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EGERTON FAMILY CONNECTIONS AND CORRECTIONS

By Mary P. W. Kendall

There seems to be only one well researched and documented account of the Egerton family of Maryland, an article by Francis B. Culver in the *Maryland Historical Magazine*. It includes a chart showing the descent of Mary (Neale) Egerton from Sir George Calvert, First Baron of Baltimore in Ireland, Absolute Lord and Proprietary of Maryland and Avalon in America -1, through his second son, Governor Leonard -2, William -3, Elizabeth -4, who married James Neale, Jr., Mary Neale -5, only child of James and Elizabeth who married Charles Egerton of Virginia and Maryland.¹ It is surprising that this line has so long been neglected in the various works to be found on the Calvert family as descendants are numerous.

John Bailey Calvert Nicklin, in his extensive series in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* on the Calvert family, does not continue issue beyond Mary Neale -5, wife of Charles Egerton. Mr. Nicklin concerned himself solely with the male lines, having divided his series into: "The Titled Line", (through the six Barons Baltimore); "The Untitled Line", (from second son, Leonard); "The Mt. Airy Line," from Benedict Swingate, natural son of Charles, fifth Lord Baltimore; and "Descent of the Title (Actual and *DeJure*)," in which he shows that the rightful heir to the Barony, if restored, is in the male line from Leonard and William Calvert.² Whether or not this has been disputed is unknown. We do know that Ellen Foy O'Gorman's *Descendants of Virginia Calverts* is based on the descendants of William's son, George, although she presents, or admits by broken lines in her chart, no proof of George's paternity.³ However, this would not concern the Egerton family as their descent is in the female line.

It has been possible to correct some errors contained in the Culver article on the Egerton family. Mr. Culver makes the statement that Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., died 14 May 1833, aged 59, *sine prole*.⁴ As a matter of record, (1) Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., married Jane (not Ada) DuBois,⁵ daughter of Abraham DuBois, silversmith and ship-owner of Philadelphia.⁶ They became the parents of five children.

2 i John Bernard Egerton

3 ii Bennett Egerton

- 4 iii Charles Calvert Egerton
- 5 iv Abraham DuBois Egerton
- 6 v Susanna Mary Egerton

Mr. Culver also made the statement that Bennett Egerton, younger brother of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., was the father of these children, and omitted Bennett II and Susanna Mary in his listing.⁷ Actually, Bennett Egerton, the uncle of the children, died in 1807,⁸ *sine prole*. The distribution of his estate shows an equal division among his eight heirs-at-law: Mary Jones, mother of the deceased, (widowed by 1778, she had married Mordecai Jones after 1783), James Egerton oldest brother and administrator for Bennett, Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., (brother), Ann Smoot (sister), Sarah Kilgour (sister), Mordecai Clinton Jones, Caleb Morris Jones and Basil Jones (half brothers of the deceased).⁹

Jane, wife of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., died 9 May 1827.¹⁰ He died 14 May 1833.¹¹ Their burial places and those of their children, Bennett II and Susanna Mary, have not been located. Charles' mother who became Mrs. Mordecai Jones, is buried on the grounds of their Revolutionary War home in St. Mary's County.¹²

Children of Jane DuBois and Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr.

2. John Bernard Egerton, Sr., was born 20 December 1807.¹³ He was married (1) in Baltimore, Maryland to Isabella, daughter of Ralph Higinbotham, 15 March 1836 by Rev. Goldsborough.¹⁴ The obituary of John B. Egerton stated that a portrait of Isabella, who was considered the most beautiful woman of her day, was in possession of General Charles C. Egerton, brother of the deceased and that Isabella was a grand niece of Bishop White, first Episcopal Bishop of the United States.¹⁵ She was born 1 April 1819,¹⁶ and died in childbirth 12 August 1855.¹⁷ The child died also.

His second wife, to whom he was married 5 June 1864 by Rev. John B. DeWolfe, S.J., was Miss Mary Regina Fowler, daughter of Joseph and Mary Julia Ann (Morgan) Fowler of Chaptico, St. Mary's County.¹⁸ The children of his second marriage were:

- i John Bernard Egerton, Jr., B.A., M.A., 1869-1940.¹⁹
- ii Mary Isabella Egerton, (Sister Mary Marietta, Congregation of Holy Cross), 1871-1948. Artist and teacher.
- iii Mary Regina Egerton, (Mrs. Henry McCormick Ward), 1875-1928. Four children.
- iv Maude (baptized Mary Matilda), (Mrs. A.H. Dion), 1878-1958, *d.s.p.*

From 1829 through 1861 John Bernard Egerton, Sr., was listed in Baltimore city directories²⁰ as a Lottery and Exchange Broker,²¹ at first on his own and later as EGERTON & BROTHER with Charles Calvert Egerton. His business was conducted at Exchange Place and South Street, a property which he deeded to Mr. Johns Hopkins on 9 November 1862 for \$40,000.00.²² His home from 1853 to 1879 was on St. Paul Street at Mt. Vernon Place, adjoining the one-time home of his brother Charles, on Calvert Street, known as Waterloo Row. Both rows have since been razed.

For a number of years John B. Egerton was a partner in the hardware firm, A. Emory & Company. During that period the name EGERTON & BROTHER referred to Charles Calvert Egerton and younger brother, Abraham DuBois Egerton. They also were lottery brokers and later grain commission merchants. The three brothers were ardent southern sympathizers during the Civil War and suffered financial reverses accordingly.

John Bernard Egerton, Sr., died 4 March 1881 in the seventy-fourth year of his age and his funeral was held at his residence, 127 Park St. (now Park Avenue, above Madison), on 5 March. Rev. Mr. Crampton, formerly of Spesutia, Harford County, officiated. Interment was in Greenmount Cemetery.²³ The pallbearers were: Gen. Charles C. Egerton and Messers A. Upshur, Bennett Egerton III (nephew), Samuel Egerton, John B. Egerton (of Abraham DuBois Egerton), and Lawrence Penniman.²⁴

3. Bennett Egerton, the second son of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., was born circa 1810 and died 3 December 1832 in his twenty-second year.²⁵ From 1822 to 1829 he was a student at St. Mary's College on Paca Street, Baltimore.²⁶ From 1820 to 1824 John B. Egerton, Sr. was also a student there with Benjamin H. Latrobe, Jr., and sons of other well-known families.²⁷

4. Charles Calvert Egerton, the third son and the fourth person of six who carried the name in Maryland between 1748 and 1896, was born 5 April 1817.²⁸ In February, 1840, he was married at Portland Mills, Ohio, by Rev. Morse to Willie Elizabeth Hall, daughter of the late William White Hall of Harford County.²⁹

For a number of years he and family lived at SOPHIA'S DAIRY, at Perryman, on Bush River, having purchased, several years after it's sale by his wife's family,, 250 acres and the ancestral home, which is still standing.³⁰ The house is now the property of a shoe company but is said to have an elaborate double Chinese Chippendale staircase, one of the finest in the State, built by redemptioners in 1768 for Aquila Hall. Willie Elizabeth (Hall) Egerton and Isabella Hall Higinbotham, wife of John Bernard Egerton, Sr., were first cousins and descendants of Colonel Thomas White and Aquila Hall of Harford County.³¹

Willie Elizabeth Egerton died 8 January 1877.³² Charles Calvert Egerton died 18 January 1893 in his 76th year at Woodensburg (near Reisterstown). He was colonel in the 53rd Regiment, Maryland Militia.³³ His activities in the militia are noted in *Chronicles of Baltimore, History of Baltimore City and County* and in minutes of the *Independent Greys*, a contingent of the 53rd Regiment of the Maryland Volunteer Infantry and forerunner of the Maryland National Guard.³⁴ In the Sunpapers' obituary and in three different accounts in Scharf's *Chronicles of Baltimore*, he is referred to as General Egerton.³⁵

The children of Willie Elizabeth Hall and Charles Calvert Egerton were:

- i Isabelle Elizabeth, born 1840; married (1) 29 October 1867 Hiram Jones Bordley who died 2 January 1869, and (2) on 12 June 1879, James Trapier Ringgold,³⁶ born 3 November 1850, died 17

January, 1898, who was one time dean of Baltimore University Law School and editor and proprietor of the *Baltimore Telegram*.³⁷ There was no issue of either marriage.

- ii Jennie DuBois Egerton, born 10 September 1842, died 18 April 1903³⁸ unmarried.
- iii Mary Presbury Egerton, born 17 October 1844, died 26 March 1925. She married John W. Reid who died 16 Dec. 1875 in his thirty-eighth year. They were parents of Charles L. Reid, born 15 April 1872, died 20 March 1918³⁹ and Jennie DuBois Reid, born 1874.⁴⁰
- iv Sophia Higinbotham Egerton, 1848-1928,⁴¹ died unmarried.
- v Charles Calvert Egerton, died 10 July 1851,⁴² infant.
- vi John Bernard Egerton (III), infant buried 10 Jan. 1853.⁴³
- vii Florence Egerton who died young.
- viii Bennett Egerton (III) born 1858.⁴⁴ (Not traced after 1891).

5. **Abraham DuBois Egerton**, the fourth son of Jane DuBois and Charles Calvert Egerton, was born 23 June, 1821.⁴⁵ He married Ada or Adeline McCrae.⁴⁶ She was the Mrs. DuBois Egerton mentioned in *The Amiable Baltimoreans* by Francis F. Beirne, who described her home as "the leading salon of the South. At various times one found at Mrs. Egerton's members of the Hopkins faculty and distinguished lecturers." In the *Baltimore Sun*, of February 4, 1925, Matthew Page Andrews, the historian, in a letter to the editor, listed many of the distinguished scholars of the day who were guests there. According to Meredith Janvier, in *Baltimore Yesterdays*. Cleveland Thayer of Boston, who was taking his Ph.D. at Hopkins courted the daughter, Mary Egerton. They later married. The son, John B. of A.D. moved to Long Island. About 1885 Mrs. Egerton, widowed in 1874, removed from the corner of Madison Avenue and Tyson Street to the building now known as the New Sherwood Hotel,⁴⁷ according to Janvier, "the most select and famous private hotel in the South." She served on the Executive Board of the Baltimore Committee to aid the Southern States after the Civil War. Abraham DuBois Egerton, age 52 was buried 5 January 1874.⁴⁸

Ada McCrae and Abraham DuBois Egerton were parents of three

- i John Bernard Egerton, II (called "of A.D.") Moved to New York
- ii Mary DuBois Egerton (Mrs. Cleveland Thayer of Boston).
- iii S.B. Egerton, age 13, buried 22 February 1873, Greenmount Cemetery.

6. **Susanna Mary (or Mary Susan) Egerton**, the fifth child of Jane DuBois and Charles Calvert Egerton, was baptized 14 June, 1826, the same day as her brother, Abraham DuBois Egerton. She was born 16 May 1826⁴⁹ and died 9 October 1827, age 17 months.⁵⁰

A most interesting occurrence during this research was the obtaining, through a Towson stamp collector mentioned in a column in the *Baltimore Sun*, of an original circular, sent by Egerton & Brother, Corner of Exchange Place & South Street (John B. Egerton and Charles C. Egerton, Jr.), to Mr. Eurastus Corning, Albany, New York, on October 1, 1849. This four page circular, 8 x 11 when folded in two, was folded twice more to become envelope as well, and rubber

stamped "3" instead of an adhesive stamp. The letter states, in most beautiful printed script, "the undersigned, having entered into Copartnership under the firm of Egerton & Brother, for the prosecution of the Lottery & Exchange Business, have taken the liberty of sending (post paid) to your address the enclosed list of Splendid Lotteries, to be drawn in the City of Baltimore during the present month of October. The lotteries in our State are drawn under State authority, through Commissioners appointed for the purpose, who are sworn to have no interest in the Lottery, directly or indirectly, thus offering a sure guarantee to the purchaser of the fairness of the drawing. —The regularity and safety of the mails in transmitting letters is now so well established that out of many thousands of letters sent to us from every part of the country, we have never had one to miscarry, —the Post Office being not only the most speedy but safest means of conveyance. —Every description of Foreign Money exchanged and drafts on the principal cities always for sale."

Lotteries advertised in this circular included those for benefit of the town of Bel Air, the Susquehanna Canal, Patapsco Female Institute and Frederick Female Seminary. Several similar lottery circulars, including some of the Egerton Brothers were later found in the Manuscript Division of the Maryland Historical Society.

Another reward of this research has been finding, at the John Work Garrett Library of the Johns Hopkins University,⁵¹ "a rare and curious book by a Baltimorean, Charles Calvert Egerton," signed "Brantz Mayer, 1856." The title page reads, "*The Journal of an Unfortunate Prisoner on Board the British Ship Loyalist, in Jamaica*. From Nov. 1, 1812 to April 5, 1813. Together with Some Interesting Occurrences on His Passage Home. Baltimore Printed for the Author. 1813."⁵²

Among the Egerton heirlooms handed down in the writer's family through the years are a miniature water color of Charles Calvert Egerton, Jr., the privateer, and a curved sword in a heavy iron scabbard, a duplicate of the sword exhibited by the Maryland Historical Society as one used by Colonel Stansbury in the War of 1812. An 1875 Atlas of the United States in the writer's possession bears the notation "Presented by Col. George P. Kane" to John B. Egerton. Kane was the police commissioner of Baltimore (later Major), who, accompanied by General C.C. Egerton,⁵³ attempted to maintain order on April 19, 1861, when the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment passed through Baltimore enroute to Washington. The resulting riot inspired James Ryder Randall to write, from far off Louisiana, under the impression that his Georgetown University friend had been killed by those soldiers, the impassioned words of "My Maryland."

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be returned me. Other people have had flags granted them; the Baron [Steuben?] assured me I should have one when ever the enemy were inclined to deliver me my people. I flatter myself you will excuse my being thus troublesome. I hear repeatedly of the death of my people, some who wished much to return. Others are gone to New York. If I do not recover my people my family are ruined & this Worthy Sir you have the power of preventing. Shall it be said because I am a stranger in the Country that I am not to have justice in any line. I have sent my Soldier [a substitute] who has lost his life in the service of my Country. I have paid my taxes & have not been Personally or virtually represented.

My property is taken from me and I have no redress.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your most obedient humble servant

M. Byrd."

Westover, August 10th, 1781.

BENNETT.

Of especial interest to me was the will of Ambrose Bennett and John Bennett and the note thereto published in Vol. XXV, No. 4, Oct., 1917, p. 393 and this for the reason that several years ago, I found in the local records interesting references to one Thomas Bennett.

I found that he married Ann, daughter of one Henry Snayle and had: George, Edward, Elizabeth and Mary Bennett. The two sons died infants unmarried, Elizabeth married Henry Collins and Mary, the younger, married first Thomas Ewell, no issue; second Rev. Jonathan Saunders, minister of Lynnhaven, by whom she had Mary who married Capt. Cornelius Calvert, Sr., and Capt. John Saunders, third Mary Bennett married Maximillian Boush, had several children by him and a grandson Bennett Boush.

I do not recall having ever seen published the maiden name of Mary Saunders, and feel that the foregoing will be of interest to the Saunders, Calvert and Boush families, who descend from her, also the following records which prove my contention.

Do you not agree with me that the name of Thomas Bennett's four children is significant of his connection with the Bennett's whose wills were published in Vol. XXV. Please note that in the conveyance of Charles Edgerton to George and Edward Bennett, that their parents Thomas and Anne are "up the Bay" in 1667 and that the grantor "will not hinder nor molest him," Thomas Bennett suggests that Bennett was a sympathizer with Cromwell. Local records fail to disclose whose son he was.

Will of Henry Snaille of "Little Creeke," Norfolk Co. Clk's. Of. Book C, p. 203 dated 4 Dec. 1655, proved 15 Feb. 1655/6, states
"Anne Tho: Bennett daughter Anne y^e wife of Tho: Bennett"

"Charles Edgerton in the Co. of ^{Lower} Norfolk in Virginia
give unto Ann Bennetts two sons: George and Edward my plantacon w^{ch} I live upon Cowes betweene the boyes and their Sister Elizabeth Soe that there Mother when she cometh into the County again, may have a Living out of the Land and Stock if Thomas Bennett will come Out of the Bay & live with them hee may. I will not hinder nor molest him twentyith day of November 1667." Norfolk Co. Clk's Of. Book E p. 32.

"Will of Charles Edgerton unto Anne Snayle w^{ch} now goeth by the name Anne Bennett, to her foure Children that is to say George, and Edward and Elizabeth and Mary my lands when they come to age." Norfolk Co. Clk's. Of. Book E p. 51, dated 27 Apr. 1669, proved 15 June 1669.

Norfolk Co. Clk's. Of. Book 5 p. 74: "whereas one Charles Edgerton, Decest, Late of this County gave and bequeath unto the foure children of Anne Benitt: George, Edward, Elizabeth and Mary or to Such of them as Shall Live to Come to age all his Land to be Equally Divided and whereas George & Edward died in their Minority Soe that Elizabeth and Mary beinge the onely Surviving Children of the Said Anne Benett and being of Competent and Lawful age and being both married Elizabeth the Elder to Henry Collins and Mary the younger to Thomas Ewell Doe make Division and Partition Sixty acres old fields & Scared ground portion of Elizabeth all wood Lands remaining part one hundred and forty acres is the Shair part and proportion of Mary the younger Daughter now wife of Thomas Ewell y^e forth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereign Lord King James y^e Second"

(Signed) Henry Collins & Seal
Elizabeth Collins & Seal
Thomas Ewell & Seal
Mary Ewell & Seal."

Norfolk Co. Clk's. Of. Book 5 p. 78. "Thomas Ewell of Little Creeke to Thomas Mason jun^r 140 acres In the Little Creeke bounding on M^r thorowgoods grand pattent my wife Mary 24 octob. 1688"

(Signed) Thomas Ewell
Mary B Ewell."

"Maximillian^t Boush & Mary^t his wife late wido: and relict of M^r Jonathan Saunders^t deceased to John Saunders, marriner son and heir

of y^e aboves^d M^r Jon^s Saunders quit claim dower right Kendalls Island 100 acres on y^e Eastern Shore in y^e County of Princess Anne," dated 3 feb. 1719, recorded 3 feb. 1719, Deed Book 3f. 296.

"Will of Capt. John Saunders^d to my Son Jonathan^d Saunders the *manhood* plantation also 100 acres Seaven acres of Land which is in England in *Essaks* Dafters Mary^d & Margaret^d my child^d that my dear wife is bearing" dated feb 16 1733/4, proved June 5 1734 (his wife was Mary^d daughter of Charles^d and Margaret^d Sayer. His son Capt. Jonathan Saunders^d is burried on this plantation, his tombstone is still easily read. His son Capt. John Saunders^d, was of the Queens Rangers, British, his estates sequestrated and he removed to York Co. New Brunswick as did his sisters). Princess Anne Deed Book 16 p. 48.

I believe I have exhausted the local records of Lower Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties relative to the Saunders and Herbert families and would be glad to give them to you as soon as I can arrange them properly.

I have been looking over some files relative to the Bennetts and find the following which may be interesting and significant if read in connection with my previous letter: "Richard Bennett of New Town demands 100 acres of land as the administrator of John Hollis, deceased, who transported himself Anno. 1648 or thereabouts, and 100 acres more assigned him from William Hungerford transported the same year, and 100 acres more assigned him from John Ward transported the same year and for transporting himself Elizabeth his wife. Thomas and Richard his Sons, Sarah and Mary his daughters &c." (5-252).

The foregoing in quotations is over the signature of Arthur Trader, Chief Clerk, Land Commissioners Office, Annapolis, Feby 10 1917.

The clue to Thomas Bennett (father of Mary Boush, formerly Saunders formerly Ewell) was, is, I think Charles Edgerton the Bennett children's benefactor, what was his interest and relation to them? Edgerton was formerly, I think, of Maryland.

If we could bring this date to the attention of the Maryland Magazine, possibly it would be wise.

Yours very truly,

C. F. McINTOSH.

P. S. Charles Edgerton whose will is dated 27 April 1669, Lower Norfolk Co., was I think father of Charles Edgerton formerly of Elizabeth River later of St. Marys County, Maryland, who married Ann daughter of Sarah Porter widow of John Godfrey. (Norfolk Co. Clk's. Of. Book 4f. 35 & Book 5f. 235).

DULANY.

Wanted information regarding John Dulany of Amherst Co., Va., who married ——— Durrett about 1740. Their known children are Joseph Dulany, 1744; Jane Dulany Miller, 1751; and Eliza Dulany Rodes, 1759. Correspondence invited.

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HARDIN'S ORDINARY.

After crossing Deep Run and so entering into old Prince William, Dalrymple passed Elk Run Church and, sixteen miles above "Picket's," reached "Harding's Ord."

In June, 1716, Mark Hardin had the first of several land grants in the Elk Marsh settlement in what was then Richmond and later Fauquier. As we have shown, the recitals of other land grants indicate that he was living on Marsh Run in 1717 and so was one of the pioneer founders of Fauquier. In 1723 he appears further east "on the branches of Elk Run." It was here that his son, Martin Hardin, established an ordinary on the "Shenandoah Hunting Path" or Falmouth Road. The site as indicated by Dalrymple was 1½ miles north of Elk Run Church and, as all ordinaries were at cross-roads, it seems probable that it was at Hardin's Ordinary that the original "German Path," leading to Germantown, left the Falmouth road, as well as the earliest road leading to the Elk Marsh settlement. In 1741 Martin Hardin voted in Prince William, and, on the organization of Fauquier in 1759, had license to keep ordinary "at his house."³

³N. N., 5: 93, 153; A: 12, 56. In the earliest of these grants the name is spelled as Dalrymple spelled it in 1755, "Harding." For Mark Hardin on Marsh Run, see *ante.*, p.

⁴Boogher, *Gleanings*, p. 119; Fauquier Court Order Book, 1759. This is confirmed by a deed (*Fauquier D. B.*, 1: 86) from William Eustace to "Martin Hardin, Ordinary Keeper," of certain lands on Elk Run, adjoining "the said Hardin's." This Martin Hardin was the father of that John Hardin (1753-1792), the robust indian fighter in the founding of Kentucky, for whom Hardin County in that Commonwealth is named, and from whom descend that "Courageous breed" T. M. Green, *Historic Families of Kentucky*, 1st Series (1889), p. 177). Mr. Green quotes family tradition that this Martin Hardin "lived in Fauquier in humble circumstances," so it seems improbable that he was the Martin Hardin who, in 1759 (Hening, vii, 316, 426), incorporated an "addition" to Dumfries. Dr. Stanard says (*Va. Mag.*, xxvi, 334), that these Hardins had "for generations lived in St. Paul's parish" (Chotank) and, as they continued to reproduce the names, Mark and Martin, there were doubtless contemporaries of the same name who, in 1759, were still living in Chotank.