

BABER - BABERS of VIRGINIA

Adin Baber of Kansas, Illinois, descendant of William Baber who married Susannah Southern, when he visited England in 1919, decided to visit Cathedrals and look for the Baber family. He was directed to go to Bristol and Pensford by train, and then on foot to Chew Magna. This he did, and writes as follows: "To the southeast along a winding road, I saw a manor house on the east and beyond, a spire of a church. I went into the church yard and found it full of buried Babers, JAMES, GEORGE, JOHN, EDWARD, WILLIAM, ELIZABETH..... The Mistress of the Post Office sent me to see Miss Nancy Baber on Chew Court Farm, which was a short way from the church. She said the Baber family had knowledge of members of the family being in many parts of the world, especially in the United States, and all traced back to Somersetshire, and that there was no other Baber family in England. One Baber returned from the Crusades and rebuilt the Church. In the southeast corner of the Baber monument erected before 1643 by Frances Baber to the memory of his father and mother, is an epitaph for himself and wife. The arms of the father and son are: Crest on Esquire's helmet, on a wreath, cock rising, or, jelloped gules; Shield, Argent, on a fess gules, three hawks heads erased of the first. Motto: UNICUMQUE SUM. This is the same crest that is above the door on the Chew Manor House that was formerly owned by the Baber's.

Robert¹ Baber, first of this family in Virginia, a Bristol factor, sailed from Bristol Somerset England about 1668 and landed in York County, Virginia. He was a member of the Church of England, for the birth of his son, Edward, is recorded in the Charles Parish Register as follows: "Edward Baber, son of Robert by Sarah born Oct. 12, 1682. (p. 45) Robert moved to Old Rappahannock County where he appears as a witness in several transactions (Embry's Index). He evidently removed to King and Queen, for Jan. 22, 1718, he received a grant of 300 acres in King William County, which was formed from King and Queen in 1702. (P.B. 10-p. 409) He also patented 500 acres on the upper end of Reedy Swamp in that same year. The date of his death is not known.

His children are said to be as follows:

- I. Robert² Baber. (See later)
- II. Edward b. Oct. 12, 1686.
- III. Thomas
- IV. John.

Robert² Baber is known to be a son of Robert¹ Baber because of his association with his brother, Edward Baber. In 1723 Robert Baber deeded land in King William County, and the deed was

witnessed by Edward Baber. (Ryland, vol. I, pp. 80-86). In that same year, Robert Baber of St. Margaret's Parish conveys land to Edward Baber of the same parish. (Id. 83) Also he sold land to William Isbell in 1723. (Id 84) Robert was a member of the jury in Caroline May 4, 1736. He moved to Albermarle County where his will was probated in 1749. (Bk. 1, p. 4) He mentions wife MARGARET, son ROBERT and other children shown below. His wife was possibly a daughter of John Welch of Albermarle. Children: Robert³ Baber, b. ca. 1725, m. Jane Pendleton (?) (See later); Elizabeth, m. William Walker; Rachel m. William Webb; William; Ann (Nancy); Sarah; m. _____ Cockerman; Juriah; John; and Charles Baber.

Edward³ Baber, son of Robert² Baber and his wife Sarah was born about 1725 in Albermarle County, Virginia, and died July 6, 1786 in Campbell Co., Va.. About 1745 he married Jane Pendleton or Jane Welch, who was born about 1725 in Albermarle and died after 1786. Robert³ Baber moved to Bedford County, Va., where he was Sheriff of the County in 1754; Justice of the County Court Nov. 27, 1758; Member of the Virginia Assembly Nov. 9, 1776. He signed a petition to allow the people of Virginia to worship in a church of their choice. He received certificates in 1782 and 1783 for furnishing supplies to the Continental Army. (8 W. (2) p. 123)

Children:

- I. William Baber, b. ca. 1750, m. Susannah Southern. He gave Oath of Allegiance in 1777.
- II. John Baber, b. ca. 1760, m. Sally Moorman. (See later)
- III. James Baber, b. June 2, 1762, m. Mildred Arthur. He enlisted for service in the Revolution in 1780, serving in Capt. Adam's Co., Col. Lynch's Va. Reg.
- IV. Jane Baber, m. Thomas Farmer.
- V. Mary Baber, m. _____ Perrin.
- VI. Elizabeth Baber, m. Parmenas Haynes.

John⁴ Baber, son of Jane and Edward³ Baber, was born about 1760 in Bedford, Va., and died July 1, 1809, in Rutherford Co., N.C. On May 13, 1790, in Campbell County, Va., he married Sally Moorman, daughter of Charles Moorman, (Quaker Records) who was born about 1772, in Campbell and died after 1820 in Rutherford, N.C.

Children:

- I. John Baber (added an "s") b., ca. 1794, m. (1) Martha Elkins; (2) Alpha Lard. (See later)
- II. Achilles Moorman Baber, m. Martha Logan.
- III. Martha Baber, m. Barnabus A. Baber, her first cousin.

John⁵ Babers, son of Sally Moorman and John⁴ Babers, was born in 1794 in Campbell Co., Va., and died Aug. 16, 1864, in Bienville Parish, Louisiana. He married first, Feb. 5, 1815 Martha Elkins; and married secondly at Blackville, S.C., in the year 1836, Alpha Lard (Laird), daughter of Absolum and Susan Lard (Laird), who was born in Barnwell District, S.C. in 1808 and died in Bienville Parish, La.

Children of Sally and John⁵ Babers:

- I. Julia Ann, b. Aug. 24, 1837, died young.