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PREFACE

On February 17, 1756, my great-great-grandfather, Anthony Aufrère, of Norfolk, in England, married Miss Anna Norris. One of her relatives was a certain Anthony Norris, of Barton, in Norfolk, who compiled what he called an "Extract from the Parentalia of Mr. Norris of Barton." Upon the death of this Mr. Norris in 1785, the manuscript came into the possession of my great-grandfather, Anthony Aufrère, the younger, son of the Anthony who married Miss Norris. He made some corrections and additions to the manuscript about 1830, and added interesting accounts of his own family and of the Lockhart family, into which he had married. The papers passed into the possession of his son, George Anthony Aufrère, and after the death of the latter in 1881 came into my possession.

I have thought it would be interesting to members of my immediate family to have copies of these accounts of some of their ancestors; and, for the sake of completeness, following my great-grandfather's example, I have prefixed notes of the other families from which we are descended, or with which I am connected.

by marriage. This little volume makes no pretence to completeness, but it may be useful to those who care to pursue further genealogical enquiries.

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PART I

MEMORANDA CONCERNING THE FAMILIES

OF

RIVES, CABELL, WALKER, and NELSON of Virginia; BARCLAY and DE LANCEY of New York; AUFRÈRE of Norfolk in England; LOCKHART of Scotland; KEAN of New Jersey; and WHITING of Massachusetts.

Of the Rives Family

THE origin of this family seems to be in a good deal of doubt. The late Alexander Brown, in his book *The Cabells and their Kin*, to which I shall have frequent occasion to refer, says that the first of the name came over somewhere between 1649 and 1659 from England and settled first "at or near Blandford in Surry County, Virginia."¹ Mr. Brown asserts, without giving any authority for it, that the family came from near Blandford in Dorsetshire, England. There certainly was a family whose name is usually spelled *Ryves* at Damory Court in Dorsetshire, whose pedigree is set out at considerable length in Hutchins's *History of Dorset*, where the name is sometimes spelled *Reves*. Whether, as a matter of fact, the American family had any connection with the English family referred to, it is now probably impossible to determine.

At any rate, the descendants of the original emigrant seem to have become rather obscure farmers in Southeastern Virginia and North Carolina, where many of the name still, I believe, remain. *Not obscure farmers. Always the name*

¹ There is no place now known as Blandford in Virginia, so that it is probable the name of the locality has been changed.