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challenged his awed but fearless contemplation of the might and mystery of Nature.

He was by nature a cheerful man, seldom sharing his cares and worries even with his most intimate companions. Yet, he was acquainted with grief. Indeed, there were seasons when the gloom which encircled him seemed impervious to every ray of hope, and at some such time we find him soliloquizing,—

"Oh that this weary war of life  
With me were o'er,—  
Its bitter cry of woe and strife  
Heard nevermore!  
I've fronted its red battle field  
Mine own dark day;  
I fain would fling the helmet, shield,  
And sword away."

But, out of the night that covered him, he climbed with head unbowed and with his face toward the dawn, and standing like Boabdil, the last of the Moorish kings, he found comfort and courage in the thought that "man's soul is greater than his fortunes and there is majesty in a life that towers above the ruins that fall around its path."

## HAMPTON

Anthony Hampton came from Halifax Co., Va., to N. C., and settled near Germantown in what is now Stokes Co., later removing to S. C. He was the father of Genl Wade Hampton of S. C.

Thomas Hampton, brother of Anthony, settled in what is now the village of Hamptonville, Yadkin Co., N. C., later returning to Pittsylvania Co., Va., but his son Henry remained at Hamptonville. Among the children of this Henry Hampton and wife Sarah Bevers were two daughters, Sarah and Margaret, who m. Richard Allen Jr of Wilkes; also a son, Col Wm., who m. Nancy Bryan and settled at Swann Pond on south side of Yadkin five miles below Brier Creek Church. Among the children of Wm and Nancy (Bryan) Hampton were: (1) Louisa (1818-1894) m. Col Felix Parks; (2) Wm (1823-1891) (the last of the Hampton name in Wilkes) m. Mrs Wm T. Martin (mother of Mrs Lula (Martin)

Weir, and of the Anson County Martin family); (3) Julia Ann (d. 1897) m. Dr A. A. Scroggs.

Ten generations of the Hampton descendants are as follows:

I. Wm Hampton (b. 1590, in England), planter, came to Virginia in 1620 on the ship "Bona Vona." He settled in Elizabeth City Co., near present town of Hampton, not named for him. His Will was made in 1652; date of death unknown. In 1621 his wife, Joan Hampton, and their three children, Wm Jr, Grace, and Elizabeth Hampton came over in the ship "Abigail" and joined him. Thomas Hampton, their 2nd son, was born in Virginia in 1623. In 1640, this Wm Hampton claimed his head rights for the transportation of himself, his wife and three children, and eight other persons, one of whom was his sister—Philadelphia Hampton. Accordingly he was granted a tract of 550 acres on Eastermost River in Elizabeth City Co., later Gloucester. He had previously settled on a plantation of 200 acres held by lease from the government.

At that time, land in Virginia could not be held in fee simple. After the law permitting the holding of land by private individuals was passed, Wm Hampton took out patents for about 1300 acres of land from the King, and also purchased from private individuals. He moved into the county of Gloucester where he built his home "Hampville," which continued in the family until 1743.

II. Rev Thos Hampton, son of Wm and Joan Hampton, was an Episcopal minister in James City Co., Va. His sons were John and Thomas.

III. John Hampton, son of Rev Thomas, lived in King Wm Co., Va. 1st wife was Mary Mann. Their children were: Mary; Thomas; John; Wm; Richard.

IV. John Hampton II m. Margaret Wade. Children: John; Anthony; Henry; James; Thomas; Margaret; Elizabeth; Rosamond. Home: Fairfax Co., Va.

V. Anthony Hampton m. Ann (or Elizabeth) Preston. Their children were (not in order of age): Maj John; Preston; Margaret; Capt Edward; Col Henry; Lieut Col Richard; Maj Genl Wade; Elizabeth. Anthony Hampton lived in Fairfax Co., Va., then Halifax. He moved to Stokes Co., N. C., and later removed to S. C., and located near Pacolet. Here he and his wife, their son Preston, and their infant grandson were killed by Indians in the massacre of 1776. The home was burned. Their eight-year-old grandson, John Bynum, son of Gray and Margaret (Hampton) Bynum was visiting them. He witnessed the horrible murder, was carried off by the Indians and held several years until ransomed by his uncle, Genl Wade Hampton.



VI. Margaret Hampton m. 1761, Gray Bynum (1737-1814).

VII. Mary Bynum d. of Gray and Margaret (Hampton) Bynum m. John Carmichael.

VIII. Abner Carmichael m. Fanny Bryan.

IX. Carrie Carmichael m. Dr Lawson Harrill.

X. Miss Fannie Gertrude (Jettie) Harrill, now living in Statesville, N. C.

### BRYAN

The three brothers John, Andrew and Henry Bryan came to Wilkes shortly before 1788 from Virginia. Previously they had lived and entered the Revolutionary army in Chester Co., Penn., where their father Andrew Bryan Sr (originally O'Brien) had come from Ireland accompanied by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

Major John Bryan (1753-1842) of the Revolutionary army, known as Col Bryan in Wilkes, was described by Rev Wm Barber as possessing unswerving integrity and candor. He m. (1788) Nancy Robbins of Gloucester Co., Va. Their children were: (1) Elvira (1790-1863) m. (1806) Col James Martin (1777-1863); (2) Matilda m. Wm Parks, parents of Col Felix Parks (who lived just east of the John Bryan home and on the original tract); (3) Mary m. James Parks, parents of Col Marcus and Col Lyndolph Parks (who lived where the village of Roaring River stands); (4) Fanny m. 1st Miss Shields, 2nd Miss Bury in Ga., where they lived; (5) Cynthia m. Col Frank Petty; (6) Nancy m. George Bower of Ashe Co.; (7) John Andrew.

Col John Bryan settled on the south side of the Yadkin a few miles east of Wilkesboro. Here he built (1803) one of the country mansions of that day. In later years it came into the possession of the Parks family through the marriage of his daughter Matilda to Wm Parks. In 1927, the old home was burned. The Bryan plantation extended several miles eastward along the Yadkin to the land of Benjamin Martin.

Andrew Bryan Jr (1756-1808), brother of Col John Bryan, m. (1790) Delphia

Garnett Jones. Their children were: (1) Edmund (b. 1791) m. Ursilla Hampton descendant of Col A. Hampton of King's Mt fame, lived in Rutherfordton where he was known as Gen Edmund Bryan, a fine example of the old school gentleman, handsome, stately in bearing, and displaying a generous hospitality; (2) Nancy m. Wm Hampton son of Henry Hampton of Hamptonville, lived at "Swann Pond" on south side of Yadkin five miles east of Brier Creek; (3) Fanny m. Abner Carmichael, lived in Brier Creek section, parents of Mary L. Carmichael who m. Dr James Callaway, and Phebe Caroline Carmichael who m. Dr Lawson Harrill of Rutherfordton (their daughter, Miss Jettie Harrill now living in Statesville, N. C.); (4) George; (5) Phebe m. Thos Kelly, moved to Dalton, Ga.; (6) Leander, moved to Ala.; (7) Betsy Lemira m. Miller Irvin of Burke Co., moved to Ga.; (8) John Jones m. Miss Duncan; (9) Larkin.

The children of Gen Edmund Bryan and Ursilla Hampton Bryan of Rutherfordton were: (1) Rufus m. Sue McCampbell, lived in Tenn.; (2) Eliza m. 1st Wm Mills, 2nd Ambrose Mills; (3) Louise m. Gen Collett Leventhorpe (1815-1889), C. S. A., born in England, lived at "Holley Lodge" in Happy Valley; (4) Mary m. Wm Davenport Jones, lived at the "Fountain" in Happy Valley; (5) Edmund m. Lavallett Pierce of Abingdon, Va.

### MARTIN

The family of Benjamin Martin (b. 1746) moved from Fluvanna Co., Virginia to Wilkes in the winter of 1782 and established their home on a plantation along the south side of the Yadkin about two miles west of Ronda. This Benjamin Martin, ensign and Revolutionary soldier in Va., was the son of Henry Martin and Sarah Bryan, d. of John Bryan of Pennsylvania, a relative (probably) of Col John Bryan who came to Wilkes. Henry Martin was the son of Peter Martin and



Mary Anthony Rapine Martin of Goochland Co., Va., whose Huguenot ancestors came to America in the year 1700.

The said Ensign Benjamin Martin m. (1766) Diana Harrison, d. of Benjamin Harrison of Pittsylvania Co., Va. Their 10 children were: (1) Dr Robert (b. 1767) m. Amelia Wright; (2) Patsy (b. 1769) m. Benjamin Parks, parents of Col Lyndolph Parks and Col Marcus A. Parks; (3) Benjamin m. Frances Martin; (4) Sarah Meredith (b. 1776) m. Hiram Rousseau of Wilkes County; (5) James (1777-1846) m. (1806) Elvira Bryan; (6) Anne m. Edmund Bagby; (7) John m. Mildred Jones; (8) Elizabeth m. John Martin (son of Wm M.); (9) Amelia (1786-1877) m. John Cleveland, grandson of Ben Cleveland of King's Mt fame; (10) Diana (1788-1858) m. John Martin.

The children of Col James Martin (1777-1846) and his wife Elvira Bryan Martin (1790-1863) were: (1) John (b. 1808) moved to Macon, Ga., where he was married and had several children some of whom lived in Chattanooga, Tenn.; (2) Diana Adelaïd (1810-86) m. James Clemmons Hunt, parents of the three daughters, Cynisca, Susan, and Ella; (3) James; (4) Benjamin, twice married, 3 sons killed in C. S. A., daughter named Elvira; (5) Emaline (d. 1861) m. Mr Shuford; (6) Elvira (d. 1862) m. Mr Heathman; (7) Felix (d. 1852, Macon, Ga.); (8) Mary m. J. Cansler and moved to Indian Territory; (9) Leland (Lee) m. Laura Corpening of Morganton; (10) Rufus m. 1st Jane Hickerson, 2nd Ann Hickerson, moved to Little Rock, Ark.; (11) Oscar; (12) Augustus Harrison (b. 1833) m. Susan Virginia Corpening.

The children of Leland Martin and Laura Corpening Martin were: (1) Mary m. Dr Barker of Jonesville; (2) Ella (d. 1923), unmarried; (3) James D., bachelor, now living (age 87½ years) in Arco, Idaho; (4) Harry C. (d. 1939); (5) Clara m. John Sale, parents of Fred L.

Sale, lawyer, Asheville; (6) Philetus (Fleet) A. (1866-1937), lawyer, Tex.

The children of Capt Augustus Harrison Martin (b. 1833), C. S. A., and Susan Virginia Corpening Martin were: (1) Dr James Everett (d. 1924), M.D.; (2) Julius, lawyer, Asheville, now Director Bureau of War Risk Litigation, Washington, D. C.; (3) Laura Adelaide m. 1st Frank McCulloch, 2nd James Linney (dec'd), parents of Ruth Linney, Roaring River, N. C.

Col James Martin acquired a large body of land on the south side of the Yadkin between Ronda and Roaring River. His home, built (1806) near Brier Creek, still stands in good condition.

### PARKS

Benjamin Parks emigrated from Virginia to Wilkes and m. Patsy Martin, d. of Ensign Benj Martin and Diana (Harrison) Martin (b. 1769). They established their home on the north side of the Yadkin, east of Roaring River, the plantation extending along the Yadkin east and west of Roaring River. Among their children were: Wm m. Matilda Bryan, lived in the home of her father, Col John Bryan; James m. Mary Bryan, sister of Matilda, lived at Roaring River.

A son of Wm and Matilda (Bryan) Parks was: Col Felix Parks m. Louisa Hampton (1818-94) of Swann Pond. Their children were: Wm; Clarence; Lee; Bryan of Savannah, Ga.; Eddie; Ida; Louisa. The last two, Misses Ida and Louisa Parks are living today (1940) at the old home place.

The children of James and Mary (Bryan) Parks were: (1) Col Lyndolph m. Lucinda Petty, lived just west of Roaring River, old home now owned by his two sons, Felix and Herbert; (2) Wm, moved to Va.; (3) John Andrew, moved to Mouth of Wilson, Va.—his daughter, Mec, m. John A. McMillan; and Sue m. Rufus Spainhour of Morganton, N. C.; (4) James, moved to Alleghany Co., where he m. Cynthia Gentry,



d. of Col Allen Gentry; their daughter, Susan, m. R. A. Doughton, Esq, of Sparta, N. C.; (5) Marcus A., Lieut-col, C. S. A., m. Mary Lenoir Hickerson (Table 53), moved to Calif., then to Muskogee, Okla; (6) Oliver, Capt, C. S. A., student U. N. C.; (7) Cynthia m. Addison Lafayette Rousseau; (8) Felix (died while student at Emory and Henry College); (9) Mary m. Dr A. A. Scroggs, who after her death, m. Julia Anne Hampton; (10) daughter m. a Connelly.

### SHEPPARD

James Sheppard (1759-1828) was born in Rowan Co., N. C. He took part in the battle of King's Mt., and was promoted to the rank of 1st lieut. In 1782 he m. Phebe Mastin (1766-1856) of Halifax Co., Va., and lived for a time on the Yadkin River near what is now the village of Ronda. In 1815 he purchased 5,000 acres of land on Hickory Creek, Warren Co., Tenn., and lived there until 1820, when he removed to Williamson (now Rutherford) Co., Tenn., where he carried on stock raising, farming, and trading—becoming the wealthiest man of his day in that county.

His wife, Phebe, was one of the excellent of the earth—pious, patient, and amiable; one of her favorite sayings as a panacea for all ills was, "It is as it is, and it can't be any tisser."

Their daughter Elizabeth m. (1810) Ransome Gwyn. They moved to Warren Co., Tenn.

### HUBBARD

The Hubbard family came to Wilkes from Halifax Co., Virginia, about 1785, and settled near Moravian Falls. Benjamin Hubbard, three times great grandfather of Dr Fred C. Hubbard, owner and builder of the Wilkesboro Hospital, was the pioneer. Mrs J. T. Hubbard, mother of Dr Hubbard is the daughter of the late Dr James Callaway.

### HUNT

At the time of the Revolutionary War, we find three (or more) prominent members of the Hunt family in North Carolina: (a) Capt Jonathon Hunt in Salisbury; (b) Rev Nathan Hunt in Guilford; (c) Hon Memucan Hunt in Granville. They were probably related as their ancestors lived in England, New Jersey, and Philadelphia. It appears quite certain that Thomas Hunt (b. 1588 in England) was the common ancestor of both Jonathon and Memucan Hunt, and the name Nathaniel appears among their direct descendants.

#### (a) *Jonathon Hunt Line:*

The line of descent from Thomas Hunt of England (called 1st generation) to Jonathon Hunt is as follows:

*1st generation*—Thomas Hunt (b. 1588), England;

*2nd generation*—Ralph Hunt (1613-1677) b. in England, d. in Long Island, America;

*3rd generation*—Samuel Hunt (1652-1717) b. in Long Island, d. in New Jersey;

*4th generation*—John Hunt (1678-1748) b. in Long Island, d. in New Jersey;

*5th generation*—Jonathon Hunt (1707-1783) b. in Long Island, d. in Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C.

This Jonathon Hunt commanded a company during the Revolutionary War; was a member of the Safety Committee (1775), Rowan County; and was the first man to receive George Washington upon his visit to Salisbury. Jonathon Hunt was married three times: 1st (name of wife unknown); 2nd Isabella Hampton; 3rd Margaret Lourance. The children as listed in the family Bible of Daniel Hunt were: Andrew; Charles (1741-1818); John Levi; Wilson; George; Mary; Daniel (1761-1835); Elizabeth; Gresham; Enoch; Susannah; Margaret; Catherine; Cynthia (b. 1780).

Daniel Hunt, son of Capt Jonathon Hunt, m. 1st Judith Chaffin; 2nd (1800) Nancy Jones (1779-1835), Jonesville,