



THE WINBORNE FAMILY



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THIS SHORT SKETCH OF MY ANCESTORS I DEDICATE TO MY TWO NEPHEWS, ROGER M. WINBORNE AND ROBERT WARREN WINBORNE, SONS OF MY BROTHER, ROBERT W., AND TO MY TWO SONS, STANLEY WINBORNE AND BENJAMIN BRODIE WINBORNE, JR. MAY THEY EVER BE PROUD OF THEIR ANCESTORS AND REFLECT CREDIT ON THE WINBORNE NAME.

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TOWN OF MURFREESBORO, N. C.



This beautiful old town is located in Hertford County, N. C., on the south side of Meherrin River, at the head of navigation for sea-going vessels, on a high bluff, about 80 feet above the water of the river. It was first incorporated by an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, ratified January 6, 1787. Prior to that date, it was known as Murfree's Landing. William Murfree donated the land for the town. Murfreesboro has always been noted for the culture and refinement of its citizens, and its splendid schools. It has been the home of many distinguished people in the history of North Carolina, among them were Gen. Laurence Baker, Col. Hardy Murfree and Gen. Dickinson of Revolutionary fame, Colonels J. N. Harrell and J. M. Wynn, Capt. L. C. Lawrence, Maj. Jesse J. Yeates, and others, of the Civil War fame, John H. Wheeler, the great historian of the State, the late Chief Justice W. N. H. Smith, the father of the late Chief Justice Manning, of Louisiana, and many others. The town of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, was caused to be incorporated by Col. Hardy Murfree, of the same family, and is named for the same gentleman.

Winton, the county seat of Hertford, was incorporated in 1768, nineteen years earlier. That town is located on the majestic Chowan River, and is now a thrifty and prosperous town.

The Meherrin Baptist Church, about one-half mile out of town, is, I think, the second oldest Baptist church in this State, Shiloh Church, in Pasquotank, probably about six years older. One Joseph Parker, ordained by the Shiloh Church, established where the town of Murfreesboro now stands, about the year 1735, the church known as Meherrin Church. The name Meherrin, like Nattaway, Chowan, Urahaw, was the name of a tribe of Indians. The Meherrins had their camping grounds in Manney's Neck. All along the line of Meherrin River, on each side, was their hunting grounds. The Indians always selected the most desirable spots of land for their camping villages, and the white man soon learning this, in their search for the "happy valley," and the attractive high lands, made battle against the Red Man, until they succeeded as the occupants of the Red Man's home and sporting parks. But returning, Meherrin Church, after the location of the town, was moved about one-half mile outside of the town limits and located on the land now owned by James N. Lawrence, in the old oak grove, just beyond the present drive to the Lawrence Mineral Spring, so much resorted to by the health-seeking people of the town. Later Mr. T. Caphart traded the present site of the church for the old church yard, and gave the members a nice little money donation, to aid in the repairing or rebuilding of the new church edifice. From the name of the founder, it was frequently spoken of as Parker's Church.

In February, 1825, Marquis de La Fayette, a great General in Washington's army during the Revolution,

visited Murfreesboro and stopped at the Indian Queen Hotel then owned by Henry Ramsay, a very wealthy citizen of the town. He was given a grand reception. William Rea, Dr. Borland, James Morgan, J. G. Rea, Dr. O'Dwyer, Colonel Brickle, Lewis M. Cowper, and John W. Southall were on the reception committee. (2 Moore's His., 4). During this same year, June 5th, Rev. Daniel Southall preached the funeral sermon of General Thomas Wynns, uncle of our Col. James M. Wynns. General Wynns represented this district in the Congress of the United States for a number of years. He married Miss Manney, of the celebrated family of Manney's Neck, and they lived at Bartfields, just below Winton, on the Chowan River. Henry Manney, Mrs. Wynns' brother, was then the owner of the old Manney's homestead. (2 Moore's His., 5). During the late Civil War, the Union soldiers invaded the town several times and destroyed much property and carried away many of the valuable family jewels and heirlooms, which they took from the homes of the citizens.



HERTFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.



This county was formed in the year 1759, from Chowan, Bertie, and Northampton counties. It was named for the Marquis of Hertford, an English nobleman, a friend of liberty. He was a brother of Lord Conway, who in 1766 introduced a bill in the House of Lords to repeal the Stamp Act, which act aroused the American Colonies and impelled them to throw off the yoke of English tyranny. He was Ambassador to Paris from England during the reign of George III, and after that he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. It was to the Marchioness of Hertford that Thompson dedicated his great poem, "The Seasons." The old county of Hertford is dear to the Winborne family.

The boundaries of Hertford County when established were as follows:

"Beginning in Bertie County at the first high land on the northwest side of Mare Branch, on Chowan River Pocosin, running thence by a direct line to Thomas Outlaw's plantation, near Stoney Creek, thence a direct line to Northampton County line at the plantation whereon James Rutland formerly lived, then along Northampton line to the head of Beaver Dam Swamp, thence by a

of the line to the easternmost part of Kerby's Creek, thence down the creek to Meherrin River, then up the Meherrin River to the Virginia line, thence easterly along the State line to where the Nottaway and Black Water Rivers cross, and form the Chowan River, thence down the Chowan River to the mouth of Bennet's Creek, thence across the river to the mouth of said Mare Branch, and up the branch to the beginning."

The General Assembly, by an Act ratified in November, 1759, incorporated the above territory as Hertford County, in the parish of St. Barnabas.

Moore's History does not give the complete boundary.

Ahoskie was formerly known by the name of Ahotsky Ridge (A-hot-sky). The town of Ahoskie is now a drifty, busy little town on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, nine miles south of Winton, and was incorporated by the General Assembly January 24, 1893.

Harrellsville is a beautiful little town, in the centre of a prosperous farming section, in the east end of the county, and was incorporated in the year 1883.

Union in the centre of the county, and Mapleton between Murfreesboro and Winton, are the other incorporated towns in the county. The former was incorporated in 1889, and the latter in 1901.

Hertford County is the mother of a high class of citizenship, and of beautiful and intelligent women. I love the name of Hertford. Since my return from school, in 1875, I have identified myself with all of her institutions and enterprises. I have permitted nothing to come between me and the welfare of my county. Her

people were kind and appreciative of my father, and have been kind to me and my brothers. May her sons ever be true to her, and defend her fair fame, and the honor of her noble women.



MY APOLOGY.



I have always felt proud of my parents, and have been anxious to know of their ancestry. All are dead. We are separated by the great chasm. My investigations have increased my admiration for them, if that were possible. I have found an honorable ancestry. No shame attached to it on either side. I pray that the living may never blot it. I met with troubles, in my investigations, in obtaining many of the facts, but success crowned my efforts. I found among my father's old papers a great number of old letters, family records, copies of Court records, statements of facts in the correspondence of the Winborne children when they were young, that were a great revelation to me. Their letters to each other were model productions, full of admiration for their family and for each other, full of facts and interesting news about themselves and others. They had no secrets that they withheld from one another. Each letter was an open book of his life and doings. They excite great admiration.

My grandma Martha and my father and uncles always told me that their oldest Winborne ancestors in this country came from Scotland. Their fondness for stock and stockraising, their love for the chase, the meat of the venison, their manner of wearing their beard with

clean shaven upper lip, a style so notable with the Scottish gentry, their great admiration for the beautiful and fair complexion, and simple manners and dress of the "Quaker girl," who so much resembles the Scottish maid, and other traits, indicate the nativity of their ancestors. Wimborne is a familiar name in England to-day. In Dorset County, England, there is a city of considerable importance by the name of Wimborne Minster. There is a Lord Wimborne of great prominence in England to-day. In reading about him I notice he is Scotch. Whether the names were originally the same, I do not know or care.

I am, also, indebted to my friends who aided me much in getting missing facts. My brother Robert contributed to my aid. The records of Bertie, Northampton and other counties revealed much to me. The records of Hertford County, however, were burned August 22, 1830, and again, the court-house and records, except the old County Court records since 1830, were burned by the Union soldiers May 20, 1862. The records of Nansmond County, Va., were also destroyed by the Union soldiers during the late Civil War between the States. The destruction of these records were a great impediment in verifying many facts and in securing others. I am glad I made this effort to build a small monument to the memory of my departed ancestors. Not one of them ever died insolvent. They paid their debts. They were not rich, nor poor. Each one left something to their children to enable them to begin the battle of life. They loved their homes and their fami-

less. They educated their children. They were kind neighbors and patriotic citizens. I am glad to record it.

I am in my 52d year and the oldest living member of the family. Should any of our kin or friends derive any pleasure, or any feeble benefit, or inspiration to noble deeds, from the perusal of this work of mine, I shall be amply compensated for my labors.

Summer of 1905.

B. B. W.



HENRY WINBORNE.



Nothing delights the human mind more than the study of genealogy. Nothing affords one so much pride and genuine pleasure than to know that you have an honorable ancestry. To pass over the bridge of time, that connects the present with the past, and to see and behold the conditions, the possessions, the habits, the labors, and look into the faces and talk with those, who lived centuries before, is the acme of mental happiness, and the earthly joy of the soul. Moving back nearly one hundred and sixty-three years, seventeen years before the formation of Hertford County, and thirty-four years before the Declaration of American Independence, when North Carolina, Virginia, and other great States of the American Union, were colonies, owing fealty to the British Government, we see Bryan Hare, and Henry Winborne, in the fall of the year 1742, driving into Bertie County, North Carolina, from Nansmond County, Virginia, seeking the purchase of lands and homes in this section, of the land of liberty and freedom of conscience.

On the 8th day of December, 1742, Daniel Hough, planter, of Bertie County, in the Province of North Carolina, conveyed to Henry Winborne and Bryan Hare, planters, of Nansmond County, Virginia, in consideration of seventy-seven pounds and ten shillings,

current money of Virginia, four hundred acres of land in Bertie County, lying on the south side of Meherrin Creek (now Potomasi Creek). This land is located a little northeast of the town of Union in Hertford County, and is embraced in the boundaries of Hertford County as formed in 1759.

On January 25, 1754, Benj. Cotton conveyed to Henry Winborne, of Bertie County, 250 acres of land, adjoining the land of James Jones, Peter West and others. This land is now in Winton Township, in Hertford County.

On the 13th day of December, 1755, said Henry received a patent for 700 acres of land in Bertie County, the location of which is now in the central part of Hertford County.

On the 7th day of March, 1764, Moses Stallens, of Bertie County, conveyed to Henry Winborne, of Hertford County, 224 acres of land, lying, I think, in the Pitch Landing section.

On the 10th day of January, 1780, his son, William Winborne, conveyed the above 224 acres to Aaron Askew, so he must have conveyed that tract to William.

On the 14th day of April, 1759, Henry Winborne conveyed to Joel Bird 250 acres of land. His wife did not join in this warranty deed, so I conclude that his wife, Sarah, must have died prior to that date, as the common law right of dower prevailed in North Carolina until 1784.

Winstead v. Winstead, 2 N. C., 243. The common law right of dower was that the wife, who survived her husband, was entitled to one third interest in value dur-

ing her life, in all lands of which her husband was seized during coverture. Hence, in selling land, it was necessary for the wife to join in the deed to bar her right of dower in the land. This law was changed in 1784, ch. 22, sec. 8. From that date the wife was only entitled to dower in the lands of which her husband died seized. The common law right of dower, however, was restored in North Carolina on March 2, 1867, Acts 186-7, ch. 54, and which is the law to-day.

Henry Winborne was a man of affairs and was a large landowner. He was energetic, thrifty, of good judgment, and an honorable man. It seems that he married Miss Sarah Hare, a Quaker lady, of Nansomond County, Virginia, the sister of his companion, Bryan Hare. On October 15, 1754, Henry Winborne and his wife, Sarah, conveyed to John Brickle, of Bertie County, 200 acres of land, but since November, 1759, has been in Hertford County, lying near the town of Union.

So far as we can learn from our investigation, Henry Winborne and his wife, Sarah, had three children, viz., Sarah, William, and Thomas. They were born prior to April, 1759. His wife did not survive the birth of her son, Thomas, very long. Henry never re-married, as we can learn. Later on, when the British Government, by its tyrannical laws, so aroused the resentment of the American colonists, as to cause them to declare their independence of the British Crown, and to resort to arms to defend their liberties and independence, Henry Winborne, of Hertford County, on the 24th day of May, 1777, enlisted in the Continental Army of America, for

three years, as a private in Capt. Joseph Walker's Company, of Hertford County, and of the Seventh Regiment of North Carolina's Continental Troops. See State Rec. of N. C., Vol. 16, page 1185. His record must have been an honorable one, for I find in the State records in the office of Secretary of State, at Raleigh, that on the 7th day of April, 1786, the State of North Carolina granted to him, "Henry Winborne, a private in the Continental line," 389 acres of land in this State.

In examining the old records of deeds and other papers, I find that his name, when written by others, is spelt in various ways, viz., Winborne, Winburn, Winborn, and Winbourn. But in every case where he signed his name, he wrote it *Henry Winborne*. In Capt. Walker's company, John Winborne, of Hertford County, was Lieutenant. He died during the war, so the State records show. I have been unable to learn what was the blood connection between John and Henry. I regret that we have no records to inform us.

Bryan Hare (or as it is often spelt Bryant Hare) was, also, an active and energetic person, and was evidently a Quaker and a man of prominence. On March 30, 1753, Bryan Hare, of Bertie County, conveyed to David Simlaire 150 acres of land, then in Bertie (but in Hertford County since 1759), lying between Brook's Creek and the public road to Wicason Ferry. On July 22, 1758, Peter West, of Bertie County, conveyed to Bryan Hare 100 acres of land in said county on Flat Swamp. This is, also, in the boundary of Hertford County. The records of Hertford County were destroyed in August, 1830, and again in 1862, so we are cut off from much

valuable and interesting information of these prominent people of Hertford County. On January 30, 1758, Bryan Hare and wife, Sarah Hare, of Society Parish, in Bertie County, conveyed to John Brickle 45 acres of land adjoining the lands purchased by John Brickle from Henry Winborne, and the other lands of Bryan Hare, known as the Reuben Powell land, and purchased by Bryan Hare from Benj. Wynns, Exr. of Thos. Lee.

Bryan Hare married Miss Sarah Shepherd, sister of Solomon Shepherd, of Nansemond County, Virginia. I can not learn anything, from the records, of Bryan Hare, in North Carolina, after 1758. The destruction of the records of Hertford County by fire in 1830 makes it impossible for us to learn what estate Henry Winborne left, and who settled it. But we know he left a very considerable estate, as his land remained in the possession of his sons, and a portion was owned by his grandson, Elisha, until sold in 1829, after the death of Elisha. His family having moved to another part of the county.

Henry Winborne had one brother, and possibly several. Thomas Winborne, his brother, moved from Nansemond County, Va., to Northampton County, N. C., about the middle of the 18th century. The records of the latter county show that on July 3, 1758, William Saunders conveyed to Thomas Winborne, of that county, 100 acres of land on Quarter Swamp, it being a part of the Joseph Lane patent. Henry and Thomas invariably spelt their names *Winborne*. That was not the case with William Winborne, of Northampton County, N. C., who also came from Nansemond County, Va., and

who speaks of his two brothers, John and Philip. They may have been brothers of Henry and Thomas, but I can not find anything to justify that conclusion. They were evidently kin. See the chapters, "Northampton Co.," and "Virginia."

NOTE.—Since writing this sketch, I have learned that Henry Winborne, the subject of this sketch, and William Murfree, represented Hertford County in the General Assembly of 1762 and 1763, they being the first representatives from the county. (Col. Rec., Vol. 6, pages 810 and 916.) The names printed on page 801 are incorrect.



THOMAS WINBORNE.



The son of Henry Winborne and his wife, Sarah, of whom we have written, was born between 1754 and 1759 on the farm owned by the late Joseph Newson, in Hertford County, which was the Winborne homestead. The family records, found among my father's papers, after his death, informs us that Thomas Winborne married Miss Sarah Copeland, a gentle and pleasing Quakeress. Her parents belonged to the followers of George Fox and William Penn, and were noted in their day for their rigid honesty, their plain and simple manners, their neat and unostentatious dress, and their beautiful and exemplary characters and lives. Miss Copeland possessed in a marked degree the attractions of the pure, light-haired Scottish lassie, and of the charming Quaker girl. No refined gentleman can resist the charms and fascinations of the beautiful *Quaker girl*, unless he is devoid of all love for the beautiful and sublime. The poet must have had one of them in his mind when he wrote:

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

The children and grandchildren of Thomas and Sarah reflected in their lives, to a great extent, the splendid and beautiful lives and characters of their parents.

Thomas Winborne was a planter and lived on his farm. He was a man of great industry and activity. He was his own carpenter, cooper, and had a factory at which he had made barrels and the like for market, which was a very profitable enterprise in the days of "any price was competent" in North Carolina. He carried over his property the entire estate. He was fond of work, and of most varieties of all kinds and possessed a large number of cattle, sheep, hogs and the like. His property was divided "he gave to my father's, and to my son, Philip, one-third from me the same time or time past." His children did not get interested by his dissipation and he still possessed to a high degree his dissipation to the present day. He was a magistrate in his county and a member of the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. He spent his whole life in the office, but preferred a more home life in company with his wife, and with his possessions. His boys were interested as to the contents of the farm, and had his small library of books around him, the result in which he later improved.

His wife was the sister of John Copeland, and one of James Copeland, who represented Richard Crooks in the House of Representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly, in 1820 and 1823, and in the Senate, in 1824 and 1825.

Thomas Winborne died in the early part of the ¹⁹ century, leaving surviving four his children and two children. His son, John Winborne, R. 1792, and his son, Agatha Winborne, about 1794. Of these two children I will speak here on my *own* book. The wife,

of Thomas, sometime after his death, married Mr. Roberson, and by that marriage she left one child, Angeline, who was born about 1812 and died in Mississippi December 6, 1887. Angeline never married. A few years prior to her death she visited my father and my aunt, Caroline Moore, in Murfreesboro. I remember her as a handsome, white-haired, aristocratic old lady, well formed, literary in her taste, and a great talker. I think her father moved to Mississippi, and died there. He sold his farm in Hertford to Elisha Winborne, who owned it when he died. It was sold by Elisha's administrator, as appears on the account of sales now in my possession.

I have the will of Charles Jenkins, of Hertford County, an ancestor of my wife, and Thomas Winborne and Sarah Winborne are witnesses to it.

The records of Hertford County prior to August 22, 1830, were destroyed by the burning of the court-house by one Wright Allen, who was indicted for forgery, and on account of the destruction of the records, I am unable to give more information of my old ancestors. I have had to rely on old private papers, letters and memoranda, found in my father's papers, and the records of other counties, and a mass of old papers which have accumulated in my possession in the course of my practice as an attorney. Thomas and his wife lived true and noble lives, and were greatly respected by the people among whom they lived. No greater legacy could they have left their posterity. Their names and characters I reverence and admire.

His uncle, Thomas Winborne, and his wife, Sarah,



JOHN F. SULLIVAN, JR.,
ST. LOUIS.

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lived in Northampton County, in the Rich Square neighborhood, or rather his lands were situated on Quarter Swamp, in that county. Quarter Swamp lies between Bryant's Cross Roads and the Roanoke River, its waters passing from the west to the east, and empty into Urahaw Swamp, which runs nearly north and south, and its waters run north and empty into Potomasi Creek, and the latter into Meherrin River, about one mile above its mouth, in Hertford County. Urahaw Swamp lies between the towns of Potomasi and Woodland. It is necessary to know the location of these waters in order to locate the lands of the Northampton Winborne families and the Winborne-Jenkins lands, of which we will speak later.

William Saunders, July 3, 1758, conveyed to Thomas Winborne, Sr., a tract of land on Quarter Swamp, a part of Joseph Lane's patent. The deed being witnessed by James Grant and Thomas Hughes. Thomas Winborne, March 12, 1762, conveyed this same land to James Grant.

There was a third Thomas Winborne. He lived in Hertford County at a later period than either of the other two, but of a different ancestry. See chapter headed "Bertie County."



SARAH AGATHA WINBORNE.



Was the sister of Elisha Winborne. She married John Gurley, of Murfreesboro, N. C., the son of Rev. Hector Gurley, of Hertford County, and his wife. John Gurley was a school teacher in Murfreesboro at the Hertford Academy, which stood on the lot later known as the Peter Williams residence lot. Rev. Hector Gurley was an Episcopal preacher in Hertford County, both before and during the Revolutionary period. He was a ripe scholar and a strong defender of the English Crown and the Established Church of England. He preached at St. Luke's Chapel at Buckhorn, and at St. John's Chapel. He died about the close of the war of 1776, and left surviving him two sons, John and Thomas. The former married the subject of this sketch, and they had two children, Albert Michael and Joseph. The latter died in Alabama, leaving a widow and one daughter. Albert Michael moved to Columbus, Miss., in 1836, and engaged in the saddle and harness business. Before going to Mississippi he, in 1835, spent about five months in Elizabeth City, N. C., as clerk. In 1839 he visited Norfolk, Va., and Manney's Neck, in Hertford County, to see his kin. He returned to his new home the same year, and married, January 13, 1847, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Moore, Jackson, Miss., the daughter of John Spottswood Moore and his wife, Mary V. Murry,



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of the 1800's, and reared a family of three sons, Hayden L., John Albert, and Francis Asbery, and four daughters, Lucy, Julia M., Mary V., and Sarah Agatha.

Lucy died August, 1882, aged 17 years. Julia married a Mr. C. B. Anderson, and had several children. He died, and she married S. B. Parrish, and they now live in Columbia, Tenn. I have received several letters from her. She has a daughter by her first marriage, Miss Sadie Anderson, living in Meridian, Miss., and John Spotswood Anderson, who lives in St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Sarah Agatha Gurley died April 30, 1905, in Meridian. She never married. Only two of the Gurley children are living, Mrs. Parrish, and Hayden L. Gurley, Meridian, Miss.

Mary married a Mr. Bullock, a prosperous merchant in Louisville, Miss., and left several children. The boys in 1890 were engaged in the saddlery and harness business in Meridian under the firm name of Gurley Bros. Their mother died in April, 1877, and their father died February 14, 1897, aged 78 years and two months. He was born in Murfreesboro, N. C., September 16, 1818. Albert M. Gurley did not live long in Columbus before he moved to Canton, in same State, where he reared his family.

Rev. C. G. Andrews, in a written sketch of his life, character and worth, speaks with great laudation of his Christian character, his splendid influence in his city and in his church, and as a man whose great industry was guided by a broad and masterly intellect and well poised mind.

In 1875 he moved with his family to Meridian, in the

same State, where he lived until his death. He accumulated a large estate, and his sons, in the fall of 1890, succeeded him in his business, after he retired in his old age, and were doing well and were prominent citizens in that city of about 35,000 inhabitants. He was a member of the Methodist Church. I gathered the above facts from a letter I found written by him to my father, dated October 3, 1890. In that letter he speaks of his mother, who died when he was young, as did, also, his father, and speaks affectionately of his uncle, Elisha Winborne, his cousins, and expresses a hope to be able once again to visit Murfreesboro and Manney's Neck, where his happy young days were spent, and commune, before the end came, with his kin and old friends, who might be living. He failed to tell in his letter what kin, if any, was his grandfather, Hector Gurley, to Rev. Wm. Gurley, of Hertford County, a Baptist preacher in that county, and who also preached at St. Luke's and St. John's Chapels during the Revolutionary period.

On June 24, 1905, I received a letter from Hayden L. Gurley, of Meridian, Miss., telling me of the death of all his brothers and sisters except his sister Julia. His sister Julia, in one of her letters to me, speaks of finding letters among her father's papers from his cousins, S. D. Winborne and R. H. Winborne, and that she has them now. Mr. A. M. Gurley, in his letter to my father, speaks of the death of their half aunt, Angie Roberson. She was the daughter of the widow of my great grandfather, Thomas Winborne, who after his death married Mr. Roberson. She is spoken



Mrs. A. H. F. [unclear] [unclear]
W. H. [unclear]

of, also, in one of my father's letters, in 1845, to his brother Robert. Elisha Winborne bought of Mr. Roberson his tract of land in Hertford County, when the latter moved to Mississippi. The land was sold at the sale of Elisha's property in 1829 by his administrator to Ely Harrell, as appears from the account of sales.

Since writing the above I have learned of A. E. Gurley, Williamantie, Conn., that he had a complete history and genealogy of the Gurley family. I wrote to him and soon learned from him that my facts about the family were correct, and that he had a complete history of the family, both in the old countries and in America, back to the year 1175. The original one, so far as his record goes, being Ingelram de Gurley, who accompanied "William the Lion" from Normandy, France, to Scotland as his legal advisor.



ELISHA WINBORNE.



The son of Thomas Winborne and his wife, Sarah, died July 20th, 1829, in his 37th year. Like his father, and his oldest and youngest sons, his life was short, but he left the record of a true life, of which his family was proud. He left no proud military record or official fame as a legacy to his sons, for his short manhood was spent in times of peace. He filled no great civil office, for his life was short, and by nature, like his father, he loved his home and his family better than he did the alluring phantoms of public life. Further, he sprang from a family who considered the realities of life more than the shadows. He inherited the vim, industry, frugality, and character of his parents.

On April 1, 1819, he married Miss Martha Warren, of Southampton County, Virginia, the daughter of Ethelred Warren, and a woman of sublime Christian character. I will speak of her more particularly later on.

Elisha, during his short life, accumulated a creditable estate for those days. He was no large property holder, no wealthy man, but a comfortable liver. His sister's brother, Robert Warren, in September, 1829, qualified as administrator of his estate, and on December 21, 1829, had a general sale of his property. I have in my possession the account of sales of the property, which is to me quite an interesting old document. It records



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the nature of his property, and, also, reveals the manner of settling the estate of a dead man in those days. Everything was sold. The family Bible was sold and bought by the widow. His three farms, "the Home plantation," "the Roberson plantation," and "the Lower plantation," were sold at the sale. Three slaves, Caesar, Jacob and Willis, were sold. I remember these old slaves well. They were owned by my father. Caesar died during slavery times. Jacob and Willis remained with my father and were faithful to the close of the late Civil War between the States. No slaves ever had a kinder and a more humane master than did these old servants. They loved their young master, and would have fought for him under any circumstances.

There were sold horses and a complete outfit for a well kept three or four horse farm, an ample supply of provisions of all kinds, carpenter and cooper's tools, and such a variety of barrels that would indicate that he had a barrel factory, which was a great and profitable enterprise in those days. The old time "gig" was sold. The fishing outfit. A number of cattle, sheep, hogs, and the like, the hunt-man's guns, the hunting horn, bridles and saddles, the flax wheel, the spinning wheel, library of books, and nearly everything that could be found on a well regulated plantation can be found in the account of sales. Elisha Winborne, I would judge, was not only fond of tilling the soil, raising stock, and fishing, but that he was also fond of the sport of hunting, and of the flesh of the venison, and of the music of the chase. The "Lower plantation" was the Copeland land, and he inherited that through his mother.

The children of Elisha and Martha were:

Micajah Thomas Winborne, born February 4, 1820.

Samuel Darden Winborne, born March 7, 1821.

Margaret Ann Winborne, born November 18, 1822.

Caroline Ann Winborne, born May 3, 1824.

Robert Henry Winborne, born July 26, 1826.

Richard Winborne, born August 1, 1828.

The mother and all the children, except Margaret Ann, who died in infancy, survived the husband and father. Margaret and her father were buried in the family graveyard on the old homestead, by the side of their parents and grandparents. The widow and her five little children were left to battle with the storms and adversities of life. The children began early to learn the responsibilities of life, and that fact was probably a great help to them in after life. Fortunately, however, for the widow and the fatherless children, Robert Warren, the bachelor brother of the widow, took mother and children to his home, where the widow found a charming home, with one of the truest and noblest brothers that has ever lived, and the children, not only found an uncle, but another father, whom they always revered, loved and respected in the highest degree. The home of Robert Warren was made the home of Elisha Winborne's family, and is still the home of Robert Warren's grand nephew, Samuel P. Winborne. A number of the family were buried on the southern hill on the old Cedar Hill farm. Elisha Winborne's life was short, but sincere and honorable. A true citizen, devoted husband, sincere friend, and an honest and highly respected gentleman.

He, like his father, and his grandfather, left a fair estate, sufficient to pay all of his debts and leave a small estate to each of his children. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church at Mt. Tabor, in his native county.

The account of sales of his property, a copy of which I have, shows that Nicholas Askew bought his "Roberson plantation," and Ely Harrel bought his "Lower plantation," and the "Home plantation" was bid off by Thomas Britton, who transferred his bid to Henry Lacetter. These lands were subsequently purchased by Perry Carter, of Murfreesboro, who conveyed a portion of them to the late Joseph Newson and a portion to Nathan S. Hoggard. Of the remainder I am not able to learn. Thomas Britton bought his library of books, who died and left two sons, W. T. Britton and Jack Britton, both of whom have grandchildren in Hertford County. I have made a diligent but ineffectual effort to get some of these books from that family.



MARTHA WARREN.



The wife of Elisha Winborne was born January 25, 1795, at the Warren homestead in Southampton County, Virginia, adjoining my father's farm.

Martha was of the noblest type of true womanhood. She was always bright, cheerful and happy in disposition, strong in character. She had light hair and fair complexion, large and handsome, and attractive, even in her old age, and loved by all who knew her. She lived a cheerful and beautiful Christian life, and was a consistent member of the Baptist church up to her death. It was always refreshing to be with her and hear her talk, as she was interesting at all times. There never was a mother more respected and really loved by her children, nor a grandmother more loved by her grandchildren than Martha Winborne. After a long and happy life and after shedding so much sunshine in the lives of so many people, she died December 23, 1878, in her 84th year. She was the ninth child of a family of twelve children. Her ~~maternal~~ grandfather was Samuel Warren, who purchased the Warren homestead, now in Southampton County, Va., but then in Nansemond County, Va., from William Gooch, March 31, 1736. This deed is now in my possession. It is a curious old document. Her father was Ethelred Warren, son of Samuel, and he was born January 16, 1749.

Her mother was Margaret Richard Darden (who was born February 25, 1760), and the wife of Ethelred Warren. They were married October 12, 1775. Ethelred died October 30, 1807, and Margaret, his wife, died May 12, 1834. The offsprings of this marriage were twelve children, as follows:

Ann Warren, born August 10, 1776, and married Allen Moore.

Samuel Warren, born June 16, 1778, and died July 3, 1789.

Pleasant R. Warren, born December 29, 1781.

Jethro Warren, born October 27, 1783, and moved to Greene County, N. C., and there married. He died leaving one child, Richard D. Warren, who lived in Snow Hill, Greene County, N. C., and married there and reared a large family, several of whom are now living in that county. I remember seeing him when on a visit at my father's home, when I was a very small boy. My recollection of him is, that he was tall and slender, with dark hair and beard. I have in my possession a letter from him to grandma Martha, dated Snow Hill, N. C., October 28, 1868, in which he speaks of his family, and the sad results of the war reducing his financial condition from one of easy comfort to one of hard struggle to support his family.

Elizabeth Warren, born April 10, 1788, and first married Thomas Weston, of Hertford County. He died and she married Thomas Griffith. There were no children by either marriage.

Edith Warren, born December 29, 1785, and married John Moore.

Ethelred Warren, Jr., born April 9, 1790. He married Lydia Murdough, of a prominent Virginia family. She was very handsome and fond of social life. I found among my grandma's old letters, an artistic little card, on which was written the following:

"Mrs. Lydia B. Warren will receive company on Friday, 6th May, at 7 o'clock p. m."

This card was enclosed in an envelope equally as artistic, and directed to "Mrs. Martha Winborne." The year is not given.

These were the parents of the late Joseph E. Warren and William G. Warren, and the grandparents of the present Ryland Warren, son of Joseph, and Miss Sallie Warren, the daughter of William.

Ryland still owns the old Warren Homestead, and Sallie lives at her father's old homestead on Meherrin River, in Manney's Neck, in Hertford County.

Robert Warren, born July 6, 1792. He lived and died on his "Cedar Hill Farm," in Manney's Neck, in Hertford County. Of this splendid person I will speak later.

Martha Warren, born January 25, 1795, and became the wife of Elisha Winborne.

Margaret Riddick Warren, named for her mother, was born December 3, 1797. She died in 1881 in her 84th year. She never married.

Priscilla Warren, born April 28, 1801, and married Perry Carter, of Murfreesboro, N. C., a man of wealth and of large business interests, and a gentleman of aristocratic bearings. They reared a family of several

daughters and one son, all of whom were highly educated and greatly adorned the social circles of their day. They have one daughter now living, Miss Ellen Victoria Carter, who was a great beauty when young, and who was much admired by a host of suitors, all of whom she declined. She is now living at the Old Homestead in Murfreesboro, N. C., with one of their granddaughters, Miss Priscilla Warren Williamson. They were the parents of the late distinguished Baptist divine, Rev. Joseph E. Carter. They have grandchildren, also, in Raleigh, N. C., (Mrs. John E. Ray), in Philadelphia, Pa., in Colorado, in Florida, and in the northwest. They are a very intellectual people.

Mr. Carter was the family bidder at the sale of the property of my grandfather, Elisha Winborne, in December, 1829.

Samuel Darden Warren, born December 4, 1805, and died June 7, 1848. Their first child, whom they named Samuel, died at eleven years of age, and the second one, named Samuel, died at the age of thirteen.

Of the above large family of children but few of their descendants are now living.

Ethelred Warren, their father, served in the Continental army of 1776 for American freedom and was evidently an officer of high rank. His old sword, gun and two pistols, epaulettes, used in the war of 1776, remained at my old home, in the possession of grandma Martha, up to the time I left home for school in 1871. What became of them after that, I do not know and can not find out, except that my brothers and sisters tell me it is probable they were destroyed in a fire that con-

sumed an old house in the corner of the yard, in which many of the old family relics were stored. Grandma regarded them as sacred heirlooms, and she so often, in my boyhood days, interested me in telling me about the war tales which she learned from her father. He was in the battle at Yorktown when Gen. Cornwallis surrendered his arms.

Ethelred Warren, the brother of grandma, served in the war of 1812 in Captain Sebrell's company, of Southampton County, Va. He was a gallant and brave soldier, and a patriotic and devoted Virginian. He was mustered out of the army, after the war, in the city of Norfolk, Va., and walked home, in company with two army companions. When he reached home he remarked, so we have been told by the older members of the family, that he was about exhausted, and that if home had been one hundred yards further he would have fallen by the wayside.

Ethelred Warren, Sr., although he lived in Virginia, I find from the records of the Secretary of State's office in Raleigh, a grant to him from the State of 36 acres of land in Manney's Neck, dated November 17, 1790, lying on Poplar Branch, and adjoining the lands of Carr, Ridley and Jethro Darden.





MR. A. B. J. (1848-1892)
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MICAHAH THOMAS WINBORNE.

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Necessity is a severe master. Obedience to duty excites admiration. Devotion to mother, brother, sister, and uncle, and love of fellowman, are sublime traits of human character. They are possessed by the noble and the true. Such was the young man whose name appears above. Fatherless, with a widowed mother with five young children dependent almost entirely upon the bounty and love of his uncle, Robert Warren, for support, this young man felt the necessity, at an early age, of making an effort to relieve his uncle and assist in the support and welfare of his mother and brothers and sister. He was the oldest. At the early age of fifteen years, we find him clerking for Lewis M. Cowper, in Murfreesboro, N. C., where he remained about fifteen months. Mr. Cowper having closed his business to accept office, young Winborne finds employment with Webb & Caphart, in Windsor, N. C., where he remained for about two years, when he sought and obtained a situation with Paul & Pegram, of Norfolk, Va., and after a while he seeks a still more lucrative employment in the city of Baltimore, and while there his services were sought by W. H. & R. Burdall, a large mercantile firm in Mobile, Ala., where he went in October, 1842. But the young life, so full of promise, was soon ended. In September, 1843, he was taken sick with yellow fever,

and after an illness of two days, on September 19th, 1843, he passed away, far from the land of his nativity and the loved ones at home, who thought of Mike as an ideal boy. At the request of Madam Le Vert, wife of Dr. H. S. Le Vert, he was buried in the city cemetery, in the private lot of that good lady, by the side of his young companion, a Mr. Scott, from Virginia, who died from the same cause about the same hour. A beautiful monument was erected at his grave by his new made friends. The letters from James Thomas Smith, A. G. Parker, Nelson Parker, and others, of Mobile, to my father (and now in my possession) about the life, character, death and burial of his brother, are convincing proof that he was held in the highest esteem by the best people of that city. The letters of recommendation from his former employers, when he went to Baltimore from Norfolk, are the most flattering. His letters indicate that he had a very high order of intellect, and was a thoughtful and observant young man, far above the average. While in Norfolk he secured from Hon. Kenneth Raynor, a member of Congress from North Carolina, the appointment of his brother, Samuel, as a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point. And while in Baltimore I find him writing to his uncle, Robert Warren, about his brothers, Robert and Richard, expressing a purpose of preparing Robert for the naval academy, and of trying to secure his appointment from Congressman Raynor. In his letter he writes that after getting Robert, (whom he compliments by referring to him as a very bright boy), provided for, he will then look after his youngest brother, Richard. He also writes in-

telligently of the debates in Congress, and the different leading statesmen of that day. He died at the age of 23. His life was a brilliant meteor of merit and native ability. His brother Sam settled his estate. The brotherly devotion of the Winborne boys for each other is sublime.



MAJ. SAMUEL DARDEN WINBORNE.



The second child of Elisha Winborne and his wife, Martha. Gen. Robt. E. Lee is quoted as having said that "Duty is the sublimest word in the English language," and all that the word implies was the guiding star of Samuel Darden Winborne, in his conduct as son, citizen and father, and in all the other relations of life. He was born on the 7th day of March, 1821, in Winton Township, Hertford County, North Carolina, and died on the 3d day of April, 1895, in his seventy-fifth year. His long life was one of activity and usefulness. Having been left fatherless when about eight years old, he and his widowed mother and his young brothers and sister were taken by his bachelor uncle, Robert Warren, to the farm of the latter in Manney's Neck Township, of the same county. At this early age he commenced to devote himself to the duties of the farm, and to the care and support of those so unfortunately deprived of their natural protector. His energy, thoroughness and good business judgment soon gained for him the confidence and affection of his uncle, and made him of great assistance and usefulness. From time to time during his youth, and when his services could be spared on the farm, he attended Beckhorn Academy and made the most excellent use of his opportunities.



MAJ. J. WINDBORN
OF HENNINGTON COUNTY
Died April 3, 1855 aged 74 years.

In 1840 he was appointed by Hon. Kenneth Rayner a cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he succeeded well, and was a room-mate of the late illustrious Gen. W. S. Hancock. As interesting evidence of his pleasant memories and associations of this period of his life, I copy the following letter and invitation, now in my possession, and found among his papers at his death:

"THE CORPS OF CADETS

Request the pleasure of the company of Mr. Samuel Winborne at their Military Ball, to be given on the evening of the 30th of August.

MANAGERS.

C. T. Baker,	J. J. C. Bibb,
T. C. Hammond,	W. T. Burwell,
M. Lovell,	W. L. Crittenden,
L. M'Laws,	W. S. Hancock,
E. E. M'Lean,	A. Pleasanton,
H. M. Whiting,	D. B. Sacket."

Written at bottom:

"WITH RESPECTS OF ALL THE FELLOWS,
Camp Tyler, West Point, N. Y., August 5th, 1841."

The postage was 25 cents.

"GOVERN'S ISLAND, N. Y., July 9, 1880.

MY DEAR WINBORNE:— I received an hour since your favor of July 5th. Be pleased to accept my thanks for your recollection. I had a note from Peck a few days since, and then I thought of you, and those of our friends who attempted to put him out of the window of

No. 27 'Coehloft,' North Barracks. That would be considered 'hazing' to-day. Your letter shows you have done well in life. * * *

It is quite interesting to read of your past history since we have met, and I am rejoiced that you have been enabled to do so well for yourself and for yours. Your views of life and the past are all good, and it would be a pleasure to see more of you. If matters turn out as you expect I shall certainly be enabled to meet you, and you will have but to let me know when you can come.

Gill, during and subsequent to the war, was a superintendent of a Kentucky Railroad, made a fortune, retired and, I believe, lately died.

Truly yours, WINF'D S. HANCOCK.
MR. S. D. WINBORNE, *Riddicksville, N. C.*

What became of Wooten? "Tar River" (Hawkin) has died long since."

After he had been at West Point about one year, his own declining health, and that of his uncle made it necessary for him to resign and return home. Although only about twenty years of age, he at once assumed the active management of the farm, which was afterwards devised to him by his uncle, subject to the life estate of his mother and some other changes, and again devoted his energies to her maintenance, and to the support and education of his younger brothers and sisters. Their gratitude for these struggles and sacrifices of his early manhood were manifested by the warm devotion which they entertained for him through life. Having discharged his duties to them, on the 30th day of March,

1850, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary H. Massemburg (*nee* Pretlow), of Southampton County, Virginia, who was thereafter the loving, affectionate and faithful companion of his life, and who survived him about five years. His marriage was a happy one, and to the gracious influence, considerate helpfulness, and sweet Christian character of his devoted wife, must be attributed much of his subsequent success. As husband and father he was affectionate and indulgent, and the happiness, comfort and welfare of his family, and the education of his children were ever objects of his loving solicitude and provident care.

In 1817 he was appointed on the staff of Col. Starkey Sharp, of the Hertford County Militia, with the rank of Major. Among his old papers was found an order from Col. Sharp, dated May 7, 1850, commanding him to attend a general review in Winton on June 6, 1850, and to advertise the time and place. At the opening of the Civil War in 1861, when the militia was re-organized for the conflict, he was elected Lieutenant of the company, of which Wm. J. Majette was Captain. His company was not called into service, but during the entire war he was loyal and active in his support of the Confederacy, and for the greater part of the time was a purchasing agent of the Quartermaster's Department, commanded by Gen. Roger A. Pryor. He was a man of vigorous mind, strong will and unflinching force of character. His devotion to his State and county was intense, and he was esteemed by all who knew him as an exemplary citizen. He never sought official position,

but took a deep interest in all public questions. He had the courage of his convictions, and was ever ready to assert and maintain what he believed to be right.

Before the war he was an ardent Whig, but afterwards an uncompromising Democrat. In 1872 he was elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners of his county and served in that capacity for fourteen years. During much of this time the Republican members of the Board were in the majority, and it is but just to say that it was due in a large measure to his watchfulness, efficiency and unflinching courage that the deplorable conditions which existed, at that time, in so many eastern counties of the State, never prevailed in Hertford. By his services in this, at that time, most responsible position, he not only conferred lasting benefits upon his county, but earned and received the gratitude and esteem of all good citizens. He likewise served as magistrate, before and after the war, and as tax assessor in his township, and here as in all other positions, public or private, he discharged his duties faithfully and fearlessly.

As a neighbor he was kind and considerate, and as a friend proverbially loyal and true. His helpful hand was generously extended to every worthy appeal of the suffering or unfortunate, and among his neighbors he was ever looked up to for his sound judgment and wise counsel. He was frank and outspoken in all his relations with others and scorned deception and hypocrisy. In his earlier life he was not connected with any religious organization, but for some years prior to his death had been a member of the Baptist Church at Buckhorn.

Death came to him suddenly, and doubtless as he would have wished, while he was still in the full possession of his faculties and in the midst of his family. A few years before, he had been partially paralyzed, and apparently had almost recovered from its effects, when the last and fatal stroke seized him while conversing with his family at the dinner table. His remains were laid to rest under the shade of the trees in the old family burying ground at Cedar Hill, where his useful life had been spent.

His children were as follows:

Clara Ann, born on the 20th day of October, 1851, and died of pneumonia while at school at the Chowan Baptist Institute, in Murfreesboro.

Benjamin Brodie, born on the 14th day of April, 1854, and now living in Murfreesboro, N. C.

Mary Elizabeth, born on the 11th day of August, 1856, and died, as did her sister, of pneumonia, at the Chowan Baptist Institute.

Margaret Ella, born on the 16th day of April, 1858, who married L. J. Savage, of Norfolk, Va., and now residing in that city.

Robert Warren, born October 2, 1861, and now living in Roanoke, Va.

Martha Ann, born on the 28th day of July, 1864, and the wife of Dr. Thomas I. Burbage, of Como, N. C.

Samuel Pretlow, born on the 16th day of August, 1866, and now living at the old homestead, Cedar Hill.

A FEW STRAY THOUGHTS
OF
MY FATHER, MAJ. S. D. WINBORNE.



My earliest distinct recollection of my father was in 1859 or 1860. He was well dressed, rather slender, weight about 145 pounds. He was sitting at night in the family circle talking over the excited condition of the country politically, and that he apprehended that the States would soon be engaged in a fratricidal war. He depicted the horrors of war in such a graphic manner that it made a lasting impression on me. He was a strong Whig, but when secession was favored by his State, he was absolutely loyal.

He was a man of great energy, great kindness, yet firm and as brave as a lion. He had about forty slaves, and no slave ever had a kinder and more considerate master. I never knew him to whip but one of his grown slaves, and that I remember as distinctly as if it were of recent occurrence. Edmond, a large, tall, and stout fellow, had treated one of the slave women cruelly and she complained to her master. Edmond kept shy of his master for a day or so. One rainy morning my father went to the barn, and Edmond was in the room shelling corn. As he saw his master he made an effort to break out of the door, when his master caught him near the neck and threw him to the ground and had him tied, and he whipped him good. This was during the

war, and Edmond ran away shortly thereafter. He was the only one of his slaves that left him before Lee's surrender. Many of them stayed with him for several years after the end of hostilities. He paid them wages from the end of the war.

He was a member of the Home Guard, and one day, while he was drilling his men, back of the Buckhorn Academy, he gave the order to double-quick (the members were not young), and as they started, one of the front men fell and about a dozen others stumbled over him, and the whole line tumbled. But his sharp, shrill voice caused them to quickly regain their upright position. I thought it a great joke and I went home and related the scene to my mother and grandmother, who greatly enjoyed it.

He also held civil offices and was connected with the Commissary Department of the Confederate Army and secured great quantities of supplies for the government. While engaged in this work he had some very narrow escapes from being killed by the Union soldiers. I was with him most of the time and learned much of the real meaning of war. About ten days before Lee's surrender, Lewis' Union Cavalry made a raid through Manney's Neck and robbed every family of nearly all they had. They reached my father's just after dinner. They came suddenly and caught my father unawares. He was sitting in his room loading his pistol as one of the number rushed in on him. Seeing the pistol the Yankee drew his pistol and commanded my father to surrender and give up his pistol. The latter refused, but drew it on the Union officer. They faced each other

for several minutes with drawn pistols, each threatening the other. I stood by my father holding his coat, expecting to see one or both men killed, but the Union officer was intimidated and failed to rob the bureau drawers and other places in the house, as he intended. As they went out of the house with their pistols drawn and threatening each other, and got to the yard gate, there appeared about twenty other Union soldiers. My father then surrendered his pistol. They had every mule and horse he had bridled to take away, except one, and they ordered him to bridle that one. My father refused, when another officer drew his pistol and pointed it to his ear and threatened immediate death if he did not obey. He looked the Yankee in the face and said, "You may kill me, but I will not bridle my horse for any man to steal." They failed to force him, and they left, taking every mule and horse with them. The unbridled one they attempted to drive. She made her escape, in about a mile from home, and returned that night. He always had an extreme dislike for "eant and hypoerisy" of all kinds, and he did not conceal it. His bold and fearless denunciation of hypoerisy and deceit in men sometimes made him enemies.

He was a great friend to the needy and the distressed. He never turned one off who came to him for help for his family. During the dark days of war he was ever the friend of the soldier's family, and the widowed woman, and the fatherless children. He never lost by it.

He was a kind neighbor and friend. I remember, in 1868, when his neighbor and friend, J. R. Darden, was

all broken up and disheartened by the results of the war, he appealed to my father, when the latter bought his farm, took a deed for it, paid him the money, and told him to remain there, and see if he could recover from his troubles. Mr. Darden rallied from his troubles and my father, in November, 1872, re-sold him the farm for the same he gave for it, plus the interest on the purchase price. He would help his neighbors, but never exacted any unjust reward. These deeds are on record.

He suffered largely by the civil strife, but his energies never flagged, and he went to work to rebuild his fortune. I was his only child old enough to be of service to him. It is the proudest act in my life that I cheerfully entered the struggle and rendered him every assistance in my power. There was no work on the farm that I did not do my part. I took pride in entering into his life work. He showed his warm appreciation throughout his life of my early efforts in his behalf. I so often reflect with great pleasure on that struggling period to rebuild a lost estate.

In 1867 or spring of 1868 I made my first trip to Winton. Two negroes from Manney's Neck, Riddick Britt and Jim Myrick, were to be whipped, at the whipping post, for stealing a yoke of oxen from Capt. W. J. Majette. They carried the oxen to Portsmouth, Va., sold them and came back home, when they were arrested, tried, convicted, and sentenced to be whipped. I went with father. R. G. Cowper was Sheriff of the county, and J. B. Hare was his deputy. The old whipping post had been torn down and the negroes were stripped of their clothes to the waist and swung to a limb of a

cedar tree, their feet hardly touching the ground. Sheriff Cowper whipped Myrick and Hare whipped Britt. As the green-parched hickory whips would lash around their nude bodies the skin would part and blood fly. This was the last punishment of this kind inflicted in this county. It was cruel and barbarous. I could never favor such punishment. This common law mode of punishment was abolished in North Carolina, August 22, 1868. Acts 1868, ch. 44. Why was the law not changed earlier? Read Prescott's Conquests of Peru and of Mexico. The question is hard to answer, although the American people were Christianized and civilized.

My father told me that he had been informed by his old uncle, Robert Warren, that his brother, Richard, was in favor and statue like his grandfather, Thomas Winborne. From reading the old letters of the family, and from what my father told me, and the pictures of the old members of the Winborne family, his great grandfather, Henry Winborne, was a well proportioned gentleman, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches high, with black beard and hair, strong body and mind, active, energetic, and determined in purpose. The pictures of the older members of the family impress me that he was no ordinary man. I regret we have no portrait to portray the character and features of this old gentleman. We can only find them in his offspring. Of all the great trials of my father, the one that seemed to exasperate him the most was his disfranchisement during the Reconstruction period, when the ex-slaves were allowed to vote for the adoption of a State Constitution and for all govern-

mental officers of the State, and he and his like disfranchised, and not allowed to vote. It is vivid in my mind, when the ex-slaves and the worse element of society, and the enemies of Southern homes, were allowed to vote and fix the laws, while the owners of the soil, and the true members of Southern homes were denied a voice. *This was worse than the war.* It did more to encamp in the heart of the Southerner a dislike for the North than all else connected with the Civil War. I went each day to Murfreesboro during this farce of voting to carry the news at night to my father, who was willing to forgive all but this outrage. I find I am making this too long. I could write pages about him. He was the companion of his children. So mote it be.



CAROLINE ANN WINBORNE.



The daughter of Elisha Winborne was greatly loved by her brothers. As a young lady she was handsome and much admired. She married her cousin, Britton Moore, of Murfreesboro, N. C., the son of Allen Moore and his wife, Ann Warren Moore. They had several children, Arro, Thomas, Julia, Pattie, Lonnie L., Euclid and Carrie, all of whom are dead except Arro and Lonnie L. Uncle Britton Moore died during the early part of the late Civil War. His wife and several children survived him. The war stripped them of much of their estate. They saved their home in Murfreesboro. They were looked after and cared for by the widow's brothers, Sannel and Robert, until the children were educated and able to be self-sustaining. Julia and Euclid died young. Thomas died just as he reached manhood. Pattie and Carrie married in Chowan County, N. C., and were living in Edenton, N. C., at the time of their death. Each left children. Lonnie married Miss Virgil Calvert, of Jackson, N. C., and they are now living in Edenton, N. C., doing well and have several very promising children. Miss Calvert was the granddaughter of Sannel Calvert, of Jackson. The Calverts can boast of an aristocratic lineage. Their family history carries them directly back, in an unbroken chain, to Lord Baltimore, who was Sir George



MRS. W. T. WATSON
1861, living daughter of
GEORGE A. MORTIMER WINBOLT

Calvert, and who obtained from King Charles I, by whom he was much liked, a charter for Maryland, and which was planted after his death by his son, Cecil Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore.

Arro married Rev. W. F. Watson, a Baptist divine, and they are now living in Monroe, N. C. Arro is a very accomplished and intellectual woman. She has a strongly body as well as a strong and vigorous mind. Her mother inherited much of the disposition and character of her mother. Her letters to her brothers, after they left home, were full of valuable information, wholesome advice, and encouragement to them in their life struggles. These letters were the products of a clear and strong mind. She died in Edenton, N. C., November 1st, 1898, just seven days prior to the death of her brother, Robert, who was the last one of that noble family to pass into eternity. She was a devout member of the Baptist church, having professed religion when young. She and husband were for a long time members of the old Buckhorn Baptist Church. Finally they moved their membership to the Baptist church in the town of their residence. Her brothers were, during their lives, devoted to their sister. Her brother, Samuel, was her guardian and received her share from her father's estate from his administrator, and managed it to her advantage, and at her arrival at full age he paid her every cent due her. Her brother, Robert H., was the administrator of her husband's estate. No sister ever had more devoted brothers.

Britton Moore's ancestors on his father's side were of Irish descent. I remember well the favor and ap-

pearance of Britton, Samuel, Albert and Henry Moore. They were brothers. They were large, tall, handsome, and splendid looking men. They wore long beard, which they kept in perfect order. Their teeth were always white and ivory-looking. Neat in their dress as a Spartan Knight. They looked every inch like the "Old Roman."





DR. K. H. WINBORN,
GEO. WANA COUNTY, S.
Died Nov., 1898, aged 72 years.

DR. ROBERT HENRY WINBORNE.

No country has ever furnished to the world higher types of manhood than the "Old South," and the subject of this sketch was a most worthy representative of the best products of his day. His respect for woman was profound, and indeed in the gentleness and graceful charm of the women of the "Old South," and the veneration in which they were held, will be found the secret of the knightly chivalry and courtly bearing of its men.

Attractive in personal appearance, of pleasing manners and an entertaining conversationalist, he easily won the esteem and friendship of those with whom he came in contact. High toned and honorable in all his dealings, he always commanded respect and confidence. He was a great student and a man of extensive learning, but found recreation and pleasure in manly sports. He loved animals, and nature in all its forms—the forest, field and open sky. Hunting was his favorite pastime, and no music was sweeter to him than the many-voiced chorus of his hounds in the fox chase. He was a good story teller, and the centre of an interesting group wherever he found a congenial company. Until afflicted by sorrow at the death of his sons, and ill health, life had many pleasures for him, and he delighted in making it brighter for others. He was devoted to North Carolina and all her interests. His knowledge of her history and

traditions, and his acquaintance with the public men of his day, was extensive and intimate.

He was born on the 16th day of July, 1826, and from early youth his bright intellect and thirst for knowledge gave promise of his subsequent attainments. His studious habits, and scholarly tastes were encouraged not only by his mother and brother, but by his uncle, Robert Warren, with whom they resided after his father's death, and they gave him excellent educational advantages. In his youth he attended Buckhorn Academy, of which Prof. John Kemberly was then principal, and between him and his teacher was formed a warm and lasting friendship. In 1843 he matriculated in the University of North Carolina, graduating with distinction in June, 1847, with the degree of A. B. Among his classmates were (Senator) M. W. Ransom, (Senator) John Pool, and (General) J. J. Pettigrew, and others, who subsequently became distinguished, but he was excelled in scholarship only by Messrs. Pettigrew and Ransom. The latter, in referring to his college class, of which he was always proud, has often stated that the contest between himself and the subject of this sketch, for the second honor, was very close. His scholarship, as well as the esteem in which he was held, is attested by the fact that he was the society valedictorian of his class in the Philanthropic Society, to which he belonged. His loyalty and devotion to his alma mater continued through life, and the alumni reunions in 1889 and 1895, which he attended, were to him occasions of the keenest pleasure. After leaving the University he taught school for two or three years in Orange Hill,



C. C. BROWN WINBROOK
MEMBER
SOCIETY OF WINBROOK

Florida, and thereafter for about the same period in Tarboro, N. C. Among his pupils at the latter place were the late Judge Fred Phillips and Dr. M. B. Pitt, now of Edgecombe County. While at Tarboro an intimate friendship was formed between him and the late Judge Howard, which continued through life. In the fall of 1853 he entered the medical department of the University of Virginia, where he remained one year. He continued his medical studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in the summer of 1855. Shortly after his graduation he located in Chowan County, near Holly's Wharf, for the practice of his profession, and here he continued to reside until his death, on November 7, 1898. He ranked high in his profession and practiced with much skill and success. For years he was an active member of the North Carolina Medical Society and was among its first Presidents. It has been the good fortune of but few men to be more sincerely loved by his neighbors than was Dr. Winborne. Ian McClaren, in his beautiful story, "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," says of the old doctor of Drumtochty, "he has served this glen with a devotion that has known no reserve, and a kindness that never failed." The same may be justly said of this scholarly and skilled physician, whose response to the appeals of suffering and affliction was measured by no sordid selfishness. In sunshine and storm, cold or heat, night or day, whatever the discomfort to himself, when disease or suffering called, he went, and often without reward or the hope of reward. We love to tell in song and story of the heroic deeds of those who have faced shot

and shell with undaunted heart; but no man in the trenches of Sebastopol or on the heights of Gettysburg bore himself with more knightly courage than did this good man in battle with human suffering. Upon his tomb there could surely be no more appropriate inscription than the old and consecrated saying, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Aside from his professional attainments, Dr. Winborne was an exemplary citizen, and took a deep interest in public affairs. In 1865 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of his State from Chowan County, and rendered valuable services to his State in that body. On several occasions since the war he was urged to become a candidate for Congress from his district, but he preferred to devote his life to the noble profession which he loved and adorned.

On April 10, 1862, he was married to Miss Annie Felicia Parker, whose mother was a Miss Skinner and the aunt of Hon. Thomas G. Skinner, of Hertford, and Hon. Harry Skinner, of Greenville. Their children were as follows:

Martha Warren, born March 27, 1863, and now living at the old home of her father.

Robert Warren, born January 10, 1865, and died of heart disease on October 11, 1890. At the time of his death he was a young physician of great promise.

Peter Parker, born June 25, 1867, and died June 3, 1892. At the time of his death he had just completed his junior year at the University of North Carolina, where he had maintained an exceptionally high grade of



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scholarship, and his death was doubtless attributable to his excessive work as a student.

Elizabeth Skinner, born February 22, 1870, died December 10, 1872.

Richard, born February 6, 1873, and now residing in Norfolk, Va., where he is meeting with much success in business. On June 23, 1903, he was married to Margaret Cofield Warren, of Edenton, N. C., a member of the distinguished Warren family of that county, and they now have one child, Margaret Warren, born April 12, 1905.

William Hutchings, born October 14, 1875, and now residing at the old home. He was married on December 28, 1904, to Annie P. Elliott, of Chowan County, N. C., and resides at the homestead of his father. He is a leading citizen in his county and the present Chairman of the Board of Education in his county.

Mary Skinner, born March 16, 1878, and now teaching in Beaufort, N. C.

John Wallace, born July 12, 1881, and now a student in the senior class at the University of North Carolina.

The death of his sons was a great shock to Dr. Winborne, and not only saddened his life, but his health soon began to fail. For the last two or three years of his life he was a great sufferer from valvular insufficiency of the heart, and this was the ultimate cause of his death. His brother, Sam, was the guardian of his estate when he was a minor.

“June 16th, 1905.

HON. B. B. WINBORNE, *Murfreesboro, N. C.*

DEAR WINBORNE:—Your letter of the 10th came in my absence. Your uncle, Dr. R. H. Winborne, did represent Chowan County in the Constitutional Convention of 1865, called to rehabilitate the State. He was a very useful and influential member there, as you will see by the records of that body. According to my present recollection he never represented the county in the legislature. He was always, however, a leading factor in the political and business affairs of our county, and I have rarely ever known a more thoroughly intelligent and conscientious leader of public thought. The county has suffered greatly by his death. We very greatly need leaders of his stamp. If I were called upon to name Dr. Winborne's predominant characteristic, I would mention open, honest candor and disgust and contempt for anything which savors of cant or hypocrisy. I never knew a man who so thoroughly hated cunning and meanness in politics, religion or business.

I shall be delighted to aid you further in any investigation which you desire to make into the life of one of my best friends, whom I have always earnestly admired and loved.

Yours sincerely,
Die.—W. D. P.”

W. D. PRUDEN.



JOHN WALLACE WINBORNE.
CHOWAN COUNTY, N. C.,
SON OF DR. R. H. WINBORNE.

ANNIE FELICIA PARKER.



The wife of Robert Henry Winborne descended from the oldest and most prominent families of the Albemarle section. Her maternal grandfather was Henry Skinner, of Perquimans County, N. C., who was a direct descendant from Richard Skinner, of that county, who was one of the jurors in the famous suit of *Wm. Williams v. Wm. Hull*. It was an action of *detinuit* for a feather bed, 1 pair blankets and 1 *coffin*, tried April 11, 1704. (Ct. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 608.) He was afterwards a member of the Colonial House of Assembly from his county in 1731-1735. His son, Richard, was sheriff of the county in 1788. His son, John, was also prominent in the State both before and after the war of 1776, was a member of the House of Assembly from 1769 to 1771. He was corporal in Captain Eaton's Company in the Continental army. Enlisted in May, 1776, and was honorably discharged November 1, 1778, to serve as a civil officer. His brother, Thomas, was also in the Continental army, in Capt. Blount's Company, from July 20, 1778, until the close of the war. William, another son, was a member of the Halifax Congress, April 4th, 1776, and was by that body appointed Lieutenant in the Continental army, where he served with gallantry.

Jonathan Skinner, another of the family, was also a

prominent man in the State from the East. He served in the House from 1779 to 1785, except one session, and again in the Senate from 1790 to 1793.

William Skinner married Miss Jenesha Bond, of Chowan County, and their son, Henry Skinner, married Miss Sarah Roberts. Henry was a member of the House from Chowan County from 1813 to 1815, and in the Senate in 1816. Their daughter, Elizabeth B. Skinner, married Peter Parker, of Chowan County, and their daughter, Annie Felicia, married Robert Henry Winborne.

Mrs. Annie F. Winborne's ancestry on her paternal side is equally as distinguished. Her father, Peter Parker, was the son of Elisha Parker and his wife Elizabeth Norfleet, of Chowan County. Elisha Parker's parents were Peter Parker, Sr., and his wife, Mary Wallace, of Chowan, and Mary Wallace was the daughter of John Wallace, of Albemarle. The old John Wallace home was in Chowan County, about one mile from the Chowan River, at Holly's Wharf. Annie Felicia's mother, after the death of her husband, Peter Parker, in 1839, married Jonathan White, in 1846, by whom she had several children. Her father-in-law became Annie's guardian, and after her marriage a suit was entered against her guardian for a proper settlement. The result of the suit never demonstrated to the plaintiffs that she had been squarely dealt with by her guardian. *Winborne v. White*, 69 N. C., 253.

John Wallace (sometimes we find it incorrectly spelt, John Wallis), was a large land owner and a man of much wealth and influence. He was a Scotchman. A

man of strong character, of great executive ability, and a successful business man. He flourished in the beginning and the first quarter of the 18th century, and was loyal to his government.

The oldest John Wallace (Wallise) is a party to an agreement, in 1665, between Edward Earle, of Clarendon, Lord High Chancellor of England, George, Duke of Albemarle, and others. (Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 76.) He also served as a juror in February, 1693, (Col. Rec., Vol. 1, p. 388.) His brother, Robert Wallace (Wallis) was a member of the Court. (Vol. 1, p. 135.) Thomas Wallace (Wallis), of Chowan, died about 1750, and left a will, now of record in the office of Secretary of State in Raleigh. He mentions his wife, Elizabeth, his sons, William, Johnathan, and John, and his daughters, Elizabeth, Judith, Mary, and Susannah. Thomas was a brother of John, the ancestor of Annie Felicia. Wills were recorded in Raleigh in office of Secretary of State up to about 1760.

Richard Winborne, son of R. H. Winborne and wife, Annie F., married Miss Margaret C. Warren, June 23, 1903, whose paternal ancestry runs to Thomas D. Warren, of Chowan County, thence back to the Warrens of Williamsburg, Va., to Gen. Samuel Warren, of the war of 1776-82. They have one child, Margaret Warren Winborne. Samuel Warren, the grandfather of Martha Winborne, wife of Elisha Winborne, a member of same family. Wm. H. Winborne, son of R. H. Winborne and wife, married December 28, 1901, Miss Annie P. Elliott, whose parents rank with old Chowan's best people. They live with his mother. Annie F., lives at

the old ancestral home—the home of her old ancestor, John Wallace. The old *manor* house has been added to and modernized. It is now an ideal country home, within one mile of the banks of the majestic Chowan River, at a point where the distance across the river is between four and five miles. It is on or near the site of an old Indian village or city. Her mother was the sister of James Costen Skinner, the father of Hons. Thomas Gregory Skinner and Harry Skinner, both ex-members of Congress, and the latter is now United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Her two daughters and youngest son, John Wallace, live with her. Richard is in business in Norfolk, Va.





RICHARD WINGTON
Sergeant of U.S. Artillery
1861 to 1862; 1st Reg. Tex. Inf. (aged 5)

RICHARD WINBORNE.



The youngest of the children, like his oldest brother, Micajah, impelled by a noble desire and ambition to seek his fortune in a strange land among strange people, in November, 1818, in his twenty-first year, buoyant with hope, left the home of his mother, to whom he was so strongly and lovingly attached, and made his way to Macon, Fayette County, Tennessee, reaching there after a journey of over five weeks. His letters to his mother, after reaching Tennessee, are pathetic and touching. They portray the feeling and unlimited devotion of son for mother, but at the same time showed pluck and determination, traits of character so strongly developed in the natures of his brothers. He remained but a short time at Macon, when he moved to LaGrange, in the same State, where he spent the remainder of his days. He met with success in business. In 1857 he married Miss Maggie Howard, of LaGrange, a lady of considerable literary accomplishments and refinement. I have a number of her letters written to his mother. They had two children, Robert and Lillie. Uncle Richard died in September, 1862, aged 33 years. His wife's letter to his mother, conveying the sad tidings of his death, and of her heart sufferings in her loneliness, was a sublime expression of heart and head. The war swept away most of their estate. His wife and two children

survived him. Mr. W. P. Lipscomb, LaGrange, Tenn., who married his wife's sister, in a letter to me, dated June 8, 1905, informs me that Robert died soon after the death of his father. The widow re-married and had two children by her second marriage. She died June 16, 1878. After the re-marriage of her mother, Lillie lived with her aunt, Mrs. Herndon. In October, 1878, Lillie, while fleeing, with her aunts, Mrs. Herndon and Mrs. Lipscomb, from the plague of yellow fever, which was then throwing its dark shadows over southwestern Tennessee, contracted the fever from which she was trying to escape, and died in October of that year in Winchester, of her native State.

Richard met with success in business and won the respect and esteem of his fellowmen in his new-made home. He was reared to work on the farm, and at the same time to feel the importance of an honorable, dignified and chivalrous bearing. It was but little trouble to him to succeed and make friends. His brother, Sam, in a letter to his brother, Robert, of March 26, 1848, speaks of him as follows: "Dick is ploughing every day with me, and rides, at leisure times, as if he was worth thousands of dollars, and you will find him the finest looking man of all of us when you see him again." Richard's letters to his mother, brothers and sisters, after he went West, show the strong ties of love that existed between them and bound them together by imperishable devotion. He, Sam and Caroline, had black hair, while Mike and Robert had light colored hair.

His brother, Samuel D., was his guardian and received his part of his father's estate from the adminis-

trator, Robert Warren, and managed to drift his money. When he arrived at legal age his guardian son died with him in full. And from that time his brother, Samuel, advanced to him the legacies left him in his Uncle Robert Warren's will, before his maturity, and further sums in addition, to enable him to begin the battle of life.

After the death, in 1878, of his mother, the author of this sketch qualified, in April, 1879, as administrator of her Estate, Richard Winborne, and settled with his brother, Samuel, which settlement showed that the latter had overpaid the amounts due his brother, Richard. (See the records in Hertford County.)

Richard Winborne was a splendid looking gentleman when I last saw him in 1861, during his last visit home. I learn from one of his letters to his brother, Robert, that he joined the Buckhorn Baptist Church in 1842.



ROBERT WARREN.



No history of Elisha Winborne's family would be complete without the name and character of Robert Warren. After the death of his brother-in-law, he became the loving head of that family, whom he took from their old home on the east side of Potocasi Creek, on the farm lately known as the Joseph Newsom farm, to his delightful home, "Cedar Hill," in Manney's Neck, the north-eastern part of Hertford County, when he made them, by his kindness, reverence and respect the devotion of a brother and an uncle. He was a well-to-do old bachelor, who lived on his "Cedar Hill Farm," and his manners and style of living savored of the old Colonial gentleman. He was a gentleman in the truest sense. Gentle, kind and affectionate in his disposition; strong in his attachments; dignified and courtly in manner; firm and positive in character. He was passionately fond of the sport of fox and deer hunting, and always kept his well trained pack of hounds, which he greatly valued. He clung to the old style of dress, that so peculiarly marked the old, well-dressed Colonial gentleman. His home was well known as "Cedar Hill," and it is to-day a beautiful old country home. He was devoted to his sisters and his sister Martha's children. The letters written to him by his Winborne nephews when from home (a number of which I have) show their wonderful devotion to him and dis-



ROBERT WARREN, ESQ.
OF HUNTINGTON COUNTY, N. Y.
The subject here is 565 Mo. on Martha Washington,
the widow of 1799, in 1800.
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close the lofty character of this grand man, this devoted brother, and this affectionate and big-hearted uncle.

He died in January, 1846, and left a will, of which the following is a copy:

ROBERT WARREN'S WILL.

"I, Robert Warren, of the county of Hertford and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and testament, in manner and form following; that is to say:

First. I lend to my sister, Margaret R. Warren, the upper room in the south end of my dwelling during her natural life.

Second. I leave the whole of my estate, that is, my lands, including my dwelling, improvements, etc. Three Negroes, viz.: Pompey, Chaney and Moses; my stock of all kinds, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture to remain and be kept together in the care of my nephew, Samuel D. Winborne, for the use and benefit of my sister, Martha D. Winborne, during her natural life, and at her death or marriage I give and bequeath unto my nephew, Samuel D. Winborne, all my estate as above named by his paying to my nephew, Richard Winborne, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars, to him and his heirs forever.

And, lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my nephew, Samuel D. Winborne, and my friend, Jet R. Darden, my lawful executors to all intents and purposes, to execute this my last will and testament according to

the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof, hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I, the said Robert Warren, do hereunto set my hand and seal, the 6th day of February, A. D. 1844.

ROBERT WARREN. [Seal.]

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Warren to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence, do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

T. D. VANN,
SAM'L A. DARDEN,
ELIAS BRITT.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Herford County.
COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS,
February Term, 1846.

The within last Will and Testament of Robert Warren, deceased, was exhibited in open Court at this term for probate and the due execution of the same proved by the oath of Samuel A. Darden, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

At the same time Samuel D. Winborne, one of the executors therein appointed, appeared in open Court and was duly qualified as such, and prayed and obtained an order for Letters Testamentary thereon.

TEST: L. M. COMPER, *Clerk.*"

Robert Warren was the administrator of Elisha Winborne and sold the property of the estate in December,

1829. After his death "Cedar Hill" remained as the home of the Winborne family, and today is the home of Robert Warren's grand nephew, Samuel Pretlow Winborne.

While nearly sixty years have rolled away since his death, yet he lives in the hearts of his grand nephews and nieces, like he did with their ancestors, and for whom they cherish a feeling of devotion unparalleled. The people with whom he lived spoke of him as "one of the noblemen."

My father alone qualified as his executor and settled the estate.



MRS. MARY HARE WINBORNE.



The wife of Samuel Darden Winborne was a Miss Pretlow, of Southampton County, Virginia. Her ancestors were Quakers, and sincere and pious people, true to their sect. No family in the Old Dominion stood better than the Pretlows. The old records of the family reveal that Thomas Pretlow and his wife, Rebecca, landed on old Virginia soil from England about the year 1632, about ten years after the first Powhatan massacre. The Pretlows are of Norman origin, and the name was originally Predlow, so it is handed down to us from the old members of the family. According to the tradition of the family, the male Predlows of Normandy were soldiers in the Norman army, and fought under William the Conqueror in the battle of Hastings, and that the mother of the Pretlows of England, as they were known after the Conquest, was a member of the royal family of William. This is going back to remote days, but they are family traditions, and it is proper to transmit them to our posterity. Returning to the genealogy of the family as an American product, we learn that Thomas Pretlow and his wife, Rebecca, had by their marriage two sons, Joseph and Thomas, and one daughter, Charlotte.

The latter married a Mr. Harrison, who lived on James River in Virginia. I can not trace the history



MRS. MARY H. WINBORNE nee PRETLOW,
Wife of Major S. D. Winborne,
11000 AMSTERDAM ST. 1909, aged 72 years and 7 months.

of this marriage. I will relate an incident, however, that may help some one else who may have more time and better facilities than I, to search into its history.

In the summer of 1878 or 1879, while I was a young lawyer, living in Winton, N. C., I was at Old Point Comfort, Va., for a few days. While there I met a refined and well educated gentleman of about 55 or 60 years old, of the name of Harrison, who was spending the summer there with his family, from Cincinnati, Ohio. He inquired of me one day where I was from. In the conversation I spoke of my mother being a Miss Pretlow, of Southampton County, Va. He at once became very much interested in our conversation and associations while I remained at Old Point. He stated that one of his ancestors was a Miss Pretlow, from that same county. I met his wife and daughter and found them very interesting. I left Old Point and went to New York. He learned where I was going and presented me with a ticket for the trip.

There are two branches of the Pretlow family in Virginia. My mother's family descended from Joseph, and the other family descended from Thomas, Jr. My mother's grandfather was Joseph Pretlow, who married Miss Ann Scott, of Southampton County, Va. They had only one child, Joseph. He married Miss Mary Hare, January 8, 1818, the daughter of Bryan Hare, of Nausmond County, Va. Bryan Hare married Miss Sarah Shepherd, of Nausmond County, the sister of Solomon Shepherd, of that county.

Joseph Pretlow and his wife, Mary Hare, were the parents of my mother, Mary Hare Winborne, *nee* Pret-

low. Their children were: Zelinda Ann, born July 4, 1819. Robert Scott, born April 7, 1821. Joseph, born December 1, 1822, and died in 1862, unmarried. John, born April 12, 1825, and died December 19, 1901. He married the accomplished Miss Deborah Rieks, of Richmond, Va. They had no child. The widow still survives, and lives at his old homestead, about five miles from Franklin, Va. Mary Hare, born January 30, 1828. Sarah C., born September 18, 1832. Elizabeth A., born February 12, 1835, and died at my father's July 10, 1863, from typhoid fever. She was a very beautiful and attractive woman, and had many admirers.

My father qualified in Southampton County, Va., on the estate of my mother's brother, Joseph, and in the winter of sixty-three and four carried me to the late home of my uncle and left me there with the overseer to look after matters and report to him when he would come up. I remember some of my experiences while there. My uncle was a Quaker and did not own slaves, but he had four or five negro boys "bound to him," and they remained after his death until the end of the war and the estate was closed up. These boys occupied a house in the corner of the yard, and the potato cellar was under that house. I would often go over to this house at night and the boys would roast potatoes for me, and pick the banjo and dance for my amusement. It would amuse my father very much when he would come up and listen to my description of the dances. Zuni and Ivor stations, on N. and W. Railroad, were the only nearby towns. That is where I went to buy a little candy.

Mrs. Ann Scott Pretlow, widow of Joseph, was staying with her brother, James Scott, a wealthy old bachelor, who lived in Southampton County, and had her little granddaughter, Sarah C. Pretlow, with her, when, on the night of December 14, 1840, about 9 o'clock, one Matthew Drake, a white man living in the neighborhood, murdered Mr. Scott at the gate of his front yard, and then ran into the house and murdered Mrs. Pretlow, my grandmother, and little Sarah, who was lying in bed asleep. The servant girl made her escape and ran to a neighbor's house and gave the alarm. Drake was caught, indicted, convicted, and hanged. Robbery was the motive for the murder.

Zelinda Ann Pretlow married Edward Everett Holland, a planter, in Nanssmond County, Va., about four miles from Holy Neck Chapel. They had several children, but only reared two sons, Charles E. and Edward Everett, Jr. Charles E. married a Miss Sue Jones, of his native county, and engaged in the mercantile business in Suffolk, Va., and met with success. He was killed September 21, 1894, at Boykin's, Va. He was waiting for a train and was standing on the railroad track, when an engine, shifting cars, backed a car on him and crushed him. He died just before reaching Suffolk on the train, which was conveying him to his home. He left a widow and several children, who are living at his home in Suffolk. He was a devout member of the Christian Church.

Edward Everett lives in Suffolk, Va. He is and has been for a number of years President of the Merchants

and Farmers Bank of Nansmond, in Suffolk. He is, also, a well equipped lawyer in full practice. He is now on Governor Montague's staff and ranks as Colonel. He married Miss Orelia Lee, daughter of Col. P. H. Lee, of his county, and a distinguished officer in the Confederate army. His wife died several years ago, leaving one son, Pretlow, and one daughter, Bettie. He has never re-married. Fortune smiles upon his labors.

Robert S. Pretlow married Miss Isabella H. Cook, of Isle of Wight County, Va. He lived at his father's old home until about 1860 or 1861, when he moved with his family to Dublin, State of Indiana, where they lived to his death, February 21, 1885. They had eight children, James, Deborah, Mary, Bell, Joseph, Clotilda, Robert E. and Elizabeth. James returned to Virginia about 1890, married a lady in Nansmond Comty, and several years thereafter died in Franklin, Va., where his widow and children now reside. Deborah never married, but devoted much of her life to teaching. The last I heard of her she, by a very wise and judicious investment of her money in some real estate, had accumulated a considerable estate and was living in Minncapolis, Minn. Robert is a doctor in Indiana. Clotilda is a missionary in Gilbara, Cuba. The whole family were sincere members of the Quaker church, and all highly educated. Most of the children live in Indiana. Mary Hare Pretlow married February 18, 1846, James Massenburg, of Southampton County, Va., who only lived six months and four days after the marriage. She had one child by the marriage, James Pretlow Massenburg, now of Henderson, N. C., and who married Miss Carrie



WILLIAM B. FOSTER

Portrait by Mary M. Frost, Boston, 1880. Original in the collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Tucker, of Franklinton, N. C. James and Carrie have three children: Carrie, the wife of Mr. Charles C. Moore, of Littleton, N. C.; Martha Tucker, wife of J. H. Bridgers, of Henderson, N. C., and Wm. Edward Massenburg, of Oxford, N. C., who married Miss Alice Hughes, of Oxford, sister to Mrs. A. J. Field of Raleigh, N. C.

James Massenburg, the husband of Mary Hare Pretlow, died September 3, 1846, aged 23 years and two months. On the 30th day of May, 1850, the widow, Mary Hare Massenburg, *nee* Pretlow, married Samuel Darden Winborne, of Hertford County, N. C., and is the mother of his children, whose names and ages have been given. She died August 24, 1900. She was educated in the schools of her church. She graduated at the Quaker College for young ladies in Philadelphia, and while there at school she attended religious services at the old Quaker church, now standing in that city within an enclosure, so sacred to many families in our happy land of freedom. She was a woman of sublime and gentle character, a devoted mother, a Christian woman, and a loving and affectionate wife, softening, at all times, the hard blows of her husband in his struggles and battles of life. After she married out of the church of her parents, she joined the Baptist church at Buckhorn, and remained one of its truest members up to her death. Her sister, Ann, after her marriage, joined the Christian church at Holy Neck, in Newsumond County. Her sister, Elizabeth (Bettie as she was called) and her brothers, Robert, Joseph and John, remained members of the church of their ancestors up to their death.

Mary and her husband, S. D. Winborne, are buried side by side on the southern hill of the "Cedar Hill Farm," with a marble arch connecting the heads of the two graves, on which is the following inscription:

"They steered their course to the same quiet shore.
Not parted long, and now to part no more."

Placed there by their devoted children.

My mother left a will, but appointed no executor, Samuel, and I, qualified as administrators *cum testamento annexo*, and settled her estate.





MISS MARY ELIZ WINCHELL
second daughter of S. D. and M. H. Winchell,
Died February 1874 aged 16 years and 6 months.

CLARA ANN WINBORNE.



The oldest daughter and child of Samuel D. and Mary H. Winborne died in Murfreesboro in 1864 while attending school at the C. B. F. Institute, in her 15th year, after a brief illness. She is buried on the south-cru hill at home.

MARY ELIZABETH WINBORNE.



The second daughter and third child of S. D. and M. H. Winborne died at the C. B. F. Institute in Murfreesboro in February, 1873, while there at school, after about three days illness. I was then at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., when the shocking and sad news of her death reached me. We wrote to each other every week, and that week her letter did not come. The cause was soon revealed to me by letter from home and the visit to me by Rev. Joseph E. Carter, who was here when she died.

BENJAMIN BRODIE WINBORNE.



The eldest son of Samuel D. Winborne was born on April 14, 1854, at the family homestead, Cedar Hill, in Mamney's Neck, Hertford County, North Carolina. At the time of his birth his uncle, Dr. R. H. Winborne, was attending lectures at the University of Virginia, and at the suggestion of the latter he was named Benjamin Brodie, in honor of a distinguished English Surgeon, for whom Dr. Winborne had great admiration. In youth he attended Buckhorn Academy, a flourishing classical school, of which Capt. J. H. Picot, a graduate of Columbia College, of New York, was principal. In 1871 he entered Wake Forest College, where he remained for one year, and thereafter continued his studies in Columbian University in Washington, D. C., receiving from the latter the degree of B. L. in June, 1874. He then studied for one year in the office of Judge W. N. H. Smith and Hon. George V. Strong, of Raleigh, N. C., and began the practice of law in June, 1875, in Winton, N. C., having received his license from the Supreme Court of the State the preceding February and before he had attained his majority. He soon won his way to the front rank of his profession, and for a number of years has been one of the leading and most successful members of the bar in the Eastern part of the State. In 1877 he was elected Solicitor of the Inferior Court of Hertford County—a Court of limited



HON. D. B. WINCHELL
January 1904.



STANLEY WINSTONE
SON OF THE COMMANDER OF NAVAL CANTON
BY JULIUS HESS



L. B. WINBORNE, JR.
Sole at Williams and Mary College
Williamsburg Va.

criminal jurisdiction—and served in this capacity for a number of years. In 1891 this Court was abolished, and a criminal Court of general jurisdiction was established in its stead. At the earnest solicitation of the citizens of his county, he accepted the judgeship of this latter Court, and served for a term of six years, except for a short interval when he resigned to serve in the Legislature of 1895—being re-appointed Judge after its adjournment by Gov. Carr.

From 1878 to 1894 he served as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Hertford County, and it was under his management that the ascendancy of the Republican party in the county was overcome. He was one of the thirty-three Democrats in the State, elected to the House of Representatives in the fall of 1894, and in the Legislature of 1895 he took an active and leading part. In 1896 he was one of the North Carolina delegates to the National Democratic Convention in Chicago. He was again made Chairman of his party in 1896 to 1902, when he resigned. In the fall of 1904 he was again elected a member of the Legislature, and served in the session of 1905. In this body he was Chairman of the Democratic caucus, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and of other important committees. He was the author of much important legislation, and took a leading part in the debates of the session. On December 23, 1879, he married Miss Nellie H. Vaughan, a daughter of Col. Uriah Vaughan, of Murfreesboro, N. C., and a lady of exceptional beauty and rare loveliness of character. They were blessed with the following children:

Uriah Vaughan Winborne, born May 13, 1884, who died in infancy on August 5, 1884.

Stanley Winborne, born August 25, 1886, and now a young man of bright promise and a student at the University of North Carolina. He was named for Judge Stanley Matthews, whose intellectual and legal ability his father greatly admired.

Benjamin Brodie Winborne, Jr., born November 10, 1889, and now attending school in Murfreesboro, N. C.

Micajah Winborne, born February 3, 1896, died June 6, 1896. A more comprehensive sketch of the subject hereof will be found in the Biographical History of North Carolina, published in 1905.

R. W. W.





MISS E. L. MURRELL OF WINTHON,
GEORGIA, GA.

MRS. MARGARET ELLA SAVAGE.



The third daughter and fourth child of Samuel D. and Mary H. Winborne, married, May 16, 1882, Leroy J. Savage, of Norfolk, Va. He was then a member of the firm of Savage, Son & Co., who were doing a large and profitable commission business. After several years the firm dissolved and he became connected with other firms in the same line of business up to his death, April 11, 1901. At his death, and for several years prior thereto, he and his family lived at their home on Clairborne Avenue, in Norfolk, Va. He was the son of Col. Alexander Savage, a distinguished Confederate soldier, and his wife, Mary Lee, of Nansmond County, Va. His widow and her six children, Samuel W., born April 26, 1883; Mary Lee, born March 14, 1885; Karlie, born March 1, 1887; Leroy John, born October 11, 1889; Sarah Eliza, born April 24, 1892, and Margaret Ella, born September 7, 1900, still live at the same place, which is owned by Ella.

My sister, Ella, graduated at the C. B. F. Institute at Murfreesboro in the class of 1876. She is a most refined and charming woman. She has had a hard struggle to get along and support and educate her children. She is philosophical and cheerful under all circumstances. She received about \$3,000 insurance money from her husband's insurance for her benefit, and

about the same amount from her father's estate, and her home was given to her by her father. With this help, and by the best of management she has succeeded in getting along well, educated her children as they grew up, and is a prince of a little woman. She has added to her income by taking a few select boarders. She has enlarged her home and now she is comfortably fixed. A kind Providence has blessed her, and her splendid judgment, strong and clear mind, and exalted Christian character make her the lovely heroine of the family. I think she is more like, and the best representative of the family, of our father. May she always be happy, is the wish of the writer.





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GEO. W. GIBSON, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE
BOSTON, MASS.

ROBERT WARREN WINBORNE.



The second son of Samuel D. Winborne and his wife, Mary. Bob (as I will speak of him) has always been a great favorite in the family. From early life he gave evidence that he possessed a bright and clear mind, a fondness for books, and a disposition and tact for making friends. These traits of character and mind have greatly developed in his mature years. Many of his bright and pure sayings, when young, are remembered by the writer. When a small boy he was a little slow in learning to ride horseback. One day he ventured to ride a mule down the broad avenue in front of the house at home, and the mule either drew him or he fell off. It hurt him, but his experience seemed to amuse him, and he came to the house hoping, but laughing, and anxious to relate his recent troubles. He told us how the mule drew his back up into a knot and jumped, as if all his legs were inflexible, and described the peculiar sensations about his head. He thought his head fell off from his body, and suddenly his body came in pieces, and all his parts were thrown in a pile on the sand. He told it with great gusto and vivacity, greatly to the amusement of his father and Miss Jennie Riddle, who was visiting the family at the time. Bob was educated at Buckhorn Academy and at the University of his State. He graduated with honors at the University in the class of 1881.

receiving the A. B. degree. From September, 1881, to January, 1882, he and Locke Craig, another graduate of the University, taught school and were the principals in the Chapel Hill Academy. From January, 1882, to June, 1882, he taught school at Rialto, Chatham County, N. C. He read law during the time he was teaching and obtained his license to practice in February, 1883. In May, 1883, he located in Murfreesboro, and joined the writer in the practice of law, under the firm name of Winborne & Bro. He quickly came to the front as a sound lawyer and an attractive speaker. We had a large practice. In the fall of 1885, in the 24th year of his age, he was elected, as a Democrat, to the Legislature of his State. He was the first Democrat elected to represent the county in the General Assembly since the days of reconstruction. By his pleasant and courtly manners, his quickness and readiness in debate, and his ability as a lawyer and a student, he made considerable reputation and added largely to his roll of friends in the State. His knightly and chivalrous bearing, and fondness for the sublime and beautiful, has always made him a delightful companion. On November 24, 1887, he married in Chicago, Ill., Miss Dora Merrifield, at the home of her sister. He met Miss Merrifield when she was teaching at the C. B. F. Institute for young ladies, in Murfreesboro. She was from Valparaiso, Ind., and the daughter of Judge Thomas J. Merrifield and wife, Katherine, of Valparaiso. Bob was attracted to her by her great beauty and remarkable intellectual attainments. They had two children, Roger M., born August 1, 1889, and Robert W., Jr., born May 10, 1892. They



ROGER M. WINBORNE.
ROANOKE, VA.



E. W. WINBORNE II.
ROANOKE, VA.

are *long* living. Roger, like Stanley, is not a family name, but a name admired by his parents.

In May, 1891, Bob, with his family, moved from Murfreesboro to Buena Vista, Va., then a most flourishing new town in Rockbridge County, on the C. and O. Railroad, between Lynchburg and Lexington, Va.

In 1898 he represented his adopted county in the Legislature of Virginia, and he was a strong candidate for the nomination as one of the two delegates from his county to the recent Constitutional Convention of Virginia, the contest, being between him and ex-Congressman St. George Tucker, of Lexington. Neither of these rival candidates received the nomination, but a "dark horse" was nominated. He was the commonwealth's attorney, and City Solicitor for the city of Buena Vista from 1896 until October, 1904, when he resigned and moved to Remoke, Va., where he now resides and is enjoying a lucrative practice and a happy home. Dora, his wife, died January 21, 1900, and on February 3, 1903, he married Rosa T. Vaughan, of Murfreesboro, the younger sister of his brother, Benj. B.'s wife, a lady equally as attractive and accomplished as his first wife. He is a fortunate man. Bob is a fine lawyer, a sober, polished and scholarly gentleman, a beautiful speaker, an affectionate husband and father, a true brother and a devoted son. May he and his good family live long. Rosa, his wife, is a quietly looking woman and a noble woman. Judge Merrifield, the grandfather of Roger and Robert, was a distinguished lawyer and jurist. He was a prominent Mason, and in politics a Democrat. He was a delegate to the National

Democratic Convention that nominated Horatio S. Seymour, of New York, for President of the United States. He married Miss Pauline Skinner, of New York, October 9, 1856. His parents were John Merrifield and wife, Katherine, of Benton, Yates County, N. Y. His wife's father died when she was very young. She had two brothers, Samuel Skinner, a wealthy gentleman of Valparaiso, and William Skinner, of North Topeka, Kansas.





MRS. ANNIE M. BURDETTE *nee* WINBORNE.
L. O. M. S.

MRS. MARTHA ANNIE BURBAGE.



The youngest daughter of Samuel and Mary was a devoted child to her parents up to their death and administered greatly to their comfort and happiness as they were closing the book of life. In favor she is more like her mother than any of the children. She exhibits, also, much of her mother's vivacity and quickness of perception, bright and cheerful disposition, and her zeal and earnestness in the performance of the duties of life. On the 6th of January, 1887, she married Dr. Thomas I. Burbage, a young practicing physician in Manney's Neck, and they resided for about two years with her parents. They built on a tract of land, about a mile north of the old home, given Annie by her father. They now have a beautiful country home and an army of six children living, and one dead. The roll is: Landon Winborne, born December 8, 1887. Mary Olivia, born October 28, 1890. Samuel Thomas, born March 27, 1893. Annie Elizabeth, born June 10, 1896. Miriam Pretlow, born May 9, 1901. Thomas Irwin, born February 16, 1905. Little Mildred Ella was born April 5, 1899, and died June 27, 1900.

Annie is a beautiful mother, true to her church at Buckhorn, of which she is a devoted member, an accomplished lady in her family and a great help to her husband, who is now a busy and successful physician. Annie was educated at the C. B. F. Institute in Murfreesboro.

SAMUEL PRETLOW WINBORNE.



The youngest child of Samuel D. Winborne and his wife, Mary H., was the companion of his father, and the dutiful and loving son of his mother, in their declining years. "He was the staff of their old age." He never completed his education. His school days were spent at the old Buckhorn Academy, near his home, Horner's Military School, at Oxford, N. C., and one year at the University of North Carolina. He is our father's successor, as owner and occupant of the old homestead in Manney's Neck. On the 2d day of November, 1892, he married the accomplished, the modest and educated daughter of Rev. Reuben Jones, of Churchland, Va., Miss Jessie Jones. They have four children—all girls—Mary Pretlow, born August 10, 1893; Annie Sue, born September 17, 1895; Helen, born June 22, 1897; Dora, born November 29, 1900. Jessie's mother was Miss Susan Perry Deanes, who died in April, 1862, leaving her husband, the Rev. Reuben Jones, surviving her. He died in December, 1885, in his 77th year, while he was pastor of the Baptist church at Churchland, Norfolk County, Va., and after serving that church as pastor for forty-two years. He was an eloquent and good man. Sam and Jessie are staunch Baptists and consistent members of Buckhorn Church. He is a Justice of the Peace and a member of the





S. P. WINBORN, ESQ.
GARDNER, N. H.



MISS F. WINDBORN

County Board of Education of his county, and one of the deacons of his church.

Samuel is a successful farmer, a good citizen, and presides with dignity and ease at the old homestead of Robert Warren and his father, Major Winborne. May he draw inspiration from their noble lives, and live long to enjoy his interesting family.



URIAH VAUGHAN.



The father of Nellie, the wife of the author of these sketches, and Rosa, the wife of Robert W. Winborne, was a remarkable man. He was the younger son of John Vaughan and his wife, Sarah Vaughan, *nee* Rogers, who lived on a farm about three miles from Murfreesboro. They were people in comfortable circumstances and with strong native intellects. When young he was restless and anxious to engage in the mercantile business. At the early age of 15 he left school and his home, and came to Murfreesboro and secured a position as clerk in one of the leading stores. He soon developed great talent and qualifications as a business man and merchant. Before arriving at full age, he embarked in the mercantile business, in his town, as principal in his business. Success crowned his efforts. When a young man he married Miss Sarah A. Jenkins, of Hertford County, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Henry DeBerry Jenkins and his wife, Sarah Amanda Jenkins. They reared a family of eight children. No happier home could be found anywhere than theirs. He and his wife were devout members of the Methodist church. He accumulated a large estate before the Civil War, most of which was lost as a result of the war. Not surrendering to the fate of the civil



COL. URIAH VAUGHAN,
LATE OF MURFREESBORO, N. C.,
Died January 19, 1880, in his 77th year.

trife, he renewed his energies, and success soon again crowned his efforts, and he died January 15, 1890, one of the wealthiest men in his section of the country. His wife survived him and died January 15, 1901.

Col. Uriah Vaughan was a Christian gentleman, with a wonderful store of wisdom and knowledge, chivalrous in his bearing and in his admiration of noble womanhood, a model husband, affectionate father, and a true friend. He established the cotton commission house of Vaughan & Barnes, in Norfolk, Va., after the Civil War, and with his capital, and by his wonderful knowledge of men and of business, the firm made a large amount of money and established an enviable reputation.

His wife's life was one that the best might emulate. Their children living at their death are Mrs. D. A. Barnes, Thomas J. Vaughan, Uriah Vaughan, and Mrs. B. B. Winborne, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; Mrs. R. H. Stanceell, of Margarettsville, N. C.; Mrs. T. W. Hawkins, of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. R. W. Winborne, of Roanoke, Va. They lost three children, Julia, Benjamin and William in childhood. Their oldest daughter, Annie, married Geo. L. Arps, of Norfolk, Va. She died in June, 1880, leaving surviving her one son, Frederick Arps, who now resides in Norfolk with his father.

Col. Uriah Vaughan left a will, and his two sons, Thomas and Uriah, and B. B. Winborne, qualified as his executors and settled his estate. The names of the Vaughan daughters are: Annie, Bettie, Alice, Nellie, Rosa and Sarah A.

Bettie, a lady of many attractions, married David A. Barnes, of Northampton County, who was appointed

Judge of the Superior Court in the First Judicial District of North Carolina in 1866 by the Provisional Governor of the State, W. W. Holden, and he held the office until July, 1868, when the officers provided for under the Canby Constitution of 1868 took charge. Judge Barnes, a few years after his marriage, moved to Murfreesboro to live, where he died June 24, 1892, leaving surviving him his wife and one son, David C., and three daughters, Bessie, Sarah and Amie.

Alice married Dr. Robert H. Stanceil. They have no children. Mrs. Stanceil has a strong and vigorous intellect and unusual business qualifications for a woman.

Sarah A. married Thomas W. Hawkins, of Warren County, N. C. They moved to Charlotte, N. C., where they now live. Mr. Hawkins is a lawyer and a successful business man. His wife is a most charming and intellectual woman. They have four children, two sons; Vaughan and Thomas, and two daughters, Rose and Sarah.

We have already stated the fate of Nellie and Rosa.

Uriah's grandfather, Vaughan, was William Vaughan, of Hertford County, who was a private in the Continental army of the War of 1776, so was William's son, John, the father of Uriah. After the Revolutionary War of 1776, the State of North Carolina granted to William Vaughan, the father of John, a grant for 183 acres of land in Hertford County, adjoining the other lands of William, the land of Jonathan Rogers, William Figures, William Porter and Benj. Izells. The grant was signed by Gov. Richard Caswell.

John Vaughan's sons, William and Uriah, were his executors.

Uriah's mother was Miss Sarah Rogers, daughter of Jonathan Rogers, the friend and neighbor of William Vaughan, Sr. William Porter, mentioned in said grant, is an uncle of the late Epinetus Porter, of Hertford County, who was the son of Benj. Porter.

John N. Vaughan, Norfolk, Va., and Charles T. Vaughan, Murfreesboro, N. C., are the sons of William Vaughan, Jr., the elder brother of Uriah, and who died June 22, 1884, on his farm near Murfreesboro.

John N. Vaughan married his cousin, Miss Annie Lawrence, of Murfreesboro, the aunt of my law partner, Lloyd J. Lawrence.

Charles T. Vaughan married Miss Gertrude Harrell, of Murfreesboro, the accomplished daughter of Col. Jarrett N. Harrell, the lifelong friend of my father.

Thomas J. Vaughan, son of Uriah, married Miss Mary Earley Brown, of Baltimore, Md., October 22, 1885, the granddaughter of Bishop John Earley, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They live in Murfreesboro. Thomas has much of the business sagacity of his father, and in favor resembles him more than any of his children. He was a great favorite with his father, and is with the whole family. He is economical and saving.

Uriah Vaughan, son of Uriah, Sr., married January 20, 1881, Miss Fannie Earley Brown, of Lynchburg, Va., another granddaughter of Bishop Earley, and sister to Thomas' wife, Mary. They also reside in Murfreesboro. Both of the sons are merchants and are doing a

large and profitable business. Uriah is one of the most popular, as well as a successful business man, in his town. He has two very attractive daughters, Mary and Sarah, and who are great favorites in the family. Thomas has no children.





Mrs. NELLIE A. WINBORNE.
Wife of B. B. Winborne, Sr.

SARAH A. VAUGHAN, NEE JENKINS.



The wife of Uriah Vaughan was beautiful in manners, retiring in nature, and a fine type of the old Southern lady. She was the daughter of Henry DeBerry Jenkins and wife, Sarah A. Jenkins, of Hertford County. Henry was the son of Winborne Jenkins, Jr., and his wife, Susanna DeBerry, daughter of Peter DeBerry, of Northampton County, N. C. Winborne Jenkins, Jr., was the son of Winborne Jenkins, Sr., and his wife, Emma, of Northampton. Charles Jenkins and his wife were the parents of Winborne Jenkins, Sr. The former died in fall of 1772, leaving a will, in which he devised his property to his daughter, Elizabeth, and his sons, William, Henry, Charles and Winborne. His four sons and William Murfree were his executors.

Winborne Jenkins, Sr., died in the fall of 1793. He seemed to have been a man of large business interest, and a large landowner in his (Northampton) County. I find among his papers important business documents at late as October 15, 1751. He appointed his sons, Winborne and Benjamin, his executors. His will is dated July 20, 1790, and the executors' sale was January 23, 1797. In a deed to him, October 15, 1757, from Moab Williams, he is spoken of as being in Bertie County, N. C. The lands of the Jenkinses, like those of the Northampton Winbornes, were situated princi-

pally on Quarter and Urahaw Swamps and Potecasi Creek.

Winborne Jenkins, Sr., had grandsons by the name of Winborne Odom and Winborne Parker. Old man Charles Jenkins evidently married a Winborne. Very probably one of William Winborne's daughters, who lived in the same neighborhood and died in the summer of 1748.

Winborne Jenkins, Jr., died in the first part of the year 1814. The sale of his property was had by his son and executor, Henry DeBerry Jenkins, April 2, 1814. His brother, Benjamin, also left a son by the name of Winborne Jenkins, who lived and died on his farm, about four miles southeast of Murfreesboro. Mr. William Tom Parker now owns the farm, or a part of it.

Henry DeBerry Jenkins died at his home in Hertford County at the small town of Mapleton, four miles east of Murfreesboro, in the year 1856. He was a man of considerable estate. His wife survived him several years.

All the Jenkinses were people of much wealth and refinement.





Mrs. ROSA F. WINTHROP
Wife of R. W. Winthrop, Esq.

BRYAN HARE.



In the early part of 18th century this man lived in Nansmond County, Va. He was a Quaker, and a man of some wealth and prominence in his county and section. He was a good man and all of his kin were proud to acknowledge their kinship. He married Miss Sarah Shepherd, sister to Solomon Shepherd, of Nansmond County, Va. He had three brothers, John, Elijah and Harrison, and one sister, Sarah. The latter married about 1750 my old ancestor, Henry Winborne, so it appears. Bryan Hare and his wife had one son, Jesse, and three daughters, Mary, who married my mother's father, Joseph Preflow; Ruth, who married James Copeland, of Nansmond County, Va. They left several children; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Copeland, of said county, and they left children.

I have an old deed in my possession dated October 15, 1751, wherein Moab Williams conveyed to Winborne Jenkins a tract of land on Potecasi Creek, and the deed is witnessed by *Bryan Hare, Jr.*, Charles Jenkins, and William Jenkins.

I can get no trace of Bryan Hare after 1758. It seems that my father's and my mother's families run back to this Hare family.

I made inquiry if the late Jackson B. Hare, of Hertford County, descended from this same Hare family, but I found that he did not. His father was named

Moses Hare and was an Irishman, who came directly to this country from Ireland during the latter part of the 18th century, and married several years thereafter a Miss Constant, of Gates County. They had two children, Jackson B. Hare and John. John went to Texas and married in that State. He died in his adopted State, leaving a family of sons and daughters.

There was a Thomas Hare living in Manney's Neck about ninety years ago. I find his name as a witness to old deeds for land in the Buckhorn section.

Sir John Hare, of England, was a man of great prominence.

Edward Hare represented Hertford County with Peter Wynn in the Colonial House of Assembly of North Carolina in 1769, and at the session of 1771 he and Benj. Wynn represented the county. (Vol. 8 Col. Rec., pages 118, 146 and 303).

Thos. E. Hare married Henry Winborne's granddaughter, Sallie Sharpe.

Have not been able to trace Bryan Hare's brothers, John, Elijah and Harrison.

Moses Hare represented Carteret County, North Carolina, in the Assemblies during the same time Edward Hare represented Hertford. What kin were they to Bryan Hare I have been unable to ascertain. Some one later may succeed in completing these investigations.

What relation were they to Sir John Hare, of England, who was so prominent in his country in the 17th century?

This question I leave unanswered. I think, however, with the aid of the National Library at Washington, D. C., it can be correctly answered.

MISS ANN SCOTT



Was the wife of Joseph Pretlow, and they were my mother's grandparents. She was the daughter of William Scott and his wife. She had one brother, James, but no sister. William Scott was a man of great wealth, so was his son, James. He was a direct descendant of Sir Peter Scott, of England, who was one of the charter members of Virginia in the charter of 1609, granted by King James. James Scott, his sister, Ann Scott Pretlow, and her granddaughter, Sarah C. Pretlow, were murdered by Matthew Drake, as before related.



THE SHEPHERDS.



My grandmother, on my mother's side, was Miss Mary Hare, of Nansemond County, Va. She married my grandfather, Joseph Pretlow, January 8, 1818. Her mother was Miss Sarah Shepherd, sister of Solomon Shepherd, of Nansemond County, Va. Putting my grandmother's age at 23 when she was married, that would make her birth about 1775. So her brother, Solomon Shepherd lived in the last half of the 18th century. This could not have been the original Solomon Shepherd, of Nansemond. We find the name of the oldest Solomon Shepherd, of Nansemond, mentioned in Bishop Meade's "Old Churches and Families of Virginia," as being a lay delegate to an Episcopal Convention of 1735, with Rev. Arthur Emmerson, Willis Riddick and Richard Baker. Solomon Shepherd and Willis Riddick, of Nansemond, were members of the Convention of Virginia in 1788, to ratify the United States Constitution. Was he the same Solomon Shepherd who was a lay delegate to the Convention of 1735? Putting his age in 1735 at 25 years, then in 1788 he was 88 years old. Solomon Shepherd, my mother's grandfather, was, in 1788, about 25 or 30 years of age. My mother's old ancestor, Bryan Hare, who married Sarah Shepherd, the sister of Solomon Shepherd, of Nansemond, came to

North Carolina in 1742, and, so far as I can learn, he and his wife, Sarah, left the State in 1758. They probably returned to Nansmond and, some years thereafter, I am told his family moved to Cincinnati, Ohio.

There was a John Shepherd, whom I am told by the old members of the T. D. Vann family in Manney's Neck, who came from England in the 18th century and settled near Hicksford, Virginia, and that he had a brother, Solomon Shepherd, who settled in Nansmond County, Va. That John had a son, Solomon, who came to North Carolina and settled in Manney's Neck, Hertford County, at the place later known as the John Waddill place (and by the way, one of the prettiest country homes in the State), now owned by J. G. Majette, the Chairman of our Board of County Commissioners. This Solomon married a Miss Carg, of that neighborhood, and they were the parents of Sallie, the wife of Tilghman D. Vann, of Manney's Neck, who was born September 24, 1812, and died December 21, 1875. Her father, Solomon Shepherd, died May 5, 1829, aged 45 years and buried at the old Waddill place. Thus it appears that he married young. My mother and Mrs. Sallie Vann claimed to be kin.

Ex Chief Justice James E. Shepherd, Raleigh, N. C., is a direct descendant of the original Solomon Shepherd, of Nansmond County, Va. He has an uncle, Solomon Shepherd, now living in Philadelphia, Pa. There was, also, a Solomon Sheppard from Carteret County, N. C., who was a very prominent man before, during and after the Revolutionary War of 1776.

Richard Shepherd, preacher, and Matthew Shepherd are mentioned among the grantees in the Second Charter of Virginia by King James, of England, etc., in 1609, and they landed in the Norfolk section of Virginia early in the 17th century. The Shepherd family was a great family for producing preachers in *former days*. They were a people of lofty ideas of the principles of honor, and they were so regarded. Hon. James E. Shepherd, late Chief Justice of North Carolina, and his uncle, Solomon Shepherd, of Philadelphia, are living examples of the old type.





MR. W. FERRY
SOUTH CAROLINA

J. W. PERRY.



This man is and has been my friend from my early manhood. Shortly before I located in Winton, N. C., in the summer of 1875, he resigned the clerkship of the Superior Court of Hertford County, and my old friend, W. J. Gatling, succeeded him in office. Perry, after resigning as Clerk of the Court, remained in Winton and was engaged in several business enterprises. He was young, active and successful. He soon became my friend and gave me much encouragement in those struggling days of every young lawyer's life. He was my first client and paid me my first fee. His friendship was a fountain of hope. I can never pay the debt of gratitude. He has ever since been my closest friend, and the friend of all my family. He scorns meanness. He admires honorable conduct. He is a friend to any honorable man. He is a big hearted man, philanthropic in feeling, frank and positive in his dealings with his fellowman. Devoted to his native State, and loyal to his adopted State. He moved to Norfolk about 1879 and engaged in the cotton commission business and met with much success. He is President of the large commission house in Norfolk, of the J. W. Perry Co. He is also Vice-President of the Citizens Bank of that city, and is to-day one of the leading, wealthiest and most en-

terprising citizens of Norfolk. No truer, nobler, sincerer man ever lived. His wife's mother was the great granddaughter of Starkey Sharpe and wife, Sarah Sharpe, *nee* Winborne, and his uncle married my wife's aunt. But these marriage relations had nothing to do with the formation of the strong ties of friendship that have existed so long between us, as neither of us knew of it until recent years. It would be a blessing if such men could live always as examples of noble manhood, and true citizenship.



BUCKHORN ACADEMY.



The academy of Buckhorn is located in Mauney's Neck Township, Hertford County, N. C., on a lot adjoining the lot of the old Colonial Episcopal Chapel, St. Luke, which was situated between the public road and the present Buckhorn Baptist church.

There had been an established school at Buckhorn for a number of years before it was incorporated. The first charter granted the school was by an act of the Legislature of North Carolina, ratified January 9, 1847. The trustees mentioned in this charter were John Waddill, Brackney T. Spiers, Abram Riddick, Samuel Moore, Walter Myrick, Elisha D. Britt and Tilman D. Yarr. They were incorporated under the name of "Trustees of Buck Horn Academy." (See Laws of N. C., 1846-7, ch. 120). The name is now written "Buckhorn." The school at this old classic and historical spot has been presided over by some of North Carolina's finest and best teachers. Prof. Kimberly presided for a number of years prior to his becoming a member of the faculty of the State University at Chapel Hill. Then Geo. W. Neal, father of Judge Walter Neal. George A. Britt, a graduate of the University in the class of 1852, also presided for several years. Prof. Julian Henri Picot took charge a few years prior to the Civil War. He formed a company of soldiers, mostly from

Buckhorn boys and led them, as captain, in the war. In 1867 he re-opened the Academy, and still presides over it, teaching the "young idea how to shoot." It was under the tutorship of this gifted, scholarly, and knightly gentleman that I began to climb the ladder of knowledge. The days when the old blue-back speller, Smith's Grammar, Mitchell's Geography, and Ray's Arithmetic are fresh in my memory. Then followed Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, the English readers, Latin Grammar and Reader, Cæsar, Virgil, Cicero, Horace, the Greek Alphabet, Greek Reader, Bible, Homer, and the like, with all the air-castles as to the future, which are generally found in the life of the school boy who knows but little, but thinks he knows it all. When the world looks so small as compared to his own majesty. They were happy days. We loved to talk of the majestic oaks from little acorns grown, but were never willing to admit that we were like the oak. We were majestic from the beginning, and no one dared to dispute it. Our preceptor was never unkind, never impatient, always forbearing, forgiving, and ready to assist us. He never assumed the position of a master, holding in his hand the iron rod, but he was a companion, and won the respect and love of his scholars by the promptings of a noble heart and a great soul. His boys loved him. My earliest recollection of him was in 1861, when I would go with my half-brother, James P. Massenburg, to school, dressed in the uniform of a miniature soldier. A red flannel waist with small brass buttons and red stripes down the sides of my knee pantaloons, was my uniform. I can never forget the spring we were reading

Virgil, when the old Cowper negro woman's bees went to war. They flew over the academy building, making a sound something like the thunders of Mt. Sinai, and the old negro woman and her children were running and ringing cow bells and beating tin pans, trying to stop the old King Bee and to lead the army back home. Recess was taken and Captain Picot invited the boys to watch the bees and the chase, with the bell and beating of tin pans. The much distressed old woman finally conquered the old king with her music and landed them back at her hive. Napoleon never was as proud of a victory as was the old negro woman. We returned to the school room and the master of the languages stood in the midst of the room and read aloud the charming discourse of Virgil on the bees. He never made himself more attractive to his "boys" than on that occasion. May the hallowed and classic old place be forever presided over by a worthy successor. It was from this old academy that my great uncles, my father and his brothers, and his children drank from the fountain of knowledge.

We were taught that—

"A little learning was a dangerous thing;

Drink deep or taste not of the Pierian spring."

And that—

"The proper study of mankind is man."

I could tell of some of the fishing and swimming stories that were so beautifully and impressively related to us, under the shade of the old spreading oaks (not beach), if I lived in some distant land. The old boys will remember

BUCKHORN BAPTIST CHURCH.



During the early Colonial days there was erected a church edifice called St. Luke, on the acre lot of land, just in front of the present Buckhorn Baptist Church lot, in Manney's Neck, Hertford County. It was called St. Luke's Chapel and belonged to the Established Church of England, where those of that faith worshiped as well as others. The old building stood not just in front of the present building and the road, but it stood in the old oak grove, about half way in front of the open space, between the present church building and the academy building. The frame of the old church building was standing when I was a very small boy. I remember it distinctly, and recall the time it fell and was taken away. When the American Colonists became restless under English oppression, and the spirit of the Regulators began to antagonize English institutions, old St. Luke, old St. John's Chapel, and other Colonial churches were used by the different religious denominations for religious worship. Prior to 1758, Rev. Matthias Brickle, a Baptist preacher in Hertford County, preached to his followers in the old St. Luke and St. John's chapels. Hector Gurley, an Episcopal preacher, preached at same places to those of his faith. Hector and his followers were generally royalists. About 1758



MRS. JULIA MOORE PARISH
COLUMBIA, ILL.,
only living daughter of A. M.
Gentry and wife Sarah F.

Rev. Brickle died. He was succeeded in his work by the Rev. Wm. Gurley, of Hertford County, who continued for a number of years to preach to his Baptist congregations at Buckhorn and other places in his county. The present Buckhorn church was built in 1835, when old St. Luke's Chapel was abandoned. In 1895, while I was a member of the General Assembly of North Carolina, I drew a bill and secured its enactment, which enabled Buckhorn Baptist Church to enter and acquire title to the church ground of the old St. Luke Chapel. (See Pub. Laws 1895, ch. 143). Under this law Buckhorn Church did enter the old Colonial church yard and obtain the title thereto. May this sacred spot be always watched over and protected by a Great Silent Providence, and remain the castle of the Master and the Father, where suffering humanity may for all time drink at the fountain of truth and of the Gospel of Christ.



BERTIE COUNTY, N. C.



Prior to 1759 all of that part of Hertford County lying on the east side of Potecasi Creek was a part of Bertie County, hence we find the early records of the Hertford County Winbornes in Bertie County. So far as the records show, Henry Winborne, my old ancestor, was the first Winborne to locate in Bertie County in the territory which has been known as Hertford County since November, 1759. From the records of Bertie we find Benjamin Winborne and wife, Sarah, of Bertie County, May 12, 1813, conveying a tract of land in that county to Jacob Burtonshell. He married Miss Sarah Jones, daughter of William Jones. From the best information obtainable, they were the parents of Thomas Winborne, who lived in Hertford County, for a long while, with W. T. Bynum, and died about 1869 or 1870. I remember seeing him several times when I was a young lad riding about with my father. Old man Tommy Winborne, as he was known for a long while before his death, married a Miss Copeland, the daughter of Benj. Copeland, who lived near Frazier's Cross Roads in Hertford. They are mentioned in the will of Benj. Copeland, which was probated in August, 1839. Thomas, by his marriage, had three children, Mary, Albert D. and A. J. Winborne.



HAYDEN L. GURLEY
MERIDIAN, MISS.
Only living son of A. M. Gurley
and wife Sarah E.

Mary died without marrying. A. J. Winborne married a Miss Griffith, sister of Henry Griffith. She died and he married Miss Eliza Wynns, sister of J. T. and Geo. W. Wynns. Andrew Jackson died in 1857, leaving surviving him his widow, Eliza, and one child, Rhetta. Albert D., his brother, settled his estate. Albert D. moved to Bertie, near where his grandfather lived, and married Lavinia Marsh. Old man Tommy Winborne outlived all of his family, and in his latter days he spent a lonely life, spending most of his time with his friends, W. T. Bynum and James A. Worrell, of Hertford County, and was regarded as a man of rigid honor and correctness. His grandfather was also named Benj. Winborne, who on the 1st day of August, 1762, obtained from the State a grant for 264 acres of land in Northampton County, adjoining the lands of Thomas Ward, William Saunders, James Hilliard, Philip Winborne and others. This whole family has died out.

I find a deed from Josiah Duggan, of Martin County, to Henry Winborne of that county, for a tract of land in Bertie County, dated August 31, 1816, lying on Smithwick's Creek and Roanoke River. Harry W. Stubbs, Esq., an attorney-at-law in Martin County, informs me that he has searched and that there are no records of any Winbornes in that county. There may be some descendants in the southern part of Bertie County, on the Roanoke River, of this old family, but I can not trace them.

It again appears from the records of Bertie County that on May 8, 1824, George Clements and wife, Sarah, of Pitt County, conveyed a tract of land on Roanoke

River, in Bertie County, to Sarah Winborne, John O. Winborne, Henry G. Winborne, McGilveray M. E. Winborne and Monteville F. H. Winborne. This family seems now to be extinct. This may have been the widow and children of Henry Winborne, of Martin County. The deed speaks of the grantee, Sarah, as widow, and mother of the other grantees.

The name, Sarah, was a favorite name for the girls of olden times. I find the major part of the wives named Sarah. It is an easy name to call. Besides it finds its origin in the Bible.





MISS LUCY ANN O'REILLY.
Daughter of A. M. O'Reilly and wife Sarah E.
Died in 1882, aged 17 years.

HERTFORD COUNTY.



There were other Winbornes in this county than my ancestors. John Winborne, of this county, was in the War of 1776 as a Lieutenant in Capt. Joseph Walker's Company from Hertford County. (State Records, Vol. 10, p. 944, Vol. 16, p. 1185). He died while a Continental soldier. (Vol. 16, p. 1185). It seems that he left no family.

Sarah Winborne, daughter of Henry Winborne and his wife, Sarah, married when quite young Starkey Sharp, of Hertford County, who was a very wealthy and prominent citizen in the eastern end of the county. She died in 1777, leaving surviving her her husband and three children, Sarah, Elizabeth and Jacob Sharp. Elizabeth married Nathaniel Harrell, and they had several children, Starkey S. Harrell, Sr., who died in 1830; Nancy Harrell, who died in 1845. Starkey S. Harrell, Sr., was the father of Mary Harrell, the wife of L. R. Jernigan, and S. S. Harrell, Jr.

Sarah Sharp, *nee* Winborne's granddaughter, Nancy Harrell, daughter of Nathaniel Harrell and wife, Elizabeth, married Wm. L. Smith in 1810, and they had two children, John L. Smith, born in 1811, and died in same year, and William Nathaniel Harrell Smith, born 1812 and died while he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 1889. Wm. L.

Smith died leaving his wife surviving, and she married a Mr. Yancey and had one child, Antonio, who died young. Sarah's son, Jacob Sharp, married Miss Nancy Hunter, of Gates County, in 1799. From this marriage some very prominent men emanated, notably, Col. Starkey Sharp, Benebury and Jacob; Gen. Jacob H. Sharp, of the late Confederate army, from Mississippi.

Starkey Sharpe was a descendant of William Sharpe, one of the grantees in the charter of 1609 of Virginia, and was Sheriff of Hertford in 1787. St. Rec., Vol. 21, pp. 1064, 1074. He was a prominent man in his day and time. From this marriage, also, descended Mary Harrell, the wife of Lemuel R. Harrell, of Hertford County, and the mother of Hon. T. R. Jernigan and Mrs. Mary J. Perry, wife of J. W. Perry, Norfolk, Va.

Sarah's daughter, Sarah, married Thos. E. Hare and died in 1810 without leaving children.

William Winborne, son of Henry, lived in Hertford County, and on January 10, 1780, conveyed to Aaron Askew a tract of land of 224 acres on Spring Branch, in the county of Bertie, and adjoining the lands of Mary Parker and William Byrd. The deed is witnessed by William Northcott and Richard Baker. He married a few years after this a lady whose Christian name was Judith. Her surname I have been unable to learn. They were the parents of John Winborne, late of Hertford County, who was born in 1787.

John Winborne, son of William, married Nancy Simons, and they lived just on the extreme east end of Hertford County, or it may be, the farm lies just over

the line in Bertie County. I have seen the farm often. They had two children, William J., born in 1817, and Watson S. Winborne, born in March, 1820. John Winborne died in June, 1847, leaving surviving him his widow, Nancy, and two sons. Their daughter died while very young. William J. and Watson S., his two sons, qualified in the fall of 1847, in Hertford County, as administrators of their father. The sale of his property was December 16, 1847. He left an estate of several thousand dollars, after paying the few debts he owed.

Nancy Winborne, widow of John Winborne, died in 1865. Her will was probated in Hertford County at February Term, 1866, of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions. She devised her property to her son, Watson Simons Winborne, and the sons of Wm. J. Winborne, who was then dead. William J. Winborne, son of John, married Mary E. Simons in 1837 or 1838, and they had two sons, Joseph W. Winborne, born April 13, 1812, and John S. Winborne, born June 13, 1848.

Joseph W. Winborne, son of W. J., married Miss Lucretia Baker, daughter of George Baker and wife, of Hertford County, and they had two sons, Charles A., who died aged three years, and Joseph H., born in April, 1864. He was a gallant and brave soldier in the Confederate army and died at Morganton, N. C., while a soldier in December, 1864.

Watson S. Winborne, son of John, died in June, 1903, at his beautiful home in the east end of the county, leaving surviving him his wife, Arabella Winborne, *nee* Lassiter, whom he married in 1848, and she and one

daughter, Nancy Parthenia, survive the head of the family. S. M. Annack qualified November 16, 1903, as his administrator.

John Simons Winborne, son of Wm. J., lives at the east end of Hertford County, and married in 1871 Miss Mary E. Perry. They have four sons, T. W., born December 14, 1873; C. W., born in 1876; W. B., born in 1885; L. H., born in 1889; and three daughters, Minnie M., Lillie B., and Mattie L. His daughters born in 1878, 1883 and 1885, respectively. He is a worthy and true man and citizen.

Joseph H. Winborne, son of Joseph, married his cousin, Nancy Parthenia Winborne, daughter of Watson S. They are living now in Lawrenceville, Virginia, and have several sons and daughters.

Of these Winbornes, John S. and Joseph H. Winborne, and their sons, are the only surviving male members.



NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, N. C.



On the 4th of March, 1748, Jacob Bass conveyed a tract of land in Northampton County, N. C., to William Winborne, of Nansmond County, Virginia, and Winborne settled in the former county. A few months thereafter Winborne died, and left a will, which was probated August, 1748. He devised his property to his sons, William Winborne, Dempsey Winborne, Jesse Winborne, and his three daughters, Jane, Esther and Alice. His son, David Winborne, is not mentioned in his will. He directs that his lands in Virginia shall be sold by his executors, and names his wife, Annie, and his two brothers, John and Philip Winborne, as his executrix and executors. William signed his will *William Winborne*.

Philip Winborne, Sr., Wm. Winborne's brother, died in the spring of 1777, and his will was probated August, 1777.

He devised his property to his wife, Annie Winborne. To his son, Bryan Winborne, he devised his manor plantation. To his son, James, and his grandson, David Jonicain (evidently Jernigan). (See record of deed from David Jernigan to Bryan Winborne, in Book No. 7-4018, dated July, 1786), and his daughters, Annie and Mary, and David Winborne, son of his brother, William Winborne, he devised the remainder of his estate.

His sons Bryan and James were made his executors. William Boone, William Winborne and John Barnes were the witnesses to his will.

David Winborne, son of William Winborne, Sr., and who is not mentioned in his father's will, but made a beneficiary in his uncle's, Philip Winborne's, will, died in 1779, and his will was probated in June, 1779, his brother, William Winborne, Jr., and William Boone are the witnesses. He devised his property to his wife, Elizabeth Winborne, and his son, James Winborne, and appointed them his executors. Cicero Winborne was born shortly after the death of his father. The will refers to his mother's condition.

Dempsey Winborne, son of William Winborne, Sr., died in the first part of the year 1816. His will was admitted to probate in March, 1816. He devised his property to his wife, Fereby Winborne, and his sons, Lemuel, Henry and William, and his daughter, Rhena. William Goosley and Richard Whitaker were his executors, and Robert Sherod, William Webb and Polly Brazill were the witnesses. His son, Gilford is not mentioned in his will.

Gilford J. Winborne, son of Dempsey Winborne, died in the fall of 1827, unmarried. His will was probated December, 1827, and he devised his interest in his father's estate to his brothers, Henry and William Winborne, and appointed his mother, Fereby Winborne, his executrix. The witnesses to the will are Joyner Boone, Britton Barkley and Isaac Hall.

William Winborne, son of William Winborne, Sr., died in 1807 and his will was admitted to probate in

June, 1807. He devised his property to his wife, Sarah, and sons, William, Dempsey, Jesse, Henry, and his three daughters, Ann Spence, July Lassiter, and Dolly Webb. His son, William, and friend, Richard Whitaker, were his executors. E. J. Bailey and Isaac Griffin were the witnesses to the will. He signed his name sometimes *Winborn*, and sometimes *Winborne*. He must have married Marietta Grant. The will of Wm. Grant, Sr., is dated June 15, 1818, and probated in December, 1830, in which he speaks of his sister, Marietta Winborne, and her daughter, Absala William Winborne.

Jesse Winborne, son of William, Sr., moved to Madison County, Kentucky, and on the 6th day of October, 1809, sold and conveyed to his brother, Dempsey, 50 acres of land in Northampton County, N. C., on Frahaw Swamp, lying on the road to Murfreesboro, and adjoining the lands of his brother, William, and others. He signed his name sometimes *Winborn*, and *Winborne*.

And I find the Northampton Winbornes signing their names at different times, *Winborn* and *Winborne*.

William Winborne, Benjamin Winborne, John Winborne and Philip Winborne, of Northampton County, are cotemporaries of Henry and Thomas, and they may have been brothers. I think they spelt their names *Winborne*.

John Winborne, above, lived in that part of Northampton County which was cut off into Hertford County 1759. He was Lieutenant in the Continental army in Capt. Joseph Walker's Company, Seventh Regiment of North Carolina Troops from Hertford County, and

was killed or died in the war. (State Rec., Vol. 16, p. 1185).

In Company F, First Regiment of North Carolina Troops, in the late Civil War, there was a Winborne C. Davis from near Margarettsville, in Northampton County, N. C. Capt. Thomas D. Boone, Clerk of the Superior Court of Hertford County, N. C., tells me that he knew Davis well, and that he was a splendid looking man, and a brave and gallant soldier. He was wounded in the battles at Sharpsburg and at Gettysburg, and died in Pennsylvania. I notice that Martha Hancock, in her will which was probated in Northampton County in 1878, speaks of sister Sarah Winborne and her granddaughter, Mary Eliza Davis. Was Winborne C. Davis the brother of Eliza? I tried to find out something of these people, but I can find no record or any person who can give me any information about them more than I have obtained in my research. Mrs. Hancock's niece, Eliza, lived in the Margarettsville neighborhood.

The Northampton Winbornes are extinct.



NASH COUNTY, N. C.



Josiah Winborne died in 1798 and his will was probated in November, 1798. He devised his property to his widow, Fereby Winborne, and four sons, Abraham, John, David and Josiah. The first three sons were the executors named in the will, and Wilson Taylor, Matthew Johnson, Willie Hopkins and Priscilla Johnson were the witnesses to the will. His will reads like he might have been a preacher of the Gospel. On October 5, 1782, the State granted him 315 acres of land in Nash County, on the waters of Beaver Dam. This land he disposes of in his will.

David Winborne, son of Josiah, died in 1848, and his will was probated in February, 1848. He devised his property to his widow, Isly Winborne, and his children, John Q., James, Josiah, Ivey J., David, Melaney, who married a Buzzell, Nancy, who married a Williams, Mary, Eliza C., Martha A., John V., and Isly Jane. He appointed his son, Josiah, his executor. The witnesses to his will were William Hare and Menton M. Goodwin.

David Winborne was a Justice of the Peace in his county in 1822 and 1823. He resigned and the Legislature of that session filled the vacancy by appointment by an act of the General Assembly. He was also a Methodist preacher.

David Winborne, Jr., son of David, Sr., died in 1876, and his will was probated in May, 1876. He never married, and he devised his estate to his nephew, Festus Winborne, son of his brother, John Q. Winborne, deceased. He made A. E. Lewis his executor. The witnesses to the will were: B. D. Statt and D. M. Statt.

Mary Winborne, daughter of David, Sr., died in 1879, and her will was probated in November, 1879. She never married. Her estate she devised to her sister, Martha A., wife of J. R. Brown, her sister Isly Jane, wife of J. A. Brown, Lilly J. Winborne, her niece, and a daughter of her brother, John Q., and John Festus Winborne, a son of her brother, John R. Winborne, deceased. J. A. Brown, the husband of her sister, Isly Jane, was appointed executor, and D. M. Statt and K. W. Statt were witnesses.

John V. Winborne, son of David, died in 1904, and his will was admitted to probate August 29, 1904. He devised his estate to his wife, Katie Winborne. He had no children. His wife was named as executrix and W. G. Kemp and J. J. Kemp were the witnesses. J. D. Winborne, Selma, N. C., is the personal representative of John V. Winborn.

John Q. Winborn was a soldier in the Civil War between the States. He was Lieutenant in Company D, 47th Regiment, N. C. Troops, from Nash County. He served throughout the war, but his whereabouts since the war I have been unable to learn.

Ivey J. Winborn married and died leaving one son, William Brock Winborne.

William Brock Winborne married March 4, 1866, widow Catharine Rebecca Watson, of Louisburg, N. C., the author of the design of the Confederate flag, "The Stars and Bars," and also of the large Confederate flag. He died March 12, 1883, at Pinetops, N. C., leaving his widow and two daughters surviving him. One of the daughters married W. S. Whitfield, and the other married H. S. Webb, all of Pinetops, Wilson County, N. C. The widow is 74 years old and writes an interesting letter.

I understand that only one of the Nash County families of Winborn's is now living, and he is J. D. Winborne, living near Selma, N. C. I have written him twice, but can not hear from him. My letters were returned.



EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.



The records of this county show that formerly some Winbornes lived there. Josiah Winbourn conveyed land in the county October 12, 1795. Joseph Winborn a few years later makes a conveyance. James Winburn is found there in February, 1817, and on February 9, 1828, Lydia Winborne, of Northampton County, conveys him land in Edgecombe. Joseph I. Winborn appears on the records as a vendor of land in 1832 and 1833.

In 1899 Henry Winborne died, leaving a will, in which he devises land to his son, William H. Winborne. Justice H. G. Connor writes me that he knew of Abram Winborne, of Tarboro, N. C., but he died several years ago. The records do not show from what section of the country these people came. But evidently they sprang from the Northampton and Nash families. There was Elisha Winborne in Halifax County in the early part of the 19th century, but he went from Northampton, and returned after a few years to his native county. These families are now extinct.



WAKE COUNTY.



Jesse Winborne, of Wake, was bugler in Company I, "Wake Rangers," in the late Civil War. He married but never had any children. Since the war he served with ability as County Commissioner of that county for several terms. He is a man of a good estate, and stands as an exemplar citizen. Within the last year or so, he left Wake County, and is now living at Elon College, N. C. He has educated several poor children who did not have the means to educate themselves. He was a Justice of the Peace, and a leading and model citizen in his community. I have been unable to learn his ancestry.



GUILFORD COUNTY, N. C.



Walter A. Winbourn figured prominently in business and official affairs in Guilford County. We find him party to a law suit reported in 4 D. & B., 271, *Hubbard v. Walter A. Winborne*. He was the victor in the suit. We find him again as plaintiff in the suit of *Walter A. Winburn v. Gorrell*, 3 Ire. Eq., 117. He wins again. He was Sheriff of his county from 1847 to 1857, and was a large property holder in and around Greensboro. No information can be obtained as to where he came from, or when he became a citizen of that county. He had a brother by the name of Cornelius. Neither married. Cornelius died, and Walter left Greensboro about 1860 or 1861 and moved to Tennessee. He was a steward in the Methodist church, and a Whig in politics.

One of the old members of the Greensboro Bar, who remembers Winborne well, tells this incident about him: A man by the name of Witty was taking a barrel of molasses from a wagon, a hoop came off and the contents began to run out, when Witty exclaimed with much emphasis, "The devil." Winborne remarked to him, "Man, don't take the name of your maker in vain."

RANDOLPH COUNTY, N. C.



Richard W. Winburne was a Lieutenant in a company from that county in the Civil War.

Calvin H. Welborn, or Winburne, was a Lieutenant in Company L from Randolph County, the "Wharrie Rifles."

I can not get any information of the above two soldiers since the close of the conflict of arms.

WILSON COUNTY, N. C.



James Madison Winburn, of Wilson County, was a gallant soldier in the late Civil War. He enlisted January 26, 1862, as a private in Company F, the Fourth Regiment. We have nothing from him since the war. So far as I can learn the Winburns of this county have become extinct.

Nor is there any trace of any Winbornes in Pitt County, so I am informed by the Clerk of the Court of that county, who made a search for me.

VIRGINIA.



My investigations have shown beyond doubt that the old Winbornes came from Virginia to North Carolina during the first half of the 18th century. My old ancestor, Henry Winborne, came from Nansemond County, Va., in 1742. William Winborne, of Northampton County, N. C., came from the same county, in 1748, and David, Philip and Thomas Winborne came between 1742 and 1750. Hearing that there was a family of Winbornes in Norfolk, Va., I wrote to Elisha J. Winborne, 300 Chestnut street, Berkeley, Va., to learn something of his ancestry. In his letter of May 25, 1905, to me he writes that his father was Henry A. Winborne, born January 1, 1809, and lived near Carrsville, Va., and that his mother was Eliza A. Winborne, *nec* Holland. That his mother died December 7, 1873, and his father died March 3, 1880. His grandfather was Elisha Winborne, of Nansemond County, Va. That his father had a brother, John Winborne, who lived in the same county.

Henry A. Winborne left several children, Solomon J., Alexander J., A. N., Junius W., Gustavus, and Elisha J. Winborne. Elisha J., in his letter to me, writes that he is 66 years old; that he served through the late Civil War under the command of Gen. Wm. Mahone, and that he and the older members of his family were members of the Christian Church.

He writes further, that he had heard his father speak often of Bryan Hare, but he could give nothing definite about Hare. Are they kin? Here I meet with another Rubicon in the destruction of the records of Nansemond County, Va. The Clerk of the Court there informs me that the records of that county only go back to 1866. Suffolk, the county seat, was the headquarters for the Union soldiers during the late Civil War, and remained under their control during the military government in the Southern States that followed the war. The South can never recover completely from the destruction of her records during the war. The abolition of slavery was a blessing in disguise. With the continuation of the institution of slavery, the South could not have retained its intellectuality and its wonderful civilization which was the glory and admiration of the New World. The records of the genealogy of her sons and daughters were the evidence of her glory and the proud boast of her superiority. The genial rays of the sunny South, awakened a feeling of patriotism and chivalrous bearing, upon the altar of the hearts of the people, that never permeated the ice-bound bosom of the Northern clime.



THOMAS WILBORNE.



This party presents an interesting inquiry. Was his name originally Winborne? Is he the Thomas Wilborne who figured so prominently as a Regulator in Orange County, N. C., in 1768-9? Is he the father of Robert Wilborne, a member of Capt. James Vaughan's company of Continental troops from Northampton County?

In Deed Book 3 of Northampton records I find a contract to convey land from Thomas Wilborne of that county to John Robertson, of the county of Brunswick, in the Colony of Virginia. In the body of this contract the name is written alternately Wilborne and Winborne, but signed Thomas Wilborne. This paper is dated October 10, 1763. In the same Book I find a deed dated October 10, 1763, indexed Thomas Winborne to John Robertson for the land mentioned in the above contract. All through this deed the grantors are written Thomas Winborne and wife, Margaret, but signed Thomas Wilborne.

In same book I find another deed from Thomas Wilborne and wife, Margaret, dated November 1, 1763, to Robert Jones, an attorney-at-law of that county, to whom he conveyed a part of his lands in Occonechey Neck. He was evidently, from these records, a man of much wealth. This deed is written and signed Thomas Wil-

borne. I find from the records of Northampton, after the Revolution, Robert Wilborne, of that county, conveying some of the same lands formerly conveyed to Thomas Wilborne. From the list of the Continental troops from North Carolina (State Records, Vol. 16), I find Robert Wilborne a private in Capt. James Vaughan's Company, 7th Regiment. Capt. Vaughan was from Northampton County. There are a number of people by the name of Wellborn and Willburn in North Carolina. Thomas Wilborne left Northampton County about 1761.



ENGLAND.



In Dorset County the names of Wimborne, Sherborne, Milborne, Cranborne, Winterborne are prominent and leading. John Quest, of Scotch parentage, when he was elevated to the peerage, he adopted the name of Lord Wimborne. That is some evidence that the above Dorset County names, ending with "borne" are Scotch names. I mention these facts thinking that some more competent and energetic member of the Winborne family may in the future trace the origin of our name. I was named by my uncle, R. H. Winborne, for Sir Benjamin Collins Brodie, Bart., one of the most distinguished physiologists and surgeons in England in the early part of the 19th century. A very full account may be found of him in the *Encyclopædia Britannica*.

My son, Stanley, was named for Justice Stanley Matthews, of Ohio, who was a member of the Supreme Court of the United States from May 12, 1881, to March 22, 1889, the date of his death.



CONCLUSION.



In writing the foregoing sketches I did much more than I started out to do. But after beginning the work it became fascinating. It created a burning desire to look further, and turn on all the light possible. I congratulate myself by indulging the hope that what was so interesting to me may contribute to the pleasure of some one else. A man has but a little soul who does not enjoy living in the past. The past contains the fountains of wisdom, of knowledge, and of inspiration. It is the mile post for the future.

It would have greatly pleased me to have made my sketches more extensive and taken in my many friends, and my county, but the labors of life made it beyond my power. I ask the kind criticisms of my friends and the people of my county, whom I have served so long, and whose interests are so dear to me. *Vale, vale, et longum vale.*
B. B. WINBORNE.



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