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The Family of General John Floyd of Virginia

COL. JOHN FLOYD was killed by the Indians in 1783. He was a Kentuckian. His son John Floyd of Virginia, who married Letitia Preston, daughter of Col. William Preston of Virginia. Their children:

1. Savanna Smith Floyd, born March 14th, 1805, died in 1806.
2. John Floyd, born June 6th, 1806.
3. George Rogers Clark Floyd, born Nov. 20, 1807, died in 1808.
4. William Preston Floyd, born June 15th, 1809.
5. George Floyd, born Sept. 13th, 1810.
6. Benjamin Rush Floyd, born Dec. 10th, 1811.
7. Letitia Preston Floyd, born Nov. 14th, 1814.
8. Lavalette Madison Floyd, born Dec. 16th, 1816.
9. Nannette Buchanan Floyd, born June 6th, 1819.
10. Carolyn Patton Floyd, born Jan. 26th, 1822.
11. Thomas Lewis Preston Floyd, born July 16th, 1824, died in 1824.
12. Mary Morning Lewis, born March 10th, 1827.
Twelve children.

Genealogy of the the Floyd Family of Northampton County, Virginia

THERE is a tradition in our family that the three brothers, viz.: William, Frederic and Charles, of Wales, who first settled in this country from Wales, were descended from Llewellyn Floyd the last of the Welch Kings, who surrendered his kingdom to the English at the time of the massacre of the Welch bards. I have no certain information as to the date of their settlement in the then, county of Accomac, Virginia, since divided into Accomac and Northampton counties; but from the best information I can get, I should *think*, about the year 1675. Frederick married; his wife died leaving a child. He was so much distressed that he went crazy and starved himself and child to death. William Floyd, the son of one of the two remaining brothers, emigrated to Amhurst County, Virginia. We have no other certain information as to the names of the heirs of the original settlers, William and Charles.

Our next certain information is of William, who married Miss Estha Kendall of Northampton County, Virginia, from whom my grandfather, John K. Floyd, was born. John K. Floyd married Miss Anne Teackle of Accomac County, their issue being: Hetty, James, Frederick, John K., Anne, William S., Catherine and Charles. Hetty, James, Frederick, John K. and Charles died without issue. Wm. S. Floyd (my father), married Miss Anne Teackle Smith (daughter of Isaac and Anne Teackle his wife) by whom he had James Frederick, Lavinia, William S. (myself), Kate and Nannie T. Lavinia and Kate died when children. The William Floyd who married Miss Kendall

had a nephew, Charles Floyd, who left the eastern shore of Virginia when a boy of about nine years of age, and went to sea. He afterwards settled in Georgia and married. The brothers of my grandfather, John K., were William and Mathew. William married a Miss Hallett. Mathew married ————. Their children were Thomas, Estha and Samuel. Samuel married Miss Wise of the eastern shore of Virginia. They left one daughter, Ellen, who married Leonard I. Nottingham. I have never examined the county records of either Accomac or Northampton, or I might be able to trace from which brother my immediate ancestors came.

There seems to exist the impression that we came from Charles, the original settler from Wales.

The Anne Teackle, the mother of my father, and the Anne Teackle, mother of my mother, were first cousins. It may not be out of place in a genealogy to say that the Floyds, although never accepting political positions in the county, have always enjoyed the respect and confidence of the people, and many contemporary with my father have told me his opinions would have as much weight in the community as any one's in it. Miss Catherine Floyd married Mr. W. J. Jones of Hampton, Va., by whom she had John Floyd Jones, Wilson W., Kittie and Allie. Miss Anne Floyd married John S. Parker of Northampton, the heirs being Maggie, Lucy, Jacob, Kate, John and Nancy. Nancy married Severn Eyre of Northampton. My mother, brother, sister and myself are now living in this city (Baltimore, Md.), and I do not know of any relatives of our family by the name of Floyd, now living on the eastern shore of Virginia.

It would seem from the absence of a family Bible, until a few generations back, that our family have been more remarkable for loving their friends and hating their enemies, than for loving those that hate us; although quiet,

and reserved in manners, the Floyds are a warm-hearted, passionate people, very decided in their likes and dislikes.

Baltimore, Md., April 22nd, 1873.

Wm. S. Floyd,

In Compliment to his cousin,

Mrs. Mary Hamilton,

Savannah, Ga.

The Charles Floyd mentioned in Mr. W. S. Floyd's letter was my *grandfather*, a descendant of one of the brothers, who left Wales to come to America. Frederick of Wales (Charles' father), name was Samuel, who married Miss Susan Dixon of Northampton County, Virginia. Of this marriage were three children: Charles, Eliza and Samuel. (Samuel died young). Their parents died at the same time, and were both buried in the same grave. They left Charles, 7, and Eliza, 5 years old, orphans in the cold world from which they received but little or no sympathy or kindness.

Knowing nothing of the early life of Eliza, I only write of my respected and much loved grandfather, who, from his own account of his boyhood, after the death of his parents, was roughly treated, uncared for and deemed a trouble by those who should have been interested in his welfare—his own relatives.

Whether his parents left any property he was ignorant, being only a child of nine when taken by his uncle to Norfolk, and shipped to sea.

Often have I heard him recount the many hardships he endured during fourteen years that he "*followed the seas*," during which time he visited many places of note, and witnessed life in every variety and custom in almost all parts of the globe. He was generally on trading vessels, transferring the products of different countries from one to another.