

Brent of Westmoreland County, Virginia

"Giles Brent, Sr., fifth son of Sir Richard and Elizabeth (Reed) Brent of Larke Stoke and Admington, England; b. in 1606 and d. in 1671, at his estate 'Retirement,' Westmoreland County, Virginia. He migrated to Maryland in 1638 with his brother, Fulke, and his sisters, Mary and Margaret. He was Deputy Governor of Maryland; Lieutenant-General of Militia; Lord of Kent Fort Manor; Member of the Council; of the House of Burgesses, etc., and his estates in Maryland and Virginia were enormous; he left Maryland in 1650 and went to Virginia; m. (firstly) circa 1650, the Princess Kitomagund dau. of the Emperor of Piscatoway (she was adopted by Margaret Brent, educated, baptized and given the name of Mary Brent); m. (secondly) circa 1660, Mrs. Frances Harrison, nee Whitgreaves, by which marriage there was no issue." Colonial Families of the United States, Vol. VII by George Norbury Mackenzie.

Issue of Sir Richard Brent and Elizabeth Reed.

Giles Brent Sr. had issue by his first wife, viz.

- Mary Brent married John Fitzherbert.
- Giles Brent, Jr. was born 1652 and died 8/2/1679. He married his first cousin in 1671, Mary Brent, the daughter of George and Marianna (Peyton) Brent of "Defford". Giles became master of the estate of "Retirement" in Westmoreland County. Issue:
 1. Margaret Brent, born 1673 married George Plowden.
 2. Mary Brent, born 1675, married John Nutwell.
 3. Giles Brent III 1677-1707, married Jane Chandler, daughter of Colonel William Chandler.
 4. William Brent 1679-1709, became master of "Retirement" and also of "Richland" he inherited the English estate of his family. For this reason he returned to England where he died. He was married on 5/12/1709 to Sarah Gibbons, the sister of Sir John Gibbons, a Member of Parliament. Issue:

William Brent, Jr., born 3/6/1710 in England, died 8/17/1742 in Virginia. In 1717 he came to America with his mother, residing in Westmoreland County; where he served as Justice and a Member of the House of Burgesses. He assumed the ownership of "Richland". He was married to Eleanor Carroll, the daughter of Daniel and Eleanor (Darnall) Carroll of Maryland. Issue:

- 1-Anne Brent died 1803, married her cousin, Daniel Carroll of "Duddington".
- 2-Eleanor Brent married Clement Hill.
- 3-Richard Brent died 12/30/1814, unmarried.
- 3-Daniel Carroll Brent 1759-1/21/1814, married 1/3/1782 Anne Fenton Lee, the daughter of Thomas Ludwell and Mary (Aylett) Lee. Issue:
 - a. William Brent 1/13/1783-5/13/1848, married in 1810 his cousin, Winifred Beale Lee, the daughter of Thomas Ludwell and Frances (Carter) Lee of "Cotton" plantation. He served as a Member of the House of Delegates. Issue.

- (1)- William Brent.
- (2)- Arthur Lee Brent.
- (3)- George Lee Brent, served in the Confederate Army.
- (4)- Thomas Lee Brent, graduate of West Point in 1835, was married in 1835 to Jane Wilkins. Issue:

- i. Thomas Lee Brent, graduate of West Point, 8/9/1845-5/24/1880 married 12/21/1871 Flora Deshler. He served with the 18th Infantry at Camp Thomas Kentucky in 1865, and was on frontier duty at Ft. Lyon, Colorado in 1866 and in Ft. Laramie, Dakota from 1866-1867, Ft. McPherson, Nebraska in 1867, Ft. Philip Kearney in 1867, etc. Issue: Flora Brent married 1/26/1897 Thomas Benton Hamilton; Winifred Eleanor Brent married 4/5/1899 Alexander William MacKenzie; Thomas Ludlow Lee Brent (died young); and Marie Louise Brent.

- ii. Winifred Lee Brent married Dr. Henry F. Lyster.

- iii. Eleanor Brent married General Orlando Poe of US Army.

- iv. Mary Brent married Lt. Orin Gurovtiz of US Army.

- b. Thomas Ludwell Lee Brent, born 8/9/1784.
- c. Adelaide Brent, born 12/25/1786.
- d. Eleanor Brent, born 10/11/1787.
- e. George Lee Brent, born 8/1792.
- f. Mary Aylett Brent, born 10/3/1795.

4-William Brent, Colonel of the Virginia Continental Line. He was married to Eliza Jacqueline Ambler.

- Richard Brent., born ca 1654 in England, resided at "Retirement".
- Katherine Brent married Richard Marsham.
- Henry Brent.
- Margaret Brent, died young.

George Brent, son of Sir Richard Brent, was born 1602 in Admington, Gloucestershire, England and died 1671 at Defford, Worcestershire, England. He was married to Marianne Peyton, a daughter of Sir John Peyton and his wife, Alice. Issue: Ursula, John (of Brenton, Virginia); Henry (died 1/24/1694); William; Edward; Robert (died 1/19/1696); George (1641-1699/1700 of Brenton, Virginia).

Another Brent family in Westmoreland County was that of Edmund Brent who died after 1658. Wife, Rebecca.

Apparently some of the family settled in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky where Thomas Young Brent was born in 1841. He served as a soldier in the Confederate Army and was married on 5/1/1867 in

Monroe County, Georgia to Jane Smith, daughter of Davis Smith who owned a large plantation at Brent, Georgia. His wife died in Atlanta, but he died ca 1910 in the Old Soldier's Home in Louisville.

Ref: Last Will and Testament of Edmund Brent dated 3/26/1658 Westmoreland County, Virginia; Colonial Families of the United States, Vol. VII by George Norbury Mackenzie, pp. 112-115.; Personal Records of Jeannette Holland Austin.

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