

It has been supposed that the William Cole who came to Virginia in 1618, aged nineteen years, and was Burgess for Nutmeg Quarter in Warwick County, was the father of Col. William Cole of the Council. Owing to the social standing of Col. Cole, he may have been a relative of Sir William Cole de Spencer (family founded in the time of Henry I.) Hugh de Spencer joined the barons against Henry III. Made Judiciary in 1260. Had custody of the King after the battle of Lewes. Killed at Evesham 1265. Married Alvina Bassett of Wycombe, widow of Roger Higad, Earl of Norfolk. Their son, Hugh de Spencer, fought at Dunbar, 1296. In favor with Edward I, and a favorite with Edward II. Banished by Parliament. One of Lancaster's judges. Earl of Winchester. Seized by Isabella and hanged (aged ninety), 1326. Married Isabel, daughter of Beauchamp, 1st Earl of Norfolk, widow of Patrick Chaworth. They had two sons. Hugh was impeached by the barons and hanged 1327 (a favorite of Edward II and Edward who died 1342). Married Ann Ferrers. Their son, Edward, fought at Painters - died 1375. He married Elizabeth Berghersh. Their son Thomas was made Earl of Gloucester, 1398. Degraded by Henry IV. Beheaded 1400. Married Constance, daughter of Edmund, 5th son of Edward III. They had on son, Richard. Married Elizabeth (daughter of Ralph Neville, 1st Earl of Westmoreland), and one daughter, Isabel, married 1st Richard Beauchamp (5th Earl of Warwick, nephew of Earl of Worcester) and had a son, Henry, who married Cecily Neville (daughter of Earl of Salisbury). Isabel had a daughter, Elizabeth, who married Edward Neville (son of Ralph - 1st Earl of Westmoreland) who thus obtained the baronies of de Spencer & Abergavenny. Their son George Neville - 2d Lord Abergavenny, and they had a son George, 3d. Lord Abergavenny, who married and had Lady Ursula Neville, who married Sir Warham St. Leger, governor of Munster, Ireland. Their daughter Ann St. Leger married Thomas Digges. Their son, Sir Dudley Digges of Chilham Castle, Kent, England, married Lady Mary Kemp. Their 4th son, Edward Digges, was governor of Virginia, and married Elizabeth Page. Their son, Dudley Digges married Susanna Cole (daughter of Col. Wm. Cole II). Their son, Hon. Cole Digges, married Elizabeth Power, and their son, Maj. William Digges, married Frances Robinson, and their daughter, Susanna, married William Cole V. This William Cole's son, William VI, married Mary Frances Alexander, and they had three sons:

- (William, killed in C.S.A.)
 (Edward, surgeon C.S.A., died of camp fever)
 (John G., who married Ann Duke)
- and three daughter:
 (Susan D. married Judge Madison Chapman)
 (Anna, (Mrs. Henshaw)
 (Kate, (Mrs. Rogers)

"Baldrop", the home of Col. William Cole II (some-time member of the Virginia Council and Secretary of State) was situated on the Warwick River, a branch of the James River. The site is now covered with weeds and bushes, though the brick foundations may yet be seen. In a grave near by

are the tombstones of Col. William Cole and his second and third wives: 1- Ann Digges. 2- Martha Lear (daughter of Col. John Lear, member of the Council). The plantation, originally consisting of 1350 acres, formerly belonged to Samuel Stephens, Esq. (who in January 1692 conveyed it as a marriage consideration to Frances Cuspepper, subsequently his wife, the title to vest in her at his death. Shortly after his death, she married Gov. Berkeley, and after the said marriage, Sir William Berkeley and his wife, Jane Frances, sold the place to Col. William Cole for 450 of lawful money of England. Then in October, 1674, the General Assembly confirmed the sale by a formal act. Col. Cole was made a member of the Council, March 1674-75 and Secretary of State. April 14, 1692 he preferred a petition to the King to be relieved of office, complaining that he was "useless" "much decayed in body and a deep melancholy had seized him." His tombstone states that he died March 4, 1693-94, in his fifty-sixth year.

GN Dudley Digges tomb at Bellfield, states that he married Susanna Cole, daughter of Col. William Cole, and that she died in 1708, aged thirty-four. So Col. Cole married three times: first, Susan Crofts, 1671, and had Susanna (married Dudley, the son of Gov. Edward Digges); second, Ann Digges (sister of Dudley Digges), his son-in-law's sister and she died November 22, 1688, in her twenty-ninth year. There were two children from this marriage, Edward and Digges, who both died infants (tombstone). Third, he married Martha Lear (daughter of Col. John Lear, Esq.). Issue:

- 1 - Martha. 2 - John & Mary (who both died infants)
- 4 - William C. III. In the New York records, in a deed by Lewis Burwell who married the widow, Martha Cole, in favor of William C. Cole, son of William Cole of Warwick Co. and his wife, Martha "now the wife of me, said Lewis Burwell" - so William Cole III is mentioned in the will of his step-father, Lewis Burwell, proved Feb. 19, 1710 (York Co. records). In 1711, Nicholas Curle, guardian for Wm. Cole, gentleman, brought suit in York against Nathaniel Burwell and James Burwell, sons of Lewis Burwell, Esq. Having arrived at age before 1714, in that year he gave his bond, with John Steth as security, to construct warehouses at Swine Yard, and other places in Charles City Co. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Warwick in 1718 and in 1720, and one of the visitors of Mary and William College in 1733. He was deputy receiver-general in 1721, and Colonel of Militia. This William Cole III married Mary Roscoe, who died in 1752. He made his will in 1723. He had children: 1-William IV, born 1715; 2-Martha, who married Leigh and died in 1779, leaving a daughter, Mary, who married William Claiborne. Issue: Gen. Ferdinand Leigh Claiborne and Governor William Claiborne.

Charles Cole Claiborne, were very distinguished men. From the case in Washington's reports, it would seem there were other children of William Cole III. Perhaps Roscoe Cole, who was at William & Mary College as usher in the grammar school in 1747 and 1754 was minister of Warwick Parish,

On 25th of 1811. Another son was Capt. J. Mos Cole,
born about 1797 or 1798.

William Moscoe, son of James Moscoe, of Little
Point, in Warwick County, represented Warwick in the House
of Burgesses with Wm. Cole in 1798. Mary Moscoe Cole,
wife of W. Cole III was a daughter of his, William Moscoe, sister.
About the close of the century J. Moscoe Cole married Elizabeth
Digges (daughter of Dudley Digges, of the Committee of
Safety). Elizabeth Moscoe Cole was a striking merchant of
Warwick County. He only daughter, Anne M., married William
F. Madison, of New York; he had sons. George Cole was perhaps
the father of Moscoe. She married the second time, Stephen
Madison, first time, Francis West.

GN The Charles City records show that in 1787 Cole
Digges and Lewis Maxwell were the executors of William Cole
III. In 1788, William Cole IV, son, was required to be a
freeholder (public) but offered to build one 40 ft. x 24
ft. of Swine Herds (Swine Yrds) but died before 1784, and
in that year William Cole V is mentioned as his son and heir
(under partnership of Elizabeth Cole, administrator of his
estate). She was Elizabeth Beck and married the second time
Philip Madison. William Cole V was born June 1744. He
speaks of himself as "William Cole of Duckland" in Charles
City, Co. In 1788 William Cole V and his wife, Susanna, sold
part of Duckland to William Byrd. In 1778 Daniel Logwood
deposited in the Court at Charles City Court to sell
1000 acres (part of 10,000 acres belonging to Wm. Cole
V, known as Duckland) and a tract of about 1000 acres in
Warwick County adjoining Rich Beck, known by the name of
Charles Beck (Duckland) likewise two tracts belonging out-
-sider in Duckland - Switzerland.

William Cole's V wife was Susanna Digges (daughter
of Col. William Digges, according to the statement of his
granddaughter (Mrs. Calvin Perkins) which is confirmed by
the Digges record. The will of William Cole V, (proved in
Albemarle County, June 7, 1801) and Susanna Digges, mentions
the following children: 1-William VI, 2- Capt. John, 3-Sarah
4-Mary (Mrs. Woolfolk), 5-Susanna (Mrs. Anderson), 6-Richard,
7-Joseph, 8-Nancy, 9-Elizabeth, who married Joseph H. Irwin
and had three children, Susie Eliza Irwin, Mary Ann Irwin,
and Nancy Cole Irwin.

William Cole VI will was proved in Orange County
(north of Louisa) Feb. 13, 1846. He married Mary Frances
Alexander, daughter of Col. Gerard Alexander and his wife,
Elizabeth Ashton Alexander, of Effingham. They had the
following children: 1-William, died in infancy; 2-Susan
Digges; 3-William, died unmarried, was killed in C.S.A.;
4-Edward, Surgeon, U.S.A., married Elbernia Cullen, daughter
of Dr. Simon Cullen of Richmond, Va.; 5-Anna (Mrs. Gresham-
no issue); 6-Catherine (Mrs. Rogers-issue one son, Edward);
7-John Cotton, married Annie Duke, of Albemarle Co., Va.-
issue; William Richard, married Charlotte Briggs of Stafford
Co.; 8-Virginia Kate, who married Leslie E. Briggs of Stafford
Co.; 9-Ann, Newman, who married Dr. Philip B. Newman of

Albemarle Co.; 4-Charles Edward, who married Martha Burke
Gresham of Hanover, Va. Issue, William Edward and John
Chapman.

No. 2. Susanna Digges Cole married Judge John
Madison Chapman of Orange Co. (who was a son of Lynckin Chap-
man and his wife Rebecca Conway Madison). They had issue:
1-Mary Ella Chapman, married Nathaniel Chapman (her uncle
cousin and son of Pearson Chapman and his wife Sigismunda
Mary Alexander. They had nine children: 1-Riigley, 2-Mary
Sigismunda, 3-Emma Joykin, 4-John Madison, 5-Ellen Mary,
6-Nathaniel, 7-Born Minnie, 8-Thomas, 9-John Webb (No. 3
Emma Chapman - her twin, Constance, died aged six months,
married First Capt. Robt. B. Joykin of Norfolk (nephew of
Judge John F. Mason, minister to the Court of France,
Secretary of War in Buchanan Cabinet and Judge of the
Supreme Court). They had three children: 1-Virginia
Young (married Geo. Front of Portsmouth), 2-Mary, married
Calvin Perkins (son of Calvin Perkins of Columbus, Miss.
and his wife, Louisa Allen Blakeley). Issue 1-Blakeley,
2-Belle Moncure, 3-Ashton Chapman, 4-Mary Anderson, died in-
fant; 5-Allen, 6-William Alexander, 7-Belle Alexander
(Angel), 8-John Madison, died infant; 9-Belle, married
William Moncure (of Honeshos Rapin River, Culpeper Co.,
Va.). Issue, 1-M. Moncure, 2-Belle Perkins Vivian Daniel
(M. Moncure was the great grandson of Gov. Edward Randolph
of Va.), born, died aged sixteen. Ashton Alexander (civil
engineer) married Wannie Eaton, daughter of Col. Roger Gre-
gory, Oxford, N.C. No issue.

William Cole I to Virginia, 1618.
Born 1699.

Col. William Cole II, born 1637.
Member of Council, March 16, 1674-75
Secretary of State, January 1690-91
Asked to be relieved of office account
of bad health, April 15, 1692.
Died March 4, 1693-94 (56 years old)
Married 1st about 1673.

2d, Ann Digges about 1680.
3d, Martha Lear, about 1687.

Col. William Cole III, born about 1693.
Married Mary Roscoe.
Died 1750.
Member of House of Burgesses for Warwick 1718-1728
Visitor to William & Mary College, 1733.
Deputy Receiver General, 1721.
Colonel of Militia.
Made his will in 1729.
Will executed in 1737.

William Cole IV, born probably 1715. (Order reciting
Required to repair Public Warehouses, 1738 (that it appeared
Married Elizabeth Cooke (probably 1743) (that Miss Gory
Died 1754 (about) (& Roscoe Cole of
Children Wm. V. Richard, Mary (left orphans) (Warwick have the
Philip Edmondson appointed guardian of (last will of Wm.
Wm. Cole, Richard Cole & Mary Cole, (Cole, deceased 1781)
orphans of Wm. Cole, deceased Nov. 5, 1755.
Charles City Co.

William Cole V, born June 1744 of Buckland, Charles (Sold partly
City Co. (1760.
(Sold 4000 acres
(1776.

Married Susanna Digges about 1762.
Died about 1802 in Albemarle Co. (Will approved there June 1802)
Children:

1-William VI (B. about 1763 and died 1848)	
2-Capt. John 1764	6-Richard (B. about 1770) Note: Rich-
3-Sarah	7-Joseph (B. " 1772) and proba-
4-Mary	8-Nancy bly lived
5-Susanna	9-Elizabeth in Albemarle
	Co.

William Cole VI, Orange County.
Born about 1763
Died Orange Co. about 1848
Married Mary Frances Alexander.

1-William Cole I B. 1699
2-William Cole II B. 1638
3-Martha Lear (Dau. of Col. John Lear, Esq.)
3-William Cole III B. about 1692
4-Mary Roscoe - died 1752. Granddaughter of Col. Lewis Burwell
5-Abigail Smith
4-Capt. James Cole B. 1727 or 1728. Died 1767. M. about
1748 to Mary Wills.
5-William Cole B. about 1752 or 1753 or John Cole born about 1754
6-Probable daughter: Katie Cole B. about 1755
7-William Edwards about 1806.
7-Sarah Edwards - B. Dec. 1809
8-Wiley Jones - B. 1802
8-William Balis Jones - B. 1842
9-Mary Josephine Williams Harrell 1868
9-Ola - B. 1869
10-Chas. R. Bisbet, Feb. 1899
10-Elizabeth
Chas. Jr.

Will of Mary Wills Cole, wife of Capt. James Cole,
son of William Cole and Mary Roscoe - Dated June 29, 1770 -
proved Sep. 17, 1770. (Mary Wills died July 1770.)

Request that her son, James Cole, allowed whatever
he may claim as heir - at-law to go to her estate, viz: the
negroes not named in his father's will.

Legatees: Her children: Mary Barclay, James Cole,
William Catron Cole, John Cole, Roscoe Cole. (Son-in-law,
John Barclay, executor-

Capt. James Cole - B. 1725

Married Mary Wills about 1745

Died 1767

Children: 1-Mary Wills - B. 1747-married John Barclay

Aug. 1766. Issue: Pat-B. 1770, Gaty, Lucy

2-James-B. Dec. 24, 1751-married Fanny Chis-
mon Wills, Oct. 5, 1775.

3-William Catron Cole.

4-John Cole - B. May 2, 1755

5-Jane Cole

6-Roscoe Cole-B. about 1761

At the Dickinson Home - Louisa Co. is the tomb of
Mary Wills.

Now, as no record is found of William, John or
Roscoe Cole, we cannot prove that our Katy Cole was a
daughter of one of them, but it is doubtless the fact.
These men were born about the time Solomon Edwards was, in the
same County, and Katy was a family name in the Cole family-
in other lines than in Capt. James Cole's - William Edwards,
born about 1782 or '83 or '84, who married our Katie Cole,
could not have been over twenty years old when he was mar-
ried, because Solomon Edwards, his father, did not marry
till December 27, 1781, '82 or '83, and Sarah Edwards, my
grandmother, who was the second child of William and Sarah
Edwards, was not born till December 8, 1809. Clarke County
was created December 5, 1801, so William Edwards and Katie
Cole were probably married just before Solomon Edwards
moved from Virginia to Georgia about 1802. They went to
live in Coffeetown on the Tombigbee River in the western
part of Alabama, and there Richard Edwards and Sarah Edwards,
my grandmother, were born.

Two years after her birth, her father, William
Edwards died, and sometime after that Katie Cole Edwards was
married again to a Mr. Green Dennis, by whom she had four
children, the oldest named Green. They later came to New-
ton County, Georgia, and from there went to California in
1845, and made over \$1,000,000 digging gold. This Dennis
family were probably the same as the Putnam Co. Dennises.

When Katie Cole Edwards Dennis died, her daughter
Sarah was only thirteen years old, and Solomon Edwards sent
from Athens to Coffeetown and had her and her brother,
Richard, brought to his home by horseback. My grandmother
told me of this long ride, and how she started with the little
twin babies, her mother had left in her arms. But one of
them died on the way, and she had to give the other to a kind
lady on the way, as she was afraid he would die too.

Sarah was not happy in the home of her grandfather,
Solomon, because there "were so many old maids and old bach-
lors there", whom she thought imposed upon her and her brother,
Richard, so they ran away from home. Sarah went to her un-
cle Billy Dickens' home near Watkinsville, Ga. (He was mar-
ried to a Miss Mathews, related to her grandmother - probably
a sister). There she staid for a while and then went to a
Mr Whitlow's, near Farmington. Then Mrs. Thomas Williamson
wanted a companion, and Sarah went and lived with her as a
member of the family until she was married to Wiley A. Jones,
May 22, 1833.

Her grandfather, Solomon Edwards, influenced by
his son, James, was offended because these children had left
his home, and cut them out of his will, except for the \$10.00
each, to keep them from breaking the will. Sarah always re-
sented this, and felt that her Uncle James, who was the ex-
ecutor of the will, had cheated her out of what was hers by
right - her father being Solomon Edwards' oldest son.

Sarah and her husband lived in Clarke County until
1864, from which time they lived at Rehobothville, Morgan
County, Georgia, where she, her husband, and three of her

children are buried.

GA The following is copy of her obituary as it appeared in the paper published at Madison, Georgia:

"After an illness of six weeks, Mrs. Sarah Mathews Edwards Jones departed this life Sunday morning, August 4, 1895, at the home of her son R.R. Jones, at Bostwick, Ga. She had passed her threescore and ten years, and by reason of strength and the providence of God was permitted to reach the ripe old age of eight-five years, seven months and twenty-six days. She was born at Coffeeville, Alabama, near the Tombigbee River, December 8, 1809, of English parentage. When she was but two years old her father, William Edwards, died leaving a wife, son and daughter.

Solomon Edwards, her grandfather, was active in the cause of the colonists in the Revolutionary war, and was in one encounter attacked by the Tories, receiving serious and almost fatal injuries, his head being tomahawked by the Indians.

In 1821, when she was thirteen years old, her mother who was Katie Cole, died, leaving her and her brother Richard Edwards, orphans. The two children were taken on horseback to the home of their grandfather, Solomon Edwards, near Athens, Ga. At the age of twenty-one she united with the Methodist Church at Mount Zion Camp Ground, Clarke County, Ga., and professed religion fifteen years later at Watkinsville Camp Ground, from which time till her death she lived a thorough Christian and exemplary life.

On May 22, 1833, she was united in marriage to Wiley Adams Jones, and resided in Clarke County, Ga. until 1864, from which time until their deaths they lived in Morgan County, Ga., at Rehobothville. Ten children blessed their union, all of whom reached their majority, the eldest meeting his death on the bloody field of Sharpsburg, Md., Sep. 17, 1862, in an effort to rescue his commanding officer, Colonel R.B. Nisbet, of Edenton, Ga., commanding the Third Georgia Regiment. Colonel Nisbet was thought to be mortally wounded, but survived for many years to speak ever with the tenderest appreciation of this loving and loyal service.

On April 16, 1873, the father and husband died at the ripe age of seventy-two. The surviving members of the family were Mrs. Kate Edwards Young and Mr. R.B. Jones of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. J.L. Morgan of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. M.A. Malone of Columbia, S.C., Mr. R.R. Jones, and Miss Matilda Jones of Bostwick, Morgan County, Ga. These and nearly all the grandchildren were present at the death of this good mother. Her place in her community and church will ever be remembered as her life will ever illustrate the worth of Christianity.

The funeral services were conducted at the Rehoboth, Church, Rehobothville, Ga., of which she had been a member for many years. A large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance."

Just before she died she described her wedding costume to one of her grandchildren as follows: "My gown was a white flowered swiss, with large sleeves and low neck - with a lace bobinet cape on the outside, and having a double ruche

of lace plaited on a band of tape. I wore a green cloth pair of slippers, with a quill of green ribbon across the front, and having a green rosette in the center. Green ribbon was tied around the ankles and brought around and tied in front. My handkerchief was of thread cambric with a wide lace border. It cost \$8.50. I wore a large tortoise-shell comb which cost \$12.00. This comb was used to pin two yards of lude-string ribbon on the hair. My hat was a large Dunstable, made in Dunstable, England, and imported. It was trimmed with pale blue and white satin ribbon having a yellow grapevine on it. My second day's dress was a white mull with brown and blue maple leaf. This cost \$1.50 a yard, and was made plain."

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- 1 - John Edwards, born about 1720
Married Edy or Eby
 - 2 - Solomon Edwards, born 1756
Married Sarah Mathews, 1783
 - 3 - William Edwards, born 1784
Married Katie Cole about 1805
 - 4 - Sarah Edwards, born 1809
Married Wiley Jones, 1833
 - 5 - William Jones, born 1842
Married Josephine Williams Harrell, 1868
 - 6 - Ola Jones, born 1869
Married C.R. Nisbet
 - 7 - Elizabeth, born 1900