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## PREFACE.

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When the publication of this book was commenced, the undersigned little dreamed of the magnitude of the task he had undertaken. Our intention at first was to reprint Dr. Philip Slaughter's History of St. Mark's Parish, together with as much revised and supplemental matter as we could gather together. Consequently, we had expected to have a book of one hundred and fifty pages, instead of three hundred.

We have endeavored to advertise, as extensively as possible, the proposed publication of the work, in order that all might have the opportunity of making additions and revisions to the genealogical part of the publication. Quite a number availed themselves of the invitation, and to them we are much indebted.

In a work of this kind, mistakes, in the way of omission, and some mis-statements, are bound to occur. A work on genealogy, without such, is an impossibility.

We have, for a number of years, contemplated the re-publication of Dr. Slaughter's book, but have waited, hoping to become better equipped for the undertaking. However, thinking that a wait for such improvement, would be in vain, we decided not to delay the publication, but to present to the public the best that we were able to do with our present mechanical equipment, the printing of the book being done in the Exponent office at Culpeper, a Richmond firm doing the binding.

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John N. Fox—(June 1865—May 1878)—John H. Boldridge—(December 1878—August 1881)—and T. P. Brown from September 1881 until now. This church was one of the fruits of a prayer meeting held in the woods during the Summer of 1854. Seven of the twelve original constituent members are still in the flesh. Her membership eighteen years ago was 44; this year she reports 180. Elders B. W. N. and A. M. Simms, now preaching in Texas, went into the ministry while members of Alum Spring."

This church, still under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Brown, reports this year a membership of 187.

"Lael, four or five miles S. E. of the village of Stevensburg, in Culpeper county, was organized in May 1874 by Elders J. B. Taylor Jr. and R. H. Stone, with nine male and twelve female members who came from Stevensburg and Flat Run, a majority from the former. Her pastors have been R. H. Stone—(1874-1884)—and F. H. James since March 1885. Her present house of worship, a beautiful building, was erected in 1890. The 21 members with which she began 20 years ago have now become 188. In the beginning, she paid her pastor \$40 00 a year for "once a month" preaching; The pastor now occupies her pulpit on two Sundays of each month, and receives a salary of \$250.00 per annum. In something like this ratio she has increased her contributions to missions and other benevolent enterprises. Mr. A G. Willis, one of her best beloved and most highly honored members, has contributed much to the attainment of this prosperity and progress."

Lael, with Rev. F. H. James still serving as her pastor, reports a membership of 205.

"Brandy, at the railway village of that name in Culpeper county, was constituted in 1887, by Elders T. P. Brown, F. H. James, F. P. Robertson, and C. F. James. The twelve constituent members came from Stevensburg, Jeffersonston and Good Hope churches. Elders C. W. Brooks served as pulpit supply for one year. For 14 months F. P. Berkely was pastor. J. E. Gwatkin, who now serves in that capacity, took charge in 1891. Her membership this year is 53. This church, beginning in a school house and afterwards occupying for a time the house of worship kindly tendered by the Methodists of the place, has manifested a most praiseworthy zeal and perseverance in the erection of her own handsome building, now almost completed."

The church at Brandy Station now has a membership of 62, some of these being among the most "well-to-do" and influential people of the county, and has the pastoral services of Rev. L. H. Shuck, D. D. During the past year this church has been much afflicted in the death of Mrs. Sallie Stringfellow to whose energy and zeal the origin and progress of the church are largely due.

## NOTES ETC. FOR GENEALOGISTS.

### CHAPTER V.

From the early will books of Culpeper county, beginning July 20, 1749, and extending to March 19, 1821, the publisher has taken the following notes. In doing so we were guided by no set rule, but took notes of wills from which it was possible to derive any genealogical information, excepting some few, which he deemed not of sufficient importance to justify the printing of notes therefrom. Following the notes from wills we give the complete marriage record of Culpeper from the year, 1781 to January 1, 1825. Prior to 1780 the marriage record was kept by the Church authorities; an effort was made to procure the whole or a part of this record, but it could not be found.

The marriage record which follows immediately after the notes from wills etc., can be used in this way. Take the will of Spencer Butler, by which it appears, that he had a daughter, Dorcas, who married a Duncan. Now, look in the marriage record, where it can be seen that in 1797 James Duncan married Dorcas Butler.

Roger Dixon was the first clerk of the county. He was succeeded in 1772 by John Jameson. The first will recorded was that of

Elmore George, dated Sept. 1st, 1748, which was witnessed by Wm. Nash, Christopher Threlkeld and Jno. Wetherall. He speaks of his wife, Martha, of his sons, William and Thomas; also of his brother, William George.

The remainder of the notes we give in alphabetical order. Note the following explanations. First is given the testator's name, then the date the will was written; then his wife's name, where it is possible to obtain it; lastly the names of his children, and other genealogical information that might be at hand: The date last given is the probate of the will. Book "G," from April 1, 1813, to June 17, 1817, is missing, the supposition being it was lost during the war between the States.

### A

Roger Abbett, Jul. 2, 1762, Ann; had daughters who married Triplett, Cummins and Jerome Rosson. Nov. 18, 1762.

Roger Abbott, Feb. 21, 1809, Anna; children were Jemina, m. McClanahan, Daniel, William, Susanna, m. Roberts, Edward, John W., Geo. W., Polly D., Elizabeth P., and Mahala. April 17, 1809.

Wm. Allen, July 12, 1799; children; Betty, m. Bartley, Judy, m. Hall, Polly, m. Gregory, Ann, m. Gideon Rees, Jas., Wm. G., and Chas. C. Sept. 16, 1799.

Hackley, and of his sister, Ann Taliaferro, of his uncle and aunt Barrow, of his bro. Jas. Hackley, of Fanny Ball Long, dau. of Gabriel Long, and Fanny Ball Thomas, dau. of Edw. Ball Thomas, of Ky. June 15, 1801.

Jacob Hanback, Nov. 1, 1785; Mary; children: Jno., Jacob, Wm., Susanah, Elizabeth, m. Jacob Coons, Mary, m. Henry Coons, and Catherine. Owned land adjoining Jac Coons, Harmon Young and Jos. Wayman. Dec. 19, 1785.

Wm. Hansford, June 7, 1750, speaks of his daughter, Sarah Porter, who married Nicholas Porter, and had son, Benjamin, and of his sons, Wm., Salis, Chas., Jno., and his daughter Anne. Oct. 17, 1754.

Winifred Harford, May 28, 1807, had dau. who m. John Quaintance. Feb. 20, 1809.

Mathew Hawkins, May 27, 1820; Betty; ch. Job, James, Rebecca, m. Hawkins Popham, Betty, m. Humphrey Popham, Phebe, m. Thos. Popham, Susanna, m. Benj. Duncan, Mary, m. Lightfoot, & John. Grandchildren were Samuel Hawkins, Clarisa, Sarah, Virinea, Melinda and Julia Kilby. June 19, 1820.

Saml. Henning, Nov. 13, 1770; Eleanor; children: Saml., Jas., Mary, wife of Lewis Stephens Jr., of Frederick county, Joanna, Nancy, Elenor, Sally, and David. July 18, 1774.

John Hill, May 7, 1766; Betty; had daughter, Sarah, who m. Deforest. His sons were Chas., Jos. and Le Roy. Apr. 16, 1767.

Richard Hill, Nov. 12, 1801; lived on Hedgeman River; had sons in law, Jas. Lear and Jas. Burdette.

William Hill, Jan. 25, 1809. Frances; children, Ann, m. Geo. Roberts, Russell, Armistead, Sally, Lucy, m. Nalle, Betsy, m. Daniel Brown, William, and Patsey, m. Colvin. April 20, 1812.

Jas. Hoard, Dec. 14, 1802; owned land in Spotsylvania; ch: Jas., Anne, m. Jas. Withers, Jane m. Thos. Brookes, Frances, m. Slaughter; testator m. dau. of Tenion Miller, of Spottsylvania. Dec. 17, 1803.

Jno. Hoofman, Dec. 30, 1762, wills his two bibles, in addition to his large estate, to his ten sons, "the two eldest to take them the first year, and then deliver them to the two next until they have had them around, and beginning again with the eldest and so continue as long as the bibles shall last." children were: Frederick, John, Nicholas, Michael, Jacob, Paul, William, George, Henry, Dilman, Margaret, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Mary. Aug. 17, 1772.

Thos. Hopper, Jan. 25, 1803. Mary Ann. Children: Frances, m. Blackwell, Jennima, m. William Tapp, Elizabeth, m. Vincent Tapp. Speaks of his grandson Wm. Coons, whom he appoints as one of his executors. Nov. 20, 1809.

Dr. Thos. Howison, Mar. 2, 1769; Betty; had bros. Jno. and Wm. who lived near Alloa in North Britain; another bro. was Robt. Howison. Owned land on Blue Ridge adjoining Col. Fitzhugh. Left a daughter. Jun. 16, 1769.

Henry Huffman, Apr. 5, 1767; Margaret; children: Tilman, Jno., Henry, Jos., Hermon, Elizabeth, m. Jno. Young, Catherine, Mary, Alice, Susannah and Eve. Sept. 6, 1783.

Jas. Hurt, Mar. 28, 1785; Sarah; children: Wm., Frances, m. Grayson, Anna, m. Acra Berry, Mary, m. Berry, and Sarah, m. Yowell. Jun. 15, 1789.

## J

James Jeffries, June 29, 1805; children: Molly, m. McCoy, Lydda, Sally, Susanna, m. Hansbrough, Thos., Selah, m. Mason, Elizabeth, m. Yancey, Jno.,

James, Thomas and Alexander. Dec. 16, 1805.

Jno. Jett, May 6, 1763; children were Stephen, Jas., Jno., Wm., Elizabeth, m. Roach, Margaret, m. Butler, and Mary, m. Tapp. Nov. 18, 1771.

Wm. Jett, Jul. 25, 1799; Susanna; children: Edgar, Milly, m. Wm. Jett, Molly, m. Wm. Williams, (and had Geo., Urban, Ezra and Tephamah,) Margaret, m. Jas. Withers Downey, (and had Jane, Edgar and Wm. Jett,) Betsy, m. Wm. Whitehead, Phebe, m. Jas. Withers Doores, Matthew, Anne, Susannah, and Dicey. Sept. 25, 1801.

John Jett, Nov. 21, 1802. Children: Wm., Stephen, Jas., Jos., Ninunt, Ann, m. Churchman. Elizabeth, m. Canady, Sarah, m. Hopper, and Abigail, m. Arnold. April 18, 1808.

David Jones, Feb. 2, 1751, speaks of his sister Mary Morris and of his bro. in law, Thos. Morris. Apl. 16, 1752.

Gabriel Jones, Sept. 3, 1776; Martha; children: Ann, Robt., Gabriel, Frances, m. Slaughter, and Mary. Testator m. Martha, dau. of Mrs. Ann Waller; had four sisters; Lucy Poindexter, Betty Green, Jane Gray and Dorothy Johnston. His widow m. Wm. Broadus. Oct. 21, 1777.

Mary Jones, Aug. 27, 1807. Children: Ann, m. Boughan, Mary, m. McGrath, Lucy, m. Thornhill, and Thomas. Feb. 17, 1812.

Thos. Jordan, June 19, 1809. Children: Mary, Rachel, Marshall, Geo., Jno., Wm., Absolam, Sarah, m. Corley, Frances, m. Hand, and Ann, m. Geo. Johnston. Aug. 21, 1809.

## K

Michael Kaffer, Dec. 28, 1762, had daughters, Elizabeth, m. Adam Garr, Barbara, m. Jno. Weaver, Mary, m. Geo. Utz, Margaret, m. Nicholas Crighter, and Doratha, m. Jno. Clore. Nov. 17, 1768.

Francis Kirtley, Nov. 22, 1762, had daughters who m. Cowherd and Collins. Mar. 1, 1763.

Samuel Kennerly, Sept. 22, 1749; Eleanor; children: Thos., Jas., Elizabeth, Coleman, Craffron Strother, Samuel, Margaret Ruddal, and Ann Namsley. Had land adjoining Thornton, Covington and Jno. Strother. Jan. 10, 1749.

Elin Kennerly, Oct. 28, 1753; children, Thomas, Elizabeth, who married Wm. Coleman, James, and Katherine, who married Jeremy Strother. Sept. 16, 1756.

Wm. Knox, Feb. 6, 1805. Susannah. Children: Thos. Fitzhugh, Janet Somerville, m. Voss, Susannah Fitzhugh, m. Gordon; unmarried daughters were Sarah Stewart, Caroline, Anne Campbell, and Agnes. Other sons were William Alexander and John Somerville. April 22, 1806.

## L

Thos. Latham, Mar. 6, 1778; wf. Caroline. Children: Henry, Anne, m. Jas. Gaines, and Sukey. Jan. 18, 1796.

Frances Latham, Oct. 28, 1789; children: Susannah, m. Thos. Freeman, Frances, m. Lynfield Sharpe, Robert, George and Philip. Jan. 18, 1790.

Paul Leatherer, Nov. 5, 1780; wf. Margaret; children: Michael, Nicholas, Samuel, Jno., Paul, Joshua, Susannah, Margaret, and Mary, m. Jno. Yowell. Nov. 21, 1785.

Goodrich Lightfoot, Apr. 24, 1778; children: Elizabeth, m. James, Ann, m. Grasty, Mary, m. Hubbard, Fanny, m. Hackley, Susanna, m. Brooks, Jno., Phillips, Priscilla, Martha; had four unmarried children. June 15, 1778.

Robert Lines, Jan. 16, 1749; Margaret; had several daughters who m.