

**DOAK—BRECKENRIDGE**  
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Alexander Breckenridge served in the Virginia line. He was a son of George Breckenridge (married 1742 Ann Doak), who was a son of Alexander Breckenridge and Jane Preston.

Captain Alexander Breckenridge married 1767, Magdalen Gamble; their son, John, married first, Ann Wier Brooks, daughter of Abigail Brooks; their daughter, Ann E, married Lafayette Arderly in 1852 and had William Porter Arderly, who in 1880 married Ella Adair. William Porter and Ella Adair Arderly were the parents of William Breckenridge Arderly, etc.

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**THE BRECKENRIDGE FAMILY**  
**From *Times Dispatch***

Alexander Breckenridge came to America in 1728, remained some years in Pennsylvania and was living in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1738.

On Feb. 21, 1738, Alexander, George, James, Robert and Adam Breckenridge entered warrants for 700 acres of land, each with Benjamin Borden.

In 1740 Alexander Breckenridge proved in Orange County the importation of himself and family. The names of three of the children are illegible. It is probable that one of them is Adam. In 1751 there is a suit stating that Adam Breckenridge "had gone to North Carolina."

On March 16, 1758, the will of Adam Breckenridge is proved.

May 24, 1744, the widow of Alexander Breckenridge (Jane Preston) relinquished administration of his estate to her eldest son, George Breckenridge. Alexander and Jane Preston Breckenridge had children:

- I. George Breckenridge, married Ann Doak; she died Mar. 1748; he died in Wythe county, Virginia, 1790; their son, Captain Alexander Breckenridge, married 1767, Magdalen Gamble. More later.
- II. Col. Robert Breckenridge (his war records not copied), married first, Mary Poague, daughter of Robert Poague of Augusta country; her married second, Little Preston, daughter of John Preston; her died in Botetourt country, Virginia, 1772. (Children will be given later).
- III. Lettice Breckenridge, married Sept., 1749. Elijah McClanahan.
- IV. James Breckenridge and two other sons.

I. George and Ann Doak Breckenridge, had the following children:

1. Captain Alexander Breckenridge, Married 1767 Magdalen Gamble; he died in Bourbon, Kentucky, 1813.
2. Robert, born 1743; died in Bath country, Kentucky, 1814; married Mary Doak (daughter of the Emigrant Robert Doak, who married a Breckenridge).
3. John Breckenridge, married Elizabeth Willoughby; died in bourbon county, Kentucky.
4. Elizabeth Breckenridge, married Jesse Evans.
5. Letitia Breckenridge, married a Lindsey.
6. Sarah Breckenridge, married a Findley.
7. Jane Breckenridge, married an Alcorn.

II. Col. Robert and Mary Poague Breckenridge, had the following Children:

1. Lieut. Robert (war records not copied), died Sept. 11, 1833. D. Breckenridge, M. C. from Kentucky.

Children of Col. Robert Breckenridge and his second wife, Lettice Preston Breckenridge, were:

2. Capt. Alexander (war records not copied), removed to Kentucky and married Jane, widow of Col. John Floyd, and daughter of Col. John Buchanan. One of their sons was James.
3. William Breckenridge, of Augusta country, and Lexington, Kentucky, married a Miss Gilliam.
4. John Breckenridge, born Dec. 2, 1760; died Dec 14, 1806. He was a member of the House of Delegates of Virginia; removed in 1793 to Kentucky where he occupied prominent offices and was Attorney-General of the United States from 1805 until his death. He married Feb. 22, 1789, Mary Hopkins, daughter of Col. Joseph Cabell of Buckingham county; they had issue: (1) Letitia, married first, Alfred Q. Grayson, son of U.S. Senator William Grayson; she married second Gen. Peter H. Porter of New York, who was Secretary of War, U.S., from 1828-29. (2) Joseph Cabell Breckenridge; (3) Rev. John Breckenridge; (4) Rev. Robert Breckenridge; (5) Rev. William L. Breckenridge.
5. James Breckenridge, served in the Revolution in Col. Preston's Regt., under Gen. Greene; he was born Mar. 7, 1763, and resided at "Grove Hill", Botetourt county, Virginia; died May 13, 1833; married Jan. 1, 1791, Ann Selden, a daughter of Cary Selden, of Elizabeth City, county. Among his descendants were: Capt. James Breckenridge, a cavalry officer in the Confederate line (see Va. Mag. of Hist, Vol 27, and Selden's Va. And Allied Families).

Another son of James and Ann Selden Breckenridge, was John, who married Miss Heiskell; their daughter, Susan, married Anthony Diggs Wren, and died Apr.22, 1885, aged 62. Anthony D. Wren died Sept. 20, 1886, aged 68; their son, John Breckenridge Wren, born 1848, married Mar. 1, 1876, Ella Margaret Campbell, born 1858, and a daughter of Anthony Campbell and Margaret Nickell; their daughter, Alma Bell Wren, married Lorenzo Sibert Evans, and had—Marie Ann (married Edward Lapham Steele), and Lorenzo Sibert Evans, Jr.