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"From yon blue Heavens above us bent,
The gardener, Adam, and his wife
Smile at the claims of long descent.
However it be, it seems to me,
'Tis only noble to be good;
Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

—Tennyson.
INTRODUCTION.

THIS little work is unique, inasmuch as it is the only one of the kind on record that embraces the Beckham family history in its entirety. In its compilation we wish to express our thanks to numerous friends and relatives who have given us invaluable information contained herein. We are especially indebted to Mr. Frank D. Beckham, of Richmond, Virginia, without whose able assistance we would not have been prepared to have brought out many of its most salient features.

The work is based on broad lines, and has not been restricted by reason of prejudice, or personal considerations. It is complete, as far as it is reasonably possible to make it so. It is prepared with the object of not only giving satisfaction to the writer, but of sharing it with all friends of the name, wherever they may be found. It is intended as a family history and reference book, in relation to the Virginia line of Beckhams, and the branches thereof in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Much of the material for this work was gathered years ago and carefully preserved.
It deals with such statements only as may be relied upon, and may be regarded as strictly authentic. We have examined the evidence, both statistical and traditional, to our reasonable satisfaction.

Acting from the standpoint of duty honestly performed, we have excluded no family branch, where it was possible to reach it. Every Beckham who reads this book may expect some mention of himself or his people; but it was absolutely impossible to report upon all. Families scatter like the leaves of the forest; but there are other sheep of this fold that may yet be brought in. In early Colonial days a number of the "tribe" moved to the Carolinas and other Southern States. We have not, as yet, been sufficiently advised to report upon these.

We have, in some instances, made personal references to prominent or favorite members of the family of our acquaintance. This has not been done through any spirit of partiality. We would have been only too glad to have amplified like references to those separated members of the family of whom we have not been able to get specific information. Our aim is to make honest family history, within the scope projected. We believe in family pride, based upon self-respect and an honorable course in life, but not in carrying the
idea to extremes. "Act well your part, there all the honor lies." A moral derelict of our acquaintance used to boast of his relationship to one of the Presidents. We have no respect for this sort of pride, although such characters are often tolerated by decent society.

The Beckhams, as a family, have usually filled honorable positions in their respective communities. They have furnished men of worth to the Church and State, and to the civil and military departments of their country. They are of rather a dominant temperament, and are much more disposed to lead than to follow. They do not readily yield to either place or power, where such may not be conformable to their personal sense of right.

The author sincerely hopes that this humble tribute of an elderly member of the family may prove both interesting and acceptable, and submits it for what it may be worth. We submit it in honor of our fathers and mothers and loved ones, now passed on before us, whose memory neither time nor worldly cares can obliterate, and whose worthy actions we fondly cherish. We offer it as an inspiration to the rising generation, as a sacred memento of those whose tongues are palsied, but whose life's history should not be permitted to fade from our minds, but rather kept on record as a stimulus to each one of us to perpetuate the
better and nobler traits of their characters, while we wrap the mantle of charity around their frailties.

The human mind quickly responds to every worthy sentiment of race or family, such being as inherent in the human breast as love of one's country or the sacred love of a mother for her child; and the typical man will universally cultivate such sentiments as an asset of gratitude, and of inspiration, and of progress!

The Author.

2500 East Grace Street,
Richmond, Virginia,
March, 1910.
THE FAMILY IN ENGLAND.

The Beckham family is of English lineage, the name being an ancient and honorable one in the records of Norfolk County, England.

The first Beckham whose name is recorded in the Harleian collection of manuscripts (1552, ink fo. 215), was John Beckham of Creke, in Norfolk. The date of conferring arms is not given, but was probably about the year 1430, or earlier.

The Beckham coat-of-arms, as described in "The Visitations of Norfolk," from the Harleian manuscripts, is as follows:

Arms: Cheeky or and sable, a fesse or mine.
Crest: A horse's head argent, maned or, pierced through the neck with a broken jutting spear of the second, and holding in the mouth the upper part thereof, the point argent, embossed gules.

The descendants of John Beckham, above mentioned, with their family connections, are given for many generations in the annals of
the County of Norfolk, England, and it is noticeable that the names “John” and “William” appear with the same relative frequency as in the American branch of the family. The English Beckhams intermarried with some of the best families of County Norfolk, such as the Jennisons, Minns and Rothwells, one daughter of the house having married John Becon, D. C. L. The church was represented by Rev. Walter Beckham, canon of Westacre, County Norfolk, in about 1500. In a brief work of this kind it would be out of place to give a detailed history of the English branch of the family; the inquiring mind can refer to the “Visitations of Norfolk,” above mentioned, also other works on the old families of Norfolk County, England. The coat-of-arms is also given in Burke’s “General Armory,” the description being practically identical with that in the Harleian manuscripts. The crest is shown in “Fairbairn’s Crests,” a work illustrating the crests of the families of England of ancient lineage. This work, and the others mentioned, may be found in any first-class library.

The name is derived from two Anglo-Saxon words, “beck,” meaning a small brook, and “ham,” signifying home. The original significance of the name, therefore, was probably
MRS. ANNIE BECKHAM ROSS.
something like "home near the brooklet." The name has always been spelled exactly as it is spelled by the Beckhams of Virginia.
WILLIAM BECKHAM.

WILLIAM BECKHAM emigrated from England in 1701. He settled in eastern Virginia, in Orange County, where he raised his family. He married Miss Randolph, of the family of “James.” Some of his children settled in Orange and near by counties, others moving to the Carolinas and Georgia in early colonial days.

A daughter of Joseph Beckham, of this family, married a Cobb, of Spotsylvania County, Virginia. This couple moved to Georgia in early married life, and became the head of the widely known Cobb family of Georgia, one of whom was the Hon. Howell Cobb, statesman, and Secretary of the United States Treasury, under the administration of President James Buchanan.

General T. R. R. Cobb. of Georgia, prominent in the “War between the States,” was of the same connection.
JAMES BECKHAM.

JAMES BECKHAM (1735-1800), one of the sons of William (a), "the emigrant," and head of the Beckham family in Virginia and the branches thereof in the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, was born about the year 1735.

Two of his sisters, children of William (a), married, respectively, Generals Camp and Fontaine, of the Revolutionary War. The names of "Camp" and "Fontaine" in the Beckham family originated in this way.

James Beckham married Hannah Bohon, of Orange. From this marriage there were twelve sons and one daughter, viz., Abner (a), William (b), Thomas (a), James (b), John (a), Townsend (a), Jerry (a), Elijah, Camp (a), Armistead (a), Fontaine (a), Benjamin (a) and Mary (n).

Sleep, father, sleep! thy work is done!
Thy sons,—"the twelve,"—thy daughter, true and brave
Are resting near, where clustering ivy creeps,
And angels chant a requiem 'round thy grave.
ABNER BECKHAM.

ABNER BECKHAM (1766-1813), son of James (a), married Frances Thomas, of Virginia. He was the elder of the twelve brothers, and had children James (c), Alexander (a), Nimrod (a), William Thomas (c) and Coleman (a). There was one daughter Mary (b), who married James Pickett, of Louisville, Kentucky. She had one son, James, who died in Shelby County, leaving a large family. After the death of Abner (a), his widow married Robert Lovell, of Culpeper County, Virginia. These latter sold their farm, “Strawberry Plane,” in Culpeper County, now owned by A. G. Willis, and the family moved to Kentucky and settled in Spencer County.

JAMES (c), son of Abner and Frances Thomas Beckham, married Miss Murphy, of Spencer County, Kentucky, from which union there were children, viz., Nimrod (b), Edward (a), Beverly (a), Benjamin (b), Coleman (b), Leander (a), Rose (a), Mary (c), Fannie (a) and James, Jr., all of the State of Kentucky.

Dr. Beverly Beckham, one of the sons of James (c), was a physician and lived in Shel-
byville, Kentucky. He was married and had two daughters.

Another son of James (c), James, Jr., and brother of Dr. Beverly Beckham, was killed during the civil war while with Col. Morgan, on a raid into Ohio.

One daughter, Fannie, married Stephen Middleton; Rose, another daughter, also married a Middleton.

Nimrod married and lived in Nelson County. Edward also married and had children.

COLEMAN C. BECKHAM (a) (1798-1885), another son of Abner, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, May 17, 1798. He moved to Kentucky in youth, with his family, but returned to Virginia in early life and settled in Culpeper County.

Coleman Beckham was a man of fine business ability. He was a large land owner, and an extensive farmer. Much of his property was destroyed by the ravages of war.

Mr. Beckham possessed an unusually kind and genial disposition, and his fault, if any, was in assisting others beyond his means, without “counting the cost.” He died November 25, 1885, in the 88th year of his age. He married a cousin, Mary (d), daughter of his uncle, James Beckham (a). From this marriage there were four children, viz., Henry Clay (a), James (e) Minor, William A. (d)
and Fannie (b) Thomas. The latter married James Barbour, of Culpeper, a well known lawyer and politician, and brother of the Hon. John S. Barbour, of the United States Senate. James Barbour was several times elected to the Virginia Legislature, and has filled a number of other important and responsible positions.

"He prayeth best who loveth best,  
All things both great and small."

The children of Fannie (b) Thomas Beckham Barbour are James, John Strode, A. Floyd, Edwin, Mary, Ellie B., Beirne and Fannie.

John Strode, one of the sons of James Barbour, married Mary Grimsley, of Culpeper, a daughter of the late Judge Grimsley, of Culpeper. He is a lawyer, and represented his constituency in the late Virginia Constitutional Convention.

Ellie, a daughter of James Barbour, married John F. Rixey, of Culpeper, who for several terms represented his district in the United States Congress.

Fannie (c), another daughter of James Barbour, married Collins Beckham, of Culpeper, son of James (d) Minor.

Mary married Clarence Wallace, of Nashville, Tennessee. She has a daughter, Ellen.
James (c) Minor Beckham, son of Coleman (a) C., and Mary Beckham, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, April 6, 1842. His great grandmother was Miss Minor, after whom he was named. He married Julia Flannegan, of Charlottesville, Virginia. He was a student at the Virginia Military Institute when the civil war broke out, but soon joined the Confederate Army. He was later made a lieutenant in Col. T. M. R. Talcott's Regiment of Engineers, his command being in active service to the close of the war, in pioneer work, such as bridge building and locating army routes. His regiment was always on the firing line, and ready for duty in whatever shape it might come. In 1861 he served in Wheat's Battalion, but later returned to the Virginia Military Institute, where he graduated.

Mr. Beckham is now superintendent of schools in Culpeper County, where he has served with efficiency for many years. His children are Stanley, Collins, Juliet, Minnie, Nannie and Eud.

Mrs. Julia Beckham was an admirable woman, and few, if any, can be found who exhibited a more loyal devotion to the interests of her family, throughout the vicissitudes of life, than she. She is now "sweetly sleeping in the shadow of the cross."
"They made her a grave too cold and damp
For a heart so warm and true."

Stanley Beckham, son of James Minor, married Mary Borst, of Culpeper County. This couple have four children, of which we name Stanley, Jr., and Charles.

Collins Beckham, another son of James Minor, married Fannie (c) Barbour, as has already been stated. This couple have three children, viz., James, John S., and Frances Coleman.

Minnie, daughter of James Minor, married George W. Settle, of Rappahannock. Issue, Julia, Mary, Carroll, Thomas, Samuel S., George W., Jr., and James Minor, Jr.

Nannie married James Moser, of Manassas, Virginia. They have one daughter, Julia. Mrs. Moser is the youngest daughter of James Minor, and she is a fine little woman.


Dr. Henry Clay Beckham, eldest son of Coleman C. Beckham, graduated in medicine in Philadelphia, in 1859. In 1861, he entered the ranks of a company from Culpeper, first as a sergeant, and was afterwards elected Lieutenant. Later he was made Assistant Surgeon in the Confederate Army, where he served to the close of the war. After the war
he practiced medicine in Culpeper County for some time, then moved to Jefferson County, West Virginia, where he has since resided.

Dr. Beckham married Amanda E. Wright, of Charlestown, West Virginia. Mrs. Beckham is an excellent woman, and is surpassed by none in self-sacrifice, and a faithful and earnest devotion to her family.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

The children of Dr. Beckham are Coleman (c), William (e), and Bettie. William recently died.

Bettie married Wm. W. Rouss, brother of Charles Broadway Rouss, of New York, and settled in Jefferson County, West Virginia, where she resides in comfort and affluence.

William A. Beckham, the youngest son of Coleman C., is living in Culpeper County, Virginia. He did not marry.

Nimrod Beckham (n), brother of Coleman C., and son of Abner (a), was a Baptist preacher in Kentucky. He had one son, Samuel, in the Civil War, who was killed at Fort Donelson. He had also a daughter, Fannie, and some other children.

Alexander (a), another brother of Coleman
C. and son of Abner, married a cousin, Miss Thomas. He died leaving a son, and two daughters, Mary and Olivia.

Mary married a Mr. Genowine, and had a daughter who married a Mr. Funk, near Louisville, Kentucky. After Mr. Genowine's death, Mary married Samuel Womack, and had a daughter.

Olivia, the other daughter of Alexander, married first, Mr. Kniess, second, Dr. Emil Scheller, a distinguished chemist of Louisville, Kentucky. She left children, Dr. Emil, Edward, Olive, Minnie and Pickett.

William Thomas Beckham, another brother of Coleman C., and son of Abner, moved from Virginia to Kentucky, and settled later in Shelby County. His children were William Netherton, J. Coleman, and John, who died unmarried; a daughter, Mary Frances, and a son, Abner (b). There was another daughter, Winifred, who visited Culpeper a half century ago, known to her family as "Cousin Winnie." The latter married Dr. John F. Miller, of Jefferson County, Kentucky. There was no issue from this marriage.

William Thomas Beckham was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, April 14, 1800. He moved to Kentucky in 1817. In 1827 he married Nancy Netherton, and raised a family that has reflected much credit upon him.
"Through the gray willows the bleak winds are raving;
Here on the shore, with its drift-wood and sands.
Over the river the lilies are growing,
Bathed in the sunshine of Orient lands;
Over the river, the wide, dark river,
Springtime and Summer are blooming forever."

William Netherton, one of the sons of William T. Beckham, was born in 1832. He died in 1882, at the age of fifty years. He was a prominent lawyer, residing near Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. He married Julia Tevis Wickliffe, a daughter of the late Governor Wickliffe, of Kentucky.

William N. Beckham was for many years a distinguished member of the Kentucky Legislature. He was a gifted orator, scholar and statesman.

"The applause of listening senates to command,
The threats of pain, and ruin to despise;
To scatter plenty o'er a smiling land,
And read their history in a nation's eyes."

Ex-Governor John Crepps Wickliffe Beckham, a son of William Netherton, was born in 1809. He succeeded the late Governor Goebel as Governor of Kentucky, in 1900, and was elected for a second term in 1903. At the expiration of his gubernatorial terms, he was nominated in the Democratic State primary for the United States Senate, but defeated in
the General Assembly by his Republican opponent, four Democratic members having bolted their party ticket against him. He was a member of the Kentucky Legislature for several terms, and in 1898 was chosen Speaker of the House without opposition. His terms as Governor extended through a period of nearly eight years. He was only thirty years of age when elected to office. His administration was clean and able, one feature being the collection from the United States Government of Spanish War claims of nearly one and one-half million dollars. He is at present actively and successfully engaged in the practice of law in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Governor Beckham married Jean Raphael Fuqua, a daughter of Joseph A. Fuqua, of Owensboro, Kentucky. They reside at Frankfort, Kentucky. There are two children, Eleanor and J. C. W., Jr.

Charles W., brother of the Governor, died in 1888.

Margaret Crepps, a sister, married W. B. Kniskern, of Chicago. Children, Julia W. and Charles B.

Nannie Netherton married George V. Triplett, of Owensboro, Kentucky. There are three children of this marriage, viz., William Beckham, George and Robert.

William T. died 1866, aged three years.
JAMES MADISON BECKHAM.

U. S. Engineer Service.
Robert Wickliffe, born 1865, died 1886.

Winifred, born in 1867, married Dr. W. P. E. Wyse, of Pikesville, Maryland. They have two children living, viz., Wickliffe and Coleman.

Mary, born in 1871, died unmarried, 1890.

David Yulee, born 1874, is now a Captain in the regular army, stationed at Portland, Maine. He married Myra Wilcox. They have one child, Ella.

Julia Wickliffe, born 1878, died an infant.

The above named are the ten children of William N. Beckham, a son of William Thomas, and grandson of Abner.

J. Coleman Beckham, another son of William T. Beckham, was born in the year 1840. He has been a member of the Kentucky Legislature, and represented his county in the Kentucky Constitutional Convention of 1890-91. He is an uncle of Governor J. C. W. Beckham, of Frankfort, and is now about sixty-nine years of age.

"Lo, around me now are thronging memories coming fast,
Of beloved ones belonging to the vanished past;
Scenes of by-gone years before me, now themselves unroll,
Gentle shadows stealing o'er me, mournful to the soul."

J. Coleman Beckham is a prominent and successful lawyer of Shelbyville. His wife
was Margaret Wickliffe, a daughter of Robert C. Wickliffe, formerly Governor of Louisiana. His children are, viz., William T. and Annie Beckham Muir, wife of Commander W. C. P. Muir, of the United States Navy.

William T. Beckham, son of J. Coleman, is a lawyer of Shelbyville, and partner of his father. He married Mary Wilcox, of Savannah, Georgia. This couple have a little daughter about four years of age, who is a very sweet and interesting child.

Wm. T. Beckham, as yet, has never offered for public office.
WILLIAM BECKHAM.

WILLIAM BECKHAM (1768-1825), second of the twelve brothers, sons of James (a), married Ann Porter. He had two sons, James (f) and Jerry, and several daughters. His wife, Ann Porter Beckham, died September 25, 1844.

William Beckham settled in Orange County, Virginia, in the vicinity of Gordonsville. Some of his descendants now live there; others of Washington, D. C., are successful businessmen. Philip S. Beckham, son of Fontaine, married Annie E. Beckham, a daughter of James (f), and granddaughter of William (b), January 9, 1868. Annie E. Beckham was born August 21, 1842.

William Beckham possessed many generous traits of character, as might be shown by a number of instances too specific to be recorded in this work. He died March 25, 1825, aged fifty-seven years.

James (f), one of the sons of William (b), and grandson of James (a), settled in Gordonsville, Virginia. He married Sara Ann Kennedy, February 6, 1835. He died January 3, 1890. The names of his children are
Annie, Cicero, William James, Mary O., Jennie E., Thomas E., and David P.

Mary, born April 15, 1818, married Elias D. Eubank, of Nelson County, Virginia, November 5, 1863, and had five children.

Cicero Beckham, son of James (f), was born March 1, 1836. He married Fannie Sophia Harris, of Culpeper, October 3, 1862. There were thirteen children of this marriage.

Cicero Beckham was a man of fine business ability, and at one time was doing an extensive manufacturing business in Washington, D. C.

"Some hands fold, while other hands
Are lifted bravely in the strife."

"They will not rest till roses creep
Around their name above a grave."

The names of Cicero Beckham's children are as follows: William Thomas, Cora Lee, Blanche, Charles (deceased), James Harris, Robert Edward, Walter Francis, Mary Virginia, Alvin Cicero, Joseph Jackson (deceased), Richard David, Maurice Adler and Turner Ashby.

William Thomas Beckham, son of Cicero, married Julia Sherwin, and from this marriage there were children, Leroy David and Harry Ambler Beckham.

Cora Lee, daughter of Cicero, married James
Turner Bogley. Children, Beulah Beckham Bogley and Maria Naomi Bogley.

Beulah Beckham Bogley, granddaughter of Cicero Beckham, married Jay G. Coleman, and from this marriage there were children, viz., Anna Lee and Dorothy Coleman.


Jennie, daughter of James (f), born October 1, 1851, married Seth Brown in 1870, and had five children. She died October 21, 1887.

William James, another son of James (f), born February 11, 1844, married Alice Fleming, of Charles Town, West Virginia, in 1872. He moved to Texas with his family in early life. He had six children.

David P., another son of James (f), was born January 16, 1854. He also moved to Texas, where he married Kate Shelton, in the year 1879.

"Yet waft me from the harbor's mouth, wild wind!
I seek a warmer sky;
And I will see, before I die,
The palms and temples of the south."

Thomas Elijah Beckham, another son of James (f), was born March 11, 1846.

Jerry (b), another son of William (b), was
married, but the names of wife and children are not known. He moved to Tennessee in early life, and we have not, as yet, been able to trace his descendants.
THOMAS BECKHAM.

THOMAS BECKHAM (1770-1855), of Culpeper, third son of James (a), married Frances Grigsby, of Rockbridge, a daughter of John Grigsby, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Frances Grigsby Beckham was born in 1778. She married Thomas Beckham in 1798, and died in 1842. This family of Grigsbys has a distinguished family record in America, dating back from 1060, and extending through a period of two hundred and fifty years. The eminent Dr. Hugh Blair Grigsby, the gifted scholar and historian, was of this family.

Thomas Beckham was born in 1770, and died at his home in Culpeper County, Virginia, in the year 1855. He was a man of dignified bearing, and a great favorite with his grandchildren, who visited his home annually to enjoy his warm hospitality and become acquainted with each other. After his children had married or separated from him, he lived quietly and alone at the old homestead, a calm and temperate life, greatly respected by his neighbors and the community. He owned a fine farm near the Rapidan river, and possessed a number of slaves. His children are Abner,
James Alexander, John Grigsby, Martha, Hannah, Mary, and Frances Jane Thomas, who married David S. Gwin.

James A. Beckham (1801-1869), eldest son of Thomas, was born in 1801 and died in 1869, when about sixty-eight years of age. He married Frances Alcocke, of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

James A. Beckham was a man of great enterprise and unusual business capacity. He was a natural leader of men, and easily gained influence and control over those with whom he came in contact, as he possessed much force of character and executive ability. He was a large land owner, and was possessed of considerable property to the time of the Civil War; but loss of property, with bad health, followed him later in life.

Few men in his community were more respected than James A. Beckham, for his good sense and strict integrity, in all the relations of life.

Following are the children of James A., viz.: Annie Elizabeth, Abner Camp, James Thomas, Beverly Welford and John Grigsby, Jr. There were two other children, Fannie Grigsby and Mary Porter, who died in infancy.

Annie Elizabeth, daughter of James A. Beckham, married Dr. George Ross, originally of Culpeper, but for more than forty-five years
"ASHLAND," CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.
Homestead of Coleman C. Beckham.
practicing physician of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Ross is a son of the late Colonel William Ross, of Culpeper, the Chesterfield of his county. Dr. Ross ranks high in his profession, and has for many years enjoyed a large and lucrative practice.

Mrs. Ross is a fine woman, from many points of view, and enjoys the honor of being strikingly like her esteemed father. She has always occupied a leading position in her family and among her friends.

"Better than gold is a peaceful home,
Where all the fireside characters come;
The shrine of love, the Heaven of life,
Hallowed by mother, or sister or wife."

The children of Dr. and Mrs. Ross are Fannie and Hattie Hathwell. Fannie married Mr. H. Palmer, Jr., of Richmond, Va. Another daughter, Ella Lee, died in infancy.

James Thomas, one of the sons of James A. Beckham, married Carolina Fowle, of Alexandria, Virginia. He was a soldier in the Civil War on the Confederate side, and was Lieutenant of his company. He served faithfully and gallantly throughout the four years of war, and was several times wounded in battle. His children were William, James Thomas, Jr., George Ross, and Carrie.

James Thomas Beckham was twice mayor of
Alexandria, Va., and conducted extensive business operations in that city, in which he was quite successful. His daughter, Carrie, and son, George Ross, both unmarried, are the only surviving members of his family.

Beverly Beckham, another son of James A., was also a soldier in the Confederate Army. Shortly after the war he went to Texas and engaged in business. He there married and died. His wife was Miss Sidney Carr. He left children, Beverly, and two daughters, Lee and Floy.

"But, oh! the days and years are gone;  
I'll not call up their shadowy form,  
But say to them, 'lost years sleep on,  
Sleep on, nor heed life's pelting storm.'"

Abner Camp, elder son of James A. Beckham, also moved to Texas some years after the war, and there died. He was not married. When the Civil War broke out in 1861, Camp was a student at the Virginia Military Institute. He entered the Confederate Army as drill master, and later as Aide to General J. L. Kemper. He was in a number of battles and skirmishes, where his gallantry was always conspicuous. In the battle of Sharpsburg, Maryland, he was seriously wounded, which resulted in the loss of a leg.

In the excitement of battle Camp Beckham
seemed to be absolutely without fear, and his bravery was publicly commended in the official reports of his superior officers. General J. L. Kemper, in a report, made especial reference to Mr. Beckham's gallant conduct in battle, supplemented by the following indorsement from General A. P. Hill:

"I cordially endorse Col. Kemper's high encomiums upon the conduct of Mr. A. Camp Beckham, late cadet at the Virginia Military Institute. His conduct was the admiration of all who saw him, and this opportunity was often presented to me."

"Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er!
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking!
Dream of battled fields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking
In our isle's enchanted hall
Hands unseen thy couch are strewing;
Fairy strains of music fall,
Every sense in slumber dewing.

Soldier, rest! thy warfare o'er!
Dream of fighting fields no more.
Sleep the sleep that knows not breaking,
Morn of toil nor night of waking."

John G. Beckham, Jr., youngest son of James A. Beckham, was in Mosby's command during the Civil War. In youth, as opportunity would permit, he devoted himself to the care of his afflicted father. He was a man of
sterling qualities, and the very soul of honor and refined courtesy. Shortly after the war he was engaged in business in Alexandria, Virginia, and was successful until stricken by disease in the very prime of life. He had few equals in those personal charms that mark the true gentleman. He was elected mayor of the city of Alexandria, but resigned the office, on account of poor health.

John Grigsby Beckham (1807-1887), son of Thomas and Frances Grigsby Beckham, was born April 19, 1807. He died in Prince William County, Virginia, in 1887, in the eighty-first year of his age.

He was named for his maternal grandfather, John Grigsby, who commanded a company in the 13th Regiment of the Virginia line in the Revolutionary War (War Records in Archives, Washington, D.C.). Until over thirty-five years of age Mr. Beckham was engaged in public and private business enterprises, having been associated with the late Governor William Smith in extensive stage line and post-office operations, extending from Washington, D.C., to Milledgeville, Georgia. This was before the day of railroads. In 1841, he settled in Warrenton, Virginia, with his family, where he was universally respected for his sound business judgment and energy. He made many friends. Besides controlling extensive con-
tracts, he at the same time conducted large farming and building operations. He was a presiding justice of the County Court of Fauquier County, and held the position of member of the Warrenton Town Council for many years.

Mr. Beckham had many admirable qualities, as hundreds who knew him intimately can testify. It did him good to help a man when in distress. He staggered under the loss of his hard earned property, caused chiefly by the Civil War, and, under the pressure of disaster, sometimes gave way. It was more than his proud spirit could endure; yet but few do measure up to the nobler and better traits of this sterling character.

When over fifty-four years of age, he left his home and entered upon service for the Confederate Government, first as superintendent of the building of numerous earthworks upon the hills that surround historic Manassas, the locations of which are to be seen to this day; later, as supply agent for the purchase of army and naval stores, stock, etc., for the Confederacy, where he served for the entire four years of the war.

"Strike for your altars and your fires! 
Strike till the last armed foe expires; 
Strike for the green graves of your sires, 
God, and your native land!"
John Grigsby Beckham married Mary Campbell Moore, of Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1834. She was a daughter of Dr. Robert Moore, a prominent physician of Salisbury, Rowan County, North Carolina. She was a woman of great patience and fortitude, and kept “her lamps trimmed and burning.” She bore up unflinchingly amidst life’s burdens, which were great for her, until the call of the Master brought her a much needed rest. She died in 1881, in the sixty-eighth year of her age, and was buried at Warrenton, Virginia.

“See truth, love and mercy, in triumph ascending,
   And Nature all glowing in Eden’s first bloom;
   On the cold cheek of death, smiles and roses are blooming
   And beauty immortal awakes from the tomb.”

Robert Moore, the lineal ancestor of Mrs. John Grigsby Beckham, was born in Ireland, “that sweet land of verdure that springs from the sea,” in the year 1735. Mr. Moore emigrated to the United States in the year 1755, and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, bearing with him letters and testimonials of his high character and social standing. He was joined in matrimony to Martha Cunningham on December 29, 1763, at Perquea, of the aforesaid county, the Rev. Alexander Murray
officiating. About two years after his marriage he moved, with his young family, to the vicinity of Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C., in the western part of that State which was then, comparatively, a new section. He settled on the fertile lands bounding the Yadkin river, the early home of Daniel Boone, in what was then called the "Jersey Settlement." There were eight children born to Robert Moore and his wife, most of whom lived to maturity and reached creditable positions in life.

Dr. Robert Moore, son of Robert, the emigrant, was born September 4, 1773, and was a graduate and practitioner of medicine. He married Mary Campbell, of North Carolina, a daughter of James and Sarah Campbell, on February 8, 1808. There were three sons and one daughter born of this marriage, viz., James Madison, Franklin, Mary Campbell and Robert. The latter died in infancy. James Madison and Franklin both adopted the profession of their father. They were physicians.

Mary Campbell Moore, only daughter of Dr. Robert Moore, was joined in matrimony to John C. Beckham, of Virginia, in the year 1831, at Lexington, North Carolina, where one son, Thomas Moore Beckham, was born to them. They returned to Virginia, a few years later, and in 1841 settled in Warrenton, Fauquier
County, Virginia, at which place they resided during Mr. Beckham's chief business career.

The children of John G. and Mary C. Beckham, are viz., Thomas Moore, Robert Franklin, Frances Elizabeth, James Madison, John, William Lamar, Mary, Alexander Coleman and Emma.

Rev. Thomas Moore Beckham, eldest son of John G. Beckham, was born March 21, 1835. He married Lucy Elizabeth Royal, of Nottoway County, Virginia. She is a daughter of the late Dr. Samuel Royall, of Chesterfield County, Virginia, and a most estimable woman from every point of view. She was an inspiration to her husband to persevere through a long and strenuous work in the M. E. Conference.

'"Think not thy worth and work are all unknown,
Because no partial pensman paints thy praise;
Man may not see, nor mind, but God will own
Thy worth and work and thoughts and words and ways.'"

Thomas Moore Beckham died of heart trouble and dropsy in 1893, at the "Retreat for the Sick," Richmond, Va. He was a man of sound, practical mind, coupled with a refined and amiable disposition. He was a minister in the active work of the M. E. Church, South, for more than thirty years. His life's work
JAMES MINOR BECKHAM.
Superintendent of Schools, Culpeper County, Virginia
was, upon the whole, a strenuous one, but he held out faithfully to the end, and won the only victory really worth winning in this world. He received his early education at Warren Green Academy, Warrenton, Virginia. He was taking a course at Randolph-Macon College when the war broke out in 1861. Shortly after leaving college, he entered the ministry, for which he was well equipped, as his strong, practical sense and well grounded early education would, alone, have supplied all of his reasonable requirements in his chosen profession. He was exceedingly popular in whatever community he was thrown, and made hosts of friends.

Thomas Moore Beckham was a man of spotless life. One who knew him intimately said of him: "In the thirty-two years of my acquaintance with him, I have known or heard of no act of his that was inconsistent with the character of an ambassador of Christ. As a letter writer Mr. Beckham was gifted, his style easy, flowing and lucid. When 'the King' shall say 'well done' to his servants, not the least will be the modest, gentle, consecrated Thomas Moore Beckham."

"Though dead, he yet speaketh."
"Large was his bounty and his soul sincere:
Heaven did a recompense as largely send;
He gave to misery all he had, a tear,
He gained from Heaven (’twas all he wished) a friend."

The children of Thomas M. and Lucy Royall Beckham are Samuel Royall, Benjamin Moore, Mary Campbell, Paul Warriner and Helen Gray.

Samuel Royall, oldest son of Thomas M., born January 5, 1837, died in early manhood, just as he was beginning life’s work. He was a dutiful and loving son. The smile of his bright young countenance still looms up clearly to those who personally knew him, after these many years, long gone. He was a minister of the M. E. Church, South, and was educated at Emory and Henry College, Virginia. He died at Roanoke, Virginia, when twenty-four years of age, with his life beautifully rounded out, by many noble deeds. His life was one of lofty piety and stainless purity.

"Alas! that all we loved of him should be
But for our grief as if it had not been."

"Peace, peace; he is not dead; he doth not sleep.
He hath awakened from the dream of life."

Mary Campbell, born November 1, 1871, named for her grandmother Beckham, died in
infancy, and was buried at Warrenton, Virginia. She was a beautiful child, the idol of her parents' hearts.

"Suffer the little ones to come unto me."

Benjamin Moore Beckham, second son of Thomas Moore Beckham, born August 17, 1868, embraced the ministry of the M. E. Church, South, early in life. He joined the Virginia Conference in 1891. He is, at this time, Presiding Elder of the Danville District.

Rev. B. M. Beckham graduated at Randolph-Macon College, in 1891, with distinguished honor, taking the degree of Master of Arts. He afterwards took a special course at Vanderbilt University, in order to more thoroughly qualify himself for his work. He married Nannie Barrow, of Danville, Virginia. They have an interesting family of children, viz., Thomas M., Dora Elvira and Benjamin Moore.

When Rev. B. M. Beckham graduated at Randolph-Macon College, one of the professors of this school said to a friend that he "considered Ben Beckham the best all around qualified of the graduates of the session." He has maintained a like reputation throughout the following years of his professional career.

Dr. Paul Warriner Beckham, third son of Thomas M., born September 5, 1875, is a grad-
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nate of dental surgery, and practices his profession in Farmville, Va. He has been twice married, and has an interesting family of children, viz., Paul W., Jr. (died in infancy), Evelyn and Samuel Royall. Dr. Beckham's first wife was Effie Sarah Stone. His second wife was Maude B. Hamner.

Dr. Beckham has been successful in the practice of his profession and stands at the top, in his line.

Helen Gray, daughter of Rev. Thomas M. Beckham, born September 11, 1877, married James Wesley Keith, of Lynchburg. Mr. Keith is a valuable and trusted employee of the Southern Railway Company. They have three children, viz., Lucy Elizabeth, James W., and Royall Beckham. They are living happily.

Mrs. Keith was educated at the Normal Female College, Farmville, Virginia. She is a lady of refined and genial disposition, and cannot be excelled in those personal qualities that mark the well-bred lady. She was a successful teacher in very early life. She excels in style and fluency of composition.

"She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life."

Robert Franklin Beckham, second son of
John G. and Mary C. Beckham, was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, May 6, 1837. He graduated at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1859, at the age of twenty-two years. He stood sixth in his class, upon graduation. He was commissioned a second Lieutenant of Engineers, U. S. Army, on graduation, and from 1859 to 1861, was associated with General George G. Meade, U. S. A., in making surveys on the Great Lakes, being stationed at Detroit, Michigan. At the outbreak of the Civil War he resigned his commission, came to Virginia and joined the Confederate Army.

In whatever direction this young officer turned during the four years of bloody strife, he made himself heard from by his deeds, rather than by words; for he was as modest and unassuming as a boy. He was heard from at the first battle of Manassas, and at the cavalry and artillery duels in the vicinity of Brandy Station and Kelly's Ford in 1863, where he had two horses shot under him. He was heard from in the Army of the Tennessee, under General Hood, where he fell.

In the first great battle of the war, Manassas, July 21, 1861, he was with General Joseph E. Johnston's Army, and was in command of the "Newtown Battery" in that memorable fight. He was officially complimented in Gen-
eral Johnston's report of the battle, where he managed his men and guns with great skill and effect. Learning casually from an acquaintance that he had a wounded brother in the 49th Virginia Regiment, he moved his Artillery forward to the very thickest of the battle to the point indicated and there did his most effective work. His battery did much toward deciding the fate of that eventful day.

Colonel Beckham served in many severe engagements during the war. He succeeded the "gallant Pelham" when the latter fell in battle, to the command of "Stuart's Horse Artillery." In the great cavalry fight at Brandy Station he rendered himself distinguished as an artillery and cavalry officer. Later during the war he was transferred to the Western Army, General Hood, in command of the Army of the Tennessee, as Chief of Artillery on General Hood's staff. In the advance of Hood's army on Franklin, and just one day before that disastrous battle, he was fatally wounded by a shell, striking his head. This was November 29, 1864. He was taken to the house of Mrs. Martin, a sister of General Pillow, where he died December 5, following. He was buried in Tennessee, in a churchyard between Columbia and Mount Pleasant in a cemetery of the "Polk and Pillow family," where a stone now marks the grave of this
brave young soldier, inscribed with the following lines:

“Here no shaft of pallid marble
Rears its grim and ghastly head,
Telling wanderers thro' the valley
Of the virtues of the dead;
But a lily is their tombstone;
And a dewdrop pure and white
Is the epitaph an angel wrote
In the stillness of the night.”

Colonel Beckham was acting Brigadier General of Artillery, and in command of the Artillery Corps of General Hood’s Army when disabled, as the following official reports will show: In these he has been referred to by General John B. Hood, General Braxton Bragg, General Wheeler, of the Cavalry, General J. E. B. Stuart and General Robert E. Lee, the great Captain.


(General Hood to General Cooper).

“Atlanta, July 26, 1864.

I have assigned Brig. Genl. Shoup to duty as Chief of Staff and Col. R. F. Beckham as Chief of Artillery. I desire your approval, and that Col. Beckham be appointed Brig. General.”
Vol. 52, part 2, page 712.

"July 25, 1864.

Genl. F. A. Shoup is relieved from the command of the Artillery of the Army of the Tennessee.

Col. R. F. Beckham, Artillery, will assume the command of the Artillery of the Army of the Tennessee.

By command of Genl. Hood.

Kimloch Falconer, A. A. Genl."

Vol. 52, part 2, page 713.

(General Braxton Bragg to President Davis).

"Of Colonel Beckham's ability to command the artillery" "I do not hear a dissenting voice in the Army, and many speak of him in the highest terms. Genl. Wheeler has applied for him to command a Cavalry Brigade, so impressed has he been by his activity and efficiency."

Vol. 25, page 820. (After the battles of Fair Oaks and Seven Pines).

(General Robert E. Lee to General Stuart).

"I am delighted to hear that Beckham is doing so well. I shall be glad to recommend his promotion when an opportunity occurs. I think rank of but trivial importance, so that it is sufficient for the individual to exercise
COLONEL ROBERT FRANKLIN BECKHAM,
Chief of Artillery, Army of the Tennessee.
command. I believe that is the case in this instance."

Vol. 25, page 667.

(General Stephen D. Lee to Col. Mason).

"During the affair around Columbia, the gallant and accomplished soldier, Col. R. F. Beckham, commanding the artillery regiments of my corps, was mortally wounded while industriously and fearlessly directing the artillery fire against the enemy. He was one of the truest and best officers in the service."

To give the exact language of an officer of General Hood's staff, who wrote to Virginia and gave his friends the first particulars of Colonel Beckham's death: "He was beloved and esteemed by his whole command, from the commanding general to the humblest artilleryman; and the loss of none of the glorious veterans who fell, next day, at Franklin, created such gloom and despondency in the army as the tidings that the gallant Beckham lay upon the bed of death, his glorious young life ebbing out at the very commencement of a campaign so full to him of hope and promise. He died the death of a soldier, and we who mourn him may be called upon any day to follow; but the tear will unbidden flow at the memory of Beckham, than whom no purer, nobler,
braver soldier ever anointed with his blood the altar of his country's liberty."

"Furl that banner! true 'tis glory,
    Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory,
    And 'twill live in song and story,
    Though its folds are in the dust:
    For its fame on brightest pages,
    Penned by poets and by sages,
    Shall go sounding down the ages—
    Furl its folds, though now we must.

Furl that banner, softly, slowly!
Treat it gently— it is holy—
For it droops above the dead!"

Frances Elizabeth Beckham, eldest daughter of John G. and Mary Campbell Beckham, was born February 5, 1839, and died at the Visitation Convent, Georgetown, D. C., in November, 1901, aged sixty-two years. She graduated with high honor at this noted institution in 1857, at eighteen years of age. She received the "gold medal" at graduation, as an especial mark of honor, given only to leading graduates. She was a Catholic, and taught school for several years, in Warrenton, Virginia, after the war. She later adopted religion as her profession, and became a prominent teacher and sister in her "Alma Mater" at Georgetown, D. C. She was known in the convent as "Sister Leocadia." She became a
directress in this institution, and later was chosen Mother Superior, which position she filled with ability.

In making choice of the monastic life, her object was to accomplish greater good than she could otherwise do, not only for her own family, but for all who came under her influence. She was absolutely unselfish, and seemed to be always thinking and working for the good of others.

Those who knew Fannie Beckham in her youth, who will turn back the pages of time, are deeply impressed with the fact that she chose "the better part, which shall not be taken away from her."

The influence of this good woman is pre-eminently felt to this day, in her own family, and her memory will be ever fondly cherished by those who knew and loved her.

"So still she lies, so peaceful now;
The sunlight of heaven is on her brow;
That brow, that casket whose gem has fled,
And left but the cold and beautiful dead."

James Madison Beckham, third son of John G. Beckham, was born January 3, 1841. He joined the Confederate Army in 1861, and was wounded in the first battle of Manassas, July 21, 1861. He was afterwards assigned to the Quartermaster's Department, and was en-
gaged in superintending the manufacture of army supplies for the Confederacy. Later he returned to the field and joined the 19th Virginia Battalion of Artillery, Captain Whittington’s Company, where he served to the surrender of General Lee’s army at Appomattox. He was made a prisoner of war and was confined in Point Lookout, Maryland, until June, 1865. He has been employed for some years in the Engineer Department of the U. S. Army.

J. M. Beckham married Susan Elizabeth Ritenour, of Shenandoah County, Virginia, on February 22, 1873. She died September 2, 1909. Mrs. Beckham was a woman of fine mind and great purity of character, and possessed a lovable disposition. She was a true wife and mother, a sincere Christian, and “never counted the cost” where it came to a question of personal sacrifice, or when confronted by a duty or principle. She followed the golden rule. Her last message on her death bed was “Give my love to everybody.”

“She will lift up her life, with its beautiful gems, And color them all with her love.”

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“She will stand by his side with her hand in his own, Till the call of the Master leaves one of them lone.”

Frank D. Beckham, the only surviving son
of James M. and Susan E. Beckham, was born January 23, 1874. He has held a valuable and responsible position in the U. S. Engineer Department for a number of years. His services are appreciated by his superior officers.

Thomas Ernest Beckham, a younger brother of Frank, died in Prince William County, Virginia, in 1897, aged twenty-two years. He was buried at Manassas, Virginia. Knowing for weeks that death was near to him, he expressed himself as "ready to go," and freely and gladly gave up his young life at the summons of his Master.

"There were brothers young and gay, a father old and gray,
A mother dear to shield us from all harm;
There we passed life's golden hours, roaming wild among the flowers,
In my boyhood's happy days down on the farm.

But my mother dear is laid 'neath the elm tree's quiet shade,
Where the golden summer sun shines bright and warm;
And beside the old fireplace, there I see a stranger's face,
In my father's old arm chair, down on the farm."

John Beckham, fourth son of John Grigsby Beckham, was born December 17, 1842. He married, first, Mattie Overstreet, of Bedford County, Virginia. There were two children
of this marriage, both of whom died in infancy. His second wife was Emma C. Ogden, of Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Beckham is a lady of many excellent traits, and fine mental and moral acquirements—a staff in her household. The children of this marriage are Robert Franklin, John Grigsby and Leslie, the last named of whom died in infancy.

During the Civil War Captain Beckham served first as Corporal and then as Sergeant of the 17th Virginia Infantry, "Warrenton Rifles." Later he was made a Lieutenant, by a commission from the Governor of Virginia, in which capacity he served his State and the Confederacy to the close of the war. Captain Beckham was a good soldier, and was in many fierce engagements, amongst others in the storming of the heights of Gettysburg. He received several wounds.

Throughout his whole life, Captain Beckham has held to the top notch of sterling, uncompromising integrity of character, in all the relations of life. He has been in the employ of the Southern Railway Company for the greater part of his life, for now nearly forty-five years.
"Up by the guns of the dauntless foe
Went the boys, and the smile, and the white, white rose,
Safe under the stars of the flaming cross."

"'Tis a long time ago! oh! sad are the years,
And broken the lute that was swept in tears;
Shattered the spear and crumpled with rust,
And tired the feet with the battle's dust."

Robert Franklin, born July 16, 1872, and John Grigsby, born March 8, 1875, sons of John Beckham, have led active and useful business lives, like their father, having held, and still holding, responsible and lucrative positions with the Southern Railway Company. They live in Alexandria, Virginia.

Dr. William L. Beckham, fifth son of John G. Beckham, died in 1887, in the forty-third year of his age. He served the Confederacy as hospital steward in the Medical Department, during the Civil War. After the war, he graduated in medicine, in Baltimore Maryland. He never married.

Alexander Coleman Beckham, son of John G. and Mary C. Beckham, was a youth during the Civil War, and not old enough to enter the army. He was a druggist by profession. He was accidentally killed by a railroad train in 1885, aged thirty-six years.

Emma, youngest daughter of John G. Beck-
ham, was born May 2, 1852. She married D. M. Slifer, of Prince William County, Virginia. She was the mother of three children, viz., Joseph Francis, Mary and John Grigsby. The last named died in infancy.

Mrs. Slifer suffered more than can be told; but on the banks of the Jordan, "in the sweet fields of Eden," it is believed that she has found an unbroken rest. May she sleep in peace! She died in the year 1902, and was buried in the family burying ground in Prince William.

Joseph F. Slifer is a young man of exemplary character and good business training, and at present holds a responsible position in the U. S. Navy Department.

Mary A. Beckham, daughter of John G. and Mary C. Beckham, died of malarial fever in Prince William County, Virginia, in the year 1869, and her body was laid to rest at Warrenton, Virginia. She gave every promise of being a useful woman, possessing, as she did, a high order of talent.

"What fairer spirit could Death's angel bring
Unto the palace of our Heavenly King."

Abner Beckham (c), brother of James A. and John G. Beckham, and son of Thomas (a), died when a youth at his father's home in Culpeper County. He was not married.
"AUBURN," CULPEPER COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

Homestead of James Alexander Beckham.
Hannah, a sister of John G. Beckham, died when young, at her father's home. She was greatly respected for her personal qualities and Christian character. She was not married.

Martha, another sister of John G. Beckham, and daughter of Thomas (a), married Dr. Lewis, of Culpeper County. This couple, with a family of children, moved to Arkansas in early life. Of the children of this marriage we mention, viz., Henry Clay, Bettie, Wilhelmina.

Mary A. Beckham, eldest daughter of Thomas and Frances Grigsby Beckham, was born in Culpeper County, Va., March 27, 1803. She was married to Samuel S. Porter, of Orange, September 28, 1824. There were ten children of this marriage, viz., Eliza Frances, Abner J., Hannah Jane, Lucy Ellen, Thomas Beckham, James A., Samuel J., William S., Benjamin Franklin and Mary Virginia. The family moved to Missouri about 1844.

Eliza Frances was born January 15, 1826. She married Dr. Wm. H. Cosby, of Missouri, April 12, 1846. There were two children of this marriage, both of whom are now deceased.

Abner J. Porter was born September 19, 1827. He married Susan A. Dykes on November 14, 1849. There were seven children of
this marriage, all of whom are living and doing well. Their names are George, Mary, John W., Benjamin, Abner, Emerson S. and Shirley.

George Porter, son of Abner is married and doing well. Five sons, 2 daughters.

Mary, a daughter of Abner, married Loft Keys, of Clay County, Missouri. This couple have three daughters.

John W. Porter is also married and has two sons. He lives in Clay County, Missouri.

Benjamin is also married and has a daughter. This couple resides in Clay County, Mo.

Abner Porter is also married. There are no children. His postoffice is Kansas City, Missouri.

Emerson S. Porter is also married and has two children. He is a physician and surgeon. He is president of the "Milan Bank" at Milan, Missouri, where he resides. He is a successful business man and owns a fine farm in Clay County, Missouri.

Shirley, another son of Abner Porter, is also married and lives in the State of California.

Hannah Jane, daughter of Samuel S. and Mary Porter, was born June 26, 1829. She married Emerson S. Green, on August 7, 1850, at Haynesville, Missouri. Both husband and wife are deceased. Of the children of this
marriage, all but four are deceased, viz., Samuel S., Mary, Lucy, and Nora. Samuel S. is married and lives in Texas.

Mary is also married and has several children.

Lucy married George Hall, and to this couple were born three children. They live in Liberty, Missouri.

Nora married David Randolph. There are two children. This couple lives in Plattsburg, Missouri.

Maria Porter, born September 5, 1833, a daughter of S. S. and Mary Porter, married Wm. S. Dykes, May 11, 1850, and had children, viz., William M., Susie, Sidney Johnson, Mattie, and Luian, the latter of whom is married, and lives in Chicago.

William M. Dykes is married and has two children. He lives in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Susie married Dot Frank, and is the mother of four children. They live in Madison, Missouri.

Sidney Johnson Dykes is married, also, and has a family of children. Their postoffice is King City, Missouri.

Mattie married Dr. Gordon G. Brown, of Cameron, Missouri. There are four children.

Lucy Ellen Porter, another daughter of Samuel and Mary Porter, was born September 18, 1831. She was married to J. Swann on
September 21, 1852. Both deceased. There were several children born to this couple, one of whom, James Swann, is a merchant of St. Joseph, Missouri. Another son, Thomas Swann, is a retired merchant of Plattsburg, Missouri.

Thomas Beckham Porter, another son of Samuel S. and Mary Porter, was born December 4, 1835. His first wife was Eliza Hough, now deceased. His second wife was Eliza Beaty, of Carroll County, Missouri. This family live in Garden City, Kansas. There are two children of this marriage, viz., Thomas B. Porter, Jr., and Beaty. Mr. Porter has been a successful business man. He owns a fine property and has made a large sum of money.

James A. Porter, another son of Samuel and Mary Porter, was born November 27, 1837. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Gill, on May 7, 1872. Mr. Porter lives in Plattsburg, Clinton County, Missouri. There are two sons of this marriage, one of whom, Kay G. Porter, is a prominent lawyer of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Samuel J. Porter, another son, lives in Plattsburg, Missouri, and is associated with his father in business.

James A. Porter was a gallant Confederate
soldier, and lost a limb in battle during the Civil War.

William S. Porter, another son of Samuel and Mary Porter, was born February 22, 1840. He married his first wife, Mary Nicholson, about the year 1865. His second marriage was to Mary L. Thornhill, in 1879. Mr. Porter is a large farmer and stockman, and lives at Turney, Clinton County, Missouri. The family consists of six children, viz., Camp Beckham, Gertrude, John B., Minnie, Julia and Winfield S.

Camp Beckham is married and has four children.

Gertrude married S. Grey. They have a son.

John B. Porter, who is associated with his father in the stock business, is a successful business man. He is married and has a daughter.

Minnie married George Winston, and they have four children.

Julia married Bird Plumber. They have two daughters, Mary and Alice.

Winfield S. Porter is also married.

Benjamin F. Porter, the ninth child of Samuel and Mary Porter, was born May 9, 1842. His first wife was Julia C. Smith, to whom he was married April 12, 1876. She died May 9, 1892. Mr. Porter's second wife
was Lucy E. Porter to whom he was married April 19, 1898.

To Benjamin F. and Julia C. Porter, were born four children, viz., Allen L., Bettie, Samuel S., and Frank Beckham Porter. Allen L. is a physician and lives in Kansas City, Mo. He married Maude Russell, of historical fame. Mrs. Porter takes great interest in establishing and recording the worthy deeds of her family and people.

Bettie, a daughter, died in 1909.

Samuel S., another son of B. F. Porter, married Florence Duncan, November 21, 1902. They have two very sweet and interesting children, viz., Julia and Duncan. Mr. Porter, as also his brother, Frank, assist their father in conducting a large farm and stock business.

Benjamin F. Porter is a man of large means, but still larger heart. He resides in the pretty town of Osborn, Missouri. He has a splendid farm, well stocked, about four miles distant, in Clinton County, Missouri. Mr. Porter was a gallant Confederate soldier during the Civil War, where he served faithfully, to its close. He saw much hard service, on many battlefields, and a ball penetrated his lungs, endangering his life. He was at the fall of Vicksburg.
Mary Virginia Porter, youngest child of Samuel S. and Mary Porter, was born in Clay County, Missouri, July 10, 1845. She died October 1, 1845.

Frances Jane Thomas, youngest daughter of Thomas (a) Beckham, married David S. Gwin, of Bath County, Virginia, and later of Madison Court House. The latter was in the mercantile business in Alexandria, Virginia, for many years.

Mrs. Gwin was a really superior woman, of strong common sense, and many sterling qualities of head and heart. Her influence was supreme with her children. She died in 1871, in the fifty-seventh year of her age. She was a noble type of Christian womanhood.

"Oh, that each in the day of his coming may say,
'I have fought my way through!
I have finished the work thou didst give me to do!"

Of the children of David S. and Frances Gwin, we name: Thomas Thornton, James A., David William, Fannie Viola, Mary Susan, Ella, Laviece and George. Other children died in infancy.

Thomas Thornton, the eldest son of David and Frances Gwin, was born in 1835, and is at this writing in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He was in the mercantile business with
his father in Alexandria at the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in the Alexandria Riflemen, and entered upon active service in the Confederate Army. He was soon promoted to a Lieutenancy in another command, and was shortly thereafter made Adjutant of his regiment.

Thomas T. Gwin married Maggie Mohler, of Rockbridge County, Virginia. Her mother was a Grigsby, of the family of "soldier John." The children of Thomas and Maggie Gwin are Mary Ella, Bettie Long, William Francis, Jacob Mohler, Fannie Grigsby and Thomas Thornton, Jr.

"Shine on, shine always, thou star of my days;
And when Death's starless night gathers o'er me,
Beam brighter than ever adown on my gaze,
And light the dark valley before me."

Jacob Mohler, eldest son of T. T. Gwin, married Nellie Goodman, of Washington, D.C. They have one son, Edward Mohler.

William F. and Thomas T., Jr., are not married. They are both promising business men.

Bettie Long married Dr. Leroy Farinholt, of Baltimore, and has three very sweet children, viz., William G., Larkin Hundley and Frances Grigsby.

Mary Ella holds a remunerative and honorable position in the educational departments of
MAJOR ARMISTEAD BECKHAM,
Baltimore. She has been successful in her work, and no doubt finds substantial satisfaction in the knowledge of duty faithfully performed.

Rev. D. William Gwin, another son of David S. and Frances Beckham Gwin, adopted the ministry as his profession, in early life. This he has followed for forty-five years, with much success. He has reached every honorable position within the gift of his church. Dr. Gwin is a minister of the Baptist faith. He graduated at Richmond College in 1859, taking a very high position in his class. Last year, 1909, he visited his "Alma Mater," and assisted in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduating class. He has had conferred upon him the well merited degrees of A. M., M. D., D. D. and LL. D., by various institutions of learning.

Dr. Gwin was born in 1838, in Rockingham County, Virginia, and has led an active and strenuous life in church and educational work. Many of his people regard him as an authority on theological questions.

Dr. Gwin is a scholar and writer of note, and has traveled extensively in foreign lands.

Dr. Wm. Gwin married Jennie Crawford Howell, of Nashville, Tennessee, from which marriage are children, viz., Jennille, Anna, Howell Beckham, Gertrude, David Crawford
and Mary. Mrs. Gwin was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Robert Howell, who occupied one of the leading pulpits of Richmond a half century ago.

Dr. Howell B. Gwin, son of D. William, married Tillie Zimmer, and has four children. He is a successful practitioner of medicine in Nashville, Tennessee. Names of children, William W., Julia, Crawford D., and Howell Holmes.

David Crawford and Mary, children of D. William Gwin, died young. The first named was a student of medicine, and had just reached the age of twenty-two years, when he died.

Gertrude married J. Waverly Thomas, an attorney-at-law, Smithfield, Virginia.

Jennille is married to Robert Hannon, of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and has one child.

Annie married Joel Goodlet, of Columbia, South Carolina.

James A., another son of David S. and Frances Beckham Gwin, was accidentally killed by a wagon, in his youth, at Madison Court House, Virginia.

Mary Susan and Ella, daughters of David S. and Frances Beckham Gwin, both died young. They did not marry.
In home of fulness, pure and bright,
They knew there dwelt a friendly ray
Which made them leave the chilly night,
And leap to kiss the god of day.

Laviece Gwin married the Rev. Joseph Chambliss, formerly of Georgia, but later of Missouri. Mrs. Chambliss was the mother of eleven children. She is now deceased. She was a fine woman.

"Sleep, mother, sleep! The stars they are the sheep;
The moon, who is the shepherdess, will smile upon thy peaceful rest."

The children of Mrs. Chambliss are, viz., Thomas, Edward, Ellerbie, Frank, Marion, Joseph, Mattie Lee, Julian, Laviece, Fannie and Ruby.

Fannie Viola, oldest daughter of Frances Beckham Gwin, married the Rev. J. Pike Powers, a Baptist minister, now residing at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Powers is the mother of an interesting family of children. She was born in 1841. As a young lady, she was very attractive, possessing a very amiable and pleasing disposition. To this was added a brilliant mind and finished education at the best schools. Her
education served her well in life, in directing the education of her own children.

"Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom;
   Lead thou me on.
The night is dark and I am far from home."

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"The night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved, long since, and lost a'while."
JAMES BECKHAM.

JAMES BECKHAM (1772-1858), fourth of the twelve sons of James (a), married Elizabeth Corcoran, of Virginia. There were two daughters, Mary and Hannah.

James Beckham was a farmer, and owned considerable property in land and slaves in Culpeper County. He died at "Ashland," Culpeper County, about the year 1858.

Mary, daughter of James, married Coleman C. Beckham. The names of her children and grandchildren have been already given in a report on Coleman C. Beckham's family.

Hannah, another daughter of James (b) married Edward Wager, of Harpers Ferry. There were four children of this marriage, viz., Charles H., James P., Edward and Elizabeth. The latter married John Walker George, and died in early life, about 1854.

Mrs. Wager was a lady of most kind and amiable disposition. She was truly a good woman.

"Her life was a prayer; the amen was sweet
As she laid it down at the Saviour's feet."

Dr. Edward Wager, younger son of Edward
and Hannah Wager, was a physician. He moved from Culpeper County to Charlestown, West Virginia, when a young man, and married Annie Hirst. No children.

Colonel Charles H. Wager, another son of Hannah Beckham Wager, married Hallie C. Wolfe, of Kentucky. Mrs. Wager is a most estimable lady, and a model of Christian refinement and courtesy.

Colonel Wager rendered valuable service in the War between the States. The latch string of his door always hung on the outside, in season and out of season. He was devoted to his mother.

The children of Col. Wager are Charles C., Eugene Edward, Henry, Mary and Georgia. Mary married Henry P. Walton.


Charles Crawford, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, married Maria Kalbach.


James Wager, younger son of Hannah Beckham Wager, married Harriet Coons, of Culpeper County. There were seventeen children of this marriage, all but one of whom lived to maturity. Among the names of the
children of James Wager are, viz., William Wallace, Florence, Maude Williamson, James, Edward, Mary, William Dillard, Annie Lee, Fannie, Elma Bruce, Hattie, Sallie, Lucy, Gertrude, J. E. B. Stuart, Hugh Davidson and John.

Florence married W. J. Parr, of Remington; Annie Lee married Howell Brown, of Charlestown, W. Va.; Gertrude married John Porter, of Culpeper; Hugh Davidson married Cora Clapp; Hattie married William Little, of Pennsylvania; Sallie married Warner Whiting; Lucy married John Burroughs, of Remington.

The children of Florence Parr are, viz., Florence, Maude, Laura, Irving.

Hattie Little has one child, a daughter, Harriet Coons.

The children of Hugh Davidson Wager are, viz., Charles and Annie Hugh.

The children of Annie Lee Brown are, viz., Hattie Douglas, Sallie Howell, Fannie Lee, Mary, James Wager and Howell.
JOHN BECKHAM.

JOHN BECKHAM (1774-1828), fifth son of James (a), lived and died on his farm in Culpeper County, Virginia. He resided in the vicinity of Stevensburg, Virginia. He owned a number of slaves. He married Mrs. Rebecca Duncanson, widow of William Duncanson, who previous to her first marriage was Miss Rebecca Gray. There were no children of this marriage.

John Beckham was a man of means and influence, in his day.
TOWNSEND, JERRY, ELIJAH AND CAMP BECKHAM.

TOWNSEND BECKHAM (1776-1821), sixth of the twelve brothers, sons of James (a), married Miss Frame, of Jefferson County, West Virginia. There was one child by this marriage, Eliza.

JERRY BECKHAM (1778-1840), another one of the twelve brothers, son of James (a), was married, but the name of his wife is not known.

ELIJAH BECKHAM (1780-1832), another of the twelve brothers, was married, but there were no children. The name of his wife is not known.

CAMP BECKHAM (1784-1836), another son of James (a), was named for General Camp, of the Revolutionary War, an uncle by marriage. Camp Beckham never married.
MARY BECKHAM STUBBLEFIELD.

MARY (1782 ——), the only daughter of James Beckham (a), father of the “twelve brothers,” married Major George Stubblefield, of Culpeper. Their children were George, Elizabeth, Fannie, John and Mary Stubblefield. The latter married Leo A. Beckham, of Pittsburg.

George Stubblefield, Jr., was a physician, of Cumberland, Maryland.

Elizabeth married Andrew Hunter, a distinguished lawyer of Charlestown, West Virginia. Of their children we name Harry, Andrew and Florence.

Another daughter married Thomas W. Kent, of Maryland. Fannie also married.

John Stubblefield married Parthenia Beasely, of Culpeper.
ARMISTEAD BECKHAM.

ARMISTEAD BECKHAM (1786-1866), another one of the "twelve brothers," sons of James (a), married Jane Frame, of Jefferson County, West Virginia. Their children were Mary Jane, Fannie, Joseph Frame and Lee Armistead. The family moved to Pittsburg when Armistead Beckham was a young man, in which city he held a responsible and lucrative position under the U. S. Government.

Major Armistead Beckham was one of the younger sons of James Beckham (a). He was a man of much dignity and force of character. He stood well with his people and the community in which he lived. He was commissioned by President Andrew Jackson in the year 1830 to fill the position of Master Armorer, at Alleghany City, Pittsburg, with the rank of Major, which position he filled for many years.

Mary Jane, daughter of Armistead Beckham, did not marry. She was a fine woman, and a favorite with her friends. After the death of her brother Joseph, she acted the part of a mother to his orphan children.

Fannie, another daughter of Armistead, married Frank L. Snowden, of Pittsburg,
Pennsylvania. She died in 1906, when over eighty years of age. There were no children of this marriage.

Lee Armistead Beckham, (1827 —), married Mary Stubblefield, a cousin, who was the daughter of the first Mary Beckham, only daughter of James Beckham (a), who, as already stated, married Major George Stubblefield.

Lee Beckham had one child, Armistead, who died in infancy, and was buried at Lynchburg, Virginia. Mr. Beckham is now about eighty-two years of age, and the only link left, but two, in the line of his generation.

Lee A. Beckham left his home in Pittsburg at the outbreak of the Civil War, came South, and served the Confederacy for four years, until its close, with signal fidelity. He was respected for his dignified bearing and integrity, and was a favorite with all of his relatives and friends. He is the oldest living Beckham, to our knowledge, to-day.

"Huntsman, rest! thy chase is done;
Think not of the rising sun;
For at dawning, to assail ye,
Here, no bugles sound reveille."

Joseph Frame Beckham (1829 —), another son of Armistead, and brother of Lee A.
FONTAINE BECKHAM,
Mayor of Harper's Ferry in 1859.
Beckham, was married, and had two children, Lee A., Jr., and Carrie. After the death of her aunt, Mary Jane Beckham, Carrie made her home with an aunt in Corpus Christi, Texas. She there married Mr. Livingston, and died, leaving a son, Leonard Livingston, who lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Lee A. Beckham, Jr., son of Joseph, lives in Louisville, Kentucky. He has a married daughter, who lives in St. Louis, Missouri.
FONTAINE BECKHAM.

FONTAINE BECKHAM (1788-1859), son of James (a), married Annie Stephenson, of Harpers Ferry. There were four children, viz., George, James Armistead, Philip and Amelia.

Fontaine Beckham was Mayor of Harpers Ferry, Virginia, for several years. He also held a responsible position with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. He was killed in 1859 during the "John Brown Raid," in the latter's attempt to liberate the slaves of citizens of Virginia. This is a well known historical fact.

Fontaine Beckham was a high-toned gentleman, and a master of mechanical ingenuity.

George Beckham, son of Fontaine, was a civil engineer, and was successful in his profession, in very early life. He died of fever contracted abroad. He did not marry.

James Armistead, another son of Fontaine, married Miss Coons, and had two children, viz., Bertie and George. He died when about thirty-three years of age.

Philip S. Beckham, son of Fontaine, was born about 1839. He married Annie E. Beck-
ham, of Gordonsville, January 9, 1868. Philip is still living, and rounding out seventy-one years of useful life. Philip's wife was a daughter of James (b), son of William (b), who was one of the twelve sons of James Beckham (a).

The children of Philip S. Beckham are George S., Bertie, Walter L. and David Clair, the last named of whom died young. George and Walter are telegraph operators, and are good business men.

Philip S. Beckham is the last living son of any of the "twelve brothers," with the exception of Lee A. Beckham.

Amelia Beckham, sister of Philip and daughter of Fontaine, married James Lawrence Hooff, of Charlestown, West Virginia. There are a number of children by this marriage, viz., James Lawrence, Jr., Allison A., George Beckham, Fontaine Beckham, Washington Hammond and Annie Beckham.

Annie Beckham Hooff married W. Hill Brown now of Manassas, Virginia. This couple has a very interesting family of young children, viz., Amelia Fontaine, Garrett Travers, and W. Hill, Jr.
BENJAMIN BECKHAM.

BENJAMIN BECKHAM (1790-1863), youngest son of James (a), married Miss Porter, of Rockbridge County, Virginia. The family moved to North Bend, Tennessee, in early life.

In 1863, Benjamin Beckham and most of his family were murdered by United States negro soldiers, and their bodies thrown into the river. These "soldiers" were from "Island No. 10." A son, Frank, and his wife, were the only ones who escaped, these having been absent from home at the time.

"Now, darkness and shadows are passing away.
No longer we roam in conjecture, forlorn;
So breaks on the traveller, faint and astray,
The bright and the balmy effulgence of morn,"

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James Joseph Porter was born September 19, 1829 in Orange county Va. and came to Clay County Va. in 1844 where he married Susan Adline Dyker November 14, 1849 to this union nine children were born.

Alice Smith Porter died young at the age of ten months.

George Herman Porter was born the 13 of Dec 1857. He married Mary Eliza Cogell Sept. 5, 1872 to this union were eight children the eldest Anna Eliza she married E. C. Easter in Clay Co., Mo.
How J. Exter Giger was married July 1923 in Allen Tate
Pearl Exter, the second
Daughter
Porter Clay Exter, third
child, all live at Allen Tate.
Clarence Correll. Porter, the
second child, was born Apr.
18
He married Bellie Reminer
to this union four children
were born
Mary Susan Porter the fourth child of Deones and Susan Adeline Porter was born February 29-1838. She was married to Leonidas Baker Kear, a prosperous farmer of Carroll County, Mo. on October 22-1858. The first three years of their married life they lived in Carroll County. Mr. Kear lost his health from an injury while lifting, was only 34 years of age. They moved to Clark County and Mr. Kear died on Jan 19th 1895 leaving his good wife and four little girls. That being the correct number born to this worthy couple. Namely: 

Suada Adeline Kear
Mary Frances Kear
Selka Brent Kear
Julia Mae Kear
There are not the noted Hayes quadruplets, however, but they are four daughters of sterling quality. They are indeed four very worthy women. Susan as she is always called is the eldest, and was born September the 8th, 1879. She married John C. Wilkerson, a carpenter and contractor of Plattsburg, Mo. They lived in St. Joseph until where they moved to Kansas City where they are still living. To this union four children were born, Ralph C. Wilkerson, Rhea Mae Wilkerson, Lois Dean Wilkerson and Adeline Wilkerson.
Ralph is still at home never married, he is an electrician.

Rena Mae Wilkerson was born Sept. 25, 1904 and was married to A. D. Whitlow.

She was the mother of a bright little boy named Stanley. He died June 14, 1930 from an operation he was seven years of age. They live in Kansas City, Missouri.

Lois Dean, the third daughter of John and Susie Neal Wilkerson was born Aug 10, 1907. She married Melvan Dice of Kansas City and were a manager and sign painter for Wolfson's store. After 9 years of their married life a baby girl was born. Judith Jane was born Feb 11, 1936. They live in Kansas City.
Adeline the youngest daughter of John and Lucille Near Wilkinson was born Sept 17, 1912. She graduated out of Kansas City High School at the age of sixteen with high honors. But married shortly after that to Lawrence White of Osawatomie, Kansas, where she now resides. They are the parents of one little girl, Reggie Ann, born Dec 4, 1932. Now three years old, she is indeed a bright attractive little girl.
Mary Frances Keas second daughter of Leonidas and Mary Porter Keas was born December 4th 1851. Her first marriage was to Joseph A. Wright, at the age of seventeen. He only lived six months after they married, died from pneumonia Feb. 10th 1900. After this, Frannie as we always called her lost her health was never strong, but in the year of 1912 Oct 22 she was married to Prince M. Ditto a merchant of Halt, Mo, but they are now living in Liberty, Mo., in justice of the peace there. So their couple two children were born, namely

Harvin Keas Ditto
Nadine Frances Ditto.