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FOREWORD

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This is an incomplete book. The Ridley descendants continue

to multiply. In fact, every time I thought I had included the most

recent infant I found I was behind the times and had to make still

another addition. Of course, in this sense the book will always be

unfinished.

In a different sense, however, I think we can all hope to see

this book finished, I refer to the earlier generations. What I

have been able to gather and put down concerning the ancestors of

this Ridley family is far from being as full as I would want. Much

can be found in the court records in Virginia, and a search of old

newspapers would unquestionably produce more information. One with

time and energy could examine manuscript collections in Richmond,

Charlottesville, Durham, and Chapel Hill with profit. Attics and

old desks can still be counted on to yield new facts about this

family. But I have done enough for the time being. This is my best

effort; I would hope that the outlines of what I have done will stir

the interests of others who will use this book as a starting point

from which to move into all these potential sources of additions

and corrections.

Speaking of additions and corrections, I must explain the way

in which this book is put together. It seemed to me that one of

the pleasures of reading a genealogy is to correct it, add to it,

and scratch out what seems to be wrong. But this editorial work

should not be horded by the one who does it; it ought to be made

available to everyone interested in having a copy of the book. And

so I have taken the first step toward making that possible, I have

As corrections and additions come to my

new and corrected pages to replace those

Such a plan should make it possible to

keep the book a growing thing. (For those who do not like the idea

it will be a simple matter to have copies bound.)

issued a loose-leaf book,

attention I plan to issue

in the original edition.

Acknowledgments

There is no question about the fact that the idea for writing

this genealogy was planted in my thinking by our cousin, Miss Roberta

Mary Ridley of "Bloomfield." Doubly a Ridley, she had a vast store

of information about the 19th Century generations of this family in

Southampton. And, of course, she was well-informed on her 20th

Century contemporaries. My father, Edmund Wilkins Lewis, knew a

great deal about his mother's family and told it well. Mrs. T. W,

M. Long of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina (Maria Greenough Burgw.yn)

joined me in asking questions and collecting information. In the

1930’s she and I devoted a good bit of effort to clearing up the

intricacies of the Wright and Scott families with which the Ridleys

were allied. It is a matter of real regret that she did not live

to see the ultimate solution to some of those complicated problems.

As I went forward with the job of putting together what I

trusted would be as comprehensive a job as possible, I turned to

another cousin, Miss Annie Blunt Ridley of Norfolk. She, too, is

doubly a Ridley. She is the person who net only gave me valuable

assistance through her own knowledge but actually gave me her

copy of the Ridlon genealogy of the Ridleys published late in the

last century. This is the kind of help for which I can hardly

express my thanks.

One of the most attractive Ridleys I have known is our cousin,

Mrs 0 Annie Ridley Shands of Courtland, Her sense of balance and her

complete charm have always won me. On top of all this, she has

proved one of the most helpful of those who have contributed to this

book.

To my cousin William Hyslop Sumner Burgwyn I am indebted for

his efforts to get his mother’s line and descendants fully reported.

In the same family, I have had the accurate and precise assistance

of Betty Gray Long Zouck and Emily Roper Burgwyn Sneed. To these

I would like to add our cousins Emma Wright (Urquhart) Adkins of

Dinwiddle, Virginia, Mary Ann (Rogers) McCoy of Norfolk, Nancy

Ridley (Pretlow) Bozarth of Williamsburg, Amy Norfleet (Ridley)

McEachern of Portsmouth, and JanB s Burwell Urquhart of Columbia,

South Carolina. I wish I could, list all those members of the family

who have been of help, but I confess that I cannot remember them all t

In preparing the Blunt Family appendix I had a great deal of

help from Mrsc Kate Riddick Johnson of Savannah, Georgia, whose

capacity for accuracy is remarkable. I also received invaluable

assistance from my friend Dr e Claiborne Thweatt Smith, Jr. of Phila¬

delphia. In preparing the Scott Family appendix I was happy to have

the advice of both Dr. Smith and Mr, Lawrence B. Gardiner of Memphis,

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is arranged according to generations. There is at

the beginning a brief sketch of the various Ridleys who settled in

the James River section of Virginia during the colonial period. This

sketch identifies NATHANIEL RIDLEY OF ISLE OF WIGHT as the ancestor

of the Southampton Ridleys for whom the book is intended. Thus,

the First Generation of the Southampton Ridleys is none other than

this Nathaniel of Isle of Wight. It is from him that all the others

descend.

The children of Nathaniel Ridley of Isle of Wight constitute

the Second Generation. The reader will find pages devoted to each

child of Nathaniel of Isle of Wight. See pages 8 and following.

The grandchildren of Nathaniel of Isle of Wight, that is, the

children of his children, constitute the Third Generation. And so

on down through the Sixth Generation.

It is possible for the user to begin either from a known an¬

cestor and work down, or he may find the name in which he is inter¬

ested and work back to the common ancestor. For example, a man who

knows that his grandmother was called Eliza Ann Ridley before she

married an Urquhart will find her listed in the Sixth Generation on

page 6lc By consulting the account of this person the user will

find that she was a daughter of Thomas Ridley,III, of "Bonnie Doon."

The index shows Thomas Ridley, III, in the Fifth Generation on page

54. In the account of Thomas Ridley, III, the reader will see that

he was a son of Thomas Ridley, II, of Southampton, found in the

Fourth Generation on page 43. In turn, he will find Thomas Ridley,

II, to have been the son of Thomas Ridley of Southampton (Third Gen¬

eration, page 24), a son of Nathaniel Ridley,II, of Southampton

(Second Generation, page 9), a son of Nathaniel Ridley of Isle of

Wight (First Generation, page 5).

The Appendices give much supplemental information. There are,

for example, fairly complete genealogies of the Blunt, Wright, and

Scott families as well as others from which almost all'Southampton

Ridleys descend in one way or other. The Blunt Family Appendix is

of major interest in this respect.

There is also an appendix devoted to giving a verbatim copy

of the remarkable record of births and deaths kept by the Ridleys

in an old almanac for about a hundred years. Another appendix

gives an account of the settlement of the estate of Nathaniel Ridley,

II, of Soutnamppon, one of the significant court documents establish¬

ing relationships in this family.

For many readers the simplest way to trace a line or to find

the individual member of the family in whom there is an inters st

will be to consult the Ridley Index Chart immediately following the

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study. It also provides a quick method for tracing the lines of

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THE James River RIDLEY’S

3efore the opening of the 18th Century only two Ridley men

nad appeared in the records of the James River section of the

Colony of Virginia -- Peter Ridley and William Ridley. In the

first decade of the 18th Century two other Ridleys appeared in

those records -- Thomas and Nathaniel. The relationship among

the four men, if any, has puzzled most people interested in the

subject.

The name Ridley is not common, and the James River country

is not uncommonly extensive. Thus, it has been plausible to

assume the four men belonged to one family. The only Ridley

family known to have settled in this area, that is, the only one

with known descendants, is the one long associated with South¬

ampton County. That they descend from one of the four — Nathan¬

iel Ridley -- i3 well-attested. But whether Nathaniel was relat¬

ed to the other three, or any of them to each other, is still

matter for speculation and further research.

In the years following the Civil War there was a tradition

current among some members of the Southampton family that their

earlest American ancestor was one Robert Ridley. This theory

appeared in a book entitled Hi story of the Ancient Ryedales and

t heir de sce ndants in Norm andy, G-reat 3ritain, I rela nd , and Ameri¬

ca, from B6o to 188 4 ? by one G-. T. Ridlon. No evidence has been

found to support this theory. Lore recently, in an article headed

"Ruffin of Surry," printed in one of the numerous genealogical

compilations of John Bennett Boddie, there is a statement that

Peter Ridley of James City County may have been the father of

William Ridley of Isle of Wight County (who died in 1671), of Mrs.

Charles Parham, of Mrs. Edmond Prims, and possibly of Nathaniel

Ridley of Isle of Wight (who died in 1719). This statement seems

to have been suggested by more detailed information set out in an

appendix to a history of the Barham family written by Dr. B. C.

Holtzclaw.5

Peter Ridley owned land and lived on the north side of the

James River in James City County. William Ridley, Nathaniel

Ridley, Charles Barha^, and Edmond Prime lived on the south side

of the James in Isle of . ight County.

Peter Ridley patented 200 acres of land in Martin’s Hundred,

James City, as early as September 23, 1639, and served as a member

of tne House of Burgesses from James City in 1644/45 and in 1647/48,.

He was still holding land in Martin's Hundred on November 23, 1653.°

William Ridley, as already indicated, lived in Isle of Wight.

The records suggest tnat he married a widow but died childless in

1671, naming Charles Barham as his executor.?

Nathaniel Ridley, also mentioned in the Boddie publication as

a possible son of Peter Ridley of James City, lived in Isle of

Wight and died there in 1719.“

It should be noted that neither Holtzclaw nor the author of

the article on the Ruffins mentioned Thomas Ridley, a tithable as

early as 1702 in Surry County, an area lying roughly between James

City and Isle of Wight. Thomas died in Surry about the year 1718

leaving a widow and only one child, Mary Ridley.°

Until the Boddie and Holtzclaw articles suggested the likeli¬

hood of a connection with - Peter Ridley and William Ridley, it had

been generally assumed that Natnaniel Ridley of Isle of Wight and

Thomas Ridley of Surry were brothers or otherwise closely related,

but, at the same time, it was considered unlikely that either was

a son of Peter Ridley of James City. This because of the time

element -- there was about a century’s span between the birth of

Peter Ridley and the deaths of Nathaniel and Thomas as relatively

young men in 1718-1719. Yet, at one time it was thought that

Nathaniel and Thomas might have bean grandsons of Peter Ridley.

A James City record discovered in recent years, however, strongly

suggests that it is unlikely Peter Ridley had any descendants alive

after 1717. The record shows that on September 11, 1717

ZI7y virtue of a warrant directed to Edward Jennings,

Escheater of the said County of James City, it

appears that Edward Ridley, son of Peter Ridley, late

of the County of James City, dyed seized of fifty

acres . . . which is found to escheat to us from the

said Edward Ridley . . . .

Even if it is assumed that William Ridley (who died childless

in Isle of Wight in 1571) and Edward Ridley of James City (who died

before 1717) were brothers and sons of Peter Ridley, had Nathaniel

Ridley of Isle of tight and Thomas Ridley of Surry been descendants

of Peter Ridley -- both being still alive in Virginia in 1717 -- it

is most unlikely that Edward Ridley’s land would have escheated upon

his death. (There is no suggestion in the document that it reverted

for any other reason.)

Thus, until more information is brought to light, it must be

assumed that there was no close kinship between Peter and Edward

Ridley, on the one h nd, and the early xlidleys on the south side of

the James River -- William, Thomas, and Nathaniel on the otner.

Furthermore, no actual relationship between these three has yet been

established.

For present purposes, it now seems to be settled that Peter

Ridley’s line terminated with his son Edvard, that frilliam Ridley

of Isle of -tight left no children, and that Thomas Ridley of Surry

was survived by a single daughter. Thus, it is to Nathaniel Ridley

of Isle of Wight County, ancestor of the Southampton Ridleys, that

attention must now be turned.

Note 3

The remaining portion of the genealogy and biography, families of RIDDELL, RIDDLE, RIDLON, RIDLEY, title reads as follows:"Comprising

for about one thousand years, of

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ILLUSTRATED WITH ENGRAVINGS OF PORTRAITS, RESIDENCES, MONUMENTS,

COATS-OF-ARi.S, AND AUTOGRAPHS, ON STEEL, STONE, AND WOOD." The

book was published by the author in Manchester, New Hampshire,

in 1884. It was a monumental effort, but the truth is that the

compiler accepted whatever was told him, and many of his reporters

were not aware of the importance of documenting their assertions.

The book is not reliable with regard to Southampton County Ridleys

other than those living when it was printed and their immediate

predecessors. Nevertheless, the book contains numerous leads and,

on some matters, gives the only available information. Thus, it

is cited from time to time in this study, but only where the

information has been verified from independent sources or where

there is no reason to doubt the matter used. Wherever cited in

this paper it is called simply Ridlon .

2. VIRGINIA HISTORICAL GENEALOGIES (Pacific Coast Publishers, Red¬

wood City, California, 1954), p. 253.

3. Appendix C, "The Barham Family," Virginia Mag azi ne of History

and Biography . Nos. 3 and 4, Vol. XLVII, Nos. 1-4, especially

No. 2, Vol. XLVIII, pp. 278-279.

4. Nugent,

5. JOURNAL

6. Nugent,

7. Will of

Book 2,

CAVALIERS AND PIONE IRS, p. 114.

OF THE HOUSE OF 3URGE3SES, 1619-1658/59, pp. xviii-xix.

op. cit . , p. 233.

William Ridley, Isle of Wight County Willand Deed

p. 98.

8. Will of Nathaniel Ridley, Isle of

Wight

County Great Book, p. 2

9. See Surry County Book 1715-30, pp. 174, 236, and 485. Thomas

Ridley's widow, Mrs. Mary Ridley, later married William Seward.

It is likely that she was a daughter of Robert Caufield (often

spelled differently) whose will was probated in Surry, May 4,

1703. See John Bennett Boddie, 30UTH3IDE VIRGINIA FAMILIES, II

(Pacific Coast Publishers, Redwood City, California, 1956),

pp. 277-278.

10. VIRGINIA PATENT BOCK 10, p. 461.

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Nathaniel Ridley of Isle of Night

NATHANIEL RIDLEY OF ISLE OF WIUHT

Born about 1675-80; died 1719; married "'before

1706) Elizabeth Day, daughter of James (died

1701) and Mary (Thompson) Day (died 1712) of

Isle of Wight County. Mrs. Elizabeth (Day)

Ridley married second (before 1723) Matthew

J one s.

In the Isle of Wight County records Nathaniel Ridley is referred

to as "Captain." He held 200 acres of land in that county as early

as 1704 as shown by the Suit Rent Roll for that year. He was nom¬

inated as sheriff of the county three times — May 11, 1706, April

25, 1707, April 25, 1713, and April 28, 1714. 1

While he is designated here for purposes of identification as

being "of Isle of Wight," it should be noted that his land holdings

point plainly to his having been settled in the part of that county

which subsequently became Southampton County. Thus, the Southampton

Ridleys have been seated in the same geographic area for more than

two hundred and fifty years.

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That Nathaniel Ridley was married to Elizabeth Day is attested

by a careful reading of the wills of James Day^ in 1700, of Mrs.

Silvestra Hill^ in 1706, and of Thomas Day5 in 1723.

Nathaniel Ridley was a vestryman for the parish for which

old St. Luke's near Smithfield was the church, and was generally

a man of prominence in the area. 0

In his will (written March 10, 1718/19; recorded July 17,

1719)7 Nathaniel Ridley refers to his six children, gives his wife

one-third of his personal property, three slaves, a life interest

in the manor plantation, and the residue of his personal property

after specific bequests. He named, his wife as executrix to serve^

until his son Nathaniel Ridley, II, should attain his "full age,"

after which the two were to serve together. The witnesses to the

will were James and Julia Day -- Ridley's brother-in-law and the

brother-in-law's wife -- and one Roger Hodges (presumably a kinsman

of the Robert Hodges named in Ridley's will as a godson). Portions

of the will making specific devises or gifts to children are summa¬

rized below. It is interesting to observe Nathaniel Ridley's adher¬

ence to the concept of primogeniture and his efforts to create an

estate in fee tail in his home or manor plantation.

Children of NATHANIEL and ELIZABETH (DAY) RIDLEY:

I. Nathaniel Ridley, II , of Southampton, the oldest son. Under

his father r s will he received in fee simple the plantation on that

Side of branch" on which Henry Emerson lived, his father's home

plantation in fee tail after his motier’s death, a Negro boy Harry,

and one-ninth of the remainder of his father's estate.^ Upon reaching

his majority he was to become co-executor with his mother. See page

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II. James Ridley of Southampton. Under his father’s will he

received in fee simple a tract of land lying in the fork of the

branch "Called R/idl7eys branch of Angelica Swamp," a Negro boy

Sharper, one-ninth of the residuary estate, and, should his brother

Nathaniel die without lawful issue of his body, the home plantation

in fee tail. See page 11.

III. Lary Ridley . By 1750 she had married Francis Jones, nephew

of her stepfather, Matthew Jones. She was one of the legatees under

the will of her uncle Thomas Day in 1723.^ Under the terms of her

father’s will she was given a Negro girl Nanno upon reaching the age

of eighteen and one-ninth of the residuary estate\* See page 13.

IV. Thomas Ridley . Under the terms of his father’s will he was

given in fee simple a dividend of land lying on "that Side" of

Ridley’s Branch adjoining the place where Anthony ^uant "lives or

did live," and, should both of his older brothers die without lawful

issue of their bodies, the home plantation in fee tail. He also

received one-ninth of the residuary estate. The gift of the slave

Nanno to Lary nidley was contingent upon Lary’s reaching the age of

eighteen, and Thomas was to take the slave should Iwar.y not attain that

age. In addition, as will appear below, Thomas’ sister Lydia was

given a Negro girl Ammo (or possibly Amine), and their father's will

further provided that if Ammo and Nanno should have children during

the minority of Lary and Lydia Ridley then the "eldest that shall be

living" of their issue was to go to Thomas when he reached eighteen,

the rest of any such issue to go to Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley for her life

and then to be divided among all the surviving children. It would

seem that Thomas Ridley died without issue and probably unmarried as

there is no record of him other thin what is said in his father’s will.

There is a possibility, however, that he moved to the West. When the

Council of Virginia met on Lay 5, 1738, it granted a petition of

Anthony Pelham, Thomas Cade, James Pelham, Richard Kennon, William

Kennon, Jr., and Frances Kennon, for 60,000 acres "on Cubb Creek

beginning on Thos. Ridleys Bark Camp & so up & down both sides of

the said Creek Sc towards the Mountains between the main River of Roan¬

oke & Appamattocks in Brunswick County."^ Cubb Creek, a tribut¬

ary of the Roanoke, lies in what is now Charlotte County, Virginia.

It is possible that the Thomas Ridley referred to in the grant is

the Thomas under consideration here, but that is a matter that must

be given further examination. It will be observed that the name

Thomas, which seems to have come from the Day family as well as from

the Ridleys, was continued without interruption in the Southampton

Ridley family.

V. Eliz ab eth Ridley . By 1750 she had married Dr. Jesse Brown

who died in 1770.^ Under the terms of her father’s will she received

a Negro girl Dilah and one-ninth of the residuary estate. s ee page 15.

VI. Lydia Ridley . She married first (by 1750) Charles Portlock

who died in 1752. She married second (by 1756) Hugh Vance who died

in 1756. 12 Under the terms of her father's will she was given a

Negro girl Ammo (or Amine) upon reaching the age of eighteen and one-

ninth of the residuary estate. See page 18.

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Notes

1. See EXECUTIVE JOURNALS, COUNCIL OF COLONIAL VIRGINIA, Vol. Ill,

pp. 92 , 146, 338, 371.

2. Blanche Adams Chapman, ISLE OF WIGHT CARRIAGES, p. 45.

3. Will of James Day, Isle of Wight County Will and Deed 3ook 2,

p. 428 (recorded January 9, 1700/1). Abstract: Legacies to son

James, son Thomas, son "William, daughter Elizabeth, wife Nary,

aunt Mrs. Silvestra Hill; also to his brother and sister Chapman,

to his brother and sister Swann; to Major Henry Baker, Mrs. Isa¬

bella Havield, Mr. John Havield, Major Henry Tooker, and Major Arth¬

ur Allen. Executors: wife and Luke Havield. Friends, Mr. Micajah

Perry, Mr. Thomas Lane, and Mr. Richard Perry were to dispose of

his property in the Parish of St. Peters ye Poor in London. The

will is dated August 10, 1700, and. was witnessed by Thomas Rieves,

George Bechinoe, and Barnaby Mackinnie. A codicil dated August 10,

1700, referred to the testator's ever-loving motner, Mrs. Mary

Cropley. The codicil was witnessed by Mackinnie and Rieves.

4. Will of Mrs. Silvestra Hill, Isle of Wi- ht County Will and Deed

Book 2, p. 475 (recorded January 9, 1706/7). Abstract: Legacy

to friend Mary, wife of Henry Baker ("the land I now dwell on, that

is the plantations on which I live"); to goddaughter Mary, daughter

of Henry and Mary Baker; the plantations on which Richard and Fran¬

cis Wrenn live to be sold for the benefit of the poor of the Upper

Parish; to Elizabeth the wife of Nathaniel Ridley; to James, Thomas,

and William Day; to Anne Chapman, wife of Charles Chapman, and her

three sons; to Henry Baker. Executor: Henry Baker. Will dated

October 7, 1705, and witnessed by William Browne, Francis Lee, James

Wilson, and Sarah Guilford.

5. Will of Thomas Day of the Upper Parish of Isle of Wight, Isle

of Wight County Great Book, p. 151 (recorded February 24, 1723).

Abstract: Legacy to aunt Elizabeth Lear; to cousin Thomas Day all

the land "that I bought of John Thomas," wit: reversion of the be¬

quest to "my cousin James Ridley;" to sister Jones; to brother James

Day; to brother-in-law Matthew Jones; to brother-in-law William Brid«

ger; to the three daughters of Nathaniel Ridley and the daughter of

Matthew Jones. He named iv.atthew Jones as executor. Will dated

January 19, 1723. The witnesses were Joseph Seward, William Bamer,

and Elizabeth Hodges.

6. Isle of Wight Deed Boom I, passi m. See also John Bennett Boddie,

SEVENTEENTH C ,NTIJR7 ISLE OF WIGHT, p. 645.

7. Isle of Wight County Great Book, p. 2.

8 . Chapman, op. cit ., p. 30.

9. See note 5, supra .

10 • Virginia Magazine of History and Blog ra phy , Vol. XIV, No. 1,p.30.

11. Chapman, op. cit . , p. 7.

12. Ibid ., pp. 42 and 52.

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SECOND GENERATION

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NATHANIEL RIDLEY, II, OF SOUTHAMPTON

Born about 1705-10; died 1753; lived in Notto¬

way Parish, Southampton County; married (1742)

Priscilla Applewhaite, daughter of Henry (died

1741) and Ann (Marshall) Applewhaite (died

1747) of Isle of Wight County.

Nathaniel Ridley, II, seems to have lived in the part of

Isle of Wight County that fell in the new county of Southampton

where he played a prominent role in public affairs from the begin¬

ning of that county’s history. In all probability he lived on

the plantation devised to him by his father.

Before Southampton County was created, on October 3, 1734,

Nathaniel Ridley, II, was appointed a justice of the peace for

Isle of Wight County.1 On June 11, 1740, he was named sheriff

of Isle of Wight. 2

That Nathaniel Ridley, II, married Priscilla Applewhaite^ is

demonstrated by the will of Ridley himself, by that of Henry Apple¬

whaite (her father) 4 in 1741, and by that of her mother, Mrs. Ann

(Marshall) Applewhaite5 in 1747.

As "Nathaniel Ridley of the Parish of Nottoway, Southampton

County," the second of this name.made his will on October 20, 1752.

It was probated on May 10, 1753. The document mentions Ridley’s

wife, Priscilla, her brother Arthur Applewhaite, and his brother

James Ridley, a3 the three executors. It also names the testator’s

five children, presumably in the order of their ages. Specific

devises or bequests to children are summarized below.

Children of NATHANIEL, II, and PRISCILLA (APPLEWHAITE) RIDLEY:

I. Nathaniel Ridley, III , of Southampton. Under the terms of

his father’s will he received the home plantation, "that is to Say

all the Land I hold on the South Side Ridley's Branch together with

that I bought of Edmund Matthews," his father's grist mill adjoining

Mr. Newsom, and six slaves. See page 20.

II. Day Ridley . Under his father's will he was given "the

plantation whereon Thos Moss lives" and seven slaves. See page 21.

III. Thomas Ridley of Southampton. Under the terms of his father's

will he received "all the land I hold in the fork Branch" known as

the "fork Branch land on the North sd Ridley Branch" and five slaves.

See page 24.

IV. Anne Ridley . Her father's will made the following provision

for her: "I give to my Daughter Anne Ridley my Plantation out by the

Chappel Joyning Simon Turner, to her and her heirs forever, & I give

/her/ the following . . ." seven slaves. See page 28.

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V. Parmlllia R id ley . She married first (1759) Riddick

Holladay,° and second (by 1776) \_ Goffield (Caufield ?).

Under the terms of her father '3 will she received "the plantation

of mine up the Greek whereon Benja. Hale lives" and five slaves.

Notes

1. See EXECUTIVE JOURNOS, COUNCIL OF COLONIAL VIRGINIA, Vol. IV,

p. Ivi.

2. Virginia Lagazine of History and Biography, Vol. XV, No. 1 (July

190777 P. 2.

3. Blanche Adams Chapman, ISLE OF NIGHT EAR-H AGES, p. 45.

4. Will of Henry Applewhaite, Isle of Night County Will Book 4, p.

329 (recorded April 27, 1741). Abstract: To son John the land he

bought of Robert King; to son Arthur; to daughter Sarah the land on

Nottoway River on which the widow Eary Applewhaite now lives; to son

Thomas; to granddaughter Ann, the daughter of Thomas Applewhaite; to

daughter Amy Davis; to daughter Priscilla Ridley; to daughter Ann

Godwin; to grandson Henry applewhaite; to wife Ann. Executrix: wife

Ann Applewhaite. There is no date on the will itself. It was wit¬

nessed by William Ponsonby and Elizabeth Daniel.

5. Will of Ann Applewhaite, widow, Isle of Wight County Will Book 5,

p. 97 (recorded aarch 10, 1747). Abstract: To son Thomas; to

granddaughter Ann, daughter of Thomas Applewhaite; to daughter Ann

Godwin; to daughter Priscilla Ridley; to daughter Amy Jones; to son

John; to grandson Henry, son of Henry deceased; to granddaughter

Sarah Davis; to grandson Henry, son of Arthur Applewhaite; to grand¬

son John Lawrence, son of my daughter Sarah Lawrence. Executor: son

Arthur Applewhaite. Dated July 26, 1746. Witnesses: William Pon¬

sonby, Ann Ponsonby, Sophia Lewis, Ann Hunt, and Elizabeth Daniel.

6. Southampton County Will Book 1, p. 120.

7. This name is spelled here as it appears in her father’s will. In

other court records in Southampton it is variously spelled Par-

melle or Pamela.

8. Southampton County Earriage Bond records show, under date of

February 9, 1769, bond for marriage between Riddick Holladay and

Pamela Ridley, spinster, daughter of Nathaniel Ridley. The sureties

were Nathaniel Ridley, Richard Kello, Edward Fisher, and W. Andrews.

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JaKES RIDLEY OF SOUTHAMPTON

Born about 1706-10; died 1781; lived in South¬

ampton County; married (before 174-2) Jane Smith,

daughter of Colonel Arthur and Mary (Bromfield)

Smith of Isle of Wight County.

James Ridley was mentioned in

and again in the will of his uncle

in 1723.

the will of his father-\*- in 1719

Thomas Day of Isle of Wight, 2

He patented 820 acres of land in Isle of Wight in 174-0, but

this, like the lands of his brother Nathaniel Ridley, II, probably

fell in the new county of Southampton. In the same year he was

named as

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Isle of Wight , J but was dropped

James xRidley served as one of the executors of his brother

Nathaniel, and a3 late as 1771 was still making reports of his admin¬

istration. 5

James Ridley wrote his will on August 20, 1781, and it was pro¬

bated on September 13, 1781, thereby fixing the date of his death

with some precision. 0

That James Ridley married Jane, daughter of Col. Arthur and

Mary (Bromfield) Smith is attested by various Isle of Wight records.7

He and his wife are the ancestors of the extensive Ridley family of

Granville County, North Carolina. It is in this line that the name

Bromfield has been so frequently used.

Children of JmKES and JANE (SMITH) RIDLEY:

I. James Day Ridley of Southampton. See page 29.

II. Arthur Ridley of Southampton. See page 32.

III. Bromfield Ridley of Granville County, North Carolina.See p. 33,

IV. Mary R idley ; married (before 1781) John Blunt. See page 35.

V. Jane Ri dley ; married (1766) Thomas Parker

VI. Sarah Ridley (died 1807)® married first her first cousin,

Nathaniel Ridley, III, and second (October 30, 1783) Dolphin Drew.

VII. William Ridley of Granville County, North Carolina. See

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1. Isle of Wight County Great Book, p. 2.

2. Ibid , p. 151.

3. Virginia maga zin e of Hi sto ry and Biography , Vol. XIV, No. 4

(April 1907), p. 350.

4. Ibid ., Vol. XV, No. 4 (April 1908), p. 383.

5. Southampton County Will Book 2, pp. 489~491.

6 . Southampton County Will Book 3, p. 336.

7. Blanche Adams Chapman, ISLE OF WIGHT K JIAIa&E 3, p. 45.

8 . Ridlon, p. 485.

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MARY (RIDLEY) JONES

Born about 1706; died before 1750. Listed as

the third child and oldest daughter of Nathan¬

iel and Elizabeth (Day) Ridley of Isle of Wight.

Married Francis Jones, son of Matthew Jones, II,

of 'Warwick County, Virginia, and \_\_ Tingnall

(or Tignal), his wife. Francis Jones died in

Edgecombe County, North Carolina, in 1755.

In the final settlement of her mother's estate, Mary (Ridley)

Jones received payments in her own najne.l she seems to have died

about 1745-46 c Her husband remarried shortly after her death as

indicated by the fact that his will^ refers to his wife as Jemima

Jones rather than as Mary. It is not exactly clear which of Francis

Jones' children were born to his first wife and which to the second.

In the following listing it has been assumed that all of his children

who had married at the time he wrote his will in 1750 and all who

bore what might be called "Ridley" names w r ere children of his first

wife, Mary (Ridley) Jones. The other children of Francis Jones are

named in the footnote.^

Children of FRANCIS and MARY (RIDLEY) JONES:

I. Nathaniel Jones of Wake County, North Carolina

II. Tignal Jones of Wake County, North Carolina

III. John Jones ; received land on Crabtree Creek in Wake County

North Carolina from his father.

IV. Matthew Jon es of Halifax County, North Carolina; received

land on Swift Creek in Johnston County, North Carolina, under his

father's will.

V. Francis J o nes, II ; received land on Jacket Swamp in what

is now Halifax County, North Carolina, under his father's will. He

married Frances Yancey.

VI. Albridgton Jones /sometimes called Britton7 of Wake County,

North Carolina; married Mary Hardy. He left a will in Wake County

in 1787. 4

VII. Ridley J on es ; married a daughter of Benjamin Kimball of

Warren County, North Carolina.

VIII. Judith Jones ; married (by 1750) \_ Wilson, captain of

a merchant ship.

IX. Mary Jones ; married (by 1750) Col. John Cullars, an officer

in the Revolutionary army.

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X. Elizabeth (Bette) Day Jones ; unmarried in 1750.

XI. Lydia Jones ; unmarried in 1750.

Notes

1. Southampton County Will Book 2, pp. 489-^91, especially p. 489.

2. Sill of Francis Jones (executed January 14, 1750; probated at

August Court, 1755). See Ruth Smith Williams and Margarette

Glen Griffin, ABSTRACTS OF THE WILLS OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH

CAROLINA, 1733-1856 (Dixie Letter Service, Rocky Mount, N. C.,

1956) p. 184.

3. Lucy Jones and Jemima Jones. In Joseph A. Groves, ALSTONS AND

ALLOTON3 OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA (Atlanta, 1902), pp. 285-291,

there is much confusion as to the names in this family.

4. John Bennett Boddie, SEVENTEENTH CENTURY ISLS OF WIGHT, po. 283-

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EL IZABETH (RIDLEY) BROWN

Listed as the fifth child and second daughter

of Nathaniel and Elizabeth (uay) Ridley. She

married (probably prior to 1740) Dr, Jesse

Brown of Southampton County (born 1709; died

December 3, 1770)

In the final account of Nathaniel Ridley, II’s settlement as

executor of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Day) Ridley-Jones, it is

recorded that Dr. Jesse Brown was paid fc 14 / 17, it being "the

ballance of wifes part of her Mothers Estate to which Nathaniel

Ridley was Administrator- 1 -

In 1754, shortly after the death of Nathaniel Ridley, II, it

appears from the Southampton Order Book that Nathaniel’s minor

daughter, Anne Ridley, chose Dr. Jesse Brown as her legal guardian.

Dr. Jesse Brown was prominent in Southampton. His will, exe¬

cuted November 29, 1770, was probated December 13, 1770, ten days

after his death,5 Under its terms his son Samuel Brown and three

of his sons-in-law (John Atkinson, Thomas Jack, and Benjamin Parsons)

were named executors. Samuel Brown died before he completed the

administration of his father’s estate, thus there was recorded in

Southampton an account of that administration following the death

of Samuel Brown in 1795.

Children of Dr. JESSE and ELIZABETH (RIDLEY) BROWN: 5

I. Eli z abeth Ridley Brown (born about 1742; died 1825); married

first (17607 Kinchen Taylor; second (1778) William Kello.

II. Martha Brown (bora about 1744; died before 1795); married

(before 17701 Thomas Jack.

III. Samuel Ridley Brown (born about 1745; died about 1795);

married, wife’s name unknown; named executor of his father’s 1770

will. The names of his children appear in a settlement of his

account with his father’s estate made following his death:

A. Jesse Brown; mentioned in the 1770 will of his grandfather.

Dr. Jesse Brown, and also in the 1800 will of his brother

John Brown.

B. Anthony Brown

C. Albridgton Brown (born about 1770; supposed to have been

alive in Southampton as late as 1834)° married (1790)

Margaret (Peggy) Ridley, daughter of Day and Martha

(Thorpe) Ridley of Hertford County, North Carolina.

D. James Brown; mentioned in tile will of his brother John

Brown in 1800.

E. John Brown (died about 1800); married, wife’s name unknown;

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his noncupative will was probated in Southampton in 1800

on the oaths of John McLemore, Richard Harrison, and

Albridgton and Margaret Brown.?

IV. \_ Brown (born about 1748); married (before 1770) John

Atkinson.

V. Jesse Brown, Jr . (born about 1750; died 1781); married

Esther \_. The names of their children appear in his will:

A. Thomas Brown

B. Henry Brown

C. Sally Brown

VI. \_ Brown (bom about 1752); married (before 1770) Robert

Dickens.

VII. Lucretia 3rown (born about 1754); married first (before 1770)

Benjamin Parsons; second (by 1795) John Faulcon.

VIII. Parthenia Brown (born about 1756); unmarried in 1770; married

(before 1795) Peter Pelham.

IX. Jane Brown (born about 1758); unmarried in 1770; married

(before 1795) William Wilkinson.

Note: This account of the descendants of Dr. Jesse and Elizabeth

(Ridley) Brown does not identify the Dr. Samuel Brown of

Southampton who is supposed to have married - .^rtha, daughter

of Day and Martha (Thorpe) Ridley of Hertford County, North

Carolina, and left one child, Dr. Lafayette Brown; y nor does

it identify the Dr. Samuel Brown who is supposed to have lived

on Nottoway River in Southampton and who is supposed to have

died there at "an advanced age" on October 1, 1831.

Notes

1. Southampton County Will Book 2, p. 489.

2. Southampton County Order Bock 2, p. 27 (December 12, 1754).

3. Southampton County Will Book 2, p, 357. Date of death from

obituary; see note 6, below.

4. Southampton County Will Book 4, p. 748 (account made November 7,

1795, recorded July 14, 1796).

5. For marriage, see Chapman, SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY MARRIAGES, p. 7.

The nine children named here are listed in the will of Dr. Jesse

3rown and, with the exception of Martha, in the account of Dr. Jesse

Brown 1 s executor's estate. See note 4 f above.

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6 . A manuscript book in the Virginia State Library entitled

"Abstracts of Surry, Southampton, Isle of Wight, Nansemond, and

Sussex," p. 15, cites obituaries in the G-azette (otherwise unidenti¬

fied) for Albridgton Brown, a Samuel Brown, and a Jesse 3rown. The

notes are not clear, but the statements about Albridgton Brown seem

reliable.

7. Southampton County Will Book 5, p. 188.

8 . Southampton County w'ill Book 3, p. 343 (will executed September

24, 1777, probated November 8, 1781)•

9. Rldlon , p. 486.

10. See obituary mentioned in note 6, above.

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LYDIA (RIDLEY) PORTLOCK-VANCE

Listed as the sixth child of Nathaniel and Eliz¬

abeth (Day) Ridley of Isle of Wight, Date of

birth unknown; died 1771. Married first, Charles

Portlock, second Hugh Vance.

Charles Portlock, first husband of Lydia Ridley, executed his

will on February 15, 1750, and it was probated in Isle of Wight on

July 2, 1752. Hugh Vance, second husband of Lydia Ridley, executed

his will on April 2, 1756, and it was probated in Isle of Wight on

July 1, 1756.2

The estate of Mrs. Lydia (Ridley) Portlock-Vance was appraised

in Isle of Wight and recorded there on November 7, 1771.

Children of LYDIA RIDLEY and her two husbands:

I. Charl es Portlock , Jr ., named in the will of his father

executed in 1750; also named in the will of his stepfather Hugh

Vance in 1756.

II. Nathaniel P ortl ock, named in the will of his father in 1750;

also named in the will of his stepfather Hugh Vance in 1756,

III. James Vance , named in the will of his father Hugh Vance in

1756.

Note s

1. Will of Charles Portlock, Isle of Wight County Will Book V, p. 439.

2. Will of Hugh Vance, Isle of Wight Will Book VI, p. 226.

3. Appraisal of Estate of Lydia Vance, Isle of Wight County Will Book

VIII, p. 99. See also Blanche Adams Chapman, ISLE OF WIGHT

ABSTRACTS, Vol. 2, pp. 53, 160, 178,

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THIRD GENERATION

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Anne (Ridley) Holladay.28

James Day Ridley of Southampton.29

Arthur Ridley of Southampton . . .32

Bromfield Ridley of Granville.33

Mary (Ridley) Blunt. . .35

William Ridley of Granville.37

Elizabeth Ridley (Brown) Taylor-Kello.39

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NATHAN IEL RIDLEY, III, OF SOUTHAMPTON

Listed as the oldest son of Nathaniel Ridley, II,

and Priscilla Applewhaite. Born about 1743-44;

died 1776; married Sarah Ridley, daughter of James

and Jane (Smith) Ridley. She second married (1783)

Dolphin Drew.

Very little is known about the third Nathaniel Ridley. He

died when still a young man.

The will of Nathaniel Ridley, III(dated January 7, 1776; pro¬

bated July 11, 1776)1 refers to his wife Sarah and his son Matthew

Ridley. It provides that should his son Matthew die without issue

under the age of twenty-one the property his son would have taken

under the will should pass to Nathaniel Ridley, the son of Day

Ridley (brother of Nathaniel, III). The will refers to Mrs. Ann

Holladay and Mrs. Pamelia Coffield in such a way as to leave little

doubt that they are the testator’s sisters. It also mentions the

testator's brothers, Day Ridley and Thomas Ridley. The document was

witnessed by James Ridley, presumably the testator’s uncle and

f ather-in-law.

The inventory of the estate of Nathaniel Ridley, III, as filed

in the Southampton records is quite interesting to rsad.^

Child of NATHANIEL, III, and SARAH (RIDLEY) RIDLEY:

I. Matthew R i dley (under 21 in 1776; died 1795). Never married.

His will (written April 13, 1795; probated June 11, 1795P mentions

his mother as Mrs. Sarah Drew. He gives his property to Francis, son

of Thomas Ridley, Senior (the testator's uncle); mentions his friend

Henry Blunt, son of John Blunt, Senior; mentions Thomas Holladay, son

of John Holladay, deceased; and makesHenry Blunt and his uncle Thomas

Ridley his executors. The witnesses to the will were Thomas Ridl^v

(probably Thomas Ridley, Junior), Stephens Blake, Ame.y Ridley (wi^e

of Thomas Ridley, Senior) and Maney X Blake. An inventory of Mattnew

Ridley's estate was taken by Thomas Ridley on July 13, 1795, but it

was not recorded until July, 1808.

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Day aIDLEY OF HERTFORD

Listed as the second son of Nathaniel Ridley, II,

and Priscilla Applewhaite\* Born about 1744-45;

died Larch-May, 1777; married (about 1765) Martha

Thorpe, daughter of Timothy (died 1763) and Martha

(Peterson presumably) Thorpe of Southampton County.

As a young man Day Ridley moved across the line from South¬

ampton to Hertford County, North Carolina. There he became a

prominent patriot at the opening of the American Revolution. He was

a member of the Committee of Safety for the Sdenton District; he

represented Hertford County in the Provincial Congress at Halifax,

April 4, 1776, which adopted the famous Halifax Resolves; and he also

represented Hertford in North Carolina’s first Constitutional Con¬

vention, November 12, 1776. 1

Day Ridley’s career was cut short by his early death. His will

written March 9, 1777, was probated at May Court, 1777, in Hertford

County.2 Under ts terms he gave his wife the use of the home plan¬

tation for her life or widowhood as well as the use of another plan¬

tation "on which Spence Porter is overseer" and all undisposed of

property for her life, widowhood, or until his son Timothy Thorpe

Ridley should reach the age of 21 years. Ail the personal property

was to be divided "among all my children" when Timothy Thorpe Ridley

reached 21, and until that date Mrs, Ridley was charged with maintain

ing and educating the children. Ridley directed his executors to sel

his two Janus colts and four named slaves and to divide the proceeds

between the two sons, Timothy Thorpe and Nathaniel Ridley. To his

son Nathaniel he also gave the sum of L 50. The balance of the cash

was to be divided between the two sons. As executors Ridley named

his "brother-in-law Timothy Thorpe," his friend Henry Taylor, and his

wife. He was survived by his wife, Martha (Thorpe) Ridley, and sev¬

eral children.^

The Hertford County Tax List for 1779 shows Mrs. Martha Ridley

as being in possession of 630 acres of land in the First District of

that county. By 1782, however, the tax list shows 550 acres in the

name of Timothy Thorpe, executor of Day Ridley, and 100 acres in the

name of Elizabeth Ridley. Two years later, in 1784, the only Ridley

on the Hertford tax list was the same Elizabeth Ridley with the same

100 acr-s of land.4

As already indicated, Day Ridley's will discloses the names of

his two sons, but it does not give the names of his daughters nor

does it indicate how many daughters he had. The wills of Timothy

Thorpe, Senior, and of Mrs. Martha (Peterson) Thorpe-Jones, the

parents of Day Ridley's wife, however, when read together, supply

reliable information on this general subject. 5

Children of DAY and MARTHA (THORPE) RIDLEY:

I. Nathan ie l Ridley (born about 1766-67). References to him

in the 1777 will of his father and in the 1776 will of his uncle

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been the older son. No further record of him has been found.

II. Timothy Thorpe Ridley ; as mentioned in his father's will, he

seams to have been younger than his brother Nathaniel and possibly

the youngest of all his parents' children.' He is supposed to have

died without issue in Hertford County, North Carolina. 8

III. Margaret (Peggy) Ridley ; married (1790) in Southampton,

lbridgton 3rown.9 She is mentioned by name in the 1780 will of her

grandmother, Martha (Peterson) Thorpe-Jones. 10

IV. Martha Ridley ; she is supposed to have married Dr. Samuel

Brown of Southampton.il She is mentioned in the 1780 will of her

grandmother, Martha (Peterson) Thorpe-Jones.12 She and her husband

are said to have had one child, Dr. Lafayette Brown.15 For problem

as to identity of Dr. Samuel Brown, see note on page 16 under Eliza¬

beth (Ridley) Brown. It is possible that the l artha Ridley who

married Dr. Brown was the widow, Mrs. Martha (Thorpe) Ridley, rather

than her daughter.

Notes

1. Benjamin B. Winborne,

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523, 545, 534, 914, 915, and 960.

2. A copy of this will was certified for recordation in Chowan County,

North Carolina, on October 8, 1804, and this copy is now preserved

(with Chowan County wills) in the North Carolina State Department of

irchives and History in Raleigh. The Hertford County court records

were virtually all destroyed during the Civil War.

3. See division of estate of Timothy Thorpe by Day Ridley, Southamp¬

ton Will Book 3, p. 62 (recorded June 10, 1773), and will of Mrs.

Martha. (Peterson) Thorpe-Jones (mother of Mrs. Day Ridley), Southamp¬

ton County Will Book 3, pp\* 321-322 (executed December 11, 1780; pro¬

bated April 12, 1781).

4. These tax lists are preserved in the Department of Archives and

History in Raleigh.

5. When Timothy Thorne, Senior, executed his will on September 5, 1763

his daughter, Martha Thorpe, had not yet married Day Ridley. She

is referred to in that document as "Patty Thorpe." See Southampton

Will Book 2, pp. 59-62 (probated October 13, 1763). After her hus¬

band's death, Mrs. Martha (Peterson) Thorpe, married James Jones of

Southampton who also predeceased her. In her will as Martha Jones,

executed December 11, 1780, she named her granddaughters Peggy and

Martha Ridley. See Southampton County Will Book 3, PP\* 321-322 (pro¬

bated April 12, 1781).

6 . Southampton County will Book 3, P\* 152.

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7. Winborne, op. cit. , p. 40, erroneously refers to him as "Timothy

Sharpe Ridley. 17 ” This is not a surprising error; the handwriting

in the copy of Day Ridley's will in the State Archives might easily

mislead one unfamiliar with the Ridley family's Southampton County

connect ions.

8. Ridlon , p. 486.

9. Winborne, op. ci t., p. 40. See also page 15 herein for parentage

of Albridgton Brown.

10. See note 5, above.

11 . Ridlon, p. 486.

12 . See note 5, above.

13. Ridlon , p. 486.

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THOMAS RIDLEY OF SOUTHAMPTON

3orn about 1750; died February 15, 1815;

lived in Southampton County, Virginia; he

married (1778) Amey Scott, daughter of John

Scott (died 1783) of Sussex County, Virginia.

Mrs. Amey (Scott) Ridley died February5, 1815,

ten days before her husband. ^

Thomas Ridley, son of Nataaniel and Priscilla (Applewhaite)

Ridley, was for many years a justice for Southampton and took a

leading role in both civil and military affairs. His services at

the time of the American Revolution were outstanding.

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The minutes of the Committee of Safety for Southampton County

show that on March 16, 1776, Thomas Ridley produced a commission

from the General Congress appointing him Captain of a company of

regulars that had been raised in Southampton, and on that date he

took the oath that was required before the Committee. This comm¬

ission in the 4th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line was

dated March 11, 1776. From that date forward Thomas Ridley pursued

an active military career. 5

Two stories about Ridley’s military experiences may be of

interest.^ The first records that he "was at the battle of Brandy¬

wine /""September 1777\_7> and tradition has preserved an anecdote,

which on that memorable occasion illustrated his chivalrous bearing.

The day was intensely hot, and men were falling under the rays of a

vertical sun as well as by the shot of the enemy. Still the battle

raged, and the sound of the artillery became overwhelming. A poor

soldier belonging to the Virginia regiment, catching the eye of

Colonel Ridley, said in tremulous accents, 'The earth is gaping and

will swallow us. 1 ’Let it open,’ stormed Ridley, ’we will sink

together; to your post I

The second story has been recorded as follows: "After one of

the battles in which he had been engaged, he came across a wounded

British officer, to whom he extended an act of kindness. The soldier

drew from his pocket a gold watch, and asked Colonel Ridley to accept

it as a token of his dying gratitude. That watch is now /about

1880\_\_7 in ^he possession of his grandson, Francis T. Ridley."

On March 1, 1778, Thomas Ridley was commissioned Major of the

10th Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line. Yhen the first nine

Virginia regiments were consolidated into six at the White Plains

rearrangement in September, 1778, the 10th became known as the 6th;

thus, the records show Major Ridley's transfer from the 10th to the

6 th on September 14, 1778.5 This regiment reported only 280 men

present on May 10, 1779, and at that time it was assigned to General

Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg’s brigade. The regiment was sent with the

rest of the Virginia troops to aid in the defense of Charleston and

was captured there by the British in May, 1780. Major Ridley's

fate at Charleston is not known, but the records show that he was

retired as Major at the Chesterfield rearrangement on February 12,

1781.7 Later, however, he returned to service as Major of the 1st

Virginia Regiment and was finally retired with trut rank on January

1, 1783.8

Thomas Ridley became one of the original members of the

Society of the Cincinnati.8

For his services in the Continental Army he wa3 awarded three

grants of land in Ohio -- one for 5>333 acres, one for 888 acres,

and one for 666 acreslO-- making a total of 6,887 acres. An inter¬

esting reference to this land appears in Ridley’s will. It appears

that by 1809 he had entered into a contract with one James McKinley

of the State of Kentucky for the sale of these lands, but that it

had not been carried out at the time the will was executed. 1 There

is a tradition that this land was sold for $40,000.I 2

After the Revolution Thomas Ridley returned to Southampton and

pursued the normal life of a planter. He was made a justice of the

peace in 1784,13 and the following year he "took the oath appointed

by law and qualified as a Vestryman of the Parish of St. Lukes."1^

Such action following the Revolution is an interesting commentary

on the status of the religious establishment in Virginia.

It has been the family custom to refer to Thomas Ridley as

"Colonel" primarily to distinguish him from his son who, in turn,

has usually been called "Major Thomas Ridley." The title "colonel,"

as shown by the records, is not entirely honorary. On June 9, 1785,

"Thomas Ridley, Esq. produced a Commission from the Governor of

this Commonwealth appointing and constituting him a Colonel of the

Militia of this County, which being read, he took the oath prescribed

by law." Thus reads the Southampton County Order Book. 18

Thomas Ridley was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates

from Southampton and served in that body in 1785/86 and in 1786/87.

He entered the Virginia Senate in 1790 and was re-elected to each

session through that of 1800.

That Thomas Ridley married Amey, daughter of John Scott of Sussex

County, is attested by the marriage bond,l6 by his will,- 1 -' and by

the will of her father in 1783.18 it is also attested by the Ridley

family records.19

In his will (written December 3, 1809; probated March 20, 1815)

Thomas Ridley mentioned his wife and his two sons. Specific pro¬

visions for his children are summarized below© His wife was given a

life estate in the home plantation, eight slaves, substantial numbers

of livestock, and half the household and kitchen furniture. Since

she died before her husband Mrs. Amey Ridley did not, of course,

obtain this property.

Children of THOMAS and AMEY (SCOTT) RIDLEY:

I. Thomas Ridley , 11, of "Rock Spring," Southampton County. Under

the terms of his father’s will he received all his father’s lands

"Lying on the north Side of the main road Leading from Jerusalem to

Belfield, together with all the negroes which are now on the Said

Lands, and Plantations and their future Increase together with every

Species of property on the Said Lands . . . ." (For the uninitiated

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it must be pointed out that Jerusalem is now called Gourtland and

that Belfield has surrendered to the pedestrian Emporia.) Thomas

Ridley, II, was also given "one half of the proceeds of the Sale of

my Land which lies in the State of Ohio, which Said Lands I have

Conditionally Sold to James McKinley of the State of Kentucky, but

in case the Said Sale Should not be effectual I then give to my said

Son Thomas, one half of the Said Land." His father also provided:

I also give to my Said Son and acquit him from all Claims and

demand of or to the money which I paid to John Wright Senr. in con¬

sideration of a Tract of land, purchased by my Said Son Thomas of

the Said Wright, and for which Said Land the said Wright made to my

Said Son Thomas a Conveyance which is recorded in Southampton County

Court. 1 Thomas Ridley, II, was named one of his father’s executors.

II. Nanc y Ridley . Born April 27, 1782; died August 27, 1784. 21

III. Francis Ridley of "Rotherwood," Southampton County. Under

the terms of his father’s will he received (subject to his mother’s

life interest) everything his father gave his mother. In addition,

he received all the residue of his father’s "Lands Lying on the South

Side of the main road Leading from Jerusalem to Belfield, together

with all the Slaves and their future Increase, that are on the Said

Lands, as also all other and every Species of property which may be

on the Said Lands (excepting the Loan made to his Mother during" her

Life). ..." Thomas Ridley made the same provision about the Ohio

lands for his son Francis that he made for Thomas Ridley, II. Francis

Ridley was made the residuary beneficiary and, with his brother, an

executor. See page 4 5\*

Notes

1. Ridley family record, kept in a copy of THE VIRGINIA ALMANACK FOR

^THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1767, published in Williamsburg in that year.

This record was kept constantly by members of this family from 1770

to 1875 on a blank page in the Almanack, a paper-bound publication.

So far as is known, this took the place of the family Bible record

common in most families. The book was in the possession of Miss

Roberta Mary Ridley of "Bloomfield," Southampton County, until her

death in 1949; since that time it has not been located. Fortunately,

in 1937 two members of the family (Mrs. Margaret Ridley Long Tyler

and Hen 1 y Wilkins Lewis) made verbatim copies of the Almanack record,

and those copies are in complete agreement. Hereafter, in this

publication, the record will be referred to simply as Almanack .

2. Committee of Safety Record Book /"photostat in Southampton County

Clerk’s Office, Courtland, Virginia\_7, p. 47.

3. The military record given here, unless otnerwise indicated, is

taken from John H. Gwathme.y, HISTORICAL REGISTER OF VIRGINIANS IN

THE REVOLUTION, p. 664, but it may also be found in other publications

listing officers of the Continental Line.

4. Rldlon . p. 485.

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5 . Virginia Magazine of Hlatory and Biography , Vol. 20, pp. 192,

273 (1912)o

6 . Id. at p. 192.

7. Id. at p. 281.

8 . Ibid .

9. Id., Vol. 6 , No. 1 (July 1898), pp. 22, 28.

10. G-wathmey, op. cit . , p. 664 0

11. Southampton County Jill Book 7, pp. 434-436.

12. Ridlon , p. 485.

13. Southampton County Order Book, 1778-84, p. 447.

14. Southampton County Order Book, 1784-88, p. 33.

15. id. at p. 92.

16. Southampton County ivlarriage Bond Register, April 9 > 1778.

17. Southampton County Jill Book 7, pp. 434-436.

18. Sussex County Will Book D, p. 182.

19. Almanack .

20. Southampton County Will Book 7, pp. 434-436.

21. Almanack.

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ANNE (RIDLEY) HOLLADAY

Listed as the fourth child of Nathaniel

and Priscilla (Applewhaite) Ridley. Born

about 1750; married John (?) Holladay who

died before 1795.

Other than in her father r s will, Anne Ridley first appears in

the Southampton County records on December 12, 1754-? when, as the

11 infant daughter of Nathaniel Ridley," then deceased, she chose

Dr. Jesse Brown as her guardian.(Dr. Brown was the husband of

the child’s father’s sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley Brown. See

page 15.)

Anne Ridley’s marriage to a Holladay is not recorded in the

marriage bond records in Southampton, but a reference to Thomas

Holladay (son of John Holladay) in the 1795 will of Matthew Ridley

creates a reliable presumption that Matthew Ridley’s aunt, Anne

Ridley, had married John Holladay and was the mother of Thomas

Holladay. Similarly, as early as 1776, Nathaniel Ridley, III,

referred to Mrs. Anne Holladay in such a way as to indicate, in

his will, that she was his sister .5

Child of JOHN and ANNE (RIDLEY) HOLLADAY:

I, Thomas Holladay . Mentioned in the 1795 will of his first

cousin, Matthew Ridley.4

/"There may have been other children of this marriage, but

no search has been made to ascertain their names, if any7/

1. Southampton County

2. Southampton County

3. Southampton County

4. Southampton County

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Order Book 2, p. 27»

Will Book 4, p. 688.

Will Book 3j p. 152.

Will Book 4, p. 688.

JAMES DAY RIDLEY OF SOUTHAMPTON

Listed as the oldest son of James and Jane (Smith)

Ridley. Born about 1738; died 1778. He married

(September 25, 1758) Mary, daughter of Colonel

Nathaniel Edwards of Brunswick County, Virginia

(died 1771) and his wife, Jane Eaton.

It has been said that James Day Ridley "obtained a considerable

reputation as a physician and died in the prime of life, leaving one

son and two daughters . . . . 111 Dr. Ridley’s wife was a member of

prominent families in Brunswick and in North Carolina. 2 Since he

was only about forty years old when he died, it is not unlikely that

Mrs. Mary (Edwards) Ridley married a second time, although this has

not been established.

While the precise date of Dr. Ridley’s birth is unknown, the

date of his death is fixed by two interesting documents recorded in

Southampton? One is a deed of gift, dated August 10, 1776, from

Ridley to his three children, which was not recorded until it was

brought in by his widow on February 12, 1778. On that date she was

appointed administratrix of Dr. Ridley’s estate.3 The second document

is the inventory of,his estate prepared on March 12, 1778, and record¬

ed on May 13, 1779.

Children of JAMES DAY and MARY (EDWARDS) RIDLEY t

I. Rebecca Ridley . Married (June 24, 1784) William Massenburg

of Sussex County, Virginia, 3 she wag named in the deed of gift exe¬

cuted by her father in 1776 and also in the will of her grandfather,

James Ridley, in 1781. Probable issue;

A. M.ary E/dwards ///Massenburg. Married (1805) Richard

Blunt of Sussex.

B. James D/ay \_?7 Massenburg. Married (February 16, 1815)

Eliza C. Jones .7

II. John Edwards Ridley of Southampton (called "Jack" in some

court recordsTT" Born about 1760; died 1794; married (1792) Jane

Wright. The Southampton marriage records show that Jane Wright ! s

mother, then living in North Carolina, objected to the marriage, but

that Jane’s brother John Wright gave his consent. In 1781 John

EdwardSgRidley was remembered in the will of his grandfather, James

Ridley. When he wrote his own will in 1793 he called himself "jack

Edwards Ridley," left his property to his wife, and named his brother-

in-law William Wright as his executor. 10 He had no children. His

widow married second (in 1797) Edwin Adams, 11

III. Elizabeth Ridley . On February 13, 1790, a marriage settle¬

ment was executed in contemplation of a marriage to take place between

an Elizabeth Ridley and Etheldred Taylor, both of Southampton County.

Virginia, 12 William Massenburg of Sussex was named trustee in the

agreement; the witnesses were Jack E. Ridley and David Johnson. The

document was recorded July 8, 1790 o 1 3 The fact that Jack E. Ridley

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witnessed the settlement and that William Massenburg (husband of

Rebecca Ridley) was named trustee makes strong evidence that it was

their sister Elizabeth who married Taylor.

Etheldred Taylor died the year after this marriage. In Sussex

in December, 1793, ^ his widow married (second) Francis Woolfolk

and upon his death,^she married (third) in Sussex in 1796 Dr. Samuel

Blunt of Belmont." 5

There is no indication that Elizabeth Ridley had children by

either of her first two husbands. By Dr. Blunt she had four:

A. James Ridley Blunt (died 1835); married Artemesia Howard.

B. Martha Peete Blunt; married in Southampton (1817) Jesse

A. Bonner (died in Brunswick).

C. Mary Eliza Blunt; married in Southampton (1828) Alexander

Peete

D. Samuel Blunt of Southampton (born September 28, 1804;

died in Petersburg, 1884); married (first), December 28,

1842, Mary J. C. G-holson (1812-1847); married (second),

October 22, 1856, Laura E. Mason.

Notes

1. Ridlon, p. 484.

2. Willi a m and Mary College Quarterly , Vol. XV, No. 2 (October,

1906), p. 82.

3. Southampton County Will Book 3, p. 195. The deed of gift was

treated as a will.

4. Ibid ., p. 262.

5. Southampton Ministers’ Returns, June 24, 1784. (Photostat in

courthouse at Courtland, Virginia).

6. Sussex County Marriage Bond Register. (Photostat in office of

clerk of court at Sussex courthouse). See Blunt Appendix.

7. Southampton County Ministers' Returns, February 16, 1815. See

note 5, above.

8. For identification of Jane Wright, see Wright Appendix herein.

9. Southampton County Will Book 3? P» 336.

10. Southampton County Will Book 4, p. 611.

11. Southampton County Marriage Bond Register, May 15, 1797. (Photostat

in courthouse at Courtland).

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12. Etheldred Taylor was a son of Henry Taylor of Southam ton

(died 1781) and Temperance (died about 1798), generally

identified as a daughter of John Peterson of Brunswick County,

Virginia.

13. Southampton County Deed Book 7, p. 371.

14. For information on Elizabeth Ridley's second marriage, a.ee''

marriage bond of Francis Woolfolk and .Eliza 1 Taylor , Sur. Benja¬

min B. Rosser, December 13, 1793. Knorr, MARRIAGES OF SUSSEX

COUNTY, VIRGINIA, page 72.

15. For information on Elizabeth Ridley's third marriage and Blunt

descendants, see Blunt Family Appendix, especially page 90.

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ARTHUR RIDLEY OF SOUTHAMPTON

Listed as the second son of James and Jane

(Smith) Ridley. Born about 1740; died before

1781. Married Elizabeth (surname unknown).

Practically nothing is known of Arthur Ridley. He seems to

have been named for his grandfather, Arthur Smith of Isle of Wight.

His wife's name appears in the will of her father-in-law, James

Ridley, in 1781. It is from that source also that the name of

their daughter is obtained.

It is entirely possible that Mrs. Elizabeth Ridley, Arthur's

widow, married a second time, but this is conjecture.^

Child of ARTHUR and ELIZABETH (\_) RIDLEY:

I. Rebecca Ridley . Mentioned as being under age in the 1781

will of her grandfather, James Ridley.3 Nothing more is known of her.

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1. Southampton County Will Book 3, P» 336.

2. At one time it was considered possible tnat this Mrs. Elizabeth

Ridley rather than Elizabeth, daughter of James Day Ridley,

had married Etheldred Taylor in 1790, but in view of the comments

made on pages 29-30 this is unlikely.

3. Southampton County Will Book 3, P\* 336.

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BROMFIELD RIDLEY OF GRANVILLE

Listed as the third son of James and Jane

(Smith) Ridley. Born about 1742; died 1796;

married about 1775\* Frances Keeling, daughter

of George and Agnes (Bullock) Keeling. 1 Mrs.

Frances (Keeling) Ridley died in 1823.

There is evidence that Bromfield Ridley "was settled as a

lawyer at Oxford, Granville County, as early as 1770, and evidently

several years earlier than that date. He is said to have been a

man distinguished in his profession. . . a reputation attested

by his nomination to serve in numerous public positions requiring

legal ability.5 ,! He resided at a beautiful country-seat called

’Nine Oaks, 1 about eleven miles from Oxford. . . ,4- This house,

severely battered by years, still stands near the old town of

Williamsboro in Vance County, North Carolina (formerly a part of

Granville). It is strange in appearance, but its size and orna¬

mentation mark it as having been a place of consequence. Nearby is

the well-known Hamilton place called "Burnside." "Mr. Ridley

acquired wealth, and gave his sons a liberal education, and means

sufficient for a good start in life. He died in 1796, and is

thought to have been rising sixty. Tradition represents him as a

gentleman of great dignity of deportment and fine appearance."5

Bromfield Ridley left no will, but his widow’s will of 1823

is a valuable source of information on this family.®

Children of BROMFIELD and FRANCES (KEELING) RIDLEY:

I. Dr. James Ridley . See page 46.

II. Elizab e th Ridley . See page 47.

III. Dr. Archibald Bromfield R i dley . See page 48.

IV. Frances Ridley . Referred to as the second daughter,^ she

married (after 1802) William Morgan Snead of Granville. 8 Snead was

named one of the executors of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frances Ridley,

in 1823.9 The Sneads moved to Mississippi where she died childless.10

V. Dr. Robert Ridley . See page 49.

VI. Mary (Polly) Ridley . Referred to as the third daughter, 11

she married after 1802, James Hamilton. 12 One writer described

Hamilton as a "wealthy merchant in the city of New York," 1 ^ but it

is more likely that he was connected with the Hamiltons of "Burnside"

near Williamsboro. No information is available on the children of

this marriage, if any.

VII. Thomas Day Ridley . He has been referred to as the fourth

son.14 He survived his mother and was named as one of the executors

in her will in 1823.15 He died childless in 1837. Thomas Day Ridley

was married twice. His will mentions both wives. 1 6 He first married

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in Southampton County, Virginia, in 1816, Elizabeth Blunt, daughter

of Benjamin and Mary (Edwards) Blunt.17 He next married Mary Blunt,

sister of his first wife. She survived him.

VIII. Sarah (Sally) Ridley . Referred to as the fourth daughter,-^

she married after 1802, Benjamin Edwards Blunt, brother of the two

wives of her brother, Thomas Day Ridley, Blunt was named one of

the executors of his mother-in-law’s estate in 1823.19 He and his

wife are supposed to have moved first to Alabama and then to Miss¬

issippi.^ 0 No information is available on the children of this

marriage, if any.

Notes

1. See Jane Morris, ADAM SYMES AND HIS DESCENDANTS (Philadelphia,

1935), pp. 42-53, Mrs. Agnes (Bulloch) Keeling married second

Judge John Williams for whom Williamsboro was named.

2. Ridlon, p. 515.

3. Walter Clark (ed), NORTH CAROLINA COLONIAL AND STATE RECORDS,

Vol. 9, pp. 342, 356, 801; Vol. 13, pp. 755, 808; Vol. 17, pp.

810, 858, 895, 954; Vol. 18, pp. 254, 256; Vol, 22, p e 492; and

Vol. 24, p, 878,

4. Ridlon , p. 515.

5. Ibid .

6. Will of Frances (Keeling) Ridley, G-ranville County Will Book 9,

p. 248.

7. Ridlon , p. 517.

8. Granville County Will Book 9, p. 248.

9. Ibid .

!0. Ridlon . p. 517.

11. Ibid .

12. Ibid . Granville County Will Book 9, p« 248.

13. Ibid .

14. Ibid .

15. Granville County Will Book 9, p. 248.

16. Granville County Will Book 13, p. 522.

17. See Southampton County Marriage Bond Register (photostat in

courthouse at Courtland).

18. Ridlon . p. 517.

19. Granville County Will Book 9, p. 248.

20. Ri dlon , p. 517.

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MAR Y (RIDLEY) BLUNT 1169834

Listed as the fourth child of James and Jane

(Smith) Ridley. Born about 1744; djed after

1803; married by 1781 John Blunt, l ? l of Benja¬

min and Priscilla (Person) Blunt of Southampton.

John Blunt died about 1803.

Referred to as Mary Blunt in the 1781 will of her father,

James Ridley, it is obvious that Mary Ridley had already married

by that date.-\*- The first name of her husband is definitely estab¬

lished through a record showing that he quitclaimed any interest he

might have in her father’s estate. His identity is accounted for

in the Blunt Family sketch herein. John Blunt died about 1803,

leaving his widow surviving

Children of JOHN and MARY (RIDLEY) BLUNT:

1. John 31unt . He was alive in 1778, and it is possible that

he is the person of this name who witnessed the will of Mrs. Frances

(Keeling) Ridley in Granville County, North Carolina, in 1823.^ If

so, this would account for his disappearance from the Southampton

records.

II. Henry Blunt . Died unmarried in Southampton (1808-13). 5

III. Priscilla Bl unt. Married in 1790, Davis Day. Issue:

A. Henry Day°

IV. ..Benj amin Blunt of Southampton (died 1825-26). 7 Married

Ann Edwards, sister of Benjamin and Richard Edwards, and daugh¬

ter of Micajah Edwards and Elizabeth (Blunt) Edwards. See p. 86. in

oouthampton records this Benjamin Blunt is often styled "of John”

to distinguish him from his kinsmen f the same name. Issue:

A. Benjamin Edwards Blunt. Married (after 1802) Sarah

(Sally) Ridley, fourth daughter of Bromfield and Frances

(Keeling) Ridley of Granville. See page 34.

B. John Blunt of Southampton. Died unmarried (1828-30).®

C. Elizabeth Blunt. Married (1816) Thomas Day Ridley, son

of Bromfield and Frances (Keeling) Ridley of Granville.

No issue. See page 33.

D. Mary Ridley Blunt. Married Thomas Day Ridley as his

second wife. See page 33.

E. Sally Blunt

F. Lucy Blunt. Married (1825) George Briggs Edmunds.

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Note s

1. Southampton County Will Book 3, p. 336.

2. Ibid ., p, 339.

3. Southampton County Will Book 6, p. 15.

4. Granville County Will Book 9, p. 248\*

5. Southampton County Will Book 7, p. 309«

6. See William and Mary Colleg e Quarterly (Second Series), Vol. 10,

No, 3, p. 257.

7. Southampton County Will Book 9> p. 302.

8. Southampton County Will Book 10, p. 227.

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WILLIAM RIDLMY OF GRANVILLE

Listed as the youngest son of James and Jane

(Smith) Ridley. Born about 1751; died about

1810. Married in 1780, Elizabeth Lewis (born

April 10, 1761; died before 1810), daughter of

Howell and Mary Isabella (Willis) Lewis of

Granville County, North Carolina. Howell Lewis

died in 1815 at an advanced age.

An early writer on the Ridley family states that William

Ridley went from Virginia to Gates County, North Carolina, and when

young, from thence to Wake County, North Carolina, and thence to

Gramville. The writer 1 s authority is not cited. In the same book

it is stated that ’William Ridley ''was presumably a son of William

Ridley, who settled in the County of Isle of Wight, Va., in the

early part of the eighteenth century."! Again the writer cited

no authority.

Identification of William Ridley in accordance with the

summary at the head of this page is not entirely free from doubt.

In April 1777, one William Ridley was appointed surgeon to the

Third Regiment of Continental Troops, and in 1786 he was paid for

his services, 2 a will of 1779 in Granville County, North Carolina,

shows that a grateful patient made provision for paying Dr. William

Ridley some L 500 for his professional attention,3 yet in the 1781

will of James Ridley in Southampton there are indications that his

son William Ridley was still living in Southampton at that time.^

Similarly, in the settlement of James Ridley’s estate, it is note¬

worthy that the executors in at least three documents 6 referred to

themselves as "Bromfield Ridley of Granville" and "William Ridley

of Southampton," indicating that as late as September 14, 1781,

James’ son William was being styled as "of Southampton." Yet it is

still quite likely that the Dr. William Ridley referred to in the

1779 will in Granville was at least temporarily resident there. Doe

this mean that the two were not the same? Not? necessarily, and,

until further evidence is produced, the identity will be treated

as summarized in the headnote.

Children of WILLIAM and ELIZABETH (LEWIS) RIDLEY: 6

I. Howell Lewi s Ridley . See page 50.

II. Dr„ James Day Ri d ley. See page 51.

III. Willis Ridley . See page 52.

IV. Mary Ridley . Married Colonel Nathaniel Robards of Granville

an executor, with Thomas B. Lewis, of the estate of his brother-in-

law, Howell Lewis Ridley, in 1827.^ Issue, eleven children, 6 of

whom the name of only one is available from the Granville probate

records: Howell Ridley Robards, mentioned in the will of his uncle,

Howell Lewis Ridley. 9 in all likelihood this family could be

traced without great difficulty.

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Note s

1. Rldlon , p. 533.

2. Walter Clark (ed.), NORTH CAROLINA COLONIAL AND STATE RECORDS,

Vol. 12, pp. 36, 38; Vol. 16, p. 1143; and Vol. 17, p. 244.

3. Will of Mrs. Sarah Leithe, Granville County Will Book 1, p. 246.

4. Southampton County Will Book 3, p. 336.

5. Southampton County Deed Book 6, pp. 11 and 12.

6. The list of children appears in Merrow E 0 Sorley, LEWIS OF

WARNER HALL (Columbia, Mo., 1935), pp. 481-482, and in Ridlon ,

pp. 533 and 534.

7. Granville County Will Book 10, p. 385.

8. Ridlon t p. 534.

9. See note 7, above.

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ELIZABETH RIDLEY (BROWN) TAYLOR-KELLO

Listed here as the oldest child of Dr, Jesse

and Elizabeth (Ridley) Brown, Born about 1742;

died 1825. She married, first (1760) Kinchen

Taylor of Southampton (died 1771); s$e married,

second (1778) William Kello of Southampton.

In the Southampton County records Elizabeth Rial sy Brown is

usually referred to as "Ridley Brown," rather than as "Elizabeth."

Her first husband, Kinchen Taylor, was a son of Etheldred Taylor, II

of Southampton (died 1755) and Patience (died., 1766) , daughter of

William Kinchen of Isle of Wight (died 1734).

Elizabeth Ridley Brown had five children by her Taylor husband

(see below), but 3t has not been determined whether she also had

Kello children.

In her will (executed June 29, 1824; probated Larch 21, 1825) 2

she mentioned her granddaughters, Elizabeth R/ idle£/ Drake and

Esther Chandler, her grandson Jesse Taylor, and one Jesse B/rown7

Drake, probably another grandson.

Not long after her marriage to William Kello (sometimes written

Kellow ) Elizabeth Ridley Brown Taylor-Kello had the misfortune

to have her husband captured by the British and carried from place

to place and, worse still, come under suspicion of disloyalty to

the colonial cause. Eventually Mrs. Kello petitioned the Governor

of North Carolina for assistance. Just why she should have asked

him rather than the Governor of Virginia, the place of her residence,

is not clear. At any rate, the matter is of sufficient interest to

warrant including the whole petition and the Governor’s accompanying

endorsement:

P etition of Elizabeth Ridley Kellow

Halifax, Aug, 22nd, 1781

To His Excellency Thomas Burke, Esq., Governor

of the State of North Carolina.

The Petition of Elizabeth Ridley Kellow Humbly

Sheweth:

That some time this last Winter your Petitioner's

Husband, William Kellow, fell into the Hands of the

British near Hillsborough, with whom he continued

some time, and after the Battle of Guilford was

permitted to return home; that on his arrival

there he was apprehended by an Order from Gen’l

/Allen7 Jones and confined to the prison of

Halifax on suspicion of coming as an Emmisary from

the Enemy in order to discover the situation of

the State and carry such intelligence as he should

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bs able to collect to the Enemy below. On

this suspicion, tho 1 wholly groundless, as your

Petitioner verily believes, he stood committed

till the Alarm of Lord Cornwallis’s approach

to this Place /Halifax7 made it necessary to

move him with the other Prisoners into Virginia,

somewhere near Winchester. On the late Law pass¬

ing for the re-admission of Parole Men to the

Right of Citizenship on certain Conditions, Your

Petitioner procured an Order from Gen'l Jones for

her Husband's enlargement, that he might return

and be disposed of by the Laws of his Country,

but the same precaution that removed him from

Halifax had induced the Officer having the Care

of him in Virginia to send him North of that

State, as is supposed, into Pennsylvania, and

the Person sent after Him has not been able to

hear certainly where he is. Your Petitioner,

therefore, humbly prays that Your Excellency

would take such Steps as you think proper to

bring your Petitioner's Husband back, that he

may be liberated or otherwise disposed of, accord¬

ing to the laws of the State; and your Petitioner,

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ELIZA RIDLEY KELLOW

Halifax, Aug, 22nd, 1781

On Security being given that this Man will

return and submit himself to be tried, either by

the Civil Laws or Laws Martial, as his Case may

require, an order shall be issued for his being

discharged from his confinement. The Security

must be equal to the whole of his Estate and as

much more by Two Sureties.

THOMAS BURKE

Halifax, Aug. 22nd, 1781.5

Children of KINCHEN and ELIZABETH RIDLEY (BROWN) TAYLOR:^

I• Sara h (Sa lly) T aylor

II. Lucy Taylor . Married (1786) Jesse Wilkinson

III. Rebecca Taylor

IV. Jesse Taylor (under twenty-one in 1770). Mentioned in the

will of his grandfather, Dr. Jesse Brown, in 1770.5

V. Charles Taylor

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1. See V irginia Magazine of History and Biog raphy, Vol. XXII, pp.

446-447; Vol. XXIII, pp. 104-105, 323-324; Vol. XXIV, pp. 213-214.

2. Southampton County Will Book 9, p. 255.

3. Walter Clark (ed., THE COLONIAL AND STATE RECORDS OF NORTH

CAROLINA, Vol, 22, pp. 572-573.

4. The children of Elizabeth Ridley Brown'3 Taylor marriage are

listed in Walter Garland Duke, HENRY DUKE, COUNCILOR, HIS DES¬

CENDANTS AND CONNECTIONS (Richmond, Virginia, 1949), p. 78„

5. Southampton County Will Book 2, p. 357.

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THOMAS RIDLEY, II, OF SOUTHAMPTON

Eldest child of Thomas and Amey (Scott) Rid¬

ley. Born November 8, 1778; died December p 10,

1839. 1 Married, first (1801) Mary Wright,

daughter of William and Ann (Blunt) Wright of

Southampton and G-reensville; married, second

(July 24, 1816) Ann Gilliam (Blunt) Wilkinson,

widow of Nathaniel Wilkinson of M West Plains,’ 1

Southampton, and daughter of William and Eliza¬

beth (Norfleet) Blunt of Southampton.3 His wives

were first cousins. 4

u # An.early Ridley genealogist states that Thomas Ridley, II,

like his father, became conspicuous for his military career, having

commanded a cavalry company in the War of 1812 ."5 i n this branch

of.the family he is always styled "Major Thomas Ridley" to distin¬

guish him from his father and from his son of the same name.

„ In 1809 Thomas Ridley, II, purchased the plantation known as

Rock Spring’ from John Wright, his wife’s uncle.6 it seems clear,

however, from the will of Thomas’ father that the funds for this

purchase had come from him. The language of the will is interest¬

ing; I also give to my Said Son /Thomas Ridley, Il7 and acuit him

from all Claims and demand of or to the money which I paid John

;vrigh + • nr. in consideration of a Tract of Land, purchased by my

Said Son Thomas of the Said Wright, and for which Said Land the

said Wright made to my Said Son Thomas a Conveyance which is record¬

ed in Southampton County Court.”7

The Almanack record referred to earlier 8 gives the death of

Mr3. Mary (Wright) Ridley as occurring on February 4, 1815. (The

date of her birth is not precisely known, but probably occurred

about the year 1787.) The month of February, 1815, must have been

a time of serious illness, probably contagious, for in that one

month died not only Mrs, Mary Ridley but also Thomas Ridley, II’ s

mother, Mrs. Amey (Scott) Ridley, and his father, Thomas Ridley,

the first of the name in Southampton. Mrs. Mary (Wright) Ridley

was buried in the old Wright graveyard at "Rock Spring,"9 and

Thomas and Amey (Scott) Ridley were buried at their own plantation.

When his first wife died in 1815, Thomas Ridley, II, was left

with four children, the oldest of whom was only seven. His second

wife, to whom he was married on July 24, 1816, had lost two infants

and her husband within two years prior to her remarriage.40 She

was thus childless when she married Ridley. Her first husband had

been a rich man; his place called "West Plains" was an interesting

piece of architecture and, until 1959-60, stood near the North

Carolina border within a few miles of Branchville in Southampton.

Thomas Ridley, II, made deeds of gift to his three sons in

1834. To the oldest son, William, he gave the plantation on the

main road from Jerusalem to Belfield known as "Bonnie Doon," the

former home of the Cary family,, To his second son, Thomas Ridley,

III, he gave a tract on Nottoway River known as the Mill or Goodwin

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tract; and to the youngest son, Robert Ridley, he gave a tract of

land on the north side of Three Creeks -- all three tracts of land

were in Southampton County\* 11 William Ridley, the oldest son, died

before his father (in 1837) without a will, thus his lands reverted

to Thomas Ridley, II.

Thomas Ridley had no children by his secordwife. Mrs. Ann

Gilliam (Blunt) Wilkinson-Ridle.y died in 1836 before her husband.

Thus, when Thomas Ridley, II, came to make his will, he simply

divided his property between his two surviving sons. 1 ^ It is of

interest to note (from his will) that the family still owned part

of the grant to Thomas Ridley, the first, in Ohio.

I. William Ri dley (born October 3, 1807; died July 18, 1837); 13

probably named for his grandfather, William Wright. Unmarried.

Thomas Ridley. Ill (1809-1875). Under the will of his

father he was given all the lands Thomas Ridley, II, owned on the

east side of Buckhorn Swamp, together with the mill on that side of

the swamp; he was also given half his father’s Ohio lands and half

the residuary estate. See page 54.

111 • Robert Ridley (1811-1852). Under the will of his father he

was given all the lands Thomas Ridley, II, owned on "this side"

/i.e., the west sid\_e7 of Buckhorn Swamp, together with the mill on

the west side of the swamp; he was also given half of his father’s

Ohio lands and half the residuary. See page 56.

. ' [V ih Nancy Blunt Rldle W (born May 31, 1814; died September 5,

1824).-L4 Named for her grandmother, Ann (Blunt) Wright.

Notes

1. Almanack . Supplies both of these dates.

2. See Blunt Appendix herein. The marriage date comes from the

Southampton County Marriage Bond Register. See Wright Appendix.

3. Norfleet and Blunt Bible Records, published in Virginia Magazine

of Hist ory and Bio graphy , Vol. 37, No. 1 (January 1929), pp. 66-68.

See also Almanack for date of death.

4. See Blunt Appendix herein .

5. Ridlon . p. 486. Doubtless this military record could be found

by anyone intere st«..• :.

6. Southampton County Deed Book 11, p 3 583\*

7. Southampton County Will Book 7, pp. 434-436.

8. See note 1, page 26.

9\* See chart of "Rock Spring" graveyard herein.

10. See Blunt Appendix herein.

11. Southampton County Deed Book 23, p. 360 et seq .

12. Southampton County Will Book 12, p. 346 (executed March 25, 1839;

probated December 16, 1839).

13. Both dates are given in the Almanack .

14. Ibid.

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FRANCIS RIDLEY OF SOUTHAMPTON

lounge st child of Thomas and Amey (Scott)

Ridley. Born August 1, 1785; died 1822.1

Married (1815) Louisa Rebecca Blunt (born

July 8, 1796), daughter of William and Eliza¬

beth (Norfleet) Blunt of Southampton. 2

Francis nidley lived at "Rotherwood," a part of the property

he was given under the terms of his fathers will. 3 This plantation,

situated on the load from Jerusalem (now Courtland) to Belfie';d

(now Emporia) is one of the oldest 3eats of the Ridleys. Angelica

oreek is nearby, and that seems to have been Ridley territory from

the beginning.^

In 1813/14.and in 1814/15 Francis Ridley represented Southamp¬

ton in the Virginia House of Delegates, "and proved an able and

popular member; by his foresight and prudence held his seat, while

many others by their rashness lost theirs ," 5

Francis Ridley died at thirty-seven, leaving only two children.

His widow was twice married afterwards, first to Theophilus Feild

(in Larch 1824) and then to John D, Maclin (in February 1830).

Children of FRANCIS and LOUISA REBECCA (BLUNT) RIDLEY:

I. John Blunt Ridley . The older child; mentioned in his father’s

will in 1822.7 Died young and unmarried.

II. Francis Thomas Ridley . (See p c 60 for an account of his

descendants,)

Notes

1. Almanack .

2. Norfleet and Blunt Bible Records, published in Virginia Magazine

of History and Biography , Vol. 37, No. 1 (January 1929), pp. 66-

68 .

3. Southampton County Will Book 7, p. 434.

4. See account of Nathaniel Ridley, I, on page 5 and following.

5. Rldlon , p. 486.

6. See Blunt Appendix herein for amplification.

7. Southampton County Will Book 9, p. 172.

DR. JAMES RIDLEY OF GRANVILLE

Oldest son of Bromfield and Frances (Keeling)

Ridley; born about 1776;! died December 25,

1855o^ Married (1801) Elizabeth Taylor Lewis,

daughter of Charles and Mary (Anderson) Lewis

of Granville County, North Carolina. Mrs.

Elizabeth (Lewis) Ridley died October 3, 1872,

in La Grange, Georgia.^

Children of Dr, JAMES and ELIZABETH TAYLOR (LEWIS) RIDLEY: 4

I. Dr, Charles Lewis Ridley (born July 5, 1802, in Oxford,

North Carolina; died March 13, 1873); married (1823) in Hancock

County, Georgia, Susan A. Bonner. He lived in Jones County, Georgia.

II. Bromfield Le wis ., Ridley of "Fairmont, 11 near Murfreesboro,

Tennessee (born August 4, 1804; died August 11, 1869); married

(October 12, 1829) Rebecca Crothwait.

III. Robert Archiba ld Thomas Ridley of La Grange, Georgia (born

March 5, 1806; died December 20, 1871 )> married (1831) Mary Eliza¬

beth Morris.

IV. Mary Frances R i dley (born February 25, 1808); married Thomas

H. Speller of Bertie County, North Carolina.

V. Joseph James Ridley (born June 28, 1810; died March 10,

1878); married Eliza Kingsbury. He was an Episcopal clergyman and

doctor of divinity; he lived in Somerville, Tennessee.

VI. Sally Clark Lewis Ridley (born October 14, 1815; died Sept¬

ember 5, 1836TT married William Latta of Raleigh, North Carolina.

VII. William Morgan Snead Ridley (born November 10, 1817); marr¬

ied first (March 11, 1838) Caroline Pickett. He married twice more,

but the names of his other wives are unknown. He lived in Georgia,

Florida, Missouri, and Louisiana; a surgeon in the United States

Army, he died of yellow fever in Galveston.

Notes

1. Ridlon, p. 515.

2. Ibid . , p. 516. See also Sorley, LEWIS OF WARNER HALL,(note 6,p.

38 ), p 0 432. For will of Dr. Ridley, see Granville County Will

Book 19, p. 540.

3. Ridlon , p. 516.

4. For detailed information on children listed here , see Ridlon ,

pp. 517-524, and Sorley, op. cit., pp. 433-441.

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ELIZABETH (RIDLEY) BURTON

Eldest daughter of Bromfield and Frances

(Keeling) Ridley, Prior to 1802 she married

James Minge Burton of Granville County, North

Carolina, and later moved to Lebanon County,

Tennessee\*^

Child of JAMES MINGE and ELIZABETH (RIDLEY) BURTON: 2

!• Frances Keeling Burton . She was mentioned in the will of

her great grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Williams^ in 1802. Married (Oct¬

ober 5, 1818) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Thomas Jefferson

Green, son of Berryman and Nancy (Terry) Green of Halifax County,

Virginia, at that time a student in the University of North

Carolina.^ Issue twelve children:

A. Sarah Elizabeth Green (born July 2, 1819); married

(January 14, 1846) Dr e Leander Faulkner

B. John Burton Green (born September 10, 1820); M. D., Uni¬

versity of Pennsylvania, 1844.

Co James Minge Green (born February 23, 1822)

D e Frances Keeling Green (born March 23, 1824); married

(May 7, 1840) Dr. Isaac Coles

E. Berryman Green (born September 15, 1825; died in infancy)

Fc Thomas Jefferson Green, Jr 0 (born March 4, 1827)

G. Nathaniel Terry Green (born March 17, 1829)

H. Robert Bromfield Green (born December 28, 1830)

I. William Leigh Green (born December 22, 1832)

J. Emma Green (born January 16, 1835); married G. R. C.

Phillips

K. Clarence Green (born September 12, 1838; died in infancy)

L. Alexander Ridley Green (born December 8, 1841)

Notes

1. Ridlon t p. 517.

2. Ridlon . p. 517 states there were a number of children born to

this marriage, but the name of only one child has been found.

3. Granville County Will Book 5, p. 324.

4. For record of this marriage and children listed here, see Tyler \*s

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DR. ARCHIBALD BROMFIELD RIDLEY

Second son of Bromfield and Frances (Keeling)

Ridley. Born about 1780; died in Early County,

Georgia.1 Married, first, Henrietta Maria

Anderson Lewis, daughter of Charles and Mary

(Anderson) Lewis of Granville County, North

Carolina. (She was a sister of Elizabeth

Taylor Lewis who married Dr. James Ridley,

older brother of Dr. Archibald Bromfield Ridley.

See page 46.) Dr. Ridley married second (1822)

Harriet Blacksheare.^

Children of Dr. ARCHIBALD BROMFIELD RIDLEY by his two wives: 3

I. Henrietta Maria Ridley (only child of Dr. Ridley's first

marriage)] Married first Dr. George Cumming /spelling questionable/

of Virginia; she married second Oscar Britton of Richmond, and

third\_Todd of Baltimore,

II • Eli j ah Blacksheare Ridley of Sparta, Hancock County, Georgia.

Note s

1. Ridlon . p. 516.

2. Ibid ., pp. 516-517; see also Sorley, LEWIS OF WARNER HALL, op.

\_cit. pp. 441-442.

3. Ibid ., p. 524,

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DR. ROBERT RIDLEY

Third aon of Bromfield and Frances (Keeling)

Ridley. Born about 1782. 1 He lived in

Hancock County, Georgia. There he married

Sophia Cooper.2

Child of Dr. ROBERT and SOPHIA (COOPER) RIDLEY:

I. Robert B r omfield Ridley . He was under the age of twenty

one when mentioned in the will of his grandmother, Mrs. Frances

Ridley, in 1823. He died unmarried at the age of 23.5

Note s

1. Rldlon , p. 517.

2. Ibid .

3. Ibid ., p. 524.

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HOWELL LEWIS RIDLEY

Oldest son of William and Elizabeth (Lewis)

Ridley of Granville County, North Carolina.

Born in Wake County, North Carolina, about

1781; died in Granville County in 1827.^ He

married Mildred, daughter of John Cobb.-^ They

lived in Granville but after the death of his

wife Ridley moved to the Town of Oxford to

live with his only son.^

Children of HOWELL LEWIS and MILDRED (C0B3) RIDLEY:

I\* (a daughter) Ridley . Married William D. Sims of Granville

County.5

II\* John CobtyRldley (born in Granville, 1810; died in Washing-

tom, D. C\*, 1837)° married (October 15, 1829) Amelia Toole, daughter

of Geraldus Toole of Edgecombe County, North Carolina;^ she marr¬

ied second Jeremiah Hilliard of Granville and moved to Scottsville,

Harrison County, Texas 0 8

Notes

1. Ridlon, p a 533.

2. See will of Howell Lewis Ridley, Granville County Will Book 10,

; • Po '385.

3. Ridlon , p. 533; Sorley, LEWIS OF WARNER HALL, p. 481.

4. Ibid .

5« Granville County Will Book 10, p. 385.

6. Ridlon , p. 534; Sorley, o\_g. cit . , p. 481. Ridlon and Sorley give

the date of death as 1836, but the Tarboro Fr e e Press (Tarboro,

North Carolina) for July 1, 1837, carries the obituary showing the

date as 1837.

7. For marriage, see Tarboro Fr ee Pres s,November 2, 1829. Both

Ridlon and Sorley err in showing the name "Toole" as "Todd."

8. Ridlon , p, 534; Sorley, op, cit . ,

p, 481,

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DR. JAKES DAY RIDLEY OF WAKE FOREST

Second son of William and Elizabeth (Lewis)

Ridley of Granville County, North Carolina.

Born about 1783 in Wake County or Granville;

died in Wake Forest in 1820. 1 He married

Elizabeth J. Alston (born February 22, 1789;

died 1850), daughter of James and Sarah

(Kearney) Alston of Warren County, North

Carolina. 2

Under the terms of his will (executed August 15, 1820; pro¬

bated November, 1820), Dr. James Day Ridley made provision for his

wife and two minor children. He mentioned "two brothers and my

sister" and named his brother Howell Lewis Ridley and his brother-

in-law, Nathaniel Robards, as his executors.^

Children of JAMES DAY and ELIZABETH J. (ALSTON) RIDLEY:

I. William James R id ley (born in Wake Forest, 1817; died 1841,

age twenty-four7; unmarried, 4 His will (executed June 19, 1841;

probated November 1841) made bequests to his cousins, Alston A.

Jones, Sarah Susan Jones, Ann E. Montague, and to his mother. Seth

Jones of Pomona was named executor.5

II. John Alston Ridley (born in Take Forest, 1819; died 1839);

unmarried.8 Under the terms of his will (executed February 7, 1839;

probated May, 1839) John A. Ridley made his mother 30le beneficiary.

Notes

1. Ridlon t p. 534; Sorley, o\_g. cit . , p. 482.

2. Groves, ojd. cit . , p e 274.

3. Wake County Will Book 16, p. 303.

4. Ridlon , p. 534; Sorley, od. cit . p. 482,

5. Wake County Will Book 24, p. 528.

6. Ridlon, p. 534; Sorley, o\_p. cit . p. 482.

7. Wake County Will Book 24, p. 263.

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WILL IS RIDLEY

Third son of William and Elizabeth (Lewis)

Ridley of Granville County, North Carolina.

Married Mary Webb Smith of Granville and

about 1809 moved to Mount Pleasant, Maury

County, Tennessee. He died at the age of

fifty-two.1

Children of WILLIS and MARY WEBB (SMITH) RIDLEY: 2

I. Mar y Ann R i dley . Married \_ Conner.

II. Eliza R idl ey. Died young and unmarried.

III. Dr. Willia m Ri d ley . Died aged 27 and unmarried.

IV. Francis Ridley . Died aged 29 and unmarried.

V. Isabella Wi l lis Ridley . Died aged 35 and unmarried.

VI. Jame s Webb Smith Ridley (born December 31, 1824; died July

6, 1897); married (1854) Annie Lewis Pillow (born September 6, I 836 ;

died October 22, 1893); lived in Columbia, Tennessee.

Notes

1. Ridlon , p. 534; Sorley, op. cit ., p. 482.

2. For information on children, see Ri dlon , pp. 534-535, and Sorley,

op . cit. , pp. 482-483.

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FIFTH

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THOMAS RIDLEY, III, OF ,! BONNIE DOOM"

Second son of Thomas Ridley, II, and Mary

(Wright) Ridley. Born August 22, 1809; died

March 7, 1875. He married (November 2, 1837)

Margaret Ann Bynum Jordan (born March 2, 1819;

died February 8, 1906), daughter of John B.

and Nancy (Bynum) Jordan of Northampton County,

North Carolina.

M Colonel Ridley must have received the mantle of his grand¬

father of Revolutionary fame, for from his early manhood he display¬

ed a fondness for military life. When very young he was made capt¬

ain of a company of cavalry, keeping this position for many years.

Afterwards he was elected colonel of the militia forces of his

native County, and there he was ever the popular commander, the kind

friend, the honored gentleman. He possessed a kindness of heart, a

gentleness of manner, which caused him to be ever loved and appre¬

ciated, especially in the home circle; yet in his bearing there

was a dignity, a reserve of manner, that forbade anything like fam¬

iliarity for even his friends.

M He declined the solicitations of his friends to become a can¬

didate for legislative duties, preferring to devote his time to the

cultivation of his extensive farms. In political sentiment he was

a warm Democrat, and was ever devoted to what he regarded the best

interests of his country,

M In the moral relations of life his character was irreproachable

Like his ancestors, he embraced the faith and usages of the Protest-

and Episcopal Church.

"His personal appearance was commanding; he was straight, spare,

and but little above the medium height, but from erectness of carr¬

iage and military precision of gait, had the appearance of being

tall. The cast of his features was good; the expression of his count

enance rather grave, unless lighted with pleasurable emotions.

"His advantages for acquiring an education were all that afflu¬

ence could provide. By judicious management he increased the ample

fortune left him by his father, and became the possessor of great

wealth,"3

The contemporary writer who composed the quoted characterization

of Col. Ridley spoke of his wife, Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan) Ridley

as "the belle and beauty of her age, and in all the bearing of life

she ha3 proven that the homage paid her was the just tribute of her

worth. I? 4-

Both Thomas Ridley, III, and his wife are buried in the Ridley

graveyard at "Rock Spring" in Southampton. They lived, however, at

"Bonnie Do on," another plantation in Southampton which had been

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at an earlier date the property of the Miles Cary family. (The

graveyard at '’Bonnie Doon" had been reserved for the Carys.)5

Children of THOMAS and MARGARET ANN BYNUM (JORDAN) RIDLEY:

I. Leonidas Ridley (born September 5, 1838; died September 4,

1853)6

II. Robert a Mary Ridley (born January 31, 1840; died April 26,

1872)7

III. El iza Ann R i dley (1841-1901); see page 62.

IV. Margaret F ra ncis Ridley (1843-1910); see page 64.

V. Nathaniel Thomas Rid l ey (1844-1925); see page 66,

VI. Emma Wright Ridley (1846-1893); see page 67•

VII. Virginia Jordan Ridley (born July 26, 1847; died April 25,

1873.8

VIII. John William Ri d ley (1854-1939); see page 71.

Notes

1. Almanack. Supplies both birth and death dates; so does tombstone

atT^Rock Spring,"

2. These dates appear on her tombstone in the graveyard at "Rock

Spring."

3. Ridlon, p. 486, This evaluation was probably written by one of

Thomas Ridley’s nephews, Norfleet Blunt Ridley (son of Robert

Ridley).

4. Ibid .

5. See William\_and Mary C olle g e Quart erly, Vol. 21, No. 4 (April

1913), p. 273.“

6. Ridlon, p. 487: "He was a lad of much promise, and at the time

of his death was being prepared to enter the University of Vir¬

ginia," Dates from tombstone; Ridlon gives birth as September 5.

7. ibid . ". , ./"s/he was of a very delicate constitution. . . ."

Dates from tombstone at "Rock Spring." Ridlon gives April 6.

8. Ibid . She "died suddenly after arriving at the years of maturity.

Dates from tombstone at "Rock Spring."

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ROBERT RIDLEY OF "ROCK SPRING”

Third and youngest son of Thomas Ridley, II,

and Mary (Wright) Ridley. Born November 3,

1811; died August 2, 1852. 1 Married (June 5,

1843) Ann Eliza Blunt (born 1825; died February

22, 1862), daughter of John Norfleet and Sally

Mason (Peterson) Blunt of M Elm Yard,” Greens¬

ville County, Virginia. 2

”At an early period,” wrote the first historian of this family,

Robert Ridley "manifested a decided taste for the legal profession.

He was at one time a student at William and Mary College in Williams¬

burg, Va.; and subsequently at the University of Virginia. After

the completion of his classical course, he entered the law-office

of the distinguished John Y. Mason, as a student of law. Having

passed through the usual routine of study, he appeared at the bar,

and gained much distinction and a lucrative practice.”3

Robert Ridley maintained an office adjoining the Southampton

County courthouse in the town of Jerusalem (now Courtland), and it

has only recently been removed.

”He represented Southampton County in the Legislature /as a

member of the House of Delegates in 1839/40 and in 1840/41 and in

the Senate in 1843/44/, and served as a member of the Convention

called to amend the State Constitution /in 1850/5^7• As a member

of the Convention and in the legislative halls he was no idle looker-

on, but zealously defended the interests of the State.

"His urbane manners and charming conversation won him a place

in the hearts of his fellow-men, and his associates were among the

most respectable and cultivated of his generation,

"His health became somewhat impaired during his application to

Conventional duties, and with short intervals of improvement contin¬

ued to decline until the month.of August, 1852, when his useful life

was terminated5

A story current in the family recalls that Robert Ridley was

a temperate man, especially in the use of Southampton County peach

brandy. In the election campaigns of his day it was customary for

candidates to stand for drinks as they made their way from place to

place in the county, and most of them took one for every round they

stood. Not so with Robert Ridley; he employed a man to ride with

him and drink in his stead. There is also a story that these elect¬

ioneering journeys were accompanied (where fiddles were available)

by the strains of "Old Bob Ridley," a tune that long antedates

this Bob Ridley who died at forty-one.

Of Ann Eliza Blunt, the family historian writes: "Mr, Ridley’s

wife was all that could be desired, proving an amiable companion

and faithful helpmeet in all relations of life," 6 in November, 1855,

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Mrs. Ridley was married to William Urquhart of "Charlie’s Hope,"

in Southampton. She died in 1862 leaving four Ridley children and

two daughters by her second husband. 7 she was buried at the Urqu-

hart graveyard at "Oak Grove." on the Blackwater in Southampton.

Robert Ridley was buried at "Rock Spring" where he and his wife

lived.

Robert Ridley wrote his will on July 3, 1852, a month before

he died. His wife was only twenty-seven years old; his oldest child

was only eight. The will, for these reasons, is an interesting

document:

To his wife Robert Ridley gave "my carriage, harness, and match

of horses recently purchased, together with my household and kitchen

furniture of every description, with the exception of the beds and

silver plate .... All my beds and silver plate I lend to my wife

until my children respectively arrive at /the/age of twenty-one or

marry, on which event I desire each one of them to receive one-fifth

part. On the death of my wife, the remaining fifth part of the beds

and plate, I give to my children to be equally divided between them.

I also give to my wife in fee simple the bond which I hold against

her father, John N 0 Blunt."

To hip oldest son, Robert Ridley, Jr., he gave "my gold watch

and my gun known as the 'old Irvin gun,’ should he arrive at the age

of twenty-one, should he die before arriving at that age, I give the

said watch and gun to my son Norfleet B. Ridley. I also give to my

son Norfleet my patent breech gun formerly owned by my brother Will¬

iam Ridley."

Robert Ridley was particularly interested in the education of

his children: "I desire that my whole estate including land, negro¬

es, stock and farming implements should be kept together and managed

by my executor /his brother, Thomas Ridley, III, of "Bonnie Doon/7

in the same manner as if I were living. After paying all necessary

expenses of the farms and also for the support and maintenance of

my wife and children, I give unto my wife In fee simple, one fifth

part of the annual income and profits of my estate remaining. The

annual income and profits before named are such as come from the

sale of produce and are not intended to include the increase in the

slaves and stock of any description; and under the head of ’support

and maintenance’ above named it is my intention not to include arti¬

cles of clothing for my wife and children; nor the expense of educa¬

ting the latter. The balance of the annual income and profits of

my estate, I give to my children, to be equally divided among them

for the purpose of clothing and educating them\*

"Should my wife marry or at any time become dissatisfied with

the provision made for her in the clause next above, I give to her

in lieu thereof one fourth part of my whole estate during her life

to be held as dower; and the remaining three-fourths to my children

to be equally divided among them. At the death of my wife the portio:

herein given to her for life is also to be equally divided among my

children.

"Should my wife remain 3ingle and continue satisfied with the

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provisions first hereinbefore made for her, it is my will and desire

that my children respectively as they marry or arrive at the age of

twenty-one, should have an equal portion of my whole estate, not

herein otherwise disposed of, assigned and allotted to them. And

if in any event my wife should receive the one-fourth of my estate,

as above mentioned, it is my will and desire that the remaining

three-fourths shall be kept together for the benefit of my children

and an equal portion of the same assigned and allotted to them res¬

pectively as they may arrive at the age of twenty-one or marry.

''The whole of my moniedestate including debts now due me and

money in my possession, after the payment of all my debts out of the

same, I desire to be invested in some profitable stock, or good secu¬

rity , as a fund especially for the education of my children, should

the same be necessary for that purpose, and it is my desire should

it become necessary that not only the interest, but also the princi¬

pal of said fund be devoted to that purpose. But no portion of the

said fund is to be used unless the portion of the annual income of

my estate hereinbefore given to my children, shall prove insufficient

for their proper education after defraying their other necessary

expenses. After all my children have been properly educated, I give

the above named fund or whatever thereof remains to be equally divi¬

ded among them.

"Should any of my children die before marriage or arrival at

the age of twenty-one ye-.rs, I desire the portion of such dying to

be equally divided among the survivors or survivor.

"if all my children die before marriage or arrival at the age

of twenty-one years, and my wife should be then living, I desire my

whole estate to be divided into two equal parts, and I give one part

to her and the other to the children of my brother Thomas Ridley, in

fee simple. But should my wife be dead in the event above named, I

give the whole estate to the children of my brother Thomas to be

equally divided among them.

"Lastly, I request that my brother Thomas Ridley wil.i qualify

as my executor to this my last will and testament. . . ." ° This

Thomas Ridley did.

It should be noted that while Robert Ridley mentioned his two

sons by name in the will he did not give the names of his two dau¬

ghters.

Children of ROBERT and ANN ELIZA (BLUNT) RIDLEY i

I. Robert Ridley, Jr . (1844-1913); see page 74 0

II. Mary Thomas Ridley (1846-1383)J see page 66.

II 1 . Norflee t Bl unt Ridley (1848-1893); see page 76.

^V. Sail ie A nn Ridley (1830-1924); see page 78.

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Note 3

1. Almanack. Supplies both birth and death dates.

2. See Blunt Family Appendix to this study for complete information

on Ann Eliza Blunt and her parents.

3. Rldlon , p. 487.

4. It is interesting to note that John Y. Mason, former United

States Cabinet member and diplomat, and Ridley's law teacher,

was president of this Virginia Constitutional Convention. For an

informative article see, A. A. Rogers, 11 Constitutional Democracy in

Ante-Bellum Virginia,” William and Ma r y College Quarterly , Second

Series, Vol. 16 , No. 3 "Tjuly 1936), p. 399.

5. Ridlon, p. 487.

6. Ibid .

7. Her Urquhart children were Maria Louisa Urquhart (1858-1925) and

Martha Rebecca Urquhart (1859-1932); see Blunt Family Appendix

and Urquhart Family Appendix.

8. Will of Robert Ridley, Southampton County Will Book 15, page 30

probated August 16,1852.

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FRANCIS THOMAS RIDLEY OF "ROTHERWOOD"

Younger son of Francis Ridley and Louisa

Rebecca (Blunt) Ridley. Born September 5,

1817, died March , 1898; married

Elizabeth Norfleet Goodwyn, his first cousin,

daughter of Dr. William Boswell and Elizabeth

Norfleet (Blunt) Goodwyn.2

At the time of the publication of the Ridlon history of the

Ridleys the following item was inserted with reference to Francis

Thomas Ridley;

"Mr. Ridley inherited his father’s possessions, including the

old Ridley homestead, where he at present resides. He was at one

time a student in Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., and afterwards

at the University of Virginia. He studied law, but never practised

it as a profession, preferring to devote his time to agricultural

pursuits. In person he scarcely reaches the medium height, with a

mould of body and limb which inclines to the stout order of men.

His colloquial powers are good; his manner affable and agreeable.

The eldest living member of this family.

Both Francis Thomas Ridley and his wife were buried at Bland-

ford Church in Petersburg.

Children of FRANCIS THOMAS and ELIZABETH NORFLEET (GOODWYN)

RIDLEY:4

I. Willi am Goo dwy n Ridley (born July 1, 1842; died August 30,

1862 )

II. Louis a Blunt R i dley (born December 23, 1844; died 1916);

married (December 2, 1869) Joseph A. Drewry of Drewryville, South¬

ampton County (died May 18, 1870). No children.

III. E lizabeth Norfle et Ridley (1846-1924); see page 82.

IV. Anna Field R idley (1849-1924); see page 76.

V. Francis Thomas Ridley, Jr. (born March 28, 1851; died Febru¬

ary 12, 1879); unmarried. "He was a young man full of life and

hope, and the pride of his family, who loved him as those only know

who have only one son. This branch has now become extinct in the

male line, as he was the last male member and unmarried."5

VI• J ulia Mac li n Ri d ley

married.

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1852;

died 1926); un~

1. Almanack .

2. See Blunt Family Appendix for ancestry of Elizabeth N. Goodwyn.

3. Ridlon, p. 487.

4. All information on this family has been checked by Miss Annie

Blunt Ridley, daughter of Anna Field Ridley (see page 77. ).

5. Ridlon , p. 490.

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EL IZA ANN (RIDLEY) URQUHaRT

Third child of Thomas Ridley, III, of

"Bonnie Doon," and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jor¬

dan) Ridley. Born October 16, 1841; died

November 16, 1901; married (February 17,

1863) Anselm Bailey Urquhart (born 1837;

died July 13, 1900), son of Charles Fox

and Eliza Blount (Hill) Urquhart of

Southampton.1

Children of ANSELM BAILEY and ELIZA ANN (RIDLEY) URQUHART;

I. Charles Thomas Urq uhart ; married Elizabeth Nottingham.

Issue two children;

A. Charles Thomas Urquhart, Jr.

B. William Leonidas Urquhart

II. Le oni das Ridley Urquh art (born June 16, 1866; died May 19,

19297; unmarried.

III. W illiam Urq u hart; died young and unmarried.

IV. Fr ancis J oseph Urquhart (born August 12, 1870); married

Dorothy Eberwine. Issue two children;

A. Dorothy Urquhart

3. Anselm Bailey Urquhart

V. Anselm Bailey Urquhart, Jr.; died young and unmarried.

VI. Emma Wright Urqu hart (born February 25, 1873); married

TFebruary 15, 1900) John Waverly Adkins, Jr. Issue three

children:

A. Louise Hill Adkins

3. John Urquhart Adkins

C. Thomas Ridley Adkins

VII. Rebec ca Hill Urquhart (born May 10, 1875; died March 14,

1935)7 married XApr11 15, 1903) Philip Rogers (born May 2,

1865; died May 17, 1917). Issue two children;

A. Charles Urquhart Rogers (born August 13, 1904; died

April 24, 1934); unmarried.

b. Mary Ann Rogers (born October 31, 1911); married (January

28, 1932) Cullen Miles McCoy (born November 28, 1900).

Issue three children:

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1. Rebecca Urquhart McCoy (born May 22, 1933); married

(June 24, 1955)

2. Mary Lyall McCoy (born August 21, 1936)

3. Cullen Miles McCoy, Jr. (born September 4, 1939)

VIII, Nathanie l Rid l ey Urquhart (born April 29, 1877); married

Laura white. Issue one child:

A. Nathlyn Roberta Urquhart (born October 10, 1914); marr¬

ied (November 27, 1935) William Theodore G-artman (born

March 31, 1914). Issue two children:

1. William Theodore G-artman, Jr. (born October 2, 1936);

married (August 9, 1956) Martha Jane Hammond

2. Laura Urquhart Gartman (born May 20, 19^2)

IX. Wil lia m Selden Urquhart (born May 2, 1879); married Julia

Raiford. Issue two children:

Ac Margaret Ridley Urquhart

B. William Selden Urquhart, Jr.

X„ W hitme l Hill Urq uhart (born May 9, 1882); married Grace

Couch. issue three children:

A. Anne Braxton Urquhart

B. Whitmel Hill Urquhart, Jr.

C. Marian Francis Urquhart

Notes

1.Information on Eliza Ann (Ridley) Urquhart and her descendants

has been checked and in some instances supplied by Mrs. Emma

Wright (Urquhart) Adkins of Dinwiddie, Virginia, or Mrs. Mary

Ann (Rogers) McCoy of Norfolk. See Urquhart Appendix to this

study for relationships between various Urquharts who married

Ridleys.

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MARG-ARET FRANCIS (RIDLEY) URDU HART

Fourth child of Thomas Ridley, III of "Bonnie

Doon," and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan) Ridley.

Born March 18, 1843; died May 5, 1910); married

(February 11, 1864) Joseph Williamson Urquhart

(born January 15, 1835; died July 12, 1908),

son of Charles Fox and Eliza Blount (Hill)

Urquhart of Southampton. 1

Children of JOSEPH WILLIAMSON and MARGARET FRANCIS (RIDLEY)

URQUHART:

I. Joseph Williamson Urquhart. Jr. (born October 14, 1864;

died December 20, 19297; unmarried.

II. William.Urquhart (born November 6, 1866; died February 4,

18677. Buried at "Rock Spring," where stone marks grave.

III. Thomas Ridley Urquh art (born October 28, 1867; died May

20, 1936); unmarried.

IV. Anselm Bailey Urquh art (born November 3, 1869; died March 1,

1932J; married Elizabeth Hooff. Issue two children:

A. John Carter Urquhart (born October 13, 1913); married

Evelyn Reed Taylor

3. Mary Francis Urquhart (born October 6, 1922); married

(July 1, 1944) Sarnie Kelley Sims. Issue one child:

1. Carter Kelley Sims (born August 17, 1945)

V. Margaret Jordan Urquh art (born January 1, 1872; died June

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VI. Eli za Blount Ur quh art (born June 3, 1874; died May 28, 1935);

unmarried.

VII. Jame s Burwe11 Ur quha rt (born September 22, 1876); married

"(December 22, 1903)" Alice Childs of Columbia, South Carolina.

(He died February 11, 1961.) Issue four children:

A. Alice Childs Urquhart (born December 22, 1904); married

(February 27, 1935) Rufus Rivers Clarke. Issue two

children:

1. Alice Urquhart Clarke (born July 15, 1937)

2. Barbara Mills Clarke (born June 25, 1940)

B. Margaret Ridley Urquhart (born May 6, 1908); married

(February 3, 1937) Jerome Daly Sands. Issue two children:

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1. Jerome Daly Sands, Jr. (born July 14, 1939)

2. James Urquhart Sands (born June 27, 1944)

C. James Burwell Urquhart, Jr. (born July 1, 1912); married

(August 8, 1942) Eva Marie Williams. Issue one child:

1. James Burwell Urquhart, III (born March 18, 1944)

D, Aimee Gibbes Urquhart (born April 22, 1915); married

(October 14, 1936) Jesse Timothy Reese. Issue four

children:

1. Aimee Urquhart Reese (born October 28, 1937); married

(July 12, 1956) John Dunbar Kornegay

2. Judith Burwell Reese (born April 21, 1939)

3. Jesse Timothy Reese, III (born January 29, 1940)

4. Mary Mobley Reese (born November 12, 1946)

VIII. John Ridley Urquhart (born October 25, 1878; died June 3,

1950J; married first (April 7, 1907) Estelle Weimer; second

(April 27, 1935) Lillian Thompson. No children.

IX. Charl es Fo x Urquhart (born January 12, 1880; died September

3, 1954); married Eugenia Mary Barnes. Issue one child:

A. Mary Eugenia Urquhart (born September 9, 1922); married

William Smith

X. Frances Ridley Urquhart (born November 10, 1884); unmarried.

Note s

1. Information on Margaret Francis (Ridley) Urquhart was checked

and amplified by James Burwell Urquhart. See Urquhart Appendix

to this study for relationships between various Urquharts who

married Ridleys.

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NATHANIEL THOMAS RIDLEY OF "BLOOMFIELD"

Fifth child of Thomas Ridley, III, of "Bonnie

Doon," and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan) Ridley.

(Born September 4, 1844; died January 5, 1925)

married (December 13, 1866) his first cousin,

Mary Thomas Ridley (born August 29, 1846; died

March 2, 1883), daughter of Robert Ridley of

"Rock Spring" and Ann Eliza (Blunt) Ridley,1

The plantation on which Nathaniel Thomas Ridley lived is

located between Boykins, Virginia, and Severn, North Carolina, on

the Meherrin River, Its chief interest lies in the fact that

it was on this plantation that William Byrd T s survey party camped

in April, 1728. Byrd’s THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE LINE contains the

following entries for April 3 and 4;

3. We sent the Surveyors about 9 a Clock & follow'd them

at ten „ . . . These we overtook about Noon, after passing

several Miry Branches, where I had like to have Stuck fast.

. » . After passing several Dirty Places & uneven Grounds, we

arriv’d about Sun Set on the Banks of Meherin, which we found

13i Miles from the mouth of Notoway River. ... We pitch’t

our Tent, & flatter’d ourselves we shou’d be secure from the

disturber of our Peace one Night more, but we were mistaken

for the Stragglers came to us after it was dark with some

Danger to their Necks, because the Low Grounds near the River

were full of Cypress Snaggs as dangerous as so. many Cheveaux

de Frise. . . .

4. Here we call’d a Council of War, whether we shou’d pro¬

ceed any farther this season, and we carry'd it by a Majority

of votes to run the Line only about 2 Miles beyond this place.

. . , The River was hardly fordable & the Banks very Steep,

which made it difficult to pass over it. . . .

Children of NATHANIEL THOMAS and MARY THOMAS (RIDLEY) RIDLEY:

I. Rober ta Mary Ridl ey of "Bloomfield," (born September 15,

1872; died June 14, 1949).3 Under the terms of her last

will and testament, she devised the bulk of her estate,

including "Bloomfield," to the Diocese of Southern Virginia

as a memorial to the Ridley family. Buried at "Rock Spring.

II. An unnamed infant daughter, born and died September 25,

1875; buried at "Rock Spring." 4

Notes

1. Birth and death dates for Nathaniel Thomas Ridley and Mary Thoma

(Ridley) Ridley are taken from tombstones in the graveyard at

"Rock Springe"

2. William K. Boyd (ed.), WILLIAM BYRD’S HISTORIES OF THE DIVIDING

LINE (Raleigh, 1929), PP- 107-111.

3. Dates from tombstone at "Rock Spring/

4. Date from tombstone at "Rock Spring."

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EMMA WRIGHT (RIDLEY) BURGWYN

Sixth child of Thomas Ridley, III, of "3onnie

Doon," and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan) Ridley.

Born March 9, 1846, at "Bonnie Doon"; died Jan¬

uary 26, 1893, at "Hillside," Northampton County,

North Carolina; married (May 27, 1869, at "Bonnie

Doon") G-eorge Foil ok Burgwyn (born May 19, 1847;

died January 5, 1907), son of Henry King and Anna

(Greenough) Burgwyn of "Thornbury," Northampton

County, North Carolina. Emma Wright (Ridley)

Burgwyn and her husband were' buried in the

churchyard of the Church of the Saviour, Jackson,

North Carolina.1

Children of GEORGE POLLOK and EMMit WRIGHT (RIDLEY) BURGWYN:

I. Thom as Ridley Burgwyn (born May 27, 1871; died August 7,

1908); unmarried.

II. Anna Gre enough Burgwyn (born March 18, 1874; died August

30, 18757

III. Henry Kin g 3urgwyn (born June 15, 1875; died February 1,

1939;J married (June 6, 1906) Frances Page Cauthorne of

Tappahannock, Virginia

Issue two children:

A. Frances Page Burgwyn (born July 24, 1909); married

(August 9, 1930) Mann Quarles Brown of Richmond, Virginia

Issue two children:

1. Mann Quarles Brown, Jr. (born April 18, 1931); marr¬

ied (December 26, 1956) Eugenia Adams of Pomona,

California

2. Henry Burgwyn Brown (born March 16, 1933); married

Marilyn Kay Boatright

B. Ann Mason Greenough Burgwyn (born February 6, 1921);

married (June 21, 1947) Franklin Young Hundley of

Dunnsvllle, Virginia. Issue three children:

1. Franklin Young Hundley, Jr. (born May 6, 1948)

2. Henry Burgwyn Hundley (born January 5, 1951)

3. Deane Hart Hundley (born August 19, 1954)

IV, George Po llok B u rgwyn, Jr . (born July 10, 1878; died October

5, 193077 married (February 10, 1904) Emily Bartlett Roper

of Petersburg, Virginia. Issue five children:

A. Emily Roper Burgwyn (born January 10, 1905); married

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(September 4, 1943) Jackson Marion Sneed of Mecklenburg

County, Virginia,

8. George Pollok Burgwyn, III (bom July 3, 1906); married

(July 3, 1934) Mary Virginia Barrow of Jackson, North

Carolina, Issue one child:

1. Mary Barrow Burgwyn (born July 26, 1935); married

Albert Ray Newsome, Issue:

a 0 Albert Ray Newsome, Jr\*

C. Bartlett Roper Burgwyn (born May 29, 1909)

D. Nathaniel Thomas Ridley Burgwyn (born October 12, 1925 -

twin); married (January 3, 1950) Margot Couzens Yau of

Washington, D. C\* Issue:

1. George Pollok Burgwyn, IV (born April 25, 1951)

2. Margaret Couzens Burgwyn (born May 14, 1953)

3. Emily Roper Burgwyn (born June 14, 1955)

E. Collinson Pierrepont Edwards Burgwyn (born October 12,

1925 - twin); married (September 2, 1950) Emily Nimmo

Trant of Portsmouth, Virginia, Issue:

1. Collinson Pierrepont Edwards Burgwyn, Jr. (born

August 12, 1952)

2. Bartlett Roper Burgwyn (born June 24, 1955)

V. William Hyslop Sumn er B urgwyn (born January 22, 1886 - twin);

married (January 2, 1911) Josephine Griffin of Woodland,

North Carolina. Issue four children:

A. John Griffin Burgwyn (born April 24, 1913); married

(August 17, 1935) Linda Mebane Hoioman of Northampton

County, North Carolina. Issue:

1. John Griffin Burgwyn, Jr. (born July 8, 1936); married

(December 24, i 960 ) Mary Elizabeth Bailey

2. Josephine Mebane Burgwyn (born April 2, 1940)

3. Henry Holoman Burgwyn (born December 4, 1944)

4. Stephen White Burgwyn (born September 17, 1946)

B. William Hyslop Sumner Burgwyn, Jr. (born July 21, 1916);

married (September 8, 1945) Anna Lucille Poole of Inde¬

pendence, Virginia. Issue:

1. Margaret Elizabeth Burgwyn (born June 8, 1947)

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2. Anna Poole Burgwyn (born May 20, I960)

3. illary Ridley Burgwyn (born November 5, 1955)

C. Margaret Elizabeth Burgw.yn (born December 3, 1919);

married (June 6, 1942) Tillman Webb Cooley of Suffolk,

Virginia. Issue:

1. Tillman Webb Cooley, Jr. (born May 15, 1943)

2. David Edgar Cooley (born December 21, 1946)

3. William Burgw.yn Cooley (born March 18, 1951)

4. Margaret Burgwyn Cooley (born January 3, 1961)

D. Henry King Burgwyn (born October 1, 1921); married

(December 14, 1944) Helen Weaver Gibbons of Hamlet,

North Oarolina. Issue:

1. Henry King Burgwyn, Jr. (born February 15, 1946)

2. Charles Buxton Burgwyn (born March 7, 1949)

VI. Ma ria Greeno ugh Burgwyn (born January 22, 1886 - twin; died

January 15, 1946; married (December 7, 1910) Thomas Williams

Mason Long (born January 14, 1886; died February 3, 1941)

of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Issue five children:

A. Betty Gray Long (born September 15, 1912); married

(August 30, 1941) Henry Charles Zouck of Baltimore, Mary¬

land (divorced 1954). Issue:

1. Elizabeth Gray Mason Zouck (born September 28, 1942)

B. Maria Greenough Burgwyn Long (born July 5, 1915); marr¬

ied (December 8, 1935) Frank Patterson Hunter, Jr. of

Portsmouth, Virginia (colonel, U. S. Air Force; killed

in action January 23, 1945). Issue:

1. Maria Burgwyn Hunter (born November 15, 1936)

2. Sarah Gayle Hunter (born April 20, 1940)

C. Margaret Ridley Long (born March 26, 1917); married

(June 12, 19'41) John Edward Tyler of Roxobel, North

Carolina. Issue:

1. Margaret Ridley Tyler (born January 23, 1943)

2. John Cotton Pierce Tyler (born August 7, 1945)

3. Ethel Leonard Gregory Tyler (born August 30, 1953)

D. Thomas Williams Mason Long, Jr,, (born October 2, 1918);

married (September 13, 1941) /continued next page/

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Margaret Ewing Johnson of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Issue:

1. Thomas Williams Mason Long, III (horn September 16,

1944)

2. Eleanor Ewing Long (born May 5, 1948)

3. Mary Daniel Long (born June , 1952)

4. Jonathan Edwards Burgwyn Long (born December 31,

1953)

E. Nicholas Long (born September 23, 1923); married (Nov¬

ember 13, 1954) Kathleen Davis of Weldon, North Caro¬

lina. Issue;

1. Nicholas Long, Jr. (born October 1, 1956)

Note s

1. Information concerning Emma

checked and supplemented by

Woodland, N„ C M Mrs. Betty

North Carolina, and by Mrs,

Richmond, Virginia.

Wright (Ridley) Burgwyn has been

William Hyslop Sumner Burgwyn of

Gray (Long) Zouck of Chapel Hill,

Emily Roper (Burgwyn) Sneed of

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JOHN WILLIAM RIDLEY OF "VIOLET HILL"

Youngest child of Thomas Ridley, III, of

"Bonnie Doon," and Margaret Ann Bynum

(Jordan) Ridley (born December 9, 1854;

didd January 17, 1939); married (December

16, l875)^Bettie G-oodwyn (born April 2,

1857; died February 22, 1920), daughter

of William Stephens G-oodwyn and Mary Ann

(Drewry) Goodw.yn of Greensville County,

Virginia. 2 Both John William and Bettie

(Goodwyn) Ridley were buried in the

churchyard of St. Luke's Church, Courtland,

Virginia.^

Children of JOHN WILLIAM and BETTIE (GOODWYN) RIDLEY:

I. Annie Bynum Ridley (born February 27, 1877); married (Nov¬

ember 6, 1895) William Shands, son of William B. Shands

and Letitia Christian (Tyler) Shands. Issue four children:

A. William Ridley Shands (born August 17, 1896); married

(June , 1922) Josephine Winston of Richmond, Virginia.

Issue:

1. Martha Jane Shands (born February 25, 1924); married

(July , 1947) John W. Albus. Issue:

a. John W. Albus, Jr.

2. William Ridley Shands, Jr. (born November 23, 1932)

B. Letitia Christian Shands

C. Bessie Thomas Shands

D. Martha Rose Shands (died June 10, 1913)

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II. Thoma s Rid ley (born October 16, 1878; died March 3, 1881)

III. Fen ton Garnett Ri dley (born November 11, 1880; died July 19,

1947TT married first (June , 1909) Lita Barrett Cassell

of Bristol, Tennessee (born i860; died 1925); married

second (August 4, 1940) Marion Kilmartin. Issue by first

wife one child:

A. John Alexander Ridley (born December 19, 1913); married

Maud Neeves. Issue:

1. Lita Barrett Ridley

IV. Margaret Jordan Ridley (born May 16, 1882; died October 3,

1889 )~ 5 -"

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V. Wil liam G-oo dw yn Ridley (born October 3, 1884; died August

8, 19487; married Belle Moseley of Clarksville, Virginia.

No children.

VI. Eliza (Lynle ) Branc h Ridley (born April 9, 1887; died Nov-

ember l4, 19551; married (November 5, 1919) Emmett Francis

Reese, Jr. of Courtland, Virginia. As a memorial to his

wife, Dr. Reese built the parish house for St, Luke’s

Church, Courtland. Issue one child:

A. Emmett Francis Reese, III (born September 21, 1922);

married (August 7, 1954) Virginia Griffin

VII. Natalie Thoma s Ri d ley (born October 7, 1890); married

TApril 28, 19157"Elliott Vawter of Austed, West Virginia.

No children.

VIII. Churchill Gibson R idley (born January 22, 1893); married

TJune 19, 19207 Ina Lex Burks. Issue three', children:

A. Gwendolyn Ridley (born September 2, 1921).; married (Oct-

ober 31, 1943) Robert Turnbull Gillette. Issue:

1. Evelyn Garnett Gillette

2. Lynn Goodwyn Gillette (twin)

3. James Robert Gillette (twin)

B. Elizabeth Ann Ridley (born January 19, 1924); married

(September 4, 1947) Harry Lee Bain, Jr. Issue:

1. Harriett Ann Bain

2. Churchill Ridley Bain

3. Walter Pond Bain

4. Thomas Henry Bain

C. Ina Gee Ridley

IX. Bess ie Do uglas R i dley (born August 23, 1894); married (June

4, 1919 ) George Harrison Musgrave. Issue two children:

A. Bettie Goodwyn Musgrave (born April 26, 1920); married

(October 22, 1940) Kelly Garges. Issue:

1. Natalie Thomas Garges

2. Douglas Garges

B. Nancy Harrison Musgrave (born February 7, 1929); married

(July 22, 1950) Carlton Penn, 2d. Issue:

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1. Nancy Harrison Penn

2. Carlton Penn, III

Notes

1. This marriage was recorded in the South ern Chu rch man , December

30, 1875.

2. For descent of William Stephens Goodwyn from Blunt family, see

Blunt Appendix to this study.

3. Lany of the dates here and throughout this family have been

taken from tombstones in the churchyard of St. Luke's, Courtland

Information on this family has been checked and supplemented by

Era. Annie Bynum (Ridley) Shands of Courtland.

4. Dates from tombstone at "Rock Spring." See Appendix I.

5. Dates from tombstone at "Rock Springe" See Appendix I.

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ROBERT RIDLEY - , II, OF SOUTHAMPTON

Oldest child of Robert Ridley of "Rock Sp¬

ring," and Ann Eliza (Blunt) Ridley. Born

September 27, 1844; died April 18, 1913);

married (October 15, 1867) Lucy Ann Urquhart,

daughter of Charles Fox Urquhart and Eliza

31ount (Hill) Urquhart of Southampton.

Robert Ridley was 4th Corporal in Company C of the Virginia

Military Institute's corps of cadets at the Battle of New Market,

May 15, 1864.2

Children of ROBERT and LUCY ANN (URQUHART) RIDLEY:

L Nannie Blunt Ridley (born September 11, 1868; died August

21, 1869)

II. Norfleet Blun t Ridley (born April 2 ; 1870; died April 7,

1894); unmarried.

III. Thomas Urquhart Ridley (born June 6, 1871; died January 13,

1910); married (April 24, 1895) Mary Ann Pretlow (born 1874;

died 1952) e Issue three children:

A. Mary Pretlow Ridley (born June 27, 1896) of Portsmouth,

Virginia

B. Lucy Holmes Ridley (born August 9, 1898) of Portsmouth,

Virginia

C. Amy Norfleet Ridley (born January 28, 1907); married

(October 4, 1930) Barlow K, McEachern of Portsmouth,

Virginia. Issue:

1, Mary Ann McEachern (born April 6, 1934); married

(February 26, 1954) Richard Lionel Templeton. Issue:

a. Richard Lionel Templeton, Jr. (born December 22,

1954)

b. Donald Keith Templeton (born November 5, 1956)

2, John Thomas McEachern (born January 19, 1942)

IV. Ann Eliza R i dley (born September 26, 1875; died March 30,

19157; married (June 15, 1899) Charles Fox Pretlow. Issue

one child:

A. Nan cy Ri dl ey Pretlow (born October 20, 1901); married

"(August 27, 1925) ’.Valter Fortiner Bozarth of Williamsburg,

Virginia, Issue:

1. Nancy Pretlow Bozarth (born November 22, 1927);

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married (June 7, 194-6) Lyndon Hobbs Hart, Jr. Issue:

a. Lyndon Hobbs Hart, III (born Lay 13, 1953)

b. Nancy Elizabeth Hart (born August 4, 1955)

2. Elizabeth Ridley Bozarth (born July 28, 1930); married

(February 8, 1954) Perry Allen Deal

v « ^ry^Antoinette Ridley (born August 1, 1879); married first

(June 8, 1907) Willard A. Frank; married second (December

29, 1926) W. T. Judson Ellener. No children.

Note s

For relationship of Lucy Ann (Urquhart) Ridley to other Urquharts

who married Ridleys, see Urquhart Appendix to this study. Inform¬

ation concerning Robert Ridley, Jr c and his descendants has been

checked and supplemented by Lrs. Nancy Ridley (Pretlow) Bozarth

of Williamsburg, Virginia, and Mrs. Amy (Ridley) McSachern.

See Charles D. Walker, MEMORIAL, VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

(Lippincott, Philadelphia, 1875).

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NORFLEET BLUNT RIDLEY OF "BELMONT"

Third child and second son of Robert Ridley

of "Rock Spring" and Ann Eliza (Blunt) Ridley.

Born October 25, 1848; died in Portsmouth,

Virginia, December 28, 1893; married (December

18, 1873) his cousin Anna Field Ridley (born

Lay 8, 1849; died October 21, 1924), daughter

of Francis Thomas Ridley of "Rotherwood" and

Elizabeth Norfleet (G-oodwyn) Ridley.1

Norfleet Blunt Ridley was educated at Hanover Academy and at

the Virginia Military Institute. As indicated in the heading, he

lived at one time at "Belmont" in Southampton, the former resi¬

dence of Dr. Samuel Blunt where the famous Nat Turner’s Insurrection

was finally put down.2

In the Manuscript Collection of the Duke University Library

in the papers of the Merritt Family of Brunswick County, Virginia,

there is an interesting letter from J. L, Merritt, a young civil

engineer working on a railway survey in Southampton County, to his

sister in Lawrenceville, dated "Near Jerusalem, Southampton Co.,

Septr, 3rd, 1870," and reads in part as follows:

. . . We are near Col. Ridley’s, and about a

mile /from Norfleejt7Ridley 1 s. We expected to

have had a fine time at Col. Ridley's, but the

young Ladies have gone to the Springs which

"of course" will take some pleasure away. We

expect to be soon in the neighborhood of some

more xRidley girls, and anticipate quite a

pleasant time, while in that vicinity ....

It is likely that Merritt and Norfleet Ridley were contemporaries.

It is also likely that the Col. Ridley to whom he referred was

Thomas Ridley, III, of "Bonnie Doon," whose house sheltered nieces

and cousins as well as daughters.3 The second set of Ridley girls

was in all probability the children of Francis Thomas Ridley of

"Rotherwood," and among them was Anna Field Ridley.4

Children of NORFLEET BLUNT and ANNA FIELD (RIDLEY) RIDLEY:

I. Robert Ridley (born at "Belmont," October 18, 1874; died

April 11, 1933); married (October 10, 1906) Adelia Purnell

of Raleigh, North Carolina. Issue one child:

A. Thomas Purnell Ridley (born in Portsmouth, Virginia,

November 10, 1907); married (February 17, 1935) Virginia

Saunders of Norfolk, Virginia. Issue:

1. Thomas Purnell Ridley, Jr. (born in Norfolk, August

23, 1937) , married Mary Ellen Brady of Baltimore.

a, Thomas Purnell Ridley, III

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2. Ann Cook Ridley (born Sept. 22, 1931); married George

R. Reiter of Annapolis.

a. George R. Reiter, Jr.

II. W illiam Goodwyn xli dley (born at "Belmont," October 2,

1877; died January 16, 1916); unmarried.

III. Francis Thoma s Ri dley (born in Portsmouth, September 20,

1882; died July 19, 1934); married (March 14, 1906) Nettie

Godwin of Charlottesville, Virginia. No children.

IV. Elizabet h No rflee t Goodwyn Ridley (born in Portsmouth,

August 21, 1884; died March 27, 1951); married (November 9,

1915) Francis Sterling Baggett of Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Issue one child:

A. Elizabeth Ridley Baggett (born in Atlanta, Georgia,

April 11, 1918); mrried in Savannah, Georgia (December

30, 1950) Edward F. Reddy of Atlanta.

V. Annie Blunt R idle y (born in Portsmouth, October 30, 1888)

She has been a major source of assistance in this study.

Notes

1. Information concerning Norfleet Blunt Ridley and Anna Field

(Ridley) Ridley and their descendants has been checked and

supplemented by Miss Annie Blunt Ridley of Norfolk, Virginia.

For the family of Anna Field Ridley, see page- 60.

2. For relationship of Dr„ Samuel Blunt to other Blunts who inter¬

married with Ridleys, see Blunt Appendix.

3. The family of Thomas Ridley, III, appears on page 54.

4. The family of Francis Thomas Ridley appears on page 60.

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SALLIE ANN (RIDLEY) LONG-LEWIS

Second daughter and youngest child of Robert

Ridley of "Rock Spring" and Ann Eliza (Blunt)

Ridley. Born October 23, 1850; died June 25,

1924. Carried first (November 4, 1869 ) John

Joseph Long, Jr. (born 1845; died August 24,

1878); married second (July 16, 1884) Dr. Henry

Wilkins Lewis (born March 13, 1856; died October

18, 1936).!

Sallie Ann Ridley was born at "Rock Spring," in Southampton.

She was less than two years old when her father died and only five

when her mother married for the second time (in November, 1855)

William Urquhart of "Charlie's Hope," Southampton. Her mother died

in 1862 when Sallie Ann Ridley was twelve years old. Much of her

childhood was spent with the family of her father's brother, Thomas

Ridley, III, of "Bonnie Doon."

At an early age she was sent to the Meade-Pannill School in

Petersburg and later she attended the well-known Warrenton Female

Institute in Warrenton, North Carolina,

After her marriage at "Bonnie Doon" in 1869 to John Joseph Long,

Jr., she and her husband lived at "Longwood," the home of his parents

/John Joseph and Melissa Eliza Matilda (Williams) Long/ near Gar.ys-

burg in Northampton County, North Carolina. Later they moved to

Halifax where they were living when her husband died at thirty-three.

She continued to live there with her mother-in-law and her husband's

widowed sisters: Ellen (Long) Daniel, widow of Brigadier General

Junius Daniel, and Willie Williams (Long) Faucett, widow of James

Faucett.

At the home of her brother Norfleet Blunt Ridley in Portsmouth,

Virginia, in 1884, Sallie Ann (Ridley) Long was married to her second

husband, Dr. Henry W. Lewis, son of Benjamin Lewis and Ellen Eliza¬

beth (Wilkins) Lewis of "Mossgiel," Brunswick County, Virginia. She

and Dr. Lewis lived in Jackson, Northampton County, North Carolina.

Both are buried in the churchyard of the Church of the Saviour there.

Children of SALLIE ANN RIDLEY and her two husbands:^

I. Nanny W illia ms Long (born in Halifax, North Carolina, June

14, 1871; died November , 1944, in New York City). Married

in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, North Carolina

(October 30, 1894) Thomas Burks Yuille (born 1870; died 1934)

of Halifax County, Virginia, later president of the Tobacco

Products Corporation of New York. 3 Both were buried in

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Tarr.ytown, New York. Issue four

children:

A. Ellen Daniel Yujlle (born in Henderson, North Carolina,

April 23, 1896); married first in Scarborough, New York

(November 17, 1915) William Jackson Sturgis (later divor¬

ced); married second (January 14, 1926 )Wolcott Blair. Issue:

I\* Watson Keep Blair (born in Chicago, October 23, 1926).

Married (July 7, 1953, in Southampton, Long Island)

Mary Josephine (Cutting) McFadden.^ Issue:

a. Watson Keep Blair (twin: born 1954-)

bf Wolcott Blair (twin: born 1954)

B. Melissa Williams Yuille (born in Greensboro, North Caro¬

lina, August 7, 1898); married in Palm Beach, Florida

(April 24, 1937)5 Harry Payne Bingham of New York (born

1888; died in Palm Beach, March 25, 1955). Issue:

1\* Burks Yuille Bingham (born in New York City, January

20, 1938)

Cc Susan Burks Yuille (born in Durham, North Carolina,

April 5, 1900); married in New York (March 20, 1924)

Carroll Carstairs (born 1889; died in New York, October

2, 1948)\*7 No children.

D. Nancy Long Yuille (born in Henderson, North Carolina,

January 7, 1902); married in Palm Beach, Florida (March

7, 1934) Richard Southwell Windham Robert Wyndham-Quin,

Earl of Dunraven and Mountearl of Adare, County Limerick,

Ireland (born May 18, 1887). (At the time of their marr¬

iage he had not succeeded to the earldom but was known

as the Viscount Adare.)° Issue:

1. Melissa Eva Caroline Wyndham-Quin (born February 16,

1935); married in Adare (June 25, 1959) Sir George

Cecil Francis Brooke, Bart, (born March 30, 1916).

2. Caroline Olein Geraldine Wyndham-Quin (born Septem¬

ber 14, 1936); married in Adare (July 23, 1957) John

Hubert de la Poer Beresford, Marquess of Waterford

(born July 14, 1933). Issue:

a. Henry Nicholas de la Poer Beresford, Earl of Tyrone

(born in County Waterford, 1958)

3. Thady Windham Thomas Wyndham-Quin, Viscount Adare

(born October 27, 1939)

II. John Joseph Long, III (born in Halifax, North Carolina,

November 21, 1873; died in Norfolk, Virginia, June 28, 1949).

Married in Danville, Virginia, Myra (Hart) McClain (born

1870; died January 10, 1961). They were buried in the Dula

mausoleum in Danville. No children.

III. Robert Ridley Long (born in Halifax, North Carolina, Octo¬

ber, 1876; died July 6, 1877); he was buried with his father

in the Colonial Cemetery in Halifax.

IV. Henry Stuart Lewis (born in Jackson, North Carolina, June

29, 1885; died in Richmond, Virginia, May 3, 1947); married

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in Charlottesville, Virginia (August 15, 1936) Sue Gordon

(Dabney)'Bolling.9 Lived in Suffolk, Virginia, and at "The

Woodlands," Brunswick County, Virginia, where he was buriedc

No children.

V. Ellen Wilkins Lew is (born in Jackson, North Carolina, April

2, 1887; died there November 8 , 1932); unmarried. She

was buried in the churchyard of the Church of the Saviour,

Jackson.

VI. Edmund Wilkins Lewis (born in Jackson, North Carolina, Oct¬

ober 6, 1889; died in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, March

25, 1955).lOMarried in Warrenton, North Carolina (November

17, 1915) Jane Crichton Williams (born June 4, 1892), daugh¬

ter of Archibald Davis Williams, Jr. and Lucy Tunstall

(Alston) Williams.il Lived in Jackson where he was buried

in the churchyard of the Church of the Saviour, Issue

three children;

A. Henry Wilkins Lewis (born in Jackson, November 7, 1916)

of Chapel Hill, North Carolina

B. Philip Alston Lewis (born in Jackson, July 22, 1921);

married in Woodland, North Carolina (February 10, 1945)

Janie Stephenson Parker, daughter of Dr. Clifton Geno

Parker and Elizabeth (Parker) Parker.l^issue;

1. Elizabeth Parker Lewis (born in Richmond, Virginia,

September 17, 1951)

2. Sailie Ridley Lewis (born in Richmond, May 6, 1954)

3. Laura Jane Lewis (born in Richmond, June 9, 1957)

C. Jane Crichton Lewis (born in Jackson, April 25, 1929);

married in the Church of the Saviour, Jackson (April 11,

1953) Algernon Augustus Zollicoffer, Jr., son of Alger¬

non Augustus and Fannie Spottswood (Cooper) Zollicoffer

of Henderson, North Carolina.Issue;

1. Jane Crichton Zollicoffer (born in Henderson, March

30, 1954)

2. Allison Caulaincourt Zollicoffer (born in Henderson,

March 24, 1956)

3. Fannie Cooper Zollicoffer (born in Henderson, Septem¬

ber ,1958)

Note s

1. See obituary of Sallie Ann(Ridley) Long-Lewis, Raleigh Ne w s,,

and Observer, June 29, 1924, reprinted in Roanoke.-Chpwan Times

iRTHh-Sq^e, N. C. ), July 3, 1924. See also Long Family Bible

formerly in the possession of Mrs. Ellen (Long) Daniel and now

owned by Nicholas Long of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina (See

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page 70.) Additional information can be found in the genealogical

compilations and notebooks of Stuart Hall Hill, copies of which

are on deposit in the Warren County Memorial Library, Warrenton,

North Carolina, the Weldon Memorial Library, Weldon, North Caro¬

lina, and the Library of the University of North Carolina, in Chapel

Hill.

2. Consult the following parish registers: St. Mark’s Church, Hali¬

fax, North Carolina; Grace Church, Weldon, North Carolina; the

Church of the Saviour, Jackson, North Carolina; the Church of the

Holy Innocents, Henderson, North Carolina; Trinity Church, Ports¬

mouth, Virginia; St. Thomas Church, New York City; St. Paul's Church,

Suffolk, Virginia,

3. See obituary of Thomas B. Yuille, New York T imes . Nov, 23, 1934.

4. See account of wedding, New York Times , July 8, 1953, p. 20.

5. See account of wedding, New York Times . April 25, 1937.

6. See obituary of Harry Payne Bingham, N ewsweek, April 4, 1955,

p. 61, as follows: ". . . financier, amateur expert on marine

life, and art patron; after a brief illness in Palm Beach, Fla.,

March 25, He gave the Bingham Oceanographic Collection to Yale

University and Rubens’ painting of ’Venus and Adonis’ to New

York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art."

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See obituary of Carroll Carstairs in New York Time s . October 3,

1948. "... /A?n art dealer specializing in modern art, owner

of the gallery bearing his name .... Mr. Carstairs was grad¬

uated from Yale in 1913. That autumn he became associated with

Knoedler & Co. , and, on the retirement of Roland F. Knoedler in

1928, he was one of a group of four, including his father, that

purchased the Knoedler business. About six years later, after

the death of his father, he retired from Knoedler’s and estab¬

lished his own gallery. In the first World War Mr. Carstairs

enlisted in the Grenadier Guards of the British Army and served

for four years, rising to the rank of captain and winning the

Military Cross. . . . For account of wedding, see New York Times .

March 21, 1924, page 19.

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account of. marriage, New York .Times

also, WHO’S WHO rLondbhr;^76TTf,15pr

, torch 8, 1934, page 24,

376, 3158.

See account of marriage, Richmond Times-D lspatch , August 17,

1936.

10. See obituary notice, Norfolk V lrginian Pilot and Raleigh News

and Observer , March 26, 1955.

11. See account of wedding, Raleigh News and Observer , November 20,

1917.

12. See account of wedding, Raleigh News and Observer , February

1945.

13. See account of wedding, Raleigh News and Observer , April 12,

1953.

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ELIZABETH NORFLEET (RIDLEY) NEELY

Third child of Francis Thomas Ridley of "Rother-

wood” and Elizabeth Norfleet (Goodwyn) Ridley.

Born December 7, 1846; died August 7, 1924;

married (August 19, 1869) Robert Johnson Neely

of Portsmouth, Virginia, formerly of Bucks

County, Pennsylvania.

Children of ROBERT JOHNSON and ELIZABETH NORFLEET (RIDLEY)

NEELY;

I. Clara John s on Neely (born at "Rotherwood,” Southampton

County, July 3, 1870); unmarried.

II. William Ridley Neely (born in Portsmouth, August 20, 1872;

died April , 1916) ; married (November , 1901) Annie Jones of

Vicksburg, Mississippi.

III. Elizabeth Norf leet Ne ely (born in Portsmouth, February 26,

1875); married (June 10, 1915) Dr. Charles R. Grandy of Norfolk,

Virginia. No children.

IV. Jane Boyd Neely (born in Portsmouth, February 26, 1877 ;

died February 20, 1961); unmarried.

V. Robert Jo hnson Neely (born in Portsmouth, June 5, 1879;

died January 19, 1937]"; unmarried.

VI. Jo hn Tho m pson N eely (born in Portsmouth, February 14, 1883);

married Tjanuary 8, 1920) Fortune McCraw.

VII. Louisa Blunt Neely (bom in Portsmouth, October 22, 1886;

died March 17, 1888).

VIII. Emily Goodwyn Neely (bom in Portsmouth, October 5, 1890;

died March 15, 1910)1 unmarried.

Note s

1. Information concerning Elizabeth Norfleet (Ridley) Neely and

her children has been checked and supplemented by Miss Annie

Blunt Ridley of Norfolk, Virginia, whose mother was a sister of

Mrs. Neely. (See pages 60 and 76-77.)

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APPENDIX A

RIDLEY FAMILY RECORD

1778-1875

Explanatory Note : The record of births and deaths given below is

an exact copy of the handwritten record kept by members of the Rid¬

ley family of Southampton in a copy of THE VIRGINIA ALMANACK FOR

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1767, published in Williamsburg in that year.

At the time this copy was made (1937) this almanac was in the poss¬

ession of Miss Roberta Mary Ridley of "Bloomfield,” Southampton

County. For purposes of identification in the notes following the

text of the record each individual mentioned here has been assigned

a number in parenthesis. By referring to the notes it will be

possible to determine the various relationships.

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Tho\* Ridley (3), Son of Tho. Ridley and Amey Ridley, was

Born the Eighth Day of Novr. 1778. Died Deer. 10th 1839.

Nancy Ridley (4), Daughter of Tho. Ridley was born the 27th of

April 1782, and departed this life 27th of August 1784.

Francis Ridley (5) was born the first day of August 1785.

Amey Ridley (2), wife of Thomas Ridley departed this life the

5th February 1815.

Thom. Ridley (1) husband of Amey Ridley departed this life

the 15th Feby, 1815.

Francis Thomas Ridley (10), son of Francis and Louisa Ridley (13

was born the 5th day of September one thousand eight hundred and

seventeen.

William Ridley (6), son of Thos. Ridley and Mary Ridley was

born 3rd of Octr. 1807.

Thomas Ridley (7) was born 22nd of Aug. 1809.

Robert Ridley (8) was born 3rd of Nov. 1811.

Nancy 3. Ridley (9) was born 31st May, 1814.

Nancy B. Ridley (9) hied 5th of Septr. 1824.

Ann G. Ridley (12) died 17th of October 1836.

William Ridley (6) died 18th of July 1837.

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Ro. Ridley (8) died 2nd August 1852.

Mary Ridley (11) wife of Thomas Ridley departed this life

February 1815.

Thos. Ridley (7) departed this life March 7th. 1875.

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Notes

(1) Thomas Ridley, son of Nathaniel Ridley, II, and Priscilla

Applewhaite; born about 1750; married Amey Scott in 1778.

See page 24.

(2) Amey (Scott) Ridley, daughter of John Scott of Sussex, and wife

of Thomas Ridley (1). See page 24.

(3) Major Thomas Ridley of the War of 1812; married first Mary

Wright (11) and second Mrs. Ann Gilliam (Blunt) Wilkinson (12).

See page 43.

(4) Nancy Ridley's mother was Amey( Scott) Ridley \_(2). See page 26.

(5) Francis Ridley of "Rotherwood." He died in 1822. He married

Louisa Rebecca Blunt (13). See page 45.

(6) William Ridley; died at the age of thirty-six; unmarried. Seep44

(7) Colonel Thomas Ridley of "Bonnie Doon." Married Margaret Ann

Bynum Jordan; he was a son of Major Thomas Ridley (3) and his

first wife Mary Wright (11). See page 54.

(8) Robert Ridley of "Rock Spring." Married Ann Eliza Blunt, daugh¬

ter of John Norfleet Blunt and Sally Mason Peterson. She married

second William Urquhart of "Charlie's Hope," Southampton. Robert

Ridley was a son of Major Thomas Ridley (3) and his first wife

Mary Wright (11). See page 56.

(9) Nancy Blunt Ridley; died at the age of ten; named for Ann Blunt,

wife of William Wright and mother of Mary Wright (11); she was

a daughter of Major Thomas Ridley (3) and Mary Wright (11). See

page 44.

(10) Francis Thomas Ridley of "Rotherwood." Married Elizabeth Norfleet

Goodwyn, daughter of William Boswell Goodwyn and Elizabeth Nor¬

fleet Blunt, sister of Ann Gilliam (Blunt) Wilkinson-Ridley (12),

Louisa Rebecca (Blunt) Ridley (13), and John Norfleet Blunt /see

note on (8), above\_^7 He was a son of Francis Ridley (5) and

Louisa Rebecca (Blunt) Ridley (13). See page 60.

(11) Mary (Wright) Ridley; married Major Thomas Ridley (3); daughter

of William Wright of Southampton and Greensville and his first

wife, Ann Blunt. See page 43.

(12) Ann Gilliam (Blunt) Wilkinson-Ridle.y; born 1793; daughter of

William Blunt and Elizabeth Norfleet; married first Nathaniel

Wilkinson of "West Plains," Southampton, and second Major

Thomas Ridley (3). See page 43.

(13) Louisa Rebecca (Blunt) Ridley, wife of Francis Ridley (5), and

daughter of William Blunt and Elizabeth Norfleet; sister of (12),

above. Married second Theophilus Feild and third John D. Maclin.

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APPENDIX B

blunt family

Explanatory Note ? This sketch in outline form is the first compre¬

hensive genealogy of the Blunts. Even a slight acquaintance with

the Southampton and Granville Ridleys indicates the necessity of

knowing something about the Blunts in order to see the complicated

relationships between the two families. In actuality, it has pro¬

ved far more time-consuming to work out the Blunt family than the

Ridleys. As in all such work, corrections will be welcomed.

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The Blunts treated in this appendix lived primarily in Surry,

Sussex, Southampton, and Greensville counties in Virginia. There

were Blunts in the neighboring county of Isle of Wight, but there

seems to have been no relationship between the two groups. Nor

does there seem to have been any connection with the large Blount

family in eastern North Carolina. /See William and Mary College

Quarterly t Second Series, Vol. 13, No. 3 (July 1933), pp. 189-191^7

The first identifiable Blunt of the line under consideration

was:

RICHARD BLUNT of Surry (died before 1658); married Mary (sur¬

name unknown) who married second, Charles Ford, third (1658) John

Washington (see marriage agreement in Surry County records), and

fourth (about 1661-2) Henry Briggs, Richard Blunt seems to have

died young. He had only one child:

THOMAS BLUNT of Surry (born 1656; died 1709). Will probated

in Surry County, March 7, 1709. Married PRISCILLA, daughter of

WILLI Alt BROWNE of Southwark Parish, Surry (died 1705) and his first

wife, DIARY, daughter of Col. HENRY BROWNE of "Four Mile Tree." Prior

to marrying Thomas Blunt, Priscilla Browne had married (before 1699)

Rivers Jordan (will probated March 4, 1700/01 in Surry); and after

Blunt’s death she married William Thomas. She died in Surry where

her will as Priscilla Thomas was probated in 1733. The evidence

makes it appear that Priscilla (Browne) Jordan was Thomas Blunt’s

second wife, but the name of his first wife is unknown. The.over¬

all evidence suggests that Blunt's first five children were by his

first wife, and the renaining four by his second wife:

Issue of THOMAS BLUNT:

I, Elizabeth Blunt ; married Howell Edmunds (born about 1675;

died 1729) . They were ancestors of a large family in southern

Virginia.

II. Mary Blunt ; married John Flood.

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III. Ann Blunt ; married (after 1718 and before 1724) Edmund Irby

of Prince George County, Virginia.

IV. Thomas Blunt, II (died 1719); unmarried. /See Surry County

Wills and Deeds Book, 1715-30, p. IllJ

V. RICHARD BLUNT of Surry (died April 17, 1747). Married

(after 1718)ANN (possibly IRBY) (died 1785), who married second,

in Sussex County, Virginia (1758) Abraham Green. Issue six child¬

ren (A through F, below);

A. Mary Blunt (born 1727); married John Irby

^ B. Elizabeth Blunt (born 1731; died 1782); married Micajah

Edwards (died 1770). /See his will, Southampton County Will Book 2,

p. 354, and her will, Southampton County Will Book 2, p. 384^7 Issue

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Micajah Edwards

Mary Edwards; married (by 1770) \_ Butts

Richard Edwards

Lucy Edwards

Benjamin Edwards; died unmarried (1797). /See South-

Will Book 4, p. 783^.7

Elizabeth Edwards; married (between 1782 and 1797)

7. Anne Edwards; married in Surry County, Virginia (1790)

BENJAMIN BLUNT, son of JOHN and MARY (RIDLEY) BLUNT. For issue,

see under Benjamin Blunt, page 98.

8. William Edwards; under twenty-one in 1770

9. \_\_\_ Edwards; a daughter unbaptized in 1770 when

her father executed his will.

C. Luc y Blunt (bom 1736; died 1749)

D. RICHARD BLUNT. II of Sussex (born 1738; died 1774); will

executed January 29, 1774, probated May 19, 1774 (Sussex Will Book C,

p. 123). Married JANE, daughter of JOHN NICHOLSON of Surry (died

1753/4); her will executed October 29, 1778, probated February 18,

1779 (Sussex County Will Book C, p. 318). /See Sussex County Will

Book A, p, 3; also William and Mary College Q uarterly , Second Series,

Vol. 12, No. 1, pp, 55 and 58^/ Issue five children;

1. Dolly Blunt; married in Sussex (1783) Richard Graves

of Dinwiddie County, Virginia

2. Thomas Blunt (under twenty-one in 1774; died 1817);

seems to have married twice in Sussex: first (1783) Elizabeth,

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daughter of Dr. Thomas Peete; second (1789) Judith, daughter of

George Rives. /See Sussex County Will Book H, p. 411^.7 Issue five

children (a through e, below); the first by his first wife, the

remaining four by his second wife:

a. Thomas Blunt, II; mentioned in 1801 will of his

grandfather Dr. Thomas Peete /See Southampton County Will Book 5,

p. 247^/ He was also mentioned in the 1816 will of his father. He

married in Sussex (1807) Agnes Archer Downman (born 1787; died Aug¬

ust 9, 1875), daughter of William and Agnes (Archer) Downman. "She

married at the age of 19 and had 12 children, of whom only 4 survi¬

ved her death. Her husband, Thomas Blunt, died a few months before

the birth of her youngest child .... In 1875, one son, three

daughters, and 'many of the third and fourth generation' survive

her." They lived at Spring Hill, Marengo County, Alabama. /Thomas

Branch Dunn, "The Downman Family," Tyler's Qu arte r ly Magazine . Vol.

16, No. 3 (January 1935), p. ~L90j Issue identify d to date:

(1) Alexander Peete Blunt; married in Sussex (1833)

Margaret A. Davis

(2) Evelyn Blunt; married Adolphus Downman, her

first cousin

(3) daughter; married Charles B. Mason of Sussex

(4) daughter; married Benjamin Harrison Mason of

Sussex (brother of her sister's husband)

(5) daughter; youngest child; married H. B.

Cottrell

b. Judith Blunt; married in Sussex (1813) Richard

Henry Edwards

c. Sally Eldridge Blunt; married in Sussex (1820)

Peter Francis Vivant Quinichett of Dinwiddle County, Virginia

d. Pamela Blunt; married (after 1816) Dr. William

H. Finch of Surry County

e. Eldridge Blunt (under twenty-one in 1816) ; died

about 1832; married first in Sussex (1820) Sally Martha Thweatt

Rives, daughter of George Rives; married second in Sussex (1823)

Caroline To Collier, ward of George Rives. Issue one child:

(1) Thomas E. N. Blunt of "Shingleton" in Sussex

(died 1854); married in Sussex (1844) Sarah

Elizabeth Augusta Eppes. Issue two children:

(a) Alice Rowzie Blunt

(b) Caroline Elizabeth Blunt

/Their guardian, V. M. Eppes, rendered an account of a sale of their

property in 1865; Sussex Will Book S, p. ~bl0j

3. Colin Blunt (born 1760)

4. Robert Blunt (born 1763); not named in the wills of

his parents so presumed to.-have died as a child.

5. Richard Blunt, III

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John Blun t (dj©d 1776 ); no issue.

F. Benjamin Blunt ; ward of Howell Edmunds; mentioned in the

wills of his mother, Mrs, Ann Green, in 1785, and sister, Elizabeth

(Blunt) Edwards in 1782. Apparently lived in Southampton; died in

1803. /See his will, Southampton County Will Book 5, p. 457/7 He

married in Sussex (1766) Frances, daughter of George Briggs of Sus¬

sex. She died in 1823. /See her will, Southampton County Will Book

9, p. 208j see also deeds of gift (1780 and 1784) from George Briggs

of Sussex to his son-in-law Benjamin Blunt, Southampton Deed Book

5, p. 473 5 and Book 6 , p. 237^7 Issue five children:

1° Elizabeth Blunt (died 1795) /See Southampton County

tfill Book 4, p. 672,7; married first (1786T John Lucas; second (17-

92) SAMUEL BLUNT, son of William and Martha (Peete) Blunt (See page

90.) Issue two children (a and b, below):

a, Frances Briggs Lucas (born before 1803); married

(by 1818) Edmund Irby of Nottoway County, Virginia.

b„ Benjamin William Blunt; mentioned in the wills of

his mother (1795) and grandfather Benjamin Blunt (1803), but not

named in the will of his father Samuel Blunt (1833). (See page 90.)

2 0 Ann Blunt; married in Southampton (1792) Benjamin

Peete, son of Dr, Thomas Peete. Issue (as named in will of Dr.

Peete) three children /See will of Dr, Peete, executed March 4,1801;

probated April 20, 1801; Southampton County Will Book 5, p. 247 J\

a. Samuel Peete

b. Thomas Peete (probably the one of this name who

received M. D. degree from University of Pennsylvania in 1817)

Co Benjamin Blunt Peete

3. Richard Blunt (died 1824)/See Southampton County Will

Book 9 S P« 242/7 Seems to have married in Surry (1807) Jane Cocke

/See Surry marriage bond dated May 4, 1807/7 Issue six children

(a through f, below):

a. Benjamin William Blunt (living in 1795; died

1822-24) /See his father’s will/7

b. Richard S. Blunt; possibly married in Sussex (1805)

Mary E/dwards \_?7 Massenburg, daughter of William and Rebecca (Rid¬

ley) Massenburgo (See page 29 .)

c. Ann J. Blunt

d. Caroline H. Blunt

e. Mary Eliza Blunt (not to be confused with one of

the same name, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Blunt, see page 90); marr¬

ied (August 4, 1846) John Greenway Parham of Greensville County,

Virginia; moved to Warren County, Mississippi (near Vicksburg) /See

Lee Nicholson, ,! The Walker Family,” Tyler’ s Quarterly Magazine .

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f. Jane S. M. Blunt (born June 25, 1824; see codicil

to her father’s will)

4. George Blunt (died unmarried 1795) /See Southampton

County Will Book 4, p. 673

5o BENJAMIN BLUNT, JR. (died 1827); married in South¬

ampton (1811) Margaret Kello (died bef or e 1827) /See Southampton

County Will Book 10, p. 19^7 Issue four children (a through d,

below);

a. Benjamin Blunt, III (orphan in 1827, placed by

father under care of Richard B. Kello)

b. George Blunt (orphan in 1827, placed by father

under care of Richard B. Kello)

c. Margaret Blunt (orphan in 1827, placed by father

under care of Mrs. Jane Blunt, wife of Richard Blunt, the' child’s

uncle. See page 88.)

d. Frances Blunt (orphan in 1827, placed by father

under care of Mrs. Frances Briggs Lucas Irby of Nottoway County,

the child’s first cousin. See page 88.)

VI. WILLIAM BLUNT (died 1736). Mentioned in the 1704 will of

his grandfather William Browne of Surry. Married ELIZABETH (doss-

ibl.y MAGGET) who married second (by July 1738) James Rookings’. She

and her second’ husband administered the estate of her first husband.

/See Surry County Deeds and Conveyances, 1730-38, No. 8, Vol. 2,

Part 2, p. 878, Virginia State Library^/ In 1746 James and Elizabeth

Rookings conveyed certain land in Albemarle Parish, Surry, to

William Blunt described as M son and heir of William Blunt late of

this county." /See Surry County Deed Book 4, p. 407 J This language

suggests that William Blunt had only one son, but it is not necess¬

arily conclusive. For example, the John Blunt who on January 29,

1774, witnessed the will of Richard Blunt in Sussex, and who on Oct¬

ober 29, 1778, witnessed the will of Mrs. Jane (Nicholson) Blunt,

might have been a son of William and Elizabeth Blunt. /See Sussex

County Will Book C, pp. 123 and 318^7 Known issue, one son;

A. WILLIAM BLUNT , II; probably of age in 1746 when his

mother and her second husband (James Rookings) deeded land to him.

See under VI, above. Thus f he seems to have been born about 1725.

He died in Sussex, September 2, 1794. He seems to have been the

William Blunt who was named executor in the 1774 will of Richard

Blunt of Sussex (page 86 herein) /See Sussex County Will Book C, p,

123\_J7 He married at least twice and possibly three times; First

(probably) in Sussex (1756) ANN, daughter of ROBERT NICHOLSON; second

in Sussex (November 19, 1764) MARTHA, daughter of Dr. SAMUEL PEETE

(SRe was born in 1748 and died in 1774 according to the Albemarle

Parish Register.); and third, FRANCES, daughter of PETER JONES (she

died in 1795). William Blunt's will, executed November 6, 1792,

with codicil dated September 10, 1794, was probated December 4, 17-

94. /See Sussex County Will Book E, p. 291/ Mrs. Frances (Jones)

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Blunt’s will, executed April 4, 1795, was probated December 3, 1795.

/See Sussex Will Book S, p. 387 J Of the first (probable) marri¬

age there is no record of issue now available. The first four chil¬

dren listed below seem to have been by the Peete marriage; the last

six by the Jones marriage according to Dr. Samuel Blunt's account

as executor of his father's estate /See Sussex County Will Book F,

PP. 384, 387^.7

1 0 Dr, SAMUEL BLUNT (born 1765 according to the Albemarle

Parish Register j. died 1833) of "Belmont," Southampton County, /§ee

Southampton County Will Book 11, p. 71/7 Married first in Southamp¬

ton (1792) ELIZABETH (BLUNT) LUCAS (died 1795), daughter of BENJA¬

MIN and FRANCES (BRIGGS) LUCAS BLUNT and widow of John Lucas (See

page 88); second in Sussex (1796) ELIZABETH (RIDLEY) W00LF0LK, pre¬

sumed to be the daughter of JAMES DAY and MARY (EDWARDS) RIDLEY and

widow of both Etheldred Taylor and Francis Woolfolk (See page 29) ;

and third in Petersburg (May 31, 1813) MARY MCDONALD (FRASER) RAN¬

DOLPH-WE, LID N (born 1782; died 1835), daughter of Simon Fraser of

Petersburg and widow of John Randolph of Petersburg and of Daniel

Weldon of North Carolina /See her will, Southampton County Will Book

11? p. 353 J It was at Dr„ Blunt's plantation that the Nat Turner

Insurrection was finally arrested, and the part played in stopping

it by the doctor and one of his sons has frequently been recorded.

Dr. Samuel Blunt had eleven children as listed below; the first

child was by his first wife, the next four by his second wife, and

the last six by his third wife. Issue (a through k, below):

a. Benjamin William Blunt; mentioned in the will of

his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Blunt) Lucas-Blunt (1795) and in the

will of his half-brother Walter Blunt (1812) but not mentioned in

the will of his father in 1833. See page 88.

b. James Ridley Blunt (died 1835); married Artemesia

Howardc See page 30.

c. Martha Peete Blunt; married in Southampton (1817)

Jesse A. Bonner (who died in Brunswick County, Virginia; see Bruns¬

wick Will Book 13, p. 114.) See page 30.

d. Mary Eliza Blunt; married in Southampton (1828)

Alexander Peete. See page 30.

e 0 Samuel Blunt of Southampton (born September 28,

1804; died in Petersburg in 1884). Married first (December 28, 1842)

Mary J. C. Gholson, daughter of William and Mary Gholson of Bruns¬

wick County (bom 1812; died 1847); second (October 22, 1856) Laura

E. Mason, daughter of Mrs. E. H, M. Mason (born March 5, 1823). /See

wills of Samuel Blunt, Vol. 7, Folio 28, Clerk's Office, Petersburg,

and of Laura E. Blunt, Will Book 7, p. 240, in the same offic ej

Issue one child:

(1) Mary J. C. Gholson Blunt (born July 23, 1812;

died September 22, 1847); unmarried.

f. Walter Fraser Blunt (under twenty-one in 1832);

will probated in 1843 /See Brunswick County Will Book 14, p. 13^7

Married in Brunswick Argyra Harrison.

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g. 7/111 lam Henry Blunt (under twenty-one in 1832);

married (1843) Panthea Garland

h. Angus Fraser Blunt; apparently the one of this

name who received M. D. degree from University of Pennsylvania 1839\*

i. Simon Fraser Blunt (born 1818; died 1854); married

Ellen Key, daughter of Francis Scott Key

J. Rosa McDonald 31unt; married in Southampton (1837)

George E. Peete, M. D. , University of Pennsylvania in 1834.

k. Frances Marion Blunt; married Washington L. Rid¬

dick of Nansemond County, Virginia

2 0 William Blunt (born 1768 according to the Albemarle

Parish Register; seems to have died young)

3. Mary Blunt (born 1770 according to the Albemarle Parish

Register)

4. Elizabeth Blunt (born 1772 according to the Albemarle

Parish Register); married, in Southampton (1796) James Watson

5. Martha Blunt (born 1777 according to the Albemarle

Parish Register), ward of Peter Jones her grandfather; married in

Sussex (1796) Ambrose Wilkins.

6 . Rebecca J. Blunt; named in the wills of her brothers

Robert and Walter Blunt; ward of William Birdsong; married John M,

Jeffries.

7. Robert Blunt (under twenty-one in 1792); ward of his

grandfather Peter Jones; married in Petersburg (May 3, 1804) Jane E.

Fraser, daughter of Simon Fraser and sister of Mrs 0 Mary (Fraser)

Randolph-Weldon-Blunt (see page 90); his will dated October 27, 1810,

was probated in Halifax County, North Carolina, February, 1811. /See

Halifax County Will Book 3, p. 512/7 Issue one child:

a„ Jane Roberta Blunt (under twenty-one in 1810)

8 . William Blunt (under twenty-one in 1792), ward of

William Birdsong; the second child of his father with this name;

seems to have died without marrying before 1812 according to state¬

ments in the will of his brother Walter Blunt /See Sussex County

Will Book H, p. 302/7

9. Walter Blunt (under twenty-one in 1792), ward of

William Birdsong; died 1816: married (befcre 1812) Elizabeth F. (sur¬

name unknown). No issue, /See Sussex Will Book H, p. 302/7

10. Anselm Blunt (bom between September 1794 and April

1795), ward of William Birdsong.

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VII. HENRY BLUNT of Southampton (died 1758) /See Southampton

County will Book 1, p. 270/ 7 Married SARAH (possibly BLOW). Issue

two children (A and B, below):

A. THOMAS BLUNT of Southampton (died 1777/8) /See Southamp¬

ton County Will Book 3, p. 221/ 7 Married in Southampton (1757) ANN,

daughter of JOSEPH GRAY. She married second in Southampton (1781)

Richard Blow (who may have married first in 1774 Mary, daughter of

John Scott of Southampton and Sussex — see Blow’s will, Southampton^

County Will Book 4, p. 179, and Scott Family Appendix to this study\_\*/

She married third Mills Godwin of Chuckatuck in Nansemond County,

Virginia. She had no children by her second and third marriages.

/See Will iam and Mary Col lege Quarterly 0 Second Series, Vol. 15, No.

3 (July 1935), p. 309/ 7 Issue nine children:

lo Henry Blunt; he seems to have moved to Nashville, Nash

County, North Carolina, where as ‘’General Henry Blunt" he entered

into an agreement on October 26, 1836, in anticipation of his marr¬

iage to Mrs, Lucy Cargill (Jones) Walker-Maclin. /See Greensville

County, Virginia, Deed Book^7, p 0 368/7 This agreement dealt with

property Mrs 0 Walker-Maclin'had acquired in Greensville and Bruns¬

wick, in Warren County, North Carolina, and in Mississippi, from her

two prior husbands: John M. Walker and William W. Maclin. She did

not long survive her marriage to General Blunt; her will dated April

11, 1837, was probated August 7, 1837 o /See Greensville County Will

Book 5, pp. 183 and 488/7 She had no Blunt children.

2. Joseph Gray Blunt; still living in 1795 according to

indications in Southampton County records,

3. Thomas Blunt, Jr.

4. Edmund Blunt; still living in 1795 according to indi¬

cations in Southampton County records; on February 2, 1792, he pur¬

chased land from Frederick Hines of Nash CountyNorth Carolina.

/See "The Hines Family," article in John Bennett Boddie, SOUTHSIDE

VIRGINIA FAMILIES (1955), p. 273/7

5\* William Blunt; possibly married in Southampton (1782)

Mary Ridley ( she has not been precisely identified).

6. James Blunt

7. Ann Blunt

8. Sarah Blunt (born 1759; died 1835); married (1780)

Mills Godwin of Nansemond County (died 1826). Issue three children:

a. Thomas H. P, Godwin

b. Louise Caroline Godwin (born 1784); married first

John Randolph; second Dr. deBurgh Godwin; third Frederick Hall

c. Ann Gray Godwin (born 1786; died 1858); married

(1806) James Holladay (born 1784; died 1849)

9. Elizabeth Blunt; possibly married in Southampton (1782)

Samuel Edmunds.

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B. Mary Blunt (born March 8, 1740); married in Southampton

(1767) Richard Parker

VIII. BENJAMIN BLUNT of Southampton (born about 1707-08; died

1752) /See Southampton County Will Book 1, p„ 81^7 Married in

Southampton PRISCILLA PERSON, daughter of John Person (the third of

that name). She was born about 1717 and died in 1782. /See her will

in Southampton Will Book 3, p. 435; see also George Fuller Walker,

PERSONS LINEAGE (Atlanta, The Conger Printing Co., 1951), p. 13^.7

Issue five children (A through E, below)s

A. W ILLIAM BLUNT of Southampton (died 1787) /See his will,

Southampton County Will Book 4, p. 231.7 Married in Southampton

(1756) Mrs. MARY PERSON (possibly a Turner before her first marriage)

William Blunt was principal beneficiary under the will of his first

cousin John Person who died in 1773c /See Southampton Will Book 3,

p. 69^7 Issue four childrens

1. William Blunt, Jr. of Southampton (sometimes called

"William N. Blunt" in the records) (died April 27, 1807). /See

Southampton County Will Book 6, p P 499 J Married first in Brunswick

County (1788) ANN, daughter of JOHN GILLIAM; married second in

Southampton (November 24, 1790) ELIZABETH, daughter of CORDALL and

MARY (WILKINSON) NORFLEET of Greensville County (she died March 6,

1813); Mrs, Elizabeth (Norfleet) Blunt married second in Southampton

(1808) Benjamin W„ Johnston. /See deed of gift from William Blunt

to William Blunt, Jr., January 14, 1787, Southampton County Deed

Book 6, p. 669^.7 William Blunt, Jr. had no children by his first

wife. Issue by second wife eight children (a through h, below):

a. Mary Wilkinson Blunt (born September 7, 1791);

married (March 23. 1809) Dr. James Kello of Southampton (died Sept¬

ember 7, 1820). /For issue see Virginia Ma gazine of History and Biog ¬

raphy , Vol. 37, No 1 (January 1929) , PP« 66-68T7 Issue five child¬

ren :

(1) Ann Eliza Kello (1810-1812)

(2) Margaret B, Kello (born 1813); married (1829)

Thomas W, Vaughan

(3) Mary Wilkinson Kello (1814-1817)

(4) Louisa Henrietta Blunt Kello (born 1816); marr¬

ied (1836) Samuel James Douglas of Petersburg (born 1812) who marr¬

ied second (1847) Elizabeth Brown of Tallahassee, Florida.

(5) William Patrick Kello (died 1830)

b. Ann Gilliam Blunt (born January 23, 1793; died

October 17, 1836); seems to have been naned for her father's first

wife; educated in Warrenton, North Carolina, where she made a samp¬

ler dated July 19, 1806, now in the possession of William Hyslop

Sumner Burgwyn of Woodland, North Carolina, Married first (January

18, 1810) Nathaniel Wilkinson of "West Plains," Southampton County

(died May 15, 1813); married second in Southampton (July 24, 1816)

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Thomas Ridley, II, of "Rock Spring," Southampton. (See page 43.)

She had no Ridley children. Issue two children:

(1) John Wilkinson (born January 17, 1811; died

September 13, 1814)

(2) Nathaniel Wilkinson, Jr. (born July 28, 1813;

died January 18, 1814)

c. Sarah Norfleet Blunt (born January 19, 1795; died

July 30, 1804)

d. Louisa Rebecca Blunt (born July 8, 1796); married

first in Southampton (June 22, 1815) Francis Ridley of "Rotherwood"

(died 1822; see page 45); married second in Southampton (1824) Theo-

philus Field (or Feild) of Brunswick County (born 1788; died July

21, 1826) , owner of the Newmarket Race Course near Petersburg; and

third in Southampton (1830) John D. Maclin of Greensville County.

/See William and Mary Co lleg e Quarterly , Second Series, Vol. 17, No.

4 (October 1937). pp. 481, 488// Field s obituary states that he

left three minor children surviving when he died in 1826, but no

record has been found of any that survived. /See Virginia Magazine

of History and Biography . Vol. 36. No. 3 (July 192817 pp. 251-252^/

Nor is there any record of any Maclin children. Issue two Ridley

children:

(1) John Blunt Ridley; died young and unmarried.

See page 45.

(2) Francis Thomas Ridley of "Rotherwood" (born

1817; died 1898); married (1841) his first cousin Elizabeth Norfleet

Goodwyn, daughter of Dr. william Boswell and Elizabeth Norfleet

(Blunt) G-oodwyn. See e immediately below. For issue, see page

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e. Elizabeth Norfleet Blunt (born April 14, 1798);

married in Southampton (1817) Dr. William Boswell Goodwyn (K. D,

University of Pennsylvania, 1809; died in Petersburg in 1848). A

copy of his will dated September 1847 and probated in Southampton

on June 19, 1848, is recorded in Greensville County Will Book 11,

p. 182, Issue seven children:

(1) Benjamin Watson Goodwyn; married Emily Ann

Branch, daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Jordan) Branch.

(2) Elizabeth Norfleet Goodwyn; married (1841) her

first cousin Francis Thomas Ridley; see above.

(3) Martha Louisa Goodwyn (under eighteen in 1847);

married Thomas Hill Urquhart; see Urquhart Appendix to this study.

(4) Julia Goodwyn (under eighteen in 1847); married

William Urquhart of "Charlie’s Hope," Southampton, as his second

wife; see Urquhart Appendix to this study.

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(5) Suaan G-oodwyn; not mentioned in her father '3

will; presumably died young.

(6) Sally G-oodwyn (under eighteen in 1847)

(7) William Stephens Goodwyn; married Mary Ann

Drewry; an executor of his father's will in 1847.

f. JOHN NORFLEET BLUNT (born March 24, 1800); married

first in Greensville County (1819) MARY TURNER of Sussex; married

second in Greensville (1822) SARAH (SALLY) MASON PETERSON, daughter

of PETER and ELIZABETH BARHAM (NEWSOM) PETERSON of Greensville.

Lived at "Elm Yard" on Fountain Creek in Greensville. ^For inter¬

esting land transactions of John Norfleet and Sally M. P. Blunt,

see Greensville County Deed Book 9, pp. 355, 532 and 536; Deed Book

10. pp. 21, 27, 33, 126, 260, 262; and Deed Book 11, p. 293^7 Issue

ten children, one by first wife, nine by second:

(1) Mary Turner Blunt (born 1820); married (Decem¬

ber 1841) Dr. Charles Fenton Claiborne. Issue one child:

(a) Charles Fenton Claiborne, Jr.; killed in

Civil War; unmarried.

(2) Sarah (Sally) J. Peterson Blunt; married first

in Greensville (1842) Henry Peebles; married second, Nicholas Pee¬

bles of Northampton County, North Carolina (brothers). Issue three

children s

(a) Millard Fillmore Peebles; married his

cousin Mary (Molly) Goodwyn, daughter of Benjamin Watson and

Emily Ann (Branch) Goodwyn (See page 94). Issue two children:

(I) Sally Blunt Peebles (born September^,

1875); married (January 4, 1905) Frank R. Harris

(II) Henry Peebles (born August 20, 1882)

(b) Susan Peebles; married (November 11, 1869)

George Spruill Urquhart, son of Charles Fox and Eliza Blount

(Hill) Urquhart (See Urquhart Appendix) 0 Issue three children

(I) Henry Middleton Urquhart; married

Irene W. Joy

(II) George Spruill Urquhart, Jr.; married

Cora Holland

(III) Susan Peebles Urquhart; married Claude

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(c) Etheldred John Peebles (died Jan. 1, 1919)

married (Nov. 18, 1885) Margaret Peebles (1862-1887)

(3) Ann Eliza Blunt (born 1825; died February 22,

1862); married first (June 21, 1843) Robert Ridley of "Rock Spring', 1

Southampton (died 1852; see page 56); married second (November 1855)

William Urquhart of "Charlie's Hope,” son of Charles Fox and Eliza

Blount (Hill) Urquhart. (He married second Julia Goodwyn, see page

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94.) See Urquhart Appendix to this study. Issue six children,

four by her Ridley husband, and two by her Urquhart husband:

(a) Robert Ridley, Jr.; married Lucy Ann

Urquhart (sister of his mother 1 s second

husband; see Urquhart Appendix herein;

see also page 74.)

(b) Mary Thomas Ridley; married Nathaniel

Thomas Ridley (See page 66.)

(c) Norfleet Blunt Ridley; married Anna Field

Ridley, daughter of Francis Thomas and

Elizabeth Norfleet (Goodwyn) Ridley. (See

pages 60 and 94.)

(d) Sallie Ann Ridley; married first John

Joseph Long, Jr.; second, Dr. Henry Wilkins

Lewis (See page 78.)

(e) Maria Louisa Urquhart (born November 2,

1858; died January 30, 1925); unmarried;

buried in St. Luke’s Churchyard, Courtland,

Virginia

(f) Martha Rebecca Urquhart (born October 15,

1859; died December 31, 1932); unmarried;

buried in St. Luke’s Churchyard, Courtland.

(4) John Norfleet Blunt, Jr.; died aged fifteen.

(5) William H. Blunt; married Mary Seward

(6) Maria Louisa Blunt; married George Rose of

Sussex

(7) Martha Blunt; married in Greensville (1858)

Rice Bolton Pierce of St. Louis (formerly of Southampton). The

names of three children are known; there may have been others:

(a) George Pierce

(b) Robert Pierce

(c) Helen Pierce

(8) James W. Blunt (born 1839); married in Greens¬

ville (October 12, 1864) Mary (Molly) Person (born 1845), daughter

of Benjamin F. and Sarah J. Person of Northampton County, North

Carolina. No children.

(9) Mary Peterson Blunt; married (after 1870)

\_\_Turner of Sussex County

(10) Frances (Fanny) Evelyn Blunt; died unmarried

in Montgomery, Alabama, in late 1920 7 s.

g. Martha Priscilla Blunt (born March 5, 1802); marr¬

ied first in Southampton (May 1820) John Urquhart (born 1797; died

1822; see Urquhart Appendix herein); married second in Southampton

(1825) George Booth Cary, member of Congress 1841-43, son of Miles

and Elizabeth (Booth) Cary. No children.

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h. William Cor&all Blunt (born July 22, 1804; died

August 24, 1807)

2. Ann Blunt; married first in Southampton (February 18,

1781) Jesse Drew; married second in Southampton (March 2, 1786)

William Wright (born about 1759 in Fauquier County, Virginia; died

1827 in Greensville County, Virginia) /See Deed of Gift from William

Blunt to Ann Wright, Southampton County Deed Book 6, p. 672^7 After

his first wife’s death Yv'right was married twice more (See Wright

Appendix to this study.) Issue three Wright children (a through c,

below):

a. Mary Wright (born about 1787; died February 4,

1815); married in Southampton (1801) Thomas Ridley, II (See page

43 for further information on descendants.)

b. James Wright (born about 1788; died 1826 in South¬

ampton); married Martha Louisa Williamson, daughter of James and

Ann Edmunds (Edwards) Williamson of Caswell County, North Carolina.

Issue five children:

(1) William Wright (died 1840); married Margaret

(Peggy) Bell. See Wright Appendix to this study.

(2) Weldon Edwards Wright (bom 1814); married \_\_

Gunn. See Wright Appendix herein.

(3) Ann Blunt Wright; married Thomas Lea. See

Wright Apoendix to this study.

(4) Sarah Elizabeth Wright (bom 1817); married

George Lea. See Wright Appendix herein.

(5) Martha Wright. See Wright Appendix.

c. William H. Wright; married,name unknown. See

Wright Appendix.

3\* Mary Blunt; unmarried in 1787. /See deed of gift from

William Blunt to Mary Blunt , Southampton County Deed Book 6, p. 67Ch/

4. Rebecca Blunt; married in Southampton (January 27,

1783) Littleberry Mason. /See deed of gift from William Blunt to

Rebecca Mason, Southampton County Deed Book 6, p. 671^7

Bo JOHN BLUNT (died about 1803) /See Southampton County Will

Book 6, p. 15\_o/; married (before 1781) MARY RIDLEY, daughter of

JAMES and JANS (SMITH) RIDLEY (See page 11). He was named executor

in his mother’s will. Issue four children:

1. John Blunt, Jr.; living in 1778 when he was named in

the will of his grandmother, Mrs. Priscilla Blunt

2. Henry Blunt; died about 1813 in Southampton /See South¬

ampton County Will Book 7, p. 309^7

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3. Priscilla Shugars Blunt; married in Southampton (1790)

Davis Day, Issue one child:

a, Henry Day; named in the 1808 will of his uncle

Henry Blunt (See page 97.)

4 0 BENJAMIN BLUNT (died in Southampton 1825-26). ^/See

Southampton County Will Book 9, p. 302^/7 He is referred to as

'‘Benjamin Blunt of John" in Southampton records to distinguish him

from contemporaries of the same name. This is the Benjamin Blunt

who is supposed to have been colonel and county lieutenant of South¬

ampton in 1781, in command at Surry Courthouse in 1781, and at

Yorktown in 1787. /See George Fuller Walker, PERSONS LINEAGE, p. 15\_./

But equally well this could have been the career of Benjamin, son

of Richard Blunt of Sussex; see pages 86 and 88\* At any rate, Ben¬

jamin "of John" married in Surry (November 25, 1790) ANN EDWARDS,

daughter of MICAJAH and ELIZABETH (BLUNT) EDWARDS. /See page 86,

See also will of Elizabeth (Blunt) Edwards, executed February 24,

1782, probated March 14, 1782, Southampton County Will Book 3, p.

384; Tyler's Quarterly Magazine , Vol, 7, No. 2 (October 1925), p.

117; see also William and Ma ry Col l ege Q uarterly , Vol. 15, No. 2

(October 1906), p a 81, where Mrs. Edwards is incorrectly Identified

as having been a daughter of Richard Blow rather than Richard Blunt^/

Issue six children (a through f, below):

a, Benjamin Edwards Blunt; named in the 1808 will of

his uncle Henry Blunt (See page 97); married Sally Ridley, daughter

of Bromfield and Frances (Keeling) Ridley of Granville County, North

Carolina, (See pages 33 and 34.) No known issue,

b. Mary Ridley Blunt; married (after 1828) Thomas

Day Ridley of Granville County, North Carolina, brother of Sally

Ridley, wife of Benjamin Edwards Blunt. (See pages 33 and 34). No

i s su e.

c. John Blunt; died unmarried (1828-30). /See South¬

ampton County Will Book 10, p. 227^.7

d. Elizabeth Blunt; married (1816) Thomas Day Ridley

of Granville (see b, above). No issue.

e„ Sally Blunt

f. Lucy Blunt; married in Southampton (1825) George

Briggs Edmunds

C. Mary Blunt (probably her full name was Mary Ann Blunt);

married in Southampton (1754) Jacob Turner (died 1784). She seems

to have died before 1778 because she was not mentioned in her mother 1

will executed that year. /See Walker, PERSONS LINEAGE, pp. 15 and

16^7 Issue seven children:

1. John Turner

2. Jacob Turner, Jr.

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3. Edmund Turner; married (1787) Rebecca Dawson; ment¬

ioned in the 1778 will of his grandmother Mrs. Priscilla Blunt (see

page 93)

4. Martha Turner; mentioned in the 1778 will of her

grandmother Mrs, Priscilla Blunt (see page 93)

5« Temperance Turner; mentioned in the 1778 will of her

grandmother Mrs. Priscilla Blunt (see page 93)

6. Elizabeth Turner; mentioned in the 1778 will of her

grandmother Mrs, Priscilla Blunt (see page 93)

7o James Turner (died 1797) /See Southampton County Will

Book 4, p, 778^/» mentioned in the 1778 will of his grandmother Mrs.

Priscilla Blunt (see page 93), His wife’s name is unknown; she

seems to have died before him because she is not mentioned in his

will. The three children named in the will were all minors in

1797:

a. Edmund Turner

b. Benjamin Turner

c. Nancy Turner

D. Priscilla Blunt ; married in Southampton (1762) John

Turner of Greensville County (died 1796), She was mentioned in the

1778 will of her mother Mrs. Priscilla Blunt (see page 93). ^/See

Walker, PERSONS LINEAGE, pp, 15 and 16; see also "Blunt of Shingle-

ton, Sussex," an article in John Bemett Boddie, SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA

families ( 1955), pp. 70-72J Issue eight children:

1, Mary Turner; married John Wall of Greensville County

2. John Blunt Turner; married Mildred (surname unknown),

who married second (1811) Isham Harwell. John Blunt Turner was nam¬

ed (1807) as an executor in the will of William Blunt, Jr., his first

cousin /See Southampton County Will Book 6, p. 499; see page 93

herein./

3o Shugars Blunt Turner; married (1804) Rebecca Deloney;

moved to Madison County, Alabama,

4. Simon Turner; married first (1797) Nancy Bynum; marr¬

ied second (1800) Polly Peters; lived in Madison County, Alabama

5. William Turner

6. Ann (Nancy) Turner; married (1797) Person Turner

7. Thomas Turner (bom 1780; died 1830); married Martha

(surname unknown) (died 1825); lived in Madison County, Alabama

8. James Turner

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E. BENJAMIN BLUNT. Under the terms of the will of his

father Benjamin Blunt in 1751 (see page 93), he was devised all

of his father's lands in North Carolina,, He was not mentioned in

the wills of his mother in 1778 (see page 93) and his brother

William Blunt in 1787 (see page 93). Nothing further is known of

him.

IX. Jans Blunt , daughter of Thomas and Priscilla (Browne) Blunt

of Surry, married Henry Thomas.

APPENDIX C

WRIGHT FAMILY

Explanatory Mote ; This brief sketch or outline is included as an

appendix to the Ridley genealogy to show the ancestry of Mary, wife

of Major Thomas Ridley of the War of 1812. See page 43. It is

also interesting as demonstrating the connection between this family

of Wrights and the Blunt family sketched in Appendix

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Captain RICHARD WRIGHT (born in England about 1633; died 1663

in Westmoreland County, Virginia).

Came to Virginia (perhaps by way of Maryland) about 1655 at the age

of twenty-two. Married ANNE MOTTROM, daughter of Colonel JOHN and

MARY /perhaps SPENCER/ MOTTROM (born in England in 1639) of Coan

Hall, Northumberland County, Virginia. She married second David

Troy. Col. Mottrom moved to Virginia from St. Mary’s County, Mary¬

land -- first to York and then into Northumberland about 1640. When

Northumberland was erected in 1648 Coan Hall was recognized as the

county seat. Mottrom was a burgess in 1645. Capt. Richard Wright

lived at Cabin Point on the Potomac in Westmoreland, a place first

patented to Col. Mottrom (1650) and then re-patented (1658) by

Wright. In 1661 Wright and his brother-in-law Colonel Nicholas

Spencer\*took up 1100 acres on the Potomac, part of which was later

acquired by John Washington and is now part of the Mount Vernon

tract. In 1658 Richard Wright received a patent for 2200 acres.

His son:

Major FRANCIS WRIGHT (born about 1665; died 1713).

According to his father’s will Francis Wright was to remain under

the control of his uncle Colonel Nicholas Spencer of Cople, Bedford¬

shire, England, who came to Virginia as indicated above. Francis

Wright married first ANNE WASHINGTON (born 1667), daughter of Colo¬

nel JOHN and ANNE (POPE) WASHINGTON; he married second MARTHA (sur¬

name unknown). Anne Pope was a daughter of Nathaniel Pope of St.

Mlar.y ’ s County, Maryland, and Westmoreland County, Virginia, a bur¬

gess from St. Mary’s Hundred. In 1647 he was agent for Kent Island.

He moved to Virginia about 1648-50 and patented a plantation called

Cliffs. Colonel John Washington (1633-1677) came to Virginia in

1657 and lived at Bridges Creek in Westmoreland. He married Anne

Pope in 1660, and they had several children in addition to Anne,

\* Richard Wright and Nicholas Spencer were brothers-in-law

by virtue of the fact that Spencer married Wright's sister.

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one of whom was John Augustine Washington, father of General George

Washington.

On iuay 30, 1702, Governor Nicholson ordered Francis Wright

and his fellow justices to proclaim the death of King William and

the accession of i^ueen Anne; in this document Francis Wright is

called "first citizen" of Westmoreland and president of the justices.

By hi3 first wife, Anne Washington, Francis Wright had a son:

JOHN WRIGHT of Westmoreland.

He was surveyor of highways, deputy sheriff, and gentleman justice

of his county. Married (about 1707-10) MARY DOROTHY AUBREY. John

Wright sold Cabin Point to Henry Lee, I, and bought from Lee unde¬

veloped lands in Stafford County (the part that was later made Prince

William). Issue of John and Mary Dorothy (Aubrey) Wright two sons:

I. FRANCIS WRIGHT (died 1742)

II. JOHN WRIGHT, JR. (born 1712; died 1792); married first (about

1733) ELIZABETH DARNALL, daughter of WAUGH DARNALL of Prince William

and Fauquier; married second ELIZABETH (surname unknown). He lived

at "Lees.ylvania" in Prince William until after his older brother sold

the place to Henry Lee; he them moved to "Pine View" in Fauquier, a

few miles from Warrenton, Virginia. By his first wife (Elizabeth

Darnall) Wright had five children. (The order in which their names

appear below is not necessarily an indication of their relative ages.)

A. Rosam u nd Wright

B. Elizabeth Wright

C. James Wright ; married (December 8, 1751) Mary Demson

D. Willi a m Wright (died 1806); married Elizabeth (surname un¬

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E. JOHN WRIGHT, III (born in Fauquier County, Virginia, 1728;

died in Surry County, North Carolina - the part now in Yad¬

kin County - October 30, 1789); married in Fauquier (1750) ANNE

WILLIAMS, daughter of JOSEPH and HONOR WILLIAMS. At the age of forty

John Wright was made county surveyor of Fauquier; at the age of

forty-six in 1774 he and his wife moved to Surry County, North Caro¬

lina. The records agree that they had eighteen children, but there

is some confusion about the names of several of their daughters on

account of the fact that their diminutives and nicknames are some¬

times given and at other times their baptismal names appear. Where

both are known, both are given below. The order in which the names

of the eighteen are given is not necessarily an indication of their

relative ages, although an attempt has been made to list them in

what is approximately the proper order:

1. Anne (Nancy) Wright; married\_ Elliott

j. Elizabeth Wright; married (1771) Samuel Arnold

Agatha Wright (born about 1756); married (17 7 5) Isaac

Elsberry

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4. Thomas Wright (born February 18, 1758); married (June 7,

1780) Mary Clanton of Fauquier; they settled in North

Carolina.

5. WILLIAM WRIGHT (born in Fauquier County about 1759; died

in Greensville County, Virginia, in 1827). He moved from

Fauquier first to Southampton County about 1775-80 where he remained

until about 1808-09 when he went to Northampton County, North Caro¬

lina, and finally moved to Greensville. (These were not distant

moves as will appear from a map of the area.) He married first in

Southampton (March 2, 1786) ANN (BLUNT) DREW, widow of Jesse Drew

and daughter of WILLIAM and MARY BLUNT; he married second in North¬

ampton County, North Carolina (after 1807) MARY (EATON) JONES,

widow of General Allen Jones of "Mount Gallant" and daughter of

William and Mary (Brown) Eaton (died 1811); and he married third in

Greensville MARTHA R. CRUMP, daughter of RICHARD and JULIANNA (SYKES)

CRUMP of Greensville. /See deed of gift from William Blunt to Ann

Wright, Southampton County Deed Book 6, page 672; will of Mary (Eaton

Jones-Wright, Northampton County, N. C. Will Book 3, page 57; will

of Richard Crump, Northampton County Will Book 4, page 94/7 After

her husband’s death, Mrs. Martha R. (Crump) Wright married in Greens¬

ville (1829) the Rev. George W. Charlton. William Wright had three

children by his first wife (Ann Blunt Drew), no children by his

second wife, and two by his third wife. /See his will, Greensville

County Will Book 4, p. 78, executed January 17, 1825, and probated

May 7, 1827; see also inventory of his property in the same volume

at pages 79-80 and 104^7 Issue:

a. Mary Wright (born about 1787; died at "Rock Spring,"

Southampton County, February 4, 1815); married in

Southampton (1801) Thomas Ridley, II, son of Thomas and Amey (Scott)

Ridley. See pages 24 and 43. It will be noted that she died young

and before her father. In this connection the following quotation

from his will is pertinent: "Now let it be remembered that I have

heretofore given to my eldest children, to wit, my deceased daughter

Mary Ridley (formerly Mary Wright) and my son James Wright such a

part of my Estate as under all circumstances I have deemed proper

, . . . I also give to the heirs of my deceased daughter Mary Ridley

the sum of five dollars . . . ." Issue of Thomas and Mary (Wright)

Ridley four children:

(1) William Ridley (1807-1837); unmarried. See page 44.

(2) Thomas Ridley, III (1809-1875); married Margaret

Ann Bynum Jordan. See

(3) Robert Ridley (1811-1852); married Ann Eliza Blunt.

See

(4) Nancy Blunt Ridley (1814-1824). See page 44.

b. James Wright (born about 1788; died 1826 in Southamp-

ton); married Martha Louisa Williamson, daughter of

James and Ann Edmunds (Edwards) Williamson of Caswell County, North

Carolina. Issue five children:

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(1) William bright (died 1840); married Margaret

(Peggy) Bell. Issue:

(a) Francis Marion Wright of Petersburg (born

1827; died 1877); married (1853) Roberta

Bolling Slaughter (1832-1877). Issue:

(I) William Martin Wright (1855-1879);

married (1876) Martha S. Arrington

(1856-1910), parents of Mrs. Mattie

Wright McKay and grandparents of We stray

Battle Boyce.

(2) Weldon Edwards Wright (born 1814); married

\_ Gunn.

(3) Ann Blunt Wright; married Thomas Lea, son of

John C. and Polly (Slade) Lea

(4) Sarah Elizabeth Wright (born 1817); married

George Lea, son of "William Lea of Leasburg, Cas¬

well County, North Carolina.

(5) Martha Wright

c. William H. Wright ; married before 1825 when his father

mentioned the fact in his will; he was also mentioned

in the will of his step-mother, Mrs. Mary (Eaton) Jones-Wright in

1810.

d. Martha Williams Wright (born about 1814; died in 1885)

/See Northampton County, North Carolina, Will Book 6,

page 536^7; married in Greensville County, Virginia (1832) John

Mason Moody (born 1809) of "Woodlawn, 11 Northampton County, son of

William and Mary Mason (Dancy) Moody. Issue five children:

(1) Dr. William Scott Moody; married Virginia Tabb.

Issue two children:

(a) Charles Bolling Tabb Moody

(b) Lena Moody

(2) John Mason Moody, Jr. ; married Laura Tabb.

Issue one child:

(a) William Robert Moody (died 1913); married first

Daisy Butler; married second Rosa Terry. Issue

five children:

(I) William Robert Moody, Jr., Bishop of

Lexington

(II) James B. Moody of Oxford, North Carolina

(III) Gilbert Moody

(IV) Rosa Moody

(V) Martha Moody

(3) Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Mason Moody; married Capt.

Joseph C. Lockhart of Northampton. Issue: Annie

Lockhart and others.

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(4) Martha Alice Moody (died about 1905); married

Dr. Hezekiah Gilbert Leigh /See his will in

Petersburg, Virginia, Clerk's Office, Will Book 8,

page 459, executed December 6, 1897; probated

October 20, 1898^7 Issue four children:

(a) Mary E. Leigh; married \_\_ Hays

(b) John Hamilton Patterson Leigh of Petersburg

(died about 1925); married first Seigniora

Eaton Lockhart; married second (1912) Mary

Atkinson. Issue six children, the first

five by his first wife:

(I) Nathaniel Macon Leigh (born 1880)

(II) Alice Moody Leigh

(III) Mary Long Leigh

(IV) Virginia Leigh (born 1891); married Carl

Stanley Vinson

(V) Hezekiah Gilbert Leigh (born 1895)

(VI) John Oliver Leigh

(c) Martha W. Leigh; married James D. Mason

(d) Dr. Hezekiah Gilbert Leigh, Jr. of Petersburg

(died 1917) /See his will in Petersburg Clerk’s

Office, Will Book 11, page 105^7; married

Alice Ramsay. Issue three children:

(I) Ramsay Leigh

(II) Margaret Leigh

(III) Hezekiah Gilbert Leigh, III

(5) Laura Moody; married Major Nathaniel Alexander

Gregory of Granville County, North Carolina.

Issue two children:

(a) Effie E. Gregory (born 1871; died 1957);

unmarrie d.

(b) John Mason Moody Gregory (born 1874; died

July 3, 1958) of Durham, North Carolina.Married

Mary Gratten Barksdale of Richmond. Issue:

(I) Nathaniel Alexander Gregory of Durham

(II) John Mason Miood.y Gregory, Jr.

(Ill) C 3 Gregory of San Antonio

(IV) \_\_Gregory; married Dr, Angus M.

MicBryde of Durham

(V)\_Gregory; married J\_J\_

Plumb of Greenwich, Connecticut

e. Julianna Wright ; died before 1825 when her father

made his will.

6. Daniel Wright of Huntsville, Alabama (born 1759-60; died

1833); married Nancy Young

7. Amelia Wright; married first Dr. Robert Martin of Yadkin

County, North Carolina; married second in Huntsville,

Alabama, (1828) Richard Holding.

8. Lucretia Wright; married William /or E1J.7 Petty of

Wythe County, Virginia, and later of Mississippi.

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9. Frances Wright; married G-errard Riley; moved to Indiana.

10. John Wright (born about 1760; supposed to have died in

Florida, but may have died in Madison County, Alabama);

married (about 1780) in Southampton County, Virginia, Sarah Cosby

(died about 1808-09)., daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Washington)

Cosby. He seems to have come to Southampton with his brother Will¬

iam 'Wright; he was a merchant there in St. Luke's Parish. His first

large purchase of land was made in 1786 when he bought 688-g- acres

on Gum Branch on the south side of Three Creeks, a home plantation,

from Etheldred Taylor and his wife Rebecca, /see Southampton County

Deed Book 6, page 500. J Between 1791 and 1799 Wright purchased sev¬

eral adjacent tracts from Mary Jarrell and William Jarrell /South¬

ampton County Deed Book 8, page 53; Deed Book 9, page 69/ sold

others /Southampton County Deed Book 8, pages 228, 265; Deed Book

9i page 150/, and dealt in lots at the courthouse /Southampton County

Deed Book 7, page 574; Deed Book 8, pages 86 and 265/\* On May 22,

1799, John . Wright and his wife sold to Henry Adams a tract on the

south side of Round Hill Swamp which had come to his wife as sole

heiress of her father Charles Cosby /Southampton County Deed Book 9,

page 151/. Then on January 7, 1809, John Wright "Senior" sold to

Thomas Ridley "Junior 11 for L 1572 all the land Wright had bought of

Etheldred Taylor and William Jarrell plus all other land Wright

owned in Southampton County, "the grave yard excepted." /Southampton

County Deed Book 11, page 583/. The fact that Sarah (Cosby) Wright

did not Join in this deed suggests that she had died by this date,

a point emphasized by the grave yard exception and the fact that

the graveyard on this plantation, called "Rock Spring," though long

used by the Ridleys, was traditionally first a Wright graveyard.

Probable issue:

a. John Wright, J r.

b. Elizabeth Wright ; married (August 4, 1797) George

Hamilton Jones (born May 1, 1775; died 1820) of

Petersburg, son of Colonel John ("Hellcat") and Elizabeth (Binns)

Jones of Brunswick County, Virginia. /See John Bennett Boddie,

SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA FAMILIES (1955), pages 288-290^7

11. Sarah Wright; married \_ Riley,; moved to Indiana.

12. Williams Wright (born 1779; died 1825); married Sally

Mitchell (born 1784)

13. James Wright; died in South Carolina.

14. Rosamund (Rosy) Wright

15. Martha (Patsy) Wright

16. Jane Wright; married first in Southampton (1792) John

Edwards Ridley (died 1794), son of James Day and Mary

(Edwards) Ridley (See page 29.); married second in Southampton (1797)

Edwin Adams. At the time of her first marriage the Southampton

records state that her mother "of North Carolina" objected to the

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marriage but that the consent of her brother John Wright had been

obtained. It is also noteworthy that John (jack) Edwards Ridley

named his brother-ih-law William Wright as his executor /Southamp¬

ton County Will Book 4, page 6ll7.

17. Margaret (Peggy) Wright

18. Dolly Wright

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Sources U s ed in Compiling This Sketc h o f the Wright Family

1. As to early generations, a genealogical memorandum written by

Admiral Percy Wright Foote which was given the writer in 1941

by Mrs. Georgia P. Lea, 846 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas,

whose husband descends from William and Ann (Blunt) Drew-Wright•

2. Also as to early generations other than those in Southampton

County, Daughters of the American Revolution papers of Mrs.

Mattie (Wright) McKay of Gastonia, North Carolina, file number

170792, kindly lent the writer by Mrs. Thomas Williams Mason

Long (Maria Greenough Burgwyn) of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

3. Original research performed in 1941 by Mrs, Blanche Adams Chapman,

professional genealogist, Smithfield, Virginia, for Mrs. Long

and the writer. (This work was especially useful in identifying

John Wright, listed as tenth child of John Wright, III.)

4. "Wright Family of Madison County, Alabama," an article by Mrs.

Atwood H. Mathes, Tyler’s Historical Magazine , Vol. 8, No. 3

(January 1927), pp. 194 and following.

5. Letters to the writer from James B. Moody of Oxford, North Caro¬

lina, dated October 12, 1956, and January 20, 1957.

6. Obituary of Miss Effie E. Gregory, Raleigh News and Ob se rver ,

November 11, 1957, and account of death of John Mason Moody

Gregory, Senior, Durham Morning Herald , July 4, 1958.

7. The writer's own research in the court and land records filed

in the Southampton and Greensville County courthouses in Vir¬

ginia, and in the Northampton County courthouse in Jackson,

North Carolina.

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APPENDIX D

scott family

Explanatory Note ; This outline of the Scott Family is appended to

the Ridley genealogy to show the ancestry of Amey Scott, wife of

Colonel Thomas Ridley (see page 24). It represents a compilation

of information from the sources cited in the sketch itself in

addition to the following;

Eva Turner Clark, FRANCIS EPPES, HIS ANCESTORS AND DESCEND¬

ANTS (New York, 1942), pp. 98-99, 121, 137, 180, and 255

John Bennett Boddie, SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA FAMILIES (1955), an

article entitled, “Boyce-Scott-Tatum of Prince George,' pp. 100-103

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JOHN SCOTT of Weyanoke Parish, Prince George County,

Virginia (died about 1724); married first EMeLIA BOYCe;

married second BSTHIA (usually spelled Betheyer in the

contemporary records)whose surname' is unknowns Mrs. Bethia

Scott died about 1725.

Together with Thomas Harnison, on April 25, 1702, John Scott purch¬

ased 1700 acres of land in Surry County, Virginias A year later in

April 1703 they sold 500 acres of this tract to Micajah Lowe, statin£

that it lay where Assamoosick Swamp falls into Nottoway River. Lowe

devised this land to his wife (Mrs. Sarah Lowe) who, on August 5,

1704, sold 100 acres of it to Richard Hamlin, son-in-law of Thomas

Harnison.

On September 4, 1704, Thomas Harnison sold John Scott his interest

in the tract they had bought jointly. Sarah, daughter of Richard

Hamlin and granddaughter of Thomas Harnison, married Francis Eppes

of Prince George. On July 15, 1740, Sarah (Hamlin) Eppes and her

husband (Francis Eppes) disposed of her father\*s interest in the

land adjoining John Scott.

The details concerning this land are given to identify the indivi¬

duals concerned and to show that this land lay very near the area

in which subsequent members of this family settled in both Southamp¬

ton and Sussex.

Emelia Boyce, first wife of John Scott of Prince George, was a

daughter of Thomas Boyce and Emelia Craven; Thomas Boyce, m turn,

was a son of Cheney Boyce (born 1599), member of the House of Bur¬

gesses for Hog Island (1629-32); and Cheney Boyce was one of the

two sors of the Ver# Reverend John Boyce, Dean of Canterbury, who

migrated to Virginia at an early date in the colony s history.

John Scott seems to have had six children,

below are presumed to have been by his firs

the first four listed

t wife, the last two

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by his second wife:

I. Brid ge t Scott ; married Christpher Tatum of Prince George

County; died in burry (January 16, 1750); Tatum was clerk of Notto¬

way Churuh in Albemarle Parish.

II. Smelia Scott ; married Nathaniel Tatum, Jr. of Prince George

County. In 1730-38 Nathaniel and Emelia (Scott) Tatum sold two

tracts of land on Assamoosick Swamp to James Chappell; this land

had been devised to Mrs\* Emelia (Scott) Tatum by her father, John

Scott\* The description in the deed indicates that the land adjoined

that held by Sarah, wife of Francis Eppes (see page 108).

III. Boyce Scott ; married Capt. James Gee of Sussex County (for¬

merly of Surry) who died in 1760. Issue five children (A through

E, below):

A\* Charles Gee; married Mary Chappell, daughter of James

and Elizabeth (Briggs) Chappell

3. Sarah Gee; married John Rives

C. Elizabeth Gee; married John Mason, Jr. of Sussex

D. Henry Gee; married (1759) Frances, daughter of Ephraim

Parham

E. Drury Gee of Northampton County, North Carolina

IV. JOHN SCOTT, JR. , an adult person by August 9, 1720, when he,

his father, and his step-mother (Mrs, Betheyer Scott) witnessed a

will together /See Prince George Book, 1713-28, p. 4l6, Virginia

State Library^/ He seems to have died young, sometime between August

1720 and the’ year 1722. He married AMEY GOODWYN, daughter of THOMAS

GOODWYN of Prince George. /See Prince George Book, 1713-28, p. 745,

Virginia State Library ,/ 7 After Scott's death she married second

I sham Eppes, by whom she had a daughter, Anne Eppes, who married

William Worsham of Chesterfield County, Virginia. On August 20, 1720,

John Scott, Jr., was given 221 acres of land in Prince George by his

father, John Scott. In 1726 Mrs. Amey (Goodw.yn) Scott, his widow,

sold to James Gee (John Scott, Jr.’s brother-in-law - see above) the

mill John Scott, Senior, had given to Thomas Scott, one of the sons

of John Scott, Jr. and Mrs. Amey (Goodwyn) Scott. (See below.)

Issue of John Scott, Jr., two children (A and B, below):

A. Thomas Scott. Named for his grandfather Thomas Goodwyn,

who on July 13» 1724, made him a gift of slaves. /See.Prince George

Book, 1713-28, p. 745/7 It is possible he died as a minor before

1726 when his widowed mother sold the mill that had been given him

by his grandfather John Scott, Senior (see above).

3. JOHN SCOTT, III (born about 1718; died 1783). While there

is no definite evidence as to Scott’s marriages, there is strong

circumstantial evidence that he was married three times.^ He survived

all his wives. Under the will of his grandfather (John ocott, I) in

1724 John Scott, III, was given his grandfather’s #ome plantation.

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Sometime after Southampton County was erected he appeared as a res¬

ident there, probably before March 13# 1777, when the records show

that he was granted leave to renew his ordinary (inn) license at

"the usual place." /See Southampton County Order Book 6, p. 476^/

Between 1778 and 1783 Scott brought several suits for debts, etc.

in Southampton, but two of them abated on December 17# 1783, by

reason of his death. /See Southampton Order Book, 1778-84, p. 361^/

As early as September 21, 1779, John Scott, III, purchased a

tract of land on Raccoon Swamp in Sussex County, not far from the

Assamoosick Swamp tract patented by his grandfather Scott in 1702.

This Sussex tract of 492^- acres lay in Albemarle Parish, and cost

Scott L 3,000. /See Sussex County Deed Book F, p. 65/7 Scott seems

to have moved to this plantation to live, although he continued to

do business in Southampton.

On January 20, 1783, as "John Scott of Sussex," he executed his

will, naming as executors his son John Scott, IV, his son-in-law

Thomas Ridley, and John Simmons, Jr. The will was probated in

Sussex on August 21, 1783 /Sussex County Will 3ook D, p. 18/7, and

the following year his executors qualified in Southampton as well

/See Southampton County Order Book, 1784-88, p. 20/7 On July 1^>

1785, the executors sold the 492-|-acre tract. /See Sussex Deed Book

F, p. 431.7

As already indicated, there is reason to believe Scott was

married three times. The names of his wives are unknown, but there

is some reason to believe that his third wife, to whom he was marr¬

ied about 1764, was a daughter of John Simmons. He seems to have

had a total of eleven children, the first two by his first wife,

the next five by his second wife, and the last four by his third

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1. William Scott (born September, 1740); no further

record.

2. Stephen Scott (born August 31, 1742); no further

record,

3. John Scott, IV (bom about 1754); named executor in

his father's will in 1783; no further record.

4. Mary Scott (born about 1756); married Richard Blow

/See Southampton Marriage Bond Register, p 0 20, February 20, 1774^/

5. Amey Scott (born about 1758); married Thomas Ridley

(1778). See page 24 herein.

6. Susanna Scott (born about 1760); married Howell Briggs

/See Southampton Marriage Bond Register, p. 22, November 10, 1778^/

7c Theophilus Scott (born about 1762); married Mary Vass-

er. /Southampton Marriage Bond Register , p. 37, September 1, 1783\_jy

8. Elizabeth Scott; mentioned in her father's will; no

further record.

9. Thomas Eppes Scott, In 1784 he chose John Simmons as

his guardian, and Thomas Ridley was surety for h 1,000. /See South-

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ampton County Order Book, 1778-84, p. 386^7; married Nancy, daugh¬

ter of Henry’Blow /Sussex County Marriage Register, p. 55, February

21, 1789.-.7

10. Martha (Patsy) Scott; mentioned in her father’s will;

no further record.

11. Claiborne Scott; mentioned in his father’s will; no

further record.

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APPENDIX E

MARSHALL - APPLEWHAITE FAMILY -

Explanatory Note ; This outline sketch is included to identify

Priscilla Applewhaite, wife of Nathaniel Ridley, II (see page 9).

It is drawn from two sources not cited in the text: Blanche Adams

Chapman, ISLE OF WIGHT MARRIAGES, and John Bennett Boddie, SEVEN¬

TEENTH CENTURY ISLE OF WIGHT, pp. 205-206; 232-234.

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HENRY APPLEWHAITE; seems to have come to Isle of

Wight County, Virginia, from the Barbadoes. Died

in Isle of Wight about 1704. Name of wife unknown.

Together with Joseph Bridger, Senior, and Colonel Robert Pitt, Henry

Applewhaite appears to have been involved in a law suit with Major

Daniel Parke in 1668, the earliest record of Applewhaite f s having

been in Virginia. (See Council Journals.) It is believed that he

came from the Barbadoes for in 1679 "Mrs. Applewhaite, widow" appe¬

ars in the Virginia records as owning 169 acres of land in the Bar¬

badoes, and on May 6 of the same year two servants of "Mr. Henry

Applewhaite" embarked at tne Barbadoes for Virginia in the ketch

"Prosperous." (See Hotten’s IMMIGRANTS, pp. 350, 400, and 463\*)

As "Henry Applewhaite, merchant," he purchased 100 acres in Isle of

Wight that had formerly belonged to Edward Palmer from Roger Davis,

March 20, 1674/75° He was a justice in 1680 and later, a burgess

in 1688, and also in 1702 and 1704; he also served as a militia cap¬

tain. His will, probated in 1704, provided that his son Henry was

to have the Great Bible and signet ring, that his son William was

to have his silver-headed rapier, and that his son John was to have

his silver-headed cane.

Children of HENRY APPLEWHAITE:

I. HENRY APPLEWHAITE, JR. (died 1741). Married ANN MARSHALL

(died 1747JT He was sheriff of Isle of Wight County in 1709, justice

in 1702, and burgess in 1723-26. Mrs. Ann (Marshall) Applewhaite's

ancestry can be summarized as follows: Her father, HUMPHREY MARSHALL

(died about 1711) was a son of JOHN MARSHALL, II, who patented 700

acres in Isle of Wight on July 12, 1665. John Marshall, II (died

about 1688) was a son of JOHN MARSHALL who patented land in Isle of

Wight as early as 1655, and he, in turn, was a son of ROBERT MAR¬

SHALL , one of the earliest settlers in Isle of Wight County. Issue

of Henry Applewhaite, Jr. and Ann (Marshall) Applewhaite, eight

children (A through H, below)

A. Henry Applewhaite, III; predeceased his mother, but left

descendants.

3. Arthur Applewhaite; one of the witnesses of the will of

his brother-in-law,\* Nathaniel Ridley, II (see page 9 herein).

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C. Amy Applewhaite; married (1738) Samuel Davis

D. Ann Applewhaite; married (1741) Edmund Godwin

E. PRISCILLA APPLEWHAITE; married (1742) NATHANIEL RIDLEY,

II (for descendants see pages 9-10 herein.)

F. Thomas Applewhaite

G. John Applewhaite

H. Sarah Applewhaite; married

I 1 • William Applewhaite

III. John Applewhaite

Lawrence

Note

I. Abstracts of the wills of Henry Applewhaite, Jr. and his wife

Mrs. Ann (Marshall) Applewhaite, appear in the notes to the

sketch of Nathaniel Ridley, II, on page 10 herein.

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APPENDIX F

BENNETT - DAY - JONES FAMILIES

E xplanatory Note : Nathaniel Ridley, the first of that name in Vir¬

ginia, married Elizabeth Day (see page 5). After Ridley's death

she married Matthew Jones. The Days descended from the Bennetts,

an Isle of Wight family with wide connections and in recent years

the subject of repeated genealogical treatments. For these reasons

this sketch is included. In addition to the references used in the

text, it is based on two authorities: John Bennett Boddie, SEVEN¬

TEENTH CENTURY ISLE OF WIGHT, pp. 266-288, and Tyler's Quarterly ,

Vol. 16, No. 4 (April 1935), pp. 239-242.

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ROBERT BENNET T of Wyvelscombe, Somerset, England. Will proved

there August 28, 1603; buried September 19, 1603; married (July 10,

1558) ELIZABETH SDNYE who was buried June 28, 1603. Their son:

EDUARD BENNETT was christened on February 2, 1577/78, and

married MARY BOURNE, daughter of Jasper Bourne of Stanmore Magna.

Bennett was a member of the London Company and a commissioner for

Virginia at the court in London (see Boddie 5 s SEVENTEENTH CENTURY

ISLE OF WIGHT, p. 34), and he was a member of the Virginia House of

Burgesses in 1627/28. Issue six children as follows:

I. Elizab et h Bennett ; christened May 31, 1629

II, Silve st ra B ennett ; christened October 25, 1630; died in Isle

of Wight, 1706; married Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Hill (his second

wife). Her will (executed October 7, 1706, probated January 9,

1706/07) /isle of Wight Will and Deed Book 2, p. 4757 is an inter¬

esting document for the genealogist. She had no children.

Ill, John Bennett ; christened February 17, 1632

IV. MARY BENNETT ; born 1632/33; married three times. First,

JAMES DAY; second Thomas Bland of London; and third (at the age of

thirty-six in 1668) Luke Cropley of London. (Her first husband, <

James Day, also lived in London.) Issue two Day children (A and

B, below.):

A. Anne Day; married Charles Chapman (mentioned in the will

of her aunt, Mrs. Silvestra Bennett Hill, above)

B. JAMES DAY, II; inherited his mother's land in Virginia

and migrated to Isle of Wight County. He died in 1700\* Married

MARY THOMPSON, daughter of William Thompson of Nansemond County.

Later Mrs. Mary (Thompson) Day married second (by 1703/04) John

Johnson (who died in 1707) and third, Rueben u-ladhill. Her will

was probated in 1712. James Day’s will, executed August 10, 1700,

was probated in Isle of Wight on January 9, 1700/01.

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Issue of James Day, II, and Mary (Thompson) Day four children:

1. James Day, III (died 1726); married first Julianna,

daughter of Colonel George Norsworthy of Nansemond; married second

Ann Allen of Surry County. James Day, III, and his first wife were

witnesses to the will of his brother-in-law Nathaniel Ridley in

1718/19 (See page 5 herein). Issue two children (a and b, below):

a. James Day, IV; married\_. Issue two

children:

(1) Mary Day; left no descendants

(2) Martha Day; left no descendants

b. Thomas Day; married\_. Issue one son:

(1) Thomas Day, In Norfolk County, Virginia, there

is a box in the clerk's office labelled "County Court Bonds 1760-61"

which includes the following item: "Thomas Day by James Holt his

Attorney, demandeth against John Cooper and William Cooper, two

messuages and 200 acres of land . . . lying and being in the Parish

of Elizabeth River . . . which William Thompson gave to his daughter

Mary Day, the great grandmother of the said Thomas Day . . . ,"

(This record establishes the identity of Thomas Day and also estab¬

lishes the marriage of Mary Thompson to James Day, II, above.)

2. William Day; no Issue.

3. Thomas Day; died 1723; no issue.

4. ELIZABETH DAY; under eighteen in 1700; married first

(before 1706) Captain NATHANIEL RIDLEY of Isle of Wight (who died

in 1719); married second (late in 1719) MATTHEW JONES of Warwick and

Isle of Wight (died 1728). (She seems to have been Jones' second

wife.) For Ridley children, see pages 9-10 herein. She seems to

have had five Jones children (a through e, below)

a. Albridgton Jones (born September 22, 1720); married

(June 17, 1744) Elizabeth Simmons. The pronunciation of this name

is "All-britton," and this led to its being spelled in many instance

as "Britton." Even in Matthew Jones' will he refers to his own son

as "Albridgton" once and as "Britton" twice. Issue five children:

(1) Mary Jones; married \_ Jarrell

(2) Matthew Jones, Jr,

(3) Agatha Jones; married Thomas Harvey of North

Carolina (born February 10, 1755)

(4) Sarah Jones; married the Church of England

clergyman in Southampton, the Rev. Henry John Burges (1744-1797).

Issue two children:

(a) Dr. Albridgton Samuel Hardy Burges (died

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February 4, 1864); lived in Raleigh, North

Carolina, and later in Southampton; married

first Mary G-ilmour (died December 4, 1822);

second (April 2, 1833, in Southampton)

Louise Wallon (died about 1835).

(b) Elizabeth Matilda Burges; married Captain

Richard Kello of Southampton

(5) Ann Jones; married General Lawrence Baker of

Gates County, North Carolina\* Issue four children;

(a) Dr. Simmons Jones Baker (1775-1853); marr¬

ied first (Octobsr 29, 1795) Polly Turner

Smith (died 1812); second (1814) Ann Clev-

erius (Leavitt) H Jn ter.

(b) Agatha Baker; died unmarried

(c) Henry Baker; no issue

(d) Elizabeth Baker; married Joseph Harvey,

son of John Harvey, Speaker of the North

Carolina Colonial Assembly

(6) Elizabeth Jones; married first Miles Harvey

(his second wife); second, Benjamin Baker of Nansemond County,

Virginia (died about 1788)

(7) Albridgton Jones, Jr. of Southampton (born

1755); companion in arms in the Revolution with his cousin Thomas

Ridley (see page 24 herein); member of the Society of the Cincinnati\*

Married first (December 23, 1784) Frances Calvert, daughter of Chris¬

topher and Peggy (Boush) Calvert; married second (February 27, 1795)

Polly Calvert, daughter of Samuel and Peggy (Ross) Calvert. (His

wives were first cousins.)

b. Ann J one s

c. Margaret J one s

d. Agatha Jones

/Two of these three daughters

/seem to have married;

7 1. T homas Holt who owned land

on the south side of Notto¬

way River, son of John Holt

(died 1723), and grandson of

7 John Holt (co1664-1705) and

7 Mary (Binns) Holt.

Z 2. Thomas Binns (died in Sussex

in 17651, son of Thomas Binns

(died 1723), and grandson of

Thomas Binns (1658-1699) and

Elizabeth (Barham) Binns. 5

e. Mary Jones

V. Ann Bennett; born March 13, 1633/34; buried May 10, 1634

VI. Jasp er Bennett : christened July 3, 1635.

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1. In this will Mrs. Hill gave her home plantation to her friend

Mary, wife of Henry Baker; she remembered her goddaughter Mary

Baker, daughter of Henry and Mary Baker, and made Henry Baker her

executor. She also remembered Elizabeth, wife of Nalhn-L Ridley,

and James, Thomas, and William Day, and Ann, wife of Charles Chap¬

man. She provided that the plantations on which Richard and Francis

'Vrenn lived were to be sold for the benefit of the

Upper Parish of Isle of Wight,

2. For substantiating evidence of this marriage see comment under

name of (1) Thomas Day on page 115.

3. Isle of Wight Will and Deed Book 2, p. 428. In this will James

Day, II, made provision for his sons James and W J illiam, for his

daughter Elizabeth, and for his wife Mary. He mentioned his aunt

MIrs. Silvestra Hill, 14 my brother and sister Chapman" and "my bro¬

ther and sister Swann 0 " /These references are explained by the fact

James Day’s sister Anne had married Charles Chapman and by the fact

that his wife's sister, Elizabeth Thompson, had married Thomas Swann

and later John Lear J The will also names Major Henry Baker, Mrs.

Isabella Havield, Mr. John Havield, Major Henry Tooker, and Major

Arthur Allen; calls on Mr. Micajah Perry, Mir. Thomas Lane, and Mir.

Richard Perry to dispose of the testator's property "in ye Parish

of St. Peters ye Poor in London," and names Mrs. Mary (Thompson)

Day and Luke Havield executors. A codioil makes a bequest to his

"ever loving mother, Mrs. Mary Cropley."

4. The following references, taken together, furnish authority for

the Jones descendants of Elizabeth Day given here:

Tyler’s Qu arterly , Vol. 6, pp. 44-48, 146-147; Vol. 7, pp. 59-oO,

134-136; Vol. 8, pp. 282-283; Vol. 9, pp. 136-137; 209-210; 280-283;

Vol. 11, pp« 33-36. \_ \_ ftl

John Bennett Boddie, VIRGINIA HISTORICAL GENEALOGIES, pp. 283-284;

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John Bennett Boddie, 50UTH5IDE VIRGINIA FALILI^S, pp. 8, 10-12, 120.

Joseph A. Groves, ALSTONS AND ALL5TON3 OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

EliaFo/oLGorman, DESCENDANTS OF VIRGINIA CaLVERTS, pp. 599-600.

Ridlon, pp. 482-483.

5. Thomas Binns (1658-1699) and Mary Binns (wife of John Holt)^were

children of Thomas Binns (died about lo^O) and his second wife,

Elizabeth Aston (died 1713) who married second Francis Mason. For

sources of information on Holt and Binns, see John Bennett Boddie,

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL GENEALOGIES, pp. 283-284; 287-288; and SOUTHSIDE

VIRGINIA FAMILIES, II, pp. 25-26; 275-280, The supposition concern¬

ing the Jones marriages here is based on hints of the relationship

i n the account of the estate of Nathaniel Ridley, II /Southampton

County Will Book 2, pp. 489-4917- See Appendix G herein.

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APPENDIX Gr

ESTATE OF NATHANIEL RIDLEY" OF SOUTHAMPTON—ACCOUNT

Explanatory Note : This account is included as a source of inform¬

ation and as a matter of general interest. Source: Southampton

County Will Book 2 (1762-1772), pp„ 489-491.

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To Do Doc r Jesse Browne

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trator

To Do Thomas Moss

To Do Timothy Thorpe

To Do Benjamin Hale

To Do John Thorpe

To Do Arthur Washington

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Mothers Estate to which Nath 1 Ridley was

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To Do Rob 1 Tynes

To Do Sarah Watkins

To Do Charles Spence

To Do William Hodgden

To Do Joseph Scott

To Do Rich\* 1 Baker

To Do Miles Cary

To Do Edmund Mathews

To Do Col° Jarrels Estate

To Do Rob 1 Bygrave

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By Do of William Mathews

By Do of Peter Martain

To Do of Frederick Jones

To Do of Jos Mathews

May 11th 1772 - Pursuant to an Order of the Court of Southampton

County Dated 13th June 1771 we the Subscribers have this day Settled

an acc t Current of Nathaniel Ridleys Estate & Stated it as above.

Henry Taylor Char s Taylor

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 11th day of June

1772 - This account of the administration of the estate of Nathaniel

Ridley deceased was this day reported by the persons appointed to

Settle the same & ordered to be recorded. R. Hello CS

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APPENDIX H

URQUHART FAMILY

Explanatory Note : This brief outline of the genealogy of the

Southampton Urquharts is included to assist in identifying the

numerous members of the family who married Ridleys and Blunts, It

is based on the notebooks of Stuart Hill to be found in the librar¬

ies in Weldon, North Carolina, Warrenton, North Carolina, and in

the University Library at Chapel Hill, Additional data has been

added from Groves, ALSTONS AND ALLSTONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH CARO¬

LINA.

WILLIAM URQUHART. First of the name in Virginia; settled

in Southampton County after the middle of the 18th Century,

He is supposed to have lived at "Clements," a plantation

house still standing on the Blackwater River. His wife’s

name is unknown. He is supposed to have had only one

child;

JOHN URQUHART of "Oak Grove," a plantation on Warrique

Swamp in eastern Southampton, Born in Southampton Dec¬

ember 1, 1773; died August 29, 1843, He was educated

at the College of William and Mary and was a member of

the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30, He

married (December 15, 1792) NANCY WILLIAMSON (born Jan¬

uary 14, 1774; died August 12, 1837), daughter of

Burwell Williamson of Southampton. Issue eight children:

I• William W, Urquhart (1795-1813)

II. John Urquhart, Jr . (born November 21, 1797; died September

9, 1822); married Martha p. Blunt, daughter of William Blunt and

Elizabeth Norfleet (see page 96), No issue.

III. Jame s B urwell Urquh art (born October 2, 1799) of "Warrique";

married first"T April 11, 18257 Marie Antoinette Hill, daughter of

Thomas Blount Hill of Halifax County, North Carolina; he married

second, Louisa R. Norfleet, daughter of Thomas Figures Norfleet of

"Woodbourne," Bertie County, North Carolina, Issue six children

(A through F, below), the first two by his first wife, the remaining

four by his second wife;

A. Whitmel Hill Urquhart; married Frances Norfleet, daughter

of Thomas Figures Norfleet of "Woodbourne," sister of his father’s

second wife.

3. James Burwell Urquhart, Jr.; married Mary Louisa Urquhart,

daughter of Richard Alexander and Mary Rebecca (Norfleet) Urquhart,

his first cousin. Bee V, G, below.

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C. Lucy Urquhart

D. John Urquhart

E. Frances Urquhart; married Richard Urquhart

F. Margaret Urquhart; married Dr. John W. Lawson

IV, Joseph Urquhart (1801-1805)

V. Richard Alexander Urquhart (born .September 25, 1801; died

March 14, 1857); M. D. University of Pennsylvania, 1826. Married

(June 19, 1827) Mary Rebecca Norfleet, daughter of Thomas Figures

Norfleet of ’’Woodbourne," Bertie County, North Carolina. Issue

twelve children (A through L, below):

A. John Urquhart

B. James Urquhart

C. Sarah Urquhart; married John Goode, Member of Congress

D. Charles Fox Urquhart

E. Marie Hill Urquhart

F. Nancy Williamson Urquhart

G. Mary Louisa Urquhart; married

Jr., her first cousin; see III, B, above

H. Margaret A. Urquhart; married

I. Thomas Norfleet Urquhart; married Annie Delk

James Burwell Urquhart,

(page 120).

Dr. \_\_\_\_ Delk

J, Rosa Urquhart

K„ Stephen Norfleet Urquhart; married Susan Plummer of

Petersburg, Virginia

Lc Burgess Urquhart; married Mary Bond, daughter of Lewis

and Margaret (Clark) Thompson of Bertie County, North Carolin

VI. Charles Fox Urquh arg of "Charlie's Hope," Southampton County,

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enblr 13 1827) Eliza Blount Hill (died March 1869), daughter of

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Hill of "The Hermitage," Halifax County, North Caro-

sixteen children (A through P, below):

Thomas Hill Urquhart; married Martha (Patty) Goodw.yn

R William Urquhart of "Charlie's Hope," married first Ann

v llza (Blunt ) Ridley .Laughter of John Norfleet and Sally Mason

niunt and widSw of Robert Ridley (see pages 56 and 95);

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Elizabeth Norfleet (Blunt) Goodwyn (see page 94). Issue four

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children as follows, the first two by his Blunt wife, the second

two by his Goodwyn wife;

1. Maria Louisa Urquhart (born November 2, 1858; died

January 30, 1925); unmarried; lived at n Charlie’s Hope." Buried in

St. Luke's Churchyard, Courtland, Virginia.

2. Martha Rebecca Urquhart (born October 15, 1859; died

December 31, 1932); lived at "Charlie’s Hope." Buried in St. Luke's

Churchyard, Courtland.

3o Annie Blunt Urquhart (born September 23, 1866; died

January 30, 1929); lived at "Charlie's Hope." Buried in St. Luke's

Churchyard, Courtland.

4, Lucy Williamson Urquhart (born May 15, 1869; died

September 24, 1951); last owner of "Charlie's Hope," Buried in

St. Luke's Churchyard, Courtland.

C. Richard Urquhart

D. Joseph Williamson Urquhart; married Margaret Francis

Ridley, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan) Ridley.

For descendants, see page 64.

E. Anselm Bailey Urquhart; married Eliza Ann Ridley, daughtei

of Thomas and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan) Ridley. For descendants,

see page 62 B

F. Marie Antoinette Urquhart; married Joseph Dillard of

Surry County, Virginia

G-. Rebecca Hill Urquhart; married Thomas Dillard

H. George Spruill Urquhart of "Mowfield," Northampton County.

North Carolina; married (November 11, 1869) Susan Peebles, daughter

of Henry and Sallie J. Pete rson (Blunt) Peebles. Issue three children:

(See page 95.)

1. Henry Middleton Urquhart; married Irene W, Joy

2, George Spruill Urquhart, Jr.; married Cora Holland

3o Susan Peebles Urquhart; married Claude Cahoon

I. Mary Louisa Urquhart; married first, Albert Land; married

second John Waverly Adkins

J. Murdock Middleton Urquhart; married (December 21, 1875)

Henrietta (Dillard) Anthony. Issue two children;

1. Elise Harrison Urquhart; married Frank A. Holladay

2. Murdock Middleton Urquhart, Jr.; died unmarried.

K. Whitmel Hill Urquhart

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L. Lucy Ann Urquhart; married Robert Ridley, Jr., son of

Robert and Ann Eliza (Blunt) Ridley. For descendants, see page 74.

M. Lavinia Urquhart

N. Robert Murray Urquhart

O. Martin Urquhart

P. Margaret Urquhart

VII. Anselm Bailey Urquhart (born September 13, 1808); married

(September 2, 1835) Martha E, Clark, daughter of William McKenzie

and Martha Boddie (Williams) Clark of Bertie County, North Carolina.

Issue thirteen children (A through M, below):

Ao Henry Urquhart

Bo Charles Fox Urquhart; major, C. S. A.; killed at Antietam

C. Nancy Urquhart; married Richard Boykin

D. Richard Alexander Urquhart

Ec Kenneth Urquhart; married Jane Boykin

F. William Clark Urquhart

G-. James Burwell Urquhart

H. Reuben Carnall Urquhart

I. Martha Clark Urquhart

J. Samuel Clark Urquhart

K. Margaret Urquhart

L. Walter Urquhart

M. Mary V. Urquhart

VIII. Murdock Middleton Urquhart (1811-1824)

APPENDIX I

RIDLEY GRAVEYARD AT ’’ROCK SPRING” IN SOUTHAMPTON

Expla natory Note ; ’’Rock Spring” is a plantation purchased from

John Wright by Thomas Ridley, II, who married Mary Wright, niece of

the prior owner. Originally the land belonged to the Taylor family.

When Wright sold to Ridley he reserved the graveyard. As indicated

in the identifications below, it seems likely that the Ridleys used

the graveyard set aside by the Wrights,

There are concrete slabs covering all the graves platted in

the sketch below except the one numbered ”15 H ; those with stone

identification markers are indicated with the letter ”T”.

The rectangular plot is enclosed with a fine brick wall capped

with slate or flagstone. At the time Miss Roberta Mary Ridley of

"Bloomfield” had the graves marked in concrete she also took the

wise precaution of having concrete aprons laid at each corner of the

wall to protect it from careless ploughing of the field in which

the plot is situated. Miss Ridley was the last member of this

family to be buried in this place. (See page 66.)

Identification by Number : The following identifications were made

by Miss Roberta Mary Ridley at the time she had the concrete slabs

laid.

1. Mary, daughter of William and Ann (Blunt) Wright; wife of Thomas

Ridley, II; died 1815» See Wright Appendix and also page 43.

2. Thomas Ridley, II (1778-1839), son of Thomas and Amey (Scott)

Ridley. First Ridley to own and live at "Rock Spring.”

3. Ann Gilliam, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Norfleet) Blunt

(1793-1836); married first (1810) Nathaniel Wilkinson of "West

Plains”and second (1816) Thomas Ridley, II (his second wife).

See Blunt Family Appendix and page 43.

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4. Nancy Blunt, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wright) Ridley (1814-

1824), See page 44,

5. William Ridley, son of Thomas and Mary (Wright) Ridley (1807-

1837); unmarried. See page 44.

5. Leonidas Ridley, son of Thomas and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan)

Ridley (1838-1853); unmarried. See page 55. Grave is marked.

7. William, son of Joseph Williamson and Margaret Francis (Ridley)

Urquhart (died 1867, age 4 months). See page 64, Grave is

marked.

8, Roberta Mary, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ann Bynum (Jordan)

Ridley ( 1840 - 1872 ), See page 55. Grave is marked.

9. Virginia Jordan, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ann Bynum

(Jordan) Ridley (1847-1872). See page 55. Grave is marked.

10, Thomas, son of John William and Bettie (Goodwyn) Ridley of "Violet

Hill" (1878-1881). See page 71. Grave is marked.

11. Thomas Ridley, III, of "Bonnie Doon," son of Thomas and Mary

(Wright) Ridley (1809-1875). See page 54. Grave is marked.

12. Margaret Ann Bynum, daughter of John B. and Nancy (Bynum) Jordan

of Northampton County, North Carolina (1819-1906); wife of Thomas

Ridley, III, of "Bonnie Doon." See page 54. Grave is marked.

13. Robert Ridley of "Rock Spring," son of Thomas and Mary (Wright)

Ridley (1811-1852). See page 56. Grave is surrounded by four

very large boxwoods but is not marked other than by concrete slab,

14. Infant unnamed daughter of Nathaniel Thomas and Mary lhomas.(Rid¬

ley) Ridley of "Bloomfield." Grave is marked with stone which

gives date of birth as September 25, 1875, but no date of death,

thus presumably the child died at birth.

15. Presumed to be Sarah, daughter of Charles Cosby, and wife of John

Wright, Sr., from whom Thomas Ridley, II, purchased Rock Spring.

See Wright Family Appendix.

16. Margaret Jordan, daughter of John William and Bettie (Goodwyn)

Ridley of "Violet Hill" (1882-1889). 3ee page 71. Grave is marked

17. Nathaniel Thomas Ridley, son of Thomas and Margaret Ann Bynum

(Jordan) Ridley (1844-1925). See page 66. Grave is marked.

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18. Mary Thomas, daughter of Robert and Ann Eliza (Blunt) Ridley (18-

46-1883); wife of Nathaniel Thomas Ridley. See pages 58 and bo.

Grave is marked.

19. Roberta Mary, daughter of Nathaniel Thomas and Mary Thomas (Ridley

Ridley of"Bloomfield" (1872-1949). See page 66. Grave is marked.

20. Infant child of Norfleet Blunt and Anna Field (Ridley) Ridley.

See page 76.