

Lineage and Tradition

of

The Family

of

John Springs III

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conviction or is it only physical excitement?" The reply came promptly, "I suspect, Aunt, it is only physical excitement." But surely his life proved to the contrary. He afterwards studied for the ministry and a church was built upon this same lot, to which he was called. During his rectorship there for many years, until the beginning of the war, he never took a penny of his salary but gave it to the needy and suffering in the community, regardless of religious convictions. This was not all. During the war he opened his doors to the unfortunate refugees, particularly those of his own family, sharing with his stepmother, her three daughters and her three grandchildren and for several years after the war when all were impoverished, his home and the remnant of his estate. Surely such men could not have lived in vain, and may not some of their descendants measure up to their standard? His own son said of him, "My father was head and shoulders above men."

Many years after the Civil War a descendant of Mr. Stoney met a son of Col. Cadwalder Jones, who told him that in 1861 Col. Jones' Regiment, 12th Infantry, was quartered upon Timbleston plantation and fed at the expense of the owner for four days, Mr. Stoney refusing any pay for the expense and food consumed while there, an instance of his patriotism and liberality.

After faithful services in his ministry he died of typhoid fever in Savannah, Ga., February 10, 1870. Mrs. Stoney then, with three step-children and two of her own, returned to Yorkville, S. C., among her mother's relatives. A year or two later she removed to Charlotte, N. C., where on September 29, 1875, she lost her younger daughter, Sarah James Stoney, who was born March 9, 1870. The older daughter, Julie Amanda Stoney, born June 3, 1868, died January 8, 1876, both of diphtheria. The second daughter, Margaret Springs, dying in infancy. Mary Catherine Stoney, the older step-daughter, married Dr. R. J. Brevard, a leading physician of the city. He died August, 1907, and was survived by his wife and two children, Caroline Mays and Robert J. Brevard. Caroline married Baxter Springs Moore (Surgeon). Their three children are Annie Wiley, Robert Brevard and Baxter Springs, Jr. Robert Brevard is in business at Medford, Oregon, and unmarried. Mrs. Brevard makes her home in Charlotte with Dr. Moore and his family. The younger step-daughter, Anne Elizabeth, married Charles Drake. They, with their three sons, Lewis, Britton, and Robert, live in Norfolk, Va. Mr. Drake and sons being of the firm of "Drake and Sons, Hardware." James Stoney Drake, the oldest son, holds a responsible position as manager of a cotton mill in Atlanta, Ga.

Lewis Stoney, the step-son of Mrs. Stoney, married Mary McGehee, the daughter of a wealthy banker in Atlanta, Ga. He died January 1, 1912, and was survived by his wife and two daughters, Josephine and Mary, both beautiful girls.

After sixteen years of widowhood, on September 14, 1886, at Washington, D. C., Mrs. Julia A. Stoney married Maj. Henry M. Gibson, of Columbia, S. C. His family originally came from Fairfield, S. C., and are prominently known. In 1892 Major and Mrs. Gibson removed to Texas, when Maj. Gibson held the responsible position of manager of an oil well, of which he himself was the principal stockholder. Maj. Gibson died at his home in Caldwell, Texas, January 26th, 1896, and was buried in the cemetery of that place. A year later Mrs. Gibson returned to Charlotte, N. C., where she lived until her death.

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(From Charlotte Observer, November 16, 1917.)

MRS. J. A. GIBSON DIES AT HOSPITAL.

Prominent Woman Passes Away After Fifteen Months' Illness.—Funeral Services Will Be Conducted at St. Peter's Episcopal Church Today.

Mrs. Julia Amanda Springs Gibson, widow of the late Maj. Henry M. Gibson, of Columbia, S. C., and one of Charlotte's most prominent and beloved women, passed away at St. Peter's hospital Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs.

Gibson was stricken with paralysis 15 months ago yesterday at her home on Carnegie court. She was removed to St. Peter's hospital, where she remained until her death.

The body was removed yesterday afternoon to the home of Mrs. W. W. Phifer, niece of the deceased, on Tenth Avenue. The funeral service will be conducted at St. Peter's Episcopal Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Robert A. Tufft, rector of the church, will officiate. Interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

Hundreds of friends of Mrs. Gibson have called at Mrs. Phifer's today, and the house is filled with a wealth of flowers from friends in both Carolinas.

Mrs. Robert J. Brevard, stepdaughter of Mrs. Gibson, arrived from Atlanta Wednesday and was with her mother when the end came.

Mrs. Gibson was a woman of highest refinement, culture, and of notable beauty of character. She was educated in the best schools of her day. She was the first boarding pupil of the old Charlotte Female Institute, now Queens College. To innate ability she added the charm of learning and letters. She was a beautiful type of the Southern woman of ante-bellum days. There were many pages of her life which were especially beautiful, but none more so than her devotion as wife, mother, and step-mother.

She was a heroine in the days following the Civil War, the days of the impoverished South. Gentle but firm, sweet but positive, bright, companionable and charming, she commanded esteem and love from all who knew her. She was gifted as a writer of prose or verse. She had set herself to the task of writing a history of her family, and had finished many chapters, each full of interest. But the task was never completed. The stroke that came 15 months ago yesterday palsied the hand that wrote so freely and delightfully.

Mrs. Gibson is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Laura Springs Davidson, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Bennie Springs Fickling, of Washington, D. C., who arrived last night; two step-daughters, Mrs. Robert J. Brevard, and Mrs. Nina Stoney Drake, of Norfolk, Va., and one step-son, E. B. Stoney; also nine nieces, Mrs. W. W. Phifer, of Charlotte; Mrs. E. F. Parham, Mrs. John Sewell, Mrs. Edward Hanger, and Miss Julia Fickling, of Washington; and four nephews, Frank Lyon, Leroy Springs Lyon, and Baxter M. Davidson, of Washington, D. C., and Leroy Springs Davidson, of Camden, S. C. She also has a grand-nephew, Joe B. Kenney, son of Mrs. Phifer.

Active pall-bearers at the funeral this afternoon will be: Julian Little, Samuel R. Moore, John M. Scott, George Stephens, Alva C. Springs, Dr. Wylie Moore, Rawlinson Myers, Thos. T. Moore and Hamilton C. Jones.

Honorary pall-bearers, Dr. W. A. Graham, Judge F. I. Osborne, C. W. Tillett, Walter S. Pharr, E. L. B. Davidson, J. Lenoir Davidson and J. Arthur Henderson.

Mrs. Gibson's forebears were all Presbyterians, and she was a baptized member of that church. At the age of 16 years, on the same day with her loved friend, Lydia B. Harris, she became a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church, of Charlotte. On her marriage to Dr. Stoney, an Episcopal clergyman, she joined his church, and was a devoted member of that church. She was active in the various branches of work in the church, and was loved and revered by the church membership until her death, November 15, 1917.

AN ADDRESS BY MRS. AMANDA SPRINGS GIBSON, AT THE LUNCHEON OF
THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENS COLLEGE.

Wednesday, May 27, 1914.

"'Tis scarce expected of one of my age
To speak in Public on the Stage—"

And yet, I have my age, and the Alumnae Association of Queens College, to thank for the honor that is mine in addressing you to-day. I have been asked to

sides there and is an invalid. His daughter is at Mrs. Wade's school (in Dublin). Sir John Oliphert, the Marquis of Ely and Hon. Smith Henker (the younger son of Lord Gort) are all cousins through the Fawcettes to the Stoneys, and at Dublin gallery there are paintings of these titled families.

This information was given to Mrs. Mary (Stoney) Brevard in a letter from a mutual friend of hers and of the family in Ireland. The lineage of the family is the same as that of the American Stoneys—found in Burke's Gentry.

The Stoneys descended from a Danish family, Stonehow, Stoneheight, from the hilly tract it occupied. Baldwin de Stonehow, and Henrius de Stonehow, were amongst those who paid Richard II's poll tax in 1370 at Bricken (three miles from Kettlewell). Two centuries ago some of the family spelt the name Stonay, and this is still the proper pronunciation.

George Stoney of Kettlewell, Yorkshire, England, settled in 1692, in Knockshegowna, County Tipperary, Ireland. He married January 6, 1675, Mary, only child and heiress of Thomas Moorehouse of Ralston. He went to Ireland shortly after the Revolution of 1688 and settled in County Tipperary, where he acquired considerable property. His sons were Thomas, John, James, George, Robert Leonard and three daughters died in infancy. Thomas married Sarah Robinson, a granddaughter of George Robinson, an officer in Cromwell's Army, and a sister of General Andrew Robinson. James, born 1679, married ————. George married Eliza Johnston, daughter of Capt. James Johnston of Ballynockam and sister of Capt. Robert Johnston, 37th Regiment of Ewell Castle, and had issue, their son, Andrew Robinson Stoney, married the Countess of Strathmore and John Stoney, his brother, married Elizabeth Carrelfield and emigrated to America, settling in South Carolina, where he founded a numerous and prominent family. The two sons of John Stoney and his wife, Elizabeth Carrelfield, were James and John.

James married Elizabeth Mosse. John married Elizabeth Gaillard. The two children of James and his wife, Elizabeth Morse, were George Mosse and Martha. George Mosse married first Catherine Jenkins by whom he had three children,

*(Caulfield)

Joseph, ^{Rev. Dr.} James and Elizabeth. Joseph married Agnes Kirk. James married first Clara Reed, second Julia Amanda Springs. Elizabeth married John Richardson. ^{Dr.} George Morse Stoney married secondly Sarah Barnwell and had by this marriage children as follows: Anna B. married William Graham, Emma married Middleton Stuart, Charlotte married Rev. Nathaniel Fuller, Adeline unmarried, and George Morse, who lost his life in the Civil War. Martha ^{Sarah} the daughter of James and his wife, ^(2nd) Elizabeth Mosse, married Dr. Joseph Lawton, by whom were born two children. Paul died young. Samuel married Anna Brooks. Second Harriet Brooks.

John Stoney, the second son of John Stoney and Elizabeth Carrelfield, who married Elizabeth Gaillard, had issue. The names as follows: James, Henry, William, Theodore, Eugenia, Christopher, Edgar, Gaillard, John and Elizabeth. Theodore married Miss Mills. Eugenia married ——— Mathewson. Samuel married Harriet Gaillard, Edgar married Anna Bryan, Gaillard married Anna M. Porcher, Elizabeth married ——— Fitzsimmons.

Stoney of the Downs Coat of Arms.

Entitled to bear a shield or on a bend colized az. three escallops of the field. Crest out of a mural crown, ppr. a demilion, or holding between the paws a spur erect, ar. winged gu. Motto—Nunquam non paratus.

Jenkins and Scott Lines of a Branch of the Stoney Family.

This name was first spelled Geoinquins. Some branches of the Jenkins family spelled the name Shenkins. One of the petty kings of Wales was Llewellyn, whose sons were Joseph, John and Daniel.

Daniel had several sons among whom was Isaac Rippon, who married Hannah Scott, the daughter of Joseph James Scott, 1st Lieutenant in Marion's command during the Revolutionary War. He was born December 15, 1754, died May 26, 1804. He was severely wounded at the battle of Black Wings. See Ramsey's History of South Carolina, also McCrady's History of South Carolina.

Isaac Rippon Jenkins and his wife, Hannah Scott, had two daughters. Catherine and Sarah, m. Joseph Pope of Leamington Plantation.

^{m.}
Dr. George Mosse Stoney
(1795-1854)