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FAMILIES OF SMITH.

While the name of Smith is a very common one in Virginia, the families of that name, who have contributed prominently to the history of the State, are readily distinguishable from one another. Some of these have already received notice, more or less full, in this magazine, and need only be referred to.

I. Family of John Smith, of Purton, Gloucester county. They resided at Powhatan (Purton) on York River, the ancient werowocomoco of the Indian chief Powhatan, and celebrated for the romantic adventure of Captain John Smith, whose life was saved there by Pocahontas. It is not known whether these Smiths were related to Captain John Smith or not. (See QUARTERLY, IV., 46, 95, 183; V., 50.)

II. Family of John Augustine Smith, of Middlesex, president of William and Mary College.

III. Family of Hon. Meriwether Smith (V., 161; VI., 41.)

IV. Family of Col. Nicholas Smith, of King George county. (Vol. VI., 41.)

V. Family of Rev. Armistead Smith. (IV., 245.)

VI. Family of Col. Arthur Smith, of Isle of Wight county.

VII. *Family of Major Lawrence Smith, of Abingdon Parish, Gloucester county.*

One branch of this family has already been given, but a fuller sketch may be desirable.

1. MAJOR LAWRENCE¹ SMITH was a man of great influence and estate. He bore the coat-of-arms of the Smiths of Tottne, County Devon, England (QUARTERLY, II., 12). He married Mary ———, and his will was dated August 8, 1700, but no copy thereof has been preserved. The following issue are mentioned in the records of York and Essex counties:

2. *John, Esq.*, member of the Council, eldest son. 3. *Lawrence*, who settled in York county, and whose descendants are given in QUARTERLY, II., pp. 10 *et seq.* 4. *William*. There is, about 1734, mention in Spotsylvania records of Thomas Ballard Smith, son of William Smith, who may have been this William.* 5. *Augustine*. 6. *Charles*. 7. *Elizabeth*, who married Capt. John Battaile, of St. Mary's Parish, Essex county. In Essex records

* William Smith probably married a daughter of Hon. Thomas Ballard, of the Council, a contemporary of Major Lawrence Smith.

Lawrence Smith makes a deed to his "son-in-law" Capt. John Battaile, 16 June, 1700. Also recorded in February, 1708-'9, guardian's bond of Augustine Smith, in behalf of "Lawrence Battaile, grandson of Major Lawrence Smith." The will of Capt. John Battaile, dated 20 January, 1708, and proved 10 February, 1709, names wife Elizabeth, sons John, Lawrence, Hay and Nicholas Battaile; after various devises, gives residue to be equally divided between his wife and son John, when his wife marries or son comes of age, by Capt. John Catlett, Mr. Francis Taliaferro and Mr. James Harrison; mentions also "Brother Charles Taliaferro," and Mr. William Thornton. 8. Sarah married John Taliaferro, son of the emigrant Robert Taliaferro, and had issue Lawrence, John, Charles, Robert, Zachariah, Richard, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah and Catherine.

2. JOHN² SMITH (Lawrence¹ Smith) was councillor, etc., resided in Abingdon Parish, and died there about 1719-'20. He married Elizabeth Cox, daughter and heiress of Henry Cox, whose will was proved in Rappahannock county. The wife of Henry Cox was Arabella Strachey, daughter of Mr. William Strachey, of Gloucester county, grandson of William Strachey, secretary to Lord Delaware in 1610. (See QUARTERLY, IV., 194.) In the Strachey pedigree Henry Cox's name is erroneously given as John Cox. Issue of John Smith and Elizabeth Cox; 9, John, died October 12, 1701; 10, Mary, born April 14, 1691, died March 15, 1724, married John Cooke, of Ware Parish, Gloucester county; 11, *Lawrence*; 12, Mildred, born April, 1699; 13, *John*, born March 22, 1702-'3.

11. LAWRENCE³ SMITH (John², Lawrence¹) married Mary ———, and appears to have had, 14, Elizabeth, baptized June 24, 1721; 15, John, born February 24, 1722, but must have died without issue; 16, *Lawrence*, son and heir, born August 30, 1727. Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of Mr. Lawrence Smith, died July 10, 1728.

16. LAWRENCE⁴ (Lawrence³, John², Major Lawrence¹ Smith) exchanged, in 1753, two tracts of land in Gloucester, descended from Major Lawrence Smith, for 4,000 acres owned by Warner Lewis, in Spotsylvania county. (*Hening's Statutes-at-Large*, V., 407-412.)

13. JOHN³ SMITH (John², Lawrence¹) married Mary ———,

and had issue, 17, Mary, born 1735; 18, Mildred, born 1736, and 19, Robert, born January 29, 1736-'7. Mrs. Mary Smith, relict of Mr. John Smith, deceased, departed this life November 29, 1737.

5. AUGUSTINE² SMITH (Major Lawrence¹) lived in the parish of St. Mary's, Essex county. In 1722, he qualified as one of the first bench of justices for Spotsylvania county. His will was proved in Orange county, July 20, 1736, and names issue, 20, Thomas, of Prince William county; 21, Mary, wife of Robert Slaughter. (For *Slaughter*, see *St. Mark's Parish*, by Rev. Philip Slaughter.)

6. CHARLES² SMITH (Major Lawrence¹ Smith). There is a deed in Essex dated April 8, 1704, from John Smith, eldest son of Lawrence Smith, to "brother Charles Smith." He lived in that part of Essex afterwards Caroline, and died about 1710, when his widow, Dorothy Smith, Augustine Smith and R. Buckner gave bond in Essex court as his administrators. He left issue 22, eldest son, Robert, who was the founder of Port Royal, in Caroline county. He died before 1744, leaving issue four children, 23, Lawrence; 24, Charles; 25, Sarah, who married Luke Burford; 26, Elizabeth, who married Charles Venable, and 27, Dorothy. (See *Hening's Statutes*, V., 288; VI., 316.)

VIII. *Family of Rev. Guy Smith, of Abingdon Parish.*

1. REV. GUY¹ SMITH was minister of Abingdon Parish, and died about 1720. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Hughes. As he had a son named *Lawrence*, he was probably some relation of Major Lawrence Smith. He had issue, 2, *John Smith*, baptized June 3, 1701; 3, *Guy*, baptized December 12, 1704; 4, Mary; 5, Joanna; 6, Ann; 7, Susanna; 8, *Constantine*, born September 16, 1717; 9, Lawrence, born September 16, 1719.

2. JOHN² SMITH (Guy¹) married Ann ———; had issue: 10, John, born September 23, 1725, married, in Goochland county, in 1751, Elizabeth, daughter of Arthur Hopkins; 11, Bowker, baptized in Gloucester county, March 31, 1723. In 1761, he was living in Goochland county, at which time he deeded lands on Lickinghole Creek to Constantine Smith, of King and Queen county. John² Smith was probably the John Smith, of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover county, who devised to his son John land on Lickinghole Creek, Goochland county, which land was sold by the latter in 1772. Mrs. Ann Smith, wife of

John² Smith, died in Abingdon Parish, Gloucester, and was buried August 7, 1733.

3. GUY² SMITH (Rev. Guy¹) married, first, Sarah, and had issue in Gloucester, 12, Guy, baptized July 26, 1728; 13, Sarah. He married, second, Sarah, and had issue, 14, Joseph. Guy² Smith was buried in Gloucester, January 28, 1736. A Guy Smith, in 1751, married Ann Hopkins, in Goochland county, but he was probably a son of 2. John² Smith, son of Rev. Guy Smith.

8. CONSTANTINE² SMITH (Rev. Guy¹) lived in King and Queen county in 1761, but in 1770 calling himself of the Parish of South Farnham, Essex county, he gave the land deeded to him in Goochland by Bowker Smith to his son, 15, Lawrence Smith. (*Goochland County Records.*)

A Thomas Smith and Rachel his wife had issue in Abingdon Parish, Guy, born August 4, 1741.

A Lawrence Smith, probably brother of Rev. Guy Smith, had issue in Abingdon Parish (1) Joseph, baptized August 30, 1712, (2) Richard Fulk, born May 23, 1715.

A Joseph Smith, of King and Queen county, sold lands in Spotsylvania in 1729.

IX. *Family of James Smith, of Middlesex county.*

1. Mr. James¹ Cary was a merchant in London, on whom Oswald Cary, of Middlesex county, Va., drew a draft dated June 23, 1690, signing himself "your dutiful son, Oswald Cary." In 1698 it is mentioned that James Smith had married Ann, daughter and heiress of Oswald Cary.* In 1682, an order was entered in Middlesex county, that Mr. James Cary, of London, be paid £19 12s., expended by him in prosecuting a claim in England against Sir William Berkeley, in behalf of Mr. William Dudley and others, who had suffered from his exactions during Bacon's Rebellion.

Issue of James¹ Smith and Ann Cary: 2, Elizabeth, born 1699,

* Various branches of the Cary family came to Virginia. Besides Oswald Cary, John Cary, of London, merchant, one of the directors of the English company, trading in the East Indies, came to Virginia, where he married Jane, daughter of Col. John Flood, of Surry county. Then there was Miles Cary, who came from Bristol and was ancestor of Col. Archibald Cary, and many other distinguished Virginians. (For pedigrees of the English Carys, see *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, XLIX., pp. 401-402.)

married Sampson Dorrill; 3, *James*, born June 25, 1702, died in 1727 without issue; 4, *Ann*, born 1704; 5, *Sarah*, born 1706; 6, *Margaret*; 7, *Mary*, born 1713; 8, *Jane*, born 1715; 9, *Cary*, born May 22, 1716; 10, *William*, born September 14, 1719; 11, *Oswald*, born May 1, 1722; 12, *Diana*, born November 8, 1728.

9. CARY² SMITH (James¹) married Ann Wortham, daughter of John Wortham, about September, 1741, and his will was proved in Middlesex county in 1743. Issue, 19, *Mary*; 20, *Caty*.

11. OSWALD² SMITH (James¹) died about 1748, when William Smith executed a bond (John Minor security) as his administrator, in Spotsylvania county. William Smith, of "Black Rock Run," Spotsylvania county, made his will in 1792, and names children, Oswald, John, Franky, wife of Col. Harry Stubblefield, James, Diana, wife of James Walker, Mary, wife of John Stevens, and Lucy Smith.

X. *Family of Major Maurice Smith, of Middlesex county.*

1. ALEXANDER¹ SMITH lived in Middlesex county, and his will was proved there April 6, 1696. He had issue, 2, Samuel², died May 5, 1687; 3, *Lt. John² Smith*; 4, *Rachel²*, who married William Wyatt, Jr., of King and Queen county.

3. LT. JOHN² SMITH (Alexander¹) married Jane, widow of Rice Jones, and daughter of Nicholas Cock, a Dutchman. His will was dated 8 February, 1695-'6, and proved April 6, 1696. Issue, 5, *John*; 6, *Maurice*; 7, *Samuel*; 8, *Jane*.

5. JOHN³ (Lt. John², Alexander¹) married Anne ——. They lived in Middlesex county, and the parish register gives their issue as 9, Francis, born 1717; 10, Alexander, born June 22, 1721; 11, Clara, born 1725; 12, Maurice Smith, born January 12, 1727. This was Maurice Smith, one of the justices and major of militia during the Revolution. (See *Calendar of State Papers*, Vol. I., p. 609.) Major Smith married Catherine Jones, 14 May, 1753.

6. MAURICE³ SMITH (Lt. John², Alexander¹) lived in King and Queen county, and on November 18, 1721, he made a deed to Samuel Smith, of Essex county, for land left him by Maurice Cock, late of Middlesex county.

7. SAMUEL³ SMITH (Lt. John², Alexander¹) married Ann (tradition says Ann Amiss). They had issue, 13, *John⁴*; 14, *Samuel⁴*; 15, *Jane⁴*; 16, *Mary⁴*; 17, *Susannah⁴*. His will was dated October 8, 1734, and was proved in Essex county May

17, 1737. Names children as above, and wife, Ann Smith, brother, Maurice Smith, kinsman Rice Jones. Anne Smith, of South Farnham Parish, Essex county, made her will July 27, 1753. She names sons Samuel and John and three grandchildren, Mary, Fanny and John Young, children of John Young.

13. JOHN⁴ SMITH (Samuel³, Lt. John², Alexander¹) lived in Essex county, where he made his will in 1759, naming wife Mary, brother Samuel Smith, nephew John Young, and sons, 18, William; 19, James.

14. SAMUEL⁴ SMITH (Samuel³, Lt. John², Alexander¹) is said to have married Mary Webb, of Essex county, and to have removed to North Carolina.

NOTE.

Cock.—Nicholas Cock, of Middlesex county, Va., was a Dutch settler, who, with Minor Doodles and other Dutchmen, was naturalized as a citizen in 1673. He married Jane, widow of Bartholomew Curtis, about 1661. She had issue, by her first husband, one son, Nicholas Curtis, and by her second husband two children, Jane, who married (1) Rice Jones (son of Rice Jones, who made his will in Essex county November 20, 1676), (2) Lieut. John Smith, and Maurice, who married Elizabeth, widow of Doodles Minor, son of Minor Doodles. Jane Cock, by her first husband (Rice Jones), had issue, John, Rice and Nicholas Jones, and by her second husband (Lieut. John Smith), Maurice, Samuel and Jane Smith.

Nicholas Cock died October 25, 1687. His will is on record in Middlesex county.

Jane Cock, his wife, made her will August 25, 1688, and it was proved May 14, 1694.

Maurice Cock made his will May 15, 1696, and with him the male line of this family became extinct.

As spelt in Dutch or German, Cock was doubtless Koch.

(To be Continued.)

CHRISTIAN FAMILY.

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51 EDMUND THOMAS² CHRISTIAN (9 Turner², 57 William¹). He was for ten years prior to his death Clerk of Charles City County. Married Tabitha Rebecca Graves, daughter of Edmund Valentine Graves, and had issue: 162 Edmund Turner⁴, living, married, first, Eudora V. Walker, and had two daughters, second,