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AUTHOR'S NOTICE

Two of my cousins, John Ambler, son of the late Hon. William Marshall Ambler, of Louisa County, Va., and Mr. Robert Ambler Moncre, of Stafford County, Va., were anxious that I should give them information concerning the family.

I began compiling a chart of the Jaquelin, Cary, Ambler, Smith and Marshall Families.

I soon found out that a book would be much more desirable. (Many other cousins were soon interested in my work.)

The following is an outline of my book:

DESCENDANTS OF

EDWARD JAQUELIN	1706	MARTHA CARY
1668—1730		1686—1738
ELIZABETH JAQUELIN	1729	RICHARD AMBLER
1709—1756		1690—
EDWARD AMBLER	1754	MARY CARY
1733—1758		1734—1781
JAQUELIN AMBLER	1764	REBECCA BURWELL
1742—1768		1744—
MARY JAQUELIN	1737	JOHN SMITH
1714—1764		1715—1771
AUGUSTINE SMITH	1762 1st	MILDRED ROOTES
		1734—
1739—1774	1770 2nd	MARGARET BOYD
MARTHA JAQUELIN SMITH	1763	THOMAS READE ROOTES
1742		
MARY SMITH	1765	REV. THOMAS SMITH
1744—1781		1739—1789
GEN'L JOHN SMITH	1781	ANIMUS BULL
1750—1836		1761—1831
EDWARD SMITH	1777	ELIZABETH BUSH
1752—1826		1757—1832

COLLATERAL.

COL. WILSON MILES CARY	SARAH BLAIR
SARAH CARY	GEORGE WM. FAIRFAX
MARY CARY	EDWARD AMBLER
ANNE CARY	ROBT. C. NICHOLAS
ELIZABETH CARY	BRYAN FAIRFAX

I will give biographies, sketches and genealogies of the following allied families in Volumes II and IV.

Armistead, Archer.
 Bolling, Brooke, Barton, Brune, Burnley, Blackford, Braxton, Byrd, Butler, Baker, Bernard, Bull, Bowman, Baldwin, Beekwith, Bush, Bonaparte, Barbour, Burwell, Berkeley.
 Cary, Carrington, Call, Coleman, Camm, Chesley, Camp, Caskie, Colston, Carroll, Carter, Carver, Cobbs, Coke, Clarkson, Callaway, Churchill.
 Davison, Duer, Davidson, Dwight, Dinwiddie, Douthat, Dinitry, Diggs, Dabney.
 Evans, Esyster.
 Fairfax, Fauntleroy, Fisher, Fitzhugh, Fontaine, Fleming, Forsyth.
 Green, Gravatt, Gish, Goodwin, Grymes, Gordon, Goosley, Grant.
 Harvie, Harrison, Holt, Hogue, Harper, Hatley, Hite, Henry, Kinney.
 Johnston, Jackson.
 Lewis, Lee, Langhorne, Lindsay, Lusher.
 Marshall, Moncure, McIlhenny, Mason, Maury, Magill, Madison, Mynn, Martian, Mills, Morgan, Moale, Moore, Meade, Monk, Mathews, McCaw.
 Nelson, Nicholas, Norton, Nourse.
 Patrick, Poindexter, Platt, Pequet du Bellet, Pickett, Patterson, Powell, Pendleton, Peechy.
 Randolph, Rootes, Reade, Robertson, Robinson, Ribble.
 Slaughter, Spear, Selden, Sherwood, Smith, Strother, Stribling, Syme, Steptoe.
 Taliaferro, Tiernan, Thornton, Thruston, Turner.
 Warner, Washington, Ware, Willis, Williams.

Among the chief books of reference used in the arrangement of the following history and genealogy of "Some Prominent Virginia Families," may be cited:

Bishop Meade's Book, on Virginia Churches and Families.
 Paxton's Marshall Book.
 The Willis Book.
 Mrs. Edward Carrington's Letters.
 Dr. James Dunlop Moncure's Manuscript.
 John Jaquelin Ambler's Manuscript.
 Lee of Virginia, by Dr. C. J. Lee.
 Robert E. Lee, by Gen'l Fitzhugh Lee.
 Virginia Genealogies, by Rev. H. E. Hayden.
 The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, published in Richmond, Va.
 William and Mary College Quarterly, published by Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, President of the College.
 Virginia and Virginians, by Dr. R. A. Brock.
 History of Virginia, by Prof. Vigil A. Lewis.
 The Governors of Virginia, by Margaret Vowell Smith.
 Goode's Genealogy.
 Lewis's Genealogy, by Mrs. Tonell Lewis.
 Carter Family Tree.
 The Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, by C. P. Keith.
 History of Augusta County, Va., by Lewis Peyton.
 The Page Family of Virginia.
 Lindsay's Genealogy.
 Hening's Statutes of Laws.
 Campbell's History of Virginia.
 History of the Lower Shenandoah Valley, by J. E. Morris.
 Wilson Miles Cary, Esq., of Baltimore, Md.
 Griggsby's Book on the Convention of 1776.
 History of Bristol Parish (Dinwiddie Co., Va.), by Rev. Philip Slaughter.
 History of St. Mark's Parish (Culpeper Co., Va.), by Rev. Philip Slaughter.
 Virginia Historical Register II.
 Appleton's Cyc. Am. Biog. IV.
 Miss Kate Mason Rowland.

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Memorials of a Southern Planter, by Mrs. S. D. Snedec.
The Dabneys of Virginia, by Wm. H. Dabney.
Burke's Peerage.
The Cabells and Their Kin, by Alexander Brown, of Virginia.
Virginia Cousins.
Royal Lineage, by Mrs. A. Robinson Watson.
Other histories and biographies have also contributed to the information incorporated in this work.

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 20, 1903.

DEAR COUSINS:—I have carefully examined the chart compiled by our cousin, Mlle. Louise Pecquet du Belle, a granddaughter of Catherine Moncreux (née Ambler), a sister of my grandfather, the late Thomas Marshall Ambler, of Morven, and have compared it with the Ambler Chart prepared by their brother, the late Dr. Richard Cary Ambler, of "The Dell," Fauquier Co., Va.

I had added to my personal knowledge of the family from the father of Richard, the first Ambler, who settled in Jamestown in 1716, to the latest born, within my knowledge in the United States, i. e., Mary Gregg Ambler, of Alabama, and Ambler Holmes Moss, of West Virginia.

ELIZA CHEW AMBLER BLACKROD.

INTRODUCTION

The compilation of a work of this kind is one that requires much time and labor, and much correspondence.

I began the work at the earnest solicitation of some of my Virginia cousins, and have found records so plentiful that from an early estimate of four hundred duodecimo pages, I find I will do well if I can condense the matter already collected into two thousand octavo pages. I have been fortunate in securing many portraits, views, coats-of-arms, etc., etc., and, indeed, have found the work of compilation a pleasant task, a labor of love. For the valuable assistance, good cheer, and encouragement, I have received from our cousins, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf to Canada, I am deeply grateful, and have labored to present the information they have given me in as complete and attractive form as I could.

Notwithstanding this valuable assistance and the bulk of the matter collected, there are a number of lines of descent lost, and other lines have been without positive proof. In such cases, I have simply stated the fact. In all other cases the statements can be proved by written or printed records, which have been consulted. Some errors and deficiencies may still exist, but I have tried to correct all such faults and I do not think there are any left unnoticed.

My plan for securing information was to send a copy of my prospectus of the work to every member of the family whose address I could procure. I also spent three years in Virginia collecting data, records, etc., etc.; and I am proud to say, I met with most courteous treatment and unbounded hospitality from all with whom I came in contact.

In these ways I gained much information, and many dear and appreciated friends, with whom I still keep up an active correspondence.

It has been and is my desire to have this book published before the Jamestown Exposition of 1907.

Negotiations for the transfer of the property to the city has been in progress for a year. It is proposed to turn the building, which adjoins the site of the new high school property, over to the school authorities and the school board will turn the mansion into an administration building for the public schools of the city.

The Richmond Bar Association endeavored to secure possession of the property, desiring to establish a law library and headquarters for visiting members of the bar.

JAMESTOWN ISLAND SOLD.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 20.—Jamestown Island, comprising 1,600 acres of land, has just changed hands, the property being acquired by D. R. Creecy and associates, some of whom are Norfolk capitalists. The announcement comes as a complete surprise to business circles of this city.

The acquisition carries with it absolute ownership of the island, with the exception of about 20 acres, the property of the Historical Society of Virginia. Before Creecy and his associates closed the deal the former owners of the property had signed contracts with the Old Dominion Steamship Company of this city for all privileges of landing on the island. These contracts had to be assumed by the purchasers. No other contracts, so far as is known, have been entered into for the rights of landing.

The purchasers are now forming a company which will operate its own line of boats between the Exposition grounds and the island and between the island and this city. It is also learned that boats will probably run between Washington and Baltimore and the island.

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