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Virginia Claire Carlton, b. Sept. 25, 1901, Colquit County, Georgia, m. Oct. 21, 1925, Moultrie, Colquit County, Georgia, Sam McArthur Duggan, b. June 19, 1898, Wilkinson County, Georgia. They reside at 818 Second Street. South East Moultrie, Ga.

Children:

- I. Carlton Stanley Duggan, b. Sept. 6, 1928, m. June 8, 1951, Carolyn Odessa McTies.
- II. Robert McArthur Duggan, b. Sept. 23, 1931.
- III. Virginia Claire Duggan, b. June 3, 1936.

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BELL OF SURRY

A large land owner of James City, north of the James River, was Richard Bell, who, with Christopher Lawson, patented 500 acres in J. C. May 23, 1637 "at a little Indian field over against John Dansey"(C. P. 58). Christopher Lawson, on May 1, 1638, patented 400 acres in James City, south of the River, at the head of Rolfe's Creek (later called Smith's Fort Creek)(C. P. 89). On Dec. 25, 1642, Thomas Wombell patented 650 acres next to Richard Bell (C. P. 141). Thomas Wombell next patented 1100 acres in Isle of Wight and Richard Bell was a headright (C. P. 176). Often old settlers returning from England sold their headright. Robert Holt, Jan. 20, 1650, patented 1560 acres, "560 acres being granted unto Richard Bell, April 10, 1642, and by John Waddington who purchased it from John Allison and Dorothy, his wife, sold unto Holt"(C. P. 215).

Sir William Berkeley patented 2090 acres in James City, "300 acres upon head of land of Richard Bell", x x 1090 acres known as "Green Springs" (C. P. 415). Both Christopher Lawson and Thomas Wombell settled in Isle of Wight. It is not known what became of Richard Bell. He may be the ancestor of the Surry family. The James City records were burned in Richmond.

The first one of the name from whom the Surry family descends is John Bell who was born in 1668. He testified in a law suit in Surry, July 9, 1705, that he was 37 years old. John Bell married Ann Bennett, daughter of Richard Bennett, Jr., of Isle of Wight. On August 30, 1694, Richard Bennett, Sr., of Isle of Wight, made a deed of gift to Ann Bell "the now wife of John Bell, lately Ann Bennett, daughter of Richard Bennett, Jr., Isle of Wight" (Surry W. & D. Bk. 1693-1707). John Bell died intestate in 1713 and an inventory of his estate was filed by Ann, his wife, as administratrix.

Children:

- I. Joseph, of Lawnes Creek Parish, made his will Jan. 5, 1731/32, probated July 18, 1733. He gave a legacy to cousin (nephew) BURRELL BELL 150 acres, residue to brother JOHN BELL, he to be executor. Wits.: Gregory Rawlings, John Clark (1730-38, p. 311)
- II. John, mentioned as a brother of Joseph, made his will in Albemarle Parish, later Sussex, April 19, 1746, probated June 18, 1746. His wife was Hannah who made her Will in Sussex in 1768. Children mentioned in their Wills were:
  1. John, given 135 acres on S.S. of Spring Swamp by his father who had patented same in 1723 (G. B. 11) m. Phoebe Stokes. (See later).

2. Burrell, m. Priscilla . He moved to Bertie County, N. C. where he patented land in 1757. He and his wife in 1784 deeded John Peters 150 acres in Sussex.

3. Benjamin, m. Martha, daughter of Wynn. He is mentioned in the Will of his mother Hannah in 1768 which differentiates him from his uncle Benjamin who died in 1751. (See later).

4. Balaam, m. Mary. He and wife Mary had one daughter shown in A. P. R. Phoebe bapt. Nov. 8, 1755. Sponsors: Abraham Brown, Lucy Johnson, Phoebe Lofting. Balaam died in 1755, inventory of estate filed by wife Mary in that year.

5. James, m. Mildred, dau. of George Robinson. He was given a plantation of 500 acres N. side Spring Swamp by his father. James was a Baptist Minister. He made his will in 1778 as follows: Executors, friends and brother in the ministry David Tinsley, John Williams, Jeremiah Dargan. to son GEORGE the plantation where John Williams live. Wife MILDRED; son BENJAMIN 5 years schooling at least; son BALAAM, dau. REBECCA; two youngest daughters MILDRED LUCAS BELL and SALLIE WILKES BELL; my brother in Christ, BUCKNER LANIER to assist with authority over BALAAM. Exrs. son GEORGE, and friends Sylvanus Bell and Gray Juakins. Wits. Robert Jones, John Bell, Silva Nusum, Ann Field.

Children shown in A. P. R.

a. George, b. Mar. 1, 1755

b. Anne, b. Jan. 6, 1756

c. Hannah, b. June 2, 1758

d. Mary, b. Jan. 14, 1761

e. Rebecca, b. Dec. 14, 1762

f. Balaam, b. Jan. 4, 1765

g. Mildred Lee, b. Jan. 4, 1768

h. Betty Sawbridge, b. July 28, 1769

i. Sally Wilkes, b. July 28, 1769 } - twins, no sponsor

6. Hannah m. William Thompson. They moved to Chatham Co., N. C. about 1750. Hannah made her will there Sept. 7, 1784, probated May, 1788. She mentions sons JOHN and BALAAM THOMPSON; daughters SUSANNA KENDRICK, SARAH TERRELL, HANNAH TERRELL, ANN KENDRICK.

Three children are shown in A. P. R.

JOHN THOMPSON, born June 24, 1744

BALAAM, " Oct. 13, 1745

SUSANNA, " Nov. 16, 1749

7. Mary, m. Ansley.

8. Ann, m. Wm. Parham and had Lewis and Pherebee Parham.

III. Richard, m. Sarah. He made his will Nov. 8, 1734, probated Feb. 19, 1734/35.

Children:

1. William, m. Faith. Children from A. P. R.:

a. Lucy, b. July 18, 1748

b. Lettie, b. Sept. 6, 1750

c. Richard, b. April 24, 1754

d. Cherry, b. June 15, 1760

2. Richard, m. Mildred. Had one child in A. P. R.

a. Benjamin, b. Dec. 16, 1753

3. Joseph, m. Margaret Children from A. P. R.

a. Martha, b. March 1, 1760

b. Graham Bead, b. Mar. 19, 1762

Other children mentioned in Richard Bell's will, 1735, were:

son BENJAMIN; daus. MARY, SARAH, ELIZABETH and AMY BELL; Wife Sarah. Wits. Thos. Edmunds, Bartho. Figures. (1730-38, p. 462).

IV. Benjamin, m. Anne Champion, dau. of Elizabeth (Williams) and Benjamin Champion (See Champion). Charles Binns was guardian in 1715 for Benjamin Bell, son of John Bell. Benjamin's will was dated in Sussex May 16, 1751, probated Oct. 15, 1751 as follows: "I give my cider still to my wife until my son MICAJAH comes of age; to my son BENJAMIN my land and plantation, if he dies under age or without issue then to go to my son JOHN; to JOHN, LUCY, MARTHA, and ANNE, my children ten pounds current money each. Wife to be extrix. Wits. Robert Hart, Jane Little, John Little. Presented in court by ANNE BELL, executrix. (W. B. 1738-54, p. 723). Anne Bell of Southwick Parish made her will Nov. 11, 1776, probated Sept. 23, 1777, as follows: All estate to be sold and money divided equally among the children my daughter may have by SAMPSON CLARKE when they are 21, remaining three parts to my children MICAJAH, LUCY and BENJAMIN BELL. two sons exrs. Wits. William Hart, Wm. Pleasant.

Children:

1. John, not mentioned in mother's will 1777.

2. Micajah, m. Sylvia Pyland. Micajah's will was dated July 14, 1779 and her will Oct. 9, 1782. Their children were; Jane Price; John, Samuel, Nancy Champion, Rebecca m. 1794 Randolph Fitchett; and BETSY BELL, the "unborn child" mentioned in Micajah's will but named "Betsy Bell" in Sylvia's will.

3. Lucy

4. Anne, not mentioned in mother's will 1777.

5. Martha, m. Sampson Clarke.

6. Benjamin, m. (1) unknown, (2) Martha, widow of Jesse Warren in 1796. Benjamin died in 1821. Their children were:

a. Benjamin C. Bell, m. Martha March 11, 1812. Benjamin Bell, Sr., was her grandson.

b. Cherry Bell, m. Samuel Warran May 27, 1800. Benjamin Bell was security.

c. Sally C. Bell, m. Jan. 25, 1814, Jessie Phillips Warren. Wit. Benj. Bell and William Warren. (See VHJ-252)

d. Martha Bell in 1796 m. Benj. Shelley and had Cynthia, Ir-

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win and William Shelley.

John Bell, son of John and Hannah Bell, inherited 135 acres on the s. s. of Spring Branch from his father. He married Phoebe, daughter of Sylvanus Stokes and wife, Cecilia Walker. John Bell died May 25, 1748, reported by Gregory Rawling (A. P. R.) His children from A. P. R. and mentioned in the will of their grandmother Hannah Bell were:

Children:

I. Sylvanus, b. Jan. 1, 1746. Cam'l Northington, Sylvanus Stokes, Cecelia Stokes, Sponsors. Sylvanus m. Mary and had the following children A. P. R.:

1. Elizabeth, b. July 13, 1772. Sterling Northington, Anne Moore, Sarah Hood, Sponsors.
2. John, b. Dec. 24, 1770, Lewis Johnson, John Bell, Jemima Johnson, Sponsors.

3. James, b. Feb. 11, 1774. No sponsors.

II. John, b. Jan. 9, 1748, Burwell Bell, John Bell, Jemima Johnson, Sponsors.

III. Zadock, mentioned in grandmother Hannah's will 1768.

IV. Elizabeth, wife of David Adams.

Benjamin, son of John and Hannah Bell, is mentioned in the will of his father, John, in 1746, and in the will of his mother, Hannah, in 1768. He married Martha, daughter of Robert Wynne. (See VH- ). After the birth of his first three children, Benjamin moved to the 96th District of S. C. and settled in what is now Edgefield County. There are several land plats for him there, one was for 100 acres on Gills Creek in Craven, 1764. Three children are shown in A. P. R.:

Children:

I. Martha Jefferson, b. Nov. 16, 1751. Sponsors Joseph Tucker, Priscilla Parham, Eliz. Nunn; m. Samuel Walker, Sr., see later.

II. Hannah, b. Dec. 3, 1753. Sponsors James Bell, Elizabeth Vines, Martha Pepper. (See later).

III. Jefferson Davis, b. July 27, 1755. Sponsors Thos. Huson, John Jones, Eliz. Pepper.

IV. Lucretia (1757-1822) not in register, m. William Daniel, moved to S. C. They had two known children.

1. Catherine Daniel m. (1) Llewellyn Tarewits (2) Zachariah Smith Brooks.

V. Benjamin, killed in the Cloud Creek Massacre (V. H. G. 11)

Hannah Bell, b. Dec. 3, 1753, married 1st Artemus Watson in South Carolina. She had a daughter, Elizabeth Watson (1778-1870) who married James Ogilvie. Mrs. Benjamin Howard Gray of Shreveport, La., has a diary of her great great grandmother, Elizabeth Watson Ogilvie, who lived to the age of 92 and who stated in her diary:

"My mother's maiden name was HANNAH BELL who, with her parents, came from near PETERSBURG, Va., and first settled in Congaree, from thence they moved to Edgefield District (S. C.) several years before the Revolutionary War. I have no recollection of my father (ARTEMUS WATSON) as he died when I was an infant. My mother was left a widow with three children. Sister Rebecca (Mrs. Lowe), Benjamin and myself. She then married Burdett Eskridge, by whom she had one child, a daughter, Martha. Eskridge, my stepfather, was a true Whig, and volunteered on a scouting excursion under Capt. Starling Turner down the country against the Tories at a place said to be Orangeburg. Capt. Turner with his entire command was surrounded and butchered in cold blood. My step-father and a maternal Uncle (BENJAMIN BELL) were of the number. This was the bloody work of Bloody Bill Cunningham, the Tory Captain. Several years afterwards, about five I think, my mother married Daniel Bullock, a Virginian". Later in her diary, Elizabeth Watson Ogilvie states: "James Ogilvie and I were married Sept. 1, 1797, by Uncle WILLIAM DANIEL. We lived with my brother, BENJAMIN WATSON (who fell heir to the land on which I was raised by virtue of the law of primogeniture) for one year. The year 1799 we lived with old Mr. John Douglas. The year 1800 we lived with old Mr. Z. S. BROOKS".

Burdett Eskridge was a soldier in Captain Sterling Turner's company shown on page 17 V. H. G. He fell in the Cloud Creek Massacre which is related on page 11 V. H. G. Several of the Watsons fell in that massacre. Jacob Smith and Enoch Grigsby, who were brothers in law, the first having married Sarah Butler and the last one Mary Butler, were appointed administrators of Artemus Watson's estate (File Box 100, Pkg. 2462, Probate Office, Abbeville (See V. H. G. 32). They were probably related to Mr. Watson. After Mrs. Eskridge's marriage to Daniel Bullock, she and her third husband, Daniel, were appointed administrators in 1786. Her bond was given by BARRETT TRAVERSE, Joseph Nunn and David Collier. Inventory of the estate of Eskridge was signed by Nicholas Lewis, Wm. Butler, Frederick Sisson.

Mrs. Hannah Bell-Watson-Eskridge-Bullock survived her three husbands and died in S. C. in 1824.

Children by 1st husband, Artemus Watson:

1. Elizabeth Watson, m. James Ogilvie (see later).

2. Benjamin

3. Rebecca Watson, m. Lowe

Child by Burdett Eskridge:

4. Martha Eskridge

Children by Daniel Bullock not known

Elizabeth Watson, daughter of Hannah (Bell) and Artemus Watson, b. Sept. 16, 1778, d. June, 1870, Washington, Wilkes

County, Ga., m. Sept. 1, 1797, James Ogilvie, Jr., b. Dec. 12, 1777, d. c 1837, Edgefield, S. C.

Children:

- I. Mary Ogilvie, 1798-1825, m. William Bledsoe
- II. Benjamin Watson Ogilvie, 1800-1831, m. Davidly Jordan
- III. James Russell Ogilvie, 1801-1822
- IV. Penelope Ogilvie, 1803-1830, m. Beckham Vaughn.
- V. Artemus Watson Ogilvie, 1805-1855, m. Frances Emily Arnold
- VI. Thomas Ogilvie, 1807 - died in infancy
- VII. Martha Ann Ogilvie, 1808-1836, m. James Vaughn
- VIII. Elizabeth Harrison Ogilvie, 1810-1890, m. Wm. B. Crowder
- IX. Sarah Frances Ogilvie, 1813-1842, m. Burwell Holmes
- X. Hannah Rebecca Ogilvie, 1815-, m. Ben. W. Fortson
- XI. Julia Rachel Ogilvie, b. 1816, m. W. M. Powers
- XII. John William Ogilvie, b. 1821, m. (1) Mary Moye, (2) Sarah Moye (sisters)
- XIII. Elizabeth Temperance Ogilvie; b. 1824, m. John Holmes  
Artemus Watson Ogilvie, b. Dec. 4, 1805, Edgefield County, S. C., d. July 16, 1855, Coweta County, Ga., m. July 12, 1826, Frances Emily Arnold, b. June 30, 1821, Madison County, Ga., d. Jan. 23, 1850, Coweta County, Ga., daughter of William Pettis Arnold and wife, Elizabeth Eddins.

William Burwell Ogilvie, son of Artemus Watson Ogilvie and Francis Emily Arnold, was born Nov. 25, 1847, Coweta County, Ga., d. Feb. 1, 1889, Shreveport, Caddo, La.

Children:

- I. Achsah Lou Ogilvie, b. Aug. 18, 1872, m. John Comegys
- II. Eloise Ogilvie, b. Nov. 16, 1874, m. Robert Clyde Jordan
- III. Elizabeth Culberson Ogilvie, b. Aug. 25, 1877, m. Ernest R. Ratcliff (see later).
- IV. Russell Jannings Ogilvie, b. Dec. 3, 1883, m. Margaret Buckner.

Elizabeth Culberson Ogilvie, b. Aug. 25, 1877, Shreveport, Caddo, La., d. July 9, 1902, Shreveport, Caddo, La., m. Dec. 12, 1890, Shreveport, Caddo, La. Ernest Rockwood Ratcliff, b. March 10, 1874, Amite County, Mississippi, d. Oct. 6, 1943, Shreveport, La., and had one daughter, Bessie Ogilvie Ratcliff, b. July 8, 1902, Shreveport, La., m. (1) Oct. 24, 1923, Ernest Lee Blue, Jr., b. Oct. 29, 1899, Union Springs, Bullock County, Ala., d. March 29, 1929, Shreveport, La., son of Ernest Lee Blue, Sr., and Harriet Peagin; m. (2) Benjamin Howard Gray, b. Feb. 15, 1890, Bastrop, Marchouse, La., d. March 9, 1947, Shreveport, La., son of Benjamin Howard Gray, Sr., and Sally Brigham.

Children:

1. Jeanne Ogilvie Blue, b. Sept. 28, 1925, m. Edward Samuel Peterson

2. Bessie Ratcliff Blue, b. May 17, 1927, m. Carleton Allen Keck.

Both of these children were legally adopted by their step father (B. H. Gray) June, 1937, and took the name "Gray".

Martha Jefferson Bell, daughter of Martha (Wynn) and Benjamin Bell, born in Albermarle Parish, Sussex, Dec. 17, 1751, married Samuel Walker, Sr., of Abbeville County, S. C. Mr. Walker died Nov. 8, 1813 ( Will Box 47, p. 20K5, Abbeville)(See VHG - p.178)

Children:

- I. Samuel Walker, Jr., m. Fannie Edding, dau. of Benjamin Eddins, a soldier of the Revolution. He moved to Madison County, Ala.
- II. Rachel Walker, m. Sterling Mitchell
- III. Sara Walker, m. Chanley Farrar
- IV. Elizabeth, b. Dec. 24, 1781, m. Joseph Balus Eddins (See later)
- V. Anna, m. William B. Mayes
- VI. Rebeckah Walker, m. James Beams
- VII. Martha Jefferson Walker
- VIII. Daughter, m. Thomas Sterling

Elizabeth Walker, daughter of Martha Jefferson (Bell) and Samuel Walker, Jr., born Dec. 24, 1781, married Joseph Balus Eddins, born Sept. 14, 1777, died Sept. 14, 1839, in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He was the son of Benjamin Eddins, a Revolutionary soldier, born in Va. c. 1733, and grandson of Theophilus Eddins. Benjamin Eddins married Judith Norris in Lunenburg County, Va., about 1762. They moved to the 96th District in S. C. Theophilus Eddins was a planter in Spottsylvania County, Va., in 1726 and moved to Lunenburg prior to 1746 where he was a vestryman in St. Mark's Parish.

Children:

- I. Samuel Walker Eddins, b. 1804, m. Sarah Shivers
- II. Mary Ann Eddins, m. John C. Caldwell
- III. Elvira, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Jones
- IV. Cynthia, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Johns
- V. BENJAMIN FARRAR EDDINS, b. March 20, 1813, m. Elizabeth McCracken (See later)
- VI. Joseph Balus Eddins, m. (1) Clement Miller, (2) Kittie Palmer Haley
- VII. Simeon, m. Martha Bealle
- VIII. James Pleasants, died in infancy
- IX. Patrick Henry, m. Harriet Todd (half sister of Eliz. McCracken).
- X. Eldred, died unmarried
- XI. Elizabeth Rebecca, died unmarried

Capt. Benjamin Farrar Eddins, b. March 20, 1813, Edgefield, S. C., d. April 10, 1865, Tuscaloosa, Ala., m. 1839, Abbeville, S. C., Elizabeth McCracken, b. Nov. 11, 1817, Old Cambridge, District 96, S. C., d. Oct. 15, 1874, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Benjamin F. Eddins was a planter on large scale; Captain in the Confederate Army; died of wounds received in defense of Tuscaloosa. Their children were:

Children:

- I. Alexander McCracken Eddins, m. Harriette Neal
- II. Mary Eddins, m. Robert McCallum
- III. Nonie Eddins, m. James Austin Ogburn
- IV. Lollie Eddins, m. H. L. Barfield
- V. HARRIET, b. Oct. 16, 1849, m. James Bates Isbell (See later)
- VI. Bennie, died young
- VII. Anna, m. Luther Foster
- VIII. Marion Banks Eddins, m. Hattie Terrell
- IX. Emma, who died young, should be No. 5

Harriet Aurelia Eddins, dau. of Benjamin Farrar Eddins and Elizabeth McCracken, b. Oct. 16, 1849, Tuscaloosa, Ala., d. April 27, 1934, Stamps, LaFayette County, Arkansas, m. April 6, 1869, Tuscaloosa, Ala., James Bates Isbell, b. May 12, 1844, Gainsville, Sumter County, Ala. d. Feb. 8, 1914, Horatio, Sevier County, Arkansas. He was a Captain in the Confederate Army; school teacher; merchant. Harriett A. Eddins grad. Tuscaloosa Female Academy, taught music.

Children:

- I. Judge Benjamin Eddins Isbell, b. Feb. 23, 1870, m. Maud Floyd.
- II. James Branch Isbell, b. Jan. 4, 1872, m. Eliza (Ellie) Perrin (See later)
- III. Dr. Francis Taylor Isbell, b. April 17, 1875, m. Lettie Matthews.

James Branch Isbell, son of James Bates and Harriet Aurelia Eddins Isbell, b. Jan. 4, 1872, Gainsville, Sumter County, Ala., d. Oct. 4, 1943, Stamps, LaFayette County, Arkansas, m. Dec. 29, 1896, Jena, Catahoula County, La., Eliza (Ellie) Mitchell Perrin, b. Feb. 18, 1877, Scooba, Kemper County, Miss., d. Nov. 20, 1947, Monroe, Ouachita County, La.

Children:

- I. Harriet Isabel Isbell, b. Sept. 27, 1897, m. James Edmund Burke
- II. Katherine Isbell, b. Sept. 20, 1899, m. Samuel Fulton Murphy (See later)
- III. Francis Taylor Isbell, b. Nov. 20, 1901, m. Annabel Jones.
- IV. James Branch Isbell, Jr., b. April 19, 1904, m. Estelle Williams.

V. Nona Isbell, b. Sept. 5, 1907, m. David Curtis Apperson  
 Katherine Isbell, b. Sept. 20, 1899, Chapel Hill, Sevier County, Ark., m. Dec. 20, 1923, Monroe, Ouachita County, La., Samuel Fulton Murphy, b. Nov. 29, 1892, Hughes Springs, Cass County, Texas. Mr. Murphy was a First Lieutenant in World War I; is Agency Manager for Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Mrs. Murphy attended Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla; is a member of Magna Carta, Colonial Dames of 17th Century, Daughters of the American Colonists, D. A. R., U. D. C. They have one child, Harriet Ann Murphy, b. August 8, 1928, El Paso, Texas, m. July 1, 1947, Oklahoma City, Okla. Jack Cartlich Tway, b. Nov. 19, 1926, Oklahoma City, Okla. Mr. Tway was in the Navy in World War II, Grad. Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. Phi Beta Kappa. Harriet Murphy Tway, Monticello Prep. School, Alton, Ill., 1949, with High Honors; Wellesley Scholar, Wellesley College, Mass.; Junior League, D. A. R.

Children:

- I. Katherine Collier Tway, b. Jan. 26, 1949
- II. Elizabeth Eddins Tway, b. April 11, 1951

## THE BELL FAMILY OF HALIFAX AND EDGECOMBE COUNTIES

This particular Bell family descends from one William Bell of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. There was another Bell family that resided in the same part of Halifax County as did the descendants of William Bell, that appears to descend from George Bell who died in 1752. (Grimes "Abstracts of N. C. Wills"). These families do not seem to be related.

William Bell (1) married Ann Jones, the daughter of Richard Jones in Isle of Wight County, Va., in 1721. (Isle of Wight Great Book 2, p. 34). He removed from Virginia to North Carolina at an early date and settled on the Roanoke River in what was then Edgecombe County. His will, dated Dec. 1, 1752, and probated August Court, 1754, in Edgecombe County, mentions his son Arthur, son Joshua, and daughters Mary Pyrent and Ann Bell. (Grimes "Abstracts of N. C. Wills".)

### Children:

- I. Ann Bell - no record.
- II. Mary Bell married James Pyrent. The will of James Pyrent, Edgecombe County, dated March 7, 1757, and proved in the same year, mentions son James, and daughters Tation, Mary, and Sarah. Joshua and Arthur Bell were executors. (Grimes "Abstracts of N. C. Wills").
- III. Joshua Bell - see later.
- IV. Arthur Bell, of Halifax County m. Sarah\_\_\_\_\_ and died in 1775. His will, dated June 10th, 1775, and probated in Nov. 1775 is recorded in Halifax County. (W. B. 2, p. 22). The will mentions Arthur Bell's children and his daughter-in-law Absilla Bell, his son Benjamin having pre-deceased him.

### Children:

1. Ann Bell married Peter Knight
2. Lucy Bell - no record.
3. Elisha Bell, d. s. p. 1792, (Halifax W. B. 3, p. 198)
4. Shadrach Bell - no further record
5. Joshua Bell - d. s. p., his will, dated 1784, and probated 1784, Halifax (W. B. 3, p. 59) mentions brothers Elisha and Shadrach, sister Lucy and sister-in-law Penelope Atherton. John Thomas and John Dawson were executors.
6. Benjamin Bell - will dated May 24, 1775, probated Aug. 1775 with his father and John Thomas executors. (Halifax W. B. 2, p. 18). He married Absilla Norfleet, daughter of Marmaduke Norfleet, Jr. (Bertie M. B. dated July 2, 1768).

### Children:

- (a.) Arthur Bell, died young.
- (b.) Sarah Bell, the first wife of Drew Smith, son of Arthur and Ann Ruffin Smith. (V. H. G. p. 354).

### Children:

1. Absilla Norfleet Smith, died unmarried 1822.
2. Winifred Smith married her cousin Henry C. Bell, of whom later.
3. Richard Smith married Anna Maria Baker, daughter of Gen. Lawrence Baker of the Revolution, and had issue.
- (c.) Marmaduke Bell married Martha Smith, daughter of Arthur and Ann Ruffin Smith. (V. H. G. p. 355). His will, dated 1796, and probated Aug. 1797, is on file in Halifax W. B. 3, p. 198.

### Children:

1. Benjamin Bell - died young.
2. Milly S. Bell married Micajah Nicholas Dickson (DIXON-Dickson), prior to 1811. (Halifax D. B. 22, p. 103)

Micajah Nicholas Dickson first appears in the Halifax records about 1811. The will of Arthur Bell, dated Dec. 9th, 1816, and probated May, 1818, mentions among others half brother Micajah Nicholas Dickson and half sister Nancy Horn. M. N. Dickson was executor of the will. (Halifax W. B. 3, p. 621). The connection between Micajah Nicholas Dickson and the earlier Dicksons in Halifax County has not been found. The estate of William Dixon was divided between Mary, Thomas, and Esther Dixon in 1750. (Edgecombe County Inv. and Settlements of Estates 1733-1759). On Dec. 11th, 1754, William Hobbe sold to Joseph Dixon of Virginia, 100 acres between Deep and Fishing Creeks. (Halifax D. B. 2, p. 301) On Dec. 14, 1749, Samuel Williams sold to Nicholas Dickson of Isle of Wight 200 acres on the south side of the Roanoke River. The deed was witnessed by John Pope and John Crudup. (Halifax D. B. 3, p. 479). The Nicholas Dixon of this deed was the son of Thomas Dickson or Dixon of Isle of Wight County, Va., whose will, dated April 26th, 1746, was probated in Isle of Wight Jan. 1748. (Boddie and Allied Families, p. 105). On Nov. 1, 1775, Nicholas Dickson of Halifax County deeded 100 acres to son John Dickson and 100 acres to son Josiah Dickson. (Halifax D. B. 13, p. 400). Micajah Nicholas Dickson may have been a son of one of these two. Micajah N. Dickson died prior to Aug. 1825, intestate. William Ruffin Smith, Sen. was his administrator. The will of his widow Milly Dickson, dated Dec. 3, 1833, and probated May 1, 1835, mentions sons Marmaduke and William and daughter Emily. The three children of Milly Dickson moved to Jackson County, Florida, where their descendants still live. William R. Dixon married in 1834 Emily Cotten of Scotland Neck. Marmaduke N. Dixon married Martha Pinner of Northampton County, North

Carolina, and died in 1864 in the Battle of Marianna, Florida. Emily Dickson married in Florida Felix Long.

Joshua Bell, son of William and Ann Jones Bell, married Ferebee Norfleet, daughter of Thomas Norfleet of Edgecombe County. (Halifax D. B. 9, p. 325). The will of Joshua Bell, dated July 4, 1793, is on file in Edgecombe County, (Edgecombe W. B. "C", p. 242) and mentions, in addition to his children listed below, his granddaughter Absilla Bryant's son William.

Children:

- I. Absilla Bell married \_\_\_ Lawrence
- II. Ferebee Bell married \_\_\_ Drew
- III. Frederick Bell
- IV. Whitmel Bell
- V. Joseph Bell
- VI. Joshua Bell
- VII. Thomas Bell
- VIII. Reason Wright Bell
- IX. Arthur Bell
- X. William Bell
- XI. Benjamin Bell
- XII. Bythel Bell. He represented Edgecombe County at the Convention of 1788 and served in the State Senate for several sessions. His will was probated Dec. 1802, (Edgecombe W. B. "D", p. 154) his children being under age. The name of his wife is not known.

Children:

1. Elizabeth Bell
2. Margaret Bell
3. Marmaduke Norfleet Bell. He may have been the Marmaduke N. Bell who married Catherine, the daughter of George Boddie of Nash County, in 1827. (Tarboro Free Press of Jan. 27, 1827.)
4. William Wesley Bell
5. Henry Clinch Bell married Winifred Smith, above, daughter of Drew Smith and Sarah Bell. Her children are mentioned in the will of her sister Absilla Smith, (Halifax W. B. 3, p. 672).

Children:

- (a.) Bythel R. Bell - no record.
- (b.) Marmaduke H. Bell - probably moved to Florida
- (c.) Margaret Ann Bell married Lawrence Henry Hearn of Tarboro. He was the son of Michael Hearn of Tarboro and his wife, Martha, the daughter of Edward and Lucy Hardaway Hall. The will of Edward Hall, probated Nov. 1823, Edgecombe W. B. "F", mentions his g. son. Lawrence H. Hearn moved to Jackson County, Florida, and had issue among others: Lucy Hall Hearn, m. 1857 Maj. William Henry Milton, C. S. A., the son of John Milton, the Civil War Governor of Florida. They had issue, among

others, William Milton, U. S. Senator from Florida who married his distant cousin Sarah Smith Baker, daughter of James Smith Baker and granddaughter of James L. G. Baker (V. H. G. p. 355.)



Martha and her husband Nathaniel Colley. (P. George D. Book 1787-1792, p. 627). Nathaniel Colley is said to have been an English sea captain who settled in Prince George County about this time. They had issue one child (1) Sarah Colley, b. 1792, married 1810 Thomas Poythress Cocke, son of Capt. James Cocke and Elizabeth Poythress.

Children:

(a) Martha Cocke married her first cousin James Cocke, son of Dr. James Cocke of Baltimore, and had issue.

(b) Nathaniel Colley Cocke of "Aberdeen", Prince George County, married Virginia Anne Peterson. Issue among others, Mary Herbert Cocke married Richard H. Smith (V.H.G.), and Anne Hayes Cocke married his brother Alexander Hall Smith and Virginia Peterson Cocke married William Edward Smith, first cousin to Richard H. Smith.

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George Bell was a headright for William Yarrett, a very prominent Quaker of Isle of Wight, who patented 660 acres north side of the Rappahannock July 29, 1650, for the transportation of 14 persons among whom was George Bell (C. P. 191). Mr. Yarrett also patented 580 acres in the same vicinity for transportation of 12 persons on the same day. Among them was the wife of Ambrose Proctor of Isle of Wight and Thomas Gwaltney of Surry. He was a large trader in lands and headrights.

On Oct. 11, 1664, George Bell requested the Administration of the estate of Edward Powell, who died intestate. His bondsmen were Thomas Ward and John Wakefield. (C 1-92)

On Feb. 7, 1663, George Bell and Hester, his wife, sold to John Sherrer and John Wakefield 755 acres of land. (17 C. -533). In 1664, Nicholas Cobb, mariner, and Susan, his wife of Isle of Wight sold to Thomas Davis land called "Rattlesnake Neck" next to plantations of John Crews and George Bell. On March 4, 1667, Nicholas Cobb sold to John Frizzell a parcel of land in Upper Parish adjacent to George Bell. George Bell, in 1678, also witnessed a deed of Thomas Tooke, planter, to Nicholas Cobb for 900 acres bought of William Tooke.

There was a Richard Bell who settled in Isle of Wight. On July 18, 1682, he witnessed a deed of John Wakefield and wife Sarah to Robert Thomas. (17 C. -593). On Oct. 9, 1693, by reason of his great age he was excused from labor and levies. (O. B. 1693-95 p. 1) Richard Bell and wife Sarah, on May 8, 1686, proved the nuncupative will of Nicholas Cobb. The inventory of Richard Bell's estate was presented by wife, Sarah Bell, April 9, 1700. (W & D. 2-424.)

Edward Cobb, on Jan. 16, 1686, sold this 900 acres to Thomas Moore. The deed recites that Nicholas Cobb died and the 900 acres went to Nicholas Cobb, Jr. his oldest son and heir; Nicholas Jr. died and the land went to Edward Cobb, his brother. This deed was witnessed by Thomas Tooke and JOHN BELL. This is the first appearance of John Bell, son of George, Sr., in the records. (17C. -597)

George Bell, on March 27, 1672, witnessed the will of Ambrose Proctor, Jr. Dorothy Bond in her will dated July 10, 1684, probated Oct. 9, 1684, bequeathed to son John Bond household goods; to grandson, William Watson, a colt; remainder of estate to be divided between sons William and John Bond and grandson Watson, Watson to go to Richard Sharpe until of age, if Sharpe die to go

to two Uncles. Richard Sharpe and George Bell, exrs. wits.: Wm. Blunt, Nicholas Cobb.

Dorothy Bond was the widow of Major John Bond, member of the House of Burgesses 1653-54. He served in the House until 1660 with the exception of 1656 when he was Sheriff. He was also a Justice of the County Court in 1659-1660 but was evidently a Puritan for he was expelled from his office as Justice in the Assembly of 1656-1660 for his "Schismatical tendencies". The new Berkeley Assembly was evidently expelling the Puritans from office.

On Nov. 1, 1688, the nuncupative will of Alexander Webster was proven by George Bell, Sr., John Crue (Crew), and John Sherrer. The legatees were GEORGE BELL, JR., John Harris and Hannah Brown, the daughter of George Brown.

George Bell, Sr., made his will June 22, 1702, probated Nov. 9, 1702. He bequeathed to wife JOYCE BELL "Land where I now live to hold for time of lease from Col. Joseph Bridger, 99 years;" to son GEORGE and daughter ELIZABETH rest of estate to be equally divided. Wife extr. Wits., John Davis, Francis Ffloyd.

Children:

I. George, Jr. in 1687 witnessed the will of Francis Hobbs. In 1688 he was a legatee of Alexander Webster. George Bell was living in Isle of Wight as late as Jan. 24, 1742, when he, together with Roger Allen, presented an account of the estate of Thomas Allen (C-2-114). He is probably the George Bell who made his will in Edgecombe Dec. 21, 1751, probated Feb. 1752. He named sons: ARTHUR, GEORGE and WILLIAM; daughter ELIZABETH FFLOYD; granddaughter MARY BELL. Exrs. FRANCIS FFLOYD and ARTHUR BELL. Wits.: William Pertis, Thomas Bell, Thomas Ffloyd. (Grimes 20)

His son George Bell made his will in Edgecombe Feb. 18, 1755, probated May, 1755. Sons: JOHN plantation where I now live; DAVID; GEORGE; wife SARAH BELL. Exrs.: Wife Sarah and son John. Wits.: Arthur Bell, George Bell. (Id. 20)

II. John, -m. Sarah . (See later)

III. Elizabeth, no further mention.

IV. Daughter, name unknown, m. John Bond. He survived his wife and made his will Mar. 15, 1687. Legatees: William Maynard; William Watson; if he die to go to son John Bond; to Mr. John Bond all land and property to John Harmon all of wife's clothing (she was evidently deceased) JOHN BELL, my wife's brother to be executor. John Bell to live on plantation with my two children, "my wife's and my own" and bring them up with the estate to learning. If son John die without issue, to Will Watson and Wm. Maynard. Wits.: John Porter, Reuben Gladhill, Thos. Doudell.

John Bell evidently a son of George and Joyce Bell is placed here as a son because of the relationship and association of the

Bond family with his father who was executor of Dorothy Bond, mother of the above John Bond.

Nicholas Cobb's land as heretofore shown joined on George Bell's and on Jan. 16, 1686, John Bell was a witness to the sale of Nicholas Cobb's land.

John Bell made his will April 26, 1721, probated Mar. 26, 1722, as follows: to son JOHN BELL land where I now live; to son GEORGE BELL another part of land where I now live; to daughters: ALICE MILLER, silver spoons; OLIVE; son EDWARD BELL; land to son BENJAMIN BELL at his mother's decease; to wife SARAH BELL rest of estate and to her children, i. e. three daughters and one son. John Miller, Exr. Wits.: Wm. Dixon, Thos. Roberts, Thos. Goodson. (Great BK. -113)

Benjamin Bell, the above mentioned son of John Bell married Mary Lewis, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Lewis. Daniel Lewis died in 1698 and his wife married again as his second wife, Richard Bennett, Sr., who died in 1710 and gave a legacy to "Mary Thorpe, the daughter of Daniel Lewis".

Mary, daughter of Daniel Lewis, was at that time married to Thomas Thorp. Thorpe was her third husband. Her first husband was one Dixon by whom she had Mary and William Dixon. These two children of hers are mentioned in the will of her second husband, Joseph Ford, who died in Surry in 1709. She then married Thomas Thorpe, and had one daughter, Elizabeth Thorpe, whom she mentioned in her will. Mary must have been a very attractive lady for she married the fourth time Benjamin Bell, the subject of this sketch. Benjamin Bell died in 1722 and Mary married for the fifth time James Briggs. Previous to her wedding to James Briggs, she made a marriage contract with him enabling her to dispose of her own property. Her will was dated Mar. 21, 1726/27 and probated June 26, 1727. She bequeathed to daughter ELIZABETH THORPE £35 that is in Colonel Bridger's hands (George Bell, Sr., leased land from the Colonel for 99 years); to my son BENJAMIN BELL, 1 negro; to daughter ANN CROFTS; to son BENJAMIN BELL land and if no heirs to ELIZABETH THORPE. Wits.: James Batte, Wm. Cogill, John Grisord. (W. B. 3-p. 33)

Benjamin Bell, Sr., died in 1722 intestate. He and wife Mary had two children:

I. Benjamin, who was mentioned in the will of his grandmother Mrs. Sarah Lewis-Bennett-Lancaster in 1722. (See her will under Bennett) and in the will of his mother the above mentioned Mrs. Briggs. (See later).

II. Anne was mentioned in the will of her grandmother, Mrs. Lancaster, in 1722, as her granddaughter, Anne Croft. She was also called "Anne Croft" in her mother's will in 1723. She married Samuel Croft. (C. M. 13)

Benjamin Bell, son of Benjamin Bell and his wife, Mary, daughter of Daniel Lewis, as heretofore shown, married Patience Wrenn, daughter of Mrs. Mary Wrenn, who made her will Jan. 27, 1746, probated May 14, 1747, as follows: to daughters ANN POTTER, MARTHA CARY, and PATIENCE BELL, one shilling each. Grandchildren: Mary Meacum, Lewis Meacum, William Cary, Joseph Cary, Charity Cary, RICHARD BELL, BENJAMIN BELL, and MARY BELL to be schooled. Wits.: Will Salter, BENJAMIN BELL, Wm. Cary. (W. B. 5-62)

Mrs. Wrenn's daughter, Anne Wrenn, sister to Patience Wrenn Bell, married first Lewis Meacum and secondly John Potter. (W. B. 5-2; C. M. 42). Anne Wrenn Potter had Mary Meacum and Lewis Meacum by her first husband, who was a son of John Meacum (Meacom). Susanna Lewis was a daughter of Daniel Lewis d(1698) and his wife Sarah Lewis-Bennett-Lancaster.

Mrs. Susanna Lewis made her will in 1727 and an appraisal of her husband's estate was filed Nov. 3, 1731. The Bell and Wrenn families were therefore allied by marriage.

Benjamin Bell died about 1755. His estate was appraised by Samuel Wilson and John Bennett, May 1, 1755. (W. B. 6-175). Patience Bell died in Isle of Wight, evidently a widow in 1772. Her will was dated March 20, 1771, and probated May 7, 1772. She bequeathed all of her estate to her maiden daughter, Elizabeth Bell. (W. B. 8-132.).

#### Children:

- I. Benjamin, m. Tabitha Jelks. Moved to Edgecombe County, N. C. about 1785, then to Pitt County. (See later),
- II. Richard, moved to Edgecombe County about 1785, then to Pitt County.
- III. Mary, fate unknown.
- IV. Elizabeth, unmarried in 1772.

Benjamin Bell, son of Benjamin and Patience Bell, moved to Edgecombe County and then to Pitt County, N. C. Benjamin married Tabitha Jelks, daughter of William Jelks of Southampton County. William Jelks of St. Luke's Parish, Southampton, made his will Oct. 9, 1766, probated April 12, 1770, mentions his wife ANNE, son Lionel; son William; daughters: Mary, TABITHA and Betty Jelks. Exrs.: Wife Anne and son Lemuel. Wits.: Gregory Rawlings and Rivers Barker. (W. B. 2-319).

A John Johnson of Brunswick County, N. C., in his will probated in Brunswick Co., N. C., Feb. 1752, mentions a daughter ANN JELKS.

William Jelks, in his will probated Dec. 4, 1781, mentions his sister, TABITHA BELL, wife of BENJAMIN BELL.

Benjamin Bell Sr., was a member of the General Assembly of N. C. from Pitt County in 1792. (Wheeler 347). He died in 1805.

A division of his estate was made to the following sons: KINCHEN, WILLIAM, JOHN, JAMES and BENJAMIN BELL. (See later).

Benjamin Bell, born Dec. 2, 1790, died in Pitt County, N. C., August 2, 1839, on Jan. 15, 1818, married Lydia Tucker, born Feb. 19, 1795, died in Pitt County, N. C., Aug. 10, 1834, who was the daughter of Joseph Tucker, Jr., who patented 77 acres of land on Tar River in Pitt County in 1767. He was dead before 1779, as his wife was then married to a Mr. Stokes. (Pitt County wills destroyed). Benjamin was an Ensign in the War of 1812, serving at Beacon Island, N. C.

#### Children:

- I. Sarah Ann, b. Oct. 19, 1818, m. Daniel Army.
  - II. George, b. Feb. 11, 1820.
  - III. James Montgomery, b. Nov. 21, 1821.
  - IV. Samuel, b. Oct. 7, 1823, m. Sarah Hartsfeld.
  - V. Henry, b. May 9, 1825, m. May Jane Buck
  - VI. George V. Bell, b. Feb. 23, 1827. (See later)
  - VII. Elias, b. Sept. 23, 1828.
  - VIII. Joseph Benjamin, b. July 18, 1833, m. Jeffersonia Crutchfield.
- Samuel Bell, born in Pitt County, N. C., Oct. 7, 1823, died at Conway, Horry County, S. C., Aug. 21, 1869. On Feb. 22, 1844 in Green County, N. C. he married Sarah Adeline Hartsfield, born in Green County, N. C. Oct. 30, 1827, died Aug. 14, 1872 at Conway, Horry County, S. C.

#### Children:

- I. Virginia, m. Henry Buck.
  - II. Ella, m. John Robert Toler
  - III. Iola, m. John Morrison. (See later)
  - IV. James Samuel, m. Annette Reid Whitman.
- Iola Bell, b. Nov. 14, 1855, Conway, Horry County, S. C., d. August 12, 1930, Moultrie, Colquit County, Georgia, m. Feb. 22, 1877, Brooklyn, New York, John Morrison, b. June 25, 1845, Robeson County, North Carolina, d. June 20, 1905, Atlanta, Georgia. He was a merchant in Conway, S. C.

#### Children:

- I. Ella Bell Morrison, b. July 20, 1878, m. John Bunyan Carlton.
  - II. Robert Malcolm Morrison, m. Nettie Louise Ridgeley.
  - III. Montgomery Boyd Morrison.
- Ella Bell Morrison, b. July 20, 1878, Ridgeway, South Carolina, m. Jan. 2, 1901, Moultrie, Colquit County, Georgia, John Bunyan Carlton, b. May 18, 1869, Elbert County, Georgia, d. Dec. 3, 1935, Moultrie, Colquit County, Georgia.

#### Children:

- I. Virginia Claire Carlton, b. Sept. 25, 1901, m. Sam McArthur Duggan. (See later).
- II. John Morrison Carlton, b. Aug. 11, 1911, m. Miriam Griffith.
- III. Robert Montague, b. Feb. 22, 1918, m. Helen Snider.