

*Messrs. Editors:*

An old Bible, now belonging to Mr. Geo. R. Chapman, of Baltimore, contains names of my Chapman ancestors, whose relationship to each other I cannot positively determine, and now in the "Maryland Heraldry" columns I ask the Chapman descendants to assist me in connecting Robert, Sr., Robert, Jr., Luke and Nathan Chapman.

The first record is the death of Robert Chapman, Sr., in 1749. No other mention of Robert, Sr. Following under the heading "Deaths" I find Daniel, son of Margit Chapman, 1753; Robert, Jr., 1771; James, 1772; Margit, 1772; Joshua, 1795, son of Nathan and Rebeckah Chapman; Robert, 1804; Nathan Chapman, Sr., 1807; Hannah Chapman, 1823; Rebeckah Chapman, 1827, aged 87; Helen Gorsuch, 1823. Elizabeth, Sarah and Clary Dettor, children of John Dettor and Elizabeth Chapman, his wife, died in 1788. Elizabeth Parrish died in 1810, aged 100 years 1 month and 5 days.

Was there relationship between Elizabeth Parrish and the Chapmans? She was of the same generation as Robert Chapman, Sr. The page containing the record of Luke Chapman commences: "Sophia Woodin, born 1727. Luke Chapman married to Sophia Conway, 1754." Was Sophia Woodin and Sophia Conway (widow) the same? Their children were Charles, the eldest, born 1755; Margit, Daniel, Stephen, Mary, Sarah, Leah, Ephraim, Sophia and Samuel, the youngest, born 1770. Nicholas Dettor was born 1783.

Nathan Chapman and Rebeckah Griffith married in 1760. Rev. Thomas Craddock, of St. Thomas' Parish Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore county, officiated. Of their 14 children 11 are mentioned in Nathan Chapman's will. Joshua, Ruth and Robert probably died before their father. The will of 1807 leaves "my manor plantation, all my negroes, stock, utensils," etc., to wife Rebeckah for life; at her death to be equally divided between the 11 children named. These children were Jemima, Hutson, Elizabeth Dettor, William Chapman, Rebeckah Vaughn, James Chapman, Nathan Chapman, John Chapman, Job Chapman, Helen Reister, Mary Chapman, Hannah Chapman.

Nathan Chapman bought from Robert Chapman in 1759 50 acres of Bucks forest. The low price paid for Bucks forest indicates some favor from the grantor. In 1764 Nathan Chapman conveyed 50 acres of Bucks forest to Frances Brothers and at the same time 25 acres of Nathan's De-

sire. The name of the tract of land mentioned in the will as the "manor plantation" is not known so from that source. I get no assistance in locating the home or burial place of Nathan Chapman, my great-grandfather. The home and burial place is believed to have been near Reisterstown.

The ink is much faded in the old time-worn book and the records are scattered throughout. There is nothing to indicate any degree of relationship between Robert, Sr., Robert, Jr., Luke and Nathan Chapman, Sr. I have given names besides those of Chapman, hoping this may be read by some of the Vaughn, Reister, Dettor and Hutson descendants and that they will assist in tracing the connection. I feel that some of the many descendants in Maryland and Virginia must know more of my Chapman ancestors than I and ask if they will give the information they possess.

Among the early emigrants to Virginia was Thomas Chapman, who came over in the ship Tryall in 1610. Seven years later his wife Ann, his daughter Ann (6 weeks old) and his son Thomas (2 years old), came over from England in the ship George. (Hooten's List of Emigrants to America.) This is, no doubt, the same Thomas Chapman mentioned by Burke as the younger brother of William Chapman, who "settled in America." They were sons of Benjamin Chapman. William inherited his father's "estate of St. Lucy, formerly a preceptory, or cell, of Knights Hospitaller."

The parent stock lived at Hinckley, in Leicestershire. Sir Walter Raleigh was first cousin to the grandfather of Thomas Chapman, the emigrant, and it was through Raleigh that John and William Chapman obtained grants of land in Ireland. This land they sold later for a large sum of money.

Smith, in his "History of Kentucky," says: "David Chapman, of Warren county, Kentucky, who died in 1884, aged 93, son of Thomas Chapman, of Virginia, was probably the first white child born in Warren county." David Chapman must have been born in 1791, and was probably a grandson of the 2-year-old emigrant Thomas.

I find a William Chapman mentioned in "First Records of Baltimore Town" as administrator of the estate of Edward Foterel in 1750. This William Chapman was a citizen of Anne Arundel county.

I hope someone will favor me with a Chapman letter that will give an account of this very old Maryland family and the connection, if any, with Thomas, the Virginia emigrant, and his English ancestors.

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