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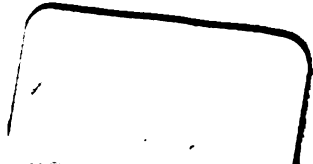
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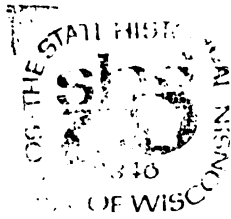
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PERSONS OF THAT NAME.

AND AN ACCOUNT OF THE ORIGIN OF  
SURNAMES AND FORENAMES.

TOGETHER WITH

OVER FIVE HUNDRED CHRISTIAN NAMES OF MEN AND WOMEN  
AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE.

**The Crescent Family Record.**

*'To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.'*

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*But strew his ashes to the wind,  
Whose sword or voice has served mankind,  
And is he dead, whose glorious mind  
Lifts him on high?  
To live in hearts we leave behind,  
Is not to die.*



## PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

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A NUMBER of letters and material have been received of a genealogical nature, with requests to incorporate the same into this work. It is to be regretted that this cannot be done, as the object of this work is simply to preserve and perpetuate the names and biographical history of the most notable members of this family name.

The preservation of such a record cannot fail to prove invaluable and a source of pride and interest not only to persons of the name but to the world in general; and this book may prove the foundation upon which a monumental work may be constructed.









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## INTRODUCTION.

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NOW that we all have surnames, we are apt to forget that it was not always so. We cannot easily realize the time when John, Thomas and Andrew, Mary and Abigail, were each satisfied with a single name, nor reflect that the use of two is not a refinement dating from an obscure and unknown antiquity, but quite within the reach of record and history.

Every name, no doubt, originally had a meaning, or was at first assumed or imposed from its real or supposed fitness, from some accidental circumstance, or from mere caprice. Each individual is distinguished from his fellows by *his name*. But for this system history and biography could scarcely exist.

Our proper name is our individuality; in our own thoughts and in the thoughts of those who know us, they cannot be separated. Our names are uttered, and at once, whether in connection with blame or praise, with threat or entreaty, with hatred or love, we ourselves are affected by the ideas and feelings expressed. A few trilling words, in no way meant to apply to the man they describe, suffice to awaken the recollection of that man, his physical peculiarities, his moral character, and the most remarkable acts and events of his life; a few syllables will cause the tear to start afresh from the mother's eye, after years of consolation and resignation to her loss; they will summon the tell-tale blush to the maiden's cheek, and she immediately thinks her secret is discovered; they will make a lover's heart beat more rapidly; rekindle the angry glance in an enemy's eye; and in a friend separated from his friend, will renew all his past regrets and his fondest hopes. None the less rapidly do our thoughts connect a name with the idea of the thing to



which it belongs, be it land of birth, country, town, river, road, valley or hill. Dislike, desire, recollection of pain or pleasure, admiration, jealousy, kind feelings, national hatreds and love of country, one and all may be evoked by a single word, because the word represents to us the very object which has created those emotions within us. Every person, even the most inquisitive observer of words and things, must have remarked the great variety that exists in the names of families. He cannot fail to notice that such names are of widely different significations, many being identical with names of places, offices, professions, trades, qualities, familiar natural objects and other things. There is probably no person capable of the least degree of reflection who has not often, in idle moments, amused himself with some little speculation on the probable origin of his own name. It is not sufficient for a person of inquisitive mind that he bears such and such a surname because his father and his grandfather bore it; he will naturally feel desirous of knowing why and when their ancestors acquired it.

What would the annals of mankind and the records of biography be if people had never borne any proper names? It would be a mere chaos of undefined incidents and an unintelligible mass of facts, without symmetry or beauty, and without any interest at all for after ages. Indeed, without names, mankind would have wanted what is perhaps the greatest stimulus of which the mind is susceptible — the love of fame; and consequently, many of the mightiest achievements in every department of human endeavor would have been lost to the world.

Many of our ancient and modern institutions are intimately connected with the meaning and continued existence of proper names. It has been well said that hereditary names perpetuate the memory of ancestors





better than any other monument, an affectionate remembrance this, surely, and one which fosters the cause of morality; they teach, or at any rate remind sons of their duty to be worthy of their ancestors.

Though its importance be felt in all phases of our social life, the origin of proper names does not essentially belong to a civilized condition. Undoubtedly it is intimately connected with the gift of speech. A man must call his children by a distinctive appellation, either when he speaks to them or when he speaks of them in their absence, and when a gesture and an inflection of the voice are not sufficient to indicate his meaning. The distinctive title which he uses can only be a name exclusively applicable to the individual meant; on the other hand, the father will recognize the name given to him by his children. Again, the domestic animal, man's intelligent companion in his field sports, and the watchful guardian of his dwelling; the brook that runs beneath his home; the tree that shelters or the forest that conceals it; the hill or the vale near which it lies, will soon be named by those who wish to distinguish them from similar objects around. If other men come to live near the first family, they will receive a name and give one in return.

However simple these names be at first, so simple that they express nothing beyond the degree of relationship between father and mother and children, and the order of their birth in the case of the last; be they mere substantives used to point out more specially the dwelling and all that surrounds it; as the hut, the tree, or the brook—or even supposing that in the common intercourse which may exist between one family and its neighbor the only distinctive terms employed are we and they, and further, that sun, fire, destruction, or thunder, designate the beneficent or angry deity—still the system of proper names already exists in embryo,



and is ready to be further developed, even to the highest degree of importance and intricacy, in proportion as the social principle itself becomes more extended and more complicated in its constitution.

Add new members to the family; collect several families together and form them into one tribe; place a number of tribes holding friendly relations with one another in a less limited tract of land; then will the spot occupied by each tribe, every village or cluster of inhabitants belonging to the same tribe, every hill and thicket and brook—in a word, the land and the gathering of men upon it assume proper names, just as the tribes had already done before, and the families and the individuals that constituted them.

From this outline of the first elements of social life, let us remove, in thought, for a moment, and place ourselves in the heart of civilized existence. The names of lands and dwellings have changed into the designations of powerful states and magnificent cities; names which will be familiar for centuries after the grass has grown over and hidden even the ruins of their palaces and their fortresses and obliterated the very traces of their existence, and after political or naturally induced revolutions have depopulated, divided and totally dismembered the provinces of mighty empires. Here the names of men distinguish the individual members of a great social body, magistrates, princes, chiefs of the great civil and political whole; and among these names, all of them less or more important at present, there are some which hereafter shall be handed down to history as a rich inheritance, an object of envy to the ambitious, and a pattern of conduct to the wise.



THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY

OF

THE NAME OF

ARMSTRONG.

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THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF ARMSTRONG.

The great and widespread Border family of Armstrongs derives its surname from the following circumstances. An ancient King of Scotland had his horse killed under him in battle, and was immediately remounted by Fairbeorn, his armor-bearer. For this timely assistance the King amply rewarded him with lands on the Borders, and to perpetuate the memory of so important a service, as well as the manner in which it was performed,—“for Fairbeorn took the King by the thigh, and set him on his saddle,”—his royal master gave him the appellation of Armstrong, and assigned to him for a crest an armed hand and arm; in the left hand a leg and foot in armor couped at the thigh, all proper.

Some characteristic of strength and beauty has given us our Hands, Arms, etc. The Armstrongs were a great border clan. In the Lay of the Last Minstrel appears the line, “Elliot and Armstrongs never fail.”

The name of Armstrong is, doubtless, from strength of limb, as displayed in war and athletic sports.

The influential family of this name in Ireland is of Scottish origin, and they still enjoy large estates in that country.



## COATS-OF-ARMS.

## ARMSTRONGS OF ENGLAND.

**Arms:** Gu. three dexter arms in armor, coupé at the shoulder, embowed and barwise, in pale, ppr., garnished or, fists clenched, of the second on a canton arg., three pallets az.

**Crest:** In front of an arm, as in the arms, a trefoil shipped, vert.

**Motto:** Vi et armis; which means "By force of arms."

## ARMSTRONGS OF SCOTLAND.

**Arms:** Quarterly, 1st and 4th arg., issuing from the sinister side, a dexter arm, habited, gu., the hand grasping the trunk of an oak tree, eradicated, and broken at the top, ppr.; 2d and 3d arg., three pallets, az.

**Crest:** An armed arm, embowed, the hand grasping the broken trunk of an oak tree, eradicated, all ppr.

**Motto:** Invictus maneo; which means, "I remain unvanquished."

## ARMSTRONGS OF IRELAND.

**Crest:** A dexter arm in armor, arg., the hand ppr.

**Motto:** Vi et armis; which means "By force of arms."

## THE FIRST OF THE NAME OF ARMSTRONG IN AMERICA.

The respect for ancestors and the desire to preserve their memory is not the result of Christian civilization alone; but is older, even as old as the history of Adam, and his immediate posterity. Moses, the Jewish lawgiver, began his history with genealogy and continued it with marvelous accuracy. The effort is renewed by the writers of the New Testament.

In the mother country, England, countless volumes have been compiled to preserve the pedigrees of its inhabitants. These habits and practices, happily for us, were brought by our forefathers to this country at its earliest settlement.

It is somewhat surprising the amount of records throwing light upon the pedigrees of the people which have been preserved and handed down to us in this country, when we consider the wars, political turmoils, hardships and dangers our people





necessarily passed through in the settlement and growth of a new country.

These records have not been kept, perhaps, in the manner one would expect at first thought to find them; for our people have been too busy, and many of them too poor in America to spend their time in making a science of their genealogies, or in preserving their family histories in consecutive form; but we find it mingled all through their lives, in their business, in their religious, political, and in their social lives, we find scraps of family history in the public records, in the church records, in the family record, frequently treasured in the family bible, upon the tombstones, in the old and almost deserted graveyards, in the old deeds and wills of our departed ancestors, of whom perhaps we have never even heard.

How little they thought that by many of these acts they were preserving records of their lives for their unknown posterity. The study of all these isolated fragments, together with the family traditions, with the recollections of those living furnish to the antiquarian the possibility of compiling a record of the oldest families in America approximately correct.

It seems that there has been implanted in mankind an instinctive desire to preserve the history of the human race.

#### EARLY SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA.

One of the first settlers in New England was Gregory Armstrong of Plymouth, who resided at Yarmouth in 1638.

The descendants of Robert Armstrong of New Hampshire are now numerous. In 1722 he settled in Windham, N. H.

Nathan Armstrong was an early settler of Warren county, N. J., and his descendants are now numerous and scattered throughout the United States.

#### ARMSTRONGS IN AMERICA.

A thorough perusal of the following life sketches of noted Armstrongs, eminent in all walks of life, will reveal the fact that the Armstrongs have been actively and intimately associated with the ecclesiastical, civil, industrial and commercial affairs of America; and to become conversant with their history will naturally create in our children a source of pride in the name of Armstrong heretofore unappreciated.



As builders and Merchants they have built cities and illumined the marts of trade; in the field of science and medicine they have obtained great prominence; in the arena of statesmanship they have produced men of thought and men of action; while at the bar and in the administration of justice they have shown erudition and wisdom. As clergymen, educators and lecturers they have occupied high places; as musicians, composers and artists they have contributed profusely to social life; and as authors and poets they are worthy to be crowned with a laurel wreath of fame. Also as heroes of colonial, revolutionary and later wars they have rendered patriotic service, each one of whom has added luster to the name of Armstrong.

ARMSTRONG, ADAM, lawyer, was born April 26, 1841, in Johnsburgh, N. Y. He received the rudiments of his education in the common schools; and graduated from the law department of the Union University of Albany, N. Y. In 1870-73 and 1881-84 he was school commissioner; and in 1898 and 1899 he was corporation counsel for Glen Falls, N. Y. As a successful attorney and counselor he is one of the foremost at the bar in the state of New York. In 1809 his ancestors came from the North of Ireland, and settled in Johnsburgh, where they became numerous. His son Louis is also associated with him in his law practice.

ARMSTRONG, ADDISON ALEXANDER, physician, surgeon, was born July 15, 1859, in La Porte, Pa. He was educated in the University of Michigan; and now practices medicine in Fair Haven, N. J. He has filled numerous positions of trust and honor; and has contributed to medical journals and current literature.

ARMSTRONG, ADDISON F., merchant, state senator, was born April 1, 1835, in Clinton county, Ohio. He was elected in 1870 to the Indiana state senate, and held that position three terms, or until 1874, serving also in that time through the special sessions of 1872. He became a merchant in Kokomo, Ind.

ARMSTRONG, ALBERT J., architect, was born July 29, 1858, in Brookfield, Mass. He was educated in the public schools of Boston, Mass., and in other cities, and private teachers. He is a successful architect of Shreveport, La.; and prominent in the business and public affairs of that city.



ARMSTRONG, ALEXANDER, lawyer, legislator, was born Dec. 5, 1847, in Hagerstown, Md. In 1868 he graduated from Princeton University; and has since attained prominence as one of the foremost lawyers of Maryland. He is senior member of the law firm of Armstrong and Scott of Hagerstown, Md.; and in 1886 served with distinction as a member of the General Assembly of Maryland.

ARMSTRONG, ALFRED MONROE, physician, surgeon, was born July 27, 1837, near Fayetteville, Tenn. He received the rudiments of his education in the common schools; and in 1870 graduated from the Galveston Medical College with the degree of M. D. In 1871-82 he was county examiner of Coryell county, Texas; and now has a large practice in Crawford, Texas. He has been examiner for all the old line life insurance companies. He is a staunch republican; and has taken an active part in the business and public affairs of his city, county and state. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church.

ARMSTRONG, ANDREW J., clergyman, was born July 14, 1868, in Ontario, Canada. He was educated in the Weeping Water Academy and at the Nebraska Wesleyan University. He has been monitor in academy; and for a time was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He is a successful clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church; has served as pastor on seven charges or appointments; and now fills a pastorate in Arcadia, Neb.

ARMSTRONG, ANDREW JACKSON, soldier, farmer public official, was born July 13, 1835, in Henry county, Ala. He was educated in the country schools of his native state. He is a successful farmer of Columbia, Henry county, Ala.; has been township superintendent; and has also filled several other positions of trust and honor. When the civil war broke out, he and his four brothers went to the front, and three of them were killed. Mr. Andrew J. Armstrong has a family of twelve children and forty-one grandchildren. His grandfather came from Ireland and settled in North Carolina.

ARMSTRONG, ARTHUR BELL, lawyer, legislator, was born Oct. 8, 1866, in Indiana county, Pa. He received his education at the Randolph-Macon college and at the University of Virginia. In 1890 he was admitted to the bar; and has



since attained prominence in his profession in Virginia at Farmville. He is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates for the counties of Buckingham and Cumberland; and has taken an active part in the legislative affairs of his state. His ancestors principally live in Armstrong county, Pa.

ARMSTRONG, AUSTIN E., clergyman, elocutionist, was born May 10, 1869, in Hope, Warren county, N. J. He received his education in the public schools, Dickinson College, and the Drew Theological Seminary of Madison, N. J. In 1901-02 he was pastor of the Methodist Church at Pattenburg, N. J.; and in 1902-01 pastor of Methodist Church at Vernon, N. J. He is also a successful elocutionist and entertainer.

ARMSTRONG, AUGUSTINE WHITE, clergyman, historian, was born April 23, 1855, near Newark, Ohio. He was educated in the Brownville High School; and graduated from the Madison academy of Mt. Perry, Ohio. In 1892-96 he was Conference secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church; was associate editor of the Omaha Christian Advocate in 1897-98; and in 1887-1903 was historian of the Des Moines Conference. He ably fills a pastorate in Churdan, Iowa; and occupies a prominent position in the religious world. He has contributed extensively to current literature; and is considered one of the foremost writers in Methodism.

ARMSTRONG, CHARLES ALLEN, physician, surgeon, was born Nov. 30, 1862, in Lima, Wis. He received the rudiments of his education in the Boscobel High School; and attended Milton College and the University of Wisconsin. In 1887 he graduated from the Rush Medical College with the degree of M. D.; and has since attained success in his profession as one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of Wisconsin. He has been surgeon to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad; and head physician of Modern Woodmen of America. He has been mayor of Boscobel, Wis.; and has filled various other offices of trust and honor in his city, county and state.

ARMSTRONG, CHARLES DELOS, manufacturer, was born Jan. 22, 1867, in Ridgeville, Ohio. He received his education in the public schools of Conneaut, Ohio; and at Bradford, Pa. He is a wholesale dealer and manufacturer of sewer pipe and clay material at Dunkirk, N. Y. He is prominent in the





business and public affairs of his city; and has filled several positions of trust and honor.

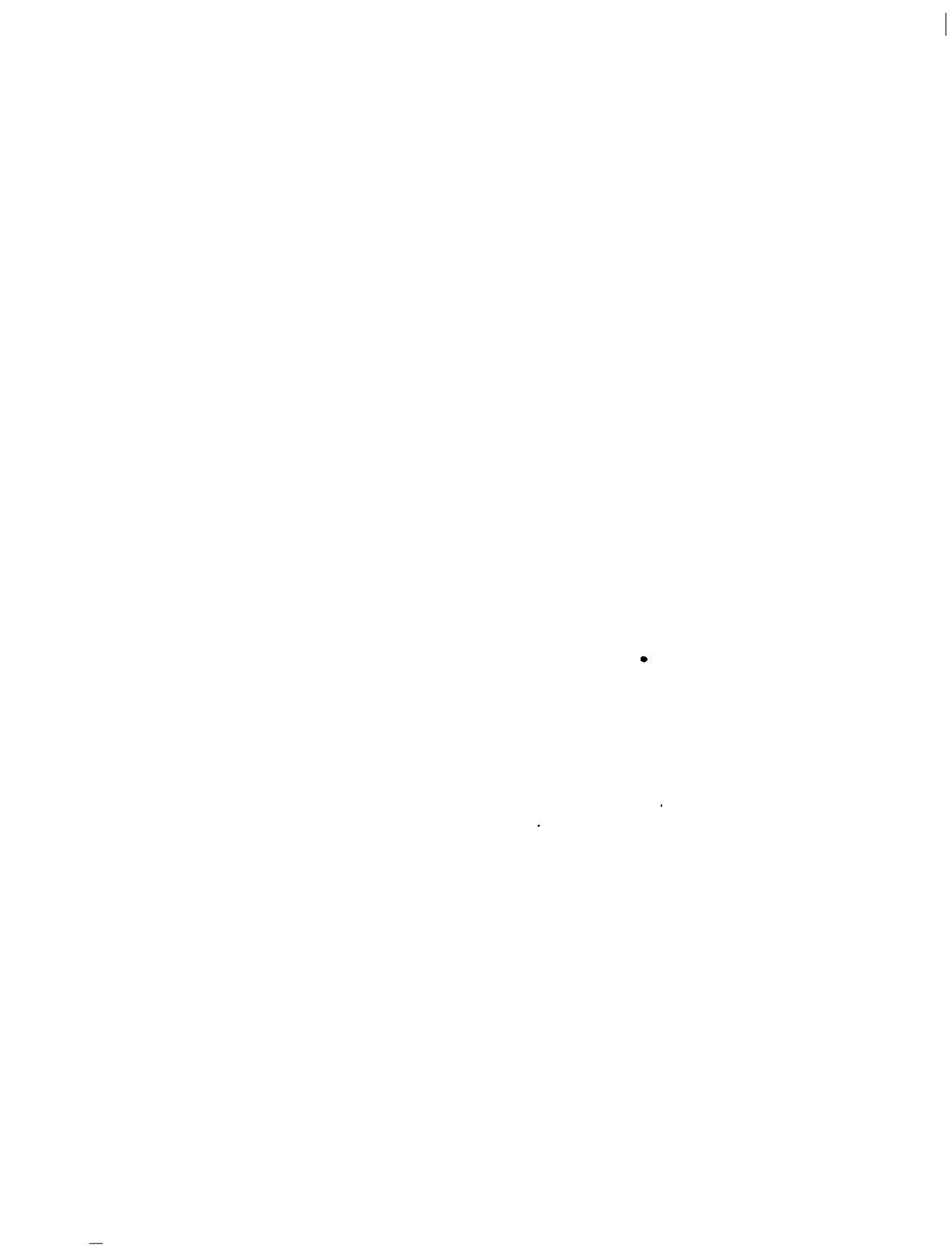
ARMSTRONG, CHARLES S., expert salesman, collector, was born Oct. 8, 1870, in Winfield, W. Va. In 1894 he graduated from the Kentucky University of Lexington, Ky. Since 1898 he has been expert salesman and collector for the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company of Racine, Wis.; and in that capacity has traveled all over the United States, Canada and New Mexico. He is also identified with the business interests of Charleston, W. Va.

ARMSTRONG, CHARLES VAN DORN, banker, was born June 5, 1852, in Cardington, Ohio. He received a thorough education and graduated from the City Schools of Columbus, Ohio. He has taken an active part in the financial, business and public affairs of Ohio; and for the past twenty years has been cashier of the Johnstown Bank of Johnstown, Ohio.

ARMSTRONG, CHARLES WILLIAMS, educator, was born Feb. 15, 1870, in Port Byron, N. Y. He was educated at the Port Byron Union school and academy; and in 1898 graduated from the State Normal College. Prior to that time he had been principal at Spring Lake, Conquest and Jamesville, N. Y. Since 1898 he had been principal of school at Sag Harbor, N. Y. His ancestors came from Scotland at the time of the promulgation of the Westminster Confession.

ARMSTRONG, CLAUDIUS EDWIN, physician, surgeon, was born Aug. 18, 1861, in Sussex, Wis. He was educated at the Wapaca High School; and graduated from the Chicago Medical College with the degree of M. D. In 1884-89 he was first and second assistant physician to the Mendota State Hospital for Insane; and since then has attained prominence in his profession at Oconto, Wis.

ARMSTRONG, DAVID A., veterinary surgeon, business man, was born Sept. 24, 1869, in Walton, N. Y. He was educated at the Walton school. He is a veterinary surgeon of Delhi, N. Y.; and for twenty-five years has also been in the livery business. In 1822 his grandfather, Archibald Armstrong, came from Ireland. David A. is the oldest son of James Armstrong, who had nine children. Once a year they hold a family reunion, which now numbers about eighty persons.



ARMSTRONG, DAVID H., educator, United States senator, was born Oct. 21, 1812, in Nova Scotia. He received an academic education; was a teacher for eighteen years; and in 1837 removed to Missouri, opening, in 1838; and conducting in St. Louis the first public school established under the laws of that state. In 1847 he was appointed comptroller of the city of St. Louis, and reappointed in 1848 and 1849; and in 1854 was appointed postmaster of St. Louis. In 1877-79 he was appointed United States senator to fill a vacancy. He died March 18, 1893, in St. Louis, Mo.

ARMSTRONG, DAVID MAITLAND, artist, was born June 12, 1836, near Newburg, N. Y. He was graduated at Trinity College, Hartford, in 1858; studied law in New York; and practiced that profession for a short time. It soon became evident to him that his choice of the law was a mistake, and he turned his attention to art. He studied art in Rome and Paris under the best teachers, and divided his time mainly between Italy and New York. For four years he was United States consul general for Italy, resident at Rome, and was director of the American art department at the Paris exposition of 1878, when he received the decoration of the Legion of Honor.

ARMSTRONG, DAVID W., public official was born Sept. 12, 1876, in Pleasant Valley, Ohio. He received his education in the Zanesville High School and attended the Ohio W. University. He has filled several positions of trust; and is now postal clerk at Zanesville, Ohio. He is greatly interested in the genealogy of the Sidle, Thrapp and Mooney families.

ARMSTRONG, DE LANCEY BRADNER, dental surgeon, was born Feb. 2, 1869, in Brookfield, Mo. He received his education in the Watertown public and high schools; and in 1890 graduated from the New York College of Dentistry with the degree of D. D. S. He is now a successful dental surgeon of Watertown, N. Y. He has been president of Jefferson County Dental Society; and has also filled various other positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, DELOS, manufacturer, was born Oct. 18, 1840, in Fairfield, Pa. He received a thorough education in the common schools of Pennsylvania. He is now a successful carriage manufacturer of Bradford, Pa. He has been a member of the Select and Common Council; and has filled numerous



positions of trust in his city, county and state. He is now a member of the Board of Education; and is prominent in business and social affairs generally.

ARMSTRONG, E. H., chief of police, was born July 1, 1863, in Christian County, Ky. He received his education in the common schools. He is now chief of police of Hopkinsville, Ky.; and has filled numerous other positions of trust and honor.

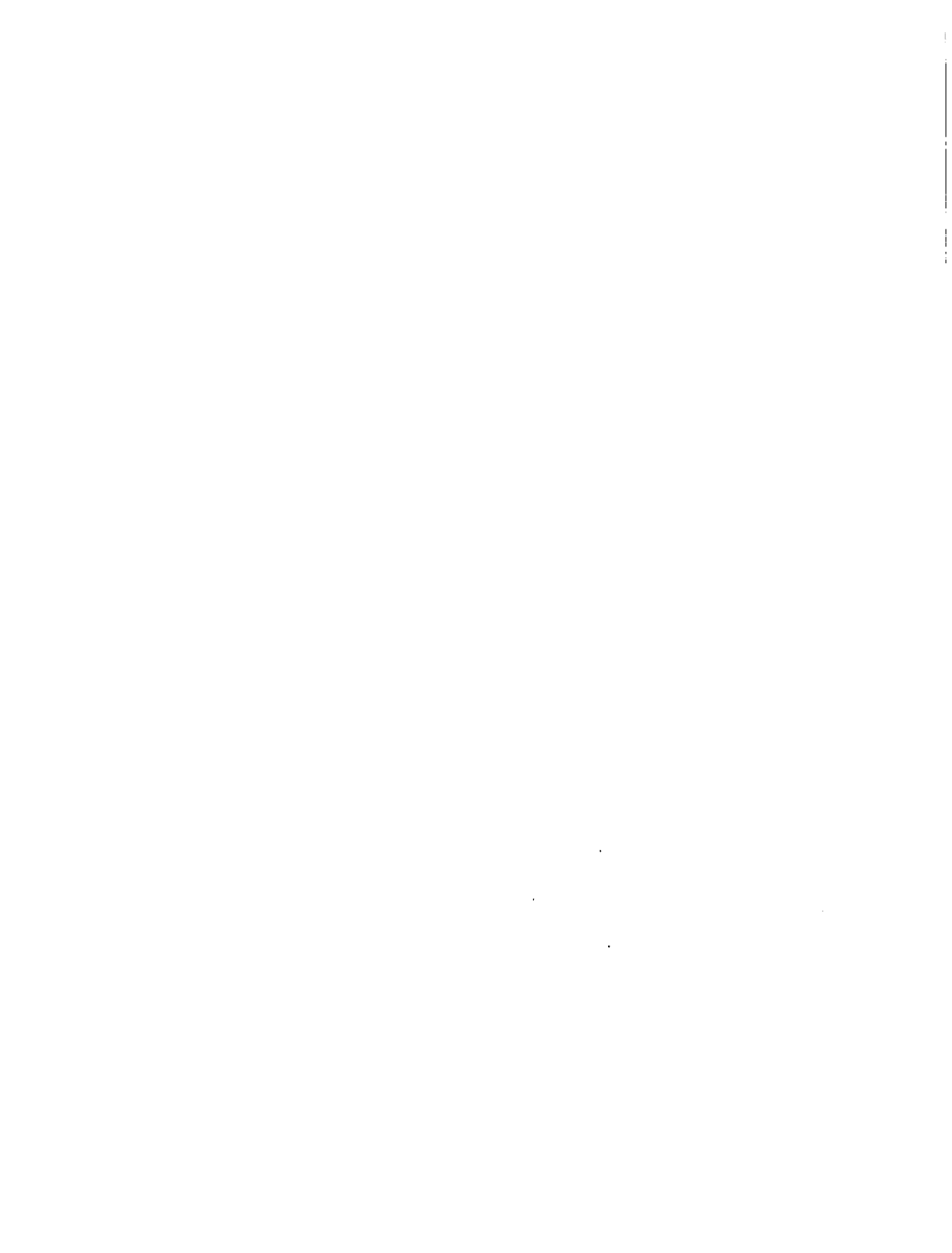
ARMSTRONG, EDWARD AMBLER, lawyer, legislator, jurist, was born Dec. 28, 1858, in Woodstock, N. J. He received a thorough education; attended law school; and has attained prominence in the legal profession in Camden, N. J. For four terms he was a member of the New Jersey State Assembly; and for two terms filled with distinction the high office of speaker in that legislative body. He has been judge of the Camden District Court; judge of the Camden County Court; and judge of the Court of Common Pleas. He has contributed extensively to the legal lore of his state; and to many law publications.

ARMSTRONG, EDWIN E., manufacturer. He is senior member of the firm of Armstrong and Graham, wholesale manufacturers of saddlery and harness goods of Detroit, Mich. He is prominently identified with the business and public affairs of Detroit, Mich; and has filled several positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, EVERETT L., clergyman, was born July 10, 1836, in Wilcox County, Ala. He was educated at the Jasper Collegiate Institute. For thirty-seven years he was actively engaged in the ministry as presiding elder and pastor; and now resides at Corsicana, Texas. His great grandfather, Edward Armstrong, came from Ireland to North Carolina, and was a revolutionary soldier. His grandfather, Thomas Armstrong, born in 1781 in North Carolina, was a member of the state legislature. His father, Dr. John E. Armstrong, born in 1804, had three sons, all of whom were Methodist preachers of prominence in Texas.

ARMSTRONG, FRANK, public official, was born in Illinois. He is now employed at Egmont Key, Fla., in the engineer department of the United States government.

ARMSTRONG, FRANK SPEAR, army officer, was born Nov. 18, 1868, in Jeffersonville, Ind. In 1891 he graduated from West Point; and was appointed second lieutenant Ninth



United States Cavalry. In 1898 he was promoted to first lieutenant; in 1901 to captain; and is now stationed at Fort Walla Walla, Wash. His great grandfather, John Armstrong, served in the revolutionary war; and continued in that service as commissioned officer until 1793.

ARMSTRONG, GEORGE DALLAS, physician, surgeon, was born Sept. 13, 1854, in Sabine Parish, La. In 1880 he graduated from the medical department of the University of Louisville with the degree of M. D. He has attained success in the practice of his profession in Louisiana; and now resides at Hatcher, La.

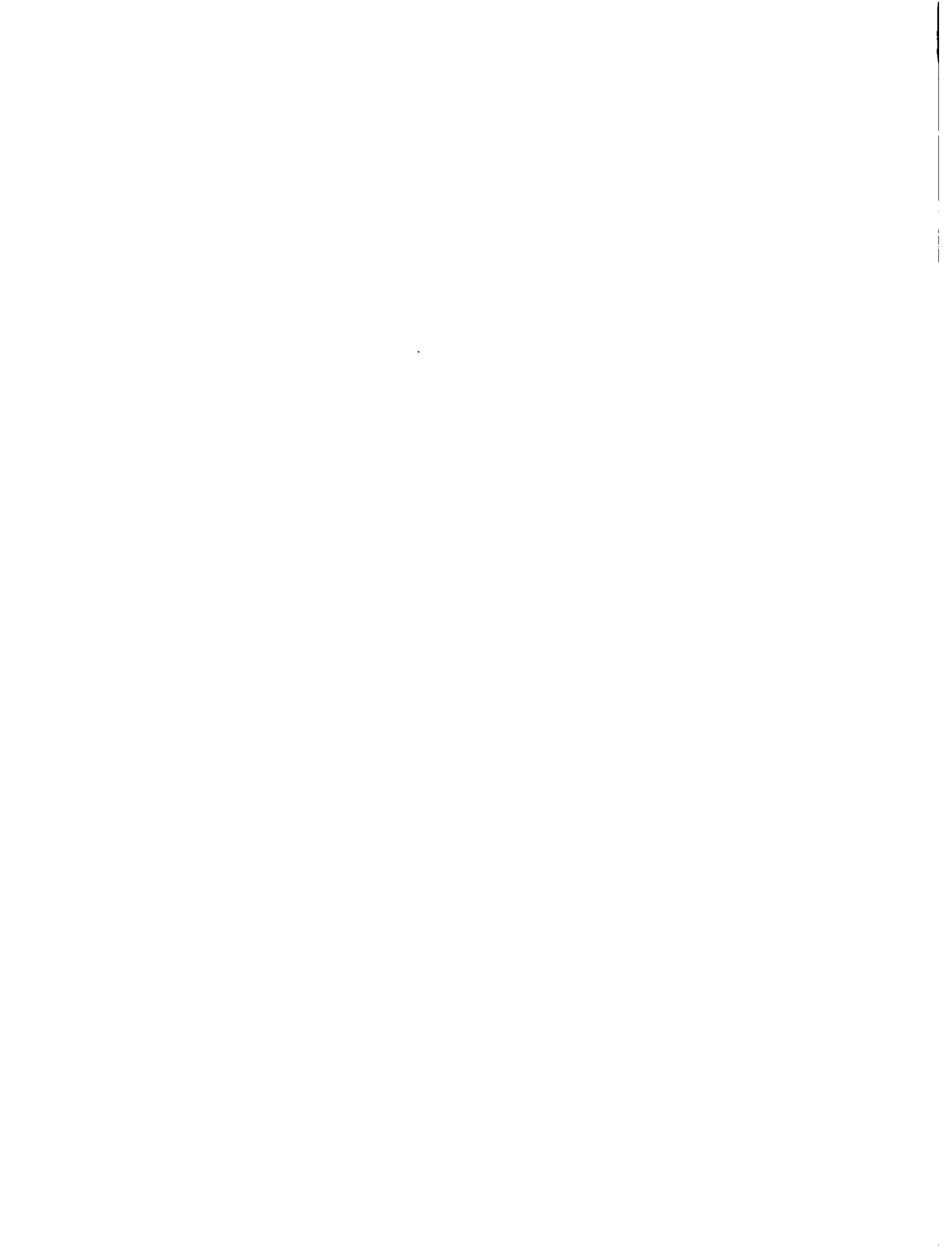
ARMSTRONG, GEORGE DODD, clergyman, author, was born Sept. 15, 1813, in Mendham, N. J. He was a Presbyterian clergyman of Norfolk, Va.; and in 1838-51 a professor in Washington College. He was the author of *The Summer of the Pestilence*; *The Doctrine of Baptisms*; *The Christian Doctrine of Slavery*; *Theology of Christian Experience*; *The Sacraments of the New Testament*; and *The Books of Nature and Revelation, a criticism of the theory of evolution*. He died May 12, 1899, in Norfolk, Va.

ARMSTRONG, GEORGE G., physician, surgeon, was born Sept. 8, 1869, in Portsmouth, Va. He was educated at the University of Virginia; and in 1891 received the degree of M. D. from the University of the City of New York. He has attained success in his profession; has been second assistant physician to St. Lawrence State Hospital of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; and is now second assistant physician to the State Hospital of Buffalo, N. Y.

ARMSTRONG, GEORGE OLIVER, is a prominent citizen of Rome, N. Y., where his sister, Dr. Mary Armstrong, is a successful and well known physician.

ARMSTRONG, GEORGE WASHINGTON, business man, was born Aug. 11, 1836, in Boston, Mass. In 1865 he purchased a local baggage express, and at once organized Armstrong's Transfer, which he soon raised to be a business of importance and magnitude. He owns the news business on the entire Hoosac Tunnel line; and is a director of a number of business corporations. In 1899 he presented Windham a Memorial Building for the use of the Public Library. He died June 30, 1901.





ARMSTRONG, GEORGE WRIGHT, pharmacist, educator, was born Feb. 2, 1851, in Warren County, Ill. He was educated at Abingdon college, Ill., graduating therefrom in 1871. For six years prior to 1886 he was a druggist; and for the past eighteen years has been a city school principal, now filling that position in Kansas City, Mo. His father, John Armstrong, was the first settler in Warren county, Ill., where he owned three hundred and twenty acres of land; he served as a soldier in the Black Hawk war; and died in 1881.

ARMSTRONG, HARRY PATTERSON, clergyman, missionary, was born June 17, 1870, in New Texas, Pa. In 1898 he graduated from Park college; and in 1901 from the Theological Seminary of Omaha. He served one year as a missionary in Siam; and is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Wakefield, Neb. He is the son of William Armstrong, of Pennsylvania, who settled in Nebraska in 1885.

ARMSTRONG-HOPKINS, SALENI, physician, surgeon, author, lecturer, born in London, Ontario, Canada, Jan. 21, 1855; daughter of Rev. William L., M. D., and Elizabeth (Summers) Armstrong; was educated in the public schools of Michigan, high school at Blair, Neb., also one year at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., 1877-8; traveled and lectured consecutively from 1879 to 1882; and, during summer vacations, from 1882 to the autumn of 1886; did city missionary work in Chicago while attending school at Evanston, 1877-8, and also in New York City while a student in the Woman's Medical college of the New York Infirmary, 1882-3; was graduated from the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine, March 11, 1885; and from Mount Vernon Institute of Elocution and Languages, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Elocution, June 19, 1885; and also from the Philadelphia Lying-in Charity, a post-graduate course in obstetrics and gynecology, March 16, 1885; took thirteen small waifs from Philadelphia and Chicago to the West and established them in homes among the farmers of Platte county, Neb., writing out indenture papers, getting signatures, affidavits, etc., during the spring of 1885; interne of the New England Hospital of Boston, Mass., 1885-6; one of the founders of Park Hill Orphan Home, which later on formed the foundation upon which now stands the Mothers' Jewels' Home, in York, Neb., of the Woman's Home



Missionary Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; sent by Bishop William Taylor as a medical missionary to India, Nov. 27, 1886; founder of and physician in charge to Khetwadi Castle Hospital and Khetwadi Castle Medical Missionary Training School for Nurses, Bombay, India, 1887-9; rescued from death, or worse, and adopted, seven East Indian infants, 1887-8; elected by the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Bombay, India, as National Lecturer on Heredity, 1888; elected honorary member Managing Committee of the National Association of Countess of Dufferin's Fund for Supplying Female Medical Aid and Instruction to the Women of India, 1889; filled two positions as medical officer under English government appointment; physician-in-charge to Lady Aitchison Hospital, Dispensary and Training School for Nurses, Hyderabad, Sindh, India, 1893; married, Karachi, India, April 4, 1893; Rev. George F. Hopkins, A. M.; returned to America Aug. 27, 1893; brought from India to America, at own expense, and helped to educate, six natives of India, two of whom have already completed their education, one medical and one theological, and have now returned to India as missionaries to their own people; resident physician private hospital, Omaha, Neb., 1893-5; has since practiced medicine and surgery, lectured and preached the Gospel in the states of Colorado, Delaware, Virginia, the District of Columbia and New York; author of "Motto and Resolutions of a Little Girl," "A Divine Call to Foreign Missionary Service," "Record of Daily Work," "Extra-Uterine Foetation," "Fruit of Suffering (a volume of poems)," "Within the Purdah," "Heroes and Heroines of Zion," "In the Zenana Homes of Indian Princes," "Record of Daily Work and Diary," "Khetwadi Castle;" member of the Society of American Authors, the New York State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce of London, England, which latter society was founded in the year 1754, and incorporated by royal charter in 1847. Present address, Ludlowville, Tompkins county, New York.

ARMSTRONG, J. W. C., lawyer, was born Oct. 18, 1854, in Mount Olive, W. Va. He was educated in the common schools and at Marshall College; and in 1876 was admitted to the bar. He has attained success as one of the foremost lawyers of West



Virginia; served three terms as mayor of Spencer, W. Va.,; and has filled various other positions of trust and honor. He now practices his profession of law in Parkersburg, W. Va.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES, naval officer, was born Jan. 17, 1794, in Shelbyville, Ky. He commanded the East India squadron in 1855, and assisted at the capture of the barrier forts near Canton, China, in 1857. He was in command of the navy yard at Pensacola, Fla., when that state seceded in 1861; and surrendered without resistance when a greatly superior military force demanded possession. In 1866 he was promoted to commodore. He died Aug. 27, 1868.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES, soldier, congressman, was born in Pennsylvania. In 1776 he served as a colonel in the successful defense of Fort Moultrie, Charleston harbor; and commanded the Pennsylvania militia in the defense of Germanstown in October, 1777. He was a member of congress from 1793 till his death. He died March 3, 1795, in Carlisle, Pa.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES A., clergyman, lecturer, was born Oct. 28, 1857, in Jackson County, Ohio. He was educated at Ottawa University and South Mo. State Normal School. He has been prohibition candidate for congress; and has filled the office of Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League. He was a member of the State Central Committee of the prohibition party; and has taken a prominent part in reform work. He is one of the foremost clergymen of Iowa; and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greenfield. He has contributed extensively to current literature.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES CLAYTON, clergyman, editor, was born Nov. 10, 1847, in Franklin county, Mo. He was educated at the William Jewell College; and has attained eminence in the religious world as a noted preacher and editor. He has filled pastorates in Miami, St. Louis, Mexico and Kansas City, Mo.; and now fills a pastorate in the Baptist Church at St. Louis, Mo. He is well known as the editor of the Central Baptist; and for his various contributions to current literature.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES F., merchant, planter, was born July 13, 1839, in Lawrence Co., Miss. He received the rudiments of his education in the common schools, and then attended Zion Seminary. He has attained success as a merchant and planter at Brackett, Miss.; and has been prominent in the business and



public affairs of his city, county and state. He has held honored positions in the Methodist Episcopal church; and was superintendent of the Sabbath school.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES F., naval officer, was born Nov. 20, 1817, in New Jersey. He was promoted lieutenant in 1842; and was commissioned captain in 1862. He died April 19, 1873, in New Haven, Conn.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES HAMILTON, clergyman, was born Jan. 31, 1869, in Charleston, W. Va. He graduated from Center College and received the degree of B. A., and from Danville Theological Seminary. He is a successful Presbyterian minister of Sanborn, N. D., and has filled pastorates at Rossville and Sterling, Kan. He is now also chairman of the Committee on Foreign Missions of Fargo Presbytery. His father, James Madison Armstrong, is now living at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., and his ancestors originally came from North Carolina.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES WELLINGTON, traveling salesman, merchant, was born Oct. 25, 187—, in Flint, Mich. He was educated in the grammar and high schools of Ludington, Mich. For a number of years he has been a successful traveling salesman, and also a grocery merchant of Ludington, Mich. He resides in Traverse City, Mich., and has been prominently identified with the business and public affairs of his native state.

ARMSTRONG, JAMES S., lawyer, jurist, was born Nov. 27, 1851, in La Porte, Ind. He received his education in the La Porte High School; and in 1875 was admitted to the bar. He has attained success in the practice of his profession in his native state, and later in Nebraska at Albion. He served with distinction as deputy prosecuting attorney of La Porte county, Ind.; and has been county judge and for two terms served as mayor of Albion, Neb. He is now a candidate for judge of the Eleventh Judicial District of Nebraska. He is a grandson of Captain John Armstrong, of the revolutionary war.

ARMSTRONG, JEDEDIAH D., merchant, was born Nov. 7, 1858, in East Otto, N. Y. He was educated in the district schools of Cattaraugus county, N. Y. He is a successful furniture dealer of Salamanca, N. Y.; and prominent in the business and public affairs of the city. He has two sons—Avon A., and





Addison T. His father, Harvey Armstrong, died at the age of 70; and he has one brother, J. B. Armstrong.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN, soldier, congressman, was born in 1725 in Ireland. He distinguished himself in the Indian wars, and was consulted by the proprietors of Pennsylvania on all matters connected with Indian affairs. In 1776 congress promoted him from the rank of colonel to that of brigadier-general, and he assisted in the defense of Fort Moultrie, and in the battle of Germantown. He was elected a representative to congress from Pennsylvania, serving from 1793 to 1795. He died March 9, 1795, in Carlisle, Pa.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN, soldier, congressman, United States senator, author, was born Nov. 25, 1758, in Carlisle Pa. He served as an officer in the revolutionary war. At the close of the war, in order to obtain redress for the grievances of the officers of the army, he prepared the celebrated Newburgh Letters; was a delegate to the continental congress in 1778 and 1787, from Pennsylvania; was made secretary of state and adjutant-general of the state; to him was intrusted the direction of the last Pennsylvania war against the Connecticut settlers of Wyoming. Returning to New York, he was sent to the senate of the United States, serving from 1800 to 1804, when he resigned. On the return of Chancellor Livingston from the French embassy, he was commissioned minister in his place, in 1804; and was appointed a commissioner plenipotentiary to Spain. Returning to his own country, he was appointed a brigadier-general in 1812; and in 1813-14 was secretary of war. He was the author of Notes on the War of 1812; Treatise on Gardening; Treatise on Agriculture; and other works. He died April 1, 1843, in Red Hook, N. Y.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN, manufacturer, was born in 1807 near Belfast, Ireland. In 1822 he emigrated to the United States with his uncle, Alexander Armstrong, and settled near Pittsburg, Pa. He there learned the trade of ropemaker; and later was foreman in a ropewalk in Mason county, Ky. In 1832 he settled in Portsmouth, Ohio, where for over half a century he was engaged in the manufacture of rope; and he there died Dec. 20, 1888. He was a descendant of a sturdy family—strong adherents of Presbyterianism; and in politics he was a republican.



His son, James Armstrong, is a prominent citizen of Portsmouth, Ohio.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN CHARLES, druggist, was born March 4, 1866, in Brownville, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of his native city; and graduated from Meadville College of Pennsylvania. For many years he has been engaged as salesman for one of the largest wholesale druggists of Pennsylvania. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States; and has filled several positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN CLYNE, jeweler, optician, was born Oct. 15, 1844, in Logan county, Ohio. He was educated at the Westfield University, Ill. Since 1869 he has resided in Ottawa, Kansas, where he is a successful jeweler and optician. He is prominent in the public affairs of his city, county and state.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN H., real estate broker, financier, was born Sept. 30, 1861, in Ireland. He received the rudiments of his education in the National schools; and at Duff's College of Pittsburg, Pa. He is a successful real estate broker of Pittsburg, Pa.; president of North Ave. Stair Company; president of Boon and Hill Wall Paper Company; president of Sheriff Machinery Company; vice-president of Wizard Oil Company; and vice-president of the M. & O. Transportation Company. He has served two terms in the Pittsburg City Council; and is now past commander of Ascalon Commandery No. 59, Knights Templar.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN H., physician, surgeon, was born Nov. 11, 1858, in Lewisburg, Tenn. He received a thorough education; and in 1880 graduated from the medical department of the University of Tennessee with the degree of M. D. He has been professor of medicine in several institutions; and has now a successful practice in Caney, I. T., where he is also quite prominent in public affairs.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN L., farmer, soldier, was born Feb. 9, 1824, in Green county, N. Y. In 1842 he moved to Mason county, Ill.; and a few years later to Sangamon county. In 1852 he moved to Christian county; thence in 1857 to a farm in Macon county, Ill. In 1861 he volunteered for three years; was elected captain of Company E, forty-first Illinois infantry, and served as such until his death on Dec. 12, 1861, at Paducah, Ky.



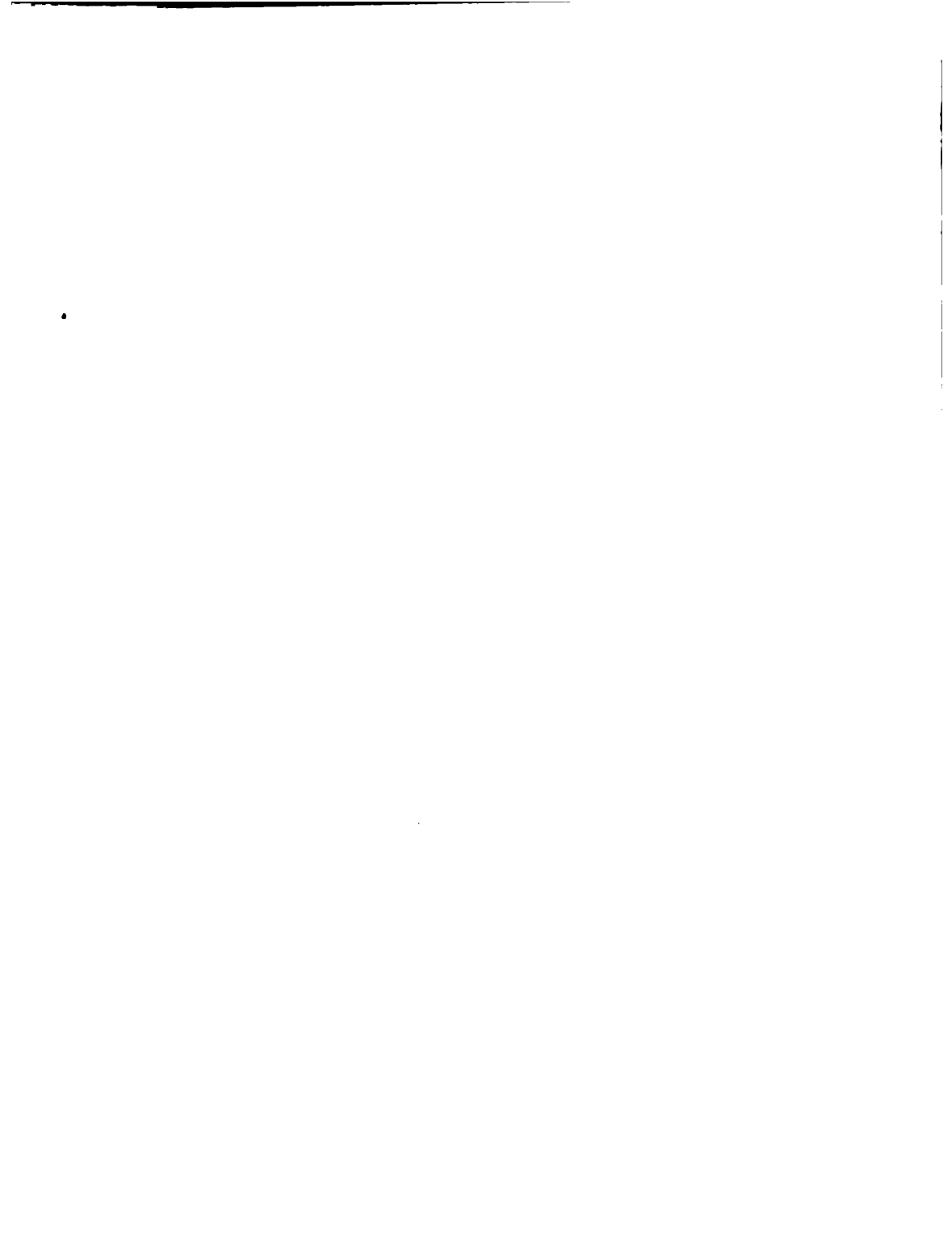
ARMSTRONG, JOHN M., physician, surgeon. He received a thorough education; and in 1901 he graduated from the College of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Minnesota. He has attained prominence in his profession at St. Paul, Minn., where he is connected with St. Joseph's Hospital. He is greatly interested in the genealogy of his branch of the Armstrong family; and his compiled valuable records in regard to same.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN S., banker, railroad president, was born May 5, 1857, in Culpeper, Va. He was educated at the Culpeper Male Academy of Virginia. He is president of the Atlantic National Bank of Wilmington, N. C.; and also vice-president of the People's Savings Bank of that city. He has been president of a railway company; and has filled numerous business and public positions of trust and honor in his city, county and state.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN WESLEY, educator, lawyer, was born March 2, 1871, in Knob Noster, Mo. He was educated at the University of Missouri; and is now a successful lawyer of Hermitage, Mo. He has served as principal of various schools; and has been a member of the County Board of Education. In 1889 he was sergeant-at-arms of the Senate Lexow committee at St. Louis, Mo. He was secretary of the Senate Ways and Means committee of the Forty-second General Assembly of Missouri; and has filled other positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, JOHN WILLIAM, merchant, legislator, was born Nov. 15, 1854, in Danville, Iowa. He was educated at Howe's Academy of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He is a successful hardware and furniture merchant of South Auburn, Neb.; and for seven years was postmaster of that city. He has been a member of the school board for five years; and president of the board for two years. He is now president of the Nebraska Funeral Directors' Association. In 1889-1901 he served with distinction for two terms as a member of the Nebraska State Legislature.

ARMSTRONG, LEVI, merchant, was born in 1850 in Augusta, Ohio. He was educated at Cornell College of Mt. Vernon, Ia. For several years he followed mercantile pursuits in his father's store in Mt. Vernon, Iowa; and for the past fifteen years has resided in Rockford, Ill., where he is a suc-



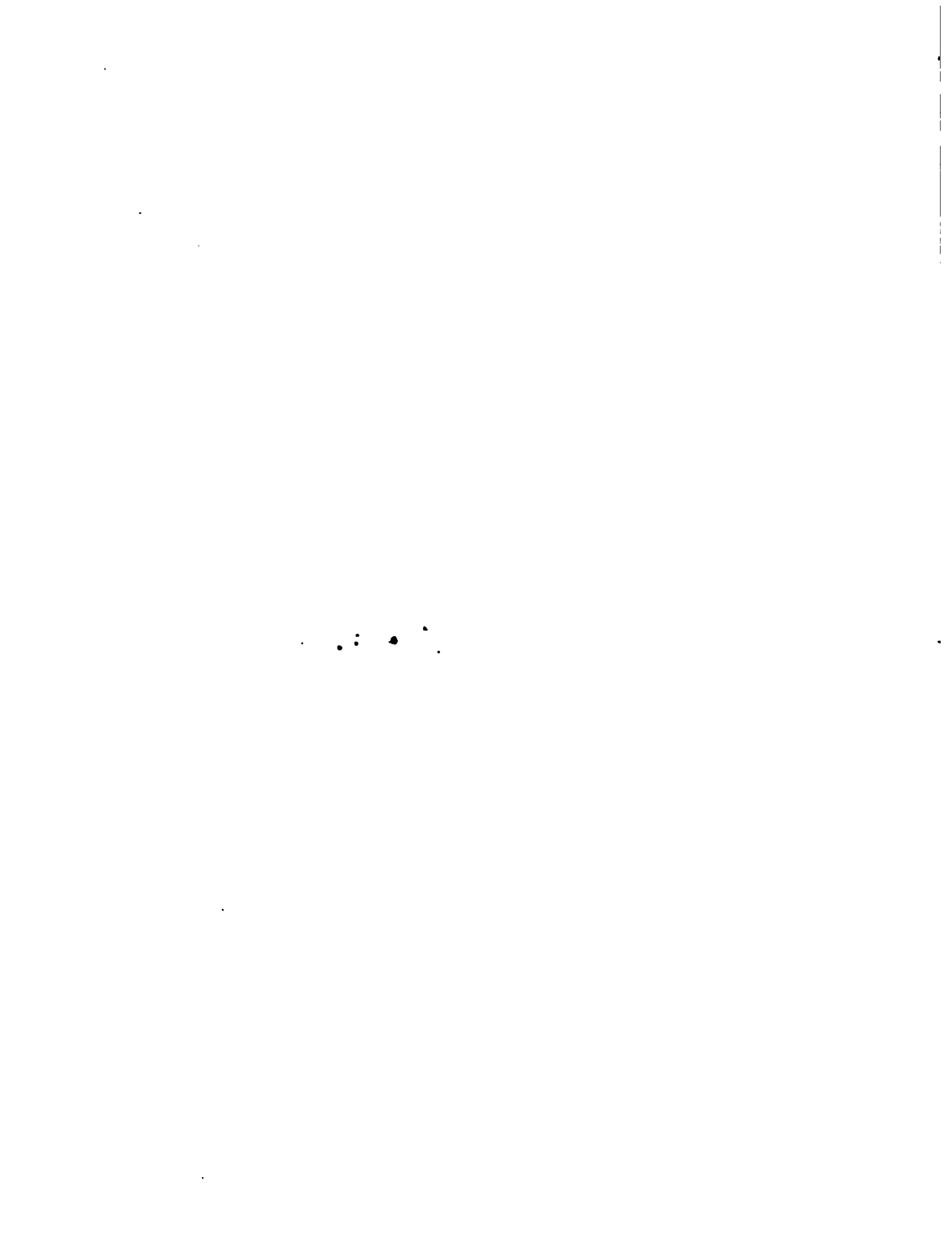
cessful clothing merchant. His father was Dr. James M. Armstrong. They trace their family from Pennsylvania and Virginia, originally coming from Scotland.

ARMSTRONG, MILLARD E., compositor, was born April 21, 1884, in LeRoy, Minn. He received his education in the public schools of his native city. He was apprenticed to the mechanical business; and he is now connected with The Independent of LeRoy, Minn., as a job printer and compositor. His great grandfather, Thomas Armstrong, was born in Ireland in 1794. His father, John Armstrong, was born at Valley Forge, Pa.

ARMSTRONG, MOSES K., surveyor, journalist, banker, statesman, was born Sept. 19, 1832, in Milan, Ohio. He was educated at the Wesleyan Reserve College; removed to Minnesota in 1856; was elected surveyor of United States lands; on the admission of Minnesota as a state, removed to Yankton, on the Missouri river; on the organization of Dakota, in 1861, was elected to the first territorial legislature, and re-elected in 1862 and 1863, serving the last year as speaker; was editor of The Dakota Union in 1864; was elected territorial treasurer; appointed clerk of the supreme court in 1865; elected to the territorial senate in 1866; and chosen president in 1867. He published the first history of Dakota in 1867; acted as secretary to the Indian peace commission to the Sioux; and from 1866 to 1869 established the base-lines for United States surveys in southern Dakota, and the northern Red river valley. He was again elected to the territorial senate in 1869; established the first democratic newspaper in the territory; and was chosen president of the First National bank of the territory in 1872. He was elected delegate to the forty-second and forty-third congresses.

ARMSTRONG, OBADIAH E., merchant, miller, was born March 16, 1861, in La Fayette, N. J. He received his education in the public schools; and then attended a Business College. He has filled the positions of bank clerk, railroad clerk, customs inspector, and surveyor of the port; and since 1896 has been engaged in the feed, grain and milling business at Newton, N. J. His father was Capt. Bradford C. P. Armstrong, of the ninth Iowa cavalry, who died during the civil war. His great grandfather was Major Thomas Armstrong, who served





on the staff of Gen. George Washington during the revolutionary war.

ARMSTRONG, ORVILLE, merchant, was born Jan. 8, 1844, in Vermont. He received a grammar school education; and became a successful merchant. He has filled numerous positions of trust and honor; and now resides in Chelsea, Mass.

ARMSTRONG, PERRY AUSTIN, lawyer, legislator, was born April 15, 1823, in Licking county, Ohio. He graduated from the Illinois College; and became a successful lawyer of Morris, Ill. In 1845 he was postmaster, justice of the peace, school trustee. Since 1853 he has been a drainage commissioner; and was county clerk in 1853-61. In 1862 he was a member of the Constitutional Convention; and for several terms served as a member of the Illinois state legislature. For twenty-two years he was a master in chancery; in 1856-57 was grand master of I. O. O. F.; and the oldest thirty-two degree mason in Illinois. He is the author of *The Sauks and Black Hawk War*. The coat-of-arms of his family is three uplifted hands each bearing a drawn sword.

ARMSTRONG, PHILIP, was born July 12, 1869, in Ireland. He came to America about 1896; and now resides in Springfield, Mass.

ARMSTRONG, PHILANDER BANISTER, insurance president, was born Feb. 3, 1847, in Brookville, Ind. He has been president of the Mutual Fire Insurance company of New York; president of the Fire Association of New York; president of the Armstrong Fire Insurance Company of New York; and president of the American Union Life Insurance Company of New York. He is a prominent factor in insurance and business circles; and a member of the leading clubs of the metropolitan districts. He owns in California the largest almond orchard in the world.

ARMSTRONG, R. J., farmer, public official, was born in 1857 in Tyrrell. He was educated in the country schools; and has attained success in agricultural pursuits. He has filled several positions of trust; and is now engaged in farming in Gum Neck, N. C.

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT, lawyer, legislator, was born September, 1846, in Greenwich, N. Y. He received his education at the South Hartford academy, Fort Edward Collegiate insti-

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tute, and the Union college of Schenectady, N. Y. He was a member of the New York state assembly for two terms, in 1881-82 and in 1882-83; and while a member of that body served on the judicial committee, and on general laws. He has attained prominence in his state as an astute and able lawyer.

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT, soldier, was born in 1790 in Tennessee. He commanded a company of Tennessee artillery under Jackson in the Creek war of 1813-14 with distinguished bravery. He again distinguished himself at the battle of New Orleans, and in 1836, as brigadier-general, commanded the Tennessee mounted volunteers at the battle of Wahoo swamp. He was postmaster at Nashville from 1829 to 1845, when he was sent as consul to Liverpool, remaining until 1852. He subsequently became the proprietor and editor of the Washington Union, and was the confidential adviser of Mr. Polk during his presidency. Gen. Jackson bequeathed to him his sword. He died Feb. 23, 1854, in Washington, D. C.

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT BURNS, physician, surgeon, was born Jan. 28, 1828, in Fredricksburg, Ohio. He was educated in Cleveland, Ohio; and is now a successful physician and surgeon of Polk City, Iowa. He has filled various positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT FOSTER, merchant, was born June 20, 1859, in Salem, N. Y. He was educated at the Salem Academy and other institutions; and then entered mercantile pursuits. He is now a successful clothier and men's outfitter of Northampton, Mass.

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT JAMES, physician, surgeon, was born Dec. 7, 1863, in New York city. He was educated in the public schools and at Columbia college; and in 1886 received the degree of M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City. He is one of the foremost physicians of New York City; and for many years surgeon to the Metropolitan Nose and Throat Hospital.

ARMSTRONG, ROBERT LOUIS, educator, farmer, was born June 21, 1853, in Mahoning county, Ohio. He received the rudiments of his education in the district school; attended Damascus Academy; and graduated from the Mt. Union College. He has been township clerk; township trustee; and a



successful teacher. He is a successful farmer of Salem, Ohio; has been president of the Board of Education; and secretary of the Board of Trustees of Damascus Academy.

ARMSTRONG, SAMUEL CHAPMAN, soldier, educator, was born Jan. 30, 1839, in Hawaii. He served in the civil war, and in 1865 was breveted brigadier-general. He laid the foundation of the new celebrated Hampton Normal and Agricultural institute; and has helped build many other institutions. He died May 12, 1903, in Hampton, Va.

ARMSTRONG, SAMUEL LORIMER, educator, banker, was born March 22, 1860, near New Castle, Pa. He received a thorough education; and graduated from McPherson College. For a number of years he taught school as principal at Windom, Arlington and Hartland. In 1878 he settled in Kansas; is now cashier of the First National Bank of Hillsboro, Kan.; and is quite prominent in financial and public affairs.

ARMSTRONG, SAMUEL T., bookseller, governor, was born in 1784 in Massachusetts. He was a bookseller in Boston, and among other works published a stereotype edition of Scott's Family Bible, which was widely circulated. He became mayor of Boston and lieutenant-governor of Massachusetts, and in 1836 the election of Governor Davis to the United States senate made him governor of the remainder of the term in 1836. He died March 26, 1850.

ARMSTRONG, THEODORE, manufacturer, was born in October, 1814, in New York City. He is president of the Pennsylvania Salt manufacturing company of Philadelphia, Pa. Strong personality was never more closely identified with the development and success of a large industry than in the connection of Theodore Armstrong with the interests of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co. His character is a representative one of the type that has carried American enterprise in industrial pursuits to its high standard, passing beyond all foreign rivalry. He was born in New York City, October, 1844, in which city and in Brooklyn he received careful educational training. Among his ancestors there were soldiers in both the Revolutionary war and in that of 1812. Inheriting strong patriotic impulses, when the civil war began he enlisted in the Union army, exhibiting through a number of campaigns a laudable allegiance to duty, and was honorably discharged in



1864. Upon leaving the army Mr. Armstrong received appointment in the Internal Revenue Department, at Philadelphia, and was engaged in auditing the accounts of collectors. In 1865 he accepted an important position in the employ of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co., and the following year became chief accountant at the company's works at Natrona, Allegheny county, Pa. He devoted much time to mastering the details of the many chemical processes involved in the company's operations, and his improvements in this connection have been of inestimable value. So exact is one of the systems which he introduced that the cost of every article produced by the company is known to the thousandth part of a cent per pound. Mr. Armstrong also displayed signal ability in conducting the general affairs of the company. In 1873 he was appointed its auditor and removed to Philadelphia. He soon became secretary, then treasurer, vice-president and eventually president of the company, which office he now occupies. Owing to his able administration of the vast affairs of the company all of its branches have progressed most harmoniously and successfully; large improvements have been added and all competition has been met triumphantly. Mr. Armstrong is a member of the Union League, the American Chemical Society, National Association of Manufacturers, the Geographical Society of Philadelphia, also of the Veteran Corps, First Regiment Infantry, National Guard of Pennsylvania, the Fairmount Park Art Association, the Mercantile Beneficial Association, and the Franklin Institute, Civil Service Reform Association.

ARMSTRONG, THOMAS, lawyer, banker, was born July 18, 1857, in Fox Lake, Wis. He was educated in the Ripon College of Ripon, Wis. He has attained success in the practice of his profession; and has served with distinction as district attorney of Columbia county, Wis. For a number of years he was president of the First National bank of Portage, Wis.; and filled numerous business and public offices of trust and honor in his native state. He is now a successful attorney-at-law at Phoenix, Arizona. His father, Thomas Armstrong, was born in 1822 near Jedburgh, Scotland; and came to America about 1845. His mother was Julia Knapp of Delhi, N. Y.

ARMSTRONG, THOMAS F., real estate broker, was born Aug. 23, 1844, in Manchester, England. He is a successful





real estate dealer of Rochester, Minn., controlling a million acres of farming, hardwood, grazing and mineral lands. His father, William J. Armstrong, was born in 1822 in the city of Cork, Ireland; came to the United States in 1846; and settled in Minnesota in 1854.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM, merchant, public official, was born July 8, 1832, in Chester county, Pa. He received his education in the common schools of Chester county, Pa. He has been prominent in the business and public affairs of Pennsylvania; and for many years has been postmaster at Sadburyville, where he is also interested in the grocery business.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM, lecturer, author. In 1893-98 he was music critic, Chicago Tribune. He is the author of *Thekla*, and *An American Nobleman*.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM, physician, surgeon, was born Sept. 11, 1867, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was educated at the Yale University, and attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York City, from which institution he received his degree of M. D. He has attained prominence as a successful doctor in New York City; and has also taken a prominent part in public and social affairs.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM, lawyer, congressman, was born Dec. 23, 1782, in Ireland. He studied law in Winchester, Va.; he was a member of the Virginia house of delegates; in 1822-23, a member of the board of public works; in 1820-24 was a presidential elector. He was a representative in congress in 1825-33. He died in Winchester, Va.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM A., physician, surgeon. He is a successful physician and surgeon of Philadelphia, Pa.; is a member of various medical and scientific societies; and has filled several positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM ALBERT, financier, was born in 1834, in Newport, R. I. He has been a prominent factor in the business and financial affairs of his native city. For many years he has been a trustee of the Island Savings bank of Newport, which was established 1873.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM BURTON, carpenter, builder, public official, was born Feb. 1, 1856, in Bloomington, N. S. He has been a successful carpenter and builder of Everett, Mass.; and filled the office of superintendent of buildings for



that city. He has taken an active part in business and public affairs; and has filled several positions of trust and honor.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM DAWSON, musician, composer, was born Feb. 11, 1868, in Alton, Ill. He received his education at the Alton public schools and at Shurtleff college. In 1889 he was elected to a professorship in Forest Park university of St. Louis, Mo.; and in 1891-96 became director of the Shurtleff School of Music of Alton, Ill. As an organist and composer he has attained national repute. In 1899-1901 he was president of the Illinois Music Teachers' Association.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM F., farmer, soldier, justice of the peace, was born March 4, 1846, in Monroe county, N. Y. During the civil war he served three years in the First Michigan Regiment. Since 1868 he has lived in Mecosta county, Mich. He is a successful farmer; has been a justice of the peace for fourteen years; and has held school office for nearly a quarter of a century, residing at Big Rapids, Mich.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM H., educator, army officer, was born May 16, 1874, in Glasgow, Scotland. He was educated in the public schools of Boston; attended Phillips Exeter Academy, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Boston University, and in 1900 graduated from Harvard University. He was editor on several college publications; and was highest in his class in mechanical and free hand drawing and design. In 1900 he was called to Porto Rico to establish the first industrial schools, but was made superintendent of schools instead; and after serving two years he was appointed a lieutenant in the United States Army. His great great grandfather was a general in the colonial army in America. His father was Robert Henry Armstrong; and his uncle George Armstrong served four years in the civil war.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM H., army officer, importer, manufacturer, was born May 14, 1844, near Carlisle, Cumberland county, England. He was educated in the common schools of Illinois. For many years he was an officer in the United States army; and Assessor of United States Internal Revenue. He is a successful manufacturer and importer of surgical instruments of Indianapolis, Ind. He has been mayor of his city; and president Board of Trustees of State Normal School. He



has held high offices in the Grand Army of the Republic, Loyal Legion, and Sons of Veterans.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM H., lawyer, congressman, was born Sept. 7, 1824, in Williamsport, Pa. He graduated at Princeton college in 1847; and adopted the profession of the law. He was elected to the state legislature in 1860-61; and was elected a representative from Pennsylvania to the forty-first congress. In 1882 he was appointed commissioner of railroads in the department of the interior.

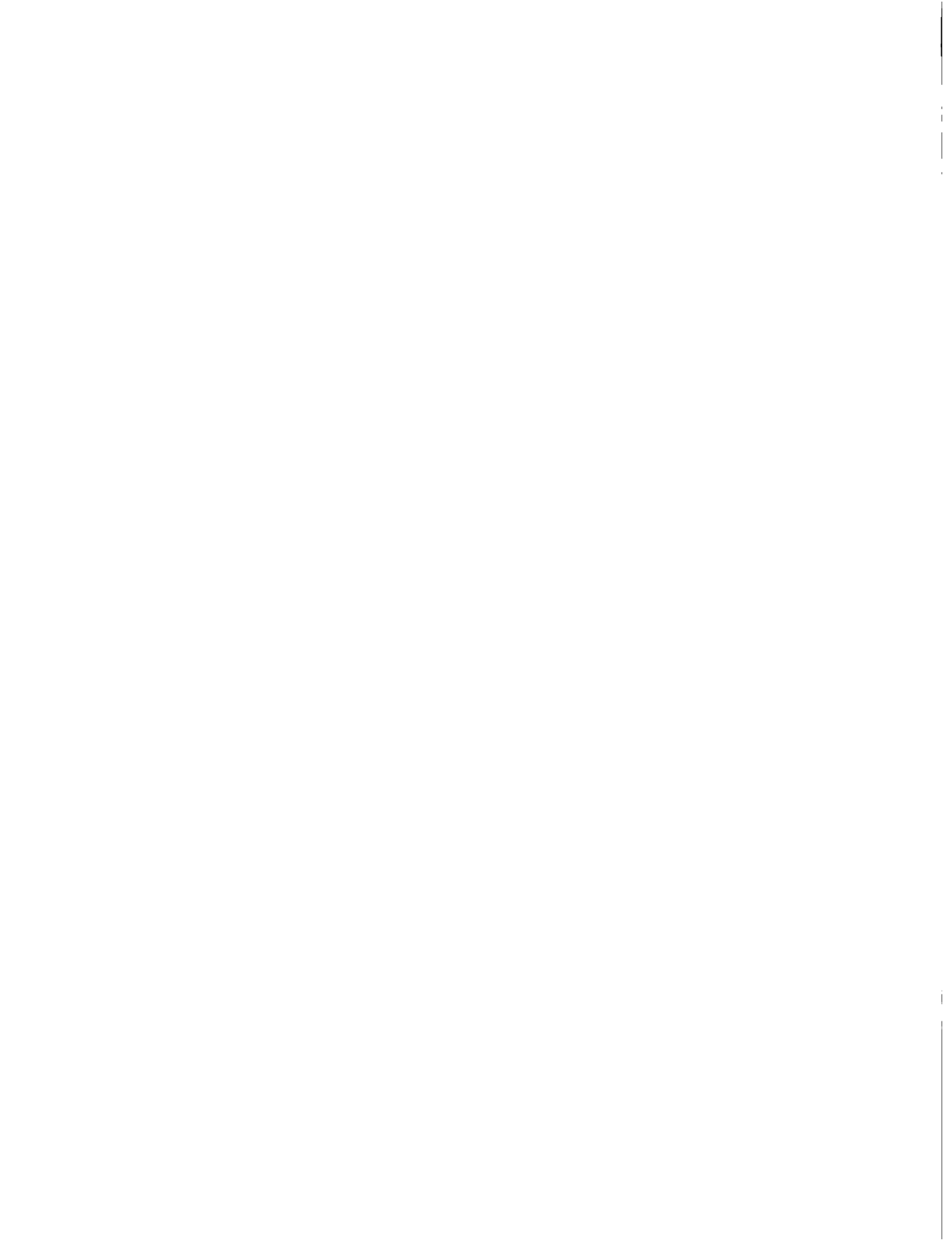
ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM HARDIN, contractor, was born April 18, 1847, in Jacksonville, Ill. He is a successful building contractor of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and has filled several positions of trust and honor. His father was born near Paris, Ky.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM J., farmer, public official, was born June 28, 1849, in Sangamon county, Ill. He is a successful farmer of Elgin, Neb. For four years he was postmaster at Mentorville, Neb.; has filled various other positions of trust and honor; and is a member of the masonic order. His grandfather was Joshua Armstrong, born in Pennsylvania; and his father, John L. Armstrong, was born in 1824 in Green county, N. Y. He was captain of Company E, forty-first Illinois infantry, and died in 1861 in Paducah, Ky.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM JACKSON, contractor, was born June 1, 1862, in Harmarville, Pa. He was educated principally in Pittsburg, Pa.; and for many years was timekeeper and manager for contractors. Of late years he has been a successful contractor of Philadelphia; and is now senior member of the firm of Armstrong and Latta of that city.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM JEFFERSON, clergyman, was born Jan. 25, 1873, in Clanton, Ala. He received a thorough education; and graduated from Harvard College. He is an able minister of the gospel; and pastor of the Baptist church of Clayton, Ala.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM W., lawyer, legislator, state senator, was born July 19, 1864, in Rochester, N. Y. He was educated at the Union school of Albany, N. Y.; and has attained success in his native city. In 1886-88 he was supervisor's clerk of Orleans county, N. Y.; and subsequently supervisor of the tenth ward in Rochester. In 1894 he was a member of the New York state assembly; and since 1895 has been a member of the



New York state senate, and in 1904 was still serving in that high office.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM W., journalist, public official, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio. In 1854 he purchased the Advertiser, of Tiffin, Ohio, and in 1852-65 he was secretary of state. He then purchased the Plain Dealer, which he successfully edited in Cleveland until about 1890, when he disposed of the controlling shares.

ARMSTRONG, WINIFIELD SCOTT, treasurer, was born May 22, 1852, in Pittsburg Pa. He received the rudiments of his education in the public schools; and then attended commercial college. For ten years he was cashier and auditor of the Pittsburg office of the Adams Express company; and then for two years was engaged in the Crucible Steel business. In 1892 he entered the employ of the H. C. Frick Coke company as cashier; and since 1900 has been assistant cashier of that company.

BEARDEN, MATTHEW GAINES, planter, was born Jan. 20, 1852, in Philadelphia, Pa. He is a successful cotton planter of Martin, Miss. His mother is Mrs. Martha Armstrong-Bearden of Knoxville, Tenn., the daughter of a prominent Armstrong.

ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM HUTCHINSON, steamship officer, was born April 7, 1839, in New York city. He was educated in the public schools of his native state. For over forty years he has been a steward on several large steamships; and now resides in Babylon, N. Y. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church of Babylon; has been a master mason for thirty-nine years; a royal arch mason for thirty-five years; and a masonic veteran for fourteen years. His grandfather came from Ireland in 1810 and settled in Philadelphia, Pa.





## HERALDRY.

A few explanations in regard to heraldry are needed for the understanding of coats-of-arms. According to de Fronsac, heraldry originated with the latter empire of the Romans, when the ensigns of all nations under Roman authority—nearly the whole world—were collected and recorded. The ensign of Gallia (France) was the cock, that of the Romans the eagle, that of the Scandinavians the horse, that of some of the eastern nations the griffin, that of the Persians the dove. Certain nations had certain colors; red was that of the Keltai, blue was that of the Picti, yellow was that of the Persian.

Individual families began to bear distinguishing marks from the time of Constantine, the first Christian emperor, who instituted the first order of Chevaliers, that of the Constantinian Order of St. George, whose members wore on their breasts the ensign of the cross.

It became the custom, from that time down, for families to bear some mark of distinction provided they had the right to carry arms. Now only free men were allowed to bear arms, and only certain officers among them wore marks of distinction. Among these marks were the belt from left to right called the bend in heraldry; the cross-belt, denoted by the name saltire; the cross, an emblem of Christianity. An officer of a rank above him who wore the saltire wore a cloak open in front, this obscured the upper part of the saltire leaving the inverted vee or chevron exposed to view; the border, belt of fesse, was another. It must be understood that these indications of military rank were very highly prized. Very frequently the emblem and color of the nationality of the bearer was added, like bearing a fesse on a shield between three lions arranged two above and one below the fesse, the shield being one color, the fesse another, the lions yet a third.

The origin of the word coat-of-arms is from the French. *Cote d'arms*, side of arms, or side armor, where the symbols were emblazoned.

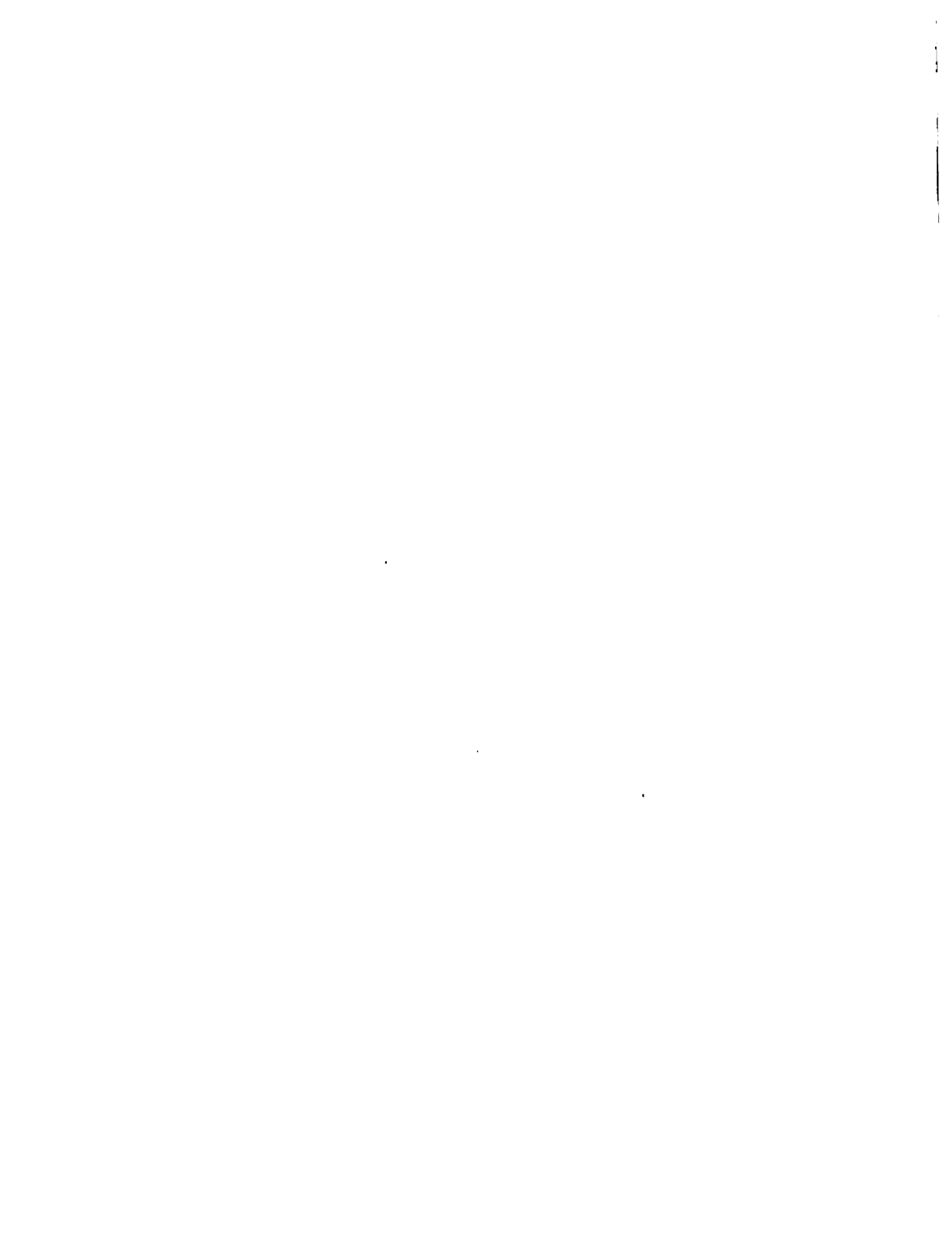
Apart from the bearing of arms, which in itself was a most honorable distinction, not only testifying to the rank of the original founder of the family but also to its present character—for no dishonorable family was permitted to bear arms—certain



other figures were added to the heraldry of different nations of general significance. The falcon, the hunting-horn and the dog evidenced a certain rank and wealth. A family must possess large landed estates in order to have a hunting park, and it is that which these emblems signify—the rights of chase or warren. This refers especially to the Thurston family wherein whose arms the hunting-horn and falcon predominate, especially in the arms of Thurston of Hoxon, Thurston of Cranbrook, Thurston of Hoxon, Thurston of Cranbrook, Thurston of Norwich, of Charles Myrick Thurston and of John B. Thurston. John Thurston, sheriff of London, 1516, apart from bearing a falcon on a canton, bore also, among other devices, three escallops or pilgrim-shells, which travelers to the Holy Land were wont to assume in their arms. The shield of Thurston of Thurston, 1575, donates majestray on account of the ermine back-ground on which the griffins' heads are set.

Now while individuals, originally, took arms which described the rank either of an ancestor or of their own, the exact meaning of the various symbols fell into confusion, in later days, on account of families assuming and obtaining grant of arms whose symbols were chosen at will, rather than determined by the station or rank of the family. There are, however, exceptions. In the arms of the Herschel family are to be seen the telescope of the astronomer. In the arms of a certain French family ennobled by Napoleon I on account of the heroic attendance of the founder of the family, who was a surgeon in the Egyptian division of the army, are to be seen a pyramid, a camel, a palm tree and a surgeon's scalpel, all associated with the event the arms commemorated.

But while families were allowed the choice of symbols, sometimes, yet the nationality of a family coat-of-arms could be determined only by the manner and form of the emblazonment, even this with the relaxation of heraldic laws became impossible after a while to be determined except in the case when the family was a titled one and bore a coronet in the arms. The English, Scottish and Irish coronet to denote the rank of earl was five points visible, the French coronet to denote a corresponding rank, which is that of count, has seven, the English viscount's coronet is surrounded by a row of pearls, the French viscount's coronet has a fleur-de-lis in front and



half-seen on each side, while there is a jeweled point between each fleur-de-lis.

There have been some efforts made to nationalize the heraldry in America which had already been introduced by the leading families from Europe. The Aryan Order of the Holy Roman Empire in America conceived in 1798, fallen into abeyance in 1830, and organized fully on a new basis in 1879, open to the descendants of, 1st, families descended from colonial officers of royal commission, civil or military; 2d, families of European knight-hood and nobility settled in America, and 3d, families of European officers, settled in America, of royal commission, and tracing to gentry or nobility in Europe, this order by emblazoning the arms of the above families of its members on the breast of the two-headed eagle gives at once the requisite national characteristic, while every one is at once assured of the standing and character of the families thus designated.



DICTIONARY OF HERALDIC TERMS USED IN THE  
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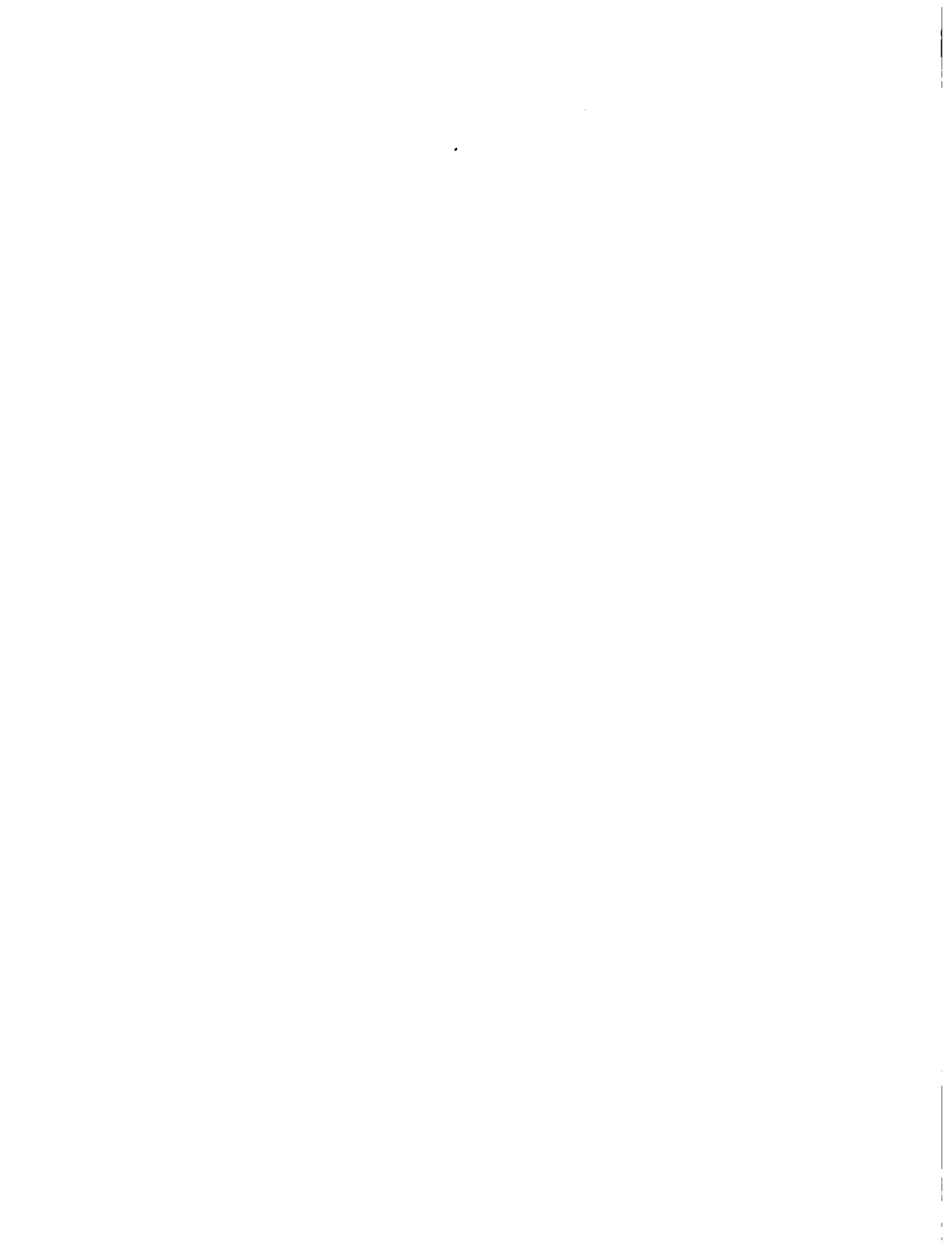
- Chevron—an inverted vee ( ) on lower half of cross belt.  
 Hunting horn—symbol of the right of warren or chase.  
 Ostrich feathers—emblem of affluence.  
 Demi-griffin, half-griffin—the griffin being a fabulous animal with lion's body and eagle's head and wings, signifies strength and swiftness.  
 Of the field—means of the color of the shield or field.  
 Or—gold.  
 Argent—silver.  
 Gules—red.  
 Vert—green.  
 Azure—blue.  
 Sable—black.  
 Proper—after nature.  
 Mullet—stars.  
 Volant—flying.  
 Vulned—wounded.  
 Passant—in the act of walking.  
 Guardant—looking at the beholder.  
 Canton—a small square division of the shield.  
 Martlets—a small bird, a martin or swallow.  
 Cinquoils—a five leaved flower.  
 Bar—a narrow band drawn across shield horizontally.  
 Third—means the third color mentioned.  
 Last—means the last color mentioned.  
 Escallops—pilgrim's shells.  
 Bend—a band drawn from right to left across shield.

GENEALOGY.

Edward Gibbon somewhere wrote: "A lively desire of knowing and recording our ancestors so generally prevails, that it must depend on the influence of some common principle in the minds of men."

Doubtless in many cases the feeling is similar to that which led Darius the Great to inscribe upon the rock of Behistun his



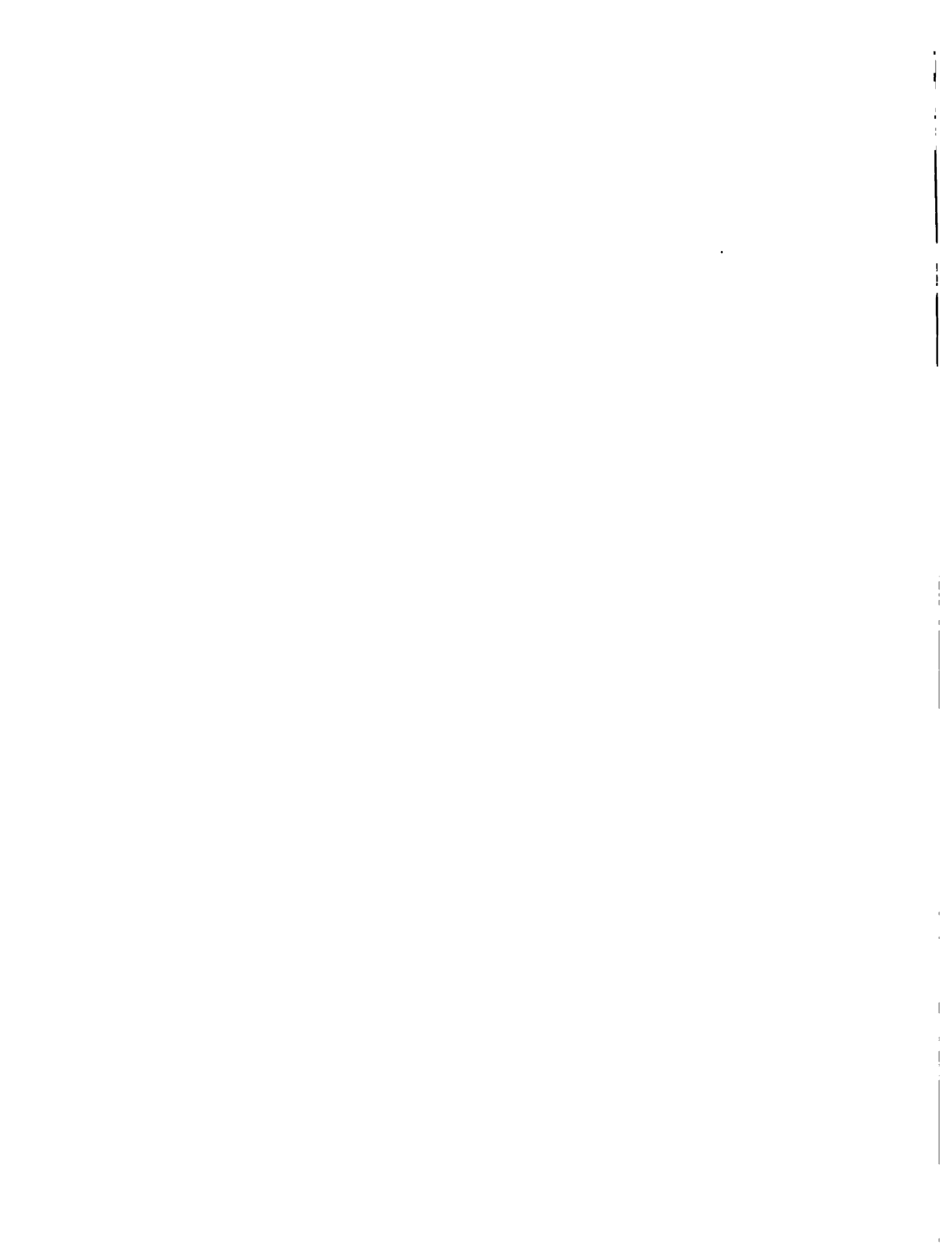


proud boast: "From ancient time our family have been king. I am the ninth king by lineal descent." But family pride is not the only reason for these records; historians quite generally elucidate their annals by genealogical tablets, and scientists like Dr. Francis Galton testify to their utility in the study of heredity and of social science. A recent writer wisely declares that "the day has gone by when self-respecting men may boast of ignorance of those who bore their name before them."

On the other hand there is profound truth in the remark of a speaker at a recent banquet of the Society of Colonial Wars in New York City, that "the man who does not respect his ancestors is unlikely to do deeds for which posterity will respect him." It is therefore well that this society and others organized in late years to honor the memory of the men who fought the battles of the Revolution, or of their descendants who by their swords in the field or in other ways defended the supremacy of the Government then established, have greatly increased the interest in the whole subject of genealogy and family history, and given a stimulus to the compiling and printing of pedigrees. There is in this neither arrogance nor pride unfitting to the citizens of a republic. For, despite the sonorous periods of the Declaration of Independence, we do not need the teachings of modern science to convince us that men are not "born equal."

The inheritance of a good name and the memory of the noble deeds of our forefathers, or merely of their simple honesty and their self-respecting labour for daily bread, must have its influence on our lives. "Noblesse oblige," if not misapplied, is a true principle, and one of special value to our American civilization; which is too apt to measure every thing by the yardstick of commerce, and to value a man by his present possession of material wealth, quite irrespective of his antecedents. These cannot be known unless they have been recorded in some permanent shape. Left to be handed down by tradition or popular report, they will soon be forgotten.

"Time," says Sir Thomas Browne in his *Hydriotaphia*, "which antiquates the erections of man's hands, hath yet an art to make dust of all things, and oblivion blindly scatters her poppy, and deals with the memory of men without any distinction to the merit of perpetuity. There is no antidote against the opium of Time! Our fathers find their graves in our short memories,



and sadly tell us how we may be buried in those of our survivors. Even our gravestones tell truth scarcely forty years—generations pass while some trees stand, and old families last not three hardy oaks.” How much then does it become us to guard against this “eating tooth of time,” by recording in permanent form that which we know of the history and fortunes of our own families; each one, in the language of the Book of Nehemiah, “doing the work over against his own house.”

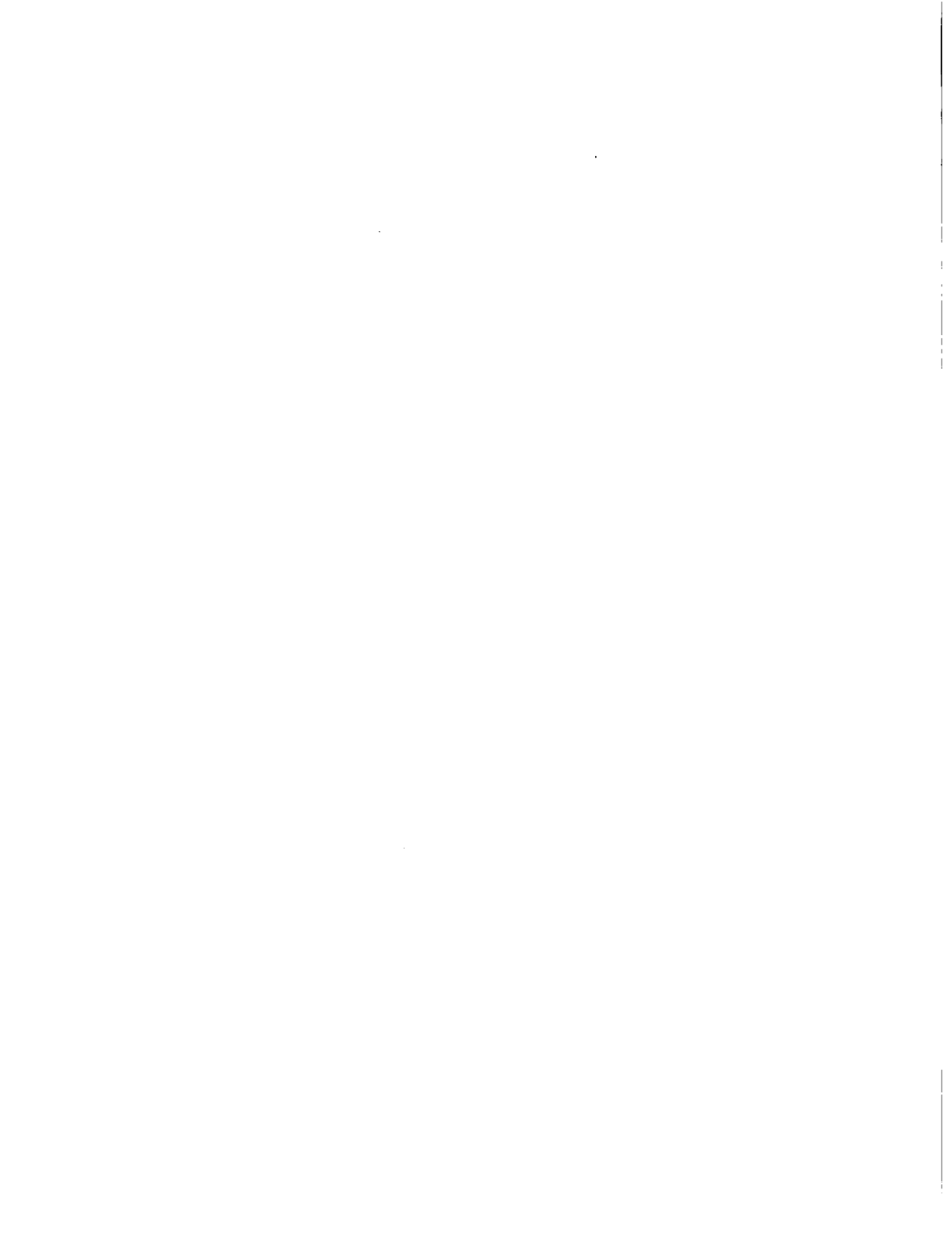




All proper names had originally a peculiar and appropriate meaning. Some persons might feel disposed to argue that there is nothing in the ordinary course of things to prevent the giving of names from sheer whim and without any meaning; but it is quite as difficult to imagine the absence of motive and of fixed guiding principles in the choice of a name as it is in any other matter. It would be contrary to Man's nature to denote the object of his thoughts by sounds which produce no impression upon his memory, no representative idea in his mind. If the principle asserted, then, hold good in the matter of common nouns, much more must it be true with regard to the proper name, whose characteristic is, as we have said, that it places under our very eyes as it were, the individual object to which it is applied.

That some definite idea should belong to the name when uttered, is so much needed by men in general that the natives of North America are in the habit of giving a name selected from their own language to any stranger deemed worthy of their especial notice. To them his own name does not sufficiently describe him, because it probably conveys no idea connected with his physical appearance. An anecdote is related of the Imaum of Muscat who when about to appoint a private physician asked his name. "Vincenzo," was the physician's reply. Not understanding it, the prince requested that its meaning should be explained in Arabic. The Italian gave the meaning, as Mansour, or Victorious, and the prince delighted with the happy omen offered by the name, ever after called him "Sheik Mansour."

If we glance next at the records of travellers in distant countries, we shall find that whether they be private individuals or men engaged in scientific inquiry, they never give a name to a people, a country,



an island, or an unknown rock, without some definite reason. Some allusion is made in it to physical conformation, to dress, to customs, to external peculiarities, or to certain circumstances which made the discovery a remarkable one. This natural habit has rarely been deviated from except when a desire has been felt to erect some geographical monument on distant shores, in honor of some denizen of the heavens; or to record, in a lasting form, some contemporary event, or the name of some contemporary character of distinction; or, lastly, to perpetuate the memory of a benefactor of his kind, and to testify of a nation's gratitude to a fellow-countryman of great pre-eminence. The long catalogue of proper names, with a meaning, which may yet be found among our older nations, in spite of mixture and corruption of races; and the longer catalogue disclosed by etymological inquiry, fully bear out these remarks. Schegel, a very learned philosopher, has traced descriptive epithets in almost all Hindoo names. So marked was the existence of these meanings among the Hebrews, that their literature is strangely tinged by their influence. The older names among the Arabs, and those since introduced into general use, are highly significative; the fact is acknowledged in the case of Grecian names, and the remark is equally true of all names derived from Teutonic origin. The most distant nations in our own more immediate circle of civilization exhibit no difference in this respect. Most of the natives of North America are named after some animal; during their lifetime they receive another title when they have earned it by some deed of daring, which it explains and of which it is the token. The name of a most powerful chief in one of the Marquesas Islands, contains an allusion to the shape of a canoe, in the management of which he excelled. Thunder is the





name of the King of the Chenooks, a warlike tribe who live on the left bank of the river Columbia. The Kamtchadales, Koriakes, and Kuriles, have all of them significant names.

## SURNAME.

In the first ages of the world a single name was sufficient for each individual; and that name was generally invented for the person, in allusion to the circumstances attending his birth, or to some personal quality he possessed, or which his parents fondly hoped he might in future possess.

Christian names being given in infancy, and by friends and relatives, cannot, as a general rule, have bad significations, or be associated with crime or misfortune. It is otherwise, however, with surnames. These will be found to be of all shades, from the best to the worst, the most pleasing to the most ridiculous. They originated later in life, after the character and habits of the individual had been formed, and after he had engaged in some permanent occupation, trade, or pursuit. They were given by the community in which he dwelt—by enemies as well as by friends.

The first approach to the modern system of nomenclature is found in the assumption of the name of One's Sire in addition to his own proper name; as Caleb the son of Jephunneh. Sometimes the adjunct expressed the country or profession of the bearer; sometimes some excellence or blemish; as Diogenes the Cynic; or Dionysius the Tyrant.

A mother's name, that of a parent, or of some remoter ancestor more illustrious than the father, have in the same way been used to form new names. A like attention has been paid to sentiments of friendship and gratitude. Sometimes the wife's name became the husband's surname. The name of the tribe



or people to which a man belonged might also become a surname. If any particular name described the locality of a man's residence or property, it may serve the same purpose. Personal acts and qualities have given rise to a great variety of surnames.

Surnames are traceable to several chief sources. There will be seen evidences in physical and political geography that the designations of countries, mountains, rivers, districts, towns, villages, hamlets, are all associated with the names of persons whom we daily meet, suggesting to the thoughtful mind most interesting topics regarding the histories of families and places.

Though the majority of our ancient family names are territorial, we have many large classes of exceptions, and the origin of most of them is not at all doubtful.

Surnames can scarcely be said to have been permanently settled before the era of the Reformation. The keeping of parish registers was probably more instrumental than anything else in settling them; for if a person were entered under one name at baptism, it is not likely he would be married under another and buried under a third; in some instances, prior to the keeping of parish registers, persons were recorded as having different names at different periods of their life. As to the derivations of surnames, it should be remembered, that places were named before families. You have only to examine any of those names which serve for lands and also for persons, to see this plainly. If you found the name of Cruickshanks, or Prettyman, Black-mantle, or Great-head, you would not hesitate. These are evidently coined for persons, and you find no such names of land, or for the double purpose. But then you can have as little doubt that names like Church-hill, Green-hill, Hazel-wood, Sandi-



lands, were first given to places; and when you find them borne both by land and persons, you will conclude the persons took them from the territories. In general then, when a place and a family have the same name it is the place that gives the name to the people, not the family to the place. This rule, which will not be disputed by any one who has bestowed some study or thought on the subject, has very few exceptions.

There is a class of fables, the invention of a set of bungling genealogists, who, by a process like that which heralds call canting—catching at a sound—pretend that the Douglasses had their name from a Gaelic word, said to mean a dark gray man, but which never could be descriptive of a man at all; that the Forbuses were at first called For beast, because they killed a great bear; that Dalyell is from a Gaelic word, meaning "I dare;" that the Guthries were so called from the homely origin of gutting three haddocks for King David the Second's entertainment, when he landed very hungry on the Brae of Bervie from his French voyage. These clumsy inventions of a late age, if they were really meant to be seriously credited, disappear when we find from record that there were very ancient territories, and even parishes, of Douglas, Forbes, Dalyell, and Guthrie, long before the names came into use as family surnames.

It was formerly customary to receive names from ancestors by compounding their name with a word indicating filial relationship. Names so compounded were termed patronymics, from *Pater*: father, and *Onoma*: a name—father being used in the sense of ancestor. When personal names merged into family appellations, patronymics became obsolete; or, more correctly, ceased to be formed. Before this change was effected, in case a man was called Dennis: born



on the Day of St. Dennis, sometimes his eldest son would be called Dennison, which in some cases, became Tennyson; and a man from a village in which was a church dedicated to St. Dennis was called Dennaistoun. After the period in which descriptive names flourished, each of his children, whether male or female, would be called Dennis, so that this became literally a patronymic, inasmuch as it was a name received from a father. Howbeit, only those names that were taken from a parent when such was not the rule are called patronymics. Personal names lead the van as to all others, and are the basis of half their successors. Long after personal names were almost as widely diffused as persons, we find patronymics coming into use, the offspring of necessity arising out of multiplicity.

But when we come to realize that nearly one-third of Englishmen were known either by the name of William or John about the year 1300, it will be seen that the pet name and nick form were no freak, but a necessity. We dare not attempt a category, but the surnames of to-day tell us much. Will was quite a distinct youth from Willot, Willot from Wilmot, Wilmot from Wilkin, and Wilkin from Wilcock. There might be half a dozen Johns about the farmstead, but it mattered little so long as one was called Jack, another Jenning, a third Jenkin, a fourth Jackcock (now Jacox as a surname), a fifth Brownjohn, and sixth Micklejohn, or Littlejohn, or Properjohn (*i.e.*, well-built or handsome).

The first name looking like a patronymic is antediluvian, *viz.*, Tubal-Cain: flowing out from Cain, as though O'Cain, given to intimate pride in relationship to Cain. During the Israelitish theocracy Gentile patronymics were in common use, as Hittites from Heth, but those personal came in later. As soon,









however, as the New Testament opens we meet with Bar-Jonah, Bar-Abbas, names received from fathers in the conventional patronymical sense. It is, therefore, manifest that the chronology of patronymics, the period of their formation, lies about midway between primitive ages and time current.

The Saxons sometimes bestowed honorable appellations on those who had signalized themselves by the performance of any gallant action, like the Roman Cognomina. Every person conversant with the history of those times will call to mind that England was much infested with wolves, and that large rewards were given to such as were able by force or stratagem, to subdue them. To kill a wolf was to destroy a dangerous enemy, and to confer a benefit on society. Hence several Saxon proper names, ending in ulph and wolf, as Biddulph, the wolf-killer, or more properly "wolf-compeller," and some others; but these, among the common people at least, did not descend from father to son in the manner of modern surnames.

Another early species of surname adjunct is the epithet Great, as Alexander the Great; with words expressive of other qualities, as Edmund Iron-side, Harold Hare-foot; and among the kings of Norway there was a Bare-foot. France had monarchs named Charles the Bald, Louis the Stutterer, and Philip the Fair.

As society advanced more in refinement, partly for euphony, and partly for the sake of distinction, other names came into common use.

Modern nations have adopted various methods of distinguishing families. The Highlanders of Scotland employed the sirename with Mac, and hence our Macdonalds and Macartys, meaning respectively the son of Donald and of Arthur.



It would, however, be preposterous to imagine that surnames universally prevailed so early as the eleventh century. We have overwhelming evidence that they did not; and must admit that although the Norman Conquest did much to introduce the practice of using them, it was long before they became very common. The occasional use of surnames in England dates beyond the ingress of the Normans. Surnames were taken up in a very gradual manner by the great, (both of Saxon and Norman descent) during the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries. By the middle of the twelfth, however, it appears that they were (in the estimation of some) necessary appendages to families of rank, to distinguish them from those of meaner extraction.

The unsettled state of surnames in those early times renders it a difficult matter to trace the pedigree of any family beyond the thirteenth century. In Cheshire, a county remarkable for the number of its resident families of great antiquity, it was very usual for younger branches of the family, laying aside the name of their father, to take their name from the place of their residences, and thus in three descents as many surnames are found in the same family. This remark may be forcibly illustrated by reference to the early pedigree of the family of Fitz-Hugh, which name did not settle down as a fixed appellative until the time of Edward III.

Although most towns have borrowed their names from their situation and other respects, yet with some apt termination have derived their names from men; as Edwardston and Alfredstone. But these were from forenames or christian names, and not from sire names; and even almost to the period of the conquest forenames of men were generally given as names of places.



The Normans are thought to have been the first to introduce the practice of fixed surnames among us; and certainly a little while before the conquest, some of these adventurers had taken family names from their chateaux in Normandy. "Neither is there any village in Normandy," says Camden, "that gave not denomination to some family in England." The French names introduced into England at the conquest may generally be known by the prefixes *de, du, des, de, la, st.*; and by the suffixes *font, ers, fant, deau, age, mont, arl, aux, bois, ly, eux, et, val, court, vaux, lay, fort, ot, champ, and dille*, most of which are component parts of proper names of places, as every one may convince himself by the slightest glance at the map of Northern France. But that these Norman surnames had not been of long standing is very certain, for at the Conquest it was only one hundred and sixty years since the first band of Northmen rowed up the Seine, under their leader Hrolf, whom our history books honor with the theatrical name of Rollo, but who was known among his people as "Hrolf the Ganger."

But whether in imitation of the Norman lords, or from the great convenience of the distinction, the use of fixed surnames arose in France about the year 1000; came into England sixty years later, or with the Norman Conquest; and reached Scotland, speaking roundly, about the year 1100.

The first example of fixed surnames in any number in England, are to be found in the Conqueror's Valuation Book called Domesday. "Yet in England," again to quote the judicious Camden, "certain it is, that as the better sort, even from the Conquest, by little and little took surnames, so they were not settled among the common people fully until about the time of Edward the Second."





Those dashing Norman adventurers introduced to the British Isle the custom of chivalry and the surnames they had adopted from their paternal castles across the channel. They made a rage for knight-hood and turned the ladies' heads. An English princess declined to marry a suitor who "had not two names." Henry I wished to marry his natural son Robert to Mabel, one of the heiresses of Fitz-Hamon. The lady demurred:

"It were to me a great shame  
To have a lord withouten his twa name."

Whereupon King Henry gave him the surname of Fitzroy, which means son of a king.

The era of fixed surnames does not rest only on the authority of Camden. It can be proved by a thousand records, English and Scotch. It is almost sufficiently proved when it can be shown the race of Stuart—already first of Scotch families in opulence and power, distinguished by no surnames for several generations after the Norman Conquest. Much later the ancestors of the princely line of Hamilton were known as Walter Fitz-Gilbert, and Gilbert Fitz-Walter, before it occurred to them to assume the name their kinsmen had borne in England. But surnames were undoubtedly first used in the twelfth century, and came into general use in the following one.

#### THE SAXON PATRONYMIC

Was formed by adding *ing* to the ancestor's name, as Ælfre<sup>d</sup>ing, which means Alfred's son; the plural for which is Ælfre<sup>d</sup>ingas.

#### THE ENGLISH PATRONYMIC,

Which is exceedingly common, is generally indicated by affixing son to the name of a progenitor, and is in-



capable of being used in a plural form or in the generic sense. For instance, Gibson, a son of Gibbs, a contraction for Gilbert. Munson, a son of Munn, a contraction of Edmund.

#### DE AND MAC

Are from the Latin word *De*, which means *of*. This is a Patronymical sign common to French, Italian, and even German names. Thus Deluc, which means of Luke. Dwight means of Wight; and De Foe means of the Faith.

#### FITZ.

Fitz stands for Filius, a son, and received through the Normans.

#### VAN AND VON.

Corresponding more or less closely with *de*, *ac*, is the Dutch *van*, and usually applied with the force of *the*, as Vandersteen, which means of the stone, hill, from which have sprung Folli, Fell, Knox. Vanderfelde means of the field; Van Meter means living on hired land; and Vandever means of the ferry.

#### THE WELSH PATRONYMIC

Is a form of the Celtic means *mac*, which the Cambrian people made *Mab* or *Map*, and shortening it to a letter *b*, *p*, or its cognate *f*, gave it work to do as a patronymical prefix. Thus, Probart, son of Robert; Probyn, son of Robin; Blake, son of Lake; Bowen, son of Owen; Price, son of Rice or Rheese; Priddle, son of Riddle; and Prichard, son of Richard.

#### MILESIAN PATRONYMIC.

The Highlanders, Irish and Welsh hold *mac* in common. The Welsh delight to have it in the forms of *mab*, *map*, *ap*, *hop*, *b*, *p*, *f*. In Irish names *mac*



tends toward *mag*, *ma*, and *c*. But Scotland took most lovingly to *mac*. The Milesians found a greater charm in Eoghan: a son, forming *ua*, and that used as *O* in the sense of eldest son, for he only was allowed to use it. The Irish developed a patronymic out of their Erse treasury more elastic and poetic than the Gaelic *mac*. The Celtic for young, offspring son, is, as above given, *eoghan*, whence Egan for Hugh, *eoghan*: son of Hugh; and also Flanegan, son of Flan.

#### THE GALLIC PATRONYMIC

Is *mac*, meaning a son; and *O* from *eoghan*, for a first-born son. The Gaels also had a patronymical affix derived from *eoghan*, known as *ach*, *och*, the source of our *ock*, as seen in hillock, which means little hill.

#### THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PATRONYMIC

Is formed by *az*, or *ez* affixed. The two words are variations of the tail *Filius*, a son; as Alvarez, son of Alva; and Enriquez, son of Henry.

#### THE ITALIAN PATRONYMIC

Was sometimes formed by placing the name of a son before the name of his father, as Galileo Galilei, which means Galileo, the son of Galilei; Speron Speroni, which means Speron, the son of Speroni.

#### THE RUSSIAN PATRONYMIC

Is *itch* for a son; and *of*, *ef* or *if* for a grandson or descendant. Romanovitch Jouriff: son of Romain, grandson of Joury; and Romanoff, descended from Romain, son of Rome.



## THE MODERN GREEK PATRONYMIC

Assumes the forms *pulos*, *soula*, as in the name Nicolopulos, son of Nicholas.

## THE GERMAN, DUTCH, SWEDISH, AND LAPLAND PATRONYMIC

Are *sohn*, *zen*, *sen*, *son*, *zoon*, and *dotter*, such as Mendelssohn, son of Mendel; Thorwaldsen, son of Thorwald; and Larslotter, son of Lars.

## LITHUANIAN PATRONYMIC

Is *aitis*, *ait* or *at*, used as affix, thus, Adomaitis, meaning a son of Adam.

## THE HINDOSTANEE PATRONYMIC

Is *putra*, added as an affix; as occurs in *Rajaputra*, son of a king.

## THE CHINESE PATRONYMIC

Is *tse*, or *se*, used as an affix, as Kung-fut-se, which means Kung, the son of Fo; and Yang-tse-Kiang, river, son of the ocean.

## THE LATIN PATRONYMIC

Is *ilius*, as Hostilius, son of Hostis.

## THE GREEK PATRONYMIC

Is *idas*, modified to *ida*, *ides*, *id*, *i*, *od*. For instance, Aristides, son of Ariston.

## THE HEBREW PATRONYMIC

Proper is *ben*, from the word Eben, a stone. The Chaldees used *Bar* in the sense of lofty, elevated, superior, which was primarily applied to eminence, and is identical with our Barr. As Barzillai, son of Zillai; Ben-Joseph, son of Joseph.





## KIN.

The primary sense of *kin* seems to have been relationship: from thence family or offspring.

The next meaning acquired by *kin* was child, or "young one." We still speak in a diminutive sense of a manikin, kilderkin, pipkin, lambkin, jerkin, minikin (little Minion), or Doitkin.

Terminations in *kin* were slightly going down in popular estimation when the Hebrew invasion made a clean sweep of them. They found shelter in Wales, however, and directories preserve in their list of surnames their memorial forever.

In proof of the popularity of *kin* are the surnames of Simpkinson, Hopkins, Dickens, Dickinson, Watkins, Hawkins, Jenkinson, Atkinson, and all the rest. The patronymics ending in *kins* got abbreviated into *kiss*, *kes*, and *ks*. Hence the origin of our Perkes, Purkiss, Hawkes, and Hawks, Dawks, Jenks, Jukes, and Jukes (Judkins).

## IN OR ON.

This diminutive, to judge from the Paris Directory, must have been enormously popular with the French. England's connection with Normandy and France generally brought the fashion to the English Court, and in habits of this kind the English folk quickly copied. Terminations in *kin* and *cock* were confined to the lower orders first and last. Terminations in *on* or *in* and *ot* or *et*, were the introduction of fashion, and being under patronage of the highest families in the land, naturally obtained a much wider popularity.

## OT AND ET.

These are the terminations that ran first in favor for many generations.



This diminutive *ot et* is found in the English language in such words as poppet, jacket, lancet, ballot, gibbet, target, gigot, chariot, latchet, pocket, ballet: In the same way a little page became a paget, and hence among our surnames Smallpage, Littlepage, and Paget.

Coming to baptism, we find scarcely a single name of any pretensions to popularity that did not take to itself this desinence. The two favorite girl-names in Yorkshire previous to the Reformation were Matilda and Emma. Two of the commonest surnames there to-day are Emmott and Tillot, with such variations as Emmett and Tillett, Emmotson and Tillotson.

Of other girl-names we may mention Mabel, which from Mab became Mabbott; Douce became Doucett and Dowsett; Gillian or Julian, from Gill or Jill (whence Jack and Jill), became Gillot, Juliet, and Jowett; Margaret became Margett and Margott, and in the north Magot.

#### NAMES DERIVED FROM OCCUPATIONS AND PURSUITS.

After these local names "the most in number have been derived from Occupations or Professions."

The practice of borrowing names from the various avocations of life is of high antiquity. Thus the Romans had among them many persons, and those too of the highest rank, who bore such names as Figulus, Pictor, and Fabritius, answering to the Potters and Paynters, of our own times. These names became hereditary, next in order after the local names, about the eleventh and twelfth centuries. As local names generally had the prefix *de* or *at*, so these frequently had *le*, as Stephen le Spicer, and Walter le Boucher.



## NAMES DERIVED FROM DIGNITIES, CIVIL AND ECCLESIASTICAL; AND FROM OFFICES.

The same principle which introduced surnames borrowed from trades and occupations led to the adoption of the names of dignities and offices, which also became hereditary; as Emperor, King, Prince, Duke, Earle, Pope, Bishop, Cardinal, etc.

## SURNAMENES DERIVED FROM PERSONAL AND MENTAL QUALITIES.

These seem to form one of the most obvious sources of surnames, and a prolific source it has been. Nothing would be more natural at the first assumption of surnames, than for a person of dark complexion to take the name of Black or Blackman, a tawny one that of Browne, and a pale one that of White or Whiteman. But it was not from the head alone that names of this description were taken, for we have, in respect of other personal qualities, our Longs and our Shorts, our Strongs and our Weaklys, and our Lightfoots and our Heavisides, with many more whose meaning is less obvious. Among the names indicative of mental or moral qualities, we have our Hardys and Cowards, our Livelys and our Sullens, our Brisks and our Doolittles; and Brainhead, which later became Brainerd.

## SURNAMENES DERIVED FROM CHRISTIAN NAMES.

Everybody must have remarked the great number of names of this kind. Who does not immediately call to mind some score or two of the name of Edwards, Johnson, Stevens, and Harrison, in the circle of his acquaintance. Many of the christian forenames of our ancestors were taken up without any addi-



tion or change, as Anthony, Andrew, Abel, Baldwin, Donald, etc. Others have been corrupted in various ways, as Bennet from Benedict, Cutbeard from Cuthbert, Stace from Ustace.

#### NAMES FROM MANORS AND SMALLER ESTATES.

The surnames from these sources are almost innumerable. There is scarcely a city, town, village, manor, hamlet, or estate, in England, that has not lent its name to swell the nomenclature of Englishmen.

#### SURNAMES FROM VARIOUS THINGS.

We find the names of the heavenly bodies, beasts, birds, fishes, insects, plants, fruits, flowers, metals, etc., very frequently borne as surnames; as Sun, Moon, Star, Bear, Buck, Chicken, Raven, Crab, Cod, Bee, Fly, Lily, Primrose, Orange, Lemon, Gold, Silver, etc.

#### SURNAMES FROM THE SOCIAL RELATIONS, PERIODS OF AGE, TIME, ETC.

There are several surnames derived from consanguinity, alliance, and from other social relations, originating, from there having been two or more persons bearing the same christian name in the same neighborhood; as Fader, Brothers, Cousins, Husbands; and closely connected with the foregoing are the names derived from periods of age, as Young, Younger, Eld, Senior. From periods of time we have several names, as Spring, Summer, Winter. The following surnames may also find a place here: Soone, Later, Latter, Last, Quickly.

#### A CABINET OF ODDITIES.

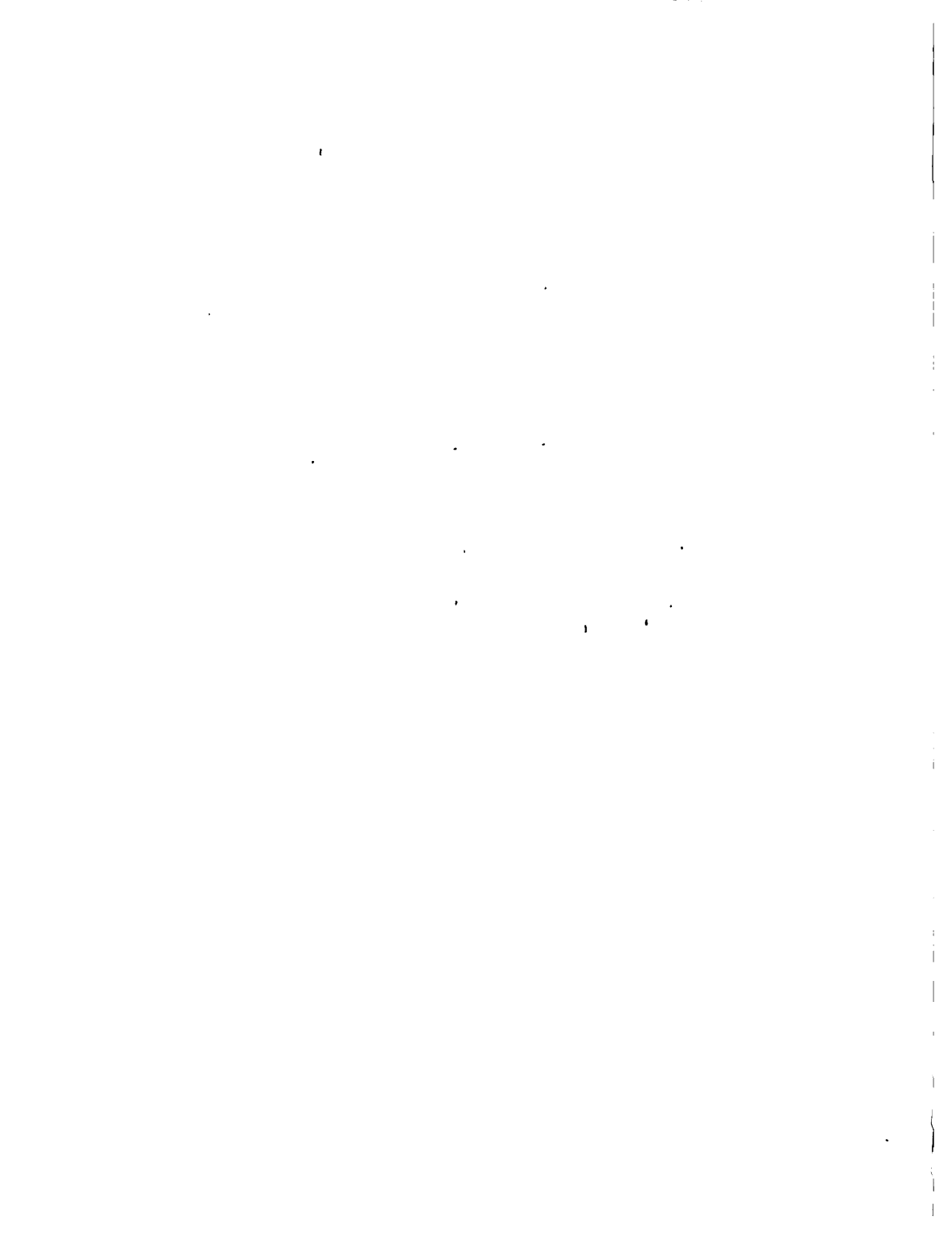
There are a good many surnames which seem to have originated in sheer caprice, as no satisfactory





reason for their assumption can be assigned. It is doubtful, indeed, if they were ever assumed at all, for they have very much the appearance of what, in these days, we are accustomed to call nicknames or sobriquets, and were probably given by others to the persons who were first known by them, and so identified with those persons that neither they nor their immediate posterity could well avoid them. To this family belong the names borrowed from parts of the human figure, which are somewhat numerous; as Pate, Skull, Check, Neck, Side, Nails, Heel, etc. Then there is another set of names not much less ridiculous, namely those borrowed from coins, and denominations of money, as Farthing, Money, Penny. Besides these we have from the weather, Frost, Tempest, and Fogg; from sports, Bowles, Cards; from vessels and their parts, Forecastle, Ship; from measures, Peck, Inches; from numbers, Six, Ten.

It is really remarkable that many surnames expressive of bodily deformity or moral turpitude should have descended to the posterity of those who perhaps well deserved and so could not escape them, when we reflect how easily such names might have been avoided in almost every state of society by the simple adoption of others; for although in our day it is considered an act of villainy, or at least a "suspicious affair," to change one's name unless in compliance with the will of a deceased friend, when an act of the senate or the royal sign-manual is required, the case was widely different four or five centuries ago, and we know from ancient records that names were frequently changed at the caprice of the owners. Names of this kind are very numerous, such as, Bad, Silly, Outlaw, Trash, etc.



## NAMES DERIVED FROM VIRTUES AND OTHER ABSTRACT IDEAS.

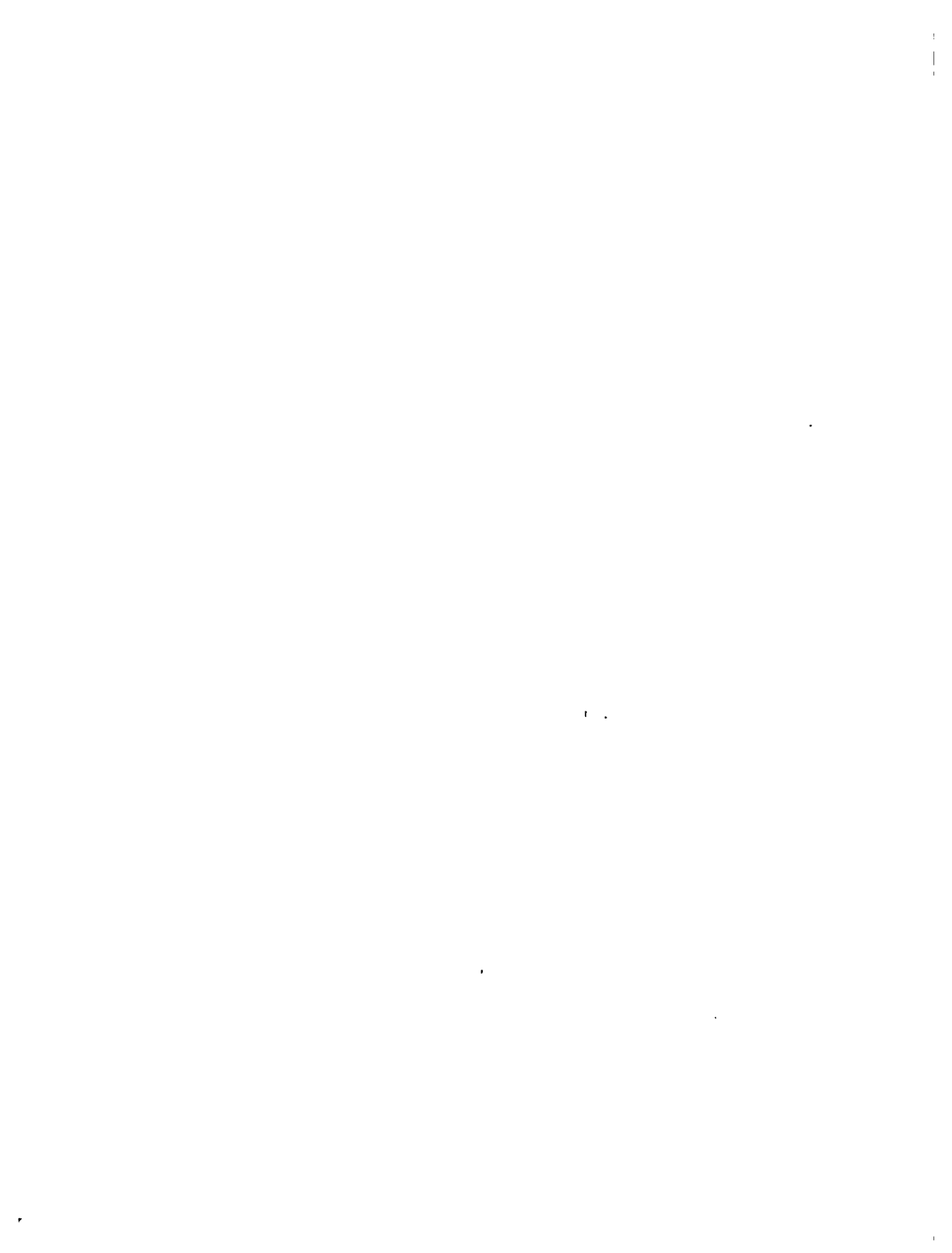
To account for such names as Justice, Virtue, Prudence, Wisdom, Liberty, Hope, Peace, Joy, Anguish, Comfort, Want, Pride, Grace, Laughter, Luck, Peace, Power, Warr, Ramson, Love, Verity, Vice, Patience, etc., they undoubtedly originated in the allegorical characters who performed on the ancient mysteries or moralities; a specie of dramatics pieces, which before the rise of the genuine drama served to amuse under the pretext of instructing the play-goers of the "olden tyme."

## FOREIGN NAMES NATURALIZED IN ENGLAND.

Various causes might be assigned for the variety that exists in the nomenclature of Englishmen. Probably the principal cause is to be found in the peculiar facilities which that island had for many ages presented to the settlement of foreigners. War, royal matches with foreign princesses, the introduction of manufactures from the continent, and the patronage which that country has always extended to every kind of foreign talent—all have of course tended to introduction of new names.

## CHANGED SURNAMES.

The practice of altering one's name upon the occurrence of any remarkable event in one's personal history, seems to have been known in times of very remote antiquity. The substitution of Abraham for Abram, Sarah for Sarai, etc., are matters of sacred history. In France it was formerly customary for eldest sons to take their father's surnames, while the younger branches assumed the names of the states allotted them. This plan also prevailed in England sometime after the Norman Conquest.



In the United States they carry this system of corrupting or contracting names to a ridiculous extent. Barnham is Barnum; Farnham (fern ground) Farnum; Killham (kiln house or home), Killum; Birkham (birch house) Birkum, and so forth with similar names. Pollock becomes Polk; Colquhoun becomes Calhoun; and M'Candish becomes M'Candless.

#### HISTORICAL SURNAMES.

By an historical surname is meant a name which has an allusion to some circumstance in the life of the person who primarily bore it. Thus Sans-terre or Lack-land, the by-name of King John, as having relation to one incident in that monarch's life, might be designated an historical surname. To this class of surnames also, belongs that of Nestling, borne by a Saxon earl, who in his infancy, according to Verstegan, had been rescued from an eagle's nest.

#### TRANSLATED NAMES.

During the middle ages the Latin language was the language of literature and politics; accordingly in history and in the public records proper names had to assume a Latin form. The change was not always a happy one. Authors were obliged to change their own names as well as the names of the persons they celebrated in either prose or verse. The history of France was still written in Latin in the seventeenth century, all names consequently recorded in Latin. In the sixteenth century the Germans used to translate them into Greek. The absurdity which it entailed undoubtedly hastened the disappearance of the custom.

The chiefs of an American tribe in North America receive a new name when they have earned it by their exploits.



A similar practice prevails in various negro tribes.

The Greeks, in olden times, used to change their names on the smallest pretense, and with the greatest indifference.

The emperors of Japan and those of China after their death receive a new name.

#### ON THE CHANGING OF NAMES.

With us a woman changes her name when she marries; among the Caribs of the Antilles it was the custom for husband and wife to exchange names. In some formerly, and at the present day in Cape Verd Islands, a liberated slave takes the name of his old master; the adopted person substitutes the name of the person who adopts him for his own; the law allows that a donor or testator may require that his name should be taken by the person benefited.

In 1568 Philip enacted a law that the Moors who lived in Spain should abandon the use of their peculiar idiom, and of their national names and surnames, and substitute in their stead Spanish idioms and Spanish names. He hoped to make new men of them, to denationalize them, if we may use the term, and to merge them into his own people. He had a keen appreciation of the value of proper names, but like all despotic sovereigns, he was blind to the influence of time, which can alone produce the gradual fusion of a conquering with a conquered people, more especially when differences in religion add their overwhelming weight to one side of the balance.

The Moors obeyed, but still retained their national feelings and religious beliefs; later, however, when they were compelled to choose between exile on the one hand, and apostacy on the other, they returned to their old country, and carried back with them a number of Spanish names. Accordingly, in several





Mauritanian families descended from the Andalusian Mussulmans, we still find the names of Perez, Santiago, Valenciano, Aragon, etc., names which have sometimes led European authors into error, and made them fancy they saw apostates from Christianity among the descendants of the martyrs of Islamism.

The robbers whose trade it was to carry men away and sell them as slaves, needed no legal compulsion to change the names of their slaves. The precaution which they naturally took in this matter baffled the researches of disconsolate parents, who could only endeavor to recover their lost children by a description which was always imperfect and always uncertain.

In modern times the same system has been adopted, although it has not been dictated by equally prudential motives. The laws of Christian Europe have even in our own times legalized the sale of slaves. As soon as a negro had landed in the colonies it was usual for his purchaser to give him a new name.

#### HEREDITARY NAMES.

In England the middle classes acquired a decidedly important political influence as early as the year 1258, or not later than 1264, the quarrels of the nobles and the king having opened the road to Parliament for the representatives of the commons. Moreover, an act that no tax should be levied without the consent of their representatives was passed before the year 1300, and accordingly, soon after that date, we find hereditary names commonly used in the middle classes.

For a contrary reason the change cannot have taken place in Germany until a much later period. In order to prove this, an instance is given which



will be all the more conclusive from its being connected with an intermediate point between that country and France. In the town of Metz, which in idiom and by union with the dominions of the descendants of Clovis and Charlemagne, was decidedly French, but which for thirty years had been Germanized in consequence of its political position, you might have noticed at the close of the thirteenth century that its chief magistrates, who were all knights, bore without exception individual or derived surnames instead of family surnames. When we say derived, we mean either from the place in which they lived, or from the post which their military duties obliged them to occupy. It was not until the close of the latter half of the fourteenth century that hereditary names became common among men who were high in office, so that among their inferiors it is only fair to infer that they were rarer still.

The etymology of hereditary names in England and in Germany is generally the same as in France and Italy. The following remarks will embody the inferences to be drawn from their examination, for the use of philologists. In languages of Teutonic origin, when descent is implied merely, the word son is placed after the father's name; such is the derivation of all the family names in the languages of Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and England, which terminate in this way. There are some exceptions, such as Ferguson and Owenson, which serve to corroborate the statement as to the possibility of the union of two languages to form one and the same proper name; in the instances quoted above, a Saxon termination is joined to a Caledonian or a Welsh name.

Attention has already been drawn to the custom of giving the father's name, in the genitive case, to the son as a surname. The addition of a final s in



English, and of the syllable *ez* in Spain, sufficed to change Christian pronomina into surnames, and afterwards into family names; Peters, Williams, Richards, Henriquez, Lopez, Fernandez, literally (son) of Peter, of William, of Richard, of Henry, of Lope (or Wolf), of Fernando or Ferdinand.

D'Andre, Dejean, Depierre, have probably become family names in France in a similar way. The name of the writer who was perhaps the keenest appreciator of the genius of the immortal Dante that ever lived, Giuseppe di Cesare, shows that a similar form was not foreign to Italian customs.

As in Italy, so also in the greater part of Europe, the practice of drawing up deeds and charters in Latin was almost universal, and in these the son was designated by his father's name in the genitive case, hence we must attribute all the names which are characterized by such a termination to this custom. Such names, for instance, as Fabri, Jacobi, Simonis, Johannis, etc., names which would be multiplied without end if other languages had retained the old Latin termination like the Italian. The countries where the greatest number will be found will be those (it may be quite safely conjectured) where the custom of writing legal documents in Latin prevailed the longest.

Somewhat similar in Wales, the sign of descent, or rather of sonship, led to the formation of surnames, which later again became hereditary names. The word "ab," when placed between two names, expresses descent, Rhys ab Evan (Rhys, the son of Evan); the vowel is gradually lost in common use, and the name becomes Rhys Evan, and, according to the same rule, successively takes the form of the following patronymics, Bowen, Pruderrech, Price.

It is still the same theory, only more simply car-



ried out, which regulated the formation of family names in Ireland and in Scotland. As soon as the head of a clan had adopted some hereditary name, that name was given to all his vassals, whatever rank they might happen to occupy, and however remotely connected they might be by ties of kindred with the head of the clan, and further, even though they had only entered it by enfranchisement or by adoption. The feeling of pride which suggested such a system is by no means an offensive one; we excuse it on the ground of its similarity to the old patriarchal customs; the head of the clan who is so powerful, and such an object of reverence, is but the eldest brother of a large family, and the name which he takes belongs to all its members.

It will not be quite so easy to discover a reason for the feeling of vanity which in Spain and in Portugal led to such a tedious multiplicity of names. Birthplace, or the customary home, are not considered sufficient for a full description of a lordly title; alliances, adoptions, and the like, were all dragged in to increase the number of names. An ignorant phase of devotional feeling added to its proportionate share to their Christian pronomia; it may, therefore, be easily inferred what needless confusion must have arisen in the ordinary transactions of life through this two-fold prodigality of names.

As the nobles in Sweden had not adopted hereditary names before the close of the sixteenth century, it followed as a matter of course that the middle classes did not use them until a still later period. The choice of names which this latter class made is worthy of notice. We know many names in France which indicate occupations, such as Draper, Miller, Barber, Maker, Slater, Turner,\* etc. The same may

\* Mercier, Meunier, Barbier, Boulanger, Couvreur, Tourneur.





be found in England, but not in the same quantity; the oldest English commoners were freeholders of land rather than either merchants or manufacturers. There are few if any such, in Sweden; the greater part of their names are the names of properties, or of farms, or of forests, and were of that character because they were selected by a class who wished to approximate to the nobles by imitating their ways, and consequently not because they were the result of a need for distinctive signs—a need which is totally distinct from any individual wish or caprice.

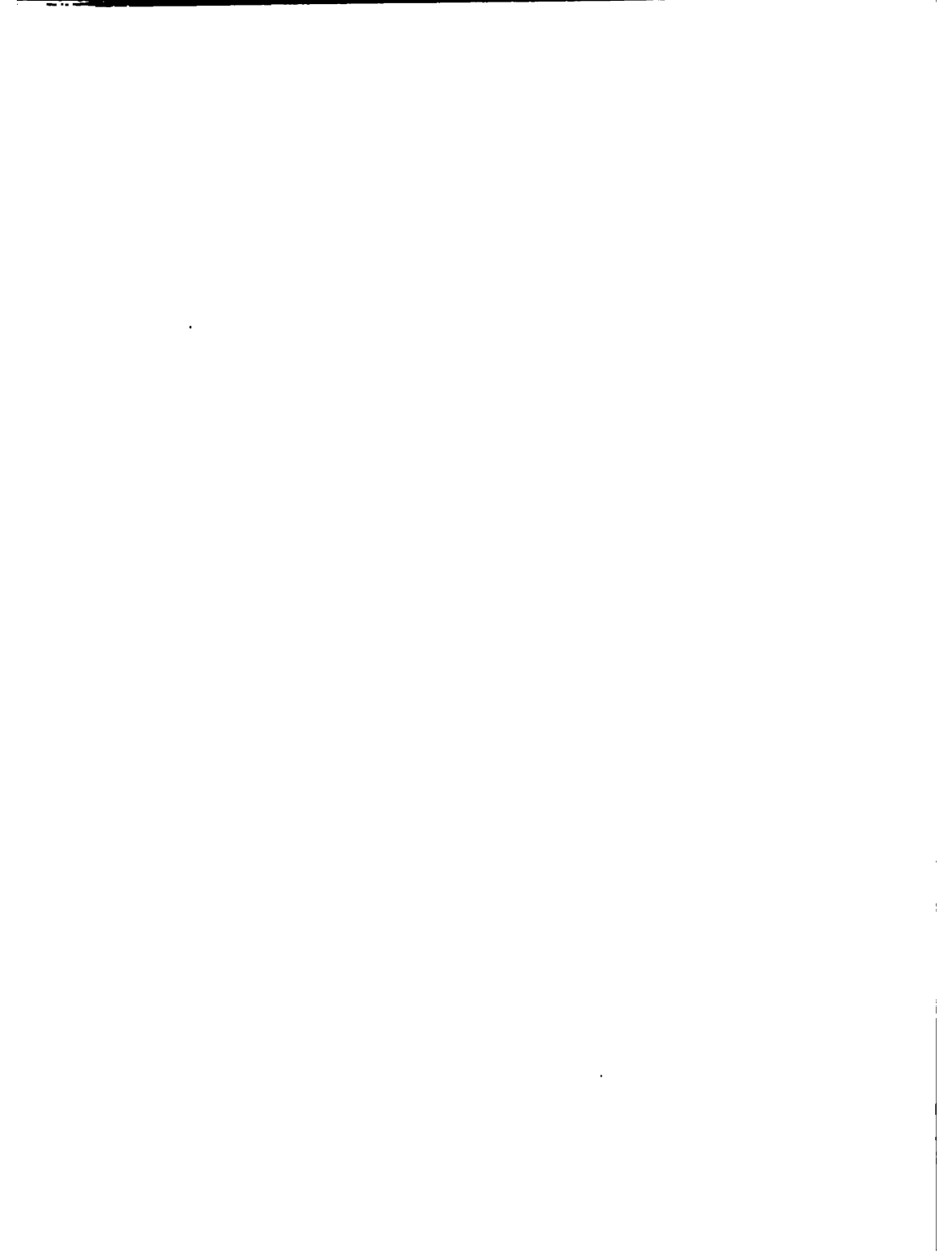
In Holstein and in Courland there are still many families who have no names peculiarly their own. In this instance, again, the scourge of feudalism is felt in all its severity.

#### ORIGIN OF OUR FAMILY.

Whatever concerns the origin of our family—from whom proceeded the sturdy men that planted our infant states has for all of us an especial charm, not only from what we know, but for what we hope to ascertain.

Our ancestors, tracing back their lineage to Piet and Dane, to the legionaries of Rome, or to the sea kings of the Baltic, had gained strength from the fusion in their nature of various and opposing elements, and combined what was best of many races.

That our ancestors were fond of fighting when provoked, regardless of personal safety or private advantage, cannot be denied. For the five centuries following the conquest, wars at home and abroad succeeded with little cessation. Military duty was incumbent on all who could bear arms. Personal encounters between knight and squire in mail with lance and battle axe, the rest in quilted doublets, with pike and bow, made men indifferent to danger, and induced habits of hardihood and daring.



## ORIGIN OF THE SURNAME.

According to some authorities the history of mankind began with Adam and Eve about six thousand years ago; and that their descendants spread over Asia first, then over Africa, and then over Europe. But science clearly points that the world and its inhabitants in some form must have existed for millions of years.

It took primitive man four thousand years to learn how to make a hole in a stone, insert a stick in it, and use it for a weapon. Then he became master of the forest, with power readily to provide himself with meat-food. From fisherman and hunter man developed into a herder of flocks, a tiller of the soil, a cultivator of grain. Then came attachment to the family and the growth of the family into clans and nations.

The first historical record is dated about three thousand seven hundred years ago, when a man by the name of Inachus led a very large company of emigrants from Egypt into Greece. These found that country inhabited by savages, who no doubt, were the descendants of those who had wandered there from Asia.

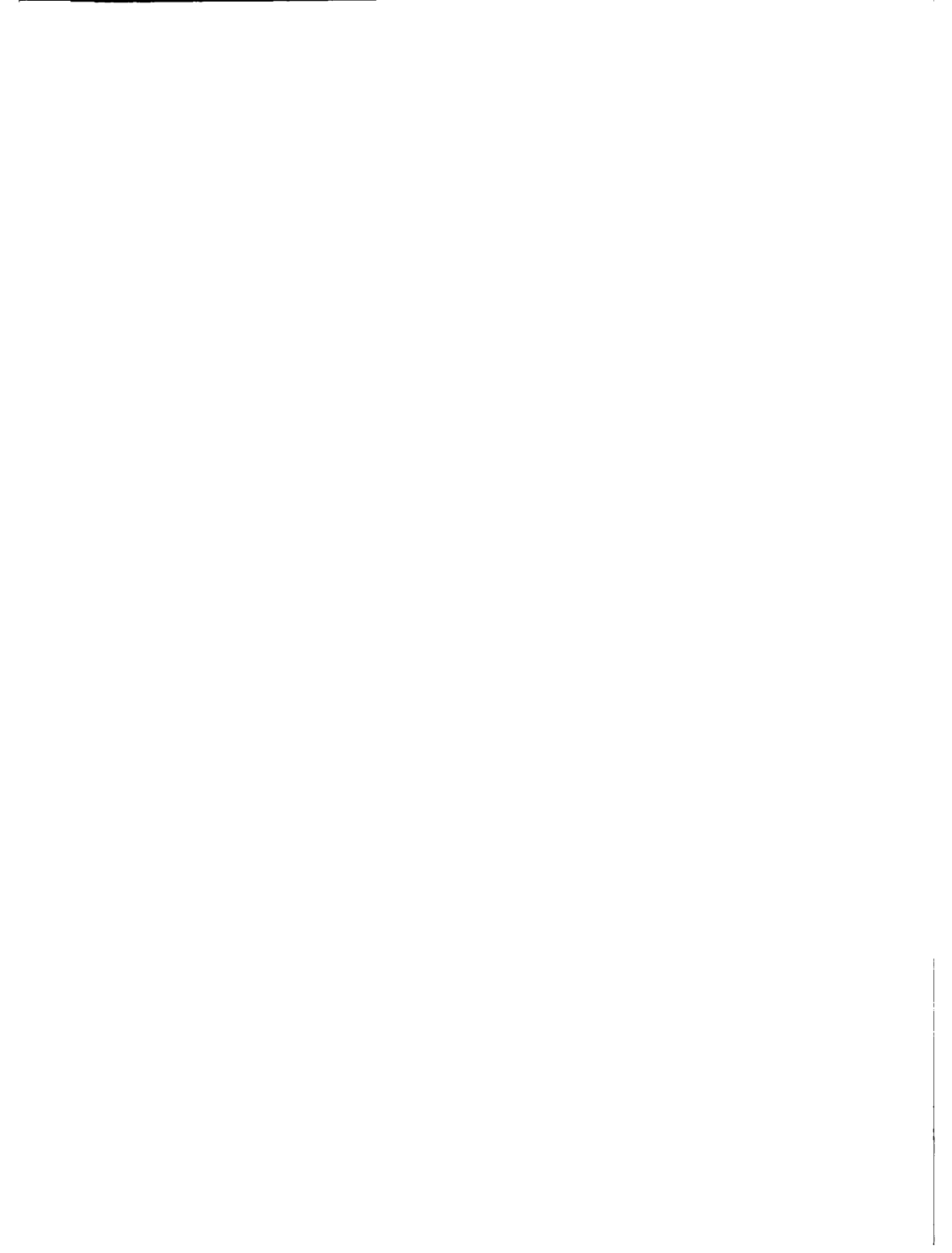
Inachus and his companies established themselves in Greece, and from that point of time Europe gradually became occupied by civilized people.

Thus three quarters of the globe, Asia Africa and Europe, were settled. But America was separated from Asia by the Pacific Ocean, almost ten thousand miles across; and from Europe and Africa by the Atlantic, about three thousand miles across. Of America in ancient times people knew nothing.

The ships in olden times were small and feeble; and navigators seldom dared to stretch forth upon the boundless sea. Even the mariner's compass, that mysterious but steadfast friend of the sailor was not used by the Europeans until 1250.







## THE FIRST SETTLEMENTS.

It was in the year 1607 that the first emigrants, to successfully form a permanent colony, landed in Virginia. For twelve years after its settlement it languished under the government of Sir Thomas Smith, Treasurer of the Virginia Company in England. The Colony was ruled during that period by laws written in blood; and its history shows us how the narrow selfishness of such a despotic power would counteract the very best efforts of benevolence. The colonist suffered an extremity of distress too horrible to be described.

Of the thousands of emigrants who had been sent to Virginia at great cost, not one in twenty remained alive in April, 1619, when Sir George Yeardley arrived. He bought certain commissions and instructions from the company for the "Better establishing of a commonwealth here," and the prosperity of Virginia began from this time, when it received, as a commonwealth, the freedom to make laws for itself. The first meeting was held July 30, 1619—more than a year before the *Mayflower*, with the pilgrims, left the harbor of Southampton.

The first colony established by the Plymouth Company in 1607, on the coast of Maine, was a lamentable failure.

The permanent settlement of New England began with the arrival of a body of Separatists in the *Mayflower* in 1620, who founded the colony of Plymouth.

The Separatists' migration from England was followed in a few years by a great exodus of Puritans, who planted towns along the coast to the North of Plymouth, and obtained a charter of government and a great strip of land, and founded the colony of Massachusetts Bay.





Religious disputes drove Roger Williams and Anne Hutchinson out of Massachusetts and led to the founding of Rhode Island in 1636.

Other church rangles led to an emigration from Massachusetts to the Connecticut valley, where a little confederacy of towns was created and called Connecticut.

Some settlers from England went to Long Island Sound and there founded four towns which, in their turn, joined in a federal union called the New Haven Colony.

In time New Haven was joined to Connecticut, and Plymouth and Maine to Massachusetts; New Hampshire was made a royal colony; and the four New England colonies Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut—were definitely established. The territory of Massachusetts and Connecticut stretched across the continent to the "South Sea" or Pacific Ocean.

The Maryland colony was founded by Lord Baltimore, a Roman Catholic, who was influenced in his attempts of colonization by a desire to found a refuge for people of his own faith; and the first settlement was made in 1634 at St. Mary's. Annapolis was founded about 1683, and Baltimore in 1729.

Meantime Henry Hudson in the employ of the Dutch, discovered the Delaware and Hudson Rivers in 1609; and the Dutch, ignoring the claims of England, planted colonies on these rivers and called the country New Netherlands.

Then a Swedish company began to colonize the Delaware Bay and River coast of Virginia, which they called New Sweden.

Conflicts between the Dutch and the Swedes followed, and in 1655 New Sweden was made a part of New Netherlands.



The English seized New Netherlands in 1664, giving it to the Duke of York; and the Duke, after establishing the province of New York, gave New Jersey to two of his friends, and sold the three counties on the Delaware to William Penn. Meanwhile the king granted Penn what is now Pennsylvania in 1681.

The Carolinas were first chartered as one proprietary colony but were sold back to the king and finally separated in 1729.

Georgia, the last of the thirteen English colonies, was granted to Oglethorpe and others; as a refuge for poor debtors, in 1732.

In 1774 General Gage became governor of Massachusetts; and seeing that the people were gathering stores and cannon, he attempted to destroy the stores, and so brought on the battle of Lexington and Concord, which opened the war for Independence. The English army was surrounded at Yorktown by Washington and the French fleet and forced to surrender. A convention at Philadelphia framed the Constitution of the United States.

#### NATIONS THAT HAVE OWNED OUR SOIL.

Before the United States became a nation, six European powers owned, or claimed to own, various portions of the territory now contained within its boundary. England claimed the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida. Spain once held Florida, Texas, California and all the territory south and west of Colorado. France in days gone by ruled the Mississippi valley. Holland once owned New Jersey, Delaware and the valley of the Hudson in New York and claimed as far eastward as the Connecticut River. The Swedes had settlements on the Delaware. Alaska was a Russian possession.



## FORE-NAMES.

CHRISTIAN names are so called from having originally been given to converts at baptism as substitutes for their former pagan appellatives, many of which were borrowed from the names of their gods, and therefore rejected as profane. After the general introduction of Christianity, the epithet was still retained, because the imposition of names was ever connected with the earliest of its sacred rites. It is, nevertheless, most incorrect; since the majority of the personal names of modern times are borrowed from sources unconnected with Christianity. With what propriety can we call Hercules and Diana, Augustus and Julia, or even Henry and Caroline, Christian names? They should be called forenames (that is first names), a term much more preferable to the other. Perhaps the word *name*, without any adjunct, would be better still. We should then use the name and surname as distinctive words; whereas we now often regard them synonyms.

From the earliest times, names to distinguish one person from another have been in use. The names in the Old Testament are mostly original and generally given at the birth, in accordance with some circumstance connected with that event, or from some pious sentiment of the father or mother. The Jewish child received his name at the time of circumcision. This practice is still adopted amongst the Jews, and has been followed by the Christian Church giving a name at baptism.

The ancient Greeks used only one name, which was given on the ninth day after birth, and was



chosen by the father, who a'so possessed the right of altering it. These names generally expressed some great quality—as bravery, wisdom, or skill. Thus Callienachus means excellent fighter; and Sophron means wise. In later times many names were derived from those of their gods—as Apollodorus, the Gift of Apollo. The eldest son usually bore the name of his paternal grandfather, to which was sometimes added the father's name, or the occupation, place of birth, or a nickname.

The Romans at a very early date used two names, and later on each Roman citizen had three. The prænomen was, like our Christian name, personal to the individual; as Caius and Marcus; in writing, the initials only were generally used. In early times it was given at puberty, but afterwards on the ninth day after birth. Women took no prænomen until marriage, when they adopted the feminine form of their husband's name. Every Roman citizen belonged to a *gens* and to a *familia* included in it. The *nomen gentileum* (the second name) usually ended in *ius*, *cius*, or *aius*. The third name was the hereditary cognomen borne by the family, to which was sometimes a second cognomen called agnomen, was added. The cognomen was often derived from some event in the family history, or from some personal defect. In common intercourse the prænomen and cognomen only were used, as C. Caesar, for C. Julius Caesar. Many of the Roman names were of a much less dignified origin than the Greek, as Cicero (Vetchgrower), Crassus (Fat), Naso (Longnosed).

The Celtic and Teutonic names were originally very significant. Many were derived from "God," as Gottfried, Godwin, and others from genii or elves, as Alfred Elfric (Elf King). Personal prowess, wisdom,





and nobility of birth, were the origin of many names still in use, as Hilderbrand (the War Brand), Arnold (Valiant Eagle) Osborn (God bear). After the introduction of Christianity many of the old names were superseded by those taken from the Scriptures. These names in course of time became much altered; as for example, Owen, Evan, and Eoghan are different forms of Johann or John. A change of name was sometimes made at confirmation, and amongst Roman Catholics an additional name is given at the first communion. Sir Edward Coke tells us: "If a man be baptized by the name of Thomas, and after at his confirmation by the bishop he is named John, he may purchase by the name of his confirmation. And this was the case of Sir Francis Gawdye, late Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, whose name of baptism was Thomas, and his name of confirmation Francis; and that the name of Francis by the advice of all the judges in anno 36, Henry VIII, he did bear, and often used in all his purchases and grants." Another instance is that of Henry III of France, who, being the godson of Edward VI of England, was named Edward Alexander at his baptism in 1551; but at his confirmation in 1565 these names were changed to Henri.

In Germany the names are mostly of Teutonic origin, or connected with the early history of Christianity.

Double Christian names were not much in vogue before the nineteenth century. A very early instance is that of "John Thomas Jones," a runaway thief, mentioned in a collection of autograph letters from Cecil, Earl of Salisbury, and his son (1601); Charles George Cook, Judge of the Admiralty in 1665; and Henry Frederick Thynne, brother to Lord Weymouth, 1682, are other examples, which might easily be extended.



In France and Germany when surnames became universal, the prefix of De or von to a common plebeian name was considered as a mark of nobility. In Britain the De was not considered the test for nobility, for the names of some of the best families were not territorial; as Butler, Stewart and Spenser.

#### SCRIPTURAL NAMES ALREADY IN USE AT THE REFORMATION.

It now remains simply to consider the state of nomenclature in England at the eve of the Reformation in relation to the Bible. Four classes may be mentioned.

#### MYSTERY NAMES.

The leading incidents of Bible narrative were familiarized to the English lower orders by the performance of sacred plays, or mysteries, rendered under the supervision of the Church. To these plays is owed the early popularity of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Sara, Daniel, Sampson, Susanna, Judith, Hanna or Anna, and Hester. But the Apocryphal names were not frequently used until about 1500. Scarcely any diminutives are found of them. On the other hand, Adam became Adcock and Adkin; Eve became Evott and Evett; Isaac became Hickin, Higgin, Higgott and Higgett; Joseph became Joskin; and Daniel became Dankin and Dannet.

#### CRUSADE NAMES.

The Crusaders gave several prominent names. To them we are indebted for Baptist, Ellis and Jordan; and John received a great stimulus. The sacred water, brought in the leathern bottle, was used for baptismal purposes. The Jordan commemorated John the



Baptist, the second Elias, the forerunner and baptizer of Jesus Christ. Children were styled by these incidents. Jordan became popular throughout Western Europe. It gave to England, as already observed, Judd, Judkin, Judson, Jordan and Jordanson. Elias, as Ellis, took about the eighth place of frequency, and John for a while the first.

#### THE SAINT'S CALENDAR.

The legends of the saints were carefully taught by the priesthood, and the day was as religiously observed. All children born on these holy days received the name of the saint commemorated. St. James's Day, or St. Nicholas's Day, or St. Thomas's Day, saw a small batch of Jameses, Nicholases, and Thomases received into the fold of the church. In other cases the gossip had some favorite saint, and placed the child under his or her protection. Of course, it bore the patron's name. A large number of these hagiological names were extra-Biblical—such as Cecilia, Catherine, or Theobald. All the apostles, save Judas, became household names; John, Simon, Peter, Bartholomew, Matthew, James, Thomas and Philip being the favorites. Paul and Timothy were also utilized, the former being always found as Pol.

#### FESTIVAL NAMES.

If a child was born at Whitsuntide or Easter, Christmas or Epiphany, like Robinson Crusoe's man Friday, he received the name of the day. Hence our once familiar names of Noel or Nowell, Pask or Pascal, Easter, Pentecost, and Epiphany or Tiffany.

It will be observed that all these imply no direct or personal acquaintance with the Scriptures. All came through the Church. All, too, were in full tide



of prosperity—with the single exception of Jordan, which was nearly obsolete—when the Bible, printed into English and set up in the churches, became an institution. The immediate result was that the old Scripture names of Bartholomew, Peter, Philip, and Nicholas received a blow much deadlier than that received by such Teutonic names as Robert, Richard, Roger and Ralph.

The subject of the influence of the Bible upon English nomenclature is not uninteresting. It may be said of the "Vulgar Tongue" Bible that it revolutionized the nomenclature within the space of forty years, or a little over a generation. No such crisis, surely, ever visited a nation's register before, nor can such possibly happen again. Every home felt the effect.

#### THE DECAY OF SINGLE PATRONYMICS IN BAPTISM.

The introduction of double baptismal names produced a revolution as immediate as it was unintentional. It put a stop to what bade fair to become a universal adoption of patronymics as single baptismal names. This practice took its rise about the year 1580. It became customary in highly placed families to christen the eldest son by the name of the landed estate to which he was heir. Especially was it common when the son succeeded to property through his mother; then the mother's surname was his Christian name. With the introduction of second baptismal names, this custom ceased; and the boy or girl, as the case might be, after a first orthodox name of Robert or Cecilia, received as a second the patronymic that before was given alone. Instead of Neville Clarke the name would be Charles Neville Clarke. From the year 1700 this has been a growing custom, and half the present list of treble names are thus formed.





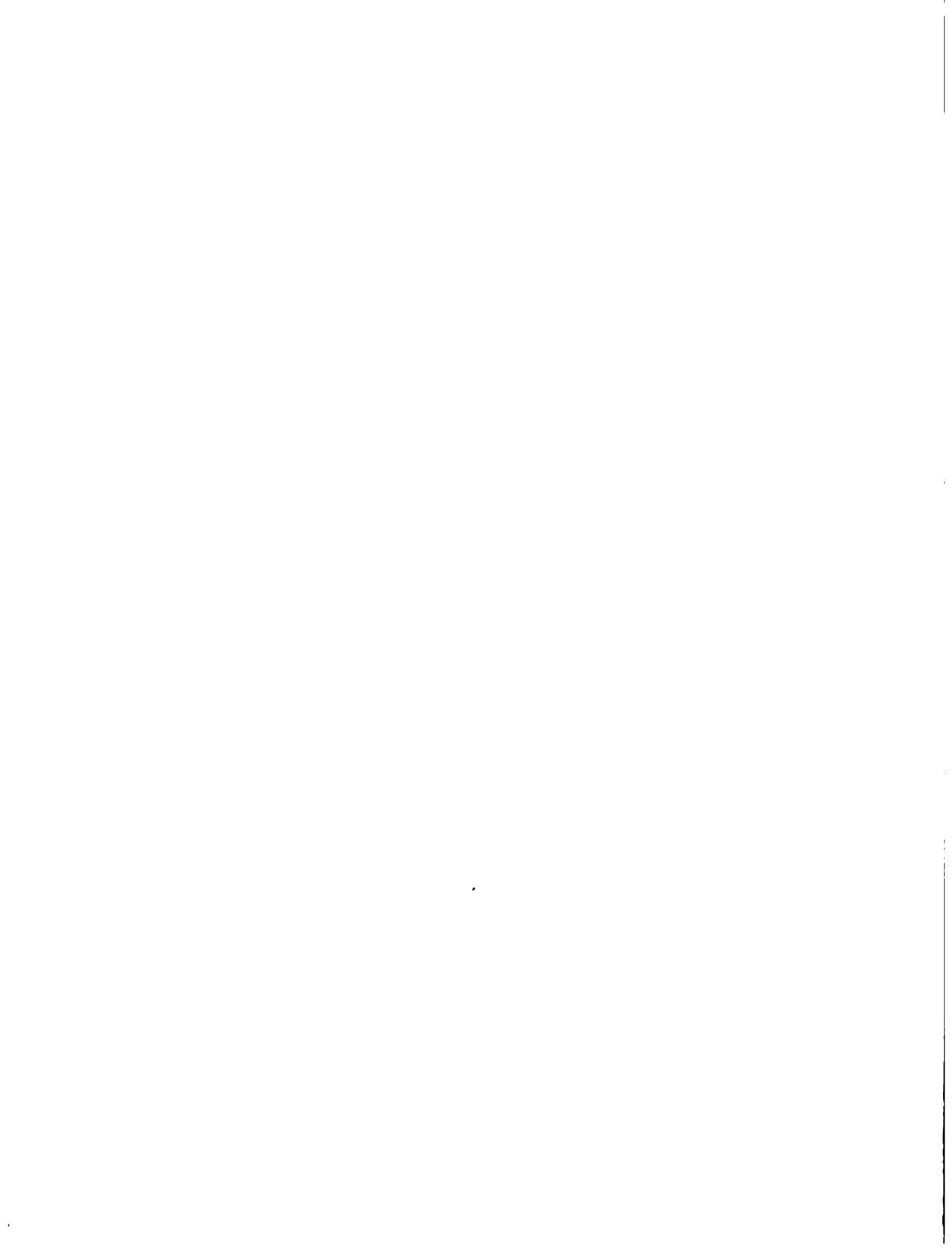


COLUMBUS DESCRIBING THIRD VOYAGE



Until about the commencement of the seventeenth century, no material change in the designations of Englishmen had occurred since the days of the earlier Edwards, when surnames were generally adopted. John de la Barre, it is true, had become plain John Barr, and Roger atte Hylle had softened to Roger Hill, but still the principle of a single Christian name and a single surname had been maintained throughout. About the period alluded to, the innovation of a second personal name occurs, though but very rarely. The practice was imported to Great Britain from the Continent, where it seems to have originated among the literati in imitation of the *trianomina* of antiquity. The accession of the many-named house of Brunswick may be said to have rendered it somewhat fashionable; and during the last century it has become every year more common. Should the fashion continue, it is probable that at the dawn of the twentieth century it will be as difficult to find a *binomiated* person in America, as it is in France at the present day.

Another innovation belongs to the seventeenth century; that of the use of some family name as a baptismal appellation, as Gouldsmith Hodgson, Boscawen Lower, Cloudsley Shovel. This practice as well as the other is highly to be commended, as serving to identify the individual with the designation. The genealogist will at once see its utility; and it is suggested to parents the desirability of inserting the maternal family name between the proper name of baptism and the surname, as James Morton Wilson, Henry Smith Bradley. Indeed it would be well to go further and add the maiden family name of the wife to the surname of the husband; thus if a Charles Harrison married a Mary Bradshawe, they should thereupon write themselves respectively Charles Bradshawe Harrison and Mary Bradshawe Harrison. If Vanity unites in the



same escutcheon the arms of the wife with those of her lord, ought not Affection in like manner to blend their names? This usage is voluntarily followed at Geneva and in many provinces in France; and it serves to distinguish the bachelor from the married man.

In some districts, where a family name was originally applied at the font instead of the usual James, Peter, or John, that family name has come to be regarded as a regular christian name. For example: about Lewes, Trayton is fully as common as Samuel, Nicholas, Alired, or any name occupying the second rank in point of frequency, and only less usual than Henry, William and John. In the sixteenth century a family of this name, from Cheshire, settled in Lewes, and continued to reside there for several successive generations, during the latter part of which period they became so popular that a host of children received the baptismal name of Trayton in compliment to them. The spirit of imitation succeeded; and there are at the present day scores of Traytons, who have neither any idea of the origin of their name, nor any doubt of its being as orthodox as the very common appellatives alluded to,

We have seen that the Christian name, once imposed, cannot be altered at the option of the bearer, as the surname may; at least not without the sanction of episcopal authority. Towards the close of the eighteenth century, Sir William Bridges exchanged the name of William for that of Brooke, by license from the Archbishop of Canterbury; but this is almost a solitary instance in modern times, as the occasion for it rarely arises. Before the Reformation, the unauthorized change of a Christian name was a grave offence. It is recorded in the consistorial acts of the Bishop of Rochester, that on Oct. 15, 1515, one Agnes Sharpe appeared and confessed that she had "of her own motion and consent,



voluntarily changed, at confirmation, the name of her infant son to Edward, who when baptized was named Henry, for which she submitted to penance." The penance enjoined was to make a pilgrimage to the famous Rood of Grace, at the neighboring abbey of Boxley, and to carry in procession on five Lord's days, a lighted taper which she was to offer to the image of the Blessed Virgin.

#### THE PAUCITY OF NAMES.

There were no Scripture names in England when the Conqueror took possession; even in Normandy they had appeared but a generation or two before William came over. If any are found in the old English period, they were undoubtedly ecclesiastical titles, adopted at ordination. Greek and Latin saints were equally unnoticed.

Before many generations had passed, Bartholomew, Simon, Peter, Philip, Thomas, Nicholas, John and Elias, had engrossed a third of the male population; yet Domesday Book has no Philip, no Thomas, only one Nicholas; and but a springling of Johns. It was not long before Jack and Jill took the place of Godric and Godgiva as representative of the English sexes, yet Jack was from the bible and Jill from the saintly calendar.

Without entering into a deep discussion, it may be said that the great mass of the old English names had gone down before the year 1200 had been reached. Those that survived only held on for bare existence. From the moment of William's advent, the names of the Normans began to prevail. He brought in Bible names, Saint names, and his own Teutonic names. The old English names bowed to them, and disappeared.

A curious result quickly followed. From the year





1150 to 1550, four hundred years in round numbers, there was a very much smaller dictionary of English personal names than there had been for four hundred years before, and than there has been in the four hundred years since. The Norman list was really a small one, and yet it took possession of the whole of Great Britain.

A consequence of this was the Pet-name Epoch. In every community of one hundred Englishmen about the year 1300, there would be an average of twenty Johns and fifteen Williams; then would follow Thomas, Bartholomew, Nicholas, Philip, Simon, Peter and Isaac from the Scriptures; and Richard, Robert, Walter, Guy, Henry, Roger and Baldwin from the Teutonic list. Of female names, Matilda, Isabella and Emma were first favorites; and Cecilia, Catharine, Margaret and Gillian came closely upon their heels. Behind these, again, followed a fairly familiar number of names of either sex, some from the Teuton, some from the Hebrew, some from the Greek and Latin Church, but, when all told, not a large category.

This is not enough, for in common parlance it was not likely the full name would be used. Besides, there might be two, or even three Johns in the same family. So late as March, 1545, the will of John Parnell de Gyrtou runs:

"Alice, my wife, and Old John, my son, to occupy my-farm together, till Old John marries; Young John, my son, shall have Brenlay's land plowed and sowed at Old John's cost."

The register of Raby, Leicestershire, has this entry:

"1559. Item: 29th day of August was John, and John Picke, the children of Xtopher and Anne, baptized."

"Item: the 31st of August the same John and John were buried."



Mr. Burns, who quotes these instances in his "History of Parish Registers," adds that at this same time "one John Barker had three sons named John Barker, and two daughters named Margaret Barker."

If the same family had but one name for the household we may imagine the difficulty when this one name was also popular throughout the village. The difficulty was naturally solved by, firstly, the adoption of nick forms; secondly, the addition of pet desinences. Thus Emma became by the one practice simple Emm, by the other Emmott; and any number of boys in a small community might be entered in a register as Bartholomew, and yet preserve their individuality in work-a-day life by bearing such names as Bat, Bate, Batty, Bartle, Bartelot, Batecock, Batkin, and Tolly, or Tholly. In a word, these several forms of Bartholomew were treated as so many separate proper names.

It was, of course, impossible for Englishmen and English women to maintain their individuality on these terms. Various methods to secure a personality arose. The surname was adopted, and there were John Atte-wood, John the Wheelwright, John the Bigg, and John Richard's son, in every community. Among the middle and lower classes these did not become hereditary until so late as 1450 or 1500.

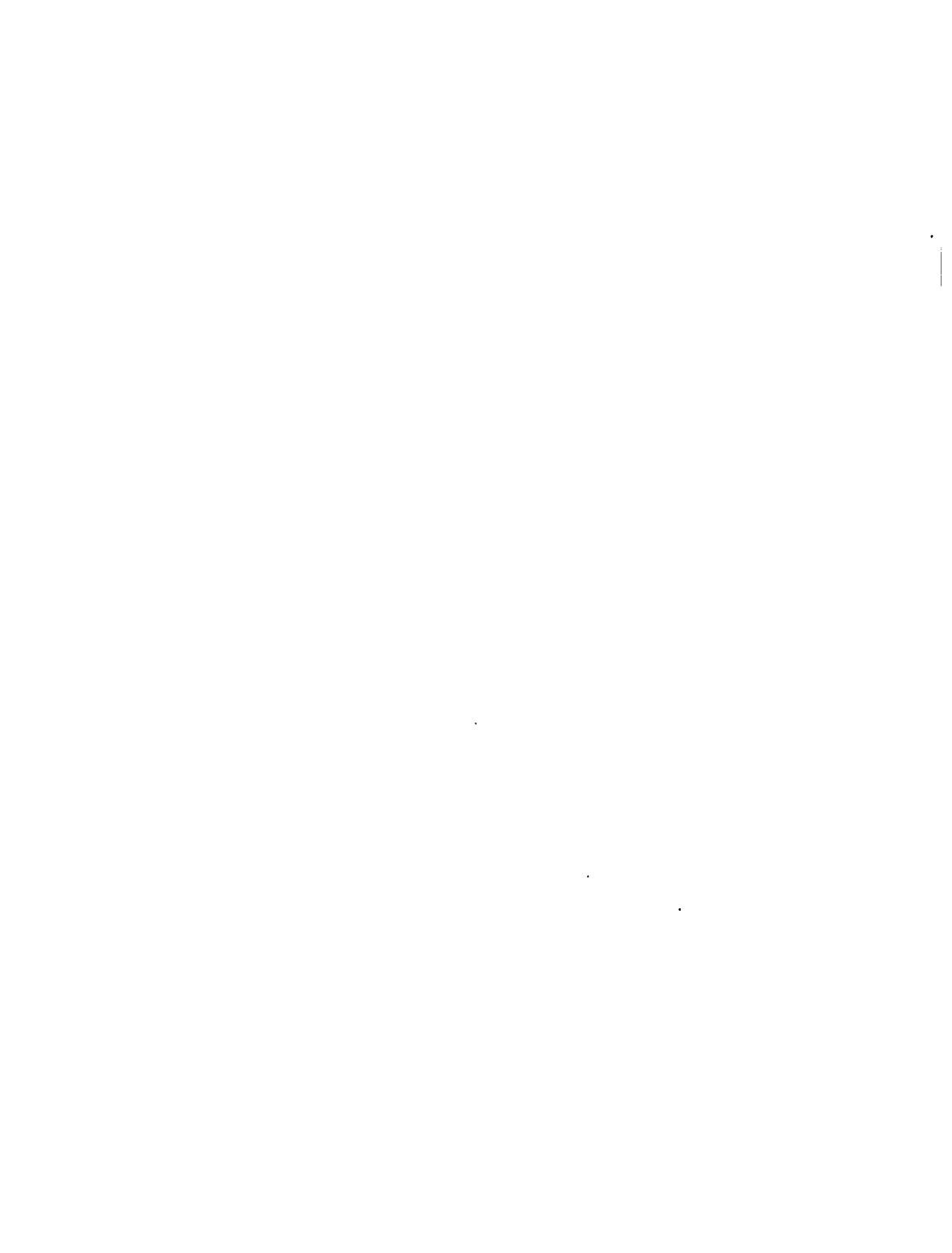
This is easily proved. In the wardrobe accounts for Edward IV, 1480, occur the following items:

"John Poyntmaker, for pointing of XI dozen points of silk pointed with agelettes laton.

"Jehn Carter, for carriage away of a grete loode of robeux that was left in the strete.

"To a laborer called Rychard Gardyner for working in the gardyne.

"To Alice Shapster for making and washing xxiii; sherts, and xxiii stomachers." Shapster is a feminine



form of Shapper or Shaper—one who shaped or cut out cloths for garments.

All these several individuals, having no particular surname, took or received one from the occupation they temporarily followed.

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### GENEALOGY.

None of the sciences is less generally studied than that of Genealogy. Like all the others, though dry and repellant at first, when perseveringly followed out it becomes, in the research, full of interest, and productive of great results.

An account of the origin, descent and relations of families is often a principal auxiliary to the true appreciation of history. In treating of persons who have distinguished themselves in their country's annals, not only are all those actions of their lives which have a bearing upon the character of the age in which they lived, or the well-being of the nation and community to which they belonged, to be considered, but their own family and personal extraction, standing and descent.

The genealogist confines himself to tracing family lineages, or the course of succession in particular families. That is his peculiar department. He leaves to the annalist the chronicling of events in the order of their occurrence, and to the historian the filling up of the details and circumstances to which these dry facts refer; and the description of the causes from which they spring, as well as the consequences to which they lead. The sole purpose and pursuit of the historian is to be able to show "Who is Who" and to distinguish those who are somebody from those who are nobody.

The principal nomenclature of genealogy is as follows:



All persons descended from a common ancestor constitute a family.

A series of persons so descended is called a line.

A line is either direct or collateral.

The direct line is divided into the ascending and descending.

The progenitors are father, grandfather, etc.; the other ascendants not in a direct line are called ancestors.

The descendants are son, grandson, etc.; the other descendants not in a direct line are generally termed Posterity.

The Collateral comprehended all those which unite in a common progenitor.

Some affect to hold in contempt the study of succession of families. Others undervalue it, without being fully aware of the importance of genealogical research.

There are some people, says Dr. Lindsay Alexander, in his "Life of Dr. Wardlaw," who say they attach no importance to a man's descent, or to family honors, and despise those who do. Perhaps they may be sincere, but their judgment in this matter is certainly erroneous, and their feeling unnatural. "The glory of children," says the wisest of men, "are their fathers;" and a honorable descent should be highly valued.

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## HERALDRY.

Heraldic devices, truly so called, made their first appearance in Europe in the middle of the twelfth century; and about one hundred years later Heraldry became a science in high repute, without being able to trace its intermediate progress, or discover the names of those who first laid down its laws, or subsequently promulgated them. The earliest Heraldic document of which even a copy has come down to us is a roll of





arms, that is to say, a catalogue of the armorial bearings of the king of England, and the principal barons, knights, etc., in the reign of Henry III; and, from internal evidence, supposed to have been originally compiled between the years 1240–1245. This transcript was made by Glover, Somerset Herald, in 1586, and is preserved in the College of Arms. Other rolls are to be found both there and in the British Museum, of nearly the same date, but none earlier; and no work explanatory of the science has been yet discovered of a period anterior to the reign of Edward III. In the reign of Henry III, armorial ensigns had become hereditary, marks of cadency distinguished the various members of a family, and the majority of the present Heraldic terms were already in existence.

#### THE USE OF ARMS

At that period was to distinguish persons and property, and record descent and alliance, and no modern invention has yet been found to supersede it. For this reason alone, as we have remarked elsewhere, of all ancient usages it is one of the least likely to become obsolete. Hundreds of persons may be entitled to the same initials, may possess precisely the same name; but only the members of a particular family can lawfully bear certain armorial ensigns, and the various branches of that family have their separate differences to distinguish one from the other. After the lapse of centuries, the date of a building or the name of its founder or ancient possessor, may be ascertained at the present day, through the accidental preservation of a sculptured coat of arms or heraldic encaustic tile; and the careful study of early rolls of arms enables the historian to discover matrimonial alliances and family connections, of which no written record has been found; and thereby not only to complete the



## HERALDRY.

very imperfect genealogies of many of the bravest and wisest of English nobility and gentry, but also to account for sundry acts, both public and private, the motives for which have been misunderstood, or altogether unknown to the biographer or the historian.

### VARIOUS SORTS OF ARMS.

Arms are not only granted to individuals and families, but also to cities, corporate bodies, and learned societies.

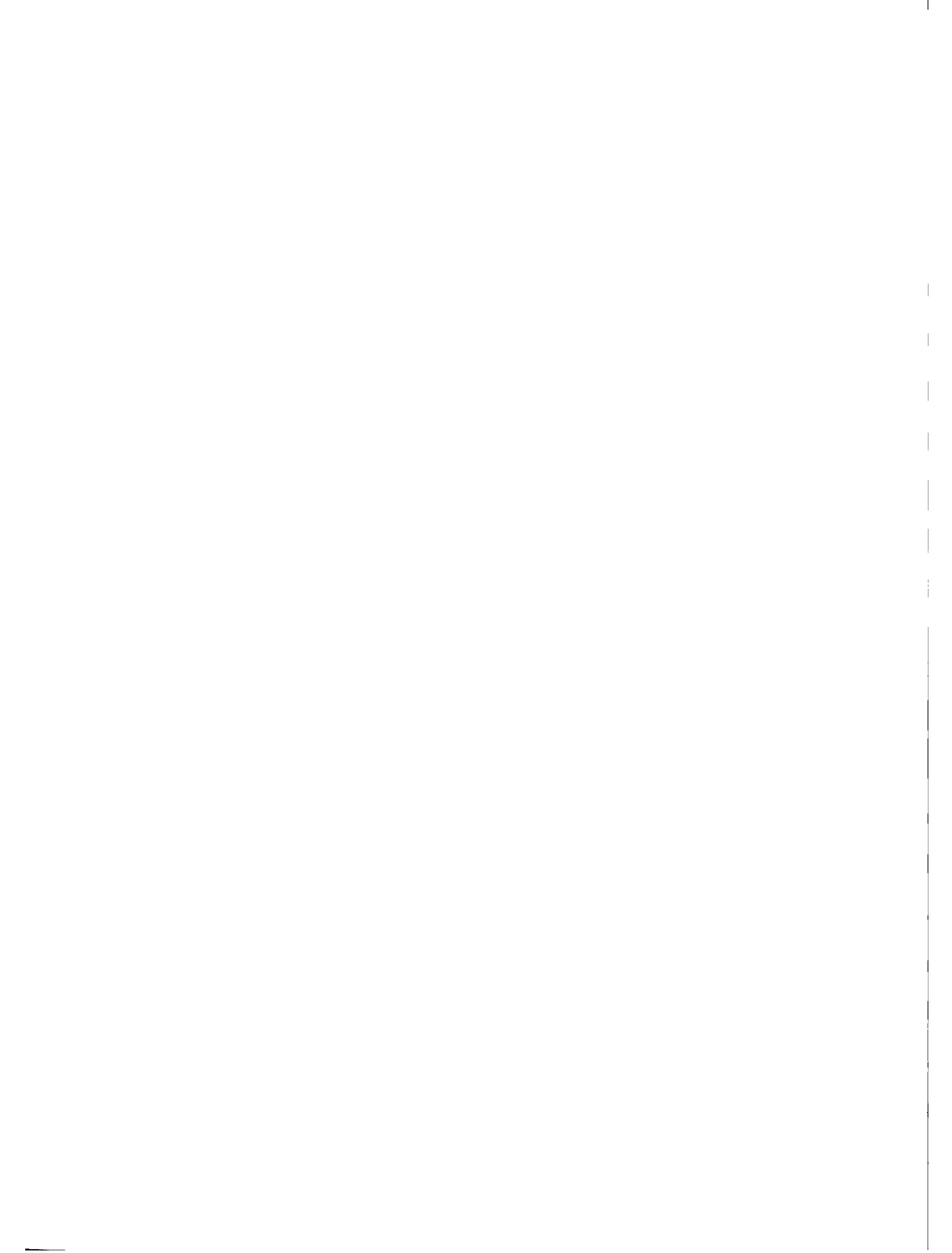
Arms of Dominion or Sovereignty are properly the arms of the kings or sovereigns of the territories they govern, which are also regarded as the arms of the State. Thus the Lions of England and the Russian Eagle are the arms of the Kings of England and the Emperors of Russia, and cannot be properly altered by a change of dynasty.

Arms of Pretension are those of kingdoms, provinces, or territories to which a prince or lord has some claim, and which he adds to his own, though the kingdoms or territories are governed by a foreign king or lord; thus the Kings of England for many ages quartered the arms of France in their escutcheon as the descendants of Edward III, who claimed that kingdom, in right of his mother, a French princess.

Arms of Concession are arms granted by sovereigns as the reward of virtue, valor or extraordinary service. All arms granted to subjects were originally conceded by the Sovereign.

Arms of Community are those of bishoprics, cities, universities, academies, societies and corporate bodies.

Arms of patronage are such as governors of provinces, lords of manors, etc., add to their family arms as a token of their superiority, right jurisdiction.



Arms of Family, or paternal arms, are such as are hereditary and belong to one particular family, which none others have a right to assume, nor can they do so without rendering themselves guilty of a breach of the laws of honor, punishable by the Earl Marshal and the Kings-at-Arms. The assumption of arms has, however, become so common that little notice is taken of it at the present time.

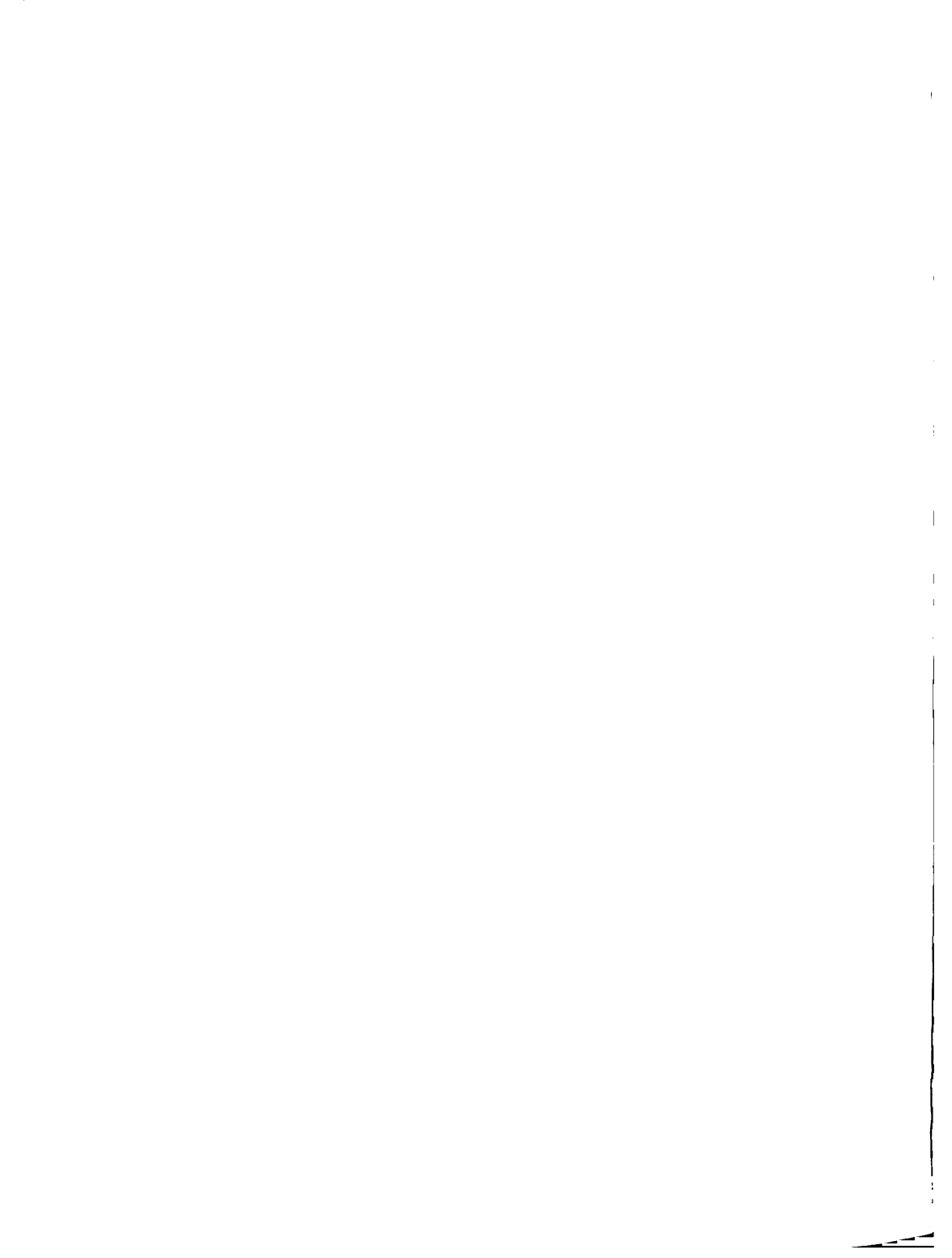
Arms of Alliance are those gained by marriage.

Arms of Succession are such as are taken up by those who inherit certain estates by bequest, entail, or donation.

#### THE SHIELD.

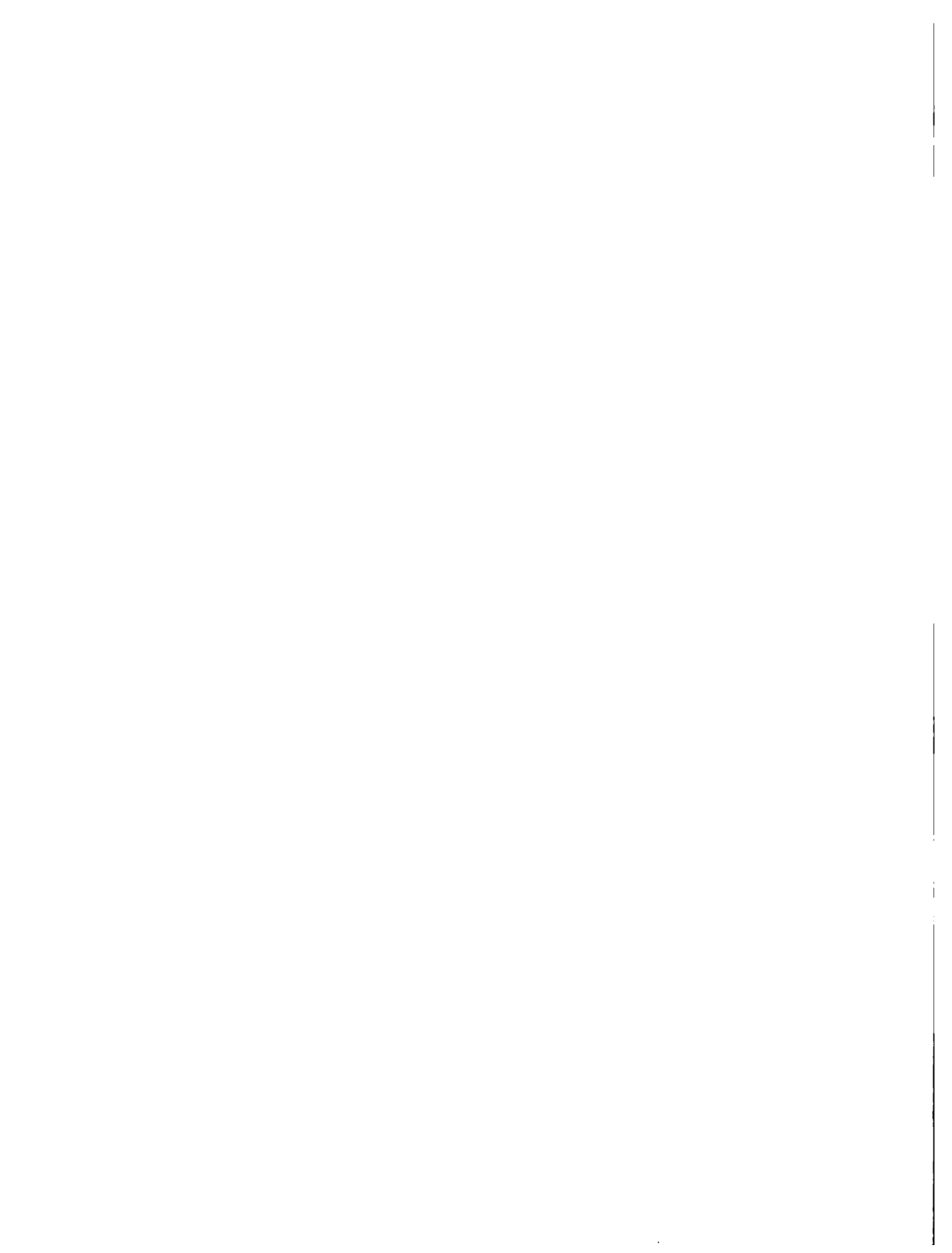
The shield contains the field or ground whereon are represented the charges or figures that form a coat of arms.











## PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Within the past few years there has been a remarkable movement in the United States, which has resulted in the formation of many patriotic hereditary societies of large membership, with chapters in every State in the Union. Those only are eligible to membership who can prove their descent from an ancestor of Colonial or Revolutionary times, from an officer or soldier or seaman of the various wars, from a pilgrim in the Mayflower, an early Huguenot emigrant, etc. These societies bring men and women of like traditions together, and organize them in an effective way for action. The action contemplated is patriotic—never religious or related to party politics. The general society from its headquarters issues charters to branch societies in the different States. Each State society forms an organized group of persons well known to each other, by name at least, and often personally.

Certain of these societies have been very active in preserving old monuments, buildings, landmarks and historic documents, or in erecting tablets and monuments at historic places, or in marking the sites of battles or the graves of Revolutionary soldiers. Others have founded prizes to be given annually to school children for essays on events in American history. Others, again, formally celebrate the nation's anniversaries. All of them foster patriotism and historical research, and teach organization—the sinking of individual desire in a common loyalty. There are probably too many such organizations at present, and more are forming. The weaker societies will, however, die; and those that remain will represent some real aspiration of their members.



As the entrance to such societies is through descent from some ancestor, genealogy has been powerfully stimulated, and thousands of family records have been examined and summarized in print. Our Colonial and Revolutionary history has been studied in its details, which is the only way to fully realize it. The men of to-day have been connected with Colonial and Revolutionary times. The children of the coming century will find their ancestral records all prepared for them, and they will be face to face with high standards of duty and effort.

**THE SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS,**

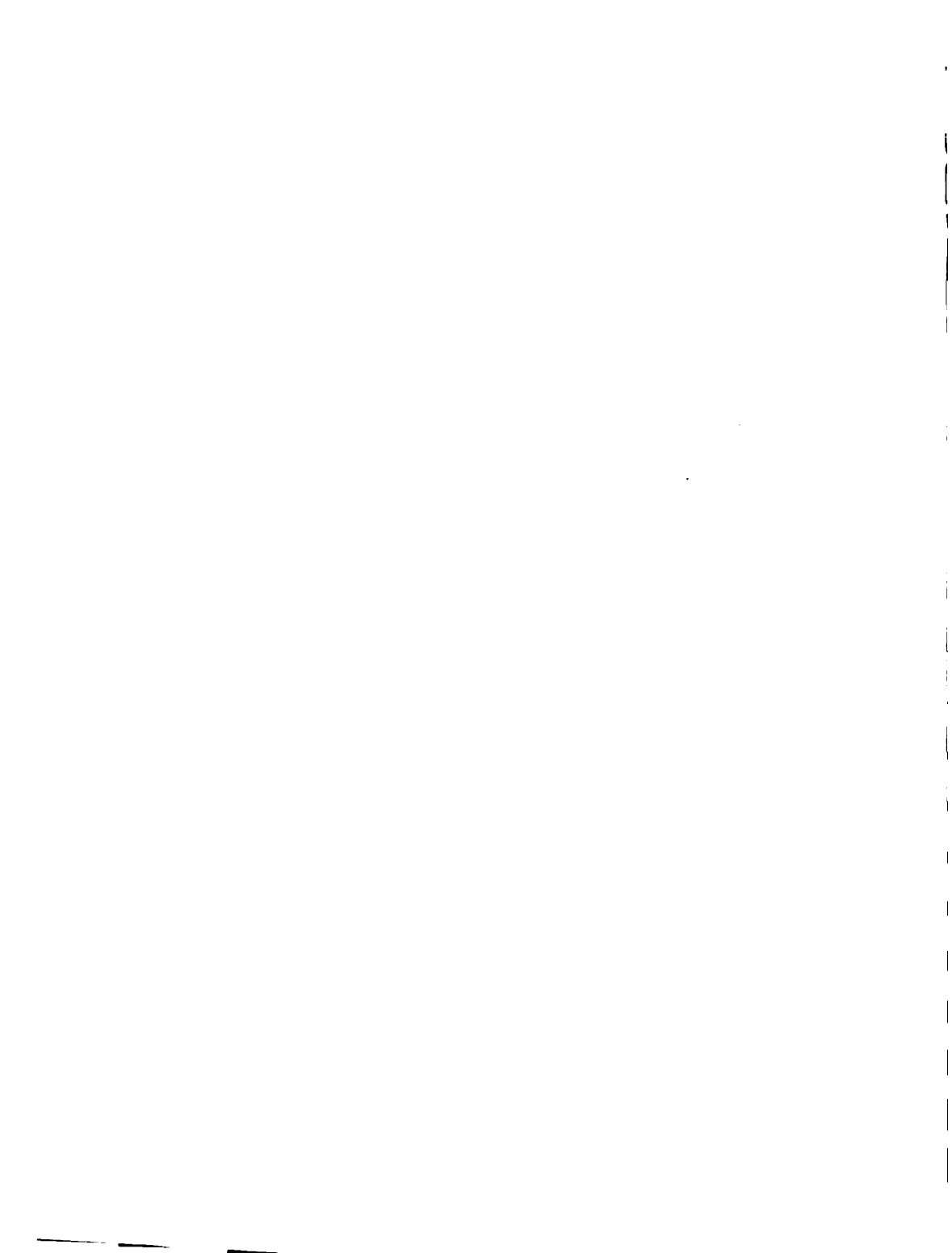
Instituted in 1892, is open to lineal male descendants of civil or military officers, or of soldiers, who served the colonies between May 13, 1607 (Jamestown) and April 19, 1775 (Lexington).

**THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN WARS,**

Founded in 1897, includes the lineal male descendants of soldiers or civil officers from 1607 to 1783, and of officers of the War of 1812, of the War with Mexico, and of the Civil War.

**THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF  
AMERICA,**

Founded in 1896, is open to any male citizen of the United States who is lineally descended in the male line of either parent from an ancestor who settled in any of the colonies between 1607 and 1657, and whose intermediate ancestors adhered as patriots to the cause of the colonists throughout the War of the Revolution.



**THE SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI,**

Instituted in 1783 is composed of descendants of officers of the Revolutionary army, usually the eldest male direct descendant.

**THE AZTEC CLUB,**

Founded in 1847, is open to the descendants of officers of the army who served in Mexico, usually the eldest male direct descendant.

**THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES,**

Founded in 1865, is composed of officers who served in the War of the Rebellion, and of their eldest direct male lineal descendants.

**THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812, ORGANIZED IN 1814,**

Is composed of lineal male descendants of soldiers or sailors of the War of 1812.

**THE NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES,**

Instituted in 1890, is open to officers of the navy who have served in war, and to their male descendants, etc.; and also to enlisted men who have received a Medal of Honor from the United States for bravery.

**THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,**

Instituted in 1875, must prove their descent from a Revolutionary ancestor. The Sons of the Revolution (1876) is organized on the same basis. It is expected that these two large societies will be consolidated.

**THE HOLLAND SOCIETY,**

Incorporated in 1775, is composed of the direct male descendants of Hollanders resident in America before 1675.



## THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF AMERICA,

Organized in 1883, admits descendants of Huguenots who came to America before 1787.

## THE SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA,

Organized in 1891, is composed of women descended from an ancestor who held an office of importance in the colonies previous to 1750.

There are various other societies for women, of which the most important are Daughters of the American Revolution, founded in 1890; and Daughters of the Revolution, founded in 1891; and there is also a society of Children of the American Revolution, founded in 1895.

## THE SOCIETY OF "MAYFLOWER" DESCENDANTS,

Organized in 1894, includes male and female descendants of the passengers of the Mayflower (1620).

## MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

The one decoration that is given by the government of the United States is the Medal of Honor, which was authorized by acts of Congress of 1862 and 1863 to be awarded to officers and enlisted men of the army for "gallantry in action and soldier-like qualities during the present insurrection." It has been bestowed only for conspicuous services. For example the Twenty-seventh Regiment of Maine Infantry was present on the field where the battle of Gettysburg was fought, and its term of service had expired. The entire regiment, to a man, volunteered to remain on the field and fight the battle; and for this gallant conduct a medal was awarded to each officer and man. A Naval Medal of Honor is also awarded by the government and it is highly prized.





## FORE-NAMES OF MEN. AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE.

- Aaron** : Lofty ; inspired.  
**Abdiel** : The servant of God.  
**Abel** : Breath, vanity.  
**Ablathar** : Father of plenty.  
**Abiel** : Father of strength.  
**Abiezer** : Father of help.  
**Abijah** : To whom Jehovah is a father.  
**Abner** : Father of light.  
**Abraham** : Father of a multitude.  
**Abram** : Father of elevation.  
**Absalom** : Father of peace.  
**Adam** : Man ; earth-man ; red earth.  
**Adie'** : The ornament of God.  
**Adin, or Adino** : Tender ; delicate ; soft.  
**Adolph or Adolphus** : Noble wolf ; *i.e.*, noble hero.  
**Adoniram** : Lord of height.  
**Alaric** : All-rich ; or, noble ruler.  
**Albert** : Nobly bright, illustrious.  
**Alexander** : A defender of men.  
**Alfred** : Elf in council ; good counsellor.  
**Algernon** : With whiskers.  
**Allan** : Corruption of *Alienus*.  
**Almon** : Hidden.  
**Alonzo** : Same as Alphonso.  
**Alpheus** : Exchange.  
**Alphonso** : All-ready ; willing.  
**Alvah, or Alvan** : Iniquity.  
**Alvin or Alwin** : Beloved by all.  
**Amariah** : Whom Jehovah promised.  
**Amasa** : A burden.  
**Ambrose** : Immortal ; divine.  
**Ammi** : My people.  
**Amos** : Strong ; courageous.  
**Andrew** : Strong, manly.
- Andronicus** : A conqueror of men.  
**Anselm, or Ansel** : Protection of man.  
**Anthony or Antony** : Priceless ; praiseworthy.  
**Apollos** : Of Apollo.  
**Archelaus** : Ruler of the people.  
**Archibald** : Extremely bold ; or, holy prince.  
**Ariel** : Lion of God ; valiant for God.  
**Aristarchus** : A good prince.  
**Arnold** : Strong as an eagle.  
**Artemas** : Gift of Artemis, or Minerva.  
**Arthur** : High, noble.  
**Asa** : Healer ; physician.  
**Asahel** : Made of God.  
**Asar** : A collector.  
**Asarelah** : Upright to God.  
**Ashbel** : Fire of Bel.  
**Asher** : Happy, fortunate.  
**Ashur** : Black, blackness.  
**Athanasius** : Immortal.  
**Athelstan** : Noble stone.  
**Aubrey** : Ruler of spirits.  
**Augustin, Augustine, or Austin** : Belonging to Augustus.  
**Augustus** : Exalted, imperial.  
**Aurelius** : Golden.  
**Azariah** : Helped of the Lord.
- Baldwin** : Bold, courageous friend.  
**Baptist** : A baptizer ; purifier.  
**Barachias** : Whom Jehovah has blessed.  
**Bardolph** : A distinguished helper.  
**Barnabas or Barnaby** : Son of consolation.



- Bartholomew: A warlike son.  
 Barzillai: Iron of the Lord; firm; true.  
 Basil: Kingly; royal.  
 Benedict: Blessed.  
 Benjamin: Son of the right hand.  
 Benoni: Son of grief or trouble.  
 Berlah: In calamity.  
 Bernard: Bold as a bear.  
 Bertram: Bright raven.  
 Bethuel: Man of God.  
 Bezaleel: In the shadow of God.  
 Boniface: A benefactor.  
 Brian: Strong.  
 Bruno: Brown.  
 Cadwallader: Battle arranger.  
 Caesar: Hairy; or blue-eyed.  
 Cain: Gotten, or acquired.  
 Caleb: A dog.  
 Calvin: Bald.  
 Cecil: Dim-sighted.  
 Cephas: A stone.  
 Charles: Strong; manly; noble-spirited.  
 Christian: A believer in Christ.  
 Christopher: Bearing Christ.  
 Clarence: Illustrious.  
 Claudius, or Claude: Lamé.  
 Clement: Mild-tempered, merciful.  
 Conrad: Bold in council; resolute.  
 Constant: Firm, faithful.  
 Constantine: Resolute, firm.  
 Cornelius: Horn.  
 Crispin, Crispus, or Crispian: Having curly hair.  
 Cuthbert: Noted splendor.  
 Cyprian: Of Cyprus.  
 Cyril: Lordly.  
 Cyrus: The sun.  
 Dan: A judge.  
 Daniel: A divine judge.  
 Darius: Perserver.  
 David: Beloved.  
 Demetrius: Belonging to Ceres.  
 Denis, or Dennis: Same Dionysius.  
 Dexter: The right hand.  
 Dionysius: Belonging to Dionysos, or Bacchus the god of wine.  
 Donald: Proud chief.  
 Duncan: Brown chief.  
 Eben: A stone.  
 Ebenezer: The stone of help.  
 Edgar: A javelin (or protector) of property.  
 Edmund: Defender of property.  
 Edward: Guardian of property.  
 Edwin: Gainer of property.  
 Egbert: The sword's brightness; famous with the sword.  
 Elbert: Same as Albert.  
 Eldred: Terrible.  
 Eleazer: To whom God is a help.  
 Eli: A foster son.  
 Ellab: God is his father.  
 Eliakim: Whom God sets up.  
 Elias: The same as Elijah.  
 Elihu: God the Lord.  
 Elijah: Jehovah is my God.  
 Elphalet: God of salvation.  
 Elisha: God my salvation.  
 Elizur: God is my rock.  
 Ellis: A variation of Elisha.  
 Elmer: Noble, excellent.  
 Elnathan: God gave.  
 Emmanuel: God with us.  
 Emery, Emmery or Emory: Powerful, rich.  
 Eneas: Praised, commended.  
 Enoch: Consecrated, dedicated.  
 Enos: Man.  
 Ephraim: Very fruitful.  
 Erasmus: Lovely; worthy to be loved.  
 Erastus: Lovely, amiable.



- Eric:** Rich, brave, powerful.  
**Ernest, Ernestus:** Earnest.  
**Esau:** Covered with hair.  
**Ethan:** Firmness, strength.  
**Eugene:** Well-born; noble.  
**Eusebius:** Pious, godly.  
**Eustace:** Healthy, strong; standing firm.  
**Evan:** Same as John.  
**Everard:** Strong as a wild boar.  
**Ezekiel:** Strength of God.  
**Ezra:** Help.  
  
**Felix:** Happy; prosperous.  
**Ferdinand or Fernando:** Brave, vallant.  
**Festus:** Joyful, glad.  
**Francis:** Free.  
**Frank, Franklin:** Contraction of Francis.  
**Frederic or Frederick:** Abounding in peace, peaceful ruler.  
  
**Gabriel:** Man of God.  
**Gad:** A troop, or company.  
**Galus:** Rejoiced.  
**Gamalla:** Recompense of God.  
**Geoffrey:** Same as Godfrey.  
**George:** A landholder, husbandman.  
**Gerald:** Strong with the spear.  
**Gershom:** An exile.  
**Gideon:** A destroyer.  
**Gilbert:** Yellow-bright; famous.  
**Giles:** A kid.  
**Given:** Gift of God.  
**Goddard:** Pious, virtuous.  
**Godfrey:** At peace with God.  
**Godwin:** Good in war.  
**Gregory:** Watchful.  
**Griffith:** Having great faith.  
**Gustavus:** A warrior, hero.  
**Guy:** A leader.  
  
**Hannibal:** Grace of Baal.  
**Harold:** A champion; general of an army.  
**Heman:** Faithful.  
**Henry:** The head or chief of a house.  
**Herbert:** Glory of the army.  
**Hercules:** Lordly fame.  
**Herman:** A warrior.  
**Hezekiah:** Strength of the Lord.  
**Hilary:** Cheerful, merry.  
**Hillel:** Praise.  
**Hiram:** Most noble.  
**Homer:** A pledge, security.  
**Horace, Horatio:** Oak wood; or worthy to be loved.  
**Hosea:** Salvation.  
**Howell:** Sound, whole.  
**Hubert:** Bright in spirit; soul-bright.  
**Hugh, or Hugo:** Mind, spirit, soul.  
**Humphrey:** Protector of the home.  
  
**Ichabod:** The glory is departed.  
**Ignatius:** Ardent, fiery.  
**Immanuel:** Same as Emmanuel.  
**Increase:** Increase of faith.  
**Ingram:** Raven.  
**Inigo:** Same as Ignatius (Spanish form).  
**Ira:** Watchful.  
**Isaac:** Laughter.  
**Isaiah:** Salvation of the Lord.  
**Israel:** A soldier of God.  
**Ishmael:** Afflicted her.  
**Ithiel:** God is with me.  
**Ivan:** Same as John (Russian form)  
  
**Jabez:** He will cause pain.  
**Jacob:** A supplanter.  
**Jairus:** He will enlighten.  
**James:** Same as Jacob.



- Japheth:** Enlargement.  
**Jared:** Descent.  
**Jason:** A healer.  
**Jasper:** Treasure master.  
**Javan:** Clay, supple.  
**Jedediah:** Beloved of the Lord.  
**Jeffrey:** Same as Godfrey.  
**Jeremiah, Jeremias, or Jerome:** Exalted of the Lord.  
**Jerome:** Holy name.  
**Jesse:** Wealth.  
**Jesus:** Same as Joshua.  
**Joab:** Jehovah is his father.  
**Job:** Afflicted, persecuted.  
**Joel:** The Lord is God.  
**John:** The gracious gift of God.  
**Jonah, or Jonas:** A dove.  
**Jonathan:** Gift of Jehovah.  
**Joseph:** He shall add.  
**Joshua:** The Lord is welfare.  
**Josiah or Josias:** Given of the Lord.  
**Jotham:** The Lord is upright.  
**Judah:** Praised.  
**Julian:** Sprung from, or belonging to Julius.  
**Julius:** Soft-haired.  
**Justin, or Justus:** Just.
- Kenelm:** A defender of his kindred.  
**Kenneth:** A leader, commander.
- Laban:** White.  
**Lambert:** Illustrious with landed possessions.  
**Lancelot:** A little angel; otherwise a little lance or warrior; or a servant.  
**Laurence or Lawrence:** Crowned with laurel.  
**Lazarus:** God will help.  
**Leander:** Lion man.  
**Lebbeus:** Praise.
- Lemuel:** Created by God.  
**Leonard:** Strong, or brave as a lion.  
**Leonidas:** Lion-like.  
**Leopold:** Bold for the people.  
**Levi:** Adhesion.  
**Lewis:** Bold warrior.  
**Linus:** Flaxen-haired.  
**Lionel:** Young lion.  
**Lewellyn:** Lightning.  
**Loammil:** Not my people.  
**Lodowic:** Same as Ludovic or Lewis.  
**Lorenzo:** same as Laurence (Spanish and Italian form).  
**Lot:** A veil, covering.  
**Louis:** Same as Lewis.  
**Lubin:** Beloved friend.  
**Lucian:** Belonging to or sprung from Lucius.  
**Lucius:** Born at break of day.  
**Ludovic:** Same as Lewis.  
**Luke:** Light-giving.  
**Luther:** Illustrious warrior.  
**Lycurgus:** Wolf-driver.
- Madoc:** Good, beneficent.  
**Malachi:** Messenger of the Lord.  
**Manasseh:** Forgetfulness.  
**Marcellus:** Diminutive of Marcus.  
**Marcus:** Same as Marcus.  
**Marcus or Mark:** A hammer, otherwise, a male, or sprung from Mars.  
**Marma luke:** A mighty noble.  
**Martin:** Of Mars; warlike.  
**Matthew:** Gift of Jehovah.  
**Matthias:** Gift of the Lord.  
**Maurice:** Corruption of Amabuc. (himmelreich); the kingdom of heaven.  
**Maximillian:** The greatest Aemilianus.





- Meredith:** Sea-protector.  
**Micah:** Who is like the Lord?  
**Michael:** Who is like to God?  
**Miles:** A soldier.  
**Morgan:** A seaman, a dweller on the sea.  
**Moses:** Drawn out of the water.  
**Naaman:** Pleasantness.  
**Nahum:** Consolation.  
**Napoleon:** Lion of the forest-dell.  
**Nathan:** Given, a gift.  
**Nathanael, or Nathaniel:** The gift of God.  
**Neal or Nell:** Dark, swarthy; otherwise (Celtic) chief.  
**Nehemiah:** Comfort of the Lord.  
**Nicholas or Nicolas:** Victory of the people.  
**Noah:** Rest, comfort.  
**Noel:** (Dies Natalis) Christmas; Born on Christmas Day.  
**Norman:** A Northman, native of Normandy.  
**Obadiah:** Servant of the Lord.  
**Obed:** Serving God.  
**Octavius or Octavus:** The eighth-born.  
**Oliver:** An olive tree.  
**Orestes:** A mountaineer.  
**Orlando:** Same as Rowland.  
**Oscar:** Bounding warrior.  
**Osmond or Osmund:** Protection of God.  
**Oswald or Oswold:** Power of God.  
**Owen:** Lamb, otherwise, young warrior.  
**Ozias:** Strength of the Lord.  
**Patrick:** Noble; a patrician.  
**Paul, Paulinus, or Paulus:** Little.  
**Peleg:** Division.  
**Peregrine:** A stranger.  
**Peter:** A rock.  
**Philander:** A lover of men.  
**Philemon:** Loving, friendly.  
**Phillip:** A lover of horses.  
**Phineas, or Phineias:** Mount of brass.  
**Pius:** Pious, dutiful.  
**Polycarp:** Much fruit.  
**Ptolemy:** Mighty in war.  
**Quintin:** The fifth.  
**Ralph:** Same as Rodolphus.  
**Randal:** House-wolf.  
**Raphael:** The healing of God.  
**Raymond, or Raymund:** Wise protection.  
**Reginald:** Strong ruler.  
**Reuben:** Behold, a son.  
**Reuel:** Friend of God.  
**Reynold:** Same as Reginald.  
**Richard:** Rich-hearted, powerful.  
**Robert:** bright in fame.  
**Roderic or Roderick:** Rich in fame.  
**Rodolph or Rodolphus:** Famous wolf or hero.  
**Roger:** Famous with the spear.  
**Roland or Rowland:** Fame of the land.  
**Rudolph or Rudolphus:** Variations of Rodolphus.  
**Rufus:** Red, red-haired.  
**Rupert:** Same as Robert.  
**Salmon:** Shady.  
**Samson, or Sampson:** Splendid sun, great joy and felicity.  
**Samuel:** Heard of God; asked for of God.  
**Saul:** Asked for.  
**Seba:** Eminent.  
**Sebastian:** Venerable, reverend.  
**Septimus:** The seventh born.



- Sereno or Serenus:** Calm, peaceful.  
**Seth:** Appointed.  
**Shadrach:** Rejoicing in the way.  
**Sigismund:** Conquering, protection.  
**Silas:** A contraction of Silvanus.  
**Silvanus:** Living in a wood.  
**Silvester:** Bred in the country rustic.  
**Simeon, Simon:** Hearing with acceptance.  
**Solomon:** Peaceable.  
**Stephen:** A crown.  
**Swithin:** Strong friend.  
**Sylvanus:** Same as Silvanus.  
**Sylvester:** Same as Silvester.  
**Tertius:** the third born.  
**Thaddeus:** The wise.  
**Theobald:** Bold for the people.  
**Theodore:** The gift of God.  
**Theodoric:** Powerful among the people.  
**Theophilus:** A lover of God.  
**Theron:** A hunter.  
**Thomas:** A twin.  
**Timothy:** Fearing God.  
**Titus:** Honorable.  
**Toblah or Tobias:** Distinguished of the Lord.  
**Tristram:** Grave, pensive, melancholy, sorrowful, sad.  
**Tybalt:** Same as Theobald.  
**Ulysses:** A hater.  
**Urban:** Of the town; courteous; polished.  
**Uriah:** Light of the Lord.  
**Urfan:** A husbandman.  
**Uriel:** Light of God.  
**Valentine:** Strong, healthy, powerful.  
**Vicesimus:** The twentieth born.  
**Victor:** A conqueror.  
**Vincent:** Conquering.  
**Vivian:** Lively.  
**Walter:** Ruling the roast.  
**William:** Resolute helmet, or helmet of resolution; defence; protector.  
**Winfred:** Win-peace.  
**Zabdiel:** Gift of God.  
**Zaccheus:** Innocent, pure.  
**Zachariah, or Zachery:** Remembered of the Lord.  
**Zadok:** Just.  
**Zebediah or Zebedee:** Gift of the Lord.  
**Zebina:** Bought.  
**Zebulon:** Dwelling.  
**Zedekiah:** Justice of the Lord.  
**Zelotes:** A zealot.  
**Zenas:** Gift of Jupiter.  
**Zephaniah:** Hid of the Lord.



## FORE-NAMES OF WOMEN.

## AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE.

- Abigail:** My father's joy.  
**Achsa:** Anklet.  
**Ada:** The same as Edith.  
**Adela, Adelaide, or Adeline:** Of noble birth, a princess.  
**Agatha:** Good, kind.  
**Agnes:** Chaste, pure.  
**Alberta:** Feminine of Albert.  
**Alethea:** Truth.  
**Alexandra, or Alexandrina:** Feminine of Alexander.  
**Alice, or Alicia:** Same as Adeline.  
**Almira:** Lofty; a princess.  
**Althea:** A healer.  
**Amabel:** Loveable.  
**Amanda:** Worthy to be loved.  
**Amelia:** Busy, energetic.  
**Amy:** Beloved.  
**Angelica, Angelina:** Lovely, angelic.  
**Ann, Anna, or Anne:** Grace.  
**Annabella:** Feminine of Hannibal.  
**Annette:** Variation of Anne.  
**Antoinette:** Diminutive of Antonia.  
**Antonia, or Antonina:** Inestimable.  
**Arabella:** A fair altar; otherwise, corruption of Orabilia, a praying woman.  
**Ariana:** A corruption of Ariadne.  
**Augusta:** Feminine of Augustus.  
**Aurelia:** Feminine of Aurelius.  
**Aurora:** Morning redness; fresh; brilliant.  
**Azubah;** Deserted.
- Belinda:** From Bella, Isabella, Elizabeth.  
**Benedicta;** Feminine of Benedictus.  
**Bertha:** Bright; beautiful.  
**Betsey:** A corruption of Elizabeth.  
**Blanch, or Blanche:** White.  
**Bona:** Good.  
**Bridget:** Strength.
- Camilla:** Attendant at a sacrifice  
**Caroline:** Feminine of Carolus or Charles.  
**Cassandra:** One who inflames with love.  
**Catharina, Catharine, or Catherine:** Pure.  
**Cecilia or Cecily:** Feminine of Cecil.  
**Celestine:** Heavenly.  
**Celia:** Feminine of Coelus.  
**Charlotte:** Feminine of Charles.  
**Chloe:** A green herb; blooming.  
**Christiana, or Christina:** Feminine of Christianus.  
**Cicely:** A variation of Celia.  
**Clara:** Bright, illustrious.  
**Clarice, or Clarissa:** A variation of Clara.  
**Claudia:** Feminine of Claudius.  
**Clementina, or Clementine;** Mild, gentle.  
**Constance:** Firm, constant.  
**Cora:** Malden; a form of Corinna.  
**Cornelia:** Feminine of Cornelius.  
**Cynthia:** Belonging to Mount Cynthus.
- Barbara:** Foreign; strange.  
**Beatrice, or Beatrix:** Making happy.



- Deborah:** A bee.  
**Delia:** of Delos.  
**Diana:** Goddess.  
**Diantha:** Flower of Jove; a pink.  
**Dinah:** Judged  
**Dora:** A variation of Dorothea.  
**Dorcas:** A gazelle.  
**Dorinda:** Same as Dorothea.  
**Dorothea, or Dorothy:** Gift of God.  
**Drusilla:** Dew watered.
- Edith:** Happiness; otherwise rich gift.  
**Edna:** Pleasure.  
**Eleanor, or Elinor:** Light; same as Helen.  
**Elizabeth, Ellizabeth, or Eliza:** Worshiper of God; consecrated to God.  
**Ella:** A contraction of Eleanor.  
**Ellen:** A diminutive of Eleanor.  
**Elvira:** White.  
**Emeline, or Emmeline:** Energetic, industrious.  
**Emily, or Emma:** Same as Emmeline.  
**Ernestine:** feminine and diminutive.  
**Esther:** A star; good fortune.  
**Ethelind, or Ethelinda:** Noble snake.  
**Eudora:** Good gift.  
**Eugenia, or Eugenie:** Feminine of Eugene.  
**Eulalia:** Fair speed.  
**Eunice:** Happy victory.  
**Euphemia:** Of good report.  
**Eva:** Same as Eve.  
**Evangeline:** Bringing glad news.  
**Eve:** Life.  
**Evelina, or Eveline:** Diminutive of Eva.
- Fanny:** Diminutive of Frances.  
**Faustina:** Fortunate; lucky.  
**Felicia:** Happiness.  
**Fidella:** Faithful.  
**Flora:** Flowers; goddess of flowers and spring.  
**Florence:** Blooming; flourishing.  
**Frances:** Feminine of Francis.  
**Frederica:** Feminine of Frederick  
**Georgiana, or Georgina:** Feminine of George.  
**Geraldine:** Feminine of Gerald.  
**Gertrude:** Spear-maiden.  
**Grace or Gratia:** Grace, favor.  
**Griselda:** Stone; heroine.
- Hannah:** Same as Anna.  
**Harriet, or Harriot:** Feminine of Henry.  
**Helen, or Helena:** Light.  
**Henrietta:** Feminine diminutive of Henry.  
**Hephzibah:** My delight is in her.  
**Hester, or Hestha:** Same as Esther.  
**Hilaria:** Feminine of Hilary.  
**Honora, or Honorfa:** Honorable.  
**Hortensia:** A lady gardener.  
**Huldah:** A weasel.
- Ida:** Happy.  
**Inez:** Same as Agnes.  
**Irene:** Peaceful.  
**Isabel, or Isabella:** Same as Elizabeth.
- Jane, or Janet:** Feminine of John.  
**Jaqueline,** Feminine of James.  
**Jean, Jeanne, or Jeannette:** Same as Jane or Joan.  
**Jemima:** A dove.  
**Jerusha:** Possessed, married.  
**Joan, Joanna, Johanna:** Feminine of John.





- Joseph, or Josephine: Feminine of Joseph.
- Joyce: Sportive
- Judith: Praised.
- Julia: Feminine of Julius.
- Juliana: Feminine of Julian.
- Juliet: Diminutive of Julia.
- Justina: Feminine of Justin.
- Katharine, or Katherine: Same as Catharine.
- Keturah: Incense.
- Keziah: Cassia.
- Laura: A laurel.
- Laurinda: A variation of Laura.
- Lavinia: Of Lattum.
- Leonora: Same as Eleanor.
- Letitia: Happiness.
- Leitice: A variation of Letitia.
- Lillian, or Lily: A lily.
- Lois: Good; desirable.
- Lorinda: A variation of Laurinda.
- Louisa, or Louise: Feminine of Louis.
- Lucia: Same as Lucy.
- Lucinda: Same as Lucy.
- Lucrece, or Lucretia: Gain; otherwise, light.
- Lucy: Feminine of Lucius.
- Lydia: A native of Lydia.
- Mabel: A contraction of Amabel.
- Madeline: French form of Magdeline.
- Magdalene: A native of Magdala.
- Marcella: Feminine of Marcellus.
- Marcia: Feminine of Marcus.
- Margaret: A pearl.
- Maria: Same as Mary.
- Marianne: A compound of Mary and Anne.
- Marion: A French form of Mary.
- Martha: The ruler of the house; otherwise, sorrowful, melancholy.
- Mary: Bitter; otherwise, their rebellion; or, star of the east.
- Mathilda, or Matilda: Mighty battle-maid; heroine.
- Maud: A contraction of Matilda; or Madalene.
- May: Month of May; or Mary.
- Mehetabel, Mehitabel: Benefited of God.
- Mellicent: Sweet-singer; otherwise working strength.
- Melissa: A bee.
- Mildred: Mild threatener.
- Miranda: Admirable.
- Miriam: Same as Mary.
- Myra: She who weeps or laments.
- Nancy: A familiar form of Anne.
- Nora: A contraction of Helenora; Honora; and of Leonora.
- Octavia: Feminine of Octavius. Olive, or Olivia: An olive.
- Ophelia: A serpent.
- Olympia: Heavenly.
- Paula, Paulina, or Pauline: Feminine of Paulus or Paul.
- Penelope: A weaver.
- Persis: A Persian woman.
- Phebe, or Phoebe: Pure, radiant.
- Philippa: Feminine of Philip.
- Phyllis, Phyllis: A green bough.
- Polly: A diminutive of Mary.
- Priscilla: Advanced in years.
- Prudence: In Latin Prudentia.
- Rachel: An ewe.
- Rebecca, or Rebekah: of enchanting beauty.
- Rhoda: A rose.
- Rosa: A rose.



- Rosabel, or Rosabella: A fair rose.    Tabitha: A gazelle.  
 Rosalia, or Rosalie: Little and    Theodora: Feminine of Theodore.  
   blooming rose.    Theodosia: The gift of God.  
 Rosalind: Beautiful as a rose.    Theresa: Carrying ears of corn.  
 Rosamond: Horse protection; or    Thomasa, or Thomasine: Femi-  
   famous protection.    nine of Thomas.  
 Roxana: Dawn of day.    Tryphena: Delicate; luxurious.  
 Ruth: Beauty.    Tryphosa: Luxurious, dainty.
- Sabina: A Sabine woman.    Ulca: Rich.  
 Sabrina: The river Severn.    Urania: Heavenly.  
 Salome: Peaceful.    Ursula: She-bear.  
 Salva: Safe.
- Sara, or Sarah, A prin ess.    Valeria: Feminine of Valerius.  
 Selina: Parsley; otherwise moon    Victoria: Victory, or feminine of  
 Serina: Feminine of Serenus, or    Victor.  
   Serenus.    Viola: A violet.  
 S'byl, or Sibylla: A prophetess.    Virginia: Virgin; pure.  
 Sophia: Wisdom.    Vivian: Lively; cheerful.  
 Sophronia Of a sound mind.    Wilhelmina: Feminine of Wilhelm,  
   German form of William.  
 Stella: A star.    Winifred: A lover of peace.  
 Stephana: Feminine of Stephen.    Zenobia: Having life from Jupiter.  
 Gusan, Susanna, or Susannah: A  
   city.





# Family Records

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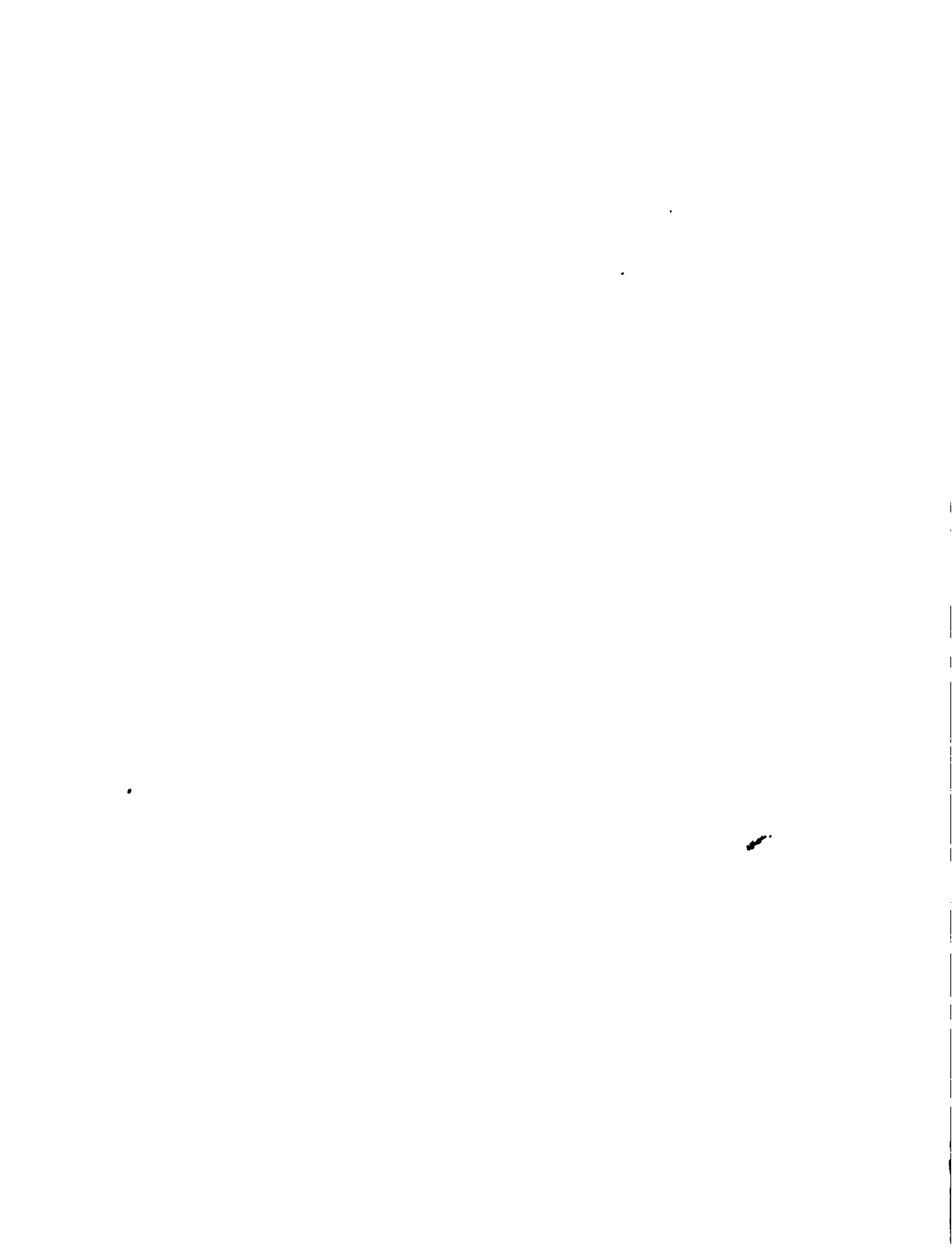
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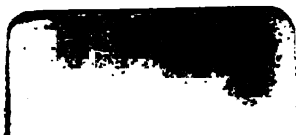
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