

South Carolina Families Are Linked With Virginians

ROOTS IN VIRGINIA, by Nathaniel Claiborne Hale. Privately printed.

Wars in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"Armorial bearings have been disregarded and old world titles have been minimized in the pages that follow, not because they may be undemocratic or because they usually were obnoxious to our pioneer ancestors who had closer claim upon them, but simply for the . . . reason that a remote ancestor, whether scoundrel or prince, cannot possibly have much influence on our behavior today. If this proves disappointing to some of our cousins who have supplied so much interesting old world material I can only plead that I commenced this work with certain firm convictions, one of which was that those hardy souls who crossed the ocean, no matter what their reasons, and stayed to help found that great nation had no peers more worthy of our respect and gratitude. I honor them as 'firsts.'"

—LOUISE JONES DuBOSE.

"Roots in Virginia" is a particularly apt title for Nathaniel Claiborne Hale's account of Captain Thomas Hale, Virginia frontiersman, his descendants and related families. The tremendous contribution of that commonwealth to all sections of America is a fact taken for granted by historians but not too well known to the average person. Even to the technically minded researcher, however, Mr. Hale's volume will be interesting and helpful.

Probably South Carolina can furnish as many, if not more fruits of the "Roots in Virginia" than any other state in the country. From the first colony came numerous families to the coastal and central sections of the Palmetto State and a very large proportion of the settlers in the upper areas were directly from Virginia. A few of the notables of Virginia extraction are Colonel William Thompson (of Fort Moultrie fame), the Taylor and Preston families of Columbia, the Hamptons, Generals Andrew Pickens and Thomas Sumter, and several of the heroes of the battle of King's Mountain. The Calhouns stopped for a while in Augusta county on their way from Pennsylvania to South Carolina, and scores of other families of South Carolina can claim "roots in Virginia."

Mr. Hale's book is primarily concerned with his own family as it became established in his state and then branched out over the nation. Some of the South Carolinians who are thus connected with the main lines of Hale, Saunders, Lucke, Claiborne, Lacy, and Tobin are cited as the Coopers of Williamsburg county, Mrs. Eva Saunders Irvine (wife of Dr. James Sinkler Irvine of Berkeley county), the Fredericks of the Orangeburg area, Cabells of Orangeburg and Charleston, Cornelius Tobin who first settled in Charleston, the Peeplesees, Owneses, Overstreets, and Lartigues of western South Carolina, the Barnwells, and Johnson Hagoods.

All of those families and others will find much about themselves in this volume.

Careful examination and checking of records characterize the presentations and a list of authorities and bibliography support the conclusions that are drawn. An index of 29 pages is of great assistance in discovering the particular person whose family is under discussion. The book is privately published in a small limited edition, and unlike many records of its kind, is illustrated not only with family photographs but with reproductions of maps and with drawings. The author is a member of the Virginia Historical Society, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Order of First Families of Virginia, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, and The Society of Colonial

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