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Thomas Newman, great-grandson of Thomas Newman, the immigrant, married before 1740, Elizabeth, daughter of William Morton, of Orange. He died in 1768. Boogher, in his Gleanings of Virginia History, page 263, credits him with three children, Alexander, born October 11, 1740, Reuben and Abner.

There is of record at Culpeper the will of James Newman, dated March 7, 1776, proved June 16, 1777, attested by Thomas and Abner Newman, in which he names his brothers Joseph, George, Alexander and Reuben. The testator, who evidently was unmarried and a young man, gave as his reason for executing the will, the possibility that he might not "return from the wars." Alexander and Reuben were referred to as "of Orange."

Abner Newman was also, as stated by Boogher, a Revolutionary soldier and, in his pension application, referred to his brother George, then living in Fairfax county, where the records disclose that a Joseph Newman resided after the revolution. From the foregoing it would appear that Thomas Newman and his wife Elizabeth Morton had seven sons instead of three, namely Alexander, Reuben, Abner, Joseph, George, Thomas and James. The will of James does not conclusively show that the Thomas who attested it was the testator's brother, but there was no other Thomas in or near Culpeper, at that time, old enough to have acted as a witness. Thomas Newman, cousin of the testator, was then living in Berkeley county. This and the fact that all the others whose names appear in connection with the will, were his brothers, indicate that Thomas was, likewise, a brother.

NICHOLSON FAMILY OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

Contributed by Hugh G. Nicholson, M. D., F. A. C. S., Sitka, Alaska.

This family appears to begin with George Nichelson, who was a headright to Stephen Webb in a grant in 1635 for land near the mouth of Upper Chippokes Creek, Surry County, Virginia. This Stephen Webb was from Bushley Parish, Worcestershire, England, and was baptized in the parish church of Bushley, September 1, 1598. (Surry Co. Record Book.)

I, George Nicholson appears to have had a son (II) Robert Nicholson, who patented 500 acres in Charles City County in 1655.

(II) Robert Nicholson.

He appears to have married more than once and to have had two sons, (III) George (IV) Robert. His widow, Sarah, married secondly George Lee, a prominent merchant of Surry and James City Counties.

Surry County, Book III, p. 90. (1687.)

George Lee and Sarah, his wife, of James City County, to their "son-in-law". Robert Nicholson, land on Upper Chippokes Creek, on path going from Flying Point to the Mill. ("Son-in-law" at/ this time meant stepson.)

Surry County, Book III, p. 50, (May 29, 1688.)

George Nicholson, of Swan Bay, (on the South side of Upper Chippokes Creek) conveys to his brother, Robert Nicholson, land adjoining his brother's own land that he purchased from his "father-in-law", Mr. George Lee.

Surry County, Book III, p. 287.

Whereas George Lee hath been for these several years an inhabitant of Surry County, but now left, and is a resident in James City County, these are to inform any one that hath any concerne, business or accons against him that at Jamestown on James River he will civilly answer them.

(This George Lee was a London merchant, and did a great business in shipping servants and goods of all kinds to the Colony. John Bowler was his agent in Virginia. After Bowler's death he came to Virginia in person.)

III George Nicholson, son of (II) Robert Nicholson, married about 1687 Mary, widow of Thomas Bird, whose father, William Bird, had been agent for the London merchants, Quincy and Sadler, who owned Martin's Brandon Plantation, on the West side of Upper Chippokes Creek, near where Stephen Webb had planted himself in the early days.

Surry, January 5, 1688:

George Nicholson, who married Mary, widow of Thomas Bird, applies for probate of Bird's will.

On April 6, 1687, George Nicholson, of James City County, gave his wife, Mary, power to sell William Halso 165 acres called Swan's Bay, on the South side of Upper Chippokes Creek. Witnesses: William Cocke, Robert Nicholson and Hannah Nicholson.

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George Nicholson and Mary, his wife, tenants during the life of said Mary, and John Lanier and Elizabeth, his wife, and John Young and Tabitha, his wife, tenants of the reversion of the fee simple in the estate of Thomas Bird, after the death of said Mary Nicholson, to William Blaikley, merchant, 4 March, 1709-10.

Assigned to George Nicholson and Mary, his wife, by William Biaikley, of James City County, and Mary, his wife, 1710.

III George Nicholson's will, dated Feb. 13, 1712-13, was probated in Surry County November 21, 1716. He names children: (V) Agnes Farmer, (VI) Jane Land, (VII) Robert, (VIII) George, (IX) Parks. Wife, and son, George Nicholson executors.

(VIII) George Nicholson, son of (III) George Nicholson, left no children, but names as principal legatess, "brothers Robert and Parks". (George Nicholson's will proved March 1, 1719-20.)

(IX) Parks Nicholson, son of (III) George, had at least two sons, (X) William, (XI) James. There is a deed recorded in Surry County, Va. in 1755 from William Nicholson, "son and heire of Parks Nicholson, deceased", of Surry County, to James Nicholson, "brother of said William Nicholson, of parish and county aforesaid", conveying 150 acres at Upper Chippokes Creek.

(VII) Robert Nicholson, brother of VIII George, made his will in Surry County, Virginia, Sept. 29, 1710, and it was proved February 17, 1720. He names a wife, Joanna Joyce, and three sons: (XII) John (XIII) Joshua (XIV) Robert.

Of these, (XII) John Nicholson married Elizabeth, daughter of Watkins, and Jane Flood, a daughter of Thomas Flood,

"John Nicholson and Elizabeth, his wife, which said Elizabeth is all the issue of Jane Watkins, one of the daughters of Thomas Flood, sell land to Thomas Ricks which had belonged to Thomas Flood." (1733-34," S. R.)

Thomas Flood here mentioned was a son and heir of Capt. Thomas Flood, one of the heirs of Col. John Flood, prominent in the early attains of Virginia.

John Nicholson made his will in Sussex County, Va., in 1753, and names wife, Mary (2nd wife) and children, Henry, John, James, William, Elizabeth, Flood and Robert—two children, Jesse and Lucy, under age. Gives land in Brunswick to Flood Nicholson. Proved 11 February, 1754.

The widow, Mary Nicholson, married in 1755 (William and Mary College Quarterly XI, p. 268) Col. Nicholas Edmunds, and had John Flood Edmunds.

(XIV) Robert Nicholson, son of VII Robert Nicholson, married Mary Harris, of Surry County, daughter of Michael Harris. His will was proved in Sussex County Sept. 16, 1768, and names his brother-

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in-law, John Harris, and children (XV) Michael, (XVI) Ann. (XVII) Mary, (XVIII) Harry, (XIX) Mark, (XX) John and (XXI) Samuel...

He was ancestor of Mr. Lee Nicholson, who wrote out an account of his family for me.

Of his sons, Michael Nicholson, born in Surry County about 1740,—died in Surry County about 1775. In his will, dated March 6, 1775, and probated in Surry Court January 28, 1777, he mentions the following children: George, Mary, Robert, Michael Jr. and Chisman. The father married Mildred Chisman, daughter of George Chisman, of York County, who, like President Washington, was descended from Capt. Nicholas Martian, the first patentee of Yorktown, and Martian's son-in-law, Col. George Reade, Deputy Secretary of State of the Colony of Virginia.

(IV) Robert Nicholson, grand son of George Nicholson, the immigrant, married (1) Elinor Vaughan, probably daughter of Robert Evans.

Noncupative will of Robert Evans, probated July 1, 1679: "I give my whole estate to Elinor Vaughan and her childe." (Surry County, Book II, p. 215.) Account current of Robert Evans' estate returned

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by Elinor X Nicholson. He married (2) Mary, widow of John Gray,
whose will was proved by his widow, Mary Gray, July 3, 1683. Estate
settled by Robert and Mary Nicholson. (Surry County Will Book III,
pp. 19, 25, 483.) He married (3) Anne, widow and executrix of William Rookings, of Flying Point, at the mouth of Upper Chippokes
Creek. Her will, probated Feb. 23, 1719 (1720) names daughter, Mary
Allstin, daughter, Ann Rookings, and son, William Rookings. Under
the care of Thos. Allstin. Witnesses: Elizabeth Harrison, Nathaniel
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Harrison and Elizabeth E. P. Partin, (NOTE. Mentions her "4 children".)

We have no record of IV Robert Nicholson's will or children, but there is some reason to believe that he left two sons, XXII Robert and XXIII James Nicholson. 1 68 Mother

Robert Nicholson was perhaps the Robert Nicholson named in Harry Flood's will (proved in Surry in 1740) as husband of his daughter, Elizabeth, and father of Henry, Robert, Mary, George, James and Anne.

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came a commodore; Mary Tabb, Margaret Joy, Martha and Caroline; (2) Thomas, born 1750, died issueless Nov. 10, 1808; editor of the Virginia Gazette: (3) John, born 1751; (4) Dr. Robert, surgeon of the Revolution, born 1753, married Elizabeth Digges, born May 17, 1761. daughter of Dudley Digges, and had George Dudley, married Sarah Tayloe Wormeley, and Sallie Berkeley, married Peyton Randolph Nelson, of Yorktown, Va.: (5) George, Mayor of Richmond born 1757. who married _____, and had lasue: Mary, who married Chapman Johnson; Agnes, Margaret, married Robert Gwathmey, of Liverpool and Richmond; Elizabeth or Rebekah, married Carter Braxton Page: William. (6) Andrew, born 1763, married Judith Digges, born Sept. 5, 1777, and had: Elizabeth, married Col. T. N. Burwell, of Botetourt Co.: Rebekah, who married Rev. George Woodbridge: Mary: George. (7) Rebecca. born 1766, married February 4, 1786, Charles Copland, celebrated lawyer, and had issue: Mary, born March 16, 1787, married John A. Brown; Elizabeth, married ———— Parkhill; Peter, born Sept. 22, 1790; Margaret; Charles, born Feb. 17, 1794, marriel — Adams: Alexander, born July 12, 1795; William, born April 8, 1797; Robert, born May 14, 1799, married - Ayers; Rebecca, died infant; (8) Margaret, born , married L. Gibbons.

John A. Brown and Mary Copland had issue: Margaret, married John Wight, who had Emily, married William Graves, parents of Anna Melissa Graves.

Charles Copland married, second, Henningham Bernard, October 13, 1808, and she died November 24, 1836.

(Bruton Parish Register; Moore, History of Henrico Parish, pp. 485, 486; William & Mary College Quarterly Vol. XIV, p 45; XV, pp. 63, 64; Burgess, Virginia Soldiers of the Revolution, pp. 211, 411; Virginia Magazine, XVII, p. 381)

Henry Nicholson, named in Harry Flood's will, was perhaps the father of Henry Nicholson, born in 1761, student at William and Mary College in 1777 and Captain of the Williamsburg "Boy Company" of 1775. He matriculated at William and Mary College in 1777; cornet in Nelson's regiment of Virginia State Cavalry, and later Quartermaster in the same regiment till 1782. He married, Sarah, daughter of Anthony Hay, Proprietor of the Raleigh Tavern, Williamsburg, Virginia, and Sarah Davenport, his wife, sister of George Hay, sometime Attorney General of Virginia and Judge of the United States District Court, who married Eliza, daughter of President James Monroe. He was survived by two children—George Nicholson and Elizabeth Nicholson, who married Daniel Lee, of Winchester, Attorney-at-Law and Clerk of Frederick County.

(Tyler's Quarterly Historical Magazine, Vol. VIII, p. 277; IX, p. 141; Burgess, Vol. I, pp. 2 & 3.)

(XXIII) James Nicholson, assumed son of (IV) Robert Nicholson, made his will Dec. 6, 1722, which was proved in Surry July 17, 1723. His wife was Elizabeth, and he mentions his sons, (XXIV) James Nicholson and (XXV) Benjamin Nicholson.

Notable is the fact that "the plantation whereon he now lived" lay on Gilbert Gray's line. His widow, Elizabeth, married Richard Andrews, and there is a deed of Richard Andrews and Elizabeth, his 2nd wife, and James Nicholson in 1740 conveying to Robert Gray 156 acres at the mouth of Cattail Branch etc. Witnesses: John Harris, Gilbert Gray and Benjamin Nicholson.

Then on March 10, 1752, Benjamin Nicholson and Elizabeth Andrews sell to William Clinch 180 acres of land etc. Witnessed by Robert Gray and Gilbert Gray.

(XXIV) James Nicholson, son of (XXIII) James Nicholson, marrined Anne Davis, a daughter of James Davis, whose will, probated in Surry County January 1746-47, names a daughter, Anne Nicholson.

He had a son James, who was born May 7, 1749, and married, in 1771, Elizabeth Woodruff, daughter of Richard Woodruff of Brunswick County. (Marriage bond in Sussex County.)

Soon after the birth of his grandson, (XXIII) James Nicholson moved, with his brother Benjamin, to Granville County, North Carolina. There is recorded there a deed, dated Sept. 4, 1740, from John Edgerton to James Nicholson, of "Surry County in Virginia, for 370 acres on the South side of Roanoke River, on Stone House Creek; and a deed not long after from Thomas Person to Benjamin Nicholson for 200 acres of land on the north of Fishing Greek.

When Warren County was cut from Bute in 1764, (XXIV) James Nicholson's property fell into Warren County. He made his will about 1793, making Young McLemore executor.

The will cannot be found, but there is an agreement recorded at February Court, 1794, "between Rebecca Turner, Urbane Nicholson, James Nicholson, Archibald Nicholson, John Nicholson, Davis Nicholson and Britton Nicholson, executor of Nathaniel Nicholson deceased," to stand to the division of the estate of James Nicholson by James Paine and others appointed by the Court for the purpose of division.

A settlement of James Nicholson's accounts with Young McLensore. names as residuary legatees of James Nicholson, Davis, Britain, Archibald, John, Urbanna, James, Rebecca Turner, and "his own part the balance." All of which shows the children of James Nicholson were XXVI Nathaniel, XXVII Davis, XXVIII Archibald, XXIX John, XXX Urbane, XXXI James, XXXII Rebecca Turner. Young McLemore perhaps married a sister of Rebecca Turner. Britton Nicholson was not a son but took an equal share as a representative of his father, Nathaniel, deceased.

XXVI Nathaniel Nicholson, son of XXIV James Nicholson of

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Surry County, Virginia, and Granville County, North Carolina, married Mary————, and his will was probated at August Court of Warren County, 1790, record at Warrenton, N. C. He names children Harris XXXIII, Britain XXXIV, Alanson XXXV, Urbane XXXVI, Lucy Coleman XXXVII, Polly XXXVIII, Jacky John XXXIX, Nancy Davis Nicholson XL.

The names of the children of Nathaniel Nicholson suggest that his wife was probably a Jones of Warwick, Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties, Virginia. There is a bond of Britton Jones of Bute County, North Carolina, recorded at Warrenton, and one Col. Britton Jones was living in Southampton County, Virginia, in 1813.

XXXVI Urbane Nicholson, son of XXVI Nathaniel Nicholson, made his will in Warren County, Feb. 11, 1811, where it was proved and recorded. It names a wife Mary, and son XL Benjamin, who is made executor. He refers also to other children. Witnesses Peyton Vaughan and Gideon Pegram.

XLI. Benjamin, son of Urbane, married Martha Pegram, daughter of Gideon Pegram March 17, 1812. (Warren County, N. C. Records.) Gideon Pegram mentions her in his will, dated March 25, 1823 as "Patsy Nicholson."

Gideon Pegram was the son of Daniel Pegram of Warren County (Will proved at November Court 1777). And Daniel Pegram of Warren County was the son of Daniel Pegram and Sarah his wife of York Co., Va.

(Tyler's Quarterly II. p. 270; William and Mary Quarterly 2nd. II pp., 49-70.

Benpamin Nicholson and Martha his wife were parents of XLII. Gideon Wesley born July 7, 1813. XLIII. James in 1815. XLIV. Mildred Jane in 1818. XLV. Nathaniel A. in 1820. XLVI. Christopher C. in 1823. XLVII. Everett Wyatt in 1826. XLVIII. William Andrew Jackson in 1835.

XLII. Giden W. Nicholson first married about 1836 Nancy T. Hicks of his native County who died October 10, 1861, leaving no children. He was again married March 12, 1862 to Emily Shepherd Conrad of Yadkin County, N. C. to whom were born

XLIX. Lillie Conrad Nicholson Feb. 1, 1863 who died unmarried in 1924.

L. William Henry Nicholson born Nov. 20, 1864, died June 21, 1926. LI. Benjamin Isaac Nicholson born April 30, 1867 died Feby. 16, 1933.

LII. Elizabeth Martha Nicholson in 1869. She remains unmarried. LIII. Hugh Gideon Nicholson born August 29, 1871.

LIV. Nathaniel Gwynn born Feby. 25, 1875.

L. William Henry Nicholson was married to Lizzle Johnston of Littleton, N. C. April 1, 1891. To them were born LV. Ruth Nicholson April 25, 1892.

LVI. Mary Conrad April 18, 1898.

LVII. Sterling Johnston January 10, 1901.

LVIII. Elizabeth Henry September 1, 1904.

LIX. Eugene Johnston February 19, 1909.

LX. Louise Dumais. September 23, 1911.

LV. Ruth Nicholson married to Percival R. Ashby of Hampton, Va., on December 29, 1915. To them were born 1. Henry Nicholson Ashby. 2. Percival R. Jr. 3. Rufus Ashby. 4. Baby girl born dead Nov. 18, 1929.

LVI. Mary Conrad Nicholson married Dr. W. B. Hopkins of Richmond, Va. May 6, 1922. To then were born 1. W. B. Hopkins Jr. March 25, 1924. 2. Elizabeth Hopkins May 10, 1926.

LVII. Sterling Johnston Nicholson married to Mary Washington Stagg (b. Dec. 15, 1901) of Durham, N. C. on Dec. 15, 1921. To them were born

LXI. Sterling J. Nicholson Jr.

LXII. Mary Washington Nicholson

LXIII. William H. Nicholson Jr.,

LXIV. Elizabeth Nicholson

LXV. Frances Stagg Nicholson

LVIII. Elizabeth Henry Nicholson married to Stanley C. Atwell of Middletown Conn. on July 14, 1926. To them were born 1. Stanley C. Jr. June 3, 1927. 2. Suzanne April 14, 1931.

LIX. Eugene Johnston Nicholson b. Feby. 19, 1909. Married to Charles Taylor Cheek, Durham, N. C., Jany. 16, 1929. To them there has been no issue.

LX. Louise Dumais Nicholson born Sept. 23, 1911. Unmarried,

LI. Benjamin Isaac Nicholson born April 30, 1867. Died Feby. 16, 1933. Was married at Hot Springs, N. C. to Mrs. Ida Blue St John. Later migrated to Laurinburg, N. C. They had no issue.

LIII. Hugh Gideon Nicholson b. August 29, 1871. Was a pharmacist until he graduated in Medicine in April 1897 at the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond. In February 1898 became Supt. and Surgeon in Charge of The Sheltering Arms Hospital, Hansford, W. Va. This position he held for four years. He then entered private practice in Charleston, W. Va., where he was one of the prominent surgeons, being elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1921. He was Treasurer of The West Virginia State Medical Association 18 years. Migrated to Sitka, Alaska in June 1929 in the service of the United States Public Health Service. On April 16, 1903 was married to Roberta Coleman of Charleston, West Va. To them were born

LXI. Hugh Gordon Nicholson

LXII. Mildred Nicholson

LXI. Hugh Gordon Nicholson born January 29, 1907, was married to Angeline Dixon of Charleston, W. Va. Oct. 22, 1929. To them were born

LXIII. Hugh G. Nicholson III b. July 2, 1932,

LXIV. Roberta C. Nicholson b. Jany, 7, 1931.

LXI. Hugh G. Nicholson II. became an aviator in the United States Army in February 1929. Now employed by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation of Buffalo, N. Y. and San Diego, Cal.

LXII. Mildred Nicholson was born December 15, 1908. Unmarried and living in Charleston, West Va.

LIV. Nathaniel Gwynn Nicholson b. Feby. 25, 1875 married to Harriet Knickerbocker, Charleston, West Va. Oct. 30, 1926 To them were born

LXV. Emily Conrad Sept. 28, 1927.

LXVI. Nathaniel Gwynn Jr., Sept. 30, 1928. This infant died the day of his birth.

XLIII. James died in 1859 never having married,

XLIV. Mildred Jane married Leonard Thomas of Mecklenburg County, Va. Gave birth to one son Benjamin S. and died.

XLV. Nathaniel A. married Catherine Riggan of Warren County, N. C. May 4, 1841 and had as children

LXVII, John W. Nicholson

LXVIII. Benjamin Nicholson

LXIX. Maria Nicholson who never married.

LXX. Rebecca who married to — Wall of Virginia and had issue among which was Stonewall J. Wall

XLV. Nathaniel A. Nicholson late in life was again married to Bettle Turner of Vance County, N. C. To them there was no issue

LXVII. John W. Nicholson born March 25, 1854 married Roberta Jeffries of Palmer Springs, Va. Dec. 3, 1879. After her death on Sept. 29, 1902 he married Lillian T. Elmore November 11, 1907. There were no children by the latter union but to the first there were

LXXI Nathaniel Albert Nicholson

LXXII Fannie Scott Nicholson b. Mch. 20, 1883 d. June 2, 1884.

LXXIII. Hillary T. Nicholson b. June 7, 1885 d. Aug. 27, 1886.

LXXIV. Benjamin Michael Nicholson

LXXV. John W. Nicholson Jr.

LXXVI. Bertie Jeffress Nicholson

LXXI. Nathaniel Albert Nicholson b. March 4, 1881 married Mary Elinor Thomas Oct. 28, 1903. Died April 3, 1933. He was a practicing physician for many years at Creeds, Va.

LXXIV. Benjamin Michael Nicholson born Aug. 22, 1888 married Pattie Williams December 27, 1911. A (LXXV) daughter born and died October 1912. Benjamin is a practicing physician at Scotland Neck, N. C.

LXXV. John W. Nicholson Jr. born May 29, 1890. Married Clyde Anne Britt Dec. 26, 1912.

LXXVII. Jacquelyn Britt Nicholson born Jany. 27, 1914.

LXXVI. Bertie Jeffress Nicholson born June 8, 1894. Married William Abbott Grubb Feby. 15, 1923. No children.

XLVI. Christopher C. married and lived in Warren County, N. C. He died in 1859. They had issue among them LXXVIII. Christopher Jr. and others. His widow later married an Englishman named Bar-

XLVII. Everett Wyatt Nicholson married Mary Pegram. He later fell at his post of duty at the great battle of the Wilderness May 7, 1864. To them were born the following.

LXXIX, Sarah.

LXXX, Ella.

LXXXI. Laura.

LXXXII Mary.

LXXXIII. Emma Jane.

LXXIX. Sarah Nicholson married Amos Harris. Their children (1) Haywood. (2) Irene. (3) Eugene, dead. (4) Mamie. (5) Henry, dead.

LXXX. Ella Nicholson married James Duncan. Their children (1) Thomas. (2) William. (3) Annie, dead. (4) Pierson. (5) Lula. LXXXI. Laura Nicholson married William Pegram. Their children (1) Mary Ella (2) Lee, dead. (3) Watt. (4) Estelle, dead (5)

Ben. (6) Glenn. (7) Viola. (8) Allene.

LXXXII. Mary Nicholson married James Pegram. Their children

(1) Nellie. (2) Annie. (3) James.

LXXXIII. Emma Jane Nicholson married D. A. Fishel. Their children (1) Thomas, dead. (2) William. (3) Ben. (4) Maud, dead. (5) Mamie, dead. (6) Pearl. (7) Harry. (8) Sol. (9) Selma. (10) Edward, dead.

LXVIII. Benjamin Nicholson married a Miss Burgess and lived at Dutch Gap, Va. To them were born

LXXXIV. Florence

LXXXV. Catherine and possibly others.

XLVIII. W. A. J. Nicholson was born Dec. 17, 1835. Was married to Miss Bettle Williams of Warrenton, N. C. Nov. 1, 1859 and moved to Marlin, Texas in 1869. There was a second marriage to a Mrs. Frisby.

To the first marriage were born

LXXXVI. Willie Nicholson

LXXXVII, Tom Nicholson, who died unmarried

LXXXVIII. Ed W. Nicholson

LXXXIX. Jimmie Nicholson who died in infancy.

XC. George Nicholson who died unmarried.

XCI. Rosa Nicholson who married Tom Harville and moved to Birmingham, Ala. She is now dead and can find no record of children.

XCII. Nannie W. Nicholson who married Ed V. Pledge and had at least one child by him, John. After his death she married Marcus Canterbury and had four children by him. Both she and Canterbury are dead.

XCIII. Lala Mae Nicholson, married W. T. Lenoir. Her husband is dead. She has seven children as follows.

- 1. Leatrice Hortense who married J. C. Hensley and now living at El Paso, Texas.
- 2. Blanchard Lamar. Living at Marlin, Texas. He is married and has one boy, Blanchard Jr.
- 3. Bertram Earl who is married and has two sons. Bertram Earl Jr. and Fred. He is living at Bluefield College, Bluefield, Va.
- 4. Herff, who is unmarried and lives at Marlin, Texas.
- Hulen Gregory who is married and has one girl, Berta Leatris. Lives at Marlin, Texas.
- Hubert Lawrence. He is unmarried and lives at Mariin Texas.
- 7. William Thomas Jr. Unmarried and lives at Marlin, Texas. XCIV. Minnie Ola Nicholson. Married A. J. Klyce and is living at Birmingham, Ala. She has no children.

LXXXVI. Willie Nicholson died leaving one son

XCV. J. A. Nicholson

LXXXVIII. Ed W. Nicholson died leaving five children as follows:

XCVI. Maud Nicholson born in 1905

XCVII. Ed. W. Nicholson Jr. born in 1907

XCVIII. Hilda Nicholson born in 1909

XCIX. Jack Micholson born in 1911

C. Nila Nicholson born in 1924.

This offspring is now living at 4500 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Tex.

This material was prepared for me by Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, late Editor of Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine, Holdcroft, Charles City County, Va.

Doctor Tyler was very painstaking in his work and was a large part of one year in gathering this. While doing so he visited and looked over the County Records in Virginia of Surry, Sussex, Charles City, York, Isle of Wight, Southampton, Greensville, Mecklenburg and Brunswick. In North Carolina he visited Warren, Granville, Franklin, Nash, Edgecombe, Northampton, Perquimans and looked over the State Records at Raleigh.

The material from XLII. Gideon Wesley Nicholson on was gathered by myself.

NOTES.

Of interest to some members of the family may be the fact that Nathaniel Nicholson and James Nicholson were in Capt. Richard Coleman's Company in Granville County in 1754.

In the Military Land Warrants of North Carolina for services in the Revolution, we find the name of JAMES NICKELSON, who, was granted 640 acres of land for 84 months service in the Continental Line. The spelling of the name is of no consequence, as these names were spelled in a variety of ways in revolutionary times.

In "MATTHEWS AMERICAN ARMORY" we find the following recorded.

NICHOLSON.

ROBERT NICHOLSON, of Charles City County, Virginia, 1655. ARMS.—Azure, on a cross argent, between four suns or, a cathedral church gules.

CREST.—A demi-man habited in a close coat azure, the button, and cuffs turned up or, armed with a headpiece and gorget argent, the beaver open, holding in the dexter hand a sword erect and in the sinister hand a bible open clasps argent.

NICHOLSON MOURNING RING FOUND IN CLAY IN CHARLES CITY.

Band Near 200 Years Old Shows English Custom in Va.

A mourning ring, first worn nearly 200 years ago, was exhibited at The News Leader office today by Mrs. R. Wright Morse, of 3244 Cliff avenue.

The ring, a slender band of soft gold shaped to resemble five scrolls linked together, was found by Mrs. Morse's husband in 1905, when he was a small boy. It was embedded in red clay on an abandoned road near the home of Mr. Morse's father, in Charles City county, and probably had lain there for many years.

An inscription on the scroll around the ring reads: "Tibither Nicholson, OB. 8 Sep. 1754, AE. 27," indicating that the gold band was worn in memory of Tibither Nicholson, who died Sept. 8, 1754, at the age of 27. A Maltese cross is engraved between the date of the young man's death and his age.

The Nicholson family was prominent in Charles City county in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and many of their descendants still live there. At the time of his death last February, Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, a native of Charles City county and former president of William and Mary College, was engaged in writing a genealogical history of the Nicholson family, with particular reference to members of the family who migrated to Alaska at the time of the Klondike gold rush.

FAMILY GROUP RECORD

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WATHEN, James: Leg.- To daughter, Anne Wathen, 20 pounds, current money to buy a negro; if she die to seven years, to return and be in the hands of Mr. Nicholas Cocke. Wife to have the remainder of est. Makes wife, Mary, Exerx. With Nicholas Cocke, Elizabeth Lanier, Mary Rawlings, Made: 18 Feb., 1723. Prob.: 18 Mar., 1723. Book 7, p. 519.

ATKINS, i. Leg.— Desires to be buried in the Chancel of the Church at Lawnes Creek Parish, as predecessors have been, in the Chancel of the Parish Church where they dwelt. Been, in the Chancel of the Parish Church where they dwelt. Beensor, daughter of Robert Spensor. To cousin Charles Berham, son of my Uncle, Capt. Charles Barham. Residue of estate to be divided equally between my wife, Elizabeth, and cousin, Christopher Watkins, of White Hart Co't in Long Lane, London, but if wife is with child, the cousin's part to such child. My land to my wife for her life, and then to my child, if any, in default, to be sold and proceeds sent to cousin, Watkins, or his heirs. Gift of 1000 lbs. of tobacco to Lawnes Creek Church, to be laid out in Plate, also 1000 lbs. of tobacco to Capt. Charles Berham. To John Price, 300 acres of land surveyed for Peter Greene, to lie next to Sunken Marsh Mill 7 Clothes. To Wm. Newsum a coat. To friends Mm. Sherwood 20 shillings for a ring. Exers., wife, Elizabeth and Uncle, Capt. Charles Barham. Made:

Sept., 1673. Prob.: 20 Nov., 1673. Wit: Wm. Sherwood, Jennette Davis. Book 2, p. 36.

WATKINS, George (Capt.): Est.— Inventory presented by Mrs. Eliza. Watkins, late wife and Exerx. Appsm. by Wm. Thomson, Randall Holt, and Fra. Mason. 7 Jan., 1673. In 7 7br, 1675, admr. of est. was presented by Mr. Robert Ruffin, "who married ye Relict". Book 2, p. 46.

WATKINS, Henry: Est.- John Watkins, Admr. 20 Mar., 1678 Book 2, p. 198.

WATKINS, Henry: Est.- Presented by John Watkins, Inventory. May, 1679. Jno. Moring, Nicholas Witherington, Thos. Sowerby. Book 2, p. 205.

WATKINS, Henry: Est. - 18 April, 1744, Book 9, p. 465

WATKINS, James: Leg. - To Eliza. Rabb, two cows, if she stay out her time. To goddaughter, Susannah Greene, Richard Greene's daughter, one cow. To wife, Judith Watkins, all the rest of my estate, and makes her Exerx. Sworn to by Maximilian Manaell, Adam Heath.

WATKINS, James: Est. 15 April, 1724. Book 7, p. 526

WATKINS, John: Leg. To my son, Robert, my Plantation where I now live and ye Plantation at Indian Field that he hath now in possession, reserving ye wife, Elizabeth, use of Plantation where I live for her life, adjoins Ja. Chastetts to the Swamp, where Mr. Thos. Collier's mill stands, to the Deep Bottom Branch. to Jas. Davis, where he did lately live ... to Mr. Will. Edwards, to Indian Field Swamp. also my place where Jno. Parr now lives and land on the east side of Colt's Branch, a negro, household goods, silver tankard, gold ring, twelve pewter plates and dishes, wall table, six leather chairs, and larg looking glass. To son, John, the Plantation where John Cooke live and my Plantation where James Davis did lately live, when son John is 21

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years old, and 1050 lbs. of tobacco. To my son, Henry, my Plantation at Blackwarer Swamp, bought of Robert Warren, when 21 years old, and negro. If son, Henry, die, the negro to son, William. To son, William, my Land on the south side of Cypress Swamp and Tyus' Branch, when 21 years old, and one negro. To daughter, Mary, one negro when 21 years old, or married. To daughter, Elizabeth, one negro, one cow and 500 lbs. of tobacco. To wife, Elizabeth, household goods and two negroes. To my wife, goods coming from England for tobacco I sent home to be equally divided between wife and children. Made: 5 Nov., 1703, Prob.: 5 Mar., 1708. Wit: Nich. Maget, John Watkins, Jr., Eliza. Skelton. Book 5, p. 407.

WATKINS, John: Leg. To brother, Henry Watkins, all the Land I have on the south side of that Swamp where I now live. To brother, Robert Watkins, an amount out of the estate to 40 shillings. The use of the Plantation where I now live to my wife Ann, for her life, then to my brother, Henry Watkins and my gun. Wife to have all the rem. of set. Wit: Nicholas Maget, Francis Sowerby, Mary Judkins. Made: 12 May, 1722, Prob.: 20 June, 1722, BK. 7, p.401, Watkins John Leg. To ann. John Watkins all the land that

WATKING, John: Leg.— To son, John Watkins, all the land that my mother-in-law holds as her dower. Bequest to child in ease. Wife, Mary, Exerx. Wit: Robert Wager, Thos. Bage, Benj. Nicholson. Nade: 18 June, 1748. Prob.: 16 Jan., 1749. Book 9, p. 619.

WATSON, Thos.: Est.- Presented by Thos. Avent, Richard Moore, James Odyan. 18 Feb., 1718. Book 7, p. 178.

WEATHERS, Thomas: Leg. To son, William, the Plantation where I live, land purchased of John Jones. To son, Benjamin, the Plantation purchased of Jeremiah Ellis. To son, Thomas, the Plantation and Land on Spring Swamp, purchased of Thos. Atkinson. To son, William the feather bed where I lie and a horse. To son, Michael, a young colt, and cow and calf. To daughter, Susannah, one cow. To sons, Benjamin, John, Isaac, and Ruben, to each a cow. All the rest and remainder of estate to wife for her life, or marriage, then to be equally divided between wife, Lidia, and the children. Made Wife, and son, Wm. Evers. Made: 25 Oct., 1744. Frob.: 17 Oct., 1744. Wit: Mm. Pettway, Edward Pettway, Rich. Rives. Book 9, p. 481.

WEAVER, Henry: Est.- By John Weaver. 20 May, 1719. John Mason, Giles Underhill, Nicholas Partridge. Bk. 7, p. 186.

WEAVER, John: Leg.- To son, John Weaver, 20 shillings. To son, William Weaver, 20 shillings. To daughter, Joyce Calliban, 20 shillings. To dau, Elizabeth Weaver - Grandson, John Weaver, one-half the land I bought of Thos. Tom-linson, which land his father was possessed with, before his death etc. To son, Edward Weaver the other one-half of the land. To son, Stephen Weaver, the estate if John die. If grandson, John Weaver, die without heirs, his portion to go to my youngest son, Stephen Weaver, wife, Elizabeth Weaver, Exerx, Prob.: 17 Feb., 1719. Wit: John Mason, Gilbert Hay, William Weaver. Bk. 7, p. 244.

WEBB, Nicholas: Est.- By LDeloney, admr. 15 Jan., 1734. W. Rookings, Thomas Allstin, Jos. Washington. BK. 8, p. 443.