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A Sketch of the Wightmans of Charleston, S.C., and of the related New England and Canadian branches

John Pinckney Wighman
In early times, men were accustomed to take their names from their occupation, some physical characteristic, or their native place or residence. Mr. Wright is an excellent example of the first; Armstrong of the second, and Wightman of the third. While the writer has heard it asserted that the family, originally, was of German extraction, he has been unable to find anything whatever to support this theory. On the other hand, he has heard his father often tell of the tradition, handed down to him, that the family, originally, came from the Isle of Wight. The wording of the motto of the early Scottish Arms certainly bears out this tradition: "A right man never wanted a weapon." Cusens's Handbook of Heraldry, p. 193 - 197, certainly takes this view of it.

These early ancestors, coming from the Isle of Wight, settled in Scotland near the English border. The Coat of Arms belonging to them is a very old one, a record of which may be found at the Lion-King-of-Arms, Edinburgh, Scotland. It reads as follows: "Per fess or, a sun counterchanged. Gules: A demi-savage wreathed round head and middle with a leaf, and hanging over dexter shoulder a club ppr. Motto: A right man never wanted a weapon." It is a question as to whether the ancestors of our Charleston Branch came down from Scotland, or came directly from the Isle of Wight and settled in Kent, Essex, Warwick, Cornwall, or other lower counties of England or Wales. The fact that our own Arms is a very old one and entirely different from the Scottish Arms, and that many Wightman wills and records are found throughout these lower counties, certainly makes the matter open an open question. From what data the writer has been able to collect, he is inclined to favor the latter as more probable.

One, Edward Wightman, born at Burton-on-Trent during the latter half of the 16th century, was a Baptist and a member of Holdesco's Church in London. He later became a minister, and early in 1641 moved northward to establish a provincial Baptist Church or Church of Christ. This was a changing and troublesome time, and John Rexer's "Ancient Burial Monuments," sheds the following to say: "And in the year 1612, April 11th, Edward Wightman, another perverser heretic, was burned at Lichfield. This Wightman would fain have made people believe that he himself was the Holy Ghost, and immortal, with many other damnable opinions, not fit to be mentioned amongst Christians. Yet for all this, this heretic had his followers." Another account reads: "He was convicted of heresy by the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry on 11th, December, 1611, and condemned. He was delivered over to the secular power, and his body was reduced to ashes (burned at stake) at Lichfield on 11th, April, 1612." He was so horrid in his terrible death, and his execution created so great a revulsion of feeling among the people, that a reputation, he was condemned at the same time, was saved from a like awful fate. Edward Wightman bears the glorious, but melancholy distinction of being the last martyr on account of religious convictions ever burned at the stake in England. At the time of his death he had five children, two sons and three daughters. The sons, John and Samuel, and the former 15 years, their brothers 8 and 7. The time of their father's death. His wife's name was Frances Derby, to whom he was married at Burton-on-Trent, on Sept. 2nd, 1588. Little is known of the daughters.

Edward Wightman, born at Burton-on-Trent latter half of 16th, cent., married Frances Derby, at Burton-on-Trent, Sept. 2nd, 1588. Buried at the stake at Lichfield, April 11th, 1612. Issue follows:

1. John or Johannes, b. Jan'y, 1609; m. 2. John or Johannes Wightman, the eldest son of the Martyr, was born on Jan'y, 7th, 1609. The name of his wife and other children are unknown, excepting two sons. Issue: 1. George, born, 1632: m. Elizabeth Updike, of Rhode Island, on 7th, on Jan'y, 1722.
2. Valentine, b. 1607; d. 1671. Little is known of the other children, but presume they were three sons.

One account states, that after the death of Edward Wightman, the Martyr, members of Holdesco's Church emigrated to America, including 5 Wightman brothers. These must have been sons of John Wightman, and grandsons of the Martyr. However, it is definitely known that two of these brothers, George and Valentine, came to America in 1657, at the end of the Cromwell Protectorate, landing at Kings Town, and Kingston, in that was called, "The Providence Plantation Colony of Rhode Island." Little is known of Valentine and the other brothers, but George and his issue follows under two headings:

George Wightman, b. in England, on Nov. 4th, 1632; m. Elizabeth Updike, of Rhode Island, on Jan'y, 1632. She was b. in 1641; d. in 1722; He came to America in 1657, and settled in Rhode Island; d. in 1722, Issue:
1. Elizabeth, b. July 22d, d. July 23rd, 1703; m. Alexander Huling, on 7th, 1722, 1722; d. in 1756.
2. Ayla or Alice, b. Dec. 29th, 1636; m. Samuel Wington, on 7th, 1747; d. in 1747.
3. Daniel, b. Jan'y, or July, 2nd, 1609; m. (1) Katherine Holman, on 7th, (2) Mary, on 7th, (3) Catherine Gardiner, on 7th, Aug. 31st, 1790.
4. Sarah, b. Feb'y, 21st, 1671; m. (1) William Collins, on 7th, (2) Peterson, on 7th.
5. George, b. Jan'y, 6th, 1607; m. (1) Elizabeth (2) Sarah Budd, of Warwick, R.I.,
Daniel Wightman, the eldest son became a prominent Baptist minister in New-England. He was ordained in 1704 as assistant pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Newport, R.I., and later became full pastor, continuing as such for 46 years. He is buried in the Newport Cemetery.

Rev. Daniel Wightman, b. Juny., 2nd, 1668; m. (1) Catherine Holmes, on ?; (2) Mary, ?; (3) Catherine Gardiner on ?; (4) Jane, 1st, Aug., 31st, 1760. Issue:  
By 1st., marriage, 2 daughters, names unknown. By 2nd., marriage:  
3-George, b. in 1703; m. ?; on ?; d. on ?;  
4-Elizabeth, b. in 1706; m. ?; on ?; d. on ?;  
5-Daniel, b. in 1707; m. ?; on ?; d. on ?;

Lieut. Col. George Wightman, was the grandson of the Rev. Daniel, being the son of the latter's eldest son George. He was born, presumably, in Rhode Island, on Nov., 4th, 1726. Married (1) ?; (2) in England, ?; in London, Eng., about 1806, at the age of about 90 years. Issue by first marriage:  
1-Holmes, b. on Juny., 6th, 1727; m. ?; d. ?;  
2-Lieut. John, b. Jul., 6th, 1733; m. Elizabeth ?; of Newport, R.I., in 1776-1779; she was b. Juny., 23rd, 1739; d. in St. John, New-Brunswick, Can., on Aug., 24th, 1824; he d. in St. John, N.B., on Dec., 23rd, 1819.  
3-Elizabeth, b. Oct., 23rd, 1750; m. ?; d. ?;  
4-Frederick, b. Sept., 15th, 1752; m. ?; d. ?;  
5-Lieut. William, b. ?; wounded at Battle of Hobkirk's Hill, S.C. d. ?;  
6-George, b. Juny., 18th, 1758; m. ?; d. ?;  
7-Mary, b. Apr., 17th, 1758; m. ?; d. ?;  
8-Wait, b. Oct., 7th, 1759; m. ?; d. ?;  
9-Aylas or Alice, b. Nov., 28th, 1760; m. ?; d. ?;  
10-Valentine, b. May, 1st, 1762; m. ?; d. ?;  
11-Daniel, b. Feb., 20th, 1766; m. ?; d. ?;  
By 2nd., marriage:  
12-Percy, b. in London, Eng. ?; d. in Egypt, ?; of sunstroke while acting as private secretary to Lord Amherst.  
13-Daughter, name unknown, b. in London, ?; m. in London, ?; d. ?;
The division in this family occurred over the issues of the Revolutionary War. Lieut. Col. George Wightman, and all but two of his sons, Lieut. John and William, remained loyalists, while other members of the family were friendly to the struggling Colonies, among whom were the sons George and Holmes.

George Wightman, the 3rd., son of Lieut. Col. George Wightman, is the great-great-grandfather of George R. Wightman, of 45, Hewes St., Brookline, Mass., whose son, George H. Wightman, is the well known tennis official; and whose wife, formerly Hazel Hotchkiss, in the internationally known tennis expert. The business address of George W. Wightman, is, 60, State St., Boston, Mass.

Rev. Percy B. Wightman, D.D., is the pastor of University Heights Presbyterian Church, University Ave., and 161st., St., New York, City; home address, 220, Loring Pl., New York, City. He is a descendant of George, the 2nd., son of George and Elizabeth Updike Wightman, the founders of the New-England family. His genealogy follows:

1. Edward Wightman, the Martyr, b. latter half 16th., Cent.; m. Frances Darby, at Boston, on Front, Sept., 2nd., 1693; d. at stake, April, 11th., 1692.
3. George, b. in England in 1652, came with his brother Valentine to America in 1657, settling in Kings Town or Kingston, R.I.; m. Elizabeth Updike, of R.I.
4. George, b. Jan., 5th., 1673; m. (1) Elizabeth (?) Sarah Ladd, of Warwick, R.I.; d. in 1701.
5. John, b. 1701; m. Phebe Haven, of Kingston, R.I. Had twelve children.
6. Elisha, b. Deo, 13th., 1728; m. Sybil ? of Cranston, R.I.
7. John, b. ?; m. Sarah, daughter of John Green, of Warwick, R.I.
8. Rev. Frederick, b. April, 11th., 1773; d. in Coventry, R.I., on Aug., 18th., 1833; Polly, daughter of Joseph King; d. in Cromwell, Conn., Oct., 5th., 1836.
10. Frederick Butler, b. May, 2nd., 1829; d. in Middlesex, Conn.; m. Abbie Ann Hartley, of New-York.

There are four children of the latter, all living: Henry Booth; Katherine Hartley; Elizabeth Levitt; Edith Abigail.

The Rev. Frederick Wightman, was a well known Baptist, preaching for many years in Cromwell, Conn.; then later moved to Middletown, Conn.; and still later to New-York, City. Issue follows:

1. Frederick Butler, b. 1829.
4. Edward King, b. April, 27th., 1835; killed at Fort Fisher, Jan., 5th., 1865; no issue.

The children of Frederick Butler Wightman, and Abbie Ann Hartley, are as follows:

4. Orrin Sage, b. May, 6th., 1873; m. Pearl Parker, Nov., 5th., 1905; issue, Julia Parker.
5. Robert Stillman, b. Sept., 9th., 1875; m. Bessie M. Hartley, June, 14th., 1904; both living; no issue.

Dr. Orrin Sage Wightman, brother of Rev. Percy Butler Wightman, is now successfully practicing medicine in New-York, City; his address is 7, East 86th., St., N.Y. City. Two children: Orrin Sage, Jr.; Julia Parker.

Rev. Robert Stillman Wightman, another brother of Rev. Percy Butler Wightman, has charge of a Presbyterian Church at Maywood, N.J.

Helen Wightman, successful Interior Decorator, in Philadelphia, Pa., makes her home at 226 Hilldale Road, Lansdowne, Pa. She comes also from Edward Wightman, the Martyr; but through Valentine, the youngest son of George and Elizabeth Updike Wightman, the founders of the New-England family.

This son, the Rev. Valentine Wightman, became a very noted Baptist Devine, which honor he held for 42 years; he removed to Groton, Conn., in 1805, and has the distinguished honor of being the founder of the Baptist Church in both Conn. and N.York. A monument to his memory was erected at Groton, Conn., and unveiled with imposing ceremony in 1890. He had two sons, Timothy and John, both of whom became prominent Baptist ministers. Timothy followed his father as pastor of the Groton Church, and also had two sons, one named John C. Followed him as pastor of this church; thus making three generations of the same family as pastor of the same church - a wonderful heritage!
1. Rev. John, b. 1726; m. Mary Stoddard, in 1728; d. in 1731.
2. Valentine, b. 1729; m. Sarah Timber, in 1791; d. in 1791; six sons who grew up and married; one daughter.
3. John, b. 1733; m. one son.
4. Charles Gerry, b. 1737; in Southington, Conn.; m. Ellen Barbour, in 1801; one son; one daughter, Aurelia. He served as Purser's steward in the Union fleet during the Civil War; d. in 1803.
5. Charles Gerry, Jr., b. 1780; m. Irene Cumman, of Baltimore, MD, in 1808. She d. in 1816; Two daughters: Helen and Dorothy.

The following information comes from Edgar A. Wightman, Bankers Trust Building, Philadelphia. While the information is somewhat vague, it does state that his kin originally settled in New York and New England. Valentine Wightman had two sons, preachers, one of which, John Gano, had a son, Jesse, who was the father of Dr. G. Wightman, whose widow lived at 14 Governor, St. Hartford, Conn., in 1888; their son being E. G. Wightman.

The historian's records mention: "John S. Wightman, a writer, was born June 16th, 1685, at Flemington, Clinton, PA. His ancestor came from England. In 1885 he was Secretary of Crawford, PA, and in 1886 he was the Daily Democrat, of Charlotte, Penn. In 1886 there was a E. A. Wightman, who had a country drug store at Friendship, N.Y. He had four brothers: Edward, William, Lathrops, Simon, and; also four sisters: Katherine, Caroline, Maria, Julia."

The states: "My grandfather, Nathan, was born Sept. 27th, 1870, and in 1811 was located in County Delaware, N.Y., and married Elizabeth Davis of Phila., Pa., on July 3rd, 1811. They had five sons: Nathan; Joseph; Isaac; John G. and William Bowen. My father, who was born in 1851, and died in 1904, was educated at Allegheny University, where he has been repeatedly traced back to Joseph Bowen, who married a daughter of Lord Moon, of Eng."

He says: "When I was in London in 1914, I saw a drawing of a house made in 1604, by John Wightman, Architect. And he made the statement that the tradition is also in his own family that the original Wightman came from the Isle of Wight. He very kindly sent the writer a clipping showing the picture of Earle Mann Wightman.

Earle Mann Wightman is now the acting general manager of the Georgia Cash Credit Corp., Room 208, Palmer Building, St. Atlanta, Ga. His home is at 1708 Peachtree Road, same city.

He writes that his father's name is John King Wightman, born in Gloucester County, while his family were visiting again their old home in Scotland, having made the trip from New England for the purpose. His father was raised in New England - Boston, Mass., and while there met his wife, Mary, who was born in Skowhegan, Maine. His father now resides at 25, Carteret, St. Nework, N.J."

"My only relatives are an uncle, James Wightman; a cousin, Alice Wightman; and an Aunt, Margaret Wightman; all of Boston, Mass.

I am 33 years old, born July 31st, 1895, in Duluth, Minn. I married Elsie Christine Schlieker (age 31, born Oct. 9th, 1897) of East Orange, N.J. Our daughter is Elsie Inez, age 4 years, born July 30th, 1924, at Spring Lake, N.J.

My sister, Doris Eugenia, born at Duluth also, May 30th, 1897, age 31, married John Chester Schuhling, of Newark, N.J. Her daughter is Barbara Alice, age 4 years, born in Newark, N.J."

From this date the writer concludes that both Edgar A. and Earle Mann Wightman come from Edward Wightman, the Martyr, through his many descendants who made New England their home.

There is a family of Wightmans, which has lived at Edenburg, Shenandoah, Va., for many years. The information comes from John W. Wightman, now living in Edenburg, who states that his great grandfather, William Wightman, lived in Carlisle, Pa., but is uncertain as to where he was born. This William Wightman had three brothers: John, Charles, Robert; and one sister; all of whom are buried in Carlisle, Pa. William's two sons: Samuel and William A., moved to Edenburg before the Civil War. Two daughters of Samuel are now living in Baltimore, Md. William A. is the grandfather of John W. Wightman, of Edenburg, Va.

Quite a colony of Wightmans live in and around Pittsburgh, Pa. The writer's father, some years ago, corresponded with one of the men located in Pittsburgh; he was of the Scotch branch, and the writer's recollection is that no apparent relationship was established between him and our branch. Many letters have been recently written to members of this branch, but not a single reply has been received.

A Miss Florence Wightman is the Harp Soloist of the Roxy Theater Symphony Orchestra, New York City. Inquiry has been made of her, but no answer received.

Without more definite data it is impossible to connect up these latter branches with any particular ancestor. Perhaps some other member of the family will try it.

The Canadian Branch of the family is an offshoot from the parent New England Branch, and came about as already stated, over differences concerning the issues of the Revolutionary War.

Ligeat, Col. George Wightman, called the "United Empire Loyalist," was a grandson of the Rev. Daniel Wightman, being a son of his oldest son George. He was born, presumably, in Rhode Island, on Nov. 4th, 1726, and was, therefore, about 50 years old at the time of the Revolution.
Lieut. John Wightman, the eldest son of Lieut. Col. George Wightman, was about 27 years old when the trouble between England and her Colonies occurred. He had recently been married to a Newport, R.I., lady, but "she did not accompany her husband into New-Brunswick, Canada, with the Loyalists, but went the following year with her infant son, James, to Nova Scotia. In the close of the war in 1783, Lieut. John Wightman, with other Loyalists, settled in St. John, N.B., Canada, where he became a Grantee of the City, and was also made a "Freeman" of the City of St. John in 1795. He is described in the records as "John Wightman, Gentleman." Lieut. John Wightman, b. in R.I., Aug. 4th, 1749; m. Elizabeth ? between 1776 - 1778; she was b. in Newport, R.I., Dec. 23rd, 1779; d. in St. John, N.B., Can., Aug. 24th, 1824; he d. in St. John, N.B., Dec. 23rd, 1819. Issue: 1-Elizabeth, b. 1780; d. Aug., 17th, 1795. 2-John, b. 1783; m. Margaret Gardner, Aug. 15th, 1810; (2)Isabel Gardner, 1822; d. July, 1877. 3-Sarah Ann, b. 1816; d. Oct., 22nd, 1821. 4-Jenny Ann, b. ?; m. Samuel Belknap, 1791. 5-Caroline Elizabeth, b. ?; m. Robert Slater, of Newport, N.S., Feb., 4th, 1827; d. 1850.

In the old "Genealogical" file of the Charleston, S.C., Library, is a statement that one John Wightman, belonging to the "Prince of Wales Guards," was stationed in Charleston during the Revolution by the British. A note taken from an old family bible in the possession of the writer, gives the entry of the British into Charleston as May 12th, 1780. Looking exact documentary evidence it is, at least, probable that the Lieut. John Wightman already mentioned, or John Wightman, one of the four brothers who came to Charleston prior to the Revolution, subsequently going to New-England, was the same John Wightman, stationed in Charleston, and a member of the "Prince of Wales Guards." The writer wonders if he came into contact with the members of the family who lived in Charleston, and who were heartily in sympathy with the Colonies.

John Wightman, the eldest son, and the infant already mentioned, became a noted sea-pilot in and around the Bay of Fundy, in which he earned his title of "Captain." He followed the sea for many years, but later retired, and became widely known as "Squire" Wightman. After his retirement from sea life he took an active part in civic and religious affairs in the community in which he lived. He was "Justice of the Court of Common Pleas," attended Quarter Sessions; "received many of the early mail in the district; contributed the land and most of the funds for the church at Bayvater, N.B., and, having gained considerable knowledge of medicine and surgery during his long sea experience, gave his services free, there being very few regular doctors in the country at the time. He wielded great influence wherever he was known. A most pathetic incident occurred in 1829, when he lost three of his children, within a few days of each other, during the epidemic of Asiatic Cholera. He died at the age of 53 in July, 1871, and is buried with his two wives and a number of descendants in the old Loyalists' burying ground at Carleton, St. John, N.B., Canada.

The following incident concerning his is of much interest: In the war of 1812, "Capt. Blythe, of the British Brig-of-War Boxer, came to St. John to recruit his crew and to obtain a pilot preparatory to making a cruise along the American coast. Among other volunteers for this dangerous service, young Capt. John Wightman was said to have been the first. They sailed along the American coast and soon overhauled an American schooner, which surrendered. Young Wightman was placed aboard the schooner in command of a prize crew, with orders to take the schooner to St. John, and report to the authorities. This he did, and was soon back among his friends. The Boxer, the very next day, was engaged by an American Brig-of-War, "Enterprise," and after a desperate fight, in which both crews were killed were captured by many of both crews, surrendered to the American vessel. The ship was transferred the day before to the prize schooner most probably saved young Wightman from the same sad fate which befall his captain and many of his mates of the ill fated Boxer (Captain and Squire) John Wightman, b. at Newport, R.I., 1733; d. Margaret Gardner, of Carleton, N.B., on Aug. 14th, 1810. She was b. on Jany. 1st, 1792; d. Aug. 15th, 1843; (2) Isabel Gardner, on Nov. 7th, 1832; she was b. on Dec. 14th, 1802; d. Aug. 18th, 1849; Capt. John Wightman, d. in Bayvater, N.B., Can. in July, 1871. Issue: 1-Elizabeth Ann, b. Moh. 5th, 1812; m. (1) Gibbons, on Nov. 15th, 1831; (2) Thomas Linton, on Apr. 2nd, 1851; d. Sept. 1881. 2-Isabella, b. Dec. 26th, 1815; m. Joseph Barlow, on Sept. 27th, 1832; d. April, 1848. 3-George Gardner, b. June 15th, 1818; m. Elinor Jane Wells, on Nov. 4th, 1839; d. Dec. 25th, 1865. 4-Catherine, b. Jan. 30th, 1817; d. Sept. 11th, 1829, of Asiatic Cholera. 5-Hannah, b. Dec. 21st, 1818; m. William Warden, on Oct. 20th, 1849; d. April 13th, 1855. 6-Julia Caroline, b. Nov. 9th, 1820; d. May 9th, 1831. 7-Emeline Amelia, b. Sept. 26th, 1822; m. John Wells, on Dec. 2nd, 1846.
John Wightman, the youngest son of Squire John Wightman, lived for many years in the old family homestead at Baywater, N.B. After the death of his wife, he removed in 1864, to St. John, N.B., and later to Digby, N.S.

John Wightman, b. Nov. 20th, 1824, in St. John, N.B., m. Sophia J. Fenwick, on June 9th, 1856; d. 1886.

Issue:
1. John, b. Apr. 28th, 1878; m. Mary Elizabeth Belyea, on June 19th, 1895; d. June 18th, 1930; she was born June 6th, 1893.
2. George Bernard, b. Apr. 15th, 1873; m. Victoria Matilda Wightman, on June 20th, 1897; d. June 24th, 1902; she was born June 24th, 1887.
3. Mary Elizabeth, b. May 7th, 1879; m. John A. Ackerman, on June 19th, 1897; d. June 24th, 1902.
Victoria Matilda Wightman, is a direct descendant of Holmes Wightman, the son of Lieut. George Wightman, and brother of Lieut. John Wightman, who was the ancestor of her husband, Guy Barnard Munzer.

Dr. Guy Barnard Munzer practiced medicine for many years in Woodstock, N.B. Can. At least one of his sons, Wightman Belyon Munzer, is living in Woodstock.

The following are some references concerning the New-England and Canadian branches: Rhode Island Genealogical Register, 1826-1829; Narraganset Historical Register, 10, p. 10; Tinsley's History of Southington, Conn.; Wightman Memorial, pub. 1890; Savage's History of the Loyalists; The Winthrop Papers and Family Documents; Middleton Upper Houses, pub. by The Crafton Press; Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, pub. 1889, vol. 1, p. 952; Lion-Knight's Arms of Edinburgh, Scotland; Weaver's Ancient Funeral Monuments, dated, 1661; Cusman's Handbook of Heraldry, pps. 179-196; Austin's R.I. Dictionary, 286, p. 267; Dyer's Genealogy, 84; Walworth's Hyde Genealogy, 569-561.

Edward Wightman, the martyr, ancestor of the New-England and Canadian branches, was not a son of William Wightman, Esq. of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, Eng., ancestor of the William, Wightman, Esq., of Harrow-on-the-Hill, County Middlesex, Eng., county of the William, Wightman, Esq., of Harrow-on-the-Hill, County Middlesex, Eng. However, he is said, by members of the Canadian branch, to have been a close relative and co-heir with members of William's family. Edward's name does not appear in William's will, a copy of which is given elsewhere. However, the writer is fortunate enough to have photographic prints of Captain (Squire) John Wightman, and his son, George Gardiner Wightman. The resemblance of these two men to members of the Charleston branch of the family is startling. Capt. John, to the writer's grandfather, John Thomas Wightman, and George Gardiner, to Bishop William May Wightman. This resemblance is so marked, that the writer concludes there must be a distinct relationship between them.

THE WIGHTMANS OF CHARLESTON, S.C.

The earliest documentary data concerning the ancestry of the Charleston, S.C., Wightmans has just been received by the writer from London, Eng. It contains a copy of the records in The College of Arms, London, B.C.A., England, with a short genealogy; a copy of the "Confirmation of Arms and Grant of a Groat to William Wightman, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, dated 14th July, 1562"; copies of the wills of both William Wightman and his wife Andrie; an engraved print of the brass memorial tablet in St. Mary's Parish Church, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, Eng. The record from The College of Arms is found in 1.C.B.101, p. 33, follows:

"Thomas Wightman, of Wolvry, County Warrick, England, Gentleman, Married Agnes, daughter of Eveready.

"Richard Wightman, (Thomas) of Coventry, County Warwick, England, Gentleman, Married Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Purrell, of Wolverhampton, County Stafford, England, Gentleman."

No dates are given for either of those ancestors, but it is reasonable to suppose that Thomas Wightman was born about 1500 and his son, Richard, about 1470.

"William Wightman, Esq. (Richard; Thomas) of Harrow Rectory, or Harrow on the Hill, County Middlesex, England, Married Andrie Dearing (Dering) of Pluckley, County Kent, Eng., "It is to assume that he was born at Coventry, County Warwick, England, as that was his father's home) about 1500; as he is said to have been quite an old man at the time of his death, June 23rd, 1579."

One account states that for faithfulness, valor, and conspicuous service to Church and State, Edward, the VIth, personally granted him the living of St. Mary's, the historic Parish Church of Harrow on the Hill, County Middlesex, England. This account differs from the statement in his will, which says he purchased the "lease of the parsonage of Harrow hall," the date, 1532, as to his beginning residence there, is correct, but Henry's gift must have been something else connected with the Church. He lived in this Rectory of Harrow Church for 27 years, until his death in 1579.

In Lyncourt's "Barons and Barons of London," Vol. 2, Co. Middlesex, page 559, is found a fine etching of this church, which stands on the very summit of Harrow Hill, as well as a description of its construction. Parts of the original building are still standing, the tower among them, which dates back to the time of Lanfranc (time of William the Conqueror). The Archbishop of Canterbury, who built it sometime between 1070 to 1089, Cardinal Wolsey was at one time the Dean of the Rectory or Hall, stood just beside the church, and was burned and rebuilt during the 18th century. It is now called "The Grove," and is one of the principal houses of Harrow School. The new Rectory is now on the other side of the Hill.

In the same book, page 571, is the following quoted verbatim: "The tomb of William Wightman, Esq., who lived 27 years in the Rectory at Harrow, and died in 1579, there are figures in brass of himself, his wife, and five children. The engraved print of this brass tablet, show large figures of William Wightman, and his wife, Andrie or Ethelreda Dearing; the ancient arms of Wightman-Arms; the combined Arms of Wightman-Dearings; the Wightman Arms after the grant of the crest, Helmet, and Mantle in 1662; and an inscription in Latin. Unfortunately, three small tablets, originally attached to the larger
memorial just under the two large figures, are missing. One, probably, showed the Deering Arms, the other two, figures of the five children. The Latin inscription is first given, followed by its English translation:

"Hic viris gratia charusque semper fuit, cum ob interpitatus vitae humanitatem morum us curam rerum singularum, ut propter hospitalitatem quam in Hectoria de Harrow per 27 annos coluit. Visita de ulisse sorduo, quo summa multo non saepiusque ex ea quinque liberis, quos erat quasi filii, erat semper esse delectatus. Cum summi omissus dolore crescit o vultus, obsidet societatis quinta annum Domini 1672. He was pleasing and dear to men always, both on account of the uprightness of his life, the culture of his character, and the unusual care devoted to his business, as also on account of the hospitality which he practiced for 27 years in the Rectory at Harrow. He lived with his dearest wife before his marriage, with five children by her, of whom survived him to the last day of January, in the year of Our Lord 1670. This tale is placed either in the west, or lower end of the church, but is now on the floor of the Chancel, presumably over the graves, as the entire family is said to have been buried in the church.

A recent report states that no record can be found which shows that William Whitman was actually Rector of this historic church; but occupying the Rectory for 27 years would certainly imply that, if not Rector, he held some important relation to the church.

He was in 1652, "Revisor General of all the Queen's Revenues for the 7 shires of South Wales." For valuable services, Queen Elizabeth, on July 14th, 1652, granted him a Crest, Helmet, and Mantle for his Arms, which, though a very old one, had no Crest, etc., up to this time. He owned freehold land at Harrow on the Hill, also property, "Home Close," in the city of Coventry, County Warwick. Besides much other property mentioned in his will, his wife and four children survived him.

"His wife was Andrie (Andrey, or Ehelerdreda, all the same, see Proper Names, Century-Dictionary) Deerring of an old Kentish family (Deerring of Pluckley, County Kent; particularly of whom appear in our Record (The College of Arms); the Visitations of Kent, 1553, Essex, 1633)." In her will she calls herself "Andie," her husband mentions her as "Andie," and the brass as "Ehelerdreda." Our list of automobiles is not complete, and that some of the details of the will are not now necessary with her death. The brass shows her wearing a farthingale (hooped skirt) which was not worn prior to 1610. Her Arms: Gules 3 bucks head couped or, is shown in the brass, and also in the Visitations of Kent, 1692.

She had two brothers and a nephew: Thomas Deerring (Dorling) (the older brother), was born at Pluckley in Kent (c. 1587); and, Visitations of Essex, 1654; Visitations of Kent, 1692, 6 (246). He is said to have lived at Harrow, and married a sister of William Whit- man (husband to Margaret, mentioned in her will, but left a son, William, mentioned in her will. She evidently lived at Harrow Rectory for many years after her husband's death, her own death occurring on June 32nd, 1686. She is buried with her husband and five children in St. Mary's Parish Church at Harrow.

The following are the names of the four surviving children as given in the will of William Whitman, Esq., and other records: William; Margaret (no other data); Isabella, a daughter, married Richard Vaughan, of Whitland (died, at Harrow, on July 28th, 1657); Anne, another daughter, married Hunfrey Wynn (Wynn), at Harrow, on Aug. 16th, 1675; Frances, another daughter, married Robert Strensham (Strensham) (Strensham); at Harrow, on Nov. 20th, 1678.

A recent report states: "It looks as though the family left the neighborhood (Har- row on the Hill) after the death of Andrew Whitman in 1682, as no reference to the name can be found in the Register of Harrow, 1653-1682. The report also states that there are a number of records of the wills of William Whitman, proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury from 1624 to 1666; this includes the will of William Whitman, of the Hide, County War- rick, Esq., dated 1596, proved 1601; it does not show the connection with William Whitman of Harrow on the Hill. There is a family of the name Whitman, settled at Hinchley, County Leicester, Esq., at least from 1692."

The writer has been unable to place any of these, unless the latter is connected with 'with Wightman, junior, County Buckingham,' or with William Alexander Wightman, Esq., of Southborough, County Buckingham, Wals, Kent, Esq. Both of these bear the old Scottish Arms, but the first is without both Crest and Motto. The second has the same Arms, but the Crest is as follows: "On the crest of a tree erased ppr.; a roebuck tripectat ar., attired collar and line or. No Motto. This Wightman was born Oct. 26th, 1761.

Following are copies of the wills of both Whilman Wightman and his wife Andrie, most of the old English words being followed by their modern equivalents:

"To the Rectory of Harrow, William Whitman, the 26th, die (day) of Dec., 1670. I will (Wil- liam) Whitman of Harrow upon the Hill in Co. Mdx (Middlesex), Esq.

To Andrie my wife I close my close of ground near the Cittie (city) of Coventree called home close & all the fracheld landes in Harrow veh (which) I bought (bought) of Richard Bayton & John Grenculall also to Andrie my wife & my daughter (daughter) Frances (Francois) Strensham my lease of the personage (parsonage) of Harrow hall veh (which) purchased of John Alberthe Esq. & the term of years in the same veh I purchased of the righted (Himberly (Himberly) Roger Lord North; Sr (Sir) William Cordall knight; Sr (Sir) the Rumels & Sir James Dyer knight, Chief Justice of the Common (Common) Floor (Planes) & the land in reovem (reversion) of the tythes of the same personage veh I have of the demise & grante of the Dean & Chapter of the College of Oxord (Oxford); to my brother in law, Thomas Deerring, my horse, etc. To Jane Cordal for her daughter 20 marks. I make Andrie & Francois my whiter exicurees. Signed William Whitman. (no witnessed)."

(daughter) Vaughan of Mitleande (the benefits of Jenm John) ap(son of) Cittoes Fyne (a particular kind of rent or royalty conveyed) of a certain teneant called Rayn Ridley, Vicesess December 1759.

"Probate: The last day of March 1696/7, granted to Christopher Smith, notary, provost for Andwor, retel, &c. Feuclay, Stremonish, the natural and lawfull daughter of said deceasen."

P. C. C. 59, Rayn. Andre Wightman, this is the last will of my Andre Wightman, late wife of William Wightman of Harrow upon the Hill, Co. Middlesex, Esqr., deceased, made and dated the 10th, June, 1696.

"To William Brome some & a heire of George Brome of Halton, Co. Oxon (Oxford) Esqr., my late mother's near (or) Coventry, Co. Warwick, given to me by the said William Wightman."

"To William Dering some of my late brother John Dering, deceased, that acre or 3 acres of land in the Parish of Harrow, Co. Middlesex in the coronoman's field of Pymore, called longefield, & a abutting (abutting) towards the field of Roxey, between the landes which was John Marshallis on the West, & the landes which was Oliver Knightis on the East. I make the said William Dering sole executor, Andre Wightman, witnessed, R. Strencham, Thomas Ball Elizabeth Brown, [Sealed]."
The predominant color or metal of the shield is always given first. In the Nightman Arms it is argent or silver; in that of Andros Nightman, gules or red. A bend or bendy is sometimes the mark of Kindred (often seen on the shields of silk-worm and silk-grower) but then enengled or scalloped, like ours, is supposed to represent a scaling-ladder. In our Arms it runs from the dexter (upper right-hand side) diagonally down to the sinister (lower left-hand side). Dexter and sinister are the right and left sides respectively, supposing the shield to be held in front of one as in battle. If reversed when looked at in a picture. A Cornish Cough (Cornishish Gough, pronounced "Gour") is a bird of the kind of the raven and the noble bird of antiquity. It seems to represent never-ending alertness, constant, patient, faithful, watchful and guarding aught. The Cough was formerly used only by Cornish families up to the time of Henry the VII. Which fact leads the writer to believe that our original Nightman came from the Isle of Wight into Cornwall or southern England, and not from Scotland, Lowland Scotland, etc., seem to represent the many qualities, such as sternness of character, prowess, bravery, which this is the emblem of the high and mighty. It is a bird of war, which is said to be destroyed by the story. The writer does not know the significance of the Buck, Stag, Deer, Roebuck, etc., as shown in the Bearing Arms.

The following will explain the specific terms used in our Arms: Argent, is silver; Gules, gules is red or is gold or yellow; Or, proper or natural colors; Vert, is green; azure is blue; Sable is black; Coupe is cut off straight; engrailed is scalloped; A wreath is the twisted band around the top of the helmet, and on which the crest usually rests, and from which the mantle usually hangs. It takes its color from the principal colors or metals of the shield with few exceptions (ours seems to be one of them): the metal coming first on the dexter side, alternating with the color. Of course, it should never be silver and red, but the Confirmation gives it as "silver and blue." There are usually six to ten leaves, each taken from the colors of the Arms, unless otherwise stated. Our is red for the outside of the Mantle and silver for the inside, as it would be worn. The Escutcheon is of plain steel, shown in profile with visor closed.


The writer's father and grandfather both handed down the tradition that this William Nightman, Esq., is the writer's great-great-grandfather, a British Consul at Tunis, about 1755. Though they are in doubt as to the exact date, when he may have been earlier or later than 1755, they were in no doubt as to the Consulship. However, a report has just come from Mr. W. W. Wilmer, the local British Consul in Richmond, Va., as follows: "I am directed to inform you that there is no information in the records of the Foreign Office (London) regarding Mr. William Nightman, and no indication that such a person ever held the position of British Consul or of any office about the same.

This creates a discrepancy as between the family tradition and the records of the Foreign Office in London. The writer is inclined to think that both are correct. He feels that the information received from his father and grandfather was so positive a nature that he believes this William Nightman did hold a Consulship or other diplomatic post either at Tunis or some other North African station, but that both the date and place may be incorrect, and therefore misleading. It is, however, worthwhile to have the fact established, that he (William Nightman) was not British Consul at Tunis in about 1755. This information will be particularly valuable in any subsequent investigation.

Unfortunately there is a gap between 1679 - 1686 and 1679 - 1700, during which latter period, William Nightman, Sr., the writer's great-great-grandfather, was probably born, just where is not known. He had the same name, and was likely the oldest of his father's and a direct descendant of William Nightman, Esq., of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex, England. This is assured by the fact that the Arms are the same; and as the Arms is one of Descent or Paternal Arms, it cannot be borne by any other family.

Little is known of him, nor the exact number of his children but we do know of four sons: William, the oldest; John; Thomas; Nicholas John. These four brothers, for some unknown reason, left their English home and came to Charleston, S.C., about 1770. One account says that John and Thomas, after a short stay in Charleston, left the city; John going north to join the Rhode Island Colony, Thomas going south to the West Indies; Another account states, that both John and Thomas joined the New-England Colony, and taking sides with the British, fought with the "loyal New-Englanders" at the close of the War of Independence, returned to England. The writer is inclined to credit the latter account. Nothing is known of the four sons born to them.

In copies of "The State" of Columbia, S.C., dated March or April, and June 11th, 1826, there are two paragraphs, presumably from old records, dated 1788. One says Nicholas John Nightman, aged 25, was murdered in Meeting Street, Charleston, S.C., and later, Joseph Stacy, John George; Thomas Smith; Emanual Hethen; and Ann Connolly; received sentence of death for the crime of murder (of John Nightman), who was said to have murdered in Charleston, S.C., for the murder of Nicholas John Nightman. The latter adds one more to the former list. Nicholas John Nightman was buried in old St. Philip's Church-Yard West. The following interesting bit of family history is taken from the inscription on his tombstone:

To the memory of Nicholas John Nightman, who was killed by footpads on night of the 12th of March, 1786, aged 25 years. Peacefully returning home to his brother's house, where he was wont to visit; the villain act and made an attempt to rob him, which he resisted, and was immediately killed by a bullet from his brother's gun. His body was removed to New-England, and inscribed the peace of the city, and by their frequent robberies and attempts to set fire to homes, kept the inhabitants in constant alarm. They were shortly afterward tried, and
after fullest conviction, condemned and executed. Divine Providence ordered it so that a
single bullet, belonging to the cost of the murderer, found on the spot where the murder
was committed, by a child, son of Mr. Edgar Wells, merchant, served with other proof to
discover and convict him. This march is created by an affectionate brother and sister
in memory of their brother, George William Miller, who was a child of old age, and was
sad and affable in his manner, just, generous, and humane. He is loved with the sin-
cere affection. His soul rests at the Moravay Seat of his Creator.

Of the four original brothers, William was the only one left, and thus became the
founder of the Charleston, S.C. branch of the Nightman family. In all subsequent gene-
alogies William will be referred to as 1st gen., etc.

WILLIAM NIGHTMAN, Esq.
1st Gen. (Major) William Nightman, Esq. was born, presumably in England, place unknown;
and died in Charleston, S.C., on July 9th, 1835, aged 79 years. He is buried in old St. Phil-
ipp's Church Yard, near his brother Nicholas John. He married Elizabeth Bath Jones,
probably in Charleston about 1775. She was a daughter of William and Sarah Jones, both
of England; and she was born in England in 1785; and died in Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 9th,
1846, aged 79 years. She was buried in Church Yard near Mr. Nightman.

He was known as "Major" Nightman, and seems to have earned this title by commanding
Colonial Militia during the Revolution War. Unfortunately, if records of these service
were kept at all, they were frequently lost or destroyed. He was for many years in the jewelry business in Charleston, under the firm name of Night-
man & Jack. He seems to have greatly prospered, for he was considered quite a wealthy
man for those times. The writer has often heard his father say that, "the major was a dis-
tinguished and imposing figure as he would get into or leave his handsome coach, with the
Stock, the Crest of the Nightman Coat of Arms, emblazoned on the coach-door panel."

The following incident concerning the Major is of interest, particularly as it is not
generally known by the family: "Having on one occasion to send $10,000 (dollars) in
gold to a Washington bank, he carefully placed the gold coins in a stout oak box, which
he secured with large, iron, hand-made padlocks. This was brought by a mail coach, to the
then famous post-road "stagecoach," who carried it to Washington by horseback and stage-coach. However, when the
box was broken, and the gold was opened at the bank at Washington, it was found to contain
only brass-scrapes, of the approximate weight of the gold, which was missing. Though the Ma-
nor felt morally certain that the mail coacher was guilty, he could legally prove nothing,
as the mail coacher declared the substitution must have been made, without his knowledge, some
one else. But, a most plausible explanation, which the American was unable to break
with, "he had three children: William; John Thomas; Sally."

2nd Gen. Sally Nightman, the first child, was born in Charleston, S.C., on Sept. 13th,
1779; d. on Aug. 20th, 1863, in her fourth year. The death of this little daughter must
have been a heart-rending tragedy as the following incident will show. It is quoted from
an old family Bible existing in the Moravai Branch of the Nightman family.

"Sally, I have read by my mother often say, that my father's love for Sally was so great, he
would not have her interred for several days. Altho. in August and very hot, he would lend
over the corpse and kiss her, although she was purging at the time. So I suppose, that it must
be about three days after her death she was buried. That would be on 23rd, August, 1863,
as she died on 20th. Signed: William Nightman.

WILLIAM NIGHTMAN,
2nd Gen. William Nightman, the Major's oldest son, was born in Charleston, S.C., on Janry.
7th, 1781; d. in Nacoochi Valley, Va., July 11th, 1856, aged 76 years; buried in Augusta,

This was a man of fine character and highly respected. He was an amateur artist of
exceptional ability, and was the first of the Charleston Nightmans to show the artistic
talent, which has since been such a family characteristic.

His wife was a woman of great depth of character and a devout christian and Me-
thodist. Her parents were closely associated with the first Methodist's in their early
struggles in England. They were close personal friends of both Adam Clarke and John Wes-
ley, and the letter is said to have held the little booklet on his lap and taught her.

There is a set of Adam Clarke's Commentaries given to her by Adam Clarke himself,
with his autograph letter pasted on inside of front cover of Vell. This is thought to be
the only set in America with such a personal autograph letter. These Commentaries
now belong to heirs of the family, and are in care of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C.
for safe keeping. She, Matilda Sandy Nightman, with the assistance of the writer's grand-
father, John Wesley, wrote the manuscript of this book, "The American Methodism in Col-
onial Charleton, S.C." She composed a church and a school, attended by all the children. She had
influence of Sandy's has given rise to such speculation as to her relationship to the family
of Sandy's so prominent in English ecclesiastical and political life, as well as moving
spirits in the struggle of the early Virginia Colony. She died on Feb., 1863, at the home
of the Rev. Dr. Poore, Methodist minister living near Orangeburg, S.C.; her age at death being given as 65 years, 5 sons; 4 daughters: William Hay; in Charleston,
S.C., June 9th, 1890; d. in Augusta, Ga., April 2nd, 1891, her son by her first marriage.
Charles William; Thomas Wesley; Sarah Elizabeth Matilda; Mary Amanda Susan; Matilda Martha; Louisa Archie
Laurence; John. Adam Clarke Letter is given under "Some Interesting Facts," towards the end of this paper.
Bishop William Hay Nightman.

3rd Gen. Bishop William Hay Nightman (William; William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. Jan 28th, 1808; d. in Charleston, Feb 18th, 1852; buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S.C.; m. (1) Sarah B. Shackelford, of Columbia, S.C., March 18th, 1835; m. (2) Maria Davies, of Marion, S.C., Nov 10th, 1853; she was b. Nov 14th, 1865; d. May 12th, 1872. By 1st marriage: 2 sons; 3 daughters. William Shackelford Ford; Henry Percy b. about 1846; lived in Texas; d. in Galveston, Texas, in 1823; not married; Mary b. 1848; d. about 1860, not married; Edith. By 2nd marriage: 1 son; 1 daughter. Eugene Middletown, b. in Charleston, May 1872. Hay Longstreet.

He was brought up from infancy under the influence of his earnest, devout, and tender religious influence. At the age of 23 he graduated with first honors at Charleston College on Oct. 7, 1827. During his last year in college he felt called to preach the gospel, and joined the S.C.M.E. Conference then in session in Queens, S.C., and was licensed to preach in the summer of 1827. From 1828 to 1833 he filled various pastoral charges in S.C. In 1836 he was appointed agent for the endowment fund of Randolph-Macon College, then at Boyceyton, V.A., which position he held for five years. He then filled the chair of English literature at the same college for one year, resigning to engage in pastoral work. In 1840 he was a member of the General Conference of the M.S. Church, and was elected editor of the Christian Advocate, published in Charleston, S.C., which position he held from 1840 to 1854. He was also a member of the famous, and historical session of the M. E. General Conference in 1844, and took part in the deliberations which resulted in the division of the church into its Northern and Southern branches. In 1854 he was elected to the Presidency of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., being its first president; and holding this office till 1859. During this latter year he was elected Chancellor of the Southern University, Greensboro, N.C., which office he held for seven years. In 1866, during the session of the General Conference in New-Orleans, La., he was elected by that body a Bishop of the M.E. Church, South. He came back to Charleston, in 1859, and made his home until his death. He was a man of culture in the truest sense of the word, and a number of the first Sunday-School organized in Charleston, S.C., in old Trinity, M.E. Church. He was an elder of the church D. from Randolph-Macon College, Boyceyton, Va., and his L.L.D. from Charleston College, his Alma Mater. He was a great preacher, an able administrator, and a distinctly forceful, intelligent Christian. His influence is indelibly impressed upon Southern Methodists.

The wife of Bishop Nightman was a woman of unusually strong character, tremendous vitality, and forceful personality. There is not a department of work in the Southern Methodist Church which has not felt the stimulating force of her personality; women's work; education; Sunday-school; temperance; missions; evangelism; in most of which she was among the pioneer workers. Her field of operations was not limited to S. C., but extended practically over the entire South. In recognition of her great services to the church, The Episcopal Training School at Nashville, Tenn., has named a beautiful Gothic structure, "The Bishop Nightman Memorial Chapel," in her honor and memory. It is indeed an honor to have had so splendid a specimen of womanhood as a member of the family.

4th Gen. Rev. William Shackelford Ford Nightman (Bishop William Hay; William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C., on 1867; d. in Charleston, about 1896, one week after his wife's death. M. Caroline Lenton, of S.C., the daughter of a Methodist minister, ? She d. in 1896. 4 sons: 1 daughter: Percy, b. about 1899; d. about 1909; in Philippines while he was a pastor; not married. No Queen Sally; William Hay; Henry Lenton; Anne. He was a Methodist minister belonging to the S.C. Conference, and served for many years as pastor in various charges. Later transferred to the Presbyterians, in which service he continued until his death.

6th Gen. Mo Queen Salley Nightman (Rev. William Shackelford Ford; Bishop William Hay; William; William) b. in Columbus, S.C., Nov 6th, 1878; m. Ethna Daniel, of Charlotte Courthouse, Va., Sept 7th, 1917. No issue. He graduated at Princeton University, while there, had the honor of being the private secretary to President Woodrow Wilson, at that time Pres. of the University. He serves Company B of Field Artillery, A.E.F., in lst. Division in France 1917 - 1918. He is now engaged in the banking and brokerage business at 55 Prentiss, N.Y. City; his home address being 427 Park Ave., N.Y. City.


He is now Bachelor of The Exchange Bank of Savannah, Ga., and makes his home at Bona-Bolla, R.F.D. Savannah, Ga.
5th Gen. Anne Wightman (Rev. William Shockelford Ford; Bishop William May; William; William) b. in Tenn. 1833. d. in Orange Co., Georgia. 2 sons; 1 daughter: J. Hobson Norvell, Jr.; William Caskie; Louise Lowton.

Her husband is in the Agricultural-Fertilizer business, and makes his home at Charlotte Courthouses, Va.


5th Gen. Maria Caper (Ethel Wightman; Bishop William May; William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. in 1875. m. George Williams Pemberton, of Hamberg, S.C. (North Augusta) S.C. on Dec. 10th, 1876. He d. in 1910. She is now living with her husband at William C.G. R. F. M. No. 3 near Columbia, S.C.

4th Gen. May Longstreet Wightman (Bishop William May; William; William) b. in President's house, Southern University, Greensboro, Ala., on Aug. 24th, 1867; Not married. She now makes her home in the old family home at 79, Anson Street, Charleston, S.C.

3rd Gen. John Williams Wightman (William; William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 6th, 1806. m. Marie, a French woman, name unknown. 1 son; 1 daughter: Percy, of whom nothing is known; Matilda, who is said to have been a gifted artist and poet, is not married; Anna, m. a Mr. Vane of New-Orleans, La. Otherwise nothing is known. Little can be found concerning this son of William Wightman, 3rd, except that he lived most of his life in, and died in Augusta, Ga.

John Williams Wightman.

3rd Gen. Thomas Wightman (William; William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 23rd, 1811. m. Isabella Jeanette Morris, of New-York or Brooklyn, in Richmond, Co., Ga. on Feb. 19th, 1837; she was b. Sept. 12th, 1812, d. in Jacksonville, Fla. (B. 4th, 1868. He d. in Augusta, Ga. on Nov. 28th, 1868. 7 sons; 1 daughter: William Selleck; Edward, d. in childhood; Thomas Walker; Janes; d. in childhood; Horace Whittemore; Frank Vincent; Augustus, Jr. in childhood; Isabelle Charlotte.

"Cousin Tommy," as he was known to most of us, early showed marked artistic talent, finally adopting art as his profession. He studied under, and was a friend as well as a favorite pupil of Henry Inman, one of America's great painters. He made portraiture and still-life his specialties, and was well and favorably known in the profession. The disturbing questions which brought on the Civil-War, also caused a break in this family, "Cousin Tommy" and his son, William Selleck, going to the South, while the other children and his wife favored the North. This unfortunate break was never healed as far as the parents were concerned, but the children buried their differences and became reconciled after the war ended.

4th Gen. William Selleck Wightman (Thomas; William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 18th, 1838. m. Julia Elizabeth Christopher, of Yonkers, N.Y., on June 30th, 1857; he d. in Nov. 15th, 1860. 6 sons: John Christopher, b. in Jacksonville, Fla. on Sept. 18th, 1856. He was drowned on Nov. 23rd, 1861; William, b. in Jacksonville, on July 25th, 1861; Charles, b. in Jacksonville, on July 20th, 1861; John, b. in Jacksonville, on Feb. 20th, 1858; James, b. in Jacksonville, on Nov. 15th, 1856; he is now a law student at the Law School at Athens, Ga.; William Selleck, b. in Jacksonville, Nov. 18th, 1916; he is now a 13th year. His present address is 736 May St. Jacksonville, Fla.

5th Gen. Charles B. Wightman (William Selleck; Thomas; William; William) b. in Jacksonville, Fla. on Nov. 18th, 1861. m. Lucille Drew, of Jacksonville, on Oct. 16th, 1903. 4 sons: Baby d. Oct. 28th, 1905; Charles Richard, b. in Decatur, Ala. on May 17th, 1897; he graduates at V.M.I., Lexington, Va, in class of 1922; Julius Drew, b. in Jacksonville, on Oct. 16th, 1903; he is now a law student at the Law School at Athens, Ga.; William Selleck, b. in Jacksonville, Nov. 18th, 1916; he is now a 13th year. His present address is 736 May St. Jacksonville, Fla.

4th Gen. Thomas Walker Wightman (Thomas; William; William) b. Oct. 28th, 1842; m. Annie Witherspoon Randall, of Haywood, S.C. on May 14th, 1874, or 1876; d. in Jacksonville, Fla. on June 30th, 1906; aged 67 years. She d. in Jacksonville, on April 30th, 1913, aged 66 years. 2 daughters: Isabel May; Anna Margaret (Jandy). He lived in New-York City, and is said to have been a very clever semi-professional artist, doing excellent pen and ink, besides other artistic work.

She is a gifted artist, and before her marriage made miniatures and ornate decoration her specialties. She lives with her husband at 609, Summit Ave., Hackensack, N.J.

5th. Gen. Anna Marguerite (Daisy) Wightman (Thomas Walker; Thomas; William; William) b. in Jersey-City, N.J., on May 12th, 1879; m. Edward Irving Church, of Jersey-City, on Sept. 11th, 1906; she b. Moh. 3rd, 1877. 1 son: 1 daughter: Edward Wightman; b. July 16th, 1908; Elizabeth Wightman; b. Moh. 30th, 1911.

She is now living at 241 Madison Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

5th. Gen. Horace Whittemore Wightman (Thomas; William; William) b. in ? on ? m. Fannie Bishop Blackman, of Bridgeport, Conn., on ? 3 sons; 1 daughter: Horace Whittemore; Frank Hanover; William, b. in 1877; d. Feb. 7th, 1885; Lillian Kitt; he d. in Jersey-City, Oct. 11th, 1907. She was b. Dec. 6th, 1850; d. in Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 11th, 1915.

He was another Wightman who possessed considerable artistic talent, which he used in a semi-professional way.

5th. Gen. Horace Whittemore Wightman (Horace Whittemore; Thomas; William; William) b. in ? on Jan. 19th, 1879; m. Adele Henrietta Cox, of Jersey-City, N.J., on ? She was b. on Sept. 26th, 1864; 2 daughters: Adele Henrietta; b. in Jersey-City, on Nov. 14, 1906; Joanna Elizabeth; b. in Jersey-City, Sept. 29th, 1910.

His present address is 202 Madison Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.


He is now living at 422 Ocean Ave., Jersey-City, N.J.


His widow, Mrs. Lillian Kitt Clark, is now living at Montrose, Calif.

5th. Gen. Frank Raymond Wightman (Thomas; William; William) b. in Bound Brook, N.J., on July 1st, 1864; m. Carrie Ellen Bowen, of Wethersfield, Vt., on May 29th, 1881, in Maudlin, Fla. She was b. Oct. 2nd, 1860; he d. in Foster or Sitamto, R.I., Nov. 20th, 1915; 1 son; 1 daughter: Augustus; d. in childhood; Isabel Ines.

He lived and was engaged in business in Phila., Pa., for many years. His widow married Benjamin K. Richardson, and is now living at 1252, Exton Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

5th. Gen. Isabel Ines Wightman (Frank Vincent; Thomas; William; William) b. in Maudlin, Fla., Sept. 26th, 1876; m. (1) Theodore Raymond Goodwin, of Providence, R.I., on April 10th, 1902; (2) De Leon G. Hoffman, of ? on ? By 1st m., 1 daughter: Theodora Isabel Goodwin.

Mrs. De Leon G. Hoffman is now living at Haines City, Fla.

6th. Gen. Theodore Isabel Goodwin (Isabel Ines Wightman; Frank Vincent; Thomas; William; William) b. in Phila., Pa., Feb. 13th, 1883; m. Paul Nash Layman, of New York, City, on Sept. 11th, 1886; at Varmago, N.J., 1 son; Paul Nash, Jr., b. in N.Y.C., Nov. 22nd, 1887.

She is now living at 157, Mayflower Drive, Tuckahoe, N.Y.


She was a gifted artist, making a specialty of ornate decoration; and living most of her life in New York City.

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3rd. Gen. Rev. James Wesley Wightman (William; William) b. in Charleston, S.C., on Nov. 20th, 1819; m. (1) Anna H. Simmons, of Charleston, S.C., on Dec. 15th, 1840; she d. ? m. (2) Sarah Kemery, of Edgefield, S.C., on Nov. 18th, 1845; she d. ? m. (3) Carrie Harvey, of Wilkesboro, N.C., on June 12th, 1867; she d. ? He d. in Hinton, W.Va., in 1889, age 71 yrs.

By 1st m., 1 daughter: Anna; by 2nd m., 4 sons; 5 daughters: William Scharad; Pearl Bon- neman; Walker; b. in Colchester, S.C., in 1867; d. in childhood; Reginald Heber; Bettie Rebecca; b. in 1865; d. in childhood; Mary Walker; Annie Bonaime; Amelia, by 3rd m., 1 son; 1 daughter: Henry; Margaret (Aggie).

He graduated at Randolph-Macon College, at Boynton, Va., in 1839, at age of 20; and entered the S.C. Conference of the M.E. Church shortly afterward. After serving various pastoral charges in S.C., he removed to Newport, N.Y., and joined the M.E. Conf. in 1866. He was an able prosecuting and trial attorney. After his third marriage he removed to Hinton, W.Va., and at the earnest request of his wife, who was a Presbyterian, joined the Presbyterian minister, in which work he was serving at the time of his death in Hinton, W.Va.
in San Antonio, Tex. on Nov. 3rd, 1827. 2 sons: 3 daughters: Thomas Walter; George James; May Nightingale; Daisy Nightingale; Anna Louise; Mch. 17th, 1877; d. in childhood. Her husband was a Presbyterian Minister, and d. in Bainbridge, Ga. Sept. 30th, 1865. He, b. in Winnsboro, S.C. on June 2nd, 1863 and d. in Bainbridge, Ga. May, 3rd, 1879, not married, are both Directors of Beacon Kindergarten and Primary School, at San Antonio, Tex. and made their home with their brother at 1113, Huisache Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

5th. Gen. Rev. Thomas Walter Griffith, b. in Anna Nightman; Rev. James Wesley; William, Williamson, in Manning, S.C. on Dec. 4th, 1884. Not married. Besides his ministerial duties as pastor of the Prospect Hill Presbyterian Ch., San Antonio, he is the Director of Camp Highi-Molok, at Laguna, Tex., where the camp is doing a great work in upbuilding a fine and healthy mankind in its boys. His address is 1113, Huisache Ave., San Antonio, Texas.

6th. Gen. Dr. George James Griffiths, b. in Lumpkin Co., Ga. Aug. 26th, 1880; m. Bell Williams, of Mansfield, Ga. on June, 24th, 1907. 1 daughter: Lois Wimbish; b. in Mansfield, Ga. on Aug. 22nd, 1908. He is now successfully practicing dentistry in Mansfield, Ga., with office in the Saunders’ Building. His home is in Mansfield.

4th. Gen. William Sherard Nightman (Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. Edgefield, S.C. Oct. 6th, 1849; m. (1) Carrie Elizabeth Bodie, of Edgefield, on Dec. 23rd, 1875; she was b. Sept. 2nd, 1858; d. Aug. 26th, 1890; m. (2) Lida Magdalene Hurlong, of Edgefield, now Saluda, Co. S.C. Feb. 17th, 1892; she was b. May 26th, 1862; she d. July, 15th, 1915. 5 sons; 3 daughters: by 1st. m. George Walker; James Wesley; Walter Reid; William Francois; Sarah Anna; Susan Greenway; Mary Pauline; Amelia Bonneau; by 2nd. m. Centcy Rommyer; b. Mch. 11th, 1855; not married, lives in Saluda, Co. S.C. Sept. 21st, 1896; not married. Lives in Saluda, Co. S.C. Jan. 1st, 1917.

He was a farmer, and took also an active part in Sunday-School work. He served for four years during the Civil War. His widow, Mrs. Lida M. Nightman, is now living at Ward, S.C. R. R. No. 1.

7th. Gen. George Walker Nightman (William Sherard; Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. Mch. 2nd, 1876; m. (1) Anna Amzie, of Columbus, Ga. on April, 12th, 1900; she d. m. (2) Annie Dorn Hill, of Carlisle, S.C. on May, 9th, 1906; she was b. July, 30th, 1881. 3 sons; 2 daughters: William Hill, b. Aug. 21st, 1910; George Edward; b. April, 18th, 1913; James Mc Croy; b. Feb. 16th, 1910; Mary Adair; b. Sept., 11th, 1907; Carrie Boyd, b. Dec. 28th, 1908; Annie Amelia, b. July, 30th, 1914.

For many years he has been active in State affairs, and was formerly State Senator for the district around Saluda, S.C., where he formerly lived. He now makes his home at Newberry, S.C.


He is now living at:
Saluda, Co. S.C.


He is now living at:
Charleston, S.C.


He is now living in Newberry, S.C.


She is now living at:
Saluda, Co. S.C.


She is now living at:
Spartanburg, S.C.

13th. Gen. Mary Pauline Wightman (William Sherard; Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. Dec. 16th, 1901; m. Edna Lee Pickens Brook, of Greer, Co. S.C. on June, 10th, 1906; she was b. Oct. 26th, 1906; 2 sons; 2 daughters: Mary Pauline; b. May, 29th, 1916; Edgar Pickens; b. Feb., 19th, 1923; Valma May; b. June, 24th, 1907; Anna Gertrude; b. Aug., 12th, 1909; Rebecca Chestnut; b. Nov. 23rd, 1911; Rubie Brown; b. Oct., 18th, 1913; Sarah Genene; b. Feb., 4th, 1916.

Finally now living at:

She is now living in North Orangeburg Co. S.C.

5th Gen. Gladys Elizaboth Wightman (William Shurard; Rev. James Wesley; William; William; William), b. June 14th, 1858, in Douglas Davenport Padgett's Saluda Co. S.C., on April 14th, 1918. She was b. June 14th, 1858. 1 son; 1 daughter: Curtis Davenport, b. Aug. 6th, 1920.

Gladys Madalene; b. March 23rd, 1917.

She is now living in Saluda Co. S.C.

4th Gen. Dr. Pearce Boureu Wightman (Rev. James Wesley; William; William; William; William; b. Bonnsville, S.C., on Oct. 23rd, 1849; m. Ella Land, of Lexington, Ky., on Feb. 7th, 1866; 1 daughter: Nettie Noyd, in Agriculture School, Ky.; he was a leading physician in Lexington, Ky., for many years. His widow married again, and is living at 1 Lexington, Ky.

4th Gen. Rev. Reginald/Heber Wightman (Rev. James Wesley; William; William; William), in Cokesbury S.C., on June 10th, 1855, in Mary Nute, of Charleston, S.C.; 1 son; 1 daughter: Charles W. Nute, of Katherine N.; he joined the M.E.-Kentucky Conference in 1874, as ordained "Deacon," by Bishop Kekemor, in 1875, and an "Elder" by Bishop Price, in 1876, and for eight years he preached in Illinois, and for over four years in Texas. For the next two years he was a member of the Columbia, S.C., Conference, of Oregon, and then transferred to the Pacific Conference, of Cal., of which he is now a retired member. About four years ago, while in Oakland, Cal., he was knackered down by a leading automobile, and his right leg was completely crushed. To avoid gangrene, his leg was amputated just below the thigh. He is now living with his son, and his address is P.O. Box, 226, Campbell, Calif.

4th Gen. Charles Wesley Wightman (Rev. Reginald/Heber; Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. in Ky., on Nov. 22nd, 1879; not married.

He is a house painter, and makes his home in Calif., P.O. Box, 226.

4th Gen. Porcy Heber Wightman (Rev. Reginald/Heber; Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. in Hillsboro, Ky., on May 8th, 1855, in Ethel B. Carr, of Avilla, at Murphyboro, Ill., on Oct. 25th, 1807, in 1 son; 1 daughter: Robin Carr, b. in Murphyboro, October 5th, 1916; 1 daughter; b. in Sept. 13th, 1909; Katherine by name.

He is a special representative of the manager of the Standard Oil Co. of Evansville, Ind., and takes his home present at 1 Evansville, Ind.

4th Gen. Edwin Nute Wightman (Rev. Reginald Heber; Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. in Sardis, Ky., on Jan. 17th, 1832, in Mary C. Hill, of the Dalles, Ore.; on July 14th, 1823; 2 daughters: Mary Elizabeth; b. in Portland, Ore.; on May 24th, 1894; Dorothy Mayb.; Feb. 2nd, 1826; in Portland, Ore.; he is now engaged in the Auditing and Accounting business in Portland, Ore., and is now living at 1337, 22nd, Everett St., Portland, Ore.


(4th Gen. Hattie Nebecan Wightman (Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. in Cokesbury, S.C., on May 10th, 1852, in Joseph Rymon, of Selvista, Ky., on 1877; she d. in Selvista, June 13th, 1916; 1 son; 1 daughter: James Lillard; b. in 1884; in childhood.

The son, James Lillard Rymon, is principal of a school at Thibodaux, Tenn.

4th Gen. Mary Walter Wightman (Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. in Cokesbury, S.C., on April 28th, 1865, in Rev. Clarence F. Reid, D.D., of New York, member of the Kentucky Conference, on May 7th, 1881, in Winchester, Ky.; He d. Oct. 8th, 1905, in Elancer, Ky.; 3 sons: 2 daughters: Wightman Tillottson; Stanley Boureu; James Wesley; Annie May, Eloise.

Both she and her husband were earnest, faithful missionaries in China for 18 yrs., and in 1918 by Dr. Wightman's 28 of the best years of their lives in the upbuilding and betterment of humanity. They also leave their oldest son to carry on the great work. The writer feels constrained to say, we should feel it a great privilege to be able to claim relationship to these noble people.

4th Gen. Dr. Wightman Tillottson Reid (Mary Walter Wightman; Rev. James Wesley; William; William), b. in Shoalhaven, from Cokesbury, S.C., 1865. Son, Mary Williams, of New York; City, and Kingston, W.I.; was b. Sept. 9th, 1910, in Seoul, Kore.; 3 sons; 3 daughters: Edgerton Hart; b. in Songdo, Korea, on June 2nd, 1914; Gilbert Wightman; b. in Kingston; Jamaica, on April 11th, 1915; Clarence Wilson; b. in Songdo, Korea, on March 20th, 1919; May 5th, 1920; Eloise Buffington; b. in Songdo, Korea, on July 11th, 1921; Genevieve Nathaniel; b. in Songdo, Korea, on Nov. 19th, 1923; Annabel Bonneau; b. in Songdo, Korea, on July 7th, 1927.

All these children are now going to school in Songdo, Korea. He graduated in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and is also a Methodist Minister. He was sent as a Medical Missionary to Korea, and is now Head Surgeon of Inje Hospital, Korean Mission of the M.E. Church, South, Songdo, Korea, where he has earnestly and faithfully labored for the past 21 yrs. In a letter just received from him, he writes that they will likely leave Korea for the U.S.A. on the coming June.
14th, and expect to arrive probably late in July, 1920, and stay with his aunt, Mrs. H. H. Huttoff, a sister of his Rev father, whose home is in Erlanger, Ky. This will be his temporary home. He has descended on the maternal side from the Tilottson family, one of whose ancestors was at one time Archbishop of Canterbury (about time of James the 1st.) His wife also writes that she has both her father's and mother's ancestral histories back to the 16th and 17th centuries, which her brother, who is in England, has recently verified from old ledgers and church records. (Sir William Keith, descendant of Sir Edward Keith, fifteenth great Marshall of Scotland, was an ancestor of her father. She further states that her husband is a musician and artist, having painted a number of excellent pictures. She herself being a poetess and an artist. In this case artistic tendencies run in both sides.

His former address was Ivey Hospital, Korea Mission of the M.E. Church, South, Songdo, Korea; but letters had better be addressed to his care Mrs. C. W. Huggington, Erlanger, Ky.

5th Gen. Stanley Bonneau Reid—(Mary Walter Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Korea, on Sept. 8th, 1897; not married.

He graduated at the California State University, and is now taking a higher degree at the Eastern University. His address is given as 2122 Grant, St. Berkeley, Calif.

5th Gen. James Wesley Reid (Mary Walter Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Shanghai, China, on May 26th, 1902; Laura Gilbert, of Oakdale, Cal. on Dec. 25th, 1921; there is said to be no issue.

He is supposed to be in business in Oakland, Cal., and his address is given as 2122 Grant, St. Berkeley, Calif.

5th Gen. Annie May Reid (Mary Walter Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Shanghai, China, on Nov. 18th, 1904; Florence, Cal., on Feb. 10th, 1916; 2 sons; 2 daughters: names and dates of births not given.

She is now living with her husband on their ranch near Oceano, Cal. R.P.D. 2, Box 49.

5th Gen. Eloise Reid (Mary Walter Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Lexington, Ky. on Sept. 25th, 1895; not married.

She is a writer and musician of note, and makes her home at 118, N. State, St. Erlanger, Ky.


3 sons; 2 daughters: John William Russell; Charles Reid; Wrighton Bonneau; in infancy; Hattie Mae.

Her husband was a well-known carriage manufacturer, located at Florence, Ky., and he was a member of the Masonic Order.

4th Gen. John William Russell Bradford (Annie Bonneau Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Florence, Ky., on June, 11th, 1893; Rev. Albert G. Stone, of Va., on June, 11th, 1893; 2 sons; John Russell, of 10 yrs; Corlis Allen; age 6 yrs.

He is a Certified Accountant and Attorney at Law in Clin. Ohio, and makes his home at 1357, Fleming, St., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

5th Gen. Charles Reid Bradford (Annie Bonneau Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Florence, Ky., on May, 22nd, 1920; 2 daughters: Harriette; age 6 yrs; Marlen; age 3 yrs.

He is a Certified Accountant, doing business in Clin. Ohio, but having his home at Florence, Ky.

5th Gen. Hattie May Bradford (Annie Bonneau Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Florence, Ky., on June, 11th, 1893; Rev. Albert G. Stone, of Va., on June, 11th, 1893; 1 daughter; Margaret Bradford; about 1 year old.

Her husband is a minister belonging to the Kentucky Conference of the M.E. Church, South, and her home at present is at Kent, Ky.

4th Gen. Amelia Wrightman (Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Newberry, S.C., on May, 6th, 1891; 2 sons; Rev. Albert G. Stone, of Ridge Spring, S.C., on Aug. 15th, 1898; 2 sons; 1 daughter; Wesley Wrightman; George Griffiths; Daisy Bonneau, he d. in 1.

5th Gen. Wesley Watson (Amelia Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Edgefield, S.C., on Oct. 13th, 1920; not married.

He is now connected with the address of the J. S. Law Hospital, at Leavenworth, Ky., and makes his home at 1, Washington, Ky.

5th Gen. George Griffiths Watson (Amelia Wrightman; Rev. James Wesley; Williams) b. in Greenfield, S.C., on July 1st, 1893; Rev. Albert G. Stone, of Ridge Spring, S.C., on Nov. 28th, 1893; Ruth McDonald, of Newberry, S.C., on March 11th, 1920; no issue.

He is the Vice-President of the Merchants State Bank, 500, E. Douglas, Avo., Wichita, Kan., and makes his home at 1, Wichita, Kan.
Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Wightman.

3rd Gen. Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Wightman (William; William). in Charleston, S.C. on July,30th.1813. m. Rev. Hugh Andrew Crawford Walker, of Palmy, Brook, County Antrim, Ireland, on Feb.y.11th.1838. She d. in Marion, S.C. on Feb.y.11th.1888. He was b. Aug. 3rd.1813, in Ireland, he was the 1st. S.C. in 1830; joined the M.E. Conference of S.C. of which he was a member for nearly 50 years, earnestly and lovingly serving the Almighty. He d. in Marion, S.C. on May, 22nd.1886 age 77 yrs; both he and his wife are buried in Marion, S.C. 2 sons; 1 daught:er; George Williams; Arthur Crawford; Mary Louisa. She, like her mother, was loving in disposition, earnest in spirit, humble, yet mighty in faith, serving the Lord. She gave two sons to the ministry, and a daughter who was an earnest worker in the church. Her memory and that of her husband is a benediction and a blessed heritage.

4th Gen. Rev. George Williams Walker, D.D.(Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Wightman; William; William). in Augusta, Ga. on Feb.y.11th.1841. m. Sue Goodrich, of Augusta, Ga., on June, 7th. 1866. She issue of their marriage are three children, a boy and two girls, whose records will appear under Matilda Tigtman. He d. in Augusta, on May, 17th. 1911.

A graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. he was for many years afterward in the active ministry of the M.E. Church, South, in S.C. The writer happens to know, that about 1867, he was offered the pastorate of a large church in Belforest, S.C. About the same time, an earnest appeal was made to him to accept the presidency of Faine College, a training school for negroes at Augusta, Ga. Only these old enough to have lived during the twenty five years following the Civil War, know the actual conditions then existing in the South. George Walker sought the advice of the writer's father, so the writer knows somewhat of the struggle which took place in the soul of this godly man. His decision to duty won against his apparent worldly interests, and he became the head of Faine College. He has left an enduring monument to his memory, and if ever a man was a hero, George Walker earned that title.

His widow, Mrs. Sue Goodrich Walker, makes her home at 40 Augusta, S.C.

5th Gen. Hugh Andrew Crawford Walker (Rev. Arthur Crawford Walker; Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Wightman; William; William). in ?, on May, 26th.1878. m.(1) Julie S. Sweet, of St. George, S.C. on Feb.y.6th.1900; He d. in Ashville, S.C. on Aug. 27th.1936; buried at St. George, S.C. m.(2) May Ethel Walker, of Hartsville, S.C. on June, 14th.1913; by 1st: m. 1 son; 1 daught:er; William Arthur; Feb.y.10th. 1913; 3 days later; Mary Virginia; by 2nd: m. 1 son; 1 daught:er; Hugh Arthur Crawford; in Savannah, Ga. on Mar.y.18th.1923; who lives with his parents.

He has been an educator all his adult life and is now the Principal of the E.C. Glass, High School, in Lynchburg, Va. His home address is 209, Ash, St. Lynchburg, Va.

6th Gen. Mary Virginia Walker (Hugh Andrew Crawford Walker; Rev. Arthur Crawford Walker; Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Wightman; William; William). in York, S.C. on July, 26th. 1904. m. John Y. Southall, of 2905; on Nov.y.6th.1925; 1 son: r: name unknown; b. in Boston, Mass. Mar.y.19th.1928. She and her husband left Lynchburg, Va. in 1926 and now make their home at 1222, Boston, Mass. (67 Beacon St., Back Bay, Mass., a suburb of Boston)


He is successfully practicing dentistry in Orangeburg, S.C. and makes his home at 11, Orange Court, Orangeburg, S.C.

He is a member of the firm of Walker & Bowman, Auto. Specialties and Supplies, No. 1, Court-House Square, Orangeburg, S.C. His home address is 227 S. Broughton St., same place.


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All the children except the two mentioned live with their parents at 23 Ridge, St. Mary's, Bishopville, S.C.


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5th Gen. George Walker White (Mary Louise Walker; Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Righten; William; William, b. in Marion, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856; Annie Augusta Jackson, of Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856): 3 sons: 4 daughters: George Walker White; b. in Marion, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856; George Walker White; b. in Marion, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856; George Walker White; b. in Marion, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856; George Walker White; b. in Marion, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856.

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5th Gen. Mary Henrietta Susan White (Mary Louise Walker; Sarah Elizabeth Matilda Righten; William; William, b. in Marion, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856; Annie Augusta Jackson, of Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 25th, 1856): 3 sons: 4 daughters: Mary Henrietta Susan White; b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 9th, 1857; Mary Henrietta Susan White; b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 9th, 1857; Mary Henrietta Susan White; b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 9th, 1857; Mary Henrietta Susan White; b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 9th, 1857.

He is the Controller of the City of Charleston, S.C., living at 32, Fair, S.C.

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He is the Controller of the City of Charleston, S.C., living at 32, Fair, S.C.
4th. Gen. William Wightman Pemberton (Mary Henriette Susanna Wightman; William; William) b. in Augusta, Ga. on June 24, 1860. She was b. on Aug. 13, 1851; d. on June 3rd, 1926. He was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S.C. He married: 1 daughter: William; Francis Robertson; William; Besse; Frances Cook all died in childhood except the daughter, Frances Cook.

He was the first Pemberton of the family to be born in America. He served four years in the Civil War, in 5th. Cavalry under Butler and Hampton.


4th. Gen. Hugh Walker Pemberton (Mary Henriette Susanna Wightman; William; William) b. in Augusta, Ga. on June 24th, 1869. She married: 1 husband: William; May Wightman. He attended and graduated at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., and spent most of his life as a teacher. He was a man of wonderfully gentle character; and though older was a special favorite of the writer. His widow, later married Rev. Charles B. Chapin. D.D., and takes her home at Little Chicorn Park, Columbus, S.C.

5th. Gen. Sarah Walker Pemberton (Mary Henriette Susanna Wightman; William; William) b. in Augusta, Ga. on Aug. 3rd, 1897. She married: 1 husband: Miss. Nettie Pointer. She is now living at 200, Divine, S.C., Columbus, S.C.

5th. Gen. Louiszą Pemberton (Mary Henriette Susanna Wightman; William; William) b. in Augusta, Ga. on Dec. 30th, 1868. He married: 1 husband: Rev. Virgil Cornelius Dibble, of Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 8th, 1899. She d. in Charleston, on Dec. 10th, 1912. He d. in on.

Mr. Dibble was Principal of the Charleston High-School, which the writer attended, and from whom he received a number of well deserved ratten-camings.


5th. Gen. Louiszą Simms (Matilda Martha Wightman; William; William) b. in Augusta, Ga. on Feb. 15th, 1860. She married: 1 husband: Louiszą Simms. He d. in Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 26th, 1902 married: Ballie Tilkey. After the death of both parents, the three children were adopted by their cousin, Rev. George Williams Walker, D.D. and his wife, who had no children of their own.


He was for many years manager of the famous "Bermuda Nursery," was the successor to the older concerns both located in Augusta, Ga. His business address is P.O. Drawer, 810, Augusta, Ga.

John Thomas Wightman, 3rd.Gran. Thomas Wightman (William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Moh. 26th. 1764; m. Eliza Stoll st of Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 2nd. 1810; she d. in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 13th. 1864, aged 73 yrs. her birthday being June 26th. 1800; she was the daughter of Justinus and Elizabeth (Stoll) Stoll, both of England, and Charleston, S.C. John Thomas Wightman, d. in Charleston, Aug. 28th. 1867, aged 82 years, is buried in old Trinity Church-Yard, Charleston, S.C. His Bible gives his birth as in 1792, and his age at death as 88, the former dates come from his tombstone. 3 sons; 3 daughters: William Edward John Thomas; Charles Christopher; Martha Nester; Harriet Elizabeth; Ann Eliza.

The writer's father states that John Thomas Wightman served as a volunteer along the Battery defending the city in the war of 1812. It is a matter of record that he was 3rd. Sergeant of the 8th Light Infantry, of Charleston, S.C. under Capt. Cross in 1817, and 1st. Sergeant, in same organization, under Capt. Miller, in 1825. He lived all his life in Charleston, a quiet, dignified, lovable, and highly respected citizen of the old school. So perfect was his health and physique, that, though six feet tall and over 50 years of age, he was straight and erect, walking with a military air even up to a few days of his death from pneumonia. As already mentioned, it was Eliza (Stoll) Wightman, and her mother Elizabeth Douglas Stoll, under the leadership of Matilda Sandys (Williams) Wightman, wife of William Wightman, brother of John Thomas, who established Methodistism in Charleston, S.C. Two incidents are given as told to the writer by his father, concerning Elizabeth Douglas Stoll, which are of much interest. During a bombardment of Charleston by the British war-ships, in the war of 1812, several live shells fell in one of the lower streets and about to burst, causing great damage, and possible loss of life. Elizabeth Douglas Stoll, chanceing to come by, and realizing the danger, quickly rolled the sputtering shells into a nearby net collar, extinguishing the burning fuses and averting the threatened danger.

"Troops were stationed along the Battery defending the city against the British attack. Elizabeth Douglas Stoll was accustomed to walk along the Battery giving the defending soldiers words of cheer and encouragement. One day she noticed a soldier in trouble, his belt had broken, and he was hanging down his cartridge-box, without which he was helpless. Without a moment's hesitation, she turned aside, took off one of her garters, a piece of ribbon, and with it tied up the broken belt and cartridge-box."


He went out to California about 1860, at the time of the gold-rush, and remained there until his death. He picked up a nugget of virgin gold which he sent back to his father in Charleston, who had it made into a ring, which he wore for many years, and which the writer often saw on the old gentleman's finger. This ring was given to the writer's father by the old gentleman's son, to be given to the first one of his sons to be married, and used as a wedding ring; and so headed down in the male line as a family heirloom.

3rd. Gran. Rev. John Thomas Wightman, D.D. (John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sep. 3rd. 1865; m. Amelia Wilson Spain, of Sumter, S.C. at Sumter, on Feb. 11th. 1887. She was a daughter of Rev. Robert Spain and Elizabeth Ann Chambers. Amelia Wilson Wightman, d. in Baltimore, Md. on Moh. 3rd. 1910; her birth occurred at Cokesbury, Abbeville Dist., S.C. on Aug. 30th. 1863. John Thomas Wightman, d. in Baltimore, Md. on Moh. 3rd. 1915. Both are buried in the Wightman Tomb in Loudoun Park Cemetery, Baltimore, Md. 5 sons: 1 daughter: Clarence b. on Feb. 19th. 1892; at birth; Arthur Clarence; John Finley; Albert Spain; Francis Palmer; Anna Elizabeth; Amelia Wilson Spain, entitled to D.D. Rev. ord. At primary school in Charleston, he attended the famous Cokesbury school for three years, and then took his A.B. at Charleston College in 1846. Through his grand-father, his grand-mother, and his aunt Matilda he became a Methodist, and in 1847 joined the S.C. Conference on the E.B. Church South, at age of 22. He was made a D.D. by the University of S.C. in 1854. In 1864, on account of the ill health of his wife, and daughter, he was advised to remove to Baltimore, Md., where he was living at the time of his death.

Though an ardent sympathizer with the South and the Confederacy, he freely gave his services in ministering to the sick and wounded, in the hospitals and elsewhere, of both friends and foes during the troublessome years of the Civil War. He preached the first sermon in old Fort Sumter under the Confederate garrison, after the surrender of the Fort by Col. Anderson, the Union Commander. The General was heard it state, that he was holding a service in old Trinity Church, during a bombardment of the city by Union war-ships, and he was in the midst of it, when, with a great roar and mighty hiss, a shell burst and explode. Both he and the congregation were greatly startled, but he continued and finish of the service. The church was later floated a number of times, and his home, the parsonage, twice. Lying in bed at night he would watch the fiery trial of the shells as they left the war-ships and approached his window, seemingly to come right in - then he would turn his back to the window.

He had at this trying time, between 3000 to 5000 negroes under his charge, besides his own twenty white congregation. Realizing the imminent danger of a revolt among the negroes, he called together a Board the most influential and reliable among them. He made an impassioned appeal to this council, holding up by telling them that the danger of death and destruction by the thousands of shells being thrown into the city was very great, but he proposed to stay and do his duty, even at the cost of his life. So was the effect of this earnest appeal, that the 100 rose, none, and pleading other lives in upholding law and order. Competent authorities have stated, that this, more than any one thing preserved the city from far worse than shot and shell.

The writer remembers the frightful yellow fever epidemic of 1870-1871, when both doctors and nurses were very scarce, and nurses almost impossible to get.
his father would not come home for several days at a time — he would be nursing or attending those in dire need. That private virtue had not invested in Confederate bonds was invested in cotton stored in a private warehouse near Camden, S.C. Then Gen. Sherman came and he ruthlessly burned such private property including this cotton. He served for more than twenty-one consecutive years in Charleston, S.C., was in Columbia, Spartanburg, and Marion, S.C. and for many years was the rector of various churches in the Baltimore Conference, in Washington, Lexington, Va., and Baltimore, Md., giving seventy consecutive years to the service of the Almighty: the most precious legacy he could have left his children. He was a great preacher, and was frequently called "the silver tongued orator."

He died at the age of 90 years.


As a boy he attended primary and high-school in Charleston, S.C., later going to Charleston College, for a year, and then to Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., where he took his A.B. degree in 1879, and his A.M. in 1884. He received his Ph.D. in Biology from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., in 1889. He served for two years as assistant in Biology to the late Dr. Newell Martin, at Johns Hopkins. He taught at the Maryland Agricultural College for a year. In 1912 he accepted the chair of Biology and Physics at Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Va., where he was actively engaged up to the time of his death. He exerted a tremendous influence over his students both professionally and morally. Though his death occurred more than twenty years ago, the writer frequently meets men who were his students and have become successful, unhesitatingly affirm, that Dr. A.C. Wightman furnished the main inspiration which led to their success. His influence was also very great throughout the territory surrounding Ashland, Va., where he lived for many years.

He had the family artistic talent to a marked degree, and used it in a remarkable way. He not only was a draftsman, and clever with pen and ink, but had those unusual faculties standing in front of a blackboard, with a piece of chalk in each hand, he could draw on the blackboard with both hands at the same time, either parts of the same object he was describing, or entirely different objects; all while he was lecturing on an intricate technical subject. Looking through his microscope with his left eye, he could draw the object he saw, using his right eye and a pencil in his right hand to do the drawing.

Fifth-Gen. John Thomas Wightman (Arthur Clarence; John Thomas; William), b. in Ashland, Va., on Oct. 25th, 1832; m. Jane E. Gaines, of Henrico, Va., on Nov. 25th, 1857; her family owned Gaines Mills, where the plantation house of that name was fought during the severe fighting around Richmond, Va., in the Civil War. He is entitled to S.A.R. membership.

He is the head of a successful Real Estate business in Richmond, Va., but makes his home at Ashland, Henrico, Va.

Fifth-Gen. William Arthur Wightman (Arthur Clarence; Rev. John Thomas; John Thomas; William), b. in Ashland, Va., on Dec. 26th, 1867; m. Helen Stone, of Ashland, Va., on Aug. 16th, 1913. 1 son; 1 daughter: William Arthur, Jr., b. in Ashland, Va., on April 6th, 1920; Jane Rebecca, b. in Ashland, Va., on Dec. 6th, 1920; he is entitled to S.A.R. membership.

He is holding a responsible position in the trouble Department of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Richmond. Va. He makes his home at Ashland, Va.

Fifth-Gen. John Pinckney Wightman (Rev. John Thomas; John Thomas; William), b. in Charleston, S.C., on May 28th, 1864; m. Gertrude Rumsey, of Baltimore, Md., on June 18th, 1888; in Baltimore, Md. She is in the business of Nathaniel Gedon and Matilda Cross Gedon, and the grand-daughter of William Hume, one of the founders of the canned-goods industry in America. 1 son; 2 daughters: Eugene Pinckney; Margaretta Berrience; Mary Katherine, b. in Ashland, Va., on Nov. 28th, 1903; d. in Ashland, Va., on Dec. 28th, 1905; buried in Loudoun Park Cemetery, Baltimore, Md., in the Hume Cemetery, entitled to S.A.R. and D.A.R. membership.

As a little fellow in Charleston, he distinctly remembers playing around, and climbing over the discarded hull of one of two of the first submarines ever constructed that were successfully used in offensive warfare. It was a cigar shaped affair made of boiler iron, some 40 to 50 feet long by 5 to 10 feet in diameter. This was a success in its operation; it was hauled out on the banks of the Cooper River and left for several years. It remained for many years. However, the sister ship was a success. It went out under command actually rammed, exploded a torpedo, and sank the Housatonic, one of the Union war-ships operating against Charleston. Unfortunately, parts of the submarine became entangled with the inquiring war-ship, both went to the bottom. The enclosed crew, unable to get out, was lost with the submarine. He also remembers playing king of the billfish, war-ships, which, draped by Confederate gun-fire, were run aground on Sullivan's Island beach. They remained for many years, but finally corroded and sunk out of sight in the sand of the beach.

As a lad's dream during the terrible yellow-fever epidemics of 1870-1871, in Charleston, as had a mild once, he had a real and subsequently suffered no ill effects from it. He lived in Charleston until his thirtieth year, when his father was sent to a church in Columbus, S.C. where he lived for two years. As it was a very dry for a few years, the religious conditions were anything but prosperous in Columbus, so he got a job as "cash-boy" in the largest newspaper in the city. His pay was the insignificant sum of $1.25 per week, which he was able to manage by working this with present-day salaries, and one gets an idea of cancer conditions. He, however, that he got invaluable experience, knowledge of materials and art, which have been of the greatest assistance to him since.
After leaving Eoodand College, Spartanburg, S.C., he took a course at Eastman Business College, at Rochester, N.Y. He was offered a job in a banking house in Blank, Md., accepted, and remained in Blank for only three years. He was in business life for several years, and finally adopted architecture as a profession, making decorative design rather than the construction of buildings. He was a bathrooms and plumbing contractor. In 1920, he turned from active professional practice. During his early stay in Blank, five young men called on him to paint portraits, and the fireman of the town, who was a amateur photographer, urged him to try professional photography, and the writer, a bookkeeper, had the honor of originating, and being the original "starter money" of the new famous "Charcoal Club of Baltimore," Md. He also had the privilege of knowing several national and international celebrities, and he made one nationally known piano virtuoso, and another the most familiar of radio vocalists, among others. In this country, he has been for several years the Arc Director of the Charcoal Club of Baltimore, Md., and was the leader of the well known and beloved coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company. He sang in the church which the writer attended in Blank, and the writer knew both her herself and her husband, herself, a well known musician.

After his health compelled him, and under the doctor's orders, he lived an open air life in Ashland, Va., for nearly twenty years. For past seventeen years he has made his home at 908, R. Meadow, St. Richmonds, Virginia Entitled to S.A.R. membership.

5th. Gen. Augustus Pincney Wightman, B.S. E.D. (John Pincney; Rev. John Thomas; John Thomas; William; b. in Baltimore, Md., on Dec. 24th, 1863; d. Edith Stephen son, a native of County Longford, Ireland, but of Baltimore, Md., by adoption; on June, 20th, 1922; 3 sons: Arthur Strong; b. in Rochester, N.Y., on March 30th, 1922; Robert Pincney; b. in Rochester, N.Y., on Jan. 5th, 1926. Entitled to S.A.R. membership.

He attended primary school in Baltimore, Md., and high school in Ashland, Va.; Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., for a year; and then, after two years at Richmond College, took his B.S. degree there in 1908. He took his Ph.D. degree in Chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., in 1913, at age of 22, being one of the youngest chemists who ever took his degree at that University. He was assistant in the chemistry laboratory of Johns Hopkins for a year; taught a year at Washington, University, St. Louis, Mo., and a year at his alma mater, Richmond College. He then went into industrial chemistry, being first located in Philadelphia, then in New York, and finally in Chicago. He was appointed to the Federal Bureau of Mines in 1917. During the ensuing hard winter his experience was a rough one. However, he was finally called to one of the Battin, D.C., laboratories, where he worked two months on mustard-gas and other deadly gases. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieut., skipping the intermediate grades, and sent to Europe within a few days, where he remained for over a year in charge of one of the Chemical Labs in Paris, France. After his demobilization he accepted a position with the Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester, N.Y., where he is now in charge of one of the departments in the Research Laboratory. His home is at 531, Norfolk Ave., Augusta, Va.


She attended primary school in Baltimore, Md., and high school in Ashland, Va., going from there to Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., Her husband is now head of the Department of English, Randolph-Macon-Womens College, at Lynchburg. They make their home at 841, Norfolk Ave., Augusta, Va.


He came to Baltimore with his parents when the age of ten. He early developed a marked talent for things artistic; becoming an active and enthusiastic member of The Charcoal Club of Baltimore, Md., where he studied art for several years. He became a well known artist, mural decorator, and book and magazine illustrator, and many of his works are in business places, public buildings, and in private houses, in Baltimore, and elsewhere. He became a friend of the late Simon Lake, who did much for the development of the modern submarine. It was Lake who made the series of drawings showing Mr. Lake's first submarine boat. This boat had the idea, and after submerging, traveled on the bottom and was recovered. He was a man who sold a man, while hungry, but the showed rare possibilities as a model. He took the man in charge, gave him food, and placed him in a suitable clothing, and a place to sleep. He got the club members interested in the man, and he was given a job as model. This was the beginning of the career of Francis F. Buchanan, who has since become famous in moving pictures. Among the many books published under his name, the most outstanding is "Little Lemon Freesia," and "Other Senses." His books have been published by Trow, Taylor & Co., of N.Y., in 1899. This book contains a novel, "Little Lemon, Sorens, Nero Freesia, Street-Vender's Ordeal." It was originally published by Trow, Taylor & Co., of N.Y., in 1899.
book is profusely, and quailly, and most delightfully illustrated in color; and pronounced by critics to be a work of real genius. It was this book displayed in a Boston store, and seen by Dr. James B. Mason and his wife, which led to the correspondence between them and the writer and his father. This is the couple which reunited the New-England and Canadian branches of the family as already mentioned.

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4th Gen. Anne Eliza Wightman (Rev. John Thomas; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on June 16th, 1865; d. unmarried, in the home of her brother Fincheley, in Delaware on Nov. 25th, 1897; age 32 yrs., buried in the Wightman lot in Loudoun-Park Cemetery, Lulu, Md. Entitled to D.A.R. membership.

"Annie," as she was called, was early childhood a devoted, militant, Christian worker. As she grew older her entire life was devoted to helping her mother in domestic affairs, and to helping her father in his church work. She was affectionately called her father's "right-hand-man," and was always ready to do a good deed wherever opportunity presented itself. Her life, was indeed, a benediction.

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3rd Gen. Charles Christopher Wightman (John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on June 6th, 1834; m. Mary Victoria Record Miller, of Charleston, S.C. on July 27th, 1855; i. c. in Charleston, on Mon. 10th, 1905; age 71 yrs.; buried in St. Philip's Church Yard, Hest, Charleston, S.C. She was b. in Charleston on July 25th, 1857; d. in Orangeburg, S.C. on July 28th, 1879; age 42 yrs.; 3 sons; 4 daughters: Charles Courtenay; William Edward; Bosley Pitchburn; in Charleston on Nov. 23rd, 1870; d. same place, Oct. 19th, 1878; Minnie Forshor; Harriet Caroline; Mattie Victoria; Annie Maude; b. in Charleston, on Sept. 30th, 1874; d. same place on Oct. 28th, 1876. Entitled to S.A.R. and D.A.R. membership.

He was a genius as a mechanical engineer. His services were in such demand, that he traveled over several states in erecting, supervising, and repairing mechanical plants.

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4th Gen. Charles Courtenay Wightman (Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Edgofield, Tenn. on June 16th, 1860; m. Ole Brooks, of Albany, Ga. on Nov. 23rd, 1886; He d. at Stafford-Springs, Miss. on June 22nd, 1911; 6 sons; 2 daughters: Charles Courtenay; Walter Hilly; Hall; William Strother; Columbus Brooks; James Hall, d. in infancy; Mary Julia; Edith Olga. Entitled to S.A.R. and D.A.R. membership.

Present address is

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5th Gen. Charles Courtenay Wightman (Charles Courtenay; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in on ? on ? m. Ann (Annie) Osten, of Jacksonville, Fla. on ? 1 son; 1 daughter: Courtenay; Ann (twins) both b. on ? Entitled to membership in S.A.R. and D.A.R.

Present address is

? Birmingham, Ala.

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5th Gen. Walter Hill Wightman (Charles Courtenay; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. on ? m. Lucy Slappy, of Albany, Ga. on ? He d. on ? 2 daughters: Lucy; Dorothy; dates of birth unknown. Entitled to S.A.R. and D.A.R. member.

Present address is

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5th Gen. Hal Wightman (Charles Courtenay; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. on ? not married. Entitled to S.A.R. membership.

He is now engaged in the Gentleman's Clothing and Furnishing business in, and takes his home at


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He is in the lumber business, with mills located at Valdosta, Ga. O.Bex., 37; his home is at Albany, Ga.

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5th Gen. Columbus Brooks Wightman (Charles Courtenay; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in on ? m. Winnie Cotton, of ? Okla. on ? 1 son; 1 daughter: Shorewood, b. on ? Lucy; b. on ? Entitled to S.A.R. and D.A.R. membership.

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5th Gen. Edith Olga Wightman (Charles Courtenay; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. on ? not married. Entitled to D.A.R. membership.

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5th Gen. Mary Eliza Wightman (Charles Edward; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Pamlico, Fla. on May 11th, 1901; m. Edwin Yance Andrews, of Apalachee, Fla. on June 10th, 1925; have 1 son; 1 daughter: Edwin Yance, Jr. b. in Glen...
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4th Gen. Minnie Porcher Wightman (Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Orangeburg, S.C. on Jan. 10th, 1869. m. Summers Dibble, of Orangeburg, S.C. on Jan. 10th, 1884. 2 sons; 4 daughters: Summers Wightman; Wightman; b. in Orangeburg; S.C. on Oct. 22nd, 1921; b. in Orangeburg; S.C. on Nov. 18th, 1899; not married; Susan Virginia; b. in Orangeburg; S.C. on Oct. 16th, 1904; d. June 14th, 1905. She is a member of Episcopalian Church. D.A.R. of Orangeburg, S.C., where she was treasurer for 7 years; all children entitled to D.A.R. and S.A.R. membership. Present address is 12 College St., Orangeburg, S.C.


Present address is Springfield, S.C.


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4th Gen. Harriet Carolina Wightman (Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 17th, 1865; m. James Thomas Grimes, of Charleston, S.C. on April 16th, 1883; he was b. on Oct. 29th, 1861; d. Sept. 15th, 1915; 3 sons; 4 daughters: James Wightman; b. in Savannah, Ga. on June 26th, 1884; not married; lives at home; Jason Wightman; b. in Savannah, Ga. on Jan. 6th, 1883; d. on the 4th; Charles Douglas; b. in Savannah, Ga. on Jan. 6th, 1883; d. on the 4th; Carrie Victoria; b. in Savannah, Ga. on Jan. 6th, 1883; d. on the 4th. Present address is Savannah, Ga.


Present address is Washington, D.C.

5th Gen. Adah Norma Grimes (Harriet Carolina Wightman; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on June 23rd, 1895; m. Arnold E. Folsom, of Macon, Ga. on Jan. 10th, 1912; he was b. on June 24th, 1895; 1 son; 1 daughter: Harriet, b. in Macon, Ga. on Jan. 3rd, 1914. Entitled to D.A.R. and S.A.R. membership.

Present address is

5th Gen. Bessie Virginia Grimes (Harriet Carolina Wightman; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Macon, Ga. on Oct. 23rd, 1898; m. Thomas Marion White, of Aroce, Ga. on Feb. 10th, 1917; he was b. on June 26th, 1898; 1 son; 1 daughter: Harriet, b. in Macon, Ga. on Feb. 10th, 1917. Entitled to D.A.R. and S.A.R. membership.

Present address is Aroce, Ga.

5th Gen. Nettie Virginia Grimes (Harriet Carolina Wightman; Charles Christopher; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 3rd, 1869; m. Henry M. Peavey, of Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 14th, 1895; 3 sons; 1 daughter: Henry Peavey; b. in Aroce, Ga. on Sept. 3rd, 1869; m. Thomas Marion White, of Aroce, Ga. on Feb. 10th, 1917; he was b. on June 26th, 1898; 1 son; 1 daughter: Harriet, b. in Macon, Ga. on Feb. 10th, 1917. Entitled to Aroce, Ga. on April 17th, 1917.

Present address is Aroce, Ga.
Martha Hester Wightman.

3rd Gen. Martha Hester Wightman (John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 3rd, 1819; m. Francis Pelzer Seignious, of Charleston, S.C. on Nov. 19th, 1838; 1; 5 sons; 2 daughters: John Francis; George William; and d. in childhood; James Marsh; William Barton; George Marion; Eliza; Florence. She was a most remarkable character, full of droll and delightful humor. Though she had no small share of the ills of life, she always met them with a cheerful and confident faith, which triumphed over discouragement, and even death itself. Her children rise up and call her "blessed" and to do her credit by becoming respected citizens in the communities in which they have lived.

4th Gen. John Francis Seignious (Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on ? m. ? on ? d. on ? (1) son daughters: John Francis; several inquiries have failed to secure information.

5th Gen. John Francis Seignious (John Francis Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on ? m. ?

Number and names of children unknown, inquiry has failed to bring information.

He is said to be a drug and tobacco business on Spring, S.t. Charleston, S.C.

4th Gen. James Marsh Seignious (Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Nov. 4th, 1847; m. (1) Christina M. Pelzer, of Charleston, S.C. on Nov. 19th, 1868; She was b. in Charleston on Mar. 8th, 1849; d. Aug. 10th, 1899; m. (2) Esther Barnwell Hayward, of Charleston, S.C. on ? 1963; she d. Aug. 31st, 1922; he d. in Charleston, on Jan. 24th, 1923. No issue by 2nd marriage. By 1st m. 2 sons; 7 daughters: Francis Pelzer; b. in Charleston, Sept. 13th, 1869; d. Dec. 6th, 1929; James Marsh; b. Nov. 17th, 1873; Sarah Ann; b. in Charleston, Aug. 17th, 1873; Floy, Oct. 18th, 1874; Eva Antoinette; b. in Charleston, Nov. 28th, 1875; Clara Louise; b. in Charleston, Nov. 29th, 1876; Marleeth; b. in Charleston, Nov. 29th, 1876.

He lived all his life in Charleston, S.C. and was very successful as a Cotton Broker or Factor, as well as a prominent citizen in the affairs of his native city.

5th Gen. Francis Pelzer Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 28th, 1869; m. Alice Breeden, of Bennettsville, S.C. on June 3rd, 1911; he d. on Dec. 6th, 1922; she d. prior to 1928. Issue doubtful.

5th Gen. James Marsh Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on April 10th, 1866; m. Katie Lou Stephenson, of West Point, Ga. on Aug. 25th, 1909; 1 son; 2 daughters: James Marion b. in Dec. 19th, 1912; Martha Louise; b. in Dec. 17th, 1910; Dorothy Pelzer; b. in May, 23rd, 1915.

5th Gen. Eva Antoinette Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 8th, 1876; m. Vanderhorst B. Murray, of ? on ? 1 son; 2 daughters: Alice; B. not married; b. on ? Eliza; Walter Timbland; b. on ? Walter Jr. abst. 6 yrs. old: Eva Antoinette; b. on ? d. on ? Henry Clay Johnson; of Montgomery, Ala.; on ? he d. in 1927.

Present addresses are 22 South, St. Montgomery, Ala., and 317 N.E. 35th St. Miami, Fla.

5th Gen. Lillian Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 16th, 1876; m. William Tabor Murray; of ? on ? she died on Aug. 23rd, 1906; 2 sons; 1 daughter: James B. b. on ? d. on ? William Tabor; Jr. b. on ? lives in Montgomery, Ala.; Matto; b. on ? d. on ?

5th Gen. Martha(Natoo) Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Jan. 16th, 1877; m. Joseph L. Berry; of Montgomery, Ala. on Nov. 22nd, 1896; 1 son; 1 daughter: Francis J. Pelzer; b. in Summerville, S.C. on Nov. 16th, 1907; not married, living at home with parents; Clara Wood; her husband is in the Real Estate business in, and they make their home in Summerville, S.C. P.O. Box 123.

5th Gen. Clara Hillwood Barry (Martha(Natoo)Seignious; James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Montgomery, Ala. on June 1st, 1900; m. Wilson W. Waring, of Summerville, S.C. on Dec. 22nd, 1924; 1 son; 1 daughter; Joseph Charles Wilson; b. in Summerville, S.C. on Oct. 28th, 1925; d. in Summerville, on Sept. 4th, 1926; Clara Martha; b. in Summerville, S.C. on Sept. 25th, 1927.

Present address is Summerville, S.C. P.O. Box 123.

5th Gen. Clara Louise Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 16th, 1909; m. John B. Loyd, Jr., b. on ? d. on ?

5th Gen. Clara Louise Seignious (James Marsh Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 16th, 1909; m. John B. Loyd, Jr., on ? d. on ?

26 Tampa, Fla.
6th. Gen. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Scipigno (James Marsh Scipigno; Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 26th, 1862; m. Frank C. Bryant, of Orangeburg, S.C. on April, 25th, 1908; they d. on (i) 2 sons; (2) daughters: Frank C., Jr. in Orangeburg, on May 16th, 1873; lives with his mother; James Scipigno; b. in Orangeburg, on Nov. 28th, 1875; lives with his mother; Elizabeth Scipigno; Margaret Scipigno; b. in Orangeburg, on Feb. 3rd, 1920; lives with mother.
She is now living with minor children at 85, Whitman St., Orangeburg, S.C. * *

Presents address is 703, Lee Bron, Ave., Montgomery, Ala. * *

4th. Gen. William Barton Scipigno (Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on June 25th, 1851; m. Emma Black, of Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 29th, 1873. She d. on (i) 4 sons; (2) daughters: William Barton, Jr. b. in Charleston, on Oct. 22nd, 1876; m. Maud White. George Martin, Jr. b. on Nov. 17th, 1870; m. Anna Weeks, of Roxbury, Mass. on (i) 2 sons; (2) daughters: William Martin, Jr. b. in Charleston, S.C. on June 25th, 1860; m. (1) Susan Weeks, of Roxbury, Mass. on (i) 2 sons; (2) daughters: William White. George Martin, Jr. b. on Aug. 21st, 1874; m. on Sept. 5th, 1877.
He lived in Charleston, S.C. for a number of years, but later removed to Boston, Mass., where he is now engaged in business under the firm name of William B. Scipigno, & Son; Brokers and Manufacturers Agents, 243, Board of Trade Building, Boston, Mass. He has his home with his son, Grenville, in Newton-Contor, Mass., a suburb of Boston. * *

5th. Gen. Grenville Black Scipigno (William Barton Scipigno; Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. on Oct. 30th, 1852; m. Edna Rice, of New Castle, New Brunswick, Canada. on Feb. 23rd, 1875. They d. on (i) 2 sons; (2) daughters: Grenville White, in Dorechester, Mass. on July 3rd, 1909; lives at home. Claude Barton, b. in Dorechester, Mass. on July 7th, 1912. Lives at home.
Present address is Newton-Contor, Mass., a suburb of Boston, Mass. * *

4th. Gen. George Marion Scipigno (Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 12th, 1858; m. Eliza (Eliza) M. Oliveros, of Columbus, and Savannah, Ga. on Sept. 14th, 1886. He d. in Orangeburg, S.C. on Nov. 7th, 1901; 4 sons; 1 daughter: George Marion; Francis Prevost; Juan Bernard; Sydney Alfonso; Virginia A. He was a most genial and delightful sort of man, and though older than the writer was one of his favorite courtesies. He was successful Cotton Broker in and around Orangeburg, which he made his headquarters. * *

5th. Gen. George Marion Scipigno (Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Orangeburg, S.C. on July 12th, 1853; m. Anna Paul of Johnston, Pa. on April 24th, 1886. He issue.
He is entitled to membership in S.A.A. He served in the World-War, and is now engaged in the Cotton-Brokerage business, with office address at 202, General Motors Building, Detroit, Mich., and home address at 10, 325, 3rd Ave. Detroit, Mich. * *

5th. Gen. Francis Polson Scipigno (George Marion Scipigno; Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Orangeburg, S.C. on April 16th, 1883; m. Mary Moyer Robottom, of Columbus, Ohio, on June 29th, 1912. He d. in Orangeburg, S.C. on Sept. 10th, 1920; 2 sons; 1 daughter: Francis Robottom, Jr.; m. in Orangeburg, S.C. on June 29th, 1923; Mary Kent; b. in Greenville, S.C. on Oct. 2nd, 1923. He is entitled to membership in S.A.A. He served in the World-War and is now in the Cotton-Brokerage business under the firm name of Scipigno & Kent, Kingstown, S.C. His home is in same place. * *

5th. Gen. Juan Bernardino Scipigno (George Marion Scipigno; Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Orangeburg, S.C. on Oct. 14th, 1882; m. Azalia Berman, of Brooksville, S.C. on Oct. 8th, 1920; 1 daughter: Elma E. Berman; b. in Orangeburg, on June 27th, 1927. He is entitled to S.A.A. membership. He served in the World-War and is now in the Cotton Brokerage business in Orangeburg; his home is at 252, S. Broughton, St., Orangeburg, S.C. * *

5th. Gen. Sydney Alfonso Scipigno (George Marion Scipigno; Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Orangeburg, S.C. on Sept. 8th, 1889; m. William S. Seiville, of Orangeburg, on April 27th, 1921; 1 son: Sydney Alfonso, Jr. b. in Orangeburg, on Sept. 19th, 1925. He is entitled to S.A.A. membership. He served in the World-War and is now a Fac- tory Representative of Automobiles, with his address at P.O. Box 21, Greenboro, N.C. * *

5th. Gen. Virginia Scipigno (George Marion Scipigno; Martha Hector Wrightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Orangeburg, S.C. on Jan. 17th, 1880; m. Maurice F. Shen, of Morrisville, S.C. on April 17th, 1910; 1 son; 2 daughters: Maurice F. Jr.; b. in Orangeburg, on April 16th, 1911, he expects to enter Clemson College in the fall of 1928, to take up Electrical Engineering; Virginia; b. in Orangeburg, on Dec. 25th, 1913; 1 son: Maurice F. Shen, Jr. b. in Orangeburg, on April 2nd, 1924. She is a member of both D.A.R. and U.D.C.
Her husband is a planter on a large scale, raising a specialty of tobacco. He is also interested in a large tobacco-warehouse in Kingstown, S.C. Her home is on the planta-
6th. Gen. Eliza Seignious (Matthias Hester Wightman) John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on May 2d. 1820; m. Harriet Elizabeth Wightman, on June 7th. 1860; she d. in Charleston, S.C. on June 19th. 1866. He d. in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 28th. 1867. He was a soldier in the American Civil War, serving in the 29th South Carolina Infantry, and was killed in action on April 17th. 1865, while fighting at the Battle of Shiloh.

5th. Gen. Minnie Hedingway (Eliza Seignious; Martha Hester Wightman) John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on May 2d. 1820; m. Minnie Hedingway, on April 20th. 1847; they had 3 children: Minnie, Daisy, and John. She d. in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 28th. 1867. He d. in Charleston, S.C. on Jan. 16th. 1866, he was a soldier in the American Civil War, serving in the 29th South Carolina Infantry, and was killed in action on April 17th. 1865, while fighting at the Battle of Shiloh.


3rd. Gen. Harriet Elizabeth Wightman (John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on May 1st. 1820; m. Harriet Elizabeth Wightman, on June 7th. 1860; she d. in Charleston, S.C. on June 19th. 1866. He d. in Charleston, S.C. on Oct. 28th. 1867. He was a soldier in the American Civil War, serving in the 29th South Carolina Infantry, and was killed in action on April 17th. 1865, while fighting at the Battle of Shiloh. She was a very great woman of the family and very beloved by all.
the coveted "White-Plume" honor that he was a master of the Manual-at-Arms. He was captain of the Active Company, the oldest in the city, and has since been captain of the Observers Company, A, for over ten years. He was a private in rank of the W.L.I. in the Continental Parades in Philadelphia in 1812, and proudly borne by him in command of the W.L.I. and Color Company of the Continental Legion, in the grand Flag-Day parade in Philadelphia, Pa. on June 14th, 1823. He is a member of the New York Old Settlers' Association, of Charleston, S.C., joining in 1827. He is also a member of the Huguenot Society, of Charleston, S.C. He is a member of the New York Organization, of Charleston, S.C., and a member of the American Legion, of Charleston, S.C.

His home address is 609 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, S.C.


He is a Chartist by profession and is now in the service of the U.S. Government. He has recently been transferred from Charleston, S.C. to San Antonio, Texas; and his home address is 1327 W. Ashby St., San Antonio, Texas.

5th Gen. William Haden Flint, Jr. (John Thomas Wrightman Flint; Harriet Elizabeth Wrightman; John Thomas; Williams) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 26th, 1894; m. Sarah Rust Jones, of Charleston, on Nov. 22nd, 1913; 2 daughters: Mary Frances; b. in Charleston, on Nov. 6th, 1912; Elizabeth Louise; b. in Charleston, on Nov. 6th, 1913.

He is in business, and makes his home at 609 Rutledge Ave., Charleston, S.C.


Up to the time of her marriage she had never left home except for short visits to friends or relatives. Her groom was under orders to go to the Philippines, so within a few days after their marriage they started off for San Francisco, expecting to sail immediately for the Philippines. Owing to some hitch in transportation arrangements they were stranded in San Francisco for some time. Mr. Woodberry had a contract with the government on hand, and strangers were not permitted to pass on board, so she was unable to go. After about a week's stay she returned to Charleston, S.C. and was there for a time with her family. She now resides with her mother, Mrs. Wrightman, in the Philippines, where she is living in Oahu, H.I.; then in San Francisco, and now in Washington, D.C. At present she is on tour to Leavenworth, Kan., to have her husband's body transferred to his home city. She has graduated at West Point stores and in the Philippines, and various other posts in the U.S. She has held distinguished service in the army, and has been in various stations in the U.S. She now holds the rank of Major. Their Washington, D.C. address is 3522, Quebec St., N.W., Washington, D.C. But Port Leavenworth, Kan. is their present address.

6th Gen. William Haden Flint (Chattel Elizabeth Wrightman; John Thomas; Williams) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Nov. 7th, 1896; m. Florence Abigail Brown, of Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 10th, 1896; 2 daughters: Harriet Wrightman; b. in St. Elmo, Tenn., on Dec. 23rd, 1913; d. in St. Elmo, Fla., on June 25th, 1913; Ethel; b. in St. Elmo, Fla., on June 20th, 1915; 2 daughters: Florence Brown; b. in St. Elmo, Fla., on June 22nd, 1917; Ethel, on Apr. 26th, 1923.

He was for 2 more consecutive years a representative of a Chattanooga, Tenn. pipe factory, and first made his home at Chattanooga, Tenn. after marrying, lives at home, Mr. Haden Flint. He was later at Charleston, S.C. and still later in Birmingham, Ala. He retired from active business, and makes his home at 1077 Rock-Spring Road, N.W., Atlanta, Ga. His daughter Florence lives with him.

6th Gen. Julia Beckman Flint (William Haden Flint; Harriet Elizabeth Wrightman; John Thomas; Williams) b. in Charleson, S.C. on Nov. 27th, 1895; m. Livsey Earl Williams of Manchester, Tenn., on Apr. 20th, 1922; in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 1st, 1922; 1 daughter: Allison Flint b. in Atlanta, Ga. on Feb. 27th, 1923.

Elizabeth Wrightman; b. in Atlanta, Ga. on Oct. 19th, 1927. She and her family occupy a flat at 1977 Rock-Spring Road, N.W., Atlanta, Ga.

Though of a gentle and retiring disposition, her sweet, gracious influence over her family and friends, was none the less powerful. Her husband adored her, and she was specially beloved by all her nephews, nieces, and relations, as well as friends. At the time of the earthquake she was out of the city visiting friends. Excepting Alney, Hilda, who were at home, the other members of the family had gone to the station to meet the train on which the mother was expected to return. It was night, and during an unusually heavy noise, Alney and the two girls stepped out onto the lower piazza to investigate. Just as they did so, with a tremendous crash, the second and third floor piazzas collapsed, burying the three with the debris. After a few minutes they commenced to call to one another. Hilda, who was only 17, was the first to be gotten out. Not the hero of heroic volunteers; and thought was dark, and said the wildest confusion and terrifying noises, she groped her way several hundred feet to a stable at the back of the block where she even remembered a lantern was kept. By the light of the lantern and further efforts, Alney was finally extricated. It required an hour of hard work to extricate Alney; but he had died from concussion, caused by heavy timbers striking his head. Neither of the girls sustained serious injury. The son of her son's death is supposed to have greatly hastened the death of the mother. Alney was Sergeant of the W.L.I. at the time of his death.

4th Gen. John Wightman Robson (Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Spartanburg, S.C. on April 3rd, 1865; d. Helen Heath Telford, of Charleston, S.C. on June, 15th, 1883; 1 son: 3 daughters: John Raymond; Helen Wightman; b. in Charleston, S.C. not married; and is now taking a course in Decorative Design at the Phila. School of Fine Arts. Ann Elizabeth; b. in Charleston, not married; lives with parents.

After the death of his brother Alney, he took his place in his father's business. J. W. Robson & Son, Commission Merchants, doing business at 156 East Bay, Charleston, S.C. After his father's death, he and younger brother Frank, have carried on the business. This is one of the oldest Commission houses in Charleston, having been established in 1879. Two interesting facts connected with this concern are that they have held the agency of the Du Pont Powder and explosives for 75 consecutive years; and, excepting the U.S. Government, are the oldest agents on the Du Pont Company's books. They have also been 30% business at the same place for over 75 years. He is a member of the famous old St. Andrew's Society, of Charleston, S.C. having joined in 1827. His business address is 156 East Bay, Charleston, S.C. and his home at 26 Rutledge Ave, Charleston.

5th Gen. John Raymond Robson (John Wightman Robson; Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Feb. 28th, 1869; m. Florence Shaver, of Homack, N.J. on June, 20th, 1917; 1 son; 2 daughters: Mildred, b. in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 15th, 1918; Margorie; b. in Charleston, S.C. on Sept. 3rd, 1920; Lucille; b. in Charleston, S.C. on May, 8th, 1924. He was for several years engaged in Textile Mills, then he spent several years with the Du Pont Co., in their explosive works at Hopewell, Va. He is now with The Thosmoid Rubber Co. of Trenton, N.J. His home address is 1721 Cornell Ave, Trenton, N.J.

4th Gen. Franklin Elmore Robson (Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Dec. 5th, 1867; m. Mary Galt, of Charleston, on June, 8th, 1903; 1 son: Franklin Elmore, Jr., b. in Charleston, on Oct. 10th, 1911. He lives with parents.

He has been associated with his brother in the Commission Business ever since he left school. He was at one time Captain of Company B, of the W.I.L. of Charleston. His home address is 65 Charleston St., Charleston.

5th Gen. James Nicholson Robson, M.D. (Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on June, 21st, 1872; m. (1) Olive Hodgins, of Forreston, S.C. on July, 1, 1899; m. (2) Pearl Lilith Breiding, of Manning, S.C. on June, 17th, 1900; 1 son; 4 daughters: Alfred Breiding; James Nicholson, Jr., Claude McDaid, b. in Union, S.C. on Aug. 18th, 1901; not married, resides at home; John Robson, b. in Sanford, Fla. on Aug. 3rd, 1918; lives at home; Alney Hall; b. in Sanford, on Feb., 1st, 1914; lives at home; Harry Edward; b. in Sanford, on April 4th, 1912; lives at home; Ann Eliza and Mary Breiding, twins; b. in No Call, S.C. on Aug. 28th, 1902; d. in No Call, on Jan., 1903; Pearl Lilith; b. in Sanford, on Sept. 4th, 1910; not married, resides at home; John Robson, b. in Sanford, on Dec. 30th, 1916; lives at home. He studied medicine in Columbia, S.C. and was in the drug business in Charleston and several other places during a period of years. He finally removed to Sanford, Fla., where he has been very successfully practicing medicine for many years. His home address is Sanford, Fla.


He travels for the Coolidge Paint and Oil Co. of Atlanta, Ga. Address Atlanta, Ga.


4th Gen. Ann Eliza (Tally) Robson (Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Charleston, S.C. on Aug. 9th, 1866; m. Forrest William Mc Daid, of Columbia, S.C. on Nov. 2nd, 1893; He d. in Nov., 1893; He d. in 1893; 3 sons; 2 daughters: Alney Hall; Robert W.
b. in Union, S.C. on April 23, 1894; not married; lives with mother; Cameron; Ann Wightman; Margaret Allison.

In looks and disposition she greatly resembles her mother, as well as having the same name; her husband farmed for many years near Union, S.C., where they lived. She is now residing in her room at 636 Wildwood Ave. with Claire, Columbia, and Robert lives with her.


He is connected with the U.S. Post-Office, at Columbia, S.C. He is a great hunter, and very fond of gun and dog. His home address is 620 Wildwood Ave. with Claire, Columbia, S.C.


Present address is

5th. Gen. Greenbush, N.C.


Present address is

Hyatt Park, Columbia, S.C.


Present address is 616 Wildwood Ave. with Claire, Columbia, S.C.

5th. Gen. Martha (Mattie) Williams Robson; Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William b. in Spartanburg, S.C. on Aug, 31st, 1863; m. Dr. John Gooch Mo Millin, of Marion, S.C. on ? 1 son; 1 daughter: James Palmer; Hallie Wightman; Dr. Mo Millin.4. in.

After leaving Charleston, S.C. she lived in Marion, S.C. for a number of years. After the death of her husband she removed to Charlotte, N.C. and her present address is 505 Kingsley Ave. Charlotte, N.C.


Present address is 1300 Harding Place, Charlotteville, Va.


She is another member of the family who is both artist and writer. Present address is 505 Kingsley Ave. Charlotte, N.C.

4th. Gen. Mary (Mary) Cord Robison (Ann Eliza Wightman; John Thomas; William) b. in Marion, S.C. on Sept, 22nd, 1869; m. Maxey Dickson, of Marion, S.C. on Jan, 27th, 1904; He d. in 1904; 2 sons; 1 daughter: Maxey Robison; b. in Marion, S.C. on Oct, 26th, 1904. Not married. He is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C. and is teaching at Florence, S.C. at High School. His address is Florence or 502 Gibson St. Marion, S.C. William Franklin; b. in Marion, S.C. on Jan, 6th, 1907. Not married. He is a Radio-electrician and his present address is 505 Kingsley Ave. Charlotte, N.C. John Wesley; b. in Marion, S.C. on Sept, 7th, 1914. Lives with his mother in Marion; Mary Wightman; b. in Marion, S.C. on Oct, 25th, 1919. Lives at home in Marion, but is attending Blackstone College at Blackstone, Va.

Mary or Marie Hobson, the one, as a girl of 17, she showed such bravery and presence of mind during the terrible experience of the Charleston earthquake. She went for several hundred feet through destruction and pitch darkness, to a stable where she remembered a lantern was kept and brought it back to the house where her brother and sister were still buried under the wreck of their home. Consider that she herself had just been extricated from under the ruins, that confusion and terror were everywhere, yet the thought of her heroism.

She is now living, in the old Dickson Mansion, at 502 Gibson St. Marion, S.C.

James Wightman, of Abroad, Scotland.

Born in Broacht, Scotland, he came to Charleston, S.C. when a young man, and lived there for many years. He was contemporary with our early Wightmans of Charleston. And it was he who joined the St. Andrews Society of Charleston, in 1840, and not James Wesley Wightman, the writer's cousin, as at first appeared. He is said to have lived in the South Presbyterian Church Yard in Charleston, though the writer understood that his name also appears in the Stone-Robertson-Wightman lot in Magnolia Cemetery.

He married Harney Robertson, also of Abroad, Scotland, who came over to Charleston when a young girl of about 15; her marriage taking place some years later when she was about 20. She lived in Charleston for 55 years, and is buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston, S.C. An only daughter, Margaret Wightman, married John Johnson of Charleston.

A. Marion Stone, of Charleston, and a member of the coal importing firm of William Johnson & Co. Foot of Laurens R.R., Charleston, S.C. is a son and only living member of this family.
He sends an "In Memoriam" of Thomas Wightman, of Abroath, Scotland, born about 1617; but who lived the latter part of his life in London, died June 23rd, 1630, aged 80 yrs. Thomas Wightman had a daughter, Susie, who married, and who is said to be living in London.

As far as the writer can determine, James Wightman, of Abroath, Scotland, was not related to Major William Wightman of Charleston, S.C.; but even so, a relationship might exist. Whether James Wightman, of Abroath, was related to Edward Wightman, the Martyr, makes quite an interesting subject for further inquiry.

Some Interesting Facts:

Note how many of the family in all its branches have been ministers or preachers; and that so many of the women, both men and women, should show such decided amateur and professional artistic talent.

On the roster of the famous old St. Andrew's Society, of Charleston, S.C., founded A.D. 1729, are found the following family names:

William Wightman—joined in 1817; this is likely Major William Wightman.

William J. Wightman—joined in 1823; not yet identified.

James Wightman—joined in 1840; James Wightman, of Abroath, Scotland.


In a parade of the V.I.P.'s of Charleston, S.C., Capt. Frank Robson was in command of the active company; while Capt. John W. Flint was in command of the reserve company, both being grandparents of John Thomas Wightman, who was Sergeant of the company in 1817.

Three old bibles are in possession of the writer: his father's bible, published by Lippsnoot, Gravo & Co. of Phila., Pa., in 1864, is 74 years old; his grandfather's bible, published by Curley & Son, 120 Chestnut St., Phila., Pa., in 1817, is 111 years old; his great-grandfather's bible, a genuine Oxford Bible, printed in 1728, by John Baskett, printer to the University of Oxford, England, is just 200 years old. On the fly-leaf of this old book is written "Sarah Jones, her book, 1729."

One entry in this old bible is of family as well as historic interest: "The date the British troops came to Charleston, May 16th, 1780. When Mrs. Jones left her horse up on the Pah, July 12th, 1781."

Though of interest, the writer has no idea of the significance of the following entry: "Mrs. Ecker and Samuel Harris were cast many on Coffin Land on Saturday, 13th June, 1770, and found on Thursday, 19th June. Does anyone know where the "Path" or "Coffin Land" is situated in or around Charleston, S.C.?

The following is an exact copy of the Adam Clarke letter which is in the set of his Commentaries, now held for safe-keeping at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C.: "Bristol, Oct. 9th. 1799."

"My Very Dear Brother and Sister Williams:"

My heart wishes you every heavenly benediction. May God who has deprived you of some of your earthly joys for a little while, supply their place with ten thousand spiritual blessings. I hope you are well in body and soul. To hear of your prosperity will at all times rejoice me.

I am still laboring at this work, but owing to a multitude of other concerns I do not make as quick progress as I could wish, and this, of course, retards publication. As a token of affection and love, I send this notice. May God's Spirit write His word upon your hearts! Amen. Give my love to your parents and to all inquiring friends.

Affectionately, A. Clarke.

My Mary joins me in heartiest love to you both."

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Perhaps a few anecdotes and incidents, which have occurred in the lives of various members of the family, will not be amiss.

The following came from J. W. Robson ("Uncle Robson") as he was called: He and my Aunt was visiting with several friends at our house one evening when the door bell rang, and an uncouth looking person was ushered in. The man bashfully asked if, "the parson" would marry him, and his "gal". My father stood in the middle, my mother and some friends on one side, my Uncle and Aunt and other friends on the other side, with the couple standing before my father. He was about to begin the ceremony when the man stopped him by asking, "I ain't got no book, parson?" Father explained that he knew the service by heart, so the man insisted that he would not be properly married without a book, father reached back, picked up a book from a table just behind him, and without looking at it, opened it and began the service. My uncle, being a bit curious, looked over his shoulder to see that book it was, and became immediately convulsed. He directed my aunt's and my mother's attention to it, and both of them had to hide behind their handkerchiefs. It was my mother's cook book, opened at scrambled eggs, and held upside down.

This one is related by my father himself: "One bright Sunday morning during the summer time, I was preaching in a country church. The pulpit was my back, and I stood facing the door open which led by a couple of steps out onto the grassy lawn in front. On the top step sat an old dary, who was soon asleep. In a few minutes a large black goat appeared, at first quietly cropping the grass, in plain view through the open door; where it was certain it would go south and may forward, only to right himself and repeat the operation in another few seconds. I watched the two with fascinated interest while continuing the sermon. The old buggy resented these forward heads of the old man, accepting them as a sort of challenge. He finally reached the foot of the steps, and as the old dary moved toward another one, the buggy resided on his hind legs and bellowed the old man completely of the steps. How I ever continued to deliver the message is still a mystery; but I did succeed, and finished the sermon. It was, however, the closest call I ever had."

The anecdotes are from the writer's personal experience: "A few years ago while living in Ashland, Va. I know an interesting old "be de wah" darky named Uncle Bob James. On our place was a wondrous mineral well of the genuine artesian variety. The water gushed from the surface at the rate of 50 to 60 gals per minute. This is "Uncle Bob's" account of how it came about, as he related it to me.

One day a man will put yore one time, an' dey want ed watch, so dey gies me fur to dig a well. I git 'bout fifteen feet down, an' I cudn't see nothin', so dey says, 'I ain't got no watch, parson? I ain't got no watch.'

"Now Uncle Bob, suppose you were going down the road, and it was a nice, bright, warm day; and suppose you had a nice, big, fat, juicy watermelon under each ear; and suppose you went right in the middle of that road, a nice, big, fat, tender-looking hen. Now what in the world would you do?"

"Without a moments hesitation, and a sly grin he answered: "Get away from yore man, I don't lak watchdlyun nohow, honey!"

From the very earliest recollection, the sea, boats and all connected with the sea has had a fascination and excitement for me. I must have been just about five years old, when without the knowledge of any one, I slipped away from horse going down to the water front to play in and among some boats, which were then high and dry. The rise and fall of the tide in Charleston, S.C., is on an average five or more feet, so it comes in rapidly and goes out still more swiftly, the flow being increased by the natural current of the two rivers: the ebb being at the rate of fully six miles per hour. So interested was I in my play that I lost count of time, so before I realized it the tide had come in, floated the boat in which I was at play, and I found myself being carried rapidly to sea by the outgoing tide. In the mean time I had been missed at home, and for several hours passed without my parents being able to find me, they became greatly concerned, and had searching parties out all over the city. Fortunately, one of these parties was headed by my oldest brother; the two Flint boys, my cousins, were also in the party, besides several other boys who were with me. I do not remember how I got to the shore, but I suppose I got out near some of the great drowned yards in the stream where the full current had caught the boat, and was rapidly carrying it out to sea. It did not take the boys long to run another boat, come out, and take me in tow back to the shore. I had been enjoying myself, without any fear, least of all a realization of the very great danger and peril from which I had been rescued. By recovers, therefore, I expect little gratitude from the culprit himself, but re-
obtained an ovation from my parents, neighbors, and friends. My parents were so overjoyed to get me back safe and sound, that I, the culprit, escaped the just punishment I should have received.

The following is an incident which will give only a faint idea of the trouble I was in. In the old City of Charleston during the years immediately preceding the Civil War, I was a boy of about six. My brother Arthur, my two cousins, Johnny and Willie Fink, and several of my friends, all older than myself, were accustomed to fly our kites on a large field nearby our home. Time and again the field was raided by a gang of ten to fifteen half grown negro boys, all much taller than ourselves. They would cut the cords of our kites, or steal them bodily, while we boys had to stand by helpless. As police and town government were all in the hands of "Carpet-baggers" and negroes, appeal was useless by father, the gentlest and most lovable of men ordinarily, could be distinctly militarily when occasion required - he thought this one did.

He selected some pieces of hard Georgia pine, and out of these made six or eight stout cudgels about 18 inches long. These he gave to my older brother, my two cousins, and to several of the older boys, my self being too young to carry arms. His instructions were to conceal the sticks under their shirts, to wait until the negroes came again and tried to molest them, and then, without warning, to draw their weapons, to fall upon these negroes, and "to smite them hip and thigh," as Snapson of old smote the Philistines.

Sure enough, the negroes jumped the fence in a far corner of the field, running and yelling like demons as they came, and then only a short distance from us, one of them with a bloodcurdling yell, threw a long home-like stick with a sharp point, which struck my oldest cousin in the arm. With that, our boys, with demon yells of their own, drew their cudgels, and did actually fall upon the negroes and smite them hip and thigh, as well as elsewhere. Three of the negroes, in their haste to get away, tripped over a shallow gully. My brother and two cousins got astride of them and literally beat a tattoo on the backs of their heads, before the negroes could scramble to their feet and escape. My cousin, fortunately, did not suffer any serious effects from the nasty wound except for a very sore arm. An unexpected result was, that it broke up completely any further trouble from these or any other negroes. Hence any of these particular negroes would meet any of us boys, even myself the little six year old, they would take off their hats and say "hey, young boss."

The following incident actually happened to a member of the writer's family, and at a time when the women's skirts were not fifty stories up, and a goodly supply of white goods were worn underneath: It was in Richmond. A mother and daughter had just left a movie, when the younger woman gave a gasp, and made a frantic grab at the side of her skirt.

"Quick, in here," she exclaimed, as she hastily disappeared through the doorway of a nearby drug store, followed by her mother. Somewhat sheltered by one of the large columns inside, the daughter shook herself, stepped aside, stooped and rapidly gathered something white from the floor, and hastily stuffed it under her wrap.

Both left the store confused, followed by the silly suppressed sitters of a number of men and women in the store.

Old "Uncle Paul" was the real thing in before the war early Uncle. He did some gardening, saved wood, killed and attended to the cow, and many other chores about our home-place in Spartanburg, S.C. He was entirely illiterate, but was, nevertheless, a lay-preacher, so my father and himself had very interesting theological talks. One day I over heard the following conversation by father said to him:

"By the way, "Uncle Paul," lay preachers all have our favorite texts, what is your favorite?"

The old man scratched his head for awhile as if deliberating.

"Well, Mr. John" he finally said, "I speaks de text unto I is wroted for of de place what Paul do dun pint he pisston at de Phelions." (He meant Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians.

Acting upon a hunch, the writer has dated this paper as on his 65 birthday, as he wishes to give rather than to receive on this date. He presents this paper to the family of Whitman with his love and best wishes, hoping that each member of the family will find in it something of interest and instruction.

With The Best Love Of The Writer.