

Neale of Virginia

Lineage. “Neale or Neill is a Celtic word meaning champion, or ‘Victory of the people.’ Neill of the ‘Nine Hostages’ is one of the greatest of ancient heroes. The last but one of the pagan kings of Ireland, he was by chance the means of introducing Christianity, for he carried off by piratical descent upon a Roman Colony a young boy who afterward was the apostle of Ireland (St. Patrick). Neill was of the family of the Clan Neill, one of the leading septs of the north of Ireland. Romantic and thrilling are the stories told of him. When going to settle on the Ulster coast he resolved to take possession of the new country by touching the shore first, and finding that he was to be outstripped by his companions, he tore out of his dagger, cut off his right hand at the wrist, and threw it on the beach, so that his fingers were first laid on the domain. Such is the tale that accounts for the O’Neill’s War Cry, ‘Lamhdearg Aboo’ (Red hand set on) and for the Red hand on the shield of the O’Neills of Ulster. The first mention of the Neals in Virginia is in 1630, when John Neale ‘Gent’ was granted fifty acres in Accomac County. Nine years later he was Member of the House of Burgesses. His wife was Elizabeth Southey. Other Members of the House of Burgesses were Capt. Richard and Christopher Neale. The latter was Justice of Northumberland County, from 1685 to 1719. Representatives of the family were living in King William, Fauquier, and Mason Counties. This branch of the Virginia family is descended from Lieut. Daniel Neale, b. 1620; d. 1671; one of the two ‘forfeiting’ proprietors of Ireland who settled in Northumberland County, Virginia and was appointed in 1659 Constable; from the county records we learn that his wife’s name was Eleanor_____.”
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Issue of Lieut. Daniel Neale:

- Daniel Neale, son of Lieut. Daniel Neale, was born 1642 and married Elizabeth Holland, a daughter of Daniel and Joyce Holland of Northampton County, Virginia. She married 2d, Philip Shapleigh. Issue.
 1. Daniel Neale.
 2. Edward Neale.
 3. William Neale.
 4. Ebenezer Neale.
 5. Lucretia Neale married John Cockerill.
 6. Hannah Neale married Capt. John Hayne.
- Christopher Neale 1664–1696, resided in Northumberland County, Virginia, married Hannah Rodham, a daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Rodham. He served as a Burgess of the Virginia Assembly and a Civil Officer of the County from 1680 to 1685. Issue.
 1. Major Richard Neale of the Militia, Member of the House of Burgesses.
 2. Captain Christopher Neale of the Militiar, Member of the House of Burgesses
 3. Matthew Neale.
 4. Rodham Neale.

5. John Neale.
6. Daniel Neale of Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia, was born 7/26/1673 in Northumberland County, died 12/1713. He was a Member of the House of Burgesses. He married Ursula Presley, daughter of Colonel William Presley of *Northumberland House*. After his death, Ursula married 2d, Wharton Rausdale. Issue.
 - a. Hannah Neale.
 - b. Presley Neale, Captain, Sub-Sheriff of Westmoreland County, was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, died 1749 in Fairfax County, married Margaret. Issue.
 - i. Daniel Neale, Revolutionary War Soldier, born 1735 in Fairfax County, Virginia, died in Scott County, Kentucky, married in Loudoun County, Virginia, Jemima Kitchen, daughter of William and Margaret (Ward) Kitchen of Fairfax County, Virginia. Issue. Daniel Neale; William Neale; Presley Neale; John Neale; Thaddeus Neale; Nancy Neale married 3/12/1789 James Y. Kelly; Rodham Neale; Jemima Neale; Penelope Neal; and Susan Neale.
 - c. Christopher Neale.
 - d. Rodham Neale.
 - e. Frances Neale.

Ref. Last Will and Testament of Daniel Neale dated 12/19/1713, probated 1713, Westmoreland County, Virginia; Last Will and Testament of Presley Neale probated 1749, Westmoreland County, Virginia; 1733 estate of Thomas Neale, Westmoreland County, Virginia; Last Will and Testament of Margaret Neal dated 1755; Last Will and Testament of Daniel Neal dated 1759; Estate of Rodham Neal dated 1778; Last Will and Testament of Daniel Neale dated 1782; estate of Rodham Neal dated 1782, all in Westmoreland County, Virginia.