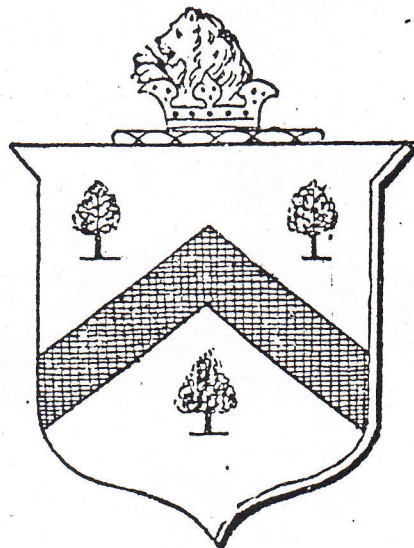


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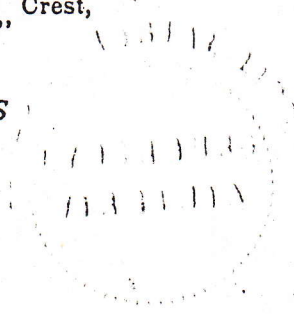
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We give the arms of Thornton, "of the Hills, Yorkshire, England," as shown in the general Glossary, which are described as: "Argent, a chevron sable between three hawthorne trees, ppr. Crest, out of a Ducal crown, the head of a lion, ppr."

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## Foreword

In preparing this brief genealogical record it was not the purpose of the writer to present an extensive "family history," but merely to arrange in concise form a record which would enable the various branches of the family to trace their antecedents and family connections back at least to the original Thornton family in America, and thence to its origin in England. How well I have succeeded will be left for the reader to judge. If there are errors or omissions, the fault is not mine but that of my informants, as I have spent a good deal of time and energy in an effort to make this work as complete as possible. This has been a labor of love on my part and I do not seek financial compensation for myself. The price asked for this little book is intended merely to reimburse me for my actual expenditures in collecting this information and distributing the work. Had there been a market for a larger edition the price might have been proportionately lower, but as the information contained herein is of interest only to the family, only a very limited number of copies can be disposed of, and the printers charge almost as much for a few copies as they would for a thousand, the biggest part of the cost being in the type-setting and getting the presses ready for the "run."

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# Thornton

The following bit of genealogical history of the Thornton family is taken from the genealogical column of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch, of Sunday, Oct. 23, 1904:

The Thorntons, of East Newton, Yorkshire, England, as taken from Yorkshire records, can be traced from 1300, when William Thornton, Lord of East Newton, born 1313, died 1333, married Isabella, daughter and co-heir of William D. Newton, who died 1336. From them was a son Thomas, who died 1345; he married Joan Miller. Their son Robert succeeded his heirless brother as Lord of East Newton 1374. Their son was also Robert, who married Isabel de Gray; he died 1418. Their son was the third Robert Thornton, Lord of East Newton 1418; he married, first, Agnes, second, Isabel. From them was William Thornton, who married Ann Oldborough; his will was probated 1487. He settled East Newton on his son Robert, born 1454, and married Jane Laton. Francis Thornton, their son, of "Thornton on the Hill," married a daughter of Thomas Delovier. Their son, William, married Barbara —; his will was probated May 30, 1600, and dated May 5th. From them was William Thornton, gentleman, of the "Hills," Yorkshire, who emigrated to Virginia and settled in York county 1646, in Pentworth Parish, now Gloucester county. He built his house four miles north of Gloucester Point, which he

called "The Hills," after his English home. In after life he moved to Stafford county. He married three times and had nineteen children.

Roland married Eliza Fleming, but left no issue.

Francis, born November 5, 1651, settled in Stafford county some time before 1700; he married, first, Alice, daughter of Captain Savage, of Gloucester county, and had issue; secondly, Miss Jane Harvey, from whom no issue.

Francis (second) Thornton, born 1680, known as "Colonel Francis Thornton, of Snow Creek," Caroline county, Va., married Mary Taliaferro, daughter of Colonel Robert Taliaferro, who emigrated to Gloucester 1636, and married a daughter of the Rev. Charles Grymes.

The children of Colonel Francis Thornton and Mary Taliaferro were:

1. William, who was the father of Francis Thornton, who married Frances Gregory.
2. Alice Thornton, who was the grandmother of General Zachery Taylor.
3. A daughter, who married Mr. Slaughter.
4. Elizabeth, who married Thomas Meriwether.
5. John, married Mildred Gregory.
6. A daughter, who married Mr. Woodfolk.
7. Mildred Thornton, who married, first, Nicholas Meriwether, and then, second, Dr. Thomas Walker, of "Castle Hill," Albemarle, county Va.

By the marriage of Elizabeth Thornton and Thomas Meriwether, of Louisa county, were a daughter Lucy, who married Colonel William Lewis, the father of Captain Meriwether Lewis, the explorer. Their daughter,

Jane Lewis, married Edmund Anderson, who was the father of Dr. Meriwether Lewis Anderson, who married Mrs. Lucy Harper, and were the parents of the present Anderson descendants in Albemarle.

An eighth child of Colonel Francis Thornton, of "Snow Creek," was Reuben Thornton, who married Eliza Gregory, daughter of Mildred Washington Lewis and her second husband, Roger Gregory.

Elizabeth Thornton, who married Thomas Meriwether, was the mother of the noted Albemarle Meriwethers, William Douglas, Thomas, of "Green Springs," Louisa county; Nicholas Hunter, Charles and Francis. From William Douglas was Dr. Tom Meriwether, of "Kinlock"; from Thomas was Peter Meriwether, of "Cismont"; from Charles, was Charles Meriwether, of "Rouge Mont," all of whom settled along the beautiful Southwest Mountains of Albemarle, always celebrated for its "old time" refined and hospitable society.

The Taliaferro family, with whom the Thorntons united, was of less celebrity. Their name from the Italian, "Taglioferro," meaning hard or sharp as iron, fully exemplifies their character, as most bold and determined through the revolutionary struggle. Colonel Lawrence Taliaferro was an early fighter with the Indians. He died 1744, in his fifty-seventh year. His daughter, Annie, married William Fitzhugh, from whom many of that famous family are descended.

Capt. Savage, referred to above, was brother to Elizabeth, queen of Edward IV (who was mother of the two princes smothered in the "Tower" by their

uncle, Richard II).

Margaret, daughter of Francis and Alice (Savage) Thornton, married William Strother, Jr. To this union were born, William Strother III, who married Margaret Watis; Francis, who married Susannah Dabney; Anthony, born in 1710, married Beluthland Storke; Benjamin, married Mary (Mason) widow of George Fitzhugh.

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The Times-Dispatch of Sunday, April 30, 1911, gives the following:

William Thornton took up land in Gloucester in 1704. The Thorntons, of Stafford, King George, Richmond, Northumberland, Essex, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Orange, Culpeper, Madison, Brunswick are descended of this William, grantee of 1704.

William Thornton, Sr., is memorialized forever by a paper which he signed in York county on May 11, 1646. By this writing he pledged himself to care for the cattle of John Liptrot until he (John Liptrot) should come of age. What a small transaction survives the wear and tear of time and war, etc.!

Twenty years later this William Thornton takes up land in Gloucester, in Pettsworth Parrish, and becomes a vestryman of Pettsworth church. And in his old age (1708) William Thornton, the emigrant, removed to Stafford county.

His son, William Thornton (2), remained in Gloucester. He was born in 1649, and married three times. Time has not been as kind to the ladies of his choice as to John Liptrot and his cattle, for the name of each

wife is absolutely lost. There is a family Bible, once belonging to this remote gentleman, in which he recorded the names of his sixteen children; took the entire credit of their existence to himself, and never once mentioned the name of a blessed wife or mother. In this age it might have been the other—never this—way.

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## Family Records

From this point we are enabled to take up the actual records as kept by the various branches of the family.

William Thornton, Jr., referred to above as William Thornton (2), was married to his first wife on Aug. 1st, 1671. He writes in the family record: "My first wife was five years younger than myself. She departed this life the 14th day of Jan. 1687." To this union was born the following: Elizabeth, August 26, 1672; Margaret, August 14, 1674; Mary, May 11, 1676; Esther, Jan. 6, 1677; Sarah, Aug. 17, 1679; Jane, Aug. 11, 1681; Judith, Oct. 22, 1683; Anne, June 15, 1685; William, Sept. 1, 1686.

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Of the foregoing the following information is obtainable regarding the descendants of Elizabeth:

Elizabeth Thornton, born August 26, 1672, eldest daughter of William Thornton, Jr., of Pettsworth Parrish, Gloucester, was married on Thursday, June 3,

1697, to Edward Carter, eldest son of Captain Thomas and Catherine Dale Carter, of Lancaster, whose birth is recorded in the old Carter prayer-book (printed in 1662) as follows: "Edward ye eldest Sonne of Tho: and Kathe. Carter was born ye 9h Apill 1671 of a Sunday at 8 aClock in ye Morning and was baptz on Sunday the 30h. Mr. John Carter Mr. Edw: Conaway & Mr. Edw: Dale Gdathers, & Mrs. Diana Dale & Ms Lettys Corbyn GdMothers." Edward and Elizabeth Thornton Carter had issue as follows: Margaret, born June 1, 1698; Katherine and Thomas (twins), born February 1, 1699-1700 (really 1700); Judith, born June 22, 1702; Edward, born August, 1704, and Elizabeth, born May 8, 1708. They also seem to have had at least one other son, William Carter, who died in 1756. The twins are spoken of as having been born in Gloucester at Mr. William Thornton's; also Margaret and Judith. From Edward and Elizabeth Thornton Carter, through their son Thomas, are descended many well known Virginians and South Carolinians of today, among whom may be mentioned the Knights, of Richmond and Farmville; the Wingos, childrer of ex Governor O'Ferrall; Olivers, Tuggles, Carters, Stokes, Bacous and others of Nottoway, Mecklenburg and Prince Edward, through Edward and Elizabeth's grandson, Raleigh Carter, who married Sarah Sharpe, a ward of James Ball, in September, 1765, and removed to that part of Amelia which became Nottoway in 1788, where he died about 1820, leaving a 1,600-acre plantation and 125 servants. Alice Carter, a granddaughter of Edward and Elizabeth, married a Griggs, of Lancaster.

William Thornton, Jr., was married to his second wife the 11th day of April, 1689, she being fifteen years younger than himself. She died Nov. 10, 1708. He was married the third time on Oct. 14, 1720, his third wife being 14½ years younger than himself. He died Feb. 15, 1727.

To his second union were born the following; Susannah, June 11, 1690; Frances, June 2, 1692; Seth, Oct. 13, 1694; William and Prudence (twigs), March 31, 1699; John, April 1701; Johanna, Dec. 3, 1703.

The above William Thornton, Jr., was vestryman of Pettsworn Parish in 1677; Francis Thornton in 1714; Seth in 1719; William in 1723; Thomas in 1743; William 1748; John in 1772; Sterling in 1776; Presley in 1784; Mary in 1784.

William Thornton (twin) born in 1699, died in 1745. The inscription on his tombstone says: "Here lyethe the body of Mr. William Thornton who married the youngest daughter of Mr. John Meux by whom he had eight children. Two of them lyethe on his left hand and the others are as follows:

"Elizabeth, Anne, William, Meux, Richard and John. He was a loving husband, a tender father and a kind neighbor. He died May ye 3rd, 1745, aged 46 years."

Meux Thornton was vestryman in 1784, in room of his father-in-law, Dr. Richard Jones (who resigned), and continued until his death in 1803, when he was buried by the Masons of Botetourt Lodge at Clay Bank.

Francis Thornton, son of William Thornton Jr.,

(referred to as No. 2) born 1692 and died in 1737. He, too, was a vestryman of Pettsworth Parish, probably living on the 1704 land grant. He married (name of wife unknown) and had William (4), who removed from Gloucester to Brunswick county and was a member of the House of Burgesses, 1756, 1762, 1765, 1767, 1768. He married Jane, a daughter of Sterling Clack, for some time clerk of Brunswick county. He also had other sons and daughters, namely: Francis, born April 10, 1739; James, July 11, 1741; John, Sept. 12, 1744; Elizabeth, March 23, 1746. Francis, the first son, died July 16, 1746. Francis, born Aug. 22, 1747; Mary, born Dec. 1st, 1749, died Dec. 15, 1749; William (5), born June 14, 1751; Sterling Clack, Aug. 12, 1753; Reuben, March 28, 1756; Anne Sterling, March 27, 1758; Mary, July 21st, 1760; Jane, Jan. 9, 1763; Peter Presley, Nov. 1, 1765.

Jane (Clack) Thornton, mother of the above named children, was born Jan. 9, 1721, and married William Thornton (4) June 25, 1738. She was a descendant of James Clack, who was rector of Ware Parish from 1679 to 1723. The tomb of the Rev. James stands at Ware church and the inscription is:

Here lyeth the Body of  
James Clack, son of William and Mary  
Clack, who was born in the Parish  
of Marden - - - miles from  
the Devezes, in the County  
of Wilts.

He came out of England in August,  
1678. Arrived in Virginia upon New

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Year's Day following; came into  
the Parish of Ware on Easter,  
where he continued minister  
near forty-five  
years, till he  
Died.

He departed this life on the 20th day  
of December, in the year of our  
Lord God 1723, in hopes of a  
joyful Resurrection to Eternal  
Life, which God grant  
him for his Blessed  
Redeemer's Sake  
Amen.

It must be a satisfaction to all descendants of this  
Reverend James and Mary Clack to know of this ponderous  
black marble tomb, still eloquent and appealing, at the  
corner of old Ware church. Many are the men, women and  
children who have read it as they lean against its heavy,  
defiant sides, hardly able to realize that this minister,  
James Clack, ever lived the common life as we live today.  
The Clacks and the Thorntons left Gloucester about the same time.

Sterling Thornton died in Pettsworth parish and made his will in 1790. He left one son (John). Sterling Thornton in his will speaks of his brother (John Seawell), which action of his shows how eager for relationship were folk of his day.

Jane Boswell first married his brother (baptismal name unknown) who died and she married secondly John

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Seawell, whom Sterling Thornton calls brother, and leaves John Seawell's children a part of his estate, should his own son John (6) die. His other legatees, (if his son should die,) are the children of his brother Francis (5) namely: James, Elizabeth, Anne and Francis. He also leaves a sum to "my relation, Mary Thornton."

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There are small facts constantly creeping out of old records which shows the care of Virginians for their faithful slaves. Sterling (5) Thornton in his will says: Item: I desire that my executor, (hereafter named,) do build a comfortable house 12 x 16 ft. for my negro w- cate and her children to live in, and that it be placed in the peach orchard, back of the garden, and that the said Cate be annually furnished out of my estate with two hundred weight of good pork, salt and meal, as well as clothes, and that it is my will that the said Cate may never be compelled to work unless she chooses, and that she may be found firewood.

Of this same parent stock are the Thorntons of Fall Hill near Fredericksburg, the Thorntons of "Northumberland House," inherited from the Presleys by inter marriage.

James, son of William (4) Thornton, born July 11, 1741, married April 6, 1762, (name of wife unknown). Mollie Jones, daughter of James Thornton, born April 1, 1764. Sallie, also a daughter, (date of birth not known.)

William (5) Thornton, son of William, (4) born June 14, 1751, married and had five children, name of first daughter not known; second daughter, Indiana;

William, (6) James and Richard are the three sons.

William (6) Thornton is the father of Col. John T. Thornton, of Farmville, Va., who was considered an able lawyer, strong debator and orator, a Whig in politics, delegate to Secession Convention, and by his eloquence and ability three times defeated the ordinance of secession, the last time by an overwhelming majority. He entered the Confederate army as captain of Prince Edward cavalry, rapidly rose to the rank of colonel of his regiment and was commanding the brigade as general on the day he was killed in the battle of "Frazier's Farm," falling in the arms of Capt. John Lamb. "Col. Jack" had the following sons:

William Mynn Thornton, M. A., LL. D., Professor of Mathematics at the University of Virginia, dean of the faculty for a number of years.

James Thornton, M. A., Professor of Mathematics at Hampden-Sydney.

Rev. Harry Thornton, Presbyterian missionary to the Eskimos and killed by them while defending a helpless little girl.

Prof. William Mynn Thornton has two sons, John Thornton, M. D., and William Mynn, Jr.

Francis, second son of William (4) Thornton, was born Aug. 22nd, 1747. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, being a member of Lee's Battalion of Light Dragoons. He is said to have married a Miss Lacy.

To this union were born, William Lacy, Aug. 10, 1769; Lucy, Aug. 17, 1773; John Wyatt, Oct. 14, 1775; Jane Clack, May 14, 1778; Anne Sterling, Dec. 17, 1780;



Sarah, Aug. 22, 1783; Richard and Susan (twins), Dec. 23, 1786; Presley, born in 1788; Francis, March 28, 1790.

John Wyatt, one of the above named children, married first, Betsy Vawter, daughter of Lemuel and Julia Wilson Vawter. To this Union were born: Anne Sterling, —; Mary Jane, June 4, 1824; Elizabeth, —; John Lemuel, May 29, 1829. The said John Wyatt Thornton married secondly, Agnes Paulette. Children to this union are as follows: Francis Holcombe, born Aug 25, 1832; Anne Richardson, Richard, Rebecca and Presley Lacy Wyatt.

Mary Jane Thornton, daughter of John Wyatt Thornton, married C. T. C. Carr, of Halifax county, Virginia, Feb. 15, 1843. He was the son of John and Catherine Royster Carr, of the same county. Below are given the names of the children of C. T. C. and Mary Jane Carr:

Sarah Emma, born Feb. 29, 1884; John Richard, Jan. 16, 1846; Henry Alexander, March 28, 1848; Rufus Bascom, July 1850; Mary Ella, March 27, 1852; Kate Alice, March 26, 1854; Robert Jennings, April 28, 1856; Nannie Lafayette, Jan. 7, 1858; Walter Christopher, July 18, 1859; Lola Jane, June 29, 1864.

Sarah Emma Carr first married Dr. Felix Flournoy Thornton. One child was born to this union. She married secondly, William Watkins Coates, Nov. 2, 1905. No issue.

John Richard Carr was a Confederate soldier, volunteering at the age of 17. He was clerk of Camp of Instruction (below Richmond) until 18, then joined

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Smith's Battalion and was stationed at Drewry's Bluff; died at 19, having served twelve months and one day. Henry Alexander Carr died at the age of nineteen, unmarried.

Rufus Bascom Carr married Fannie E. Hobson, daughter of Nathaniel R. and Sarah (FitzPatrick) Hobson. To this union were born the following: Henry Booker, Jan. 23, 1879; Fletcher Patrick, March 19, 1881; Rufus Bascom, Jr., Sept. 10, 1883; Jessie May, June 18, 1885; Sallie Joseph, Ella William, Emma Flournoy, Janie and Walter Maxwell.

Mary Ella Carr married Robert Francis Thornton, son of Francis F. and Huldah (Gunn) Thornton, of Halifax county, Virginia. He was a gallant soldier in the Civil War, joining Company F, 38th Virginia Regiment in 1861, at 17 years of age, and was commissioned lieutenant in 1862. He was wounded in the leg at Manassas, in the arm at Seven Pines, and lost an eye and was left on the field for dead while following the noble Armistead in the famous Pickett charge at Gettysburg. Only the timely arrival of Col. Joseph Cabell, who held him on his own horse and led him off the field of Car-nage, saved his life at that great battle. In 1864 he resigned as lieutenant in Lee's Army and joined an artillery company under Gen. Joe Johnston, with whom he surrendered near Wilmington, N. C., in 1865. He died April 10, 1910, in the 67th year of his age.

Born to Robert F. and Ella (Carr) Thornton are the following: Effie Flournoy, July 11, 1879; Joseph Cabell, March —, 1881; Jessie Mitchell June 21, 1883; John Francis, Oct. 8, 1887.

Effie Flournoy, eldest daughter of said Robert F. Thornton, married Dr. William A. Brumfield, of Pittsylvania county, Va., Nov. 2, 1898. They now live in Lynchburg, Va., and have this interesting family: Thelma Flournoy, born Feb. 6, 1900; Mary Ella, Jan. 5, 1902; William Andrew, Jr., April 14, 1905; Elizabeth Stuart, born Dec. 12 1907, and died Easter morning, 1908; Julia Craddock, Feb. 7, 1909; Robert Thornton, April 24, 1912; Emily Lyle, Nov. 24, 1916.

John Francis Thornton married Sallie Lillian Coates. Three children were born to this union, namely: Effie Lillian, Walter Francis, and Flournoy.

Kate Alice, third daughter of C. T. C. and Mary Jane Carr, married Thomas Henry Claytor, of Bedford county, Va., Aug. 14, 1877. To this union were born the following: Harry Addison, Aug. 7, 1878, Mary Emma, May 1, 1880; Felix Oct. 3, 1882; Hallie, Feb. —, 1885; Howard, Lola Walton and Frances Katherine.

Robert Jennings and Nannie Lafayette Carr both died in infancy.

Walter Christopher Carr unmarried.

Lola Jane Carr married William Marion Bates, of Halifax county, Va., Sept. 13, 1882. He was the eldest son of James Madison and Martha (Owen) Bates. There were ten children to this union, as follows: Thornton Owen, born July 6, 1883; Lottie May, June 14, 1885; William Marion, Jr., October 29, 1887; Ella Lillian, May 2, 1890; James Carr, June 5, 1892; Henry Emmett, Sept. 20, 1894; Grace Vawter, Nov. 18, 1896; a son, Nov. 7, 1899; Stanford Garland, March 29, 1901; Carolyn Bomar, born March 19, 1904, and died June 8, 1906.

James Carr Bates married Nellie Hackworth, of Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 24, 1912. One daughter to this union. Nora Devine, was born Dec. 16, 1913.

Lottie May Bates married Meade Randolph Flynn, a young lawyer of Danville, Va., now holdin; the position of Deputy Clerk of the United States Court, Feb. 23, 1913. Two children were born to this union: Randolph Thornton, Dec. 30, 1913; Jane Marirn, Sept. 7, 1915.

William Marion Bates, Jr., Married Myrtle Adams Aug. 30, 1916.

Dr. John Lemuel Thornton, only son of John Wyatt and Betsy Vawter Thornton, Charlotte county, Va., was a surgeon in Carter's company and served until his marriage (in 1862) to Saluda Garner. Twelve children were born to this union: Richard Presley, Willie Lemuel, Pattie Elisabeth, Anna Lyle, James Henry, Archer Thompson, John Alexander, Mary Lou, Roberta Alice, Susan Evelyn and Rebecca Sterling.

Dr. Richard Presley Thornton, born Sept. 13, 1863, married Lena Maud, daughter of C. H. and Lula Slato Jordan, June 5, 1889. Their children: Lucile, born 1890, married Robert Ogborn, of Winston-Salem; Irene Presley (2d daughter), married Overton Hubbard; John Lemuel, Richard Clement, Ben Jonston. Kenneth Jordan, James Alexander and Rebecca Saluda.

Willie L., 2d son, married Anna Collie Nov., 1891. A large family blesses this union.

Pattie Elisabeth died in infancy.

Anna Lyle married C. E. Bass, now of Indiana; four sons and four daughter to this union.

James Henry Thornton (another son) married; no issue.

Archer Thompson Thornton, also a son of Dr. John L., married Mabel Moseley, of Campbell county, Va. Their children: A. T., Jr., Marie, Elisebeth, Sterling, Briggs and T. Douglass.

John A., youngest son of Dr. J. L. Thornton, died at 15, in 1892.

Jennie Mitchell, 2d daughter, married W. W. Briggs, of North Carolina; no issue.

Mary Lou married Dr. W. T. Canada, of Chatham, Va. Louise, Thornton and Sarah are children of this union.

Roberta Alice married W. K. Payne, of Charlotte county, Va.; they have two boys.

Susan Evelyn married T. J. Bagby, of Richmond, Va.; one son and daughter.

Rebecca Sterling married T. D. Martin, of Chatham, Va., son of the late Dr. Raliegh Martin, of Lynchburg, Va.; they have three children.

Francis Holcombe Thornton, first son of John Wyatt and Agnes Paulette Thornton, was born August 25, 1832; married (first) Frances Virginia Gilliam somewhere about 1860; Laura, their first child, born March 1st, 1861; Edgar, October, 1862; Floyd Francis, February 4, 1864; Lacy Wirt, December 13, 1866; Louis D., November 9, 1868. The mother of these boys died April 12, 1871, and on February 23d, 1881. Francis Holcombe Thornton and Bettie S., daughter of Francis Baker Thornton, were united in marriage, no children living. Francis Holcombe Thornton was a member of

the 13th Virginia Regiment; he served from the beginning to the end of the civil war, and died at his home in Appomattox August 4th, 1905.

Richard Thornton, second son, died unmarried.

Presley L. W. Thornton married twice; two boys by first marriage. Second wife, Miss Anna Jones, a descendant of the Ratcliffes; two children, Lacy Bolling and Paulette Ratcliffe, were born to this union. Presley L. W. Thornton served through the Civil War; was severely wounded in the right arm. After the war he held a government position until the time of his death.

Anna Richardson, eldest daughter of the second marriage of John Wyatt Thornton, married William McGregor. Six children were born to this union

Cathrine Rebecca, youngest daughter of John Wyatt Thornton, married Mr. Hamilton, Confederate soldier; children as follows: John, Ellen, William, Sallie and Wirt.

Ellen married John Shorter, of Charlotte county, Va.; five children to this union were born, namely: Carrie, Frank, Woodson, Paul and Thornton. The first named married Henry Harvey, of Princeton; W. Va. Frank is a graduate of V. P. I. in agriculture and is serving his State as "Field Demonstrator" with headquarters at West Point.

Sarah Thornton, sister to John Wyatt Thornton, married Paschal Jennings. We know of only two children to this union: Elizabeth, who married Dr. Armistead, of Lynchburg, and Frank, who married (name of wife unknown). The former couple had several children, among them, Hetty. The latter couple only had one

daughter, Sallie Jennings, who married Major Moseley.

Dr. Richard (the twin—and seventh child of Francis Thornton) married first Miss Smith. Of this union there were seven children, namely: Robert B., born March 3, 1811; Francis Flournoy, born Nov. 9, 1813; Sarah, born April 30, 1822, and died at the age of 15 years; Rebecca W., born Nov. 7, 1816; Mary S., born May 18, 1820; Richard, born Nov. 10, 1824; Elvira Sterling, born June 1, 1830.

The above Dr. Richard Thornton married secondly Mrs. Sallie Puryear, who was formerly Sallie Lassiter; no issue. He settled in Halifax county about twenty miles from the county seat, where he lived and died. He is buried there by his first wife and several children in the family burying ground. Their graves are frequently visited by numerous grand-children and great-grand-children.

Dr. Robert B., his eldest son, married Frances Smith, of North Carolina. There were six children to this union, namely:

Samuel, the eldest and only son, was a Confederate soldier and was killed in battle.

Sallie Fannie married Col. Jeffress, of Nottoway county. Three children were born to this union, namely: Thornton, Fannie and Walter.

Bell, second daughter, married Mr. Lynn Hunt. They had one daughter, Emma Bell, who married Mr. Ned Jeffress, son of Col. Jeffress.

Another daughter married Mr. Graves. Several

children were born to this union, among them, Sterling Graves.

Signora, youngest daughter of Dr. Robert Thornton, married Maj. Hunt, of Milton, N. C. She died in the year 1915.

The above Dr. Robert Thornton lived and died in Milton, N. C.

Francis Flournoy, second son of Dr. Richard Thornton, of Halifax county, married Huldah Mitchell Gunn, of Yanceyville, N. C., Nov. 10, 1834. Four children to this union, as follows:

Richard Allen Thornton, born in 1836; joined 44th Alabama Regiment; served until taken prisoner at Chicago and remained a prisoner until the close of the war. Hethen went to Texas, where he met and married Mattie Carter, daughter of John and Judy (Nunneley) Carter. There were three boys to this union: Dr. John Franklyn, Dr. Lyle Gunn and Richard Halifax.

Dr. John Franklin Thornton, of Texas, died leaving a widow and one child.

Dr. Lyle Gunn Thornton, of West Point, Texas, married and has one child.

Richard Halifax Thornton was killed in a gravel yard at Seymour, Texas, at the age of 14 years.

Dr. Felix Flournoy Thornton, second son of Francis F. and Hilda (Gunn) Thornton, joined the 3d Virginia Cavalry, served until taken prisoner at Five Forks in Dinwiddie county, and remained a prisoner till the close of the war. He was born Nov. 15, 1839, married Emma Carr in 1869, died in 1899, age 59 years.

Sallie Lyle, only daughter of Francis F. and Hul-

dah (Gunn) Thornton, married first Jones M. Gunn, Jr., of Alabama, Feb. 13, 1861. One child to this union, Willie Hamlin, who died in infancy. The said Jones M. Gunn, Jr., was discharged from the army on account of ill health and died in October, 1863. In 1875 the above Sallie Lyle (Thornton) Gunn married Nathaniel R. Hobson, of Campbell county, Virginia, there being four children to this union: Bettie Mitchell, Sallie Lou, Frank Thornton and Mary Emma.

Robert Francis, youngest son of Francis F. and Huldah (Gunn) Thornton, married Mary Ella Carr. (See page 17.)

Rebecca Thornton, eldest daughter of Dr. Richard Thornton, of Halifax, married Don Peters, of Lynchburg, Va., son of Elisha and Cynthia Peters; one son, "Pat," to this union.

Mary, second daughter of the above Dr. Richard Thornton, married Dr. Alexander Lemuel Peters, brother of Don Peters. He was born and raised in Bedford county. Graduated at the University of Virginia and located at Meadville, Va., Halifax county, where he followed the practice of medicine till his death in 1885. To the above union were born the following children:

Sallie Cynthia, who first married Mr. John Chapell, of Charlotte county, Va. Two children to this union, John, Jr., and Julian. Secondly she married Mr. Jero White, of Halifax county. Six children to this union: Jero, Jr., Sallie Lillian, Elisha Peters, James Bannister, Nannie Alexander and Thornton.

Jero, Jr., married Lona Walker. Eight children

to this union: Anna Estelle, who died Sept. 30, 1915, in the 20th year of her age; Sallie Thalia, Jero Walker, Willie Carroll, Ozelia Virginia, Thornton Peters, Lillian Elizabeth and Judith Caroline.

Sallie Lillian married Jero Lovelace, of Halifax county. Two sons to this union, James and Donald.

James Bannister married Beulah Jones, of Danville, Va. No issue.

Elisha died unmarried.

Nannie Alexander married Leslie Young, of Richmond, Va. Two daughters to this union; Dorothy and Anne.

Richard Thornton Peters, son of Dr. Alex. Peters, married Bettie White. They had several children, among them, Rebecca, who married Henry Howard, of South Boston, Va. Only one child to this union, Thomas O'Connor, now a young man.

Another daughter, "Ritchie" Peters, married Mr. Gwathney, a Baptist minister. There was also a son, William Peters.

Rebecca Anne, youngest daughter of Dr. Alexander and Mary (Thornton) Peters, married first Henry Gunn, of Alabama. He was a Confederate soldier, being a member of 44th Alabama Regiment. Three children born to this union:

Mary Rebecca, who married Rev. Henry J. Brown, a Methodist minister. To this union are seven children, namely: Mary, who married Mr. Bruce, of Scottsville, Va.; Anne Hatcher; Edward, who is assistant teacher of mathematics at the University of Virginia; Sallie, Henry, James and Helen.

Jones, the first son of Henry and Nannie (Peters) Gunn, died at the age of 3 years.

Dr. Henry Lewis Gunn, second son, married Mrs. Rosa Moore—nee Miss Lovelace. Four children to this union.

Rebecca Anne Peters, widow of H. L. Gunn, married, secondly, Capt. Williams, of Texas. No issue. Her brother, Alexander Peters, married a lady of Chicago. No issue.

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Richard Thornton, youngest son of Dr. Richard Thornton, of Halifax, married Priscilla Grammar. He was a lawyer by profession and practiced law at Houston. Two sons and two daughters to this union: Maria Ellen, Mary Rebecca, Robert Grammar and Richard. Robert Grammar, married Camilla Presley Tuggle, of Prince Edward county. Richard, Jr., married Miss Edmunds, of Houston, Va. Two children to this union: Mamie, who married Mr. Scott, and Robert G., now in the U. S. navy.

Elvira, youngest daughter of Dr. Richard Thornton, of Halifax, married David T. Williams, a merchant of Brookneal, later of Richmond. She died in Brookneal, Va., leaving two small children, one living to be 12 years of age.

This ends the children of Dr. Richard Thornton

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Now we begin the history of his twin sister, Susan Thornton, who married John Tuggle, of Prince Edward county, Va. Seven children. Dr. Richard Baxter was

born October 20 1816; married Lucy Jane Oliver May 20, 1840. By this marriage was Susan Lacy, who married Judge Charles F. Goodwin, 1861. Their children were, Richard Tuggle, Peterson, Lucy Oliver, Wirt, Mary Powell, Bettie Harrison, Indiana Davies, Oliver (J. B.), Wilfred Lacy and Lucy La Netta.

Richard Tuggle, first child of Judge Charles F. and Susan Lacy Goodwin, married Sallie Aylett; two children, Sallie A., Jr., and Richard F. Jr.

Peterson Goodwin married Emily Lucas. One child, Lucy Oliver, who married Landon Jackson; one child, Lacy Goodwin.

Wirt married Mabel Trask; four children: Mary Powell, married Rev. C. R. Kuyk; two children: Bettie Harrison, married John McSparrin; four children: Indiana Davies married A. S. Wood; one child.

Oliver (J. B.) unmarried.

Wilfred Lacy married Lydia Harris; two children: Wilfred Lacy, Jr., and Lydia Harris, Jr.

Lucy La Netta married Gordon Harris; four children.

Susan Lacy Goodwin was born 1841 died 1910.

Richard Wilfred, first son of Dr. Richard Baxter Tuggle, married Clara Morton Vass October 2, 1866. Their children were: Richard Baxter, who married Martha Wilson Berkley (no issue); Susanna Brooke, who married Maxwell Kevan Donnan; one child, Sallie Branch.

Florence Lacy married Harris Stannard Beverley; one child, Clara Vasa.

Elinor Thornton married Robert McLain O'Ferrall,

son of ex-Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall; one child, McLain Tuggle O'Ferrall.

John Billups married Lula Joyner; four children: Lucy La Netta, married Dr. R. A. Epes; four children, Lucy Jane Tuggle, Wilfred, Richard Lee, Maria Vass.

Douglas Longstreet married Susie Armstrong; four children, Edward Armstrong, Clara Brooke, Harriet Beverley and Douglas Longstreet, Jr.

The father of these children, Richard Wilfred Tuggle, was born June 9, 1841, died August 12, 1911. He joined the Nottoway Cavalry under General Stuart at sixteen years of age and served in the civil war.

John Billups, second son of Dr. Richard Baxter Tuggle, married Lucy La Netta Mason. (No issue.)  
Indiana Everett, second daughter, married Samuel D. Davis. (No issue.)

Camilla Pre-ley married Robert Grammer Thorn ton, grandson of Dr. Richard Thornton, of Halifax, and son of the lawyer.

Dr. Richard Baxter Tuggle died December 17, 1886. His wife was born September 9, 1818, and died February 16, 1889.

Lucy Jane married Robert Horseley Thornton May 10, 1848, died May 19, 1850.

Demerius Tuggle, second daughter of John and Susan Tuggle, married John I. Roach, son of Elijah Roach, a Baptist minister of Charlotte county, Va., on October 12, 1841. They moved to Kentucky in 1850. Their children are: Ann Maria, born July 31, 1842, and married R. A. Burnette October 10, 1861; their children, Demerius and Martha Burnette.

John W. Roach, first son of John I. and Demerius Tuggle Roach, born November 18, 1844; married Emma Chambers May 2, 1865.

Two children, as follows: Sallie and Susan, (twins) born June 13, 1847. Susan died in infancy. Sallie married T. F. Martin August 7, 1878. Two children, Cammie and Hugh; Hugh is now known as Ricardo Martin, the great American tenor, now of the Boston Opera Company and is singing in "Madame Butterfly."

Richard W. Roach, second son, was born January 17, 1849; married Hettie Dabney. (No issue.)

Jane Roach married John A. Bacon. (No issue.)

Cammie Roach, born May 29, 1853; died July 24, 1855.

John I. Roach died November 16, 1890. His wife, Demerius Tuggle Roach, born May 30, 1823, died April 8, 1859.

Amphites Tuggle, brother of Demerius Tuggle Roach, married Ann E. Roach, daughter of Elijah Roach. They moved to Kentucky in 1885 and had eight children: Brice, who married Mr. Sallee; two children of this union died in infancy.

Whit Tuggle, son of Amphites, married Miss Hancock; their children are: Ozelle Tuggle, married Mr. Wootin; left three children. Dick Tuggle never married. Leslie married Miss Garrett; left three children. Ritche left three children. Abner married Miss Willson; left seven children. Cammie married Mr. Tom Wall; have three children: Mrs. Roena Evelyn Wharton, of New York City; Miss Leonora Wall, in Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., and Dr. Joseph Amphites Wall, of Detroit, Mich.

John James Roach married Camilla P. Tuggle in Virginia in 1849; moved to Kentucky, from there to Evansville, from there to Little Rock, Ark. Left no children.

Mary Tuggle married Mr. Watt Ritchie. They left three children, John, Ella and Frank.

Pardon this digression, but I would like to add here that these are also descendants of that grand old man, Rev. Elijah Roach. He is also grandfather of W. Wistar Hamilton, D. D., who is now pastor of First Baptist church in Lynchburg.

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Susan Ann Tuggle, daughter of John and Susan (Thornton) Tuggle, of Prince Edward county, Va., married first, Collier Thornton; children of this union are: John William, Rosalie Lacy and Susan Collier. John William married Miss Shaphard; Rosalie Lacy married James Henry Jennings and left one daughter who married Mr. Franklin, of Lynchburg, Va. They have two daughters, Rosalie and Lola. Susan Collier married O. R. Gilliam.

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Susan Ann Tuggle married secondly, John Randolph Ford. Their children are: Camilla B., Richard Ampeas, Edward Ritchie and Demerius Ida.

Camilla B. Ford was born April 24, 1854, at Charlotte Court House, Va., and married William Baker Wheeler April 24, 1872. To this Union were born seven children: Rosalie M., born July 21, 1873; John W.; March 15, 1877; Edgar Cameron, March 24, 1879; Floyd

Ernest, May 2, 1882, and died Aug. 26, 1897; Samuel, Feb. 9, 1887, Martha Frances, Dec. 27, 1884; Susie McKinney, Nov. 8, 1890.

Rosalie M. Wheeler, first daughter of above couple, married E. B. Sherman May, 1894. Their children: Rosalie Warwick, born Oct. 4, 1895; Francis Thornton, Oct. 2, 1898; Edwin Buford, July 24, 1902; Martha Loretta, Feb. 16, 1905. These children were all born in Lynchburg, Va.

John W. Wheeler married Agnes Webster June 27, 1900. Edgar Cameron, his brother, married Bessie Wright. Their children are: James Wesley Wheeler, born July 30, 1901; Edgar Cameron, Jr., Oct 2, 1903; Healon, March 29, 1907. These were born in Appomattox county, Va.

Martha Frances Wheeler born Dec. 27, 1884, at Hixburg, Appomattox county, Va., married Charles Wesley Freeman, now of Bramwell, W. Va., in Lynchburg, Va., June 30, 1909. Their children: Martha Wheeler, born May 18, 1910; Charles Wesley, Jr., Dec. 10, 1912; Margaret Ann, May 3, 1915.

Susie McKinney Wheeler married John Davis Hewitt Nov. 12, 1912. Their children: John Davis, Jr., born July 11, 1913; Catharine Camilla, Aug, 1816. This family is also of Bramwell, W. Va.

Dr. Presley Thornton, of Meadville, son of Francis Thornton, born in 1788, Francis Thornton, also a son, born March, 28 1790. He married Miss Lavania Davidson and settled in Buckingham county. Betsy Thornton, only daughter of this couple married James Griggs,



of Buckingham county. They had only one daughter, Lavinia D. Griggs, who married Dr. Ganaway, of said county. Presley and Frank, Jr., were sons of Frank and Lavinia Thornton.

Sterling Clack, son of William and Jane Clack Thornton, born August 12, 1753, married Mary Jones about 1773 or 1774, settling in Prince Edward county, Va. Sarah Branch Jones, daughter of the above couple, born February 4th, 1775; Dolly Chamberlin, September 2, 1777; Jane Clack, January 19, 1779; Polly Sterling, November 13, 1781; Ann Jones, March 7, 1783; Elizabeth Sterling, July 16, 1786; William Jones, December 33, 1787; Harriet Susan, March 22, 1789; Patsy Bridley, August 18, 1793; Peggy B., October 8, 1796. Ann Jones Thornton was a great Methodist, and gave the lot where Court Street church of Lynchburg now stands; died unmarried April 9, 1856. Harriet Susan Clack Venerable died September 13, 1845. Dolly C., who married a Jones, died August 19, 1824. Mary S. died May 5, 1855.

William Jones, M. D., son of Sterling Clack, married Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Caleb Baker, of Prince Edward county, Va. Their children: Ann Sterling, born 1809, died 1893; Jane Thompson, who married Mackie Dunlop I'Anson, an officer of war in 1812. There were three sons. Henry I'Anson, M. D., who died in 1832, was a brave Confederate soldier, member of Howitzer company of Norfolk, Va., desperately wounded three times in the battle of Saylor's Creek, lived several years but never recovered from

his wounds; James Thornton I'Anson, lawyer, also a Confederate soldier, died from effects of retreat from Richmond to Appomattox; Vernon I'Anson, D. D., born 1850, entered the Confederate army at 13 years of age, captured five times on the retreat from Richmond to Appomattox, the last time was taken to Washington, kept two weeks and treated kindly. The above named was one of the organizers of the Baptist Orphanage at Salem, Va.

Dr. William Jones Thornton married secondly, Mary Rhodes. Their children: Epaminondas, Devontas, Sterling Clack, William J., Ann Sterling, Emma (who married an Indian chief—name unknown). Patsy Bridley, daughter of Sterling Clack Thornton, married Col. William Talbott, of Lynchburg, Va.; youngest daughter of Revolutionary fame. Peggy B., received his title from Revolutionary fame. Mary Jones Thornton (her mother) died Sept. 26, 1815. Her father, Sterling Clack Thornton, is said to be buried in the town of Lynchburg; was a soldier in Revolution, preserving his uniform till his death.

Peter Presley Thornton, son of William (4) Thornton, born Nov. 12, 1765, married Mary McCulloch, daughter of Roderick McCulloch, of Amherst, Va., May 17, 1792. Ten children to this union: Elizabeth Horsley, born March 7, 1793; William Sterling, Nov. 9, 1794; Roderick McCulloch, Aug. 23, 1796; Jane Clack, Aug. 24, 1798; Isabella McCulloch, Nov. 9, 1800; Mary Jones; Oct. 27, 1802; Peter Presley, Jr., Feb. 25, 1805; James

Francis, Oct. 24, 1807; Robert Horsley, Oct. 16, 1809; Belinda Anne, Nov. 23, 1811.

Jane Clack, daughter of Peter Presley and Mary (McCulloch) Thornton, married William C. Hannah, of Charlotte county, Va., Aug. 24, 1820. Presley Thornton Hannah, son of the above couple, was born June 1, 1821, and died in the city of Lynchburg Jan. 19, 1850. Anne Elizabeth Hannah, daughter of above named couple, was born Dec. 18, 1825; married Robert Nicholson, a native of Scotland, April 14, 1844; died Nov. 16, 1864. Their daughter, Jennie Nicholson, married Mr. Roctenback, of Lynchburg. They have two children, Samuel H. and Annie. Sam is captain of cavalry, U. S. army. Annie married Mr. Campbell, of Lynchburg.

Belinda Anne Thornton married Francis E. Quarles, a native of King and Queen county, Va., March 24, 1828. Mary Thornton Quarles, daughter of the above named couple, born March 24, 1829; Lucy Dangerfield, born Feb. 11, 1831; Elizabeth Jane, born April 2, 1833; Francis Edward, born July 15, 1835, died Aug. 8, 1835. Mary Thornton Quarles died May 4, 1849.

Robert H. Thornton, son of Peter Presley Thornton, born Oct. 16, 1809, married to Eliza M. L. Bradford, daughter of James and Maria Clarkson Bradford, of Albemarle county, Va., Oct. 1, 1840. Eliza M. L. Thornton, wife of Robert H. Thornton, died Aug. 6, 1846, age 35 years. He married his second wife, Lucy Jane Tuggle, daughter of John and Susan Tuggle, of Prince Edward county, Va. May 10, 1848. Mary Susan, their daughter, born April 6, 1849, died Nov. 6, 1849;

Lucy Jane Thornton, her mother, died May 19, 1850.

Robert H. Thornton married his third wife, Maria Louisa Wingfield, daughter of Charles and Cary Wingfield, of Albemarle county Va., Jan. 27, 1853. Their children: Charles Presley born March 15, 1854; Mary Cary, Sept. 3, 1855; Camilla Jane, May 10, 1857; Robert Horsley, Jr., June 3, 1859; Marie Rosalie, Aug. 4, 1861, died May 4, 1863. Maria Louisa Thornton, last wife of Robert H. Thornton, died Feb. 12, 1892.

Robert Horsley Thornton died July 26, 1893, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Camilla Jane Hite, of Lowesville, Nelson county Va. He was one of the best of the name and one of God's own people and is no doubt now with the good old Thorntons who went before him.

Reuben Thornton, also a son of William (4) Thornton, was born March 28, 1756, married and left children. Jane, the first daughter, married a Mr. Royal and left children. Francis Thornton, a son, married and left children, the number not known. Reuben Thornton was a distinguished officer in the army under General Washington. After the close of the war he was drowned in Staunton river.

This completes the genealogy of the Thornton family as far as obtainable by the author, but it could doubtless be extended considerably and those interested will have no trouble in tracing their branch of the 'family tree' by following the data given herein. In this family are the Tayloors, Balls, Kenners, Brockensboroughs, Travers, Ravenscrofts, Raleighs, Nownsmans

and Mitchells. The motto on the coat of arms is "Deo spes Meo," (My hope is in God). While the genealogy is traced in this work back to 1300, it can be traced back to 912 A. D., and the records show that the family is entitled to "the Order of the Crown in America."

Copies of this work may be had for \$ from Mrs. W. M. (Lola Jane Carr) Bates, Brookneal, Va.



## IN MEMORIAM

## SUSAN REED THORNTON

The following Thornton Line is submitted as a memorial to Susan Reed Thornton, who passed away on Easter Morning, April 2, 1972 at DeKalb, Texas. This line is submitted by one of our members, Marguerite Byram Hicks, McKeesport, Pa., who, as a friend of Susan's, had been working on the line for her.

First Generation: William<sup>1</sup> Thornton of Gloucester Co., Va., had issue: (1) William of Gloucester Co., 1649-1727, (2) Francis of Stafford Co., (3) Rowland of Richmond Co., Va., d. 1701

Second Generation: William<sup>2</sup> Thornton Jr., (William<sup>1</sup>) of Gloucester Co., 27 Mar 1649 - 15 Feb 1727, married three times, (1) 24 Aug 1671, (2) 11 Apr 1688, and (3) 20 Oct 1720, had issue: First Marriage, (1) Elizabeth, b. 26 Aug 1672, (2) Margaret, b. 14 Aug 1674, (3) Mary, b. 11 May 1676, (4) Esther, b. 06 Jan 1677, (5) Sarah, b. 17 Aug 1679, (6) Jane, b. 10 Aug 1681, (7) Judith, b. 22 Oct 1683, (8) Anna, b. 15 Jun 1685, (9) William, b. 11 Sep 1686. Second Marriage, (10) Susan, b. 11 Jun 1686 (?? date conflicts with 9. above - JRT), (11) Francis, (12) Seth, b. 13 Oct 1694, (13) William and Prudence (twins), b. 31 Mar 1699, (14) John, b. 17 Apr 1701, (15) Johanna, b. 03 Dec 1703. (Reference: William & Mary Quarterly, p. 89, by W. G. Stanard)

Third Generation: Francis<sup>3</sup> Thornton (William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) of Gloucester Co., 07 Jun 1692 - 06 Feb 1737, had issue: (1) William. (Reference: Wm & Mary Q., by W. G. Stanard)

Fourth Generation: William<sup>4</sup> Thornton (Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), b. 30 Dec 1717. Married Jane Clack, b. 09 Jan 1721, dau. of Sterling Clack of Brunswick Co., Va., had issue: (1) Francis, 25 Jun 1738 - 16 Jul 1746, (2) James, b. 11 Jul 1743, (3) John, b. 13 Sep 1744, (4) Elizabeth, 23 Mar 1745 - 27 Sep 1746, (5) Francis, b. 22 Jan 1747, (6) Mary, 01 Dec 1749 - 15 Dec 1749, (7) William, b. 14 Apr 1751, (8) Sterling Clack, b. 12 Aug 1753, (9) Reuben, b. 28 Mar 1756, (10) Ann Sterling, b. 27 Mar 1758, (11) Mary, b. 21 Jul 1760, (12) Jane, b. 09 Jan 1763. (Reference: Wm & Mary Q., Vol. VI, p. 158, D.A.R. Library)

Fifth Generation: Francis<sup>5</sup> Thornton (William<sup>4</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) b. 22 ? 1747, Brunswick Co., d. after 18 Nov 1808 (date of will). Was 2nd Lt. and Patriot. Took Oath of Allegiance. Married First Miss Lacy, Second Miss Lucy Ligon. Issue: (1) William Lacy, b. 10 Aug 1769, m. Susanna Harriey, 05 Dec 1796. (NOTE: Although not stated here, this is probably only child by Miss Lacy, as "Sixth Generation" states that John Wyatt, no. 3 which follows, is son of Lucy Ligon, second wife, and no. 2, which follows, is named Lucy, prob. after mother Lucy Ligon - JRT), (2) Lucy, b. 17 Aug 1773, m. Isham Richardson, 24 Nov 1796, (3) John Wyatt, b. 14 Oct 1775, m. 1st Betsy Vawter, 2nd Agness Paulette, (4) Jane Clack, b. 14 May 1778, (5) Ann Sterling, b. 17 Dec 1780, m. Benjamin Baldwin, 11 Jun 1807, (6) Sarah, b. 22 Aug 1783, m. Paschell Jennings, 15 Dec 1804, (7) Richard, b. 23 Dec 1786,

## SUSAN REED THORNTON (Continued)

m. Sara Smith, 01 Jan 1810, (8) Susan, b. 23 Dec 1786 (?? must be twin with 7. - JRT), (9) Presley, b. 1788, (10) Francis, b. 28 Mar 1790, (11) Mary. (Reference: Will of Francis Thornton - Marriage (Krow), pp. 83,4,46 71 Charlotte, N.C., D.A.R. Library Charlotte Co., Va., Order Book #4 pp. 206-209)

Sixth Generation: John Wyatt<sup>6</sup> Thornton (Francis<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of Francis and Lucy Ligon, 2nd wife, b. 14 Oct 1775, d. after 1824. Married First Betsy Vawter, Second Agness Paulette, had issue: (1) Mary Jane Thornton, b. 04 May 1824 (Charlotte Co.), d. 04 Jan 1892 (Halifax Co., Va.), m. 15 Feb 1843 Christopher T. C. Carr, b. 24 May 1818 (Halifax Co.), d. 25 Apr 1874 (Halifax Co.), (2) Kintzslum Dread Thornton, b. 30 Apr 1836, d. Texas. (Reference: Susan Thornton, Texas. D.A.R. Library, Will of Francis Thornton, Charlotte Co.)

Seventh Generation: Kintzslum Dread<sup>7</sup> Thornton (John Wyatt<sup>6</sup>, Francis<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>), son of John Wyatt and 1st wife, married First Miss Susan Francis Boon (18 Mar 1843 - 01 Sep 1868) on 23 Dec 1858, had issue: (1) Henry Allen, 30 Dec 1861 - 18 Oct 1949, (2) William Timothy, Oct 1864 - 20 Jun 1951, (3) Samuel Newton, Sep 1866 - 18 Sep 1941. Married Second Tabitha Cumi Kight (29 Oct 1846 - 21 Feb 1929) on 07 Jan 1869 (short romance - JRT), had issue: (4) Frances Laura, 13 Feb 1870 - 16 Dec 1871, (5) Claude R., 12 Feb 1872 - 02 Jan 1935 (?? - JRT), (6) Maggie Lusinda, 16 Dec 1875 - 15 Mar 1914, (7) Zuma, 15 Jun 1877 - 12 Nov 1945, (8) Joseph Dread, 16 Mar 1879 - 19??, (9) George Jefferson, 30 Oct 1880 - 17 Mar 1967, (10) Nevada, 25 Jun 1883 - 01 Sep 1884, (11) Benajah, 21 Jul 1885 - ??, (12) Eva, 06 Jan 1886 - 10 Jun 1888, (13) Latha Clara, b. 15 May 1889, still living, in New York City, (14) Freddie, 28 Aug 1891 - 15 Jun 1946 (Reference: Susan Thornton. Corp. Kintzslum Dread Thornton served in Phillips Legion, Civil War. On his papers "Absent - Remark - Gone to Georgia for remount horse by order of General Lee, Sep 21, 1864. Owned land Coweta Co., Ga., was grantor - Book L, p. 577 W.D. May 12, 1836; (L. 1836?) Lot 24 - 44 District 150 Acres).

Eighth Generation: Samuel Newton<sup>8</sup> Thornton (Kintzslum Dread<sup>7</sup>, John Wyatt<sup>6</sup>, Francis<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Francis<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>) son of Kintzslum Dread and 1st wife Susan, had issue (who was Samuel's wife ?? JRT): (1) Tracy A., WWI 90th Division, Texas, (2) Odis Newton, (3) Lila T., m. Roland Thompson, (4) Susan Reed Thornton, b. 14 May 1886, d. 02 Apr 1972 (Easter Morning). (Reference: Bible Record from Susan Reed Thornton).

Thanks so much, Marguerite Hicks, for forwarding this very complete genealogy to the Association for publication.

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for land was issued there, July 10, 1848. A planter and storekeeper, he attended to his own interests until 1866 when he served in the House of the Eleventh Legislature, representing Fayette and Washington Counties. In 1879 Mary Phelps Thomas died, and in 1880 her widower married Olivia Ledbetter. Moving with her to Waxahachie, he died there the next year, 1881. Mr. Thomas was buried in a marked grave in the old Waxahachie cemetery. "Thomaston," a small town near Cuero, Texas, was named in his honor.—See General Land Office Records; Family Records from Mrs. W. H. Thomas, La Grange, Texas; *House Journal of the Fifth Congress*; *House Journal of the Eleventh Legislature*.

THOMPSON, Charlton, evidently migrated at an early date to Texas, because he was serving as alcalde of Anahuac in 1832, and in 1833 as a delegate to the Convention at San Felipe. An attorney by profession, he went soon after the Convention to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where he practiced in 1834-35. His sojourn there must have been brief, because on September 16, 1837, an Article of Agreement entered into between Thompson and J. B. Park, whereby the latter was to build a two-story house for Thompson, was drawn up at San Augustine. That same month he went to the Second Congress as a Representative from San Augustine County. As to his standing in the community, we have a clue from a letter written by Hugh McLeod, August 5, 1838, in which he says, "I hope you will use all your influence, which I know is powerful, to see it done." The matter at hand was the requisitioning of a hundred fifty mounted men from San Augustine to go to the aid of Nacogdoches, if necessary. Thompson died soon after receiving McLeod's letter, an account from a local merchant against his estate showing that his "coffin, furnishings, etc." were bought on August 12, 1838.—See *Nacogdoches Archives*, V, 63; *Probate Records, San Augustine County; Constitution, or Form of Government of the State of Texas, 1833; House Journal of the Second Congress*.

THOMSON, Alexander, was born in St. Matthew's Parish, South Carolina,

August 29, 1785, and came to Texas in 1830 with a company from Tennessee, intended for Robertson's Colony. Finding it impossible without passports to pass through Nacogdoches, Thomson and his band cut a short road outside the town to connect two already existent roads, and so went around the town and proceeded to their original destination. Their conduct was considered by the Mexican authorities treacherous and defiant, but scarcity of time and funds and the distance to the State Capitol beyond the Rio Grande would seem to lessen the seriousness of their disregard of frontier formalities. The new road thenceforth was known as the "Tennesseans' Road," and sometimes was used for the same purpose in the future, when immigrants lacked passports. In 1832, Thomson represented the District of Hidalgo (Washington County) at the Convention, while at the Consultation of 1835 he was a delegate from Viesca (Milam). In this same year, 1835, he was chairman of the quarterly conference of the Methodist Church and as such was instrumental in raising three hundred dollars for the pastor's salary, this being the first effort in Texas to raise money for a Protestant minister. In 1865, Thomson died and was buried at Yellow Prairie, near Caldwell, Texas, in the old Thomson graveyard.—See *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, I, 68-70; Thrall, *History of Methodism in Texas*, 30-31; University of Texas Archives; *Journal of the Consultation of 1835*.

THORNTON, Francis W., enlisted in the Tampico expedition, November 7, 1835, the night before it sailed from New Orleans. After the defeat of Mexico, Thornton sailed with Mexico's men for Texas and there assisted Captain Allen in recruiting from among them the "first company of regulars that ever marched to the tap of a drum under the provisional government of Texas." Mustering the men at Lacey's on the Colorado, December 22, 1835, Lieutenant Thornton marched with them to Refugio, from which place he went on, under General Houston's orders, to Goliad, January 19. In charge of the post at Goliad until replaced by Colonel Fannin, about February 12, Thornton was sent to New Orleans on recruiting

service. He left Texas sometime in March, and so missed the Goliad Massacre as well as the Battle of San Jacinto. Returning to Texas, he served as a Captain in the Texas Army, from June 1 until December 1, 1836. Invoices for provisions sold the Texas Army in 1836-37 identify Captain Thornton with Goliad; and it was that county which he represented in the House of the Second Congress, September 24, 1837, to May 24, 1838. Beyond the latter date, no record of his life has been found.—See Davenport, *Notes from an Unfinished Study of Fannin and His Men; Lamar Papers*, III, 274, V, 91; Comptroller's Civil Service Records; Comptroller's Military Service Records; *House Journal of the Second Congress*.

TITUS, James, pioneer Senator of Red River County was born in Pennsylvania sometime before or during the Revolutionary War. At the close of the war, 1783, he moved, probably with his parents, to North Carolina, and on to Tennessee in 1800. His son, Andrew J. Titus, for whom Titus County, Texas, later was named, was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, in 1814. James Titus, employed by the United States Government to aid in removing the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians to Indian Territory, came to Texas in 1832, accompanied by his son. Returning later to Tennessee, they came back to Texas in 1839, settled near Clarksville in Red River County, opened a farm, and established the first postoffice in the county. James Titus was elected in 1842 to fill the unexpired term at the Seventh Congress of Robert Potter, former member of the Senate from Red River and Fannin Counties. Serving in the Called Session of the Seventh, June 27 to July 23, 1842, Titus was re-elected to the Senate of the Eighth Congress, 1842-43. In addition to Red River and Fannin, he represented Rowie and Lamar Counties at the Eighth. Ten months after the end of the session, he died, November 21, 1843, at his plantation "Savannah," twelve miles south of Clarksville.—See Fulmore, *County Names*, 98; Neville, *History of Lamar County*, 42; *Monuments Commemorating the Centenary of Texas Independence*, 194; Winkler, *Secret Sessions of the Senate*, 1336-45.

TOWER, Isaac S., pioneer physician, was a native of New York. He probably came to Texas during or soon after the Revolution, and settled at Goliad, where he obtained a certificate for six hundred and forty acres of land. On June 1, 1838, Dr. Tower was elected County Clerk of Goliad County, an office he later resigned. From November 6, 1838, to January 24, 1839, he represented Goliad in the House of the Third Congress. A member of Captain Ewen Cameron's Company A, on the Mir Expedition, organized in 1842 to expel from Texas the Mexican Army under General Adrian Woll, Dr. Tower was killed in the Battle of Mier in Mexico, December 25, 1842. The following day, the Texan troops surrendered and were marched to imprisonment in Perote Castle, Mexico City.—See *Monuments Commemorating the Centenary of Texas Independence*, 93; Wade, *Notes and Fragments of the Mir Expedition*, I, 134; *Election Register, 1836-42*; Public Debt Papers, Texas State Archives; Green, *Mier Expedition, Mexico and Texas*, 442; *House Journal of the Third Congress*.

TRAVIS, William Barret, commander at the Alamo, was born in Edgefield District, South Carolina, August 9, 1809. He received his first schooling at Red Banks, in the Edgefield District, and had there a devoted friend, James Butler Bonham, who was later to make history with Travis at the Alamo. Moving in 1818-20 to Alabama, Travis attended Evergreen Academy and studied law under the Honorable James Dellett, of Claiborne, Alabama. Admitted to the bar in 1828, or early '29, he set up his own law office and practiced until 1831, when he came to Texas. Travis settled at Anahuac and resumed his practice. Involved in the Anahuac disturbances in 1832 (being one of those imprisoned at that place) and the leader in the Tenorio affair in 1835, Travis was known as a member of the war party in Texas. He was elected to the Consultation of 1835, held in October and November, but probably was not present, due to being stationed at San Felipe as chief of the recruiting service late in 1835. He was made Major of Artillery in the first part of December, but, preferring the cavalry, he

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