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The Motley Family

I

John Motlin

The name Motley is not a common one in America nor here in Virginia, though the progenitor of the line first settled here over two hundred and fifty years ago. A partial reason for this lies in the fact that as far as records reveal, only one of that family emigrated to America. Tradition which has been handed down to us by word of mouth, gives the family a French Hugenot extraction, and the rudimentary researches in that direction have seemed to uphold this tradition in every way.

In the first place the name was written Motlin by the first settler and his immediate family. This was pronounced exactly the same as if the "in" were an "ey", because French pronunciation disregards the English sound of an "n", when placed as the final or next to the final letter in a word. Further a study of English surnames does not reveal a single one which could be construed to be of similar construction. Therefore we may adhere to the theory of French extraction with fairly good security. As to the first settler being a Hugenot, I have the word of a genealogist living at Tappahannock,
Virginia, Thomas Hoskins Warner, that he had received a letter from the Society of the Founders of Manakin Town, asking some information of one John Motlin, a Hugenot who had first settled at Manakin Town, and had then moved to Old Rappahannock County. Although I have failed to follow up this clue, it seems to establish the old tradition as correct.

As you have guessed by now, the founder of our line in America was John Motlin, who probably arrived at Manakin Town somewhere between 1650 and 1660. After staying a few years there, he must have come to Old Rappahannock County about 1664, since a record of that County recognizes his presence early in the year 1665. This record is such that it must have been made soon after his arrival there.

It is as follows:

"The mark of the Hogs and Cattle of John Motlyn is viz., Cropt in the right ear and two slits in the crop, and the left ear slit right down with a piece taken out of the same ear near the form of a halfe moone.

Recorded 24th fFeb'ry 1665."

Test' Robt. Davis C. C. Cur.

(1) Records of Essex County, Wills I, p. 102. (In subsequent references the title will be abbreviated to Essex.)
The section in Old Rappahannock County where

1 John Motlin settled, was called Sittenburne parish,

and comprised a part of what is now Essex County. Here

he took a wife whose name is unknown, and in the twenty

years that remained before his death, had three sons and

one daughter. The daughter who was the eldest, and whose

name is not given in his will, married a certain John

Spicer of the above said County. The three sons in

order of their seniority were William, Henry, and John

Motlin. These three were well under age when John Motlin

died, and it was necessary to have guardians appointed for

them, since the mother according to the will, must have died

prior to their father.

John Motlin was possessed of considerable estate at

his death. In the words of the appraisers of his estate,

he had property valued at "Three and thirty thousand eight

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hundred and fifty four pounds of tobacco", a very sizeable

sum in those days.

John Motlin's will signed the 7th of Feb., 1683/4,

and proved Mar. 5, 1683/4, is as follows:

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(2) Essex, Leeds and etc. VI, p. 18

(2) Ibid, p. 33
"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. T, John Motlin of the parrish of Sitting- born in the county of Rappa., being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, doe hereby make and ordaine this my last will and testament in man'r and forme following, hereby revoking all form'r wills by me made, and this to be my last will and testa-
ment. IMPATIENS: I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and trusting by the merritts of Jesus my saviour to obtain full and perfect remission of all my sins, and as for my body, to the earth from whence it came to be buried in decent maner by my executors hereafter named, and as for my worldly estate God hath been pleased to bestow upon me, I bequeath as followeth. I give and bequeath unto my two sonnes William Motlin and Henry Motlin all that tract of land I am possessed of, to be equally divided between them when they come of age, the said William to have his first choice. My will is that the rest of my personall estate be equally divided between my three sones John Motlin, Henry, and Jno. Motlin. I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Richardson one black heifer whic came of the cowe called Blak Eyes, to her and her heirs forever. My will is that my personall estate be inventoryed by David Stern & James Trent, and according to quantity and quality to be deliver'd by my executors hereafter named unto my three sones when they shall come to the age of one and twenty years. My will is that if either of my sons die without issue of their body lawfully begotten, that then the reale and p'sonall estate return unto the next survivor. And in case that all three decease before they come of age, that then one third part be deliver'd unto my sonn in law Jno. Spicer, and the rest of my estate to my executo's hereafter named. I give to Knight Richardson my sarg suite, to be deliver'd to him p'sonally after my decease. My will is that David Stern have the care of my two sons Henry Motlin and their parts of the estate, and to deliver it in kind to them when they come to
the age of one and twenty years; and as for my son William, my will is that he choose one of my executors to be his guardian which he please. My will is that David Stern and James Trent being full and real executors, to see this my last will and testament performed. I give to Richard Mathews my Ozenbridge suite. I give and bequeath unto Mr. Arthur Spicer my sealed ring. I give unto Nathaniell Allen one gold ring. I give unto Alice Trent one gold ring. I give unto Elizabeth Knight one gold ring. My will is that Knight Richardson have house and ground for forever years, and clear up any of my land except the Island and calf pasture. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand sealed this 7th. day of Feb'y 1683/4.

John Motlin.

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John Motlin

Married

Died 1684

Children

1. (a daughter)
2. William
3. Henry
4. John (circa 1670)

Died 1735

* A daughter, the eldest child, married John Spicer.
II

John Motley

John Motley, the third son and youngest child of John Motlin and the next link in my line, was born about 1670 in Essex County, Virginia. His mother died while he was still very young, and after the death of his father, came under the guardianship of one David Stern, who seems to have been a close friend or some relation of his father's. We first find his name mentioned in the records of Richmond County, which prior to 1693 was a part of Old Rappahannock County, being on the north side of the Rappahannock River. These records have to do with the sale of land which had been left him by his father John Motlin. Nothing much is learned from them, however, except for the fact that they show the evolution in the spelling of the family name. It is with his generation that the "in" was changed once and for all to an "ay".

John Motlin lived in St. Ann's Parish, Essex County during his life. This parish was composed of the town of Tappahannock and the neighboring vicinity. His wife's given

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(6) as well as can be reckoned from the will of John Motlin.
(7) Ibid.
(8) Essex, Hills VT, p. 20
name was Elizabeth, but her surname has as yet remained undiscovered. The absence of indexes to many of the earlier wills and deeds of Essex County, makes it practically impossible to secure conclusive information on any line.

(2) John Motley died early in the year 1736, leaving issue as far as known, William and Henry. His wife, Elizabeth, (11) outlived him by five years, dying in the year 1741. Their wills disposing of property to their two children, William, and Henry, are as follows:

"THAT NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, John Motley of St. Ann's parish in Essex, being of sound mind and memory make this my last will and testament. First, I render my soul to God and my body to be buried. Secondly, I desire all my just debts may be paid. Thirdly, my will is that my loving wife have the use and profits of the plantation whereon I live, and of all the negroes, stock, and other personal estate I am now possessed of during her natural life. Fourthly, I bequeath to my son William Motley my negro girl called Nann, my negroes George, Jack, and Sam, after his mothers decease to him forever. (TTM) I bequeath to my son Henry Motley my negroes Tom, Sarah, Ned, and Beck, after his mothers decease to him forever. (TTM) I bequeath to my grandson John Motley a negro girl called Millie, to him forever after his grandmothers decease. (TTM) My will is that all my other estate not above mentioned be equally divided after my loving wife's decease between my two sons, and their heirs forever. My will is that my estate be inventoried but not appraised. Lastly, I appoint my sons William, and Henry Motley executors of this my last will. TH WITNESS whereof I have signed these presents this

(9) Ibid, p. 317
(10) Ibid, p. 20
(11) Ibid, p. 317
eleventh day of February 1735.

John Lotley (12)

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I, Elizabeth Mottley of Essex County, being in health, perfect sense and sound memory, thanks be to God for the same, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following. First, and principally, I commend my soul to God that gave it, and my body to the earth to be christian like buried at the discretion of my executors hereafter named; and of my worldly goods I dispose of as followeth. Item: I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Mottley, son of William Mottley, one horse colt. Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Mottley (except ye above mentioned legacy), all my Estate real and personal, to him my said son and his heirs forever. Item: I appoint my son William Mottley, whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of May 1741."

Elizabeth Mottley (13)

(12) Ibid, p. 80
(13) Ibid, p. 317
Chart II

2. John Motley-----------------------------Born (Circa) 1670
Married
Wife---Elizabeth---------------------------Born--------
Died 1735
Died 1741

Children
1. William
2. Henry-----------------------------Born--------
Died--------
Henry Motley, the youngest of the two sons of John Motley and Elizabeth his wife, and the third of our line, was in all probability born in Essex County Virginia. His birth date can not be reckoned because of the absence of all records in that direction. The first information I have of him, other than that which has been mentioned in the wills of John Motley and Elizabeth, his wife, is in 1736. In that year he was made sheriff of Essex County. From that time until about 1765, his name may be found frequently in the Order books of Essex, as well as in the Deed books. Twice during this time he was appointed guardian of orphaned children, first in 1751 and again in 1754. After 1765, nothing more could be found about him in the Essex records until 1770. In that year a deed was filed by him in Essex County which reveals many important facts about his immediate family, and which has made my study much easier. It seems that he had moved to North Carolina shortly after 1765, and settled in Granville County there.

(14) Essex, Orders X, p. 50.
This deed not only gives the name of the next one through whom the line runs but also the name of what was in all probability Henry Motley's first wife and her father.

From a study of various court orders it seems that Henry Motley must have had a second wife Ann, whose maiden name I could not find. Evidently marriage relations were not the smoothest between these two if one is to judge from the following:

"The 18th day of March, Ann Dom. 1755. The petition brought by Ann Motley against her husband Henry Motley, being heard is dismissed."(17)

From 1755 on, there is no further mention of his wife Ann, and I believe that soon after that date she must have died or separated from him. Henry Motley's first wife was Catherine Fogg, daughter of Nathaniel Fogg of Essex, by whom he had Edwin Motley the fourth in my line. As far as I know at this time, Edwin Motley may have been the only child by this marriage; certainly he was the only one mentioned in the two deeds which give records of his lineage.

Nor does there seem to have been issue by Henry Motley's

(17) Ibid, DJ, p. 60
second marriage, with Ann. There may readily have been
others, however, by both marriages, but the absence of
his will makes it extremely difficult to find any trace of
them. There may be a will on record in Granville County,
North Carolina, to which he moved during the latter part
of his life, but so far I have made no attempt to look for it
there. The only thing that is certain is the fact that
Edwin Lotley was Henry Lotley's eldest son by his wife,
Catherine Fogg. The two deeds giving proof of this are as
follows:

"IN the name of God, Amen, by these presents that I, Henry Lotley
of the county of Essex for and in consideration of
the love and affection which I have and bear unto
my son Edwin Lotley of the said county, and for
divers other good causes and considerations, do
give, grant, and confirm unto the said Edwin Lotley
his heirs and assigns the following negro slaves:
Viz., Lot, Tommy, Sue, and Hannah, and their future
increase. To have and to hold the said slaves and
their future increases as aforesaid, to him the
said Edwin Lotley, his heirs and assigns forever;
against me, my heirs, executors, & administrators,
and those claiming under me. Witness my hand and seal
this seventh day of December, in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four."

Henry Lotley. (18)

(18) Essex, Deeds XXXII, p. 186.
"To all to whom this present writing, indented shall come: I, Henry Lotley of the Province of North Carolina send greeting. Whereas I am seized for my life as tenant by the curtesy of England of and in a tract of land containing one hundred and twenty & one half acres, lying in the county of Essex in Va., which was conveyed by Katheryn Fogg to my late wife Catherine Lotley and the heirs of her body by deed recorded in the court of the said county of Essex, and by the oath of the said Catherine, the reversion and inheritance in fee paid is descended to Edwin Lotley her eldest son and heir; to whom I have delivered up the possession of the said land. Now know ye that for the love and affection I bear to my said son Edwin Lotley, I the said Henry Lotley have given, granted and released by these presents do give grant and release unto the said Edwin Lotley, all the estate, right, title, and interest which I ever had, now have, or at any time hereafter may have, in or to the said tract or parcel of land. To hold to the said Edwin & the heirs of his body forever. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy."

Henry Lotley.

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(19) Id., 221, p. 301
Henry Lotley-----------------------Born-------------
Married Died-------------
1st. wife--Catherine Fogg--------Born-------------
Died-------------

Children

Edwin-------------------------------Born (Circa) 1745
-----------------------------------Died 1809

2nd wife-----Ann-------------------Born-------------
Died-------------

Children

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Edwin Lotley was born in Essex County, Virginia, about 1745, the eldest son of Henry Lotley by his wife, Catherine Foote. He became the fourth head of our family line, and was perhaps the wealthiest man in its history. How he obtained all of the land and slaves mentioned in his voluminous will is an unsolved mystery to me as yet. The main reason for this lies in the fact that all records in the vicinity in which he lived have been destroyed.

For Edwin Lotley moved from the place of his birth to King and Queen County, and established his plantation there upon the Mattaponi River. The King and Queen County records were all destroyed by the Union Army during the Civil War, in retaliation for the killing of young Col. Dalgren by the King and Queen home guards. But as luck would have it, the old will of Edwin Lotley was preserved amongst the records of Essex County. Its discovery presents an interesting story.

(20) Based on existing records as given. Probably within five years of being correct.

(21) Cited in the will of Edwin Lotley.
First, the copy was made upon the request of the Court of Essex in deciding upon a chancery suit involving the "park land", a plot containing 2074 acres, which Edwin Hotley in his will had given his four youngest sons. After the case had been decided, this copy of the original will on record at King and queen Court House was laid carelessly in an old chancery book in the Essex records, and there it remained unmolested for over a hundred years.

It was again called into use only a few years ago when a certain Wallace M. Hotley, an old bachelor living to himself in Caroline County, died in 1932, leaving about fifty thousand dollars to be distributed amongst his kin. At once as you may imagine, relatives flocked to get their share, but one and all were handicapped in their claims because of the absence of any authentic records which might show their lineage. One day in the midst of dissension and indecision, the will was presented to the attorneys in charge of the settlement of the will, by a genealogist, Thomas Hoskins Warner, who had found it hidden among the leaves of an ancient chancery book. It then served as the basis for the tracing of all branches of the family who presented claims against the will, and was invaluable in establishing definite records of lineage to scores of interested families who link their ancestry to the
Motleys of King and Queen.

Edwin Motley possessed a great deal of land, as one may see from a glance at his will. In King and Queen County alone he possessed three plantations, the one on which he lived called "New Town", a smaller one called Temple's and a very large one known as Beverleys or the "Park Land." "New Town" which bordered on the Mataponi River, contained eight hundred and fifteen acres and in 1828 was valued at $5,705. Temple's contained only 149 acres and was valued at $1,430. The "Park Land", much the larger of the others, contained 2,070 acres and was valued at $12,950. This made a total of $20,185.00 worth of land owned by him in King and Queen County alone according to the land tax books which have been preserved at the State Library. That he owned a great deal of land in the Counties of Gloucester and Caroline is also certain. The will mentions several plantations in these Counties which had been given to his children upon their marriage, or when they came of age. In all it is probable that he owned something like six or seven thousand acres of land in all.

(22) Broaddus Family Bible, in possession of Miss Eliza Jones, 1910 Mt. Royal Terrace, Baltimore, Md.
(23) Land Book of King and Queen County for 1828.
Another remarkable thing one finds in Edwin Motley's will, is the number of slaves and horses that he must have kept. There are fifteen slaves mentioned by name that are obviously house servants, and nearly every other item contains the record of the gift of a slave or slaves to each of his fifteen children in their turn. Even after the disbursement of all these, there were still many more who were assigned to remain on at the family seat, "New Town," for the sake of "family support." Amongst these slaves there resided one that must in all respects have been a genius. He was known as Arch Johnson, and his fame as a fiddler was paramount throughout the whole of Tidewater, Virginia. A whole chapter is devoted to him alone, in J. C. Garnett's book, "Tidewater Tales." The opening paragraph is as follows: "Of all the old time violinists I ever knew, there was not one equal to Arch, for truly he was an outstanding figure among the violin players of Eastern Virginia, and was known far and wide for his excellent dance music, for really a ball in the county without Arch was a mere apology for a ball. Arch was owned by the Motley family of King and Queen, and he had a musical atmosphere from his first breath, for his father was a great fiddler, and three of his young masters performed on the king of instruments also."
The number of horses that seemed to be on hand at the death of Edwin Motley, gives evidence that he must have been a lover of good horse flesh and racing. That this was so, seems to be evidenced in the refusal of Edwin Motley to let any of his children have his "Bedford Mare." He wanted this horse to be in his wife's care instead.

Edwin Motley first married Catherine Broaddus whose father and mother respectively were Thomas Broaddus and Ann Redd of Caroline County. The line of the whole Broaddus family whose ancestors came from Tidewater, Virginia, are traced through these two.

By this first marriage Edwin Motley and Catherine Broaddus had issue in the following order: Thomas, Ann, Henry, a daughter, wife of a certain Henry Richison of Gloucester, Elizabeth, Rosanna, John, William, and Richard. His first wife, Catherine, must have died around 1790, and he married again, this time to Elizabeth Redd on November 13, 1794.

The issue by this marriage was: Lunsford, Andrew, Robert, Silas, Hanna, and Polly.

As yet I have been unable to secure exact dates of births.

(24) See will of Edwin Motley.
(25) Caroline County Marriage Records.
and deaths for Edwin Motley or his immediate family, due to the complete absence of usual records such as, family Bibles, Court and Church records. As to the religious preferences of Edwin Motley I can only surmise, since I have been unable as yet to find his name recorded in any of the church archives of King and Queen to which I have had access to. However, there is one thing that probably established him as being of the Baptist faith. I base this conclusion on the fact that the one executor of his will other than his sons, was a Baptist minister by the name of Theoderick Noel. Further, Edwin Motley was married for the second time by the above said minister.

The will of Edwin Motley is of vital importance in establishing the first authentic proof that the next in our line John Motley, was his son. Although the tradition had come down to us through the years, the will had proof of our line. It is as follows:

"In the name of God amen. I, Edwin Motley of the county of King and Queen, being sick and weak but of a sound disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows, viz.: Item. I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth, during her life the plantation I now live on with the mill also, adjoining the plantation on Hatotony River called Robinson's, also negroes by name Kitt, Aggie and her child, Anderson, Lawny, Dawson, James, Anna and her child
Charity, Judith, Nelson, Reuben, Roll & Nancy.

Item. For the purpose of paying legacies hereafter mentioned, and family support, I lend to my said wife all the balance of my negroes now in my possession with all stocks of every kind, together with the household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils.

Item. I give to my son Thomas, the plantation in Caroline he now lives on with the negroes and stock he now has in possession, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Ann Andrews, two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid in good bonds, also one horse fifty dollars value, also a saddle and bridle with all the negroes she has in possession, giving up all claims I have against Mark Andrews, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Henry, the plantation in Caroline he now lives on and the mill adjoining, also a negro man Ned, also I give up all claims I have against my son Henry, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my three grandchildren Henry Ritchison, Edwin Ritchison, and Lucy Ritchison, each a negro at two hundred dollars value each, to be received by them when or as each of them comes to lawful age or marriage, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Betsy Broaddus, the land she now lives on in Gloucester county, also the negroes she now has in possession, also five hundred dollars in bonds, giving up all claims that I have against William Broaddus, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Rosey Ryland, one horse fifty dollars value with a saddle and bridle, also five hundred dollars in bonds, also the negroes she now has in possession, giving up all claims I have against Joseph Ryland, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son John, one thousand dollars in bonds, also one negro his choice out of the balance of my negroes, also his choice of horses one, except my Bedford mare, which said mare I except to all my children, also one good bed & furniture, six chairs (flagbottoms), six pewter plates, two dishes, two
basins, one iron pot, one pan, one saddle and bridle, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son William, one thousand dollars in bonds, and one negro his choice out of the balance of my negroes, also one horse his choice out of the balance of my horses, and equally the same furniture devised to John, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Richard, one thousand dollars in bonds, also one negro his choice out of the balance of my negroes, also one horse his choice out of the balance of my horses, and equally the furniture devised to John, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give to my four sons Lunsford, Andrew, Robert, and Silas the Park land, two thousand and seventy four acres, to be equally divided amongst them agreeable to quality and quantity to make each lot the same value, also one negro to each of them as they arrive to lawful age, for each to make choice, Lunsford first, and so in rotation, also each of them in the same way to make choice of one horse for each of them, also as they come of age or marry to have the same sort of furniture each as devised to John, to them and their several heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Hanna, a negro girl Milly and two choice negroes out of the balance of my negroes, also one hundred pounds, this legacy is to be given when she comes to lawful age or marries, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give to my daughter Polly, one negro girl Janey and two choice negroes out of the balance of my negroes, also one hundred pounds, this legacy to be paid when she comes to lawful age or marries, to her and her heirs forever.

Item. My will is further that each of my daughters Hanna & Polly should have a horse fifty dollars value, saddle and bridle, and each equal in furniture as devised to John, when they come of age or marry, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. My will is that my executors hereafter named should sell my land adjoining Thornton's Spring, Caroline, about two hundred acres, also a tract of land in Gloucester county called Booth's between six and seven hundred acres. My will is that each tract be sold at twelve months credit for the first half the purchase money, and two years credit for the last
payment. My will is also that a negro man Tom, be sold by my executors.

Item. My will is that at the death of my wife that the plantation I now live on, the mill adjoined, and the plantation called Robinson's shall be equally divided between my two daughters Hanna and Polly, so as to make each part the same value, to them and their heirs forever.

Item. My will is that at the death of my wife the remainder part of my estate that is not already devised should be equally divided among my sons, John, William, and Richard, Lunsford, Andrew, Robert and Silas, also my two daughters Hanna and Polly, to them and their several heirs forever.

Item. It is to be understood that those legacies stated in bonds is chiefly to be raised out of the land hereunto to be sold. Lastly I appoint my executors to this my last will & testament, Theoderick Noel, and sons Henry, John, William, and Richard. Witness my hand and seal this 5th. day of October 1803."

Edwin Motley. (25)

(25) Copy on file in Essex County Court House, Tappahannock, Va.
Edwin Motley-------------------Born
Married
1st Wife--Catherine Broaddus--------Born
Children
Thomas-----------------------------Born
Died
Ann-----------------------------Born
Died
Henry-----------------------------Born
Died
Died
Elizabeth-----------------------------Born Feb. 2, 1772*
Died
Rosanna-----------------------------Born
Died
John-----------------------------Born
Died
William-----------------------------Born
Died
Richard-----------------------------Born
Died
2nd Wife--Elizabeth Redd-----------Died
Married November 13, 1794
Died
Children
Lunsford-----------------------------Born
Died
Andrew-----------------------------Born
Died
Robert-----------------------------Born
Died
Silas-----------------------------Born
Died
Hanna-----------------------------Born
Died
Polly-----------------------------------Born

Died

Ann married Mark Andrews

Elizabeth married William Broaddus

Rosanna married Joseph Ryland

Catherine married Tod-Hunter

* From Broaddus Family Bible---possession of Miss Eliza Jones, 1010 Mr· Royal Terrace, Baltimore, Md.
John Motley was born probably in King and Queen County about 1795. He was the seventh child and third son of Edwin Motley by his first wife Catherine Broaddus. Nothing of great consequence is known of the early life of John Motley and the information concerning his later life is not complete by any means. It is known however, that he did serve in the War of 1812, at which time he was 1st Sergeant of William Oliver's Company, a part of the 6th Virginia Regiment. Here he served until the end of the war. About 1814 or a little before he married Ada Frances Watts, the only child of a wealthy landowner in King and Queen County. There is a tradition in the family that her father's name was Daniel Watts, but the authenticity of this is not to be trusted. In the possession of Mrs. Clarence Motley of Sharps, Virginia, is an old silver ladle that once belonged to this wife of John Motley. It is a large ladle such as the kind used in serving punch, of beaten design and with the initials T. F. M. engraved on the handle.

Throughout his life John Motley seems to have stuck to the simple life of planter except for a short period between

(m) It was reported to me by a great aunt, that John Motley died just a few years before the Civil War and that he was only in his early sixties at the time, thus around 1795 is his probable birth date.

(n) Muster Rolls--War 1812

(o) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Motley of Sharps, Virginia.
May 4th, 1837, and May 11th, 1839, during which time he served his county in the capacity of sheriff.

Like his father before him he possessed a large estate in land, his holdings in King and Queen alone amounting to 1927 acres. As to what lands he owned outside of the county I am unable to say, since John Hotley's will was destroyed when the Union forces burned King and Queen Court house during the Civil War, and up to the present time I have made no attempt to look through the land books of the adjoining counties. This plantation that he owned in King and Queen, however, called "Hickory Grove", almost resembled an old English Manor in its completeness. There must have been several hundred slaves on the place if one is to judge from the gift of ninety to James Lewis Hotley, his eldest son.

Being away from any main traveled route this plantation was a little village in itself. It possessed its own ten yard, saw mill, grist mill, blacksmith shop, molasses factory, and shoemaker. The old home was of the familiar colonial type, made of brick and with great chimneys at each end. It contained nine large rooms and two basements and the front was adorned with

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(29) Bagby, King and Queen County, P
(30) King & Queen County for 1843.
(31) Testimony of Mrs. Jeannie Waring of Dumsville, Va.
(32) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Hotley of Sharps, Va.
(33) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Hotley of Sharps, Va., who visited there.
a porch that continued up to the roof, forming a balcony for
the upper floor.

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John Motley by his first marriage with Ida Frances Watts
had issue: 1- Anna who married a Lillard from King & Queen but
had no issue; 2- James Lewis, through whom my line runs;
3- John a lawyer who married Mary Emily Coke of Williamsburg,
and whose daughter Claude was the wife of the late congressman
William A. Jones from the 1st. district; 4- Sarah who married
James S. Dickerson of Richmond County; 5- Ethlyn who married
first Dr. Horace D. Falkner a class mate of her elder brother,
and second Ben Taylor of King and Queen; 6- And Emilene who
married Major William A. Saunders, father of the late Col.
John Richard Saunders, Attorney general of Virginia.

The family relics and records of the Motleys have been
kept very carelessly throughout, but there still exists portraits
of the two youngest daughters of John Motley by his first wife.
The one of Ethlyn is at Mrs. Fannie Newbills home at Center
Cross, and that of Emilene rests in the home of Mrs. John R.
Saunders at Urbanna. Family Bibles which usually tell the tale
of births, deaths, and marriages, are wholly lacking as yet, and
research has been conducted under great difficulties, with more

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(34) Ibid.
(35) Ibid.
reliance upon hazy memories than is proper.

John Motley's second marriage was to Eudalia King, of King William County. Issue by this marriage were two daughters, Josephine and Mary, of whom I know nothing at this time. One thing that I do know however, is that this second marriage did not rest well with any of John Motley's other children. It was their feeling that his second wife had married him solely for money and position, and as it turned out she got what she wanted. Although John Motley's will was destroyed, I have heard that it left practically everything to his second wife, except land which had originally belonged to his first wife. Stories are told of how upon the death of their father, the youngest girls Ethlyn and Emeline, commandeered their loyal slaves and bodily took away the precious heirlooms left by their mother, amongst which was a priceless old piano with a solid mahogany case.

Two of John Motley's older children received substantial gifts from their father. This was before the death of their mother, Ida Frances Motley. James Lewis, the eldest son, upon his marriage in 1841 was given a large plantation called "Woodbury" of nearly a thousand acres in Richmond County, and

(36) Testimony of Mrs. Jeannie Waring and Mrs. Clarence Motley.
ninety slaves to keep it going. His sister, Sarah who married James S. Dickinson, was given an estate of about 500 acres called the "Sion House" property, as a dowry. This estate was near that of her elder brother in Richmond County.

The religious preference of John Motley and his family was towards the Baptist faith. They attended Exol Baptist Church which was just on the outskirts of his property. Further evidence of their religious leanings is noticed by the fact that the two younger girls, Ethlyn and Emilie, attended two Baptist schools in King & Queen; first Mrs. Southgate's school and second Dr. Joe Garlick's Female Institute, at Brungton.

One of the greatest thrills of my life however, was enjoyed during the summer of 1933, when I visited the old home place in King & Queen and there met an old, old negro woman who had been a slave to this same John Lotley. When I told her my name and why I was there, it seemed that nothing was too good for me in her estimation. She bowed to me, called me "Mister", and with the charming enjoyment seen often in children's faces recounted tales of the "Old master John." She told of how good he was to his slaves and family, and the peaceful disposition

(37) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Motley.

(38) Testimony of several old people whom I interviewed in King & Queen.

(39) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Motley.
he displayed at all times; of his death about two years
before the Civil War. She showed me the old tree under
which he use to sit during the hot summer days, watching
his slaves at work. Finally she led me past the pile of
scattered brick which was all that remained of the old
house, to a little clump of trees about three hundred yards
away. There in a little graveyard lay the Master's mistress
of "Hickory Grove", and many others of the family. T was told
that for some unknown reason it had been the command of the
dead that their graves should be marked only by a cedar tree
placed at the head and foot of each body, and sure enough
there they were, grown to trees now and unable to say a word
as to who lay at their foot.
John Hotley------------------------Born
Married
Lied
1st. Wife--Ida Frances Watts----------Born
Children
Lied
Anna-------------------------------Born
Died
James Lewis-------------------------Born Oct. 14, 1816
Died Sept. 11, 1893
John-------------------------------Born
Died
Sarah-------------------------------Born
Died
Ethlyn-----------------------------Born
Died
Emeline---------------------------Born
Died
2nd. Wife--Eudalia King-------------Born
Children
Died
Josephine------------------------Born
Died
Mary---------------------------Born
Died

Anna married a Dillard--no issue
James Lewis married Louisa Tod, June 24, 1841
John married Mary Coke of Williamsburg
Sarah married James S. Dickinson
Ethelin married 1st. Horace D. Falkner, 2nd. Ben Taylor
Emeline married William A. Saunders
James Lewis Motley was born Oct. 14, 1816, the second child and eldest son of John Motley and Tda Frances Setts. A greater amount of specific knowledge is known about him, the sixth link in my chain, than of any who have been treated so far.

The education that he received speaks well of his father's desire that his son should have every opportunity to follow his best inclinations. As a youth of about fifteen or sixteen, we first find him at Rumford's Academy in King William County. This old school which was a combination of prep. school and Junior College, was situated on the Katoponi River, not far from Ayletts. From here he went to William & Mary College where he stayed during the sessions of 1834-35. He entered Oct. 29, 1834, eighteen years of age, a Junior and regular student rooming at the college. After taking his degree here, he next went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he matriculated in the Medical School along with four other close friends from Virginia, all of whom had been school mates of his during the last

(40) Gravestone at Old Parnham Church, Richmond County, Virginia.
(41) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Motley.
(42) Alumni Roster of William and Mary College.
few years. On April 5, 1839 he received his M. D., and returned to his father's plantation in King and Queen, where he first began to practice medicine.

On June 24, 1841 he married Louisa Tod, daughter of George T. Tod and Mary Hart Smith, of Caroline County. George T. Tod was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Caroline, and owned three large plantations. His slaves alone were said to be worth $30,000. The family is of Scotch origin and was established in this country many years ago, the immigrant settling in New York. The Tods of Caroline, settled there as early as the beginning of the 16th century, and were always influential in county affairs.

Upon the occasion of his son's marriage, John Motley, as has already been told, gave his son the thousand acre estate, Woodbury, and ninety slaves. The young doctor and his wife moved there in 1842, where they lived for the rest of their lives. The estate, Woodbury, runs for over a mile along the north bank of the Rappahannock River. It is just a half a mile below Sharps, Virginia, which was better known as Milton's Wharf during the life of Dr. Motley. The original house which graced the property was of the familiar old colonial style, with great chimneys at

(43) From the diploma.
(44) Caroline County Marriage Records.
(45) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Motley.
(46) Caroline County Records.
each side, enormous rooms and a great hall running straight through the center of the house. In the nineties this was torn down and a new home along modern lines was built.

Dr. Lotley seemed never to have much enthusiasm for his work as a country physician, and since his farm was successful enough to warrant a cessation of these duties, he accordingly resigned from active practice in 1867. During the war he lost all of the fortune which he had saved, both in money and slaves. His faith in the Confederacy caused him to invest $15,000 in Confederate money and bonds, all of which he of course lost.

Two of his sons, Clarence and James Lewis, served in the Civil War on the Confederate side, Clarence in "Stonewall" Jackson's troops, and James Lewis in Stuart's Cavalry.

Religiously Dr. Lotley was a faithful Baptist, and he and his family attended old "Fernham" Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

Throughout the remainder of his life, from 1867, the time of his resignation from medical practice on, Dr. Lotley continued to operate his farm, and enjoyed the ease of a country gentleman. His death came easily at the age of 77, on Sept. 11, 1893. Louisa Tod, his wife, died not quite two years later.

(47) Testimony of Mrs. Emma Lotley.
(48) Testimony of Mrs. Clarence Lotley.
on August 24, 1895. They are buried side by side in the Motley plot at old Farnham Church, where they have since been joined by all their children.

Dr. James Lewis Lotley and Louisa Tod, had issue:
Clarence, who marriedennie Fennet Harper; James Lewis, who married Emma Leonard; John George, who died at sea; Tom Frances, who died in infancy; Marius Tod, who died in infancy, and Francis Watts, who married Adeline Mitchell.

The will of Dr. Lotley, proved Oct. 2, 1897, has been preserved amongst the records of Richmond County. Such a record is always a valuable addition to a work of this kind.

It is as follows:

"T, James L. Lotley, considering the uncertainty of life, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made. I direct that my body be decently buried in a manner corresponding to my Estate and situation in life, but with as little expense as may be consistently therewith. And, as to such worldly estates as I may die seized and possessed of, I dispose of the same as follows. First, I direct that my just debts shall be paid: and if the debts due me, and the sale of my perishable property be sufficient to that purpose, my executors are authorized to sell so much of my other estate, real and personal as may be necessary. Secondly, I give, devise, and bequeath, all my estate both real and personal, and of whatsoever nature and kind unto my beloved wife Louisa Motley, and my son Frank W. Motley, to be by them jointly held and enjoyed for and during the term of the natural life of her the said Louisa Motley, and I desire, and request that the
same may be kept together as far as it may be possible, so long as the said Louisa Motley may live. Thirdly, from and after the decease of my said wife Louisa Motley, I give and devise the property herein given to her and to my son Frank W. Motley, for the term of her the said Louise Motley's life, to be equally divided between my sons James L. Motley, and the said Frank W. Motley (my two other children being already provided for). Fourthly, I appoint my sons James L. Motley, and Frank W. Motley, executors of this my will, and I desire that they shall not be required to give security upon their qualification. Witness my hand this 5th. day of July 1690."

Jas. L. Motley Sr.
Dr. James Lewis Lotley-------------------Born Oct. 14, 1816
Married June 24, 1841 Died Sept. 11, 1893
Wife—Louisa Tod------------------------Born Jan. 22, 1816
Children Died Aug. 24, 1895
Clarence-----------------------------------Born Mar. 8, 1843
James Lewis-------------------------------Born Mar. 5, 1845
Lied Jan. 16, 1914
John George--------------------------------Born Jan. 5, 1847
Lied Mar. 31, 1922
Ida Frances--------------------------------Born Dec. 18, 1850
Lied Sept. 24, 1855
Marius Tod-------------------------------Born Nov. 17, 1858
Lied Oct. 24, 1865
Francis Watts------------------------Born Nov. 8, 1860
Lied Jan. 23, 1861
James Lewis Motley was born, March 5, 1845, the second child, and second son, of Dr. James Lewis Motley of Goodbury. He marks the 7th generation in my line. It was his misfortune to live in a day that acknowledged the sapping of men's lives as no more than their just duty, and correspondingly was unable to enjoy the privileges of receiving the education which would have been his under ordinary circumstances. Accordingly his education was but light, beginning first at the Farnham Academy which was directed by Mr. Gary Hall, and ending at Aberdeen Academy in King and Queen County. During those days just prior to the war and a few years afterward, this Academy which was run by Col. Council, had a very good reputation as a prep-school and junior college. James Lewis Motley left here, however, in 1863, as soon as his eighteenth birthday made him eligible for service in the Confederate Army. He enlisted in August of that year as a private in Troop X, 9th Virginia (40) Cavalry, in which he served throughout the remainder of the Confederacy.

(40) Confederate Records of the Virginia State Library, vol. 9, p. 437
struggle. After the war he returned home to find everything in chaos. His father's fortune and slaves were gone, the land alone remained. After a short while he succeeded in getting a job in the Coast Survey, which he held for about five years. Following this he entered the oyster business as early as 1872, and was one of the pioneers of the industry in Tidewater, Virginia. This venture was a successful one for him, and the rewards were good.

On June 1, 1881 he married Emma Jane Leonard, daughter of Alfred Frederick Leonard and Jerusha Dewey, who had recently moved to Farnham from Reedsburg, Wisconsin.

Alfred Frederick Leonard was born Feb. 14, 1821 in Staines, England. In 1829 at the age of eight he and his family emigrated to America and settled at Port Plain N. Y. His father was Richard Leonard and his mother's maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Taylor. His mother married twice, first Richard Leonard and secondly Samuel Leonard brother of Richard Leonard. His grandfather was Richard Leonard. Mary Elizabeth Taylor's father was John Taylor and her mother's maiden name was Mary Fleming from Yorkshire. John Taylor was employed by the government between Staines and London. Alfred Frederick

(50) Testimony of Mrs. Emma Lotley.
(51) Ibid.
(52) Diary of A. F. Leonard in possession of Mrs. Emma Lotley.
Leonard married at Fort Plain R. Y., on July 7, 1642, Mary Elizabeth Young. Two children were the result of this marriage: Edward Lester Leonard born May 12, 1643, and Mary Elizabeth Leonard born July 1, 1640. Alfred Frederick Leonard’s first wife died at Fort Plain R. Y., at an early age. After her death he moved out to Wisconsin and settled in Reedsburg, in Dane County. There he met Jerusha Dewey who was a school teacher, and they married on Sept. 14, 1850. Two children were the result of this marriage: Harry Alfred Leonard born June 5, 1857, and Emma Jane Leonard born August 29, 1860.

Alfred Frederick Leonard first operated a farm in Wisconsin where he raised hops; then he operated a store in Reedsburg. During the Civil War he joined the northern forces, and was in the battles around Hatcher and Vicksburg.

Being of slender physique he suffered from the cold winters of Wisconsin, so on Feb. 24, 1877 he came to Virginia and settled at Farnham in Richmond County, where he lived until his death on Oct. 30, 1894.

Jerusha Dewey, his second wife, was born at Franklin in Portage County, Ohio, on July 7, 1837. Her family emigrated to Wisconsin, and she taught school in Reedsburg. She died at Farnham on Jan. 29, 1915.

(53) Records in possession of Mrs. Emma Lotley, Lottsburg, Va.
James Lewis Lotley upon his marriage in 1861, first settled at Sharps, on the Rappahannock River. Here he continued in the oyster business until 1892, at which time he moved to Farnham about ten miles away, and there built another home. There he lived until Jan. 16, 1914, at which time he died from hardening of the arteries. He was buried at old Farnham Church where he had long served as deacon, and lies in a plot adjoining the other members of his family who had gone before him.

James Lewis Lotley and his wife Emma Jane had issue:

(1) Emma Louise who died in infancy, (2) Mable Gertrude who married Dr. Robert Hubert Booker of Lottsburg, Virginia; (3) Louise Tod who has not married; (5) James Leonard who died in infancy; (6) and James Lewis who has not married.

His will proved July 6, 1914 is as follows:

"T, James L. Lotley of Farnham Virginia on this the 28th day of June 1909, make this my last will.
After the payment of my just debts, I give, devise, bequeath my estate and property both real and personal, as follows, that is to say: I devise and bequeath to my son James L. Lotley, fifty acres of land lying on the river front extending from the property of F. T. Lotley, to that of L. J. G. Sharps, and a two year old colt bought of Levers. The residue of my property real and personal, I devise and bequeath to my wife Emma L. Lotley during her natural life, and after her decease to my three children Isabel G. Booker, Louise Tod Lotley, and James L. Lotley. Each receiving one
third part. I appoint as executors of this will my son in law Robert E. Booker of Lottsburg Virginia, and brother John G. Motley of Sherris Virginia, without bond. In witness hereof I have signed, and sealed, and published, and declared this instrument as my will at Fernham, on this the 26th day of June 1869.

James L. Motley.
James Lewis Lotley Jr.-----------------Born Mar. 5, 1845
Married June 1, 1881 Died Jan. 10, 1914

Wife--Emma Jane Leonard-----------------Born Aug. 29, 1860

Children

Emma Louise-------------------Born Aug. 16, 1888

Helen Gertrude-----------------Born Sept. 25, 1884

Louise Tod------------------------Born Aug. 6, 1887

James Leonard------------------Born April 24, 1890

James Lewis---------------------Born Oct. 13, 1892

James Lewis Lotley Jr. and Emma Jane Leonard, married

June 1, 1881 at Farnham Baptist Church, Richmond Co., Va.

Description of the marriage taken from the diary of Alfred
Frederick Leonard, father of Emma Jane Leonard, dated Wednesday
June 1, 1881:

"Wednesday morning clear, wind W. thermometer 70 degrees,
evening wind S. W. thermometer 94 degrees. Bridal party
assembled at 7 o'clock, and went to Old Farnham Church.
The marriage ceremony was performed at 9:30 o'clock A. M.,
and everything was conducted in good taste and with grace.
A large company escorted the new married couple to Hilton's
Wharf to see them on board the Steamer." 
Ceremony performed by Reverend F. W. Claybrook.
Hable Gertrude Motley

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Hable Gertrude Motley, the eldest living child of James Lewis Motley and Emma Jane Leonard, was born Sept. 25, 1884.

Her early education was obtained at the Farnham Academy under the tutelage of Professor Williamson, a student of the old school who believed in the hickory stick as the best guide for the furtherance of education in young skulls. Following graduation from the Academy, she attended Rawlings Institute in Charlottesville, during the sessions 1900-01, and 1901-02. Her graduation came in 1902, after taking a degree in music. This school which was formerly known as Albemarle College, has now gone out of existence.

On Nov. 23, 1904 she married Robert Eubank Booker, a young physician who had graduated from the University of Maryland, just two years before.

Issue by this marriage is as follows: (1) Robert Eubank in business at Baltimore, Maryland; (2) Carrington Leonard, a student in the medical school of the University of Virginia; (3) James Motley, a student at the University of Richmond; (4) and Elizabeth Tod, a student at William and Mary College.
Dr. Robert Eubank Booker-----------------------------Born Aug. 13, 1880
Wife--Mable Gertrude Motley------------------------Born Sept. 25, 1884

Children
Robert Eubank--------------------------------------Born Sept. 18, 1905
Carrington Leonard------------------------------Born Mar. 17, 1909
James Motley--------------------------------------Born Mar. 11, 1914
Elizabeth Tod--------------------------------------Born Nov. 15, 1917
Mable Gertrude Motley
BORN September 25, 1874
MARRIED November 23, 1904
RESIDENCE Northumberland Co.
DIED

James Lewis Motley
FATHER
B. March 5, 1845
M. June 1, 1861
RES. Richmond Co. Va.
D. January 16, 1914

GRANDFATHER
B. October 14, 1816
M. June 24, 1841
RES. Richmond Co. Va.
D. September 11, 1893

James Lewis Motley
MOTHER
B. August 29, 1840

GRANDMOTHER
B. January 22, 1819
D. August 24, 1895

RICHMOND, VA.

Catherine Broadus
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES.
D.

Ida Frances Watts
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES.
D.

George T. Tod
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES. Caroline Co. Va.
D. 1897

Mary Hart Smith
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES.
D.

Richard Leonard
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES.
D.

Mary Elizabeth Taylor
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES. Staines, England
D.

Mary Fleming
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES. Staines, England
D.

Henry Dewey
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES.
D.

Mary Ann Doolittle
WIFE
B. D.
M. RES.
D.