

## HOWARD FAMILY

The Howard family is given by Burke and other authorities as the oldest and most illustrious in the world. The Head of the House of Howard is the Duke of Norfolk, Premier Duke of England, with precedence of all save the Princes of the blood, and with hereditary honors and titles that would fill a page. The present Head of the House, the little Duke, is only ten years old. The late Duke was married twice, and this child is the son of his second wife. By an odd chance the little boy, heir of the House of Howard and Premier Duke of Great Britain is also a descendant of a Colonial Governor in America, John Winthrop. Through his mother, the Dowager Duchess of Norfolk, he is in the tenth generation from Governor John Winthrop.

The history of the Howards goes directly through English history for a thousand years, and through other lines of the family centuries further still, to the time indeed when history begins to be chronicled.

Hereward was of a Saxon Family living in the Reign of King Edgar, 957 to 973. They were Lords and Earls. Duke Oslac was their close kinsman and their daughters were married to reigning families. Hereward's son was the great Lord Leofric and Leofric's wife the famed Lady Godiva of Coventry. They had a son, Hereward the Banished, one of the famous characters in early history. Charles Kingsley's "Hereward the Last of the English" is the story of young Hereward. A daughter of Leofric and Godiva was married to a son of Siward the Strong Arm. The Armstrong Family is from Siward.

Hereward the Banished was permitted to return. He had a son, Hereward, and a grandson, Hereward, who married Wilburga. Hereward and Wilburga named their son Robert. Robert's son was John, who married Lucy Germond. They had a son, William de Hayward or Hereward, who was Chief Justice. It will be seen that the name Hereward had become Normanized to de Hayward, and from that it became in time Howard.

William de Hayward, the Justice, married twice, firstly, Alice Ufford who died without children, and second, Alice Fitten, who was mother to John Howard who married Joan de Cornwall, sister to Sir Richard de Cornwall. Their son was another Sir John Howard.

The foregoing pedigree is from Burke. Some students of the family history, however, begin the line with Robert and his son, John, who married Lucy Germund, and was father to William de Hayward, the Justice. Still others give William himself credit for being head of the family line. From his name, however, all authorities agree.

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Burke, however, is authority and his record, page 1128, of the Peerage, reads:

"Ingulf and Mathew Paris concur in stating that Howard, or Hereward, was living in the reign of King Edward, 957 to 973, and that he was a kinsman of Duke Oslac, and that his son, Leofric, was the father of Hereward, who was banished by the Conqueror. The very ancient book of the Church of Ely, 'Historia Ecclesia Eliensis,' entirely confirms this statement. It appears that Hereward was subsequently allowed to return and it is certain that his family returned to Wigenhall and other portions of their inheritance in Norfolk. Hereward's grandson, Hereward or Howard and his wife Wilburga, in the reign of Henry II., granted a carucate of land in Torrington, in Norfolk, to the Church of Len (Lynn) and directed that prayers should be said for the souls of Hereward, his father, and of Hereward, the Banished, or the Exile, his grandfather. Robert Hereward, the son of Hereward, was seized of Wigenhall, Torrington and other estates in Norfolk and was the father of John Hereward or Howard, of Wigenhall, who by Lucy Germund, his wife, was the father of Sir William Howard, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, from 1297 to 1308.

Sir John married Alice de Boys, daughter of Sir Robert de Boys, and their son was Sir Robert, who married Margery Scales, daughter of Robert, Lord Scales. They had a son, Sir John, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Plaiz, and no sons surviving, married for his second wife, Alice, daughter of Sir William Tendring. They had a son, Sir Robert, who married Lady Margaret Mowbray, daughter of Lord Mowbray and heiress of the Mowbrays.

With this marriage to Lady Margaret Mowbray, begins the great record of the Howards, for through her they heired titles and estates innumerable.

Lady Margaret Mowbray was the elder daughter of Thomas de Mowbray by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter and co-heir of Richard FitzAllen, Earl of Arundel and cousin and co-heir of John Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk. Thomas de Mowbray was a son and heir of Lord John Mowbray by Elizabeth Segrave ( a direct descendant of Robert de Vere, who signed Magna Carta as surety for King John.) John de Mowbray was directly descended from Henry de Bohun, Roger Bigod, Hugh Bigod, William de Mowbray, Gibbert de Clare, Richard de Clare, John de Lacies, Saber de Quincey and William de Albina each of whom signed Magna Carta as surety for King John. Lord de Mowbray, was a Crusader and fell in Battle in 1368.

Elizabeth Segrave's father, John Lord Segrave married Margaret of Brotherton, daughter and heir of Thomas Plantagenet, called Thomas of Brotherton, son of King Edward I., and his second wife, Margaret

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of France, daughter of Phillip II., called Phillip Le Hardi, King of France.

Margaret of Brotherton (Plantagenet) was created Duchess of Norfolk, and she claimed through her father the office of Earl Marshall of England and was called the Marechale. She was the daughter of Thomas of Brotherton and his wife Alice, daughter of Sir Roger Halys.

Thomas of Brotherton (Plantagenet) was the son of Edward of England and his second wife Margaret of France, daughter of King Phillip II, of France, called Le Hardi. Thomas was born in Brotherton Castle, and was called of Brotherton. He was the son of Edward I, who was the son of Henry III, who was the son of King John, who was the son of Henry IV (and Eleanor of Aquitaine) who was the son of Empress Matilda, who married for her second husband, Geoffry Plantagenet, Count of Anjou and first of the name Plantagenet because of a sprig of the broom plant which he wore in his cap. Geoffry was the son of Fulk, Count of Anjou and King of Jerusalem.

Matilda was the daughter of Henry I, and he the son of William the Conqueror, whose queen was a descendant of King Alfred. From Edward I the genealogical lines are so many and so accurate that they are bewildering. Suffice it to say that the family is descended from Charlemange, King Alfred, William the Conqueror, Rollo, all the early French Kings and heroes, and countless English and Saxon heroes.

Thomas of Brotherton, son of Edward I, was Earl Marshall of England and his daughter and heir was Margaret of Brotherton who claimed the office and was called the Marechale. She was created Duchess of Norfolk. She married John Mowbray and her son Thomas Mowbray became the first Duke of Norfolk of the Mowbray line. There were four Mowbray Dukes of Norfolk, when the male line failing, the title reverted to the first Duke's daughter, Margaret Mowbray's descendants.

Margaret Mowbray had married Sir Thomas Howard, as stated before, and their son, Sir John Howard, became by right of his mother the Duke of Norfolk. He is the first Duke of Norfolk in the Howard line and in history is always called the First Duke of Norfolk (though four Mowbray Dukes and the Duchess Margaret of Brotherton had preceded him).

Sir John Howard, the First Duke of Norfolk, son of Sir Robert Howard and the Lady Margaret Mowbray married Katherine Moleyns, daughter of William Lord of Moleyns.

Their son, Thomas Howard, was first Earl of Surrey by which title he acquired fame and after his father's death became the Second Duke of Norfolk. He is often called also the Victor of Flodden and

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is famous in history for that battle. He married firstly Elizabeth Tilney, daughter and heiress of Sir Frederick Tilney, and widow of Sir Humphrey Bouchier, and married secondly Agnes Tilney a cousin of his first wife. A number of children by both wives left descendants though the Ducal line comes through the first wife, Elizabeth, as does also the Southern family in America.

Thomas Howard, the Third Duke was the eldest son. The American family traces through the third son, Lord Edmund Howard. He married Joyce Culpepper, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Culpepper. A daughter of the couple was Katherine Howard, one of the ill fated Queens of Henry VIII, (another was her first cousin Ann Bolyn, daughter of Lady Elizabeth Howard and Sir Thomas Bolyn. Queen Elizabeth was the daughter of Ann Bolyn).

Margaret Howard, daughter of Lord Edmund Howard and Joyce Culpepper, married Sir Thomas Arundel, and they became protestants in the reign of Henry VIII. In the next reign, that of Edward VI, Arundel was accused of conspiracy and was beheaded and his property sequestered. They had one son, Matthew, and this Matthew assumed his mother's name of Howard as his own was temporarily under a cloud and with Mary's accession to the Throne and Crown, the Howard prestige was greater than ever. His great uncle, Thomas Howard, was Duke of Norfolk and Counsellor of State to Queen Mary. The use of surnames was not yet so fixed a habit but that a man might take one at his convenience, and the assumption of the mother's name was a frequent occurrence.

Matthew, son of Margaret Howard and Sir Thomas Arundel married Margaret Wiloughby, and had a son, Thomas, who was a soldier of fortune in Europe. He married twice, firstly, Lady Marcia Wriothsley, by whom he had Thomas, William and Elizabeth Howard, and secondly, Ann Thoroughgood. By his second marriage he had three sons, Matthew, Thomas and Frederick, who being younger portionless off-spring had to seek fortunes for themselves. Emigration to America, the Land of Promise, was the spirit of the day and in company with the family of their mother, who had been Ann Thoroughgood they all came to America and to Virginia. The only daughter, Ann Howard, married Cecil Calvert, Lord Baltimore.

## MATTHEW HOWARD

Matthew Howard eldest son of Thomas Arundel or Thomas Howard, was settled in Virginia before 1623, on the East bank of the Elizabeth River near the present Parish of Norfolk. He had a large tract of land and several white servants. He received a grant

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of land in 1638. He was a close friend, neighbor and evidently kinsman of Edward and Cornelius Lloyd. His first wife by whom he seems to have had no children was named Elizabeth. His second wife, the mother of several children was named Ann and she was possibly Ann Hall, as Richard Hall seems to have been an inmate of Matthew Howard's household and bequeathed his estate to Matthew and his children. Matthew Howard's sister, Ann Howard, daughter of Thomas Arundel Howard and Ann Thoroughgood was married to Cecil Calvert Lord Baltimore, and the intimacy between the two families probably prompted the removal of the entire Howard connection from Virginia to Maryland in 1649. Matthew Howard's name is not mentioned after that date in the Maryland records but it is believed that he emigrated there and it is a certain fact that all his children did. They all settled around Annapolis, and each appears frequently in the Maryland records.

The children of Matthew Howard and his wife Ann Howard were Henry Howard, Philip Howard, Samuel Howard, John Howard, Cornelius Howard, Matthew Howard, Second, Ann Howard, who married a Phillips, and Elizabeth Howard, who married a Ridgely.

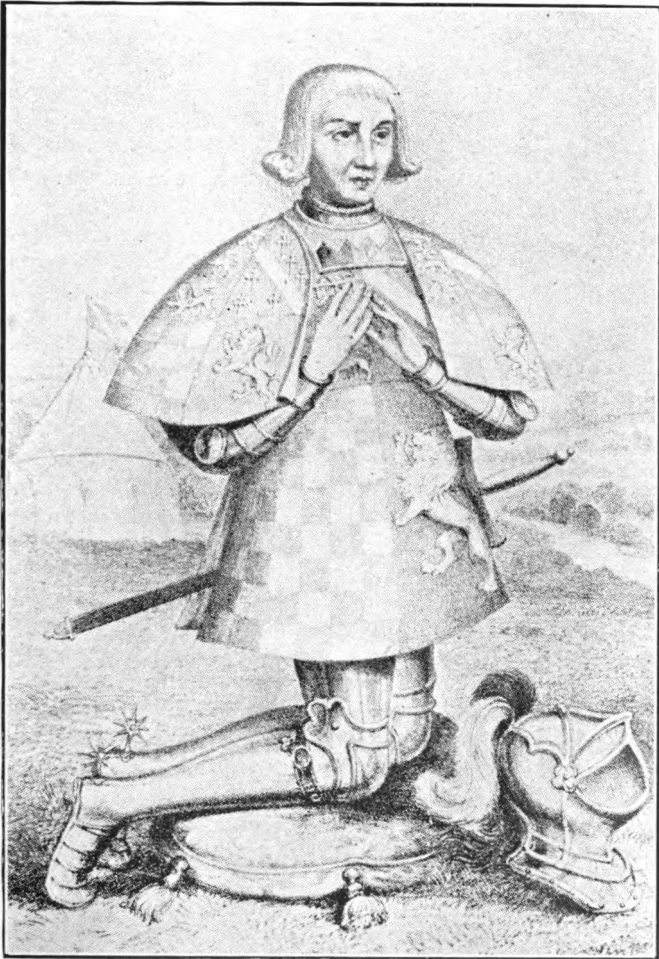
Cornelius Howard, the fifth son of Matthew and Ann Howard became the most prominent member of the family in early Maryland affairs. He was born about 1630, in Virginia and he died in Maryland in 1680. He married Elizabeth, a daughter or granddaughter of Lawrence Todd. In his will, made in 1680, he mentions his children, Joseph Howard, Cornelius Howard, Second, Sarah Howard, Elizabeth Howard and Mary Howard. In his will he lists his estate as including: Howard's Hope, South side of Severn, Howard's Hardship, Howard's Hill, Hockley Branch, Tuckahoe on Clapstack River, Howard and Porter's Range.

His will is witnessed by Phillip Calvert and John Howard. He was perhaps married to a daughter of Joshua Owen before he married the granddaughter of Lawrence Todd.

He was an ensign in the Maryland Militia in 1661, (Maryland Archives) and was a member of the House of Burgesses 1671 to 1675, (Maryland Archives.) All his descendants are eligible to the Colonial Societies. When he made his will in 1630, his eldest son was not yet eighteen years of age and his second son was also a minor. This establishes the approximate date of the birth of Joseph Howard, the eldest son, as about 1663, and the second son, Cornelius Howard, Second, as about 1665.

Cornelius Howard, Second, son of Cornelius Howard, First, and Elizabeth (Todd) Howard was born about 1665 in Maryland. He married Mary Hammond. His children were, Charles Howard, Cornelius Howard, Third, James Howard and John Howard.

Charles Howard, son of Cornelius Howard, Second, and Mary



*Thomas Howard*

*Second Duke of Norfolk*

*Probably on the morning of the Battle of Flodden*

*The Southern family is descended from the Second Duke through  
his third son, Lord Edmund Howard*

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Hammond Howard, married Mary ———. His son was Benjamin Howard.

Proofs of the line of descent in the Howard family may be found in J. D. Warfield's "Founders of Anne Arundel County." See the following pages: Matthew Howard page 7-11-29-30. Cornelius Howard (First) 71. Cornelius Howard (Second) 76. Charles Howard 76. Benjamin Howard 76.

After Benjamin Howard, who married Prudence Sater, the descent as given is in the family Bibles and private papers now in possession of his descendants.

Benjamin Howard served in the War of the Revolution. The records in Washington show that Benjamin Howard served as a private in Captain Henry Gaither's Company First Maryland Regiment, commanded by Colonel John H. Stone, Revolutionary War. He enlisted March 3rd, 1777, and his name is borne on the Company rolls for February, 1799, dated Middlebrook, March 3rd, 1779, with remarks showing him in command.

Benjamin Howard married Prudence Sater and with her name another long and interesting family connection must be traced. She was born November 25, 1743 and died September 22, 1822. She was the second child and eldest daughter of Henry Sater and his wife Dorcas Towson.

## HENRY SATER

Henry Sater was born in England in one of the Western Shires in 1690 and was of Danish extraction. He came to America in 1709, and first settled in Virginia. He subsequently removed to Maryland and became a well known colonist in that Province. He established an estate ten miles north of Baltimore from grants of land received from Lord Baltimore. He was probably of family and position before he emigrated to America, as he possessed large means and lived in an almost princely style upon his large plantation. There is no record of his having performed military service, though it is believed that he did serve his country and that his grants of land were in recognition of military service.

He married twice, first, Miss Stephenson, by whom he had no children and secondly, Dorcas Towson, by whom he had a large family. Dorcas Towson was a daughter of William Towson. Henry Sater died May 1754, in the forty-sixth year of his age. He was a distinguished colonist and his gift of the the first Baptist Church in Maryland and one of the first in America is most interesting. He made a deed of the land to the Baptist denomination "to the end of the world." That shows his generous public spirit as well as his devotion to religion.



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His six children were, George Sater, Prudence Sater, Henry Sater, Discretion Sater, John Sater and Joseph Sater.

William Towson, father of Dorcas Towson, who married Henry Sater was born in Germany (in Munich it is believed about 1695. He emigrated to London and there married Catherine Allen, a descendant of Oliver Cromwell. With his wife he came to America and established a place now known as Towsontown. After the death of Catherine Allen Towson he married for his second wife Dinah Wilmot. He died June 1772. His children were: Ezekial Towson, Rachel Towson, Dorcas Towson, John Towson, Thomas Towson, Ruth Towson, Catherine Towson and Charles Towson. The child of William Towson and his second wife Dinah Wilmot Towson was Abraham Towson. Towsontown is near Baltimore.

Numbers of the Towson connection married Cromwells, all kinspeople, and all probably as a result of the first marriage of William Towson to Catherine Allen, a descendant of Cromwell. Ezekial Towson (son of William and Catherine Allen Towson) married, firstly, Sarah Cromwell and secondly, Ruth Cromwell, his mother's kinswomen. Sarah was a daughter of Joseph and Comfort Cromwell and Ruth was probably her sister.

Joseph Cromwell had a brother, William Cromwell and they are said to be direct descendants of Sir Oliver Cromwell of Hinchbrook, great uncle to the Protector. William Cromwell's will is dated May 9, 1753, Anne Arundel County Province of Maryland. William Cromwell's wife was a Wilmot, a sister to Dinah Wilmot, who was William Towson's second wife.

General Nathan Towson, Paymaster General U. S. A. grandson of William Towson and Catherine Allen Towson was also a descendant of the Cromwell families through his mother who was a Cromwell, daughter of a Richard Cromwell. Some authorities give her as a granddaughter of Henry Cromwell, son of the Protector, but Henry's son, Richard, died unmarried according to genealogists. The same English genealogists, Waylen and others, state that the Cromwell family of America is not directly descended from Oliver Cromwell the Protector, but from an older branch, though doubtless the same family. This refers to those by the name Cromwell, as male heirs of the famous Protector could not have been in America. Catherine Allen, however, does not come under this general statement, as she was living in London when she married William Towson, and she does not come in the male line which is thoroughly known to genealogists.

Our records say positively that William Towson married Catherine Allen in London, and that she was a descendant of Oliver Cromwell, the Protector. Though it is not so stated I have always believed that Catherine was a granddaughter of Oliver's son, Henry Cromwell, Lord

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Lieutenant of Ireland, and a man of distinguished ability. Henry's daughter, Elizabeth, married her mother's first cousin, William Russell, and had born to her fourteen children. The Russells fell upon evil times financially, and William escaped his numerous creditors by dying, leaving Elizabeth with many surviving children, though several of her sons died early. Of the fourteen only ten names are known. "The widow with her children fled to London." The Restoration had thrown all the Cromwells into disfavor, and as Elizabeth and her children were in very straightened circumstances, their consequent obscurity has prevented genealogists from picking up all their name and histories. I believe that one of the daughters of this Elizabeth Cromwell (or possibly a granddaughter) married William Towson. Catherine Allen may have been a middle name, the use of middle names was beginning them to be a custom, or she may have been a young widow by the name of Allen when she married William Towson.

Her daughter, Dorcas Towson was born about 1720, showing that she must have been married about 1715 or 1718, and a search of the marriage records in London about that date might show more data concerning her.

The family of Elizabeth Cromwell Russell is the only one of the Protector's descendants which is identified with London. Also many, if not all the others are pretty well accounted for.

Despite their poverty the kinship was doubtless fully recognized, and when Catherine Allen Towson and her prosperous young husband, William Towson established in America, near Baltimore, a plantation home, it became a journey's end for emigrating Cromwells and a meeting place for other Cromwells of the older branch already established in Maryland. The result was a series of marriages, as chronicled above, Ezekial Towson's marriage, to two Cromwells, Ruth and Sarah, and many other alliances.

Henry Cromwell, fourth son of the Protector, (born 1623, died 1674) developed faculties which proved him a worthy son of such a sire. Rapin's observation that had he succeeded to the Protectorate instead of his elder brother, Richard Cromwell, history would have worn a different tinge has been accepted by all historians. Henry Cromwell married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Francis Russell, Baronet. Henry died in 1674. His widow styled the "good Lady Cromwell" survived him thirteen years. Their daughter, Elizabeth married her mother's first cousin, William Russell (grandson of Sir William Russell) August 30, 1681.

By the way, it is because of a Cromwell, Thomas Cromwell, next to Oliver most noted of the name, that we are able to give dates of births, marriages and deaths in early English history. It was he who ordered that all parish churches should keep such records and it is

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entirely due to him therefore that after 1588 authentic dates may be obtained. This Thomas Cromwell and his sister, Catherine, were children of Walter Cromwell. Catherine married Morgan Williams, and her descendants took the name Cromwell as Thomas had already given it fame. Henry VIII knighted her son, Richard Williams as Richard Cromwell. The Protector is from this family.

### BENJAMIN HOWARD

Benjamin Howard was born February 17, 1742. His tombstone relates that he was born on Long Island, but this probably means an Island in Maryland.

He married Prudence Sater September 21, 1762, in Baltimore County, Maryland, and it is believed by his descendants that this was a run away marriage, for Miriam Isbell Turnley was told by her mother that it was an elopement. To lighten the gravity of this genealogical statement be it observed just here that Prudence having run away with Benjamin Howard named her daughter Discretion! and further that Discretion ran away as you will see if you read more of this family story.

Prudence and Benjamin Howard went to Wilkes County, North Carolina to reside. When the Wilkes was divided into two counties, their homestead was thrown into Caldwell County and there it is standing now in a very good condition.

Benjamin Howard died June 4, 1828, and is buried on his home place.

Prudence Sater Howard died September 22, 1822, and is buried beside her husband on the home place.

Benjamin Howard and his wife, Prudence Sater Howard had twelve children, namely:

(1) Discretion Howard, born July 29, 1764, (who married Thomas Isbell).

(2) Phillip Howard, born January 6, 1766.

(3) Mary Howard, born 1768.

(4) George Howard, born February 4, 1770.

(5) Sarah Howard, born October 21, 1771.

(6) Elizabeth Howard, born February 1, 1774.

(7) Rachel Howard, born December 27, 1776.

(8) Rebecca Howard, born February 10, 1778.

(9) Benjamin Howard, Second, born March 11, 1780, married Betsey Walker, lived and died July 21, 1825, in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and had a son, George R. Howard.

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(10) Cornelius Howard, born April 7, 1782, married Delhia Hagler.

(11) Nancy Howard, born February 20, 1784, married Joseph Callaway. They had a son Thomas H. Callaway.

(12) Prudence Howard, died in infancy.

From these come literally hundreds, aye, thousands of descendants. The line best known to the writer is that of Discretion Howard, afore mentioned, who ran away when she became of marriageable age, despite her name "Discretion" following her mother's example.

Discretion Howard is said to have been beautiful with magnificent red hair and a character that matched the vividness of her hair, for on several occasions she displayed remarkable courage and quickness of judgment.

Once when the Tories sought her husband, who had escaped from them and had arrived breathless at his home just ahead of them, she pushed him into place and went on calmly milking a white cow, as though her heart was not beating its life out in anxiety.

They asked if she had seen a rebel go by and she truthfully replied that she had not, and continued to milk the cow.

So they passed by and Thomas Isbell was saved.

Thomas Isbell was known as "Captain of the Lighthouse," but no proof to that effect has been found. However, his sword which he carried throughout the Revolution, and described as a very sharp, three sided spear which fitted into a cane with buck horn handle was burned when the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Caroline Tucker Johnston was destroyed in 1895.

The marriage of Discretion Howard to Thomas Isbell brings into the family another interesting line. James Isbell, first of the Isbells in America emigrated from England. His wife was Frances Tompkins Livingston. Their eldest child was born September 27, 1748. Presumably they were married in 1747. It is possible that they were married in Virginia. They lived for many years in Albemarle County, Virginia, where their children were all born. About 1778 they moved to Wilkes County, North Carolina.

James Isbell died November 2, 1780, in Wilkes County, North Carolina. His wife, Frances Tompkins Livingston Isbell died January 2, 1784, in Wilkes County, North Carolina. They had ten children, six sons and four daughters and had the honor of having six sons in the Battle of King's Mountain, namely, John Isbell, Livingston Isbell, Thomas Isbell, Francis Isbell, James Isbell, Second, and William Tompkins Isbell, who was only fifteen years old. Only two other families can boast such a record, the Seviars with seven members of the family and the Shelbys with four. Note: As Martha Parkes, a

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granddaughter of Livingston Isbell, married her cousin, Benjamin Isbell, a son of Thomas Isbell, several of the Isbell lines are descended from two of the foregoing heroes of Kings Mountain.

### FRANCES TOMPKINS LIVINGSTON ISBELL

Frances Tompkins Livingston, was born probably about the year 1727. She was the daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ Livingston and \_\_\_\_\_. In Virginia say 1747 she married James Isbell. Her eldest son, John Isbell, was born September 27, 1848. Another son, Thomas Isbell, was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, June 27, 1753. The family continued residing in that county until about the year 1778, when they removed to Wilkes County, North Carolina. She died there January 2, 1784. The Livingston family probably lived in Virginia, prior to the marriage of Frances. She had six sons and four daughters.

The children of James and Frances Tompkins Livingston were:

- (1) John Isbell, born September 27, 1748.
- (2) Milly Isbell, born April 2, 1750.
- (3) Livingston Isbell, born November 17, 1751.
- (4) Francis Isbell, born February 12, 1755.
- (5) Thomas Isbell.
- (6) Edith Isbell, born November 17, 1756.
- (7) Mary Isbell, born August 21, 1758.
- (8) James Isbell, Second, born April 3, 1760.
- (9) Elizabeth Isbell, born October 19, 1762.
- (10) William Tompkins Isbell, born September 19, 1765.

Of the foregoing I have only the full record of Thomas Isbell and a partial record of Livingston Isbell.

(3) Livingston Isbell, the third child of James and Frances Tompkins Livingston Isbell was born November 17, 1751, in Albemarle County, Virginia. As his brother Thomas Isbell made his first enlistment in the war from Albemarle County, Virginia, it is possible that Livingston Isbell also first went into the Army in Albemarle County. Later, October 7, 1780, he was in the Battle of King's Mountain, from Wilkes County, North Carolina, where the whole family of Isbells had by that time emigrated. He married, about the year 1774, \_\_\_\_\_ Martin and had at least one daughter, Frances Isbell, whom he evidently named for his mother, who married Ambrose Parkes. Their daughter, Martha Parkes married Benjamin Isbell as will be seen.

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### THOMAS ISBELL.

(5) Thomas Isbell, fifth child of James and Frances Tompkins Livingston Isbell was born in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1753, June 27th.

At the time of his enlistment in the Army of the Revolution, 1776, he still resided in that county.

Thomas Isbell with his five brothers fought under Colonel Cleveland in the battle of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780.

At that date the youngest brother was fifteen, the oldest thirty-two, and the family resided in North Carolina, where Cleveland's troops were mustered.

Of Thomas Isbell's service we have this information.

The Pension Records show that Thomas Isbell was a private in Captain Thomas Walker's (afterwards Captain William Henderson's) Company, Ninth Virginia Regiment, Colonel George Mathews commanding, Revolutionary Army.

He enlisted, date not stated, to serve two years from April 10, 1776, and his name is borne on the rolls to and including January 1778, when he is reported honorably discharged, date not shown.

The widow's pension was allowed for his services as a private in the Virginia troops for the period of two years.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Albemarle County, Virginia.

Date of application for pension by widow January 26, 1843.

Benjamin Isbell writes that his father, Thomas Isbell, served five years in the War of the Revolution. It is probable that after the removal of his father's family to North Carolina, (between the years 1776 and 1780) he entered some command in that state. He was in the Battle of King's Mountain.

February 21, 1782, Thomas Isbell married Discretion Howard, who lived in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

His homestead, built of solid walnut logs, where he died October 27, 1819, was torn down in 1897.

Thomas Isbell and his wife, Discretion, were members of the King's Creek Baptist Church, Wilkes County. It was burned only a few years since.

In Thomas Isbell's will he makes repeated mention of his "beloved wife Discretion."

Thomas Isbell and Discretion Howard Isbell had nine children, namely:

- (1) Prudence Isbell.
- (2) Benjamin Isbell.
- (3) John Isbell.

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- (4) Frances Isbell.
- (5) Livingston Isbell.
- (6) Elizabeth Isbell.
- (7) Thomas Isbell, Second.
- (8) Mary Isbell.
- (9) James Isbell.

Of the foregoing:

- (1) Prudence Isbell, born 1783, married Ambrose Carelton.
- (2) Benjamin Isbell. His record follows:
- (3) John Isbell, born February 11, 1788.

John Isbell (son of Thomas) who died unmarried about 1824 had been given that tract of land around Ducktown but the burning of the courthouse with all records at Madisonville soon afterwards destroyed all proofs and left the family nothing on which to base claims for his estate.

(4) Frances Isbell, born July 2, 1791, died October 23, 1871, married September 25, 1808, Micajah Ferguson. They had several children: Matilda Ferguson, Horton Ferguson, Linville Ferguson, Salena Ferguson, Savannah Ferguson, Livingston Ferguson, Finley Ferguson, Stanford Ferguson, Kilby Ferguson, Jane Ferguson and Olive Ferguson, all of whom married and left children.

(5) Livingston Isbell, born April 15, 1749, died ———; married Mary Edwards and had three sons, namely: Thomas Isbell (who died unmarried); Bolling Isbell, who died unmarried) and Louis Isbell, (who married and left one son).

(6) Elizabeth Isbell, born November 1796, died July 19, 1884, married October 11, 1818, Nimrod Ferguson and had eleven children, namely: Thomas Leeland Ferguson, Milton Ferguson, Polly Elmira Ferguson, Vina Ferguson, John Wycliff Ferguson, Pinckney M. Ferguson, Casburn Ferguson, Caroline Ferguson, James N. Ferguson, Sarah Catherine Ferguson and Discretion Rebecca Ferguson, almost all of whom married and left children.

(7) Thomas Isbell, born January 29, 1800, married Lucinda Petty and had two children, James M. Isbell and a daughter.

(8) Mary Isbell, born December 21, 1803, died January 6, 1891, married August 16, 1829, Joseph Tucker, ninth child of William and Nancy Grider Tucker, and had six children, namely:

George Livingston Tucker.  
Jane Elizabeth Tucker.  
Isabelle Minerva Tucker  
Martha Caroline Tucker.

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Julia Discretion Tucker.  
Frances Rutelia Tucker.

Of the foregoing:

George Livingston Tucker, married Minerva McKamy Frazier and had: Mary Emily Tucker, died young; Hannah Minerva Tucker, (married Dr. W. W. Cunningham and had George T. Cunningham and Ethel Cunningham); and Julia Frazier Tucker, died young;

Jane Elizabeth Tucker, (who married John Hall and had ten children: (1) George Tucker Hall, married Abigail Grant and had an infant, died young, Anna Lou Hall married William Rodgers and has William Rodgers, Second, and Virginia Rodgers; and John Grant Hall; (2) Delano Tucker Hall, who married Cynthia Taylor and had Velma Hall, and Clapman Hall; (3) Joseph Tucker Hall married Leonie Barnett; (4) Emmett Tucker Hall married Annie Brown and had Annie B. Hall, married Coleman Rodgers, and Jane Hall; (5) Ney Tucker Hall, who married Tulie McKamy and had Ruth Hall, married Oscar Reynolds and John McKamy Hall, married Isabelle Williams; (6) Lea Tucker Hall, married Lizzie Stewart and had John Stewart Hall; (7) John Tucker Hall, died young; (8) Fate Tucker Hall, married Emma Acobert for his first wife and married for his second wife Icie Bryant Hall, the widow of his brother Isbell Tucker Hall and had by her Isbell Hall; (9) Isbell Tucker Hall married Icie Bryant as her first husband and had Icie Belle Hall; (10)

Isabelle M. Tucker married Christopher Lafayette Hardwick April 3, 1851, and had twelve children: (1) Frank Tucker Hardwick married Caroline McCutcheon and had Wallace McCutcheon Hardwick, married Lucy Maddox and has Frank Tucker Hardwick Second; Johnnie Millard Hardwick, married John McChesney Hogshead and has Frances Caroline Hogshead; Frances Tucker Hardwick married Emmett S. Newton and has Martha Caroline Newton; (2) Joseph Henry Hardwick married Cooksey A. Harris and had Harrie B. Hardwick, married Oscar A. Knox and has Adela Knox, married Joseph Jarnagin, and Irene Knox; and Christopher Lafayette Hardwick, Second, married Clyde Johnston; (3) John Millard Hardwick, (who died unmarried); (4) James Oscar Hardwick, married Ida Ruff and had C. Lafayette Hardwick, married Ruby ———, Irene Hardwick married Fred Beekham and had Ida Beekham; Laura Belle Hardwick; Julia Hardwick, John Houston Hardwick, died young, and Garland Reeves Hardwick; (5) George Lee Hardwick, married Fannie McCutcheon, a sister to his brother Frank's wife, and had Lollie Belle Hardwick, married David Sullins Stuart and has Mary Frances Stuart and Hardwick Stuart; Margaret Hardwick, married Hal B. Moore and has Martha Frances Moore, George Lee Hardwick



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Second married Elizabeth Pyott and has George Lee Hardwick, Third, and James Hardy Hardwick; Cicero McCutcheon Hardwick, who is not married; Jennie May Hardwick, who is not married, Frank Tucker Hardwick and Frances Hardwick; (6) Nora Isbell Hardwick, married John C. Ramsey and had Maynard Ramsey, married Edith Robinson and has Maynard Ramsey, Second; (7) Margaret Julia Hardwick, married James Leonidas Caldwell as his first wife and had four children: James Lafayette Caldwell, died young; Joseph Hardwick Caldwell married Kathleen Pound and has two children: Joseph Hardwick Caldwell, Second, and James Leonidas Caldwell, Second; Margaret Caldwell married Mark Charles Morrison; and Lafayette Hardwick Caldwell, who is not married; (8) French Montgomery Hardwick died young; (9) Houston Lafayette Hardwick died unmarried; (10) Julius Holmes Hardwick married Estelle Jones and had two children, Florine Hardwick, married Robert L. Smith and Richard Holmes Hardwick, (11) Fannie Lucretia Hardwick, died young; and (12) Anna Belle Hardwick, married Reeves Brown and has Reeves Brown, Second.

Martha Caroline Tucker, married Emmett R. Johnston and had Eugene Johnston, Mary Alice Johnston, (who married M. L. Beard and had Frankie Beard, Carrie May Beard and Frank Beard); Esther Johnston; Joseph Tucker Johnston, (married Ella Wehunt and had Caroline Johnston); Carrie Belle Johnston; and French Johnston.

Julia Discretion Tucker married James McGhee and had Benjamin McCarthy McGhee; Horace G. McGhee, (married Hattie Huntington and had Mildred McGhee, Edwin McGhee H. C. McGhee, Second).

Frances Rutelia Tucker married Columbus A. Mee.

(9) James Isbell, born September 12, 1806, married March 19, 1833, Rutelia Houston, a descendant of the Armstrong and Calhoun Families, and had five children, namely: Houston Isbell, (who died unmarried); Thomas Livingston Isbell, (who married Mattie Norris and had three children: Rutelia Houston Isbell, married W. H. Lane and has one child Rutelia Lane, William Isbell who died and Moss Isbell who died unmarried; Margaret Isbell, (who married Major Joseph Hardie and left no children); and Alice Isbell (who married her cousin, William Park Armstrong, and had four children: William Park Armstrong, Second, who married Rebekah Sellars Purvis and has five children: Rebekah Purvis Armstrong, William Park Armstrong, George Purvis Armstrong, Ann Elizabeth Armstrong and Jane Crozier Armstrong; Houston Churchwell Armstrong married Mina Lamar and has three children, Houston Churchwell Armstrong, Second, Alice Isbell Armstrong, and Mina Cary Armstrong; Margaret Armstrong, married Ainslee Power Ardagh and has five children, Margaret Ardagh, Ains-

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lee Power Ardagh, Second; Anne E. Armstrong, who married Thomas Stoo Johnston and lives in New Orleans); and Fannie Isbell, who married William Boynton and had William Boynton, Second, and Dwight Boynton.

(2) Benjamin Isbell, the second child of Thomas and Discretion Howard Isbell, married Martha Parkes, who was his first cousin once removed, as she was the granddaughter of Livingston Isbell, brother of Thomas Isbell. A brief record of her families is therefore inserted here.

About 1670 there was living in Virginia Thomas Parkes. He had two sons.

(1) John Parkes who had seventeen children of whom ten were sons, George, (grandfather of E. M. Parkes, of Memphis) and others most of whom settled in North Carolina, and one went to Georgia. George was the youngest child of the seventeen.

(2) Thomas Parkes, who lived in Wilkes County, North Carolina, and had six children all of whom were sons.

(1) John Parkes, the eldest son moved to and died in Tennessee.

(2) Thomas Parkes the second son remained in Wilkes County.

(3) Reuben Parkes, the third son, died in Tennessee.

(4) Aaron Parkes the fourth son died in Tennessee near Fayette (Fayetteville?)

(5) Ambrose Parkes the fifth son went to Missouri.

(6) William Parkes the sixth son also went west.

The above information was furnished by E. M. Parkes, of Memphis, who says he spent some time with members of the family in Wilkes County, in 1840 en route to school to study medicine in Philadelphia.

It is certain that Ambrose Parkes went to Missouri and there died. Mrs. Missouri Isbell McMillan received her name Missouri from this fact. She was born and named in 1837.

## AMBROSE PARKES

Ambrose Parkes, fifth son of Thomas Parkes and has wife ———, married about the year 1790, Frances Isbell, daughter of Livingston Isbell. This marriage took place in Wilkes County, North Carolina. He lived during the Revolution and possibly served in the War.

Ambrose Parkes and his wife Frances Isbell Parkes went to Missouri late in life and probably died there.

Ambrose Parkes gave to each of his daughters a slave. To his daughter Martha he gave "Milly." She survived her mistress many years and was a faithful servant to her children.

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Children of Ambrose Parkes and his wife Frances Isbell Parkes:

- (1) Martin Parkes.
- (2) Allen Parkes.
- (3) Thomas Parkes.
- (4) Martha Parkes, who married Benjamin Isbell.
- (5) Susan Parkes, who married Lee Hubbard.
- (6) Polly Parkes, who married George Barnes, of Kentucky.
- (7) Ambrose Parkes.
- (8) Lee Parkes
- (9) Cynthia Parkes, who married ——— Barnes.

### MARTHA PARKES

Martha Parkes, daughter of Ambrose Parkes and his wife Frances Isbell Parkes, was born April 6, 1799. She married in Wilkes County, North Carolina, February 17, 1818, Benjamin Isbell. It is believed that both the Parkes and Isbell families were members of the Kings Creek Baptist Church of that county. This church was recently burned and its records destroyed. She removed with her husband three years after her marriage, (1821) to McMinn county, Tennessee, where they established a handsome homestead. She had five sons and six daughters. She died July 15, 1840, when only forty-one years old, and is buried on the Isbell place in McMinn county.

### FRANCES ISBELL PARKES

Frances Isbell Parkes, daughter of Livingston Isbell and his wife ——— Martin Isbell, was born say about 1770. She married Ambrose Parkes about 1790. Her daughter, who was presumably her fourth child was born April 10, 1779. This information is received from Missouri Isbell McMillan who received it from Prudence Isbell Carleton in February, 1861. Missouri Isbell McMillan also says: "Some of my mother's (Martha Parkes Isbell) brothers settled at or near Lewisburg, Tennessee. Some of the family moved to the State of Missouri, and that is how I came to be named Missouri. When I was the youngest child (1837) mother received a letter from grandmother telling her that she was coming to Middle Tennessee on a visit and for her to meet her there. For some reason it seemed mother felt she could not leave home, and she wrote she could not go. But after the letter was written she grieved so about it that my father had her get ready, and she with babe (Missouri), nurse, Frances and Martin, took the carriage and made the trip, but on getting there, late one evening, found her mother gone. She had left that morning. She

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never saw her mother again. Sister Frances told me of this trip shortly before her death."

Thus it will be seen that in 1837, the year of Missouri Isbell's birth, Frances Isbell Parkes was still living and made the trip from Missouri to Tennessee. It is believed that she died in Missouri shortly after this date.

Benjamin Isbell, son of Thomas Isbell and Discretion Howard Isbell, married Martha Parkes, his first cousin, once removed. She was the granddaughter of Livingston Parkes Isbell. They had eleven children, namely:

- (1) Miriam Isbell, born February 25, 1819
- (2) Thomas Martin Isbell, born March 3, 1821.
- (3) Frances Discretion Isbell, born March 11, 1823.
- (4) Martha Ann Isbell, born November 9, 1825.
- (5) Mary Louise Isbell, born November, 1827.
- (6) Sarah Elizabeth Isbell, born September 29, 1829.
- (7) James Parkes Isbell, born July 20, 1831; died unmarried April 19, 1850.
- (8) Benjamin Howard Isbell, born July 1, 1833; died unmarried September 8, 1864.
- (9) John Williams Isbell, born August 7, 1835, died unmarried July 7, 1864.
- (10) Lucinda Missouri Isbell, born July 4, 1837.
- (11) Dennis Rowan Isbell, born September 1, 1839.

Of the foregoing:

(1) Miriam Isbell, born February 25, 1819, died January 9, 1898, married May 28, 1839, Matthew Jacob Turnley (see Turnley Family) and had eight children: Martha Julia Turnley, (who married December 19, 1867, John McMillan Armstrong (see Armstrong and McMillan Families. Their children were Turnley Armstrong who died unmarried and Zella Armstrong); George Isbell Turnley (who married twice, first Willie Woodward and secondly, Emma Ross and has no children); Mary Turnley (who married John Hughes Reynolds and had six children: Hughes Turnley Reynolds, married Mary Taylor and has two children: John Hughes Reynolds, Second, and Margharetta Reynolds; William Barton Reynolds died young; Miram Reynolds; May Reynolds, married Raymond Scott and had two children, Reynolds Scott and May Scott; Ruby Reynolds, married William Ogburn and has Reynolds Ogburn; and John Hughes Reynolds, Jr., died young). James Benjamin Turnley (who married Lula Phinizy (see Phinizy Family) and had five children: Louisa Turnley; John Phinizy Turnley, Jane Turnley, married Charles E. Sedberry and left an infant child who died. James Marco Turnley, married Nettie

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Brooks and has two daughters, Mary Florence Turnley and Lula Turnley; and William Micou Turnley, married Lillian Crow and has one child Lulu Elizabeth Turnley); William Franklin Pierce Turnley (who married and left one son, Thomas Turnley); Thomas Howard Turnley (who died unmarried); Frances Amelia Turnley (who died in infancy); and Eppie Reynolds Turnley (who married Nathan Calhoun Sayre and has no children).

(2) Thomas Martin Isbell, born March 3, 1821, died June 19, 1859. He married December 21, 1843, Sarah Ann Terry. They had children, among them, Mattie Isbell, who married "Tip" Forrest.

(3) Frances Discretion Isbell, born March 11, 1828, died January 29, 1886, married March 30, 1852, for her first husband John Hughes, who died March 7, 1855, and married for her second husband, 1867, William L. Rice, by whom she had no children. Her two children by her first husband were: Benjamin Isbell Hughes, (who married Sarah Park and had Phebe Hughes, married Capers Simmons; Benjamin Isbell Hughes, Jr., married Frank Hawltiwanger, has two children, Sallie Bonham and Julia Carouthers Hughes; Sophy Hughes, who is unmarried, John Hughes, United States Army; Park Hughes, United States Army; Lucian Hughes, United States Army; and Sarah Hughes); and Elizabeth Hughes, (who married Wallace K. Shedden and left Elizabeth Shedden and Mary Shedden).

Martha Ann Isbell, born November 9, 1825, died April 27, 1844, married Robert Houston McMillan (see McMillan family) as his first wife and had two children: James Benjamin McMillan, (who married Cynthia Cunningham and had William Cunningham McMillan; Alice McMillan, Rutelia Isbell McMillan, Mary B. McMillan; and Kitty McMillan); and Alice McMillan, (who is not married).

(5) Mary Louisa Isbell, born November 5, 1827, died \_\_\_\_\_ married November 5, 1844, Richard Franklin Malone Hampton and had five children: Robert Isbell Hampton, (who married Effie Elizabeth Clabaugh and had Robert Richard Hampton and Elizabeth Clabaugh Hampton, married Charles Alden Rowland and has Charles Hampton Rowland. Robert Isbell Hampton married for his second wife Miss Comer, by whom he had no children); James Hampton, (who died without issue); Frances Hampton (who married Rankin Magill); Emma Hampton (who is unmarried); and Richard Hampton.

(6) Sarah Elizabeth Isbell, born September 29, 1829, died May 28, 1864, married December 26, 1849, Judge Jesse Gaut as his first wife had three sons: Thomas Isbell Gaut, Oscar Gaut and Orlando Gaut. Of these Thomas Isbell Gaut married Mary Lee and had two children: James Gaut who died unmarried and Ione Gaut who married James Mooney of Washington and has six children: Oscar Gaut

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married Annie Mills and left three children, Lieutenant Oscar Gaut, Junior, now in France, Orlando Gaut, junior, also a soldier in the United States Army and a daughter Elizabeth Gaut who is married and lives in Texas. Orlando Gaut, son of Judge Jesse Gaut and Sarah Elizabeth Isbell Gaut, died unmarried.

(7) James Parkes Isbell, born July 20, 1831, died unmarried April 19, 1850.

(8) Benjmain Howard Isbell, born July 1, 1833, died unmarried September, 1864.

(9) John Williams Isbell, born August 7, 1835, died unmarried July 7, 1864.

(10) Lucinda Missouri Isbell, born July 4, 1837, died April 25, 1918, at her home in Talledega, Alabama. She married July 9, 1855, Robert Houston McMillan (her sister Martha's widower) as his second wife and had two children, both deceased: Robert Houston McMillan, Second, (who married Sarah Gray and had Robert Houston McMillan, Third, died young, Allen Gray McMillan and Catherine McMillan) and Fannie McMillan, (who married Jesse F Wikle and had Robert McMillan Wikle and Jesse F. Wikle, Second).

(1) Dennis Rowan Isbell, born September 1, 1829, died —; married December 28, 1871, Emma Callaway. They had two children, John Callaway Isbell and Ernest Isbell.

Other descendants of the Howard family through one of his daughters who married a Callaway, are Mrs. Susan Latimore Kline, of Chattanooga, and her children, Mrs. Isaac Phillips and Captain Franklin Kline, of the United States Army.