

7. VIRGINIA (JENNIE) WALL, dau. of Mial Wall and Mary Amy Covington, b. 17 Mar 1855, d. 18 Nov 1924, who m. OCTAVIUS D. McRAE, b. 12 Sep 1855, d. 24 Jun 1886. For their family, see McRAE.

References: Capt. W. I. Everett's—"Sketches", Rockingham-Richmond Co. Library, Rockingham, N. C.; Eleanor Pratt Covington McSwain—"My Folk", the Historical Society, 1972; Anne Wall Thomas—"The Walls of Walltown, 1969; Anson and Richmond Co. DAR Transcripts of Cemetery Records.

LEAKE

There are two possible origins of the name Leake. The more probable is that it derived from the Norman name de Lec, brought over to England from France following William the Conqueror's triumph. According to "Cathedral Charters", there was in Lincolnshire, in 1208, a certain Luke de Lec. In the same book there is mention of a Robert de Lec being presented in 1272 at Levertan Church, in Lincolnshire.

The name is later shown as de Lake. In the "English Genealogist" a Simon de Lake is shown among Lincolnshire families around 1300. By the 1600's the name Leake is commonly found.

Now whether the gradual transition from de Lec to the name Leake was merely a continuing corruption of the old Norman name, or whether the name had a connection with an occupation or trade, as was common in England at that time, is debatable. The other possible origin of the name might have come directly from the word "Leech", as physicians were sometimes called, due to their propensity for using these animals in drawing blood from patients in treatment of various disorders.

Although most commonly spelled Leake in the 1600's in England, it is also shown as Leak and Leek. All three forms of the name are found in the early records of Virginia.

The family attained some prominence in England during the 17th century, when for a few generations one branch were the Earls of Scarsdale. Sir Francis Leake was created the first Earl of Scarsdale in 1645, and his son Nicolas and grandson Robert Leake were the second and third Earls of Scarsdale.

Warren Chappelle, in "Families of Virginia", offers an assumed descent of the Virginia Leakes from Sir Francis Leake, but the dates are not plausible. Without any other research we must assume that while there *might* be a connection, we will not make that assumption, thus will start with the first of the known Leakes in this line of Descent.

1. WILLIAM LEAKE, b. 1664, Nottingham, England, d. 1725, Goochland Co., Virginia. He m. Mary Bostick, whose Bible is still in existence and in the possession of someone related to Miss Sue Howard Leake, of Richmond, Va., who had it as late as 1932. On the fly leaf of that Bible there is a notation that "We have been in America one year May 25th 1686, Mary Bostick, her Booke—", thus showing they came over in 1685. We don't know whether Mary and William were married before or after their arrival, but their children were all born in, and are listed in the register of St. Peter's Parish, Goochland Co., Va. Their home, "Rocky Spring", in Goochland Co. remained in the Leake family until 1932, when its last family residents, the Charles L. Leakes, finally sold it.

There is an interesting account of the origin of the Leake family of Virginia given by Shelton F. Leake of Charlottesville, Va., to his nephew Dr. Henry K. Leake, of Dallas, Texas, in a letter written 14 Aug 1879. In it he said:

"As I told you before, the first Leake that ever came to Virginia (William), is said to have been the son by a first marriage of a very wealthy man on the Marches of Wales, in England. His mother having died in his early infancy, his father married a second wife by whom he had issue. The estates were entailed so that they would have descended to the eldest son. During the absence of the father, the step-mother had the first son kidnapped and sent to Virginia. It so happened that a company of Gypsies were in the neighborhood at the time, and the step-mother persuaded her husband that the gypsies had stolen his son. Immense rewards were offered but, of course, without results."

"This is the legend current in our family. In confirmation of it (undoubtedly authentic), the following incident is given: My uncle, Austin D. Leake, was, about 1795, sent to college at Carlisle, Pa. He was expected home every day, when one day a young man rode up to my grandfather's, my grandmother saw him alight and, supposing him to be her son, ran out and threw her arms around him, and kissed him before she discovered her mistake. He was wonderfully like my uncle Austin, and gave his name as Leake, from one of the northern states. He was travelling for pleasure and remained for some weeks at my grandfather's. He said that he was descended by a second marriage from a very wealthy Englishman on the Marches of Wales, and that the only son by the first marriage was stolen by Gypsies. Up to this time our name had been spelled Leak, but the younger man persuaded my grandfather that the true spelling was Leake, and so it has remained ever since."

William and Mary (Bostick) Leake had:

1. WALTER LEAKE, b. ca. 1708, d. 1758, who m. Judith Maske, of whom further.

2. William Leake, bapt. 15 Jul 1694 (Reg of St. Peter's Parish).
3. Jane Leake, b. 11 Jan 1700/1 (Reg. of St. Peter's Parish).
4. Richard Leake, bapt. 11 Dec _____ (Reg. of St. Peter's Parish).
5. Mary Leake, b. ca. 1706, d. ca. 1765.

II. WALTER LEAKE, b. ca. 1707/8, d. ante 10 May 1758, on which date his will was probated.

He first appears in the Virginia records when he had a land grant in Albemarle Co. dated 25 Sep 1746. This was for 150 acres on the branches of the Hardware River. There is also a petition for 194 acres in Albemarle Co., which had been granted to his son, Walter Leake, Jr., on 12 Jan 1746, and on which Walter, Jr. had failed to comply with the stipulations concerning cultivation and improvement of the land. Walter, Sr. was granted title.

Family data indicates that Walter Leake m. ca. 1728 Judith Mask, Judith Mask was b. 14 Apr and bapt. 10 Jul 1698, according to the St. Peter's Parish register. She was the dau. of John Mask, who also had Mary Mask, bapt. 31 Mar 1700, William, b. 6 May 1701, and Timothy Mask, b. 20 Jun 1702.

Walter Leake's will was written 31 Oct 1757, and was proved at a court held for Goochland Co. on 16 May 1758. It reads as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen. I Walter Leak, of Goochland County, make this my last will and testament, (being very sick) Revoking all other wills by Me formerly made. And Appoint this my last, Acknowledging myself in my proper senses, I praie God for same.

First: Desire my Body to be buried according to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, without pomp.

Secondly: that my Debts may be all paid when due, and as for my Temporal Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I give as follows, Viz. Impris. I give and bequeath to my son Josiah Leak part of the land whereon I now live, viz. the South Side from the road beginning at Groom's line and thence up the road to the Creek and up the Creek to Cole's Spring branch, thence up the sd. branch to the line, to him and his heirs forever. And the said Josiah Leak is to pay to Samuel Leak five and twenty pounds Curr. Money.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two sons John Leak and William Leak the remainder of the aforesaid land on the North Side of the aforesaid road that is to say any one of them is to have the whole Paying the other for his part of it, and he that will give to the other the most for his part of it, shall take the whole to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my sons Mask Leak and Elisha Leak my Piece of Land in Albemarle which I bought of Paul Michaux to

be equally divided between them in quantity and quality to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Mary Christian, Christian Johnston and Judith Leak twenty Pounds apiece after their Mother's decease.

Item. I lend to my Daughter Elizabeth Coleman my negro girl Agge to wait on her and work for her, her lifetime and after her decease the said Agge and her increase if she has any shall be Equally divided amongst her children.

Item. I lend my loving wife and desire that she may have the use of all my Estate induring her lifetime and widowhood, both land negroes, cattle, etc., and after her decease or marriage then these legacies to be paid, and the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided amongst all my children. I also desire that those of my children which have not been helped towards housekeeping with Bed, Pot, and Stock, etc. as the others, may be helped with such necessaries equally to what the others have been. I also appoint my loving wife Judith Leak and my son Josiah Leak Executors of this my last will and Testament, desiring my estate may not be appraised nor given security.

Whereunto I set my hand and seal this 31st day of October Anno Dom. 1757. Published in Presence of us."

John Humber

Walter Leak (seal)

Charles Christian Junr

Elizabeth Humber

From this will and family records we find that Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake had the following children:

1. Walter Leake, Jr., probably the eldest son, of whom little is known.
2. Josiah Leake, b. 1730, d. 1789. He inherited "Rocky Spring". He m.1 Ann Fenton, m.2 Ann Minter, m.3, Ann Foster. His will is on file in the Goochland Co., Va. Will Book 16, p. 475.

Josiah Leake m.1, on 1 Jan 1759, Ann Fenton, in Henrico Co., Va. They had:

- i. Lucy Leake, who m. 29 Nov 1791, Frederick Jones, Goochland Co., Va.
- ii. Judith Leake, b. 1762, who m. 23 Sep 1780 Charles Woodson, a son of Drury Woodson. They had:
 - (1) Charles Lewis Woodson, b. 1784.
 - (2) Lucy Woodson, who m. 14 May 1812 William Miller, Jr., Cumberland Co.

Josiah Leake m.2 Ann Minter. They had:

- iii. Josiah Leake, Jr., b. 26 Oct 1770, d. 12 May 1847, who m. 22 Feb 1799, Elizabeth P. Hatcher, Goochland Co., Va. They had:

- (1) Ann Eliza Leake, b. 19 Dec 1799, d. 27 Nov 1815.
 - (2) William J. Leake, d. 1812.
 - (3) Sallie H. Leake, b. 1801, d. 1819.
 - (4) Thomas J. Leake, b. 5 Mar 1804, d. 3 Sep 1804.
 - (5) Elizabeth Porter Leake, b. 11 Jan 1808, d. 27 Nov 1829.
 - (6) Samuel Davies Leake, b. 1809, d. 1881.
 - (7) Walter D. Leake, b. 1813, d. 1873.
 - (8) Josiah Leake, d. inf.
 - (9) Martha A. C. Leake, b. 1818.
- iv. Walter Leake, who m. 30 Sep 1790, Susanna Jones Goochland Co., Va. They are said to have gone to Mayesville, Ky. Josiah Leake m.3 Ann Foster, widow. They had:
- v. John M. Leake, who went to Ala. and was memb. Legislature 1822, d.s.p.
- vi. Samuel Davis Leake, M.D., d. 1808 in Goochland Co., Va. just after completing his medical studies at Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Samuel Leake, third son of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake, b. ca. 1731, d. 2 Dec 1775. He graduated, A.B. 1764, College of New Jersey, now Princeton University. In Foote's "Sketches of Virginia" it is described how he passed his trials and final examination for ordination as a Presbyterian minister, on 18 Apr 1766, at Tinkling Spring. He was called to Sandy River, Dan and Mayo, but declined to serve there. He accepted a call, 3 May 1770, from Rich Cove and North Garden, Albemarle Co., Va., where he served until his death a short time later. He was a Trustee and Moderator, Hampden-Sidney College. He was instrumental in starting, on 13 Oct 1774, a drive to raise funds to buy a library "with philosophical and mathematical apparatus" for a Seminary. When the Hanover Presbytery met at Slate Hill, in Prince Edward Co. on 1 Feb 1775, "the retiring moderator, Samuel Leake, reported that the Prince Edward and Cumberland Congregations had exceeded beyond expectation in raising subscriptions, which amounted to 1300 pounds."
- Rev. Samuel Leake m. Elizabeth Morris, who d. 1799. She was a sister to Patience Morris, of Hanover Co., Va., who married Samuel's brother, Mask Leake.
- Rev. Samuel Leake's will was made 29 Nov 1775, and proved in the Sept. Court of Albemarle Co., 1776. (Albemarle Co. Will Book 2, p. 343).
- Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth (Morris) Leake had:
- i. Elizabeth Leake, who m. 14 Dec 1786 Andrew Hart, Albemarle Co., Va.
 - ii. Sarah Leake, who m. 2 May 1798, Rev. James Robinson.

- iii. Mary Leake.
4. John Leake, fourth son of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake, of Amherst Co., Va., who sold his portion of his father's legacy as did his brother William, to their older brother Josiah Leake, 2 Nov 1761. This may be the John M. Leake who served in the Revolution. In deeds, his wife's name is shown as Ann.
5. WILLIAM LEAKE, who m. Judith Mosley, went to Anson Co., N. C. of whom further.
6. Mask Leake, sixth son of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake, b. 1735, Goochland Co., Va., d. 1 Sep 1813, Albemarle Co., Va. He and his brother Elisha Leake owned land jointly in Albemarle Co., bequeathed by their father Walter Leake, Sr. Mask Leake lived near South Garden Thoroughfare, and was a leading Elder in the Cove Presbyterian Church, frequently representing it in the Presbytery of Hanover.

Mask Leake was a Captain in the Albemarle Militia (Gwathmey—"Virginians in the Revolution.")

On 22 Nov 1758 Mask Leake m. Patience Morris of Hanover Co., Va., sister to Elizabeth Morris, who married Mask's brother Rev. Samuel Leake.

Mask and Patience (Morris) Leake had:

- i. William Leake, b. 1 Oct 1759, d. 4 Sep 1834, Albemarle Co., Va. on 19 March 1833 William Leake makes oath that he was born in Albemarle Co., Va., and while residing there in 1777, he served two months in the Militia as a substitute for his father. He states that he enlisted sometime in 1778, served in Capt. Mark's Company, Colonel Wm. Davies, 14th Virginia Regiment, and was in the battle of Monmouth. Length of service one year. He also served in 1781 for about 40 days as Ensign in Capt. Thompson's company. William Leake, cert. No. 16616, issued 9 Dec 1833 at a rate of \$40. per annum—commenced 4 Mar 1831, Act of 7 Jun 1832, Virginia Agency.

The file indicates he d. 4 Sep 1834, leaving a widow, whose name is not given.

William Leake m.1 Anna Minter, m.2 Catherine M. _____ His will was signed 13 Nov 1830, with a codicil dated 16 Mar 1834. The will was probated 7 August 1835. After his death a suit transpired between his sons and their step-mother, Caroline M. Leake, which delayed probate of the will.

William Leake and his first wife, Anna Minter Had:

- (1) Samuel Leake, b. 14 Jun 1790, d. 27 Dec 1858.
- (2) Elizabeth Ann Leake, who m. _____ Anderson.

- (3) Walter Leake, b. 17 Dec 1792, d. 24 Dec 1859, who m. Mahala R. Johnson.
- (4) Josiah Leake, b. 11 Jan 1802, d. 14 Aug 1832, d.s.p.
- (5) William M. Leake, b. Sep 1805, d. Apr 1850, who m. a Miss Dietrich, b. 1812, d. 1884. He is bur. in a cemetery on the farm of Wm. Powell, near Hardware Bridge, near Covesville, Albemarle Co. This was the old Leake home.
7. Elisha Leake, seventh son of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake, d. ca. Oct 1806. He owned land jointly with his brother Mask Leake, in Albemarle Co., Va., which had been bequeathed to them by their father Walter Leake, Sr. He also owned land in Goochland Co., Va.
- He is shown as a Captain, Goochland Militia, 1779-1780 (Gwathmey—"Hist. Register of Virginians in the Revolution.") He is also listed on the Tax List of Goochland Co., Va. 1782-1787, with 2 Polls and 12 slaves.
- Elisha Leake m.1, 20 Apr 1760, Joyce Thomson, and m.2, 23 Mar 1791 Fanny Curd. By 1st marriage he had:
- i. George Thomson Leake, b. 8 Apr 1781.
 - ii. Kitty Leake, who m.1 21 Jun 1796, Robert Owen, m.2 John Powers.
 - iii. Samuel Leake.
 - iv. Richard Leake, who went to Shelby Co., Tenn.
8. Mary Leake, who m. _____ Christian.
9. Christian Leake, who m. William Johnson. They had:
- i. Judith Johnson, b. 13 Apr 1751.
 - ii. William Johnson, b. 18 Jun 1753.
 - iii. Walter Johnson, b. 23 Sep 1755.
 - iv. Samuel Johnson, b. 17 Nov 1757.
 - v. Monah Johnson, b. 13 Jul 1759.
 - vi. Jeremiah Johnson, b. 14 Feb 1762.
 - vii. Stephen Johnson, b. 20 Sep 1763.
 - viii. Christian Johnson, b. 15 Feb 1767.
 - ix. Josiah Johnson, b. 24 Apr 1769.
10. Judith Leake, who m. 9 May 1771, John Christian, Goochland Co., Va.
11. Elizabeth Leake, who m. 1751, James Coleman, Albemarle Co., Va. In James Coleman's will he mentions son, Samuel, and daughters Judeth Coleman, Jane Coleman, Mary Haller, Lucy Watson, Susannah Johnson, Maskey Jerral, Ann Brumfield, and a grand-daughter Nancy Isbell.

III. WILLIAM LEAKE, fifth son of Walter and Judith (Mask) Leake (II. above), b. Goochland Co., Va., d. Anson Co., N. C. ante 22 Dec 1778. He owned land jointly with his brother John Leake, in Goochland Co., which was bequeathed to them by their father Walter Leake, being half of the plantation on which their father lived. William also owned land in Buckingham and Lunenburg Counties, but it is not known when he went into Buckingham Co., due to the loss of early records there. In 1761, he and his brother John Leake sold some of their Goochland property to their brother Josiah Leake.

While still in Virginia, William Leake married Judith Mosley. On 28 Apr 1767, William Leake of Buckingham Co., Va. buys 300 acres on the N.E. side of the Pee Dee River, from John and Elizabeth Ussey. Again, on 1 Feb 1769 William Leake buys two more tracts of land on the N. side of the Pee Dee River, in Anson Co., N. C. from the same people.

By Jan 1772 William Leake is apparently located in Anson Co., since the court minutes show that on that date he was granted a license for an Ordinary. Over the next few years William Leake acquired additional property in Anson Co., through sale and grant. In 1775 at the 12 July court William Leake served on the Grand Jury.

In the State Records of North Carolina, vol. 17, p. 256 William Leake, Revolutionary Soldier, received Army pay of 41 pounds, 15 shillings and 1 pence.

Although we do not find a copy of the will of William Leake, we do find in Anson Co., N. C. Will Book, 1751-1795, pp. 105-106, the following:

"We the subscribers agreeable to the Last Will & Testament of Wm. Leak, deceased, of Anson County in North Carolina, have divided the land and personal Estate amongst the Legatees as followth (to wit):

To: WALTER LEAK, all the lands on the North side of Great Pee Dee River and below the Little River containing 640 acres; also one other tract containing 300 acres lying on the head of Buffalow Creek. . . .

To: FRANCIS LEAK, all the lands on the south side of Great Pee Dee River containing 590 acres with the tract of land that lies in the fork of Great Pee Dee and Little River containing 515 acres; also one other tract lying in Pittsylvania County in Virginia on Banister River containing 400 acres. . . .

WALTER LEAK'S lot of negroes and personal Estate as followeth: Negroes Hannibell Chance Charles & Rose . . . Stock: One gray horse one cow & 4 head of sheep, furniture one bed and furniture 1 lott of Pewter one knife & fork and Thirteen Pounds & Ten Pence in specie certificates. . . .

FRANCIS LEAK'S lott of negroes and personal Estate as followeth: Negroes James Dinah Harry and Isaac. Stock: 1 sorrel mare & cow 4 head of sheep one Lott of Pewter 1 knife & fork 1 Bed & furniture and Thirteen Pounds Specie Certificates & Ten pence. . . .

ELIZABETH LEAK'S Lott of Negroes & personal Estate as followeth: Negroes Hannah Morear David & Tong. Stock: One gray mare two head of cattle four head of sheep one bed & furniture one Lott of Pewter 1 knife & fork and Thirteen Pounds Ten Pence Specie Certificates. . . .

JUDITH LEAK'S Lott of Negroes & Personal Estate as Followeth: Negroes Tom Cats Sam & Joe. Stock: One Bay horse 2 head of cattle 4 head of sheep One bed & Furniture 1 Lott of Pewter 1 Knife & fork and Thirteen Pounds Ten Pence Specie Certificates. . . .

MARY LEAK'S Lott of Negroes and Personal Estate as Followeth: Negroes Ivy Will Bob & Beck. Stock: One Bay Mare 2 head of cattle 4 head of sheep one bed & furniture One lott of Pewter 1 Knife & fork and Thirteen Pounds Ten Pence Specie Certificates. . . .

SALLY LEAK'S Lott of Negroes and Personal Estate as followeth (to wit): Negroes Fann Peter George & Nance. Stock: 1 sorrel Mare & Colt 2 head of cattle 4 head of sheep 1 Bed & Furniture One Lott of Pewter 1 Knife & fork and Thirteen Pounds Ten Pence Specie Certificates. . . .

Articles left undivided to be sold and the money arising from the sale to pay off Debts and the over plus if any to be equally divided amongst the Legatees. A parcel of books, 2 bottle cases, 4 wheels, 11 chears, one pick and half sett of surveyors instruments, 1 sett of pump augurs, 2 chests, 4 pots, 1 skillet, 1 Dutch Oven, 1 cross cut and 2 hand saws, 1 Drawing knife, 1 frow, 1 flax hackle, 2 head of horses, a parcel of hogs, 1 p. stilliards, 1 Grind Stone and parcel of old Lumber."

Witness our hands this 23rd November 1782.

Edward Mossley,
Elisha Leak.

It is said that William and Judith (Mosley) Leake are buried in the Pickett Cemetery on the Pee Dee River, Richmond Co., N. C., but their graves are unmarked. The known children of William and Judith (Mosley) Leake were:

1. WALTER LEAKE, b. 1761, d. 1844, who m. Hannah Pickett, of whom further.
2. Francis Leake, d.s.p. 1786.
3. Elizabeth Leake, who m. Thomas Wade, Jr., Anson Co., N. C.
4. Judith Leake, who m. Thomas Childs.
5. Mary Leake.
6. Sally Howard Leake.

IV. WALTER LEAKE, eldest son of William & Judith (Mosley) Leake, b. 30 Nov 1761, Buckingham Co., Va., d. 3 Jul 1844, Richmond Co., N. C.

In NSDAR No. 41209 it is stated: "It is authentically known and stated that Walter Leake ran away from home & entered the Army, much against the wishes of his parents—he being only 17 years of age at the time he entered the War."

His tombstone inscription reads: "Beneath this slab repose the remains of Walter Leak, Sen. who was Born/ in Buckingham County, Virginia/ 30 Nov 1761/ and Died/ 3Jul 1844/ At the age of 17 years/ he entered the service of his Country/ And served faithfully through/ The Revolutionary War."

Walter Leake m. ca. 1785 Hannah Pickett, b. 20 Jul 1766, d. 1 Sep 1809. She was a dau. of William Pickett of Anson and Richmond Cos., N. C., and Mourning (Raiford) Robards, widow. Mourning Raiford was the widow of William Robards, Sr., and usually signed her name "M" in lieu of making an X mark.

From the National Archives: Pension Claim S 7136, we learn that on 19 July 1832, Richmond Co., N. C., Walter Leak aged 71, a resident of said county and state, applied for pension for two years' Revolutionary service. A resident of Anson Co., N. C. in 1778 and afterwards "volunteered under Capt. Dejarnett, Colonel Thomas Wade, and continued under his command untill sometime after the capture of Cornwallis."

On 23 Jan 1833, Richmond Co., N. C.: Walter Leak, aged 72, gave great detail as to his service and campaigns. He states he was born 31 Nov 1761, Buckingham, Va., and he has the record "in my Family Bible at Home." Since the Revolution he has lived in Richmond Co., N. C. His credibility is certified by Rev. Martin Crawford, Elias Sinclair, John McAlister, Moses Knight and Wm. Thomas, Sr., who gave an affidavit, 25 Jan 1833, "that they were with him at the Battle of Bettys (Beatty's) Bridge and knew him to have been a true friend of his country."

On 12 Jun 1782, Luke Robinson, Montgomery Co., N. C. deeds 300 acres of land in Richmond County, to Walter Leak, the tract being "near the head of Buffelors Creek."

After the first court house was built in Richmond Co., it became necessary to build a jail. Walter Leak drew the plans, and a contract was let to Micajah Gainey, in 1783.

Walter Leake's will is short. It is found in Richmond Co., N. C. Will Book 3, p. 16:

"I, Walter Leak of Richmond County, State of North Carolina, blessed at time with my usual good health & a sound disposing mind and memory but admonished by my advanced age of my near approach to end of life and of the consequent propriety of indicating the disposition I wish to

make of my property do hereby establish the following to be my last will and testament:

My gr-son: Walter John Leak (son of F. T. Leak) Negro boy Tom age 11 years.

My son: Francis T. Leak, 5 Negroes: Betsy & her ch. & any increase she may have; Hal, Chas. & Melise.

My Son: James P. Leak, I give and bequeath all the balance of my Estate consisting of lands, negroes, stock, debts, rights, credits.

Lastly I appoint my sons, Walter F. Leak, Francis T. Leak and James P. Leak, Executors of this my last will and testament. This 20 April 1843.

Wit.: John C. Knight,

J. P. Covington.

The will was proved in Open Court July Term 1844.

Beatrice Mackey Doughtie, in her book, "McDonald, Kimball, Wade, Leak" writes: "Walter Leak, Sr. his wife and children are buried in the Leak Family Cemetery, Rockingham, Richmond County, North Carolina. The cemetery is located about 1½ miles from the Court House Square and about ½ mile North of Highway No. 1, North. Turn left on Scotland Ave., go about ½ mile to the extreme northern end of Scotland Ave. The cemetery is on the right hand side about 100 feet off the road. It is enclosed with a heavy wire fence. Some of the stones are broken and on the ground. The top slab on Walter Leak, Sr.'s vault is broken and a large piece missing. The marker of Hannah Pickett is broken and lies face-down on the ground. This is a large cemetery with 117 markers.

Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake had:

1. William Pickett Leak, b. 1786, d. 31 Aug 1827, age 41 years. He m. 1806 Nancy Ann Poythress Wall, b. 1785, d. 1856, a dau. of John Wall, Sr. and his second wife, Martha Cole, called "Pretty Patty." William P. Leak was Clerk of Court of Richmond Co. 1806-1811. His will is in Will Book 1, pp. 279-80. William Pickett and Nancy Ann Poythress (Wall) Leak had:

i. Alexander T. Leak, b. ca. 24 Oct 1807, d. 29 Mar 1808.

ii. Eliza Ann Leak, who m. ca. 1829, Clement Marshall. They had:

- (1) Sarah Ann Marshall, who m. Edmund Richardson.
- (2) William Leak Marshall, d. age 3 years.
- (3) Cornelia Frances Marshall, who m. Dr. H. Y. Howze.
- (4) Eliza Jane Marshall, d. age 21 years.
- (5) James Clement Marshall, who m. Marie Ashe.
- (6) Mary Catherine Marshall, who m. Dr. E. S. Ashe.
- (7) Julia Leak Marshall, who m. Rev. O. J. Brent.
- (8) Virginia Wall Marshall, who m. Rev. A. A. Boshamer.

iii. Walter R. Leak, b. 15 Jan 1811, d. 3 May 1859, who m. Julia B. Richardson, b. 17 Sep 1814, d. 3 Feb 1874, Anson Co., N. C. They had:

- (1) Cornelia Leak, who m. Rev. H. C. Parsons.
- (2) Ann P. Leak, b. 1843, d. 1856.
- (3) William P. Leak, b. 1846, d. 1865.
- (4) Lottie Leak, who m. John Richardson.

iv. Martha Wall Leak, b. 10 Oct 1813, d. 6 Aug 1850, who m. William J. Ledbetter, b. ca. 1800, d. 1857. had:

- (1) William L. Ledbetter, who m.1 Emma Porter, m.2 Ann Lilly.
- (2) Henry S. Ledbetter, who m. E. M. Little. They had:
 - (i) Martha Jane Ledbetter, b. 12 Aug 1888, d. 3 Jul 1896.
 - (ii) John Scales Ledbetter, b. 8 Jan 1893, d. 3 Apr 1895.
- (3) Mary Ledbetter, who m. Frank Milton Kennedy.
- (4) Eliza John Ledbetter, who m. ca. 1860 William Bennet Little.
- (5) Tabitha C. Ledbetter, b. 1846, d. 1851.

v. John Wall Leak, b. 16 Mar 1816, d. 6 May 1876. He was a Colonel in the Confederate States Army. He m. his cousin, Ann C. Leak, b. 19 Sep 1819, d. 9 Jul 1895, a dau. of Walter F. and Mary (Cole) Leak. Both bur. in Leak Cemetery, Rockingham, N. C. His monument, twenty five feet high, is the tallest in Richmond Co. They had:

- (1) Mary H. Leak, b. ca. Feb 1840, d. 23 Dec 1845.
- (2) Frances Ann Leak, b. ca. 1842.
- (3) Virginia Wall Leak, b. 1845, d. 1858.
- (4) Fannie Leak, b. 1857, d. 1921, who m. Henry Clay Wall, Sr., a son of Mial Wall and Mary Covington. They had:
 - (i) John Leak Wall, b. 1875, d. 1876.
 - (ii) Mial Leak Wall, b. 1886, d. 1897.
 - (iii) Annie Leak Wall, who m. Howard Foushee.
 - (iv) Henry Clay Wall, Jr., who m. Elizabeth Nicholson of Salisbury, N. C.

vi. William C. Leak, b. 16 Mar 1818, d. 10 Jul 1869, who m. Ann P. Steele, a dau. of Robert Johnson Steele, Jr. (1791-1866) and his 1st wife, Pollie Parrish. Ann P. Steele was b. 26 Dec 1821, d. 2 Apr 1869. They had:

- (1) Alexander C. Leak, d. young.
- (2) William Leak, b. ca. 1840.
- (3) Robert S. Leak, b. 1843, d. 1869, Confed. soldier, who m. Maggie M. _____.

- (4) Francis T. Leak, b. ca. 1844, d. 1848.
 (5) Walter Steele Leak, b. ca. 1847, d. 1848.
 (6) John W. Leak, b. 1849, d. 1865.
 (7) Mary C. Leak.
- vii. James A. Leak, b. 12 Aug 1822, d. 26 Mar 1892, who m. Ann Eliza McRae, b. 27 Jan 1830, d. 14 Jan 1897. They had:
- (1) Augustus McGehee Leak, b. 1852, d. 1862.
 (2) Annie Leak, who m. T. B. Wyatt.
 (3) Mary Leak, who m. Paul Barnhardt.
 (4) Walter Raleigh Leak, b. 1858, d. 1864.
 (5) John D. Leak, who m. Effie Bennett.
 (6) Paul Leak, b. 1871, d. 1900.
- viii. Mary Jane Leak, b. 1823, d. 1849, who m. Thomas Steele. They had:
- (1) Mary (May) Steele, who m. John A. Little.
 (2) William Steele, b. 1845, d. 1911.
 (3) Eugene Steele.
- ix. Ann P. Leak, b. and d. 1827.
- x. Hannah P. Leak, who m. Edmund J. Lilly. They had:
- (1) Caroline Lilly.
 (2) Ed Lilly, who m. Lizzie McRae.
 (3) Addie Lilly, who m. Robert Rose.
 (4) Henry Walter Lilly.
 (5) Virginia Lilly.
 (6) Emma Lilly.
2. JUDITH MOSLEY LEAK, 1st dau. of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, of whom further. (see V. a.).
3. Mourning Pickett Leak, 2nd dau. of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, b. 1791, d. 1871. She m. Col. Charles Robinson.
4. Nancy J. Leak, 3rd dau. of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, b. 21 Sep 1792, d. 15 Mar 1817. She m. 1812, Dr. John Coleman, b. 1797, d. post 1840 in Butler Co., Ala. He was a son of James Coleman, Sr. and Mourning Terry. They had:
- i. Walter Leak Coleman, b. 1813, d. 1879, who m. Caroline Ann Bibb, on 7 May 1844, in Montgomery, Ala., a dau. of Rev. Peyton Bibb and Martha Cobb. They had:
- (1) Walter Bibb Coleman, b. 1849, d. 1881, who m. Mamie M. Lowe.
 (2) Pickett Leak Coleman, b. 10 Jul 1854, d. 13 Jun 1895, d.s.p.
- ii. Hannah Pickett Coleman, b. 21 Apr 1815, Rockingham, Richmond Co., N. C., d. 1880. She m. 1834 Daniel William Coleman, b. 7 Jun 1812, d. 1847, a son of Benjamin Steven Coleman, b. 1775, d. 1852. They had:
- (1) Louisa Ann Coleman, b. 2 Nov 1835, Butler Co., Ala., d. 27 Aug 1886, Rockingham, Richmond Co., N. C. Her ancestors established Coleman's Mill on the Pee Dee River. She m. 1856, Edwin Poythress Covington, b. 13 Nov 1829, d. 19 Jun 1907, a son of William L. Covington (1802-1834) and his 2nd wife, Cecelia S. Thomas (1808-1879) of Marlboro Co., S. C. Edwin Poythress and Louisa Ann (Coleman) Covington had:
- (i) Charles Coleman Covington, b. 1857, d. 1923.
 (ii) Edwin Poythress Covington, Jr., d. age 17.
 (iii) Celia Adele Covington, b. 1861, d. 1924.
 (iv) Daniel W. Covington.
 (v) Louise Covington.
 (vi) Walter Leak Covington.
 (vii) William D. Covington.
 (viii) William Little Covington.
 (ix) Anna Maude Covington.
 (x) Frank Leak Covington, b. 1867, d. 1898, who m. Maybelle Sebrell.
 (xi) Louise Keith Covington, b. 1878, d. 1908, who m. Isaac Wright Murphy, of Greensboro, N. C.
5. Elizabeth Leak, 4th dau. of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leak, b. 5 Dec 1796, d. 1 Sep 1806, age 10.
6. WALTER FRANCIS LEAK, 2nd son of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, of whom further, (see V. b.).
7. Francis T. Leak, 3rd son of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, who m. Mary D. Crawford, b. ca. 1809, d. 31 Aug 1831, age 22 years. Francis T. Leak was alive 20 Apr. 1843, when his father signed his will, but exact dates of birth and death are not known. Francis T. and Mary D. (Crawford) Leak had:
- i. William P. Leak, b. 21 Apr 1830, d. 6 Sep 1831.
 ii. Louisa Leak.
 iii. Walter John Leak, living 20 Apr 1843, as mentioned in grandfather, Walter Leake's will.
8. James Pickett Leak, 4th son of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, b. 30 May 1805, d. 1877, who m. Jane Wall Crawford, b. 11 Sep 1811, d. 13 Jun 1864, a dau. of Thomas Crawford and Harriet Wall (1796-1842). James Pickett and Jane Wall (Crawford) Leak had:

i. Thomas Crawford Leak, b. 2 May 1831, d. 29 Apr 1913, who m. 9 Jan 1855, Martha Poythress Wall, called Pattie, b. 25 Feb 1839, d. 7 Jan 1898. They had:

- (1) James Pickett Leak, b. 1861, d. 1918, who m. Connie Dockery.
- (2) William Clay Leak, b. 1863, d. 1918, who m. Nancy Kennedy Pegues.
- (3) John Wall Leak, b. 1865, d. 1924, who m. Mathilde Boykin.
- (4) Mial Wall Leak, b. 1867, d. 1928, who m. Sadie S. _____
- (5) Thomas Crawford Leak, b. 1872, d. 1923, who m. Mary (Ledbetter) Dockery.
- (6) Frank W. Leak, b. 1875, d. 1947, who m. Minnie Stansill.
- (7) Roberdel S. Leak, b. 1878, d. 1954, who m. Adele Pinckney.

V. a. JUDITH MOSELEY LEAK, 1st dau. of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, was b. 26 Oct 1789, d. 19 Oct 1868, Rockingham, N. C. She was named after her paternal grandfather, and it is said she was bur. in Eastside Cemetery, Rockingham, N. C.

Judith Moseley Leak married three times. She m.1 William Terry Cole, b. 1784, d. 1814. From this marriage she had:

1. Henderson Leak Cole, b. 1810, d. 1814, said by the family to have been poisoned by a slave.
2. Stephen William Cole, who m. Tabitha R. Ledbetter, a dau. of Rev. Henry Ledbetter and his 2nd wife, Mrs. Dunn, née Pritchard. They had:

i. Sue Cole, who m. Presley Nelms Smith. They had:

- (1) Annie Cole Smith, b. Salisbury, Rowan Co., N. C., who m. William A. Winburn.

ii. William Terry Cole, b. 1831, d. 1835, bur. Steele-Ledbetter Cemetery.

Judith Moseley Leak m.2, in 1820, THOMAS STEELE, b. 1786, d. 1837, by whom she had three children. See STEELE.

Judith Moseley Leak m.3 Robert Johnson Steele, Jr., brother of her second husband, Thomas Steele. There were no children by this marriage.

V. b. WALTER FRANCIS LEAKE, second son of Walter and Hannah (Pickett) Leake, b. 26 Mar 1799, d. 28 Apr 1879, who m. ca. 1818, Mary Cole, b. 17 Jul 1799, d. 4 Dec 1871, Rockingham, N. C.

In Richmond Co., N. C., Will Book 6, pp. 186-187 are the following documents:

"Robert L. Steele being sworn doth say that Walter F. Leak late of said County is dead having first made and published a paper purporting to be his last will and testament and that the applicant and John M. Scales are the Executors named therein.

Further that the property of said Walter F. Leak consists of Great Falls Factory stock, Pee Dee Factory stock and perhaps some other personal property and real estate worth about \$21,000.00.

That Mrs. M. C. Scales, Mrs. H. P. Steele, Anna Scales, Nannie J. Estes, Walter L. Scales, John M. Scales, Emma Scales, Robert L. Steele, and Elizabeth Crowder (conditionally) are the parties entitled under said will."

The will of Walter Francis Leak reads:

"Know all men by these presents that I Walter F. Leak, of the County and state aforesaid, being of sound mind and disposing *memory* do now publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and disallowing all other Wills by me at any previous time VIZ:

I give to my daughter Hannah P. Steele, Sixty-eight shares of Factory Stock of One-hundred dollars each in the "Great Falls M. Company."

I give to my daughter Mary C. Scales, Sixty shares of the same Stock of One Hundred dollars each. I give to my daus. Hannah P. Steele & Mary Scales my Grist Mill some 10 a. of land adj. to be equally divided between them and their heirs &c.

I give to my grand-daughter, Nannie J. Steele, Fifteen shares of One Hundred dollars each of the same stock.

I give to my grandson, Walter Leak Scales, Fifty shares of One Hundred dollars each of the same Stock.

I give to my grand-daughter, Anna Scales and my grand-daughter, Emma M. Scales each Twenty-five Shares of One Hundred dollars each of the same Stock, and if I have any more shares (which I think I have) I give them to my daughter, Mary C. Scales.

I give to my grand-son, Walter Leak Scales my cloth cloak, my gold headed walking cane, my gold watch and chain and all my Library of Books of some 700 volumes (allowing his mother to select such as she may wish).

I give to my daughter, Mary C. Scales my dwelling house with some forty acres attached: also my family carriage and Rockaway and my Mules, and my Dolly farm of some 800 acres, and all the rest of my property both real and personal of every kind. My daughter, Mary having served many years with us, and having ever done a great deal for her Mother and myself, very rightly deserves all that is now given her.

It is distinctly understood that she and her family is to be *charged no Board* by my executors, Robert L. Steele and John M. Scales.

My daughter, Ann C. Leak is now very well off and has but one child, and she knows that if necessary I would provide for her.

I give to Robert L. Steele and John M. Scales my Executors, to the former my Silver Watch, and to the latter the Iron Safe; also some 25,000 acres of Pine Land on Drowning Creek, Naked Creek, Rockey Ford Creek and other adjoining streams to be equally divided between them.

I give to Elizabeth Crowder who now lives with me the interest on One Hundred Dollars annually so long as she may live with my daughter, Mary C. Scales and *no longer*.

I give to Mary C. Scales some 200 acres of Pine Land on the Railroad near here for her *fire wood*.

I revoke all other Wills and appoint my sons-in-law, Robert L. Steele and John M. Scales my Executors. Witness my hand and Seal May 29, 1876.

W. J. Everett

Walter F. Leak (Seal)

T. C. Leak

Walter Francis and Mary (Cole) Leak had:

1. Ann Cole Leak, b. 19 Sep 1819, d. 9 Jul 1895, who m. her 1st cousin, John Wall Leak, b. 16 Mar 1816, d. 6 May 1876, a son of William Pickett Leak (1786-1827) and Nancy Ann Poythress Wall (ca. 1785-1856). John W. and Ann (Cole) Leak had:

i. Mary H. Leake, b. ca. 1840, d. 1845.

ii. Frances Ann Leak, b. ca. 1842.

iii. Virginia Wall Leak, b. 1845, d. 1858.

iv. Fannie Leak, b. 1847, d. 1921, who m. Henry Clay Wall, Sr., a son of Mial Wall and Mary Covington. They had:

(1) John Leak Wall, b. 1875, d. 1876.

(2) Mial Leak Wall, b. 1886, d. 1897.

(3) Annie Leak Wall, who m. Howard Foushee.

(4) Henry Clay Wall, Jr., who m. Elizabeth Nicholson of Salisbury, N. C.

2. HANNA PICKETT LEAK, b. 1824, d. 1893, who m. ROBERT LEAK STEELE, of whom further.

3. Mary C. Leak, b. 15 Dec 1827, d. 30 Sep 1909, who m. John M. Scales, Major, C.S.A., b. 30 Jul 1831, d. 10 Mar 1888. They had:

i. Mary Hunter Scales, b. 12 Feb 1858, d. 27 Feb 1863.

ii. Anna Scales, b. 12 Aug 1859, d. 28 Jul 1887, who m. 17 Dec 1884, J. W. Bethell.

iii. Walter Leak Scales.

iv. Emma M. Scales.

4. William Hunter Leak, b. and d. 23 Feb 1836.

VI. HANNAH PICKETT LEAK, b. 1824, d. 1893, who m. ROBERT LEAK STEELE.

See STEELE, III.

References: The Virginia Magazine, vol. 63, p. 464-466; George Warren Chappellear—"Families of Virginia", vol. 1, pp. 1-13; Beatrice Mackey Doughtie—"McDonald, Kimball, Wade, Leak", pp. 510-605.

COVINGTON

Four Lines of Descent from Henry Covington

Generation No.

I. Henry Covington, from Eng. to Md. 20 Feb 1670. Will proved 31 Jul 1744.

II. John Covington, b. Queen Annes Co., Md. 1710; m. 31 Jul 1731, Mary Airey.

IIIa. John Covington, Jr., b. ca. 1733; m.2, on 26 Jul 1770, Mary "Nancy" Wall.

IVa. Elizabeth Covington, b. 1773; m. John Cole, Jr., b. 1762.

Va. Wm. Bonaparte Cole, b. 1810, d. 1881; m. Elmira Jane Crawford, b. 1815, d. 1902.

VI. John Wyatt Cole, b. 1837, d. 1895; m. Kate Elizabeth Steele, b. 1847, d. 1919.

VII. Dr. Robert Steele Cole, b. 1869, d. 1931; m. Pattie Leak McRae, b. 1877, d. 1926.

VIII. Robert Leake Steele Cole, Jr., b. 1915; m. Mary Agnes Gregg, b. 1916.

IX. Robert Leake Steele Cole III, b. 1940; m.1 Deborah Sterling; m.2 Cathleen Hicks.

Charles Stuart Cole, b. 1942; m. Jennifer Schier.

John Bledsoe Cole, b. 1944.

Mary Agnes Cole, b. 1945; m. John Brevoort Burns, III.

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