

Ancestral History of the White Family from the year 1760, compiled by Augusta Hannah Binford Holleman with additions added by Talmage L. Gwaltney.

My great grandfather, William White, came over from England, and information to whether or not his wife accomplished him was not available, all that could be learned of her was, that her name was Mary, and that she was a great favorite among her friends and neighbors, being known to all as Aunt Mollie White. She died November 2nd, 1862, at the age of ninety eight years, four months and four days.

Their home was what was known to us, as the old place near our family burying ground, and our dear old home of which we have so many fond recollections, and which is now owned by one of the grandsons, Augustus Myers. They were blessed with five sons, and no daughters. Uncle Edwin White was the oldest son, and lived in Little Surry County, near Wall's Bridge. His wife was named Jane Holleman. I remember quite distinctly when Uncle Edwin used to visit our home, and we all thought a good deal of him and Aunt Jane, maybe because he was rich, even though he was very close with his money. I remember Uncle Edwin's death, which occurred long after Aunt Jane's he came to Mill Swamp Church, and went to our house for dinner-after eating a big meal, he was taken ill aied before morning.

Uncle Edwin and Aunt Jane had a daughter named Rebecca, who married Sledge. Another daughter (name unknown) married Paris Holt (Joe Holt's father). Still another daughter (name unknown) married Briggs. The Briggs had several children I knew of, namely as follows: Cousin Julia Allen, Cousin Mollie White (John L. White's wife), Cousin Jennie Taylor and Edwin Briggs. All of these had children too many to mention. All the Briggs are dead.

Uncle Wilson White the second son of William White, lived near the old home place, and his home was known as Whites. His Wife's name was Martha. They had five children I knew, namely as follows: Nancy who married Albert Price, Mollie, Sammie (a preacher) Albert who lived and died in Petersburg, Virginia, Furmatine married Hardy and lived in Raleigh, North Carolina, Betty died single and William and Eddie Lived in Richmond, Va.

Cousin William Price son of Albert Price used to visit us and bring us lots of nice things. He lived at Crewe, Virginia

Uncle Wilson and Aunt Martha are burried in the family burying ground. Samuel White, third son of William White lived at Cabin Point. Mary Parker was the only child I ever heard of this family - she also lived at Cabin Point.

Merritt White was the fourth son of William White, he lived with his mother and never left the homestead. He married Maranda Cofer and had two sons and four daughters.

Jim White, son of Merritt White Married Nancy Carroll.

Tom White son of Merritt White married twice, his first wife was Mary Jones by which he had three children, namely William, Charlie and Monney. His second wife was Anne Cofer, and they had two children, namely Fenton and Cofer.

Martha Anne White daughter of Merritt White, married Billie Little, they had one son and two daughters, The son Henry Little married Waverly Turner and lived in Newport News, Virginia. One of the daughters, Lucy Little married Sam Key, they have one son William Key and two daughters Ethel who married Acie Guy, she had one daughter named Louise who married----- and Martha who married a Doctor.....and lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Pattie, daughter of Martha Anne and Billy Little, married Willie Gwaltney, who died in Newport News, Virginia-----1940. They had the following children, Helen the oldest, married----- and lives in Richmond, Virginia, Ashton, who drowned----- at Jerry Johnson's landing in Jericho, Smithfield, Virginia, Edna, who married-----and lives in Hampton, Virginia and Clinton the youngest married-----and lives in-----

Missouri White, daughter of Merritt White, married Calvin Baker. They lived near Mill Swamp Church and had two sons, namely Emmett and Dickie. (Clarence Baker of Portsmouth, Virginia is the son of Emmitt Baker) Missouri White and Calvin Baker had four daughters. Bettie married Benj. Presson, Annie married Eddie White, Lelia never married, Rosa married ----- and lived in California. She died in 1940 in California. (Lelia Dean was the daughter of Rosa Baker-----)

Louisanna White, daughter of Merritt White married Ben Gwaltney and lived near Pons, Isle of Wight County, Virginia. They had two sons and two daughters. James and Eddie Gwaltney, both lived in Newport News, Virginia, James is dead. Mattie, one of the daughters of Louisanna White and Ben Gwaltney, married Thomas Little, he is dead. They had one son, Wilbur Little, who married Isabelle Barlow and have two daughters, namely-----

Cora Bell one of the daughters of Mattie and Thomas Little married C. J. Little they have one girl and two boys, namely

Lena Little the other daughter of Mattie and Thomas Little married E. F. Little and live at Pons, Isle of Wight County, Va., they have one son and one daughter, namely Jack and Betty Wales Little. Jack married

Betty Wales married

Mollie Gwaltney, the other daughter of Louisanna White and Ben Gwaltney married John Bob Ward and live in Newport News, Va., they have three children, two daughter and one son, namely

Avarilla Virginia Cofer White, the daughter of Merritt White married Masolom A. Delk, she died October 31, 1919. He died March 26, 1919, both are burried at Mill Swamp Church, Isle of Wight County, Virginia. They had the following children: William Delk, born _____ Eva Delk born _____ Tom Delk born _____ Nannie Delk born _____ Jane Delk born _____ died _____ Masolom H. (Scootle) born _____ Vertley born _____ Lucille Delk born _____ and Alma Delk born _____.

William Delk married Kate Little, who is dead, they had two sons, Clarence who married Christel Moody and Merritt who married Isabelle Thomas, they had one daughter, Virginia, who married Bob Little.

Eva Delk married Sam Batten, they had two sons and one daughter, Sam is single, Elmo married Nancy Cofer and have one daughter, named Hilda, Mary Batten, only daughter is single.

Tom Delk married Jeter Jones, they have three sons, namely: Robert Jones (Bobbie), Alfred and Tommie. Bobbie married Mary Emma (B.P.) Gay and resides in Smithfield, Virginia and have no children, Alfred married Gladys Gwaltney they live near the Old Bob Ward Place and have two children, a son Dan Gwaltney, a daughter Nancy Ward. Tommie is single and lives with his parents.

Nannie Delk married J. S. Norsworthy, they had three sons, Johnnie, Randle and Edward. Johnnie married _____ and lives in _____ Randle married _____ they have _____ children and live in Norfolk, Virginia, Edward married _____ and lives in Williamsburg, Virginia

Jane Delk married Alginon Barlow, she died _____ and was buried in the family burying ground with her two twins, later the bodies were removed to the family lot at Mill Swamp Church. Jane also had one son, Ray Barlow who died _____. Alginon Barlow is also dead.

H. H. (Scootle) Delk married Ida Barlow, they had three sons living and one dead. Herbert the oldest married _____ and lives in Covington, Virginia, Carson Delk married Pannie Gwaltney and have three daughters namely _____

Vernon Delk died when a child and is burried at Mill Swamp Church. Jean Delk the youngest son married _____ of Chuckatuck, Virginia and they have _____

Vertley Delk married Jim Stringfield they have three daughters and one son, namely: Edna, Ruth, Beatrice and Thornton. Edna married Seldon Gavery and they have _____ children, namely;

Ruth married _____ McDorman of Newport News, Virginia they have no children, Beatrice married Edmund Jones of Rushmore, Virginia

they have 2 children namely _____

Thornton married _____

Lucille Delk, daughter of Avarilla Virginia Cofer White and M. A. Delk married Burton Oakley Gwaltney _____ and lives in Smithfield, Virginia, they have two sons, namely Talmage Lipscomb Gwaltney, and Carl Oakley Gwaltney. Talmage married Elizabeth Yeatts of Pocahonas, Virginia _____ and have one daughter named Talmage who was born October 13, 1933. Carl married Bernice Scott of Carrsville, Va. and have one daughter, named Carol born March, 1939.

Alma Delk youngest daughter of M. A. and Avarilla Virginia Cofer White Delk married John Little they live at the Old Billie Little Homestead, they have no children.

Watson White the fifth son of William White, and my grandfather was born April 1800 and died August 26th, 1874. He lived near the Old Homestead, and his mother whom he never ceased to care for. He had a very sad life in some respects, as he was married twice and his second wife left him while he was quite young, he then lived only for his children to a ripe old age. He was a dear grandfather. While quite young he married Miss Edwards, sister of Mr. James Edwards of Isle of Wight County, but she did not live long, but left a son, named Nickolas Wilson White. What a care he must have been to his young father, but at that time Watson White had colored slaves, and with the help of his mother, the child was properly cared for. Watson White's second wife was Miss Martha Holland, her father's name was Hardy Holland. They had two sons, Augusta Hardy and Watson D. White, when Watson D. White was born, his mother Martha Holland White died, and the raising of the three boys was entrusted to one of the slaves named Lina, but to my father's children was always known as mammy, one of the old time negros, that we loved and respected. Nickolas W. White, eldest of the three boys lived in Smithfield and was in business with Cousin Sammie White (step grandfather of Lawyer Charles Hayden of Smithfield.) He married Miss Hannah Bidgood, for whom I was named. She died at child birth, and he buried her in Old St. Lukes Cemetery, where a stone marks her grave. My mother always spoke of her as one of the sweetest characters she ever knew. Her death was almost death of Nickolas White, he came home and went in mercantile business with my father, which lasted until his death October 20th, 1875. Augustus Hardy White, the second son of Watson White and my father was born December 16th, 1820, he never left the Old Homestead. He married Roxanna Jones, who was born October 26, 1825. They were married March 6th 1851. She was the daughter of Robert Thomas Jones, who was born September 5th 1811, the son of Peter and Lucy Ann Bell Jones. My mother Roxanna Jones White had two brothers and two sisters. Calvin her oldest brother died young. Robert Crawford Jones married Nola Warren, he died leaving her with six children. Jeter married Tom Delk, Willie married Bertha White, Robert married Lucy Gwaltney, Lucy married Harvey Turner, Roxie married George Phillips, Ruben never married, Martha Jones, my mother's sister married Algernon Sidney Holleman, they had a daughter named Annie who died young. Cassie my mother's oldest sister married Rev. John W. Ward, they had two sons and two daughters. John Robert, who married Mollie Gwaltney, had one son and two daughters and lives in Newport News, Va. Dr. Willie L. Ward married Adelle Bagwell, they had two sons and two daughters, namely Don, Will, Rose and Dorothy. Dr. Ward is dead and Dorothy his daughter was drowned at Reeds Ferry _____

Robert Thomas Jones, my mother's father died February 26, 1861.

Augustus Hardy White and Roxanna Jones White, has four sons and five daughters to their marriage. Martha Ann the first child was born March 2nd 1852 she married William Henry Myers and had six boys and three girls. Watson Myers married Lena Williams, they had no children. Augustus William Myers married Hattie Bryant, they had two sons and two daughters, Sarah Myers married Edwin Berryman and they have one daughter. Truman Myers married Gracie Phillips they have one son and one daughter. Marshall Myers, married Eugenia Ramsey, they have one daughter Marshall. Mary Myers, married Charles Henley Chapman they have two daughters, namely Mary Augusta Harris.

Virginia Wilson Myers, daughter of William Henry Myers married G. M. Little they have no children. Charlie Broadus Myers, son of William Henry Myers, died young, buried at home. George White Myers, son of William Henry Myers, died young, buried in Richmond, Va. Daisy Dean Myers, married Charlie Sommers, they have two boys, namely Talmadge and Edward, both married. William Henry Myers, Jr., is dead, Martha Ann White Myers lived in Baltimore with some of her children, she died since this was compiled.

Mary Elizabeth White, daughter of Augustus Hardy and Roxanna White, was born January 4,th 1854, married Thomas Cofer - both are dead.

Joseph Nickolas White, son of Augustus Hardy and Roxanna Jones White, was born January 19th, 1856, married Nora L. Cofer, they had four children, namely: Josie Lee who married Dallas Chapman, Sam Watson who married Lizzie Berryman, Thomas Archer who married Louise Ramsey (he is dead) and Mary Carlisle who married Elbert Cox of Surry County, Virginia

Augusta Hannah White, the daughter of Augustus Hardy and Roxanna Jones White, the author of this history was born January 12, 1859 and married William Andrew Binford, son of William Binford and Bettie Harris Binford. William Andrew Binford was born May 21st 1856. William Andrew Binford and Augusta Hannah White were married December 16th, 1877, he lived only five years after this marriage and left two small daughters, one of these died and joined her father in heaven, Leafie Bell Binford one of the daughters was born October 6, 1878 and married Arelius Walter Holt, December 15, 1897, they had three boys and two girls, namely Oscar Lee Holt, Married Myrtle Betts, they have two girls, Nancy Delle and Dorothy Page.

William Thomas Holt, son of Arelius and Leafie Bell Holt, married Mildred Mitchell, they have no children. Mary May Holt, daughter of Arelius and Leafie Bell Holt, married Purnell Baird Rogers, they have one son and one daughter, namely: Purnell Baird, Jr., and Hester Lee Rogers. Nancy Binford Holt, daughter of Arelius and Leafie Bell Holt, born March 4th, 1907 was single at this writing. Arelius Walter Holt, born March 9th, 1910 and died in 1931. Leafie Belle Holt, mother of the above children died October 13th, 1911. Ina Cofer Binford, daughter of Augusta Hannah White and William Andrew Binford was born June 3rd 1881. she married William James Stallings, November 27, 1901, they have no children. William Andrew Binford husband of Augusta Hannah White Binford, died October 16th, 1883. his last words were sung "Jusus Lover of My Soul, let me to thy bosom fly". Augusta Hannah White Binford, then married Joseph Holleman, September 15, 1893.

He was the son of James Randall Holleman and Nancy Taylor, and was born November 1851. There was one girl and two boys born to Joseph James Holleman and Augusta Hannah White Holleman. Gladys Hortense the oldest was born February 9th 1896 and married Gordon Eugene Barlow, March 26th, 1921 they have three boys and two girls, namely: Gordon Eugene, Jr., born July 16, 1923, Hannah Lee, born November 3rd, 1926, Joseph Holleman, born July 21st, 1928 Sarah Ann, born January 20th 1930 and William Kyle (Billy K) born, March 12, 1933.

Joseph Howard Holleman, son of Joseph James and Augusta Hannah White Holleman, was born March 25th 1897 and married Bessie Faircloth, they live at Surry Courthouse, Virginia, they have one son, Joseph Howard, Jr., who was born March 6th 1923, and one daughter _____, who was born _____.

Algenon Hardy Holleman, son of Joseph James and Augusta Hannah White Holleman, who was born December 3rd, 1902 and married Louise Eatten Stallings, August 9th, 1928, they have no children.

Lucy Jones White, daughter of Augusta Hardy and Roxanna Jones White, was born November 2nd, 1861, she married William Henry McClelland, January 15th, 1884, they had two girls, namely Lucy McClelland and Augusta Keziah McClelland, Lucy McClelland was born November 25th, 1884 and married Jessie Frank Minton, January 8th 1915. they had one daughter, Nancy Cloe Minton and one son Jessie Frank Minton, Jr., who was born November 9th, 1918. Nancy Cloe was born November 23rd, 1916. Augusta Keziah McClelland second daughter of William Henry McClelland and Lucy Jones White McClelland was born July 14th 1887 and is single at this writing. William Henry McClelland died October 3rd 1916 and Lucy Jones White McClelland died September 23rd, 1931.

George Watson White, son of Augustus Hardy and Roxanna White was born August 12, 1865 and married Ida Gwaltney, they had two boys and two girls. Bertha George White one of the daughters, married Willie Jones, they have two boys and two girls, namely: Bertha White Jones, Martha Warren Jones, Bobbie Jones and Billie Jones.

Bernard Williard White, son of George Watson and Ida Gwaltney White, married Louella Riffin, they have four children, namely: Marguerite, Bernard Willard, Vivian and Mary Lou.

Gwaltney Watson White, son of George Watson and Ida Gwaltney White, married Elma Laine, they have one girl named Ann and two boys; namely: Gwaltney Watson and Charles Whitfield White.

Ida Claudine White, daughter of George Watson and Ida Gwaltney White, married Herman Bell, they had one son and two daughters, namely: Ida Bell, Francis Bell and George White Bell. George Watson White and wife are both dead.

Edwin Calvin White, son of Augustus Hardy and Roxanna White, was born June 6th, 1866, he married Annie J. Baker, December 18, 1890. Annie J. Baker was born October 29th, 1869, they had five girls and two boys,

Namely: Eddie Corinne White, who was born September 22nd, 1891, she married Allie J. Cofer and they have one daughter Annie Gertrude Cofer. Augustus Holland White son of Edwin Calvin and Annie J. Baker White was born July 26th 1894. he married first a lady named Viola, a Richmond girl and they had one girl and two sons, namely: Evelyn, John and Edwin White. Augustus Holland White's second wife was named Carrie, she was a Richmond girl also, they had no children. Merritt Calvin White son of Edwin Calvin White was born February 21st 1897, and married Mary Horner and had one son Bobbie White. Edith White daughter of Edwin Calvin White was born, November 24th 1903. Roxie White daughter of Edwin Calvin White was born April 13th, 1909. Helen daughter of Edwin Calvin White was born February 25th 1912. Edwin Calvin White died February 15th, 1915.

Sammie White son of Auhustus Hardy and Roxanna White, was born Decemer 15th 1874 and died September 20th, 1881.

Roxie Edna White daughter of Augustus Hardy and Roxanna White, was born August 14, 1877 and married John Albert Ramsey, they had three boys and two girls, namely: Walter Hyden Ramsey he married Ivy Winborne, they have one daughter, named Virginia Winborne Ramsey.

John Augustus Ramsey, married Nellie Cobb, they have three sons, William Cobb Ramsey, John Augustus Ramsey, Jr. and Robert Francis Ramsey and two daughters namely: Nellie Cobb Ramsey and Edna Elizabeth (Betty) Ramsey.

Louise Ramsey, daughter of John Albert and Roxie Edna Ramsey married Archer White, they had two girls, Charlotte and Jaque. Archer White died

Charlie M. Ramsey, son of John Albert and Roxie Edna Ramsey married Nellie Brew Hearn, daughter of J. T. Hearn, they have two daughters, Nancy Caroline and Marjorie.

Eugenia Ramsey, daughter of John Albert and Roxie Edna Ramsey married Marshall Myers son of Gus Myers, they have one daughter, named Susanne.

This history was begun when I was 72 years old and finished when I was 75 years old.

Augusta Hannah Holleman
(Mrs. Joe Holleman)
(Cousin Connie Holleman)