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PREFACE.

The Protestants of France, or Huguenots, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, suffered many persecutions at the hands of the Catholics. To such an extent did these persecutions go, in fact, that life itself had become unbearable to those who would worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Some were tortured, many killed, and others so fortunate as to escape the blind fury of the Popish bigots, left their paternal acres, their homes and firesides, and emigrated to the "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave." Among those who about the year 1700 came to Virginia were a family of Soblets, whose history in part the following pages will relate.
My dear Cousin Sam:

I cannot express to you my delight and surprise at the receipt of such a long and interesting letter from you yesterday, and will show my appreciation by replying at once.

I was once a member of the Virginia Historical Society, and received its publications, which included one volume styled Huguenot Emigration to Virginia, that gave me much valuable information. You are evidently in error, I think, about two families coming over, unless there were some at a later date than 1700. The list of those who arrived September 20th, 1700, gives among the number Susanne Soblet and three children, and the list of those who were to receive meal at Manakin Town February, 1701, gives Soblet, his wife, and five children. Now from the best information I can gather “Susanne’s” husband was Abraham.

In November, 1701, the record of those at Manakin gave Soblet, his wife, and four children, one having probably died.

In the list of those who came in the second ship are no Soblets.

About 1714 we have another list of refugees established at Manakin, including women and children, and among the number are Jacques (James) Soblet, Louis Soblet, Abraham Soblet, Sr. and Jr. James Soblet’s family consisted wife, one son, and one daughter—4. Louis’ family contained one son and wife—3. Abraham, Jr., had wife only—2.

It is therefore probable, I think, at this time Susanne was dead and the men had married, that is Susanne’s children, whose names are now given for the first time. The names of the daughters have been lost by marriage or were dead.

In 1720 we find Jacques (or James) clerk of the Parish; we also find that in April 9, 1734, Louis, son of Pierre—Peter Louis—was born, also in April 23, 1733, Benjamin, son of Louis Pierre Soblet, was also born. On July 4, 1728, a letter was addressed to Mr. Newrne on his leaving, signed by all his parishioners, among them
one Peter Soblet, Peter Louis Soblet, and in another list Louis Soblet. There were 126 in first list and 113 in second. The first were those probably living above the creek, and the second list those living below. Now my grandfather, Peter Soblet, was born in 1747 and died in 1812—65 years old—say that my great grandfather lived 60 years, this would make him about 14 years old when he arrived in this country. I enclose some records herewith of the Soblets who moved to Kentucky. I think, therefore, that our great-grandfather was Peter Soblet or Peter Louis. If the will is not recorded in Powhatan it is in Henrico, and this was Henrico at that time.

I find Subletts everywhere; there are some at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Wm. Madison Sublett lives at Langston, Alabama, descended from Benjamin; Wm. Madison Sublett’s father’s name was Joseph Jordan. His father was named Benjamin and Benjamin’s father was Peter Sublett. Wm. Madison’s uncles were, William, James, Monroe, and George. George died in Rock Island Prison; James killed in Jackson county, Alabama; Monroe died in Arkansas, and William in Louisville, Kentucky. William Madison has a brother, a Baptist minister in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Edgar Soblett, whose lineage I give in pencil, died here a few years ago. His daughter, Mrs. Anna Sisson, wife of the general passenger agent Santa Fé railroad, lives here. This is about all the information I can give at present.

Several years ago—1892, I believe—my wife and I were staying in Cincinnati, Ohio. Judge Smith gave us a dinner at the Palace Hotel, and a journal kept by my grand-uncle, James Smith, that gives an account of grandfather and grandmother accompanying him in a long journey when he married in Ohio.

How I would like to drop in on you and see you all. The death of Peter was a great shock to me, and now Brother Branch has followed. Brother James is now a Baptist minister at Round Rock, Texas. Sister has returned to Tom Sublett’s. Give my love to all my kind friends, and if it is ever in my power, will visit you. Write again, and send me a copy of the magazine.

Your Devoted Cousin,

D. L. Sublett.
Abraham Soblet, member of Manacan town vestry, 1707.

In the year 1714 Abra. Soblet, Jr., and Abra. Soblet, Sr., were established at King William Parish, as were also James Soblet and wife and one son and one daughter.

James Soblet, clerk of the Parish, 1721.

March 14, 1731, Jaque (James) Soblet, son of Pierre Louis Soblet and of Marie, his wife, baptised by Mr. Marye: he had for godfather Jaque (James) Soblet and Jacque (James) Marten. The parties declared he was born 3d January, 1730 (1731).

April 23, 1733, was born Benjamin Soblet, son of Pierre Louis and Marte (Martha ?), his wife.

April 9, 1728, was born Louis Soblet, son of Pierre Louis Soblet and Marte, his wife.

Benj. Harris to James Sublett, deed dated May 15, 1739, conveys 200 acres of land near Ditway’s branch.

Benj. Harris to James Sublett, deed dated November 1, 1737, conveys 88 acres of land in Manakin town on James river.

Peter Soblet to Benj. Harris, deed dated February 21, 1744, conveys 90 acres of land between the two Manakin creeks, and described as same land patented by said Peter Soblet, Jr., in March, 1715.

Benj. Harris to Peter Soblet, deed dated 24th July, 1745, conveys 95 acres land adjacent to James river and between the lands of Peter Louis Soblet and Peter Ford.

Daniel Ford to Peter Soblet, deed dated 9th December, 1748, conveys 107 acres of land adjacent to James river and between the lines of said Peter Soblet and Daniel Ford.
Notes from Virginia Historical Papers by Brock.

1st. Among those who are to receive of the miller at Falling creek one bushel of meal a head in February, 1701, are "Soblet, his wife, and five children." (Page 27.)

In the list on page 45 of all the French refugees that are settled at Manakin town.

In first ship: Soblet, his wife, and four children, October 28, 1701.

2d. In 1707 Abraham Soblet composed one of the 12 vestrymen, and states he had been elected soon after Manakin was erected into a parish. Petition to the honorable council dated September 2, 1707, in answer to petition of Mr. Phillipe.

3d. About 1714 among the list of refugees established in the parish of King William, Henrico were the following names:

Jacques Soblet, wife, son, and daughter; Louis Soblet, wife, and son; Abraham Soblet, Sr.; Abraham Soblet, Jr.


Susanne Soblet and three children came by second ship, "Peter and Anthony," September 20, 1700.

June, 1744, among the list of King William Parish were:


Children of Louis Sublett, of Chesterfield county, Virginia. (His wife's maiden name was Mary Trabue):

Archer Sublett, moved to Lebanon, Ill.; William Sublett, moved to Missouri, 1822; Abraham Sublett, moved to Illinois; Littleberry Sublett, moved to Clay county, Missouri; James Sublett, moved to Columbus, Ky.; Louis Sublett, moved to Woodford county, Kentucky; Francis Sublett, only daughter.

Louis Sublett moved to Kentucky in 1782, and married Susan Coleman, whose mother was a Strother from Virginia.

James Sublett, who moved to Columbus, Ky., was raised in Woodford county, and first moved to Henry county, and thence to Columbus. His son was William Edgar Sublett; was born July 4, 1812; moved to Chattanooga, Tenn. He had eight children.
Anna F. Sisson (Sublett) lives in Chattanooga; Orelle Green (Sublett) lives in Indianapolis, Ind.; William Walker Sublett lives in Montgomery, Ala. The rest are dead.

James C. Sublett, brother of William Edgar, lives in Hickmore county, Kentucky; John C., also a brother, lives in Clinton, Hickman county, Kentucky.

Arthur Sublett, of Chesterfield county, Virginia, who moved to Illinois, was married twice. Had two daughters, Matilda and Caroline. One married a Forsee and the other a Haskins. He married a Hughes the second time. He was a son of a brother of grandfather Peter Sublett.

Benjamin Sublett, a son of a brother of great-grandfather Sublett, had three children: Joseph, John, and William. William went West, and became an inhabitant with the Indians, and was very prominent.

Grandfather Peter Sublett was born 1747; died September 17, 1812; and Martha Smith, his wife, was born September 10, 1759; died January, 1835.

Their children were: Bessie, born September 6, 1778; Mary Magdalene, born October 5, 1780; Peter Sublett, born May 16, 1784; Thomas S. Sublett, born May 5, 1788; William Sublett, born March 2, 1790; Martha Sublett, born May 5, 1792; Judith Sublett, born May 24, 1795.

Bessie S. Wrenn, died September 17, 1813; Peter Sublett, died October 18, 1851; Thomas S. Sublett, died October 4, 1844; Martha Forsee, died ——, 1850; Judith Merrimin, died April 8, 1833.

Goochland C. H., Va., October 10, 1895.

Samuel Sublett, Esq., Subletts, Va.:

Dear Sir,—Replying to your letter, I herewith send you the only Sublett will recorded here, and also some abstracts, which I hope will interest you.

There seems to have been no John Sublet, and the name of your ancestor was James, the English version of Jacques. Cumberland county records would doubtless afford interesting data, as would also those of Henrico.

My father desires to be kindly remembered, and with very kind regards from myself, I am yours very truly,

T. G. Miller.
The Last Will and Testament

OF

JAMES SOBLET.

MARCH 17, 1741.

In the name of God, Amen. I, James Soblet, in the County of Goochland and Parish of King William, Virginia, Being sick in body, But of good and perfect memorie, thanks be to the Almighty God, and calling to remembrance the uncertain Estate of this transitorie life, and that all flesh must yield unto death when it shall please the Almighty God to call, Do make, constitute, and ordain and Declare, This to be My last will and Testament, In manner and form following: Revoking and annulling by these presents all and every Testament and Testaments, will and wills, Heretofore by me made or declared, either by word or writing, and this to be taken only for my last will and testament, and none other; and first, being penitent and sorry, from the Bottome of my heart, for my sins past, most humbly Begging forgiveness of the Almighty God for the same, I give and commit my soul unto the Almighty, My Savior and Redeemer, In whom, and by the merits of Christ Jesus, I trust assuredly to be saved and to have full remission and forgiveness for all my sins, And that my soul, with my body, at the general Day of Resurrection shall rise again with joy, and through the merits of Christ's death and passion possess and inherit the kingdom of Heaven, Prepare for his elect and chosen, and my body to be buried in such place as it shall please my Executors, hereafter named and appointed, &c. And now, for the better settling my temporal Estate, and such goods, Chattels, and Debts as it hath pleased the Almighty God to bestow upon me above my deserts; I order, give, and Despose of the same in manner and form following (That is to say), First, I will that those Debts and Duties, as I owe in right or Conscience, To any manner of person or persons whatsoever, shall be well and truly contented and paid, or ordained to be paid, within convenient times after my decease, By my Executors, hereafter named.
Item.—I give and bequath to my dear and loving Son, James Soblet, My Plantation, Land, and Negro when he comes to age, only my dear and loving wife, Martha Soblet, to have her upon the aforesaid Plantation and Land; and if my child, James Soblet, should depart this life before he comes of age, my will is that my dear and Loving Wife should fully, clearly, and absolutely posses negro, land, and all my whole and sole estate, to her, her heirs, and assigns forever; and my will is that my loving wife shall have the full use, power, and possession of all my estate until my child come to age.

Item.—I will that my estate shall not come to a public appraise­ment, but my will is that my Chattels, Hogs, and household goods be equally divided betwixt my dear wife and my Dear child; and my will is that my Dear Child shall be paid to him in cash when he comes to age. My will is my child have learning, and that when he is fit that he be bound to a trade. My will is, also, that my son shall choose his trade.

Item.—My will and desire is that my Dear Wife, Martha Soblet, shall be my executoes, she only and none other.

As witness my hand this 18th day of May, 1741.

JAMES SOBLET.©

Signed, sealed, D.D. in the presence of us.

JOHN GORDON,

his

JAMES || MARTIN,

mark.

her

JEAN X MARTIN.

mark.

At a Court held for Goochland County March 16, 1741:

This will was proved by the oath of John Gordon, and was or­dered to be recorded.

Test:

Henry Wood, C. Clm.

A copy—Teste:

P. G. Miller, D. C.

October 10, 1695.
The Last Will and Testament

OF

PETER LOUIS SOBLET.

November 5, 1754.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Peter Lewis Soblet, of Cumber­land County and King William Parish, being very sick, but of sound mind and perfect memory. I prays and Bless my Lord and Savior for it, and then have thought fit to make this present writing, my last Will and Testament, as followeth—viz.: first, resig my soul to God, who gave it.

First. I give and bequeve to my Son, Peter Soblet, one negro gall, named Nancy, to him and heirs forever.

Item.—I give and bequeve unto my Son, William Soblet, certain tract or parcel of Land whereon now I dwell, to him and heirs forever.

Item.—I give and bequeave unto my Son, Abraham Soblet, one negro man, named Prymus, to him and his heirs forever.

Item.—I give and bequeave unto my Son, Lewis Soblet, one negro woman, named Candis, and her increase, to him and his heirs forever. I likewise give unto my son, Lewis Soblet, one certain tract or parcel of land, containing three hundred and eighty-five acres, lying in Chesterfield County, on the branches of Manakin creek.

Item.—I give unto my Son, Benjamin Soblet, my horse, bridle, and saddle, and all my wareing cloaths; and more, I doe apoint and order my executors to pay all the debts that my Son Benjamin owes at this day, to paid out of my movebel estat.

Item.—I give and bequeave to my Son, Lewis Soblet, one negro gall, named Juday, to him and his heirs forever: Provisor, he pay William Soblet and Abraham Soblet five pounds to each of them; and my will is that all the movebel of mine that be found after my Decease be equally divided between my four sons—William, Abraham, Lewis, and Benjamin Soblet—after my just debts and Benjamin's debts are paid; and I doe appoint William Soblet and Lewis
Soblet my executors of this my last will and testament, to be executed after my death.

I witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of November, 1754.

Jos. Bingley,
his
Ginkins x Srip²,
mark.
his word
Abram x Self.
mark.

Peter Lewis Soblet, S.S.

This is an exact copy of the will of Peter Lewis Soblet as found recorded in Will-Book No. 1, in Cumberland County Court Clerk's office.

J. B. Flippin,
Cumberland County Clerk.

October 19, 1895.

Peter Lewis Soblet, who landed and settled at Manakin in 1700, was the first Peter Soblet. Then I find in his will that he had a son named Peter Soblet, who was Peter Soblet the second. Then I find in Peter Soblet the second's will where he willed his estate of 333 acres of land on James river to his son, Peter Soblet the third (who was my grandfather). Peter Soblet the third, I find, made no will. He owned much land and negroes, and had settled all of his seven children off in landed property before he died. He entertained the opinion that all persons were entitled to their freedom after serving twenty-one years; consequently he set all his negroes free after serving him twenty-one years, and many of the descendants of these old set-free negroes are among us now in Powhatan.

Peter Soblet the fourth was a son of Peter Soblet the third, and Peter Soblet who died in Richmond city March, 1895, was Peter Soblet the fifth and son of Peter Soblet the fourth. So the name Peter has been handed down for five generations. I am a son of Peter Soblet the fourth.

S. S. Sublett.
In the name of God, Amen. I, Peter Soblet, of the county of Powhatan, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner as follows:

Item.—I give unto my beloved son, Peter Soblet, after the death of my wife, the land I live upon, containing, by estimation, three hundred and thirty-three acres, be the same more or less, with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, to him and his heirs forever; also, I give unto my said son Peter, after the death of my wife, three negroes, to-wit: Jim, Nell, and Dick, and their future increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Item.—I give unto my beloved son, William Soblet, four negroes, to-wit: Isaac, Caesar, Rachel, and Sawney, and their future increase, to him and his heirs forever; also, I give unto my said son William one feather-bed and furniture.

Item.—I give unto my beloved son, John Soblet, four negroes, to-wit: Frant, Mingo, and Tom, which he has in his possession, also one Boy, James, to him and his heirs forever.

Item.—I give unto my beloved son, Benjamin Soblet, five negroes, to-wit: Amy, Peter, George, Biddy, and Will, and their future increase, to him and his heirs forever; also, I give unto my said Son Benjamin on feather-bed and furniture.

Item.—I give unto my beloved daughter, Mary Merriman, five negroes, to-wit: Nanny, Nancy, Jordah, Gabriel, and David, and their future increase, to her and her children forever.

Item.—I give unto my grandson, Peter Dutoy Soblet, one boy, Bob, to him and his heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that my beloved wife, Elizabeth Soblet, should have, during her life, the use of those negroes—Tom, Johan, Jude, Will, and Biddy, and all the land I hold; also, the stock of
every kind, and all my household and kitchen furniture (except the two beds before mentioned), for her support, and after her death all my estate that is not given in this will be equally divided between my five children and their heirs.

My desire is that my estate be not appraised; and lastly, I do appoint my Sons, Peter Soblet, William Soblet, John Soblet, and Benjamin Soblet, my executors of this my last will and Testament, Revoking all former Wills made by me heretofore.

In witness hereunto, I have set my hand and signature and seal this — day of ———, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Signed and sealed in presence of

The above is the writing referred to in the agreement hereunto annexed—is the last will and testament of Peter Soblet, deceased.

Witness:

At a court held for Powhatan County, at Scottsville, the fifteenth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four:

These articles of agreement, with a Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Peter Soblet, deceased, annexed hereunto, entered into by and between Elizabeth Soblet, widow and relict of said Peter Soblet, deceased, and Peter Soblet, William Soblet, John Soblet, Benjamin Soblet, Francis Merriman, and Mary Merriman, was proved by the oaths of Anthony Martin and John Harris, Jr., two of the witnesses thereto, as to all the parties (except Benjamin Soblet, who acknowledged it), and was ordered to be recorded.

Testo: T. H. MILLER, Clerk.

To all whom these presents shall come—Greeting:

Whereas Richard Pemberton, late of the county of Cumberland, now Powhatan, being seized and possessed of a tract of land and plantation on the Branches of Jones Creek, in the county aforesaid, containing, by estimation, one hundred acres, by his last Will and Testament, bearing date the 30th Day of January, 1769, and recorded in the said County court of Cumberland, Devised his said tract of land to his wife Frances during her natural life, and directed that after her death the said Plantation and Tract of land be sold and the money arising therefrom be equally Divided among all his chil-
children—viz.: Martha, William, James, Richard, George, Mary Magdalene, or their representatives, to them and their heirs forever, as by the said last Will, reference thereto being had more fully appear—

Now Know, that I, James Pemberton, one of the sons and legatee of the said Richard Pemberton mentioned in the said Will, for and in consideration of one cow and calf and one Earling Heifer, to me in hand delivered by one Thos. Smith, of said county of Powhatan, the receipt whereof I do acknowledge, Have granted, bargained, and sold and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell and confirm unto said Thos. Smith, his Heirs and assigns, all my right, title, and interest in and to the aforesaid Tract of land and plantation, and in and to the money that shall or may arise from the sale thereof, my mother, Frances Pemberton, being now living.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this ninth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

his

JAMES X PEMBERTON.

mark.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

PETER SOBLET,
LEWIS CHONDONIN,
MARTHA SOBLET,
his
GEO. X PEMBERTON.
mark.

At a court held for Powhatan County the eighteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four:

This deed of Bargain and sale, from James Pemberton to Thos. Smith, was proved by the oaths of Peter Soblet and Lewis Chandoin, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: T. H. MILLER, Clk.
Records of the Family Bible

PETER SUBLETT THE IV.

Martha Sublett, born September 10, 1759; died January 12, 1835—84.

Martha Sublett was the mother of the following:
Betsey S. Sublett, born September 6, 1778; died September 17, 1813—56.
Mary Magdelin Sublett, born October 5, 1780; died October 4, 1812—71.
Peter Sublett, born May 16, 1784; died October 18, 1851—68.
Thomas S. Sublett, born May 5, 1788; died October 4, 1844—56.
William Sublett, born March 2, 1790; died August 10, 1872—82.
Martha Sublett, born May 5, 1792; died ——, 1850.
Judith Sublett, born May 24, 1795; died April 8, 1833—38.

Ann Baker married Peter Sublett, and was the mother of the following children:
She was born November 19, 1790; died January 2, 1876—86.
James M. Sublett, born November 19, 1809; died September 28, 1889—80.
Martha A. Sublett, born May 22, 1812; died January 24, 1872—60.
William E. Sublett, born December 4, 1814; died March 30, 1853—39.
John T. Sublett, born April 21, 1817; died July 5, 1891—74.
Mary C. Sublett, born October 3, 1818; living.
Samuel S. Sublett, born September 5, 1820; living.
Elizabeth G. Sublett, born June 10, 1822; died December 24, 1822.
Lucy J. Sublett, born November 23, 1823; living.
George W. Sublett, born August 4, 1825; died April 28, 1885—60.
Harriet E. Sublett, born July 24, 1827; living.
Peter A. Sublett, born April 28, 1832; died March 17, 1895—63.
James M. Sublett married Octavia C. Brooks, and had the following children:
   James Deane Sublett.
   Victoria S. Sublett.
   William B. Sublett.
   Ed. H. Sublett.
   Charles T. Sublett.

Second wife, Lucy Nelson Page, and had the following children:
Octavia Page Sublett, who married John H. Ingram, June 7, 1887.
Their children are:
   Elsie Page Ingram.
   John Littlepage Ingram.
   Nelson Ingram.
   Carter Sublett Ingram.

Mary Carter Sublett married John W. Arrington, April 9, 1889.
Their children are:
   John White Arrington.
   Mary Carter Arrington.
   Richard Westley Arrington.
   Octavia Page Arrington.

Florence Sublett married J. B. Martin, November 11, 1890.
Their children are:
   Lucie Byrd Martin.
   Wirt Martin.

Lucy Nelson Sublett married Bernard Page Vaden, November 14, 1891. One child:
   Lucy Nelson Vaden.

Olivia Byrd Sublett married William W. Michaux, December 15, 1887. Their children are:
   Frank Enders Michaux.
   James Madison Michaux.
   William W. Michaux.
   Marion Louise Michaux.
   Martin Johnson Michaux.

James Madison Sublett's children by his first wife:
   James Deane Sublett married Clara Scheot. Their children are:
Victoria.
Daisy.
Effy.
Clara.

James Douglas.

William B. Sublett married Miss G. Temple. Their children are:
William E. Sublett.
Charles Casson Sublett.
Pauline Florence Sublett.
Temple Calderwood Sublett.
Mary Louise Sublett.
Lewis Elwood Sublett.
Victoria Sadie Sublett.
Nelson Hawley Sublett.

Edwin Huguenot Sublett married Miss Winters. Their children are:
Elise Sublett.
Edwin Sublett.
John Sublett.
Sadie Sublett.
One child two years old, name not known.

Charles T. Sublett, died in Vickburg, 1890.
Victoria S. Sublett, not married.

Martha Ann Sublett married Peter G. Ellett. Their children are:
Edwin J. Ellett.
Lula Ellett.

Edwin J. Ellett married Mary Betty Spears. One child:
Willie.

Lula Ellett married Powhatan Winfree. Two children:
Wilson Winfree.
Gay Winfree.

William E. Sublett married Mildred P. Porter. Their children are:
George Burnett Sublett.
Harvie Sublett.
Porter Sublett.
Burnett married Miss Clemitt. Their children are:
Clemett Sublett.
Hellen Sublett, and others.

Harvie Sublett married Miss --------. One child.

Porter Sublett married Miss Scott Woody.

John T. Sublett married Miss Emily J. Sampson. Their children are:
Walter S. Sublett.
Marion Sublett.
Nannie Sublett.
Emmie Sublett.
Virginia Sublett.
Mary Coleman Sublett.
Maggie Sublett.
Julia Sublett.

Walter S. Sublett married Miss McCue. Their children are two:
John and Nora.

Second wife, Miss Wills. One child.

Nannie Sublett married Miles W. Cary. Two children:
Hunsden and Emily.

Marion Sublett married Mr. Hefferton. No children.

Emmie Sublett married Leslie Jennings. Their children are:
Mary.
Emily.
Leslie.
Aline.
Robert.
Julia.

Mary Coleman, Virginia, Maggie, and Julia all died single.

Mary C. Sublett, never married.
Samuel S. Sublett, never married.

Lucy Jane Sublett married James Sanders. Their children are:
Willis S. Sanders.
Lelia Sanders.
Evelyn Sanders.
Charles L. Sanders.

Willis S. Sanders married Miss Sallie A. Wills. Their children are:
George N. Sanders.
Frank Sublett Sanders.
James Willis Sanders.
Kate Eliza Sanders.
Louie Ellen Sanders.
Sally Ann Sanders.
Willis Sublett Sanders, Jr.
Mary Constance Sanders.
Hallie Sanders.
Archer Kennon Sanders.

Lelia Sanders married Peter B. Porter. One child:
Floy.

Evelyn Sanders married James E. Maxey. Two children:
Stella and Gordon.

Charles L. Sanders married Ola Vass. One child:
Arthur Rudolph Sanders.

Geo. W. Sublett married Mary Jane Porter. Their children are:
Mary Jane.
Lillie Octavia.
Anne Roberta.

Mary Jane married Edward Chrenshaw. Two children:
Winthrop and Clara.

Lillie Octavia married R. H. Wills. Five children:
Mayo.
Lucia.
George.
Horace.
Robert.
Anne Roberta married Irvin S. Winfree. Nine children:
Edgar Sublett.
Maggie Virginia.
Irvin Scott.
Mary Bell.
Alfred.
Harry Dennis.
Wallace.
Anne Roberta.

George W. Sublett. Second wife, Mary Worshing. One child:
Hugh Soblett.

Harriet E. Sublett married Wm. Wren. Their children are:
A. Werta Wren.
Emily S. Wren.
James B. Wren.
Mary William Wren.
Lillian Wren.
Mattie Wren.

James B. Wren married Cassie Cosby. One child:
Bessie Courtney Wren.

Mary William Wren married A. W. Porter. One child:
Wallace.

Lillian Wren married P. F. Martin. Two children:
Aubrey and Oscar.

Mattie Wren married G. C. White. One child:
Ola.

Peter A. Sublett married Alice M. Winfree. Two children:
Claude and Ruth.

Claud died in 1890 and his father died in Richmond March 17, 1895, in his sixty-third year.

In 1859, when John Brown made his raid on Harper’s Ferry, Peter A. Sublett joined Company F, under Gov. Henry A. Wise, and was at the execution of John Brown; and when the war of the
States broke out, in 1861, he entered the army of the Southern States, and there remained until the surrender at Appomattox. After the war, in 1865, he established a small commission house in Richmond, and a few years later associated Miles W. Cary into the concern, under the style of Sublett & Cary, and with energy and prompt attention to the interest of the patrons of the house they were successful up to 1895, to the time of the death of Peter A. Sublett. The new concern of the old house is Jacob & Lorraine.

The above closes the descendants of Peter Sublett the fourth, who was great-grandson of Peter Lewis Sublett the first, and Peter A. Sublett was the great-great-grandson of Peter Lewis Soblet.

WILLIAM SUBLETT, the son of Peter Sublett the third, married Miss Mary Lackland. Had four children:
Thomas E. Sublett.
Bella Sublett.
Ella Sublett.
William A. Sublett.

Thomas E. Sublett married Charlotte Lackland. One child:
Bettie.

Bella Sublett married James Brackett. One child:
James Wilson Brackett.

Married second time Mr. Terrell. Five children:
Willie.
Hubert.
Jennie.
Aurelius.
Mary.

William A. Sublett married Aurelia Hill. No issue.

Ella Sublett married W. W. Campbell. One child:
Mary E. Campbell.

Mary Magdaline, daughter of Peter Sublett the third, married Josiah Ellett. Had the following children:
Robert.
Peter.
James.
Joseph.
Martha.
Elizabeth.

Robert married Miss Fuqua.
James married Miss Lockett.
Joseph married Miss Ellett.

Elizabeth married Mr. Lockett.

Martha married Edmund Maxey. Had three children:
James Dibrell Maxey.
Mary C. Maxey.
Joseph E. Maxey.

James Dibrell Maxey married Sarah Sledd. Three children:
James E. Maxey.
Minnie.
Melville.

Mary C. Maxey married Samuel Dorset. Children:
Edwin.
Watson.
Stanley.
Bernice.

Betsy Sublett, daughter of Peter Sublett the third, married Robert Wren, and had the following children:
Joseph.
William.
Martha.
James.
Robert.

Martha Sublett, daughter of Peter Sublett the third, married James Forsee. Moved to Texas. Children not known.
Judith Sublett married Thomas Merriman. Two children:
James and Virginia.

Peter G. Ellett married (first wife) Susan Spears, and had the following children:
Mary Susan.
Adalade.
Louvenia.
John Spears.
Octavia Augusta.

Mary Susan Ellett married Thomas E. Leftwich, and had the following children:
Bena.
Carrie.
George.

Bena married J. Ludwell Hill.

Adalade Ellett married Joseph Pindar, and had the following children:
Hattie.
William.
Octavia.
Annie.
John.
Walter.
Bena.
Bell.

John Spears Ellett married Nannie Winston Quarles, and had the following children:
John.
Henry.
Mary.
Thomas.

Octavia Augusta Ellett married Joseph E. Maxey, and had the following children:
Susan.
Carrie.
William Dibrell.
Edward.
Walter.
Spears.
Octavia Helen.
Nannie.
Addie.


Issue.

Philip Branch. Born August 4, 1832. Died September 27, 1895.

Issue of P. B. Sublett and Ida Scott.


Issue William H. Sublett.

Married Helen Roysdale, of Texas.
James Smith. Married in Louisiana, but leaves no issue.

D. L. Sublett.


David Lackland Sublett, the subject of this sketch, was the fifth and youngest child of Thomas Smith and Sarah Lackland Sublett,
and was born on the paternal homestead in the Huguenot settlement on James river, in Powhatan county, Va., June 22, 1837. His mother died when he was an infant, and his father when he was only seven years old; but he found a warm friend in his pastor, Rev. Andrew Fisher, an Episcopal minister, under whom he studied, and at seventeen years old entered the Episcopal High School, near Alexandria, Va., where he remained until 1856, when he was entered as a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute. Stonewall Jackson, Stapleton Crutchfield, and R. E. Colston, who were distinguished in the civil war, were his professors. On leaving the Institute in December, 1858, he went to Texas, and entered the State military service as lieutenant in Capt. L. S. Ross' company, afterwards Governor of Texas. On the resignation of Captain Ross he became captain of cavalry in the Indian service, and had several fights with the Indians, and in one captured Cynthia Parker and child and an Indian boy. Cynthia had been captured by the Indians twenty-six years before. At the breaking out of the civil war he assisted with his company in the capture of the United States post camp "Cooper" and the forces there. He was then offered a commission by Governor Clark, of Texas, as captain of cavalry, for service in Missouri, but declined in order to go to Virginia. He was sent by the citizens of Waco, Texas, to see the Governor, and to have him send a local company at Waco to Virginia. He joined this company as a private, was elected lieutenant, and on the march to Virginia was elected adjutant. He drilled the ten companies composing the Fourth Texas Infantry at Harrisburg, Texas, and went to Virginia in 1861. J. B. Hood was made colonel. On his promotion to brigadier-general, Sublett was appointed aide-de-camp in the spring of 1862, and afterwards ordnance officer. He participated in all the great fights in Virginia, and after the battle of Gettysburg went with Longstreet's corps to Georgia, and was in the battle of Chicamauga, siege of Chattanooga, and siege of Knoxville. He was then ordered to report to Lieutenant-General J. B. Hood, at Richmond, who had lost a leg at Chicamauga; passed two examinations before the Ordnance Bureau, and was promoted to the artillery service for ordnance duty, and made chief ordnance officer of Lieutenant-General Hood's corps, and served in the campaign from Dalton to Atlanta. On the promotion of General Hood he served under Lieutenant S. D. Lee, and was in the Nashville campaign, and then before Sherman from Savannah to Greensboro, N. C. After the battle of Ben-
He was assigned by special order from General Johnson as chief ordnance officer of Lieutenant-General Stephen D. Lee, command then composing the Army of Tennessee. He surrendered with General Johnson at High Point, N. C., and went to Richmond, Va., and started to Brazil, but returning to Virginia, was, in the summer of 1865, employed by the United States Government in the survey of the battlefields around Richmond and Petersburg, and on the completion of this work was engineer in the survey of the R. & N. P. News R. R., now C. & O. He then became superintendent of Carbon Hill mines, near Richmond, and while here, on June 13, 1871, he married Martha Frances Owen, daughter of Dr. T. J. Owen, of Prince Edward county, Va.

In July, 1872, he moved to Kentucky as engineer on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, and then established an engineer office in Louisville as Sublett & Hunter, his partner being a son of Gen. R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia. He did much engineering and geological work, and about 1875 was appointed superintendent of the Taylor Coal Mines, in Ohio county, Ky. In 1878 he left Louisville and moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., and was placed in charge of the local improvements of the Tennessee river below Knoxville. In December, 1878, he was ordered to make a survey of the Chattanooga river from Gainsville to Columbus for the Government.

In the fall of 1879 was ordered to survey Duck river, Tennessee. In April, 1880, he was in charge of work on the Kentucky river, and left in June. Here he remained for seven years as Superintendent of Navigation and Engineer of Construction of Locks and Dams. Resigning on account of ill health, in December, 1886, he moved again to Chattanooga, Tenn., and entered the real estate business, and was associated with Gen. J. B. Gordon in the development of the State quarries at Rockmont, Ga. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the Western River Improvement Convention at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He has no children of his own, but has two adopted children, Hossie and John. At this writing he resides in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Our great-great-grandfather on our grandmother's side was named George Smith. Tradition says he left his home in East Virginia, near the seacoast, and settled higher up, probably in Powhatan and Chesterfield, near where his descendants lived. His father's name
was George Smith also. I find in *Virginia Historical Papers* (Brock) that a George Smith, son of George Smith and his wife Ann, was born January 21, 1735, at Manakin. At his death he left a large estate to his son Thomas, who lived and died on the old plantation in Powhatan and Chesterfield counties, Va., and a part of which included the old building owned by George W. Porter in 1843. Thomas Smith was also a wealthy man, and was able to leave a fine farm to each of his children, of which there were six, and a number of slaves. Thomas Porter lived in the old house built by Thomas Smith, where my grandmother and grand-uncle, Joseph Smith, were children. He was married three times, and by each marriage had one son and one daughter. Two of his sons were named George; to distinguish them one was called George Stovall and the other Mill-Pond George, because he lived near the mill-pond.

Married first a Miss Rapier. Issue:
  George "Mill-Pond."
  Elizabeth, who married Philip Gatch.
  George married a Guerrant.

Married second a Stovall. Issue:
  George Stovall and a daughter.

His third wife was a Mrs. Guerrant, a widow of Major Guerrant, a son of whom was with General Washington at Valley Forge. Her maiden name was Marguerette Trabue; so that we are descended from Huguenots on both sides. Issue of Thomas Smith and Margaret Guerrant, or *nee* Trabue:
  Joseph Smith.
  Martha Smith.

James Smith was a minister of the Church of England, but became a Methodist, and made several trips to Ohio and Kentucky. In 1798 he moved out there. My grand-uncle, brother of grandfather Peter Sublett, went with him, and died in Ohio.

James Smith was born September 17, 1757, and married March 17, 1779, to Elizabeth Porter, daughter of John Porter. She was born December 1, 1762, and was sixteen years old when married. Her mother's name was Sarah Watkins, who died in Ohio January 2, 1825, aged sixty-three.

James Smith died September, 1800, aged forty-three.
At the time of removal to Ohio he had two sons and six daughters, and one was born after his arrival. John Sublett married a sister of James Smith’s wife; died 1815. He left a son in Virginia.

Martha Smith married Peter Sublett, one of the French Huguenots. She was born September 10, 1759, and died January, 1835.

The above data is from the Bible record of Judge James Smith of Ohio, who gave me the journals of grand-uncle James Smith.

D. L. Sublett.

PULASKI COUNTY, TENN., February 9, 1896.

S. S. Sublett, Esq., Subletts, Va.:

My Dear Sir,—According to your directions, I herewith return you the original historical papers. I am glad you are to put them in shape for permanent preservation. Those who are to come after will bless you for it. I think it is so very, very much better that we kept up the inquiry, etc., as to determine which Huguenot you descended from, instead of stopping with the mere general statement that you descended from some one of them. One statement is history, and the other mere tradition. I have been very busy this winter. The history business is like a rolling snow-ball—it grows and grows, so that to keep up with that part of my correspondence alone requires much time and labor. I continue to get interesting books and pictures, etc., from Europe, which I wish we were near enough together to enjoy. Tennessee is to have a centennial celebration of her admission into the Union, and with all these old documents I am going to help make the Historical Society’s exhibit. Such of them as you think I ought to have out of this bundle, after you finish, you can make memo. for me—not copy in full, but give abstracts of. I think this kind of work can be easily done too fast, because inquiry and hunting around takes time, and often leads to good results. The Tennessee Legislature has put on foot an historical magazine. We have had much rain.

Truly yours,

FLOURNOY RIVERS.

SAMUEL S. SUBLETT, the subject of this sketch, and now (May 27, 1895), living near Sublett’s Tavern, Powhatan county, Virginia, United States of America, is of Huguenot descent, was born in said county September 5, 1820. The first of the name in America were of those distinguished French emigrants who settled at Manakin, in this county, in the year 1700. His grandfather, Peter Sublett, held an important office in the infant colony, and in time owned the
beautiful "River View" plantation, on the James, where Peter the second, father of Samuel S., was born. Having previously attended good public schools, went, at the age of seventeen, to Richmond city, then, as now, the capital of the State; there engaged in the shoe business. Giving up this business, he associated himself, at the beginning of 1839, with his brother, James Madison Sublett, and Miss Margaret Brooks, in keeping the famous Columbian Hotel, on Shockoe Slip, Richmond. It is not too much to say that no hotel has ever been kept in Richmond where more attention was bestowed, a better menu provided, or more genial comfort obtained. While here at the "Old Columbian," Samuel S. Sublett became the agent for Richmond of Sampson D. Patteson, owner of the stage line carrying the United States mail from Richmond via Lynchburg to Guyandotte, on the Ohio, and continued in that responsible position (where his energy, honesty, and business capacity were recognized and commended by his employers), when the line passed consecutively into the control of James M. Boyd, Robert Edmund, and then of Robert Edmund and Isaac Davenport. At the same time Samuel S. Sublett was the Richmond agent for the stage and mail line of Edmund & Davenport from Richmond to Tappahannock and to Williamsburg; and of the like lines of William P. Farish and Slaughter W. Ficklin from Richmond to Charlottesville.

In consequence of impaired health, Mr. Sublett returned to Powhatan at the close of 1853, and remained there recruiting his strength in hunting and fishing and out-door pursuits. In 1862 he joined the Third Richmond Howitzers, but remained with the company only six weeks, having been found by the army surgeons unfit for active military service. But it was not at all to the wish of Mr. Sublett to be altogether useless to his State so long as a hostile foot was on its soil, and accordingly he sought to be stationed, and was stationed in his native county as sergeant of the enrolling service, under Lieutenant R. B. Chaffin, and remained in that capacity until the surrender at Appomattox.

The writer of this brief and imperfect sketch has known Samuel S. Sublett from their school days in the early thirties, and in all that long period of time has always known that no one, not his worst enemy, if he ever had an enemy, would truthfully say he was ever guilty of a low or mean or unmanly action. Perhaps there is not a man in Powhatan county that is more widely known or more generally popular than S. S. Sublett. May his shadow never be less.

William W. Finney.
POWHATAN C. H., October 13, 1888.

This is to certify that during the last year of the war the "light-duty" men of a county—that is, those unfit for "field duty"—were assigned principally to the conscript duty in their counties. That R. B. Chaffin, lieutenant in the Confederate States army, being disabled by a wound, was appointed as enrolling officer of Powhatan, and myself and Mr. S. S. Sublett were sergeants of the guard. As Lieutenant Chaffin was suffering from his wound, a great deal of the active duty devolved upon Mr. Sublett and others. I was with him frequently in situations of danger, and was always impressed with Mr. Sublett's bravery, coolness, and promptness, whether in pursuing or hunting out or capturing dangerous deserters. Mr. Sublett was always at his post. Mr. Sublett, in peace or war, was a gentleman in every sense of the word. I cheerfully testify to his high character.

WILLIAM POPE DABNEY,
Judge of the County Courts of Powhatan and Cumberland.

RICHMOND, VA., September 26, 1888.

S. S. SUBLETT, Esq.,
Elbow P. O., Powhatan County, Va.:

DEAR SIR,—It gives me pleasure to state you were with me in the Confederate States army. I never knew a more faithful man to all duties intrusted to you.

Yours respectfully,
R. B. CHAFFIN.

RICHMOND, VA., March 7, 1889.

MR. S. S. SUBLETT,
Sublett's Tavern P. O., Powhatan County, Va.:

MY DEAR SIR,—Accept my thanks for the "Curley hickory." I don't use a cane now, but perhaps before the expiration of the next one hundred years I will be turning to the "Curley hickory" for support.

Yours very truly,
FITZUGH LEE.

RICHMOND, VA., February 20, 1895.

SAMUEL S. SUBLETT, Esq.:

MY DEAR SIR,—I am greatly obliged to you for your kind letter, so full of affectionate wishes. I wish I could answer it as fully as it deserves, remembering you as I do; but I can only acknowledge and thank you for it, overwhelmed as I am this week with work and all manner of interruptions.

Very sincerely yours,
MOSES D. HOGE.