

GWALTNEY of SURRY and ISLE of WIGHT

The first one of this family in Surry was Thomas Gwaltney who patented 200 acres in Surry, May 14, 1666 "Bounded upon Major Sheppard's land North, beginning on East side at Main Blackwater Swamp, for transportation of 4 persons." (C.P. 562) He may have been the Thomas Gwaltney who was a headright of William Yarrett of Isle of Wight in 1650. Yarrett also brough over the wife of Ambrose Proctor of Isle of Wight at the same time. (C.P. 192) There was a Thomas Gualmay, aged 22, who came over on the Faulcon out of London for the Barbadoes in April, 1635. (Hotten-64)

1. Thomas Gualtney was deceased soon after the above grant was recorded for he died in July 1666 as shown by the following testimony in the County Court. "John Clarke, sworn on September 4, 1666, aged 30 years of thereabouts, sayeth that about the latter part of July, being at the house of Thomas Gwaltney, two days before his death, and desiring said Gwaltney to make a will set all things in order, the said Gwaltney answered 'Ye deponent, I give to my son William Gwaltney, the horse, foal, and bed I now lie upon, and my land I know nobody can take it from him, all ye rest of my goods I give to my wife and leave at her disposal'."

Patrick Bartley, aged about 40 years, was sworn and said that being at the house of Thomas Gwaltney the Saturday before his decease, Deponent said to him, "Now that Captain Corker is here it is good for you to set things right and relieve your wife of a great deal of trouble"; and Gwaltney answered, "I leave all to my wife's disposal, for her and for her children, for I know she will be careful of hers as well as mine." (Bk. 1, p. 277)

Mrs. Gwaltney married the third time, about October 4, 1666, Captain Thomas Pitman, for the Captain made a marriage agreement with Mrs. Mary Gwaltney on that day as follows: "Thomas Pitman gives bond that the widow Gwaltney shall after marriage with him have the whole disposal of a horse and mare which she now has - to dispose of at her pleasure, as also pewter dishes and cattle, now called and known to be for the two youngest children, also her youngest son, William Gwaltney, may have two years schooling." (Bk. 1, p. 281)

Mrs. Gwaltney's first husband was Thomas Atkinson as shown by the following order February 27, 1667: Thomas Atkinson and James Atkinson, sons of Thomas Atkinson, deceased, released Captain Thomas Pitman, "he marrying the relict of Thomas Atkinson, dec., and Thomas Gwaltney, dec., from all debts and obligations to them.")(B. 1, p. 299).

2. William Gwaltney, son of Mary and Thomas Gwaltney, was a horseman in the Surry Militia in 1687, and in the Quit Rents of

1704, he held 400 acres and his son, William, 225. He married Alice Flake, daughter of Robert Flake and his wife Margaret Marriott, granddaughter of Captain Thomas Warren.

Robert Flake's will was probated April 15, 1724, and he appointed his "son in law", William Gwaltney, executor. (B. 7, p. 528) (See Flake S.V.F., Vol. I, p. 194)

William, Sr., made his will March 28, 1728, and same probated March 2, 1732. Legatees: Daughter Ruth, wife of Robert Petway; Son, William, two deep pewter dishes; Son, John, two deep dishes and gun; grandson, Thomas, deep dishes and brass kettles; Grandson, Edward Boykin, one cow; Daughters Martha and Mary to have plantation as long as they are single, also cattle, sheep, household goods to be equally divided between them. (Bk. 8-p. 257)

Children:

- I. William, will probated 1752; dsp
- II. John, will probated 1752. (See later)
- III. Thomas, admn. May 15, 1728, to Thomas and John Gwaltney. (B. 7, pp. 806-993) (See later)
- IV. Ruth, m. Robert Petway.
- V. (daughter), m. ----- Boykin; "grandson Edward Boykin" is mentioned in will. He appears to be the Edward Boykin, Jr., who returned an account of the estate of his father, Edward Boykin, in March 1730/31 (C11-51)
- VI. Mary.
- VII. Martha, unmarried 1750, made her will Nov. 15, 1750, probated 1751. Legatees: James and Thomas Gwaltney, sons of John Gwaltney. (B. 9, p. 586)

John Gwaltney's will was probated in Surry in 1752. His wife is unknown. Will: Legatees: son, Benjamin Gwaltney, two negroes; son, Thomas Gwaltney, pistols, etc.; son, James, four negroes and 175 acres of land on the south side of Blackwater Swamp; to two of Elizabeth Andrews daughters, a cow and two sheep; to daughter, Martha Braddy...; to grandson, John Gwaltney, a breeding sow. Makes son Benjamin executor. Witnesses: Michael Deloach, Sarah Deloach, John Womble, Mary Gwaltney, William Clark. (Surry B. 3-p. 808)

Children:

- I. Joseph, will probated 20 Nov., 1750. Legatees: Aunt Martha Gwaltney, plantation for life and then to brother Thomas Gwaltney; brother, William Gwaltney, pewter dishes; brother James Gwaltney, pewter dishes; All rest to brother Thomas Gwaltney and make him executor. (B. 9, p. 668)
- II. Thomas (See later)
- III. Benjamin Gwaltney moved to Isle of Wight, for on May 17, 1757, he and his wife Martha of Newport Parish, Isle of Wight, and John Gwaltney, sold James Gwaltney of Surry 175 acres of land in Surry. Benjamin's inventory was filed in Isle of Wight in 1752. His children were BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH. Benjamin Jr., made his will in 1779 and left his estate to his sister Elizabeth Gwaltney. (Bk. 9, p. 59)
- IV. James (See later)
- V. William, d. 1752.

VI. Martha, m. ----- Braddy.

VII. Elizabeth, m. ----- Andrews.

Thomas Gwaltney was deceased in 1728 evidently before his father William made his will as he is not mentioned therein. Administration was granted to Thomas and John Gwaltney, evidently his sons, May 15, 1728 and Nov. 19, 1729. (B. 7, pp. 806-993). John Gwaltney was evidently the John Gwaltney whose wife Mary was appointed Administratrix of his estate Dec. 20, 1748. (B. 9, p. 598) Thomas Gwaltney, the other son of Thomas (#4) on Oct. 30, 1746, stated in a deed that he was the son of Thomas Gwaltney who had purchased land from Cornelius Cargill in 1727. On April 16, 1745, Thomas Gwaltney sold Joseph Gwaltney 200 acres of land in Southwark Parish patented by Thomas¹ Gwaltney May 14, 1666. Evidently Thomas, as oldest son of the oldest son, inherited this land. Thomas was probably the "Grandson Thomas" mentioned in William Gwaltney's will in 1732.

James Gwaltney also moved to Isle of Wight, for on May 17, 1757, he and his wife Elizabeth of Newport Parish, Isle of Wight, sold Thomas Gwaltney of Surry 175 acres of land on the south side of Blackwater Swamp in Surry. This was the land willed to him by his father, John Gwaltney. He made his will in Isle of Wight, 1780. as follows: mentions "wife", sons: JAMES (See later); SIMMONS; JOHN; JOSIAH; JORDAN; and HENRY. To son James land formerly belonging to Benjamin Gwaltney, deceased. Daughter MARY GWALTNEY...; James Gwaltney executor; witnesses: Mark Carrell; Samuel Simmons, Henry Cofer. Probated Dec. 7, 1780. (B. 9, p. 59)

James Gwaltney, Jr., was bequeathed by his father "land belonging to Benjamin Gwaltney, now deceased". Elizabeth Gwaltney, his aunt, evidently died before his father and her land came to James Gwaltney, Sr.

James Gwaltney, Jr., married in Surry, Aug. 27, 1796, Mary (Polly) Davis, with the consent of her father, James Davis. The wife of James Davis and mother of Polly was Winifred Clarke, daughter of James Sampson Clark. (For his ancestry see H.S.F Vol. I, p. 23) James Gwaltney, Jr., evidently died young and without a will in 1813. His children were under the age of 21 in 1819.

The Appraisement of his estate was made Dec. 13, 1813 by Simmons Gwaltney, Josiah Holleman, Moreland Delk. Wife Mary Gwaltney. Among the things appraised were: books, Hennings Justice, looking glass, dictionary, desk, walnut table, blue chest, candlesticks, negroes (7) named). One hand mill, three guns, tea-cups and saucers, decanter, seventeen chairs, flax wheel, four sleighs and harness. Inventory filed Dec. 5, 1818. (W.B. 15-194).

Other records showing the disposition of Mary and James Gwaltney's estates and naming their children are as follows:

(Will Book 15, page 256): James Gwaltney's account current with Simmons Gwaltney, administrator. Paid Mary Gwaltney, guardian of Winnifred Gwaltney, Josiah Gwaltney, William Gwaltney, Thomas Gwaltney and Benjamin Gwaltney. June 7, 1819. Paid Mary Gwaltney her proportion of the estate. Paid John S. Gwaltney, by his receipt, \$91.90. Estate was settled June 19,

1819. Amount 1374. 45. Signed, Josiah Holleman, Edwin Delk, William Holleman.

(Will Book 17, page 512, June, 1827): Estate of Mary Gwaltney, with Mark Davis, administrator. Paid William Holleman, Jesse B. Edwards, William Lancaster, James L. Gwaltney (Note: James L. Gwaltney was son of John S. Gwaltney), Robertson Johnson, Lemuel Womble, Ned Gwaltney, Jane Pitman, paid William Flood for keeping Tempy and her children; paid Josiah Gwaltney for keeping Chaney, hire of Diana and Patsy. Paid Edwin White, Josiah Gwaltney, Elphinton Betts, James Tomlin. Paid Josiah Gwaltney his proportion. Paid Benjamin. Paid William Holleman, guardian for William Gwaltney. (See later)

William Grey Gwaltney was the William Gwaltney last mentioned above in the settlement of Mary Gwaltney's estate in 1827. He was born and died in Isle of Wight County. He married Sally Holland, daughter of Hardy D. Holland. (See Holland family, S. V.F. Vol. 1, p. 92) Their children were: William Oliver Perry; Frank; Sally; and OCEANA WINIFRED GWALTNEY who married Samuel Edwin West, born 1838, a soldier of the Confederacy. (See Warren Family, V.H.G. page 253).

Children of Oceana Winifred Gwaltney and Samuel Edwin West:

- I. Elliott Edwin West, m. Mary Hunnicutt.
- II. Sarah Caroline West, m. (1) Edwin Warren; m. (2) George W. Brown.
- III. Mollie West, m. Nathaniel Berryman.
- IV. James Thomas West, m. Elizabeth Jones.
- V. Eugene Gordon West, m. Oneta Hardin.
- VI. Grace West, m. James Robbins MacClamroch. (See later)

Grace West, born Sept. 7, 1874, in Surry County, married Feb. 27, 1901, James Robbins MacClamroch, son of Sarah Ellen (Foster) and Julius Lawrence MacClamroch, born Nov. 16, 1870, at Mocksville, Davie County, N.C.; died Dec. 16, 1935, at Greensboro, N.C. (For an account of his life see Vol. 5, page 593, of Dr. Archibald Henderson's history of North Carolina, "The Old South and the New")

Children:

- I. James G. W. MacClamroch, born Dec. 1, 1901, is an attorney at Greensboro, N.C., and is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, (A.B.); and of Yale (LL.B.), member of the American Bar Association; Sigma Chi Fraternity at North Carolina, Phi.Delta Phi at Yale; Sons of the American Revolution of of Confederate Veterans; Societies of the War of 1812; of Colonial Wars; Society of Genealogists of London and of the Harleian Society of England. Mr. MacClamroch married Miss Maxine Pugh January 19, 1954. They have the following children:
 1. Alan Gwaltney Westwarren MacClamroch, b. Dec. 26, 1954.
 2. Brian Gwaltney Westwarren MacClamroch, born February 24, 1954.
- II. Julian Westwarren MacClamroch, b. Feb. 10, 1904
- III. Virginia Gwaltney MacClamroch, b. Nov. 9, 1907; m. James F. Hoge and lives in New York City. Mrs. Hoge is a gradu-

ate of Hollins College (B.A.); President of Dramatics Club and of Delta Delta Delta Sorority in Senior year; member of Junior League of New York City; of the National Society of Colonial Dames; D.A.R.; and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, all of New York State. (See New York Social Register)

Children:

1. James Fulton Hoge, Jr., graduate of Buckley School, N. Y., student at Phillips Academy, Exeter.
2. Warren MacClamroch Hoge, student at Buckley School.
3. Barbara Hume Hoge, Chapin School, N. Y.
4. Virginia Howe Hoge, student at Chapin.

Thomas Gwaltney of Surry was the second but surviving eldest son of John Gwaltney who died in Surry in 1752. Thomas married Elizabeth, daughter of James Sampson Clarke of Surry and his wife Joyce. (See H.S.F. 1, p. 23) Elizabeth Clarke was a sister of Winnifred Clarke Davis whose daughter Polly Davis married James Gwaltney, Jr. Thomas Gwaltney made his will in Surry, Nov. 25, 1777, probated Jan. 23, 1798, as follows: Legatees: son-in-law, BENJAMIN BELL; grandson, BENJAMIN C. BELL, a negro boy Ned; daughter SARAH HOLLEMAN, money; daughter REBECCA PHILLIPS money and side saddle; daughter MARTHA COFER a negro girl; son-in-law BENJAMIN SHELLEY, cash; daughter ANN COFER, 4 slaves; daughter POLLY GWALTNEY, 4 slaves; son THOMAS P. GWALTNEY, plantation on which deceased lived adjoining Bryant, Zachariah Phillips, Thos. Cofer, Joseph Cofer, also 5 slaves; son LUDWELL GWALTNEY plantation where Zachariah Phillips lives, adjoining Sarah Cornwell, Lemuel Bailey, Mary Wombell, on Reedy Branch, John Cornwell, Thomas Cofer; also 5 slaves; daughter NANCY GWALTNEY, 3 slaves; wife SARAH, 3 slaves during her life, after her death to daughter NANCY GWALTNEY; gives slaves Old Tom and Old Cate their freedom; four youngest children POLLY, THOMAS, LUDWELL and NANCY GWALTNEY; sons to receive survivor land of each other. Executors: wife Sarah, and son THOMAS P. GWALTNEY. Wits.: John Gwaltney, Joseph Davis and William White. (Surry W.B. 1, 1790-1804, pp. 250-251-252.)

Benjamin C. Bell, Sr., "the son-in-law" mentioned in Thomas Gwaltney's will died in Surry in 1821, and in his will he reaffirmed the gift of Thomas Gwaltney, by giving to his son, Benjamin Bell, Jr., "Ned"; the grandson mentioned in Thomas Gwaltney's will. The first name of the wife of Benjamin, Sr., is not known. She was deceased at the time her father, Thomas Gwaltney, made his will, 1797. This is proven by the fact that Benjamin Sr. married as his second wife MARTHA THOMPSON WARREN, widow of Lt. Jesse Warren, on Oct. 15, 1796. Lt. Warren had died in 1794. (Surry Marriage Register, P. 9; V.H.G. p. 252)

Benjamin C. Bell, Sr., made his will June 25, 1820, probated June 25, 1821, as follows: to wife MARTHA; to son BENJAMIN C. BELL, the plantation where he now lives, formerly belonging to William Harrison and Thomas Davidson; also negro boy by name "Ned"; executors to sell land called "Carter's"; granddaughter CLARKE (?) SHELLEY; grandsons EVAN and WILLIAM

SHELLY, the land where William Thomas formerly lived and the land on which I now live including my late purchase from the estate of Martha Delk; one fourth personal property to Benjamin C. Bell; one fourth to CHERRY WARREN; one fourth to SALLY C. WARREN; one fourth to my three Shelly grandchildren. Wits.: Josiah and John Holloman; Security for Benjamin C. Bell: Josiah Holleman and James W. Wheadon. (Surry W.B. 1815-1824, p. 510)

Children of first wife, Miss Gwaltney:

- I. Benjamin C. Bell, m. Martha -----, March 11, 1812.
- II. Cherry Bell, m. Samuel Warren May 27, 1800; Benj. Bell was security.
- III. Sally C. Bell, m. Jan. 25, 1814, Jesse Phillips Warren; wits.: Benj. Bell and William Warren. (See later) (For Warren see V.H.G. p. 252)
- IV. Martha Bell in 1796 m. Benjamin Shelly, and had Cynthia and William Shelly. (See Bell of Surry, S.V.F. 1, p. 37.)

It seems that step-brothers and step-sisters married one another.

Sally C. Bell, daughter of Benjamin Bell, married Jan. 25, 1814, Jesse Phillips Warren, son of Lt. Jesse Warren, who served in Capt. Wilson's Co., of Surry Militia during the Revolution. (23 W 211) Jesse's will was dated Aug. 28, 1829, and probated in that year. (W.B. 1827-1829 - p. 506) Sally Bell Warren's will was probated in 1838 (W.B. 1834-40, p. 525) Their children were: 1. Joseph B.; 2. Rebecca Ann; 3. Lucy Caroline (See later); Sally Angeline Phillips; and Elizabeth Warren.

Lucy Caroline Warren, daughter of Sally C. Bell and Jesse Phillips Warren, born in Surry County, Va., in 1817, died at "Washington" Prince George Co., Va., in January 1893. In Surry County on Sept. 9, 1836, she married as his second wife William Major West, who was born in Virginia in 1806, and died at "Shady Grove" Surry County in January of 1866. He was a planter and Sheriff of Surry County.

Children:

- I. Sarah V. West, m. (1) Richie Schott; m. (2) Peyton Friou.
- II. Washington Josephus West, m. Mary Henry Newcomb.
- III. "Pink" Martha Lou Ella West, m. Samuel Tinsley.
- IV. Leeta Caltha West, m. Emmett Maynard
- V. Alice West, m. Joseph Ramey.
- VI. Othello Jesse West, b. Sept. 17, 1853; m. Virginia Newcomb. (See later)
- VII. "Kate" Lucy Major West, m. John Hunnicutt.
- VIII. Samuel Edwin West (eldest) m. Oceana Winifred Gwaltney. (See later)

Othello Jesse West, son of Lucy Caroline Warren and William Major West, was born at "Shady Grove", Surry County, Va., Sept. 15, 1853, and died at City Point, Prince George Co., Va., July 26, 1915. At "Marle Bank", Prince George Co., Va., on Jan. 1, 1881, he married Virginia (name changed from "Sarah Jane") Newcomb, daughter of Sarah Eppes (name changed from "Sarah Jane") Vaughn and James Elisha Newcomb, who was born May 11, 1855, at "Marl Bank", Prince George Co., Va., and died Oct. 6, 1944, at Newport News, Va.

Children:

- I. Sarah Florence West, b. Oct. 14, 1884, m. Hugh S. Watson, Sr. (See later)
- II. James Percy West, dsp.
- III. Elisha Hugh West, b. March 12, 1890, m. Virginia Page Walker of Charles City County, Va.

Sarah Florence West, daughter of Virginia Newcomb and Othello Jesse West, was born at "Marl Bank" Prince George Co., Va., on Oct. 14, 1884. On June 5, 1906, at "Greenwood", Prince George Co., Va., she married Hugh Smith Watson, Sr., who was born Nov. 29, 1871, at Tarboro, Edgecomb Co., N.C., and died Nov. 5, 1925, at Newport News, Va. He was Chief Electrical Inspector, U.S.N.

Children:

- I. Virginia Florence Watson, b. May 17, 1907; m. Francis Charles Hooper.
- II. Hugh Smith Watson, Jr., b. June 7, 1908; unmarried (See later)
- III. Eleanor West Watson, b. June 6, 1913; m. Donald Archer Holden.

Hugh Smith Watson, Jr., who was born June 7, 1908, at Newport News, Va., lives there at 2114 Chestnut Ave. He is Purchasing Agent for the U.S. Government.

This family, through its descent from the Warren, Crisp and Crayford families of Kent, England, has a pedigree leading back to Alfred the Great and Charlemagne. (See "Crisp" herein and chart on page 233, V.H.G.)