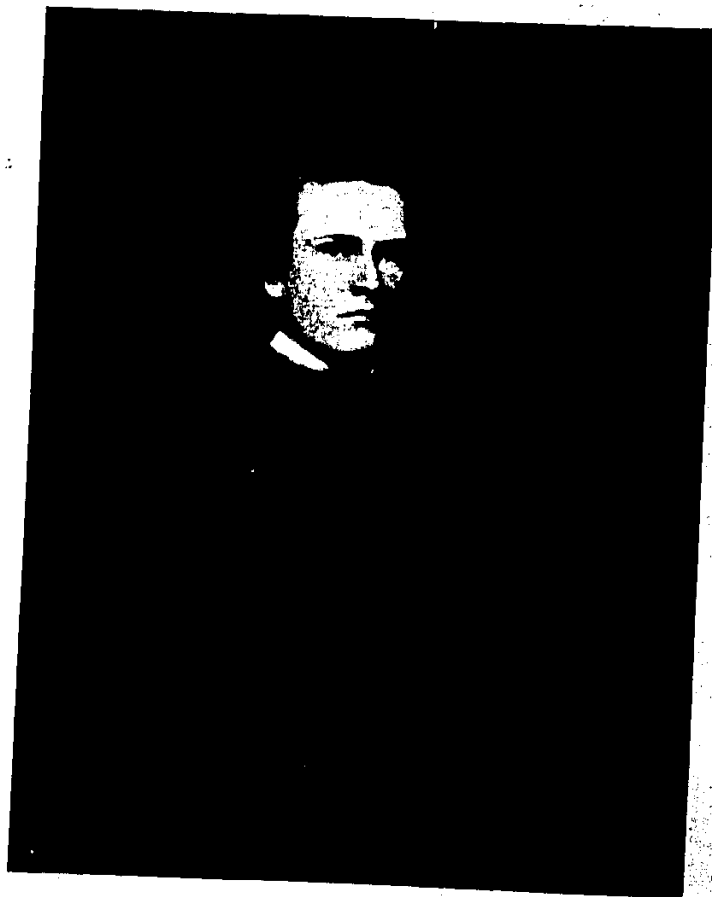


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PREFACE

The material embodied in this work is the product of some years of diligent genealogical industry. Original sources and heretofore published works on Virginia and English family history have been searched in order to bring together the facts necessary to this compilation. With few exceptions, the families here under consideration have received more or less attention from students of Virginia genealogy, while several of these families have been the subject of extensive publications. But the objective of this present work has (with a few notable exceptions) necessitated an entirely fresh study of extant Virginia records, and thus there has been brought together here a mass of new detail whose compilation works up into a rich background against which heretofore but dimly discerned characters of the past stand out in vivid reality.

The pages of this book are like the pages of the "Book of Life." Some whose names are recorded here were simply born and simply died, while others "so lived out life" as to make the otherwise simple facts of birth and death radiant as the rising and the setting sun.

In these studies we are engaged with fact, not fancy. In the following pages we find the records of men and women who lived life with varying degrees of emphasis. Some of them left their mark in vigorous deeds; some made an impress as ineradicable after more quiet fashions.

From out of the long ago—even out of the shades of far-away beginnings—we have drawn the lines of descent down, down into the full light of the recent past until they center in a man whose glory it was to live in

serving his fellow-men. All his life Philip Bickerton Winston was a "builder"—"a builder of the things which abide." His profession was only symbolic of his character throughout the wide range of its contacts. As son, brother, husband, father, friend, business man and citizen he was "a builder of the things which abide."

This book of studies in his "heritage of blood" is a tribute of a daughter to her father's memory. The work of compiling this volume was undertaken some years ago at the request of Mrs. Helen Pendleton Winston Pillsbury, who has with unfailing patience awaited the time when the compiler, whose duties in other directions are most pressing, could send it to the press. The book is now issued by Mrs. Pillsbury for those who take an interest in matters historical and genealogical.

We wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to those whose prior work along the lines followed in these studies has been of great help: Peyton Neale Clarke, author of "Old King William Homes and Families"; Fairfax Harrison, author of "The Virginia Carys"; Doctor J. Hall Pleasants, author of "The Gorsuch and Lovelace Families" (together with an account of the Todds), which appeared in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography (Volumes XXIV to XXVIII); Doctor William G. Stanard, author of genealogies of the Robinson, Beverley and Claiborne families (published in the Virginia Magazine of History and Biography); Charles F. Keith, author of "The Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison" (which includes extensive notes on the Burwell, Bacon and Bassett families). To George Craghead Gregory, of Richmond, Virginia, the Reverend William Gibson Pendleton, of Lynchburg, Miss Mary L. Garland, of Rich-

mond, Mrs. William C. Morton, of Charlotte Court House, and Mrs. Joseph Rucker Lamar, of Atlanta, Georgia, we are especially indebted for their kind contributions of original material to this publication. Mr. Gregory has permitted the reproduction in facsimile of the register of births, marriages and deaths of the Roger Gregory (1729-1803) family record, and has also contributed the chart of the descendants of Sir Thomas West and his wife, Lady Anne Knollys. The Reverend Mr. Pendleton graciously consented to the reproduction in facsimile of the record of his family entered in his Bible by Judge Edmund Pendleton. Mrs. Lamar furnished much original matter for the sketch of the Pendleton family. Miss Garland and Mrs. Morton were indefatigable in their efforts to procure original data for the book.

The editor cannot conclude this work of many years' duration without acknowledgment of gratitude to Mrs. Pillsbury for her sympathetic interest in its every detail and her patient waiting for its completion. The depth of his gratitude may be realized from the simple statement of the fact that the opportunity and privilege of doing this work afforded him the means whereby he was enabled to prepare himself for a larger field of service to his fellow-men.

Then, too, throughout the years of preparing this book for the press the editor has received the unfailing assistance of his wife, Elizabeth Neblett Torrence. But this unselfish helpfulness out of the midst of many trying duties is only one of countless expressions of her wholly generous nature.

CLAYTON TORRENCE.

*"Neve Hall,"
Albemarle County, Virginia,
March, 1927.*

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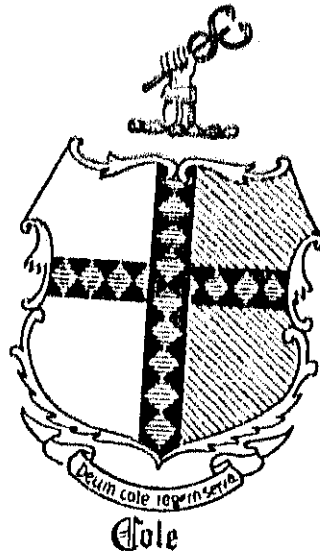
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COLE FAMILY
of
"BOLDRUP," WARWICK COUNTY
VIRGINIA

SOURCES: *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, Volume V., page 177, and Volume XXI., page 293; *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Volume II., page 382-3, and Volume XXXII., page 60.

COLE FAMILY
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THE HONORABLE WILLIAM¹ COLE was born in the year 1638, and died in Warwick County, Virginia, March 4, 1693/4. In April, 1671, he acquired by purchase from Sir William Berkeley and Dame Frances, his wife, the estate of "Boldrup," in Warwick County, on Warwick River, and, making that place his residence, continued to reside there during the remainder of his life. In 1671 COLE is referred to as "lieutenant-colonel," and in 1680 as "commander" of Warwick County.

In March, 1674/5, WILLIAM¹ COLE became a member of the Governor's Council in Virginia, and during the troublous times of Bacon's Rebellion, 1676, was a staunch supporter of the Governor, Sir William Berkeley, and his policies. On January 17, 1690/1, William Cole became Secretary of State for the Colony, but did not long survive his appointment to the office. On April 15, 1692, he preferred a petition to the King asking to be relieved of office, complaining that "he was lately much decayed in body," and that "a deep melancholy had seized him." His death followed shortly, March 4, 1693/4, in the 56th year of his age.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM¹ COLE (1638-1693/4) married, *first*, — — —; *second*, Anne Digges (1658-1686), daughter of Honorable Edward Digges, Governor of Virginia; *third*, MARTHA LEAR (died August 4, 1704), daughter of JOHN LEAR, of NANSEMONE

COUNTY (see LEAR FAMILY, post page 323). Mrs. Martha (Lear) Cole married, *second* (as his second wife), Honorable Lewis Burwell II. (died 1710), of "Carter's Creek," Gloucester County (see Burwell Family, post page 359).¹

WILLIAM¹ COLE had issue by his *first* wife:

1. Susannah² Cole (1674-1708), married Dudley Digges, son of Honorable Edward Digges, Governor of Virginia.

WILLIAM¹ COLE had issue by Anne Digges, his *second* wife:

2. Edward² Cole, died infant.
3. Digges² Cole, died infant.

WILLIAM¹ COLE had issue by MARTHA LEAR, his *third* wife:

4. Martha² Cole, died infant.
5. John² Cole, died infant.
6. Mary² Cole, died infant.
7. WILLIAM² COLE, of WARWICK COUNTY, of whom hereafter.

WILLIAM² COLE (son of WILLIAM¹ and MARTHA [LEAR] COLE) was born *circa* 1691; died *circa* 1737. He lived in Warwick County, from which he sat as a member of the House of Burgesses in 1718 and 1726. In 1721 he was Deputy Receiver General and colonel of militia, and in 1723 was a member of the Board of Visitors of William and Mary College.

WILLIAM² COLE married MARY ROSCOW (died 1752), daughter of WILLIAM and LUCY (BASSETT) ROSCOW, of ELIZABETH CITY COUNTY (see ROSCOW FAMILY, post page 327).

WILLIAM² and MARY (ROSCOW) COLE had issue:

¹Research has so far failed to prove the English ancestry of Honorable William¹ Cole (1638-1693/4). However, for a suggestion as to a probability, see *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, Volume V., page 180.

1. William^a Cole (died *ante* 1754), of Charles City County; married Elizabeth (surname unknown). Mrs. Elizabeth Cole married, *second*, Philip Par Edmundson.

2. Mary^a Cole, married, *first*, ——— West; *second*, Ferdinand Leigh.

3. JANE^a COLE, married, *first*, NATHANIEL CLAIBORNE (*circa* 1717; *circa* 1756), of KING WILLIAM COUNTY, son of THOMAS and ANN (FOX) CLAIBORNE, of "SWEET HALL," KING WILLIAM COUNTY (see CLAIBORNE FAMILY, *ante* page 303); *second*, *circa* 1758, Stephen Bingham, of King William County; *third*, Colonel Francis West, of King William County.

4. [probably] Roscow^a Cole, who was at William and Mary College in 1747 as "usher" in the Grammar School and in 1754 was minister in Warwick Parish.

5. [probably] James^a Cole (1725-1767), of Louisa County; married Mary Wills, and had issue: I. Mary Cole, born 1747; married, *first*, George Barclay; *second*, James Dickinson; II. James Cole, born 1751; III. William Cole, born 1755; IV. Susanna Cole, born 1760; died infant; V. Roscow Cole, born 1762; VI. Susanna Cole, born 1766.

MRS. JANE (COLE) CLAIBORNE-BINGHAM-WEST

As to the family name of the wife of Colonel Nathaniel Claiborne (*circa* 1717; *circa* 1756), of "Sweet Hall," King William County, we have the written statements of two of her grandsons.

In the *Richmond Standard*, Volume II., No. 4, September 27, 1879, appeared the statement of her grandson, Richard Gregory (1758-1844), the son of Roger and Mary Cole (Claiborne) Gregory, from the said Richard Gregory's family Bible. He wrote:

"There were two sisters, Mary Cole and Jane Cole. Mary married a Mr. West. . . . After the death of Mr. West, Mary married Ferdinand Leigh, by whom she had a son and a daughter, named William and Mary. . . . Jane Cole, the other sister, married Colonel Nathaniel Claiborne, by whom she had two sons, viz.: Thomas and William, and five daughters, namely, Mary Cole and others. Mary Cole Claiborne married Roger Gregory, by whom she had Richard and four other sons, and a daughter. . . . Jane Claiborne then married Stephen Bingham, by whom she had a son, named Roscoe Cole Bingham. After the death of Bingham she married a Colonel Francis West . . ."

¹For Richard Gregory's statement in full, see Gregory Family, *ante* page 254.

In the *Richmond Standard*, Volume II., No. 52, August 28, 1880, we have the statement, written in February, 1822, of Nathaniel Claiborne, son of William and Mary (Leigh) Claiborne; the said William Claiborne being the son of Nathaniel and Jane (Cole) Claiborne. Nathaniel Claiborne's statement is as follows:

"Nathaniel Claiborne . . . died in his fortieth year, leaving a widow, two sons and five daughters. . . . William Claiborne, my father, was the youngest of the two sons. Ferdinand Leigh, the father of my mother . . . married early in life Mary Cole, and Nathaniel Claiborne, of Sweet Hall, married Jane Cole. Ferdinand Leigh left two children, William Leigh . . . and Mary Leigh, wife of my father."

It is proved (see *Washington's Reports* . . . *Court of Appeals*, I., page 338, *suit Cole vs. Clayborn*) that William Cole, the elder, will dated 1729, had wife Mary (who died before 1752) and son William Cole and daughter Martha, Cole, who married a Leigh. The said Martha Leigh had a slave allotted to her as her share of dower slaves of the aforesaid widow Mary.

William Cole, the younger (son of William Cole, the elder), had son William Cole, born June, 1744, and instituted suit in 1769, which suit abated in 1779 by the death of Leigh. Leigh had a daughter Mary who married William Clayborn.² Mary, wife of said Clayborn, died in April, 1783.

Taking Richard Gregory's statement (as above) that his grandmother, whose maiden name was Jane Cole, had a sister Mary who married *first* — West, *second* Ferdinand Leigh, together with the evidence in the suit above quoted, we find that the said Mrs. Mary (Cole) West-Leigh and Mrs. Jane (Cole) Claiborne-Bingham-West were daughters of a certain William Cole, the elder, whose will was dated in the year 1729.

This William Cole who had wife Mary is identified as William Cole, of Warwick County, who married Mary Roscow.

The statement of Richard Gregory that his grandmother, Mrs. Jane (Cole) Claiborne, married, *second*, Stephen Bingham, and *third*, Francis West, and that by Bingham she had a son Roscoe Cole Bingham, is confirmed by the following records:

The will of Stephen Bingham, of St. John's Parish, King William County, dated August 22, 1759, names sons Stephen Bingham and

¹Why the court record of the suit gives her baptismal name as *Martha*, and her great-nephew calls her *Mary*, has not been discovered; but in family annals her name always appears as *Mary*.

²The name Claiborne is here spelled by the clerk Clayborn. The variation Roscoe (of Roscow) as used by Richard Gregory will also be noticed.

Jack Bingham, and daughters Allee Bingham, Leann Bingham, Rachel Bingham and Susanna Green; wife Jane Bingham who is now pregnant. On November 8, 1781, Stephen Bingham, of King William County, petitioned the General Assembly of Virginia for the estate of his half-brother, Roscow Bingham, deceased; the said Roscow Bingham having been killed while a soldier in the Revolutionary Army and under age.¹ There is an advertisement in the *Virginia Gazette and Weekly Advertiser*, September 20, 1787, by Stephen Bingham of lands lately belonging to his half-brother, Roscow Bingham (who died under 21 years of age), and now occupied by Colonel Francis West, who married the said Roscow Bingham's mother.

From the above it is quite clear that Jane, who married Colonel Nathaniel Claiborne, was Jane Cole, daughter of William and Mary (Roscow) Cole, and that she married, *secondly*, Stephen Bingham, and, *third*, Francis West.²

"BOLDROP"

"Boldrup" (as the name of the estate is spelled in the records) was pleasantly situated on the Warwick River, a branch of the James, in Warwick County. The site is now covered with weeds and bushes, though the brick foundations of the house may yet be seen. The plantation, originally consisting of 1,350 acres, formerly belonging to Samuel Stephens (son of Richard Stephens, of the Governor's Council in Virginia), the second Governor of North Carolina. In January, 1652, Samuel Stephens conveyed the estate, as a marriage settlement, to Frances Culpeper, subsequently his wife, the title to vest in her at his death. In April, 1670, Mrs. Frances Stephens (the widow of Samuel) petitioned the General Court asking that she might be immediately possessed of the land and personal estate of "Boldrup," Warwick County, where John Hill then lived. Shortly after this Mrs. Stephens married Sir William Berkeley, and on April 26, 1671, Sir William Berkeley and Dame Frances, his wife, sold the land on Warwick River, for £450 lawful money of England, to Lieutenant-Colonel William Cole. In October, 1674, the General Assembly confirmed the sale. *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine*, Volume V., page 177.

¹Petition of Stephen Bingham in King William County Petitions (Legislative), Department of Archives, Virginia State Library, Richmond.

²See also *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Volume II., page 383, and *Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine*, Volume VI., page 117.

At "Boldrup" is still to be found the family burying ground of the Coles, and there beneath a massive tomb, bearing his "arms" and the following inscription, lie the earthly remains of the HONORABLE WILLIAM¹ COLE:

[Arms]

"Here lyeth the body of William Cole, Esq., of the County of Warwick, who departed this life the 4th day of March 1693-4, in the 56th year of his age.

There does not need this marble to proclaim
His worth nor to immortalize his name,
Firmly recorded on the book of fate
Devouring time shall not his glories blot,
Nor can (this age) his memory be forgot.
A vertuous and industrious life he led
To all that would in Honors footsteps tread
He was in all his stations just and greate,
And stood as firm a pillar of the State.
Of him may this be loudly sounded far
He was unspotted on ye bench, untaynted at ye bar."