Colonial Families of the United States of America

IN WHICH IS GIVEN THE HISTORY, GENEALOGY AND ARMORIAL BEARINGS OF COLONIAL FAMILIES WHO SETTLED IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES FROM THE TIME OF THE SETTLEMENT OF JAMESTOWN, 13TH MAY, 1607, TO THE BATTLE OF LEXINGTON, 19TH APRIL, 1775

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REV. JAMES MICHAEL NOURSE, of Alexandria, Virginia; b. in Milroy, Pennsylvania, 14th May, 1840; m. 18th May, 1865, Sarah Frances BLACKMAN, b. in Port Republic, New Jersey, 3d February, 1844, d. Alexandria, Virginia, 19th June, 1914, dau. of Hon. and Judge David Somers BLACKMAN, b. 17th September, 1815, m. 25th May, 1841, by Rev. TREWITT, Abigail Hugg Doughty, dau. of Gen. Enoch Doughty, b. 4th March, 1792, d. 17th April, 1871, m. 15th January, 1816, Charlotte CLARK, b. 2d December, 1792, d. 23d February, 1884.

ISSUE

I. Hattie Foster, b. 22d February, 1866, at Charleston, West Virginia; member of National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and United States Daughters of 1812; Association of Preservation of Antiquities; National Geographical Society; m. 12th February, 1889, Albert Doyle BROCKETT, of Alexandria, Virginia, b. 15th July, 1863.

II. Alpheus Homer, b. Bull Creek, West Virginia, 3d December, 1867; m. in Brooklyn, New York, 23d September, 1905, Eva A. CAHILL.

ISSUE

1. Dolores.
2. Dorothy.

III. Clarence Doughty, b. Bull Creek, West Virginia, 14th July, 1870; m. in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 7th June, 1899, Elizabeth Clement BOICE.

ISSUE

1. Clarence Boice, b. 11th December, 1901.
2. Katharine, b. 11th March, 1903.
3. Philip Rittenhouse, b. 5th September, 1907.

IV. Edith Holmes, b. Cairo, West Virginia, 20th September, 1872; m. Dr. Jesse Sidwell MYERS, November, 1902.

ISSUE

1. Charlotte Sidwell Myers, b. 20th January, 1904.
2. Harriet Nourse Myers, b. 4th June, 1910.

V. James Francis, b. Athens, Ohio, 18th November, 1874; m. 5th October, 1907, Hazel BALLARD.
VI. Mary Abigail, b. Athens, Ohio, 21st November, 1879; m. Dr. John Edgar Myers, 21st April, 1906.

ISSUE

1. Frances Blackman Myers, b. 17th July, 1907.
2. John Edgar Myers, Jr., b. 21st March, 1910 (twin).
3. Mary Elinor Myers, b. 21st March, 1910 (twin).

REV. JAMES MICHAEL NOURSE was graduated from La Fayette College, Pennsylvania, 24th July, 1862; from Princeton Theological Seminary, April, 1865; has been a Presbyterian minister and served churches in West Virginia, Ohio and Virginia.

Lineage

The English ancestor of this family was John Nourse, I, of Weston, England; b. circa 1616; d. 1670, ae. 54; m. Lettuce Jones, III, dau. of William Jones, of Tineowen, Monmouthshire, England, Esquire.

ISSUE

I. JOHN, II, of whom below.

JOHN NOURSE, II, of Weston, England; d. 1683; m. Ann Smith, dau. of John Smith, of North Nibley, in Gloucestershire, Esquire.

1. JOHN, III, b. 1670, of whom below.

JOHN NOURSE, III, of Weston, England; b. 1670; d. 1715; m. Elizabeth Gregory, of Woolhope in County Hereford.

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I. JOHN, IV, d. 1751, of whom below.

JOHN NOURSE, IV, of Weston, England; d. 1751; m. 11th April, 1721, Eliza Gregory, dau. of William Gregory, of How Caple, in County Hereford, England.

ISSUE

I. JAMES, b. 19th July, 1731, of whom below.

JAMES NOURSE, b. at Weston, Herefordshire, England, 19th July, 1731; d. at Annapolis, Maryland, 10th October, 1784; settled near Charlestown, West Virginia, and built a place called "Piedmont;" was in the Virginia Legislature, representing Jefferson and Berkeley Counties, West Virginia, then Virginia, and
held other state and government offices; was one of the thirteen trustees of Berkeley Springs when Bath, Morgan County, was laid out, which claimed to be the first town laid out after the Declaration of Independence, October, 1776. He was appointed Commissioner to settle the claims of Maryland against the United States about 1781, and removed to Annapolis for that purpose, and d. in Annapolis. For fifty-seven years was connected with the Treasury Department of U. S. Government; was a ruling elder in Presbyterian Church in Washington, D. C., fifty-three years; m. 30th September, 1753, Sarah Fonace, of London, England, d. at Annapolis, 7th September, 1784, dau. of Gabriel Fonace and Sarah Burton, dau. of Joseph Burton.

ISSUE

I. Joseph, b. 16th July, 1754.

II. Elizabeth, b. 7th July, 1755.

III. Sarah, b. 14th August, 1756.

IV. James, b. 11th March, 1758.

V. Catherine Burton, b. 9th May, 1759.

VI. Charles, b. 8th May, 1760.

VII. William, b. 16th October, 1761.

VIII. Robert, b. 25th September, 1762 (twin).

IX. Sarah, b. 25th September, 1762 (twin).

X. William, b. 30th October, 1763.

XI. Elizabeth, b. 23d January, 1765.

XII. Susanna, b. 9th February, 1766.

XIII. John, b. 17th January, 1768.

(The above all b. in London.)

VIII. Gabriel, b. 24th January, 1770.

XIV. Philip, b. 30th June, 1771.

XV. Sarah Anne, b. 16th July, 1773.

XVI. Horatio, b. 29th July, 1774.

XVII. Michael, b. 1st September, 1778, of whom below

Michael Nourse, b. in Frederick County, Virginia, 1st September, 1778; d. 6th December, 1860, at Washington, D. C.; m. 24th June, 1800, Mary Rittenhouse, b. 2d September, 1779, d. 17th February, 1867, dau. of Benjamin Rittenhouse, of Philadelphia, b. 1741, m. 1770, Elizabeth Bull, dau. of Col. John and Mary (Phillips) Bull.

ISSUE

I. Elizabeth, b. 5th January, 1802; d. 30th January, 1802.

II. John Rittenhouse, b. 1st September, 1803.

III. James, b. 30th April, 1805, of whom later.

IV. Benjamin Franklin, b. 15th April, 1807.

V. Mary Phillips, b. 12th April, 1809.

VI. Sarah Harriet, b. 20th January, 1811.
vii. William, b. 23d October, 1812.
viii. Jacna Josepha, b. 21st October, 1814.
ix. Charles Howard, b. 1st December, 1816.
x. Joseph Everett, b. 17th April, 1819.
xii. David Boyd, b. 29th October, 1820.
xii. Henry Michael, b. 25th September, 1824.

Rev. James Nourse, b. near Washington, D. C., 30th April, 1805; d. Salem, Iowa, 5th July, 1854; m. 1st October, 1829, Sarah North Harvey, b. in Germantown, Pennsylvania, 18th May, 1810, d. Milford, Pennsylvania, 15th February, 1873.

issue

i. Joseph Harvey, b. 7th July, 1830.
ii. Elizabeth Rooker, b. 8th June, 1832.
iii. Mary Anna, b. 25th December, 1833.
iv. Margaret McClay, b. 11th December, 1835.
v. Sarah Harriet, b. 23d October, 1837.
vi. James Michael, b. 14th May, 1840, the subject of this memoir.
vii. Eva Maria, b. 28th November, 1841.
viii. John Thomas, b. 24th February, 1845.
ix. Mary Rittenhouse, b. 29th September, 1847.
x. Ann Caroline, b. 9th June, 1854.

Arms.—Gules a fesse between two chevrons argent.
Crest.—An arm embowed, vested azure, cufféd argent, grasping in the hand proper a snake of the last environed round the arm.
Motto.—By courage not by cunning.