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## PEDIGREE OF THE CAPERS FAMILY.

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I HAVE met a goodly number of my people, and it is seldom that two of them agree as to our place of nativity and the original spelling of the name, Capers. So in July, 1898, while in New York, I employed Mrs. C. T. R. Mathews, of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Heraldist and Genealogist, to get me such facts as she could procure, and to secure the Capers Coat of Arms, if possible. We have been working on the lines as laid down above since July, 1898, and below is a summary of our investigations with some letters, etc., attached.

I find after diligent and careful investigation that our family name is Capier; that our ancestors were Huguenots; that we came from Flanders, which province many years ago was under sovereignty of France; therefore, we may call ourselves originally French Huguenots. Our people left Flanders, some going to England, others to Wales. I cannot find any facts to show we came from England, except the letter of Rev. Prentiss, which is submitted herewith; I do find, however, by heraldists in England and from other sources, that there are Capers now there; people of means and reputation. There is no question but they are from our original stock. From the Wales branch there were three brothers, Richard, Gabriel and William Capier. One of these was directed by his father to take holy orders; he refused, and the three brothers came to America in 1679 and settled on what is now Capers Island, near Charleston Harbor, off the coast of South Carolina. This is the beginning of our American history, and it is from William Capers as named above, that I spring.

You will note that from 1679 to the present time, a period of over two hundred and twenty years, the Christian names as above, have been represented in the families more or less in every generation. Especially does this apply to William, and nearly as much so to the other two. These brothers were undoubtedly men of education and some means, as Gabriel was a school teacher, and we see by records that William bought considerable property on the main land some thirteen years later.

Gabriel and Richard appear to have lived on Capers Island and on the sea coast of South Carolina, and their families after them, for a hundred and seventy-five years, or until our Civil War in 1861. I hear from those in various parts of the South that about this time their plantations and homes were destroyed by war and the family much scattered.

William, my paternal ancestor, came to the main land, bought a plantation, located in the Parish of St. Thomas, and the sons succeeded the father for several generations, as planters. This is the tree as I find it as traced to myself:

William Capier of Wales,  
 Richard Capers,  
 Richard Capers, who married Martha Bordeaux,  
 William Capers, who married Hannah Coachman,  
 Le Grand Guerry Capers, who married Amelia F.

Layton.

Francis Le Grand Capers, who married Emma M. Cole.

As I have said, the original William and his sons and grandsons were planters, men of means and the very highest social reputation. An extract from the autobiography of Bishop William Capers, which I make part of this record, gives a description of the two Richards.

William Capers, my grandfather, was born in St. Thomas Parish, South Carolina, Oct. 13, 1758, and died on his plantation, "Woodland on the Hills," Sumpter



District, South Carolina, Dec. 12, 1812, and was buried there. His wife was Hannah Coachman, of Georgetown, South Carolina. She came from a good substantial family; they were married in 1803; there were three children by this marriage, Benjamin Hugér, Richard Coachman and Le Grand Guerry. He had been married twice before, having ten children in all, and the most prominent of these children was William, afterwards Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. All the sons were ministers except my father, who, true to the instincts of his father, followed the fortunes of a soldier till past middle life. When the Revolutionary War broke out grandfather and his brother, my great uncle, Sinclair, joined their fortunes with Marion. From "Saffell's Records of the Revolutionary War," page 293, I quote as follows :

"William Capers, First Lieutenant Seventh Company Col. Francis Marion's South Carolina Regiment as it stood November 1st, 1779."

William Capers as an officer in the Revolutionary War is also mentioned in "Johnson's Traditions of the Revolution" and "Histman's Historical Register." "Saffell's Record of the Revolution" is the highest possible authority in Revolutionary matters. Any direct descendant can become a Son or Daughter of the Revolution through this source.

This same book and page shows that William Jasper—the immortal Jasper—was Quartermaster's Sergeant in the same Seventh Company of which my grandfather was commanding officer, and that he, Jasper, was killed at the storming of Savannah, Oct. 9, 1779, an engagement in which my grandfather took part. As a boy, I used to love to read of feats of daring, but no hero so engaged my attention as Jasper. Russia has had her Skobeloff, France her Ney, England her Cardigan, who had everything on earth to live for, but it remained for America and Jasper to reach the topmost rung of the ladder of heroes.

“Tell Mrs. Elliott I lost my life in supporting the colors she presented to our regiment,” were the last words he said as he lay dying in the arms of Major Horry. Duty, duty, a life for duty and the cause. I have no doubt my grandfather was at Jasper’s side when he fell, and I feel sure the action and death of the young hero made a lasting impression on grandfather and aided and stimulated him in his feats of bravery. My father was a man, whose memory I look back upon with the utmost pride. He was honorable, chivalrous, a splendid companion, and a most courteous, polished and affable gentleman. His circle of friends comprised the very best people in New York City. Our house in which he died was very large, but it was absolutely insufficient to hold the great numbers of people that came to his funeral. There were gathered about his bier some of the best and most influential men in New York State.

After he left the army of the United States he seemed to have more of a tendency toward politics than toward mercantile affairs. His judgment was excellent, but at the same time I do not regard him as being a money maker. At any rate, he certainly was not a money saver. If he had money in his pocket, any one of his friends could borrow his last cent, and if he paid it back it was all right, and if he did not, it was equally all right. He seemed ever anxious to help his friends along to his own detriment, which is very wrong, absolutely wrong, because a man’s first duty is undoubtedly the protection of his family.

He was Deputy Collector of the Port of New York under Augustus Schell, and was Collector of the Third District of Internal Revenue just prior to his death. This last position at that time was one of the very best within the gift of the President.

My father felt justly proud of his family, although I never heard him boast of it, but he believed that he had as good blood in his veins as anybody, and certainly he showed it. To feel and know that there are no stains

upon your family name is a great thing, and there is no question but what we are rapidly drifting into times when to know who we are, will be a very important factor in the history of every man.

When my father was dying he called me to his bedside and told me that I should recollect that I was the son of a gentleman and that my father was an honest man, and I have never forgotten the former; I have done all that I could in my relations with my fellow men to try to carry out the object that I am satisfied he desired, viz: to be a gentleman; but as for being an honest man, I do not think we should boast of that in any one. I cannot understand why a premium should be put upon honesty. Honesty is a necessity and I see no reason why allusion should be made to it. I believe that the percentage of dishonest men in this world is not so very great. I have a most thorough mercantile education, consequently I come in contact with all classes, and while I occasionally meet a dishonest man, they are rare. Men as a rule, want to be square and straight in their transactions, and I really think if they deviate from it, generally it is on account of some sudden financial trouble, and they become dishonest not through real intention at the time.

Religion and war have been very prominent in the Capers family. We were driven from French Domain on account of religion, and then again in Wales our ancestor was driven to America for refusing to take Holy Orders at his father's command. Since this time we have had the great and good Bishop William Capers and his son, Bishop Ellison Capers, who is quite as prominent in the church as his father was, and as I have said, all my grandfather's sons were ministers except my father.

Our family, since they have been in America, have participated in all her wars, William Capers and his brother, Sinclair, being in the Revolution; I do not see that any Capers were in the War of 1812, but my grandfather, Henry S. Layton, was a Captain in it. My

father was in Mexico in 1846, '47 and '48 with General William J. Worth, that distinguished soldier being my father's intimate personal friend, finally dying in his arms with cholera in San Antonio, Texas.

The relations that the Capers sustained to the late Civil War are so recent that it is not necessary to make much mention of them. Suffice it to say that they were in on both sides of the Rebellion, and the mortality among the members was very great. They kept up the reputation of the family for desperate courage and bravery.

The war just over with Spain also has had its members of the family engaged in it. I mean Col. Eben Swift and Major E. L. Swift. These young men are sons of the late General Eben Swift and my sister, Sara, and consequently are great grandsons of William Capers of Revolutionary fame. They are graduates of West Point and distinguished young officers.

After several months' work I have succeeded in securing the Capers Coat of Arms and Crest, from the original seal now in possession of Miss Marian Capers, to whom it was given by her grandfather, \*Thomas Farr Capers, who in turn received it from his grandfather. It was originally the property of Gabriel Capers, one of the three brothers whom I have before mentioned, who first settled in this country. I have several impressions from the seal and a most beautiful painting of the arms and crest, which certainly have a distinguished appearance.

For the benefit of those not posted I will describe the arms and give such other facts as I have secured.

Description of Capers Coat of Arms and Crest:

Azure—three foxes passant; argent in pale.

Over all a crescent argent.

Crest, a bunch of grapes proper.

In Heraldry azure represents the sky, and is supposed to imply justice, humility, loyalty, perseverance.

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\*Thomas Farr Capers graduated at Harvard College in 1825.

Argent represents purity, innocence, chastity, truth, justice, humility. When argent is combined with blue it means the bearer was a Christian soldier, courteous and discreet. Animals on shields are always to be taken for their best qualities, losing sight of their baser ones. For instance, a fox represents wit and cunning; many foxes, much wit and cunning.

Crests were given for some deed of valor; they were anciently marks of great honor.

The Crest of Capers, a bunch of grapes, may have been given for some brave deed in or near a vineyard. The crescent was usually put on the shield on the top to distinguish the family of the second son. When used as a charge, it showed that the bearer was a Crusader.

The family motto is "Perseverentia Vincit," which means "Perseverance conquers."

As a summary, I find that a coat of arms is given to a family of great respectability, and that many have the arms without the crest; the latter was never given except for some great service done the state.

This is not my autobiography, but perhaps it would be well to introduce myself, especially so for the benefit of my nearer relatives and the possibility of their outliving me.

My name is Francis Le Grand Capers. I was born at Roslyn, Long Island, New York, at the family homestead of my parents on May 21st, 1853. My father was Le Grand Guerry Capers. My mother, Amelia Free-love Layton. My father was born Sept. 15, 1808, in Sumpter District, South Carolina, and died in Brooklyn, New York, Jan. 29, 1868, and is buried in our family lot at Manhasset, Long Island. My mother was born August 26, 1814, near Roslyn, Long Island, and died Sept. 9, 1907. My mother was my father's second wife. They were married at San Antonio, Texas, April 27, 1851, by Rev. Fisher, Chaplain U. S. Army. There were four children by this second marriage, Josephine Wright, now the wife of Ammi V. Young, of

Berlin, Germany; Francis L., the writer, who on June 3d, 1880, married Emma M. Cole, daughter of the late David Cole, of Chicago, Ill., whose life appears in "Biographical Encyclopedia of Illinois." We have one son, Francis L. Capers, Jr., born March 14, 1884; graduated Harvard College June, 1907. Amelia Freelove was the next child born to my parents. She is the wife of Mr. J. Lefferts Thorne, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. Mary Cornwall, the youngest and last child, married Henry M. Newton, of Yarmouth, Maine. They are now living in Montclair, New Jersey.

My father by his first wife had ten children, of whom Abigail Swift, John Edwards and William Worth are now living. All the balance are dead, but of these Le Grand Guerry, Martha Glover, Richard Coachman and Sarah lived to middle age. Le Grand was a physician of promise and prominence; Martha was the wife of the late Richardson Cornwall Layton, and Sarah was the wife of the late General Swift, U. S. A. Of Richard I know but little, as I never saw him but once. I believe he was a farmer in Pennsylvania.

For myself, perhaps it will be well to say, that I was left with the care, custody and support of my mother and three sisters, when I was very young—only 15 years old. I certainly did all that a young boy could do to look after and support them, and I succeeded passably well.

In 1876 I was with A. T. Stewart & Co., the great merchant prince of our country. They concluded to open a branch store in Chicago, Ill., on a very large scale. I was sent there in the capacity of assistant manager of one of the largest departments, although I was very young, but 23 years old. Four years afterwards I received an invitation from Mr. Marshal Field, of the firm of Marshal Field & Co., to go with his great institution. I accepted the offer and was with him four years, and at the end of that time, although I drew a

very fine salary, I concluded that I could not afford to work for anyone else thereafter. As my health was bad I came to Colorado in 1886, and have been here ever since.

At present I am the president of a manufacturing institution, the largest industrial plant of its kind west of the Missouri River.

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**EXTRACT FROM THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP  
WILLIAM CAPERS.**

“Our name, Capers, I suppose to be derived from France, and the first of the name were Huguenots. Of this, however, I am not certain, nor is it of any consequence. I remember to have heard no more from my father about it than that he had never seen the name in any English catalogue of names.

“Those of the name in Beaufort District, South Carolina, who are descended from the same original stock with us, say the name is French and that our ancestry was of the Huguenots and I dare say they are right.

“My father’s name was William; and that of his father and grandfather, Richard; of my father’s father I know but little more than he died in middle life, leaving two sons, George Sinclair and William, and no daughters. After his death, my grandmother having contracted an unhappy marriage, my father’s uncle, Major Gabriel Capers, of Christ Church Parish, became his foster father and did nobly for him. He had five (or more) daughters, but no son, and my grandfather became his son in all possible respects. My great grandfather survived his son many years; a large, fat, healthy man of peculiar manners; dressing in osnaburgs and plaids at home, and in broadcloth and silks, stiffened with excess of gold lace, and powdered wig, when he went abroad. A different kind of man was my father, whose name I cannot mention without emotion after 38

years, since I saw him buried. I have studied his character with intense interest, and honor his memory in every feature of it with my whole soul. A chivalrous soldier of the Revolution was he, whose ardent patriotism cooled not to the last of life. And yet, after a few years in the Legislature following the establishment of peace, he held no civil office whatever, and was seldom seen on public occasions, except in his office as Major of Brigade, to muster the troops. He was a military man; the War of the Revolution made him so, and to muster a brigade seemed his highest recreation. But no man I ever knew was more a man of peace than my father was. Social and unselfish, generous, kind, his nature was impulsive, but it was the opposite of passionate. Benevolence supplied his strongest incentives, and the serving of others seemed to be his favorite mode of serving himself. I never knew him to be involved in a personal difficulty but once, and then it was on account of a wrong done by an unreasonable neighbor to one of his negroes. His education had been interrupted by the Revolutionary War, and was therefore imperfect; but he had a clear and strong understanding, was fond of Natural Philosophy and Mechanics, wrote with ease and perspicuity, and in conversation was eminently engaging. He was born Oct. 13, 1758, just at the right time, he was fond of saying, that he might have a full share in the war of his country's independence.

“And yet, with the Butlers, of South Carolina, (sons of a worthy sire who did this country good service) I have to complain that my father's name does not appear in any history of the American Revolution. There is, indeed, a small volume by the late Chancellor James, in which his name is mentioned, and we are told of his giving several thousand dollars, Continental money I think it was, for a blanket, and several hundred for a pen knife; and some passing compliment is paid to his courage and devotion to the country; and beside this I have seen nothing more. And yet I am bound to claim for him that he fought with the bravest



and best, first as a lieutenant in the Second Regiment, when General Moultrie was Colonel; Marion, Lieutenant Colonel, and Horry, a Captain; and afterwards till the close of the war as one of General Marion's captains and his intimate friend. He was one of the defenders of Charleston in the Battle of Fort Sullivan (Fort Moultrie); was in the Battle of Eutaw; was at the siege of Savannah, when Pulaski fell, and not far from him at that fatal moment; and was at the Battle of Rugely's Mills, which happened after his escape from imprisonment in Charleston, and before he had rejoined Marion. Indeed, he was there in search of Marion, whom he expected to find with General Gates, but found not, as he had gone on an expedition to Fort Motte. At Stono, where the lamented Laurens fell, he was present and fought like himself; at Charleston he was one of its defenders, and was one of those who accompanied Major Huger on the service; which, on their return proved fatal to that gallant officer, by a false alarm through the inadvertence of a sentinel, whereby many lost their lives by the fire of their own countrymen from their own lines of defense; besides numerous skirmishes which have never found a record in the books, though they contributed no mean quota to the defense of the country."

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**EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM REV. ELLISON CAPERS, D. D., OF COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA,  
WRITTEN TO A GREAT GRANDSON  
OF CAPT. WILLIAM CAPERS.**

"The earliest record of our name that I know of is here in the Secretary of State's office. In May, 1694, two grants of land from the Lord's Proprietors are on record, being two plantations sold by them to William Capers, our ancestor. He is described in the grant as William Capers, Cordwainer; that is, a dealer in leather.

"Sixty years ago there was a large house, James Capers, which was then called an old establishment, in

Liverpool, England, dealing in hides and skins. The name appears in the early records of the English Church in this colony and state; and my great uncle and my great grandfather were vestrymen of the Parish of Christ Church. Taking these facts into consideration, I am of opinion that the original Capers, perhaps the William of record in 1694, came from England. He paid a considerable sum on his plantation, and by the terms of the sale he was to pay other sums every six months; so that I conclude that he had some means in 1694, fourteen years after the establishment of Charleston (1680) and twenty-four years after the first colony under Sayle landed on Ashley River.

“The branch of the family to which your maternal grandfather belonged, lived on the coast east of Charleston, and others of the same name have lived on the islands west of Charleston from early Colonial times. They were all planters of indigo, rice and cotton, and generations back were men of wealth. My father in his autobiography states that the Capers of the islands always said that we were of Huguenot origin, but he gave no positive judgment himself; indeed, he dismisses the whole matter with the remark that it is ‘of no consequence.’ In this I cannot agree with my reverend father. I think it is a matter of great consequence to know who and what you are. I am sure you would be interested to read my father’s life, written in part by himself. He goes no further back than his great grandfather, who was your great, great, great grandfather, your generation being the sixth as recorded by my father, Richard Capers, then his son Richard, then his sons George Sinclair and William. This last William was my grandfather, and your great grandfather.

“He was three times married. My father was his son by his first marriage, and your grandfather his son by his third marriage. He was a gallant soldier of the Revolution, one of Marion’s captains during the campaign in South Carolina.

“My father was born on his plantation in St. Thomas Parish, in 1790, and your grandfather was born, I think, in Sumter County, in 1804 or '05, my grandfather having removed to Sumter. Indeed, he sold his St. Thomas plantation and bought a rice plantation near Georgetown; and losing his second wife there, he sold the rice plantation and bought a cotton place in Sumter. He died in 1812. You are, of course, familiar with the career of your grandfather, my uncle Le Grand, after whom my youngest brother was named. The latter, a brilliant fellow, the playmate of my childhood, having just graduated with the first honor of his class, went to Virginia as a soldier and was killed at the Battle of Second Manassas, in 1862.”

Barnwell, So. Carolina, Nov. 16th, 1899.

MRS. J. R. MATHEWS,

Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.

My Dear Madam;—Your favor bearing date of 14th inst. is before me, and I take pleasure in giving you what information I can.

I cannot tell you anything of the origin of the name of Capers. As regards my connection with that family will say, my father's grandmother was a Miss Anna Rowe, of Orangeburgh, So. Ca., and her mother was a Miss Ladson, of St. Helena Island, S. Ca., who married Mr. Gabriel Capers (a school teacher). Said Mr. Gabriel Capers came direct from England, (I think about 175 years ago). He left England, I have been told, because his father, (name unknown) desired him to take Holy Orders, to avoid which he came to this country. There are still some Capers on St. Helena's Island, who no doubt could give you the desired information.

The above information I received from my father, Rev. Wm. Otis Prentiss, (who departed this life last Sept., aged 83).

If at any time I can be of any service to you, please call upon me.

Yours very truly,

S. E. PRENTISS.

## DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Bishop's Residence. Columbia, Nov. 5, 1898.

My Dear Cousin:—Your letter of the 16th ult. came when I was at Washington in attendance upon Convention, and this is my first opportunity to answer it. I am sorry I can't help you in the matter of the origin of our name, or as to our nativity before coming to America. I will give you all I know.

First.—The name first appears in South Carolina. All of the name who have lived in other states or territories, subsequent to the Revolution, went out from South Carolina, and can be clearly traced to the South Carolina Capers, as for instance, your Father's family, the Capers in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Missouri.

Second.—Its first record in South Carolina is of date 1695 and 1694. This record is in the oldest of the "Grant Books" in the office of the Secretary of State, South Carolina.

The grants are for two purchases of land, in Berkeley Co., South Carolina, by "William Capers, Cordwainer." At that time Cordwainer meant a dealer in leather or hides—originally a worker in Spanish (Cordova, Spain) leather.

The Capers in South Carolina in the last of the 17th century and in the 18th, were all *on the coast*, mostly in old Berkeley and Georgetown Counties, north of Charleston, and on the islands and in Beaufort Co., *south* of Charleston, and were *all* planters or farmers. The sons of my grandfather (my father and uncles), were the first professional men, and were clergymen of the Methodist denomination. Before my grandfather's conversion to the Methodists, the name was always associated with the Church of England. This appears in Dr. Dalcho's History of the Church in South Carolina and in the Old Parish Registers.

You are doubtless acquainted with what my father has written on the subject in his autobiography.

Third.—I am satisfied that our forefathers came over from England. If they had been French people their name would somewhere appear among the names of the Huguenots, and they would have been hostile to the Church of England, or at least Presbyterian and Calvinists. There are Capers now in Liverpool. An old Irish gentleman, Charles Logan, of Columbia, South Carolina, now resident there, told me that when a boy he was an errand boy to a large firm of James Capers & Son, who were importers of hides and dealers in furs, “Cordwainers.”

This is about all I know. The Island Capers family have “Trees,” and Coats of Arms (I believe), but they really have no other source of information than we have, and I have very little confidence in their trees. So far as you and I can *know* at present, we are stopped at William Capers, Cordwainer, 1694. You might write to Mr. Logan, or the Rev. S. E. Prentiss, Barnwell, South Carolina, whose great grandmother was an Island Capers.

I am, most truly yours,

ELLISON CAPERS.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Office of Secretary of State.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 3, 1899.

F. L. Capers, Esq., Pueblo, Colo.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your letter of the 28th of December. We have no record of the soldiers of the Revolution here except a partial list of the officers in a pamphlet prepared by General Wilmot G. De Sanssure. In that I find that William Capers was a Lieutenant in the Second Regiment. I also find that William Capers was a Captain in the State Militia, and General De Sanssure states that he gets this information from “Johnson’s Traditions of the Revolution.”

Yours very truly,

D. H. TOMPKINS.

NOTE.—The names of all officers and soldiers in the list as mentioned above by General De Sanssure, are reprinted in Charleston year Book, 1893.

## DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Bishop's Residence, Columbia, 4-7-'99.

My Dear Cousin:—I am just home from visitations in the lower part of the Diocese, and find your letter of the 30th ultimo to Mrs. Capers.

I have read your sketch and looked at the crest and coat of arms with much interest. I have been so much away from home and so little time at command when I am here, I have not been able to add anything to what you have written.

After carefully reading the matter sent us, I am satisfied that you have secured a trustworthy Coat of Arms.

Mrs. Capers unites with me in loving regards to you and your family.

Faithfully your cousin,

ELLISON CAPERS.

Mr. F. L. Capers, Pueblo, Colo.

My Dear Mr. Capers:—I have, after many months, found in the possession of Miss Marion Thayer Capers, of Crystal Springs, Miss., the seal of her great, great grandfather Capers. This seal bears the authentic Arms of the Capers family. A description of the Arms is as follows:

Three foxes passant *argent* in pale, over all a crescent *argent*. Crest, a bunch of grapes proper.

The original name was Capier, and undoubtedly they were Huguenots. They went from France to Wales, thence to England, and part to United States, or, more properly, South Carolina; and from this branch all of the name in this country spring.

I have looked carefully into the descent of Miss Marion Thayer Capers, and also of yourself, and you both come from the same family. She is in the direct

line from one of three Capers brothers that settled in So. Carolina in 1658, and you are the offspring of another of these brothers.

Very truly yours,

CATHARINE T. R. MATTHEWS.

Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y., May 18, 1899.

### NEW ECLECTIC MAGAZINE, MAY, 1869.

(REPUBLICED IN S. C. HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE, 1902.)

The Capers family of the South, and we believe it is exclusively a Southern family, made a remarkable fighting record during the late war. From the album of a friend we send you the following as embracing the members of this family who were soldiers under the red-crossed banner of Dixie, in the Confederate army:

- 2 Brigadier Generals.
- 1 Colonel of Artillery.
- 1 Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery.
- 2 Colonels of Cavalry.
- 1 Major of Artillery.
- 1 Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry.
- 4 Captains of Cavalry.
- 3 Captains of Infantry.
- 3 Sergeants.
- 2 Chaplains.
- 3 Surgeons.
- 14 Privates.

Making a total of 37. These were without exception brothers, uncles or cousins. Nine were killed in battle, three died of wounds, two died of disease, thirteen were wounded more than once, seven were wounded once, and only three came through safe. Eleven of the officers were promoted for gallantry on the field of battle.

Life of Bishop William Capers gives an account of Captain Wm. Capers in Revolutionary War.

**EXTRACT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL  
AND GENELOGICAL MAGAZINE, OCT. 1901.**

*First:* William Capers.—

Probably born about 1660. Came to America in 1679 and settled in South Carolina. Died about 1718. With him were his brothers, Richard and Gabriel.

Issue:—

Mary, born May 6, 1696.

William, born Dec. 15, 1698, died young, before his father.

Elizabeth, born June 5, 1700.

Sarah, born April 5, 1701.

*Richard*, born April 28, 1712.

*Second:* Richard Capers.—*William 1st.*—

Born April 28, 1712, married Ann Sinclair May 17, 1730, who died July 15, 1739. Again married Jan. 8, 1741, Elizabeth Bonhoste, who died 174—, and again married Aug. 2, 1744, Mary Ann Maybank. Richard died about 1774.

Issue, first wife:—

Elizabeth, born Oct. 3, 1731.

William, born Nov. 26, 1732.

*Richard*, born ———, 173—.

Gabriel, born ———, 173—.

*Third:* Richard Capers.—*Richard 2nd. William 1st.*—

Born 173—, married 175—, Martha Bordeaux. Richard probably died about 1774, or before the death of his father.

Issue:—

*William*, born Oct. 13, 1758.

George Sinclair, ———.



*Fourth:* William Capers.—*Richard 3rd. Richard 2nd. William 1st.*—

Married Sept. 10, 1783, Mary Singletary.  
 Again married Nov. 11, 1793, Mary Wragg.  
 Again married May 5, 1803, Mrs. Hannah  
 Coachman (Postell). He died Dec. 12, 1812.

Issue, first wife:—

Sarah, ——. .  
 Gabriel, ——. .  
 Mary, ——. .  
 William, ——. .  
 John, ——. .

Issue, second wife:—

Samuel, ——. .  
 Elizabeth, ——. .  
 Mary, ——. .  
 Henrietta, ——. .

Issue, third wife:—

*Le Grand Guerry.*  
 Benjamin Hugher.  
 Richard Coachman.

*Fifth:* Le Grand Guerry Capers.—*William 4th. Richard 3rd. Richard 2nd. William 1st.*—

Born in Sumpter District, S. C., Sept 15,  
 1808. Died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 29,  
 1868. Married June 1, 1829, Abigail Swift,  
 who died Aug. 30, 1846. Again married  
 April 27, 1851, Amelia Free love Layton, who  
 was born Aug. 26, 1814, and died Sept. 9,  
 1907.

Issue, first wife:—

Martha.  
 Le Grand Guerry.  
 John Edwards.  
 Abigail Swift.  
 Richard Coachman.  
 Sarah.  
 William Worth.

Issue second wife:—

Josephine Wright.  
*Francis Le Grand.*  
 Amelia Freelove.  
 Mary Cornwall.

*Sixth:* Francis Le Grand Capers.—*Le Grand Guerry*  
*5th. William 4th. Richard 3d. Richard 2nd.*  
*William 1st.*—

Born at Roslyn, Long Island, May 21, 1853.  
 Married June 3, 1880, Emma M. Cole, of  
 Chicago, Ill.

Issue:—

Francis Le Grand Capers, Jr., born March  
 14, 1884.

*Seventh:* Francis Le Grand Capers, Jr.—

*Francis Le Grand Capers 6th.*  
*Le Grand Guerry Capers 5th.*  
*William Capers 4th.*  
*Richard Capers 3rd.*  
*Richard Capers 2nd.*  
*William Capers 1st.*

Born in Chicago, Ill., March 14, 1884. Grad-  
 uated from Harvard College June, 1907.

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**ADDENDA.**

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 2d, 1908.

Mr. Francis L. Capers, Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Cousin: I have carefully examined the state-  
 ment made by you, prefacing the geneological table of  
 our family. With the single exception, as to the origin  
 of the name "Capers," I fully concur with you. Thank-  
 ing you for the patient research you have made in trac-  
 ing our lineage,

I am affectionately yours,

HENRY D. CAPERS.

*Fifth: William.*—William 4th. Richard 3d. Richard 2nd to William 1st:—

Born St. Thomas Parish, S. C., Jan. 19, 1790. Married Anna White, of Georgetown, S. C. Second wife, Susan Magill, of Camden, S. C.

Issue by first wife:—

Anna.

Issue by second wife:—

Francis Withers.  
Susan Bethia.  
William Tertius.  
Sarah Branham.  
Harriot Emma Haslop.  
Mary Singleton.  
Henry Dickson.  
Ellison.  
Theoditus Le Grande.

*Sixth: Francis Withers Capers.*—William 5th. William 4th. Richard 3rd. Richard 2nd. William 1st.—Born Aug., 1819, at Charleston, S. C. Married Hannah Bascolm, of Lexington, Ky., who died 1862. Again married Susan Rutledge, of Charleston, S. C.

Issue, by first wife:—

William Bascolm.  
Minnie.  
Francis Withers, Jr.  
Clara.

No issue by second wife.

*Sixth: Henry Dickson Capers.*—William 5th. William 4th. Richard 3rd. Richard 2nd. William 1st.—Born Columbia, S. C., June 2, 1834. Married Oct. 20, 1857, Mary Elizabeth Means.

Issue:—

Alexander Means.  
 Minnie Eloise.  
 Charles Memminger.  
 Theoditus Le Grand.  
 William.

*Sixth:* Ellison Capers.—William 5th. William 4th.  
 Richard 3rd. Richard 2nd. William 1st.—  
 Born Charleston, S. C., October, 1837. Married  
 Charlotte Videau Palmer, of St. Stevens  
 Parish, S. C., 1858.

Issue:—

Francis Videau.  
 May Marion.  
 John Gendron.  
 William Theoditus.  
 Ellison.  
 Walter Branham.  
 Charlotte Palmer.

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PUEBLO, COLO., Dec. 4, 1907.

Mr. Henry D. Capers, 907 Austell Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

My Dear Cousin:—In further answer to your esteemed favor of the 29th. There are a few things in regard to our genealogical tree that I want to call your special attention to, *all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding*. In the first place your family name was Capier, and this name was not changed until our people left France. In the second place, while it is true that we are of English descent, the original stock came from Flanders. And it is also true that we are Huguenots. The above you want to remember.

I took the question up of finding out who I was some 10 years ago, and I thought it would cost me maybe \$50.00 or \$100.00, and before I got through I spent way over \$1000.00. And I hunted

down the family in France, England and this country thoroughly, and therefore the facts that I give you are *absolutely* correct; and the arms and crest are likewise correct.

Thomas Farr Capers was a descendant of Gabriel, and I have heard my father speak of him many times; he said he was a most lovable man, and a man of very fine education. He must have been, for he graduated from Harvard.

I felt that we were as good a family as there was in the South, and that we must have a coat of arms; and made up my mind to get it, but it was a fright of a job.

I am sending you today seven of my letter heads. I find I have not over a couple dozen. The stone that these were made from was made for me by Bailey, Banks & Biddle, of Philadelphia. I think I paid something like \$15.00 or \$20.00 for it; and I think the cost of putting it on the papers is something like 10 cents per sheet. It cannot help from being expensive; it is all worked in different colors. I am enclosing you the above papers, suggestions for a smaller type of the arms, but in my judgment it is more suitable for ladies' paper than for gentlemen's although it is very handsome. The details are as enclosed, and I would be glad if you would return them to me after you are finished with them. As for the original stone, as per the papers I send you, I will loan you that any time you want it.

There is another thing I want to call your attention to, that I found out in my efforts to get this coat of arms, is that coat of arms are pretty frequent over in Europe, but crests are not. Worlds of people have the arms, but few the crests. Some King of France has given that to some member of our family hundreds of years ago for some brave act that he had done. Maybe he saved the king's life; he certainly did something that deserved recognition, and he did it close to or in a vineyard.

Mrs. C. T. R. Matthews, Croton-on-Hudson, New-York, made me a very beautiful sketch of the arms; I should say six inches or something like that, that I had framed. I think she charged me \$15.00 or \$20.00 for it. She may be dead, I have not heard from her for several years. But if you wanted something of this kind, she doubtless has some of her folks living that are carrying on her business, and if you explain that the deal came through me she will make you one.

Your affectionate cousin,

FRANK.

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#### F. L. CAPERS WRITES A LETTER TO HIS SON.

Francis L. Capers, president of the Standard Fire Brick Company, is known by his business associates as a thoroughly practical man of affairs, but recently he has been revealed in an entirely new role. This, however, his friends say he has filled for a long time with distinction only among his intimates and relatives.

Long before the book entitled "Letters of a Self-Made Merchant to His Son," by Mr. George Horace Lorimer appeared, Mr. Capers was writing letters of a similar character and quite as effective from a literary standpoint. The art of writing fascinating letters is one which critics agree cannot be cultivated, and for the reason that Mr. Capers' gifts in that direction are conceded to be rare, many even of his business communications are worthy of publication.

The letter appended was addressed to his son, Francis L. Capers, Jr., who is a student at Harvard University. After the formal address it runs this way:

A college education is a good thing, for it teaches a man how little he knows.

Education is simply a refinery; it cultivates the brains you have; if you have none it cannot make them.

I am glad you are up in mathematics, English and chemistry. These are working hour studies. Quick in mathematics, eloquent and forcible in English, facts

brought out by chemistry and a sharp leadpencil; ah, that's the combination. French and Latin, bah! they remind me of the jumping jack, the long legs, the skull that comes to a point at the apex, the curled mustaches, the long hair, the gestures, the "Alphonse and Gaston;" they will never earn you a dollar or give you a sensible girl, the two essentials in life.

History and geography, the only way to study these is by travel. If you try to memorize them, except in a general way, that is, to always have facts, dates and figures at your tongue's end, it is an advantage, inasmuch as it shows your friends your ears are as long as a Rocky Mountain canary's.

If your teachers reported to me you were well up in all studies, excelled in all, faultless in all, I should say you were a fool. English and mathematics point to the well-poised man of business; geometry to the professional crank; French and German to the head that is simply a gourd with one kernel in it. Now would you, could you, wish to excel in all? It is well enough to have a smattering of all, but get down, my boy, to the roast beef and Yorkshire pudding studies, and leave the frothy whipped cream and air bubbles to the other fellow.

Teachers will tell you that French and Latin will polish, but what good is polish? This veneer does not hide the real man, a deception, so to speak, quickly seen through. This is a rough-weather world, boy, and rough weather takes the polish off.

Of course I do not mean one should be a bear, or not a gentleman, but I do mean to say that if a man is by instinct a gentleman it will show up without the graces taught in school, and the studied contrivances of speech. If he has not the attributes of a gentleman you can put a fifty cent shine on him from head to foot, but watch him; he has got to come down from time to time and wallow like the hog he is.

Son, I want you to grow up to be a man of business. If we had lived fifty or seventy-five years ago I would have wished you to be a senator, but the Bentons, Clays, Calhouns and Websters are all dead. The senator of today is simply a clerk who misnames things. He calls his master his constituent; he is not the senator, it is the man or men in his State who sit behind closed doors. They are the power, the men of business. His education may not be of the best, he may send his long-haired and long-eared friend in the Senate a telegram like this, "You won't do no such thing nohow neither," but you can bet when the cross between poll parrot and burro gets that telegram he knows what it means, English or no English, and acts accordingly.













## CAPTAIN<sup>a</sup> WILLIAM CAPERS AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

BY A. S. SALLEY, JR.

Conspicuous in the history of South Carolina has been the name of Capers,<sup>b</sup> and especially so in the ecclesiastical history of this commonwealth. The earliest appearance of the name, so far as has been ascertained, in our records is about 1692. There are two branches of the family: one founded by Richard Capers and the other by William Capers, and these were probably brothers.<sup>c</sup> Richard's descendants lived for

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<sup>a</sup> March 27, 1738, Richard Capers of Christ Church Parish confirmed a title unto James White and Sarah his wife, niece of the said Richard Capers and daughter of John Simes, deceased, to "All that tract or parcell of five hundred acres of Land which was formerly held or supposed to be held by the said John Simes deceased and was called Lebanon which formerly belonged to Captain William Capers deceased who was father of the said Richard Capers". (Mesne Conveyance Office, Charleston County, Book T, p. 356.)

April 9, 1750, Richard Capers, of Christ Church Parish, Berkeley County, S. C., planter, conveyed to Daniel Huger 100 acres, part of a tract of 700 acres in Christ Church Parish formerly belonging to William Capers, father of said Richard, "the said seven hundred acres of land was devised by the last will & testament of said William Capers to his only son Richard Capers aforesaid". (M. C. O., C. C., Book G G, p. 189.) On March 9, 1715, Hannah White, sole executrix of John White, had conveyed this 700 acres to "Capt. William Capers", of Berkeley County, planter. (M. C. O., C. C., Book V 5, p. 391.) He was probably a captain of militia.

<sup>b</sup> Several authorities have stated that the Capers family was a Huguenot one, but the Huguenot naturalization list contains no such name, and there is no other evidence to show that it was a Huguenot family, but the name is evidently English.

<sup>c</sup> March 15, 1694/5, "Mary Capers Widdow Relict and Administra-  
trix of Richard Capers Planter Late of this province Deceased.  
Mr William Capers. & Mr William Chapman all of Charles Town in  
Berkeley County" gave bond to Governor Blake for Mrs. Capers's  
faithful administration of the estate. (Probate Court Records,  
Charleston County, Book 1692-93, p. 194.)

several generations on St. Helena Island, while William's descendants lived for several generations in Christ Church Parish and vicinity. It is of the latter's descendants that this genealogy treats.

Captain William Capers, who was long a vestryman of Christ Church Parish<sup>d</sup>, *m.* Mary —, and *d.* about 1718. His widow *d.* April, 1720.<sup>e</sup>

Issue :

- 1           i.   Mary Capers, *b.* May 6, 1696.<sup>f</sup>
- 2           ii.   William Capers, *b.* Dec. 15, 1698<sup>g</sup>; predeceased his father.<sup>h</sup>
- 3           iii.   Elizabeth Capers, *b.* June 5, 1700.<sup>i</sup>
- 4           iv.   Sarah Capers, *b.* April 5, 1701.<sup>j</sup>
- 5           v.   Richard Capers, *b.* April 28, 1712.<sup>k</sup>

## 1.

**Mary Capers** [William<sup>l</sup>.], *b.* May 6, 1696; *m.* John Simes,<sup>1</sup> who was buried Aug. 30, 1716\* ; *m.* again, Oct. 24, 1717,\* Thomas Boone<sup>m</sup>, who *d.* Nov. 2, 1749.\*

<sup>d</sup> Minutes of the Vestry. His name disappears from the minutes about 1818, and in 1820 his widow died.

<sup>e</sup> "Mary Capers, widow, was buried April 28th Anno Domini 1720."—MS. copy Christ Church Parish register in collection of S. C. H. S.

<sup>f</sup> "Mary Capers daughter of William & Mary Capers was born May 6th A. D. 1696."—Ibid.

<sup>g</sup> "William Capers son of William & Mary Capers was born December 15 A D 1698"—Ibid.

<sup>h</sup> The will of William Capers designated Richard Capers as "his only son". (See extract from deed of April 9, 1750 in note *a*.)

"William Capers Junr" was a witness to a deed from Isaac Motte, administrator of John A. Motte, to Charles Hill, June 26, 1712. (P. C. R., C. C., Miscellaneous Records 1714-1717, p. 9.)

<sup>i</sup> "Elizabeth Capers daughter of William & Mary Capers was born June 5th A D 1700."—MS. copy C. C. P. R., S. C. H. S.

<sup>j</sup> "Sarah Capers Daughter of William & Mary Capers was born April 5 A. D. 1701."—Ibid.

<sup>k</sup> "Richard Capers son of William Capers & Mary his wife was born April 28th A D 1712 & Baptized March ye 28th 1714."—Ibid.

<sup>l</sup> See note *a* wherein it is stated that Sarah Simes, daughter of John was niece of Richard Capers, son of "Captain William Capers." The Christ Church Parish register records the birth of Sarah, daughter of "John and Mary Simes".

\* Christ Church Parish Register.

<sup>m</sup> In his will he mentions his "Brother Richard Capers".

Issue : First husband.

- 6 I. Mary Simes, *b.* Jany. 13, 1715.\*
- 7 II. Sarah Simes, *b.* Aug. 20, 1716\*; *m.*, Jany. 30, 1737\*, James White.
- Second husband.
- 8 III. John Boone, *b.* Feb. 25, 1720\*; buried Dec. 15, 1721.\*
- 9 IV. Thomas Boone, *b.* March 4, 1723\*; *m.*, Nov. 23, 1741,\* Susannah Croft (See April magazine, p. 132).
- 10 V. Susannah Boone, *b.* Jany. 9, 1726\*; *m.*, May 14, 1745, Rev. Levi Durand.\*
- 11 VI. William Boone, *b.* April 12, 1728.\*
- 12 VII. Paty Boone, *b.* June 16, 1730; *d.* July 7, 1739.\*
- 13 VIII. Capers Boone, *b.* Aug. 23, 1732\*; member second Provincial Congress of South Carolina, August 1775—March 1776.
- 14 IX. John Boone, *b.* Oct. 9, 1734\*; *d.* Jany. 6, 1777.\*

## 5.

**Richard Capers** [William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* April 28, 1712; *m.*, May 17, 1730, Ann Sinkler<sup>n</sup> (or perhaps Sinclair), who *d.* July 15, 1739<sup>o</sup>; *m.* again, Jany. 8, 1741, Elizabeth Bonhoste<sup>p</sup>,

<sup>n</sup> "Richard Capers was married to Ann Sinckler, May ye 17th A. D. 1730."—MS. copy C. C. P. R., S. C. H. S.

<sup>o</sup> "1739 Ann, the wife of Richard Capers, Departed this Life July 15th, Anno Domini 1739—interred ye 16th."—Ibid.

<sup>p</sup> "Richard Capers to Elizabeth Bonhoste, spinster, January 8th A. D. 1741."—Ibid.

March 27, 1748, Richard Capers et al, executors of the estate of George Bennison, of Christ Church Parish, deceased, conveyed to Richard I'On a plantation of 500 which "John Bonhoist" had conveyed to George Bennison, July 4, 1722. (M. C. O., Book G. G., p. 49.)

who *d.* — —174—; *m.* again, Aug. 2, 1744, Mary Ann Maybank<sup>q</sup>; *d.* about 1774.<sup>r</sup>

Issue : First wife.

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| 15 | 1.   | Elizabeth Capers, <i>b.</i> Oct. 3, 1731. <sup>s</sup> |
| 16 | II.  | William Capers, <i>b.</i> Nov. 26, 1732. <sup>t</sup>  |
| 17 | III. | Richard Capers, <i>b.</i> 173—.                        |
| 18 | IV.  | Gabriel Capers, <i>b.</i> 173—.                        |

## 16.

**William Capers** [Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* Nov. 26, 1732, *m.*, Dec. 4, 1753, Catharine Dutarque<sup>u</sup>, dau. of John Dutarque, of the parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis: probably *d.* before 1774 (See note *v*).

Issue :

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| 19 | 1. | William Capers, <i>b.</i> ——— 175—; <i>d.</i> unm. between May 7, 1779 and Nov. 28, 1785. <sup>v</sup> |
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<sup>q</sup> "Richard Capers to Mary Ann Maybank, August 2, A D 1744."—MS. copy C. C. P. R., S. C. H. S.

<sup>r</sup> In the deed of April 9, 1750, cited in note *a*, her name is spelled in three different ways: once "Maryan", once "Marryan" and in all other instances "Marian".

<sup>s</sup> "His will, made Jan'y. 12, 1774, mentions son Gabriel; grandson William, son of son William: grandsons Sinclair and William (minors) sons of son Richard. (Probate Court Records, C. C., Book 1774-78, p. 57.)

<sup>t</sup> "Elizabeth Capers the daughter of Richard Capers & Anne his wife was born October 3d Anno Domini 1731."—MS. copy C. C. P. R., S. C. H. S.

<sup>u</sup> "William the son of Richard & Anne Capers was born November 26 A D 1732."—Ibid.

<sup>v</sup> *Annals and Parish Register of St. Thomas and St. Denis Parish, 1680-1884* (Charleston, S. C., 1884), pp. 28 and 30.

<sup>w</sup> The will of "Capt John Dutarque", made Aug. 9, 1766, and proved Jan'y. 2, 1767, provides for the education of his grandson William Capers. (P. C. R., C. C., Book 1760-67, p. 639.)

The will of William Capers, made May 7, 1779, and proved Nov. 28, 1785, leaves all of his property to his aunt, Mrs. Martha Wigfall. A reference to the St. Thomas and St. Denis register shows that his mother had a sister Martha Dutarque, *baq.* March 9, 1752; *m.*, Aug. 1, 1771, Benjamin Wigfall.



## 17.

**Richard Capers** [Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* — — 173—; *m.*, — — 175—, Martha Bordeaux (?); probably *d.* before 1774 (See note *v*).

Issue :

- 20            i.    William Capers, *b.* Oct. 13, 1758.<sup>w</sup>  
 21            ii.   George Sinclair Capers, *d.* 1809.  
                     *Daughters.*

## 18.

**Gabriel Capers** [Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* — — 173—; *m.*, Nov., 1767, Martha Witherston<sup>x</sup>, who *d.* in Sept., 1776; *m.* again, Nov. 11, 1777, Sarah Lloyd<sup>y</sup> (*d.* March 26, 1808), of Charles Town; *d.* between March 6, 1799 and Oct. 21, 1802<sup>z</sup>. He was a member of the first Provincial Congress of South Carolina, January-August 1775, from Christ Church Parish<sup>aa</sup>, and was appointed by that Congress one of the Committee for Carrying into Effect the Continental Association in his parish<sup>bb</sup>; was reelected to the second Provincial

<sup>w</sup> "William, son of Wm & Martha Capers, b. Oct. 13, 1758."—Extract furnished by Bishop Ellison Capers from his mother's Bible. See also Wightman's *Life of William Capers, D. D.* (Nashville, 1858), p. 13, the autobiography of Bishop William Capers. The Bishop also stated in that autobiography (p. 12) that his grandfather, Richard Capers (17), had but two sons, William and George Sinclair, and no daughter and that he died many years before his father, Richard Capers (5).

<sup>x</sup> "Mr. Gabriel Capers, to Miss Martha Witherston."—Marriage announcements in *The South-Carolina Gazette; and Country Journal*, Tues., Dec. 1, 1767.

<sup>y</sup> MS. diary of Col. Isaac Hayne, the Revolutionary martyr.

<sup>z</sup> Will, made March 6, 1799, and proved Oct. 21, 1802, mentions daughters Catherine, Mary, Martha, Sarah and Elizabeth.

<sup>aa</sup> *The South Carolina Gazette*, Jan. 23, 1775. Mc Crady's *History of South Carolina Under the Royal Government*, p. 804. Moultrie's *Memoirs of the American Revolution*, vol. I, p. 15.

<sup>bb</sup> *The South Carolina Gazette*, Feb. 13, 1775. Moultrie's *Memoirs of the American Revolution*, vol I, p. 41.

Congress, August 1775-March 26, 1776 <sup>cc</sup>, and from March 26, 1776 to October 1776 was a member of the General Assembly of South Carolina.<sup>dd</sup> After the fall of Charles Town in May 1780 he accepted British protection and a British commission (major of militia, probably) and on that account his property was sequestrated by the Jacksonborough Assembly of 1782.<sup>ee</sup>

## Issue :

- 22           i. Catherine Capers, *m.* Hugh Paterson; *d.*  
March 30, 1808.<sup>ff</sup>
- 23           ii. Mary Capers, *d. unm.* Oct. 21, 1812 (?) <sup>gg</sup>
- 24           iii. Martha Capers, *m.*, Nov. 29, 1810, Hugh  
Paterson.<sup>hh</sup>
- 25           iv. Sarah Capers, *m.* David Jervey, M. D.
- 26           v. Elizabeth Capers, *m.* (?) Maurice Simons,<sup>ii</sup>  
sometime Register of Mesne Conveyances  
of Charleston District; *d. s. p.*

<sup>cc</sup> *The South Carolina Gazette*, Sept. 7, 1775.

<sup>dd</sup> Journal of the second session of the second Provincial Congress of South Carolina, Feb.-March, 1776, p. 152.

<sup>ee</sup> *Acts of the General Assembly of South Carolina* (Jacksonborough, 1782), p. 38.

<sup>ff</sup> "Died, in Christ Church Parish, on Saturday, 26th ult. Mrs. SARAH CAPERS, relict of Gabriel Capers, Esq. of said Parish. And, in this city, on Wednesday, 30th ult. Mrs. CATHARINE PATERSON, wife of Mr. Hugh Paterson, merchant, and eldest daughter of the said Gabriel Capers."—*The Times*, Charleston, S. C., Tues., April 5, 1808.

<sup>gg</sup> "Departed this life, on the 21st ult. Miss MARY CAPERS, of this city, in the 39th year of her age, after a long and lingering illness."—*City Gazette and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, Nov. 10, 1812.

<sup>hh</sup> "Married, on Thursday evening last, by the Rev. Dr. Hollingshead, Mr. HUGH PATERSON, merchant, to Miss MARTHA CAPERS, daughter of the late Gabriel Capers, Esq. of Christ Church Parish."—*Charleston Courier*, Mon., Dec. 3, 1810.

<sup>ii</sup> Yeadon's genealogy of "The Marion Family", *Simms's Magazine*, vol. II, p. 53.

## 20.

**William Capers** [Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* in St. Thomas's Parish Oct. 13, 1758; *m.*, Sept. 10<sup>jj</sup>, 1783, Mary Singeltary<sup>kk</sup> (*b.* Nov. 6, 1766<sup>ll</sup>), daughter of John Singeltary, who *d.* March, 1792<sup>mm</sup>; *m.* again, Nov. 11, 1793<sup>nn</sup>, Mary Wragg, of Georgetown, who *d.* Feb. 7, 1801<sup>oo</sup>; *m.* again, May 15, 1803, Mrs. Hannah (Coachman) Postell, widow of Col. Jehu Postell<sup>pp</sup>; *d.* on his plantation, "Woodland", on the High Hills of the Santee, Sumter District, S. C., Dec. 7, 1812.<sup>qq</sup> He was commissioned lieutenant in

<sup>jj</sup> Date supplied by Bishop Ellison Capers from his mother's family Bible.

<sup>kk</sup> "MARRIED] Mr. *William Capers*, of Christ-Church Parish, to Miss *Mary Singletary*, daughter of *John Singletary*, Esq; of St. Thomas's Parish."—*The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1783.

<sup>ll</sup> Tombstone at Cainhoy. Also record furnished by Bishop Ellison Capers from his mother's Bible.

<sup>mm</sup> Tombstone at Cainhoy.

<sup>nn</sup> Authority of Mrs. A. J. Stokes, Charleston, S. C., a descendant.

<sup>oo</sup> "Died, on Saturday evening last, Mrs. *Mary Capers*, the amiable consort of Mr. William Capers. Her exit is much lamented by her friends and severely felt by her relatives."—*The Times, City Gazette & Merchant's Evening Advertiser*, Charleston, Sat., Feb. 14, 1801.

<sup>pp</sup> "Married, near Georgetown, (S. C.) at Rural Hall, the 15th inst. by the Rev. Hugh Fraser, major WILLIAM CAPERS, of Waccamaw, to Mrs. HANNAH POSTELL, of Black river, relict of the late colonel Jehu Postell."—*The Times*, Charleston, Sat., May 28, 1803.

## qq "OBITUARY.

"Died, on the 7th ult. at his plantation, in Sumter District, Major WILLIAM CAPERS, a faithful, brave and active officer of the revolution: a patriotic and truly republican citizen; a man of amiable character in all the relations of life.

"Major CAPERS was early and decisive in espousing his country's interests, as he was constant and courageous to defend her rights. At the battle of Fort Moultrie he behaved with so much bravery and good conduct, as laid a foundation for the solid friendship that ever after subsisted between him and our illustrious MARION, as well as for the high notice of others, officers of distinction in the army. He was active in defending this city, not only in that battle, but also during

the 2d South Carolina Continental Regiment (Motte's) Feb. 24, 1778<sup>rr</sup>, served through the Georgia campaign and the siege of Savannah, and resigned in Jan'y. 1780.<sup>ss</sup> He then entered the militia where he served to the end of the war in Marion's brigade, attaining the rank of captain. One fight in which his company and that of his brother Sinclair attacked a party of British and Tories on the Georgetown road near Whitehall is described in Johnson's *Traditions of the Revolution*, p. 583. He first lived on his plantation "Bull's Head", St. Thomas's Parish, but subsequently moved to a plantation, "Bellevue", in Georgetown District<sup>tt</sup>, and later to "Woodland" plantation, Sumter District; was Inspector, with the rank of major, of the 6th brigade (Brigadier Gens. P. Horry, 1802, Robt. Conway) of South Carolina militia,

all the time that it was besieged, and was a companion of the brave and good Major HUGER in the danger which proved the death of that very worthy and much lamented officer—There was scarce a battle of any distinction fought during the whole revolution, in this State, in which Major Capers was not; and in all he was the same—signalized more by his courage, patience and conduct, than by any marks of office.

"Independence secured and peace restored, he was called to the Legislature of the State; where, acting from the same principle, he was had in like honor as in war. But he disdained to serve himself under cover of his country's name; and when he thought that to be in office was to be in interest he declined to serve."

\* \* \* \* "By his neighbors, who were generally poor, he was better known as *Father Capers* than as *Major*, and so he was commonly called. As a husband and a father, the overwhelming sorrow of his widow and nine children feelingly speaks his worth—and as a master he was mild and merciful."

\* \* \* \* "In his illness (untill the morning before he died) he was generally delirious". \* \* \* \* "On the morning of the 6th ult. his senses were suddenly restored, and he began instantly to speak of his decease at hand".—*City Gazette and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, Charleston, Wed., Jan'y. 13, 1813.

<sup>rr</sup> Year Book, City of Charleston, 1895, p. 332.

<sup>ss</sup> Monthly return of 2d Regiment, made Jan'y. 31, 1780. Original in collection of S. C. H. S.

<sup>tt</sup> July 11th 1793 Rev. William Hamet conveyed to William Capers, of Georgetown, planter, and others, trustees, a lot for the purpose of erecting a church thereon. (Records M. C. O., C. C.)

1802—1809. (For a longer sketch see Wightman's *Life of Bishop Capers*.)

Issue : First wife.

- 27           i. Sarah Capers, *b.* 1784; *m.* LeGrand Guerry, of Sumter Dist., who *d.* in 1811; *m.* again, Rev. Thomas D. Glenn, of Sumter Dist. (Issue by both marriages.)
- 28           ii. Gabriel Capers.
- 29           iii. Mary Singeltary Capers, *d.* young.
- 30           iv. William Capers, *b.* Jan. 26, 1790. *Bishop*
- 31           v. John Singeltary Capers, *b.* 1792.

Second wife.

- 32           vi. Samuel Wragg Capers, *b.* March 5, 1797.
- 33           vii. Elizabeth Capers, *d.* young.
- 34           viii. Mary Capers.
- 35           ix. Henrietta Capers.

Third wife.

- 36           x. LeGrand Guerry Capers.
- 37           xi. Benjamin Huger Capers.
- 38           xii. Richard Coachman Capers.

## 21.

**George Sinclair<sup>uu</sup> Capers** [Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* — — 175—.

He was a captain of militia in Marion's brigade of South Carolina militia and State regulars. History records two actions in which he was engaged. On one occasion he headed one of Marion's scouting parties of twelve men into St. Thomas's Parish and encountered a party of twenty-six British "Black Dragoons" and cut them to pieces. (James's

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<sup>uu</sup> The Christ Church Parish register gives the name of his grand mother Capers as "Ann Sinckler" (See 5), but among the founders of the St. Andrew's Society in 1729-30 (Year Book, City of Charleston 1894) was Dr. George Sinclair who was probably his great-grandfather. This supposition is based purely on the fact of his first name having been George Sinclair.

*Marion*, p. 163.) Mention has been made of the other action in the foregoing sketch of his brother William (20). He died in Sumter District, S. C., in 1809 (*Wightman's Life of Bishop Capers*, p. 177), and his widow died in 1813 (*Ibid.*). I have been unable to ascertain whether he left issue or not.

## 25.

**Sarah Capers** [Gabriel<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *m.*, Feb. 26, 1806<sup>vv</sup>, David Jervey, M. D. (*b.* Aug. 25, 1775; *d.* 1851); *d.* 1848.

Issue :\*

- 39           i. Thomas Hall Jervey, *b.* Jany. 1807; *m.*, Jany. 3, 1833<sup>ww</sup>, Angelina Dorrel; *d.* 1872. (Issue.)
- 40           ii. James Jervey, *m.* Susan Sarah Evans. (Issue.)
- 41           iii. Gabriel Capers Jervey, *m.* Eliza H. Capers, dau. John Singeltary Capers (31); killed at First Manassas. (Issue.)
- 42           iv. Richard L. Jervey, *m.* and had one dau. who *d.* un<sup>m</sup>.
- 43           v. Maurice Simons Jervey, *m.* Martha Fraser; *d.* s. p.
- 44           vi. Grace Hall Jervey, *d.* un<sup>m</sup>.
- 45           vii. Annie Jervey, *d.* un<sup>m</sup>.

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<sup>vv</sup> "Married in Christ Church Parish on Wednesday last, by the Rev. Daniel M'Calla, Dr. DAVID JERVEY, to Miss SARAH CAPERS, daughter of Gabriel Capers, esq. deceased."—*Charleston Courier*, Sat., March 1, 1806. (A Jervey family Bible gives the same information.)

\*Data furnished by descendants.

<sup>ww</sup> "Married.

"On Thursday Morning last, by Rev. Dr. McDowall, Mr. THOMAS JERVEY of Christ Church Parish, to Miss ANGELINE youngest daughter of R. Dorrill, Esq. of this City."—*The Charleston Mercury*, Tuesday, Jany. 8, 1833.

## 28.

**Gabriel Capers** [William <sup>4</sup>, Richard <sup>3</sup>, Richard <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>.], *b.* — — — 178—; *m.*, — — — 18—, Ann Humphries, dau. of Rev. Thomas Humphries, of Jeffers's Creek, Darlington District, S. C.; removed to Louisiana and died Ocean Springs, Miss., 1867. Several of his children returned to South Carolina.

Issue :<sup>xx</sup>

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| 46 | i.    | Thomas Humphries Capers.                      |
| 47 | ii.   | Eliza Capers.                                 |
| 48 | iii.  | Mary Singeltary Capers, <i>b.</i> — — — 1815. |
| 49 | iv.   | Wesley Coke Capers.                           |
| 50 | v.    | Susan Capers, <i>d.</i> unm.                  |
| 51 | vi.   | Gabriel Capers.                               |
| 52 | vii.  | Robert Francis Withers Capers.                |
| 53 | viii. | Stephen Olin Capers.                          |
| 54 | ix.   | John Singeltary Capers.                       |

*m. G. W. Ellis*  
*m. B. R. Warner* Subl. 299  
*Col. of Artillery*  
*Major James H. Capers*  
*J. H. Capers Jr. of*  
*Richmond Va.*

## 30.

*Bishop*

**William Capers** [William <sup>4</sup>, Richard <sup>3</sup>, Richard <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>.], *b.* on his father's Bull's Head plantation, St. Thomas's Parish, Charleston District, S. C., Jan. 26, 1790\*; was educated at Dr. Roberts' academy, near Stateburg, Sumter District, and at the South Carolina College; entered the itinerancy of the Methodist Episcopal Church Nov. 25, 1808; *m.*, Jan. 13, 1813\*, Anna White (*b.* Feb. 20, 1795\*), dau. of John White, Esq., of Georgetown, deceased, and Anna, his wife, who *d.* Dec. 30, 1815; *m.* again, Oct. 31, 1816\*, Susan McGill (*b.* Aug. 31, 1797), dau. of William

<sup>xx</sup> Data furnished by Mrs. A Lou Walpole, Mullet Hall, S. C.

\* Data furnished by Bishop Ellison Capers from his mother's Bible. See also Wightman's *Life of Bishop Capers*.

and Ann McGill, of Kershaw District, and adopted dan. of Mrs. Peter Horry, widow of Gen. Peter Horry; was elected, May 7, 1846, a bishop by the first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Petersburg, Va., and was consecrated at the Washington Street Church, Columbia, May 14th following; *d.* at Anderson, S. C.; Jany. 29, 1855, aged 65 years and 3 days, and was buried in the church-yard of the Washington Street M. E. Church, South, Columbia. Over his grave is an oblong structure of granite covered by a marble slab, in the centre of which rests a pedestal supporting an obelisk of Italian marble, bearing appropriate inscriptions. There is also a stained glass window dedicated to his memory in Bethel Church, Charleston. (See autobiography in Wightman's *Life of Bishop Capers.*)

Issue :\* First wife.

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| 55 | i.   | Anna White Singeltary Capers, <i>b.</i> Jany. 18, 1814; <i>m.</i> , Dec. 23, 1830, Rev. Wm. Holmes Ellison, D. D., a distinguished Methodist minister, sometime Prest. Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga. (Issue.) |
| 56 | ii.  | Theodotus William Capers, <i>b.</i> Dec. 30, 1815; <i>d.</i> young.<br>Second wife.   |
| 57 | iii. | Francis Asbury Capers, <i>b.</i> Dec. 26, 1817; <i>d.</i> young.  |
| 58 | iv.  | Francis Withers Capers, <i>b.</i> Aug. 8, 1819. <i>Genl</i>   |
| 59 | v.   | Susan Bethia Capers, <i>b.</i> March 11, 1821; <i>m.</i> , July 23, 1843, Prof. Geo. W. W. Stone, of Emory College, Oxford, Ga. Resides at Oxford.  |
| 60 | vi.  | Esther Anslie Withers Capers, <i>b.</i> Dec. 7, 1822; <i>d.</i> young.  |
| 61 | vii. | William Tertius Capers, <i>b.</i> at Milledgeville, Ga., Jany 20, 1825; entered Methodist   |

\* Data furnished by Bishop Ellison Capers from his mother's Bible.

Commanded a  
Brigade of State Troops  
after Georgia Militia



itineraney in 1844; *m.*, Dec. 20, 1853.  
 Lucy Frances Austin. Was twice mar-  
 ried. Was made D. D. Died Sept. 10,  
 1894, and was buried at Greenville, S. C.  
 (Left no issue.) *Chaplain (10 S.C. vols.)*

- 62 VIII. Sarah Ann Branham Capers, *b.* Jany. 13,  
 1827; *m.*, Jany. 2, 1849, Wm. Montague  
 Sage, of Charleston, S. C. (No living  
 issue.)
- 63 IX. Harriet Emma Maria Haslope Capers, *b.*  
 July 31, 1830; *m.*, Aug. 8, 1848, Rev.  
 Samuel Barksdale Jones, a distinguished  
 Methodist minister of the South Carolina  
 Conference. (Issue.)
- 64 X. Mary Singeltary Capers, *b.* June 28, 1833;  
*m.*, 1855, Peter Fayssoux Stevens, subse-  
 quently bishop of the Reformed Episcopal  
 Church. (Issue.)
- 65 XI. Henry Dickson Capers, *b.* June 2, 1835. *Colonel*
- 66 XII. Ellison Capers, *b.* Oct. 14, 1837. *General*
- 67 XIII. Theodotus LeGrand Capers, *b.* Oct. 23, 1839,  
 grad. with first honors in his class at col-  
 lege, June 1860, and was killed at Second  
 Manassas, Aug. 30, 1862.

### 31.

**John Singeltary Capers** [William<sup>1</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>,  
 William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* 1792; *m.* Martha E. White<sup>yy</sup>, who *d.*  
 1862; *d.* ——.

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<sup>yy</sup> The will of Martha E. Capers. made Oct. 31, 1860, proved June  
 11, 1862, mentions son William Capers; Eliz H. Jervey, wife of  
 Gabriel C. Jervey; grand-children Sarah Capers Jervey and William  
 Capers Jervey; and mother Ann White.

Issue :<sup>zz</sup>

- 68 I. William Capers. (Issue.)  
 69 II. Eliza H. Capers, *m.* Gabriel Capers Jervey  
 (41).

## 32.

**Samuel Wragg Capers** [William <sup>1</sup>, Richard <sup>3</sup>, Richard <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>.], *b.* in Georgetown District, March 5, 1797; *m.*, May, 1817, Elizabeth Humphries, who *d.*; *m.* again, Oct., 1826, Sarah M. Brandt, who *d.*; *m.* again, Jan'y. 11, 1831, Abathiah Harvey Thornton, who still survives, residing at Camden, S. C.; *d.* June 22, 1855, and was buried at Camden. He was a Methodist minister, having entered the itinerancy in 1828.

Issue :<sup>aaa</sup> First wife.

- 70 I. Samuel E. Capers, *b.* 1818.  
 Second wife.  
 71 II. Margaret Capers, *d.* when 3 years old.  
 Third wife.  
 72 III. Richard Thornton Capers.  
 73 IV. Abathiah Elizabeth Capers.  
 74 V. Edmund LeGrand Capers, *d.* in infancy.  
 75 VI. Sidney Williams Capers.  
 76 VII. John Summerfield Capers, killed at Appomattox C. H., April, 1865.  
 77 VIII. Mary Wragg Capers.  
 78 IX. Sarah Ann Gamewell Capers.  
 79 X. Caroline Martha Michel Capers, *d.* 1890.  
 80 XI. Emma Jane Dunlap Capers, *d.* 1878.  
 81 XII. Edwin Benjamin Capers.  
 82 XIII. Adella Henrietta Capers, *d.* in infancy.

<sup>zz</sup> There might have been other children, for this will is the only record of this branch of the family the writer has been able to procure.

<sup>aaa</sup> Data furnished by a descendant.

## 36.

**LeGrand Guerry Capers** [William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* in Sumter District, S. C., Feb. 8, 1808; was a merchant in Charleston; *m.*, June 1, 1829, Abigail Swift (*b.* Oct. 16, 1810), who *d.* Aug. 30, 1846; *m.* again, April 27, 1851, at San Antonio, Texas, Amelia Freelove Layton (*b.* Aug. 20, 1814). He served on Gen. Worth's staff during the war with Mexico. He *d.* Jan. 29, 1868.

Issue :<sup>bbb</sup> First wife.

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|----|-------|---|
| 83 | i.    | Abigail Capers, <i>m.</i> — Swift.  |
| 84 | ii.   | LeGrand Guerry Capers, <del>Confed.</del> Surgeon, <i>e. s. a.</i><br><i>d.</i> at Vicksburg, Miss. (Issue.)                        |
| 85 | iii.  | John Edwards Capers. <i>M. Welchiv. 1 son.</i>  |
| 86 | iv.   | Martha Glover Capers. <i>M. Lakin, 5 sons &amp; 4 daughters.</i>  |
| 87 | v.    | Richard Coachman Capers.  |
| 88 | vi.   | Sarah Capers, <i>m.</i> Gen. Swift, U. S. A.  |
| 89 | vii.  | Child, <i>d.</i> young.   |
| 90 | viii. | Child, <i>d.</i> young.   |
| 91 | ix.   | William Worth Capers. <i>b.</i> Aug. 30, 1844. <i>M. Augustan</i>   |
| 92 | x.    | Child, <i>d.</i> young.<br>Second wife.   |
| 93 | xi.   | Amelia Freelove Capers, <i>m.</i> , J. Lefferts<br>Thorn.   |
| 94 | xii.  | Josephine Capers, <i>m.</i> A. V. Young.  |
| 95 | xiii. | Francis LeGrand Capers, <i>b.</i> May 21, 1853;<br><i>m.</i> , June 3, 1880, Emma N. Cole, of<br>Brooklyn, N. Y. Lives Denver, Col. |
| 96 | xiv.  | Mary Connall Capers. <i>m.</i> Henry M. Newton.   |

## 37.

**Benjamin Huger Capers** [William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* 18—; entered the Methodist itinerancy in 1826 and was located in 1836. He married and removed

<sup>bbb</sup> Data furnished by Mrs. C. T. R. Mathews, Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Capt. Swan's battalion. M. H. H. Hunt - 2 of - Hunt & P. Hunt of Vicksburg.

Edwards

to Mississippi and his children and grand-children live in that State now.

## 58.

*General*

**Francis Withers Capers** [William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* in Savannah, Ga., Aug. 8, 1819; grad. College of Charleston with first honors in 1839; was elected, Feb. 24, 1843, 2d professor of the Citadel Academy in Charleston, with the rank of lieutenant, subsequently became a captain, but resigned in Nov. 1847 to become professor of ancient languages in Transylvania University, Ky.; succeeded Major R. W. Colecock as Superintendent of the Citadel Aedy. in 1853, with the rank of major; resigned in Sept., 1859, and accepted the command of the Georgia Military Academy at Marietta; was made, during the States' Rights war, brigadier general of one of the Georgia militia brigades, and was engaged in engineer service in Northern Georgia, and laid out and constructed the works around Resaca behind which Gen. Jos. E. Johnston delivered battle in May 1864; taught school in Augusta, Ga., after the war, and in Oct. 1867 became professor of mathematics in the College of Charleston which position he held until within two years of his death in 1892. He *m.*, Aug. 24, 1848, Hannah Hawk Bascom, dan. of Alphens and Cassandra Bascom, of Ky., who *d.* 1862; *m.* again, 1863, Susan R. Rutledge, of Charleston; *d.* Jan. 12, 1892, and was buried in Bethel Churchyard.<sup>ccc</sup>

Issue :<sup>ddd</sup> First wife.

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| 97  | i.   | William Bascom Capers, <i>b.</i> Dec. 19, 1849.  |
| 98  | ii.  | Francis Withers Capers, <i>b.</i> July 13, 1852. |
| 99  | iii. | Alphens Bordeaux Capers, <i>b.</i> July 6, 1854. |
| 100 | iv.  | Emma Singeltary Capers, <i>b.</i> July 21, 1856. |

<sup>ccc</sup> *The News and Courier*, Charleston, S. C., Wed., Jan. 13, 1892. Thomas's *History of the South Carolina Military Academy* (Charleston, 1892).

<sup>ddd</sup> Data furnished by F. W. Capers, Esq., Augusta, Ga.

- 101 v. Mary Percival Capers, *b.* April 26, 1858; *d.* July 24, 1858.
- 102 vi. Clara Stewart Capers, *b.* Dec. 29, 1861; *m.* Dr. Laurence B. Owens, of Columbia, S. C. (Issue : Frank.)

## 65.

Col.

**Henry Dickson Capers** [William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* June 2, 1835; *m.* in Oxford, Ga., 1858, Mary E. Means, dau. of Dr. Alexander Means, of Georgia. (Issue.) He is the author of a novel, *Belleview, Life and Times of C. G. Memminger*, and many newspaper and magazine articles. *Wounded. Captured a flag which was a. g. a. at Washington.*

## 66.

Genl

**Ellison Capers** [William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* Oct. 14, 1837; grad. S. C. Military Academy Nov. 18, 1857, and made assistant professor of mathematics and belles lettres in that institution the year following his graduation; *m.*, Feb. 24, 1859, Charlotte Rebecca, fourth dau. of John Gendron and Catherine Marion Palmer, of "Cherry Grove" plantation, St. John's Berkeley, S. C.; asst. prof. math. S. C. M. A. 1859; was elected major of First Regt. of Rifles in autumn of 1860, and served with his regt. at Castle Pinckney, and on Morris, Sullivan's, James, and John's islands, and under Beauregard at capture of Ft. Sumter, and rose to rank of lt. col.; resigned in Nov. 1861 to assist Clement H. Stevens in raising a regt. for the war and when the regt. was raised he was made lt. col., and the regt. was mustered into Confederate service as 24th, S. C. Vol. Inf. April 1, 1862; became col. 24th upon the promotion of Col. Stevens in Jan. 1864; was commissioned brig. gen., March 1, 1865 and assigned to the command of the brigade formerly commanded by Gen. S. R. Gist; was elected Secretary of State of S. C. in Dec. 1866, and in

1867 entered the ministry of the P. E. Church, and was rector at Greenville, S. C., for twenty years, at Selma, Ala., one year and of Trinity Church, Columbia, S. C., for six years; was given D. D. in 1889 by Univ. of S. C., and on May 4, 1893, was unanimously elected bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, which position he now holds. Resides at Columbia, S. C. (See *Confederate Military History*, vol. V, South Carolina, p. 383 et seq. for longer sketch.)

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Issue : eee

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|-----|------|---|
| 103 | I.   | Catherine Marion Capers, <i>b.</i> at the Citadel, Charleston, March 2, 1860; <i>d.</i> in infancy.   |
| 104 | II.  | Francis Fayssoux Capers, <i>b.</i> at the Citadel, June 5, 1861; educated Patrick School, Greenville, Carolina Mil. Acdy., Charlotte, N. C., and Univ. of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.; <i>m.</i> Emmala Keels, of Greenville, S. C. Resides in Greenville, and is Sec. & Treas. Piedmont Investment Co. (No issue.) |
| 105 | III. | Susan M <sup>e</sup> Gill Capers, <i>b.</i> in Columbia, S. C., Nov. 11, 1862; <i>d.</i> in infancy.  |
| 106 | IV.  | Mary Videau Marion Capers, <i>b.</i> in Oxford, Ga., July 17, 1864; educated Greenville Female Col. and St. Mary's, Raleigh, N. C.; <i>m.</i> Capt. Charles Booth Satterlee, 6th Arty., A. S. A., who <i>d.</i> at Honolulu, Hawaii, July 10, 1899. Resides Columbia, S. C. (Issue : two sons.)                   |
| 107 | V.   | John Gendron Palmer <sup>fff</sup> Capers, <i>b.</i> April 17, 1866.  |
| 108 | VI.  | William Theodetus Capers, <i>b.</i> Aug. 9, 1867.   |
| 109 | VII. | Ellison Capers, <i>b.</i> May 9, 1869.  |

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eee Data furnished by Bishop Ellison Capers.

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- 110        VIII.    Walter Branham Capers, *b.* at the Rectory, Greenville, S. C., Aug. 8, 1870; educated Patrick School, Greenville, Furman Univ., Greenville, S. C. College and Va. Theol. Seminary. Rector Episcopal Ch. Columbia, Tenn.
- 111        IX.        Charlotte Palmer Capers, *b.* at the Rectory, Greenville, Aug. 12, 1871; educated Greenville Female Col. and St. Mary's, Raleigh, N. C.; *m.* William Henry Johnson, of Charleston. (Issue: one son, James Reid Johnson, *b.* April 12, 1899.)

## 70.

**Samuel E. Capers** [Samuel Wragg<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* — — — 1818; *m.* — — —; *d.* 1894.

Issue :

- 112        I.        George Capers.    Dead.
- 113        II.       William Reynolds Capers.    Dead.
- 114        III.      Samuel Capers.    Dead.
- 115        IV.      Frank V. Capers.
- 116        V.        Margaret Capers.

## 72.

**Richard Thornton Capers** [Samuel Wragg<sup>5</sup>, William, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], entered the Methodist itinerancy 1854 and was discontinued 1856; married Mary Hurd.

Issue :

- 117        I.        Maynie Harvey Capers.
- 118        II.       John Swinton Capers.    Dead.
- 119        III.      Annie Capers, *m.* Clifton Harvey.
- 120        IV.      Sidney Capers.    Dead.
- 121        V.        Helen Capers.

## 73.

**Abathiah Elizabeth Capers** [Samuel Wragg<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *m.* Dr. F. L. Zemp, of Camden, S. C.

Issue :

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|-----|-------|---|
| 122 | i.    | Francis L. Zemp, <i>m.</i> Emma Hamlin.   |
| 123 | ii.   | William Harvey Zemp, <i>m.</i> Alice Brunson.   |
| 124 | iii.  | Eugene Capers Zemp, <i>m.</i> Mary Blakeney.  |
| 125 | iv.   | Mary Adella Zemp, <i>m.</i> N. B. Rankin.   |
| 126 | v.    | Jessie Lee Zemp, <i>m.</i> John Arthur, who <i>d.</i> ;<br><i>m.</i> again L. Means.  |
| 127 | vi.   | Charles Herbert Zemp, <i>d.</i> young.  |
| 128 | vii.  | Elizabeth Capers Zemp, <i>d.</i> young.   |
| 129 | viii. | Frank M. Zemp, <i>m.</i> Kate DeLoache.   |
| 130 | ix.   | Sidney Capers Zemp, <i>m.</i> Hattie Truesdale.   |
| 131 | x.    | Ernest Russell Zemp, grad. South Carolina<br>Military Academy 1890, and later obtained<br>M. D. from College of Physicians and Sur-<br>geons, Baltimore, Md. Married. |
| 132 | xi.   | Annie Braxton Zemp, <i>m.</i> Dr. W. S. Stokes.   |

## 75.

**Sidney Williams Capers** [Samuel Wragg<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *m.* Jessie Lee Darby, who *d.* (no living issue); *m.* again, 1874, Edith Wightman (*d.* 1886<sup>ggg</sup>), dau. Bishop Wm. M. Wightman.

Issue :

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| 133 | i. | Maria Wightman Capers, <i>b.</i> 1875. |
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<sup>ggg</sup> Will of Edith Wightman Capers, made Oct. 21, 1884, proved Nov. 4, 1886, mentions daughter Maria Wightman Capers and sister May L. Wightman. (Probate Court, Charleston County.)



## 77.

**Mary Wragg Capers** [Samuel Wragg<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *m.* Rev. C. Thomason.

Issue :

- |     |      |   |
|-----|------|---|
| 134 | i.   | Mary Thomason, <i>d.</i> when 3 years old.  |
| 135 | ii.  | John Summerfield Thomason, <i>d.</i> young. |
| 136 | iii. | Samuel Capers Thomason.                     |

## 78.

**Sarah Ann Gamewell Capers** [Samuel Wragg<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *m.* Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., of the S. C. Methodist Conference.

Issue :

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| 137 | i.  | Lalla Capers Stokes, <i>m.</i> Rev. W. C. Kirkland.  |
| 138 | ii. | Emma J. D. Stokes, <i>m.</i> James Nelson.<br>(Issue : Abathiah Harvey Nelson, <i>m.</i> A. Wineberg.) |

## 91.

**William Worth Capers** [LeGrand Guerry<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* Aug. 30, 1844; *m.*, June 26, 1867, Ella Ferguson (*b.* Oct. 17, 1848).

Issue :<sup>hhh</sup>

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|-----|------|--|
| 139 | i.   | William Worth Capers, <i>b.</i> 1868.  |
| 140 | ii.  | Louis Capers, <i>b.</i> 1869.          |
| 141 | iii. | Linda Dalavar Capers, <i>b.</i> 1872.  |
| 142 | iv.  | Ella Maude Capers, <i>b.</i> 1873.     |
| 143 | v.   | Grace Ferguson Capers, <i>b.</i> 1877. |
| 144 | vi.  | Edua Mitchell Capers, <i>b.</i> 1878.  |

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<sup>hhh</sup> Data furnished by Mrs. C. T. R. Mathews, Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.

- 145 VII. Marcia Ferguson Capers, *b.* 1879.  
 146 VIII. Mabel Swift Capers, *b.* 1881.  
 147 IX. LeGrand Capers, *b.* 1883.

## 97.

**William Bascom Capers** [Francis Withers<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* Dec. 19, 1849; *m.*, April 3, 1879, Carrie B. Sibley, of Augusta, Ga.

Issue :<sup>iii</sup>

- 148 I. William B. Capers, *b.* March 16, 1880.  
 149 II. Sarah A. Capers, *b.* May 4, 1882.  
 150 III. Frank Capers, *b.* Oct. 15, 1884.  
 151 IV. Edward Amory Capers, *b.* Sept. 19, 1887;  
*d.* young.  
 152 V. Carrie D. Capers, *b.* Aug. 22, 1896.

## 98.

**Francis Withers Capers** [Francis Withers<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* July 13, 1852; *m.*, June 1, 1885, Henrietta Clark, of Macon, Ga. Resides Augusta, Ga.

Issue :<sup>iii</sup>

- 153 I. Marian Bascom Capers, *b.* April 4, 1886.  
 154 II. Frank W. Capers, *b.* June 5, 1887.  
 155 III. Ruth Clark Capers, *b.* Oct. 13, 1888.  
 156 IV. Osgood Clark Capers, *b.* Feb. 16, 1890.  
 157 V. Anderson Clark Capers, *b.* Dec. 6, 1892.  
 158 VI. Emma Jane Capers, *b.* Dec. 12, 1893.  
 159 VII. Myra D'Antignac Capers, *b.* Feb. 25, 1895.  
 160 VIII. Rutledge Mann Capers, *b.* June 2, 1899.

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<sup>iii</sup> Data furnished by F. W. Capers, Esq., Augusta, Ga.

## 107.

**John Gendron Capers** [Ellison<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* at "Box Cottage", Anderson, S. C., April 17, 1866; educated at Patrick's School, Greenville, Holy Communion Church Institute, Charleston, and the South Carolina Military Academy; admitted to the bar 1887; *m.*, Dec. 1888, Susan Keels, of Greenville, S. C., who *d.* March 1890; *m.* again, June 18, 1895, Lilla Trenholm; practiced law first in Greenville, where he was captain Butler Guards and major 3rd Battalion; School Commissioner, Greenville Co. 1888-1890; practiced law in Columbia, 1893-1895, and edited *Columbia Daily Journal*, and was captain of Columbia Zouaves; assistant U. S. Attorney, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., 1895-1901; appointed U. S. District Attorney for S. C., July 24, 1901, by President McKinley.

Issue : First wife.

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|-----|------|---|
| 161 | i.   | John Ellison Capers, died in infancy.                                       |
|     |      | Second wife.  |
| 162 | ii.  | Charlotte Palmer Capers, <i>b.</i> Dec. 24, 1896.                           |
| 163 | iii. | John Gendron Capers, <i>b.</i> March 22, 1898;<br><i>d.</i> March 26, 1899. |
| 164 | iv.  | Frances Trenholm Capers.  |

## 108.

**William Theodotus Capers** [Ellison<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, Richard<sup>3</sup>, Richard<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>1</sup>.], *b.* at the Rectory, Greenville, S. C., Aug. 9, 1867; educated at Patrick's School, Farman University, the S. C. College and the Virginia Theological Seminary; *m.* Rebecca Bryan, of Augusta, Ga. Rector of Trinity Church, Vicksburg, Miss.

Issue :

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|-----|------|----------------------|
| 165 | i.   | Bryan Capers.        |
| 166 | ii.  | Ellison Howe Capers. |
| 167 | iii. | William Capers.      |
| 168 | iv.  | Samuel Orr Capers.   |

## 109.

**Ellison Capers** [Ellison <sup>6</sup>, William <sup>5</sup>, William <sup>4</sup>, Richard <sup>3</sup>, Richard <sup>2</sup>, William <sup>1</sup>.], *b.* May 9, 1869; educated at Patrick School, Greenville, Furman University and S. C. College; *m.* Charlotte Manigault Benbow, of Clarendon Co., S. C. Is Superintendent of Schools, Georgetown, S. C. Was unsuccessful candidate for State Superintendent of Education in 1900.

Issue :

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|-----|------|------------------------|
| 169 | i.   | Ellison Capers.        |
| 170 | ii.  | Emmala Frances Capers. |
| 171 | iii. | Catherine Capers.      |

## ADDENDA.

The following record is taken from the Christ Church Parish register. All efforts to find out who "Amelia Capers" was the widow of have been futile; nor have the efforts to find out something of her subsequent career been any more successful :

"Peter Lequien Bachellor & Amelia Capers, widow, were duly married by licence in Christ Church Parish according to the rites & ceremonies of the Church of England on the third day of July 1763 by the Rev. Samuel Drake."

The following records, supplied by Mr. James E. Jervy, of Sumter, S. C., came too late to be put in the proper place :

John Singeltary Capers (31) "was a Methodist preacher and died of malarial fever at Georgetown, S. C."

The children of John Singeltary Capers (31) and Martha E. White, his wife, were :

- i. John Singeltary Capers, a Methodist minister, who was killed by a runaway horse. Unmarried.
- ii. Annie Capers, *m.* Josiah Doar. (Issue.)
- iii. Eliza Henrietta Capers (69), *m.* Gabriel Capers Jervy (41).

## Issue :

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|-------|-------------------------|--|
| i.    | James Edward Jervey     | } Resides Sumter, S. C.<br>Twins.<br>Killed at Petersburg, Va. |
| ii.   | William Capers Jervey   |  |
| iii.  | Sarah Capers Jervey.    |  |
| iv.   | Annie Simmons Jervey.   |  |
| v.    | Sophia Jervey.          |  |
| vi.   | John Singeltary Jervey. | Missing at Petersburg, Va.                                     |
| vii.  | Mary Capers Jervey.     |  |
| viii. | Grace Hall Jervey.      |  |
| ix.   | Louis D. Jervey.        |  |
| x.    | Martha Jane Jervey.     |  |
- iv. William Capers (68), *m.* Sarah English.

## Issue :

- i. Mary Capers.
- ii. Ansley Capers.
- iii. Mittie Capers.
- iv. John Singeltary Capers.
- v. William Capers.

The following records, supplied by Mrs. A. Lou Walpole, of Mullet Hall, S. C., came too late to be put in the proper place :

Thomas H Capers (46) entered the Methodist itinerancy in 1829 and was transferred to the Georgia Conference in 1830; *m.* in St. Louis, Mo., Miss Hamilton. Several children, two of whom are James Hamilton and William of Richmond, Va., and one of whom is Ella, who married and lives in Georgia. ~~✓~~ James Hamilton Capers has a son who also lives in Richmond and a daughter, Luna, who married Rev. Howard Sledd, of Virginia. MM

Eliza Capers (47) *m.*, about 1827, George Whitefield Ellis, and died four years ago. (Issue.)

Mary Singeltary Capers (48) *m.* in Macon, Ga., in 1831, Benjamin R. Warner, of Connecticut. Eight children were born to them, two of whom, Mrs. A. Lou Walpole

(widow of Horace E. Walpole, to whom she was *m.* in 1856, and who *d.* in 1887, leaving two children : Kate Seymour, who *m.* F. Y. Legaré, and Horace E., who *m.* Miss A. J. Hay) and Benjamin Horace Warner, bachelor, live on John's Island, S. C. Mrs. Warner *d.* in July 1897, in her 83d year.

Wesley Coke Capers (49), a book-keeper; fought in the war with Mexico and in the Confederate army. He *d.* twenty odd years ago, unmarried.

Gabriel Capers (51), a farmer; *m.* and had issue.

Robert Francis Withers Capers (52), a book-keeper; *m.* but left no issue.

Stephen Olin Capers (53), a minister; *d.* unm. (?)

John Singeltary Capers (54), a farmer; *m.* but *d.* without issue (?).

































































































































































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