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31 GEORGE DENT⁵ ALEXANDER (Gerard⁴, Robert³, Robert², John¹) died without lawful issue. His will bears date September 15, 1777.

32 GERARD⁵ ALEXANDER (Gerard⁴, Robert³, Robert², John¹) married, it is said, Elizabeth Ashton, daughter of Col. William Alexander, of Effingham, and his wife Sigismunda Mary Massey, born December 22, 1773, and had issue 39 Edward, 40 Philip, 41 Frances, 42, Henry, 43 Henrietta, 44 Sigismunda, 45 Sally, 46 Nancy, 47 Mary, 48 Gibbons. (*Hayden.*)

(*To be Continued.*)

WOODSON FAMILY.

In the *Richmond Standard* for January 17, 1880, an article appeared on the *Woodson Family*, prepared by Mr. R. A. Brock, of Richmond city, from data furnished him by various correspondents. The editor proposes to publish a new account based as far as practicable on the county records and other contemporary authorities, giving dates, etc. But it is fair to say that Mr. Brock's account, though apparently chiefly traditional, and without dates, has been found so *trustworthy* that, where the editor has found nothing in conflict with the statement, he has reprinted Mr. Brock's statement just as he has found it, indicating the same by quotations.

In the census of the inhabitants for Virginia taken in 1625, 1 JOHN WOODSON and Sarah his wife are mentioned as living at *Flower de Hundred*, or, as it was sometimes called, *Peirseys Hundred*, on the south side of James River, in what is now Prince George county. They came to Virginia in the ship *George* in the year 1619. (*Hotten's Emigrants to Virginia.*)

According to tradition, John Woodson came from Devonshire. Owing to the loss of records, we have nothing further till about 1679, when 2 Robert² Woodson and 3 John² Woodson, brothers, appear among the tithables of *Curls*, a plantation on the north side of James River, above Flower de Hundred. Presumably they were sons of John Woodson and Sarah his wife.

According to his deposition, 2 ROBERT² WOODSON was born in 1634. "He married Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Ferris." There is a grant of land, 21 October, 1687, to Mr. Robert Woodson, Mr. Richard Ferris, Mr. Giles Carter, William Ferris and Roger Comins for 1785 acres, at White Oak Swamp, on north

side of James River, in the parish of Varina. Issue: 4 *John*, 5 *Robert*, 6 *Richard*, 7 *Joseph*, 8 *Benjamin*, 9 "Elizabeth," married William Lewis. In 1707, Robert Woodson, Sr., of Henrico, made a deed to his grandsons, William and Joseph Lewis. There is a nuncupative will of William Lewis, who mentions his sons William and Joseph, names wife Adding, perhaps second wife. 10 Sarah married Edward Moseley. In 1689, Robert Woodson made a deed to daughter Sarah, wife of Edward Moseley. 11 Mary married George Payne, and had (1) Josias, born October 30, 1705, (2) George, born November 21, 1707, (3) Robert, born November 16, 1709, (4) John, born December 4, 1713. (*Douglas Register*.) 12 "Judith married William Cannon." The Cannon family must not be confounded with Kennon family, sometimes pronounced *Cannon*. John Woodson, Sr., names in his will (1684) the four youngest sons of his brother Robert, viz., Robert, Richard, Joseph and Benjamin, and also cousin John Woodson. Cousin meant *nephew* in the seventeenth century.

4 JOHN³ WOODSON (Robert², John¹) was the "cousin" (nephew) John Woodson named in the will of John Woodson, Sr. He was a merchant and married Judith, daughter of Stephen Tarleton, of New Kent county.

Charles Van der Veer Woodson wrote to Mr. Brock that he had a looking-glass, framed in walnut, which bears the following inscription: "This glass belonged to Stephen Tarleton, who was my great-grandfather, and died in the year 1687. I have had the present frame put on it this 14th of December, 1794.—Charles Woodson." In 1712, Judith Woodson relinquished her dower rights in land deeded by her husband, John Woodson, merchant, of the parish and county of Henrico. He made his will in 1715, and was dead in 1716. Issue: 13 *Tarleton*, 14 *John*, 15 *Robert, Jr.*, 16 *Josiah*, 17 *Stephen*, 18 *Jacob*, 19 *Judith*, "married Stephen Cox." The will of Stephen Cox was proved in Cumberland January 5, 1743, and names wife Judith and children Stephen, William, Josiah and Judith. 20 Elizabeth, married "John Pleasants, of Pickanockie."

The will of 14 John Woodson (approved in Goochland May 21, 1754) mentions the land his father, John Woodson, gave to his children, John, Robert, Josiah, Stephen, Judith and Elizabeth Woodson.

13 TARLETON WOODSON (John³, Robert², John¹) made a deed