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On Friday, April 13, 1908, the corner stone was laid with appropriate exercises, and on Friday, May 14, 1909, the Library was opened to the public. On the latter occasion the State Librarian, H. R. McIlwaine, was present and made an interesting address, well worthy of preservation and publication.

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### COBB OR COBBS FAMILY.

The Cobb or Cobbs family were first represented in Virginia by 1 AMBROSE COBBS, who on July 25, 1639, patented 350 acres upon the Appomattox River for the importation of himself, Anne his wife, 2 Margaret his daughter, 3 *Robert* his son, Richard Barker, Hugh Barker, Thomas Harvey. From the records of York County he appears to have had two other sons: 4 *Ambrose*, 5 Thomas, which last died in 1702 without issue.

3 ROBERT<sup>2</sup> COBBS (son of Ambrose<sup>1</sup> Cobbs) was, according to his deposition, born in 1627, and lived in Marston Parish, York County, of which he was church warden in 1658. When Marston Parish was absorbed in Bruton Parish in 1674, he was a member of the vestry of the new parish. After Bacon's Rebellion he was appointed justice of York County on the following recommendation of the clerk, John Baskervyle:

"To the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Sr William Berkeley, Knt<sup>e</sup> Gou<sup>rn</sup>r, &c.

John Baskervyle in behalfe of Yorke County most humbly presenteth. That the said County being of large extent but few magistrates to officiate, some being lately decd, humbly prays that M<sup>r</sup> William Booth, M<sup>r</sup> Edward Mosse & M<sup>r</sup> Robert Cobb may be admitted by yo<sup>r</sup> Hon<sup>r</sup> into the commission, being reported Loyall & honest subjects. And he shall ever pray &c. The 23<sup>th</sup> March 1676-7 this peticon is granted, and these are ord<sup>rd</sup> to be sworn at the next County Court. Teste Henry Hartwell, Cl. Con."

In 1682 Mr. Cobbs was appointed sheriff of York County by Sir Henry Chicheley. In 1679 Daniel Parke, Secretary of State, died and Mr. Cobbs was administrator of the Virginia estate of Col. Parke. He married Elizabeth ———, born according to her deposition, in 1634. He died Dec. 29, 1682, and

she on October 7, 1684. (Bruton Parish Register.) He left a personal estate valued at £80 12.01.

He had issue 6 Edmund married Frances ———, and died Dec. 21, 1682. They had no issue, and the widow Frances married 2dly John Stewart, of York County; 7 *Ambrose*; 8 Otho, who appears to have died without issue; 9 *Robert*.

"The deposition of Elizabeth Cobb aged 50 years saith: That whereas my decd husband, Robert Cobbs, did putt a child to school to Valentine Evans to Learne him to wright & reade at the rate of twenty shillings a year, I the sd Eliz. Cobbs being informed y<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Mr Evans never took any more of any one than twenty shillings as Affores<sup>d</sup>, did send another sonn to be instructed as afforesd, & yo<sup>r</sup> depon<sup>t</sup> is willing to make satisfaction for the time that my sonn was with him, and further saith not—Eliza Cobb E. C. (*Signum*). . . .

Sworne before mee the 21 July 1684, Martyn Gardner. Recorded July 26, 1684."

"It is ordered upon the peticon of Otho Cobb that M<sup>rs</sup> Frances Relict of her decd husband Edmund Cobb give bond with security to y<sup>e</sup> court for y<sup>r</sup> Estate of Mr Robert Cobb, deceased, father of the said Otho y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> same be not imbezzled or wasted and y<sup>t</sup> shee be accomptible for y<sup>e</sup> same after y<sup>e</sup> expiration of nyne monthes after her said husband's decease, shee being therewith possest as his Relict."

Abstract of the will of Edmund Cobb of York County, Bruton Parish: Negroes to brother Ambrose Cobbs and my gold ring which was my father's. Brother Otho and Robert Cobbs, son-in-law (stepson) Matthew Pierce, wife Frances, cousin Eliza Kerle. Dated March 2, 1690-91—proved March 7, 1693. In 1693 Otho Cobbs stated that he was of full age and petitioned that Mrs. Frances Cobbs, widow of Mr. Edmund Cobbs, de'cd, be summoned to the next court in regard to his father's estate.

7 *AMBROSE*<sup>3</sup> *COBBS* (Robert,<sup>2</sup> Ambrose<sup>1</sup>) was churchwarden of Bruton Parish Church at Williamsburg. He married Elizabeth ———, and his will dated April 24, 1718, was proved June 16, 1718. It names daughter 10 Frances; 11 *Robert*; 12 *Thomas*; 13 John, to whom a negro boy that belonged to the estate of Thomas Pinkethman; 14 *Edmund*; 15 *Ambrose*. Witnesses Ann Frith, Joseph Frith, Matthew Pierce. Wife and sons Robert and Thomas were made exors.

11 ROBERT<sup>4</sup> COBBS (Ambrose,<sup>3</sup> Robert,<sup>2</sup> Ambrose<sup>1</sup>) married probably the daughter of Abraham Vinckler of James City Co., and his will was proved in York County in 1727. He gives his estate to be divided among "all his children." Sons 16 Vinckler and 17 John Cobbs appointed executors.

12 THOMAS<sup>4</sup> COBBS (Ambrose,<sup>3</sup> Robert,<sup>2</sup> Ambrose<sup>1</sup>) married Mary Shields, named in the will of her father James Shields, of Williamsburg. He made his will in 1736 and names 18 Ambrose, 19 Thomas, 20 Matthew. This will was proved in York County, September 17, 1750, and was witnessed by Ben Eggleston, Edmund Cobbs and James Shields.

In Chesterfield County, in 1752, 1110 acres were divided among Ambrose, Thomas and Matthew Cobbs.

In the same county, in 1783, Ambrose Cobbs made his will and names his 4 sisters—Elizabeth Booth, Hannah Marshall, Mary Perkinson and Phebe Cobbs.

4 AMBROSE<sup>2</sup> COBBS (Ambrose<sup>1</sup>) appear to have died about 1688 and had issue: 21 *William*, 22 Robert.

In 1688 the York records mention George Glasscock as marrying Mary, relict of Ambrose Cobbs, and mother of William Cobbs.

Will of Thomas Cobbs made December 18, 1702, and proved February 4, 1702: To cousin William Cobbs, my house and lot where I now live, and if he died then the same to go to Thomas Cobbs; To Isaac Sart a black mare running now at Powhatan; two sows to Alice Newman; to Robert Cobbs, son of Ambrose Cobbs; all the remaining part of my estate to cousins Ambrose Cobbs, Robert Cobbs, Otho Cobbs and Robert Kerle, to be equally divided between them.

Sept. 25, 1702. In the difference between William Cobbs, son of Ambrose Cobbs deceased and Coll. Edmund Jenings, wherein the plaintiff requires the defendant to give an account of what part of his deceased father's estate he has in his hands as trustee to the same, and sold at Public outcry 13 Oct., 1690.

Nov. 24, 1705. The return of the appraisement of William Cobbs deceased is continued—Mary Cobbs, the administrator.

21 WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> COBBS (Ambrose,<sup>2</sup> Ambrose,<sup>1</sup>) and Mary his wife: (She was probably Mary Timson) had issue (perhaps) 23 *Samuel Cobbs*—first of York County and then of Amelia County.

In 1719 Samuel Cobbs obtained a license to keep ordinary in Williamsburg. In 1717 he married Edith, daughter of Jean Marot, a French Huguenot innkeeper of Williamsburg. He removed to Amelia County and his will dated June 27, 1757, was proved there July 28, 1757. His widow, Edith's will was dated March 9, 1758, and was proved July 2, 1761.

23 SAMUEL<sup>4</sup> COBBS and Edith Marot had issue: 24 John Catlin Cobbs; 25 Samuel Cobbs, who had houses in Williamsburg; he was probably the student named in the catalogue in 1754. 26 Anne married Col. Edward Booker, of Amelia in 1739; 27 Edith married Edmund Booker, who died in 1792; 28 Sarah, who married George Booker which last died in 1791; 29 Theodosia, died unmarried in 1782; 30 Judith married \_\_\_\_\_ Eggleston; 31 Mary, wife of John Le Neve to whom 100 acres in Prince Edward County.

24 JOHN CATLIN<sup>5</sup> COBBS (Samuel<sup>4</sup>) married Rachel Smith, in 1767, and his will dated Feb. 8, 1800, was proved in Amelia County, Oct. 23, 1800. It names wife Rachel and children: 32 Edith Asselin, wife of Francis Asselin; 33 Sarah Booker, wife of Richard Booker; 34 Samuel Cobbs; 35 Thomas W. Cobbs; 36 John C. Cobbs; 37 Edward S. Cobbs. Administrator Francis Anderson and Richeson Booker.

25 SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> COBBS (Samuel<sup>4</sup>) married Elizabeth Munford in 1768. (Marriage bond.) She was the daughter of Thomas Munford of Amelia, whose will was dated March 5, 1785, and names children Ann Munford; Thomas Munford; Martha Booker, wife of Samuel Booker; Edward Munford; Eliza Cobbs; Sarah Wily.

14 EDMUND<sup>4</sup> or 15 AMBROSE<sup>4</sup> COBBS, sons of 7 Ambrose<sup>3</sup> Cobbs, was probably father of 38 *Samuel*; 39 Edmund and 40 *John Cobbs* of Louisa County.

38 SAMUEL<sup>5</sup> COBBS (Edmund<sup>4</sup> or Ambrose<sup>4</sup>?) married Mary, daughter of Col. Robert Lewis and his will dated Sept., 1758 was proved in Louisa County, November 28, 1758.

*Will of Samuel Cobbs* of the parish of Fredericksville, County of Louisa, Virginia: Names wife and three children: 41 Jane, 42 Robert, and 43 Judith, brothers Edmund and John Cobbs. Has land on the Blackwater in Bedford County. Should all my wife's children die without issue, then so much of my estate as came by my wife shall be equally divided among the children of Jane, the wife of Thomas Meriwether, of Louisa County, and Ann, the wife of John Lewis of Spotsylvania County. Mr. Samuel Dalton, Mr. Nicholas Lewis, and brother Edmund Cobbs executors. Dated Sept., 1758, proved Nov. 28, 1758.

42 ROBERT<sup>6</sup> COBBS (Samuel Cobbs<sup>5</sup>) married Ann Gizzage Poindexter, Nov. 19, 1783, in Louisa (Register) and had 43 John Poindexter, born May 2, 1785. A Robert Cobbs was a Captain in the Revolutionary Army and received land bounty. He is said to have moved to Georgia where he has descendants. A Robert Cobbs was living in Halifax County in 1761. (Hening, *Statutes at Large*, VII., 421.) His will dated Jany. 19, 1769, names children Ann, Elizabeth, Judith, Samuel.

40 JOHN<sup>5</sup> COBBS, or COBB, brother of 39 Samuel<sup>5</sup> Cobbs, married in Granville Co., N. C., in 1769, Mildred Lewis, daughter of Howell Lewis, son of Col. Charles Lewis of the Byrd (brother of Col. Robert Lewis above mentioned). (Marriage bond at Oxford). They moved to Georgia. Issue: 44 Howell Cobb (born Aug. 3, 1772, died May 26, 1818). Captain U. S. A., an M. C. from Georgia, married Martha A. Jaqueline Rootes; 45 Mary Willis Cobbs married Robert W. Flournoy; 46 Susannah, married Charles Bostwick; 47 Henry Willis Cobb, married Obedience D. Bugg; 48 *John Adison Cobb*, born January 5, 1783, married Sarah Robinson Rootes; 49 Mildred H. Cobb, married William H. Jackson.

48 JOHN ADISON<sup>6</sup> COBB (John<sup>5</sup> Cobb) was born January 5, 1783, and died Nov. 21, 1855, married April 11, 1812, Sarah Robinson Rootes (born Sept. 20, 1792; died July 23, 1866).

Issue: 50 Gen. Howell Cobb, U. S. Senator; 51 Laura Battaile Cobb; 52 Mildred Lewis Cobb; 53 Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb; 54 John B. Cobb; 55 Mary Willis Cobb; 56 Sarah Martha Cobb. The issue of them is given in *Va. Magazine*, IV., 332, 333. See also WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, XI., 40, 41.

9 ROBERT<sup>3</sup> COBBS (Robert,<sup>2</sup> Ambrose<sup>1</sup>) lived in York County. He married I. Rebecca daughter of William Pinkethman. She died in 1715 leaving issue: 57 Elizabeth, born in 1704, married James Shields in 1719; 58 Rebecca. He married II. Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Allen and had 59 Sarah, who married Robert Jones, Jr., of Sussex Co., who moved to North Carolina and was Attorney-General of that State and they were parents of the distinguished Allen and Willie Jones of the Revolution; 60 Martha, she married Major Dudley Richardson. WILLIAM AND MARY QUARTERLY, VI., 121, *Va. Magazine*, X., 101, 196. After the death of Robert Cobbs his widow, Elizabeth, married Samuel Weldon, of Henrico County, Va.

In Campbell County is the will recorded of Charles Cobbs, Senior, dated March 3, 1798, and proved January 13, 1800. It names wife Ann and children (1) Jesse, (2) John, (3) Charles R., (4) Caleb, (5) William W., (6) Samuel D., (7) Thomas, (8) Frances Rodgers and her children, William Rodgers, Elizabeth Ann Rodgers and Ann Walton Rodgers. He made his sons Jesse and John Cobbs and Edmund Herndon, exors., and his friends Robert Alexander and Thomas Clark, counsellors to them as they may need. Witnesses, Williston Talbot, Edmund Johns, Josiah Crows, Robert Carter, Thomas Cobbs, James Cobbs and Moses Cobbs.

Rev. Nicholas Hamner Cobbs was born in Bedford County, Virginia, on 5th April, 1796. He was the eldest son of John Lewis and Susan Cobbs. He married Lucy H. L. Cobbs, his first cousin. After serving as pastor in Bedford, and Petersburg, and Cincinnati, he became Bishop of Alabama, where he died at his home in Montgomery on January 11, 1861. He had ten children whose names are given in Slaughter's *Bristol Parish*.