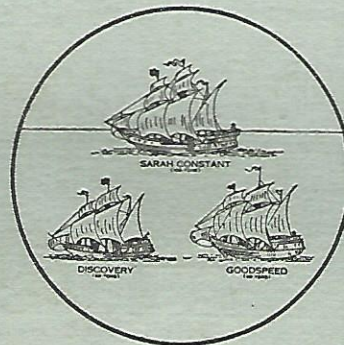


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heavily on Virginia for some years, and this flood is our most recent visitation.' It must be regarded as a signal proof of the buoyant spirit and substantial resources of Virginia that 'twenty thousand people,' as the local papers reckon, should have flocked into Richmond on this occasion, and that so varied and excellent an exhibition of agricultural stock, and of the materials and products of industry, should have been made."

KERR FAMILY REGISTER.

In QUARTERLY, III, 139, mention is made of Rev. John Kerr, a prominent Baptist minister, and member of Congress. He was born in Caswell County, N. C., August 4, 1782, and was licensed as a Baptist minister in 1802. He moved to Halifax County, Virginia, where he had charge of several churches. In 1813 he was elected a member of Congress and served two terms. After that he resumed the ministry and was pastor of the Baptist churches in Halifax County of Arbor and Mary Creek. In March, 1825, he removed to Richmond where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church. He resigned in 1832, and after several years located upon a farm near Danville, Va., in 1836, and died there Sept. 29, 1842. He married Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Col. Robert Williams, of Pittsylvania Co., by whom he had a son John Kerr, who was born in Pittsylvania County Va., February 10, 1811. This son removed to North Carolina, where he served in the Legislature and Judiciary. He was also a member of Congress. He died in Reidville, N. C., Sept. 5, 1879.

Rev. John Kerr was son of John Kerr, born January 26, 1753, and Mary Graves his wife, and grandson of Alexander Kerr, born June 15, 1726. In 1734 Alexander Kerr, of Williamsburg, Va., bought of Sir John Randolph 100 acres near the Capitol Landing on Queen's Creek. This person was witness to a deed in 1736, and Bruton Parish register records his death in 1737. In

1735 John Mickie, of St. Martins Parish, Hanover Co., made a deed to an Alexander Kerr, of the same parish and county, of 200 acres on the South Anna river in said county.

An old bible which has descended in the family has the following mutilated entries probably written by Alexander Kerr (born 1726).

"Alexander Kerr was born June 15 1726

* * * abeth Kerr was born Sept. 1, 1752.

* * * Kerr was born Jany 26, 1753

* * * Kerr was born August 12th, 1757

* * * Kerr was born October 16th 1759

* * * Kerr was born August 30th 1763

* * * Kerr was born October 14th 1765

* * * Kerr was born May 2d 1774

(Later entries in another handwriting.)

Solomon Kerr was born March 20 in the year, of our Lord,

1796

* * * Kerr was born March 20, A. D., 1796.

Nancy Elizabeth Stanley was born 19th of Novemb. —."

A bible, formerly the property of James Kerr, brother of Rev. John Kerr, has the following entries: They supply the missing first names in the entries above save that John Kerr, Sr., is stated to be born January 29th 1754, instead of January 26, 1753, as would appear from the mutilated register:

"Alexander Kerr, Senr, was born June 15, 1726. In Scotland. His wife was Elizabeth Rice.

Elizabeth Kerr, first child, was born September 1st, 1752.

John Kerr was born January 29th, 1754.?

Sarah Kerr was born October 12th, 1755

Susannah Kerr was born August 12th, 1757

Ann Kerr was born October 16th 1759

Mary Kerr was born Sept 7th 1761

Martha Kerr was born August 30th 1763

Frankey Kerr was born October 14th 1765

Lucy Kerr was born May 2nd 1774

John Kerr, Senr., my father was born January 29th 1754] m.

Mary Kerr, my mother, was born April 3rd, 1756

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John + Mary Kerr children:

Nancy Kerr, their first child, was born December 18th 1774
William Kerr, their first son was born December 1st 1776
Mary Kerr was born October 12th 1779
John Kerr, Junr., was born August 4th 1782
Bazillac Kerr was born August 21st 1784
Alexander Kerr was born August 9th 1786
James Kerr was born August 19th 1788
Isabella Kerr was born June 12th 1790
Elizabeth Kerr was born May 23d 1793
Solomon Kerr was born March 20th 1796."

My own family

James Kerr was born August 19th 1788
Frances Ann (McNeill) Kerr my wife was born 1st August,
1803
Mary I. I. Kerr, our first daughter, was born October 1st
1836, Saturday morning.
John & James, two twins born November 12th, 1838, died the
same day on Monday.
Fanny L. Newel Kerr was born August 16th, 1840
James Sadler (?) C. Kerr was born May 2d 1832, on Monday
morning.
John H. McNeill Kerr was born April 20th, 1844, on Sunday
evening.
Mary Isabella Mebane was born June 16, 1858.
My first grandson was born April 4, 1861, died ——..

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Charles City Co., Va.

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