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In preparing the several accounts hereinafter contained of families of Gordon in Ireland and Virginia, the present writer has been unable to follow the plan of notation pursued by Mr. Bulloch in "The House of Gordon", for the following reasons: In America primogeniture and entail have long been abolished, and under the statutory provision of descents and distributions older children of the ancestor gain no advantage by priority of birth. So, also, the law seeks to discourage the perpetuation of estates, and "a life or lives in being and ten months and twenty-one days thereafter" is the limitation of time for which an owner of landed estate may make provision by will.

Consequently, and because of the further fact that land in this country is comparatively abundant, and has no such general value as attaches to it in Great Britain, its possession and retention are not so highly esteemed; and hence a desire to preserve the family patrimony from motives of sentiment or pride may scarcely be said to exist as a compelling family characteristic. There is no head of the house save him who makes himself one for his own household; and as a result it is exceptional when an estate or mansionhouse continues in the same family for more than two or three generations.
The present writer has, therefore, devised the following system of notation as best adapted to the situation, viz.: The emigrant is named without an indent; the emigrant's children with one indent; his grandchildren with two indents; his great-grandchildren with three indents, etc., e.g.,

1 John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, (emigrant).

1 James Gordon of Orange, (son).
1 John Churchill Gordon of Culpeper, (grandson).
1 John Addison Gordon of Spottsylvania, (great-grandson).
1 Joseph Herndon Gordon of Spottsylvania, (g-g-grandson).
1 Charles Eustace Gordon of Spottsylvania, (g-g-g-grandson).
1 Robert O. Gordon (g-g-g-g-grandson).

In the compilation of material concerning the subject-matter of this volume, assistance has been received from so many willing helpers that there is no space to name them all here, and to mention some and omit others would seem invidious.

The printed and manuscript record sources of information are set out in the bibliographical sketch that follows. Where neither of these sources is either in evidence or specially mentioned, the statement made has been derived personally or by letter from members of the family now living.

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GORDONS IN SCOTLAND AND IRELAND

Mr. J. M. Bulloch, the present editor of the London Graphic, has written much of the history of the Gordons of Scotland, where the “House” had its first recorded origin, and where it has persisted and flourished since the eleventh century. This history is contained in three massive volumes, published under the title of “The House of Gordon,” at Aberdeen, 1903-1912, by the New Spalding Club. In two of these volumes are to be found the collated records of the Gordons of the North of Scotland; and the third, entitled “Gordons under Arms,” the joint work of Mr. Bulloch and Mrs. Constance Oliver Skelton, with a section devoted to the United States, by Mrs. Skelton and the present writer, includes the biographies of more than two thousand Gordons who have borne arms in the navies and armies of Great Britain, the European Continent and America. Mr. Bulloch, in addition to “The House of Gordon,” has written and printed a large number of pamphlets, and has published in local Scottish newspapers innumerable articles, essays and papers on the various branches of Gordons in Scotland, dealing, however, for the most part, with the Gordons of the North as distinguished from those of the Border, where the two main stems diverged in the eleventh century.

Many of the Irish Gordons have been genealogized by Mr. Philip Crossle, of Newry, County Down, Ireland, who is himself a descendant of the Sheepbridge family of that County, and whose researches have taken shape in various contributions to the local newspapers in Ulster. (Ballymena Observer, April, May and June, 1911; Bainbridge Chronicle, April, May and June, 1913.)
Most of the Virginia families treated of in the present volume had their origins among the Southern Gordons of Galloway and the territory along the Scottish Border. The two notable exceptions are those of Lancaster and of Middlesex and Richmond Counties, who came through Ireland from Morayshire in the North of Scotland to Virginia, and those of Spotsylvania County, who claim an origin in "the Highlands of Scotland."

Colonel James Gordon, of Lancaster County, Virginia, and his brother, John Gordon, of Middlesex County, the investigation of whose family history was the primary cause of the researches resulting in this book, and to whose families a large part of its contents is given, were the descendants of James Gordon, the first, of Sheepbridge, in the Barony of Newry, County Down, Ireland, who settled there in 1692, and who was a son of the Reverend James Gordon, of Comber, in County Down. The Reverend James Gordon of Comber was a Scotsman, who went to Ulster about 1641 as Chaplain in Lord Montgomery's regiment. He was the eldest son of Alexander Gordon of Salterhill, in the parish of Drainie, Morayshire, Scotland, who flourished in the first half of the seventeenth century, and died in 1649.

This Alexander Gordon of Salterhill appears to have been a grandson of Alexander Gordon, the third laird of Lesmoir in Aberdeenshire, who married Mariot Forbes of Pitsligo, and died November, 1609, leaving four sons and three daughters.

The progenitors of Alexander Gordon, third of Lesmoir, are shown by Mr. Bulloch in "The House of Gordon" (Vol. II, Lesmoir,) to have been:

"Jock" Gordon of Scurdargue, who had issue, among others:

William Gordon of Tillytermont, (second son), married "Sir John Rutherford's sister," and had issue, among others:
George Gordon of Fulzemont, (died 1481), married Isabel Innes of Meillers, and had issue, among others:

James Gordon, first laird of Lesmoir (second son), (died June, 1558), married twice. His first wife was Margaret Stewart, Lady Eden, daughter of Patrick Stewart of Laithers. They had issue, among others:

George Gordon, second, of Lesmoir, (eldest son), (died about 1591), married Katharine Forbes of Towie, and had issue, among others:

Alexander Gordon, third of Lesmoir, (died November, 1609).

Documentary proof is as yet undisclosed to demonstrate which of the sons of Alexander Gordon, third, of Lesmoir, was the father of Alexander Gordon of Salterhill; but that Alexander of Salterhill was the son of one of the four sons of the third laird appears to be shown by circumstantial evidence of time, locality, and surroundings. That the Gordons of Sheepbridge were satisfied of their descent from Lesmoir is evidenced by the fact that the silver plate, still in existence, belonging to Colonel James Gordon of Lancaster, emigrant to Virginia, has the Lesmoir crest: A hart's head, proper, and the Lesmoir motto, "Bydand."

The children of Alexander Gordon, third, of Lesmoir, and his wife, Mariot Forbes, are given by Mr. Bulloch as follows:

1. James Gordon, fourth, of Lesmoir.
3. George Gordon, of Glasgow-forest.
6. Agnes Gordon, married George Bannerman of Waterton.


Salterhill, the seat of Alexander Gordon of that Ilk, was a "pendicle," or part, of the estates of Lesmoir.

The Reverend James Gordon, of Comber, emi­grant from Scotland to Ireland, was the oldest son of Alexander Gordon of Salterhill by his first wife, who appears to have been a Gordon of Gordonstoun. Mr. Bulloch says in his "Gordons of Sal­terhill and their Irish Descendants," (Keith, 1910), p. 21:

"I do not know where James was born or where he was educated. He seems to have gone to Ireland as chaplain of the regiment commanded by Hugh (Mont­gomery) 2nd Viscount Montgomery, during the rebellion in Ulster in 1641, and whose widow, Jean Alexander, daughter of William, 1st Earl of Stirling, married Major­General Robert Monro. Mr. Armistead Gordon's theory that the Rev. James may have had a Gordonstoun Gordon for his mother becomes all the likelier in view of the part played by Sutherland men in quelling the rebellion, as recorded in The Earls of Sutherland, pp. 509-510."

Alexander Gordon of Salterhill had at least four sons and three daughters. His second wife was Marjorie Geddes, who Mr. Bulloch thinks was of the family of Essill and Auchinveath. The children of Alexander Gordon of Salterhill were:

1. Rev. James Gordon of Comber,
2. Rev. Alexander Gordon of Rathfriland,
(Gordons of Salterhill.)

Rev. James Gordon, before going to Ireland, lived for a time in Galloway, where he seems to have been on intimate terms with the Gordons of Craichlaw, and their near kinsmen, the Gordons of Earlston. In a letter found among the Wodrow MSS. in the Advocates' Library, Edinburgh, (folio, vol. 59, No. 130), endorsed "Mr. James Gordon's own news from Ireland: Orin (gi) nall in his own Hand, 1690," addressed "For my loving daughter Jean Gordon at Edinburgh," he speaks of "the sweet, deare family of our cousins of Earlston (and) Craighlaw," and other families "brokin" "with that unhappy Bothwell business," to whom he had "written earnestly against their participation" in the movement which culminated in the battle of Bothwell Bridge and the death of James Gordon, the younger, of Craichlaw. (McKerlie's Lands and their Owners in Galloway, Vol 2, pp. 218-220.)

Comber, like Sheepbridge, in whose vicinity it is situated, was a part of the Abbey property of the Cistercian Abbey at Newry, in County Down, which was granted by Queen Elizabeth to Sir Nicholas Bagenal, and was conveyed to the first James Gordon of Sheepbridge in 1692 by Nicholas Bagenal, his descendant. The Reverend Alexander Gordon of Rathfriland was a brother of the Reverend James Gordon, minister of Comber; and Mr. Bulloch writes in his "Gordons of Salterhill," p. 40:

"Benn's 'History of Belfast' contains a note, stating that in Queen Elizabeth's reign Sir Nicholas Bagenal and Henry Bagenal, his son, obtained a patent granting to them the Abbey of Comber, in County Down. Rathfriland apparently came within the Bagenal ownership of these Abbey lands; and since the Presbyterian minister at Comber occupied Bagenal lands, it is natural to suppose that this minister's son, James, would have a preference at Sheepbridge; and that the Bagenal interests and
influence would be powerful in behalf of the same family
at Rathfriland, and its adjacent townland of Balintaggart."

The Reverend James Gordon of Comber married, first, Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of Robert Gordon, Provost of Ayr, who is supposed to have been of the house of Earlston. By her he appears to have had the following issue:

1. *James Gordon*, first, of Sheepbridge, near Newry.


There is in the possession of Mr. George Atkinson of Clontarf, Dublin, an old Bible, printed in Edinburgh, in 1678, which was the property of the second James Gordon of Sheepbridge, and contains the following entries:

"James Gordon his Booke, 1692.
"Mr. Robert Gordon his Bible. God give him to poses it well.
"Sister Jean Murdoch died January 19th, 1715, half an hour after eight of ye clock at night aged about 40 years.
"James Gordon born May ye 29th, 1715 about one of ye clock in ye afternoon,
"James Gordon died August 15, 1715, Aged 11 weeks and 3 days.
"Jean Gordon was born June ye 29th, 1716 about one of ye Clock in ye Afternoon."
Mr. Bulloch says, (Gordons of Salterhill, p 33): "I do not know when the Rev. James Gordon died. His will has not been found, despite an exhaustive search, nor any grant of administration on his estate. Part of the Comber property which he owned formed part of the same Abbey land in the Barony of Newry, as were those at Sheepbridge, which were granted to the first James Gordon of Sheepbridge in 1692."

A very full account of the Gordons of Lesmoir may be found in the second volume of "The House of Gordon"; while "the Gordons of Salterhill and their Irish Descendants" are dealt with at length in Mr. Bulloch's privately printed monograph bearing that title.

McKerlie's "Lands and their Owners in Galloway, Edinburgh, 1870-1879," five vols., contains elaborate pedigrees of a very large number of Gordon families in Wigtonshire, Kirkcudbrightshire, and the Scottish Border; and Paterson's "History of Ayr and Wigton," Edinburgh, 1863-1866, in five volumes, is a similar work, with many Gordon histories and pedigrees of those counties.

Biographical sketches of military Gordons in Scotland and Ireland, and of Gordons in Virginia and their descendants who have borne arms in American wars, are to be found in Vol. III of "The House of Gordon."

3.

GORDON OF SHEEPBRIDGE

County Down, Ireland.

James Gordon of Sheepbridge, in the Barony of Newry, County Down, Ireland, Gentleman, was granted a lease held in fee farm of the half townland of Cloughen-
ramer and the half townland of Derraboy, from Nicholas Bagenal, Esq., on November 28, 1692. This lease was confirmed March 22, 1731, by Robert Nedham, Junior, of Newry, to the three sons of James Gordon, with the addition of the half townland of Lisduff and the quarter townland of Carnmeen.

Sheepbridge House, which was probably built by James Gordon, second, of Sheepbridge, a three-story stone mansion of ample dimensions, is situated about two miles north of the ancient seaport town of Newry, that lies partly in Tyrone, but chiefly in Down, at the head of Carlingford Lough, sixty-three miles north of Dublin. In 1175 an abbey was founded in Newry by Maurice McLaughlin, King of Ireland, which possessed extensive endowments and privileges. The abbey was converted in 1543 into a collegiate church for secular priests, and was dissolved by Edward VI, who granted it to Sir Nicholas Bagnal, Marshal of Ireland. (Encyo. Brit. 9th Ed. Vol. 17, p. 407.) In the “Charta Abbatiae de Newry,” granted by the Irish King to the Cistercian Monks of St. Benedict, are included, among other lands and territories conferred upon the Abbey, “Enacratha, (which is now Carnmeen), with its lands, woods and waters,” and “the land of Lisdorca (now Lisduff).” (Newry Reporter: Nov. 15, 1902.) The Sheepbridge estate would appear, therefore, to have formed a part of the old Abbey property, and to have remained in the possession of the family of Bagenal until its acquisition by the first James Gordon of Sheepbridge and his sons.

The Gordons held it from that time until 1902, when it was sold by the daughters of James Williams Gordon, Esq., of Sheepbridge, with the death of whose only son, John Gordon, in the twentieth year of his age, the line of the Gordons of Sheepbridge, resident there, became extinct.

The will of James Gordon I of Sheepbridge is dated
July 7 1707, (Record Office: Dublin). He married Jane Campbell, eldest daughter of Robert Campbell, merchant, of Newry, by his wife Jane Wallace, of Ravarra, near Belfast, Ireland, of the house of Wallace of Elderslie. (Campbell Genealogical History.) They had issue:

1 Robert Gordon, who is said by Mr. Philip Crossle, of Newry, to have been the oldest son. There seems, however, to be no record authority for this statement, inasmuch as Robert does not appear to have inherited any of the Sheepbridge lands, but engaged in the mercantile business in Newry. He leased lands in Lower Fathom, Co. Louth, from Robert Nedham, Esq., Nov. 22, 1734. He married Alice Ogle of Waringstown, (marr: sets: Aug. 13, 1714), by whom he had issue three daughters. His will was proved in the Prerogative Court of Ireland Aug. 7, 1746; and is dated Nov. 26, 1745. His daughters were:

1 Jane Gordon, who married William Ogle of Waringstown, and had issue.

2 Susanna Gordon, who married George Walker of Newry, and had issue.

3 Alice Gordon, who married Feb. 1, 1757, James Atkinson of Newry, and Millvale, Co. Armagh, eldest son of George Atkinson of Dundalk, by his wife Margaret Foster, and had issue.

2 James Gordon, second, of Sheepbridge, Gentleman. His will is dated January 27, 1749; and a copy of it was proved Nov. 17, 1753, in the exempt jurisdiction of Newry and Mourne. He married Sarah Greenway, and had issue:

1 James Gordon, later of Lancaster County, in the Colony of Virginia. (See Gordon of Lancaster, post.)

2 Samuel Gordon, of Sheepbridge, linendraper and manufacturer of linens. His will is dated Nov. 3, 1787, with a codicil June 8, 1794, but was never
proved. He married Margaret Hunter, and had issue:

1 John Gordon of Templegwaran, Co. Down, born about 1750. He was a manufacturer of flour and oatmeal, and was church warden of the Parish of Newry. He took part in the Volunteer Movement preceding the Irish Rebellion of 1798. (Freemason's Journal, June 1, 1797). He married Anne Barrett. In the movement in Ireland in April, 1812, by the Protestants, for Catholic Emancipation, he was a subscriber to the petition. He died childless March 22, 1833, at Templegwaran, aged 84 years, and was buried in St. Patrick's Churchyard, Newry.

2 George Gordon, of Sheepbridge, owned part of the lands of Sheepbridge, which were conveyed to him September 17, 1799, by his uncle, John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond Counties, in the Colony of Virginia. He died unmarried, 1785. His will bears date October 14, 1785. He was connected with the Volunteer Movement preceding the Irish Rebellion of 1798, and was first Lieutenant of the "Donoughmore Volunteers," (Gordon's Newry Chronicle, May 8, 1750), Donoughmore being the adjoining parish to Sheepbridge.

3 James Gordon.

4 Captain William Gordon of Sheepbridge, J. P., was connected with the Volunteer Movement, as were his two brothers. He organized and equipped the "Sheepbridge Volunteers," of which he was captain. (Macnevin's History of the Volunteer Movement of 1782 in Ireland, p. 144). He was born about 1748; and married (mar. setts. Feb. 14, 1787), Elizabeth Gillespie. His will is dated Sept. 16, 1837, and was proved
in the Prerogative Court in 1838. He was buried Dec. 19, 1837, aged 89 years. (Newry Parish Register). He had issue:
1 James Gordon, M. D., died in foreign parts, probably unmarried.
2 Thomas Gordon, baptized March, 1792. (Newry Parish Register). He probably died young.
3 John Gordon of Sheepbridge, who was born about 1795. He was educated at Mr. Henderson’s Academy in Newry; and married in Clonallon Church, Co. Down, Anne Williams, eldest daughter of James Williams, of Newry, by his wife, Isabella Searight, daughter of James Searight of Newry, merchant. He died April 8, 1866, at Sheepbridge. He had issue:
1 John Gordon of Sheepbridge, who was born there Jan. 10, 1840. He was educated at Mr. Leary’s Collegiate School, Newry. He died unmarried March 25, 1807, aged 26 years, and was buried in Newry Churchyard. He was succeeded at Sheepbridge by his brother, James Williams Gordon.
2 James Williams Gordon, of Sheepbridge, was born there, about 1844. He was educated at Mr. Leary’s Collegiate School, Newry. He left Newry in October, 1865, to assist in founding a Colony in the Bay of Islands, New Zealand; but returned to Ireland in 1867, on the death of his brother John, to take over the Sheepbridge estates. He married in St. Peter’s, Dublin, Dec. 2, 1869, Elizabeth Foxall, eldest daughter of James Foxall, of Grosvenor Terrace, Dublin, by Isabella, fourth daughter of Beath Searight, of Newry, later of Liverpool. He
died at Sheepbridge, Oct. 21, 1877, aged 33 years, and was buried in Newry Churchyard. (Newry Telegraph, Oct. 25, 1877.) He had issue:

1 John Gordon, of Sheepbridge, who was born there April 24, 1872, and was baptized June 30, 1872. (Newry Parish Register). He was educated at the Masonic Orphan Boys’ School in Dublin; and was a clerk in the Belfast Branch of the Belfast Bank. He died unmarried in the Royal Hospital, Belfast, Nov. 22, 1891; and was buried in St. Nicholas Churchyard, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim. He was the last male representative of the Gordons of Sheepbridge, of the line of Samuel Gordon, grandson of James Gordon I. of Sheepbridge.

2 Isabella Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, Feb. 10, 1871. She married in St. Nicholas Church, Carrickfergus, June 28, 1893, Reverend William Williamson, B. A., son of Thomas Williamson, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

3 Anne Augusta Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, Sept. 6, 1873, and baptized Jan. 18, 1874. (Newry Parish Register.) She died at Bangor, County Down, July 14, 1906; and was buried in St. Nicholas graveyard, Carrickfergus.—(Belfast News-Letter, July 16, 1906.)

3 Anne Augusta Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, May 23, 1835, and was baptized June 30, 1835. (Newry Parish Register.) She died at Sheepbridge, Dec. 30, 1865.
4 Isabella Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, May 29, 1836 or 1837; and was living in 1903 at Rock Cottage, Rostrevor, Co. Down.

5 Mary Elizabeth Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, about 1839. She married in Newry Parish Church March 8, 1865, George William Innes, of Seabrooke Cottage, Barking, near London, C. E., and died in London, Feb. 22, 1895. She had issue two daughters.

6 Letitia Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge about 1842. She died there unmarried July 6, 1866, aged 24 years, and was buried in Newry Churchyard.

7 Jane Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, May 15, 1843 was baptized July 9, 1843, (Newry Parish Register); and died unmarried at 30 Upper Gloucester St., Dublin, October, 1870. She was buried in Newry Churchyard.

8 George Gordon, who was alive in January 1803, and who died unmarried.

9 Alexander ("Sandy") Gordon, who lived at Corcreechy, near Sheepbridge. He was born about 1800, and died unmarried July 26, 1853, aged 53 years.

10 William Gordon, who lived with his brother Alexander at Corcreechy.

8 Eliza Anne Gordon, who married at Sheepbridge, May 17, 1821, William Greer, of Newry, by his wife, Mary, daughter of Robert Walker of Derry; and had issue. They emigrated to the United States.

9 Charlotte Sarah Gordon, who married May 17, 1825, Samuel Townley of Newry, mer-
chant, and had issue. They emigrated to the United States. She died in New York March 2, 1867, aged 60 years, and was buried in Newry Churchyard.

10 Jane Gordon, who died unmarried Dec. 9, 1813.

11 Mary Gordon, who was born at Sheepbridge, Aug. 8, 1811. She married in Newry Parish Church, April 25, 1837, James Robinson, Lieut-Colonel of the 67th Regiment, third son of James Robinson of Ormsby and Herrington, Durham, England, by his wife, Arabella, daughter of Reverend Benjamin Walker, Vicar of Northallerton, Yorkshire. She died at Beverley, Yorkshire, April 30, 1881, leaving issue.

4 Jane Gordon, alive in 1768.

5 Elizabeth Sarah Gordon, who married in the Presbyterian Church, Newry, Nov. 9, 1792, William Livingston of Greenwood Park, Newry, M. D., son of Reverend Samuel Livingston of Clare. She died at Greenwood Park, June 27, 1847, aged 84, leaving issue, two daughters, who married and had issue.

3 John Gordon, of Middlesex and Richmond Counties in the Colony of Virginia. (See Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, post).

4 George Gordon, of Rockhamilton, Co. Down. By deed which was registered of date Aug. 6, 1807, he was lately of Virginia, but then of Newry. He died before January 1814. He was twice married. The name of his first wife is unknown. By his first wife he had issue one son, and two daughters:

1 George Gordon, who emigrated to Virginia, and settled in Westmoreland County. His will, proved in Westmoreland County, Feb. 28, 1786,
mentions his wife, Ursula, and his two sons and two daughters:
1 George Gordon, who got his father’s lands in Virginia.
2 John Gordon, to whom his father left 84 acres of land in Sheepbridge, and who died before August, 1807.
3 Hannah Gordon.
4 Betty Sally Gordon.
2 Hannah Gordon.
3 Sarah Gordon

By his second wife who was Elizabeth, sister to William and Alexander Waddell of Rathfriland, and who died at Dundalk, January 7, 1814, aged 88, George of Rockhamilton had further issue:

4 Samuel Gordon, who was a linen-merchant or broker in the Old Linen Hall, Dublin, of which he was a member. He married in 1812 Maria Smith, daughter of H. Smith, who held a public appointment in Dublin Castle. He had issue, an only child:
1 George Gordon, of Brighton Terrace, Monks-ton, Attorney. He bought Maryvale, near Sheepbridge, from a Mr. Carey. He married at Mount Kearney, Co. Down, Feb. 17, 1841, Olivia, third daughter of James Parker of Mount Kearney; and died at Maryvale, Feb. 19, 1851, aged 36 years. He had issue four sons and one daughter:
1 Samuel Gordon of Mount Kearney, Co. Down, who succeeded to that property from his mother’s family. He married at Rathmacknee, Georgina Laura Chasse, fourth daughter of Reverend E. E. Brett, Rector of Rathmacknee, Co. Wexford, by whom he had issue, three sons:—
1 Annesley De-Renzie Gordon, in the service of the Egyptian Government.

2 Percy Herbert Gordon, who died July 29, 1903, aged 19 years, and is buried in Mount Kearney graveyard.


2 James Gordon, who was drowned at Moystyn House Seminary, near Chester, England, while bathing, June 1861.

3 George Gordon, of Maryvale, Co. Down, who married in St. Stephen’s, Dublin, Jan. 9, 1878, Mary Alice, second daughter of Edward Smith Corry, Sub-inspector of Royal Irish Constabulary, and grand-daughter of Trevor Corry of Abbey Yard, Newry, Esq. J. P., D. L., by whom he had two sons:
   2 Edward Corry Gordon, died at Aden, 17 Aug., 1901.

4 John Robert Gordon, who married Mary Brett, sister of the above named Georgina L. C. Brett, and died at Buenos Aires, South America, 14 April, 1890, having had issue by his wife, three sons and four daughters:
   1 James Gordon, who was living in 1903 in Canada.
   2 George Gordon, who was living in 1903 in South America.
   3 Charles Gordon.
   4 Olivia Gordon.
   5 Winifred Gordon.
   6 Juanita Gordon.
   7 Julia Gordon, who was living in 1903 in Boston, Massachusetts.
5 Maria Gordon: “Died, March 7th, at Palmerstoun House, Chapelizod, Maria Gordon, daughter of the late George Gordon, Maryvale, Co. Down,” (The Dublin Irish Times, of March 9, 1904.)

5 John Gordon.

6 William Gordon, of Rockfield, near Dundalk, in 1792: later of Ballanamagna in Ballyzony parish, where he made a will probated in the Prerogative Court, 12 April, 1849.

7 Anne Gordon, of Newry.

8 Elizabeth Gordon.

9 Eleanor Gordon, married — Brady.

10 Mary Gordon, died at Dundalk, 9 Jan. 1836, age 70.

11 Margaret Gordon, died at Dundalk, 3 Jan., 1837, aged 64.

5 Anne Gordon, who married — Templeton.

6 Eleanor Gordon, who married Joseph Carson of Downpatrick, Co. Down. She is mentioned in the “Journal” kept by her brother, Col. James Gordon, of Lancaster, Virginia. (See William & Mary College Quarterly: Vols. 11 and 12).


3 George Gordon of Rockhamilton. By Deeds dated Oct. 8, 1767, Jan. 27, 1768 and Nov. 11, 1769, he demised forever his share of the half townland of Cloughenramer to his nephew Samuel Gordon of Sheepbridge. His will, dated June 3, 1768, with a codicil, Dec. 9, 1769, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Ireland, March 11, 1770. He directs his body to be buried beside that of his late wife, Elizabeth Gordon, in St. Patrick’s Churchyard, Newry. They had issue at least one son:
I George Gordon; matriculated in Glasgow University, 1739, and was lost at sea on his way to America, before the date of his father’s will.

4.

GORDONS IN VIRGINIA

“I observe that all the Merchants and shophelpers in the Sphere of my acquaintance, and I am told it is the Case through the Province, are young Scotch Men; several of whom I know, as Cunningham, Jennings, Hamilton, Blain; and it has been the custom heretofore to have all their Tutors and Schoolmasters from Scotland, though they begin to be willing to employ their own Country-men.”

So wrote on Dec. 13, 1773, in his “Journal,” (The University Library, Princeton, N. J. 1900), Philip Vickers Fithian, the young Tutor from the Colony of New Jersey in the family of Councillor Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, in the Northern Neck of Virginia.

Long before Fithian’s time, the canny Scots had begun to pour into the Colony. “It was the tobacco trade,” says the Rev. Philip Slaughter, in writing of Bristol Parish, the home of a number of Galloway Gordons, “which gave such impulse to Blandford, and Virginia’s chief market was Glasgow, so soon as the American trade was thrown open to Scotland by her union with England (1707). From this era dates the prosperity of Glasgow itself. Up to the middle of the last century (the 18th) the foreign trade of Glasgow was conducted by joint-stock companies. A Glasgow vessel of sixty tons first crossed the Atlantic in 1718. The first adventure to Virginia (says Dugald Valentine’s Diary) was under the sole charge of the captain acting as supercargo. When he was asked on his return for a statement of his accounts, he replied that he
had no statement; but here were the proceeds, throwing upon the table a hoggar (stocking) stuffed to the top with coin. As an unlettered man had been so successful, they thought a trained accountant would do better, and so they sent one; and he came back with a beautiful statement, but no hoggar. The trade so increased, that about 1735 the Scotch merchants sent factors to live in Virginia and buy tobacco to the best advantage. Hence Scotch merchants poured into Dumfries on the Potomac, Falmouth on the Rappahannock, and many other towns, including Blandford. In 1772, out of ninety thousand hogsheads of tobacco imported into Britain, Glasgow imported forty-nine thousand, and one of her merchants (Glassford) owned twenty-five ships in the trade. The tobacco lords were the magnates (great folks) of Glasgow. They promenaded the Trongate in long scarlet robes and bushy wigs, and other men gave way as they passed. Virginia Street and Jamaica Street in Glasgow still perpetuate the memory of the trade which enriched her merchants, and gave such great impulse to her prosperity, and changed her social physiognomy. Blandford shared in this prosperity, and the Scottish Gordons, and Ramsays and Murrays, Mackies, Maitlands, McKenzies, Brydons, Robertsons, Colquheouns, and others too numerous to mention, were leading men on change, in the church and in society, and intermarrying with our Virginia maidens, have transmitted their blood to many of the best people of this generation. It is worthy of note that Scotch families, such as the Dunlops, Tennants, Magills, Camerons, etc., are to this day leaders in the tobacco trade of Petersburg, which has grown so great as to swallow up her sisters, Blandford and Pocahontas, which were merged in one corporation in 1784.” (Slaughter’s “History of Bristol Parish,” Richmond, 1879. 2nd Ed. pp. 83-84.)

It was the tobacco trade that brought James and John Gordon of Sheepbridge from their home in County
Down, Ireland, to the banks of the Rappahannock River, where they laid the foundations of fortunes, and raised families whose descendants have been numbered by very many hundreds, and are scattered through a number of the States of the American Union. But the adventurous Gordons were in the Colony long before their day; for history records the presence of Thomas Gordon, the fighting parson of Bacon's Rebellion in 1676, and of William Gordon, who founded a free school in the County of Middlesex in 1685.

Whether it was from the same venturesome spirit which has taken them elsewhere over the world from the days of their earlier history, or whether it was from the desire of gain in a new and growing country, the Gordons poured into the Colony of Virginia from the latter part of the 17th Century up to the period of the American Revolution, until they were to be found in perhaps a majority of the Counties lying east of the Blue Ridge mountains. Along the banks of the Appomattox, the Potomac and the Rappahannock Rivers, they settled—especially upon the latter; and in the Counties of Lancaster, Middlesex, Richmond, Essex, Stafford and Spotsylvania, the public records show that in the 18th and 19th Centuries there were many prominent families of the name, apparently unrelated to each other on the American side of the water.

The bulk of this earlier emigration of the stock was from Galloway, and their descendants point with pride to a traditional lineage from the houses of Lochinvar and Earlston. John George Gordon of Spottsylvania County, ancestor of the Confederate Generals, John B. Gordon of Georgia and James B. Gordon of North Carolina, is said to have come from "the highlands of Scotland," and was probably of the Gordons of the North; but with the further exception of the Irish Gordons, James and John of Sheepbridge, all others of the name in the eastern part of the Colony, as far as indicated, would appear to have been Gallowegians.
That they have been from the first in Virginia, as elsewhere, close to the heart of things is vouched in the following brief accounts of them, which disclose their prominence in the learned professions, in business, in the army and navy and in social life. On the bede-roll of the name in Colony and Commonwealth are to be found Judges of the Courts, prominent lawyers, distinguished physicians, learned and pious ministers of the Gospel, shrewd and successful merchants, officers of high military rank and fame, constitution-makers, members of the United States Congress, of State legislatures, and of local governing bodies, University professors and educators of eminence, so that it may be said of them that in their home beyond the Atlantic, they have illustrated, as in the old country, in larger or less degree within their environments, the North Country saying that,

"The Gordons hae the guidin’ o’wt."

A continuance here of the traditional fighting spirit of their forbears in Scotland has been exemplified in the long and bloody War between the States from 1861 to 1865, when the Virginia Gordons thronged into the armies of the Confederacy. To many of these was applicable in that venture the pathetic lines of the old ballad of the Baron of Brackley:

“And he stooped low and said
As he kissed his young dame:
‘There’s a Gordon rides out
That will never win hame!’"

Of another characteristic of the family, that has been emphasized by Mr. J. M. Bulloch in his paper on "The Gay Gordons," in "Blackwood" (1898),—their vitality—it needs only to point in illustration to the record of the descendants of the two Ulstermen from Sheepbridge, James of Lancaster and John of Middlesex and Richmond, whose known Gordon descendants, without naming those sprung from the distaff side, aggregate since their advent
in Virginia in the early part of the 18th Century between four and five hundred.

The accompanying "Notes on Gordons in Virginia" disclose an imperfect view of those of the name in Colony and Commonwealth prior to 1800, of whom each individual mentioned was probably either an original emigrant, or his son. The records of the several counties of the State, which now (1918) number one hundred, disclose the names and residences of Gordons at one time or another in the following: viz: Lancaster, Middlesex, Essex, Richmond, Stafford, Prince George, Spottsylvania, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Culpeper, Fauquier, Orange, Albemarle, Madison, Louisa, Augusta, Rockingham, Frederick, Roanoke, James City, Charles City, Pulaski, Halifax, Henry, King William, Dinwiddie, Bedford, Pittsylvania, Lunenburg and Powhatan; and in the following Virginia Cities, viz: Richmond, Norfolk, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Lynchburg, Alexandria, Charlottesville and Staunton. Thence they and their descendants have invaded the western and southern states, until Gordons of the Virginia strain are to be found today in the following states of the Union: Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and California.

Material is at hand for an almost indefinite extension of this account of Gordons in Virginia, and their descendants. The present purpose, however, is to give in concise form an account of a few of the best-known of the branches from the Virginia stock, together with an outline of the sources from which the data have been derived, and a memorandum of the pioneers of the name in Virginia, as thus far discovered, in "Notes on Gordons in Virginia before the 19th Century."
There are no published family histories or genealogies of the numerous branches of Gordons connected by residence or descent with Virginia that are known to the present writer, with the sole exception of the brief article to be found in the Rev. Horace Edward Hayden’s “Virginia Genealogies,” which deals in a crude and unsatisfactory way with the families of James and John Gordon, emigrants to the colony from Sheepbridge, near Newry, Co. Down, Ireland. This printed sketch of the Sheepbridge Gordons has been corrected and elaborated within recent years by the present writer, through epistolary and personal correspondence and the examination of public and private records and family papers, until a history of this branch has resulted that now covers possibly two thousand descendants of the two emigrant brothers from County Down, and that still remains unfinished. No part of this manuscript has heretofore been put in print.

Another collated authority, on a different branch in Virginia, and also unpublished, is the very interesting, though brief and incomplete manuscript account of the Lochdougan Gordons on this side of the Atlantic, written in 1860 by a member of the family, the late William Gordon, Esq., of “Huntly,” Nelson Co., which is now in the possession of his son, the Honorable Bennett Taylor Gordon, of Nelson County.

The present writer has been informed by Major Eugene C. Gordon of Amarillo, Texas, that there is in existence an unpublished manuscript history of the descendants of John George Gordon of Spottsylvania,
prepared a number of years ago, by Mrs. Sarah Chapman Gordon Law of Columbia, Tennessee, but he has never been able to see this document or any copy of it.

In spite of the fact that the Gordons of Virginia have hitherto remained ungenealogized, there are to be found numerous allusions to them in print, without reference to some of which any sketch that purports to deal at all comprehensively with the subject would lack conclusiveness. The list which follows is necessarily very incomplete, and the result of investigations made in this direction within recent years. It is intended to touch only Gordons in Virginia, their ancestors, or their descendants, and to exclude all others of the name in America. Not a few of the items given have already been printed in Mr. Bulloch’s first volume of “The House of Gordon”; but it is thought proper to repeat them here in their logical place for purposes of greater accuracy and convenience.

It may be said in advance of this list that the manuscript sources of information concerning the Virginia Gordons, other than those above mentioned, are the Will Books, Deed Books, Books of administration and other fiduciary settlements, and the Court Order Books in Law and Chancery, containing the official records of many counties in the State,—and especially those of the counties lying along the Rappahannock River and its sources. To these may be added the unpublished state papers and other documents, including the Land Bounty Records, in the State Library in Richmond.

REFERENCES TO GORDONS IN VIRGINIA
ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY

ALBEMARLE COUNTY: A History of Albemarle County, Va., by Edgar Woods, (Charlottesville, Va., 1901), which contains a sketch, inaccurate in details, of the family of Gen. William Fitzhugh Gordon, a grandson of James and John Gor-
don of the Sheepbridge branch. It also has a brief account of Alexander Duff Gordon, emigrant from Scotland, at one time resident in the County.

pp. 211, 212, 379, 381 to 384, 404.

ANCESTRY OF BENJAMIN HARRISON: (Philadelphia, 1893). This is a history of the ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, 1889-1893, in chart form, showing also the descendants of William Henry Harrison, President of the United States, 1841, and notes on families related, by Charles P. Keith. This book, in some respects one of the most scholarly and satisfactory of recent American genealogies, is interesting as showing the connection of the families of James and John Gordon of Sheepbridge with those of Harrison, Churchill, Bassett, Armistead, Cary and others in Virginia.

APPLETON'S CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY. (D. Appleton & Co., New York). The Virginia reference here is to Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon, descendant of John George Gordon of Spottsylvania. The literature of the War period, 1861 to 1865, and later, is full of allusions to Gen. Gordon, who was greatly distinguished as one of the most illustrious of the Confederate leaders. A sympathetic sketch of him, accompanied by portraits, is to be found in the February, 1904, number of the American "Review of Reviews."

BRISTOL PARISH. (Richmond, Va., 1879, 2nd Ed.). A History of Bristol Parish on the Appomattox River, in Virginia, with the genealogies of families connected therewith, by the Rev. Philip Slaughter, D. D. The old town of Blandford, now a section of the City of Petersburg, was situated in this parish, and was the home in Virginia of several Gordon emigrants from Galloway, including Samuel Gordon of Craig in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, the Rev. Alexander Gordon and Thomas Gordon of Blandford.

pp. 122, 200 to 203, 224, 230.
BRISTOL PARISH VESTRY BOOK. (Richmond, Va., 1898. Privately printed). This is the Register of Bristol Parish, containing the records of births, deaths and marriages there from 1720 to 1789, as also the contemporaneous minutes of the parish vestry during that period. Most of the Gordon references are to Samuel Gordon, of Craig, merchant of Blandford, who was for many years a vestryman.


CABELLS AND THEIR KIN. (Boston, 1895). A memorial volume of history, biography and genealogy concerning the Cabells of Virginia and their kin, by Alexander Brown, D. C. L., LL.D., of Nelson County, Va., author of "The Genesis of the United States" and other historical works. The Gordon references are as follows:

Alexander 219; Ann 418; Annie 590; Captain 349; Edith 430; George 418; James of Lancaster 594; John B. 499; John and family 551; J. J. 357; Joel 553; Mary 594; Nannie B. 553. This volume also contains an account of that branch of the Alexander family of Virginia and of Princeton, New Jersey, who descended from Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, which is now prominently represented by the Alexanders of New York City.

CALENDAR OF VIRGINIA STATE PAPERS. Publications by the State Library of Virginia of certain of the manuscript state papers there. The references are chiefly to Gordons of the colonial and revolutionary periods.


COLONIAL VIRGINIA REGISTER. (Albany, N. Y., 1903). A printed list of persons holding official position in the Colony of Virginia prior to the American Revolution.

p. 208.

pp. 41, 42.

CORRESPONDENCE OF JEFFERSON AND CABELL. (Richmond, Va. 1856). An early history of the University of Virginia as contained in the letters of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, and Joseph C. Cabell, State Senator in the Virginia General Assembly. The references are to Gen. William Fitzhugh Gordon, then a member of the House of Delegates of Virginia from Albemarle, and in charge in that body of Mr. Jefferson's bill to establish the University of Virginia.


CULPEPER COUNTY. (Culpeper, Va., 1900). Genealogical and historical notes on Culpeper County, Va., embracing a revised and enlarged edition of Dr. Philip Slaughter's History of St. Mark's Parish, compiled by Ralph T. Green. Its Gordon references are chiefly to members of the Lochdougan and Sheepbridge families in Virginia.


DEBATES OF THE VIRGINIA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1829-30. (Richmond, Va. 1830). This volume contains the speeches, etc., of Gen. William Fitzhugh Gordon of Albemarle, in the convention which framed the second Constitution of the State.

HENING'S STATUTES. (Richmond, Va. 1823). A collection of the statutory Laws of Virginia from the first session of the colonial legislature in 1619, edited by
William Waller Henning. This work is in thirteen volumes, extending to the year 1792, and is supplemented by three similar volumes, edited by Samuel Shepherd, bringing the collection into the earlier years of the 19th Century. Mr. Joseph J. Casey, A. M., of New York City, has published in a limited edition of one hundred copies (New York, 1896), an Index, containing all the personal names in these fifteen volumes, and has thus made accessible to the genealogist a vast treasury of hitherto comparatively unexplored information. The Gordon references are as follows:

Alexander VIII. 610; XVI. 37 (2).
James XII. 215 (2); 216; XV. 184.
John VII. 188 (2), XI. 369; XII. 215.
R. II. 583.
Samuel VII. 608.
Thomas II. 370; 378 (2), 557; XI. 57.
William VIII. 57.

HISTORIC HOMES OF THE SOUTHWEST MOUNTAINS. (Philadelphia and London, 1899). An account of the homes and families situated along the base of the Southwest Range of mountains rising in Orange County and terminating on the borders of James River. Among the families described are Jeffersons, Randolphs, Pages, Nelsons, Riveses, Lindsays, Walkers and Gordons. The edition was limited to 750 copies. The information is inaccurate in many instances. pp. 231 to 240.

HISTORIC FAMILIES OF KENTUCKY. (Louisville, Ky.). This volume contains references to descendants of Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, who have resided in Kentucky.

HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA. (Raleigh, 1880). A history of North Carolina "from the earliest discoveries to the present time," by John W. Moore. It contains an account of Brigadier Gen. James B. Gordon,
and references to other descendants of John George Gordon of Spottsylvania, Va.

**JOURNAL OF A YOUNG LADY OF VIRGINIA, 1782.**

The fragment of a Journal kept by Miss Lucy Lee of Virginia in 1782, detailing the life of a young girl-visitor in the homes of prominent Virginia families of that time—Lees, Turbervilles, Fitzhughs, Gordons and others—in the Counties of Spottsylvania, Orange, Culpeper, and the Northern Neck of Virginia. The book was first published by Murphy, Baltimore, 1871; and contains frequent allusions to members of the family of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond.

pp. 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 20.

**JOURNAL OF COL. JAMES GORDON OF LANCASTER.**

(Vols. 11 and 12, William & Mary College Quarterly.). A fragment of a Journal kept from 1758 to 1763 by Col. James Gordon, emigrant to Lancaster Co. Va. from Sheepbridge, Ireland. It contains an intimate account of himself, his family, his neighbors and his visitors during the period named.

**JOURNAL OF PHILIP VICKERS FITHIAN, tutor in the family of Councillor Robert Carter of Nomini Hall, Va., 1773-1774.** (Princeton, N. J., 1900). Robert Carter, of the Colonial Council, was one of the wealthiest and most distinguished men of his time in Virginia. He was a first cousin of Lucy Churchill, the wife of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond,—his mother having been Priscilla Churchill, a sister of Col. Armistead Churchill of Bushy Park, Middlesex. Reference is made in the book to John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond.

**JOURNAL OF THE SECESSION CONVENTION OF VIRGINIA.** (Richmond, 1861). A Journal of the acts and proceedings of the general convention of the State of Virginia at Richmond in 1861, which adopted the ordinance of secession, and thereby sought to dissolve the relation of the State to the United States. The ref-
erences are to William F. Gordon, Jr. of Louisa, who was one of the clerks of the Convention, and to Col. William Westmore Gordon of Essex.

JOURNAL OF THE SECRET SESSIONS OF THE SECESSION CONVENTION OF VIRGINIA. (Richmond 1861.) Reference is to William F. Gordon, Jr. of Louisa.


p. 25.

LEE OF VIRGINIA: A genealogy and family history of the Lees in Virginia. It contains the following Gordon references:

Caroline 367; Elizabeth 365; John 546; Sarah, 546; William 367, 546; Caroline Virginia 367; John T. 367.

LETTERS AND TIMES OF THE TYLERS. (Richmond, 1884). Biographies and correspondence of Judge John Tyler of Virginia, and of his son, John Tyler, President of the United States, by Lyo G. Tyler, LL. D., President of William and Mary College. 3 Vols. The references are to Gen. William F. Gordon, and to other members of the Sheepbridge family in Virginia.

Vol. 3, pp. 65, 72.

LIFE AND TIMES OF JAMES MADISON. (Boston, 1859-1866). A biography of the fourth President of the United States, by William C. Rives, at one time United States Senator from Virginia, Minister to France, etc. 2 Vols. The reference is to James Gordon of Orange, who represented Orange County with Mr. Madison in the Virginia Convention of 1788. vol. 1, p. 549.

LIFE OF HENRY A. WISE, of Virginia. (New

MARSHALL FAMILY. A genealogical history of the family of John Marshall, Chief Justice of the United States. The references are to Lochdougan Gordons in Virginia.

pp. 109, 165, 195, 219, 221.


MIDDLESEX PARISH REGISTER. (Richmond, 1897). A record of births, marriages and deaths in Christ’s Church Parish, Middlesex County, Va., from 1653 to 1812. This volume was published in a limited edition by the Society of Colonial Dames, and contains the records of a number of Gordons in Middlesex in the latter half of the 17th and the first half of the 18th Century. They are as follows:

- Bridget, 94, 99, 100, 174, 180; Brown, 180; James, 179; John, 23, 94; Margaret, 99; William, 94, 99, 177.

OLD NORTHWEST GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY. (Columbus, Ohio). This is a magazine of family and local history. Volume 2 contains a sketch of John Gordon, Jr. of Frederick, Va., and Piqua, Ohio, by his grandson, Rev. A. A. E. Taylor, D. D. Accompanying this sketch is a portrait of John Gordon, Jr., and an engraving of a silver tankard which was owned by Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, showing the crest and motto of the Sheepbridge Gordons.

p. 49.

OLD CHURCHES, MINISTERS AND FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA. (Philadelphia, 1857). These two volumes by
the Rt. Rev. William Meade, Episcopal Bishop of Virginia, contain the histories of many prominent Virginia families. The Gordon references are:

Vol. 2. Gordon, 285; Alexander, 10, 13; Archibald, 13; Elizabeth, 213; Thomas 212, 318.

POCAHONTAS AND HER DESCENDANTS. (Richmond, 1887). A history of the descendants in Virginia of the Indian Princess, Pocahontas and her husband, John Rolfe, by Wyndham Robertson. The Gordons referred to are for the most part those of Old Blandford.

pp. 34, 35, 40, 54, 56, 65.

RECORDS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. (Baltimore 1894. 3rd. Ed.). The references are to Gordons,—the majority of them being from Virginia—who served in the American army or navy in the Revolution of 1776.

pp. 93, 126, 190, 194, 197, 208, 270, 277, 392, 400, 420, 421, 503.

RICHMOND STANDARD: A newspaper publication of Richmond, Va., containing a genealogical column, in which are references to the descendants in Virginia of Lewis Gordon of Easton, Pennsylvania.

SCOTCH-IRISH IN AMERICA: (Nashville, Tenn. 1895). The proceedings of the 7th Annual Congress of the Society of the Scotch-Irish in America, at Lexington, Va. in June, 1895. The references are to Gordon members of the Society.


ST. MARK'S PARISH. A history of St. Mark's Parish, Culpeper County, Va., by Rev. Philip Slaughter, D. D., originally published as a separate volume, but now included in Green's History of Culpeper County (ante).
The Gordon references are those that are to be found in the first part of Green's book.

**STATESMAN'S MANUAL.** (New York, 1846). These two volumes, compiled from official sources by Edwin Williams, contain the addresses and messages of the Presidents of the United States from 1780 to 1846, together with a memoir of each President and a history of his administration. The Gordon references are to Gen. William Fitzhugh Gordon of Virginia, and to James Gordon and Samuel Gordon, members of Congress from the State of New York.

Vol. 2, pp. 1523; 1532.


Vol. 1, p. 120.


**SKETCHES OF VIRGINIA.** (Philadelphia, 1850-1856). These two volumes are biographical and historical accounts of Presbyterians and Presbyterian congregations in Virginia, by Rev. William Henry Foote D. D. The references are to Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, and his son, James Gordon, 2nd, of Lancaster. Numerous extracts from Col. James Gordon's Journal are given in the first volume.


Vol. 2, pp. 180 to 182.

**VIRGINIA GENEALOGIES.** (Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1891). This volume, by Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, M. A., contains a sketch-pedigree of the Sheepbridge Gordons in Virginia, as also references to Gordons of Lochdougan and to Gordons of Aberdeen, Scotland.

pp. ix, xii, xvii, 41, 92, 96, 97, 98, 106, 107, 126, 191, 223, 238, 245, 246, 248, 249, 260, 272, 276, 284, 294,

p. 122.

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL MAGAZINE. (Richmond, Va.) This is the official publication of the Virginia Historical Society. The numerous allusions to Gordons in its pages extend through the periods of both Colony and Commonwealth.

Vol. 3, pp. 34, 175, 298, 337, 339
Vol. 4, pp. 198, 209, 362.
Vol. 9, pp. 222, 265, 326.
Vol. 10, pp. 96, 106, 210, 279, 291, 308, 309, 315, 324, 432.

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS. (Richmond, Va.) Official publications of the Virginia Historical Society. The references are chiefly to Gordons in colonial Virginia. They include the Dinwiddie Papers.


VIRGINIA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION REPORTS. (Richmond, Va.). Reports of the proceedings of the Virginia State Bar Association since its organization in 1888 to the present time. The references are to Gordons in Virginia in its membership.


**VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY MEMORIAL.** (Baltimore, 1871). Biographical sketches of Alumni of the University of Virginia who fell in the War between the States.

p. 752, 755.

**WILLIAM AND MARY COLLEGE QUARTERLY.** (Richmond, Va.) A magazine of Virginia history and genealogy, edited by Lyon G. Tyler, A. M., LL. D., President of the College of William and Mary. The numerous allusions to Gordons include those in both Colony and Commonwealth.


**VIRGINIA CONVENTION OF 1776.** (Richmond, Va., 1855). A sketch of the members of the Constitutional Convention which framed the first constitution of Virginia, by Hugh Blair Grigsby. The references are to James Gordon, 2nd., of Lancaster.

**VIRGINIA CONVENTION OF 1788.** (Richmond, Va.). A sketch of the members of the convention in Virginia which ratified the Constitution of the United States, by Hugh Blair Grigsby. The references are to James Gordon, 2nd, of Lancaster, and to James Gordon of Orange.

**VIRGINIA COUNTY RECORDS.** (Spottsylvania County, 1721-1800) (New York, 1905). Gordon, Adam, 5, 142, 145; Archibald, 174, 176; Armistead, 491, Catharine, 10, 310, 114, 389; Chapman, 389; Charles 25, 73, 76, 237, 245, 261, 276, 305, 313, 314, 315, 320, Elisha, 145; Elizabeth, 4, 6, 23, 144, 256, 259, 273, 288.
337, 392, 421; Isabella, 10, 310; James, 273, 285, 288, 290, 291, 319, 421, 488; James, Jr., 353, 491; John, 2, 4, 6, 10, 19, 21, 23, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 76, 85, 113, 120, 122, 128, 129, 137, 141, 143, 144, 145, 151, 152, 160, 161, 164, 169, 180, 181, 195, 219, 259, 273, 288, 310, 337, 392, 515; John, Jr., 70, 71; Margaret, 10, 14, 190, 204, 226, 246, 292, 310, 352; Mary, 23, 266, 313, 314, 315; Nancy, 16, 259, 396; Nathaniel, 9, 221, 256, 259; Nathaniel L. 396; Roderick, 127, 135; Sarah, 23, 62, 259, 276; William, 337, 392.
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GORDON OF LANCASTER, VIRGINIA

Colonel James Gordon, eldest son of James Gordon II, of Sheepbridge, in the Barony of Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, and Sarah Greenway, his wife, was born at Sheepbridge about 1714. Before 1738 he emigrated to Lancaster County, in the Colony of Virginia, and resided at what is now known as Merry Point, on the Corotoman River, a tributary of the Rappahannock, where his mansion was still standing in 1918. He engaged in the exportation of tobacco from Virginia to Whitehaven, England, and amassed a fortune in that trade. He was a man of great piety, and is said by Foote in his "Sketches of Virginia" to have been the bulwark of Presbyterianism in that section of the Colony. For many years he was in the habit of keeping a Journal, in which he recorded not only his business transactions, but all the local happenings, together with an account of the persons who visited at his house. A part of this Journal covering a period of several years was published in volumes 11 and 12 of the William and Mary College Quarterly, 1902-1903. He died in Lancaster County January 2, 1768; and in an obituary notice of him in the Virginia Gazette of January 14, 1768 he is described as "one of the most admirable men of his time."

He married first on March 28, 1742, Milicent Conway, youngest daughter of Col. Edwin Conway, of Lancaster, whose first wife was Anne Ball, the half-sister of Mary Ball, mother of General George Washington. (Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, ("Conway.") The issue of this marriage were four children, three of whom died in infancy.
He married, second, on November 12, 1748, Mary Harrison, youngest daughter of Col. Nathaniel Harrison of Wakefield, Surry County, Virginia, who was a younger brother of Benjamin Harrison of Berkeley, whose grandson, Benjamin Harrison, was Signer of the Declaration of Independence and father of William Henry Harrison, President of the United States. (Keith’s Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, p. 15). The issue of this marriage were four sons and five daughters, whose descendants are to be found in many states of the American Union, notably, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Louisiana, and Missouri. (Col. James Gordon’s Family Bible.) His will was proved Feb. 18, 1768, at a Court held for Lancaster County, and bears date January 6, 1767. In it he makes disposition of a large estate, consisting of lands, negro slaves and personal property.

His family plate bears the crest: a hart’s head, proper, surmounted by the motto “Bydand.” His portrait, and that of his brother, John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond counties, painted in 1750 by Hesselius, are in the possession of his descendant, Dr. William St. Clair Gordon, of Richmond, Virginia.

The children of Col. James Gordon and Milicent Conway were:

1 Ann Gordon, who was born March 29, 1743. She married June 9, 1759, Colonel Richard Chichester of Lancaster, who was a son of John Chichester, who died in Virginia in 1728, and his wife, Elizabeth Syme, daughter of Thomas and Mary Syme of Beamister, Dorset, England. They had issue, a daughter, Milicent Chichester, who married Dr. Alexander Vass. (Va. Historical Magazine, Vol. 6, pp. 427-8; Hayden’s Va. Genealogies, p. 107.)

2 A son who was born April 15, 1745, and died June 18, 1745.

3 Agatha Gordon, who was born October 19, 1746, and died Sept. 8, 1747.
4 Sarah Gordon, who was born Dec. 10, 1747, and died June 7, 1758.
(Col. Gordon's Family Bible.)
The children of Colonel James Gordon and Mary Harrison were:

5 Colonel James Gordon, second, of Lancaster, who was born August 7, 1750, and died Sept. 29, 1796. He represented Lancaster in the Virginia House of Delegates in 1781. (5 Va. Hist. Mag. p. 213.) He was a member from Lancaster of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1776, which sat at Williamsburg, the Colonial Capital, and framed the first written Constitution. He was also a member of the Virginia Convention which ratified in 1788 the Constitution of the United States. He was Colonel of Lancaster County; and was Clerk of the Courts from 1787 to 1794. (Grigsby's Va. Convention of 1776; Grigsby's Va. Convention of 1788; Calendar of Virginia State Papers; Col. Gordon's Family Bible; Foote's Sketches of Va., 2nd. series, pp. 180-182.) He married June 30, 1774, Ann Payne, daughter of Col. John Payne of Goochland Co., Va. They had issue:

1 Mary Smith Gordon, who was born Sept. 17th, 1776, and who married June 6, 1795, Nathaniel Waddell, and died without issue March 10, 1796.

2 James Harrison Gordon, who was born Jan. 17, 1779.

3 John Mathews Gordon of Lynchburg, Va., who was born March 25, 1781, and died May 16, 1840. He was engaged for many years in mercantile pursuits in Lynchburg. He married Dec. 15, 1804, Agnes W. Scott, daughter of Major Samuel Scott of Campbell Co., Va. They had issue:

1 Ann Belinda Gordon, who was born Nov. 10, 1805, and married Oct., 1835, Hugh White. They had issue.
2 Louisa Gordon, who was born Sept. 28, 1808, and who married Feb. 4, 1829, Elias Ogden of South Carolina. Among their descendants was the Hon. Harry Warren Ogden of Benton, Louisian who was a member of the Louisiana Constitutional Convention of 1879; member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, 1880-8; Speaker of the House, 1884-8; and member of the 53d, 54th and 55th Congress of the United States.

3 Maria Jane Gordon, who was born Jan. 11, 1811.

4 James Beverly Gordon who was born July 11, 1815, and died Dec. 10, 1815.

5 Agnes Maria Gordon, who was born April 17, 1816, and died in 1851 unmarried.

6 Caroline Scott Gordon, who was born July 16, 1817.

7 Samuel Gordon, who was born Dec. 9, 1820. He went west and was married but his issue, if any are known.

8 John Calvin Gordon, who was born April 8, 1825. He died unmarried in Seattle on the Pacific Coast.

9 James Newton Gordon of Lynchburg, Va., was a lawyer there. He was born May 19, 1825, and died in April, 1888. He married in May, 1851, Elvira Moon of Halifax Co., Va., and had issue;

1 Armistead Gordon.

2 Imogen Stanard Gordon, who was born Jan. 28, 1856, and married William Minnegerode of Richmond, Va. They had issue.

3 Mary Elizabeth Gordon.

4 John Newton Gordon of Richmond, Va. He was born Aug. 14, 1859, and married Nov. 16, 1887 Ida Kate Bowers of Richmond, Va. He
died October 30, 1898. They had issue:
1 Kathleen Gordon, who was born April 4, 1890.
2 John Newton Gordon, who was born July 19, 1891.
3 Alexander Terrell Gordon, who was born July 26, 1893.
5 Kate Blanks Gordon, who was born June 20, 1864. She married October 16, 1890, Dr. William St. Clair Gordon, physician, of Richmond, Va., who is the eldest son of James Gordon of Richmond, and Mary St. Clair Cooke (q. v.).
6 Elvira Moon Gordon, who was born August 2, 1868; and married December 15, 1891 Alfred Randolph Carrington of Charlotte Co., Va. They had issue.
4 Samuel Baldwin Gordon, who was born July 23, 1784, and died Oct. 29, 1784.
5 Ann Smith Gordon, who was born July 26, 1786.
6 Addison Gordon, who was born Feb. 14, 1789, and died Sept. 15, 1792.
7 Janetta Gordon, who was born April 4, 1795, and died Aug. 28, 1794.
6 Mary Gordon, who was born in Lancaster County, Va., July 2, 1752. She married Oct. 7, 1767, the Reverend James Waddell, famous in Virginia as "The Blind Preacher." He was the son of Thomas and Janet Waddell, who came to America from the North of Ireland in 1739, and settled in Pennsylvania. This Thomas Waddell is believed to have been a son or grandson of William Waddell of Monkland Parish in Scotland, who was one of the prisoners captured at Bothwell Bridge in 1679. (Foote's Sketches of Virginia.) Among the descendants of Mary Gordon and the Reverend James Waddell D. D., were the Honorable
Joseph Addison Waddell, LL. D., of Staunton, Va., historian and essayist, and for many years clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia; and James Waddell Alexander, of New York City, President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of America.

Mrs. Mary Gordon Waddell died Feb. 13, 1813; and was buried in Trinity Churchyard, Staunton, Va.

7 Hannah Gordon, who was born Jan. 29, 1754, and died Oct. 13, 1757.

8 Eleanor Gordon, who was born Nov. 29, 1755, and died July 17, 1756.

9 John Gordon, who was born April 11, 1757, and died Aug. 17, 1767.

10 Elizabeth Gordon, who was born Aug. 24, 1758. She married Aug. 13, 1777, James Gordon of Germanna, Orange County, Va., who was the son of her uncle, John Gordon, of Middlesex and Richmond, and his wife, Lucy Churchill. For their descendants, see Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, post.

11 Sarah Gordon, who was born May 6, 1762, and died Aug. 1, 1762.

12 Nathaniel Gordon, of Gordonsville, Orange Co., Va., who was born Aug. 20, 1763. He married Oct. 20, 1785, his cousin, Mary Gordon, daughter of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He owned lands in Orange county, Va., on which he founded the present town of Gordonsville. He died Feb. 28, 1820. (Col. James Gordon’s Family Bible: Scottish Notes & Queries, Vol. V, N. S. p. 37; Hayden’s Va. Genealogies.) He had issue:

1 James Gordon of Botetourt County, Va., who was born July 22, 1787. He married first, Margaret Anderson of Botetourt, a sister of the late Judge Francis T. Anderson of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, and an aunt of the Hon.

2 Lucy Gordon, who was born Feb. 14, 1789, and died Jan. 12, 1871, unmarried.

3 John Gordon, who was born March 6, 1791, and died Dec. 14, 1802.

4 John Newton Gordon, of Richmond, Va., who was born Feb. 15, 1793. He married March 13, 1823, Louisiana Coleman, daughter of Major Samuel Coleman. He died Oct. 3, 1870. Their children were:

1 Susan Coleman Gordon, who was born April 17, 1824; and married Aug. 7, 1844, her cousin, Reverend James A. Waddell, D. D.

2 James Gordon of Richmond, Va., who was born March 18, 1826, and married Nov. 26, 1856, Mary St. Clair Cooke. He was a merchant of Richmond, and died there Oct. 15, 1895. They had issue:

1 William St. Clair Gordon, M. D., physician of Richmond, Va., who was born March 28, 1858. He married Oct. 16, 1890, Kate Blanks Gordon, daughter of James Newton Gordon, of Lynchburg, Va. Dr. Gordon is the owner of the portraits of Col. James Gordon of Lancaster and John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond Counties. They had issue:

1 George Lindsay Gordon, who was born Oct., 1893, and died June 27, 1894.

2 Katherine Roy Gordon, who was born Nov. 17, 1894.

3 Imogen Gordon, who was born June 22, 1896.
4 William St. Clair Gordon, who was born July 27, 1897, and died July 9, 1900.

2 Henry Newton Gordon, who was born May 22, 1862, and married Annie Carrol Parkinson of New Kent Co., Va. They had issue:
   1 Henry Newton Gordon, who was born Nov. 9, 1891.
   2 Marie Harris Gordon, who was born April 13, 1893.
   3 Emily Warren Gordon, who was born Sept. 23, 1896.
   4 Annie Temple Gordon who was born Dec. 26, 1898.

3 Lucy Conway Gordon, who was born June 23, 1862. She married Nov. 8, 1883, Harry M. Smith, lawyer, and Commonwealth's Attorney of Richmond, Va., and had issue.

4 Conway Harrison Gordon, who was born August 24, 1864. He married Oct. 12, 1892, Kate Randolph Brown of Richmond, Va., and had issue:
   1 Margaret Gordon, who was born Aug. 2, 1894.
   2 Conway Gordon, who was born June 19, 1896.

5 Charles Lindsay Gordon, who was born June 22, 1866, and died Jan. 10, 1873.

6 James Waddell Gordon, who was born Jan. 8, 1869. He is a lawyer of Richmond, and represented that City in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1901-1902. He married Dec. 20, 1899, Mary Gilmer Meade of Richmond Va.

7 Howard Gordon, who was born August 24, 1872. He married January 10, 1901 Margaret Wallace Smith of Augusta County, Va.
8 Mary Clifford Gordon, who was born Sep. 4, 1876.
9 Robert Latimer Gordon, who was born March 17, 1882.
3 Amelia Coleman Gordon, who was born June 18, 1829. She married Dec. 22, 1847, Dr. Samuel P. Christian of New Kent Co., Va., and had issue.
4 Mary Caskie Gordon, who was born May 1, 1831. She married Feb. 14, 1865, Hugh Blair, and had issue.
5 Marcia Armstrong Gordon, who was born Dec. 21, 1834. She married Dec. 25, 1866, Talbot Bragg Coleman, of Staunton, Va., and died without issue in 1903.
6 Ann Webster Gordon, who was born April 17, 1837. She married Dec. 5, 1867, Isaac Hill Christian, lawyer, and judge of the County Court of New Kent Co. Va., and died May 15, 1894, leaving issue.
7 John Newton Gordon of Richmond, Va., who was born Oct. 10, 1840. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army. He married Dec. 18, 1873 Florine Staples of New York, and had issue:
1 Eugenia S. Gordon, who was born Jan. 13, 1875.
2 Staples Gordon, who was born Aug., 1877, and died 1877.
3 John Otis Gordon, who was born Aug., 1878, and died 1887.
8 Reverend Edward Clifford Gordon, D. D. Presbyterian minister, of Lexington, Missouri. He was born Sept. 1, 1842. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army. He is a writer on religious subjects, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Washington & Lee University at
Lexington, Va. He married Nov. 12, 1873, Mary F. Bell of Rockbridge County, Va. They had issue:
1 Clifford Gordon, who was born October 20, 1874.
2 Belle Gordon, who was born Aug. 24, 1876.
3 Stanley Gordon, who was born Nov. 10, 1877.
4 Frank Newton Gordon, who was born April 12, 1879.
5 Alexander Lawton Gordon, who was born Nov. 2, 1880.
6 Hattie Gordon, who was born October 31, 1882.
7 Mary Blair Gordon, who was born June 16, 1884.
8 Leonora Gordon, who was born Sept. 17, 1886.
9 Lewis Coleman Gordon, who was born Sept. 26, 1887.
10 Arthur Wentworth Gordon, who was born Aug. 17, 1891.
5 Nathaniel Gordon, who was born April 5, 1795, and died in 1869, unmarried.
6 Dr. Samuel Harrington Gordon, M. D., of Newbern, Pulaski Co., Va., later of Danville, Missouri, who was born Jan. 23, 1797. He married Anna Hance of Pulaski Co., and moved to Missouri in 1836, locating first at Danville in that State; and later, in 1846, he moved to St. Louis, where he died Aug. 2, 1852. Their children were:
1 Philip Doddridge Gordon, of St. Louis, Mo., who was born in 1827, married, first, Jennie Woolfolk and had issue:
   1 Archibald Alexander Gordon, who was born Oct. 7, 1859, and married Dora Camp.
   2 Anna Foote Gordon, who married J. T. Pitman.
   3 John Harrington Gordon, who was born Sept.
James Harrington Gordon, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who was born Dec. 16, 1829. He married March 17, 1869, Felicia Sharp; and died Sept. 30, 1897. They had a son:
1 Hugh Gordon of Hot Springs, Ark., who was born in 1870.

Nathaniel Davis Gordon, of St. Louis, Mo., who was a merchant there. He was born June 11, 1831, and married Nov. 20, 1858, Elizabeth J. Dryden of St. Louis, Mo. They had issue:
1 Ella Gordon, who was born Dec. 20, 1859, and died Jan. 18, 1892.
2 Margaret A. Gordon, who was born in 1864.

Mary Elizabeth Gordon, who was born Aug. 2, 1833. She married Dec. 29, 1851, Charles J. Lynch of Baltimore, Maryland; and had issue.
5 Robert King Gordon, who was born in 1835, and died in 1847.
6 Margaret Ann Gordon, who was born in 1838, and died in 1854 unmarried.
7 Lucy Harper Gordon, who was born March 5, 1841. She married Feb. 26, 1866, William Henry Bast, and had issue.
8 Isabella Virginia Gordon, who was born in 1844,
She married Orsemus Hill Winegar of St. Louis.
Mo., and had issue.

7 Mary Harrison Gordon who was born Nov. 1, 1798,
made Charles Beale, M. D., a physician of Gordon-
ville, Va., who was her cousin, and died in Gordons-
ville in 1887, leaving issue.

8 Priscilla Churchill Gordon, who was born July 13,
1801, married Robert King of Virginia, and died
without issue.

9 Sarah Ann Gordon, who was born Aug. 8, 1803,
died in November, 1875, unmarried.

10 Marcia Armistead Gordon, who was born Feb.
13, 1807, died July 23, 1832, unmarried.

13 John Gordon, Jr., of Frederick Co., Va., and later of
Piqua, Ohio, was born in Lancaster Co., Va., Oct. 9,
1765. He was the youngest son of Col. James Gor-
don of Lancaster and his second wife, Mary Harrison.
He married Nov. 1, 1787, Betty Lee Ball, daughter
of Col. Jesse Ball of Lancaster. He moved from
Frederick Co., Va., to Piqua, Ohio, in 1834, and
died there at the home of his youngest daughter,
May 7, 1842. The children of John Gordon and
Betty Lee Ball were:

1 James Harrison Gordon, of Rapides Parish, Louisi-
a, who was born Jan. 18, 1790. He served in
the United States Army in the War of 1812, and
fought in the battle of New Orleans under Gen.
Jackson. He married Maria Coleman of Rapides
Parish, and died Aug. 7, 1819. They had issue:
1 Harrison Alonzo Gordon, who died in Washing-
ton D. C., in 1889, unmarried.
2 James Madison Gordon, who died unmarried.
3 Mary E. Gordon, who married Feb. 4, 1836,
William Mason Wilson, lawyer, of Alexandria,
La., and died May 20, 1851, leaving issue.
John Willison Gordon of Frederick County, Va., who was born March 7, 1792. He was a soldier in the United States Army in the War of 1812. He married first, Sarah Bryarly of Frederick Co., Va., and second, on the 15th of Aug., 1832, Delia McKinney. The issue of the marriage of John Willison Gordon, and Sarah Bryarly were:

1 Robert Bryarly Gordon, of St. Mary's, Auglaize Co., Ohio, who was born Nov. 11, 1815. He married Catherine Barrington. He was a merchant miller and dealer in grain at St. Mary's, and represented Auglaize County in the Ohio State House of Representatives. The issue of the marriage of Robert Bryarly Gordon and Catherine Barrington were:

1 Sarah Bryarly Gordon, who was born in Jan., 1842. She married in 1863 Edward L. Ba­shore, of Lima, Ohio, and had issue.
2 Joan Blanche Gordon, who was born Aug. 15, 1844, and died April 27, 1860.
3 John Wakeman Gordon, who was born Nov. 9, 1846, and died Dec. 11, 1858.
4 Mary Roberta Gordon who was born Feb. 23, 1847, and died March 26, 1851.
5 William R. Gordon, who was born March 30, 1856, and died March 3, 1883. He married Jan. 21, 1878, Elsie L. Phelps of St. Mary's and had issue:
   1 Sarah Bryarly Gordon, who was born June 21, 1879, married Frank Shuffleton.

6 Robert Bryarly Gordon, of St. Mary's, Ohio, member of the 56th and 57th Congress of the United States. He was born Aug. 6, 1855. He is a merchant miller and grain dealer, and has been County auditor of Auglaize Co., and is now (1918) Sergeant at Arms of the U. S. House of Representatives.
7 James Archibald Gordon, who was born Feb. 3, 1860, and died Oct. 20, 1860.

2 Matilda Ann Gordon, who was born Aug. 30, 1817. She married March 6, 1838, Jonas E. Rudisill of Columbus, Ohio; and died June 20, 1900, leaving issue.

3 John Lee Gordon, M. D., physician, of Columbus, Ohio, who was born April 17, 1821. He married Dec. 29, 1858, Martha H. Gooding, and had issue:

1 Dr. John Lee Gordon, M. D., of Columbus, Ohio, who married ———Sleigh.

4 Wakeman H. Gordon who was born March 12, 1823, and died Dec. 15, 1846, unmarried.

5 Sarah E. Gordon, who was born April 3, 1826, and died 1827.

6 James Willison Gordon, merchant of Louisville, Kentucky, who was born April 13, 1828. He was noted for his natural talent as an artist, which he utilized only as an amateur. Some of his political cartoons became famous. He married June 13, 1856, Elizabeth H. Fulton, and died Jan. 7, 1864. They had issue:

1 Edith Gordon, who was born May 1, 1857, and married Nov. 21, 1877, Farmer Reese Walker, of Boston, Massachusetts. They had issue.

2 Elizabeth Fulton Gordon, who was born May 22, 1859, and resided at Arlington, Mass.

3 Fulton Gordon of Louisville, Ky., who was born Feb. 26, 1861.

4 Caroline Wilson Gordon, who was born March 1, 1863, and married April 25, 1883, Loving M. Goodwin of Evanston, Illinois.

The issue of the marriage of John Willison Gordon and his second wife, Delia McKinney, were:
7 Mary Elizabeth Gordon, who was born April 10, 1836. She married Nov. 4, 1869 Augustus V. Allen of Missouri, and had issue.

8 William Finney Gordon, who was born May 8, 1838, and died March 18, 1866, unmarried.

3 Smith Waddell Gordon, of Rapides Parish, Louisiana, who was born March 2, 1794. He emigrated from Ohio to Louisiana in 1811. He was a first lieutenant in the United States Army from 1812 to 1815, and fought at the Battle of New Orleans, under Gen. Jackson. He was for many years clerk of the Court of Rapides Parish and Justice of the Peace. He married Elizabeth Melissa Wells of Rapides Parish, and had issue:

1 James William Gordon, lawyer, of Alexandria, Louisiana. He was born Jan. 6, 1822; was a soldier in the United States Army in the war with Mexico, and died June 20, 1856.

2 John L. Gordon, who was born Sept. 6, 1823, and died Oct. 31, 1829.

3 Samuel Montfort Gordon, who was born Aug. 27, 1826, and died Oct. 28, 1833.

4 Nash Gordon, who was born April 20, 1827, and died Nov. 21, 1833.

5 Virginia Gordon, who was born April 17, 1829. She married June 11, 1858, Abner Nash Ogden of Louisiana, and died May 21, 1859, without issue.

6 Elizabeth Wells Gordon, who was born Jan. 11, 1831, and died Aug. 6, 1833.

7 Smith Gordon, M. D., physician of Alexandria, La., who was born Aug. 3, 1833, and married Sept. 22, 1857, Margaret Mary Long. They had issue:

1 Margaret Melissa Gordon, who died in 1867.

2 Frances Zacharie Gordon, who died in 1877.
3 Archibald Calvit Gordon, who was born in 1861 and died in 1864.

8 Martha Jane Gordon, who was born Oct. 10, 1835. She married Oct. 20, 1852, Thomas Jefferson Texada, and had issue.

9 Archibald Madison Gordon, of Rapides Parish, La., who was born Nov. 11, 1837. He was a lieutenant in the Confederate States Army, and was killed in battle at Antietam (Sharpsburg), Maryland, Sept. 10, 1862.

10 Janetta Gordon, who was born Dec. 29, 1839. She married June 18, 1862, Abner Nash Ogden of Louisiana, and died in April 1881, leaving issue.

11 Joseph Calvit Gordon, of Rapides Parish, La., who was born Dec. 26, 1841. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and was killed in battle near Middletown, Frederick County, Virginia, May 26, 1862.

12 Louisiana Casson Gordon, who was born Aug. 25, 1844, and died Oct. 19, 1856.

13 Jefferson Wells Gordon, educator, of Rapides Parish, La., who was born June 14, 1846. He married first, Nov. 10, 1869, Eleanor Compton Sanford, daughter of Col. William Lawrence Sanford of Louisiana; and, second, in 1882, Adelia Henarie of Louisiana.

The issue of his marriage with Eleanor Compton Sanford were:

1 William Lawrence Sanford Gordon, of New Orleans, La., who was born Sept. 7, 1870, and married in 1894 Ruth Dawty. They had issue:

1 Ruth Louise Gordon, who was born May 10, 1895.
2 William Thomas Lawrence Gordon, who was born Jan. 28, 1901.

2 Smith Waddell Gordon, druggist and apothecary of St. Charles, Louisiana, who was born Oct. 2, 1875, and married Oct. 6, 1898, Kate Milner Compton of Alexandria, La. They had issue:

1 Eleanor Compton Gordon, who was born Sept. 30, 1899.

2 Bernice Compton Gordon, who was born March 12, 1901.

The issue of Jefferson Wells Gordon, and his second wife, Adelia Henarie, were:

3 Arthur Cameron Gordon, who was born April 28, 1883.

4 George Edward Gordon, who was born Sept., 1884, and died April, 1885.

5 Laura Gordon, who was born Dec. 31, 1886.

6 Adelia Lilian Gordon, who was born Feb., 1888, and died March, 1888.

4 Matilda Ann Gordon, who was born Sept. 11, 1797. She married David Bryarly of Frederick Co. Virginia, and died leaving issue.

5 Nash LeGrand Gordon, who was born Feb. 4, 1800. He married first Mary Peake, and had issue:

1 Janetta Gordon, who was born 1830.

He married, second, Eliza A. Preston, and died Nov. 27, 1835, without issue by her.

6 Mary Agatha Gordon, who was born April 28, 1802, and died in 1864 unmarried.

7 Elizabeth Lee Gordon, who was born Aug. 29, 1804, and married in 1842 Jonathan Eldridge of Ohio. She died in 1846, leaving issue.

8 Janetta Waddell Gordon, who was born Sept. 23, 1803. She married in 1826, Benjamin Wells of
Louisiana, and died July 6, 1830, leaving issue.

9 Penelope Virginia Gordon, who was born Feb. 1, 1800, and married Nov., 1833, Edward Taylor, M. D., of Ohio. Their only child was the Reverend Archibald Alexander Edward Taylor, D. D., Presbyterian minister, religious editor and President of Wooster University. (Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography.) Mrs. Penelope Taylor died Feb. 29, 1836.

10 Archibald Alexander Gordon, of Louisville, Kentucky, who was born Aug. 5, 1811. He married April 15, 1843, Priscilla Christian Bullitt, of Louisville, and had issue:

1 Penelope Gordon, who was born March 29, 1844, and died April 30, 1853.

2 Cuthbert Bullitt Gordon, of Louisville, Ky., who was born Aug. 2, 1846. He married June 20, 1875, Nannie McKay.

3 Harriet Willett Gordon, who was born Nov. 19, 1848. She married Nov. 6, 1866, Logan Crittenden Murray, banker, of Louisville, Ky., and had issue.

4 John Lee Gordon, M. D., physician of Louisville, Ky., who was born June 25, 1850, and died in 1890, unmarried.

5 Helen Martin Gordon, who was born July 15, 1852. She married July 15, 1879, John Winthrop Almy, and had issue.

6 Edward C. Gordon, of Owensboro, Kentucky, who was born Feb. 8, 1854. He married Margaret A. Dillingham, and died leaving two sons.

7 Fannie Proctor Gordon, who was born July 16, 1855. She married Sept. 27, 1876, G. A. Millard of St. Louis, Mo., and had issue.

8 Archibald Alexander Gordon, who was born Dec. 30, 1858.

9 Priscilla Christian Gordon, who was born Jan. 24, 1861, and died Oct. 22, 1862.
GORDON OF MIDDLESEX AND RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

John Gordon, third son of James Gordon, II, of Sheepbridge, in the Barony of Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, and Sarah Greenway, his wife, was born at Sheepbridge, but the year of his birth is not known. He was probably five or six years younger than Col. James Gordon of Lancaster. He emigrated to Virginia before 1756, and settled at Urbanna, a port of entry on the south side of the Rappahannock River, in the County of Middlesex, where his mansion-house was still standing in 1903. He was a merchant at Urbanna, and a planter in Middlesex County, where he owned several tracts of land. (Records of Middlesex County Court.) He was also engaged in the tobacco-trade; and the brick warehouse in which he stored his tobacco, now converted into a dwelling house, stands on Princess Anne Street, in Urbanna.

In 1762 John Gordon sold his estates in Middlesex, and removed with his family to Richmond County, on the northern side of the Rappahannock River, where he lived until the time of his death in 1780. He was a Justice of the Peace for Richmond County.

On the 17th of September 1779 he conveyed to his nephew, George Gordon, eldest son of his brother Samuel Gordon of Sheepbridge, his interests in the Sheepbridge property. (Philip Crossle's MS. History of Gordon of Sheepbridge.)

On the 6th day of November, 1780, his son James Gordon, Jr., of Orange County qualified as his administrator, at a court held for Richmond County.
John Gordon married on the 15th. of December, 1756, Lucy Churchill, daughter of Colonel Armistead Churchill of Bushy Park and his wife, Hannah Harrison, who was an elder sister of Col. James Gordon's wife, Mary Harrison. (William & Mary College Quarterly, Vol. 4, p. 119.) Col. Armistead Churchill was the oldest son of William Churchill, emigrant to Virginia in the latter half of the 17th. century from North Aston, Oxfordshire, England, and his wife, Elizabeth Armistead, daughter of John Armistead, the Councillor, whose first husband was Ralph Wormeley of Rosegill, Middlesex, Va., who was Secretary of the Colony, and great-grandfather of Admiral Ralph Randolph Wormeley of the British Navy. A sister of Elizabeth Armistead married "King" Carter of Corotoman, famous in his day as the richest and most powerful man in the Colony. (Conway's Barons of Potowmac and Rappahannock.)

By his alliance with Lucy Churchill, John Gordon became connected with the Bassetts, Burwells, Carters, Harrisons, Lees and other influential colonial families, (William & Mary College Quarterly, Vol. 7, p. 180; Keith's Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison; Records of Richmond Va., County Court.)

The issue of John Gordon and Lucy Churchill were:
1 Hannah Gordon, who was born in 1758. She married William Beale of Fauquier Co., Va., who was a son of John Beale of Fauquier, who was a son of John Beale of Richmond County. They had issue.
2 James Gordon, planter of Germanna, Orange Co., Va., known as "James Gordon of Orange." He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Richmond County, in 1781. (5 Va. Hist. Mag. p. 218.) He and James Madison, afterwards President of the United States, represented Orange in the Virginia Convention of 1778 which ratified the Federal Constitution of the United States. (Grigsby's Con-
vention of 1778; Rives’ Life and Times of James Madison, Vol. 2, p. 549; Slaughter’s St. Mark’s Parish.) He married August 13, 1777, his first cousin, Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of Col. James Gordon of Lancaster and his wife, Mary Harrison. (Records of Lancaster, Va. County Court.) James Gordon of Orange was born in 1759, and died at Germanna on Saturday, Dec. 14, 1799, and was buried there in the Gordon family burying-ground. The issue of his marriage with Elizabeth Gordon were: 1 Lucy Harrison Gordon, who died unmarried.

2 Reverend John Churchill Gordon, Baptist minister, of Culpeper County, Va. He married Aug. 16, 1804 Lucy Herndon of Spottsylvania Co. Va., and had issue:

1 Mary Gordon, who was born March 4, 1807, and died Nov. 2, 1881. She married July 15, 1883, Larkin Willis of Culpeper Co., and had issue.

2 Elizabeth Gordon, who married James Willis of Culpeper Co., and had issue.

3 Lucy Herndon Gordon, who married Thomas Garnett of Virginia, and had issue.

4 Reverend Joseph Herndon Gordon of Culpeper Co., Va., who was a Baptist minister. He married Lucy Holbert, and died without issue.

5 John Addison Gordon, of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Nov. 19, 1812, and died March 31, 1883. He married, first, Sept. 3, 1833, Jane Elizabeth Lewis Herndon of Spottsylvania; and, second, Mary Harris.

The children of John Addison Gordon and Jane Elizabeth Lewis Herndon were:

1 Joseph Herndon Gordon of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born May 28, 1834, and married March 3, 1856, Hannah Elizabeth Willis. They had issue:
1 Charles Eustace Gordon of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Jan. 5, 1858, and married Jan. 18, 1887, Elizabeth W. Towles, daughter of Dr. Thomas Therit Towles of Mt. Airy, Spottsylvania. They had issue:

1 Robert O. Gordon, who was born July 22, 1893.
2 Elizabeth Gordon, who was born May 20, 1895.
3 Virginia Mercer Gordon, who was born July 10, 1899.
4 Eustace Churchill Gordon, who was born June 3, 1901.

2 Lizzie Clifton Gordon, who was born April 3, 1859.
3 Thomas Herndon Gordon, who was born Sept. 16, 1860.
4 Jane Lewis Gordon, who was born Feb. 14, 1862.
5 Theresa Annette Gordon, who was born Dec., 1865.
6 Hannah Frazer Gordon, who was born May, 1870.
7 Joseph Churchill Gordon, who was born May, 1872.
8 James Addison Gordon, who was born 1873.
9 Selden Garnett Gordon, who was born May, 1875.

2 Sarah Elizabeth Gordon, who was born September 11, 1835, and married Nov. 20, 1855, John Dabney Billingsly of Kentucky. She died Oct., 1880, leaving issue.
3 Lucy Harrison Gordon, who was born June 18, 1837. She married Dec. 15, 1869, Alexander Dandridge Spottswood, of Orange Co., Va., and had issue.

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4 Thomas Churchill Gordon of Washington, D. C., who was born Dec. 25, 1838. He married Nov. 9, 1865, Lucy G. Ballard, and had issue:
1 Caledonia Gordon.
2 Charles Addison Gordon.
3 Annie Lewis Gordon.
5 Mary A. Herndon Gordon, who was born Feb. 2, 1840.
6 Jane Lewis Gordon, who was born June 13, 1842, and died Dec. 3, 1902.
7 John Addison Billingsly Gordon of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Jan. 29, 1844. He married first, Nov. 12, 1866, his cousin, Fannie Fife Gordon, daughter of Edward Harrison Gordon of Spottsylvania, and his wife Fannie Pannill Herndon, and had issue; and, second, Mrs. Sarah A. Lipscomb (born Andrews). The issue of his marriage with Fannie Fife Gordon were:
1 Margaret Herndon Gordon who was born Oct. 23, 1876.
2 Jane Billingsly Gordon who was born Aug. 26, 1881.
3 Annie Taylor Gordon, who was born March 12, 1883.
8 Edward Harrison Gordon, who was born April 20, 1846, and died Sept. 20, 1871, unmarried.
9 Hannah Frazer Gordon, who was born May 11, 1848, and died July 5, 1864, unmarried.
10 Fannie Herndon Gordon, who was born Jan. 19, 1850.
11 William Armistead Gordon, M. D., physician of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Aug. 9, 1852. He married, first, Nov. 9, 1876,
Irene Garnett Willis, and had issue; and, second, in June 1900, Sallie J. Willis. The issue of his marriage with Irene Garnett Willis were:

1 Ida Douglas Gordon who was born Oct. 12, 1877.
2 Charles Augustine Gordon, who was born Nov. 27, 1881.
3 John Addison Gordon who was born Dec. 31, 1883.
4 William Armistead Gordon, who was born March 8, 1886.
5 Irene Woodford Gordon, who was born March 10, 1893.
12 Eva Waddell Gordon, who was born Jan. 6, 1854, and died Jan. 7, 1902, unmarried.
13 Laura Willis Gordon, who was born March 1, 1856, and died May 2, 1861.

The issue of John Addison Gordon and of his second wife, Mary Harris, whom he married in March 1863, was:

14 Sallie Hart Gordon, who was born July 5, 1864. She married March 1, 1887, Edgar Oswald Willis of Culpeper, Va., and had issue.
6 Hannah Frazer Gordon, who died unmarried.
7 Edward Harrison Gordon, of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born March 15, 1819. He married Dec. 2, 1840 Fannie Pannill Herndon of Spottsylvania. He died Dec. 28, 1850. They had issue:

1 Ann Judson Gordon.
2 Fannie Fife Gordon, who was born March 20, 1844. She married Nov. 12, 1867, her cousin John Addison Billingsly Gordon of Spottsylvania, and had issue. She died April 15, 1885. (See John Addison Billingsly Gordon, ante.)
3 Lucy Taylor Gordon, who was born Aug. 28, 1847. She married May 17, 1866, her cousin, Marion Gordon Willis, Mayor of Fredericksburg, Va., and merchant there. They had issue.

8 Margaret Jane Gordon who was born March 2, 1822. She married April 23, 1844, John Newton Garnett, M. D., physician of Virginia, and later of Kansas City, Missouri, and had issue. One of her sons was the Hon. Edward Prescott Garnett, lawyer of Kansas City, Mo., who was born May 27, 1850. He graduated at the Law School of Richmond College, Va., and settled in Missouri in 1872. He was prosecuting attorney for Kansas City, and a member of the Missouri Legislature; and was also a member of the State Revising Board of Missouri. He married Sept. 3, 1874, Anna Bird Garnett, and had issue.

3 General William Fitzhugh Gordon, lawyer and planter, of Edgeworth, Albemarle County, Va. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, and had charge in that body of the bill to establish the University of Virginia. (Correspondence of Jefferson and Cabell; Memoir and Correspondence of Thomas Jefferson, by T. J. Randolph.) He was a member from Virginia of the United States Congress, and while there devised the system of the Independent Treasury of the United States. (Kinley's Independent Treasury of the United States.) He was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829-30. He was Brigadier General, and later Major General of the Virginia Militia Forces. He married, first, Dec. 12, 1809, Mary Robinson Rootes, daughter of Col. Thomas Reade Rootes of Federal Hill, Fredericksburg, Va., who lived but a short time after
her marriage, and died without issue. He married, second, Jan. 21, 1813, Elizabeth Lindsay, daughter of Col. Reuben Lindsay, of Springfield, Albemarle Co., and his wife, Hannah Tidwell. Col. Lindsay was the youngest son of James Lindsay of Caroline County, Va., who was a son of Adam Lindsay of Essex Co. Va., said to have been of the Lindsays of Crawford and Balcarres in Scotland. (William Fitzhugh Gordon; A Virginian of the old school, by Armistead C. Gordon. N. Y. and Washington, 1909.)

Gen. Gordon died at Edgeworth, his residence, which was situated five miles west of Gordonsville, Va., on August 28, 1858, having had issue of his second marriage:

1 James Lindsay Gordon, lawyer, of Louisa, Va., commonwealth's attorney for Louisa Co., Va. He was born at Edgeworth, Albemarle Co., Oct. 13, 1813, and died at Louisa, December 7, 1877, and was buried there. He married first, Mary Beale, daughter of William Churchill Beale of Fredericksburg, Va., and, second, Martha Winston of Louisa, who survived him. He had no issue by either marriage.

2 Maria Lindsay Gordon, who was born at Edgeworth, Dec. 2, 1815, and died there June 29, 1848, unmarried. She was buried at Springfield, the home of her grandfather, Col. Reuben Lindsay.

3 Hannah Elizabeth Gordon, who was born Sept. 28, 1817, at Edgeworth. She married Aug. 16, 1842, William Joseph Robertson, of Charlottesville, Va., lawyer and Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, who was a son of John Robertson of Glasgow, Scotland, and of his wife, Sarah Brand. Judge Robertson was the most distinguished lawyer of his generation.
Mrs. Robertson died in Charlottesville, Dec. 7, 1861, and was buried at Springfield. They had issue;—among their children being Judge William Gordon Robertson, of the Corporation of the City of Roanoke, and member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1901-2.

Reuben Lindsay Gordon, lawyer and planter of Germanna, Orange Co., Va., who was born Jan. 15, 1820. He married Elizabeth Somerville Beale, daughter of William Churchill Beale of Fredericksburg; and died at Louisa, Sept. 13, 1887, and was buried there. He had issue:

1. Susan Vowles Gordon, who married Nov. 27, 1867, John G. Beale of Fauquier Co. Va., and had issue.

2. William Fitzhugh Gordon, who was born Sept. 27, 1848, at Germanna. He died there unmarried Jan. 16, 1876.

3. Mary James Gordon, who was born at Germanna, Feb. 13, 1852; and died March 11, 1891, unmarried.

4. Reuben Lindsay Gordon, lawyer, of Louisa, Va., commonwealth's attorney of Louisa Co., who was born at Germanna Jan. 21, 1855. He was a member from Louisa Co., of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1901-2. He married Sept. 28, 1884, Maude Winston of Louisa.

5. Elizabeth Lindsay Gordon, who was born Aug. 9, 1856.

6. Lucy Douglas Gordon, who was born March 4, 1858.

7. Hannah Robertson Gordon, who was born March 17, 1860.

8. Alexander Tazewell Gordon, lawyer of Louisa, Va., who was born Feb. 16, 1862. He married Feb. 11, 1900, Mary McDonald.
5 William Gordon, who was born March 6, 1822, and died Dec. 7, 1822.

6 William Fitzhugh Gordon, Jr., lawyer of Charlottesville, later of Louisa Co., Va., who was born at Edgeworth Nov. 26, 1823. He was Clerk of the House of Delegates of Virginia, and Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth. He was one of the clerks of the Virginia Secession Convention of 1861, and was the special messenger of the Convention to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, to announce to him the adoption by Virginia of the Ordinance of Secession. (Journal of the Convention of 1861.) He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army. He married Nannie Watson Morris of Greensprings, Louisa Co., Va., and died in Staunton, Va., July 26, 1904. He had issue:

1 Patty Gordon, who married Robert C. Perkins of Louisa Co., and had issue. She died Oct. 7, 1900.

2 William Fitzhugh Gordon, lawyer at Louisa, and later Civil Engineer.

3 Reverend James Morris Gordon, minister of Nashville, Tennessee, who married Nannie Merewether, and had issue:

1 Morris Merewether Gordon.
2 Caroline Ferguson Gordon.
3 William Fitzhugh Gordon.

4 Elizabeth Lindsay Gordon.

5 Mary Watson Gordon, who married April 30, 1902, George Anthony Shafer of Charlottesville, Va.

7 Elizabeth Gordon, who was born July 9, 1826, and died June 21, 1827.

8 George Loyall Gordon, lawyer and planter, of Longwood, Louisa Co. Va., who was born at
Edgeworth Jan. 17, 1829. He practised his profession in Alexandria, Va., and later lived on his plantation at Longwood. He was in North Carolina at the beginning of the War between the States, and in June 1861, entered the service of the Confederate States from that State. He was killed in action at Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862, while adjutant of the fifth (later fifteenth) North Carolina Infantry. He married at Halifax, North Carolina, Dec. 20, 1854, Mary Long Daniel, eldest daughter of Judge Joseph J. Daniel of the Supreme Court of North Carolina and his wife, Maria Stith.

The children of the marriage of George Loyall Gordon and Mary Long Daniel were:—

1 Armistead Churchill Gordon, lawyer, of Staunton, Va., who was born at Edgeworth, Dec. 20, 1855. He was Mayor of Staunton, Va. 1884-86; Commonwealth's attorney of Staunton; City attorney of Staunton for twelve years; Commonwealth's attorney of Augusta Co., Va.; member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, 1894-98; 1906-1918; Rector of the University of Virginia, 1897-98; 1906-1918; member of the Charter Board of Visitors of William & Mary College, 1896-1904; member of the State Library Board of Virginia, having been elected for a term of five years from July 1, 1903, and was chairman of that Board, which was established by the State Constitution of 1902, from 1903 to 1918. He married Oct. 17, 1887 at Trinity Church, Staunton, Maria Breckinridge Catlett of Staunton, daughter of Nathaniel Pendleton Catlett, and Elizabeth T. Breckinridge, his wife. The children of Armistead Churchill
Gordon and Maria Breckinridge Catlett were:
1 Margaret Douglas Gordon, born in Staunton, Sept. 25, 1891.
3 James Lindsay Gordon, born in Staunton, May 19, 1895.
4 Armistead Churchill Gordon, Jr., born in Staunton, July 9, 1897.
5 George Loyall Gordon, born in Staunton, Nov. 26, 1899.
2 Frances Daniel Gordon, who was born at Edgeworth, May 3, 1857, and died in Halifax County, North Carolina, Sept. 28, 1868. She was buried in the old Episcopal Churchyard in the town of Halifax, N. C.
3 Lavinia Battle Gordon, who was born at Edgeworth, Oct. 25, 1858; and died in the town of Halifax, N. C., Dec. 12, 1860. She was buried in the old Episcopal Churchyard in Halifax.
4 James Lindsay Gordon, lawyer, of Charlottesville, Va., later of New York City, who was born at Longwood, Va., Jan. 9, 1860. He was a member of the Virginia State Senate, 1888-1894; and a member of the Charter Board of Visitors of William & Mary College. He was Assistant District Attorney of New York City, 1898-1902; and in 1904 became Assistant Corporation Counsel of New York City. He died in New York City, Nov. 30, 1904. He married April 12, 1899, Emily Adele Schlichter of Philadelphia, Pa., and had issue:
1 Edith Churchill Gordon, born in New York, Feb. 8, 1900.
5 Mary Long Gordon, who was born June 15, 1861, in Warrenton, North Carolina. She married in Staunton, Va., April 16, 1890, Richard Henry Lewis, M. D., of Raleigh, N. C., physician there, Secretary of the North Carolina State Board of Health, writer and lecturer on medical and scientific topics. She died in Raleigh, Aug. 13, 1895, leaving issue a daughter; and was buried in the cemetery at Raleigh.

9 Charles Henry Gordon, planter, who was twin-brother of George Loyall Gordon, was of Herd farm, Fauquier Co., Va. He was born at Edgeworth, Jan. 17, 1829. He was a Lieutenant in the "Black Horse Cavalry," Confederate States Army, and later Captain on the Staff of Gen. Beverley Robertson, C. S. A. He served from the beginning to the end of the War between the States. He married, first, Mary Catlett Beale, daughter of John Gordon Beale, of Fauquier Co., Va., and second, May Boswell. By his second marriage, he had no issue. He died at Herd Farm, January 23, 1897, and was buried in the family burying-ground there. The issue of his marriage with Mary Catlett Beale was:

1 John Beale Gordon, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Arkansas, and member of the Board of Visitors of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee. He was a C. E., and B. Sc.; and died while on a journey of scientific exploration into the Indian Territory, Sept. 11, 1880. He was never married; and was buried at Herd Farm.

10 John Churchill Gordon, M. D., physician, of Chestnut Grove, Albemarle Co. Va., who was born at Edgeworth, March 2, 1831. He was
a surgeon in the Confederate States Army during the War between the States. He mar­ried Mary Beall Pegram, daughter of Edward Pegram of Albemarle Co., Va., and had issue:

1 George Loyall Gordon, Civil Engineer, who was born at Mechanicsville, Louisa Co., Va., Dec. 4, 1862.

2 Sarah Pegram Gordon, who was born Feb. 24, 1865.

3 Edward Gordon, who was born Nov. 7, 1866. He married Nov. 27, 1895, Eliza Digges Beale, daughter of John G. Beale of Fauquier and his wife, Susan V. Gordon, and died at Newport News, Va., July 29, 1900. They had issue:
   1 Reuben Lindsay Gordon who was born April 20, 1898.

4 Maria Louisa Gordon, who was born March 12, 1869.

5 John Churchill Gordon, M. D., physician, of Stevensburg, Culpeper Co., Va., who was born May 27, 1871. He married Cornelia R. Borst, and had issue:
   1 John Churchill Gordon, who was born Nov. 8, 1900.
   2 Elizabeth Lindsay Gordon, who was born Nov. 5, 1902.

6 Bryan Gordon, lawyer, of Morgantown, West Virginia, who was born Aug. 7, 1873.

7 Hannah Robertson Gordon, who was born Aug. 4, 1876.

8 William Beall Gordon who was born April 29, 1878.

9 Lewis Raincock Gordon, who was born Oct. 6, 1879.

10 Charles Lindsay Gordon, who was born Feb. 28, 1883.

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Alexander Tazewell Gordon, M. D., physician, Lignum, Culpeper Co., Va., who was born at Edgeworth, May 12, 1833. He was a surgeon in the Confederate States Army, and served through the War between the States. He married in 1868, Lucy A. Gordon, daughter of John Harrison Gordon, of Culpeper Co., Va. She was at the time of her marriage to him the widow of Joseph Gordon Willis, of Culpeper Co. Dr. Gordon died at Lignum Jan. 14, 1903. He had issue:

1 Henry Harrison Gordon, who was born in 1869, and died in 1870.
2 Alice Robertson Gordon, who was born in 1870.
3 Agnes Blackwell Gordon, who was born in 1872. She married J. F. Billingsly of Culpeper Co., and had issue.
4 Isabel Gordon, who was born in 1874.
5 James Mason Gordon, who was born in 1877.
6 Harriet Harrison Gordon, who was born in 1878.
7 Lucy Lindsay Gordon, who was born in 1884.
12 Mason Gordon, lawyer, of Stonefield, Albemarle Co., Va., who was born at Edgeworth, Sept. 17, 1840. He was a Lieutenant of Cavalry in the Confederate States Army, and served through the War between the States. He had been a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia. He married Jan. 9, 1867, Harriet Hart, daughter of L. A. Hart of Wilmington, North Carolina; and died at Stonefield, July 9, 1914. He had issue:

1 Harriet Hart Gordon, who was born in Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 21, 1867. She married Oct. 15, 1890, Thomas L. Rosser, son of Major
General Thomas L. Rosser of the Confederate States Army, of Rugby Hall, Albemarle Co., Va., and had issue.

2 William Robertson Gordon, lawyer of Alexandria, Va., who was born in Charlottesville, Va., April 17, 1869. He married April 21, 1897, Mary Burr, daughter of Henry A. Burr of Wilmington, North Carolina; and died leaving issue:

1 Henry Burr Gordon, who was born Feb. 16, 1900.

2 Harriet Hart Gordon, who was born Dec. 8, 1902.

3 Nancy Burr Gordon.

4 Elizabeth Lindsay Gordon.

5 Mason Gordon.

3 Nannie Burr Gordon, who was born at Stonefield, March 6, 1876.

4 Elizabeth Gordon, who died unmarried.

5 Armistead Churchill Gordon, planter, of Germanna, Orange Co., Va., who died unmarried.

6 Thomas Churchill Gordon, lawyer, of Pendleton County, West Va., who married Miss Keyes of West Virginia and died without issue.

7 Mary Gordon, who died unmarried.

3 Churchill Gordon, of Culpeper Co., Va., who was born in Richmond Co., Va., Feb. 10, 1761. He was a Midshipman in the Virginia Navy, in the War of the American Revolution, and his descendants received bounty lands for his services. (Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.; Hayden's Va. Genealogies.) He married Ann Spark of Gloucester Co., Va., and had issue:

1 James Alexander Gordon, who was born in Culpeper Co., Va., 1786. He married March 8, 1814, Ann C. Gaines, who died Aug. 12, 1818. He
emigrated from Virginia to Carroll County, Tennessee, in 1836, where he died Sept. 9, 1872. He had issue:

1 Bernard George Gordon, of Carroll Co., Tenn., who was born in Virginia, April 15, 1815. He married, first, Dec. 18, 1839, Lucy F. P. Randle, who died Dec. 20, 1842; second, Elizabeth Broadus of Culpeper Co., Va.; and, third, April 24, 1850, Martha Loney Baker who died June 23, 1852. He died without issue in Carroll Co., Tenn., June 11, 1879.

2 Mutius Spark Gordon, of Carroll Co., Tenn., who was born in Virginia, May 2, 1817. He married Aug. 26, 1840, Martha Jane Dinwiddie, who died July 5, 1869. He died Dec. 8, 1863, having had issue:

1 Sarah Lee Gordon, who was born July 1, 1841. She married Feb. 22, 1860, Joseph R. B. Dinwiddie, and died Sept. 12, 1887, leaving issue.

2 John Harrison Gordon, of Carroll Co., Tenn., who was born May 8, 1844. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and died a prisoner of war, at Madison, Wisconsin, May 21, 1862.

3 Armistead Churchill Gordon, farmer, of Carroll Co., Tenn., who was born Jan. 19, 1846. He married Feb. 22, 1877, Helen Lauretta Donnell, and had issue:

1 Asa Gordon, who was born Dec. 26, 1877.

2 Lela Spark Gordon, who was born April 19, 1880.

3 George Donnell Gordon, who was born June 22, 1883, and died Aug. 12, 1884.

4 James Andrews Gordon, who was born Aug. 21, 1885.

5 Isabella Lee Gordon, who was born Feb. 5, 1888.
6 E. Churchill Gordon, who was born Jan. 2, 1895, and died July 21, 1897.

4 Bernard George Gordon, M. D., physician, of Carroll Co., Tenn., who was born Dec. 19, 1847. He married Feb. 21, 1897, Cornelia Ann Haynes.

5 Eliza Spark Gordon, who was born Feb. 11, 1850. She married Nov. 5, 1874, James Michael Delahunty, and had issue.

6 James William Gordon, who was born Nov. 2, 1852. He married Nov. 5, 1885, Ella Ethel Sparks.

7 Mutius Spark Gordon, who was born April 11, 1858, and died Dec. 27, 1871.

8 Nancy Jane Gordon, who was born July 15, 1863. She married Jan. 12, 1888, J. S. Kemp, and had issue.


3 William Spark Gordon, of Louisville, Kentucky, and later, of St. Louis, Missouri, who was born in Virginia. He married in Virginia, Sept. 5, 1822, Henrietta M. Layton. He was drowned in the Mississippi River at St. Louis, Mo., and nothing is known of the subsequent fate of his wife and children, except his third son, Philip Spark Gordon, whose family and descendants are given hereafter. William Spark Gordon and his wife, Henrietta M. Layton, had issue:

1 Robert Churchill Gordon, who was born Sept. 30, 1823.

2 William Washington Gordon, who was born March 24, 1825.

3 Philip Spark Gordon, farmer, of Chariton Co.,
Missouri, who was born Jan. 15, 1827. He married Dec. 20, 1849, Harriet Sutton of Illinois, and had issue:

1 William James Harrison Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo., who was born Nov. 4, 1850. He married Marinda Benner, and died Jan. 6, 1883. They had issue:
   1 Minnie Gordon, who married Bert L. Chapman, and had issue.

2 Arthur Alonzo Gordon, who was born Aug. 22, 1875, and died unmarried July 5, 1898.

3 Margaret Gordon, who married Edward Johnson of Chariton Co., Mo., and had issue.

4 Frank P. Gordon of Sedalia, Mo., who was born Feb. 27, 1880.

2 Edward Churchill Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo., who was born Oct. 28, 1852. He married Eliza Cash, and had issue:
   1 Lee Gordon, who was born Jan. 8, 1877, and died March 7, 1877.
   2 Ada Gordon, who was born April 3, 1878, and died Feb. 9, 1882.
   3 Eva Gordon, who was born Jan. 30, 1881.
   4 Philip Spark Gordon, who was born Aug. 6, 1883.

5 Clarence Benton Gordon, who was born May 8, 1889.

3 Samuel Austin Gordon, who was born Oct. 2, 1854, and died Aug. 10, 1856

4 George Alonzo Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo., who was born April 20, 1856. He married Feb. 14, 1887, Ada Cash, and died Jan. 3, 1878. They had issue:
   1 Mary Eleanor Gordon, who was born Dec.
20, 1877. She married Thomas Clines of Chariton Co., Mo., and had issue.
5 Alice Maria Gordon, who was born Sept. 24, 1859, and died Aug. 12, 1860.
6 Stephen Douglas Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo., who was born May 28, 1861. He married Jan. 15, 1884, Alice V. Brookes and had issue:
   1 Robert Douglas Gordon, who was born Nov. 12, 1885.
   2 Gladys Gordon, who was born May 27, 1894.
7 Fidallas Schooley Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo., who was born Sept. 6, 1863. He married Oct. 19, 1884, Harriet Margaret Cox, and had issue:
   1 Cornelius Home Gordon, who was born July 12, 1887.
   2 Curtis William Gordon who was born July 30, 1890.
   3 Odilla Gordon, who was born June 22, 1894.
8 Lela Ann Gordon, who was born Aug. 24, 1865. She married, first, Orlando Worsham, and, second, Claiborne J. Franklin.
9 Charles C. Gordon, who was born March 8, 1867.
10 Henrietta Virginia Gordon, who was born Dec. 20, 1869. She married March 13, 1889, George S. Brookes of Chariton Co., Mo., and had issue.
11 Eli Brown Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo., who was born Feb. 15, 1871. He married Sept. 23, 1894, Mary Ellen Culbertson, and had issue:
   1 Floyd Alonzo Gordon, who was born Aug. 17, 1895.
   2 Ida May Gordon, who was born March 17, 1897, and died June 21, 1897.
3 Luella Gordon, who was born March 7, 1899.
4 Robert Irvine Gordon, who was born Oct. 21, 1901.
5 Gilbert Owens Gordon, who was born Oct. 2, 1902.
12 Ludwell Lee Gordon, of Chariton Co., Mo.,
who was born Feb. 17, 1873. He married
Oct. 28, 1896. Winifred Lee Cunningham,
and had issue:
1 Hazel Gordon, who was born Jan. 29, 1898.
2 Warner I. Gordon, who was born Dec. 3, 1899.
3 Harriet Irene Gordon, who was born Jan.
18, 1902.
13 Emma Chapman Gordon, who was born Oct.
2, 1875. She married Dec. 4, 1895, Curtis
Field Courtenry of Chariton Co., Mo., and
had issue.
4 Sarah Ann Eliza Gordon, who was born Dec. 16,
1829.
5 Eliza Maria Gordon, who was born Sept. 19,
1831, and died May 1, 1835.
6 Henrietta M. Gordon, who was born Dec. 18,
1832.
4 Ann Spark Gordon, who married in 1819, William
Blackwell, of Fauquier Co. Va., and had issue.
(See Hayden's Va. Genealogies, p. 252.)
5 John Harrison Gordon of Culpeper Co., Va., who
was born in 1790. He married, first, Elizabeth
Grasty, daughter of Goodrich Grasty, of Orange
Co., Va., and, second, Harriet Gaskins, daughter
of John Hancock Gaskins, of Fauquier Co., Va. He
died in 1863. The issue of his first marriage were:
1 Albert Spark Gordon, of Culpeper Co. Va., who
was born Nov. 1824. He was a soldier in the
Confederate States Army, and was living 1904 at Lignum, Culpeper Co., Va.

2 Churchill Grasty Gordon, of Culpeper Co., Va., who was born in 1826. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and died in 1871.

3 Ann Eliza Gordon, who was born in 1828, and died in 1839.

4 Susan Harrison Gordon, who was born in 1830, and married Charles Ragland, of Richmond, Va. She died without issue.

The issue of John Harrison Gordon's second marriage were:

5 John Gaskins Gordon, who was born in 1836. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and died in service in 1862.

6 Harriet Eustace Gordon, who was born in 1837. She married B. F. Smith of Fauquier Co., Va., and had issue.

7 Sarah Lee Gordon, who was born in 1838. She married Absalom G. Willis, merchant and banker of Culpeper, Va., and had issue.

8 William Henry Harrison Gordon, who was born in 1840, and died in 1853.

9 James W. Gordon, who was born in 1842, and died in 1843.

10 Lucy A. Gordon, who was born in 1844. She married, first, in 1863, Joseph Gordon Willis, who was a soldier in the Confederate States Army, and who died without issue, a prisoner of war, at Point Lookout in 1864. She married, second, Dr. Alexander Tazewell Gordon of Lignum, Culpeper Co. Va., son of Gen. William Fitzhugh Gordon, of Edgeworth, Albemarle Co., Va., (ante, q. v.), and had issue.

6 Sarah Lee Gordon, who married Ludwell Digges, and had issue.
4 John Gordon, who was born Sept. 28, 1762, and died at the age of 73 years, unmarried.

5 Sarah Gordon, who was born June 21, 1764. She married Kendall Lee, of Ditchley, Northumberland Co., Va., of the distinguished family of that name in Virginia; and died without issue. (Lee of Virginia, p. 546.)

6 William Gordon of Richmond Co., Va., who was born Aug. 4, 1768, and died unmarried.

7 Mary Gordon, who was born March 14, 1768. She married her first cousin, Nathaniel Gordon of Gordonsville, Va., son of Col. James Gordon of Lancaster Co., Va., and Mary Harrison, his wife, (ante, q. v.); and died leaving issue.

8 Nathaniel Gordon, of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Feb. 21, 1770. He married Elizabeth Ellis, and had issue:
   1 John Gordon, who died unmarried.
   2 Lucy Gordon, who married, first, William Jones of Ellwood, Spottsylvania Co., Va., and had issue; and, second, John Strother Green of Culpeper Co., Va., and had issue.

9 Lucy Gordon, who was born November 21, 1771. She married James Gordon Waddell, of Waynesboro, Va., son of Rev. James Waddell, D. D., "the Blind Preacher," and Mary Gordon, his wife, and had issue.

10 Armistead Gordon, of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Jan. 5, 1773. He married Elizabeth Clayton, and died without issue.

11 Samuel Gordon, of Spottsylvania Co., Va., who was born Oct. 20, 1775. He married Elizabeth Cole Fitzhugh; and died April 27, 1828. His children were:
   1 Thomas Griffin Thornton Gordon, of Columbus, Ga., and later of Houston, Texas, who was born Feb. 18, 1802. He married Frances Catherine
Magill of Virginia; and died in Houston, Texas. They had issue:
1 Mary Gordon, who married Rev. George Andrew Long, of Glyndon, Maryland, Presbyterian minister; and died in 1888, leaving issue.
2 Thomas Gordon, who died unmarried.
3 Elizabeth Gordon, who died unmarried.
2 John Gordon, who was born Aug. 3, 1803, and died in 1821.
3 Sarah Digges Gordon, who was born May 24, 1805. She married, first, in August 1821, Peter Dudley, of Missouri, and had issue; and second, Judge Bird Price of Missouri, and died Dec. 14, 1865, without issue by him.
4 William Fitzhugh Gordon, of Wheeling, West Virginia, who was born Aug. 13, 1807. He married first, Dec. 20, 1830, Mary Jane McCreary; and second, Elizabeth Jane Newton. The issue of his first marriage were:
1 James McCreary Gordon, who was born Feb. 2, 1833, and died unmarried.
2 William Fitzhugh Gordon, who was born Sept. 28, 1834, and died Nov., 1893. He married, and had issue:
1 William B. Gordon, of Fresno, California.
2 Stephen Y. Gordon, of Fresno, California.
3 John R. Gordon of Fresno, California.
4 Grace F. Gordon, who married Mr. Elliott, of Great Falls, Montana.
5 Louisa Gordon, who married Mr. Thurber, of Warrensburg, Johnston Co., Missouri.
3 Thomas Griffin Gordon, of Wheeling, West Va., who was born Jan. 21, 1839.
4 Samuel Douglas Gordon, who was born Dec. 10, 1840, and died May 12, 1901. He married and had issue:
1 Susan Gordon, who married Mr. Shipley, of Seaford, Delaware.
2 William Fitzhugh Gordon, of Moorsfield, West Virginia.

The issue of the second marriage of William Fitzhugh Gordon, of Wheeling, West Va., were:
5 Frances M. Gordon, who married Mr. Edmonds.
6 Amanda Maria Gordon.
7 Ella Fitzhugh Gordon, who married John W. Lanahan.
8 George Henry Gordon.
12 Priscilla Gordon, who married Edmund Edrington, and had issue.
Reverend Alexander Gordon, of Galloway, Scotland, emigrated to Virginia before 1763, and was Rector of Antrim Parish, Halifax County, Va., from which county he moved at about the time of the Revolution to Blandford, Petersburg, Virginia, on the Appomattox River. He seems to have retired from the ministry at this time, or at least to have ceased the exercise of ministerial functions; for his name does not appear in the Register of Bristol Parish Church at any period subsequent to his departure from Halifax County.

(2 Meade's Old Churches, Families &c. p. 10.)

Rev. Alexander Gordon was probably a relative of Samuel Gordon, of Blandford, merchant there for many years, and an important man of the place, who was a vestryman of Bristol Parish, and whose tombstone in old Blandford Churchyard shows him to have been "of Craig in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, North Britain."

(8 Hening's Va. Statutes at Large, p. 610; Slaughter's Bristol Parish, pp. 82-201; 6 W. & M. College Quar. p. 23; Bristol Parish Register.)

In a letter published by Bishop Meade in his book on the "Old Churches, Ministers & Families of Virginia," it is said of Antrim Parish, in Halifax Co., that "the next spring, (i. e. after 1762), the Reverend Alexander Gordon from Scotland became rector of the parish, and continued to officiate until the commencement of our Revolution, when being disaffected toward the new order of things,
he retired and spent his remaining days near Petersburg. Some of his descendants are still remaining in the parish, among whom are some of the brightest ornaments and chief supporters of the (Episcopal) church.”

Reverend Alexander Gordon married in Scotland, but the name of his wife is unknown. He had issue at least one son:

1 Thomas Gordon of Blandford, who was born in Galloway, Scotland, and accompanied his father to Virginia as a youth. One of his descendants by his second marriage—a grand-daughter, owned at one time a Bible that belonged to him, containing the inscription “Thomas Gordon, Galloway.” This Bible, with other family relics, was lost during the War between the States, (1861-1865). Among these relics was a silver snuff-box, once the property of Thomas Gordon, on which was engraved a dexter hand, arising out of a wreath, and grasping a drawn sword, with the motto: “Dread God.”

Thomas Gordon resided at Blandford, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits as a member of the firm of Westmore, Gordon & Maitland. He married, first, Margaret (“Peggy”) Murray, a daughter of James Murray of Scotland, who emigrated to Virginia, and resided in the vicinity of Blandford. Mr. Murray was of the family of which Lord Mansfield was a distinguished member. He was for a long time a vestryman of Bristol Parish. Margaret Murray’s mother was Ann Bolling, daughter of John Bolling and his wife, Mary Kennon. She was born Feb. 5, 1748, and married Thomas Gordon when quite young. The issue of this marriage was a daughter:

1 Ann (“Nancy”) Gordon, who married Col. Henry Embrey Coleman, of Halifax County, Va., planter, and member of the Virginia State Senate; and had issue five sons and five daughters.

(Robertson’s Pocahontas & her Descendants.)
Thomas Gordon of Blandford, married second, Elizabeth Baird. She was a daughter of John Baird of Moorcroft, near Glasgow, Scotland, and Jane Poythress of Cabin Point, Virginia. Elizabeth Baird was a widow at the time of her marriage to Thomas Gordon, her first husband having been Mr. Westmore, an English merchant, resident of Blandford.

The issue of the marriage of Thomas Gordon and Elizabeth (Baird) Westmore was a son:

2 Dr. Thomas Christian Gordon, of Essex County, Va., who was born in 1804 and died in 1876. He married shortly after completing his medical course in Philadelphia, having graduated with the degree of M. D., and soon acquired an extensive practice. His marriage occurred in 1828; and his wife was Martha W. Merewether Jones. She was born in 1813 and died in 1857. They had issue:

1 Susan Elizabeth Gordon, who was born in 1830. She married in February, 1854, Henry Webb, of Hampstead, New Kent Co., Va., and died in 1864, leaving issue.

2 William Westmore Gordon, lawyer, of Richmond, Va., who was born in 1831. He married in 1857, Frances Brockenbrough of Tappahannock, Essex Co., Va., and died in 1892. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army in the War between the States, and commanded one of the regiments of the famous "Stonewall Brigade" under Gen. Thomas J. ("Stonewall") Jackson. He was for many years one of the most eminent lawyers in Virginia. (Virginia State Bar Association Reports.)

He had issue:

1 Jane Baird Gordon, who died while at school in Staunton, Va., in 1876, aged sixteen years.

2 Martha H. Gordon, who was born in 1861.
She married Clayton Lefebvre of Richmond, Va., and died in 1899, leaving issue.

3 Elizabeth Westmore Gordon, who was born in 1863. She married in 1883 Otway Warwick, merchant of Richmond, Va., and had issue.

4 Frances Brockenbrough Gordon, who was born in 1864. She married in 1891, Hon. James Hay, of Madison, Va., member of Congress from the Seventh District of Virginia, and had issue:

1 Ruth Nelson Gordon, who was born in 1901.

6 William Francis Gordon, of Richmond, Virginia, who was born in 1878. He married in 1902 Rosa Phillips of Richmond, Va.

3 Jane Baird Poythress Gordon, who was born in 1833. She married in 1854 Z. S. Farland of Maryland, and died in 1863.

4 Thomas Gordon, who died in infancy.

5 Martha M. Harvie Gordon, who was born in 1836. She married in 1870, Henry A. Latane, of Essex Co., Va., and had issue.

6 Ellen Douglas Gordon, who died in infancy.

7 Thomas Christian Gordon, who was born in 1839, and died in 1871.

8 Ellen Douglas Gordon, who was born in 1842. She married in 1864 Z. S. Farland of Maryland.

9 John Garnett Gordon, who was born in 1843. He was a soldier in the Confederate States Army in the War between the States, and was killed in battle in 1864.

10 James Roy Gordon, merchant, of Richmond,
Va., who was born in 1845. He married in 1873, Evelyn Croxton of Tappahannock, Essex Co., Va., and had issue:

1 William Douglas Gordon, who was born in 1876. Lawyer of Richmond, Va.
2 Evelyn Croxton Gordon, who was born in 1878.
3 Susan Latane Gordon, who was born in 1879, and died in 1886.
4 Thomas Christian Gordon, who was born in 1885.
11 Anne Coleman Gordon, who was born in 1846.
12 Frances Brockenbrough Gordon, who was born in 1848, and died in 1899.
13 Maria Garnett Gordon, who was born in 1849. She married Dr. J. B. Hodgkin of Washington, D. C., and had issue.
14 Helen Stanley Gordon, who was born in 1851.
15 Alexander Stuart Gordon, who was born in 1854. He married Nettie Timberlake of New Kent Co., Va., and died in 1898. They had issue:

1 Nellie Gordon.

(Letters of Mrs. H. A. Latane.)
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GORDON OF SPOTTSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA

John George Gordon, emigrant from Scotland to the Colony of Maryland in 1724, married in Maryland Mary Chapman, and in a few years after his arrival in America moved to Spottsylvania County, Virginia, near Fredericksburg, where "they reared a large family." The tradition among his descendants is that he was "from the Highlands of Scotland." Among his children were two sons, (1) George Gordon and (2) Charles Gordon, both of whom emigrated to North Carolina:

1 George Gordon, was born in Spottsylvania County. In 1775 he removed to the Mulberry Fields, near the present site of Wilkesboro, Wilkes County, in the western part of North Carolina. He died and was buried in Wilkes Co. His wife was Sarah Herndon of Spottsylvania Co., Va. She was the youngest daughter of the Mrs. Herndon who married George Gordon's brother Charles, as hereafter stated. They had issue two sons and six daughters:

1 John Gordon, who moved from Wilkes County, N. C. to Mississippi.

2 Nathaniel Gordon, who represented Wilkes County from 1819 to 1828 in the North Carolina House of Commons. He married Sarah Gwyn of North Carolina, and had issue, three daughters and one son:

1 Martha Lewis Gordon, who married A. W. Finley of North Wilkesboro, N. C., and had issue.
2 Caroline Louisa Gordon, who married Dr. R. F. Hackett of Wilkesboro, N. C., and had issue.
3 Sarah Ann Gordon, who married J. T. Finley of Wilkes Co., and had issue.
4 Brigadier General James B. Gordon, of Wilkes Co., N. C., soldier in the Confederate States Army in the War between the States. Gen. Gordon died unmarried at Richmond, Virginia, on May 16, 1864, of wounds received in the battle of the Yellow Tavern on May 11, 1864, where Major General J. E. B. Stuart, the famous Confederate Cavalry leader, also fell mortally wounded on the same date.

Moore, in his "History of North Carolina," (Vol. 2, p. 262), in narrating Gen. Stuart's death, says: "With him fell Brigadier General James B. Gordon of Wilkes County, North Carolina, who was possessed of a valiant and knightly soul, and like his great commander knew no fear in the shock of arms. He was originally first lieutenant of a company raised in his native county, by the unfortunate and brave Colonel Stokes. He was made Major of the First North Carolina Regiment, was transferred to the Cavalry, and had greatly distinguished himself on various occasions."

Gen. Gordon was a member of the North Carolina House of Commons from Wilkes County in 1850.

3 Elizabeth Gordon, who married Witherspoon, and had issue.
4 Nancy Gordon, who married Gordon, her cousin.
5 Delphia Gordon, who married Craig of Mississippi.
6 Mary Gordon, who married O'Reilly of Tennessee, and had issue.
7 Sarah Gordon, who married Vories of Tennessee.
8 Rebecca Gordon, who married Church of Tennessee.

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2 Charles Gordon, who was born in Spottsylvania County, Va. He also emigrated to Wilkes County, N. C., where he died and was buried. He married in Virginia the widow Herndon (her first name now unknown), who was the mother of his brother George's wife, Sarah Herndon. They had issue at least three sons, the youngest of whom was:

1 Chapman Gordon, who was born in Wilkes Co., N. C., and died and was buried there.

"When in his teens, with two older brothers he fought in the battle of King's Mountain and through the entire war (of the American Revolution). They fought under Generals Sumter and Marion in South Carolina."

(Printed letter of Mrs. Sallie Chapman Gordon Law, of Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 29, 1893.)

He married Miss King of South Carolina, of the family of that name, who were the owners of King's Mountain, where the great battle of the Revolution was fought. They had issue at least four sons and three daughters:

1 Wiley Gordon, who moved to Georgia.
2 George Washington Gordon, who moved to Georgia.
3 Harvey Gordon, who moved to Georgia.
4 Zachariah Gordon, who moved to Georgia from Wilkes Co., N. C., and married Malinda Cox.

They had issue:

1 Washington King Gordon, who died in 1847, in his 21st year, while a student at Mercer University, Georgia.
2 Zachariah Chapman Gordon, who married Margaret M. Thomas of Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was a Lieutenant in the Confederate States Army, in the War between the States, and died without issue in October, 1871, aged 30 years.
Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon of the Confederate States Army in the War between the States. He was born in Upson County, Georgia, Feb. 6, 1832. He was educated at the University of Georgia, studied law and was admitted to the bar, but had practised only a short time when he entered the Confederate Army as a Captain of infantry, from which he rose step by step to the rank of Lieutenant-General. He commanded one wing of Gen. Lee's army at Appomattox Court House, and was wounded eight times during the war. He was the democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia in 1866, but though his election was claimed by his party, his opponent, Rufus B. Bullock, secured the office. He was a member of the National Democratic Conventions of 1868 and 1872, presidential elector for the same years, and in January, 1873, was elected to the United States Senate. He was re-elected in 1879, and resigned his seat in 1880. In 1881 he was elected Governor of Georgia. He resided in Atlanta, Georgia; and at the time of his death in January, 1904, he was Commander in Chief of the United Confederate Veterans, a position which he had held for many years. He married in 1854 Fanny Haralson of La Grange, Georgia. (Appleton's Encyclopaedia of American Biography.) They had issue: Hugh Haralson Gordon, of Biscayne, Florida, who was born in 1854. He graduated at the University of Georgia, and married Caroline Williams of Columbus, Ga. He served as a Major of United States Volunteers in the Spanish-American War. His issue were:
1 Hugh Haralson Gordon, Jr., of Biscayne, Fla., who served in the United States Volunteer forces in the Spanish-American War.

2 Bertha Gordon, who died unmarried.

2 Frank Gordon, of Biscayne, Fla., who was born in 1856, and was educated at the University of Georgia. He married Virginia Kilburn of Washington, D. C., and had issue:

1 Kilburn Gordon.

3 Fannie Haralson Gordon, who married Burton Smith, lawyer, of Atlanta, Ga., and brother of Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland’s second administration. They had issue.

4 Caroline Lewis Gordon, who married Orton Brown, of New Hampshire, and had issue.

4 William Harvey Gordon, who died while a student at Union University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Feb. 14, 1857, aged 19 years.

5 Augustus Manly Gordon, who entered the service of the Confederate States in the first year of the War between the States as sergeant, was promoted first Lieutenant, then Captain, then Major, and was at the time of his death Lieutenant Colonel of the Sixth Alabama Regiment, “Stonewall” Jackson’s Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. He was killed in the Battle of Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, in the 22nd year of his age.

6 Mary Linda Gordon, who married Captain J. C. Rosser, of Kingston, Georgia, and had issue.

7 Eugene Cornelius Gordon, railroad contractor and builder, of Amarillo, Texas, who was born
June 17, 1845. He entered the Confederate States Army in 1861, when in his 16th year; was aide to his brother, Gen. John B. Gordon in the Gettysburg campaign, and later was aide to Gen. Clement A. Evans, with rank of Lieutenant of Cavalry. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Monocacy Junction, Md., on July 9, 1864; was promoted Major, and commanded in North Alabama, within the lines of the enemy, the 25th Alabama Battalion of Cavalry. He married first, in October, 1865, Sallie von Albach Oliver, of White Sulphur Springs, Ga., who died Sept. 30, 1867. They had issue a son:
1 William Oliver Gordon, who died in his 22nd year.
He married, second, in October, 1871, Ella Crenshaw, of Athens, Ga., who died May 23, 1900, leaving issue two daughters:
2 Mabel Clare Gordon.
3 Eugenie Forest Gordon, who married Allen Turner of Atlanta, Ga.
8 Walter Scott Gordon, who was born in 1848, and died in New York City, on Oct. 14, 1886. Though but a lad, he served as a soldier in the War between the States, and at the time of Gen. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox, was an aide on the staff of Gen. Clement A. Evans of Georgia. He was wounded at the Battle of Hatcher’s Run. He married Loulie McLendon of Atlanta, Ga., and had issue two daughters:
1 Loulie Gordon, who married Walter Thompson.
2 Linda Gordon.
5 Mary Gordon, who married Brown of Tennessee.
6 Mamphradonia Gordon, who married Napier of Georgia.

7 Sarah Chapman Gordon, who married Law of Columbia, Tennessee, and was living in 1893 in her 88th year.

(Records of Spottsylvania County; Letters to the present writer from Major Eugene C. Gordon; Wheeler's History of N. C.; Moore's History of N. C.)
This family of Gordons in Virginia is of Galloway origin. Hayden in his "Virginia Genealogies," (p. 724, note), traces their ancestry to Samuel Gordon of Stockerton, in Kelton Parish, Kirkubrightshire, Scotland, "who was born in 1656, and died April 15, 1732. He was the first of the name in Stockerton, and was related to the Gordons of Greenlaw and the family of Lord Kenmuir." His son, John Gordon, who was born in 1682, and died August 23, 1758, married Grace Newell, and had issue:


A memorandum of the Lochdougan Property, obtained from the records by Mr. John Gordon of Rio de Janeiro, and as yet unpublished, states that "by Disposition, dated 24 November, 1776, the said William Campbell of Queenshill, in consideration of a certain sum of money, conveyed to Samuel Gordon in Stockerton and his heirs, successors and disponees, his just and equal half of the said lands of Louchdougan, to which the said Samuel Gordon completed his title by instrument of sasine dated 11th and registered at Dumfries 15th October, 1783.

"By disposition dated 7th February, 1797, the fore-said David Maitland conveyed his half of the lands of Lochdougan in favor of John Gordon, designed as younger of Lochdougan, son of the said Samuel Gordon, in consider-
ation of a certain sum of money, to which the said John Gordon completed his title by instrument of sasine dated 4th March, and recorded at Dumfries, 26th April, 1797.

"By disposition and assignation the said Samuel Gordon of Lochdougan, for the love, favour and affection which he had to his son John Gordon, younger of Lochdougan, his eldest lawful son, disposed in his favour the one-half the land of Louchdougan, conveyed to him by William Campbell, under certain burdens and conditions, namely: Payment of all his just and lawful debts, deathbed and funeral charges, and with payment to each of his children therein named, namely, his sons Samuel, Alexander and Basil Gordon, and his daughter Crizel Gordon, spouse of John Bell of Cribdae, or their respective heirs, of the sum of £300. sterling. The said John Gordon completed his title to the foresaid one-half of the land by instrument of sasine in his favour, dated the 15th. and registered 20th. December, 1800.

"John Gordon, the possessor of the whole estate of Lochdougan, conveyed the estate to his eldest son, Samuel Gordon, then of Fredericksburg in the state of Virginia, North America, by disposition and settlement, dated in 1811, and his son Samuel completed his title by instrument of sasine. John Gordon conveyed the estate subject to certain burdens, among which were to his wife, Marion Brown, of an annuity of £50, sterling, and of £50 cash to enable her to purchase household furniture; to his son John of the sum of £500; and to his sons William and Alexander of the sum of £600., each, with payment to Nicholas and Margaret Gordon, his daughters, of an annuity of £50."

In P. H. McKerlie's "Lands and their Owners in Galloway," Vol. 4, p. 121, (Wm. Paterson, Edinburgh, 1878), is an account of the Lochdougan estate, in which it is stated that "in 1799 John Gordon was the owner, doubtless by purchase. On the 20th December, 1800, he is styled now of Lochdougan, and had sasine on that date of
equal half of the land of Upper, Middle and Nether Lochdougan, &c. In 1819 he had been succeeded by Samuel Gordon, who we presume was his son."

Samuel Gordon, of Lochdougan, had issue:

1 John Gordon, of Lochdougan, who was born in 1756, and succeeded to the Lochdougan estate. He married his cousin Marion Brown in 1782, and died in 1812, having had issue:

1 Samuel Gordon, who was born in 1785. "He came to Virginia in 1801, where he engaged in mercantile business with tolerable success. He married in 1809 Agnes Knox, youngest sister to the ladies married to his uncles, Sam and Basil. On the death of his father in 1812, he succeeded to the estate of Lochdougan, and returned to Galloway, taking with him his wife and their only daughter, purposing to return to Virginia after settling up his estate. He spent two years in Scotland and had one son born there. He then established himself in 1815 in Liverpool, England, having a preference for mercantile life.

"He lived there for seventeen years, and had four children, three sons and one daughter, born there. In 1832, being overwhelmed by some disastrous mercantile operations, he was constrained to sell his patrimonial estate, and on the wreck of his fortune, 'the last of the lairds of Lochdougan,' returned to Virginia with his family, whom, however, he yet had the happiness to see all comfortably settled in life. He died at Dunlora, Albemarle County, Va., in July, 1855." (MS. History of the Lochdougan Gordons in Virginia, (1860), by Wm. Gordon of Huntly, Nelson Co., Va.).

He had issue:

1 Marian Gordon, who was born Dec. 1811. She "married in 1834 Dr. John Taylor of Caroline County, Va.,—his second wife,"
and died Nov. 8, 1843, leaving issue four children, (MS. History, etc).

2 John Gordon, who was born March, 1813, and died August, 1849.

3 William Gordon of Huntly, Nelson Co., Va., who was born in July, 1815. He was the author in 1860, of the MS. History of the Gordons of Lochdougan in Virginia, from which much of the material of this article is taken. This manuscript, as yet unpublished, is now in the possession of his son, Hon. Bennett Taylor Gordon, of Lovingston, Nelson Co. William Gordon married in 1842 Charlotte M. Cocke, daughter of Dr. Charles Cocke of Albemarle Co., who was "distinguished in the State as one of the ablest of its political writers and debaters." (MS. Hist.). They had issue:

1 Sally Taylor Gordon, who was born Sept., 1843.
2 Charles Cocke Gordon, who was born Sept. 1845.
3 Samuel Lenox Gordon, who was born Nov., 1847.
4 Agnes Stewart Gordon, who was born Aug., 1849.
5 William Fitzhugh Gordon, who was born March, 1851.
6 Basil Brown Gordon, who was born June, 1853.
7 Bennett Taylor Gordon, lawyer of Lovingston, Nelson Co., Va., who was born Feb., 1855. He was commonwealth's attorney of Nelson Co., and was the representative of that county in the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1901-1902; and is now (1918) circuit judge.
8 Robert Walker Gordon, who was born June, 1856.

4 Susan Fitzhugh Gordon, who was born in July, 1817. She married in 1837 her first husband, Auston Green of Culpeper, Va., who died in a few months after their marriage, leaving no issue by her. In 1846, she married Major William S. Dabney, of Dunlora, Albemarle Co. Va., a prosperous and successful farmer. Among their children were Dr. William Cecil Dabney, a distinguished physician and scientist, and for many years professor in the Medical Department of the University of Virginia, and Walter Davis Dabney, at one time Secretary of the United States Interstate Commerce Commission, and later legal adviser to the Secretary of State of the United States, and who at the time of his death was Professor of Law in the University of Virginia.

5 Basil H. Gordon, who was born in September, 1819. He was a Civil Engineer. “In prosecuting his profession, he emigrated to Missouri, where he was rapidly rising to eminence, when he came to a most melancholy end,—having on 26th January 1856, (just six months after his father’s death), been brutally murdered in Missouri by a highwayman named Worrell. His body was hid in a ravine, and a deep snow fell immediately afterwards, thus almost effectually screening the deed for a time; but owing to the indefatigable exertions of his friend, Major Robert Walker of Missouri, under the guidance of a special providence.
the body was discovered, the murderer traced to his home in Delaware, and made to expiate his crime on the gallows." (MS. History, etc.)

6 Samuel H. Gordon, who was born in September, 1821. He married first, in 1855 Anna Blair, and second, Sally McCreery.

2 Nicholas Gordon, who was born in 1787. She married Mr. M’Lellan of Galloway, Scotland, and died there in 1838, leaving issue.

3 William Gordon, who was born in 1789, and emigrated to Virginia. He engaged in mercantile pursuits in Richmond, and later removed to Missouri, where he died in 1823.

4 John Gordon, who was born in 1792, also came to Virginia. He died in 1827, at Kenmore House, then the residence of his uncle Samuel Gordon, in Fredericksburg, Va.

5 Basil Gordon, who was born in 1794, and "died before his father." (MS. History, etc.)

6 Margaret Gordon, who was born in 1796. She remained in Scotland, and was living in Glasgow, unmarried, in 1860.

7 Alexander Gordon, who was born in 1798. "He came early in life to Virginia, where he also embarked as a merchant but not successfully. He married his first cousin, Susan F. Gordon of Kenmore in 1829, and died in 1832, the last of the old Lochdougan family." (MS. History, etc.)

In a letter dated April 20, 1811, written by John Gordon of Lochdougan to his son William, then in Virginia, he says: "Alexr. stays at home for this year, but if Sam can find employ for him, he goes next year."

2 Samuel Gordon of Kenmore House, Fredericksburg, Va., who was born in Galloway in 1759.
He emigrated to Virginia in 1780, where he engaged successfully in mercantile pursuits. He married in 1798 Susan Fitzhugh Knox, and died in 1843, "leaving issue six sons and three daughters, and bequeathing a handsome estate to each." (MS. History, etc.) Their children were:

1 William Knox Gordon, who was born in 1799. He married his kinswoman, Eliza Fitzhugh, daughter of Bolling Fitzhugh, Esq., of Belle Air, in Stafford County, Va., and was living in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1860, with a large family.

2 Mary Nicholas Gordon, who was born in 1802. She married Dr. John Wallace of Fredericksburg, and had issue.

Dr. Wallace was of the family of Wallace of Elderslie, Renfrewshire, Scotland, (Hayden's Va. Gen. p. 696), being a descendant of Dr. Michael Wallace, son of William Wallace of Galrigs, who was born there in 1719, and emigrated to Virginia.

The Services of Heirs for Scotland show that "William Wallace of Craighlaw, son of William Wallace of Galrigs, was served heir to his uncle, James Gordon of Craighlaw, who died Nov. 24, 1734—h. of line special in the barony of Craighlaw, including Barnernie, Barhaple, etc."


3 Samuel Gordon, who was born in 1804, and married Patsy Fitzhugh, daughter of Battaile Fitzhugh of Santee, Caroline Co., Va. He had a large family and was living at Santee in 1860. (MS. History, etc.)

4 Basil Gordon of Prospect Hill, Caroline Co., who was born in 1806. He married Lucy
Penn Taylor, daughter of Dr. John Taylor, and grand-daughter of John Taylor of Caroline, statesman and patriot of the American Revolution. He had issue, and was living at Prospect Hill in 1860. (MS. History, etc.)

5 Susan Fitzhugh Gordon, who was born in 1808. She married first her cousin Alexander Gordon, the youngest of the Lochdougan family, as before mentioned. After his death in 1832, she married in 1843, James Ryan of Baltimore, and was living there in 1860. (MS. History, etc.)

6 John Montgomery Gordon, of Baltimore, banker there, who was born in 1810, married Emily Chapman, daughter of Dr. N. Chapman, a distinguished physician of Philadelphia. They had issue two daughters.

7 Wellington Gordon of Fauquier Co., Va., who was born in 1812, married Fanny Powell of Loudoun Co., Va., daughter of Cuthbert Powell, Member of Congress from Virginia. They had several children.

8 Alexander B. Gordon, who was born in 1815, married first Margaret McKim of Baltimore, and had issue, several children. He married second Elizabeth Harrison, daughter of Randolph Harrison of Elk Hill, Goochland Co., Va. by whom he also had several children. (MS. History, etc.)

9 Agnes Campbell Gordon, who was born in 1817. She married Hughes Armistead of Baltimore and had issue, among others Gordon Armistead.

3 Alexander Gordon, who was born in 1761, also emigrated from Galloway to Virginia. "He was a merchant and accumulated an independ-
ence. He never married. He returned to Scotland, and died there, year unknown.” (MS History, etc.)

4 Grizel Gordon, who was born in 1763, “married John Bell of Gribdae in Galloway, and died about 1820, leaving issue two sons and four daughters—none of whom have left issue.” (MS. History, etc.)

5 Nicholas Gordon, who was born in 1765, married John Heron of Ingleston in Galloway, and died leaving issue a son who never married.

6 Basil Gordon, who was born in 1768, came to Virginia in 1783, and settled at Falmouth, where he also engaged in mercantile business with distinguished success. “He married in 1814 Anna Campbell Knox, younger sister of the lady who married his brother Samuel, and died in 1847, leaving to his heirs one of the largest fortunes in the State, accumulated by indefatigable industry and the strictest integrity. He was a man of enlarged benevolence and great mercantile sagacity, but with the simplicity and purity of a child.” By his marriage he had seven children, four of whom died in childhood. The four who survived were:

1 Basil Brown Gordon, who was born Feb., 1816. He married in 1840 Eliza Bolling Skipwith of Baltimore, and died in 1845, leaving issue:

1 Basil Gordon, who was born in 1841, and died in 1866.

2 Henry Skipwith Gordon, who was born Oct. 25, 1844. He married Jan. 9, 1866, Mary T. Wheeler of Washington. (MS. History, etc.—Slaughter’s Bristol Parish, 2nd Ed., p. 224.)
2 Douglas Hamilton Gordon of Fredericksburg, Va., who was born in 1817. He married, first in 1845, Ellen Clarke of Gloucester Co., Va., and had issue a daughter born in 1849, whose birth her mother survived but a few weeks. In 1857 he married Ann Eliza Pleasants, daughter of John Hampden Pleasants, editor of the Richmond "Whig," and had issue:

1 Basil Brown Gordon of Rappahannock, Va., who was a member of the Virginia State Senate, member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, and chairman of the Virginia State Democratic Committee.

2 Douglas H. Gordon of Baltimore.

3 Mary Gordon, who married DeCourcy W. Thom, banker and broker of Baltimore.

3 Anna Campbell Gordon, who was born Oct. 29, 1819. She married Nov. 15, 1837, Dr. John Hanson Thomas of Baltimore, Md., and had issue. (MS. History, etc.—The Marshall Family, pp. 219-221.)
GORDON OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

"Lewis Gordon was a native of Scotland. His crest shows he was of the Gordons of Earlstoun. Tradition says he was compromised in the political troubles of 1745, and came to America. In 1750 he was employed in the land office of Richard Peters, Esq., in Philadelphia. He was married 4 Jan. 1750, in Christ Church to Mary Jenkins, a daughter of Aaron Jenkins and Elizabeth, his wife, of Philadelphia, where she was born 13 Oct. 1729. Mr. Gordon was appointed the agent of the Penns, and took up his residence at Easton, Pennsylvania, where he was the first lawyer, and for many years Clerk of the Courts. He also resided at Bordentown, N. J. He died in 1778 and his wife in 1763."


Their children were:

1 Elizabeth Gordon, who was born in Philadelphia Aug. 28, 1750. She married James Taylor, son of George Taylor of Easton, Pa., patriot of the American Revolution, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. They had issue. Among their descendants is Captain William Gordon McCabe of Richmond Va., soldier and educator, late of the Confederate States Army, who was born in Richmond, Aug. 4, 1841, and is the son of Sophia Gordon Taylor and the Rev. John Collins McCabe, D. D., of Virginia, poet and antiquarian. Capt. McCabe was for many years Head Master of the University School in
Petersburg and Richmond. He has been a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia, and is the author of a number of volumes on historical and classical subjects. He is a master of Arts and LL. D. of William and Mary College, and Litt. D. of Yale University, and is now (1918) President of the Virginia Historical Society. (Who’s Who in America. 1916-17.)


3 John Gordon, who was born at Easton, Pa., April 15, 1755.

4 Aaron Gordon, who was born at Bordentown, Jan. 31, 1757.

5 William Gordon, who was born at Bordentown, April 22, 1760. Of the three last named nothing further is known.

6 Alexander George Gordon, of Alexandria, Va., who was born at Easton, Pa., Jan. 17, 1762. He married Mary Morris, who was born Jan. 4, 1758, in Dutchess County, New York. She was a daughter of John Morris, a brother of Robert Morris, the distinguished financier of the American Revolution. Mr. Gordon first resided at Easton, but upon the establishment of the District of Columbia, he removed to Alexandria, which was then in that portion of the District which was later restored to the State of Virginia. He resided at various other places in Virginia, and died at Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Va. His children were:

1 Isabella Gordon, who was born at Easton, Pa., Feb. 12, 1783. She married John Keith of Fauquier Co., Va., and had issue.

2 Anna Maria Miranda Gordon, who was born at Easton, Dec. 19, 1786. She married her first cousin, James Taylor, and had issue.
3 Eliza Matilda Gordon, who was born at Alexandria, Nov. 15, 1790. She married Joseph Maule of Richmond, Va., and had issue William L. Maule, Captain of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. (Richmond Standard, July 23, 1881.)

4 Harriet Gordon, who was born in Alexandria, Va. She married first James Moxley of Loudoun Co. Va., and second, Benjamin Betterton of Boston, Massachusetts. She had no issue by her first marriage, and had issue a daughter by her second. (Richmond Standard, July 23, 1881.)

5 Emily Tabitha Gordon, who was born at Alexandria, Va., Nov. 22, 1793. She married Richard D. Sanxey of Virginia, and had issue. (Richmond Standard, April 16, 1881; Id., June 4, 1881; Id., July 23, 1881.)

6 William Lewis Gordon, Captain U. S. N. who was born at Alexandria, Va., April 5, 1795. Distinguished in the war of 1812. He married Miss Swan.

7 Alexander George Gordon, Commander in the United States Navy, who was born Jan. 1, 1798. He married Sept. 6, 1827, Amanda Taylor of Dover, Delaware, who was a daughter of George and Amanda Taylor of Dover, where she was born 13 May, 1803. Mr. Gordon resided at Alexandria, Va., and at the Navy Yard in Washington, District of Columbia. He died at Port Praya, Cape de Verde Islands in 1849, while in command of the United States Brig, "Porpoise." Mrs. Gordon died in 1833. They had issue:

1 Mary Sophia Gordon, who was born Oct. 3, 1828, and married April 21, 1851, Lewis James Moran.

2 Alexander George Gordon, who was born November, 1831, and died July, 1832.
3 Amanda Wentworth Gordon, who was born August, 1832. She married Dr. Abner Smeade, Lieutenant in the United States Army, and had issue.

4 Major George Alexander Gordon, who was born June, 1833, and died Oct. 20, 1878. He was Major in the United States Army from 1867 to 1873, and was a graduate of the Military Academy at West Point, N. Y. (George A. Gordon's letter to George Gordon Smeade, supra; Richmond Standard, supra.)

Commander Alexander George Gordon married, second Juliet Opie of Virginia. There was no issue of this marriage.
NOTES ON GORDONS

IN VIRGINIA BEFORE THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

No. 1. ADAM GORDON of Norfolk appears in a list of petitioners from Norfolk, who in 1791 prayed the President and Directors of the Bank of the United States to establish an office of said Bank in the Borough of Norfolk.

(8 Virginia Historical Magazine, p. 291.)

No. 2. ALBIN GORDON of King William Co., was a Quartermaster-sergeant in the Virginia forces of the American Revolutionary army. The following are copies of manuscript papers in the Bounty Records of the Virginia State Library concerning him:

"This is to certify that Mr. Albin Gordon served three years in the first Regt. Dragoons. Two years and one month as a Quartermaster Sergt. and eleven months as a soldier.

18 Feby. 1783. Baylor Hill, Capt.
Dischd. 10 Jan. 1781. 1st. Regt. Dragoons."

"In General Assembly, the 21st. of December, 1786.
"Resolved, that the petition of Albin Gordon, setting forth that during the late war he enlisted into a Regiment of Horse commanded by Colo. Bland, and was shortly afterwards appointed Quartermaster Sergeant thereof.—That he received several wounds while in service and supported many hardships, from which causes he contracted disorders which occasioned the loss of his eyesight.—That the Executive have allowed him as a pension the sum of Eighteen pounds per annum—a sum very in-
adequate to his support, and praying further allowance,—is reasonable. And that the further sum of twenty-two pounds per annum be allowed the petitioner during life."

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond.)

No. 3. ALEXANDER GORDON (Reverend) was Rector of Antrim Parish, Halifax Co., in 1763. He was a native of Galloway, Scotland, and was father of Thomas Gordon of Old Blandford, Petersburg, Virginia, merchant there, who accompanied him from Scotland as a boy. (Post, No. 59). Rev. Alexander Gordon was also probably a relative of Mr. Samuel Gordon, merchant of Petersburg, (Post, No. 55), who was for many years a vestryman of Bristol Parish, and whose tombstone in Old Blandford Churchyard shows him to have been of Craig, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, North Britain. Rev. Alexander Gordon was the progenitor of the talented and prominent family of the name in Virginia known as the Gordons of Essex, represented since the War between the States by Colonel William Westmore Gordon of the Stonewall Brigade, C. S. A., a distinguished lawyer of Richmond, Virginia, who died in 1892.

In a letter published by Bishop Meade in the "Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia," it is said of Antrim Parish that "next spring (after 1762) the Rev. Alexander Gordon, from Scotland, became rector of the parish, and continued to officiate until the commencement of our Revolution, when being disaffected toward the new order of things, he retired and spent his remaining days near Petersburg. Some of his descendants are still remaining in the parish, among whom are some of the brightest ornaments and chief supporters of the (Episcopal) Church."

The arms of the family, as shown on the tombstones at Blandford and on the family silver-plate are: "Az, a
No. 4. ALEXANDER GORDON, of Blandford, Petersburg, was a merchant there. He was probably a son or other near relative of the Rev. Alexander Gordon, Rector of Antrim, (supra, No. 3.). He married Mary Murray, who was a daughter of James Murray, emigrant from Scotland to the Colony of Virginia, who was a vestryman and warden of Bristol Parish in 1746. Alexander Gordon, merchant, is said by Rev. Mr. Slaughter, in his work on “Bristol Parish,” to have been a native of Kirkcudbright, Scotland; and his arms, crest and motto as there given, are those attributed to the Rev. Alexander Gordon, Rector of Antrim.

James Murray, father of Alexander Gordon’s wife, Mary Murray, was of the family of Lord Mansfield, the celebrated British jurist. He gave the name of the ancestral Murray seat, “Athol” in Scotland, to his home near Petersburg. Mary Murray, his daughter, was born 22 February, 1754, and died in 1823. There was one daughter of the marriage, Margaret (“Peggy”) Gordon, who married, first William Knox of Philadelphia, and second, Colonel Grief Green of Mecklenburg Co. Va. Among her descendants are Bufords, Goodes, Knoxes, Greens, etc., in Virginia.

(Slaughter’s “Bristol Parish,” 2nd. Ed. p. 201; Robertson’s “Pocahontas and her Descendants,” pp. 34, 35, 40, 54, 56.)

No. 5. ALEXANDER GORDON, surgeon, of Nor-
folk, Va. The following account of him in the Gentleman's Magazine gives all that is known about him to the present writer:

"Died at Kensington, aged 79, Alexander Gordon, esq., one of the oldest surgeons in the Kingdom. He was of a respectable family in Aberdeenshire; studied at Edinburgh, and entered into the army when young, as assistant surgeon in the Scotch Greys. He was at the battle of Fontenoy and continued with the English army till its return to England after the peace. He was afterwards appointed a surgeon in the navy and served in it till about 1760, when he married and settled at Norfolk, in Virginia, where he continued in good practice, esteemed and beloved by all who knew him, till the breaking out of the American rebellion, in 1775, when he left practice, wife and a large family of children, and at the head of a party of his loyal neighbors, joined the King's government, the Earl of Dunmore, but soon after fell into the hands of the rebels, and continued among them a prisoner for some time; but such were the benevolence of his nature and the cheerfulness of his disposition, that he was treated by them, as he used to express it, more like a friend on a visit than as an enemy. After he was exchanged, he joined the army under Gen. Clinton, and continued in it till his services were no longer wanted. On his return to England, a handsome annual allowance was settled upon him by government, every shilling of which that a rigid economy could save from his own expenses, was remitted to his family who still remained in America; but so great was Mr. Gordon's loyalty, that he often declared that he would never live in a country, of which King George was not sovereign. He has left a widow and three daughters to lament his loss, and perhaps still more the loss of his income, nearly their only support.

"He was buried in Kensington Churchyard, in a spot chosen by himself."
Mr. W. G. Standard, Secretary of the Virginia Historical Society, thinks that Mr. Alexander Gordon, surgeon of Norfolk, was probably one of Lord Dunmore's colonels in 1775.

(The Gentleman's Magazine, March 1799. Vol. 69, Pt. 1.)

No. 6. ALEXANDER GORDON, of Albemarle County, was a native of Scotland, and is said to have been "of kindred with the noble Scottish family of Gordon of Huntly." He lived near Carter's Bridge in Albemarle, where he obtained a patent for a small tract of land in 1785. He died there in 1805, leaving a son, Alexander Duff Gordon, who two years later removed to the State of Tennessee.

(Wood's History of Albemarle County, Va. p. 212.)

No. 7. ALEXANDER GORDON of Culpeper County was a cornet and quartermaster in the Virginia State forces of the Continental Line in the War of the Revolution, 1776.

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

No. 8. ALEXANDER GORDON, residence unknown, was an ensign in the Virginia State forces of the continental line in the War of the Revolution, as shown by a printed statement made by John Hopkins, "late Commissioner of Loans and Receiver of Continental taxes in the State of Virginia," dated February 14th, 1825, and published in the Winchester (Va.) Gazette, of March 19, 1825, which sets out that funds to pay officers of the Virginia continental line the balance due them of three months pay in 1782, and of four months pay in 1783, were then in his hands, and that ensign Alexander Gordon was entitled to a balance on that account. A copy of this printed
statement is filed with the papers in the application for a bounty made by the heirs-at-law of Lieutenant John Gordon, of Northumberland County, Virginia. (post, No. 36.)

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

No. 9. ALEXANDER GORDON of Bedford County, was in Virginia prior to 1800. Nothing has been found to indicate his origin. He is named as one of the Trustees of the town of Gordonsville, proposed to be established on his land in Bedford, which town does not appear ever to have been built.

The present town of Gordonsville, Virginia, is in Orange County, and took its name from Nathaniel Gordon, son of Col. James Gordon of Lancaster (post, No. 50).

(Shepard's Statutes at Large of Virginia, I, p. 37.)

No. 10. ALEXANDER GORDON of Fredericksburg, Virginia, was the third son of Samuel Gordon of Lochdougan, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, Scotland, and a brother of Samuel Gordon (post, No. 54,) and Basil Gordon, (post, No. 18,) who emigrated from Galloway to Virginia and settled at Falmouth, in Stafford County, near Fredericksburg. Alexander Gordon engaged successfully in mercantile pursuits in Virginia. "He never married. He returned to Scotland, and died there, year unknown." He was born in 1761; but the year in which he came to Virginia is not given in the source from which this account of him is taken, viz: the MS. Pedigree of the Lochdougan Gordons by William Gordon of "Huntly," Nelson Co., Va., and now in the possession of his son, Hon. Bennett T. Gordon, of Lovingston, Va.

(MS. Pedigree of Gordon of Lochdougan.)

No. 11. ALEXANDER GEORGE GORDON, of Alexandria, Virginia, was the fourth son of Lewis Gordon,
a native of Scotland, "whose crest shows that he was of the Gordons of Earlston." Of Lewis Gordon tradition says that he was out with the Pretender in the 'Forty-Five; and that immediately thereafter he came to America. In 1750 Lewis Gordon was employed in the land office of Richard Peters, Esq., in Philadelphia; and there he married Mary Jenkins of Philadelphia. He became the agent of the Penns in Pennsylvania, and took up his residence at Easton, where he was the first lawyer and for many years was clerk of the courts. He also resided at Bordentown, New Jersey.

Lewis Gordon's fourth and youngest son, Alexander George Gordon, was born at Easton, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1762. He married Mary Morris, daughter of John Morris of New York, who was a brother of Robert Morris, the famous American financier of the Revolution. He first dwelt at Easton; but upon the establishment of the Federal District of Columbia, he removed to Alexandria, which was then within its boundaries, but is now restored to the State of Virginia.

Alexander George Gordon had eight children; and from him are descended Taylors, Sanxays, Maules and others of prominence. The youngest son of Alexander George Gordon of Alexandria was Commander Alexander George Gordon, U. S. N., who died at Port Praya, Cape deVerde Islands, in 1849, while in command of the United States Brig "Porpoise."

Among the distinguished descendants of Lewis Gordon of Easton, Pa., have been the late Commander William Lewis Gordon, U. S. N., and Captain William Gordon McCabe, C. S. A., of Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Gordon died at Leesburg, Va.

No. 12. AMBROSE GORDON was a Lieutenant in the Virginia forces of the American army in the Revolution. The following is a copy of a certificate concerning him that is filed among the Bounty Records of the Revolution in the Virginia State Library:

"This certifies that Lieut. Ambrose Gordon was appointed an Offr. in 3 Regt. L. Dragoons by Lt. Colo. Washington and has serv'd to the end of the war. This state has always had credit as part of their Quoto.

Will Barret, Capt. Baylor's Dragoons.

Jan'ry 21st. 1784."

Under date of November 9, 1782, Gen. Anthony Wayne says in a communication without address:

"Sir: Pursuant to the orders of Maj. Gen. Greene of the 2nd and 3rd days of November, 1782, we have formed the 1st and 3rd regiments of dragoons, now serving in the state of South Carolina, into five troops, agreeably to an order of the Secretary of War, to be commanded by the following officers, viz:—"

Here follows a list of officers, beginning with "George Baylor, Colonel, commissioned January 8, 1777; William Washington, lieutenant colonel," etc., and contains the name of "Ambrose Gordon, 1st lieutenant, commissioned December, 1779." (Saffell's Records, p. 93.)

Ambrose Gordon's name appears in the same volume on page 421, as "Lieut. Va." in a List of the officers of the "Continental Army of the Revolution who were either killed in service, became super-numerary, or served to the end of the War, and required the right to half pay, commutation and bounty land under Acts of Congress." It also appears in a list in the same volume, p. 503, of "officers for whose revolutionary services Virginia military land warrants were issued prior to December 31, 1784."

No. 13. ARCHIBALD GORDON, of Pittsylvania County, "was Scotch by birth, and lived and died without marrying." He was Colonel of the Virginia Militia for the County of Pittsylvania in 1774. He was also County Lieutenant of Halifax County, Va. He died in Franklin County, Va., near the Henry County line. In the "Reminiscences of Western Virginia," by John Redd, covering the period from 1770 to 1790, published in the Virginia Historical Magazine, occurs the following concerning Archibald Gordon:

"Col. Gordon was superseded as Colonel of Pittsylvania under the new order of things that took place in the beginning of the Revolution. I don't know whether it was owing to his old age, or because he was not sufficiently American in his feelings. He was born in Scotland and I don't think he ever saw any military service. He was rather below the ordinary height; coarse features. By those who knew him he was regarded very honest and correct in all his transactions."

(7 Virginia Historical Magazine, pp. 9 & 16.)

No. 14. ARCHIBALD GORDON, of Halifax County appears in the "List of Vestrymen of Antrim Parish, Halifax County, Va., from 1752 to—." He may have been the same Archibald who was Colonel of Pittsylvania in 1774, and later County Lieutenant of Halifax, (ante, No. 13), or he may have been a kinsman of the Rev. Alexander Gordon, who was in 1763 Rector of Antrim Parish. (ante, No. 3.)

(2 Meade's Old Churches, Ministers & Families of Virginia, p. 13.)

No. 15. ARCHIBALD GORDON, residence unknown, was a soldier in the Virginia forces of the American army in the Revolution.

The following are copies of manuscript papers con-
cerning him in the Land Bounty Records of the Virginia State Library:

"I certify that Archibald Gordon was enlisted in the Legion commanded by Lt. Colo. Henry Lee in the year seventeen hundred eighty, and served in the infantry of sd. Legion until the conclusion of the revolutionary war."

James Heard,
Trenton, N. Jersey, late Capt. of the 2d. Troop of
Sept. 24th, 1821. of Dragoons, Lee's Legion."

(Abstract:)

Affidavit of Enoch Cloud, in Cecil County, Maryland, 27 Aug. 1821, that Archibald Gordon was taken into Colo. Hollingsworth's Regiment of Militia at Elkton, Cecil Co., Md., in 1776, and afterwards was taken into the 11th Regiment of Pennsylvania, commanded by Colo. Patton; and in 1780 was taken into Lee's Legion at Teper, New Jersey.

The fact that he made application to the commonwealth of Virginia for a bounty for military services would indicate that he was a resident of the State at the time of his enlistment.

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

No. 16. ARMISTEAD GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, was a son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond Counties, of the Gordons of Sheepbridge, near Newry, Co. Down, Ireland (post No. 33), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was born January 5, 1773; and was a planter in Spottsylvania County. He married Elizabeth Clayton, and died without issue.

(Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, ante; Records of Spottsylvania and Orange Counties, Va.;—Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, p. 248 & seq.)

No 17. ARTHUR GORDON, residence unknown,
was a soldier in the Virginia forces of the American Revolution. He was a Lieutenant in the 9th Virginia regiment from September 1, 1780 to December 31, 1780; and was living February 26, 1784, when he made affidavit to his pay account in Washington County, Maryland. He entered service in the Virginia Continental line December 19th, 1776, and continued in active service until January 1, 1781, as shown by the Bounty Records in the Virginia State Library.

His name occurs in "A List of Officers for whose Revolutionary Services Virginia Military Land warrants were issued prior to December 31, 1784."

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Virginia; Saffell’s "Records of the Revolutionary War," 3rd Ed., Baltimore, 1894, p. 503.)

No. 18. BASIL GORDON, of Falmouth, Stafford County, was a native of Scotland, and a son of Samuel Gordon of Lochdougan, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. He came to Virginia in 1783, his brother Samuel Gordon having emigrated to the colony before him in 1780. They engaged in business in the village of Falmouth, on the Rappahannock River, near Fredericksburg, and amassed fortunes. Basil Gordon married in 1814 Anna Campbell Knox, a sister of Susannah Knox, who married his brother, Samuel (post, No. 54). She was a daughter of William and Susannah Fitzhugh Knox of Stafford County, and died in 1847. They had seven children, four of whom died young. From Samuel and Basil Gordon are descended the prominent family in Virginia, known as the Fredericksburg Gordons.

No. 19. BROWN GORDON, of Middlesex County. The names of several Gordons in Middlesex, between 1685 and 1722, appear in the records of births, marriages and deaths in the old Register of Christ Church in that county. Among them is that of Brown Gordon, in the following entry:

"Brown Gordon, died August ye 15, & was buried August ye 16, 1722."

Immediately preceding this entry is the following:

"Bridgett Gordon, died July ye 17, & was buried July ye 19, 1722."

Other entries, which are given under the head of William Gordon of Middlesex (post No. 65), would seem to indicate the relationship of Brown Gordon to the last named William.

(The Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va., from 1658 to 1812, page 180.)

No. 20. CHARLES GORDON, of Frederick County was granted 184 acres in that county by patent, October 7, 1768, as shown by the following from the Land Grants of the Northern Neck, furnished by R. A. Brock, esq., Secretary of the Southern Historical Society:

"Charles Gordon, Book O. p. 200. 184 acres (of Frederick Co.), and in do. Survey by Robert Riggs, near lands of Daniel Miller, Jacob Moon, and Geo. Wm. Fairfax, Oct. 7, 1768. In consideration of the payment of composition (10s per 100 acres), and quick rent (15 per 50 acres) Fairfax. Exd. by Thomas B. Martin."

In the Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch of October 4, 1903, editorial column, appeared the following paragraph:

"There is a controversy in England with reference to the revival to the peerage of the Irish baronage of Corogmore. Edmund de la Poer is the claimant. Some of the de la Poers married in this country, among whom was Richard Francis, who wedded Sarah, the daughter of Charles Gordon."
Burke's "Landed Gentry," (Power, now de la Pore, of Gurteen la Poer), states that Richard Francis, third son of Edmond Power, esq., of Gurteen, married "Sara Gordon of Virginia, North America, and has two daughters, Anastasia and Mary."

Quaere: Was Charles Gordon, of Frederick, father of Sara Gordon, who married Richard Francis Power? (Land Grants of the Northern Neck, Book O., p. 200; Burke's "Landed Gentry of Great Britain & Ireland")

No. 21. CHARLES GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, son of John George Gordon of Scotland, (post, No. 49), later of Maryland and of Spottsylvania County, Va., and his wife, Mary Chapman, was born in Spottsylvania and moved in the latter half of the eighteenth century to Wilkes County, North Carolina. He married in Virginia the widow Herndon—first name unknown—and was the father of Chapman Gordon of Wilkes Co. N. C., whose son, Zachariah Gordon of Georgia, was the father of Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon of the Confederate States Army, United States Senator, Governor of Georgia, and Grand Commander of the United Confederate Veterans.

(Letters of Mrs. S. A. Finley, of North Carolina to the present writer.)

No. 22. CHURCHILL GORDON, of Culpeper County, was the second son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond Counties, (post, No. 33), of the family of Gordon of Sheepbridge, Co. Down, Ireland, and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was born in Middlesex County, Va., February 10, 1761, and married Ann Spark of Gloucester Co. Va. He had six children. He was a midshipman in the Virginia navy in the Revolution; and his children received land grants for his services. He has many descendants in Virginia, Tennessee and Missouri.
No. 23. GEORGE GORDON, of Appomattox River, was in Virginia prior to October 11, 1743. He is so named in a power of attorney executed in London on that date, and was probably resident at Old Blandford, Petersburg, Virginia, and was thus "of Appomattox River." If so, it is more than likely that he was a Gordon of Galloway, and a relative of Rev. Alexander Gordon (ante, No. 3), of Thomas Gordon (post, No. 59), and of Samuel Gordon "of Cra'ig, in the Stewartry," (post, No. 55). He was probably dead before October 11, 1743, as he is spoken of in the power of attorney as "late of Appomattox River."

(MS. Power of attorney in the possession of the present writer.)

No. 24. GEORGE GORDON, probably of Lancaster County,—later of Rockhamilton, Co. Down, Ireland, was a resident of Virginia for a time, and doubtless lived with his elder brother, Colonel James Gordon of Lancaster, (post, No. 28), at his home at Merry Point on the Corotoman River, in Lancaster, during his stay in Virginia. He was the youngest son of the second James Gordon of Sheepbridge, near Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, and his wife Sarah Greenway. He was born at Sheepbridge, and was twice married, but the names of his wives are unknown. He had issue by his first wife, one son George Gordon, who died at sea "on his way to America." He died before January, 1814, and is buried at Newry. The time of his residence in Virginia is not known. By deed which was registered, of date 6 Aug. 1807, he was "lately of Virginia, U. S. A., but now of Newry."

(MS. History of Gordon of Sheepbridge, by Philip Crossle, esq., of Newry, Co. Down, Ireland.)
No. 25. GEORGE GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, was a son of John George Gordon (post, No. 49), emigrant from Scotland to America, and his wife Mary Chapman. He was born in Spottsylvania, and married Sarah Herndon of that County, who was a daughter of the widow Herndon who married his brother, Charles (ante, No. 21). In 1775 George Gordon moved to the Mulberry Fields, near the present site of Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He had two sons and six daughters. One of his sons, Nathaniel Gordon of Wilkes County, N. C., who was from 1819 to 1828 a member of the North Carolina House of Commons from Wilkes, married Sarah Gwyn of that State. They were the parents of Brigadier General James B. Gordon of the Confederate States Army, who fell mortally wounded at the Battle of the Yellow Tavern in Virginia, on May 11, 1864, and died of his wounds in Richmond on May 16, following.

The famous Confederate Cavalry leader, General J. E. B. Stuart, was killed in the same battle. Moore, in his History of North Carolina, after relating Stuart’s death says:

“With him fell Brigadier General James B. Gordon, of Wilkes County, North Carolina, who was possessed of a valiant and knightly soul, and like his great commander knew no fear in the shock of arms...... He had greatly distinguished himself on various occasions.”

(Letters of Mrs. S. A. Finley of North Carolina to the present writer; Wheeler’s History of North Carolina; Moore’s History of North Carolina, vol. 2, p. 262.)

No. 26. GEORGE GORDON, of Westmoreland County, was a planter there. In a list of slave-owners in the office of the Auditor of Public Accounts for the Commonwealth of Virginia, taken in the year 1782 in Westmoreland, George Gordon appears as the owner of seven slaves. This list, reproduced from the original, was pub-
lished in the Virginia Historical Magazine. He was of the Sheepbridge family, and emigrated from Ireland to Westmoreland, where his will was probated 28 Feb. 1786.

(Public Records, Auditor’s Office, Richmond, Virginia; 10 Virginia Historical Magazine, page 229; Records of Westmoreland County Clerk’s Office.)

No. 27. GEORGE GORDON, residence unknown, was a sergeant in Captain David Arrell’s Company, No. 2., “as it stood March 1778,” of Lieutenant Colonel William Heth’s Third Virginia Regiment.


No. 28. JAMES GORDON, of Lancaster County, of the family of Gordon of Sheepbridge, near Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, was born at Sheepbridge in 1714. He was the eldest son of the second James Gordon of Sheepbridge and his wife, Sarah Greenway. His paternal grandfather was the first James Gordon of Sheepbridge, who acquired the Sheepbridge estates in 1692 from Nicholas Bagenal, esq., a descendant of Sir Nicholas Bagenal, Marshal of Ireland, to whom the properties of the Abbey at Newry,—founded by Maurice McLaughlin, King of Ireland, and of which Sheepbridge formed a part,—were granted in 1543 by King Edward VI.

James Gordon of Lancaster came to Virginia from Ireland about 1738 and settled at Merry Point on the Corotoman River in Lancaster County; where the house in which he lived is still standing (1918). He traded in tobacco with Whitehaven, in Cumberland County, England, and accumulated a fortune. His factor at Whitehaven, as shown by the “Journal” which he kept for many years,—a fragment of which was published in 1902-3 in the William & Mary College Quarterly,—was a Mr. Taylor, and his commission merchants were Youart & Bowes.
He was Colonel of the County militia of Lancaster, and is said by Foote in his "Sketches of Virginia" to have been the bulwark of Presbyterianism in that part of the Colony. He married first, Milicent Conway, daughter of Col. Edwin Conway of Lancaster, and by her had a daughter who grew to womanhood and married, and three other children who died in infancy. He married, second, Mary Harrison, daughter of Col. Nathaniel Harrison of "Wakefield," and "Brandon," of the family of the Presidents, by whom he had four sons and five daughters.

Col. Gordon died at his home in Lancaster, January 2, 1768. His will was proved in Lancaster County Court, February 18, 1768. His portrait, painted in 1750, by Hesselius, is in the possession of one of his descendants,—and his family bible, in which are recorded the marriages of himself and the births and deaths of his children, in that of another. Several pieces of silver plate which belonged to him, are in existence, and contain the crest: A hart's head proper, surmounted by the motto "Bydand."

Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, and his brother, John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond (post, No. 33), were the progenitors of a very widespread family in Virginia, Missouri, Ohio, Louisiana, Tennessee, California, and others of the United States.


No. 29. JAMES GORDON, second, of Lancaster County, was the oldest son of the first James Gordon of Lancaster (ante No. 28), and his wife, Mary Harrison. He was born August 2, 1750, in Lancaster, and died there.

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He was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1776, which framed the first written constitution in America. He was also a member of the Virginia Convention of 1788, which ratified the Federal Constitution of the United States. He was a member of the Lancaster County Committee of Safety, a Colonel of the county militia, and was Clerk of the county from 1787 to 1794. He married Ann Payne, daughter of Colonel John Payne of Goochland County, Virginia, by whom he had five sons and three daughters. His descendants are numerous in Virginia and Louisiana.

(Grigsby's Convention of 1776; Grigsby's Convention of 1788; Records of Lancaster County, Virginia; Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, p. 248 & seq.; 6 Virginia Historical Magazine, p. 427; William & Mary College Quarterly, vols. 11 and 12; Calendar of Virginia State Papers.)

No. 30. JAMES GORDON, of Middlesex County, appears from the Register of Christ Church Parish in Middlesex to have "dyed August ye 19, and was buried August ye 20, 1721."

A number of Gordons were in Middlesex in the latter half of the seventeenth and the earlier part of the eighteenth centuries, viz: Brown Gordon (ante, No. 19), John Gordon (Post, No. 45), another John Gordon (Post, No. 46), three William Gordons (Post, Nos. 64, 65, & 66), and the subject of this note. They were probably related to each other; but where they came from,—whether from Scotland or from the North of Ireland,—is unknown.

(Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va., from 1653 to 1812, p. 179.)

No. 31. JAMES GORDON, of Orange County, was the eldest son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond (post, No. 33), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was
born in 1759, and married his first cousin, Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of the first James Gordon of Lancaster (ante No. 28), and his second wife, Mary Harrison. He resided at Germanna, Orange County, where he was a planter. He represented Orange, with James Madison, afterwards President of the United States, in the Virginia Convention of 1788, which ratified the Federal Constitution. By his wife, Elizabeth Gordon, he had four sons, the second of whom was Major General William Fitzhugh Gordon of Albemarle County, Virginia, who was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1829, a member of the United States Congress from Virginia, and the originator of the Independent Treasury System of the United States.

James Gordon of Orange died at Germanna, December 14, 1799. His descendants are very numerous in Virginia.

(Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, p. 248 & seq.; Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, ante; Grigsby's Convention of 1788; Diary of a young lady of Virginia, 1782; Debates of the Va. Convention of 1829-30.)

No. 32. JAMES GORDON, residence unknown, was a private in Captain Butler Claiborne's Company No. 1., "as it stood March 1, 1777," of Colonel Alexander Spottswood's Second Virginia Regiment.


No. 33. JOHN GORDON, of Middlesex and Richmond Counties, of the family of Gordon of Sheepbridge, near Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, came to Virginia before 1756. He was the third son of the second James Gordon of Sheepbridge, and his wife, Sarah Greenway. He was a merchant at Urbanna, in Middlesex, and like his brother James of Lancaster, traded in tobacco. Later he was a
planter in Middlesex and in Richmond. He died in the last named County in 1780. He was a Justice of the Peace for Richmond County. His wife was Lucy Churchill, daughter of Colonel Armistead Churchill of Bushy Park, in Middlesex, and his wife, Hannah Harrison, who was an older sister of Mary Harrison, the wife of John Gordon’s brother, Col. James Gordon of Lancaster. The father of Col. Armistead Churchill was William Churchill, emigrant to the Colony from North Aston, Oxfordshire, England, and his mother was Elizabeth Armistead, daughter of John Armistead, the Councillor, who was, at the time of her marriage to William Churchill, the widow of Ralph Wormeley of Rosegill, Middlesex.

John Gordon’s residence in Urbanna, on the Rappahannock River, and the tobacco warehouse in which he stored his tobacco—both substantial brick structures on Princess Anne Street—were standing in a good state of preservation in 1903.

John Gordon had seven sons and five daughters, and his descendants are to be found in Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, and others of the United States.

(Hayden’s Virginia Genealogies, p. 248 & seq.; Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, by Keith, pp. 15 and 16; Records of Middlesex and Richmond, ante; MS. History of Gordon of Sheepbridge, by Philip Crossle.)

No. 34. JOHN GORDON, of Richmond County, was the third son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond (ante, No. 33), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was born in Richmond County September 27, 1762. He was living at the age of seventy-three, when on March 8th, 1835 he gave a deposition before Patrick Michie, J. P. for Louisa County, Va., declaring that Churchill Gordon (ante No. 22) was his brother and had served as Midshipman in the Virginia navy “to a time after the surrender of York.” Hayden says of him that “he died single at a great age.”
No. 35. JOHN GORDON, JR., of Frederick County, later of Piqua, Ohio, was the youngest son of Colonel James Gordon of Lancaster (ante, No. 28), and his second wife, Mary Harrison. He was born October 9, 1755, at his father's residence on Corotoman; and resided on Cedar Creek, in Frederick, twenty miles north of Winchester, Virginia. He married Betty Lee Ball, daughter of Col. Jesse Ball of Lancaster, who was a near kinswoman of Mary Ball, the mother of General George Washington. They had issue, five sons and five daughters. In 1835 John Gordon, Jr., manumitted his slaves, of whom he owned quite a number, and removed to Piqua, Ohio, where he died May 7, 1842. He has many descendants in Ohio, Kentucky and Louisiana. Among those in the first named state is the Honorable Robert Bryarly Gordon, of St. Mary's, Auglaize County, who was a member of the Fifty-sixth Congress and the Fifty-seventh Congress of the United States, and is (1918) sergeant at arms of the United States House of Representatives.


No. 36. JOHN GORDON, of Northumberland County, was a lieutenant in the Continental line of the Virginia forces in the army of the American Revolution. The petition of his heirs to the Commonwealth for a bounty, with a report thereon, dated 1835, shows that he died in Northumberland, leaving issue as follows:—(1) Mary Gordon; (2) Elizabeth H. Gordon; (3) William Gordon; (4) Sarah Gordon; and that Mary Gordon and Elizabeth
Gordon were living in August, 1835; that William Gordon
married, and died in Washington, D. C., leaving a widow
and children; and that Sarah Gordon married Joseph J.
Monroe, and died leaving issue, a daughter, Sarah A.
Gordon Monroe, who married Joseph Deshields, Jr. The
signatories to the petition for a bounty were Joseph
Deshields, Jr., and his wife, Sarah A. G. Deshields.

Among the papers filed with the petition is the fol­
lowing: "It would appear from a list of omitted accounts
forwarded to John Pierce, esq., commissioner of army ac­
counts by Andrew Dunscomb, commissioner for Virginia,
that Lieutenant John Gordon had not received his pay
for the years 1782 and 1783, and that it was due him.
The report is in my possession at this time. 27 August,
1835. A. M. Green."

From a printed statement, made by John Hopkins,
"Late Commissioner of loans and receiver of continental
14, 1825," and published in the Winchester (Va.) Gazette,
of March 19, 1825, a copy of which is filled with said
bounty papers, it appears that funds to pay officers of the
Virginia Continental line a balance of three months pay
for 1782, and of four months pay for 1783, were in his
hands and that Lieutenant John Gordon was entitled to
$133.30.

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Rich­
mond, Virginia.)

No. 37. JOHN GORDON (Reverend): was minister
of Wilmington Parish, in James City County, "as late as
1700." He was the son of Patrick Gordon, Regent of
King's College, Aberdeen, Scotland, (1640); and his broth­
ers and sisters were:—

"Mr. Patrick Gordon, Rector of Aberley, in the
County of Worchester in England;" "Mr. Alexander
Gordon, professor of humanity in the King's College of
Aberdeen; Mr. George Gordon, professor of the oriental languages in the said college; Mary Gordon, their sister, and Helen Gordon, also their sister, spouse to William Baxter, bailie in Old Aberdeen.” Reverend John Gordon died circa 1705.

(Hayden’s Virginia Genealogies, p. 618, citing Burgh Records of Aberdeen.)

No. 38. JOHN GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, is described in a deed in the clerk’s office of the County Court of Orange County, Virginia as “John Gordon, of the Parish of St. George and county of Spottsylvania, Innkeeper.” In this deed, which bears date on September 15, 1735, he conveyed to “Mathew Stanton of the Parish of St. Mark and County of Orange, Planter, two hundred acres in the fork of Rappahannock, upon Potatoe Run, being the tract whereon John Gamble now lives on.” Accompanying this deed is a release of dower by virtue of a power of attorney from “Eliza Gordon, the wife of said John Gordon.”

(Records of Orange County, Va., Clerk’s office. Deed Book No. 1, p. 139.)

No. 39. JOHN GORDON, residence unknown. His marriage bond for his marriage to Margaret Tennant, daughter of Dorothy Tennant, in 1739, is recorded in the Clerk’s office of Spottsylvania County.

(Records of Spottsylvania County, Va., Clerk’s office; William & Mary College Quarterly.)

No. 40. JOHN GORDON, of King George County, made a will which was proven in King George County Court, June 3, 1779, in which he names wife, Elizabeth, eldest son John, son Thomas, “in the war,” son Lawrence, and two youngest sons under age, Francis and George.

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)
No. 41. JOHN GORDON, of Culpeper County, was granted thirty five acres by patent in that County November 13, 1771, as shown by the following extract from the Land Grants of the Northern Neck, furnished by R. A. Brock, esq., Secretary of the Southern Historical Society:


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No. 42. JOHN GORDON, residence unknown, was a member of the Virginia Militia. In the list of the "Virginia Militia in the Revolution," published in the Virginia Historical Magazine, occurs the name of John Gordon, for the year 1777, as follows:

"Dec. 4. Gordon, John, for sundry persons for Sundrys for the Kentucky Ditto (i.e. Rations). 109. 9. 0." (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 8, pp. 308. 309.)

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No. 43. JOHN GORDON, of Henry County, appears in the County levy for Henry for the year 1779, in the following item:

"To John Pace, for 7 days guarding John Gordon, 175 lbs. of tobacco."

(Records of Henry County, Va., Clerk's Office.)

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No. 44. JOHN GORDON, probably of Westmoreland County, is named in 1784 as one of the Trustees appointed by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the establishment of the town of Kinsale in Westmoreland. He is perhaps to be identified with John Gordon, merchant or factor at Dumfries, Virginia, in 1775.

(11 Hening's Statutes at Large of Virginia, p. 369;
No. 45. JOHN GORDON, of Middlesex County. In the old Register of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex, appears under the head of “Weddings or Marriages 1685, etc.” the following entry: “John Gordon and Mary Gordon was marryed ye 17th of June 1685.”

(The Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va., from 1653 to 1812, p. 23.)

No. 46. JOHN GORDON of Middlesex County was a different person from the John Gordon of Middlesex, immediately preceding, as shown by the entry in the old Register of Christ Church, under the head of “Christenings,” as follows: “John, son of William & Bridget Gordon, born July ye 12, baptized July 16, 1716.”

This date is apparently either erroneous as to the year in the old Register, or else the year of the birth of John Gordon’s twin sisters, recorded therein a few pages further on is wrong:— “Bridgett & Margrett, daughters of William & Bridgett Gordon born & baptized March 5, 1717.”

Under the head of “Burials” in the same Register are to be found the following further entries concerning this family.

“Bridgett Gordon dyed March ye 5 & was buried March ye 7, 1717.”

“William Gordon dyed Novem. ye 14 & was buried Novemr. ye 17, 1720.”

“Bridget Gordon dyed July ye 17, was buried ye 19, 1722.”

(See post, No. 65, William Gordon of Middlesex.)

(The Parish Register of Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va., from 1653 to 1812, pp 94, 99, 174, 177, 180.)

No. 47. JOHN GORDON of Augusta County appears in the year 1758, in Hening’s Statutes at Large of Virginia, in the Schedule of “An Act for the defence of the
Frontiers of this Colony, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” which provided for payments by the government “to the militia of the County of Augusta, and for Provisions furnished by Sundry Inhabitants of the said County.”

This John Gordon was doubtless one of that large Scotch-Irish immigration of Presbyterians into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia from the North of Ireland, through Pennsylvania, which began about 1732, and continued for a number of years. They were for the most part descendants of Scots who had settled in the Province of Ulster during the period extending from the Cromwellian invasion up to and including the Covenanter Wars in Scotland,—a descent that is illustrated in the statement of their local historian, Hon. Joseph A. Waddell of Augusta, (a great-grandson of Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, ante, No. 28,) that “the list of prisoners captured at Bothwell Bridge and herded like cattle in Greyfriars’ Churchyard, Edinburgh, is like a muster-roll of Augusta people.”

(7 Hening’s Statutes at Large of Virginia, page 188; Waddell’s “Annals of Augusta County,” 2nd ed. p. 8, note; “A Cloud of Witnesses.”)

No. 48. JOHN GORDON, residence unknown. His name appears in “A List of Claims brought against the State of Virginia, by officers of her line on Continental establishment,” as “for pay, in 1782 and 1783.”

It is possible that he may be identified with Lieutenant John Gordon of Northumberland (ante, No. 36.) (Saffell’s “Records of the Revolutionary War,” 3rd. ed. Baltimore, 1894, p. 400.)

No. 49. JOHN GEORGE GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, emigrated from Scotland—“from the Highlands,” as tradition among his descendants says,—to the Colony of Maryland in 1724. He married in Maryland Mary Chap-
man; and a few years after his arrival in America he re­
moved to Spottsylvania County, Virginia, where he resided
and "reared a large family." His home is said to have
been in the vicinity of Fredericksburg.

One of his sons, George Gordon of Spottsylvania,
(ante, No. 25), who moved from Spottsylvania to the
Mulberry Fields, in Wilkes County, North Carolina, near
the present site of Wilkesboro, married Sarah Herndon of
Spottsylvania, and had two sons, John and Nathaniel
Gordon of Wilkes County, N. C. This Nathaniel Gordon
was the father of Brigadier General James B. Gordon of
North Carolina, a distinguished officer in the Confederate
Army in the War between the States. Another son of
John George Gordon of Spottsylvania, was Charles Gor­
don of Spottsylvania (ante, No. 21), who was the great­
grandfather of Lieutenant General John Brown Gordon,
C. S. A., Governor of the State of Georgia, and United
States Senator.

(Letters of Mrs. S. A. Finley to the present writer.)

No. 50. NATHANIEL GORDON, of Gordonsville,
Orange County, was the son of Colonel James Gordon of
Lancaster (ante, No. 28), and his second wife, Mary
Harrison. He was born at his father’s residence on Cor­
otoman, August, 28th, 1763, during a visit of the English
evangelist, Whitefield, to his father’s house. On that day
Col. Gordon writes in his “Journal,” after recording the
birth of his son,—“a fine child:”—

“Mr. Whitefield preached a most affecting sermon to
a great number of people.” On the 13th of September
following, he writes:

“This day our son, Nathaniel was baptized by Mr.
Waddel... O! may the Lord grant that he be a Nathaniel,
indeed, and his name written in the Book of Life!”

Nathaniel Gordon of Gordonsville married his first
cousin, Mary Gordon, daughter of John Gordon of Middle-
sex and Richmond (ante, No. 33), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He owned a large tract of land in Orange County, Virginia, and founded on it the present town of Gordonsville. There he resided until his death, February 28th, 1820. He had five sons and five daughters, and his descendants are numerous in Virginia and Missouri.

(Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, ante; Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, p. 245 & seq.; Scottish Notes & Queries (Aberdeen), second series, Vol. V. p. 37, September, 1903; Records of Orange County (Va.) Clerk's office.)

No. 51. NATHANIEL GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, was the son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond (ante, No. 33), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was born February 21, 1770. He married Elizabeth Ellis, and had two children,—a son, who died young and unmarried, and a daughter, Lucy, who married first, William Jones of "Ellwood," Spottsylvania County, and second, John Strother Green. There are many descendants in Virginia and other States, including Lacys and Greens.

(Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, pp. 214, 252; Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, ante.)

No. 52. NATHANIEL GORDON, of Charles City County, appears in the records of the City Clerk's office there about 1774.

(8 Va. Historical Magazine, p. 106.)

No. 53. PETER GORDON of Fredericksburg, Virginia, was of the family of Gordon of Holm, now represented by Mr. John Gordon of Rio Janeiro, and by Mr. William Seton Gordon of New York City. Peter Gordon married in Virginia, Susan H. Lee, who is supposed to have been a near relative of General Henry Lee ("Light Horse
Harry") of the Revolution. He came to Virginia from Scotland prior to 1796, and owned valuable landed estates both in Virginia and Tennessee. His will, which is recorded in the Clerk's office of the Court of Hustings of Fredericksburg, Virginia, names his mother, "Agnes Gordon, of Edinburgh, in the Kingdom of Scotland," his brother Thomas Gordon, his sisters, Mary, Elizabeth and Isabella Gordon, his sister Agnes Wilson, wife of David Wilson, and his wife Susan H. Gordon. To the latter he devised "Kenmore House," the famous colonial mansion in Fredericksburg, which was built for Elizabeth, the sister of George Washington by her husband, Fielding Lewis of Spottsylvania, Virginia.

Peter Gordon's will bears date July 23, 1814, and was proved March 9, 1815.

(Records of the Hustings Court of Fredericksburg, Va., Will Book A. page 401; Letters of Wm. Seton Gordon, esq., of New York to the present writer; Appleton's Cyclopedia of American Biography: article: "Fielding Lewis.")

No. 54. SAMUEL GORDON, of Falmouth, Stafford County, brother of Basil Gordon of Falmouth (ante, No. 18) was a native of Scotland, and a son of Samuel Gordon of Lochdougan, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright. Samuel Gordon came to Virginia in 1780, and accumulated a fortune in business. He married in 1798 Susannah Knox daughter of William and Susannah Fitzhugh Knox. They had issue nine children, six sons and three daughters. Samuel Gordon died in 1842, aged 83 years. The descendants of Samuel and Basil Gordon have been prominent in Virginia and other States. This family is known in Virginia as "the Gordons of Fredericksburg."

(Hayden's Virginia Genealogies, p. 724, MS; Records of John Gordon, esq., of Rio Janeiro; MS. Pedigree of Gordon of Lochdougan, in the possession of Hon. Bennett T. Gordon.)
No. 55. SAMUEL GORDON, of Blandford, Petersburg, Virginia, was a Scottish merchant of that place. He is mentioned in “an act appointing Directors and Trustees of the town of Blandford in the County of Prince George,” enacted in November, 1762, by the Colonial General Assembly. He was elected a vestryman of Bristol Parish, August 22, 1743. The following obituary notice of him was published in the Virginia Gazette for April 18, 1771:—

“On the 14th. inst. died at Blandford on Appomattox in the fifty-fifth year of his age, Mr. Samuel Gordon, merchant at that place for many years. He left no children.” Samuel Gordon is mentioned as Junior Warden of the Blandford Lodge of Masons, chartered in 1757, by Sholto Charles Douglas, Lord Aberdeen, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland. The tomb of Samuel Gordon, in old Blandford churchyard, is adorned with the three boars’ heads, and has the following inscription:—“Here lies the corps of Mr. Samuel Gordon son of David Gordon, Esq. of Craig, in the Stewartry Kirkcudbright, North Britain, who died the 14th of April 1771, aged 54 years.”

(6 William & Mary College Quarterly, p. 23; Slaughter’s “Bristol Parish,” p. 82; 7 Hening’s Statutes at Large of Virginia, p. 608; Bristol Parish Register.)

No. 56. SAMUEL GORDON, of Spottsylvania County, was the youngest son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond (ante, No. 35), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was born in Richmond County, Virginia, October 20, 1775. He married February 19, 1801, Elizabeth Cole Fitzhugh, and died April 27, 1828. He had five sons and four daughters; and there are many of his descendants living in Virginia, West Virginia, Missouri and other states.

(Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond, ante; 8 Virginia Historical Magazine, p. 210; Hayden’s Virginia Genealogies, p. 248 & seq.)
No. 57. SAMUEL GORDON, residence unknown, appears in the list of “Virginia Militia in the Revolution,” published in the Virginia Historical Magazine as follows:

“1777. Dec. 16. Gordon, Samuel 36 days pay as a soldier in Ky. (Kentucky); service omitted in Pay Roll. 2. 8. 0” (8 Virginia Historical Magazine, pp. 308, 309.)

No. 58. THOMAS GORDON, (Reverend), was out with Nathaniel Bacon, “the Rebel,” in Virginia in 1676, in his revolt against the Colonial government under Sir William Berkeley. He, with two others was excepted by name from the benefit of an “Act of indemnitie and free pardon, enacted by a “Grand Assemblie,” at Green Spring, Va., 1676-7; and was therein condemned:

“On his bended knees, before the right honourable the governour and counciull, with a rope about his neck (to) acknowledge his treasons and rebellions and beg his life and in the like manner acknowledge his crimes in Rappahannocke Court,” etc.

It appears from the record of “a General Court held at Middle Plantation (now Williamsburg,) September 28th, 1677,” that information had been made to the court, “that Thomas Gordon and John Bagwell, two peisons adjudged by Act of Assembly, for their rebellion and treason, to appear at the County Court at Rappahannocke, with halters about their necks, and upon their knees to acknowledge their said treasons and rebellions against the King’s majestie, did in contempt of the said law, and the King’s majestie’s authority in this his colony appeare in the said court with small tape (instead of halters) about their necks, which was allowed and accepted by the magistrates then sitting,” etc. and that thereupon it was ordered by the Court, “that Major Robert Beverley, Clerk of the Assembly, doe make present inquiry into the truth of such information and as he shall find the same he is hereby ordered, commanded and impowered to summons

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all parties so offending, whether magistrates or others, and also such evidences to prove the matter as he shall find needfull, to the next assembly, to answeare such high contempt before the right honourable the governour and counciill and house of burgesses, to them such contemners, dispisers and slighters of the laws, upon due conviction may receive condinge punishment of their fault.”

Nothing further has been discovered concerning the Reverend Thomas Gordon.

(2 Hening’s Statutes at Large of Virginia, pp. 370; 557.)

No. 59. THOMAS GORDON, of Blandford, Petersburg, Virginia, came with his father, the Reverend Alexander Gordon, the Rector of Antrim Parish in Halifax County, Virginia, (ante, No. 3) from Galloway, Scotland, and settled in that part of Petersburg known as Old Blandford. He was a member of the firm of Westmore, Gordon and Maitland, merchants there. He married, first, Margaret Murray, daughter of James Murray, churchwarden and vestryman of Bristol Parish in 1746, a native of Scotland, and of the family of Lord Mansfield. Margaret Murray was born February 8, 1748. She was a sister of Mary Murray, who married Alexander Gordon of Blandford (ante, No. 4), who was probably a near relative of Thomas Gordon. The issue of the marriage of Thomas Gordon and Margaret Murray was a daughter, Anne Gordon, who married Colonel Henry E. Coleman of Halifax County, Va., and was the progenitress of Colemans, Baskervilles and others of that County.

Thomas Gordon of Blandford married, second, Elizabeth Baird, who was at the time of her marriage to him the widow Westmore. She was a daughter of John Baird, formerly of “Moorcroft,” near Glasgow, Scotland, who came to Virginia, and settled near Petersburg. John Baird’s wife was Jane Poythress of Cabin Point, Va.
The issue of Thomas Gordon and Elizabeth Baird was Dr. Thomas Christian Gordon, who was the progenitor of the Gordons of Essex County, Va.

The crest of the Gordons of Blandford as represented by the Gordons of Essex, which was engraved on the silver plate belonging to Thomas Gordon, is that of Earlston, and also that of Culvennan, in Galloway, viz:—"On a wreath a dexter hand, grasping a sabre proper," with the motto: "Dread God."

Thomas Gordon is named in an act appointing a List of Trustees for the town of Blandford in May, 1782.

(Slaughter's "Bristol Parish," pp. 200, 202; 11 Henning's Statutes at Large of Virginia, p. 57; Letters of Mrs. H. A. Latane to the present writer.)

No. 60. THOMAS GORDON, of Lunenburg County, was a regular soldier in the Virginia forces of the American Army in the Revolution, and was a member of the Sixth Virginia Regiment.

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

No. 61. THOMAS GORDON, of King George County, was a son of John Gordon of that County (ante, No. 40). He is named in the will of his father, which was proven June 3, 1779, as "in the War." The date of the will is September 16,—, the year being mutilated and illegible. He enlisted in the continental army in Col. Washington's command; he was thence promoted to the Regiment of Dragoons commanded by Col. George Baylor; in 1780 he was a lieutenant of cavalry in Col. Washington's Regiment "in the Southern Army;" he was captain of Dragoons in Col. Washington's Partisan Legion; he was discharged on the Santee River in South Carolina at the close of the War; and died in Norfolk, Virginia, on his way home.
A claim for bounty on account of his military services was made to the State of Virginia in 1835 by "his heirs-at-law, John Gordon and William R. Gordon," who were presumably his sons.

(Records of King George Co. (Va.) Clerk's Office; Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

No. 62. THOMAS GORDON, of Augusta County, was a member of the first vestry elected for the Parish of Augusta, in 1746. He was probably from the north of Ireland. At that time Augusta County extended from the Blue Ridge mountains on the east indefinitely to the south and west, embracing territory that has since been organized into a number of States of the American Union, which was donated by Virginia to the Federal Government. The established Episcopal Church in Virginia being at that period a part of the civil government of the Colony, the Vestry was in a sense the local legislature, and a majority, if not all, of the first vestry of Augusta County were Presbyterians,—there being but very few Episcopalians in that part of the Colony.

(2 Meade's Old Churches, Ministers & Families of Virginia, p. 318.)

No. 63. THOMAS GORDON, of Powhatan County, signed his name to a petition of Citizens of Powhatan to the Governor of Virginia, asking for the pardon of Paul, a negro slave, convicted in Powhatan County Court of the murder of William Bradley of that county, June 20, 1794.

(Calendar of Virginia State Papers, Vol. 7, p. 192.)

No. 64. WILLIAM GORDON, of Middlesex County, was there in 1684. In 1685 he gave one hundred acres of land for a free school, on which a school-house was built and a school conducted for some years. His will is recorded in Middlesex County Clerk's office.
No. 65. WILLIAM GORDON, of Middlesex County is recorded in the Old Register of Christ Church, as having "dyed Novemr. ye 14 & was buried Novemr. ye 17, 1720." His wife was Bridget Gordon; and the following entries occur in the Register with reference to his family:

"John, son of William & Bridget Gordon born July ye 12, baptized July 16, 1716. (?)

"Bridgett & Margaret Gordon born & baptized March 5, 1717. (?)

"Bridgett Gordon dyed March ye 5 & was buried March ye 7, 1717.

"Bridgett Gordon dyed July ye 17 & was buried July ye 19, 1722."

There is nothing to identify this William Gordon with the donor of the free-school. (ante, No. 64.)

/Register of Christ Church, Middlesex.)

No. 66. WILLIAM GORDON, of Middlesex County, was in 1728 the owner of forty books in English, Latin, Spanish and French. Many of the titles suggest that he was a member of the Catholic Church.

(10 Virginia Historical Magazine, p. 389.)

No. 67. WILLIAM GORDON, of Mecklenburg County, was a sergeant in Captain John Stoke's Company in in the Revolution, in the First Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Parker. He was enlisted for three years, "which time he faithfully served." The following are extracts from the Virginia Bounty Records concerning him:

"I do hereby certify that William Gordon served as a Sergeant in the Continental Virginia line in the Revolutionary War, that he march (ed) with a detachment of
four hundred men commanded by Col. Richard Parker to the State of Georgia in the year 1779, that he belonged to the platoon commd. by me in the attack on Savannah, that he was taken a prisoner in Charleston at the time it surrendered to the British under the command of Sir Henry Clinton, the soldiers taken were put on Board Prison Ships. I was Paroled on Herdvil's Point, so that I had no communication with the American prisoners, & can give no further account of the service of William Gordon, neither can I give any information of the time for which he was enlisted. Given under my hand this 3rd of September, 1811.

Saml. Hogg, then a 1st St. in the 1st. Virga. Regt."

"Mecklenburg Co. Scct.

William Pully personally appeared before me, and made oath that William Gordon and himself Inlisted in John Stoke's Company at the Valley Forge in the Winter of 1777, and that he served in said Company as a sergeant until he was taken Prisoner at the Surrender of Charleston, South Carolina, they were both soldiers at the time in Saml. Hopkin's Company that they enlisted with later.

Sworn to before me this 1st. Novr. 1811.

M. Alexander."

(Land Bounty Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va.)

No. 68. WILLIAM GORDON, of Westmoreland County, was living there in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He married Martha Corbin Jones, daughter of Catesby Jones and Lettice Corbin Turberville of Westmoreland, and had issue William W. Gordon, Caroline Virginia Gordon and John T. Gordon.

("Lee of Virginia," pp. 366, 367.)

No. 69. WILLIAM GORDON, of Richmond County,
was a son of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond (ante No. 33), and his wife, Lucy Churchill. He was born August 4, 1766, and died unmarried.

(Gordon of Middlesex & Richmond, ante; Hayden’s Virginia Genealogies, p. 248 & seq.)

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who matriculated in the University of Virginia between its foundation in 1826 and the year 1900.

Those marked with a star are descendants of either Col. James Gordon of Lancaster, or of John Gordon of Middlesex and Richmond.


James Burns Gordon, Jefferson City, Mo. b. 1825. Session 1846-47; M. D. Physician, New Orleans; U. S. Consul to Chili, etc.


George Gordon, Fredericksburg, Va., b. 1885; session 1854-55; Lawyer, C. S. A.; fell in the War between the States.

*Alexander Tazewell Gordon, Albemarle Co., Va., b. 1833; session 1855-56; M. D., Surgeon C. S. A; physician, Culpeper Co., Va.

John Gordon, Ashwood, Tensas Parish, Louisiana; b. 1839; sessions 1855-56-58; planter, d. 1870.

Charles Peyton Gordon, Lafayette, Walker Co., Georgia, b. 1837; Session 1856.


Thomas Christian Gordon, Jr., Tappahannock, Va., b. 1839; session 1860. C. S. A., lawyer; d. 1871.

*Edward Clifford Gordon, Richmond, Va., b. 1842; session 1860. Presbyterian Minister.

Cuthbert P. Gordon, Louisa Co., Va., session 1867; San Francisco.

George L. Gordon, Huntsville, Ala., b. 1847; sessions 1867-69-70.


H. Graham Gordon, Fredericksburg, Va., b. 1850. Lawyer, Baltimore, Md.

*John Beale Gordon, Bealton, Fauquier Co., Va., b. 1854; sessions 1873-1874-1875. Professor University Arkansas.

*George Loyall Gordon, Albemarle Co., Va., b. 1863; sessions 1882-3-4-5. Civil Engineer.

*James Lindsay Gordon, Albemarle Co., Va., b. 1860; sessions 1876-7-8; 1879-80. State Senator in the Virginia General Assembly, 1883; Assistant District Attorney, City and County of New York, 1808-1902; Lawyer, New York City.


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*James Morris Gordon, Trevillians, Va., b. 1861; session 1879-80. Clergyman,
James H. Gordon, Suffolk, Va., b. 1867; sessions 1885-6-7; 1889-90. Lawyer, South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Thomas C. Gordon, Richmond, Va., b. 1867; sessions 1886-7-8-9. Lawyer, Richmond, Va.


*John Churchill Gordon, Charlottesville, Va., b. 1870. sessions 1891-2-3; 1894-5-6-7-8, M. D. Physician, Stevensburg, Va.

William Douglas Gordon, Richmond, Va., b. 1876; sessions 1894-5-6-7-8, Lawyer, Richmond, Va.

J. Leigh Gordon, Norfolk, Va., b. 1877; sessions 1895-6-7.


*William B. Gordon, Charlottesville, Va., b. 1878; session 1897-98.

John D. Gordon, Norfolk, Va., b. 1879. Sessions 1898-9; 1900-1901.


Robert Hendon Gordon, Marion, Ala. Student, University, Va., session 1917-18.

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