

Spotswood of Virginia

Lineage. "The family of Spotswood, Spotswode or Spottiswoode are an ancient race of Scotch Border Barons, proprietors of the Barony of that name in Berwickshire, Scotland. This property is still owned by the family. Tradition states that in the reign of Alexander I the family became extinct in the male line. Its heiress married a younger son of the illustrious house of Gordon and assumed the name of Spottiswoode, in consideration of which the boar's head of the Gordons is always borne in their arms. Robert de Spotswode, the first authentic founder of the family, was living in 1260. When Edward I invaded Scotland in 1296 he was forced to sign the 'Ragman's Roll' with others of the nobility and gentry. The family reached its highest position in the person of Rev. John Spottiswoode, who was successively Archbisho of St. Andrews, Primate, and Lord Chancellor of Scotland. In addition to Spottiswoode he acquired the lands and baronies of Dunipace Abbey, New Abbey, and Dairzie Castle. He died in London, 2d December, 1639, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. His second son, Sir Robert, was President of the 'Extraordinary Court of Sessions' and took the title Lord New Abbey. He was made Secretary of State for Scotland in place of the Earl of Glencairn, his bitter enemy. Later he was captured by a Covenanting party headed by Glencairn, and beheaded along with other noblemen belonging to the King's party. His third son was Robert Spottiswood, Surgen to the garrison of Tangier, and founder of the Virginia branch of the family." Colonial Families of the United States, Volume I, by George Norbury Mackenzie.



Alexander Spotswood. A Gold color metal and enamel device 1 5/32 inches (2.94 cm) in height overall consisting of a shield blazoned: Gules, a horseshoe Or.

Symbolism. The shield is red for Artillery. In the year 1716, Governor Alexander Spotswood formed a company of thirty men for the purpose of crossing the mountains into West Virginia and exploring the territory. At the conclusion of the exploration the men were organized and made Knights of the Golden Horseshoe and were presented with small golden horseshoes. The horseshoe commemorates that event.

Background. The distinctive unit insignia was originally approved for the 375th Field Artillery Regiment on 27 April 1933. It was redesignated for the 375th Field Artillery Battalion on 21 October 1942. It was redesignated for the 375th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion on 20 January 1950. The insignia was redesignated for the 100th Regiment on 8 July 1960.

Coat of Arms.

Blazon.

Shield. Gules, a horseshoe Or.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors Or and Gules, the Lexington Minute Man Proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H.H. Kitson, sculptor) stands on the Common in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Motto. SIC JURAT TRANSCENDERE MONTES (Thus He Swears To Cross The Mountains).

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Crest. The crest is that of the U.S. Army Reserve.

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Alexander Spotswood was born 1686 on an English man-of-war in the harbor of Tangier. He was a son of Dr. Robert Spotswood and his wife, Catherine Mercer, the widow of Governor Elliott of Taniger. Alexander was married to Anne Butler Brayne, a daughter of Edward Brayne, Esq. of St. Margaret's Parish, Westminster, London. Issue.

- John Spotswood married Mary Dandridge in 1745, the daughter of Captain William Dandridge. He served in the House of Burgesses and on the Governor's Council. He died 5/6/1756. Issue.
 1. Alexander Spotswood, a Major in the Revolutionary War and Member of the House of Burgesses, married Elizabeth Washington, a daughter of General Augustine Washington, the brother of President Washington.
 2. John Spotswood married Sarah Rowzie, daughter of Colonel John Rowzie on 9/19/1771. He was a Captain in the Continental Army and wounded at the battle of Brandywine. He was a wealthy planter, owning the estates of *Orange Grove*, *Sedley Lodge* and *Horse Shoe*, which were part of the original Spotswood land grants. Issue.
 - a. Mary Spotswood, born 1772, married Nicholas Voss.
 - b. John Spotswood, born 1774, married Mary Goode.
 - c. Susan Spotswood, born 1776, married Dr. John Bott of Petersburg, Virginia.
 - d. Robert Spotswood, born 1780, married Louisa Borr.
 - e. Elliott Spotswood, born 1782, married Sallie Littlepage.
 - f. Sarah Spotswood, born 1785, married 1st, Hon. Roger Atkinson, 2d, George Whitlock Esq. of Chesterfield County, Virginia.
 - g. Dandridge Spotswood, merchant, born 1789 in *Orange Grove*, Orange County, Virginia, married Catherine Brooke. on 10/29/1818. Issue.
 - i. Alexander Elliott Spotswood 6/2/1821–11/21/1834.
 - ii. Dandridge Rowzie Spotswood 10/12/1823–9/1/1830.
 - iii. William Francisco Spotswood 2/16/1824–4/13/1895, married Isabella Matoaca Dunlop. Issue.
 - 1–Dandridge Spotswood, born 5/17/1872.
 - 2–Isabella Maitland Spotswood 6/9/1873–12–26–1877.
 - 3–Alexander Spotswood, born 1/7/1874 married Edna Mabel Mallagh of San Louis Obispo, California on 5/2/1903.
 - 4–James Dunlop Spotswood, born 6/21/1876, died infancy.
 - 5–William Francisco Spotswood, born 7/16/1879, died infancy.

6-Catherina Francisco Spotswood, born 2/15/1881.

7-Colin Mackenzie Dunlop, born 4/24/1883.

8-Martha Bogle Dunlop, born 11/1/1885.

- iv. Joseph Edwin Spotswood, born 7/13/1829, married Lucy Starke Cooper.
- v. Catherine Dandridge Spotswood, born 8/31/1831, died infancy.
- vi. Benjamin Henry Spotswood 6/16/1833-4/22/1843.
- vii. Rosa Brooke Spotswood 1/17/1836-8/9/1901, married Hon. Frederick Nash Strudwick on 11/13/1860 in Hillsboro, North Carolina.
- viii. Alexander Dandridge Spotswood 1838-7/9/1840.
- ix. Elizabeth Robertson Spotswood, born 8/2/1840.

- h. Norborne Spotswood, born 1790, married Sallie Markham. He served as a Lieutenant during the War of 1812.
- i. Lucy Spotswood, born 1791, married George Augustine Spotswood, her first cousin. Issue: Dr. William Spotswood; Charles Fenton Mercer Spotswood.
- j. Annie Spotswood, born 1793, married William Robertson of Dublin, Ireland.

3. Ann Spotswood, unmarried.

4. Mary Spotswood, unmarried.

- Robert Spotswood, Captain during the French and Indian Wars; killed in an attack on Fort Cumberland.
- Anne Catherine Spotswood married Colonel Bernard Moore of King William County, Virginia.
- Dorothea Spotswood married Capt. Nathaniel West Dandridge, son of Capt. William Dandridge.

Ref. Colonial Families of the United States, Volume I, by George Norbury Mackenzie.; Last Will and Testament of Robert Spotswood dated 1733, Spotsylvania County, Virginia; Last Will and Testament of Alexander Spotswood dated 1740, Orange County, Virginia.