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## PREFACE.

This book is published neither for profit nor for fame, but from a sense of duty to my family and kindred I have resolved to leave behind me in a shape easy of preservation some record of my ancestry and myself, feeling sensibly the lack of duty in this regard on the part of those who have gone before me. The right-thinking men and women of the State are at this day troubled with sore regret that so little of record has been left of their ancestors, and great efforts are being made to gather information concerning them. Some will call these sketches the work of foolishness and vanity. To such I will say that it is a sad thing for the State and her citizens that for two hundred years there have lived and died so few of her sons obnoxious to a like charge. Besides what is said of myself in these sketches, much is narrated which concerns others, and which is, or ought to be, of interest. Be this as it may, it is a satisfaction and comfort to me to know that I have placed in their reach these facts.

I have inserted here the description of the Battle of the Crater, by Capt. B. L. Beatty, of Company K, Twenty-Sixth Regiment, S. C. V. Infantry, because I regard it as good as any I have read, if not the very best. Considering the number engaged, the space on which the battle was fought, its appalling opening, and the number slain and captured, it was the bloodiest battle of the war, and from first to last, Captain Beatty, of Horry, was a gallant participant, and the men of Horry were among the bravest of the brave on that memorable day.

J. H. HUDSON.

August, 1903.





## CHAPTER I.

# GENEALOGY OF THE HUDSON FAMILY

### I.

1. About A. D. 1750 there came to Amherst County, Va., Joshua Hudson, emigrating probably from Culpepper, who took up a grant or patent of land on Turkey Mountain, a spur of the Blue Ridge, lying perpendicular to the main chain, and inferior in altitude.

His sons were Joshua, Rush, Reuben and John.

His daughters were Dicey, who married Moses Wright; Susan (called Sukey), who married Mr. Bolling; Polly, who married Mr. Arbuckle, and moved to Tennessee.

2. Joshua, son of Joshua, had the following children, viz.: Bennett, Edmund and Parnelia. Mr. Sidney M. Dawson of Amherst, now 90 years old, married a daughter of Bennett Hudson, and from him I have learned the genealogy here given.

3. Rush had the following children, viz.: John, Rush, George, Lucy and Francis.

5. John's children not known.

The mother of Moses Wright, who married Dicey Hudson, was a Whitehead. Most of these families lived near Turkey Mountain and Piney River, in Amherst, Va.

### II.

John Hudson, one of the sons of Rush, and grandson of the first Joshua, got into a duel in Amherst, and supposing he had killed his antagonist, fled the county and went to Orange or Louisa County, and there married Mary Dedman, of Prussian parents, a short, round-faced, pretty girl. After this he returned to Amherst, and settled on the Blue Ridge mountains, and was hence called "Mountain" John, for distinction from other relatives by the name of John Hudson, the names of Joshua, Rush, John, George and William being common in all branches of the family in Amherst and Culpepper.

"Mountain" John Hudson had the following children, viz.: Joshua, Rush, Dabney, John, George, William, Samuel, Nancy, who

married Reuben Cash and settled in Rockbridge; Lucy, who married George Campbell; Francis, who married Lawson Campbell, and Mary, who married Henry Campbell, the three last settling in Amherst, where many of their descendants still live. Joshua Cash and sister, Elizabeth McCrory, children of Nancy, are very old (eighty-five years), live in Nelson County, Montebello being the postoffice of Joshua. Of Lucy's children I know of two living—one, the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Campbell, lives near Gaffney City, S. C.; another, Joshua Campbell, lives in Amherst, postoffice Lowesville, Va. The Cash family is numerous in Amherst, Rockbridge and Nelson, and the Campbells still more so. It is worthy of mention that McCormick, the inventor of the reaper of that name, married a daughter of Nancy Cash, so says Cousin T. J. Campbell. McCormick was a blacksmith in Rockbridge, Va., where he married Aunt Nancy's daughter.

Of the sons of "Mountain" John Hudson, four came to South Carolina, viz.: Joshua, Dabney, Rush and John, and settled in the districts (counties) of York and Chester. Joshua married Polly Hopkins, and had by her the following children: John, William, George, James, Rufus, Jane, Mary Ellen, Henrietta and Emma. William died of yellow fever in Charleston, S. C., 1854.

John, George and James Rufus moved to Arkansas, as did Henrietta, who married Mr. Matthews.

Jane married Frank Walker. Mary Ellen married Dr. William Walker. Emma married, first, Mr. Nichols; second, Falkner, and third, Captain Currie, and lives in Florida.

John Hudson, son of "Mountain" John, died in York, unmarried.

Rush, another son, married Mrs. Polly Wylie, of Chester, a widow with one child, Sarah. By this widow he had the following children: George, John Rush, Samuel, Mary Ellen, Francis, Parnelia and Catharine. The family moved to Arkansas prior to 1849, and settled on Red River, and I have lost sight of them.

Dabney, son of "Mountain" John, learned the tailor's trade in Yorkville under his uncle, William Dedman, who had preceded him to South Carolina. Before he was twenty-one years old he married Narcissa, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Cook. Of this family of Benjamin Cook, there were four children, Hilary, Ripley, Narcissa and Eliza, Hilary I never knew, but remember Uncle Ripley and Aunt Eliza. Hilary and Ripley removed to Georgia, settling near