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McCLURG DESCENT.

BY DR. JAMES B. MCCAW.

Dr. Walter McClurg of Hampton, Surgeon in the British Navy, sent to Hampton to open the first hospital to inoculate for small-pox in America, lived there many years and left one son. Dr. James McClurg, born in 1747, educated at William and Mary, afterwards in Edinburgh for years and at the leading schools on the Continent. Afterwards Professor of Medicine at William and Mary College. He married Miss Selden of Hampton and had two children, a son "Walter," who died in his 7th year and a daughter "Betsy," who married John Wickham of Richmond, Va.

Dr. McClurg, although a Tory, held many positions of prominence—superintendent and inspector of hospitals in Virginia, a member of the Convention of '78, and on the committee to draw up the Constitution of the U. S., Edmund Randolph, chairman. Many of the conservative sections of the Constitution were originated by Dr. McClurg.—*viel* Moncure Daniel Conway's *Monogram* on this subject.

Dr. McClurg, having no son to succeed him, educated his nephew, Dr. James Drew McCaw, who graduated at Edinburgh, 1792, and joined his uncle McClurg at Richmond the same year, residing at the McClurg house (still extant) corner Grace and 6th st., where his grandson, Dr. James B. McCaw now lives.

_Inscription on Dr. McClurg's Tomb._

"Here lies interred the body of James McClurg, M. D.

In life, admired and honoured for learning, taste and genius and venerated for virtue; of studious and retired habits—yet of the most easy and polished manners; of the readiest and happiest wit, tempered with modesty and benignity; with a native dignity of character and deportment, always sustained without effort, united with unaffected simplicity, and softened with the utmost suavity of temper; formed to delight, instruct and adorn society, his conversation and acquaintance were courted by the most distinguished persons of his Country and of his age. Having studied his profession in the most celebrated schools of Europe, and distinguished himself even in youth, by the elegance and ability of his writings, he was early placed, by com-
mon consent, abroad and at home, in the highest rank among its professors, which he occupied for half a century.

In old age, cheerful and tranquil; his mental faculties unimpaired, the serenity of his temper undisturbed, even his social gayety hardly clouded to the last by the decay and infirmities of the body; honoured, beloved,

Content to live, content to die,
with equal mind he sank to rest,
on the 9th day July, A. D.
1825, in the 78th year of his age.

"Here also lies the body of his affectionate and beloved wife Elizabeth McClurg, daughter of Cary Selden, Esq., who died on the 28th day of June, 1815, age 54 years,

"To the memory of the venerated parents, their only surviving child, Elizabeth Selden Wickham, and her husband John Wickham erect this monument."(1)

VIRGINIA THREADS FOR THE FUTURE HISTORIAN.

Any additional facts concerning George Percy, an early Deputy Governor of Virginia, who was esteemed by all parties, should be recorded.

In no history of Virginia is it mentioned that, in 1597–8, he was a student of the Temple, London, and appointed by his brother, the Earl of Northumberland. In 1603, at his brother's expense, he made a tour in Ireland.

Brown in his valuable work, "The Genesis of the United States," on page 1048, alluding to Lord Delaware, writes: "It seems quite certain he died on our Northern shore." This is an error. In the spring of 1618, he left England in the ship "Neptune," to resume the government in Virginia. Camden, in his "Annals" of the reign of King James, mentions that he was

(1) I certify the above is a true copy of the Inscription on the monument erected to James McClurg.

ANTONI GRAFFIGNA,
Sexton St. John's Church,
Richmond, Va., May 6th, 1890.