventionalities. Along with the clothes was a fine pair of No 5 pump sole shoes, to be worn on the wedding occasion. Mr. Fort had a small, shapely foot, and it was said the young ladies in the Dancy home, assisting the bride in her preparation for the wedding, would go every now and then and peep admiringly at those dainty pumps in the bureau drawer.

"Mr. Dancy made his daughter a bridal present of a nice black saddle horse, called: 'Indian,' and when they turned their faces toward Tennessee, mounted on their black and white steeds, it must have been an interesting picture. Seventy-odd years ago—think of the changes.

"For her traveling suit, the bride wore a purple merino riding habit, made with long pointed tight waist, with hooks and eyes beneath the waist line underneath, by which it could be temporarily shortened and converted into a walking suit, thereby saving her the trouble of dressing when they took lodging at the wayside inns or taverns, as they were called. (It will be remembered that a bridal wardrobe folded in saddle pockets afforded but few dresses for change.) A Shaker straw bonnet, with a green barege frill, or skirt, completed her outfit.

"The faithful servants did all in their power to make her feel at home; then and there an ideal home life began, and Mr. Fort was a prime factor in making it so.

"The following amusing story was often told of him. He had a nice herd of dairy cows, and among them was one they called 'Stately,' the bell cow. Aunt Margaret was the milk-maid, and she always carried along with her to the cow-pen her ten-year-old son, Nelson, 'to keep the calves off,' as they termed it. One summer evening about sunset, the family were seated on the front gallery, Mr. Fort, his wife, and their youngest son, the late W. D. Fort. They were quietly discussing the expected arrival next day of some favorite relatives from Paris, Texas—Dr. Joe Fort's family.

"Suddenly Nelson appeared on the scene, and in breathless excitement exclaimed, 'Marse Lawson, old Stately poked her head in a wagon wheel up at the lot, and she can't get it out, and Mammy says what must she do about it?'

"Mr. Fort sprang to his feet, and on the impulse of the moment said, 'Tell one of the men up at the lot feeding, to get an axe and cut her fool head off, quick.' It was too good to keep, and his son treasured it as a household joke, which he enjoyed telling with many others equally as amusing.

"But the happy old Riverside home was to undergo changes. After a few days' illness from the infirmities of old age, Mr. Fort quietly fell asleep July 12, 1891. His remains were laid to rest with Masonic honors at the old Metcalfe burying ground (William Fort Cemetery) on Elk Fork Creek, near Sadlersville, Tennessee.

"His family feasted on his affections, and his friends enjoyed the wealth of his noble nature."

Contributed by Combs L. Fort, Nashville, Tenn.

ILAI METCALFE FORT, 2nd son of Eppa Lawson Fort and his 1st wife, Virginia Metcalfe, was b. Nov. 29, 1834, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. Sept. 23, 1907, with burial in the William Fort Cemetery. He m. Dec. 6, 1854, Charlotte Warren Dancy (a twin), (b. June 17, 1834, Florence, Ala., d. March 30, 1923, Robertson County, Tenn., buried beside her husband in the William Fort Cemetery), daughter of William Exum Dancy and Nancy Hodges Deggs.

Charlotte Warren Dancy's twin sister Eliza Penelope Dancy married Rev. Josiah William Fort, son of Joel Battle Fort and Nancy Carr Metcalfe. (See Chart 7, Chapter IV.) An older sister, Elizabeth Diggs Dancy, was the 2nd wife of her father-in-law, Eppa Lawson Fort.

The names and dates of the six children of Ilai Metcalfe Fort and Charlotte Warren Dancy were copied from their 1855 Bible and contributed by Mrs. George (Ethel Hurst Fort) Barbee and her brother Robert Deggs Fort, Jr. of Clarksville, Tennessee. They were:

1.—Virginia Metcalfe Fort, b. Dec. 3, 1855, d. Jan. 14, 1940, m. March 26, 1879, William L. Fuller (b. Dec. 31, 1854, d. July 9, 1917). They had six children:

A.—Lizzie Lee Fuller, b. Jan. 9, 1880, d. Oct. 26, 1881, buried in the William Fort Cemetery.

B.—Joseph Metcalf(e) Fuller of Ft. Worth, Texas, b. Aug. 5, 1882, d. June 15, 1952, m. Aug. 15, 1904, Pearl Bridges (d. May 20, 1953). Two children:

a.—Chester Metcalf(e) Fuller, b. May 22, 1905, lives in Oklahoma City, Okla.

b.—Joseph Franklin Fuller, b. July 1, 1911, d. Aug. 15, 1960.

C.—William Stedman Fuller, b. July 6, 1887, m. Aug. 19, 1919, Frances Graham (b. Sept. 30, 1892). They live at Bakersfield, California. They had three children.

a.—William Stedman Fuller, Jr., b. Aug. 1, 1920, d. March 27 or 30, 1927.

b.—Catherine Virginia Fuller, b. May 9, 1922, m. Aug. 24, 1951, John Eaton.

c.—Harold Swift Fuller, b. Feb. 25, 1925.

D.—George Terry Fuller, b. July 30, 1890, d. Aug. 15, 1951, m. July 3 or 30, 1915, Mattie Owens. One daughter:

a.—Camille Fuller, b. April 24, 1918.

E.—Frank Forrest Fuller, b. Sept. 24, 1892, d. Aug. 8, 1965, m. July 31, 1919, Florence Pratt (b. June 15, 1890, d. July 12, 1962) and lived at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. No children.

F.—"Bubba" Fuller, b. Oct. 7, 1895, d. Nov. 15, 1898.

2.—Eppa Lawson Fort, Jr., b. March 17, 1857. (See later)

3.—Jimmie Dancy Fort, b. Aug. 28, 1863, d. Oct. 1, 1873, buried in the William Fort Cemetery.

4.—John Sugg Fort, called "Jack," b. Jan. or March 20, 1867, d. Jan. 11, 1949, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn., m/1 Nov. 8, 1892, Jessie Belle Howard (d. April 7, 1915). He m/2 Sue Davis. No children by either marriage.

5.—Robert Deggs Fort, b. Jan. 31, 1870. (See later)

6.—Annie Eliza Fort, b. Nov. 8, 1872. (See later)

EPPA LAWSON FORT, Jr., the 2nd child of Ilai Metcalfe Fort and Charlotte Warren Dancy, was b. March 17, 1858, near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. Aug. 11, 1935, Springfield, Tenn. He m. Jan. 2, 1879, Belle Virginia Polk (b. July 25, 1860, d. April 28, 1924), daughter of James K. Polk (1830-1886) and Miranda Bell (1835-1911). They were both buried in Elmwood Cemetery at Springfield.

The Bible entry "Jr." after this man's name indicated there was an older relative by the same name. In this instance, that older relative was his grandfather Eppa Lawson Fort (1802-1891).

A grandson, Combs Fort of Nashville, Tennessee, wrote, "I think the Dancy sisters marrying father and son is interesting. Also the fact that Charlotte Dancy's twin married a Fort also. (Cousin Joel B. Fort's mother.) . . . When Ilai and Charlotte were married, he was given a tract of land by his father that had been part of his father's property. When my grandfather Eppa Lawson Fort married, his father Ilai gave him part of his land, also. The two families of Eppa Lawson Fort and son Ilai Fort did not live together. Each had his own place . . ."

Eppa Lawson Fort (1858-1935) and Belle Virginia Polk had five children.

1.—Combs Fort, b. March 13, 1880. (See later)

2.—Mary Fort, b. Sept. 18, 1882, d. Aug. 13, 1951, m. Aug. 23, 1898, Hubert Woodard (b. March 17, 1881, d. March 4, 1947). They had no children.

3.—Eppie Bell Fort, b. Oct. 5, 1884, d. Oct. 7, 1968, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Springfield, Tennessee.

4.—Minnie Polk Fort, b. March 19, 1889, Robertson County, Tenn., m. June 12, 1912, Rev. A. B. Waldrep (b. Nov. 29, 1880, South Carolina, d. Sept. 6, 1962, Tulsa, Oklahoma), a Methodist minister. He held the B.D. degree from Vanderbilt University and held pastorates in California and Oklahoma. Mrs. Waldrep now lives at Stillwater, Oklahoma. They had three children.

A.—Dorothy Ann Waldrep, b. May 9, 1913, Garden Grove, California. She holds the A.B. degree from Oklahoma College for Women, Chickasha,

Oklahoma. She m. June 12, 1935, Charles William Atkinson (b. Sept. 12, 1912), a graduate of Arkansas University. They live at Fayetteville, Arkansas, where he practices law. They have four children:

a.—John William Atkinson, b. Aug. 28, 1939, Fayetteville, Ark., a graduate of the University of Arkansas, who is now connected with the First National Bank of Memphis, Tenn. He m. Jan. 2, 1962, Norma Carolyn Cearley, and they have a son:
(1)—Mark Anthony Atkinson, b. Sept. 11, 1965, Memphis, Tenn.

b.—Margaret Ann Atkinson, b. April 27, 1943, d. in 1966, m. Jan. 30, 1965, Thomas Earl Taylor.

c.—James C. Atkinson, b. April 4, 1947.

d.—Elizabeth Sue Atkinson, b. Aug. 9, 1950.

B.—Louise Bell Waldrep, b. Dec. 24, 1915, Tulsa, Okla., holds the A.B. degree from the University of Oklahoma, m/1 June 8, 1940, John A. Swartz, Sr. (b. Nov. 18, 1915, Miami, Okla., d. April 3, 1949, Washington, D.C.). He, too, held an A.B. degree from the University of Oklahoma, and was with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They had two children.

a.—Linda Lee Swartz, b. July 24, 1941, Washington, D.C., m. Oct. 12, 1963, Richard Arthur Bodkin (b. Oct. 1940). He is with Army Intelligence, and in 1967 they were living in Frankfurt, Germany.

b.—John A. Swartz, Jr., b. June 24, 1944, Washington, D.C., holds the A.B. degree from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, m. June 3, 1967, Sharon Lynn Gabriel.

Louise Bell Waldrep m/2 Nov. 8, 1956, Robert H. Simpson, and they live at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

C.—Alfred B. Waldrep, b. Dec. 21, 1920, Oklahoma City, Okla., served in W.W. II, in 1967 was connected with Reynolds Aluminum Company in Phoenix, Arizona, m. Aug. 1, 1942, Dorothy L. Cook (b. Feb. 20, 1922) and they have a daughter:

a.—Cela Gay Waldrep, b. May 18, 1948.

5.—Margaret Fort, b. May 16, 1891, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Sept. 24, 1913, Isaac Wesley Shannon (b. Nov. 21, 1888, Robertson County, Tenn.) and they moved to Tulsa, Okla., in 1915. He graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., with a B.A. degree in 1910. In Tulsa, he owns and operates Shannon Furniture Company which celebrated fifty years in business in 1965. They have two daughters:

A.—Martha Shannon, b. March 11, 1921, Tulsa, Okla., attended Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., and holds the B.S. degree from Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and the M.A. degree from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. She m. Jan. 1, 1944, Dwight Burrett Mapes (b. April 10, 1922) who has a degree in architecture from the University of Oklahoma, served a tour of duty in the Naval Air Force, and is now an architect in Dallas, Texas. They have three children.

a.—Donald Shannon Mapes, b. March 13, 1947.

b.—Richard Rush Mapes, b. Oct. 12, 1951.

c.—Rosemary Mapes, b. Aug. 18, 1956.

B.—Catherine Shannon, b. July 6, 1925, Tulsa, Okla., holds a B.A. degree from Baylor University and the M.A. in statistics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. She m. April 14, 1951, Gerald Mott Webster (b. July 15, 1926) who holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He served a tour of duty in the Navy, and is now a Senior Research Associate with Humble Oil Company, Houston, Texas. They have two children.

a.—Nancy Webster, b. Oct. 12, 1952.

b.—Shirley Webster, b. Aug. 1, 1954.

COMBS FORT, 1st child of Eppa Lawson Fort (1858-1935) and Belle Virginia Polk, was b. March 13, 1880, near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., at the Ilai Metcalfe Fort place. The family went to Missouri for a short time after he was born. When they came back to Tennessee, they built a house on the next tract of land to the Ilai Metcalfe Fort place. Later, the family moved to Springfield, Tennessee.

Combs Fort m. Jan. 1, 1907, Ora Belle Morehead, whose family also lived in Springfield, and they lived there, too, until 1922 when they moved to Nashville. In Springfield, Combs Fort was in the grocery business. In Nashville, he was connected with Frazer Motor Company. He d. April 30, 1938, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Springfield, Tennessee.

Ora Belle Morehead was b. March 31, 1881, Rockport, Ky., the daughter of Robert Yost Morehead (b. Nov. 19, 1858) and Elizabeth "Bettie" Anthony (b. May 26, 1862, d. May 21, 1935) who married April 20, 1880.

Elizabeth "Bettie" Anthony was a daughter of Jacob Anthony (b. Aug. 30, 1840, d. Oct. 2, 1889) and Susan Mary Martin (b. Dec. 9, 1841, Greenville, Ky., d. Nov. 24, 1916) who married Sept. 4, 1861.

Combs Fort and Ora Belle Morehead had two children.

1.—Elizabeth Bell Fort, b. May 29, 1909, Springfield, Tenn. Her middle name is for the Bell family from which she is descended. She holds a B.S. degree in Home Economics from Peabody College. Active in Women's Work of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and U.P.U.S.A., in 1967 she was serving as secretary of the Presbyterial at Lexington, Kentucky. She headed Girl Scout work in Christian County, Kentucky, for nine years and served in various P.T.A. offices on both local and district levels. At the University of Kentucky, she participates in the University Woman's Club work and is active in the American Association of University Women.

Elizabeth Bell Fort m. June 19, 1930, Nashville, Tenn., William Graham Duncan III (b. March 3, 1909, Greenville, Ky.), son of William Graham Duncan, Jr. of McHenry, Ky., and Emma Randolph Richardson of Hampton, Virginia. In their "early" years, Mr. Duncan was a farmer-manufacturer in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and active in Farm Bureau and civic clubs. Active in the work of the U.S. Presbyterian Church, he served one year as Moderator of the Synod of Kentucky. Educated in Greenville, Kentucky, public schools, he did undergraduate and graduate work at Purdue University, receiving a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agronomy. He spent a post-doctoral year at the University of California at

Berkeley and Davis. In 1959 he became connected with the University of Kentucky at Lexington, since when he has traveled widely in pursuance of research for the University. He holds a private pilot's license, and plays golf.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham have four children.

A.—Elizabeth "Betty" Duncan, b. March 26, 1932, Louisville, Ky., was educated in the public schools of Hopkinsville, Ky., and graduated summa cum laude in 1954 from Vanderbilt University where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She was active in young people's work on a national level in the Presbyterian Church U.S. and U.P.U.S.A. during 1950-1953.

Elizabeth "Betty" Duncan m. Aug. 25, 1953, Joseph Bartholomew Mullin (b. March 29, 1925), son of Joseph Bartholomew Mullin and Margaret Augusta Showalter. He was educated in the public schools at Excelsior Springs, Mo., received the B.A. degree from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., B.D. and D.D. degrees from the Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the Honorary D.D. degree from Centre College, Danville, Ky. He also attended New College, Edinburgh, Scotland. In 1967 he was serving Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Ky., following pastorates at Russellville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn. (Glencliff Presbyterian Church), and the First Presbyterian Church of Paducah, Ky. They have three children.

a.—Mary Hamilton Mullin, b. Oct. 5, 1954, Paducah, Ky.

b.—Elizabeth Duncan Mullin, b. July 11, 1956, Paducah, Ky.

c.—Joseph Bartholomew Mullin, Jr., b. Aug. 28, 1960, Louisville, Ky.

B.—William Graham Duncan IV, b. Dec. 1935, Hopkinsville, Ky., received the B.S. degree in Agriculture in 1957 from Purdue University, and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. He served three years at radar installation, Longerkopf, West Germany (1958-1961). He is now farming in Christian County, Kentucky, near Hopkinsville where he is an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church. He organized the Young Republican Club. He holds a private pilot's license.

William Graham Duncan IV m. Aug. 6, 1956, Mary Alice Major (b. Dec. 25, 1934, Hopkinsville, Ky.), daughter of W. Gladstone Major and Dorothy Lacy. She attended Hopkinsville public schools, Sweet Briar College in Virginia, and received a B.S. degree from Purdue University with a major in Speech. They have three children.

a.—William Graham Duncan V, b. March 9, 1958, Hopkinsville, Ky.

b.—Rives Major Duncan, b. Sept. 16, 1960, Kaiserslautern, West Germany.

c.—Andrea Louise Duncan, b. Oct. 7, 1962, Hopkinsville, Ky.

C.—Angus Fort Duncan, b. Feb. 24, 1939, Hopkinsville, Ky., attended Baylor Military School and West Lafayette, Indiana, schools. He received a B.S. in 1960 from Purdue University. In August, 1960, he entered regular Navy service as a Lieutenant, serving on destroyers. He holds a private pilot's license.

Angus Fort Duncan m. Sept. 2, 1962, Judith Grace Horton (b. Nov. 16, 1942, Lafayette, Ind.), daughter of Lawrence Eugene Horton and Ethel Lewis. She was educated in the public schools at Lafayette and attended the

University of Indiana at Bloomington. Members of the Presbyterian Church, in May, 1967, they called Westminster, California, "home."

D.—Catherine Duncan, b. Sept. 15, 1942, Hopkinsville, Ky., attended schools in Hopkinsville, Ky., West Lafayette, Ind., Lexington, Ky., and Dependents School in Kaiserslautern, West Germany. She holds the B.A. degree in Mathematics and German from DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind., the M.A. (1964) from the University of New Hampshire, and did graduate work in German at the University of Tubingen, Germany, and the University of California at Davis.

Catherine Duncan m. June 17, 1967, at Davis, Yolo County, California, Guenther Gerhard Kress (b. Aug. 18, 1942, Neuhof/Fulda, West Germany), son of Richard August Gerhard Kress and Rosa Maria Kress (maiden surname same as married surname). He was educated in the schools of Neuhof/Fulda, West Germany, and graduated from Technische Hochshule, Darmstadt, West Germany. In May, 1967, he was a graduate student in Political Science and a teaching assistant at the University of California at Davis.

2.—Combs Lawson Fort, Sr., b. Nov. 9, 1911, Springfield, Tenn., moved to Nashville with his family in 1922, where he attended public schools and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1933 with a B.A. degree. He was a member of D.K.E. fraternity. He has been connected with Genesco, Incorporated, in Nashville, Tenn., ever since his graduation from Vanderbilt with the exception of three and one-half years during W.W. II when he served as a Captain in Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force.

Combs Lawson Fort m. Aug. 20, 1955, Ann May Hardeman (b. June 25, 1919, Nashville, Tenn.), daughter of William D. Hardeman (1875-1941) and Nannie Hensley Overton (1884-1923).

Nannie Hensley Overton was a descendant of Judge John Overton of "Travellers' Rest," who was born April 9, 1766, at Brookeville, Louisa County, Virginia, and died April 12, 1833, in Tennessee. Judge Overton practiced law in Danville, Kentucky, and in 1789 removed to Nashville, Tennessee, and became Judge of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. He became a friend of Andrew Jackson and in 1794 they purchased as partners the land of Chickasaw Bluff where in 1820 Overton founded the City of Memphis, Tennessee. John Overton married in 1820 Mrs. Mary McConnell (White) May (b. Nov. 11, 1782), daughter of Gen. James White, founder of Knoxville, Tennessee, and widow of Dr. Francis May. They lived at "Travellers' Rest" near Nashville, Tennessee. (From The Early Descendants of Wm. Overton & Elizabeth Waters of Virginia, and Allied Families, published 1938 by W.P. Anderson, page 123.)

Judge Overton began the construction of "Travellers' Rest" in 1799. It was enlarged in 1828 to meet the needs of his growing family. Each addition through the years coincides with a period in Tennessee history. It was owned by descendants of the Overton family until 1946. In 1954, the house and grounds of this typical Middle Tennessee plantation home located on the Franklin Road south of Nashville were turned over to the National Society of Colonial Dames in Tennessee to operate as a historical shrine, a gift of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. This great old house, which has

been in the process of restoration since 1954, still has its lawn, trees, and outbuildings. Visitors find here a part of the world of long ago "when John Overton laid the foundation of Tennessee land law and his friend Andrew Jackson made war and history." (Newspaper clipping.)

Ann May Hardeman attended Ward-Belmont in Nashville, Randolph Macon Woman's College in Virginia, and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a B.A. degree in 1942. She is a member of the Junior League of Nashville and of Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Combs Lawson Fort have one son:

A.—Combs Lawson Fort, Jr., b. Oct. 31, 1960.

ROBERT DEGGS FORT, SR., the 5th child of Ilai Metcalfe Fort and Charlotte Warren Dancy, was b. Jan. 31, 1870, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. July 31, 1955, Montgomery County, Tenn. He was buried on the Mallory lot in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn. He m. Oct. 12, 1893, Mattie Mixeau Harris (b. May 27, 1872, Christian County, Va., d. Nov. 12, 1943, Montgomery County, Tenn., buried on the Mallory lot in Greenwood Cemetery), daughter of Jesse Thomas Harris (1836-1892) and Mary Ellen Carneal (1840-1923). They had nine children.

1.—Robert Harris Fort, b. Sept. 10, 1894, Christian County, Ky., m/1 Jan. 31, 1931, Dorothy Ryan (b. 1911), daughter of C. H. Ryan and Dosiah Brown. They had one son.

A.—Bobby Donald Fort, b. Dec. 11, 1931, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. 1955 Ruth Stevens (b. May 27, 1937, Maury County, Tenn.), daughter of Earl B. Stevens (b. Hickman County, Tenn.) and they have two children.

a.—Gregory Donald Fort, b. Oct. 7, 1957, Decatur, Ala.

b.—Barry Stevens Fort, b. April 2, 1964, Huntsville, Ala.

Robert Harris Fort m/2 Feb. 16, 1933, Mae Walker (b. May 21, 1906, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Dec. 14, 1957), daughter of Jim Walker and Martha Elizabeth Hoffman. He lives at Clarksville, Tenn.

2.—Mary Charlotte Fort, b. July 21, 1896, Christian County, Ky., m. Aug. 18, 1916, Frank LaBourdais Hambaugh (b. Sept. 21, 1894, Montgomery County, Tenn.), son of W. P. Hambaugh and Nina Nesbit. They live at Birmingham, Ala. One son.

A.—Robert Fort Hambaugh, Sr., b. May 17, 1917, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Oct. 11, 1941, Elizabeth Ann McReynolds (b. Nov. 25, 1915, Birmingham, Ala.), daughter of John George McReynolds (b. Jefferson County, Ala.) and Idella Elizabeth McCollum (b. Morganville, Ga.), and they have three children.

a.—Robert Fort Hambaugh II, b. Sept. 7, 1943, Jefferson County, Ala.

b.—Linda Elizabeth Hambaugh, b. June 6, 1948, Jefferson County, Ala.

c.—Frank Poindexter Hambaugh, b. Jan. 14, 1954, Jefferson County, Ala.

3.—Ilai Metcalfe Fort, b. Dec. 13, 1898, Montgomery County, Tenn., where he d. Dec. 30, 1898.

4.—Jesse Thomas Fort, b. Feb. 14, 1900, Montgomery County, Tenn., d. Dec. 13, 1965, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn., m. Feb. 12, 1935, Marie Johnson (b. April 17, 1900) of Talbot County, Ga. They had no children.

5.—Ethel Hurst Fort, b. March 21, 1903, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Aug. 14, 1921, George Gupton Barbee (b. Dec. 13, 1883, d. Aug. 17, 1965, Montgomery County, Tenn.), son of George Bell Barbee (b. Montgomery County, Tenn.) and Sarah Elizabeth Crow. They had six children.

A.—Martha Elizabeth Barbee, b. Sept. 9, 1922, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Nov. 17, 1940, Chester Hobson Adair (b. Feb. 16, 1919, Christian County, Ky.), son of Shelly Adair (b. Hart or Hardin County, Ky.) and Ethel Wade. They live at Hopkinsville, Ky., and have two children.

a.—Betty Carolyn Adair, b. Feb. 10, 1948, Christian County, Ky.

b.—Nancy Rebecca Adair, b. Sept. 2, 1952, Christian County, Ky.

B.—George Bell Barbee, b. Jan. 26, 1924, Christian County, Ky., m. May 28, 1948, Dorothy Lillian Lancaster (b. Dec. 15, 1925, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of B. W. Lancaster and Jennie Elizabeth Manning. They have two children, and live at Clarksville, Tennessee.

a.—Michael Whitten Barbee, b. July 11, 1951, Montgomery County, Tenn.

b.—Richard Fort Barbee, b. March 16, 1956, Montgomery County, Tenn.

C.—Mary Charlotte Barbee, b. July 15, 1926, Christian County, Ky., m. Aug. 14, 1943, Lawrence Douglas McGavic (b. July 30, 1923, Olmstead, Logan County, Ky.), son of James William McGavic (b. Grayson County, Ky.) and Maudie Bird. They live (1967) at New Milford, Conn., and have five children.

a.—Patricia Ann McGavic, b. Sept. 17, 1949, Evansville, Ind.

b.—Wayne Douglas McGavic, b. Oct. 2, 1951, Evansville, Ind.

c.—George David McGavic, b. Dec. 23, 1953, Evansville, Ind.

d.—Barbara Kay McGavic, b. March 7, 1955, Christian County, Ky.

e.—Mary Virginia McGavic, b. June 23, 1961, in Connecticut.

D.—Virginia Lee Barbee, b. June 11, 1930, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. March 16, 1949, Richard Foster Leavell II (b. Jan. 10, 1927, Christian County, Ky.), son of Richard Foster Leavell, Sr. (b. Christian County, Ky.) and Mary Lee Page. They live at Florence, S.C., and have three children.

a.—Susan Lee Leavell, b. March 17, 1950, Montgomery County, Tenn.

b.—Virginia Diane Leavell, b. May 9, 1954, Florence, S.C.

c.—Mary Elizabeth Leavell, b. Oct. 11, 1956, Florence, S.C.

E.—Ethel Shirley Barbee, b. Jan. 3, 1935, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Sept. 5, 1954, Joseph L. McDaniel (b. Aug. 16, 1934, Williamsburg County, S.C.), son of Louin T. McDaniel (b. S.C.) and Lula Ethel Cribb. They live at Fayetteville, N.C., with their four children.

a.—Joseph Randal McDaniel, b. Feb. 2, 1956, Christian County, Ky.

b.—Sarah Ellen McDaniel, b. Dec. 6, 1958, Cumberland County, N.C.

c.—Shirley Joann McDaniel, b. Oct. 24, 1961, Cumberland County, N.C.

d.—Thomas Allen McDaniel, b. Nov. 24, 1966, Cumberland County, N.C.

F.—William Fort Barbee, b. Oct. 20, 1938, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. March, 1961, Delores Herzog (b. April 14, 1940, Carbondale, Pa.) daughter of _____ Herzog and Virginia Gable. In 1967, S.Sgt. Barbee had an APO New York address. They have three children.

a.—Janice Faye Barbee, b. Nov. 17, 1961, Ft. Benning, Ga.

b.—Donna Marie Barbee, b. April 12, 1963, Carbondale, Pa.

c.—Sharon Louise Barbee, b. June 22, 1965, Ft. Benning, Ga.

6.—Martha Fort, b. Mar. 30, 1905, d. June 7, 1907, Montgomery County, Tenn.

7.—Virginia Metcalfe Fort, b. Oct. 7, 1907, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. July 8, 1925, George Garnel Graber (b. July 1, 1901, Ashland, Ky.), son of John George Graber and Sophia Caroline Campbell. They live at Ashland, Kentucky. Three children.

A.—Garnel Fort Graber, b. June 17, 1931, Guthrie, Todd County, Ky., m. June 6, 1954, Angelina Santisi (b. March 10, 1931), daughter of Joe Santisi. They live at Ann Arbor, Michigan, with their son:

a.—Glen Garnel Graber, b. Nov. 14, 1961, Long Branch, N.J.

B.—Joe Vernon Graber, b. July 15, 1935, Watertown, Tenn., m. Aug. 15, 1964, Patricia Ann Ward (b. Nov. 12, 1935, Sugarland, Texas), daughter of Orville James Ward (b. Dec. 26, 1905, Geneso Township, Iowa) and Mattie Maud Sharp (b. Aiken County, S.C.). They live at Shreveport, La., and have three children.

a.—Linda Marie Graber, b. Dec. 1, 1953, Shreveport, La. (adopted)

b.—John Wesley Graber, b. Feb. 13, 1957, Shreveport, La. (adopted)

c.—Marji Ward Graber, b. Aug. 8, 1960, Shreveport, La. (adopted)

C.—Glenn Campbell Graber, b. June 2, 1942, Knoxville, Tenn., m. Aug. 1, 1964, Mildred Caroline Rigsby (b. Sept. 23, 1942, Asland, Ky.), daughter of Fred Everett Rigsby and Mildred White. In 1967 they were living at Ypsilanti, Michigan.

8.—Mattie Lee Fort, b. March 24, 1910, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. March 20, 1948, William Durham Drake (b. Feb. 15, 1910, Tipton County, Tenn.), son of Werter Louis Drake and Annie Florence Durham (both b. in Lauderdale County, Tenn.). They live at Ripley, Tennessee, and have one son.

A.—James Durham Drake, b. Dec. 22, 1951, Stuttgart, Ark.

9.—Robert Deggs Fort, Jr., b. Jan. 26, 1913, Montgomery County, Tenn., m. Nov. 18, 1939, Dorothy Louise Cornell (b. July 9, 1914, Montgomery County, Tenn.), daughter of Gerald Morton Cornell and Gilliam Bell Waters (both b. in Montgomery County, Tenn.) They have one son.

A.—Robert Morton Fort, b. March 30, 1948, Montgomery County, Tenn.

The data on the family of Robert Deggs Fort, Sr. and Mattie Mixeau Harris was compiled by Mrs. G. G. (Ethel Hurst Fort) Barbee and Mr. and

Mrs. R. D. Fort, Jr., all of Clarksville, Tennessee, early in 1967. They also copied records from the 1855 Bible that was owned by Ilai Metcalfe Fort (1834-1907) and his wife, Charlotte Warren Dancy (a twin) (1834-1923).

ANNIE ELIZA FORT, the 6th child of Ilai Metcalfe Fort and Charlotte Warren Dancy, was b. Nov. 8, 1872, Robertson County, Tenn., and d. July 9, 1962, Nashville, Tennessee. She m. Nov. 8, 1893, Jonathan Franklin Martin (b. Dec. 10, 1866, d. April 5, 1945) and they had three children.

1.—Jonathan Franklin Martin, Jr., b. Sept. 5, 1894, d. May 21, 1899.

2.—Virginia Martin, b. July 21, 1900, m. Feb. 10, 1935, Fred John Bolton, Sr. (b. June 6, 1906). In 1967 they were living in Colombia, South America. They have four children.

A.—Ann Bolton, b. Feb. 15, 1936, m. Edward A. House, Sr. and they have three children.

a.—Edward A. House, Jr., b. Sept. 29, 1953.

b.—Thomas M. House, b. June 2, 1957.

c.—Cynthia Ann House, b. Sept. 28, 1958.

B.—Cynthia Sue Bolton, b. July 15, 1938, m. Art D. White and they have three children.

a.—Jeri Sue White, b. Aug. 23, 1956.

b.—Robert D. White, b. Sept. 23, 1957.

c.—John Frederick White, b. Oct. 13, 1958.

C.—Fred John Bolton, Jr., b. April 1, 1940.

D.—Mary Gail Bolton, b. Jan. 24, 1944, m. August, 1958, Harvey Woldt.

3.—Joseph O'Brien Martin, Sr., b. Jan. 11, 1904, an attorney practicing in Nashville, Tenn., m/1 Aug. 7, 1926, Nettie Wade (b. Feb. 20, 1904, d. Dec. 3, 1949), daughter of Stockley Donelson Wade and Nettie Turnley. They had one son:

A.—Joseph O'Brien Martin, Jr., b. Nov. 2, 1928. He, too, is an attorney practicing in Nashville. He m. Aug. 7, 1948, Louise Armistead (b. Sept. 12, 1929) and they have three children.

a.—Joseph Wade Martin, b. Aug. 27, 1951.

b.—Louise Armistead Martin, b. July 21, 1953.

c.—Catherine O'Neil Martin, b. Dec. 18, 1955.

Joseph O'Brien Martin, Sr. m/2 Catherine Culbert (b. Feb. 12, 1904).

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Franklin Martin were living at 1920 Hayes Street, Nashville, Tennessee, when she wrote a letter dated May 29, 1917, to Miss Ellen Flowers, Adairville, Kentucky, about a family reunion.

"My dear Ellen: You asked me to let you know when we would have the celebration and I want to thank you first for wanting to come. June 17th is the real birthday. In 1834 down near Florence, Alabama, two little girl babies arrived and they were so very much alike they had to put different colored beads on them to distinguish them, and when they grew to be young ladies they married men by the same name, so there

was still confusion.

"Now she (Charlotte Warren (Dancy) Fort, 1834-1923) is the last one of the old family connection, and I shall be pleased to have all who love her come.

"The recent years have been differently arranged by the members of the family, which I think is lovely. Still, my inborn hospitality makes me feel a little timid. They all bring dinner and the house is so little we can't serve nicely, but oh, we are all kinfolks and they seem so happy, and that is worth more than farms or feasts.

"Do hope it will be a pretty day. Love to all, and we hope to see just as many of you as can come.

Your cousin,
ANNIE F. MARTIN."

MARY WILSON FORT, 4th child of Eppa Lawson Fort (1802-1891) and daughter of his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Diggs Dancy (1818-1900), was b. Sept. 16, 1841, Robertson County, Tennessee. She d. Oct. 4, 1869, and was buried at Keysburg, Kentucky. She was the 1st wife of John Wiley Jones whom she m. May 18, 1863.

John Wiley Jones had many acres of land that are now a part of Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. His home is where the generals or commanding officers, live when they are stationed at Ft. Campbell. He was b. Dec. 26, 1837. He d. June 22, 1912, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tennessee, between his 2nd wife (Miss Mary Elizabeth Weatherford) and his 3rd wife (Mrs. Betty Shelton).

Mary Wilson Fort and John Wiley Jones were the parents of two daughters, the grandchildren named in the 1890 will of Eppa Lawson Fort.

1.—Caroline "Carrie" Jones, b. Oct. 9, 1865, d. 1941, m. 1886 William Davis Elliott, Sr. (b. July 4, 1861, d. March 17, 1924). Both were buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, where "all the Elliotts are buried." They had three sons.

A.—Thomas Herbert Elliott, b. June 2 or 22, 1891, d. Nov. 28, 1944, buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tenn., m. March 15, 1917, Willie James Mallory (b. Nov. 8, 1895) of Williamson County, Tenn. Mrs. Elliott lives in Nashville, Tenn. They have two daughters.

a.—Josephine Elizabeth Elliott, b. Dec. 9, 1917, m/1 Aug. 12, 1938 (divorced) Asa Calvin Black, Sr. (b. July 14, 1911). They had two children.

(1)—Asa Calvin Black, Jr., b. Jan. 2, 1943, m. Dec. 3, 1965, Catherin Tropst (b. March 10, 1946).

(2)—Louise Mallory Black, b. April 20, 1945, m. July 7, 1966, John Elliott Ward.

Josephine Elizabeth Elliott m/2 William L. Garrott. They live in Nashville, Tenn.

b.—Mary Louise Elliott, b. Nov. 11, 1919, m. Sept. 11, 1939, Frank Fiederling. They live at Huntsville, Ala.

B.—Will(iam) Davis Elliott, Jr., b. July 31, 1892, d. Nov. 29, 1945,

Clarksville, Tenn., buried in Greenwood Cemetery, was a farmer, and also owned a tobacco warehouse in Clarksville. He was educated at Southwestern in Memphis, and was a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity. He m. Oct. 11, 1916, Amelia Washington Drane (b. June 14, 1893), daughter of Wesley Drane and Mary Macrae.

Mrs. Elliott now lives at the Royal York Hotel in Clarksville. She is a member of the Magna Carta Dames, the Colonial Dames, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the United Daughters of The Confederacy. They had one daughter.

a.—Winifred Saunders Elliott, b. April 23, 1919, Clarksville, Tenn., graduated in 1939 from Vanderbilt University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She was president of her sorority, Delta Delta Delta, and was also a member of Phi Sigma Iota. She m. Oct. 7, 1940, Louis Rossel Gauchat (of Swiss descent) who was b. Nov. 3, 1915, Clarksville, Tenn., son of Hal W. Gauchat and Stella Wilson. He is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and of Cumberland University Law School. He is a lawyer, a tobacco warehouseman, and owns and operates Cumberland Wholesale Company at Clarksville. Mr. and Mrs. Gauchat have one son.

(1)—Will Elliott Gauchat, b. Nov. 29, 1946.

C.—Jones Fort Elliott, b. Oct. 26, 1897, "on the farm at Edgoten, Kentucky." (? Edge of Tennessee) He d. Feb. 4, 1947, Nashville, Tenn., and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Clarksville. He m. March 21, 1931, Nashville, Tenn., Nancy Palmer Castner (b. Dec. 10, 1899, Clarksville, Tenn.) and they had one daughter.

a.—Charlotte Marion Elliott, b. Oct. 6, 1932, Denver, Colorado. She was educated in the city schools of Nashville and was graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt University in June, 1954. In 1955 she received the M.A. degree from Vanderbilt. She m. Sept. 10, 1955, Arthur Edward Biggs, Jr., of Jessups, Maryland. They now live in Greenwich, Connecticut, but Mr. Biggs works in New York City and is Controller of the Chemical Division of Mobil Oil Corporation. They have three children.

(1)—Arthur Edward Biggs III, b. Nov. 4, 1958.

(2)—William Elliott Biggs, b. April 28, 1960.

(3)—Nancy Catherine Biggs, b. Aug. 14, 1963.

2.—Mary B. "Birdie" Jones, b. Sept. 1, 1869, d. Jan. 27, 1951, m. April 17, 1895, Dr. John Andrew Broadus Word (b. March 22, 1858, Buckingham County, Va., d. Dec. 14, 1937), and they had two children.

A.—John Jones Word, b. July 17, 1897, d. Feb. 17, 1957, m. July 17, 1917, (later divorced), Elizabeth Austin Cary (b. June 25, 1900, d. July 14, 1965), a niece of Gov. Austin Peay of Clarksville, Tenn. She later married Warren Coolidge (who died in 1963). Their daughter Cary Coolidge, (b. 1918) holds a Doctorate in Romance Languages from Duke University and is on the faculty at Vanderbilt University.

B.—Mary Louisa Word, b. Oct. 7, 1905, m. Aug. 19, 1933, Albert

Barnes Elliott (b. Jan. 9, 1905), and they live at Birmingham, Ala. They have no children.

WILLIAM DANCY "Billy" FORT, 5th child of Eppa Lawson Fort (1802-1891) and son of his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Diggs Dancy (1818-1900), was b. July 25, 1843, near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. Feb. 10, 1910. He was buried at Adams, but his body was later moved to Elmwood Cemetery, Springfield, Tennessee. He was a farmer. He m. Feb. 25, 1881, Anna Hamlett (b. May 25, 1860, Port Royal, Tenn., d. Oct. 3, 1937, Houston, Texas), daughter of Andrew Jackson Hamlett and Rachel Winnie McNeill. Her body was brought back to Springfield, Tennessee, and buried beside her husband in Elmwood Cemetery. They had three children.

1.—Bessie May Fort, b. Dec. 19, 1881, at *MAPLE HILL* near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., d. March 3, 1966, Houston, Texas. She m. in 1904 Rufus P. Moody who died many years ago. They had no children.

2.—Winnie Virginia Fort, b. March 15, 1894, near Adams, Robertson, County, Tenn., at *MAPLE HILL*, m/1 Sept. 16, 1910, Comer Gardner, twin brother of Miss Cullom Gardner of Adams, Tennessee. They were children of Thomas Irvin Gardner (1849-1908) and Ida Beulah Whitehead (1870-1946). Ida Beulah Whitehead was a direct descendant of President James Knox Polk; her parents were Jake and Elizabeth Pennington Whitehead.

Sometime after the birth of three daughters, Winnie Virginia Fort and Comer Gardner separated and were divorced. Mrs. Gardner went to Florida with her mother where she later met and m/2 Dec. 9, 1922, at Palatka, Putnam County, Florida, "a man from a pioneer Texas family," Minor A. Hurst (b. July 15, 1889, Dale, Caldwell County, Texas).

Mr. Hurst retired from Gulf Oil Corporation at Houston, Texas, in 1954. He and Mrs. Hurst now live at Moody, Texas. Mrs. Hurst wrote, "There is a history being written of my husband's people. His grandfather John Hurst, Sr. fought in both the Civil War and as a very young man he was with Gen. Zachary Taylor's Expedition into Mexico. He came to America with his father and family when he was eight years old—from Baden-Baden, Germany. Minor's father talked with me often about his father after he learned I was so interested in family history. He was born in 1857 while his father was "off fighting," he said, and he died in 1949. He and Mother Hurst would have been married 64 years January 10, 1942. She died in her sleep early on January 10, 1942. They and their family had looked forward to celebrating the day. Instead we had a very sad day. Minor was the 6th of 12 children. Now only five left, he and his older brother and three sisters, a wonderful family."

Mrs. Hurst also said, "My daughter Mildred was born in my old home *MAPLE HILL*, in the same room, and even in the same bed! When our old home was sold, we all moved to Martin, Tennessee, for good schools, and Marjorie and Mary Fort were born there."

The three daughters of Winnie Virginia Fort and Comer Gardner are:

A.—Mildred Winnie Gardner, b. Oct. 11, 1911, at *MAPLE HILL* near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., m. Jan. 5, 1935, Houston, Texas, Charles

D. Wright, Jr. (b. April 14, 1912, Moody, McLennan County, Texas), son of Charles D. Wright, Sr. and Virginia Day. They have four children.

a.—Charles D. Wright III, b. Oct. 17, 1935, Houston, Texas, m. Sept. 14, 1956, Moody, Texas, Dorothy Elizabeth Porter (b. June 18, 1936, Moody, Texas). They have two children.
(1)—Debbie Kay Wright, b. Dec. 17, 1959.
(2)—Charles Porter Wright, b. May 20, 1963.

b.—Winnie Sue Wright, b. Nov. 5, 1940, Moody, Texas, a secretary, m. June 4, 1960, Moody, Texas, James Robert Marcum (b. July 19, 1938, Pisgah Forest, Transylvania County, N.C.), son of Robert Attilie Marcum (b. Oct. 5, 1918, Jefferson County, Tenn.) and Bertie Helen Street (b. April 14, 1918, Black Mountain, Buncombe County, N.C.). James Robert Marcum is a civil engineer. He received an honorable discharge from military service in 1962. The family lives at Brevard, N.C., and they have one son.
(1)—Robert Bardley Marcum, b. May 20, 1967, Brevard, N.C.

Mrs. Hurst wrote, "James Robert Marcum is one of the engineers constructing the great Interstate Highway #40 which I believe will eventually cross the U.S. from East to West Coast. It is a thing of beauty across the mountains of North Carolina and Virginia."

c.—Mary Jane Wright (a twin), b. July 24, 1944, Moody, Texas, m. Jan. 31, 1964, Waco, Texas, Fred M. Tinsley (b. Oct. 2, 1931), and they have a daughter:
(1)—Sharra Jane Tinsley, b. Nov. 1, 1965, Waco, Texas.

d.—Jack Gardner Wright (twin to Mary Jane Wright), b. July 24, 1944, Moody, Texas, m. in 1964 Barbara Ann Ross (b. 1949, Oglesby, Coryell County, Texas), and they have a son:
(1)—Jack Alan Wright, b. in 1965.

B.—Marjorie Comer Gardner, b. June 8, 1916, Martin, Weakley County, Tenn., m. Nov. 3, 1940, Franklin, Simpson County, Ky., Randol Sterling Harrison (b. July 27, 1916, Cedar Hill, Robertson County, Tenn.), son of Randol Lytle Harrison (1883-1966) and Charlie Isobel Fletcher (1886-1963). Mr. Harrison is connected with Montgomery Ward and Company at Catonsville, Maryland. They have one daughter.

a.—Mary Gail Harrison, b. Aug. 24, 1941, Springfield, Robertson County, Tenn., m. June 4, 1963, Providence, R.I., Alan Lloyd Benford (b. June 17, 1939, Providence, R.I.). They live at Manchester, Conn.

C.—Mary Fort Gardner, b. Dec. 1, 1917, Martin, Weakley County, Tenn., m/1 March 28, 1936, Nathan Cope (b. Nov. 1, 1916, d. June 26, 1952, buried at Springfield, Tenn.), son of Walter Benton Cope (b. 1888) and Bessie Ellen Ayers (b. 1892). They had one daughter:

a.—Cynthia Cope, b. June 3, 1937, Adams, Tenn., m. Connell Walker. They have two children:
(1)—Johnny Walker, b. Sept. 14, 1955.
(2)—Bruce Walker, b. Feb. 21, 1957.

Mary Fort Gardner m/2 in 1961 a cousin of her 1st husband, Clarence Fletcher (b. in 1910), son of Polk Fletcher and Elizabeth Cope, all of near Adams, Tennessee, where Mr. Fletcher, a farmer, raises fine black Angus cattle.

Mrs. Hurst also gave us the following information:

"My grandfather, Eppa Lawson Fort, had been married before he married Elizabeth Dancy. Their three sons were Jack, Ilai and Sugg. Uncle Ilai married my grandmother Elizabeth Dancy's sister Charlotte, a most aristocratic old lady. To my childish eyes she looked exactly like Queen Victoria of England. I remember asking Aunt Charlotte why she could not be Queen Victoria now, as she looked so much like her! I don't believe the suggestion was well received . . .

"Uncle Ilai and Aunt Charlotte's house burned some time after my Grandmother Fort's death, and most of her lovely old things burned as Aunt Charlotte had been given the care of china, silver, etc . . .

"My father was about 17 years old, I believe, when the War began. He tried several times to slip through the Yankee lines to join the Confederate Army, but to Grandma's delight, he was always caught and brought back home. He regretted not being able to fight for the South as he admired General Lee, whom he so much resembled in his older years.

"None of Grandfather's slaves left him when they were freed except some of the young men, and they were glad to return home after they found there were no '40 acres and a mule' forthcoming.

"When my father and mother married, his father gave him 500 acres, and they built their home on a hill above Red River and near Grandpa's home. They called it *MAPLE HILL* as Mama had so many young sugar maples brought up from the river and transplanted.

"Besides farming, my father owned a saw-mill and from his large body of virgin timber sawed and furnished lumber for his house and some other homes in the community.

"From the large pond which furnished water for steam to run the saw-mill, the negroes cut huge blocks of ice for storage in our ice house. Many people had "ice houses" in those days when and if the winters were cold enough to freeze water deeply.

"As you will note from my birthdate (March 15, 1894) I am 74 years old, and I call those days 'the good old days.' At least they were peaceful, and I believe we were much happier than the people seem to be now. Especially those 'on the march' over the country."

3.—William Fort, Jr., b. June 15, 1900, at *MAPLE HILL* near Adams, Robertson County, Tenn., m/1 Dec. 31, 1925, LaGrange, Ga., Louise Johnson (b. 1907, Key West, Monroe County, Fla.). They were divorced in 1931. Her father died when she was small and her mother married Manford Olin Benton, but Louise was never adopted and her last name was Johnson.

William Dancy Fort, Jr. and Louise Johnson had two sons:

A.—William Dancy Fort III, b. 1926, Wauchula, Hardee County, Fla., m. Bonnie Gail Collins (b. Bartow, Polk County, Fla.), and they have four children.

a.—Susan Diann Fort, b. 1950, Wauchula, Fla.

b.—William Michael Fort, b. 1952, Wauchula, Fla.

c.—Thomas Jeffery Fort, b. 1964, Bradenton, Fla.

d.—Sandra Reene Fort, b. 1966, Bradenton, Fla.

B.—Robert Olin Fort, b. 1928, Wauchula, Hardee County, Fla., m. Martha Cain, and they have a daughter.

a.—Kay Fort, b. 1954, Wauchula, Fla.

William Dancy Fort, Jr. m/2 in July, 1946, at Houston, Texas, Thelma Brown (b. Aug. 19, 1908, Waco, Texas). They live at Houston where Mr. Fort, now retired, was connected with Citizens State Bank.

Chart 2, Chapter XI

JOHN DIGGS FORT, 2nd son of Reverend Sugg Fort and Elizabeth Diggs, was b. March 18, 1804, Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. Oct. 28, 1829. He was buried in the Elias Fort Cemetery beside his father and on the south side of his grandfather, Elias Fort. His grave is marked by a 3' x 6' marble slab 3" thick, supported at the east and west ends by similar marble pieces resting on a 3' x 6' concrete base. This monument apparently was erected by his daughter Jack Ann Fort (1829-1882) who married Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort. (See *FORT FAMILY CEMETERIES*, Chapter I.)

John Diggs Fort m. in 1827 Miriam Richardson Whitfield (1808-1888), daughter of Needham Whitfield, and they had two daughters.

1.—Elizabeth (Bettie) Fort, m. Buck Williams. (No other information at this time.)

2.—Jack Ann Fort, b. Dec. 8, 1829, after her father's death in October, d. July 20, 1882. She m. Nov. 6, 1849, Dr. Joseph Marstain Fort (b. Jan. 11, 1828, Denmark, Tenn., d. Dec. 21, 1906, Paris, Texas), son of Dr. Joseph W. Fort and Diana Coleman Ligon. They had eight children. (See Chart 6, Chapter III.)

After the death of John Diggs Fort, Miriam Richardson Whitfield m/2 in 1833 her cousin Joseph Whitfield, by whom she had eight more children. (Page 125, Whitfield, Bryan, Smith and Related Families, Book 1.)

Polk

The ancestors of the Polk family in Tennessee emigrated from northern Ireland to America early in the 18th century. (Page 2871, Vol. P-Q, 1931 Edition, Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia.)

I.—THOMAS POLK, brother of Samuel Polk, the father of President James Knox Polk (1795-1849) married Abigail Irvin. Their son:

II.—JAMES IRVIN POLK married Elizabeth Wilson (d. 1866), daughter of Benjamin Wilson. Their son:

III.—JAMES KNOX POLK, b. Aug. 2, 1830, Robertson County, Tenn., d. July 29, 1886, married October 1, 1852, Miranda Bell (b. Dec. 25, 1835,

Robertson County, Tenn., d. March 6, 1911), daughter of Joel Egbert Bell (1813-1890) and his 1st wife, Wilmoth Edwards (1815-1844). Their daughter:

IV.—BELLE VIRGINIA POLK, b. July 25, 1860, d. April 28, 1924, married Jan. 2, 1879, Robertson County, Tenn., Eppa Lawson Fort (1858-1935), son of Ilai Metcalfe Fort and Charlotte Warren Dancy.

Contributed by Combs L. Fort, Nashville, Tenn.

Bell

I.—WILLIAM BELL of Halifax County, N.C., was a thrifty farmer and prominent citizen. His son:

II.—JOHN BELL, SR., b. 1750 Halifax County, N.C., d. 1820 Robertson County, Tenn., m. in 1782 Lucy Williams, daughter of John Williams of Edgecombe County, N.C. In 1804, with six children and nine slaves, John and Lucy (Williams) Bell emigrated to Robertson County, Tenn., and settled on Red River near Adams, where three more children were born. Their youngest child, a son, was:

III.—JOEL EGBERT BELL, b. 1813 Robertson County, Tenn., where he d. in 1890, m/1 May 9, 1833, Wilmoth Edwards (1815-1844) and they had three children:

1.—Miranda Bell (1835-1911).
2.—Charles C. Bell (1838-1912).
3.—William H. Bell (1843-1844).

Joel Egbert Bell m/2 Sept. 23, 1847, Rebecca T. Williams (b. 1822). About 1855 he sold his farm in the west end of the county and moved to a large brick dwelling at the crossroads about four miles north of Springfield, Tenn.

IV.—MIRANDA BELL (#1 above), b. Dec. 25, 1835, d. March 6, 1911, m. Oct. 1, 1852, James Knox Polk (1830-1886). Their daughter:

V.—BELLE VIRGINIA POLK (1860-1924) m. Jan. 2, 1879, Eppa Lawson Fort (1858-1935), son of Ilai Metcalfe Fort and Charlotte Warren Dancy. Contributed by Combs L. Fort, Nashville, Tenn.

Appendix

Other Fort Families in the United States

With the possible exception of Abraham Fort of Boston whose marriage to Hannah Hutchinson took place in the 1650's (and another noted later), Elias Fort is the first of the name on the North American continent. Yet there are a number of other Fort groupings whose progenitors also were here quite early.

These other Fort families are said to have originated with:

1. Jean Le Fort (alias Liberte), whose first record is on a deed in Canastagione, New York, dated June 10, 1684. This property is situated on the north bank of the Mohawk River in the southeast corner of the present town of Clifton Park, Saratoga County. This Fort group in 1850 was still concentrated in Albany and upstate New York. Almost surely Jean was a Huguenot.

2. Jacques du Fort, a Huguenot minister, who migrated from La Rochelle, France, to South Carolina in 1692. He joined a substantial Huguenot colony in South Carolina, and his descendants remained in South Carolina in large part.

3. Bartholomew Feurt, a Huguenot, who was born by 1676 and probably earlier and was in New York as early as 1697. The early history of this family is closely associated with Somerset County, New Jersey, with Washington County, Pennsylvania, with Scioto County, Ohio, and with Tyler County, West Virginia.

4. Roger Fort, believed to be of Welsh descent and who settled in Burlington County, New Jersey about 1698-1700. His descendants in the early years were found largely in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

5. Samuel Fort of Maryland, whose first record there is dated December 12, 1746. There is a possibility that this line is connected with that of George (see Section 3) or with one of the others.

Still more lines may exist.

The best known sketch on Jean Le Fort and his immediate descent is in "Colonial New York" by George W. Schuyler, published 1885 by Charles Scribner's Sons.

The author of the sketch was unable to explain why Jean signed himself "alias Liberte" throughout most of his life. The documents show the final name variously as Le Fort, La Fort, and de Fort but never without the "alias Liberte". It may have been a second name, picked up in refugee wanderings in Canada.

Jean married Margaret Rinckhout, member of a Dutch family, and with her joined the Dutch Protestant church at Albany. The last of their children was baptized September 3, 1699. Jean made his will November 3, 1706, which was recorded October 3, 1707. The will lists these children:

1) Annatje (Anna?)
2) Johannes (John), who married Rebecca Van Antwerpen.
3) Abraham, who married Anna Barber Clute.
4) Jacob, who died May 17, 1760 and who married first Sara de Wandelier and second Maritje Oosterhout.
5) Mary, who married Johannes Vedder.

6) Daniel, who married Gerritje Van den Bergh.

7) Isak, who married first Joan Viele and second Sara Viele.

Jacob Fort, above, had Elizabeth, born March 5, 1727, married Jacob Van Woert; John, born October 22, 1728; Abraham, born February 3, 1731, who married Sara Van Woert and on July 1, 1758, Eva Bennewe; Margaret, born March 24, 1734; Harman, born January 8, 1737, married Rebecca Van Woert.

Abraham Fort, son of Jacob, had a daughter Margaret and another daughter, born November 18, 1754, by his first wife. By his second, he had Sara, Jacob and Annatje.

Jacob, son of Abraham, had Jenny, born December 21, 1784; Jane; Abraham, born 1799 and lived in Virginia, married Abby Rogers; and Eveline, born April 22, 1801, who married Douw Van Vechten.

Harman Fort, son of Jacob, had: Hendrika, born June 6, 1761, married John H. Schuyler June 6, 1786; Sara, born January 11, 1763, married Dr. Reuben Schuyler; Jacob, born July 22, 1764, died October 14, 1804; Maritje, born May 3, 1766; Margreta, born June 24, 1768, died young; Annatje, born March 29, 1770, married John H. Schuyler June 10, 1800; and Maritje, born December 18, 1771.

Descendants of Jean Le Fort, including one careful researcher, said the family was originally French and the true name Le Forte. They emigrated to Holland at the time of the Huguenot persecution, and thence to America.

Jacques du Fort, the Huguenot minister, is known to have emigrated from La Rochelle, France; proof of his sailing to Carolina in 1692 was found in La Rochelle by Lt. Col. James Rast. This descent was not available to the authors, but it is known that the Huguenot Society of South Carolina has a number of records pertaining to him. According to one source, the family dropped the "du" for much of the 19th century but started using it again toward the latter part.

Bartholomew Feurt, whose descendants anglicized the name to "Fort" and "Fourt" in many cases, acquired land in New York City and Bergen County, New Jersey. He was a member of the French Protestant "Eglise Francoise a la Nouvelle York" in 1702; this church is now located at 111 East 60th Street and since 1804 has been Episcopal.

Bartholomew died testate in New York between November 28, 1712, when he made his will, and September 23, 1713, when it was recorded.

He married Magdelaine Pieret, daughter of Pierre Pieret and Marguirite de la Tour and by her had Peter, Bartholomew, Francis, Margareta, and Magdalena. Baptismal records for most of these children appear in the New York church.

Margareta or Marguerite was born November 12, 1702. Peter was born November 27, 1703; he worked as a goldsmith in New York and Philadelphia.

Magdalena, thought to be a daughter of Bartholomew, may actually have been the wife of Francis Fort, a son. Francis was born March 6, 1707. Prior to 1735 he moved to Somerset County, New Jersey. While no definite proof has been found, it appears virtually certain that he had two sons, Thomas and Bartholomew. The descendants of Thomas and Bartholomew lived in Somerset County and Scioto County, Ohio, as well as other places. Some were members of the Dutch church at Ten Mile Run, Somerset County.

Sources offered by Sam M. Myers, Stillwater, Oklahoma, a descendant, show that Bartholomew Feurt came originally from Bruges, Flanders.

The authors encountered a family of Forts in Montgomery County, Kentucky in the 1820 period who frequently used "Fourt" as a spelling. The frequent appearance of the names Francis and Peter in this group suggests a connection with the Bartholomew group where these same names were popular.

Roger Fort of Burlington, County, New Jersey is said to have been of Welsh descent according to a history of Orange, New Jersey written by Whitmore. He appears in New Jersey about 1700 and died testate, his will being probated May 16, 1749. He is known to have had:

1) Joseph Fort.

2) Joanna Fort, who married John Lee about 1727.

3) Esther Fort, who married Stephen Murphey, then Thomas Berkenshea.

4) John Fort, who married Hannah Mariott. He was born about 1706 and died 1780 in Burlington, New Jersey. His children were John Fort, Abraham Fort, Anna Fort, Hannah Fort (all baptized in 1746), Marmaduke Fort, Lettice Fort, Jane Fort, and Levina Fort.

5) Roger Fort, who married Joanna Lebby.

6) Marmaduke Fort, who married Mary Cousins. He was born about 1714 and died 1796; in 1793 he was living in or near Philadelphia. His children were John Fort, baptised 1746; Samuel Fort, born about 1742, who married Avis Burdsal; John Fort, born about 1745, who married Margaret Heisler; Elizabeth Fort, born about 1747, who married Joseph Betty; Mary Ann Fort, who married Henry Shinn; Marmaduke Fort, Jr., born about 1753, who married Achsah Bates; Thomas Fort; William Fort, born about 1759; and Joseph Fort, born about 1763, who married Hester Miller.

7) Edith Fort, who married Thomas Price.

Interestingly, a Bible record for the children of Marmaduke, son of Roger, shows the final name as "Foort" in all cases. This duplicates the spelling used in a number of the North Carolina records of descendants of Elias Fort of Virginia.

The authors did not check the point, but the famous collector of odd and supernatural happenings, Charles Fort, was from New Jersey and may be associated with this group (or with that of Bartholomew Feurt). His book "Lo!" created a sensation and resulted in the formation of the short-lived and somewhat faddish Forteian Society.

The Roger Fort line produced two governors of New Jersey: George Franklin Fort, born 1809, who served as governor 1851-1854; and John Franklin Fort, died 1923, who was governor 1908-1911. Among the names used frequently by this group were Franklin, Margaret, Andrew, Jacob and John.

While most searchers of this line credit Roger Fort with being the first of the group, the authors believe further checking might establish an earlier source. Lewis Boutwell of Baltimore, Maryland kindly undertook a search of Maryland records in an attempt to locate the origin of Samuel Fort who appears in a Maryland deed in 1745 (see below). While on this quest he checked "The Early Settlers of Maryland," a book giving names of people

who received land patents or who were transported by others in order to receive land.

Mr. Boutwell found "Marmaduke Fort" listed as having been transported to Maryland in 1653—also "John Fort" in 1678. So unique is the Marmaduke name in Fort records that a strong suspicion arises that Roger was the son or grandson of this first and earlier Marmaduke, later naming one of his sons for the immigrant.

Mr. Boutwell's research on Samuel Fort of Maryland was undertaken in order to see if this Samuel, who disappears from North Carolina records after 1719, could have been the son of George Fort (see Section 3.) No link was found.

Samuel Fort appears in one deed, dated December 12, 1746, in which he received land from William Rogers. Samuel is described as a "planter, of Baltimore County." He made his will January 8, 1748 (recorded April 4, 1749) and left bequests to his wife (not identified); his sons Samuel, Benjamin, and Richard; and "to such younger child or children," indicating his wife was pregnant at the time. Mr. Boutwell checked subsequent deeds up to 1800; these showed an Elizabeth Fort and John Fort, among others, and indicated a connection with the Bramwell family.

The name is given as "Fortt" in these documents up until about 1800 when the simpler spelling "Fort" is adopted.

Various attempts have been made to tie two or more of these groups together. If indeed there was a connection, it likely will have to be found in Europe or the United Kingdom.

Forts Who Served in the American Revolution

During the course of researching this volume the authors encountered a number of references to descendants of Elias Fort who served in the military forces during the American Revolution. As an aid to those who might be interested in establishing descent from such men, a list was made. The list may not cover all such, and it omits soldiers who married Fort girls though a number of these are mentioned in the text.

Military service was of two kinds: in the Continental Army—the national military force under Washington—and in militia units which were under local commanders and under state authority. The latter troops were summoned from civilian life on need and usually were discharged after completion of the mission at hand. Typically, militiamen were used for guard duty, protection against loyalist groups or soldiers, and patrolling. However, at times they fought all-out engagements either alone or side-by-side with units of the Continental Army.

The National Archives at Washington contain brief records of service on thousands of Revolutionary soldiers. These normally contain no genealogical information. In some cases, however, the Archives also have pension applications from either the soldier himself or his widow. These always reveal the county from which the soldier entered service and usually tell what residences he subsequently had. They may provide genealogical information of other kinds as well.

The veteran applying for a pension had to provide enough information to permit Federal authorities to substantiate his service. This was usually done through giving the approximate dates on which he entered service and officers or men with whom he served. These incidental mentions of colleagues are often the only source of fact about their participation in the war.

Applications by widows sometimes were accompanied by Bible records that provide helpful information.

The various state archives also are valuable source points. Revolutionary veterans could apply for land grants in recognition of their service, and these records provide proof of participation. South Carolina has, in addition, "stub indents" which show small payments made to militiamen.

Genealogical collections in libraries often contain books listing all the known Revolutionary soldiers from that state. The "Patriots Index" published by the Daughters of the American Revolution contains a large list, but this book omits many whose descendants have not claimed DAR membership or whose existence simply hasn't been called to the DAR's attention.

In giving the Fort list below, names were divided into two groups. The first consists of those who are firmly identified and whose military service is known to be documented. Some of these names are marked with an asterisk. This means that their military service is known to have been already accepted by the DAR.

The other group consists of men who, according to one or more secondary sources, served in the Revolution but who are either not firmly identified or whose service is not yet known to have been documented. Further digging may move them into the other group.

Identified and Service Documented.

* 1. ALBERT FORT, son of Elias and Lucy (Section III), served from South Carolina. His National Archives file is S-6847-NA.

* 2. ARTHUR FORT, son of Arthur and Winefred (Section II), saw service in both South Carolina and Georgia. Archives in both states carry proof.

3. EGBERT FORT, son of Elias and Lucy (Section III), served in South Carolina. State Archives at Columbia should be able to provide proof. The authors have the following reference numbers, which may refer to stub indents, land claims or files: SE-Q-304 and AA-2500.

* 4. ELIAS FORT of Edgecombe County, N.C., later of Tennessee, son of Elias and "Cathron" (Sections III and IV). A corporal, his service is documented in the National Archives.

* 5. FREDERICK FORT of Sussex County, Virginia, later of Wake County, N.C., served as a captain. He was the son of Holliday Fort (Section I). His is the only Fort name listed on the Roll of Honor at the DAR chapel at Valley Forge.

6. JESSE FORT, son of Elias and Olive (Section II), served in South Carolina from Camden County (District). Proof should be available from the archives at Columbia.

* 7. JOHN FORT of Virginia and Wake County, N.C., son of Holliday Fort (Section I), served from Virginia. Proof is believed to be in a pension application filed by his widow, Franky Broadwell Fort, now in the National Archives.

8. LEWIS FORT of Southampton County, Virginia (Section I), son of John and Olive, served in the forces. See National Archives File W-24223-NA.

* 9. MICAJAH FORT of Halifax County, N.C. (Section II), son of Elias and Olive, is known to have served. Proof exists either in the National Archives or the Department of Archives and History, Raleigh.

10. OWEN FORT, son of Arthur and Winefred (Section II), served in South Carolina. The State Archives at Columbia should contain proof.

11. SHERWOOD FORT, son of Elias and Ann, of Halifax County, N.C. and later of Cumberland County (Section II) has a pension application in the National Archives, File S-6847-NA.

*12. TURNER FORT, son of Elias and Ann Fort, who lived in Southampton County, Virginia, and Halifax and Anson Counties, North Carolina, (Section I), was a Revolutionary musician. Records are in the National Archives, File W-7295-NA.

Not Well Identified or Documentation Not Known to be Established.

1. A. H. FORT was listed by a private searcher as having had South Carolina militia service. A query to the South Carolina Archives produced nothing. However, the searcher offered the reference number AA-3738-A, which may refer to stub indents, land grants, or other numbered materials; the Archives may still turn up a record. If such person existed and is found to be "Arthur Holmes Fort", the information may help with part of the Drury Fort puzzle discussed in Section II.

2. ALLEN FORT is listed on a roster of North Carolina militia, published in book form. He may or may not be the son of Micajah Fort of Halifax County (Section II).

3. ALSTON FORT is named in the "Revolutionary War Records of North Carolina", page 418. He probably was associated with the Turner Fort group in Anson County.

4. BENJAMIN FORT, who probably can be established as the son of William Fort of Wayne County (Section III), is listed in a published roster of North Carolina soldiers.

5. DAVID FORT is shown in "Revolutionary War Records of North Carolina", page 380. He served in the Continental Army from Newbern District. His identity, if established, might offer help with the antecedents of John Fort of St. James Santee Parish, S.C. Deed records for John in Charleston County indicate association with a David Fort.

6. DUNN FORT of Edgefield District, South Carolina, served in a militia company commanded by Captain William Butler. Butler appears in various records associated with Arthur and Drury Fort (Section II). This soldier has not been identified though a "Duncan Fort" appears in Georgia records.

7. ELIAS FORT of Halifax County, N.C., has been listed as a sergeant in a published roster of North Carolina troops. He has not been definitely identified.
8. ELIAS FORT (spelled FOORT) served in the South Carolina militia. The reference number AA-6030 (possibly a stub indent, land grant or file number) was offered for him. State Archives at Columbia may yield more information. He was likely either the son of Elias and Lucy (Section III) of Darlington, or was "Eli" Fort, son of Arthur and Winefred of Edgefield District (Section II).
9. HOWELL FORT of Southhampton County, Virginia, son of Elias and Ann (Section I), was listed by a searcher as having had Revolutionary service along with his brothers John and Turner Fort. The authors speculated that he may be the "Nowel" Fort listed in a published roster of North Carolina soldiers, but this may not be so. A check of Virginia and North Carolina records and the National Archives might develop more facts.
10. JOHN FORT served as a lieutenant in the North Carolina militia from Wilmington District (such judicial districts covered a very large territory, not one town or county alone). Descendants of John Fort, son of Joseph of Robeson County, say he had Revolutionary service. The two men may be the same.
11. JOHN FORT of Southampton County, Virginia (Section I). See notes under Howell Fort, above. No further information is on hand.
12. JOHN FORT served in the Continental Army from North Carolina. He may be identical with John Fort of Southampton, who may have moved south.
13. JOHNSTON FORT was named by a private searcher as having had militia service in South Carolina. Source of the information is not known, and he remains unidentified.
14. MOSES FORT, probably the son of Arthur and Winefred (Section 2), is shown as a captain in a pension application filed by James Eidson and probably in the latter's National Archives file. Eidson's service was from Edgefield District, South Carolina. He may or may not be identical with a Moses Fort of Cheraws District who served as a private; the latter's service is documented with the State Archives at Columbia.
15. NOWEL FORT is not identified—see note under Howell Fort, above. His true name, if not Howell, was probably "Noel", and he was likely connected in some fashion with the Arthur Fort-Pace family while in Johnston and Dobbs Counties, North Carolina. He is listed in a published roster of North Carolina soldiers.
16. THOMAS FORT is listed in "Revolutionary War Records of North Carolina", page 335. His identity has not been established though he likely connects with the Fort groups in Sampson or Bladen counties.
17. WILLIAM FORT of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, is listed in a published roster of North Carolina troops. He probably is identical with the son of John and Anna who later moved to West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

Sources For This Book

The authors personally searched wills and deeds up to about 1820 in these Virginia counties: Isle of Wight, Surry, Southampton, Sussex, and Brunswick.

They employed a professional genealogist to abstract wills and deeds in Edgecombe and Halifax counties, North Carolina, up to about 1810.

A professional searcher checked for and abstracted Fort deeds and wills in North Carolina's State Archives. This was done for a number of counties and covering different periods of time. The counties covered included Wayne, Lenoir, Johnston, Bertie, Chowan, Wilson and Vance. The authors personally checked Cumberland County and Bertie County courthouses for wills and deeds up to 1800.

Northampton County, North Carolina wills and deeds were also checked up to about 1800.

Court minutes for Edgecombe County, North Carolina were consulted in their published extract form.

Wake and Wayne counties, North Carolina were not thoroughly checked for deeds, but the authors had access to Fort wills in those counties up to 1850.

The authors obtained photostats of all Fort wills in the five southside Virginia counties mentioned earlier. They also had copies of all Fort wills in North Carolina—or all they encountered—made before 1800, and a number after that date. All Fort wills prior to 1800 in the Charleston, S.C. Office of Mesne and Conveyance were obtained as were certain ones from various Georgia courthouses.

The genealogical card index at Atlanta's State Archives was consulted, but the archives themselves were not checked. Resources at the New York City Public Library, and the Atlanta and Dallas libraries were used extensively. Much less thorough usage was made of the DAR library in Washington and the Los Angeles, Detroit, and Denver libraries.

In general, the genealogy given in this volume is based on the original materials insofar as the pre-1800 period is concerned. After 1800 it rests in the main on published sources and on data furnished by amateur but competent searchers. Even in this latter period, however, questionable points were checked by queries to clerks, by obtaining copies of documents, and in other ways.

The major omission in the research lies with court minutes in counties heavily populated with the family. Such records are seldom indexed and require large amounts of time to read. It is possible that some of the remaining genealogical problems will yield to a check of such minutes.

Another largely untapped resource was in newspaper files.

The 1790 census was consulted in all states; special searches were made of census schedules in certain counties: Logan, Scott, Franklin, and Crawford counties in Arkansas. A check of 1850 census schedules in some areas might produce helpful fact.

While it is possible that searches of court minutes, newspapers and censuses might resolve a few of the puzzles described in this volume, the chief source for the uncertainty on some lines is sheer absence of records.

Destruction of records for James City County in Virginia may well have blocked all attempts to "cross the water" to England. Nansemond County, Virginia may have held Fort records prior to destruction of its documents. In North Carolina there are missing records from early Albemarle County (Chowan Precinct) that left loose ends in the descent from the first George. Hertford County destruction added to the problem. Loss of Dobbs County, North Carolina records probably makes it impossible to tie down the descent from Thomas Fort of the John line.

Beyond such county losses is the absence of wills or estate administrations in counties whose records survived. Edgefield County, S.C. produced nothing showing the descent from Drury Fort, and Christian County, Kentucky yielded nothing of a conclusive nature on the descent from Jesse and Micajah Fort.

The various "Authors' Notes" discussions mention many of the published sources of information on the family. The most significant of these, however, are worth noting further.

Kate Haynes Fort's "Memoirs of the Fort-Fannin Family" was published about 1890 and has not been reprinted. It deals entirely with the Georgia descendants of Arthur Fort (Section II of this book). It can be found in the better genealogical collections.

John Bennett Boddie, a professional genealogist, wrote a series of books dealing with family records in Virginia counties on the south side of the James River. These include "Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County," "Southside Virginia Families" (in two volumes), and "Notable Southern Families." Each of these contains numerous mentions of the Fort family; a chapter in "Southside Virginia Families"—provided by the late Lewis D. Fort—deals with the Fort family. The books also contain much information on many families associated by marriage or friendship with the Forts. They may be found in nearly all genealogical collections, and have been reprinted by the Genealogical Publishing Company of Baltimore.

The massive "Battle Book," a genealogy of the Battle family, has data on more than 150 Forts, nearly all of them descendants of Elias Fort of Tennessee (Section IV of this book).

Beyond these, published works give only fragmentary information on individual Forts.

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By some names, grouped pages are given (such as 321-34), indicating frequent reference to the individual therein, although he may not appear on each page. More than one reference to the same person may appear on a page. Wives are indexed by maiden names where known, otherwise by married name. Check alternate spellings of family names; the Digges (Degge, Degges, Diggs) and Wimberly (Wimberley) families particularly were prone to changing spellings in early generations. Where different persons of the same name appear, identifying material is given in parenthesis if possible. Abbreviations: h (husband); w (wife); d (daughter); s (son); m (mother); f (father); dil (daughter-in-law); sil (son-in-law); gs (grandson); gd (granddaughter); b (brother); n (nephew). Certain legal, clerical, military title abbreviations are used where they may offer easier identification. Individuals known only by surnames are listed first with identifying connections.

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